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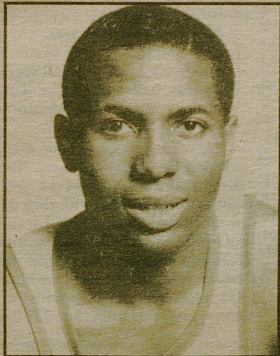
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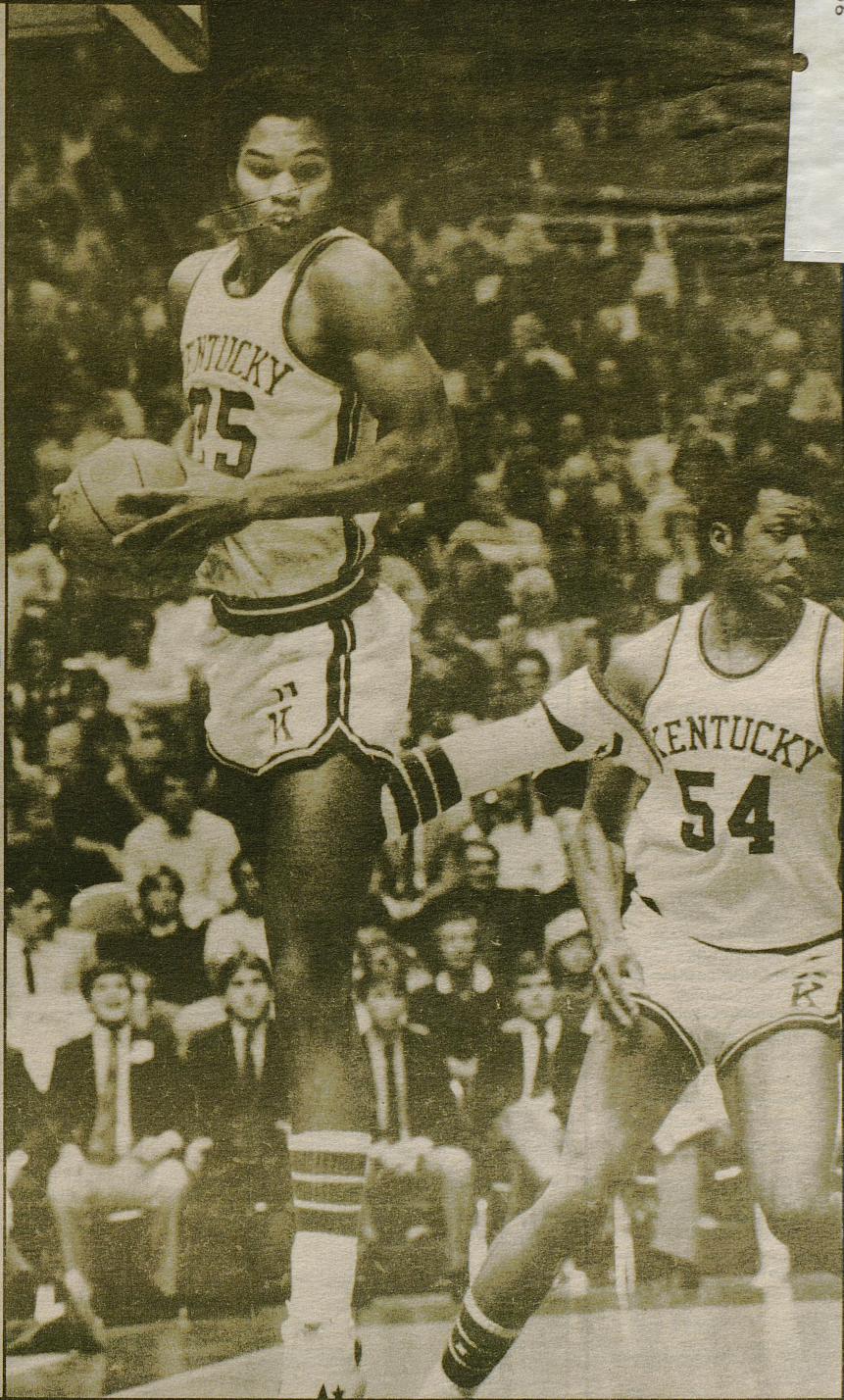
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UK's Campus
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Back Thru The Wildcat Years

ONE YEAR AGO

*The Kentucky zone defense, plus the hot hands of Jim Master and Kenny Walker, led the Cats to a 73-61 victory over the Florida Gators in the O'Connell Center on the Florida campus. UK's aggressive zone defense forced the Gators to shoot 20-foot jumpers and did not allow them the inside game which they are strong at. Kentucky held a 33-28 halftime lead and slowly built on it the rest of the game. Four UK players were in double figures, led by Walker and

Master with 18 points each. Walker also grabbed eight rebounds to lead UK in that category.

*Kentucky won its fifth game in a row, handing Vanderbilt an 82-63 white-washing in Rupp Arena before 23,782 fans. Again it was Jim Master and Kenny Walker leading the way as Master hit eight of ten shots for 22 points and Walker scored 16 points and grabbed a game and career-high 18 rebounds. He became the first Cat to grab more than 13 rebounds in a game this season. UK started fast and with the score 15-8 in UK's favor, the Wildcats outscored the Commodores 25-7 and took a 44-21 halftime lead. Vandy shot only 19.4 percent in the first half. Vandy could get no closer than 53-39, when Master then hit from the top of the key and Walker had a stuff and sank two free throws. The win made the Wildcats 10-4 in conference play and 18-5 overall.

*The Lady Kats bid farewell to seniors Valerie Still, Lea Wise, Patty Jo Hedges and Terri Naiser with a 77-55 blowout of Auburn in front of 8,223 fans at Memorial Coliseum. Still led all scorers with 21 points and ten rebounds. Wise had ten points and nine assists while Hedges scored 12 and dished out seven assists.

FIVE YEARS AGO

*UK survived a late scare from Ole Miss to win 82-77 in the first round of the SEC tournament. Ole Miss cut a 16 point UK lead to 80-77 with under a minute to go before Kyle Macy sank a pair of foul shots with five seconds left. Macy was brilliant, scoring a UK career-high 32 points.

*In one of the most classic games ever seen in the south, Kentucky outraced Alabama in a 101-100 shootout in the second round of the SEC tournament. It was racehorse basketball at its best. UK hit a sizzling 68.3 percent on 43 of 63 while Alabama hit 41 of 71 for 57.7 percent. Truman Claytor scored 25 points while Kyle Macy pumped in 22. Reggie King scored 38 points for the Tide and grabbed 11 rebounds.

*UK dumped a highly-ranked and heavily-favored LSU team 80-67 behind the guard tandem of Kyle Macy and Truman Claytor. The game was actually not as close as the final score indicated. UK jumped out in front 15-14 and led the rest of the way. With 18 minutes in the game, the Cats had stunned everyone by marching to a 51-30 lead. Macy was sensational again, hitting ten of 15 shots from the

field and scoring 29 points. Claytor finished with 20 points. UK managed the win without the services of freshman sensation Dwight Anderson, who broke his wrist in the game's opening minutes.

TEN YEARS AGO

*UK Football Coach Fran Curci is facing problems replacing some of his seniors. "My main concern is our strength in the middle," said Curci. He is hoping that his new recruits can solve these worries.

*Coach Joe Hall was honored for being selected "Coach of the Year" in the SEC for 1972-73. Hall received the award at halftime of the Tennessee-Kentucky game at Memorial Coliseum.

*Mississippi freshman Gary Yoder swiped the ball away from Kentucky's Kevin Grevey with 1:15 left in the game and the Cats clinging to a 60-59 lead. Rebel Coach Bob Jarvis elected to freeze the ball until 17 seconds were left and who else but Yoder drove the basket and threw up the winning shot. Ole Miss avenged a 93-64 bombing the Cats gave the Rebels in Lexington.

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Wildcat Quiz Rupp Arena Records

1. Kentucky has not lost too many times in Rupp Arena, but they did lose this one game by more points than any other game in the building. Who did they lose to?

- a) Indiana
- b) Purdue
- c) Alabama
- d) Berea

2. How many points did Kentucky lose by in that game played in 1980?

- a) 20
- b) 14
- c) 10
- d) 69

3. The record for the most free throws (18) made in Rupp in one game is held by which Kentucky player?

- a) Jim Master
- b) Rick Robey
- c) Kyle Macy
- d) Dwight Anderson

4. The record for most consecutive wins in Rupp is how many?

- a) 15
- b) 30
- c) 69
- d) 19

5. When the consecutive string of wins

was broken in 1982, which team did it?

- a) Alabama
- b) Auburn
- c) Clinch Valley
- d) North Carolina

6. This player holds three Rupp Arena records (most points, most field goals made and attempted) and he is not a Kentucky player. Who is he?

- a) Bernard King of Tennessee

b) Freeman Williams of Portland State

- c) Teddy Klaren of Waubesa Community College
- d) Rudy Macklin of LSU

7. Kentucky has never scored over 100 points in Rupp Arena?

True or False?

8. The largest crowd ever to see a Kentucky game in Rupp Arena is 24,185. Who did Kentucky play?

- a) Louisville
- b) Tennessee
- c) Henry Ford College
- d) Georgia

9. Has Kentucky ever defeated a team by 50 points or more in Rupp Arena?

Yes or No?

10. Kentucky and its opponent went freestyle in this game, setting a Rupp record for most field goal attempts with a combined total of 163. Who was Kentucky's opponent?

- a) Vanderbilt
- b) Houston
- c) UNLV
- d) Louisville

ANSWERS

1. c - Alabama
2. b - 14
3. d - Dwight Anderson
4. b - 30
5. a - Alabama
6. b - Freeman Williams of Portland State
7. False
8. b - Tennessee
9. Yes
10. a - Vanderbilt

WILDCAT SPORTS QUIZ SCALE

8-10 correct - Big Blue Trivia Expert
5-7 correct - Wildcat Wiz
3-4 correct - Average Fan
0-2 correct - Barely Blue



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Cats' Pause Publisher



It's Harvest Time In The Commonwealth

What a recruiting harvest! Folks around the Kentucky football camp were bubbling with joy after the Wildcat staff made practically a clean sweep last week of the Commonwealth and compiled one of UK's best classes in the past decade.

First of all, the Cats quickly gobbled up the state's finest in Mark Higgs and Joe Curry and then signed several others who should be able to start for the Big Blue by their junior or senior year.

All-stater Greg Baker of Ohio and Ivy Joe Hunter of Florida were the big name out-of-staters who signed with UK and recruiting experts around the country believe this recruiting class may be second only to the Art Still-Derrick Ramsey class during the past twenty years at UK.

But the story we want to talk about today is one who got away. It is probably more significant than any of those above. Why?

Well, this story illustrates just how far the Wildcat recruiting program has come in the past couple years. Just consider the facts.

Jim Davidson is a 6-5, 225-pound prep All-State linebacker from Westerville High in Ohio. He's the son of former Buckeye All-American Jim Davidson. You can feel, as well as see, the bloodline to Columbus when you read about the youngster. Oh, by the way, the kid enjoys a 4.0 in the classroom.

With those impressive credentials and the family ties to Ohio State, your brains tell you to forget what little chances one has of recruiting him, particularly if you're a school like Kentucky which hasn't been known for football fame on the same level as Ohio State in the past couple decades.

Nevertheless, the Kentucky staff went calling. So did a lot of others. Davidson eliminated all of them early with the exception of Ohio State, Stanford, West Virginia, Pittsburgh and, yes, Kentucky.

Let's see now, there is Stanford (the academic giant which plays a pretty good brand of football), and there's West Virginia and Pitt (two recent football powers) and there's ole state u (Ohio State). But my, where in the world does Kentucky fit in?

In a recent issue of The Buckeye Leaves (Ohio State publication), the young Davidson and his family talked about recruiting and how his home-state and family ties finally bonded a knot between Ohio State and him.

But that wasn't before Kentucky made a serious run at state university and apparently finished a very, very close second to OSU.

"I really wanted to take a look at other schools just to make sure Ohio State is where I wanted to go," Davidson told The Buckeye Leaves. "I went to Pitt, West Virginia,

Stanford and UK - just all different kinds of setting and environments and things like that. I found that after all those visits, I really (still) didn't know right away."

As the recruiting continued, he appeared to grow fonder of OSU and Kentucky as he became more friendly to those two schools' staffs.

Jim's mother, Karen, said the parents kept a safe distance from the recruiting race and allowed Jim to make up his own mind. Even at that, she thought she knew what direction he was leaning toward by the son's conversations with coaches.

"It was very interesting to me, because I was maybe in the kitchen when the different coaches came in," she recalled. "I thought there was at least two schools that I thought Jim was very comfortable with. And when coach Randy Hart and Coach (Earl) Bruce were here, I was hearing them from out there. He was laughing and really just having a nice conversation with those guys. He really likes them as people. It was the same thing with Coach (Jerry) Claiborne and Coach (Greg) Nord from Kentucky. I think he really liked those people as individuals."

Kentucky may have lost the battle but is gaining an edge in the war. There was a time when other schools infiltrated the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Now, UK is returning the favor. It's nice to get this close in a recruiting race where OSU has all the advantages, such as state university, parents as OSU alumnus, the father even a former Buckeye All-American, and yet little ole Kentucky almost pulled it off.

This one may be for Ripley's.

Kentucky's popular radio color commentator Ralph Hacker says you can, by golly, pick up Kentucky Wildcats basketball in San Francisco, if you can afford the money.

William P. Salyer, a former resident of Richmond who is a friend of ex-UK star Talbott Todd, now lives in California and recently went to a great deal of expense to install a high-powered antenna receiver.

Low and behold, Salyer has been able to dial in WHAS Radio (840) on certain nights and pick up UK basketball games. Hacker says he's never heard of anyone picking up the game that far away.

Just a couple corrections in relation to our column of a week ago concerning a new prep basketball all-star game at Rupp Arena.

We were told that Louisville was forbidding its signees from playing in

the Lexington game, but a UK staffer says that isn't really true. A Wildcat assistant said the UL signees had already committed to the Derby Classic and another all-star game. Prepsters can play in only two such games while school is in session.

If you think there might be some bad blood between the two events, you could be right. Reportedly, some of UK's signees had already committed to the Derby Classic and then changed their mind for the Lexington event.

Sources tell us there's still a strong possibility that California prep All-American Robert Lock will play in the Derby Classic along with J'town's Todd Ziegler. Cedric Jenkins, Ed Davender and Richie Madison all were originally going to the classic, but are not coming to Lexington.

The reason most of the players are having to choose between the two is because of the McDonald's All-Star Classic in Los Angeles which is considered the "blue-chipper" of them all.

If you get picked for that one, then it's only natural for the UL-bound players to want the Derby Classic and the UK-bound players the Lexington game.

Details concerning the all-star circuit will be released in the next couple weeks and we hope to have it for you as soon as possible.

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Tickets for the 1985 NCAA Final Four at Lexington's Rupp Arena go on sale by mail order only April 3, according to the NCAA and the University of Kentucky.

Mail orders postmarked prior to April 3 will not be considered according to officials. Information can now be obtained by writing either the NCAA or the UKAA on how to order the tickets.

Usually, the allotment is consumed the first day with a drawing being necessary to pick the lucky ones.

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For the first time since the SEC Tournney was re-instated back in 1979, the four-day event is a virtual sell-out in Nashville, and no wonder, what with the league race as it is today.

There's little doubt the race won't be decided before the final weekend of action when Kentucky plays host to Ole Miss and LSU while Auburn is the host to Mississippi State and Alabama. And Florida isn't totally out of the picture by any means.

This will be one year when the seeding could backfire. Seedings are used to give the league's top teams a weak opponent in the first round, but the two teams which survive the first day's four-team play-off could be

better than the third and fourth ranked clubs in the league.

At this point in time, there's no way to pinpoint a strong tournament favorite, and you probably won't the day the tourney begins either. Anybody can win it and the champion will probably be a team not expected to win all the marbles. Remember Ole Miss and Georgia?

The way things are going, the SEC will be stung by its double round-robin card plus a post season tourney scheme. Right now, only Kentucky and Auburn look to be sure at-large teams. Teams with ten or more losses rarely get invited to the NCAA as at-large teams.

Nine of the ten SEC teams will also post an additional loss as a result of the tourney, again, not enhancing their chances for an NCAA invitation. Should Kentucky or Auburn win the SEC tourney, the league might have only two clubs in the big event and that could be mighty costly to a lot of pocketbooks.

With that in mind, it's about time the athletics directors and presidents take another look at the 18-game regular season schedule and post season tourney. Quite frankly, the best thing to do would be to eliminate the tourney, but that won't happen because the college administrators are too greedy, yes, GREED!

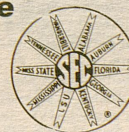
On the other side, the tourney is a great promotional event for the conference and it's the one time of year we all enjoy, getting to visit and chat with friends from all ten schools. It's like the Kentucky state high school tournament.

But for the good of SEC basketball and its teams' getting to the NCAA? Well, the facts just don't back up that contention.

Another alternative would be to go back to divisional play with 14 SEC games. This wouldn't be totally fair because there would be off years when a particular school wouldn't have to play certain tough teams on the road.

There will be some talk about changes, but as long as television is around and willing to cough up the green backs, we'll continue to have what we have today, lots of money and plenty of teams with ten losses staying at home, even though these SEC clubs are much better than some schools which boast of 20-win seasons and are playing in the NCAA.

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Beal, Bennett Get 17

Bench, Boards Put UK In First

Auburn 64										
PLAYER	FG	FT	REB	PF	TPS	A	TO	MIN		
Chuck Person	8-17	0-0	1	4	16	1	0	32		
Greg Turner	3-12	4-6	7	4	10	2	4	25		
Charles Barkley	6-10	6-6	11	4	18	2	1	34		
Gerald Wise	4-10	4-7	5	4	12	4	3	28		
Frank Ford	0-3	0-1	2	0	0	1	2	31		
Paul Daniels	1-2	0-2	2	3	2	3	3	18		
Kelvin Melish	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1	1		
Mark Cahill	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	5		
Terry Martin	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	2		
Wern Skiffeland	2-4	2-2	3	3	4	1	1	14		
Carey Holland	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	0	0	2		
Spencer Howard	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	1		
Team Rebounds			0							
TOTALS	24-59	16-24	32	23	64	14	15	200		

Kentucky 84										
PLAYER	FG	FT	REB	PF	TPS	A	TO	MIN		
Kenny Walker	8-12	0-1	6	4	16	2	3	31		
Sam Bowie	4-8	0-0	6	4	8	3	1	25		
Melvin Turpin	5-12	1-1	7	3	11	2	0	33		
Jim Master	5-8	0-0	2	1	10	4	3	24		
Roger Harden	1-5	0-0	1	2	2	5	0	18		
James Blackmon	0-1	1-2	3	1	1	2	3	13		
Dicky Beal	3-5	11-13	1	4	17	3	2	26		
Bret Bearup	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	1	2		
Winston Bennett	6-8	5-7	5	2	17	0	0	27		
Tom Helitz	1-1	0-0	0	0	2	0	0	1		
Team Rebounds			0							
TOTALS	33-60	18-24	35	21	84	21	13	200		

AUBURN	32	32	64
KENTUCKY	37	47	84

ATTENDANCE: 23,836
OFFICIALS: D. Selley, D. Rutledge, A. Prescott
TECHNICAL FOULS: none

The Importance

All that was at stake here was first place in the Southeastern Conference, at least for Kentucky. The preseason league favorite, the Cats had their backs against the wall. The 14th-ranked Tigers (Auburn's highest ranking in recent history) came into the game 8-2 in the league, a game ahead of 8-3 Kentucky.

