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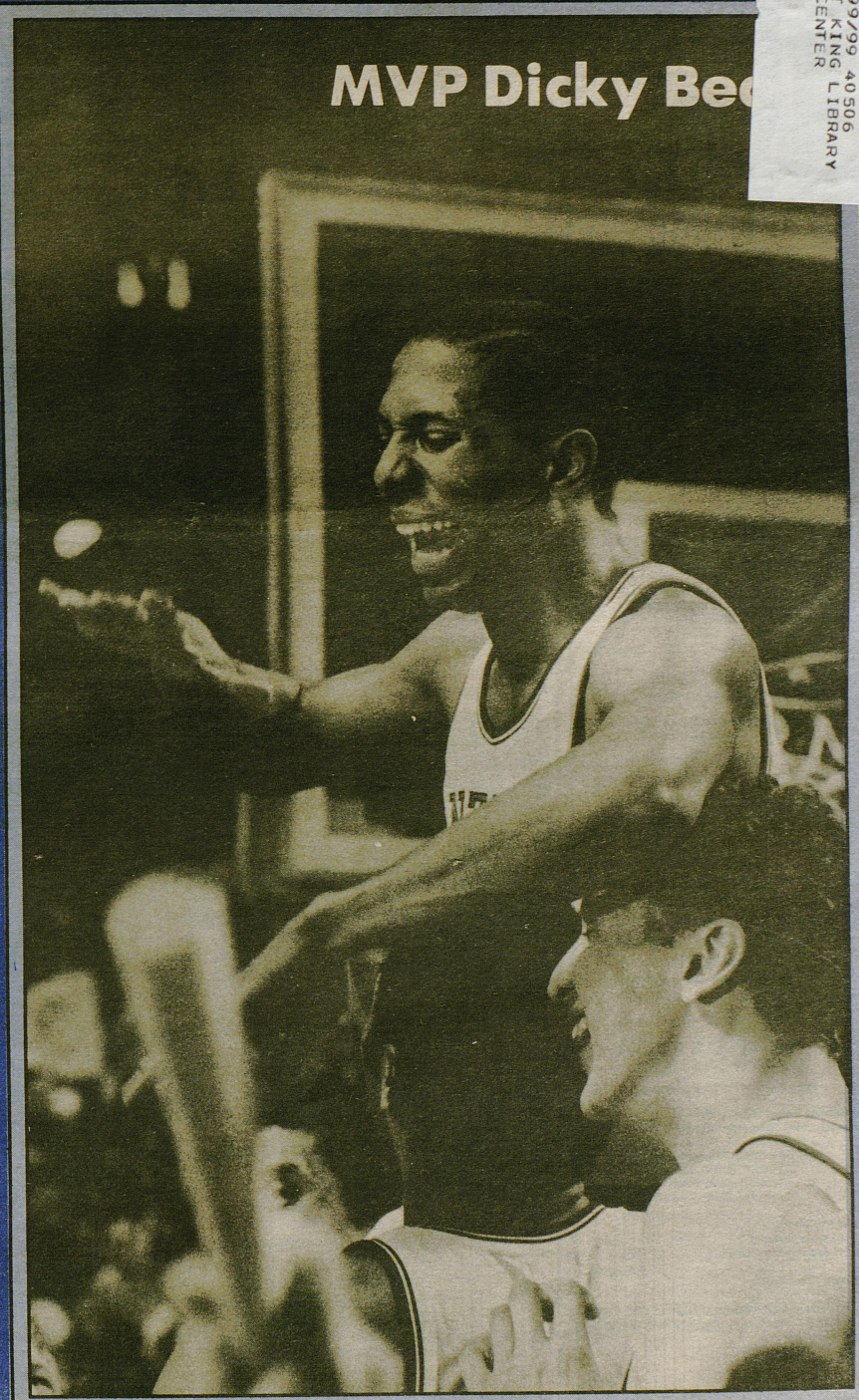
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Back Thru The Wildcat Years

ONE YEAR AGO

*Home runs by Kenny Jackson and Wayne Able highlighted a 13-hit attack and four Kentucky pitchers blanked the Morehead Eagles as Kentucky downed the visitors 11-0. UK scored seven runs in the fifth inning to break the game open. Dan Whelan picked up the win, giving up four hits and no runs in five innings pitched.

