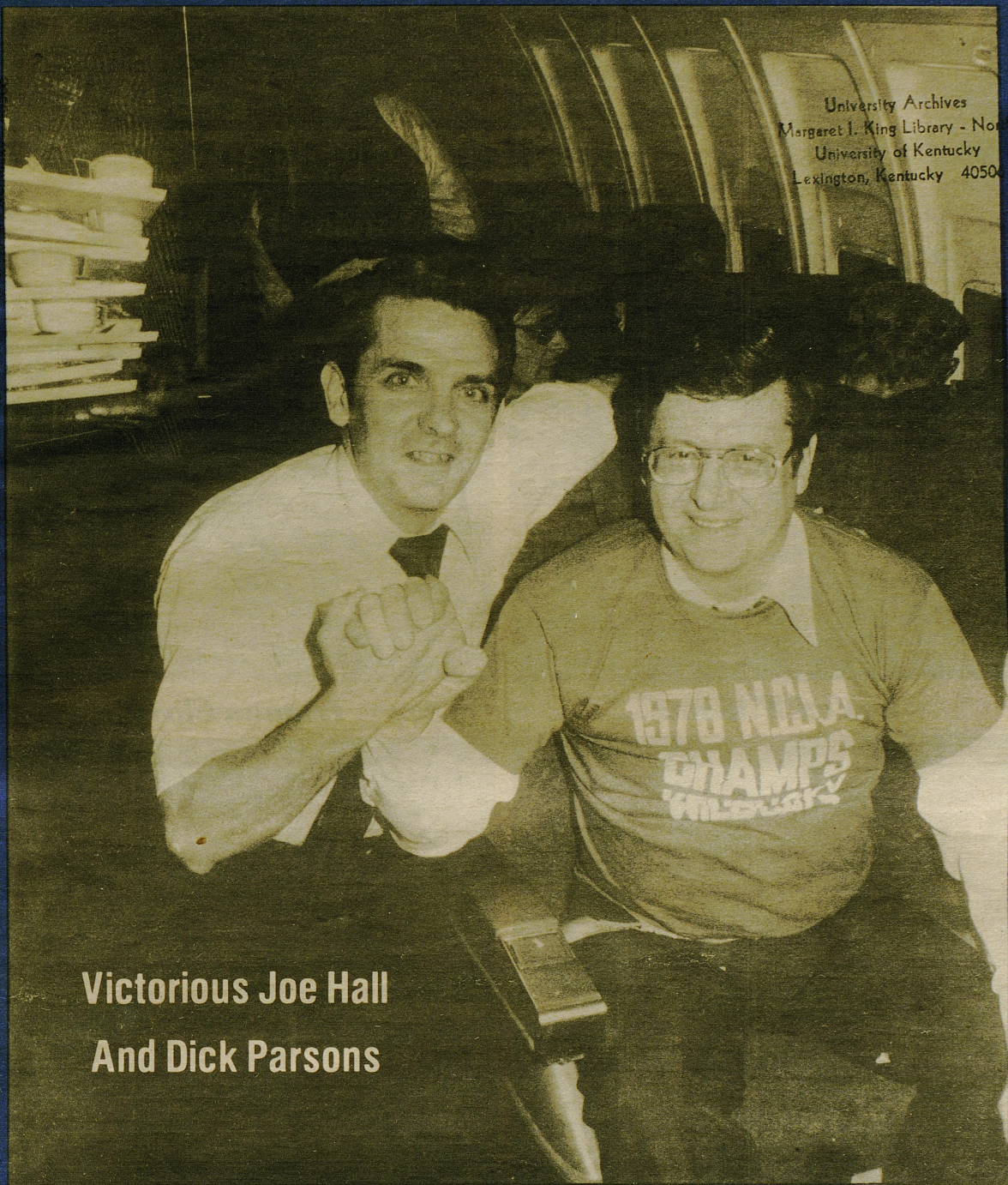


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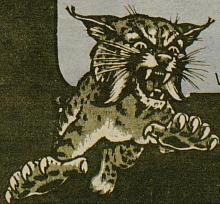
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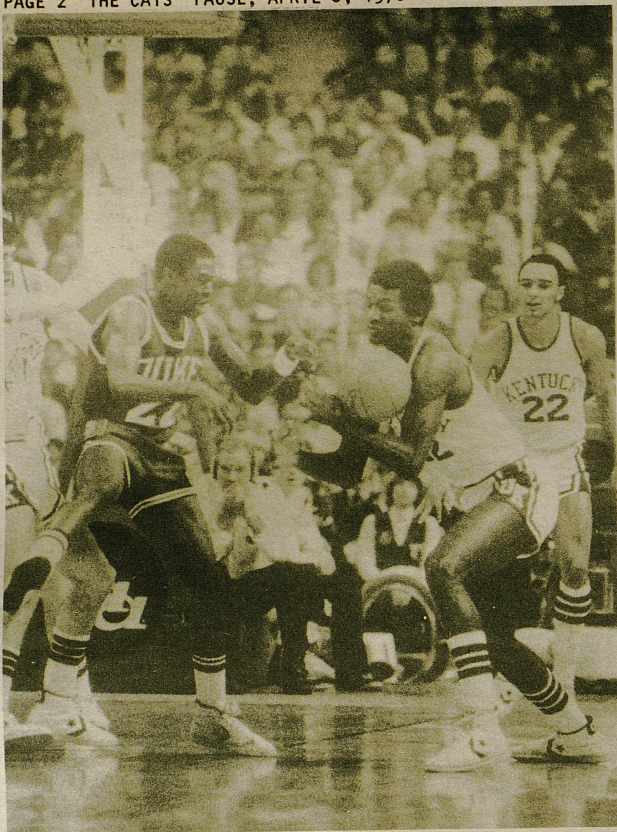
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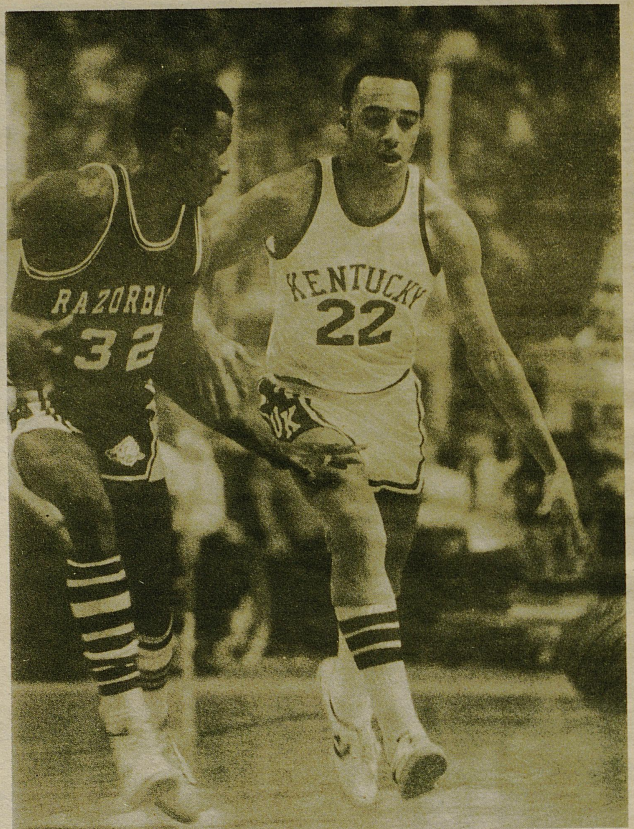
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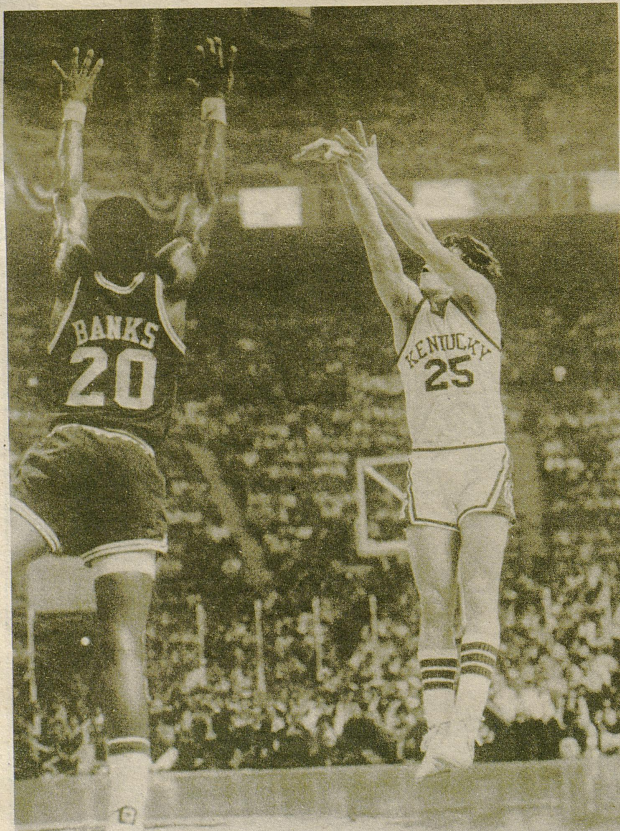




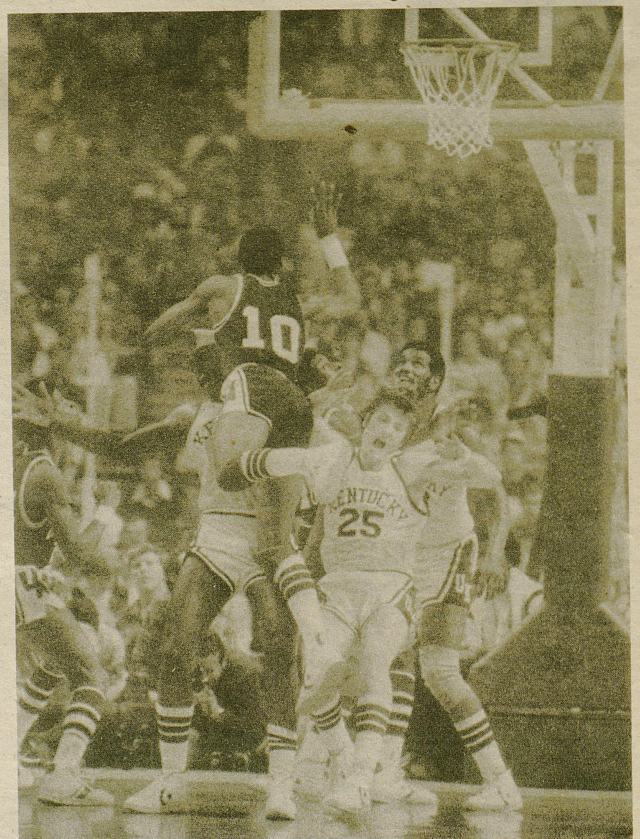
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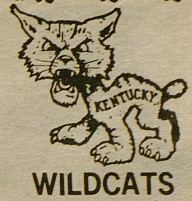


Taking The Charge



Oscar L. Combs

Cats' Pause Publisher



Anderson's Column Indicted All Kentuckians

I've been a Kentucky sports fan (both basketball and football) all my life and after picking up the morning newspaper with Dave Anderson's column in it, I'm ready to throw up. Literally.

The name of the Kentucky Wildcats has been run through every garbage disposal in the country by the national media during the last week and it's about time that these so-called experts shut their _____ mouths up.

Anderson, who works for the New York Times Service, had the audacity to level the following paragraph about Kentucky and its fans:

"But the Kentucky fans had fun long into the night. And somewhere one of them was chuckling, presumably the one who threatened the life of Gene Banks, the Duke freshman forward, in a telephone call to the Checkerdome before the game. If college basketball is so important in Kentucky that somebody would threaten a college kid's life in order to distract him in a championship game, it's to be wondered if somebody would've threatened Hall's life, even as a prank, if Kentucky had lost the championship game. And if that's what winning the college basketball championship is all about, Kentucky can have it."

Normally, I'd make light of comments like that, but Anderson went about as low as a sportswriter can go, if you can still honestly call him a sportswriter. And I mean that.

When a supposedly well-respected writer like Anderson can accuse the whole school and all supporters, then where is his sense of reality?

I was at the Checkerdome and was given the same press release as Anderson and others concerning a phone threat to Banks' life. It was not said there that it was made by a Kentucky fan.

What is appalling about the situation is that someone would be sick enough to make such a prank call and what's even more appalling is for a sportswriter to be so smart to KNOW the caller when the police don't know.

Anderson's column was just another attempt by the national media to demean the Kentucky program. That seems to be the order of the day. Two years ago it was Bobby Knight's turn at being roasted.

It's very difficult for the national media to accept anyone other than the big East teams, Notre Dame and the California schools as being good enough to win a national championship.

Anderson would have everyone believe that Kentucky's team exper-

enced a horrible season this past year because the fans demanded so much in the Bluegrass state. Well, wonder where Anderson was when the thousands of Kentuckians and the Wildcats were rejoicing Tuesday and Wednesday in Lexington.

I'll tell you where he was, he was still in St. Louis. I also wonder how many times Dave Anderson has visited the University of Kentucky in the past four years. I don't know, but I'll bet his face hasn't been around.

Anderson also took a couple of parting shots at Joe B. Hall, saying "some of the coach's language was brutal in chewing out a player after a mistake. He wasn't supportive to his players. He hardly ever had eye contact with them as they came out of the game. Nobody seemed to be having any fun."

When you look at all the game and post-game photos in the papers, just remember, you're really not seeing what you believe you're seeing, because the Wildcats are never happy. Dave Anderson said so and you've got to believe one of those big city slickers.

And when Anderson spoke of pressure being on the players, one has to wonder if he voted in any basketball polls which placed Kentucky at the top and brought on much of that so-called pressure.

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You would think things should be getting back to normal around Big Blue land, but it's just beginning to hop, if you'll pardon the expression.

With the arrival of spring (finally), there's a big weekend of sports activity around the UK campus.

Here's a sampling: First, there's the Buckshot Underwood Roast and retirement dinner Friday evening, then the annual Blue-White spring football game Saturday evening at 7:30 p.m. in Commonwealth Stadium. And there's the big World Invitational Tourney Sunday afternoon at Rupp Arena. And for a side menu, racing returns locally this weekend also.

Then the action continues next week when the Committee of 101 sponsors its annual banquet honoring the national basketball champions, the Kentucky Wildcats, on Tuesday evening at the Lexington Center.

Each year, the committee has to turn fans away from the banquet and this year should be no exception. A limited number of tickets were available early this week at \$12 each.