The Cats virtually had to have a win to keep their hopes alive of winning SEC title number 35. Auburn, seeking only its second league title ever, was guaranteed a share of the lead (at least in the loss column), no matter what.

Off to its best start in the SEC since 1975, Auburn had been the league's best road team. They came to Lexington 4-1 on the road, the only team better than .500 on the road (UK is 3-3). However, 23,836 Rupp Arena screamers were fired up and after a slow start the Cats were also. Auburn was also the last visitor to win in Rupp, that coming a year ago. Certainly another motivating factor for Kentucky was a Jan. 13 spanking Auburn handed the Cats in Auburn. That not only broke the SEC race open but it ended UK's undefeated season at the point.

For 40 minutes, the intensity of both clubs was fierce. This was perhaps the most physical and most rugged UK game. It was warfare from the outset.

Key Stats

The difference in the game was shooting. Kentucky made 33 of 60 shots for 55 percent against a combination of Auburn defenses. The Tigers, who scored easily early, finished hitting only 24 of 59 shots for 40.7 percent. Kentucky, ranked as one of America's best on defense, used a man-to-man until switching to a zone early in the second half. The man-to-man got UK the lead, the zone put the game away.

Individually, two reserves sparked Kentucky. Freshman Winston Bennett was named MVP, scoring 17 points off the bench while hitting six of eight field goals. He had eight points in a

late first-half rally.

While Bennett supplied the muscle, guard Dicky Beal was the motor. Beal's season has been a roller coaster ride, due to various ailments. Against the Tigers, he scored a career-high 17 points and played a season-high 26 minutes. Eleven points came in the final 2½ minutes at the foul line. Until then, Beal had propelled the UK running game and helped the Cats solve some of the problems fullcourt pressing defenses had been giving them.

Sophomore forward Kenny Walker was his reliable self. He scored 16 points, hitting eight of 12 shots. As always, he seemed to come up with the big play. Sam Bowie had eight points and eight boards while battling foul troubles. Melvin Turpin had ten points but an unusual five for 12 shooting. Guard Jim Master opened up the middle by hitting five of eight outside shots.

As always, Charles Barkley and Chuck Person led Auburn. Mammoth Barkley intimidated inside, scored 18 points and had 11 rebounds. Person put in 16 points, but the league's best rebounder had only one. The rest of the Tigers were just seven of 25 shooting.

Two other key numbers: UK's bench outscored Auburn's reserves 37-6. UK outrebounded Auburn 35-32. The

Tigers entered the game ranked third in the nation in rebounding and had been outrebounded only once.

The Turning Point

Auburn took early control, getting the ball inside for dunks or layups and forced Joe Hall to call a timeout less than three minutes into the game. The Tigers stayed on top until UK tied matters for the first time at 16-16. However, Barkley went to war with a slam on the offensive boards and UK trailed 30-22, with 5:12 left in the half.

UK then turned the tide. The Cats outscored Auburn 15-2 the rest of the half and 62-34 the rest of the game. Turpin started matters with a three-point play, his first points. Bennett hit two short jumpers over Barkley and a pair of free throws. Bennett then took a Beal pass on the fast break and scored for a 35-32 lead, with 14 seconds in the half.

Bennett, however, charged on the play. Auburn frosh Frank Ford missed the free throw. As the clock went down, Beal took a desperation 15-foot jumper while falling down. The shot banked in and UK took a 37-32 halftime lead. Bennett and Barkley had ten points, UK hit 17 of 32 shots to only 11 of 29 for Auburn.

The Finishing Touches

Bowie had a slam on a missed shot and UK led 43-34. The Tigers came right back and cut it to 43-40. Moments later, UK went to a zone and Auburn went cold. Kentucky went on a 22-8 tear.

Walker had six of the points, all on medium range jump shots. Bennett, playing for Bowie (who had four fouls), had five points. The first three came on a three-point play when Auburn trailed by three. That play also gave Barkley his third foul at 16:10.

Turpin finished off the run, on a tap-in and a short bank shot. At 6:07, UK led 65-48. Auburn got within 12 but Walker provided the game's most exciting play with a thunderous one-hand slam off a missed shot by Turpin.

In the closing minutes, Auburn was forced to foul. They picked on Beal, who was hitting 75 percent from the line but just 61 percent in SEC play. The play did not work. Beal, who started the second half, hit 11 of 12 freebies down the stretch. Auburn got no closer than 13 points.

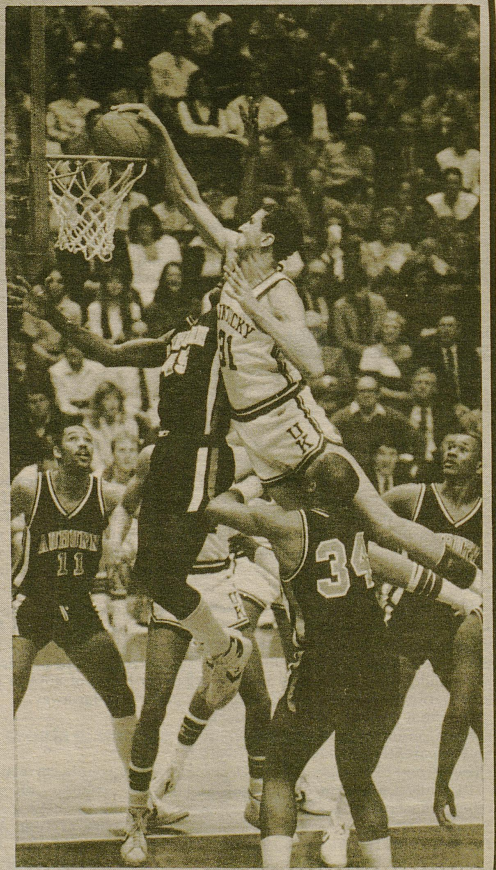
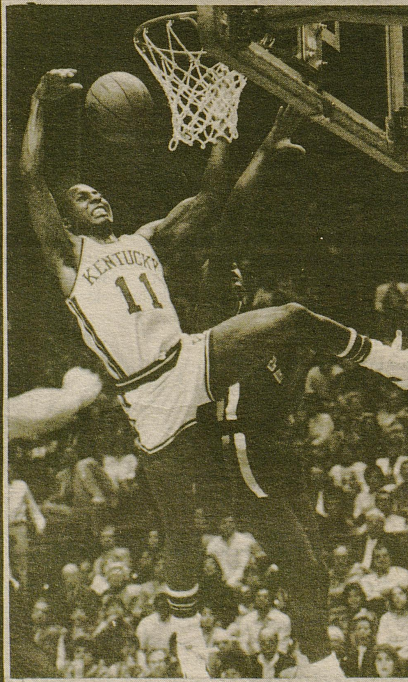
From The Auburn Locker Room

The following quotes were made by Auburn Head Coach Sonny Smith after his Tigers were defeated by the Kentucky Wildcats 84-64 last Saturday in Rupp Arena:

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The Killer B's ...

RIGHT: Sam Bowie appears as if he climbed over the top the entire Auburn squad on his way to slamming through two points. BELOW: Dicky Beal gets hammered on the way to the basket. Against Auburn Beal was 11 for 13 at the foul line.



Locker Room From 4

"You have to give the credit to Kentucky. This was our second worst shooting percentage of the year and I think that you have to give credit to Kentucky's defense for that. They only gave us four fast breaks and that is the lowest total we have had this year. Right before the half, they had a big run when I think we were up by nine and we were shooting too quick. The crowd was getting into the game too much, so we tried to slow it down a little and take some time off the clock and I think that hurt us. Our effort was good. We played hard, we played intelligent. Another thing, you have to give them credit for and the thing that worried us more than anything else was the second-shot possibilities that they have. Second shots were one of the big, big things that his ballgame was settled on.

"I thought Beal was a big factor. I think anytime you can add quickness to your lineup, it has to help your ballclub. It gives a team the ability to come from behind.

"To tell you the truth, this was the best officiated game we had all season. I am being honest with you because they let them play. This was probably the most physical game we have been in, and I thought it was clean.

"If we played on a neutral floor, it would be an interesting game. I think we are a good team. I wasn't sure if we were, but today made me feel like we are because we moved the ball well. Another big factor was they shut down Chuck Person. He really did not do much until we called timeout and told him to start shooting the ball.

"Bennett ought to be on wrestling show from Lexington. He would be a headliner on that show. For a freshman, he is the most physical player I have ever seen."

Coach Hall Called It A Team Victory

Kentucky Coach Joe B. Hall made the following comments after his team defeated Auburn 84-64:

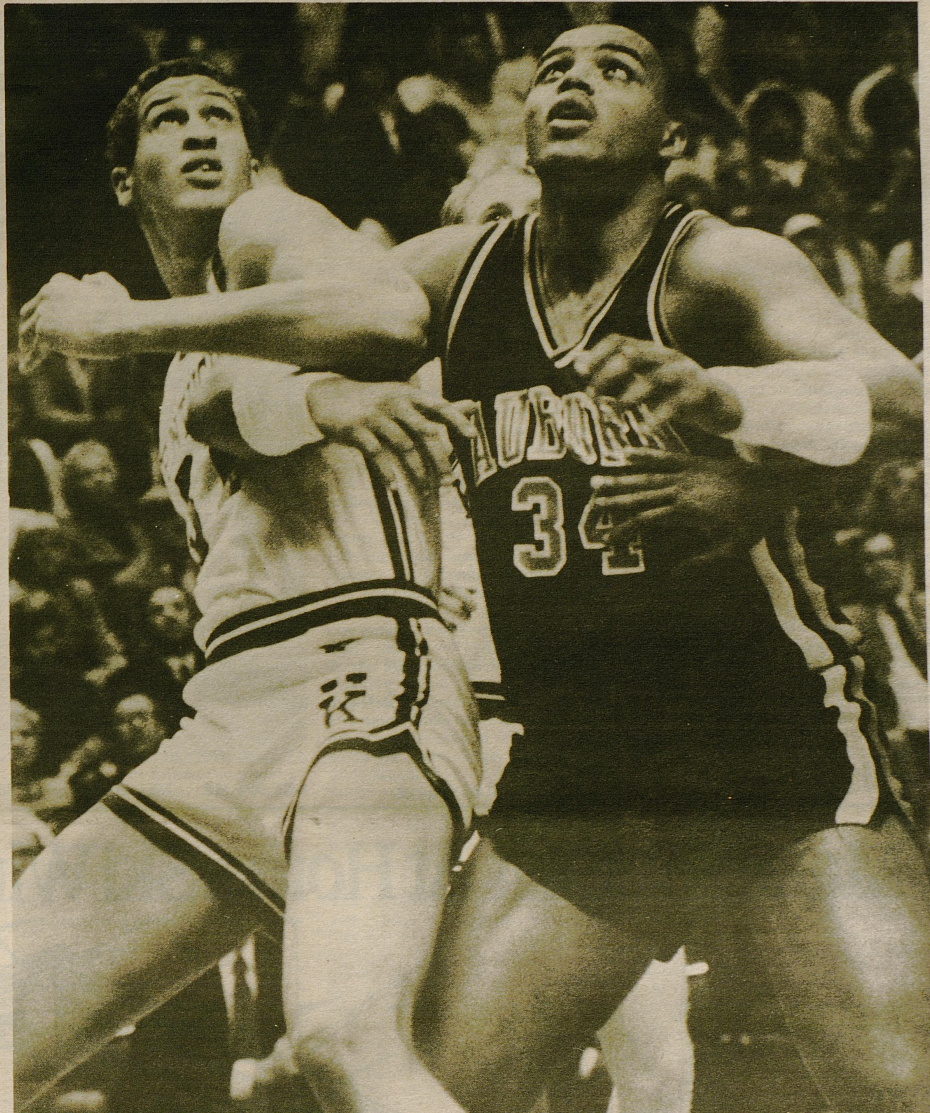
"It was really a good team win. We played well as a unit. We scrapped and hustled and did what we had to in order to win. It was the kind of game that brings out the best in people. Auburn has a fine team.

"Going to the zone in the second half was probably the key. Before we went to the zone they had scored on six consecutive possessions. After we went to the zone they scored only once in their next 12 possessions. That was the key.

"Everyone played well. I wouldn't want to single anybody out because it was just a good team win and one that we needed and everybody just came out ready to play.

"We did not zip through the press as well as we could have but we only had 13 turnovers. In a rugged game like that, that was good enough. It was a very physical game and both teams played very, very hard.

"I said at the beginning of the season we needed a healthy Sam Bowie and a healthy Dicky Beal. We had some of both tonight, although maybe not 100 percent. But it is evident we need to be sound to be as good as we can be."



FLYING ELBOWS... Auburn's Charles Barkley fights Sam Bowie for position under the basket. Against Kentucky, Barkley grabbed 11 rebounds to Bowie's eight.

Auburn Players Said Kenny Walker Was The Difference

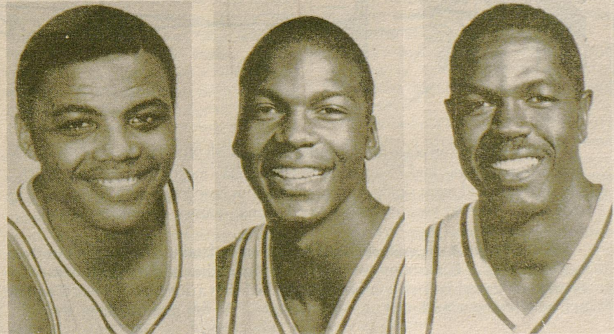
Charles Barkley - "They have a tremendous crowd. I believe the crowd really helps them, just like our crowd helped us when we played them in Auburn.

(About playing on a neutral floor) "I think it would be a very interesting game. I don't think the game was as lopsided as the score indicated. We think we can play with anybody when we are playing as well as we can. The shots just were not falling tonight.

"Kenny Walker is the best player on that Kentucky team. He is just a tremendous athlete. (Melvin Turpin and Sam Bowie) are not better than Kenny Walker. They are good, but they are just not as good as Kenny." (About teammate Chuck Person)

Chuck Person - "I don't think this is the end of the world. We played them tough but they just hit the free throws late in the game. I don't consider the game today as a blowout. We played good basketball and they played good basketball. They just hit their shots and we did not. I think Kenny Walker

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Barkley

Person

Strickland

Down And Up!

Beal Says He Is Now Ready For Stretch Run

In a matter of one week, the player many feel may be the key to Kentucky's 1984 basketball success transformed from virtually lifeless to the life of the team.

When Kentucky lost at Alabama, Dicky Beal sat and watched. The Tide press put UK in shambles while the team's press destroyer - Beal - sat. Coach Joe Hall had asked Beal if he could play on a slightly sprained ankle. Beal did not think he could.

His ankle pained but perhaps it was his spirits that ached the most. "At one point, I said to myself to just forget it," he admitted Saturday after sparking UK to a key 84-64 win over Auburn. "I told myself maybe this was it."

Beal's career has been one of peaks and valleys for three years. He played over a year with aching knees. In his final year, he was expected to take over Dirk Minniefield's point guard duties and hopefully lead a talented UK team to the promised land.

In between, however, more frustration awaited. Three times, during the offseason, he had orthoscopic surgery. His knees - the burners that made him special - were scarred. By the season's beginning, he was just starting to round into shape but still

mentally drained.

"I've thought many times my time was over. I would sit down and think about what I had done. It has always been up and down."

He had his sparkling December moments, but always as a fourth guard on perhaps the nation's best pre-Christmas team. Then the guards began to falter. Opportunity knocked. A virus hit Beal. UK lost to Auburn, then Beal sat on the sidelines for two games with an upset stomach.

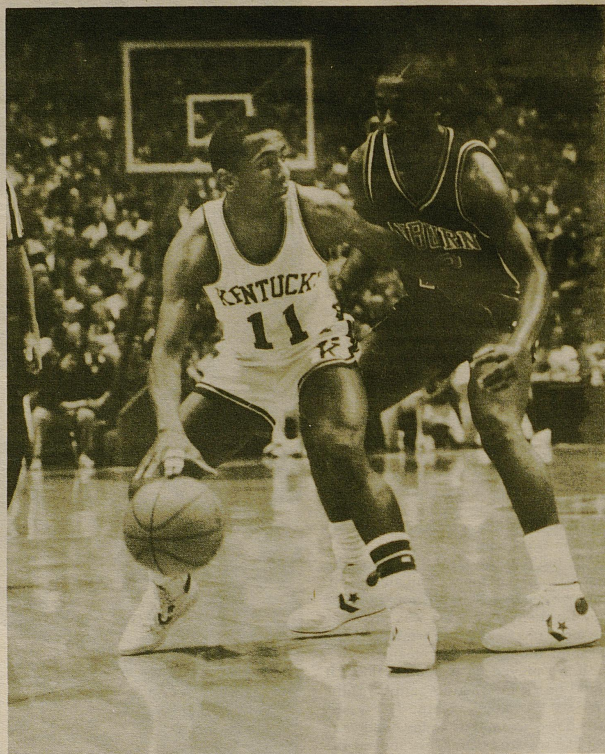
By the time the Alabama game rolled around, his heart was no longer in the game. He wondered if it was worth getting up one more time, with the chance of another disappointment maybe ahead.

"It seemed like there was disappointment after disappointment after disappointment. I know I am a senior and should not feel like that. But it is hard.

"Mentally I was tired. There was the surgery and so many high expectations that did not work out. It was a very, very down period."

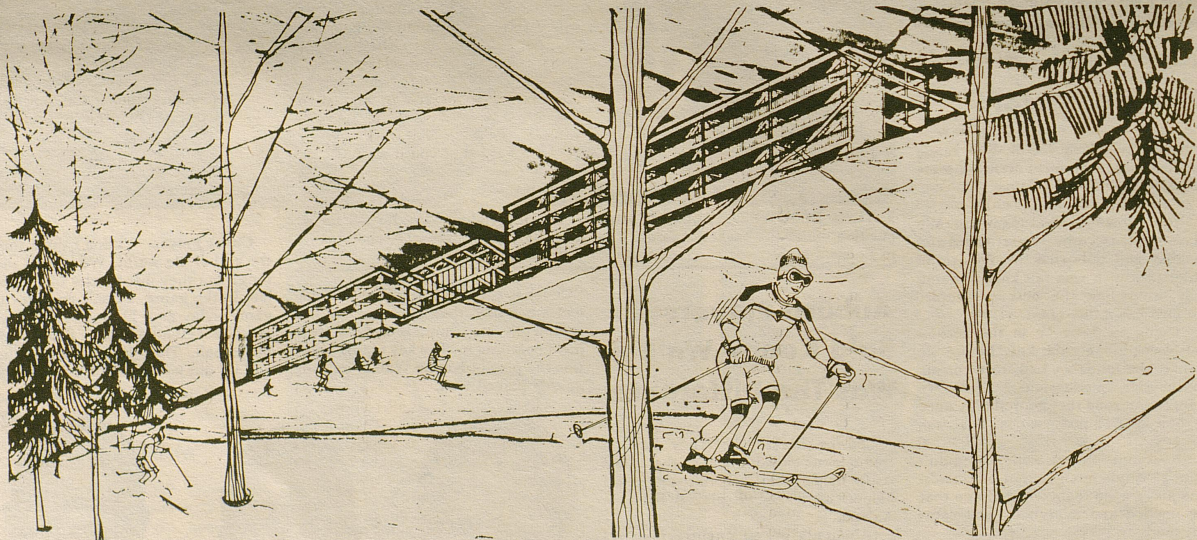
He played little when UK defeated Mississippi State. He came home and thought about it. He talked with family, friends and coaches. He made a decision.