*University of Kentucky bound Winston Bennett, to no one's surprise, captured the "Mr. Basketball" title

for the state of Kentucky this year. The Louisville Male senior averaged 25 points and 12 rebounds a game.

*Several basketball records have fallen with the final statistics out on the 1982-83 season. The 82-83 team will go down in the record books as being the all-time best shooting team in the history of the university, shooting 55.6 percent from the field.

*UK signees Winston Bennett and James Blackmon have been named to the prestigious McDonald's and Parade All-American teams. They will play in the McDonald's Classic in Atlanta.

*Behind the five-hit pitching of Joe Georger, now 6-1 on the year, the UK baseball team came back to win the second game of a doubleheader with Tennessee 7-1 after losing the first game 7-6 after some crucial errors cost UK a decision in the Saturday opener. Mike Botkin had a two-run double in the second game while Freddie Smith homered in the opener. The Vols came back to win Sunday's game by a 6-2 score after UK jumped on top 2-0. The Wildcats also split a pair of games with Morehead. UK won 6-4 the first at Morehead. In the second game, Kentucky lost by a 20-18 score, a game which featured seven homers.

*The University of Kentucky will

likely be forced to make some alterations at its Joe B. Hall Wildcat Lodge, but the players will not have to move out. That is the present interpretation UK officials have of a NCAA ruling made in the winter meetings. However UK is still waiting for a clarification of the ruling.

TEN YEARS AGO

*The UK tennis team, now 12-2 on the season, won its second SEC match in as many days as the Cat netters walloped Vanderbilt 9-0.

*LSU dropped Kentucky's tennis team. It was the second setback of the week for the Cats and ran their record to 12-4.

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FIVE YEARS AGO

Wildcat Quiz

The NCAA Tournament

1. There no longer is a consolation game in the Final Four. Name the last team to finish fourth in the Final Four tournament.

- Louisville
- Kentucky
- LSU
- Virginia

2. Since 1973, two different teams have won the NCAA twice while no other school has won it more than once. Name those two teams.

3. In 1975, Kentucky lost to UCLA in the final game by 92-85. What team

did the Cats beat in the semi-final round to reach UCLA ?

4. In that '75 tournament, who was the Most Valuable Player?

5. Through 1977-81, a guard was named MVP of every Final Four except one. Who was the MVP that was not a guard?

6. Name the only player selected Final Four MVP three times.

7. What school has made the most (28) NCAA appearances (not just Final Four)?

8. Jack Givens' 41 points against Duke in the 1978 final game was three short of the title game record. Who holds that mark?

9. Has any player besides the answer to question eight scored more than Givens did against Duke in the final game?

10. Name the one UK player who won the Final Four MVP award twice.

- Cliff Hagan
- Alex Groza
- Jack Givens
- Jeff Royce



Answers

1. LSU lost to Virginia in '81.
2. North Carolina State and Indiana
3. Syracuse
4. Richard Washington of UCLA
5. Jack Givens of Kentucky.
6. Lew Alcindor of UCLA.
7. Kentucky
8. Bill Walton of UCLA
9. Gail Goodrich had 42 against Michigan in 1965.
10. b. Alex Groza

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



Oscar L. Combs

Cats' Pause Publisher



Four Big-Time Losers Head To Seattle

It's just going to be a dull weekend for some of the big-time basketball experts this weekend in Seattle, Washington. Why, there isn't a single bonafide basketball coach in the whole lot.

Let's see, there's Joe B. Hall who should never lose a game because he has so much talent. Then there's Terry Holland who we've been led to believe existed only because Ralph Sampson was on his team. And John Thompson only knows how to run a concentration camp. Ah, yes, there is Guy Lewis, you know the one who knows how to lose the big one.

Well, there you have it. I don't know who is going to win the Final Four next Monday, but it's obvious someone other than Kentucky, Georgetown, Virginia or Houston will finally emerge.

Unless the NCAA figures an innovative way to place another entry into the Final Four, some sportswriters' expert analysis is going to go down the drain this weekend.