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Would you believe that a few pieces of sports equipment which sell for the retail value of about \$125 brought more than \$22,000 in an auction last Sunday?

Two basketballs used in the recent NCAA by the Wildcats, a UK game football and a UK practice ball were auctioned off during the Cardinal Hill Easter Seal Telethon on WKYT-TV in Lexington Sunday.

Local horse breeder Seth Hancock won the first NCAA basketball with a bid of \$10,000 and Cynthiana banker Tracy Farmer took the second ball with a bid of \$5,000. Farmer also bid \$5,000 for a UK football. Another horseman, Brownell Combs, put up \$1,500 for a UK practice ball.

UK football and basketball players appeared on the telethon, as well as basketball coach Joe B. Hall and football coach Fran Curci.

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Most every basketball fan in the country knows about the Jack Givens'es, Rick Robeys, Mike Phillippes, Truman Claytors, James Lees and Kyle Macys. But there's one young man who stands just as tall.

I've known this young man for the past two years (at least I thought I knew him). But a story relayed to me by state attorney general Bob Stephens over the weekend really restores faith in mankind and sports.

Friday night, Stephens was accompanied by Kyle Macy and Dwane Casey to a charity function in Logan County which was attended by more than 700 citizens of that county.

When Casey approached the podium, he admitted he was nervous. Nervous he might have been, but no one could have uttered a speech more inspirational than the young Union Countian delivered to that congregation.

Without all the fanfare of a big-time hero, Casey calmly told his story of being a proud member of the national champions, how he looked upon his role with the UK Wildcats.

Then he dropped the bombshell.

"There are two important things for you to remember," Casey quietly told the crowd. "Remember, whatever you are doing, wherever you go and whatever time it is, God is always with you. God will always be there and I put all my trust and faith in him. Secondly, always listen to and obey your parents.

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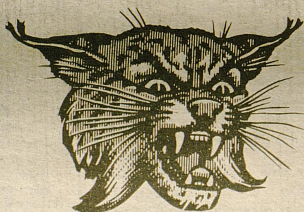
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Player & School	G	FGM	FTS	TPS	AVE.
1. Mike Mitchell, Auburn	27	283	105	671	24.9
2. Reggie Johnson, Tennessee	27	229	115	573	21.2
3. Reggie King, Alabama	27	218	136	572	21.2
4. Stan Pietkiewicz, Auburn	27	194	128	516	19.1
5. Durand Macklin, LSU	27	217	79	513	19.0
5. Terry Crosby, Tennessee	25	198	79	475	19.0
7. Mike Rhodes, Vanderbilt	27	202	103	507	18.8
8. John Stroud, Mississippi	27	207	74	488	18.1
9. Jack Givens, Kentucky	32	238	102	578	18.1
10. Charles Davis, Vanderbilt	25	178	63	419	16.8
11. Walter Daniels, Georgia	27	184	76	444	16.4
12. Ray White, Miss. State	26	145	109	378	14.5
13. Rick Robey, Kentucky	32	167	126	460	14.4
14. Joe Kyles, Mississippi	27	161	54	376	13.9
15. Kenny Higgs, LSU	27	129	112	370	13.7
16. Reggie Hannah, Florida	22	109	81	299	13.6
17. Ricky Brown, Miss. State	26	140	69	349	13.4
18. Richard Glasper, Florida	27	146	58	350	12.9
19. DeWayne Scales, LSU	26	153	27	333	12.8
20. Kyle Macy, Kentucky	32	143	115	401	12.5
21. Al Bonner, Florida	27	138	60	336	12.4
22. Ken Johnson, Alabama	27	148	26	322	12.0
23. Curtis Jackson, Georgia	27	149	23	321	12.0
24. Lucius Foster, Georgia	26	127	55	309	11.9
25. Malcolm Cesare, Florida	27	126	66	318	11.7
26. Bert Bertelkamp, Tennessee	27	137	35	309	11.4
27. James Lee, Kentucky	31	136	78	350	11.3
28. Larry Brewster, Florida	27	104	91	299	11.1
29. Johnny Darden, Tennessee	23	102	38	242	10.5
30. Lavon Mercer, Georgia	27	124	36	284	10.5
31. Mike Phillips, Kentucky	31	125	66	316	10.2
32. Myles Patrick, Auburn	27	103	65	271	10.0

FIELD GOAL SHOOTING - TOP 15

Player & School	G	FGM	FGA	AVE.
1. Rick Robey, Kentucky	32	167	263	63.5
2. Durand Macklin, LSU	27	217	349	62.0
3. Mike Phillips, Kentucky	31	125	210	59.5
4. Larry Brewster, Florida	27	104	175	59.4
5. Reggie King, Alabama	27	218	371	58.8
6. Reggie Hannah, Florida	23	109	191	57.7
7. Wiley Peck, Miss. State	27	98	171	57.3
8. James Lee, Kentucky	31	136	239	56.9
9. Lavon Mercer, Georgia	27	124	218	56.9
10. Reggie Johnson, Tennessee	27	229	409	56.0
11. Jack Givens, Kentucky	32	238	430	55.3
12. Kyle Macy, Kentucky	32	143	267	53.6
13. Myles Patrick, Auburn	27	103	196	52.6
14. Mike Mitchell, Auburn	27	283	544	52.0
15. Stan Pietkiewicz, Auburn	27	194	380	51.1

REBOUNDING - TOP 15

Player & School	G	REBS	AVE.
1. Reggie King, Alabama	27	359	13.3
2. Durand Macklin, LSU	27	286	10.6
3. Reggie Johnson, Tennessee	27	258	9.6
4. DeWayne Scales, LSU	26	244	9.4
5. Reggie Hannah, Florida	22	203	9.2
6. Mike Mitchell, Auburn	27	241	8.9
7. Lavon Mercer, Georgia	27	231	8.6
8. John Stroud, Mississippi	27	230	8.5
9. Lucius Foster, Georgia	26	221	8.5
10. Wiley Peck, Miss. State	27	228	8.4
11. Rick Robey, Kentucky	32	261	8.2
12. Elston Turner, Mississippi	27	210	7.8
13. Gary Hooker, Miss. State	27	193	7.2
14. Charles Davis, Vanderbilt	25	178	7.1
15. Lionel Green, LSU	27	191	7.1

ASSISTS - TOP 10

Player & School	G	NO.	AVE.
1. Johnny Darden, Tennessee	27	192	8.3
2. Kyle Macy, Kentucky	32	178	5.6

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Steve Roberts Completing Round-Tripper



Under The Watchful Eye Of Coach Tuffy Horne

Anderson, Jones, And Tillman Head Parade All-American

Dwight Anderson, the 6-3 superstar from Roth High in Dayton, Ohio who is headed to the University of Kentucky next season, has been named to the ten-man first team of Parade Magazine's high school All-Americans.

Released Sunday, Parade's first team also includes 6-11 sophomore Earl Jones of Mount Hope, West Virginia and Clarence Tillman, a highly sought-after forward from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Others named to the first team were Greg Goorjian of California, Reggie Jackson of Philadelphia, Lionel Mar-

quetti of California, Darryl Mitchell of Florida, Cronelius Thompson of Connecticut, Landon Turner of Indiana and Terry White of Texas.

Three Kentuckians were members of the Top Forty. Jerry Eaves of Ballard High in Louisville and Vince Taylor of Lexington Tates Creek were selected to the second team, while junior Dirk Minniefield of Lexington Lafayette was named to the fourth team.

Anthony Lee of Tyler, Texas, who is being sought heavily by Kentucky was also named to the fourth team and Meah Blunt of Metairie, Louisiana, was selected to the second team.

Of the top forty, only five were non-seniors. In addition to Jones and Minniefield, other underclassmen on list were juniors Derrick Hord of Bristol, Tennessee; James Worthy of Gastonia, North Carolina and Raymond McCoy of Chicago Heights, Illinois.

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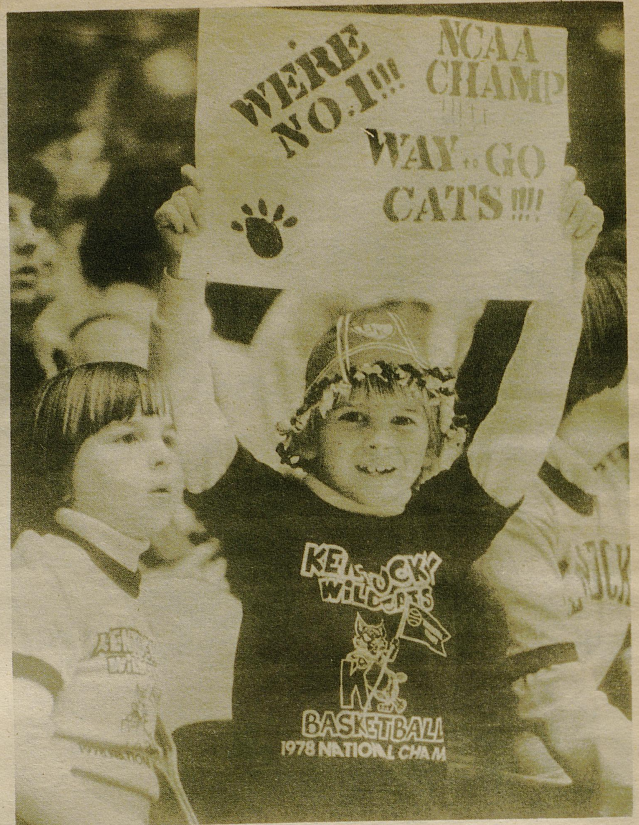
Brown and Wiley Peck of Mississippi State; Terry Crosby and Johnny Darden of Tennessee; Charles Davis and Mike Rhodes of Vanderbilt; Stan Pietkiewicz of Auburn, Walter Daniels of Georgia, James Lee of Kentucky and Kenny Higgs of LSU.

FIRST TEAM				
NAME	SCHOOL	CITY	HT.	CLASS
Dwight Anderson	Roth	Dayton, Ohio	6'3"	Sr.
Greg Goorjian	Crescenta Valley	La Crescenta, Cal.	6'2"	Sr.
Reggie Jackson	Roman Catholic	Philadelphia, Pa.	6'4"	Sr.
Earl Jones	Mount Hope	Mount Hope, W. Va.	6'11"	Soph.
Lionel Marquetti	Verbum Dei	Los Angeles, Cal.	6'7"	Sr.
Darryl Mitchell	North Shore	West Palm Beach, Fla.	6'4"	Sr.
Cornelius Thompson	Middletown	Middletown, Conn.	6'7"	Sr.
Clarence Tillman	West Philadelphia	Philadelphia, Pa.	6'7"	Sr.
Landon Turner	Tech	Indianapolis, Ind.	6'9"	Sr.
Terry White	Eastwood	El Paso, Tex.	6'8"	Sr.

SECOND TEAM				
NAME	SCHOOL	CITY	HT.	CLASS
Micah Blunt	East Jefferson	Metairie, La.	6'8"	Sr.
Chris Brust	Babylon	Babylon, N.Y.	6'8"	Sr.
Wallace Bryant	Emerson	Gary, Ind.	7'1"	Sr.
Darius Clemons	Phillips	Chicago, Ill.	6'2"	Sr.
Jerry Eaves	Ballard	Louisville, Ky.	6'3"	Sr.
Tony Guy	Loyola	Towson, Md.	6'5"	Sr.
Derrick Hord	Tennessee	Bristol, Tenn.	6'7"	Jr.
Dan Larson	Ventura	Ventura, Cal.	6'8"	Sr.
Vince Taylor	Tates Creek	Lexington, Ky.	6'4"	Sr.
James Worthy	Ashbrook	Gastonia, N.C.	6'8"	Jr.

THIRD TEAM				
NAME	SCHOOL	CITY	HT.	CLASS
Mark Aguirre	Westinghouse	Chicago, Ill.	6'6"	Sr.
Lewis Card	Auburn	Auburn, Ala.	6'3"	Sr.
Dwan Chandler	Maine Central	Pittsfield, Me.	6'1"	Sr.
Ken McAllister	Oakland	Oakland, Cal.	6'4"	Sr.
Howard McNeill	Glassboro	Glassboro, N.J.	6'9"	Sr.
Guy Morgan	First Colonial	Virginia Beach, Va.	6'8"	Sr.
Fred Roberts	Bingham	Riverton, Utah	6'9"	Sr.
Walter Russell	Central	Pontiac, Mich.	6'4"	Sr.
Mike Sanders	De Ridder	De Ridder, La.	6'7"	Sr.
Guy Williams	Bishop O'Dowd	Oakland, Cal.	6'7"	Sr.

FOURTH TEAM				
NAME	SCHOOL	CITY	HT.	CLASS
Thad Garner	Bishop Noll	Hammond, Ind.	6'7"	Sr.
Kevin Greaney	Nazareth	Brooklyn, N.Y.	6'4"	Sr.
Rick Harmon	Middle Township	Cape May, N.J.	6'4"	Sr.
Gary Holmes	Central	Miami, Fla.	6'9"	Sr.
Anthony Lee	John Tyler	Tyler, Tex.	6'9"	Sr.
David Magley	LaSalle	South Bend, Ind.	6'8"	Sr.
Dean Marquardt	Washington	Milwaukee, Wis.	6'8"	Sr.
Raymond McCoy	Bloom	Chicago Heights, Ill.	6'1"	Jr.
Scouter McCray	Mount Vernon	Mount Vernon, N.Y.	6'9"	Sr.
Dirk Minniefield	Lafayette	Lexington, Ky.	6'2"	Jr.