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GET OFF ME... UK's Dicky Beal shields off Auburn's guard Gerald White.

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Divided We Stand

Dear Sirs:

After watching the UK - Alabama game, I am convinced that Kentucky will never get a fair shake in the SEC. Will you please start a drive to convince Kentucky to get the Hell out of that conference and go independent?

There is money and honor at stake, and we are only going to get raped in the SEC.

Thank you,

Rick Littrell
Henderson, KY

Tar Heels in NBA

Dear Sirs:

To hear Billy Reed, the AP and the Los Angeles Times tell it, Joe Hall has deserved to receive the legendary Lefty Driesel Award every year from 1979 through 1984. This award is given to the coach with the most talent and the least to show for it. Permit me to set the record straight. Hall has coached only one player capable of starting in the NBA: Kevin Grevey. And Grevey was a marginal starter at that. Kyle Macy and Rick Robey are Hall's only other players currently in the NBA, and only Macy makes a contribution. Mel Turpin is not as good as the K.C. King's Steve Johnson, who averages (off the bench) about 18 minutes a game. Sam Bowie, right now, couldn't play for the Cleveland Cavaliers. Neither could Walker or Master.

By contrast, Dean Smith can field an all North Carolina Tarheel team that could play with any team in the world other than the 76ers and the Lakers. Try this team on for size! First string: Center - Bob McAdoo, Power Forward - James Worthy, Quick Forward - Walter Davis, Point Guard - Phil Ford, Big Guard - Michael Jordan. Second string: Center - Mitch Kupchak or Sam Perkins, Power Forward - Bobby Jones, Quick Forward - Mike O'Koren, Point Guard John Kuester (he started regularly for the K.C. Kings in 1977-78), Big Guard Al Wood or Dudley Bradley.

Only UCLA in 1975 could have fielded a better team than this. Wooden got 10 national championships with his horses. Smith has eked out one with his. I nominate Dean Smith for the Lefty Driesel award in perpetuity.

Sincerely,

J.L. Wolff
Shawnee Mission, KA

B-eautiful

Dear Sirs:

The nation is familiar with the A-Team on television which is known for its success against bitter opposition.

May I introduce you to Kentucky's "B-Team" which could be, and has been, used in certain situations: Bennett, Blackmon, Bowie, Beal and Byrd, and possibly Bearup. Sounds good to me.

ODE OF AN ORANGE

I once was sweet, I once was orange,
Up I-75 I came.
Something 'soured' in Kentucky,
Guess I'll never be the same.

I was surely ripe for "pickin'"
To foolish eyes I had been pleasin',
I got jammed between "Twin Tower"
Now I'm only fit for squeezin'.

The Cats would not extend my credit
An overdue debt now has been paid.
We went north expecting "orange juice."
Returned to Knoxville as Lemonade.

Sincerely,

V.W. Harris
Sylvester, GA
(Former resident of Jackson, MS best remembered as friend of Bob Watkins & Jim Wilkins)

Joe's OK

Dear Sirs:

I have just finished reading the Viewpoint section of the Feb. 4 issue of *The Cats' Pause*, and I would like to comment on a few things that I can't understand. First of all, I hope Joe B. Hall doesn't read all the trash people dump on him and his staff when UK doesn't blow every team out they play. Oh yes, sure, Joe hasn't won but one NCAA Championship since he's been here. Wow! Burn the man at the stake, boil him in oil, cut off his head!

Why if a man can't come in and take over the most pressurized job in the country, besides trying to follow a legend, and win the whole thing every year, well, what good is he? All the guy has done is averaged 20 wins per season, one NIT Championship, One NCAA, one NCAA runnerup (In John Wooden's swan song year), and several SEC league titles. I don't care if he does run roughshod over nearly all out of conference and in conference opponents at an amazing rate, we lost three games this year already!

Good Lord Joe B. Hall, what is the matter with you? Why can't you be like

Ray Meyer? He wins it all every year doesn't he? Well, how about Dean Smith then? Yeah, that's it! Ol' Dean boy takes it every time out surely...

no? Well, then, Denny Crum surely does! Huh? he doesn't? Bobby Knight right? That's who we'll get when we get rid of that bum Joe B.! What do you mean he doesn't win it all every year either? What do you mean some of these boys don't even have as high a winning percentage per year as that turkey Joe?

Well, OK, so we can't throw him out for that, but what about his recruiting? Oh, he recruits better than most guys too, huh? OK, we got him now, he doesn't win every game every year, every time out! That's it, we got him now! What? Neither does anyone else?!

That's it guys, I'm through, Joe B. is too much. He can't coach, he ruins his players, he's just plain rotten, but there is one thing that I can't understand, guys. There's not another major college coach that can do any better! That's right, face it boys, we're doomed! No undefeated seasons, no NCAA Title every year, I tell you it's a crying shame.

Joe B. Hall, I salute you. No matter what anybody else says, I admire you, and I want to thank you for the way that you have continued the Kentucky tradition of winning with discipline, quality athletes, and class. Also I salute the UK players who put out their full best for Joe B. and all us "fans".

Keep up the good work Joe, we couldn't get rid of you if we tried.

Sincerely,

Mark Holmes
Danville, KY

Keep Cheering

Dear Sirs:

Well, well, here we go again. The Cats drop a couple and all Hell breaks loose south of the Mason Dixon line. Some of the true blue fans want to burn Joe Hall at the stake. A few others say the guys aren't trying hard enough. Baloney! There isn't a young man on that team, who doesn't go into a game with but one resolve, to give it everything he's got. That's the way it is when you're good enough and fortunate enough to wear a blue and white uniform with the word Kentucky across the front of it. And when years from now, the men who wore other uniforms will be forgotten, the men who wore Kentucky on their uniforms will still be celebrities.

Call it tradition, or call it history. But it's tradition or history that's making it so tough to win right now. Kentucky has dominated the SEC in basketball for so long that the other

schools got sick of it and decided to do something about it, and they did.

They hired good coaches then went out and got good players. Now, every team in the SEC is sky high when they play the Cats. Joe Hall has a nearly impossible job of keeping his team up for every game. The Southeastern Conference is the best basketball conference in the USA and who made it that way? The Kentucky Wildcats, that's who.

North Carolina has a good team and a good coach but let them come over and go thru the grind that UK goes thru every year. Then see how undefeated they'll be.

Joe Hall has more pressure on his shoulders than any other coach in the USA. Why? Because of tradition. Rupp started it and Joe is trying to keep it going. I think he's done a damn good job.

Hugh Durham, Don DeVoe, Sonny Smith, C.M. Newton are all top notch coaches, but they don't have the pressure that a Kentucky coach has.

Let's face it. There's so many good basketball players coming out of high schools these days that no one team will ever dominate the game again as Kentucky has dominated the SEC in the past. We have good talent at UK and Joe and his assistants are responsible for that. They not only play top basketball but they get a good education too.

I hope they never lose another football or basketball game, but if they do, I'll still be cheering for them.

Sincerely,

Hank Leighow
Titusville, FL

Luv ya, Blue

Dear Sirs:

This is our first subscription to *The Cats' Pause* and we are enjoying it very much.

I am writing this letter in response to some of the letters printed in the Viewpoint section last week.

I can't understand the attitudes and opinions of some of these so called fans when they attack Coach Hall and the players.

I have been a UK fan for over thirty years. I have seen the teams win some great ones, and lose some heart-breaking ones. I always felt the coaches and players were doing their best.

The UK program is not run by the fans nor the media, thank God.

It seems every paper, every fan, every coach and sports announcer in the country wants to tell Coach Hall how to coach.

I love UK basketball for what it is, the most exciting basketball in the

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Viewpoint

From 7

world.

I support the coach, the players and everyone involved in the program. I have enjoyed every UK team, those that lost, and those that won.

I appreciate Coach Hall making me feel a part of UK basketball, through the radio program and other ways also.

I am a former Kentuckian who will probably never see a UK game, but I still feel a closeness to the program.

Those fans that criticize are not true fans, but fans who only want to brag and boast and use the UK program to build their own esteem and identity.

So I say whether you win or lose, go all the way or farther, we love you Coach Hall and players.

Yours truly,

Ruby Hampton
New Paris, OH

Whoops!

Dear Sirs:

In a recent *Viewpoint* you listed my hometown as Louisville, KY. I have lived in Frankfort, KY all of my 32 years.

Sincerely,

Lowell Thomas Williams
Frankfort, KY

Change

Dear Sirs:

Or Maybe I should say "Dear fans" since this letter is for you. I am a faithful reader of *TCP* and from what I read in Feb. 4 *Viewpoint* I must be one of the few faithful fans.

When are UK fans going to grow up? I'm so tired of hearing the same thing year after year. I think the fans also go into the now famous "Mid-season Slump!"

OK I admit as a "Big Blue" fan I don't like to see my team lose. But as a basketball fan I also know there is no such thing as an unbeatable team. Florida and Auburn are history it's over so why keep talking about it.

Now, you so called fans, I have some advice for all of you. You say you are embarrassed by and disappointed in your team and Joe Hall. "Change!" Be a U of L or IU or maybe LSU and "Big Orange" fan. You know when they lose 2 or 3 games you won't have to worry about getting rid of the coach. We "True Blue" fans do not want or need you. You talk about respect and yet you say; no NCAA Championship, no Joe Hall. You talk about motivation, if the players read *Viewpoint* (after a few losses) they would motivate themselves somewhere else. A fan is a person who supports his team win or lose and supports the coaching staff. If you cannot do both of these all season, year after year, please do not embarrass the rest of us by blaming it all on Joe B. Hall. I hope there are a few "True Blue" and Joe B. fans left, if so let's hear it and the rest of you as I said before "change", we don't need you!!

A #1 fan win or lose,

Pat Jackson
Flat Lick, KY

Poor Coaching

Dear Sirs:

I have just finished watching the UK Alabama game and I must say that the UK coaching is really getting pathetic. I along with most of the other fans in this state have had it with Joe Hall.

I have been a diehard KY fan for as long as I have known the game of basketball. But I'm now beginning to wonder why. I think it is time for Coach Hall to realize that he should step down and give someone else a chance to put some NCAA crowns under UK's belt.

For all you Joe Hall fans don't waste your time giving me the stats on Hall's record because I'm aware of them. I know that he has the highest winning percentage in the SEC and that he is winning more games per year than Adolph Rupp was but so what!

That is all he is doing and that is all he is going to do. I believe that this years team is probably the best team in the Cats history. It is a shame that these players are being denied an opportunity of a lifetime.

UK will probably be lucky to get in the Final Four much less win the NCAA title. All Joe Hall is doing is making a fool of himself on national television and embarrassing the UK program. With the talent UK has who couldn't win twenty games a season?

Joe Hall is not being fair to these players by denying them the right to perform to their abilities. I'm not stupid enough to believe that a team should never lose or play bad games but the way the team was coached in Alabama was a disgrace. I know the Cats got some bad calls but I don't understand why Tom Heitz and Leroy Byrd were put in right at the end of the game. I believe it was Coach Hall's way of saying I don't know what to do, I give up!

UK reminds me a lot of the Dallas Cowboys, they always have a winning season but never can win the big ones. Well any way I congratulate the players in doing the best with what they have to coach them.

Maybe and hopefully soon KY will hire them a Pat Riley or Hugh Durham or someone with the coaching ability of Bobby Knight. Until then I'll be pushing for the Cardinals. (Where they have a real coach.)

Sincerely,

Scott Below
Henderson, KY

Average Players

Dear Sirs:

I have been a KY basketball fan for many many years and there have been disappointments over the years but fortunately there have been more good moments than bad. But I can never remember being more frustrated and angry than I am over the Alabama game.

Our performance against the Bama

press has to be one of the most pathetic displays ever by a major college basketball team.

We used three so called All-American guards and Alabama's no-name guards made them look completely inept. We can not even come close to the Final Four with a veteran guard.

How can you beat good teams away from Rupp with a guard who couldn't score on a fast break if he was out there by himself. By the time he squats twice for a shot the defense catches up and covers him.

I used to get excited when I hear that UK had signed some high school star from Indiana, California or wherever but not anymore. For every highly publicized All-American we sign there are five down in Georgia, Florida, Mississippi and Alabama that didn't make anyone's top fifty who are just as good and who want to play and do play with ability and confidence.

Either one of two things is happening, we are not developing these players to play up to their ability or we are making recruiting mistakes by looking for scorers and not good athletes with quickness. I am inclined to believe it is a combination of both reasons.

Sincerely,

Stewart Catlett
Columbus, IN

Play Better

Dear Sirs:

With Ga. Tech and Georgia meeting Carolina and UK the same afternoon on TV fans had a good opportunity to check out the two teams many believe to be the nation's best. I was especially impressed with the Tar Heels.

The squad is so outstanding with a host of excellent reserves. Nevertheless, I think the Wildcats have even more talent. The Carolina edge is in Dean Smith, who seems to get a lot more out of his superstars than does Joe Hall of Kentucky. Hall should go off and hide for losing a game considering the talent he has. He's dropped two to teams far inferior. Kentucky may get to the Final Four, maybe even the Championship game, but, I suspect they will find a way to lose.

Many Wildcat supporters are after Hall's scalp, despite an outstanding record. They felt it was built more on his recruiting talents than on his coaching ability.

Dean Smith, on the other hand, is a person who can both recruit and coach. His amazing record proves it.

Saturday, February 4, Alabama press upsets #3 UK. Alabama pressed Kentucky into 23 turnovers to upset the nation's third-ranked team 69-62. Alabama beat us with the press Kentucky Coach Joe B. Hall said, UK must know how to use a press also but, they didn't.

UK guards do an outstanding job on bringing the ball down court and lose it trying to get it to the big men under the basket. The guards should shoot, if they hit fine, if they miss, Turpin, Bowie, or Walker should get the rebound, but the other team always comes up with the ball.

I am a UK fan always have been but, I am very, very disappointed in them

so far this year. They play real strong then let the other team catch up and beat them. The talent is there this year, if they don't make a come back they won't have a second chance. If they don't improve they will lose at least three more games, Auburn, Vanderbilt and LSU.

I hope I am wrong. No excuses ever, no explanations unless asked for.

Sincerely,

James M. Insko
Warner - Robins, GA

Very Tasteful

Dear Sirs:

I am a very big fan of the Wildcats and I am watching them play Alabama as I write this.

I would like to say that the Cats have played great today. Their loss is mainly because of the officiating. The referees in this game have been really bad. I hope that Kenny Walker's head is okay after the Tide almost pulled it off to steal the ball. Of course, there was no foul. I'm sure Kentucky could still play as good as ever without a head. As far as Bowie, in my book you've only got three fouls. But according to them you're on the bench. I also see a sign that says "Sam Eats Quiche." Well Sam, I think you've got good taste - quiche is great!

My favorite player is Jim Master. I would like to say that even when you were in your slump I had all the faith in the world in you. I knew you'd pull through.

To all the Wildcats, I Love Ya! See You in Seattle!

Sincerely,

Sheri Litton
Utica, KY

Just A Game

Dear Sirs:

Unlike the majority of the letters received here in *Viewpoint*, I am not a Kentucky basketball fan. As a matter of fact I think the whole thing's ridiculous.

There are REAL problems in the world today. I'm talking inflation, rising deficits, hunger and the ever increasing threat of nuclear war! So who cares if Joe Hall didn't put in the "Right" substitute at the "right" time.

Grow up you people! It's just a game; a meaningless game being played by kids.

And remember you guys, these kids number one priority is getting an education.

So don't be so hard on them. It's just a game!

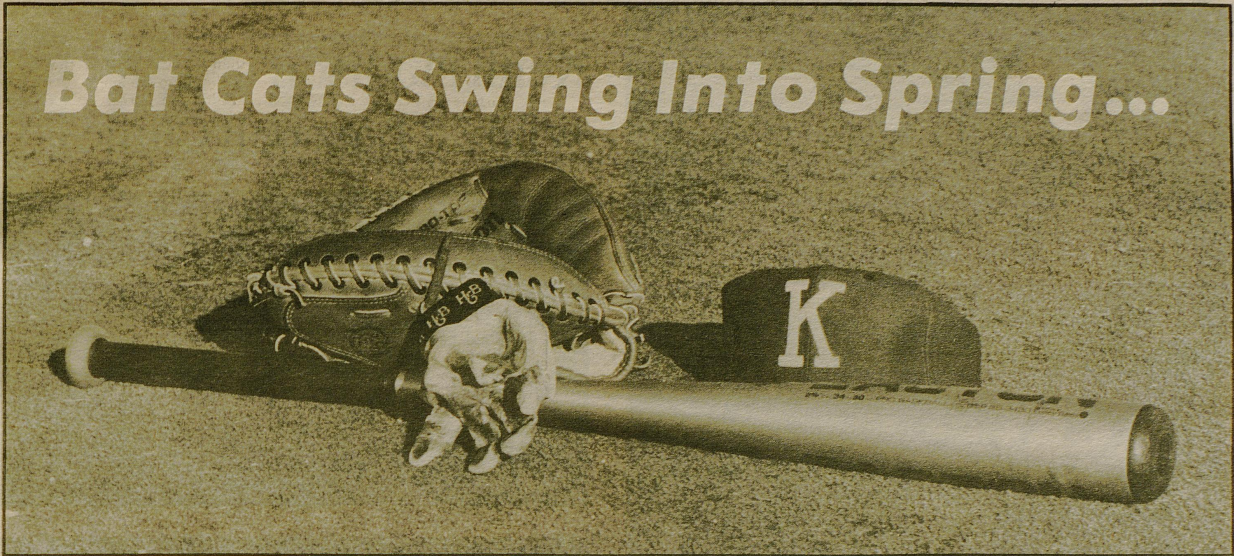
Sincerely,

Otis Day
Faber, IN

Read The
Cats'
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Bat Cats Swing Into Spring...



Busy Time Of The Year Around Bat Cat Camp

The University of Kentucky baseball team opened practice January 16 and Wildcat Coach Keith Madison has his team busy working for its season opener on March 2.

Madison, who has won 147 games in his five seasons at Kentucky, feels this year's team may be his best yet. Only three players graduated from a 31-14 season while Kenny Jackson will miss this year following an automobile accident over the Christmas holidays.

The Wildcats practice outside whenever possible. Despite the cold winter thus far, Madison says his team has been able to get some work done outside.

"We have been outside as much as inside," says Madison. "We decided that just because it is cold, we are still going to try and get work done outside."

However, due to the snow and wet ground, the team has had to work out on the Shively Sportscenter Astro turf football field when they have gone

outdoors.

"We are just trying to get as prepared as we can for the season. Every opportunity we get, we go to the Astro turf football field. Our field is just not dry yet," said Madison.

When the team does go inside, they work out at the Tattersall's Horse Pavillion. That facility has a batting cage and two pitching mounds.

"We really get a lot of hitting done when we are inside," says Madison. "But we cannot work on plays. The infielders can't throw and the outfielders can't catch flies and throw."

Kentucky's March 2 opener is on the road at the University of South Alabama. Kentucky's first home game is March 6 against Georgetown.

The Cats open Southeastern Conference play on March 10 by hosting Tennessee. Madison says this should be a pivotal series and he feels the Vols are a top contender for division honors.

to stay. Number one, we have a good team here this year. Secondly, this is a Division I school. Third, I like Lexington, I like the University of Kentucky and I like the people here. And we still have goals here that we have not yet reached."

Birmingham Southern is the same school where former Kentucky assistant basketball coach Joe Dean is now head coach.