With that in mind, we decided to do a little research on the Final Four coaches and find out just how bad they really are. Forget the regular season, some experts claim (even some UK fans), see what they do where it counts, in the NCAAs.

Well, let's see. First of all, let's work our way up from the bottom. Of the four coaches, Georgetown's John Thompson has enjoyed the least amount of success in the post season NCAA, winning 10 of 17 games for a not-to-shabby .588 winning percentage.

Then there's no-win Guy Lewis. Everyone talks about how he blew last year's title to North Carolina State. Even though he didn't miss a single free throw, the know-it-alls scratch him as a loser. In fourteen NCAA trips, he has won 25 and lost 17 for a .595 winning percentage. Only one active coach (Dean Smith) has won more NCAA games.

And what about Terry Holland. Because Ralph Sampson logged playing time for four years at Virginia, there were those who claimed he would fall to the cellar of the ACC once Sampson retired to the pros. All Holland did was to direct his club to the Final Four with the least talent he's had in five years. Still, he owns an 11-5 NCAA mark, good enough for a .688 winning percentage.

And guess who that leaves at the winningest coach in the NCAAs among the Final Four coaches?

You guessed it, Joe B. Hall. "Can't coach a lick," claim some detractors. "Has all the All-Americans but cannot win in post season tournaments," argue others. "His teams only play in December, when it doesn't count," chips in another Hall critic.

But when you look at the records, you discover a different story.

Through the regional play-offs of the past weekend, only one active coach in the country has a better winning percentage in the NCAAs than Joe B. Hall. He's Bobby Knight who has won 21 and lost only seven in the nine NCAA appearances.

Hall is the only other coach to own a .700-plus winning percentage in the NCAA. Joe B.'s clubs have won 18 and

lost 7 in 25 games.

Nevertheless, four big-time schools have survived for the biggest basketball show in the world. And when you consider the fact that the four finalists waded through a record 53-team field, then the four head coaches must have something going for them.

It's ironic that the odds-on favorite (North Carolina) with what many so-called basketball experts call the "greatest collegiate coach" (Dean

Georgetown is a two-point favorite over Kentucky while Houston enjoys an expected five-point edge over Virginia. It will be the first game involving UK this season that the Wildcats have been declared an underdog.

While Kentucky has been playing very sound and good basketball throughout the tourney, don't be shocked if the Wildcats enjoy one of those streaks like they did against Georgia in the SEC tourney. At this stage of the tourney, it would be a welcomed asset and could produce Kentucky another national championship.

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Saturday was a big day in more ways than one for Joe B. Hall and the Kentucky Wildcats.

Of course, UK won the Mideast Regional and a spot in the Final Four, but at the same time, Central Missouri (a school which Joe Hall once coached) nailed down the NCAA Division 11 title in Springfield, Mass.

Ironically, Central Missouri won the title with former UK assistant Lynn Nance calling the shots as head coach. Nance, appearing on a post game interview over CBS-TV, quickly paid tribute to his old boss and then noted that Hall once coached Central Missouri as did UAB coach Gene Bartow. This has been a good year for Joe B. Hall and his former assistants.

Former UK aide Joe Dean and his Birmingham Southern team won its conference, conference tourney, and its NAIA district on the way to the national tourney in Kansas City.

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HITS AND MISSES... Kentucky's official party will be traveling by charter to Seattle Thursday morning and will be headquartered at the **Double Tree Plaza**. Kentucky, which has played in the Final Four seven previous times, has never lost in the Final Four semi-finals. The Cats have won five titles and lost twice (1966 and 1975) in the championship game... Local travel agents in Lexington said the demand for air accommodations for the trip to Seattle were three times as much as was the trip to **San Diego** (another West Coast tourney) back in 1975. At least six charters were all set to leave this weekend... Sitting on a trainer's table in the UK locker room more than an hour after beating Illinois, Wildcat senior **Sam Bowie** reflected on his five years at Kentucky while trainers worked on his injured ankle. "Whew," exclaimed Bowie, "I had no idea it would be this tough to make it to the Final Four, but it's been

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THE FINAL FOUR COACHES

Coach	School	NCAAs	Titles	W-L	Pct.
1. Joe B. Hall	Kentucky	9	1	18-7	.720
2. Terry Holland	Virginia	6	0	11-5	.688
3. Guy Lewis	Houston	14	0	25-17	.595
4. John Thompson	Georgetown	8	0	10-7	.588

lost only seven in nine NCAA tourneys. Knight's clubs have gone to the Final Eight of the NCAA four times while winning two titles. Hall has been to the Final Eight six times, winning all the marbles in 1978.