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Cats On Verge Of Big Recruiting Sweep; Lee Praises Griffith



HITS AND MISSES . . . Dave Dorr of the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* had the following comment on Kentucky's national championship last week: "The national championship that Joe B. Hall promised St. Louis University when he was that school's head coach for six days in 1969 is his today. Ironically, he won it in the city that he jilted to return to Kentucky as the successor to the legendary Adolph Rupp" . . . Hall was sympathetic to Duke Coach **Bill Foster**, who was tagged with a technical foul by official **Jim Bain** in the championship game. Foster, questioning a play when he thought **Truman Claytor** had walked with the ball, signaled a walking sign with his hands and was whistled for a technical. Two days earlier, Hall was tagged with a technical by the same official for questioning a call by signaling his arms. For those who don't remember, Bain also officiated the **Kentucky-North Carolina** game in the East Regional a year ago . . . You won't get the UK staff to admit it, but the coaches' faces were dragging Sunday when they learned that Bain would be working the final game. And wonder how Foster feels now? . . . One Wildcat fan said he overheard athletics director **Cliff Hagan** say "he'd give an arm to see Kentucky win the championship." And some may believe he was serious if they've seen Hagan the last couple of days. He has his left arm in a cast. No, he really didn't give away his arm, just had an old injury operated on. "I broke the arm a couple of months ago and decided to wait until after the NCAA before I had it operated on," said Hagan. And it's not true anyone broke it, trying to get **Joe Hall** a big, new raise . . . In fact, Hagan told *The Cats' Pause* in St. Louis that he, as athletics director, had recommended a sizeable raise for Hall prior to the game with Florida State. By the time you read this edition, Hall's new contract with a hefty pay raise should be official . . . The UK basketball house has been the target of much talk in recent weeks and a University committee recommended last week that it be named the "**Joe B. Hall Wildcat Lodge**" after receiving a petition from the team players, as we mentioned earlier here. The UK Board of Trustees was scheduled to make it official on Tuesday of this week . . . It's recruiting time in collegiate basketball and don't be surprised if Kentucky consumes all three scholarships on the first day, April 12. **Dwight Anderson** has already signed an SEC-ACC letter with Kentucky and it's a good bet Kentucky will land **Clarence Tillman** of West Philadelphia, one of the most sought-after players in the country this year. Tillman, at 6-7, and Anderson both were named to Parade's All-American first team Sunday . . . **Vince Taylor**, the pride and joy of Lexington, will sign (if he already hasn't) with

Duke University in the Atlantic Coast Conference. Why not Kentucky? Most experts feel Taylor's decision was compounded with wanting to get away from home to establish his own identity. No doubt, he probably scanned the UK roster which contains **Kyle Macy**, **Jay Shidler**, **Truman Claytor**, **Dwane Casey** and **Anderson**. Only Claytor and Casey will be seniors next year. Kentucky did offer Taylor a scholarship and he was recruited heavily, according to Hall. Probably the first bad omen for the Wildcats was when media reports surfaced that Taylor might become a walk-on at Kentucky his first year so the Wildcats would still have three scholarships. That, supposedly, infuriated his family, especially when **Notre Dame** and other schools pointed out that Kentucky must not think too much of Taylor to ask him to walk on. "We wanted him very badly," said Hall Sunday, "and we never asked him to walk on. We offered him a scholarship. I think that shows how much we wanted him when we had only three to award. But I wish him the best of luck. He's a great kid and he'll be a great success wherever he goes. I just hate that we weren't fortunate enough to get him." Taylor wants to play guard in college, but many feel his best suit will be a swing post because the **Tates Creek** product is expected to grow from his 6-4 size to about 6-7. Since Taylor wants to play guard, Kentucky couldn't guarantee him a starting spot for a couple of years and Hall wasn't about to mislead him . . . Speaking of Parade All-Americans, **Mount Hope West Virginia**, sophomore **Earl Jones** was named to the first team, the first sophomore since **Lew Alcindor** 15 years ago, to make the squad. And while colleges cannot contact players until after their junior year in high school, not too many people are going to be beating the doors down in West Virginia. Why? Because most everyone agrees Jones will never visit a college campus, let alone play on one. He figures to turn pro without ever facing the NCAA tug-o-war . . . More dope on UK recruits. Look for **Anthony Lee** of Tyler, Texas, to cast his lot with Kentucky although he probably won't be consuming one of the three scholarships UK has to offer this season. Still high on Kentucky's list are such players as **Rudy Woods** of Texas; **Chuck Verderber** of Illinois; **Micah Blunt** of Metairie, Louisiana; and several others. The Cats' Pause will present its All-American selection and Top Fifty week after next . . . All lower arena seats for the World Invitational Tournament game at Rupp Arena this Sunday have been sold. Upper arena tickets at \$5 each are still available in good seat locations. No mail orders are being accepted this week, but tickets are on sale daily at the UK ticket office and at Rupp Arena

. . . Don't be too surprised if **Hall** plays his Wildcats as a five-man unit rather than mixing them up with the other all-stars. After Sunday practice, Hall pointed out the Kentucky players play better when as a unit. Hall and his assistant, **Dick Parsons**, are considering the possibilities of starting the Kentucky five Sunday in Lexington as a final salute to the national championships. However, they are a bit concerned because the game with the Russians will be televised nationally and they don't want to be accused of taking any glory away from the other great stars in the tourney . . . The crowd will be mostly UK fans, but the Wildcat followers should make it a special point to cheer one young man in Sunday's game. He's **Darrell Griffith** from the University of Louisville. He's a great guy and showed his class by accepting the invitation to play here. Wildcat fans should respond likewise because they'll be seeing the "Doctor of Dunks" in action. Even **James Lee** smiled after watching Griffith dunk a few for a photographer Sunday. As Darrell left the floor, James joked and said, "When he hits the floor, I just sit back and watch. He's the greatest when it comes to dunks." Who says all the fun is going out of basketball? . . . Arkansas' star **Sidney Moncrief** says he doesn't agree with the reporters who label Kentucky as "too physical and brutal." Moncrief, playing in the tourney games this week, told *The Cats' Pause*, "I didn't think Kentucky was rough at all. Notre Dame? Now, that's a different story. I thought they did a lot of cheap stuff." . . . Everyone was laughing when the all-star practice concluded Sunday at Memorial Coliseum. After about eight minutes of scrimmage, **James Lee** halted action, called time-out and loped over the side-lines and proclaimed "I'm tired." One bystander quipped, "He's been waiting four years to do that in practice." Lee has to be in hoop heaven right now, having won the national championship and then won MVP honors in the SEC-ACC All-Star game Saturday in Charlotte, North Carolina, when he scored 28 points and hauled down 12 rebounds. And the NBA scouts were waiting . . . The daily mail to the UK Wildcats has been running about 100 letters per day since the Cats won the big one in St. Louis . . . **Mike Phillips** is in Hawaii this week to play in the **Aloha Classic** which pits the best East seniors against the best West seniors . . . The senior Wildcats will begin a month-long barn-storming tour of the state next week against the **Marathon Oil** team. Playing against the Wildcat seniors will be such former Wildcats as **Larry Johnson**, **Merion Haskins**, **Larry Stamper** and **Jim Andrews** . . . All four senior Wildcats are expected to go high in the NBA

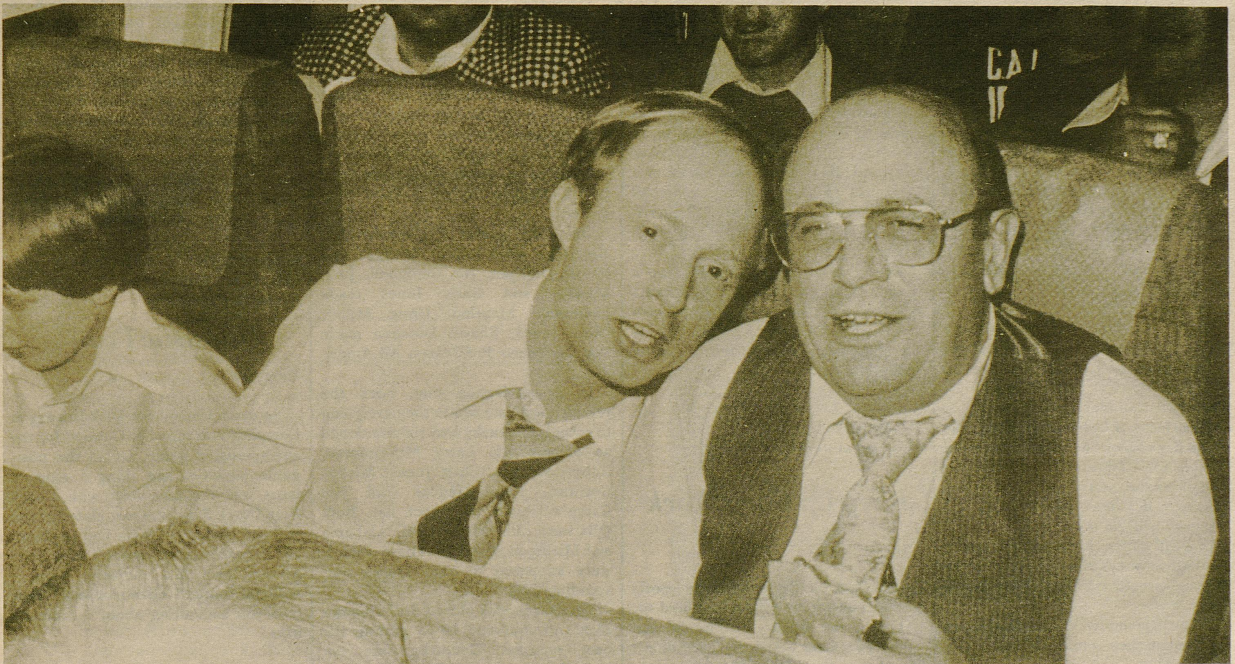


Dunkin' Darrell

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A Happy Trip Home From St. Louis



As Walt McCombs And Bill Keightley Ham It Up



VIEWPOINT

Letters To The Editor



Mail All Letters To: VIEWPOINT, The Cats' Pause, Box 7297, Lexington, Ky. 40502

Insubordination

Dear Sir:

First, may I say that I enjoy The Cats' Pause very much.

Now to the subject at hand.

Everybody has been talking about a name for the 77-78 basketball team. I hereby suggest and hopefully request that they be officially named "The Big Cats." How much bigger can they be than after last night's defeat of Duke for the National Championship?

The Big Cats are not only big in stature but big in ability as well. This applies to the entire squad, not just five.

Now, as for Joe B. Hall . . .

The man has done an outstanding job under very difficult circumstances. It's an outright shame that these rabid "fair-weather friends" cannot or will not recognize a man of great ability and high moral standards.

May I suggest that these so-called fans' tickets be cancelled for insubordination, and given to some of us loyal alumni? I would hope that you would pass this information along to the Athletic Department as well as the Administrative Dept. and the Board of Trustees.

Sincerely yours,
J.A. Wheeler
Morganfield, Kentucky

Hats Off

Dear Sir:

My hat is off to Coach Joe B. Hall for the job he has done at UK. I am a Kentuckian and I am mighty proud of it. I grew up in Lexington. I have been and always will be a "Big Blue Fan." Now, as for the critics of Joe B. Hall, try coaching at UK for one year and see how long you last. I say, "Don't knock him, until you try it."

You're in style, Kyle. A few more players of your caliber should get smart and transfer to Kentucky and be winners. Darrell Griffith could be playing for a winner. Instead, he is just another loser. If he had been smart, he would have followed in the footsteps of another Male High graduate, namely, Ralph. As the "Cardinal" said to the "Crum," if I don't eat you up, the Wildcats will. So it goes.

One full gallon (Rick) is worth about one-half a Robey (Rick). I wonder if the "Crum" would trade for Rick Robey now.

If the University of Louisville had ten Gallons they would still run out of gas.

I think the appropriate name for the first six Wildcats would be the "Super

Six."

Go Big Blue.

Yours truly,
Mr. Shirley M. Scroggins
San Diego, California

On Easter

Dear Sir:

On Easter morning my niece brought her son, Derek, who is not yet two years old, by our home to show us how much he had learned since starting to Sunday School. She said, "Derek, what book do you take to your class?" He promptly replied, "Bible." She then asked, "What great person will you be learning about on this Easter Day?"

He looked at the floor studying and thinking for a moment then, as if it just suddenly came to him, raised his blond head, smiled and said, "Joe B. Hall."

Sincerely,
Mrs. William T. Hines
Buffalo, Kentucky

Knockin UK

Dear Sir:

Why knock the UK basketball program? I think the reason is simple! Philadelphia, St. Louis, and other papers that are knocking UK's basketball program are doing it for a reason -- the reason being they do not want to lose the outstanding talent in their own states to UK! Clarence Tillman is an example. If he chooses UK over Villanova, he will be just another of a long list of outstanding basketball players to leave the state of Pennsylvania and play his basketball elsewhere.

Everyone knows UK should have a upper recruiting year, and no one wants the "super players" to leave their own states when they could be playing for the state school or another university within the state.

Sincerely,
Jerry Sparks
Towson, Maryland

Keep Up Good Work

Dear Sir:

The Cats' Pause is the finest sports publication I have ever subscribed to.

I am in the military, in Florida, and all we ever hear is Gators. They didn't broadcast the SEC Monday night games or the Mid-East Regional game on Thursday.

I would like to say the Cats are the greatest in both basketball and football. They provide many thrills to people all over the country.

To Coach Hall, keep up the good work. I'm sure it's hard in the footsteps of a legend but you're doing a fine job.

Keep providing us with your fine publication and its excellent coverage.

Sincerely,
Tom Gillion
Jacksonville, Florida

Wants Album

Dear Sir:

I wish you would put out an album on this championship season. If you do send me the info and I will order one.

Sincerely,
Bill Giles
Pleasureville, Kentucky

On Grid Recruiting

Dear Sir:

Some people have written about what All-American teams some of the Kentucky football recruits have made in 1977.

Chris Jones made Parade All-American. Jones also made the Scholastic Coach All-American team, along with Jim Campbell. Honorable mention All-American Scholastic Coach were QB's Larry McCrimmon and Robert Mangas; backs Shawn Donnigan and Ben Johnson; linemen John Maddox, Brian Allen, Craig Miller, Bill Prewitt, Kevin Kearns, Frank McDaniels, Ovid Lyons, Mickey Cochran, Todd Shadower.

On Prep Sports Pre-Season All-American were Robert Mangas and Shawn Donigan. Jim Campbell, John Maddox and Chris Jones made Honorable Mention. Craig Miller, Chris Jones, Shawn Donigan made Popular Sports Pre-Season All-American.

In a publication that rates the recruits and lists where they are going to school, Kentucky had six mentioned as outstanding. Larry McCrimmon, Robert Mangas, Chris Jones, Mickey Cochran, John Maddox and Jim Campbell made the check list. Both QBs were rated above USC, Alabama and Michigan QB picks. These schools were supposed to have gotten outstanding QBs.

Tennessee was picked 3rd, Georgia 15th and Alabama 19 as getting the best recruits. Kentucky was not ranked in the top 20. The only reason is because the majority are from Kentucky and they do not consider

high school football in Kentucky that good. Let's hope they continue to thing that way! We, of course, know better and so does Notre Dame, UCLA, Oklahoma, Purdue and many others.

To compare this freshman team against others Curci has recruited at Kentucky is easy. This one is by far the best. Only the one four years ago came close. They had 11 mentioned as outstanding out of 28. This one had 15 out of 25 mentioned as outstanding. The only difference is that the one four years ago produced a winner. It will be up to this group to do the same.