Butler has been with Madison since he arrived to take over the UK program in time for the 1979 season. A Ft. Lauderdale native who was once a member of the New York Yankees

organization, Butler was also with Madison as an assistant at Mississippi State before coming to Kentucky.

Butler is involved with virtually every aspect of the Kentucky program. He is considered one of the top hitting and baserunning instructors in the country.

"I am extremely pleased John decided to stay at Kentucky," says Madison. "I feel John is one of the finest assistants in the country. I know he is very capable and ready to be a head coach and I also know there will be other opportunities come along for him."



UK Season Ticket Prices Lowered

The Kentucky baseball program has enjoyed winning seasons in all but one of Coach Keith Madison's five years and now that the program is on solid ground, Madison is trying his best to increase attendance at Wildcat games.

Wildcat season tickets prices have been dropped drastically and for baseball fans, a UK ticket is now one of the best bargains in town.

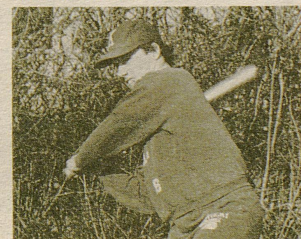
The 1984 individual season ticket has been reduced from \$25 to only \$10. The family pass, which allows two parents and two children to attend the games, has been reduced from \$80 to \$15 for the season.

The Wildcats are scheduled to play 30 games this season so for an individual ticket, that figures out to 33 cents a game.

"By lowering the cost of season tickets, we can make available exciting major college baseball to more people," says Madison. "Our goal is to sell 1,000 season tickets for the 1984 season. We feel Wildcat baseball is

the best bargain in town and we want to encourage everyone to attend our games."

Anyone interested in obtaining a season ticket can purchase one at the UK ticket office in Memorial Coliseum or at any UK game. The Cats open the home season March 6.



ABOVE MIDDLE: The Bat Cats go for a run. ABOVE: Senior outfielder Kevin Gothard takes a swing during batting practice.

"The Butler" Didn't Do It! Madison Resting Easier

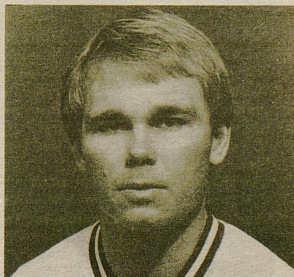
Kentucky baseball Coach Keith Madison breathed a sigh of relief recently when top aide John Butler turned down a head coaching job at Birmingham (AL) Southern College.

Birmingham Southern in an NALA school with a strong baseball tradition. The program has enjoyed 75 straight winning seasons.

Butler admitted the job was tempting but he chose in the end to stay with the Cats.

"They have a strong program and excellent facilities," said Butler. "It was a nice position and a very attractive situation."

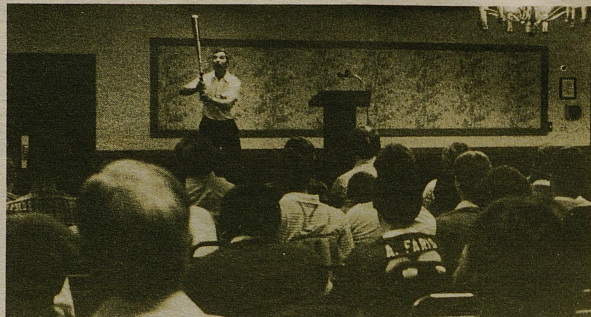
"There are several reason I decided



John Butler



Keith Madison's Wildcat Baseball Clinic



ABOVE RIGHT: A meeting room in the Lexington Hilton Hotel was packed with youngsters to hear Itchy Jones lecture on batting technique. ABOVE LEFT: Jones shares a lighter moment with his audience. Jones is the head baseball coach at Southern Illinois University. ABOVE: Equipment manufacturers were on hand to display their products. RIGHT: Kentucky Head Baseball Coach Keith Madison introduces one of the guest speakers. (Photos By Burt Ladd)

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Basketball Statistics

(Through games of February 6)

Men's Division I individual leaders

Team leaders

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5	Joe Dumars, McNeese State	18	146	36.5
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13	Charles Bradley, South Florida	19	146	36.5
14	Tim Canham, Manhattanville	18	146	36.5
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23	John Stockton, Gonzaga	18	146	36.5
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39	Chuck Krason, Auburn State	18	146	36.5
40	Aaron Brandon, Auburn State	18	146	36.5
41	Steve Black, La Salle, (N.Y.)	18	146	36.5
42	Chris Williams, Indiana St.	18	146	36.5
43	Tim Dillon, Northern Illinois	18	146	36.5
44	Mark Acres, Oral Roberts	18	146	36.5
45	Dei Curry, Virginia Tech	18	146	36.5
46	John Bette, Rutgers	18	146	36.5
47	John Bette, Rutgers	18	146	36.5
48	Mike Freeman, Alabama State	18	146	36.5
49	Jay Murphy, Boston College	18	146	36.5
50	Alton Lee, Simpson, Florida State	18	146	36.5

FIELD-GOAL PERCENTAGE

CL	FG	FGA	PCT
1	John Hewell, Stanford	18	62.5
2	Wayman Wade, Alabama	18	62.5
3	Wayman Wade, Alabama	18	62.5
4	Booby Lee, Auburn	18	62.5
5	Charles Barkley, Auburn	18	62.5
6	Charles Barkley, Auburn	18	62.5
7	Bob Thornton, Cal-State	18	62.5
8	Pat Ewing, Georgetown	18	62.5
9	Pat Ewing, Georgetown	18	62.5
10	Benard Thompson, Fresno State	18	62.5
11	Mike Walker, UConn	18	62.5
12	Joe Mingo, Arkansas	18	62.5
13	John Stockton, Gonzaga	18	62.5
14	Terry Catledge, South Alabama	18	62.5
15	John Stockton, Gonzaga	18	62.5
16	Terry Catledge, South Alabama	18	62.5
17	Brian Burke, Dartmouth	18	62.5
18	Albert Thomas, Centenary	18	62.5
19	John Newman, Richmond	18	62.5
20	Terry Harrison, Houston Baptist	18	62.5
21	Scott Davis, Southern Methodist	18	62.5
22	Larry Fivers, Cal-Santa Barbara	18	62.5
23	Dave Hopper, Nebraska	18	62.5
24	Jimmy Foster, South Carolina	18	62.5
25	Joe Williams, Alabama State	18	62.5
26	Joe Williams, Alabama State	18	62.5
27	Ed Pinckney, Villanova	18	62.5
28	Chris Winans, Utah	18	62.5

FREE-THROW PERCENTAGE

CL	FT	FTA	PCT
1	Bob Ferry, Harvard	48	94.1
2	Anthony Boggs, SW Missouri	48	94.1
3	Steve Alford, Indiana	48	94.1
4	Steve Alford, Indiana	48	94.1
5	Willie White, Tenn.-Chattanooga	48	94.1
6	Carl Gosson, Loyola (Ill.)	48	94.1
7	Ransom Eaves, Seton Hall	48	94.1
8	Anthony Steery, Murray State	48	94.1
9	Sam Porter, Oral Roberts	48	94.1
10	Sam Porter, Oral Roberts	48	94.1
11	Sam Porter, Oral Roberts	48	94.1
12	Yince Washington, Utah State	48	94.1
13	Carl Arantio, Kentron (Iowa)	48	94.1
14	Keith Thomas, Old Dominion	48	94.1
15	Keith Thomas, Old Dominion	48	94.1
16	Keith Thomas, Old Dominion	48	94.1
17	Jeff Turner, Vanderbilt	48	94.1
18	James Jandy, East Tennessee	48	94.1
19	Don Peardon, Louisiana State	48	94.1
20	Don Peardon, Louisiana State	48	94.1
21	Tim Anderson, Ill.-Chicago	48	94.1
22	Tim Anderson, Ill.-Chicago	48	94.1
23	Jeff Grooms, Fairleigh Dickinson	48	94.1
24	Kendall Walling, West Texas St.	48	94.1
25	Ricky Stokes, Virginia	48	94.1
26	Edie Beney, Massachusetts	48	94.1
27	Edie Beney, Massachusetts	48	94.1
28	Mark Price, Georgia Tech	48	94.1

SCORING OFFENSE

CL	PTS	AVG
1	Oklahoma	91.3
2	Luisa	90.3
3	Alabama St.	88.0
4	New-As Vegas	87.4
5	Ill.-Chicago	87.4
6	North Carolina	87.4
7	North Carolina	87.4
8	Oral Roberts	87.4
9	Cal-Hwy	87.4
10	North Carolina	87.4
11	South Alabama	87.4
12	Loyola (Ill.)	87.4
13	Loyola (Ill.)	87.4
14	Northwestern	87.4
15	Northwestern	87.4
16	St. Francis (Pa.)	87.4

SCORING MARGIN

CL	DEF	MAR
1	Georgetown	18.8
2	Oklahoma	18.5
3	North Carolina	18.4
4	New-As Vegas	18.4
5	Lamar	18.4
6	Ill.-Chicago	18.4
7	Virginia Tech	18.4
8	Houston	18.4
9	Tenn.-Chattanooga	18.4
10	Bucknell	18.4
11	Minnesota	18.4
12	Minnesota	18.4
13	Minnesota	18.4
14	Marshall	18.4
15	Marshall	18.4
16	St. Joseph's (Pa.)	18.4
17	St. Joseph's (Pa.)	18.4
18	St. Joseph's (Pa.)	18.4

FIELD-GOAL PERCENTAGE

CL	FG	PCT
1	Toledo	55.1
2	North Carolina	54.9
3	Stanton, Virginia	54.8
4	Stanton, Virginia	54.8
5	Southern Meth.	54.6
6	Washington Baptist	54.5
7	Arkansas	54.4
8	Navy	54.4
9	UTEP	54.4
10	UConn	54.3
11	Tulsa	54.2
12	Maryland	54.2
13	Villanova	54.2
14	Louisville	54.2
15	Louisville	54.2
16	Louisville	54.2

FREE-THROW PERCENTAGE

CL	FT	PCT
1	Harvard	94.1
2	North Carolina	94.1
3	Fairfield	94.1
4	Stetson	94.1
5	Stetson	94.1
6	Evansville	94.1
7	Booky	94.1
8	Ohio State	94.1
9	Army	94.1
10	St. Louis	94.1
11	St. Louis	94.1
12	Villanova	94.1
13	Syracuse	94.1
14	Brigham Young	94.1
15	Oklahoma St.	94.1
16	Toledo	94.1

SCORING DEFENSE

CL	PTS	AVG
1	Penn State	10.6
2	Notre Dame	10.6
3	Fresno St.	10.6
4	Houston Baptist	10.6
5	Western Michigan	10.6
6	Western Michigan	10.6
7	Oregon St.	10.6
8	Tulane	10.6
9	Kentucky	10.6
10	Illinois	10.6
11	Illinois	10.6
12	Washington	10.6
13	Iowa	10.6
14	Memphis St.	10.6
15	Miami (Ohio)	10.6
16	Texas Tech	10.6

NON-LOST PERCENTAGE

CL	W-L	PCT
1	North Carolina	1.000
2	DePaul	1.000
3	New-As Vegas	1.000
4	Georgetown	1.000
5	Georgetown	1.000
6	Tulsa	1.000
7	Illinois	1.000
8	Bucknell	1.000
9	Illinois	1.000
10	Kentucky	1.000
11	Kentucky	1.000
12	Louisiana Tech	1.000
13	Montana	1.000
14	Montana	1.000
15	Northwestern	1.000
16	Northwestern	1.000

FIELD-GOAL PERCENTAGE DEFENSE

CL	FG	PCT
1	Memphis St.	42.1
2	Georgetown	42.1
3	Kentucky	42.1
4	Southern-IL	42.1
5	Washington	42.1
6	Washington	42.1
7	Utah	42.1
8	Utah	42.1
9	UTEP	42.1
10	Arkansas St.	42.1
11	Illinois	42.1
12	Marist	42.1
13	Marist	42.1
14	Belmont-Cookman	42.1
15	Bucknell	42.1
16	Georgia Tech	42.1

REBOUND MARGIN

CL	OFF	DEF	MAR
1	Georgetown	31.0	10.5
2	Northwestern	31.0	10.5
3	St. Joseph's (Pa.)	31.0	10.5
4	St. Joseph's (Pa.)	31.0	10.5
5	Arkansas	31.0	10.5
6	Arkansas	31.0	10.5
7	George Washington	31.0	10.5
8	SW Louisiana St.	31.0	10.5
9	North Carolina St.	31.0	10.5
10	North Carolina St.	31.0	10.5
11	Fresno St.	31.0	10.5
12	Fresno St.	31.0	10.5
13	Craigton	31.0	10.5
14	Bucknell	31.0	10.5
15	Washington	31.0	10.5
16	Valdosta State	31.0	10.5

Claiborne Cleans Up!

It was Feb. 8, the day a high school football player can sign a national letter-of-intent to the college of his choice. It is perhaps the single most important day for each football program. When signature day of 1984 was over, the Kentucky football staff had finished one of the best recruiting years in recent UK history.

Not only did Kentucky land what is considered a very quality group of players, they had 25 of a possible 26 signees in the fold by the end of the first day.

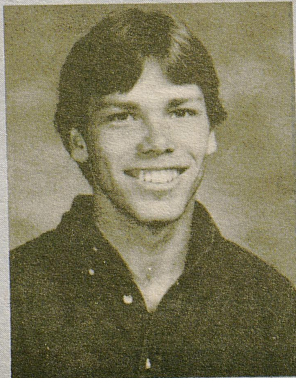
"We are really happy. We feel we had a pretty good recruiting year," said Kentucky Coach Jerry Claiborne.

Claiborne, due to an NCAA rule which disallows face-to-face contact by a head coach with a signee, sat in his office Wednesday and awaited word from his assistants. In the conference room next to Claiborne's office sat Dick Redding, UK's recruiting coordinator. As the calls came in, Redding filled the chalkboard with names.

Out on the road signing players were the assistants. John Devlin stayed home in Lexington. Jake Hallum was in Ohio convincing a prospect UK should be his home rather than South Bend. Rod Sharpless was in Kansas signing a JC player UK hopes can start immediately.

Bill Glaser was in Louisville, getting three signatures. Terry Strock drove from Corbin to Virginia to Virgie and inked three. Greg Nord was in Franklin. Farrell Sheridan drew blanks in South Carolina, then came home. Jerry Eisaman struck it rich in Owensboro and Madisonville.

By noon yesterday, Redding had chalked up 12 names on the board. Then came number 13, or lucky 13 in this case. Eisaman called and



Bill Allen

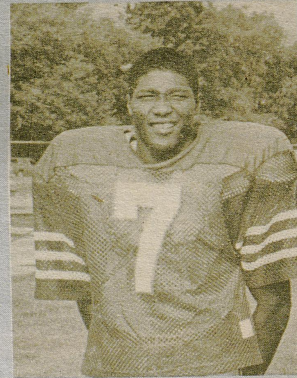
highly-publicized Mark Higgs had signed at Owensboro High School. Redding had already been told Higgs' mother had signed but no name went on the board until it was official.

From there, the calls continued to come often and with no bad news. Sometimes, it was just curiosity-seekers, wondering how Kentucky was doing.

"Everybody is holding their feet to the fire now. Everything is going good right now," Redding told one caller.

Most important, of course, were the calls from the coaches. By 1:30, the list had grown to 20. Strock had said he would not call-in until he had signed all three players - Martin Pennington (Corbin), Joe Worley (Virginia) and Gerald Osbourne (Virgie).

Two others - Kit Walter (Pennsylvania) and James Hill (Ohio) - were mailing the papers in. That meant the day was done, 25 names by 2:00. Only



Tony Baird

one possible signing remaining - Ivy Joe Hunter of Florida - and Eisaman was hoping to take care of that matter on Friday morning.

Redding could not help but think back to two years earlier, less than two months after the Claiborne staff had arrived at UK. On signing date of '82, Redding recalled waiting until 11:00 p.m. to wrap up just over a dozen signees the first day.

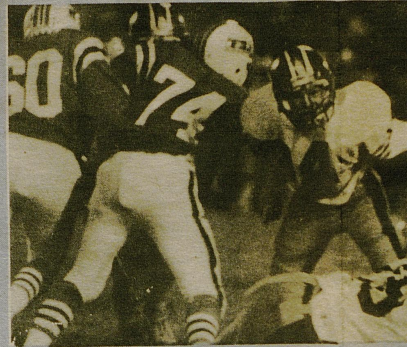
Yet, on S-Day of '84, all went smooth. There was only one possible signee that did not come through. Sheridan had gone to South Carolina in hopes of luring 6-5, 250-pound J.C. Harper. His dad, Tom, had played under Bear Bryant at UK. Tom is presently an assistant at Clemson. Claiborne had visited one day earlier. UK knew it was a longshot and Sheridan found that out quickly. Harper said UK was out, either

Clemson or Georgia was in.

All else went according to plan and Claiborne could sleep well that night knowing recruiting was all but over in one day.

"Sure it feels good to get it over so quickly. I've never had it go that way before," said the UK coach. "Now that it is over, we can get back to our players on campus and start making plans for spring practice."

At least on paper and judging from high school credentials, this most definitely is the best recruiting class signed at UK by Claiborne. However, the UK coach knows classes are truly gauged years later and saw no reason to compare this group with any others



Mark Higgs

players that committed, the tougher it came for another to leave.

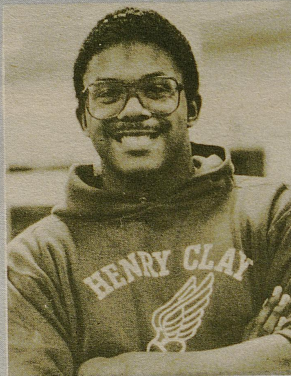
The final two undecided players were the top in-state players, Joe Curry and Higgs. Curry first committed then came Higgs. The Cats were 14 for 14.

"You never know why you recruit well. Definitely, our season and the exposure were factors," said Claiborne.

"In the state, everywhere we went people were talking about football. When we went to schools, the principals and secretaries would come out and shake our hands.

"A young kid may just be on the streets or in the local drugstore and someone might pass by and say they hope he goes to Kentucky. Everyone was excited about Kentucky football. That rubs off."

As Claiborne said, controlling the state allowed the staff to be more selective out-of-state. Several of the Wildcat out-of-state signees were sought by football powers. While that does not guarantee success, it obviously points out UK landed some players with impressive backgrounds.



Chris Chenault

he has signed in over 20 years of coaching.

"You can't compare people. Every class has to make it on its own merit," said Claiborne.

"These players have good high school credentials. But there is no reason to compare them. There is no need to put pressure on them. We will just call this the class of '84."

One thing Claiborne could not hide was his optimism about the success UK had within the state's boundaries. Claiborne has contended since he took the UK job that Kentucky must get the quality in-state kids and build from that.

The first two years, it was not so. Some of the quality Kentucky prepsters did not find their way to Lexington. Some went out-of-state, a couple signed with Eastern Kentucky University.

It was a completely different story this year. When Higgs announced last Monday that he was Lexington-bound, that meant Kentucky had a verbal commitment from every in-state prospect they had heavily recruited (UK recruited Vandy-bound quarterback Tom Gray until Morgan County's Bill Allen committed to UK).

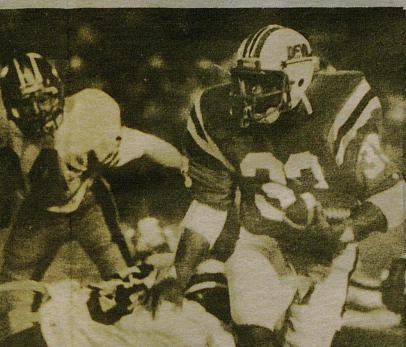
"The best thing about our success was the in-state players we got," said Claiborne. "We did control the state. That is what we have to do to get a nucleus. Once we do that, we can be more selective out-of-state."