Ironically, the only current coach of the group who has a better NCAA record than Hall hasn't done too well against the UK mentor in recent years. Since Indiana pounded Kentucky 98-74 almost ten years ago in December of 1974, Joe B. Hall has practically owned the Hoosiers.

About three months later, Hall pulled the coaching coupe of the year when his Wildcats stunned previously unbeaten and top-ranked Hoosiers 92-90 in the championship game of the Mideast Regional.

Ever since, Kentucky has been on a roll. Kentucky has defeated Indiana and Knight in seven of the two clubs' last nine meetings. The two losses, both in Bloomington, were by scores of 68-67 in overtime in 1978 and 62-59 in 1982. The latter was avenged in the Mideast Regional at Knoxville when UK upset the Hoosiers 64-59.

Now, Joe B. takes his act to Seattle where he could have hooked up with Bobby Knight again, but Terry Holland took care of that possibility

(Smith) didn't even make it to the Final Four.

Just for the fun of it, we've compiled the NCAA tourney statistics of the Final Four coaches and then all the coaches which made it to the "Sweet Sixteen" field of this year's tourney. The won-loss records are complete through the regional finals of last weekend. You be the judge.

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Most everyone around college basketball agree the real challenge in the game today is not winning the NCAA, but to reach the Final Four. After reaching the Final Four, the title is really up for grabs.

Such is the situation this year. While Georgetown, Houston and Kentucky are considered strong contenders, only Virginia could be considered an upset winner. Regardless of the outcome, all four schools have enjoyed banner years and yet three of them will return home next Monday night a loser.

It's easy to see that the NCAA and CBS-TV believe that the big game Saturday is the Georgetown-Kentucky affair since that contest has been moved to the top billing as second game of the double-header.

TCP To Publish Late Next Week

Just as the current basketball season is winding toward an end, so is the regular weekly schedule of The Cats' Pause.

Next week's edition (April 7) is the last weekly issue of the year for TCP, but because the NCAA championship game is being played on Monday night at 9 p.m., that issue will be published the following Monday.

We are delaying this issue because we want to give you a special souvenir

edition complete with all the action-packed photos, features and statistics of the Final Four in Seattle. Hopefully, it will include UK's sixth national title.

Again, the April 7 issue will be published one week late and will include a complete wrap-up of the 1983-84 season. Our May monthly issue will be mailed the first week of May and will include a special section on basketball recruiting plus a full review of Kentucky's spring football.

Stubborn Illini Fall 54-51

Cats Are Bound To Seattle

On To Seattle

For the first time since 1978, Kentucky will be heading to the NCAA Final Four. While few other than the nation's elite make more than infrequent appearances in the finals of college basketball, the six-year wait was a frustrating one for the expectant Kentucky fans. Yet the '84 Cats did it, by outlasting a poised Illinois team 54-51 before 23,525 fans in Rupp Arena.

This will be Joe Hall's third trip to the Final Four and no teams were more tested than this one. After going wire-to-wire with a tough Louisville team Thursday, Kentucky needed another photo finish to beat a gutsy Illinois squad. But Kentucky is throured country and when this was over, Kentucky had a few too many horses.

Kentucky will take a 29-4 record to Seattle. Coach Lou Henson's Illini, one of the surprise teams in the nation this year, finished 26-5. UK had defeated Illinois on a last-second shot in Champaign in December. The win that counted last week came no easier.

The Summary

There was nothing surprising about how this one went. Illinois controlled the patient tempo by working for the good shot. The Illini played excellent defense and kept UK from using its height advantage inside. Illinois also stopped Kentucky's devastating fast break by getting back defensively every time Kentucky wanted to run.

Yet, Kentucky showed they can do more than run. They never trailed after 5-4. Each time Illinois seemed to be within a whisker of taking control, UK showed its grit. The Illini showed great poise by continually hitting the key jumpers, especially in the second half, but Kentucky would never buckle.