I have seen Shawn Donigan and Jim Campbell and Jeff Fletcher play. If they live up to their potential Kentucky fans will be in for a treat the next four years. I'm not sure this holds true for all the other players.

One last thing. Chris Jones, Jim Campbell, and Shawn Donigan made All-Southern. See you at the Sugar Bowl.

Sincerely,
Tom Hart
Louisville, Kentucky

What A Season!

Dear Sir:

Wow, what a season! Thank you for good reporting, too!

One thing displeases me -- are the other schools' cheerleaders prettier than UK's? The TV cameramen can't find a UK cheerleader on which to focus. Years ago, our cheerleaders were well known for their beauty. Surely UK has five beautiful, nice women with ability and a desire to inspire the team and crowd. Please tell the committee "No more butterballs, no more short-hairs, no more uglies."

And the girls who wear the cowboy hats should make their next kick (should they learn a second one) off the floor. BB doesn't need them.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Nolan Nicholson
Louisville, Kentucky

Fantastic Fran

Dear Sir:

As usual I tuned out Dick Enberg & Company and tuned in Cawood for the championship game. Of all the post-game activities the thing I enjoyed most was the interview with Coach Fran Curci. Fran was just elated at the way the basketball team had performed. His exuberance couldn't have been greater had this moment been a national football championship. That tells you something about a fantastic man.

Sincerely,
Frank Tillman
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Time For Golf

Alabama Signs Six To Basketball Pacts

What do C.M. Newton, Winfrey Sanderson, John Bostick and Wendell Hudson have that hundreds of collegiate basketball coaches don't have but wish they did?

Recruiting finished, that's what. "I've already got a tee in the ground," smiles recruiting coordinator Winfrey Sanderson, after returning from the NCAA finals and the national coaching convention.

"We think we've had an outstanding recruiting year," says head coach C.M. Newton. "We had a lot of quality players in Alabama this year, and we were fortunate to invite some really top young men to join our program."

The Crimson Tide has signed six players that will join next year's Alabama basketball team and hopefully get Bama back on the 20-win track again.

From 1973 through 1977 Bama was the nation's third winningest team, with a 114-28 record for those five years, and a percentage of .802. Only UCLA at 135-17 and .888 and Marquette with a 126-22 mark and an .851 percentage were ahead of Alabama.

The 1978 season saw the Tide dip to 17-10 and a fourth place finish in the SEC.

"I enjoyed coaching this year's team," says Newton. "They played up to their potential, and as a coach, that's all you can ever ask. All of us were disappointed not to keep our 20-game streak going, but we return some top talent and with our young

people coming in, we'll be competitive again. Maybe even a contender."

The six signed are:

(1) Carl Mitchell, a 6-7 forward from Dothan high school who was a member of the Super Five in Alabama, averaged 18.9 points and 13.9 rebounds and was a defensive intimidator.

(2) Eddie Phillips, a 16-year-old product of Parker High in Birmingham who is 6-6 and weighs 220. He averaged 17 points and 19 rebounds and took his team to the 4A finals before losing by one point. Phillips was named "Mr. Basketball" among the Super Five players.

(3) Joe Hancock, a 6-5 guard from Southern Union Junior College, who scored 16 points and rebounded 12 times a game. He was named the Most Valuable Player in the National Little College Athletic Association's national tournament, which Southern Union won. He played his prep basketball at Notasulga High School.

(4) Eddie Adams, a 6-0 guard from Central high in Phenix City. Adams is a long-range shooter who average 33.4 points and got 12 rebounds. He, too, was a member of the prep Super Five in Alabama and had a single game high of 57 points against Benjamin Russell of Alexander City in the 4A regional tournament. He scored 27 in a losing cause in the state tournament. Adams was a high school teammate of Ken Johnson, a freshman starter on this year's Bama team.

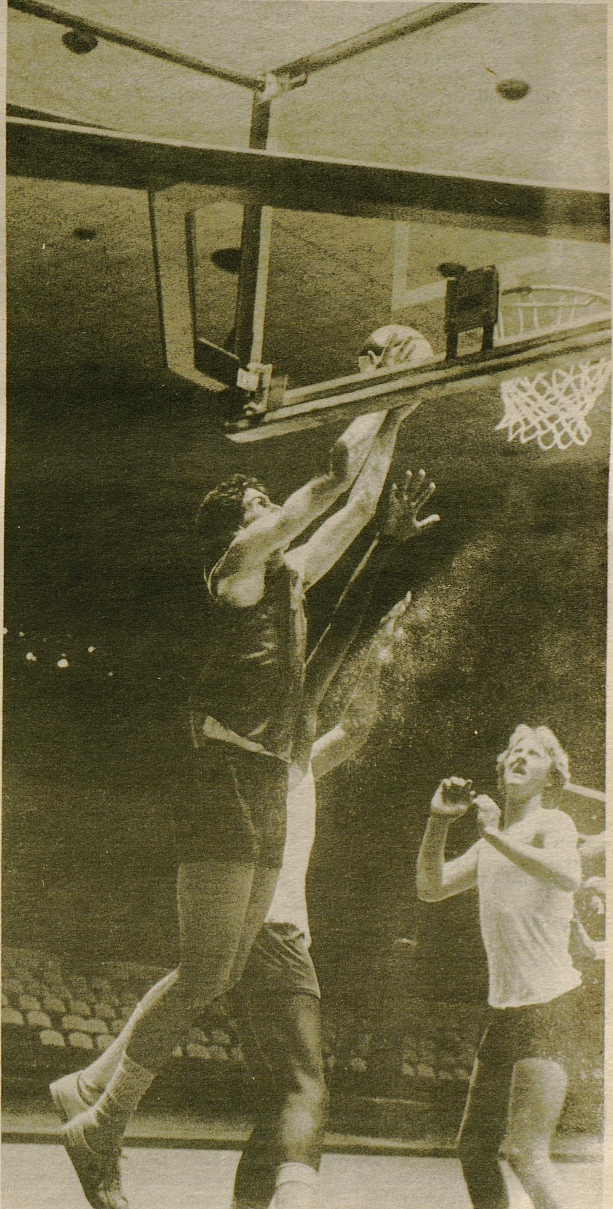
(5) Maurice Myers, who is 6-8, 210

pounds and played for Holy Family High in Birmingham. Myers averaged nearly 25 points and 19.8 rebounds a game for a Class 1A school who played mostly larger schools all season. Holy Family won the 1A state title Myers' junior year.

(6) Phillip Lockett from Livingston High School. Lockett is 6-8½ and averaged 21 points, 16 rebounds and eight blocked shots. His team went 24-4 and likely would have won the 3A championship had he not suffered a hairline foot fracture during the tournament.

Alabama's basketball coaches thus have rounded up the much-needed size for the front line, one big guard they wanted and an outstanding outside shooter.

Added in with SEC Player of the Year Reginald King, freshman starter Johnson, fast-improving Chris Bragwell in the middle and guards Kent Looney and Robert Scott, the 1979 Crimson Tide basketball team could be fun to watch for its fans and tough for the opposition.



Robey Against The Stars

SEC Statistics

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3. Stan Pietkiewicz, Auburn	27	128	4.7
4. Anthony Murray, Alabama	27	127	4.7
5. Ethan Martin, LSU	26	118	4.5
6. Henry Jackson, Mississippi	27	117	4.3
7. Bubba Price, Auburn	26	109	4.2
8. Richard Glasper, Florida	27	109	4.0
9. Kenny Higgs, LSU	27	108	4.0
10. Ray White, Miss. State	27	91	3.4

FREE THROW SHOOTING - TOP 15

Player & School	G	FTM	FTA	AVE.
1. Kyle Macy, Kentucky	32	115	129	89.1
2. Stan Pietkiewicz, Auburn	27	128	146	87.7
3. Myles Patrick, Auburn	27	65	79	82.3
4. Mike Rhodes, Vanderbilt	27	103	127	81.1
5. Larry Brewster, Florida	27	91	114	79.8
6. Ethan Martin, LSU	26	66	84	79.0
7. Mike Mitchell, Auburn	27	105	135	77.8
8. Jack Givens, Kentucky	32	102	134	76.1
9. Mike Phillips, Kentucky	31	66	87	75.8
10. John Stroud, Mississippi	27	74	98	75.5
11. Terry Crosby, Tennessee	25	79	106	74.5
12. James Lee, Kentucky	31	78	105	74.3
13. Kenny Higgs, LSU	27	112	152	73.7
14. Charles Davis, Vanderbilt	25	63	87	72.4
15. Rick Robey, Kentucky	32	126	175	72.0

(COMPLETE AND FINAL SEC STATISTICS FOR 1977-78)

Kentucky Erupts To Upset

Ohio State In Marshall

Invitational Golf Tournament

Kentucky rallied the final day and won the Marshall University Invitational Golf Tourney Saturday by upsetting Ohio State 1,120 to 1,121 in the ninth annual event.

The Cats of coach Dan Leal rallied from seven strokes back after 36 holes of play to capture the big win as Kentucky had four golfers fire 74s or better on the final 18.

Mickey Ray's 73 led the Cats while Ralph Landrum was the big man for Kentucky as he finished second in the tourney with a 219 to Miami University's Scott Davis' 217 in a play-off.

The big upset came at the expense of Ohio State which had been ranked second in the nation. Medalist honors went to Marshall's Scott Davis with 72-73-72 for a 217.

Landrum will be playing in this week's Master's Tournament.

Scores of other Kentucky golfers were Russ Cochran (10th-224), Carter Mathis (11th-225), Randy Wilkins (237), and Jeff Howerton (238).

Ohio State was led by All-American John Cook, the defending champion, with a 222. Oklahoma State has been ranked number one.

Randy Brooks Shines

In Football Scrimmage

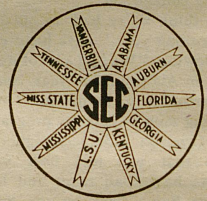
Sophomore Randy Brooks gained sixty yards on seventeen carries and scored a four-yard touchdown to highlight Saturday's scrimmage for the UK Wildcats at Commonwealth Stadium.

Senior Freddie Williams piled up 55 yards on 14 carries as the Fran Curci-men finished their 10th day of spring practice in warm, seventy-degree weather under a sunny sky.

While the UK passing game wasn't up to par, the Cats did have a decent ground game. Numerous passes from Mike Deaton were dropped and it wasn't one of his best spring practices.

Freshman Charlie Jackson gained

41 yards on eight carries for the number two offensive unit while Larry Carter, Rob Chaney and Chris Jacobs each had interceptions.



From The Nashville Tennessean

Hall Has Revolutionized The Game

By JIMMY DAVY

Coaches will tell you that a price must be paid to be a winner in athletics.

The Lexington, Ky., airport, Blue Grass Field, paid that price last week when a crowd estimated at 10,000 jammed the facility to welcome home the NCAA champion Kentucky Wildcats, arriving from St. Louis.

Although the crowd was not unruly, airport officials reported "substantial damage" to the airport terminal building.

A \$40,000 X-ray security station was damaged. A wing was broken off a ceramic eagle valued at \$2,000. And the crowd climbed atop ledges over car rental counters for a glimpse of the national champions, fresh from a finals win over Duke.

Airport police, who called in reinforcements from the Lexington Police Dept. to help control the crowd, said about 24 persons were taken into custody for one reason or another. Another dozen fans passed out, requiring medical attention.

But, at least one local taxpayer, Joe B. Hall, will be happy to settle up for the scars to the airport.

The championship, and the crowd, vindicated a Marine barracks approach to basketball which, in still a small measure, has scooted Joe B. right into company with the late Adolph Rupp, who won four NCAA titles.

"This is the fulfillment of a lifetime ambition for a coach," Hall said, "and it immortalizes these young players in the state of Kentucky."

Certainly, Wildcat fans will, in years to come, have quick recall of the names of the champions of 1978. Goose Givens, James Lee, Rick Robey,

Mike Phillips.

Like Whirlaway and Man O' War in the Bluegrass state which, as one sign at the Checkerdome in St. Louis heralded, is famous for "FAST HORSES, FAST WOMEN AND THE FAST BREAK."

But, Joe B. Hall is also a name to remember. He confesses he hasn't had much fun. There is unbelievable pressure to win on the basketball coach at Kentucky. Joe apparently can't get it off his back. But there are times when he thinks of the success he has enjoyed at Kentucky -- including one NIT championship and Monday night's NCAA crowd -- and contradicts himself.

"It is fun. I don't want people to think we don't have fun at Kentucky," Hall said in the afterglow of Monday night's pressure-packed win. "It's just that at Kentucky we take our basketball seriously."

Asked what he would do after winning the NCAA championship, he managed a smile and responded: "I'll go down to the farm and count the livestock."

Basketball, mind you, is serious business at Kentucky. And, if that's what it takes to be national champions, then all the other schools had better get serious.

Last year, before he became such a television celebrity, Marquette's Al McGuire was watching Kentucky's beefy squad work out. The Wildcats, who coined the term "physical," in the last four seasons, looked like a pro football team.

Turning to a Louisville radioman, McGuire said, "You know, Joe Hall has revolutionized basketball. Look at those guys. You can't prepare for them

like any other team in basketball. They take things away from you."

It's true. Even though Hall is touchy about the description of "physical" applied to his team -- mainly because he thinks it has an effect on officiating and carries with it a connotation of dirty play -- he has set a trend with this 1978 bunch.

They work in September like football players, running 220-yard dashes in the heat. They lift weights like football players. But, they retain the agility and skills of basketball players.

"The strong win in athletics," Hall once said. "Basketball is no different from all the rest."

The emphasis on weight training for basketball, someone said, originated from the Communist countries, whose teams emerged to challenge the United States, birthplace of the game. This year, to begin the season, Kentucky destroyed the Soviet National team -- something some of our Olympic teams haven't been able to do.

However grim the four years of work may have been, Kentucky is champion of collegiate basketball. A fact which shouldn't be lost on the critics of Joe B. Hall -- if there is still such an animal after Monday night.

"Coach Hall demands perfection, and it was all worth it," said Rick Robey, one of the seniors. "It is super to win the championship and to have been at Kentucky the last four years."

After Hall gets a proper count of his cattle on the farm, he will get back to the business of continuing the great athletic tradition known as Kentucky basketball. The pressures will still be there. The comparisons with the great Rupp Era. This won't change.

But, what has changed is that,

according to Hall, the days of college basketball dynasties are over.

"You just aren't going to dominate for years like UCLA did with the balance there is today in college basketball," Hall said. "Just look at this year's NCAA Tournament and see how equally talented the field was."

The Wildcats lose three great starters, plus the top reserve off the championship team which set a record for most victories in the season, 30. They will not only have trouble defending the NCAA title, they will have difficulty winning the Southeastern Conference, which they have won 31 times.