When asked what was the key to the recruiting success, Claiborne said it is hard to tell. Naturally, UK's turnaround from 0-10-1 to 6-5-1 and six televised games, were a factor.

That seemed to create enthusiasm in UK football, especially around the state. Then as the commitments rolled in, it had a snowball effect. The more

University Of K Football Signees

Tony Mills	DL	6-4	245	Ta
Chris Chenault	LB	6-2	205	He
Ron Mack	DB	5-11	175	Ta
Bo Smith	L	6-3	240	He
Edgar Shearer	DL	6-4	250	Br
Mark Brock	OL	6-4	240	Na
Bill Allen	QB	6-1	185	Mc
Maurice Douglas	DE	6-0	195	Co
Raynard Gover	WR	6-4	185	Da
Jesse Newkirk	OL	6-4	290	Tr
Conrad Carney	C	6-3	258	Pe
Tony Baird	DE	6-0	180	Fr
Mark Higgs	RB	5-9	185	Ow
David Johnson	FL/DE	6-0	170	Ma
Billy Ellis	OL	6-3	235	De
Mark Sellers	DB	6-3	185	Ea
Perry Barnes	LB	6-1	200	Th
Anthony Gardner	OL	6-9	180	Mc
Kit Walter	OL	6-3	240	De
Joe Curry	DE	6-4	215	Ma
Martin Pennington	E	6-2	210	Co
Gerald Osbourne	LB	6-3	200	Vt
Joe Worley	PK	5-9	147	Ge
James Hill	LB	6-4	220	Ch
Greg Baker	RB	6-2	185	Sp
Ivy Joe Hunter	RB	6-1	195	Ge



30 first hits and 54 assisted tackles. Has started three years and has been one of the top players in Lexington since. Was picked all-city even as a sophomore, a rarity in Lexington. Was third-team all-state selection last year but may have missed some honors because he sat out some with a slight knee injury.

Chris Chenault - All five Lexington products were recruited by major schools such as Tennessee but Chenault drew the attention of recruiters across the nation. Also leaning to Tennessee until talked with Claiborne. Has excellent speed and Florida wanted him as a defensive back. Considered premier running back but

also did some kicking, finishing with just under 550 career points. Strong arm and is also a member of National Honor Society. Recruited by BYU, Penn State and Alabama. Named first team all-state and was first player to verbally commit to Kentucky.

Maurice Douglas - Junior College player who originally is from Dayton, Ohio. Kentucky needs defensive backs and hopes are that he can come in and start immediately. He could also play defensive end. Has good speed.

Raynard Gover - Exceptional athlete who played numerous positions in high school. Has high-jumped 6-11. First team all-district twice. Most likely will be a receiver for Kentucky. Considered Penn State, Pitt, Rice, Ohio State, UK and Notre Dame. Penn State was considered by some as favorite until Greg Johnson (Tennessee prep receiver recruited by UK) chose Penn State. That left it down to UK and Notre Dame. Gerry Faust visited late but UK won out.

Jesse Newkirk - A transfer from Indiana who is already in school. Was second team for Hoosiers and will be UK's biggest lineman. Will have to sit out one year before being eligible but that should help him get stronger and learn system.

Conrad Carney - Another JC player who is already enrolled and lifting weights. Originally is from Allison, PA and played last year at Potomac Junior College. UK saw him have fine JC all-star game on film. Hopes are he can start immediately at center.

Tony Baird - Three-sport star in high

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY Football Schedule - 1984

Sept. 8	Kent State at Lexington
Sept. 15	Indiana at Bloomington
Sept. 22	Tulane at New Orleans (TBA)
Sept. 29	OPEN DATE
Oct. 6	Rutgers at Lexington
Oct. 13	Miss. State at Starkville
Oct. 20	Louisiana State at Lexington
Oct. 27	Georgia at Lexington
Nov. 3	North Texas St. at Lexington
Nov. 10	Vanderbilt at Lexington
Nov. 17	Florida at Lexington
Nov. 24	Tennessee at Knoxville

Day Games at 1:30 p.m.
Night Games at 7:30 p.m.
† Homecoming

was interested in included LSU, Tennessee and Pitt. He may not be big but he is explosive.

David Johnson - Receiver with very good speed, running a 4.4 in the forty. Some labelled him best prospect in Jefferson County. Named first team all-state. Caught 26 passes and scored seven touchdowns, one on interception return.

Billy Ellis - Played defensive tackle and was named third team all-state. Most considered him top line prospect in Jefferson County, Louisville, Eastern and Purdue also interested. Needs to get stronger but has potential.

Mark Sellers - Kentucky's other signee from the state's largest city, Sellers was probably the best all-around athlete in the county. Announced early he was heading to UK. Purdue and Louisville also in the race. Threw for just under 1,000 yards as quarterback on 7-3 team. Also played wide receiver and defensive back and could play either in college. Runs forty in 4.6.

Perry Barnes - One of two signees from Mobile, AL. Although not one of the very top-flight players in the state, UK likes what they see. Chose Cats over Georgia Tech and Southern Miss. Made 85 tackles, 45 assists, had a pass interception and five fumble recoveries last year.

Anthony Gardner - May be the fastest player signed by the Cats. State indoor champion in 60-yard dash at 6.4 and runs forty in 4.4. Was prep running back but may be receiver at Kentucky. Gained 1,300 as junior but was injured first game this year and did not return until last four games.

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"We are very pleased with the ones we got out-of-state also," said Claiborne. "We think we got some good student-athletes."

Of course, all is never perfect. Claiborne said he had hoped to sign a game-breaker type at wide receiver. He says UK has some quality receivers but did not sign that one 'super' he was hoping for.

"We have guys who can play the position but I'm talking about that player who is a great one in high school and who will be a great one in college," said Claiborne. "And I was kind of surprised we did not get one because we have some good quarter-backs back and we signed a good one in Bill Allen."

Nevertheless, all were smiles around the UK camp last Wednesday. Following is a sketch of the players Kentucky signed.

Tony Mills - The race for Mills boiled to Kentucky and Tennessee. He was leaning to Tennessee until a visit from Claiborne changed his mind. Has good size and agility. With added strength, he had potential to be a good one. Last year for Tates Creek, he had



Joe Curry

spent most of time at linebacker last year due to an ankle sprain. Will most likely play linebacker at UK since that position was depleted by graduation. He has a chance to play immediately.

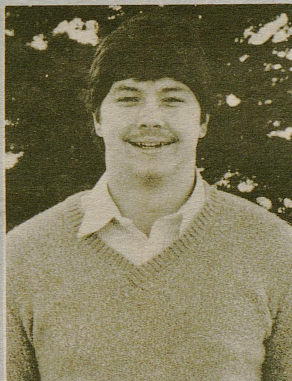
Ron Mack - Again, it was Tennessee until he chatted with Claiborne. UK staff likes his savvy an ability to make big play. Was quarterback and defensive back for district champs. Selected first team all-city. Very good athlete who will probably play defensive back in college.

Bo Smith - He was the first of the five Lexington signees to announce he was staying home. Vandy was high on his list and Ohio State was also interested. Selected first all-city last year although he missed some games with a shoulder injury. Played linebacker for Henry Clay but he could play line in college.

Edgar Shearer - Another largely publicized recruit from Lexington who was recruited by many SEC and Big Ten schools. All-City as fullback and all-state as defensive tackle. Led team to state finals as junior. Gained over 1,000 yards last year and his coach, Steve Parker, feels he is one of the top fullback prospects in country. UK hopes he can be the big, bruising fullback to lead the way for backs like Higgs and Mark Logan (sophomore-to-be) but also know he can play the line.

Mark Brock - Lives just outside the Chicago area. Fine student who started at tackle in an Illinois all-star game. Apparently decided on Kentucky early and also visited Navy, Ohio U. and Iowa State.

Bill Allen - Broke virtually every prep passing record in the state. Threw for 6,440 yards in career and 42 touchdowns, despite missing two games as senior. Ran for 41 scores and



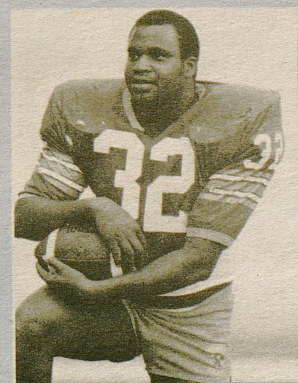
Tony Mills

school who was second team all-state in football. Played tight end and defensive back last year, played flanker as a junior. Had 22 catches for 369 yards, 18.5 yards a catch, for run-oriented team. In on 54 tackles and had three interceptions on defense. Could play defensive end in UK's wide tackle six. Brother Kerry was standout for UK last year.

Mark Higgs - Broke all rushing records in state. Gained over 6,721 yards, scored 446 points and averaged 8.3 yards a carry in career. Gained almost 3,000 yards last year. Very strong for size has exceptional acceleration and quickness. Visited Arizona and liked the climate because he has an asthmatic condition. Visited Alabama the weekend before signing date and was lured by former Tide greats like Joe Namath. Came back home and chose the Wildcats. Other schools he

University Of Kentucky Football Signees

5-4	245	Tates Creek HS
5-2	205	Henry Clay HS
5-11	175	Tates Creek HS
5-3	240	Henry Clay HS
5-4	250	Bryan Station HS
5-4	240	Napierville HS, IL
5-1	185	Morgan County HS
5-0	195	Coffeyville JC, KS (Dayton, OH)
5-4	185	Dayton, OH
5-4	290	Transfer from IU
5-3	258	Potomac JC, WV (Allison Park, PA)
5-0	180	Franklin-Simpson HS
5-9	185	Owensboro
5-0	170	Male HS
5-3	235	DeSales HS
5-3	185	Eastern HS
5-1	200	Theodore HS, Mobile, AL
5-9	180	Mobile, AL
5-3	240	Delone Cath., McSherrytown, PA
5-4	215	Madisonville
5-2	210	Corbin
5-3	200	Virgie
5-9	147	Garden HS, Oakwood, VA
5-4	220	Clinton, OH
5-2	185	Springboro, OH
5-1	195	Gainesville, FL



Edgar Shearer

SEC Team Stats (Through Feb. 6)

SEC Individual Stats (Through Feb. 6)

Standings

School	SEC	Pct. Overall	Pct.
Alabama	8-2	.800	.737
Kentucky	7-4	.727	.850
LSU	7-4	.636	.700
Florida	6-5	.545	.700
Vanderbilt	4-7	.364	.550
Tennessee	2-9	.182	.350
Ole Miss	2-9	.182	.350

Scoring

School	Gms.	Pts.	Avg.
Alabama	19	1531	76.6
Kentucky	20	1520	76.0
LSU	20	1369	68.5
Florida	20	1356	67.8
Vanderbilt	20	1322	66.1
Tennessee	20	1272	63.6
Ole Miss	20	1190	59.5
Miss. State	20	1124	56.2

Scoring Defense

School	Gms.	Pts.	Avg.
Kentucky	20	1179	59.0
Alabama	20	1164	58.2
LSU	20	1066	53.3
Florida	20	1022	51.1
Vanderbilt	20	967	48.4
Tennessee	20	931	46.6
Ole Miss	20	889	44.5
Miss. State	20	828	41.4

Rebounds

School	Gms.	Rbs.	Avg.
Alabama	19	740	38.9
Kentucky	20	756	37.8
LSU	20	697	34.9
Florida	20	671	33.6
Vanderbilt	20	648	32.4
Tennessee	20	643	32.2
Ole Miss	20	551	27.6
Miss. State	20	527	26.4

Field Goals

School	Gms.	FGM	FGA	Pct.
Alabama	577	1111	51.9	
Kentucky	588	1142	51.5	
LSU	514	1000	50.6	
Florida	581	1149	50.6	
Vanderbilt	502	1180	50.2	
Tennessee	485	969	50.1	
Ole Miss	350	1226	47.3	
Miss. State	259	1226	47.3	
Ole Miss	463	929	46.8	
Ole Miss	1081	462.8		

Free Throws

School	Gms.	FTM	FTA	Pct.
Alabama	326	466	73.8	
Miss. State	254	346	73.4	
Vanderbilt	302	417	72.4	
Georgia	274	379	72.3	
Kentucky	341	477	71.5	
Tennessee	338	476	71.0	
Alabama	261	382	68.5	
LSU	261	382	68.5	
Miss. State	371	566	65.3	
Florida	250	396	63.1	

Opponents' Rebounds

School	Gms.	Rbs.	Avg.
Alabama	19	528	27.8
Kentucky	20	530	26.5
LSU	20	489	24.5
Florida	20	681	34.1
Vanderbilt	20	618	30.9
Tennessee	20	625	31.3
Alabama	18	569	31.6
Florida	20	682	34.1
Vanderbilt	20	688	34.4
Ole Miss	20	748	37.4

Opponents' Field Goals

School	Gms.	FGM	FGA	Pct.
Kentucky	422	1102	40.1	
Vanderbilt	394	1132	46.2	
Alabama	357	1129	47.6	
LSU	327	1129	47.6	
Tennessee	559	1169	47.8	
Alabama	522	1127	46.4	
Florida	479	989	49.0	
Georgia	532	1086	48.9	
Miss. State	473	931	50.8	
Ole Miss	519	989	52.5	

Opponents' Free Throws

School	Gms.	FTM	FTA	Pct.
Kentucky	263	358	67.9	
Florida	270	376	68.8	
Alabama	225	356	68.8	
LSU	258	374	69.0	
Tennessee	366	529	69.2	
Vanderbilt	298	427	69.8	
Alabama	233	334	69.8	
Miss. State	265	373	71.0	
Ole Miss	319	461	71.1	
Tennessee	451	640	70.4	

Rebound Margin

School	Avg.
Alabama	+10.0
Kentucky	+5.6
Alabama	+2.3
Florida	+1.4
Georgia	+1.3
LSU	+0.4
Tennessee	-0.1
Miss. State	-0.5
Vanderbilt	-1.7
Ole Miss	-6.8

Scoring Margin

School	Avg.
Kentucky	+12.1
Alabama	+8.6
Alabama	+6.7
Georgia	+5.7
LSU	+5.2
Tennessee	+3.3
Vanderbilt	+2.5
Miss. State	+2.5
Ole Miss	-8.1

FG % Differential

School	Avg.
Kentucky	+11.4
Alabama	+4.3
Alabama	+3.4
Tennessee	+2.4
Florida	+1.7
Georgia	+1.4
Vanderbilt	+0.8
LSU	+0.5
Miss. State	-4.0
Ole Miss	-9.7

Scoring - Top 20

Player, Team	Gms.	FGM	FGA	Pct.	Avg.
Chuck Person, Ala.	19	168	62	398	20.9
Vern Fleming, Ga.	30	161	62	384	19.2
Buck Johnson, Ala.	20	141	98	380	19.0
Jeff Turner, Vandy	20	126	60	332	16.6
Eric Laidl, Miss.	20	121	90	332	16.6
Terry Williams, Ala.	20	124	32	350	16.0
Ken Harston, Tenn.	20	104	64	320	15.5
Melvin Turpin, Ky.	20	104	89	301	14.8
Melvin Turpin, Ky.	16	85	65	225	14.7

Field Goal Percentage - Top 15

Player, Team	Gms.	FGM	FGA	Pct.
Melvin Turpin, Ky.	126	195	64.6	
Charles Barkley, Ala.	81	128	63.3	
Eugene McDowell, Fla.	84	134	62.7	
Joe Ward, Ga.	61	100	61.0	
Greg Turner, Ala.	82	141	58.2	
Ronnie Williams, Fla.	85	148	57.4	
Kenny Walker, Ky.	107	187	57.2	
Terry Williams, Ala.	144	258	55.8	
Fred Jenkins, Tenn.	199	180	55.0	
Vern Fleming, Ga.	174	136	54.4	
Jeff Turner, Vandy	136	133	53.3	
Gerald Crosby, Ga.	94	255	53.2	

Free Throw Percentage - Top 15

Player, Team	Gms.	FTM	FTA	Pct.
Jeff Turner, Vandy	60	69	87.0	
Don Kesson, LSU	38	69	86.6	
Derrick Taylor, LSU	77	95	81.1	
Eric Richardson, Ala.	42	52	80.8	
Kelvin Hildeath, MSU	102	127	80.3	
Tyrone Beamon, Tenn.	41	75	80.3	
Eric Laidl, Miss.	90	113	79.6	
Phil Cox, Vandy	61	78	78.2	
Melvin Turpin, Ky.	44	57	77.2	
Buck Johnson, Ala.	28	19	72.9	
Vern Fleming, Ga.	62	85	72.9	
Bobby Lee Hurt, Ala.	93	128	72.7	
Charles Barkley, Ala.	58	80	72.5	

Rebounds - Top 15

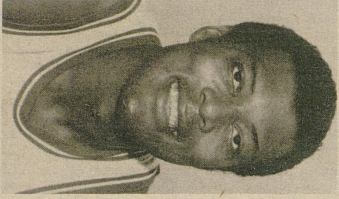
Player, Team	Gms.	Rbs.	Avg.
Chuck Person, Ala.	20	181	9.1
Bobby Lee Hurt, Ala.	19	171	9.0
Chuck Person, Ala.	18	155	8.6
Eugene McDowell, Fla.	16	136	8.5
Ronnie Williams, Fla.	20	165	8.3
Sam Bowie, Ky.	20	163	8.2
Leonard Mitchell, LSU	20	160	8.0
Lee Reynolds, LSU	20	159	8.0
Melvin Turpin, Ky.	20	131	6.6
Willie Burton, Tenn.	23	145	6.3
Kenny Walker, Ky.	20	125	6.3
Richard Corbett, Va.	20	122	6.1
Kelvin Hildeath, MSU	20	117	5.8

Individual Superlatives

- Most Points**
 36 - Chuck Person, Auburn vs. Villanova
 35 - Eric Laidl, Ole Miss vs. Kentucky
 34 - Vern Fleming, Georgia vs. Alabama
 31 - James Banks, Georgia vs. Western Kentucky
 31 - Vern Fleming, Georgia vs. Vanderbilt
 30 - Buck Johnson, Alabama vs. LSU
 30 - Phil Cox, Vanderbilt vs. Alabama
- Most Field Goals**
 15 - Kevin Turpin, Kentucky vs. LSU
 14 - Vern Fleming, Georgia vs. Vanderbilt
 14 - Phil Cox, Vanderbilt vs. Alabama
 12 - Vern Fleming, Ga. vs. Western Ky. & Middle Tenn.
 12 - Eric Laidl, Ole Miss vs. Kentucky
 12 - Lee Reynolds, LSU vs. North Carolina
- Most Free Throws**
 14 - Derrick Taylor, LSU vs. Tennessee
 12 - Buck Johnson, Auburn vs. Villanova
 12 - Buck Johnson, Alabama vs. Tennessee State
- Most Assists**
 15 - Eric Richardson, Alabama vs. Georgia
 11 - Eric Richardson, Kansas vs. Ga. & Vandy
 11 - Roger Harden, Kentucky vs. Tennessee
 10 - Roger Harden, Kentucky vs. Georgia