The difference was shooting accuracy. Illinois took 13 more shots than UK but made just two more field goals. UK hit 64.7 percent the first half and 55.3 percent for the game. The Illini hit 46 percent. UK was 12 of 17 at the line, Illinois five of nine. UK outrebounded Illinois by seven in the second half to win that battle by five. UK's 13 turnovers were a nemesis, mostly because Illinois made just seven.

Beal Garners MVP

Kentucky's Dicky Beal won Most Valuable Player in the regional. The Wildcat catalyst from his point guard spot, Beal had nine points and six assists. Most important, he scored Kentucky's final five points to seal the win.

Sam Bowie and Melvin Turpin joined Beal on the all-tourney team. Bowie had a game-high 14 rebounds and scored all 11 of his points in the second half. His defense was also excellent, holding Illini star Efre Winters to seven points and blocking a crucial Winters shot late in the game.

Turpin started fast and finished with 14 points. Winston Bennett had eight points, all in the first half.

Guard Quinn Richardson led Illinois

Illinois 51										
PLAYER	FG	FT	REB	PF	TPS	A	TO	MIN		
Efre Winters	3-9	1-3	4	1	7	0	0	37		
Doug Altenberger	5-11	3-4	3	2	13	3	0	40		
George Montgomery	2-4	0-0	2	3	4	0	1	28		
Quinn Richardson	8-11	0-0	3	3	16	3	1	35		
Bruce Douglas	3-9	1-2	5	3	7	11	4	40		
Tony Wesley	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	1		
Scott Meents	2-6	0-0	3	3	4	0	1	19		
Team	—									
TOTALS	23-50	5-9	21	15	51	17	7	200		

Kentucky 54										
PLAYER	FG	FT	REB	PF	TPS	A	TO	MIN		
Kenny Walker	3-4	0-0	2	0	6	3	0	26		
Sam Bowie	3-6	5-7	14	2	11	1	3	37		
Melvin Turpin	6-12	1-2	6	2	13	2	4	39		
Dicky Beal	3-6	3-4	3	2	9	6	5	39		
Jim Master	3-6	0-0	1	3	6	1	0	34		
James Blackman	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	7		
Bret Bearup	0-0	1-2	0	0	1	0	0	3		
Winston Bennett	3-4	2-2	0	4	8	0	1	15		
Team	—									
TOTALS	21-38	12-17	26	14	54	13	200			

ILLINOIS	KENTUCKY
22	29
20	30
—	54

TECHNICAL FOULS: NONE
OFFICIALS: H. Nichols, J. Clark, R. Paparo
ATTENDANCE: 23,525

with deadly outside shooting. Popping from the wings over the UK zone, Richardson hit eight of 11 and scored a game-high 16 points. Doug Altenberger, once recruited by UK, also scorched the UK zone and scored 13. Defensive-minded guard Bruce Douglas had 11 assists.

It was a very physical game. Three different Wildcats - Walker, Bowie and Beal - all were injured at various times during the game.

The First Half

Turpin hit four straight buckets and UK led 8-5. It looked as if Turpin was headed for another one of those sensational scoring nights but he then

cooled off. Walker's jumper made it 12-7 but moments later, he injured his achilles heel in a pileup. He was in and out the rest of the game but courageously was there when UK needed him at the end.

Winters dunked off a lob to bring Illinois within 12-11. Bennett then scored eight of UK's next ten points and the Cats seized a six-point lead. However, Illinois and Richardson warmed up after UK went zone and Scott Meents tied the score at 22 and 31 seconds left. Beal's 22-footer at the horn gave UK a two-point cushion at the break.

Bowie Comes Alive

Bowie got a pair of tip-ins and UK took a 33-26 lead. Illinois would not back off. They slowly worked their way back, until Winters hit a baseline jumper at 10:36 to even matters at 36.

Walker and Turpin both hit jumpers, Bowie a foul shot and UK answered with a 41-36 lead. Richardson and Altenberger then found the range on the wing, hitting one cardiac jumper after another. UK stayed in front, but five straight two-pointers by that pair kept the lead to three. UK got a scare when Beal was dazed momentarily by a Bowie elbow inside. He returned after sitting out 38 seconds.