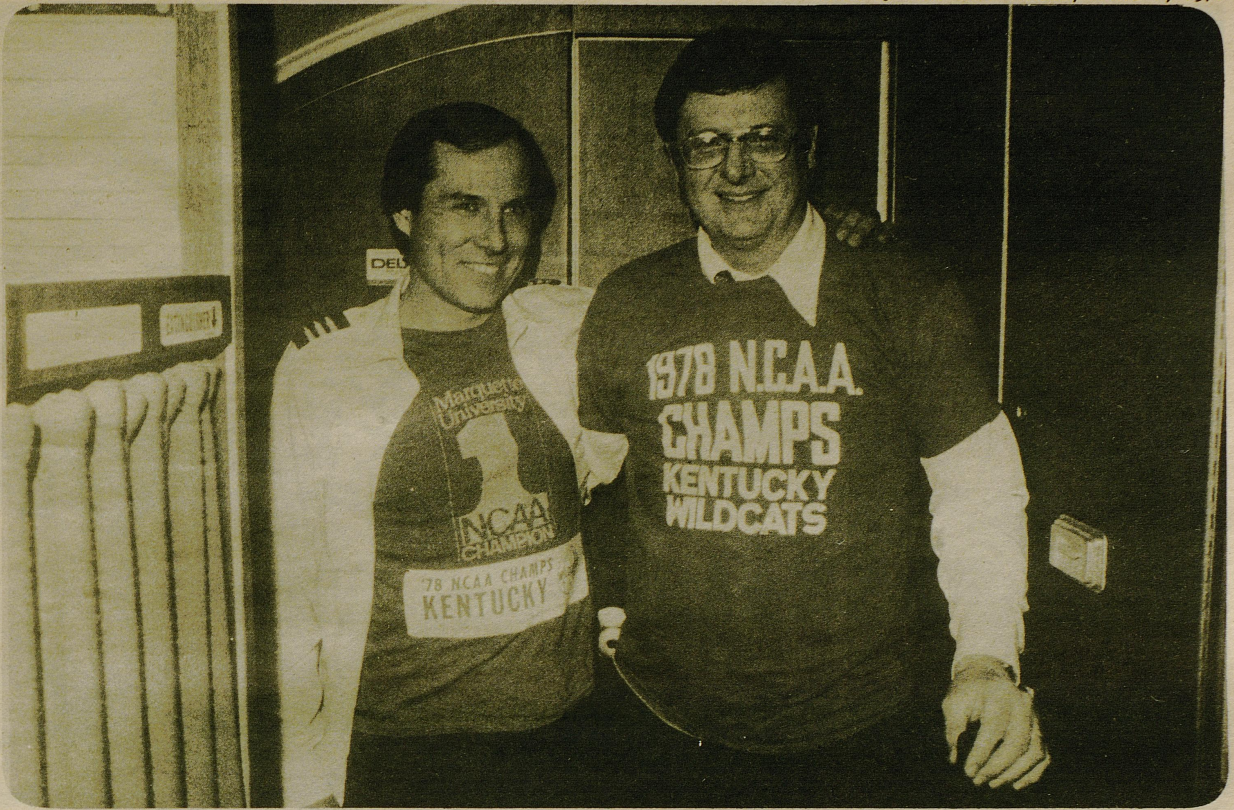
Gone will be the four seniors who represented 75 percent of the Kentucky scoring and nearly all the rebounding which helped them become what many consider the most physically powerful team in the history of college basketball.

Many feel Hall will switch from a power game to a guard-oriented offense, built around returnees Truman Claytor, Jay Shidler, Dwane Casey and Kyle Macy. Inside will be Chuck Aleksinas (6-10, 240) and forwards LaVon Williams and freshman Freddie Cowan, both of whom averaged less than six minutes' playing time this season.

The importance of recruiting is obvious, and the Wildcats are still under NCAA scrutiny and can only sign three freshmen.

And, ironically, the post-season SEC tournament, which Hall has constantly opposed, may be the Wildcats' salvation next season.

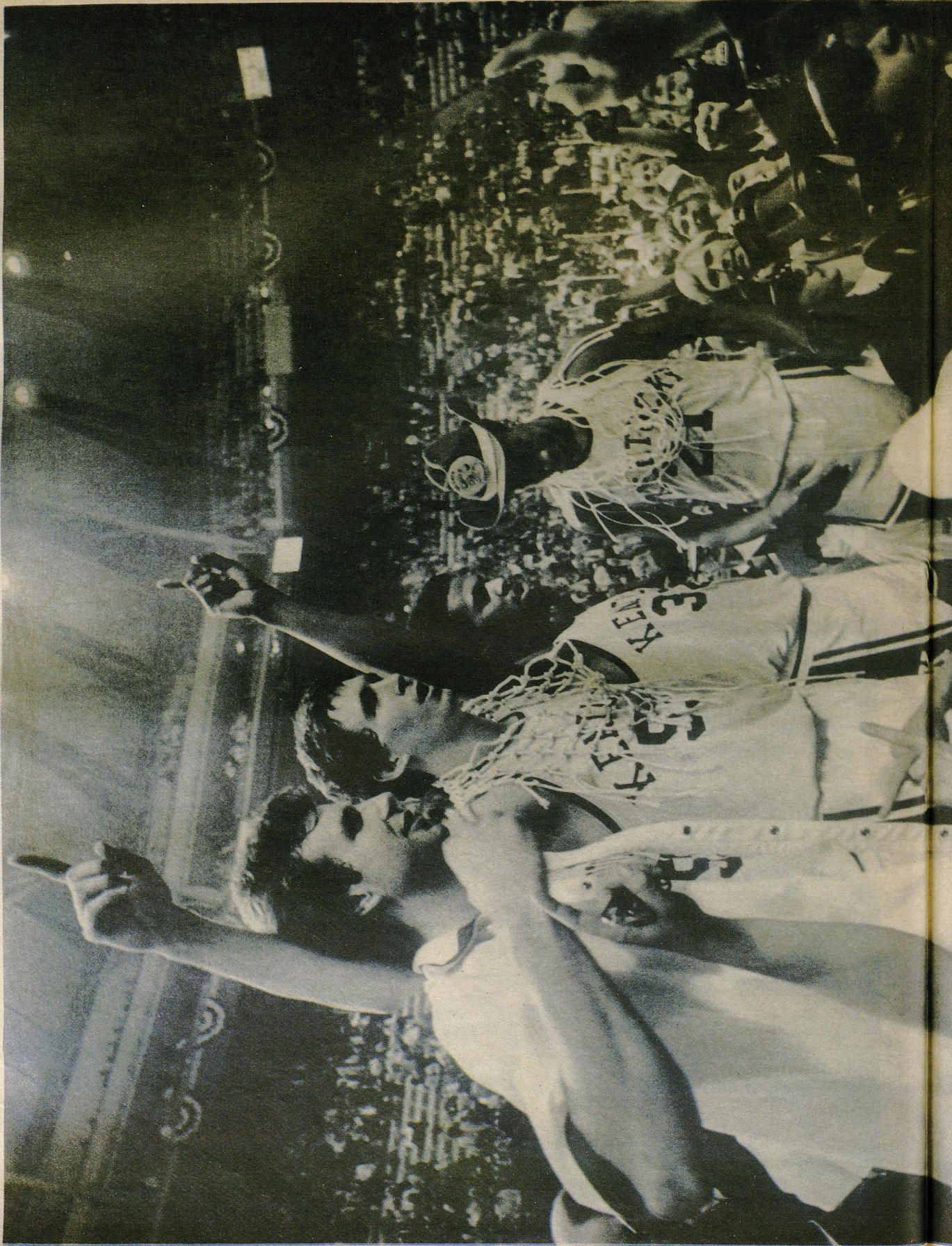
It takes a long time for a young team to mature, even in the weightroom and on the running track at Kentucky.



Hall Converts Delta Pilot On Flight From St. Louis



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From The New York Daily News

Kentucky Was Easy For The Media

By Mike Lupica

ST. LOUIS — Kentucky was easy. They had all those blue suits coaching on the sidelines and blue suit-types playing the game. Their fans came with a lust for a national championship that made even the Notre Dame fans seem casual. The team brought a No. 1 ranking, but the Kentucky fans treated it with a sigh, as though the ranking were a birthright.

Kentucky was so serious, especially when compared to the kids from Duke who treated this trip to the Final Four like a spring break. Kentucky was an easy target for the one-liners.

Kentucky was as fun-loving as Italian terrorists. Kentucky smiled as much as a team of morticians. Coach Joe B. Hall looked like the cattle died. Kentucky was as quotable as a stable of thoroughbreds. They only played like mules. What did Duke's Mike Gminski call Kentucky's front line? The meat-and-potatoes guys? Perfect. Kentucky was going to have a big party if it won the championship of all college basketball? Yeah, it would last from three to four-thirty the next afternoon, then they'd start thinking about next season.

Not Colorful Enough

Kentucky wasn't colorful enough. Fine, make the Wildcats the bad guys, a team of humorless gorillas. Go write

about Eugene Banks and all the talkers from Duke. Duke was fun.

Eugene Banks was going to run for governor of Pennsylvania some day. That was good copy. Joe B. Hall was asked the other day what his plans were if his team won the NCAA title. "I think I'll go down to the farm on Tuesday and check out the cattle," said Joe B. The "B" stands for Bainbridge. The jokes said "Boring." Or "Brutal," for the way his team supposedly played the game.

Kentucky committed a terrible sin in St. Louis. It wasn't entertaining enough. The Wildcats came here carrying the anguished appetites of the most unreasonable fans in college sports. They knew that if they did not bring the school's first basketball championship since 1958 back to Lexington, their fine season would be considered a failure. The ghost of Adolph Rupp would wreak terrible hardships over the entire state. So Kentucky came to St. Louis serious. The one-liners followed closely. They were easy.

It did not matter that this was a deep, strong, versatile, veteran team. It did not matter that the players were personable and pleasant and polite, if not stand-up comics. This was Kentucky and there were these images. Not only the image of dullness. All

season it was said that Kentucky played murderously.

Mostly that came from coaches envious of a 6-11 player as mobile as Rick Robey, or a 230-pound swing man who could do all the things James Lee could. No matter that in St. Louis, Notre Dame played like murderers, making Kentucky look meek in contrast. The Wildcats had the image. They were boring and brutal, too.

The story was pre-packaged, hermetically sealed. Don't fool with it. No one looked at the quickness of Jack Givens, or his diversified game. It was somehow insignificant what a splendid lead guard Kyle Macy was. Kentucky was stacked up against the laughs and talkers from Duke, and Duke's passing, running game, and Kentucky lost the media matchup. Kentucky loses even when it wins.

"Besides our normal pressures," said Macy on Sunday, "we have had the added pressure for most of the season of being ranked No. 1. It makes it kind of hard to be flamboyant. That's why we have a business attitude."

Of all the Wildcats, Macy is perhaps the most businesslike, with his quiet manner and dark, stern good looks that make him look like a young Montgomery Clift. He is a sophomore at Kentucky, having sat out last season after transferring from Purdue. Macy is

from Peru, Indiana, and was a spectacular scorer in high school. He says he learned to keep a stranglehold on his emotions, not wanting to be labeled cocky. He has not had to change his make-up at Kentucky.

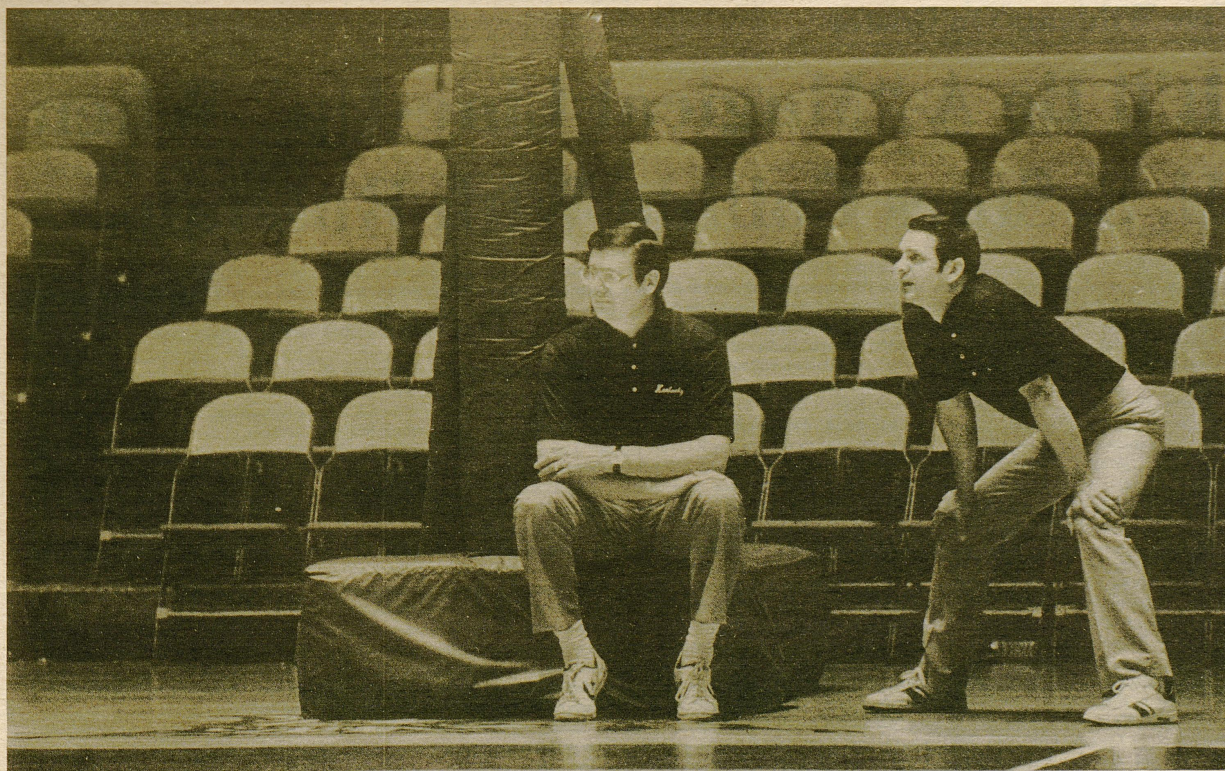
Hall Gives 'Em the Business

"Often a team takes on the personality of the coach," said Macy, usually his team's big man in the biggest games. "I was aware of coach Hall's business attitude when I came."

Robey has been around Joe B. Hall for four years. Last night's trip to the final was his second, Kentucky having lost to UCLA in 1975. On Sunday, Robey was asked if this has been his most enjoyable season.