Charles Barkley
Auburn



Melvin Turpin
Kentucky



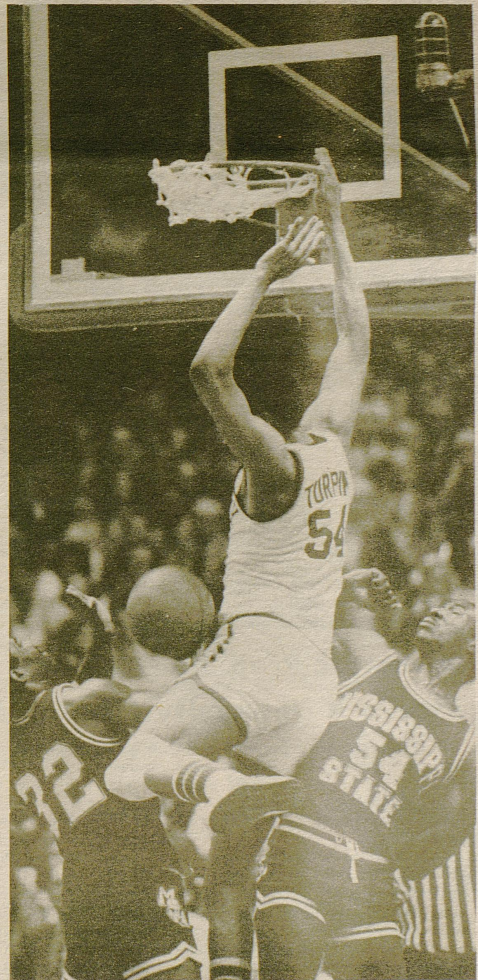
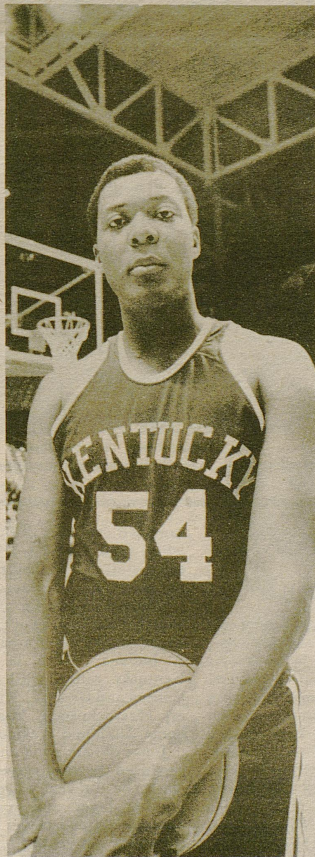
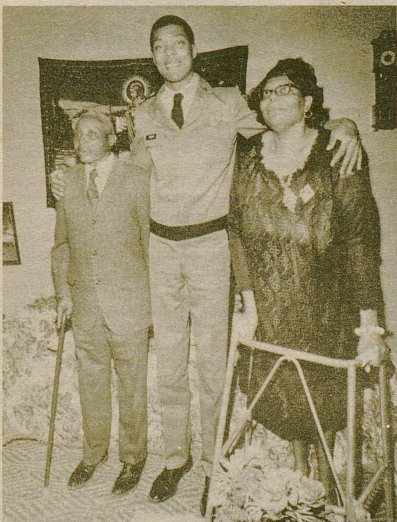
Jeff Turner
Vandy

TCF Senior Scrapbook Presents ...

Melvin Turpin



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SEC Team Stats (Through Feb. 6)

SEC Individual Stats (Through Feb. 6)

UK Campus Scene

With Bernie Vonderheide.....

IT'S A BUSY CAMPUS THIS TIME OF THE YEAR so here's some catching up with a lot of things going on:

The university has just received the largest single cash gift in its history -- \$4,877,776 from the **Lucille Parker Markey** charitable trust. Mrs. Markey was owner of the famed Calumet horse farm until her death in 1982. With this more recent gift, her generosity to UK has now reached more than \$10.7 million. The money is being used for a cancer treatment and research center named in her honor. A second building in the center has been named for **Dorothy Enslow Combs**, widow of Lexington Horseman **Leslie Combs** of Spendthrift horse farm in Lexington. The university has named its new medical plaza in honor of the late **Warren Wright** also of Calumet Farm.

The Lexington Chamber of Commerce has chosen UK as its "company of the year." Outgoing chamber president **Lewis Owens** presided over ceremonies with more than 800 in attendance to present the award to UK President **Otis Singletary**.

UK English professor **Thomas Blues** has opened a writing center on campus to help students over stumbling blocks in their writing no matter what their major... The political science department under the direction of **Ken Coleman** had a Latin American Studies Program on campus that featured the former president of Costa Rica, **Daniel Oduber**, and other nationally known experts on the crisis in Central America... **John B. Stephenson**, special assistant to the Lexington campus chancellor and director of the UK Appalachian Center, has been named the seventh president of Berea College... UK honors program director **Raymond Betts** is having not one, but two books published this year, one a reprint of a former book in Italian. He also is a history professor at UK... **Wayne A. Wiegand**, associate professor in the UK College of Library and Information Science, has won one of two research awards offered annually by the Association of Library and Information Science Education... The UK interior design department has been re-accredited again. The department, under the leadership of **Terry Rothgeb**, is still the only accredited

program of its kind in the state and one of only about 50 in the nation. About 200 undergraduate students are enrolled... The UK College of Agriculture has a new degree program, a bachelor's in food science. The program, says director **James Kemp**,

trains people to be food scientists who work in all areas concerned with food such as product development, quality assurance and food engineering.

Work done by the UK **Small Business Development Center** has resulted in more than 4,500 jobs in Kentucky being either created or saved during the last year. The center counseled 1,335 small business owners and operators. And to top it all off, the counseling is free to small business people... UK also is helping in the current educational crisis. The College of Education now has a program to retrain secondary teachers to teach mathematics and help the acute

shortage of math teachers in the state. It's a national problem, too, and UK is the first school in the nation to conduct such a program, according to director **Gerald Kulm**... UK has another unique program in its "Poetry to the People," maybe another one-of-its-kind in the nation. English department director **Robert Hemenway** came up with the idea of taking black poetry and the poets into the community centers of Lexington to perform their works. A grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities and Lexington Mayor **Scotty Baesler** are helping the project along.

UK landscape architecture student **Sherry Huron** had to settle for second place in a national design competition. But it took a team of 12 from another school to defeat the senior from Maysville... **Thomas Brown**, a UK philosophy senior from Lexington, was a regional finalist in the Rhodes Scholarship competition.

Brenda Sue Oldfield has been selected the outstanding young alumnus this year from the UK College of Agriculture. She is a vocational agriculture teacher in Morgan County. **Robert C. May**, once a photographer for UK's agriculture public information office and now at IBM in Lexington, has assembled a collection of works by himself and other photographers that are on display in the UK Art Museum.

A lot of UK students count on a good burley tobacco crop to finance their college education, so last summer's poor crop has caused some problems. Like **Allen Mefford** of Franklin County whose crop back home came up short. "I'll just have to tighten my budget," he said... **Jean Cox**, the dynamic director of UK's student health service, has always said it's the best student bargain on campus. Now the service's new quarters are reason for pride, too. The health service became part of the new, modern University Medical Plaza when it opened last month.

And don't give UK athletic director **Cliff Hagan** all the credit for the new **Dance Cats** who entertain at the basketball games. The idea for those lovely coeds was indeed **Cliff's** but their sparkling and attractive uniforms were designed by his wife, **Martha**.



FASHIONS BY HAGAN... The Dance Cats, a new dance group the entertains at UK basketball games, had their uniforms designed by **Cliff Hagan's** wife **Martha**.

Dick Vitale Likes UK's Freshmen

Intrastate Prep Blue Chippers Like To Attend A University Close To Home

Dave Jones writes a prep report for *Basketball Times*. In the Feb. 16 issue of that magazine, Jones wrote about which states have the best players and his theories about predictable patterns.

Jones said that more often than not, players will go to the most prominent basketball program within their home state. He said the three colleges that were somewhat exempt from that rule are North Carolina, Indiana and Kentucky. Jones says those three can get just about any player they really pursue, although that certainly is

somewhat of an exaggeration of the situation.

Jones pointed out that in the last six years, he has rated 389 prep players. He then listed how those numbers break up on a state-by-state basis:

California and New York ranked one-two, with 41 and 40 players, respectively. The next 11 states were Illinois (32), Indiana (29) Ohio (21), Michigan (18), Georgia (17), Florida (14), Pennsylvania (14), Virginia (14), Texas (12), Kentucky (11) and Maryland (11).

The top seven states listed above

provided over half of the top players, which should be no real surprise since those states also include 35 percent of the nation's population.

Going on a per capita basis, Jones said that the District of Columbia is far ahead on any other area. Number two is Indiana, which is no surprise. Kentucky ranked fifth, also behind Kansas and Georgia. The worst states are Massachusetts, Wisconsin, Oklahoma, Utah and Washington.

Jones did not point out which states produced the most players who turned out to be the real college standouts. Another point now mentioned was that sometimes a player from a certain state may get ranked simply because that is considered a basketball hotbed.

Former basketball coach, present columnist and ESPN analyst **Dick Vitale** picks two Kentucky freshmen among the nation's best five college newcomers.

Vitale's top frosh are: **James Blackmon** (Kentucky), **Kenny Smith** (North Carolina), **Steve Alford** (Indiana), **Pearl Washington** (Syracuse) and **Winston Bennett** (Kentucky). **Blackmon** and **Bennett** are the only two who don't start, that is until **Smith** recently was injured and forced to sit out.

Vitale also ranks North Carolina first in the country. He had Kentucky second, at least prior to the Alabama loss. He says the difference in the two teams is that Carolina can be effective at any pace while Kentucky needs to play at a quick pace.

Kentucky Football Is Proving Its Point

Monday was the first day of the second most important week thus far in the Jerry Claiborne era at Kentucky (The Central Michigan win still rates number one and provided the impetus for what happened later).

On Monday, Claiborne and assistant Coach Jerry Eisaman visited Mark Higgs, the super-deluxe runner from Owensboro High. Higgs had just returned from that tower of football strength, the University of Alabama. Down in Tuscaloosa he had been courted by Joe Willie and Ozzie the Great. He sat behind the Tide bench as the basketball team defeated UK.

Claiborne would have none of this. Forget Alabama, he asked Higgs. Forget Arizona, where Higgs breathed the warm winter air. Forget Tennessee, thought to be the early leader. Forget Pittsburgh, even if they say you are the second coming of Tony D. Forget LSU, where brother Kenny scored hoops and where magazine articles labeled you "Baby Herschel".



Jerry's Smiling

Claiborne pleaded for Higgs to stay at home, to fight for the state school. He convinced the young man, just like he had other Kentuckians, that blood and guts are easier to give for My Old Kentucky Home.

So Mark Higgs announced he would play for Kentucky.

Five days later, in sunny Gainesville, the second most important week ended. Ivy Joe Hunter, a true runner's name if ever I heard one, signed to play football for Kentucky. Another back with credentials 100 yards long, Hunter's signature was the end of perhaps a new beginning for UK football.

There is quality in this recruiting class. Some longtime Claiborne people even insist this group is better than any group ever inked by a Claiborne-coached team. Yet anyone who follows recruiting will tell you the cream won't rise to the top for a couple of years. Then we will really know what the Class of '84 is all about.

The significance of last week is much deeper than the signing of 26 athletes with impressive numbers. It's importance could prove to be much more than how well these 26 stack up four years hence.

POINT... Claiborne and his staff proved last week they can recruit. We all knew they could coach, probably as well as any other. Last week we found out that, given some wins and tube time, UK can knock heads with the

powers and get their share.

Don't eye the All-American checklists for the names of these signees. Find them, you will not. Parade AA's they are not. Quality players they are, many who were hunted by the Alabama's and Tennessee's of the football world.

Kentucky will never sign the elite. Yet give Claiborne this kind of quality and he will give you a winner. No staff in America develops players better.

POINT... Look at what Claiborne did this year recruiting the Commonwealth. He wanted 14 players, about half of who were prey of the biggies. Claiborne batted 1.000.

Big deal, you say, Kentucky prep football ain't much anyway. There is truth in that, but only in numbers. For every ten quality players in Tennessee or Mississippi, Kentucky has at least five. For every 28, Kentucky has at least 14.

Kentucky need not share. There is no Vanderbilt to take a piece of the pie. There is no Southern Miss., no Miss. State. If the Commonwealth is recruited right, and Claiborne did just that this time, UK can get all KY has to offer. To win, Kentucky must do that.

In Claiborne's first two years, it was not so. Two years ago, Jim Anderson went to Georgia Tech, Kermit Sykes and Will Wolford to Vandy, Keith Bosley to Eastern. Last year, Tim and Todd Schulte chose Michigan, Byron Ingram went to Eastern, Derrick Thomas to Arkansas. The list could go on and on. UK was getting a dozen or more from the state, but not necessarily the dozen on the most wanted list.

It became easier for a player to sign elsewhere when others did likewise. Maybe pressure to stay in-state is not so good but there was none. John left so Bill could follow. This year, it changed. The more that committed, the harder it became for another to leave.

POINT... A pattern has been established, if not a trend set. If Kentucky continues to have success on-the-field, and that still is numero uno key to recruiting, then the Cats could continue to control the state. The longer that momentum builds, the harder it will be for someone to break the string.

When Kentucky talks, players are now listening. An opening ear is all one can ask for. There is no better indication of that than the fact that Kentucky had all but finished signing by 2:00 p.m. signing day this year.

When you get 'em the first day, that means you got the ones you wanted. This was not a case of getting a few, then searching to find a "sleeper" the next few days or weeks. In fact, Kentucky turned down at least a half dozen players who wanted to wear the blue and who would have in year's past.

That is the price you pay when all is going well. It is a price UK will be glad to fork over. Demand being larger than the supply is a grand problem to deal with.

POINT... In the past, Kentucky could not win because it could not recruit. Kentucky could not recruit because it could not win. It was a Catch-22. Somewhere, the cycle had to end.

The 1983 Cats broke the ice. For such reasons, their 6-5-1 season



Gene Abell

Associate Editor

carried more importance than just a Hall of Fame berth.

You can recruit when you win. You can win when you recruit. It is just now starting to turn but the cycle is going the other direction.

Don't take this to mean Kentucky is about to become a football goliath. That is not about to and may never happen. Yet another crucial step was taken last week into Kentucky becoming a competitive football team in the Southeastern Conference.

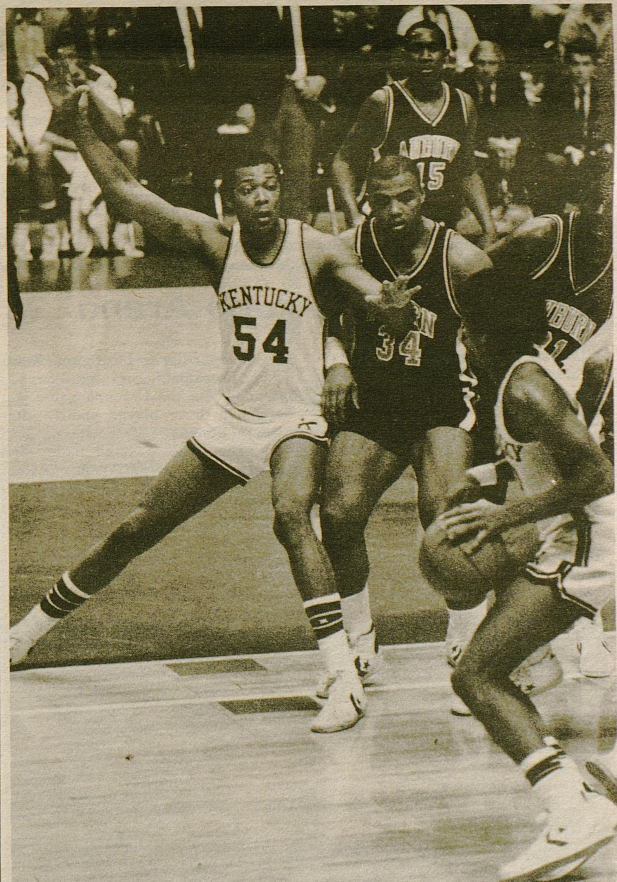
That's the point.

NO EYEBALL TO EYEBALL: It seems strange to me that a head football coach cannot personally sign a prospect but his assistants can. Jerry Claiborne sat in his office all day Wednesday as his assistants called in recruiting success. If a head coach does have face-to-face contact with a recruit, then that player must wait 24 more hours before signing with that school. Claiborne was actually hiding in his office while one player already signed was in the football offices last week. The reason for the rule?

Claiborne said the rule takes pressure off both the head coach and the assistant. It does not make the head-coach have to select just one or two players he can sign, which could make it look as if those players are more important. And it takes the pressure off a player, who doesn't have to decide if it means something if one schools sends a head coach to sign him while another sends an assistant. I guess it makes sense but it still sounds rather tedious to me... It's funny how things sometimes get blown out of proportion and in the case of Charles Barkley, that is an almost near miracle. For three years, I've heard how Barkley has destroyed UK and Melvin Turpin. He had become somewhat of a myth around UK. So I checked out the second coming of the Titanic's stats against UK. In six games prior to last week, Barkley had made 23 of 59 field goals (39.0 percent) and 15 of 37 free throws (40 percent) against UK. He did have a 15 point average and 9.8 rpg. Don't take me wrong. The last person I want mad at me is Mt. Everest. Charles is the best thing to come along since the almond bar and he certainly has dealt UK more than its share of hurt the last three years but the stats illustrate his percentages have not been much larger than his waistline.

Going into the Auburn game, Jim

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BIG BOYS BATTLING... Kentucky's Melvin Turpin and Auburn's Charles Barkley (34) jockey for position around the hoop.

Ex-Prep Star Epperson Made the Right Choice

Four years ago, the top senior prep players in the state of Kentucky were stars such as Manuel Forest (now at Louisville), Phil Cox (Vandy), Chip Watkins (Pitt) and Troy McKinley (UK).

Another player who made all-state but was not considered quite the prospect some others were was Butler High's Kenny Epperson. Now it looks as though Epperson was one prospect most everyone missed out on.

The 6-7 Epperson, now a junior at the University of Toledo, is on a record-setting pace at that school. He was Mid-American Conference Freshman of the Year after averaging 16.2 ppg and 8.5 rpg; he averaged 18.1 ppg and 8.1 rpg as a sophomore; and now has as a junior become the earliest player in school history to score 1,000 career points and is easily on target to become the school's all-time leading scorer. He also could finish his career with 1,000 rebounds.

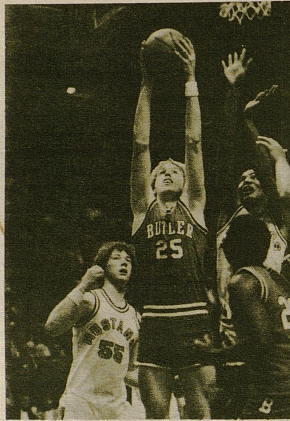
As a senior at Butler, Epperson scored 23 points a game and grabbed 14 rebounds while hitting 64 percent. He also led Butler to the state tournament. However, he was not included on most blue-chip prospect lists.

Toledo assistant Greg Kampe attended 20 Butler games that year. Also offering a scholarship was the University of Louisville. However, in a recent feature on Epperson in the Jan. 30 issue of Basketball Times, he said he was told by Louisville Coach Denny Crum that he would play little early in his career and could maybe become a key reserve later in his career. Epperson, who was not recruited by Kentucky, decided he would rather go somewhere he could play earlier and more.

"I'm really happy that I came to

Toledo because I enjoy playing, Epperson was quoted as saying.

"It's pretty wild watching Louisville play in the Final Four on television and knowing that I could be sitting there but that's probably all I would be doing - sitting."



Kenny Epperson

Epperson is averaging over 20 points and 10 rebounds a game this year. Last season, he was the only MAC player to rank in the top ten in scoring, rebounding, field goal percentage and free throw accuracy.