UK's lead was 49-46 when Illinois forced a UK turnover at 3:40. The Illini worked for the good shot and Winters seemed open from the baseline. Bowie came under the goal to

block the shot and UK had possession.

After one made free throw by Beal made it 50-46, Richardson swished from the wing and UK's lead was one. However, the Cats got whistled for a ten-second call against the press and Illinois had a tie.

With about two minutes to go, Douglas misfired from the key and Bowie rebounded. UK stalled, then called a timeout with 49 seconds. Beal then began dribbling. Suddenly, he split through a trap and drove to the hoop. He banked it in and UK's lead was four at 43 seconds.

Richardson answered again, this time with 27 seconds left. UK iced the ball until Beal was fouled at 14 seconds. He calmly sank both. UK had committed only two team fouls so they fouled Illinois four times in the next seven seconds.

However, the last one was called a two-shot foul. Altenberger missed the second one at seven seconds and it was over.

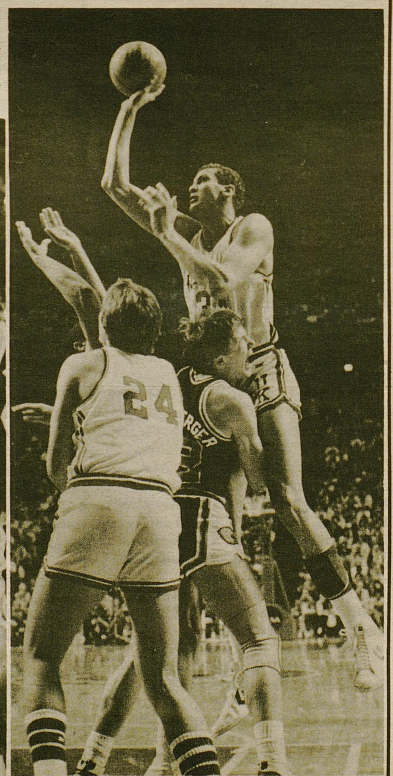
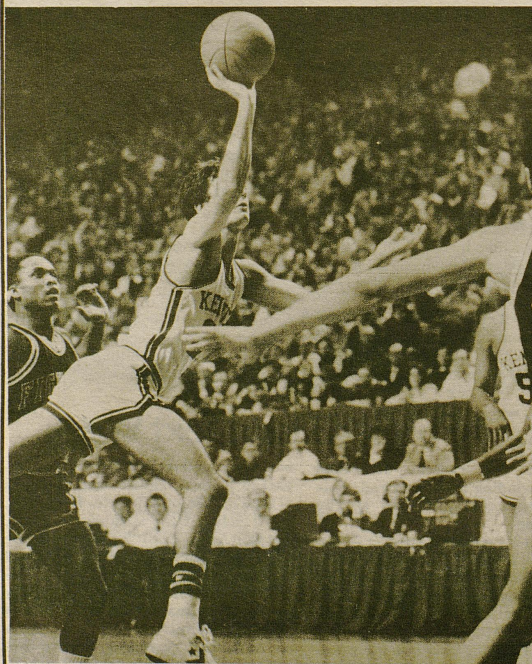
The Illini View

Coach Lou Henson, Illinois: "I am not going to cry about the officiating. All three are top officials, but we cannot come to Kentucky and have the fouls go against us 11-2 with about a minute left and win the game. Was the last shot good? I thought the ball was in the air. That was a crucial call, like some others. It was 11-2 when they started fouling. We can't win

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Cats Are Offensive

LEFT: Jim Master makes a pretzel out of his body in this shot against Illinois. RIGHT: Sam Bowie towers above Illinois' Doug Altenberger. Bowie scored all 11 of his points in the second half and grabbed a game-high 14 rebounds.



Happy To Be Back

Kentucky Coach Joe B. Hall made the following comments after his team defeated Illinois 54-51 Saturday to advance to the NCAA Final Four this week...

Hall: I would like to compliment Illinois. They were an outstanding ballclub that certainly could have made a good representation in the Final Four. They played us very tough. Their defense was awesome. They were able to stop us inside and deserve all the credit in the world.