"I can't answer that until Monday night," he said.

It was bad enough that the Wildcats came with this kind of pressure, the unspoken threat from their grim fans that if they lost, they'd let those fans down in a huge way. They were also roughed up in the press because they didn't meet certain requirements concerning style. Kentucky brought a businesslike attitude to St. Louis, and got gunned down by one-liners before it even took the court against Duke. It was easy.



Coaches Hall And Parsons Watching Practice Session



Louis Stout Lectures U. S. Stars On Rules

Five Wildcats On Roster

It'll Be A "Magical Line-Up" When U. S. Stars Collide With Russians

AWESOME!

That's the word to describe the United States National Amateur Team which will take on the Russian Nationals Sunday afternoon in the second half of a doubleheader at Rupp Arena.

Names like Larry Bird, David Greenwood, Joe Barry Carroll, Sidney Moncrief, James Bailey, Darrell Griffith, Earvin "Magic" Johnson. And that's not to mention Kentucky Wildcat stars Jack Givens, James Lee, Rick Robey, Jay Shidler and Kyle Macy.

They'll all be set for the opening tip-off at 4 p.m. Sunday in a contest which will be nationally televised. In the first game, the Cuban Nationals will take on Yugoslavian Nationals at 1 p.m.

The doubleheader will be the third such event in five days as sanctioned by the ABA-USA as a development program of the Olympics for 1980. The first twin-bill was in Atlanta Wednesday and the second was scheduled

for Chapel Hill Friday.

The U.S. players reported to the University of Kentucky campus Saturday for three days of drills before heading to Atlanta Tuesday.

"It's obvious we will not have much time to get much organization into this all-star team," said U.S. coach Joe B. Hall of antional champion Kentucky. "We will have to rely on our Kentucky players to run our organized offense and do our pattern work and the all-stars will have to run a passing game and pretty much free-lance."

"There is a lot of talent there and I think there will be good representation for the United States," added Hall.

Sophomore guard Jay Shidler, who sparked Kentucky during the stretch run in the recent NCAA tournament, was added to the roster late last week and Hall figures the addition of Shiler may be a key to the U.S.'s success.

"ABA-USA needed to add one more guard and they asked us to recommend a sophomore and we checked what was available throughout the

country and decided it would be better if we could go with Jay, which would give us a complete unit of Kentucky players to run all of our offense," said Hall.

And he could have been thinking of the great "Fabulous Five." If you recall, the late Adolph Rupp took the Fabulous Five as a unit, which helped the U.S. win a gold medal in the Olympics.

The U.S. stars went through two-hour drills on Saturday and Sunday and then spent about an hour learning the international basketball rules under which the games will be played.

Louis Stout, who is a registered international official and an assistant commissioner with the Kentucky High School Athletic Association in Lexington, lectured the players on the rules.

Monday, some of the stars and the Russian players visited a horse farm in the Lexington area and the U.S. stars later scrimmaged a local amateur team at Danville.

The biggest adjustment for the U.S.

stars will probably come from the fast-paced game which is played under international rules. Officials don't handle the basketball on out-of-bounds plays and "physical" play is encouraged more under the Olympic rules.

The entire U.S. team will play at all three sites, but there will be an addition of two players for the game in Chapel Hill. Both Phil Ford and Mike O'Koren of North Carolina will play with the U.S. team there, but will not play at either Atlanta or Lexington.

Heading the Russian team will be 7-4 Vladimir Tkachenko and 33-year-old Sergei Belov who has played on several Olympic teams. Basically, this is the same team which UK played in an exhibition game at Memorial Coliseum last November.

One might say this has been a season "From Russia to Russia" for the Wildcat seniors.

UK ticket manager Al Morgan says a good supply of tickets was still available early this week, although all the lower arena seats have been sold.



VIEWPOINT

Letters To The Editor



Mail All Letters To: VIEWPOINT, The Cats' Pause, Box 7297, Lexington, Ky. 40502

Impressed With Jay

Dear Sir:

It is certainly not my intention to take anything away from the tremendous accomplishments of Coach Joe Hall and the entire Wildcat team, but I feel it's time some of the proper credit and publicity was given to the "forgotten man" of this year's team. I speak of sophomore guard Jay Shidler. He has to be the best "7th man" in college basketball.

After a great freshman season in the limelight as a crowd-pleasing starter, it would have been easy for Shidler to have reacted to his substitute role by losing his enthusiasm, becoming dejected, and possibly even throwing in the towel and quitting. Exactly the opposite has occurred; he kept his head up and has always been ready when called on to come off the bench to play with the spirit, hustle, and unselfishness which demonstrate his willingness to place the team's success ahead of his own pride and statistics. Even when not playing he has been the inspirational leader on the bench, leading the cheers for his teammates.

In short, it seems to me that Jay Shidler has shown this season what sacrificing personal glory and attention to become a proud member of a Kentucky Wildcats basketball team is all about. I feel he is to be commended for both his attitude and fine play.

Sincerely,
Tom Jarvis
Lexington, Kentucky

Amen

Dear Sir:

Tell Joe B. & Company; AMEN!
And one more thing: We'd still love them if they couldn't even win the L.I.T.!

You did it, Cats -- and did it right!

Theirs very truly,
Mary Mattingly
Sharon Taylor
Harrodsburg, Kentucky

Gowdyism

Dear Sir:

We have received the second edition of your paper which our son Kenny Rollins gave us for our birthdays.

We really have enjoyed reading them. So glad, too, to see the names of the Fabulous Five in this last edition. In the first paper we received one of

your writers, Dewey Bentley, in his column named Joe Holland as one. True, he did go with the team but was not listed as one of the five. Also, heard Curt Gowdy try to name them and he said one was "Barksdale."

Respectfully yours,
W.E. Rollins
Wickliffe, Kentucky

Resents

Dear Sir:

Ignorance is a terrible thing, as the adage goes. Ignorance of the issues that beset women's sports is also a terrible thing, but ignorance in the guise of "expert commentary" (i.e., Terrence Tucker's attempt at journalism in the March 4 issue of The Cats' Pause) is at best inexcusable and at worst despicable.

I am not taking exception to Mr. Tucker's remarks that "Coach Debbie Yow is yelping" about attendance at the Lady Kats games, although I am puzzled how Mr. Tucker can write a column about Coach Yow's "yelping" when Coach Yow has told me she has never granted Mr. Tucker an interview. I am not even taking exception to Mr. Tucker's inane suggestion that men and women play basketball on the same team (although I do submit to Mr. Tucker that if he is so anxious to share equal rights and responsibilities, he should assume his responsibility of child-bearing. Physiologically, that makes as much sense as men and women competing on the same team.)

However, that is not the point of this letter -- I resent the fact that Mr. Tucker is using the privileges accorded to him as a journalist for reasons other than those purported in his article. Mr. Tucker is guilty of using his forum not to talk about the lack of spectators at Lady Kats games, but instead to denigrate the women who have chosen to participate in sports, and while his column may not of itself amount to much, it seeks to perpetuate the myth of (to use Mr. Tucker's own words) "rockhard . . . lady wrestler" types. Prejudices exist because of people like Mr. Tucker, and I deplore the fact that he is in the position to influence others to his way of thinking, since obviously he has no qualms about taking advantage of his journalistic privileges to expound his prejudices.

I also resent the fact that Mr. Tucker is attempting to cloud the real issue here by injecting his chauvinistic mutterings into the question. Their real issue is that women athletes are not treated fairly. The women's program at UK has improved greatly in the last few years mainly due to the increase in funding. A full-time women's basketball coach was hired and scholarships are now given. However, the women's

coach has no office of her own (a few months ago I believe Coach Yow was headquartered in a closet), and she has no paid assistance (contrast the myriads of paid assistants and graduate assistants which aid Coach Hall), and there is a wide disparity between the amount given to women for a "full" scholarship and the amount given to men. Women athletes do not expect to be treated like queens even though their male counterparts are treated like kings (or dare I suggest, demi-gods?). Women do, however, expect to be treated with the respect given to any human being, and they expect their choice of participation in sports to be accorded with respect (or in Mr. Tucker's case, silence) and not with taunting remarks about amazons. They do NOT deserve the shabby treatment that Mr. Tucker has meted out in his column.

Sincerely,
Sammie Lambert
Lexington, Kentucky

Rod Stewart Info

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find my check for \$14.50. I have received The Cats' Pause for one year and am looking forward to receiving your fine paper for another year.

I would like to know if Rod Stewart will be back this year as a running back. Sure do hope Fran Curci has another good year. The basketball team was outstanding.

Sincerely,
Hubert Huffman
Middlesboro, Kentucky

[Editor's Note: Stewart's knee recovery is going slowly, and he is not participating in spring practice. But Coach Fran Curci hopes he'll be ready by fall.]

Phillips Great

Dear Sir:

I am definitely a Mike Phillips fan. I have watched him since he has been playing, and I have always been a center fan, but Mike has really showed how important a center is to his team. I love to watch him and the rest of the super Wildcats. I come from a family of Wildcat fans, and a town of Cats fans (Owensboro). I have watched UK since I can remember them being on TV, one day I want to go and see them in person. A few years ago a group of super Cats came to Owensboro and put on an exhibition game -- Jimmy Dan Conner, Kevin Grevey, Bob Guyette,

Dan Issel, and the rest of the guys of that year and preceding years participated. All the loyal fans here came and welcomed them.

I want to wish the Seniors of this year the best of luck in their futures, and say congratulations for a job well done this year. Good luck to next year's team. We will be there to see you again.

P.S. Please put something about the Lady Kats in here. We have an all American from Owensboro (Liz Lukshu) who plays on the team.

Sincerely,
Sandy Ebelhar
Owensboro, Kentucky

Kyle Is The Best

Dear Sir:

I enjoy your Cats' Pause. I'm not pleased that Kyle Macy hasn't been to an All-Star team. Who can average 12 points, 6 assists, 55 percent for a guard, ninety percent at the line, two steals and only a sophomore? Macy goes to Dayton and St. Louis and makes A's in college! I think Robey, Aleksinas and Lee and Big Mike and "Goose" are excellent, but Kyle is the best.

Sincerely,
Rhett Baker, age 8
Frankfort, Kentucky

Today's Obituary

Dear Sir:

This letter is to inform you of the death of a well-known basketball coach. The person that could coach better than Joe B. Hall is dead.

He was well known in these parts as the guy you work with, that you had to listen to the day after the game. He had no equal when it came to coaching after the game was over.

It was ironic that he started dying just moments after what he thought was going to be his high point as a coach, the second half of the UK-Florida State game. He was too ill to discuss the second half line-up. He got progressively worse and died late Monday night March 27.

An autopsy was performed on the head, which consisted almost entirely of mouth. Nothing was found there.

It's too late now, but if only he had lived, he could've been a St. Louis sportswriter.

Some day, his children will carry on in his footsteps, and they will complain that our new coach is nowhere near the coach that the great Joe B. Hall was.

Mournfully yours,
Steve Demaree
Lexington, Kentucky



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Hall, Wildcats Honored On SEC Squad

BIRMINGHAM, Ala [Sp] — Three Kentucky Wildcat basketball aces and their coach, Joe B. Hall, joined three unanimous selections to headline the 1978 All-SEC basketball squad elected by the ten head coaches of the Southeastern Conference.

On the dream team from the national champion Kentucky team are seniors Jack Givens and Rick Robey, along with sophomore playmaker Kyle Macy. Wildcats head coach Hall edged Ron Greene, who guided Mississippi State to second in the SEC, for "Coach-of-the-Year" honors.

Unanimously picked to the ten-member unit were the league's top scorer, Auburn senior Mike Mitchell; the SEC's best rebounder, Alabama

junior Reggie King; and LSU sophomore forward Durand Macklin.

Mitchell, the 6-8 forward from Atlanta, Ga., averaged 24.9 ppg in his final season to become the fourth leading scorer in the SEC history with a career total of 2,122 points. Only LSU's Pete Maravich (3,667), Tennessee's Ernie Grunfeld (2,249), and Kentucky's Dan Issel (2,138) have scored more points.

Givens, who averaged 17.7 ppg in the regular season, and Robey, with 14.8 ppg, were only one vote away from being unanimous choices as was Tennessee sophomore Reggie Johnson. Johnson was the SEC's second best scorer, 21.2 ppg, and third best rebounder, 9.6 ppg.

Also chosen to the 10-member squad were Florida senior Richard Glasper, Mississippi State junior Ray White, and Ole Miss sophomore John Stroud.

There are four repeaters from the 1977 squad: Givens, King, Mitchell, and Robey; and this marks the third consecutive year for Givens and Mitchell. Broken down by classes the 1978 team has four seniors, four sophomores, two juniors, and for the first time since 1973, no freshmen.

Besides the ten top vote-getters, 12 other players received at least one vote. They were: Larry Brewster and Reggie Hannah of Florida; Ricky

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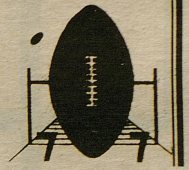
All-Southeastern Conference

Player & School	Class	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Hometown
Jack Givens, Ky.	Senr.	6-4	205	22	Lexington, Ky.
Richard Glasper, Fla.	Senr.	6-0	165	21	Tice, Fla.
Reggie Johnson, Tenn.	Soph.	6-9	205	20	Ellenwood, Ga.
Reggie King, Ala.	Junr.	6-6	230	21	Birmingham, Ala.
Durand Macklin, LSU	Soph.	6-7	200	20	Louisville, Ky.
Kyle Macy, Ky.	Soph.	6-3	180	20	Peru, Ind.
Mike Mitchell, Aub.	Senr.	6-8	215	22	Atlanta, Ga.
Rick Robey, Ky.	Senr.	6-10	235	21	New Orleans, La.
John Stroud, Miss.	Soph.	6-7	195	20	New Albany, Miss.
Ray White, Miss. State	Junr.	6-5	190	21	Gulfport, Miss.

Coach-of-the-Year: Joe B. Hall, Kentucky



The Inside Word . . .