Could he play at any school in the country?

"He can play any place. If he can't I've got to see that team," says Toledo Coach Bobby Nichols. "He could probably play guard in regard to his outside shooting. We really haven't tested his range."

Brown Respects Rupp Arena

LSU's Dale Brown may not love the Kentucky Wildcats, but he certainly respects the Kentucky program and its home floor.

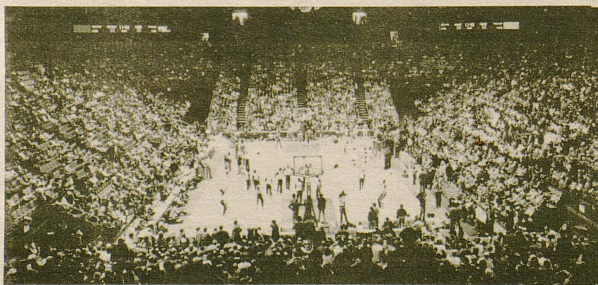
After his Tigers' 90-79 loss to North Carolina in Chapel Hill recently, Brown was asked about the Tarheels' home court (Carmichael Auditorium) and how tough it was to play before the Carolina home crowd.

Brown answered, "Carmichael Auditorium is like going to church on Sunday compared to Rupp Arena."

Brown didn't have to tell reporters

he was referring to Lexington, Kentucky. Presumably no pun was intended, but the Carolina game just happened to be played shortly after noon on Sunday.

By the way, a hand-made sign spotted in the crowd said, "Mom, Don't Send Money, Send KENTUCKY." When UK played Georgia on national television a few days later, a Big Blue Fan returned the favor, replacing the word "KENTUCKY" with "NORTH CAROLINA."



Kentucky's Rupp Arena

"Fab Five"

By Dan Krueckeberg

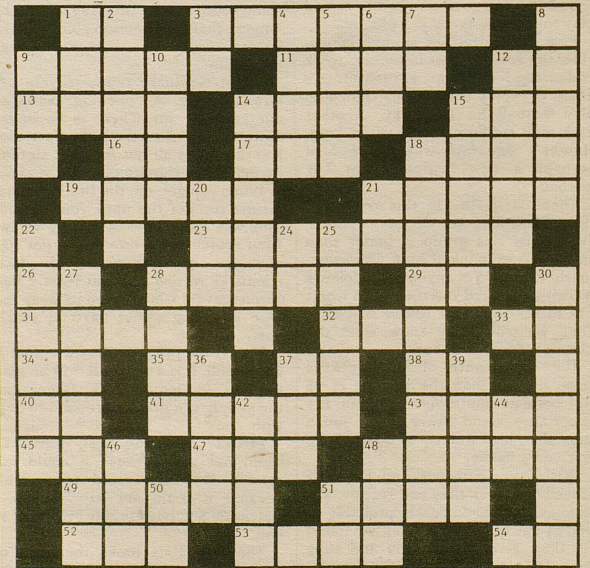
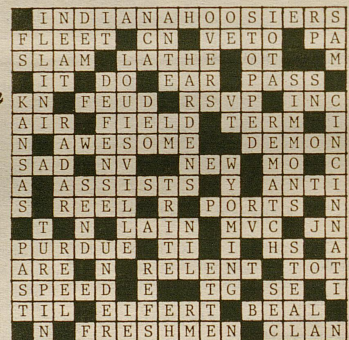
ACROSS

- 1 Abbr. for a football position
- 3 This guard was the only senior on the '47-'48 "Fabulous Five"
- 9 This three-time All-American guard wore uniform #12
- 11 Present-day east coast school
- 12 Initials of 6'2" Line, who averaged 6.9 pts. per game on '48 Champs
- 13 Dreaded person
- 14 Coach Adolph Rupp was the _____ of the "Fabulous Five"
- 15 Snake type
- 16 _____ n or relative
- 17 Common insect
- 18 Hue
- 19 First name of 3 Across
- 21 In the '47-'48 season the "Fabulous Five" lost only _____
- 23 After winning the NCAA Championship in '48, the "Fabulous Five" went on to take the _____
- 26 L _____ and order _____
- 28 The 6'7" center and three-time All-American who wore #15
- 29 Blood factor
- 31 Weather word
- 32 Rodent
- 33 Initials of early-'70s letterman Andrews
- 34 Abbr. for "wavelength"
- 35 Abbr. for home state of 28 Across
- 37 Not DC
- 38 Patrick Ewing is a Ho _____
- 40 All-SEC of '42, Ermal _____ len
- 41 First name of 9 Across
- 43 Grove
- 45 _____ anyone seen a better unit than the "Fabulous Five"? Some say "no"
- 47 4-year letterman James of the '70s
- 48 An ECAC Metro member
- 49 First name of 2 Down
- 51 Hall of Fame baseball player Jimmie
- 52 Shooting _____
- 53 Ripped
- 54 Initials of '60s Cotton

DOWN

- 1 Body part
- 2 One of the "Fabulous Five"; he once hit a 63'7" shot at Alumni Gym
- 3 Initials of '70s letterman Drevitz
- 4 Zoo animal
- 5 During the 4 years of 9 Across and 12 Down, the Cats won an amazing 130 and _____ only 10
- 6 The _____ and outs
- 7 Continent abbr.
- 8 Rock-or- candidate list
- 9 First name of former letterman Brannum, Burrow, Fowler or McCowan
- 10 Bridle line
- 12 This 6'4" starter was a '49 All-American selection
- 14 Beat them 58-42 for the '48 National Championship
- 15 Tree type
- 18 # of victories by the "Fabulous Five" in the '47-'48 season
- 20 Goes with "neither"
- 21 Initials of '70s standout Parker
- 22 Nickname of 12 Down
- 24 Final two of the 26
- 25 A top basketball month
- 27 First name of 12 Down
- 28 The late-'40s were _____ y years for the Cats
- 30 3 Across was _____ of the '48 National Champions
- 36 At the _____
- 37 Zoo animal
- 39 First name of 28 Across
- 42 Four of the "Fabulous Five" were in '49 to capture a 2nd NCAA title
- 44 "His foot was _____ the line"
- 46 As a fox
- 48 Heir
- 50 Abbr. for "that is"
- 51 Initials of a Cat All-American in '52 and '54

Last Week's Solution



Even This Year Some Recruits Got Away

While the Kentucky football staff enjoyed what many consider the best recruiting year at UK in many years, Kentucky naturally did not land all the big fish in the sea that it wanted.

Probably the most disappointing loss was Phil Stuart, 6-5, 260-pound lineman from Johnson City, TN. Stuart apparently had told the UK staff for the last few weeks he planned on attending Kentucky.

He recently visited Alabama but the strong late pitch came from homestate Tennessee, which already had lost several in-state prizes. As late as the week before the signing date, Johnson had scheduled a press conference set up to announce his choice. That choice was expected to be Kentucky.

UK assistant Greg Nord, who recruited Stewart, headed for Science Hills High to see Stewart last Monday. He knew he was in trouble when Stewart was nowhere to be found. Stewart signed with Tennessee.

Of course, Johnny Majors and

company were also close to landing as many as a half-dozen prepsters from the Commonwealth, only to finish with nothing to show. All is fair in war and recruiting.

Another player UK recruited from Tennessee, but did not get, was speedy receiver Gregg Johnson. Other schools involved were Alabama, Penn State and Vandy. UK knew their chances were only fair. Vandy was the favorite but Penn State and Joe Paterno won in the end. Another player UK had a chance but did not get was lineman J.C. Harper, the son of former UK player Tom Harper (see page 12 for story).

Mike Kramer from Cincinnati inked with Vandy. UK recruited Kramer but he was not one of their main targets. The Cats would have loved to have landed lineman John Rugg from Pennsylvania, who was coached by former Cat Dan Spanish. Claiborne's old school, Maryland, landed Rugg.

Gridders Ink

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Alabama and Auburn were two schools after him but they backed off somewhat after injury.

Kit Walter - Decided on UK early. Played on both sides of line and was all-city. Preseason top 100 in central Pennsylvania. Should play offensive line in college. West Virginia and Boston College were two interested schools. Listed height of 6-3 is questionable.

Joe Curry - Considered state's top defensive player and led Madisonville to undefeated regular season. Good size, agility and speed. Also an excellent student and fine basketball player. Needs strength. Visited Miami (FLA), UCLA and Tennessee. Dad played at UK a year under Bear Bryant. Family lived in Indiana until three years ago. Could play defensive end in wide tackle six, same defense used at Madisonville. Also could play linebacker.

Martin Pennington - Selected all-state first team, AP, Courier-Journal and Herald-Leader. Played for two Class AA state championship teams. Playing on running team and used mostly as blocker. Caught eight passes for 190 yards and four scores. Also was standout at defensive end and kicked off.

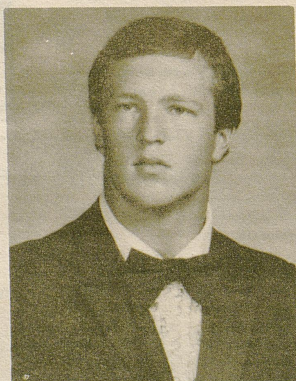
Gerald Osborne - Was running back, quarterback, tight end, place kicker and played several defensive positions for team. Is very versatile and that is what makes him an attractive prospect. Could play fullback, line or linebacker. Gained over 1,600 yards rushing last year and scored 14 times. Also has possibilities as a kicker. Wanted to attend UK all along. Also fine basketball player who started on '83 state tourney team.

Joe Worley - He attended Kentucky's camp last year and was impressive. Playing in Virginia, his talents were unknown to many schools. Holds state record with 47-yard field goal. Hit 38 of 39 extra points and eight of 12 field goals. He has very good chance of being UK's

kicker next year.

James Hill - Relative of UK Athletics Director Cliff Hagan and is also a 3.9 student. Four-year letterman in football and also played safety as a junior. Teams went 33-6-1 during career. Vanderbilt was second choice.

Greg Baker - Was chosen Ohio's Class 2A State Player of the Year after gaining 1,728 yards last year and 5,106 yards during his career. Was named first team all-state. However, Class 2A is not the top competition in the Buckeye State. Teams were 33-4 last three years. Could play fullback in college.



Martin Pennington

Ivy Joe Hunter - He was the last of the signees and one of the best. He originally had said he was going to Florida but had a change of heart. Also recruited by Auburn, Florida State and Miami (FL). Gained 1,388 yards in ten games while playing for one of state's best teams. Scored 12 touchdowns and was named first team all-state in Class 4A.

University Of Kentucky Statistics (After 21 Games)

Overall:	18-3	Homes:	11-0	Away:	6-3	Neutral:	1-0	SEC:	9-3
Player	G-CS	Field Goals	Free Throws	Rebounds	PF-D	A	T	S	Points
Nelvin TURPIN (C)	21-21	131-207-63.3	45-58-77.6	138-6.6	54-1	19	35	16	307-14.6
Kenny WALKER (C)	12-12	77-121-63.6	17-21-81.0	85-7.1	34-1	10	18	5	171-14.2
Jim WALKER	21-21	115-198-57.8	54-78-69.2	131-6.2	50-1	22	31	18	284-13.5
Sam WALKER	(C) 12-12	77-123-62.6	32-46-72.7	76-6.3	33-1	11	21	10	186-15.5
Jim WALKER	20-20	79-182-43.4	50-58-84.7	34-1.7	34-0	58	29	7	208-10.4
Sam WALKER	(C) 11-11	46-106-44.2	30-31-90.0	23-2.1	23-0	35	20	1	122-11.1
Sam WALKER	21-21	75-140-53.6	52-73-71.2	171-8.1	54-2	38	47	15	202-9.6
Bennie WALKER	(C) 12-12	45-83-54.2	35-46-76.1	95-7.9	32-1	18	34	8	125-10.4
Clinton BENNETT	21-0	44-100-44.0	73-101-72.3	85-4.0	65-4	17	42	10	161-7.7
James BENNETT	(C) 12-0	31-60-51.7	42-55-76.4	47-3.9	38-3	8	23	5	104-8.7
James BLACKMON	21-2	38-84-45.2	20-38-52.6	33-1.6	41-0	48	37	11	96-4.6
Dicky BEAL	(C) 12-1	17-50-34.0	7-17-41.2	24-2.0	22-0	32	21	6	44-3.4
Dicky BEAL	(C) 9-0	14-24-58.3	42-54-77.8	14-0.8	19-0	45	19	3	70-4.4
Dicky BEAL	(C) 5-0	9-18-50.0	22-31-71.0	8-0.9	13-0	25	15	1	40-4.4
Dicky BEAL	21-20	24-66-36.4	5-6-83.3	31-1.5	47-0	93	50	15	53-2.5
Dicky BEAL	(C) 12-12	12-46-26.1	5-6-83.3	21-1.8	29-0	61	32	10	29-2.4
Tom HEITZ	16-0	10-16-62.5	8-14-57.1	13-0.8	9-0	0	3	3	28-1.8
Tom HEITZ	(C) 12-0	7-12-58.3	7-12-58.3	13-1.1	13-0	0	2	1	21-1.8
Tom HEITZ	16-0	8-23-34.8	9-14-64.3	24-1.5	13-0	0	6	2	25-1.6
Tom HEITZ	(C) 11-0	3-10-30.0	0-0-0.0	12-1.1	12-0	2	6	2	11-1.0
Tom HEITZ	17-0	4-8-50.0	0-0-0.0	5-0.7	0-0	0	1	0	8-1.1
Tom HEITZ	(C) 3-0	1-3-33.3	0-0-0.0	2-0.7	0-0	0	0	0	2-0.7
Tom HEITZ	13-0	5-11-45.5	1-2-50.0	4-0.3	4-0	5	1	0	11-0.8
Tom HEITZ	(C) 7-0	3-8-37.5	0-0-0.0	2-0.3	1-0	0	0	0	6-0.9
Tom HEITZ	3-0	0-0-0.0	0-1-0.0	1-0.3	1-0	3	3	0	0-0.0
Tom HEITZ	(C) 3-0	0-0-0.0	0-1-0.0	1-0.3	1-0	3	3	0	0-0.0
TEAM				47					
RENTUCKY	21	547-1060-51.6	359-501-71.7	732-34.9	392-8	355	317	102	1453-69.2
OPPONENTS	(C) 12	328-640-51.2	202-272-74.3	441-36.8	244-6	207	198	52	838-71.5
OPPONENTS	21	466-1161-40.1	259-382-67.8	627-29.9	464-24	256	302	136	1191-56.7
OPPONENTS	(C) 12	285-689-41.4	175-257-68.1	365-30.4	265-10	153	160	82	745-62.1

Rebound Margin +5.0 Scoring Margin +12.5
Deadball Rebounds: UK-52, Opp-62

MINUTES PLAYED: Master 664-33.7, Walker 678-32.3, Turpin 647-30.8, Bowie 660-26.7, Harden 418-19.9, Bennett 419-20.0, Blackmon 355-16.9, Beal 204-12.0, Master 111-6.9, Andrews 57-4.4, Heitz 57-3.6, McKinley 25-3.6, Byrd 5-1.7

BLOCKED SHOTS: Bowie 40, Turpin 38, Walker 17, Bennett 7, Blackmon 5, Bearup 2, Beal 1, Heitz 1, Master 1, UK-112, Opp-36

HIGH SCORING GAMES: Turpin 35 (LSU-A), Master 23 (Kansas), Walker 22 (LSU-A), Bowie 20 (Miss. State-A), Beal 17 (Auburn-H), Bennett 17 (Alabama-H and Auburn-H), Blackmon 15 (Miss.-A), Heitz 8 (Vanderbilt-H), Bearup 7 (Wyoming), Harden 6 (Four Times), Andrews 4 (Florida-A), McKinley 4 (Wyoming)

Game	UK-Opp.	Attended	High Scorer	High Rebounder
Louisville (H, Nov. 26)	65-44	26,012	Master 19	Bowie 10
Indiana (H, Dec. 3)	59-54	23,864	Blackmon 14	Walker 9
Kansas (A, Dec. 10)	72-50	15,200	Turpin 25	Walker 8
Wyoming (UKIT, Dec. 16)	66-40	24,098	Turpin 14	Bowie 7
Brigham Young (UKIT, Dec. 17)	93-59	24,098	Turpin 16	Bowie 14
Cincinnati (A, Dec. 20)	24-11	16,136	Turpin, Bowie 6	Bowie 6
Tennessee (A, Dec. 24)	74-61	17,651	Bowie, Master 11	Bennett 7
Purdue (Louisville, Dec. 28)	86-67	16,834	Turpin 22	Turpin, Walker 10
Mississippi (A, Jan. 2)	68-55	5,670	Blackmon 15	Bowie 7
LSU (A, Jan. 7)	96-80	13,574	Turpin 35	Turpin 11
Alabama (H, Jan. 9)	76-66	23,812	Bennett, Walker 17	Bennett, Bowie, Turpin 6
Mississippi State (H, Jan. 11)	51-42	23,802	Walker 16	Walker 7
Auburn (A, Jan. 13)	63-82	12,424	Turpin 22	Bowie 10
Florida (A, Jan. 17)	57-69	12,074	Master 18	Walker 7
Vanderbilt (H, Jan. 20)	67-46	23,824	Walker 19	Walker 11
Houston (H, Jan. 22)	74-47	23,892	Walker 20	Bowie 18
Georgia (H, Jan. 28)	64-40	23,776	Turpin 18	Bowie, Turpin 9
Tennessee (H, Jan. 30)	93-74	22,928	Walker 21	Bowie 11
Alabama (A, Feb. 4)	62-69	15,043	Walker 16	Turpin 9
Mississippi State (H, Feb. 6)	77-58	8,936	Master 22	Bowie 13
Auburn (H, Feb. 11)	84-64	23,836	Beal, Bennett 17	Bowie 8
Attendance:	Home-262,042 (23,822)	Other-123,492 (12,349)	Total-385,534 (18,359)	

SEASON HIGHS AND LOWS		
Team	Kentucky	Opponents
Most Points	96-LSU (A)	82-Auburn (A)
Most Field Goals Made	24-Cincinnati	11-Cincinnati
Most Field Goals Attempted	34-Brigham Young	31-Auburn
Most Free Throws Made	10-Cincinnati	5-Cincinnati
Most Free Throws Attempted	63-Purdue	75-Houston
Highest Field Goal %	19-Cincinnati	12-Cincinnati
Most Field Goals	64-4-Kansas	51-1-Florida (A)
Most Free Throws Att.	39-6-Louisville	26-9-Vanderbilt (H)
Highest Free Throw %	38-LSU (A)	24-LSU (A)
Most Free Throws Made	4-Cincinnati	1-Cincinnati
Most Free Throws Att.	43-LSU (A)	38-LSU (A)
Highest Free Throw %	77-Florida (A) and Alabama (A)	2-Cincinnati
Most Rebounds	90-9 (10-11)-Georgia (H)	80-8 (21-26)-Purdue
Most Fouls	50-0 (4-8)-Cincinnati	40-0 (2-5)-Louisville
Most Assists	51-Houston	41-Louisville, Auburn (A), and Vanderbilt (H)
Most Turnovers	11-Cincinnati	9-Cincinnati
Most Blocked Shots	29-LSU (A)	32-LSU (A)
Most Steals	4-Cincinnati	10-Cincinnati
Most Fouls	24-Brigham Young	17-Alabama (A)
Most Assists	24-Auburn (A), Houston, and Miss. State (A)	24-Indiana
Most Turnovers	2-Cincinnati	4-Illinois
Most Steals	12-Louisville	12-Purdue, Houston, and Alabama
Most Blocked Shots	10-Vanderbilt (H)	6-Houston
Most Scoring Margin	34-Brigham Young	19-Auburn (A)
Most Rebound Margin	24-Mississippi State (A)	10-Indiana

Individual Highs		
Points	35-Turpin vs. LSU (A)	34-Laird (Miss.-A)
Field Goals Made	15-Turpin vs. LSU (A)	15-Turpin vs. LSU (A)
Field Goals Attempted	17-Turpin vs. Purdue and LSU (A)	24-Brown (Wyoming) and Durrant (Brigham Young)
Free Throws Made	11-Bennett vs. Auburn (H)	11-Bennett vs. Vanderbilt (H)
Free Throws Att.	15-Bennett vs. Vanderbilt (H)	12-Laird (Miss.-A)
Rebounds	18-Bowie vs. Houston	13-Applegate (Brigham Young)
Assists	11-Harden vs. Tennessee (H)	15-Richardson (Ala.-A)
Blocked Shots	5-Harden vs. Tennessee (H)	5-Bulluck (Purdue)
Steals	6-Turpin vs. Purdue	5-Olajuwon (Houston)

STARTING COMBINATIONS		
Bowie (F), Walker (F), Turpin (C), Master (G), Harden (C) - 16 Wins (Louisville, Indiana, Kansas, Wyoming, Brigham Young, Cincinnati, Illinois, Purdue, LSU-A, Alabama-H, Miss. State-H, Vanderbilt-H, Georgia-H, Tennessee-H, Miss. State-A, and Auburn-H), 3 Losses (Auburn-A, Florida-A, and Alabama-A)		
Bowie (F), Walker (F), Turpin (C), Blackmon (G), Harden (C) - 1 Win (Miss.-A)		
Bowie (F), Walker (F), Turpin (C), Blackmon (G), Master (C) - 1 Win (Houston)		

Kentucky Bounces Back

Cats Put Bulldogs Away Early

The Conditions

Kentucky needed this game to stay within one game of SEC frontrunner Auburn, two teams that would meet five days later. The Cats were also riding a three-game road losing streak, UK's longest since the '78-'79 season. The win lifted UK to 17-3 on the year, 8-3 in the league.