As far as our players were concerned that just makes me have to compliment them more because they won against a good ballclub in a well-played game. I thought Sam Bowie's second half was outstanding. He had 10 rebounds and all 11 of his points in the second half which in this low scoring game was outstanding. Everyone played well. I'm really proud of Dicky Beal and think that its high time he gets the recognition he deserves in being MVP of this regional.

Question: Illinois really controlled the tempo and slowed the game down but I guess you expected that?

"It Is Always A Great Thrill."

Hall: A lot of teams are doing things that are very, very smart and are playing us very, very tough. We seemed to have the ability to adjust. We shot 55 percent against a team that defenses very, very well. That is the sign of a patient offense on our part.

Question: I hear Seattle is a beautiful place?

Hall: I hope it is. I really don't care, although I am positive it is a wonderful place. We are just looking forward to going out there.

Question: It must seem like forever since 1978, the last time you took a



Joe Hall

team to the finals. What feelings do you have now?

Hall: It really does not feel like it was that long ago. The magnitude and opportunity of going to the Final Four is a great thing in one's life. I am very thankful for it and I'm very happy we are going back there.

Question: It seemed as though everytime you had a fast break going against Illinois they had somebody back there?

Hall: They had great defensive transition. They controlled the tempo to their liking. We could not destroy that tempo. They used smaller, quicker players and they played very smart. We could not get a fast break.

Question: Your big people seemed to be the difference down the stretch?

Hall: They played very, very well. We struggled in our offense trying to get the ball inside and then we finally found we could get it in from the high post. We stuck with that down the stretch, when we really needed a basket. We struggled all night and then when we ran that pop-out on the high post, we got it in four straight times. That seemed to relax us and give us more confidence. Sam got a basket and then picked up a foul. Melvin got two baskets off of it. Until then, we had run almost everything in the book. Many things we ran just to see what they would do and how they would adjust. But I had faith in our players that we would find a way and they would get the points.



GETTING HIS HEAD CLEARED... Dicky Beal caught an accidental elbow from teammate Sam Bowie against Illinois and had Joe Hall and Kentucky fans concerned. He returned to the game just 38 seconds later.

Question: When this team lost two straight in midseason, did you either lose faith in this team or think maybe you were not as good as you thought?

Hall: I was very concerned. Our aggressiveness had died and we were not playing alert. We had not played like we had in December. But that is too much to ask of a ballclub. We play a lot with emotion. We play in a conference where everyone plays us tough. You have to be ready to play every night and it drags you down. I can understand that. I guess it is human nature. Maybe losing a couple of ball games takes the pressure off. After that downslide, you are ready to get back up on top. We are on top of our game now and I think we will stay there.

Question: What is the difference now than in January?

Hall: First, I point to the steady progress Sam Bowie has made. He has gotten stronger all year. We have seen parts of his game come back to him, starting with his defense and then his rebounding. Finally, his shooting came back. His floor play has always been good. Sam has always been a very intelligent player. Then Dicky Beal's comeback was certainly a kick in the pants for us. That added a great boost to our morale and to our confidence. His leadership certainly helped and I would say his resurgence has meant as much as anything to our ballclub.

Question: How much did it mean being home during the regional?

Hall: I know people are going to talk about that. Someone said that something like one out of six teams had won regionals on their homefloor over recent history. The emotion of the tournament supercedes the home advantage. I don't want to discount the homecourt advantage. I am glad that

we were playing here. But I think history shows too much is made of it. We had never won a tournament here in Rupp and we have played a lot of them.

Question: You have been to the Final Four twice before. How does this one feel compared to those other two?

Hall: It is always a great thrill. That is what you work for, that is what you build your program for. Of course, that is not the end of the goal. We want to win it all. But certainly it is a great accomplishment and we feel very proud to be making it at this time.

Question: How do you avoid a team being satisfied with just being there?

Hall: With five seniors, you hope they have the maturity and have set their goals and know what they are working for. Then they are not satisfied with just going to the Final Four. You can't have just getting there as your goal and these players never have. Our discussion after the game was that this was not the time to celebrate. We certainly feel good and we wanted to add to our spirit. But we are not ready to celebrate yet. We will go back to our regular routine and be the same basketball team when we start practice Monday.

Question: This team showed a lot of character in this tournament. When did you see that in this team?