Blue - White Game Promises To Be Exciting

FIRST AND TENS . . . Saturday is the annual climax of spring football practice as a normal rule, but the Kentucky Wildcats will go another week in drills because inclement weather prevented the Wildcats from getting out the first week this spring. . . Senior-to-be **Dan Fowler** missed all of spring practice with a bum knee which he injured in the weight room at Shively Sports Center. Fowler figures to be a big key in the offensive line again next season. Wildcat coaches hope fullback **Rod Stewart** will be ready for fall practices. Stewart, one of the most promising runners ever at Kentucky, injured a knee in the Baylor game last fall and is not participating in spring practice. Surgery was performed back last September. . . It might have been April Fool's last Saturday, but Wildcat coaches were still celebrating the signing of Louisville All-State running back **Shawn Donigan** on Wednesday. That one signee enabled the Wildcats to have a good recruiting year, better than average which it had been labeled by some. . . Good news and bad news department: Good news was the play of David "Tuffskin" Stephens in last week's practices to which head coach Fran Curci said, "He's really looking great right now." The bad news was a very so-so exhibition by the first team offense last Saturday in a scrimmage at Commonwealth Stadium. Curci was so upset, he kept the first string around long after sending other players to the showers. If the scrimmage is any indication of days to come, look for the air to be filled with pigskins this fall. Quarterback **Mike Deaton** was firing the ball all around. The only problem was that no one was catching it. It wasn't one of Deaton's better days, but several passes were dropped by receivers. Up to that point, Deaton's arm had been rated as a very good A-plus this spring. . . UK football ticket manager **Al Morgan** reports that season football ticket sales are going at a record pace and UK will probably achieve its earliest sell-out in history. UK could sell about 3,000 extra season tickets if it were not for an agreement with the University of Tennessee. How? Well, the two schools have an agreement on the number of tickets for the visiting school and that number represents about 3,000 more than normally allotted other SEC games. Tennessee would gladly give the 3,000 back to Kentucky, but then the Vols would reduce Kentucky's allotment to the Knoxville game by 3,000 and Kentucky doesn't want to do that. Actually, Tennessee has a little better situation because of its 82,000-plus

seats as compared to 58,000 in Lexington. For that reason, Kentucky has about 3,000 single game tickets available for all home games with the exception of Tennessee. And like this season (when the Tennessee game is on the road) they have 3,000 extra tickets for all home games. "We could sell 3,000 more season tickets this season," said one UK official, "but then we couldn't renew the season ticket next year and they'd all be on our back." The public sale of football tickets, if there are any available will be in August. . . With the current situation of football tickets, look for more and more pressure from fans and alumni to expand Commonwealth Stadium. . . Without being too optimistic, most insiders close to the football program feel Kentucky is the next thing to a sure bet to be playing in a post-season bowl this winter. Our good friend **Herbie Hunt** says the

Liberty Bowl people will be courting Kentucky hard and heavy this fall, but so will the **Sugar Bowl**, the **Orange Bowl** and the **Gator Bowl**. . . For those who were bored with the 0-0 score of last season's spring Blue-White game, Curci promises there'll be plenty of scoring this time. "We've changed our offense to utilize out personnel, especially **Mike Deaton**," said Curci last week, "and it'll be an offense which will be more explosive, which can score in a hurry". . . **Freddie Williams**, who will be a fifth-year man this fall, has been going strong and appears to have no thoughts of relinquishing his position that he so ably occupied last season. . . **Jim Kovach**, the brilliant linebacker who spent most of the season on the sidelines last year, apparently will do something no one else has ever done in collegiate football. He is expected to play for the Wildcats this fall while

attending the UK Medical School. A new NCAA regulation now allows a graduate student to use his fourth year of eligibility while in graduate school, if the graduate school is the same one he attended the four years prior. Kovach was granted a fifth year to play his fourth campaign after being injured early last season. Attending medical school isn't the easiest task around, but if a man can handle the two, it would be Kovach, who is bypassing spring practice to concentrate on his studies. . . It's too bad **Dean Martin** and **NBC** cannot recognize a good roast, for the roasts of roasts will be in Lexington this week when the outspoken but well-liked **Buckshot Underwood** is tortured at a retirement dinner. Those to be on hand for the festivities include: **Bear Bryant**, **Charlie McClendon**, **Fran Curci**, **Happy Chandler**, **George Blanda**, and **Otis Singletary**, to name a few. . .

Some may claim there's bitter division among the UK football and basketball programs, but that's hard to conceive if you were at St. Louis a week ago when the basketball Wildcats defeated Duke for the national championship. There in person rooting the roundball Cats was head football coach **Fran Curci**. Ironically, Curci and **Joe Hall** are very good friends. But there's where it ends often. It's too bad one cannot say the same for some supporters and naturally a coach isn't going to alienate himself with his own people. . . **Ermal Allen**, a former Kentucky great who is now in the Dallas Cowboy organization, was at the NCAA Final Four in St. Louis. One Wildcat fan claims the real reason Allen was in St. Louis was to scout **James Lee**, for the NFL, that is. . . If you don't think people like a winner, then come over to the Shively Sports Center some afternoon. You'd think it's the week before the opening game the way spectators are showing up for the spring grid drills. . . One interested by-stander at last Friday's drill was Danville's pride and joy, **Chris Jones**, who'll be suiting up for the Big Blue this fall. . . There's a good possibility Kentucky will be on regional television this fall since ABC-TV has already made a couple of initial inquiries with UK about the Wildcats' schedule. . . Curci is expected to allow team players to choose sides again for squads in this weekend's spring game. "They have a lot of excitement with it," said Curci. "And I think it makes the game more interesting although it was 0-0 last year. It won't be that way this time, though. There should be a lot of points scored."

Basketball Banquet Tickets On Sale

The Committee of 101's annual banquet honoring the 1978 University of Kentucky basketball team will be held at 6:30 p.m., April 11, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel.

Tickets for the banquet, which is open to the general public, are priced at \$12.00 each. They may be purchased through the Committee of 101, P.O. Box 22, Lexington, Ky. 40501.

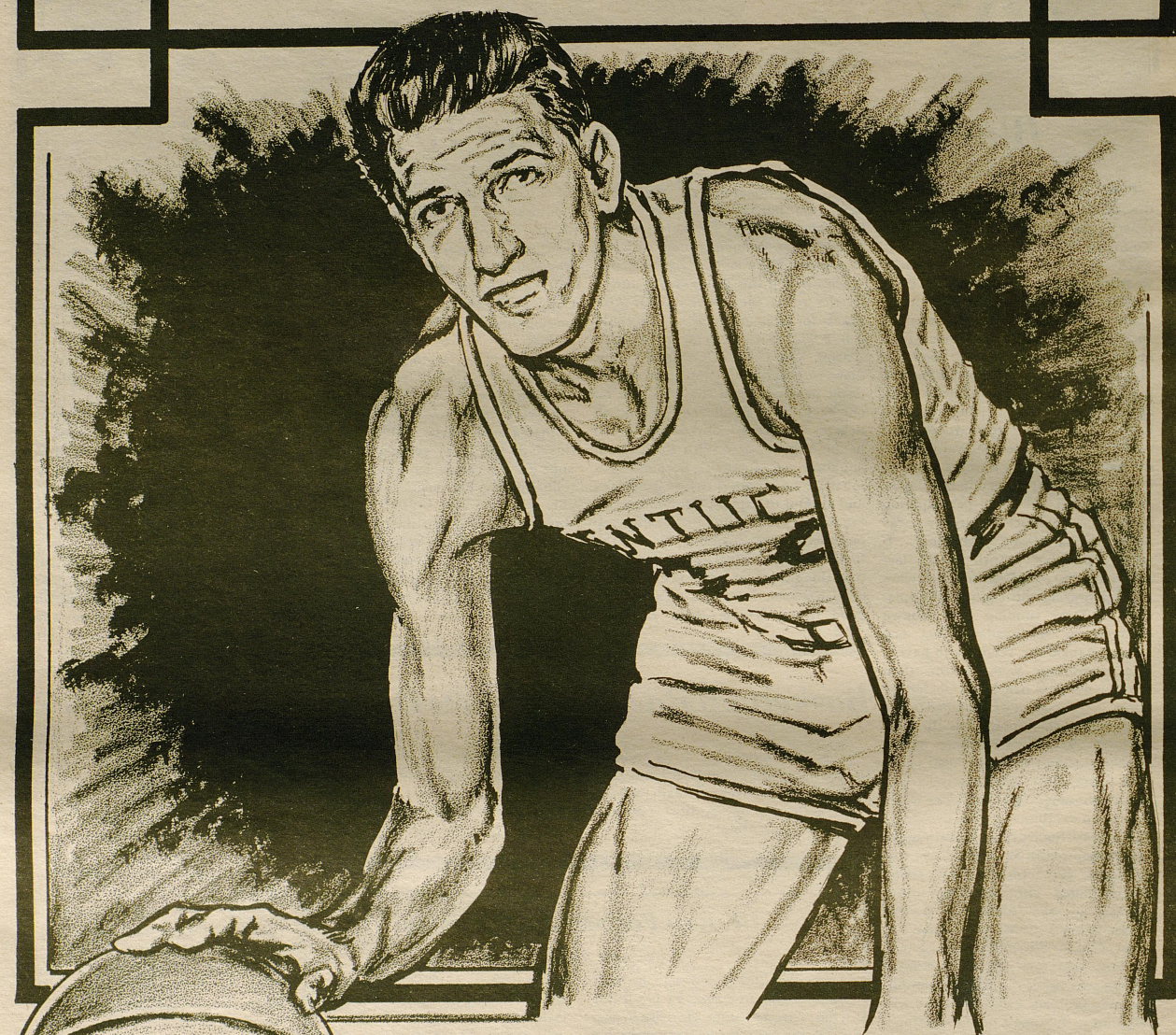
UK Bids For SEC Tournament

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draft, but **Rick Robey** says he isn't above going to Europe for pro ball if the contract is better. He'd like to play with the New Orleans Jazz where his family lives, but money will do the talking in the end. Givens will surely get a great package and Lee's performance in Charlotte now puts him at the top of the list. . . SEC coaches and athletics directors were to have met earlier this week to finalize plans for the SEC basketball tournament next year. The site selection was to be one of the main topics and UK's **Larry Ivy** says he'll be disappointed if UK isn't awarded the first event. Most observers feel Kentucky has a good shot at obtaining the first tourney, but expect it will then be moved to Birmingham. "They'll want to get the tourney off on a sound financial basis," said a UK official, "and they know they'll have a sell-out here. Plus, if they're ever going to let UK have it, then they'll probably figure this is the best time because we're graduating

four seniors." . . . **Jack Givens**, who earlier had said he would bypass the Pizza Hut Classic attended after all and scored 18 points in a fine performance. Givens said he wanted to concentrate more on his studies, but he had already committed himself several weeks ago and didn't want to break his promise. How much do Lexingtonians think of Givens? Well, Jack is being nominated for the Outstanding Lexingtonian of the Year in an annual contest conducted by the local Optimist Club. Don't be surprised if he is the winner. . . The big annual **Derby Basketball Classic** will be staged April 29 in Louisville's Freedom Hall and this year's event will probably showcase several future UK players. **Max Rein** does a super job with the classic, which is rapidly becoming known as the "Classic of Classics." It is held in conjunction with Kentucky Derby week. More on the classic soon as far as rosters are concerned.

Bill Lickert



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Sweep Pair From Vandy, But Drop Series Finale

Tuffy Horne's Kentucky baseball Wildcats ran their winning streak to four games with a doubleheader win over Vanderbilt Saturday but dropped the finale of the three-game series Sunday at the Shively Sports Center.

The weekend activity left Kentucky with a 7-14 overall record and 3-8 in league play. The Cats were scheduled to meet Louisville in a twin-bill at Shively Sports Center Wednesday and a single game with Morehead on Thursday.

This weekend, Kentucky journeys to Louisville for a 2 p.m. game with Bellarmine Saturday. Next Tuesday, Kentucky will host Indiana for a pair and then play Louisville a doubleheader on the road at 2 p.m. next Wednesday.

Horne said the Louisville road game

was originally scheduled as a single night game but was changed to a twin-bill at 2 p.m. to make up for a postponed game earlier this season.

Wildcat Joe George was the winning pitcher in the 6-5 win over Venderbilt last Saturday after coming on in relief for Tim Brandenburg.

Third baseman Bill Hench belted a home run in the first inning for Vandy and Steve Roberts evened the round-tripper with a solo blast in the fifth.

In the 3-0 nightcap win, Kevin O'Connor, a sophomore walk-on, limited Vandy to three hits as the Commodores suffered their fifth SEC loss in a row this season.

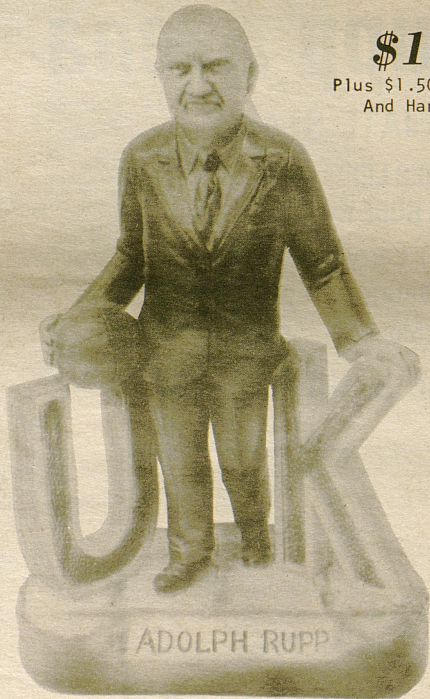
Mike McDonald slugged a homer with none on for the Cats in the sixth inning and put the game out of reach.

1978 UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY BASEBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time	Site
Mar. 1	Louisville (2)	1:00	Louisville, Ky.
7	Georgetown College	3:00	LEXINGTON
11	*Tennessee (2)	1:30	Knoxville, Tenn.
12	*Tennessee	2:00	Knoxville, Tenn.
14	St. Leo College	3:30	St. Leo, Fla.
14	St. Leo College	8:00pm	Brooksville, Fla.
15	U of Tampa	3:30	Tampa, Fla.
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16	U of South Florida	7:30pm	Tampa, Fla.
17	*Florida (2)	6:00pm	Gainesville, Fla.
18	*Florida	1:30	Gainesville, Fla.
21	Jacksonville U	12:00m	Jacksonville, Fla.
25	*Georgia (2)	1:30	Athens, Ga.
26	*Georgia	2:00	Athens, Ga.
28	Bradley U (2)	1:30	LEXINGTON
29	Bradley U	3:00	LEXINGTON
Apr. 1	*Vanderbilt (2)	1:30	LEXINGTON
2	*Vanderbilt	2:00	LEXINGTON
5	Louisville	3:00	LEXINGTON
6	Morehead State	3:00	LEXINGTON
8	Bellarmine College	2:00	Louisville, Ky.
11	Indiana U (2)	1:00	LEXINGTON
12	Louisville	7:00pm	Louisville, Ky.
14	*Georgia (2)	2:00	LEXINGTON
15	*Georgia	2:00	LEXINGTON
16	Kentucky State	2:00	LEXINGTON
18	*Tennessee	3:00	LEXINGTON
19	*Tennessee (2)	2:00	LEXINGTON
20	Bellarmine College	3:00	LEXINGTON
22	*Florida (2)	2:00	LEXINGTON
23	*Florida	2:00	LEXINGTON
24	Western Kentucky	3:00	LEXINGTON
27	Eastern Kentucky	3:00	LEXINGTON
29	*Vanderbilt (2)	6:00pm	Nashville, Tenn.
30	*Vanderbilt	2:00	Nashville, Tenn.
May 2	Morehead State	1:30	Morehead, Ky.
4	Georgetown College	2:00	Georgetown, Ky.
7	Miami (O.) (2)	2:00	LEXINGTON

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"College sports," writes New Yorker Dave Anderson, "is [sic] supposed to be fun, supposed to be part of the learning experience."