The loss was the fourth in a row for State, which claims only two league wins. Overall, State dropped to 7-13. The 19-point final margin was the most points any team has beaten State this season.

As usual, Kentucky helped aid the financial picture at an SEC school. The attendance of 8,936 in Mumphrey Coliseum was the largest of the season.

The Strategy

It was a contrast of styles. State likes to drain the 45-second clock and slow down the tempo of the game. They hope to stay in the game for 35 minutes, then take their chances in the end. More often than not, the strategy has managed to keep it close. This time, UK jumped out too quick to allow State to play slow.

Defensively, State followed the same strategy of most UK opponents. Sag in on the UK big men and allow the guards to shoot. UK guards hit just six of 15 shots but the UK inside game was simply too strong.

Kentucky, of course, likes to run and slam. They did not always have to, because they crashed the boards and State could not score. UK played a stingy man-to-man which completely shut down State's scoring the first half. State was also cold from the field and that allowed UK to put this in the 'W' column with a 31-point lead in the first half.

The Stars

Jim Master led UK with 22 points, his top scoring effort in 16 games. He missed his first four shots as State fans taunted him to shoot out of his recent slump. Master then heated up and hit six of his last ten. He also was ten of ten from the line, four on technical shots. The State bench was twice whistled for 'T's' after arguing calls.

Sam Bowie had his best game, statistic-wise. The 7-1 senior had a season-high 20 points and had 13 boards. He scored inside and outside. Forward Kenny Walker was the main man in the first half with 14 of his 16 points. Melvin Turpin added ten points, Winston Bennett nine off the pine.

Kevin Hildreth had 13 points and eight boards for State. Guard Jeff Norwood had eight of his ten points the first half, Chauncey Robinson had all ten of his points the second half. Ken Harvey also had ten, all the second half.

Key Stats

UK dominated two areas. Kentucky shot 56.5 percent on 26 of 46, State shot 34.8 percent on 23 of 66. Partially because State could not hit, UK dominated the boards. Kentucky had 47 rebounds, State had 23.

An ironic stat was the turnovers. UK had just lost to Alabama because they committed 23 turnovers. Against State, UK turned the ball over 24 times. State had only eight. Eighteen of UK's came in the second half and as was the case against 'Bama, a press caused most of them. This time, it was too late.

The Turning Point

In this game, it was almost over from the opening tipoff. UK got five shots its first possession, three shots soon after for an 8-4 lead. In the next 15 minutes, UK would outscore the Bulldogs 37-8. The Cats led 43-12, State had two technicals and starter Anthony Robinson would foul out of the game with 1:26 left in the FIRST half.

State scored the last two points of the half and went into the locker room with the crowd yelling as if momentum had turned. Problem was, UK led 45-16 and it was all but over. State hit a miserable seven of 29 shots, many short range jumpers. An intriguing stat? The stat sheet listed State with ten assists and seven field goals. Try and figure that one out.

The Darker Side

Kentucky did not play well in the

second half but then what can one expect from a team leading by 29. Bowie did score 11 quick points and Master did get hot but UK was sloppy. The turnovers were the evidence. Nevertheless, State got no closer than 18 points.

To State's credit, they never quit. The effort remained and the fans cheered to the end. Even so, it was over almost from the beginning.

Coach Bob Boyd Blamed Shooting

Mississippi State Coach Bob Boyd: "As I recall, we both took 29 shots in the first half. We made 24 percent of ours. And I didn't think that the shots we were taking were that bad. Kelvin Hildreth was wide-open in the first half.

"The rebounding figures (47-23) will be distorted because of the way we were shooting. I personally was pleased with the caliber of shots we were taking.

"I don't think our team was up-tight. I don't think it would make any difference who we were playing if we shot 24 percent. A Division I player is supposed to be able to make a shot if he is open."

Coach Hall Credits His Team's First Half Output For Win

Kentucky Coach Joe B. Hall made the following comments after his team defeated Mississippi State 77-58 Monday night:

Joe B. Hall: It was a good first half, a ragged second half. We had a comfortable lead in the first half (45-16) and we felt like it was put away at that time. Mississippi State made a good comeback and played a good game the second half. They should be commended on their effort and their ability to fight back after being so far down.

Question: In the first half, you really jumped on them?

Hall: We really played very good in the first half. We were patient and efficient in the first half. Our defense was especially good. We did not know if we could play man-to-man, especially on the road. But we recognized their offense well. Jim Hatfield and Lake Kelly prepared the team well for their offense. Being able to man-to-man them was a key.

Question: Did you expect to win by this much?

Hall: I thought we were very fortunate. We had an especially good first half. We played good defense and State was missing a lot of good shots that they normally hit.

Question: It looked like some of their shots were altered?

Hall: I'm sure they were. Bowie and Turpin inside do have that effect.

Question: It looked like you tried to force the action early?

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PLAYER	FG	FT	REB	PF	TPS	A	TO	MIN
Kenny Walker	7-11	2-3	7	1	16	2	2	33
Sam Bowie	5-10	8-11	13	1	20	1	3	33
Melvin Turpin	5-7	0-0	8	4	10	0	1	21
Jim Master	6-14	10-10	5	2	22	5	2	36
Roger Harden	0-1	0-1	2	3	0	5	4	18
James Blackmon	0-0	0-1	4	1	0	5	5	22
Dicky Beal	0-0	0-1	1	0	0	0	1	1
Paul Andrews	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Bret Baarup	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	0	4	6
Winston Bennett	2-2	5-5	6	4	9	2	2	26
Tom Heliz	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Team Rebounds			47					
TOTALS	26-46	25-32	47	19	77	20	24	200

Mississippi State 58

PLAYER	FG	FT	REB	PF	TPS	A	TO	MIN
Ken Harvey	5-15	2-3	1	4	12	1	1	30
Mackey Whyte	1-3	0-0	2	4	2	2	1	21
Kevin Hilgroth	3-11	7-8	8	4	13	1	3	36
Butch Pierre	2-6	1-2	1	2	5	1	1	21
Tracy Taylor	2-4	0-0	0	0	4	1	0	15
Jeff Norwood	4-8	2-2	1	0	10	2	0	20
C. Robinson	5-11	0-0	5	4	10	1	2	30
Jeff Waller	1-2	0-0	0	4	2	1	0	13
A. Robinson	0-5	0-0	2	5	0	0	1	9
Todd McCaskill	1-1	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Team Rebounds			23					
TOTALS	23-66	12-15	23	27	58	10	8	206

KENTUCKY 77 MISSISSIPPI ST 58

ATTENDANCE: 8,936
TECHNICAL FOULS: 2-MISS ST BENCH, Sam Bowie
OFFICIALS: G. Ferguson, D. Brown, J. Fortie

Hall: We were hoping we could man-to-man them and not let them bounce the ball around 30 seconds and then get a shot. We wanted to keep pressure on them and be on them in those last 15 seconds. I thought we disrupted their timing a little the way we were getting through their picks. They got a few moving screens called on them which cleaned up their offense a little. That made it a little easier to defense. Everybody played well and the inside play was excellent. We did not allow them to beat us inside with their flex offense.

Question: Is it a concern that their press was somewhat effective the second half?

Hall: We had 11 turnovers the last 14 possessions. We did not execute well and are having trouble adjusting to certain situations.

"100-To-One" Odds On Tar Heel - Cat Championship

Some have said that college hoop fans deserve a Kentucky - North Carolina this year in Seattle. They insist they are by far the best teams and justice would be served if they met.

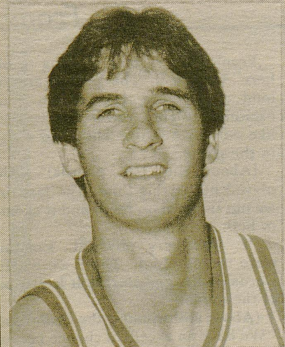
In a story by Larry Donald in Basketball Times, North Carolina Coach Dean Smith talked about his top-ranked Tar Heels and references were also made about a possible Kentucky - North Carolina meeting.

Smith said he thought his Tar Heels were certainly a national contender but felt it was too early to say they were the best team in the country. He also disdained talk that Kentucky and North Carolina are heads above the rest.

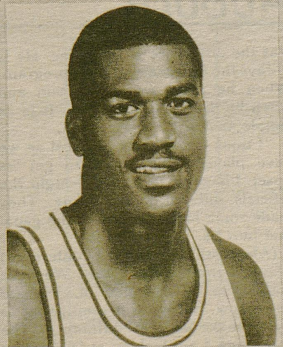
"I guess I'm surprised to hear people talking about us and Kentucky being a cut above," he said. "I don't think you can say that. If we were one of the next 20 and people were talking about Houston and Kentucky being a cut above I wouldn't believe that either. Basketball is a lot like golf in that there are so many good teams which can win.

"The odds of us meeting Kentucky for the championship are 100-to-one," he said. "Think about it, this time last year no one was thinking about North Carolina State and Georgia in the Final Four."

The High Scorers:



Master: 22 pts.



Hildreth: 13 pts.

John Devlin May Be Leaving UK

According to reports last week, University of Kentucky linebacker Coach John Devlin has accepted a similar job with the Houston Oilers of the National Football League.

Sources at UK would not deny the



John Devlin

Practice Starts March 12

Spring Football Game On TV

The Kentucky football team will open spring football practice on March 12 and conclude on April 21 with the annual Blue-White spring scrimmage being televised on pay cable television.

Kentucky finished the 1983 season 6-5, UK's first winning season since the 1977 year. The Cats also played in the Hall of Fame Bowl, the school's first bowl appearance since the 1976 team played in the Peach Bowl.

The Cats will return 35 lettermen from that team, with 21 lettermen having graduated. Twenty lettermen

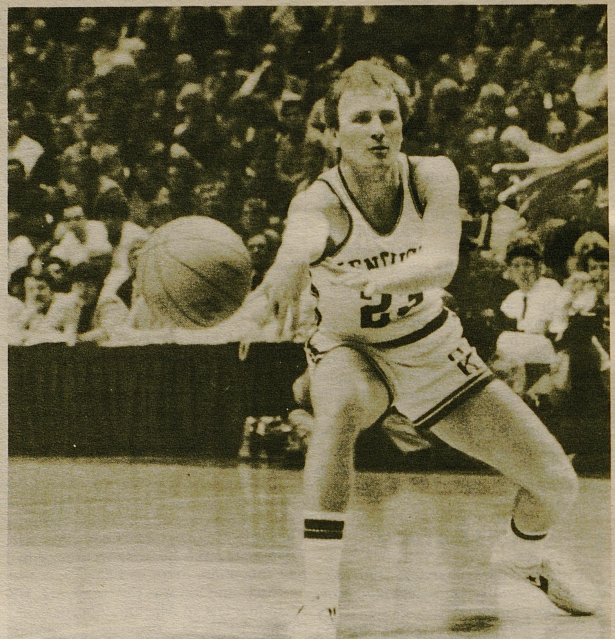
report but said any such announcement would have to come from the Houston organization.

Devlin, who called defensive plays from the press box, has been a member of Claiborne's staff throughout most of his career. A native of Norristown, PA, he played at St. Matthews High School. He later attended West Chester State College, where he became the first former athlete to win West Chester's "Distinguished Alumnus Award."

He began coaching at Waynesboro High and then coached the Fourth Army team while serving in Germany. He joined Paul Dietzel at West Point for three years before moving to Virginia Tech, where he served with Claiborne from 1966 to 1972.

He then was defensive line coach at Florida State for two years before joining Claiborne at Maryland in 1973. He has been with Claiborne since, joining him at UK in 1982.

Devlin is married to the former Irma Kleeman of Regensburg, Germany. They have four children. John is a sophomore quarterback for U.S. Military Academy while Bill was expected to be one of the top linemen in Kentucky next year. He was a junior at Tates Creek High last year.



DISHING IT OUT... Roger Harden makes a pass during the Auburn game.

Beal

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With the end approaching why not give it one last shot. All along, he says "I knew I could do better." Last week, he decided to.

"After the Mississippi State game, I started thinking, I was not getting anything done. I decided I had to go out playing hard. I want to go to war. I want to try my best. That way, I can feel better about myself.

"I talked to a lot of people. My father, my girlfriend, all the coaches and my teammates. There were people who care about me. They told me not to get down and to go out with a bang.

"Coach Hall told me to get my butt in gear. He was on my behind but was also encouraging me. He told me that the little man has to be enthusiastic. So I worked hard in practice. I did not really practice that well but everybody stayed with me. I felt they cared.

"Nobody gave up. That meant a lot. It was time for me to come out and forget the past."

It was obvious even before the Auburn game that Beal had a new lease on his game. He was smiling and joking around before the game. He

was hopping around, hand-clapping with his teammates. The effervescence that UK fans have come to love was back.

It showed during the game. He played a season-high 26 minutes, starting the second half. He scored a career-high 17 points. Most important, he got the Cats running with his electricity.

"I haven't felt any better than this in a long time," he said afterwards. "I felt good. I was peppy, into the flow. I was fired up today."

Beal downplays it when told that many feel he is the missing link to this team. He does know now that, whether that be true or not, he wants to find out.

"I don't know if they need me but I think I can help," he says.

He has known so many frustrations he accepts that more could follow.

The questions remain: Will he get down again? Will he decide to play out the song without dancing to the tune?

"I don't think I will. No matter what happens now, I have to work hard and be ready."

Abell

From 17

Master had made 18 consecutive free throws and had upped his percentage to 84.7 after an un-Master-like start at the stripe. Jim also feels his good fortunes at the line are an indication his touch is returning from the field. Jim already holds the UK consecutive free throw record at 40... The Auburn game was the 82 consecutive start for Melvin Turpin... Wildcat Choo Choo Lee was an early casualty of the Memphis Showboats in the USFL. It seems that Randy Jenkins attended a weekend tryout with Tampa Bay and was invited back both as a backup quarterback and punter. However, the best I can find out is that Randy did not report back and is not happy with his contract. Kevin McClelland, Kerry Baird and Don Corbin were all still alive on the rosters on their respective teams last week while John Grimsley is waiting for the NFL draft...

Someone asked Joe Hall prior to the Auburn game if calling the game a do-or-die contest was putting it a little too strongly. Hall's reply? "That is putting it too strongly. Thank goodness college athletics have never been put on that level." The UK coach then added, if that was the case, "there would be a lot of coaches applying for media jobs"... Shame on anyone who puts down the members of the U.S. Olympic hockey team. Sure it would have been nice if they could have equalled the 1980 miracle but no one should blame them because the last team did the impossible. These guys have worked and sacrificed for years and the last thing they should do is bow their heads. Sometimes I think UK fans should keep the same in mind when they hasten to criticize a staff and team who give their all, yet win ONLY about 80 percent of the time.

Auburn

From 5

was the difference in the game. He is always the difference in their program. When he plays well, they win and when he does not, they lose. It is as simple as that.

"I think this was as physical as we have played. They tried to get us upset. I have to say that I thought the officials did not help us any. They made some bad calls late in the game that hurt us."

(About still winning the conference) "Sure, I think we still can. We have nothing to be ashamed of. We are down now, but we will keep going to try to make up that difference. The only thing I am looking at is the loss column. We have lost three and they have lost three."

Frank Ford - "It is exciting to play here. I enjoy it. The people are real loud and there is just so much excitement. The crowd here was just like ours in Auburn. They had a hand in the game."

(About the UK guards) "They played better this time. The last time we put the heat on them and it seemed to bother them."

"It was very physical. Emotions were running high. There were a few words exchanged and all. It is just part of the game."

(About still winning the conference) "We have an excellent chance because we are tied. We wanted to split on this road trip so we have to just win in Vanderbilt."

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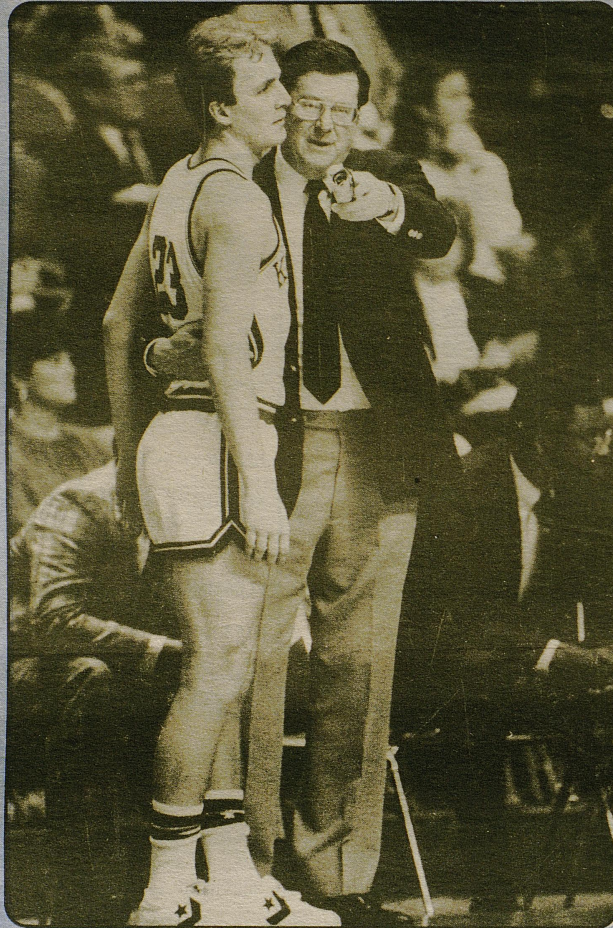
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