Talk about non sequiturs! Learning is serious business. And perhaps the most important of life's lessons is that if you want something -- especially if you want something that everybody else wants, too -- you have to dig in, lower your head and go get it.

There's no such thing as a free lunch [or even a three-martini lunch] on the athletic field of honor.

If he is looking strictly for entertainment, then Mr. Anderson is in the wrong business. He shouldn't be a sportswriter. He should be a theater critic. Because the name of the sports game is competition. Not entertainment.

Miss Sally Kay Stewart, a fine young lady who came to Kentucky from northern Illinois some nine years ago, tells me that the problem is a simple one.

"Northerners just don't understand Southerners," she says. "That's the whole problem. And, especially, they don't understand Southern men. Those guys up North can't figure out how real you all are down here. You know what I mean . . . real . . . down-home. You like hunting and fishing and drinking with the fellows and standing around talking about sports.

"And you take all of those things seriously. You take your whisky seriously, and your women seriously. Just like you take your basketball seriously. I don't think it means you don't enjoy them -- I think it means you enjoy them much, much more. They're closer to your hearts. It's just that your hearts are still very close to the earth and the basics of life.

"New Yorkers can no more understand Kentucky basketball than they can understand Jimmy Carter."

Another friend concedes there is, after all, some truth to support Anderson's tirade. The Wildcats this year were sober, serious and strong. And Joe Hall is no replacement for Chevy Chase or Johnny Carson.

But he also points out that anyone who thinks the Notre Dame, Arkansas and Duke teams were out on the floor in St. Louis for a game of light-hearted, sand-lot basketball is as crazy as a June bug on wheels.

Those players, those coaches and those fans wanted the title as badly as did Kentucky. They just hadn't wanted it for as long. Therein lies the germ of the real point of this whole matter. Maybe the New York sportswriters and other national observers have forgotten what happened in the NCAA Tournament last year -- maybe they didn't even notice.

But Kentuckians remembered. And, much more importantly, the Kentucky Wildcats remembered. They remembered that they -- this same team, with Kyle Macy sitting helplessly in the bleachers -- lost. They were a good team. They could have won. They should have won. But they went out on the court and just didn't cut it. They lost their chance to play in the Mideast Regionals at home in front of their own loyal fans. And then they lost to North Carolina in a game that ended with Kentucky trying desperately to come back against a frustratingly efficient four-corner stall.

That, I think, is when it happened. The Cats came out of that gymnasium ashamed and humiliated . . . and with only two words on their minds: "Next year."

They started right then and there to pull together, to work together, and to demand of each other one thing: The 1978 NCAA Title. It was on every player's mind over the summer as he practiced individually . . . and ran, panting, through the early-morning stillnesses . . . and gathered his will to push those weights from his chest up into the air. When they started their regular practices in the fall, it was as if "St. Louis" were written on the backboards. And during every skills workout and scrimmage the pounding of basketballs in the empty gym echoed the letters: N . . . C . . . A . . . A.

That is the story that has been entirely overlooked by the so-called experts. While they wrote and commented and criticized the Wildcats for not entertaining audiences with flashy passes, behind-the-back dribbles and the other "cheap thrills" of basketball, they were missing altogether a grander, more glorious chapter of human drama.

For -- though the Wildcats' journey to the Winner's Circle this year may have seemed boring to those who have surrendered their hearts and minds to the machine-gun stroking of a culture whose childlike attention span is no longer than a detergent commercial -- it was a living monument to hope and determination for those of us who remember enough about the classic human values to appreciate what it means to be given a second chance . . . and to take that second chance and succeed.

The trophy that Rick Robey held aloft on the balcony of the airport terminal at 4 o'clock in the morning on the 28th of March is a symbol of determination and hard work . . . of knowing what you want and going after it . . . of dedication to a cause and an ideal . . . of undying effort to achieve an agreed-upon goal . . . of delayed gratification instead of momentary satisfaction . . . of the victory of the sober-minded tortoise over the fun-loving hare . . . of all the things, in short, that we teach our young people to believe in -- or used to, anyway.

FBI Agent Joins SEC Enforcement Staff

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. [Sp.] -- Commissioner Boyd McWhorter announces that Robert M. "Bob" Barrett, an FBI agent for 26 years, will become the Special Assistant to the Commissioner for Enforcement on August 1, 1978, after retiring from the Bureau in July. This new position was established by the presidents and chancellors of the Southeastern Conference at their meeting in early March.

The Special Assistant will be used not only to investigate allegations of violations but also to educate prospective student-athletes, coaches, alumni and friends of the universities about rules governing recruiting. He will, in the performance of his duties, periodically visit member institutions to evaluate the condition of their intercollegiate athletic program and to inform the chief executive officers of his findings and recommendations.

In his investigative role the Special Assistant will cooperate fully with and assist the NCAA in any manner which the national organization desires.

Wildcats Set New SEC Hoop Marks

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. [Sp.] -- Kentucky, the 1978 Southeastern Conference champion, marched through the 40th NCAA basketball tournament with five straight victories to the national championship. The Wildcats whipped Florida State (85-76), Miami, O. (91-69), Michigan State (52-49), Arkansas (64-59), and Duke (94-88) by an average of nine points per game, 77.2 to 68.2. This was the first crown since 1958, but the total of five is second only to the ten of UCLA.

Overall, Kentucky has won 42 and lost 21 in the 25 NCAA tournament



chases for which it has qualified, for a winning percentage of 66.7%. Their overall 1978 record was 30-2, the losses being to SEC teams only, Alabama, 78-62, and LSU, 95-94 in overtime, both on the road. The SEC for '78 against outside teams was 63-32, a winning effort of 66.3%.

The Wildcats led the SEC team stats in scoring (88.2 ppg), FG pct. (54.1%), FT pct. (76.02) and in defensive rebounds (allowing only 31.3 pg). The FG pct. mark is a new SEC record, beating the 53.8 of Tennessee in '77. Rick Robey led the individual FG shooting with 63.5% and Kyle Macy the FT shooting on 89.1%. Robey's mark is #2 all-time SEC for 200 or more attempts.

Mr. Barrett is a graduate of Notre Dame, majoring in Commerce and receiving his degree in June of 1950. After a year in sales, he returned to Notre Dame to work on his Master's, then in April, 1952, enrolled in the FBI Academy at Quantico, Va. On graduation he was assigned to the FBI office in Phoenix, Arizona, then in February of 1954 to Dallas, Texas, and in August, 1966, to Birmingham.

The majority of his assignments in FBI duty have been to gambling and organized crime cases. He participated in the arrest of Lee Harvey Oswald.

Barrett was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and attended high school in Wheeler, Ind., where he was an all-around athlete. On Navy duty in World War II, he served on the USS Birmingham and was introduced to

Notre Dame by way of the V-12 program. At the University of Chattanooga in 1946-47, prior to Notre Dame, Bob played football and basketball.

Bob is married to the former Phyllis Ann Albright of Mishawaka, Indiana, and they have five children. Two daughters are married (Mindy Cammarata and Terri Thornton); a son, Mike, serves in the Air Force; the youngest daughter, Susan Marie, is a junior at John Carroll HS; and the youngest son, Patrick, attends McElwaine Elementary school. Bob's dad, Lawrence Barrett, was one of the original professional football players, working at fullback and linebacker with the Decatur (Ill.) Staley teams of George Halas.

On the appointment of Barrett, Commissioner McWhorter said, "I

have known Bob Barrett since I first became Commissioner in 1972, and I consider that we are indeed fortunate to secure the services of a man so well qualified. He has all the qualities which I outlined for this new important position: experience, maturity, dedication and sensitivity. I look forward to my continued association with Bob Barrett and am completely confident that he will make a most beneficial contribution to the Southeastern Conference."

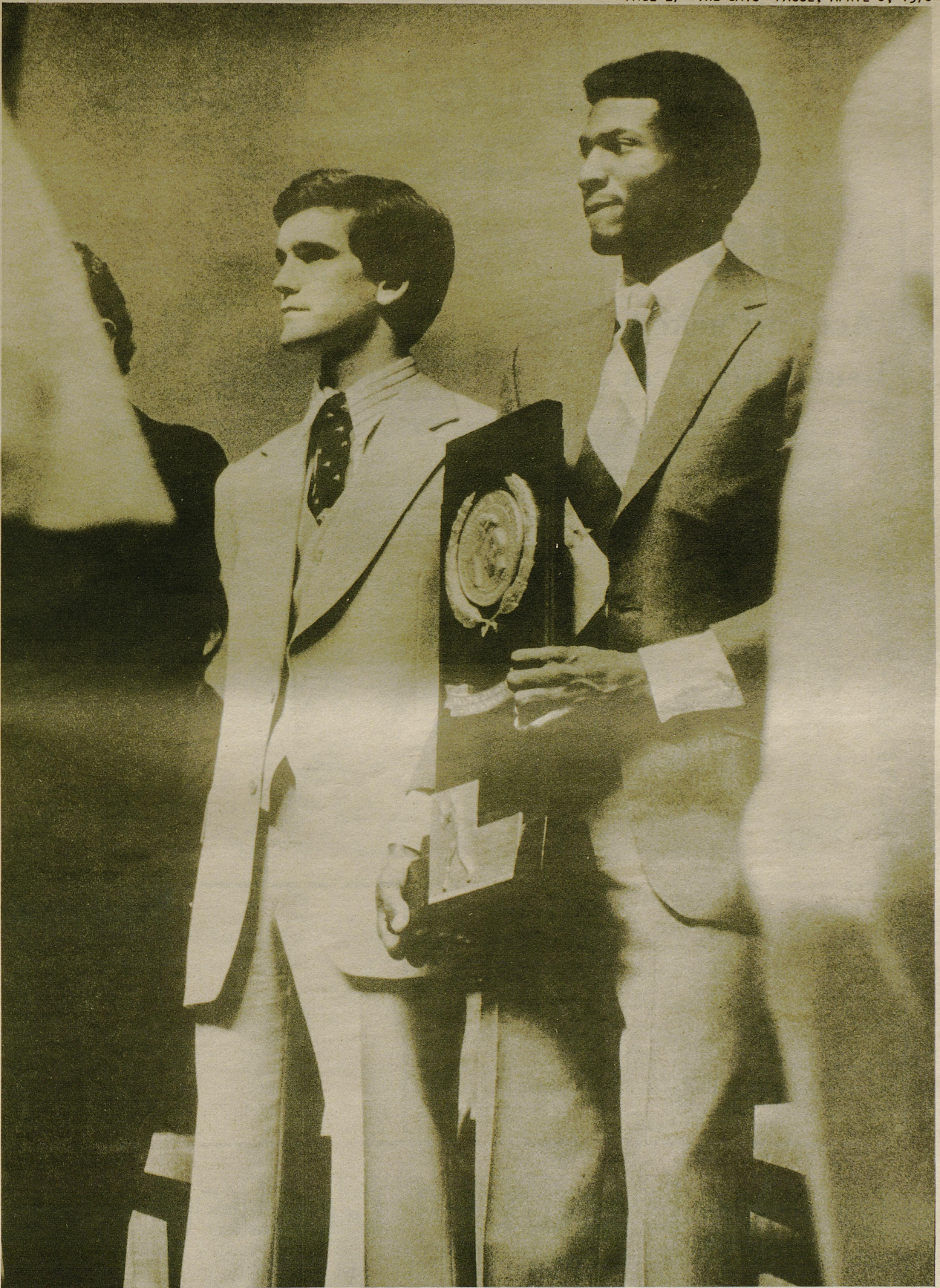
About his new duty, Barrett says: "I feel that I can contribute something positive to the conference as a whole, and to the SEC office. My experience qualifies me for the duties outlined by Commissioner McWhorter. I'm grateful for the opportunity afforded by him and I am looking forward to the duty."

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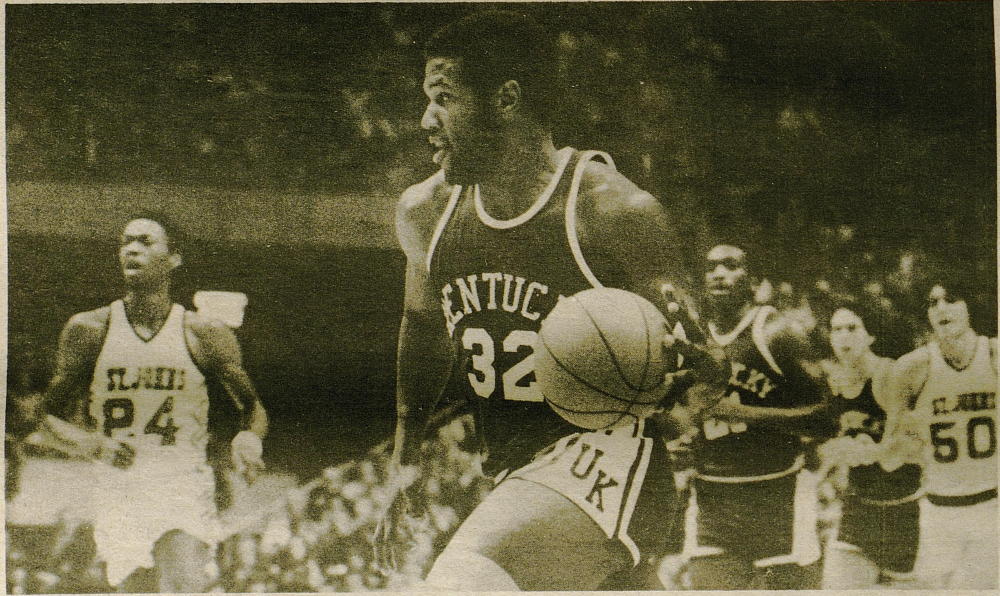
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