Hall: I could see it early in the season. They seemed to lose it for awhile but they have really become winners in the last seven ballgames.

Question: How did you feel out there cutting the net to a standing ovation from the fans?

Hall: I think our fans are good loyal fans. They are appreciative of the Kentucky basketball program. That situation out there is a tribute to our program and I really appreciate it.

Illinois

From 4

under those conditions.

"We played good enough ball to win. We thought we played pretty well. With a break here and there we could have won the trip to Seattle. We did a good job of selecting our shots. There were three quick shots we took that hurt us a bit.

"Kentucky has a great team, a super team. I think they have a real good shot at winning it all. They play hard and I wish them the best.

"We weren't trying to foul Beal before he drove in for the layup late in the game. We shouldn't have let anyone dribble in from the side like that. There should have been some defensive men in there. Beal, Master and Bowie all played well. I can't say that one player was the key. Everybody played well for Kentucky. It was a team effort.

"We are a better club than when we lost to Kentucky at home. Kentucky probably is the better team now but it's close.

"One of the keys to our game was the job Meents did on Turpin. He did a really fine job.

"One big play for Kentucky was when Bowie went to the free throw line and hit two when they were ahead by three points. Another big one was

when Bowie blocked a shot a little later, again when we were behind by three."

Bruce Douglas, Illinois guard: "I'm very proud, we had a great season. We gave 110 percent, and we'll strive to come back next year.

"It seemed we were never able to get on top. They shot the ball very well.

"We knew as a team we could play with anyone in the country. We stuck with our regular offense, but we screened more, trying to get the 12-15 footers. We didn't look inside too much and just tried to keep our big men moving."

Doug Altenberger, Illinois forward: "I'm disgusted over this season is over. Nothing went well for us. I'm not crying, but I'd like to play somewhere else. Playing here is like playing an SEC game.

"There were some cheap shots thrown, and it got out of hand.

"Kentucky has got great fans, the kind I'd like to beat."

Scott Meents, Illinois forward: "We are glad to be in the Final Eight, but we wanted to go to Seattle.

"We were used to the fans, they were just like the ones in the Big Ten."

East

21-11

Virginia



The Virginia Cavaliers

A Look At The Season

VIRGINIA @	71	LAFAYETTE	59	H	(6883)	virginia*	64	duke	67	A	(8564)
VIRGINIA @	87	GEORGE MASON	63	H	(7718)	virginia*	91	GEORGIA TECH	59	H	(9000)
VIRGINIA	83	RANDOLPH-MACON	55	H	(6247)	virginia*	72	north carolina	85	H	(9000)
VIRGINIA*	53	JAMES MADISON	50	H	(9000)	VIRGINIA*	50	LOUISVILLE	45	A	(16613)
VIRGINIA*	65	GEORGE WASHINGTON	55	A	(5000)	virginia*	54	virginia tech	56	3	(10716)
VIRGINIA	52	WILLIAM & MARY	41	H	(6622)	virginia*	65	houston	74	A	(10560)
VIRGINIA	87	UNC-WILMINGTON	42	H	(7622)	VIRGINIA*	77	CLEMSON	70	H	(9000)
VIRGINIA#	65	WASHINGTON	61	L	(5000)	VIRGINIA*	74	NC STATE	63	A	(12400)
VIRGINIA#	81	SAN DIEGO ST.	65	A	(6494)	VIRGINIA*	65	WAKE FOREST	61	H	(9000)
VIRGINIA*	74	VIRGINIA TECH	64	2	(10056)	virginia*	65	maryland	74	A	(14470)
virginia*	72	duke	78	H	(9000)	virginia*	51	wake forest(acc)	63	4	(16662)
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*Sellout; @UVB-Cavalier Invt.; #Cabrillo Classic;

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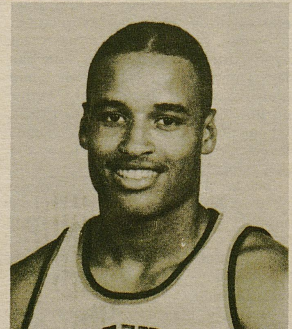
1983-84 VIRGINIA BASKETBALL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	DOB	Year	High School	Hometown
**34	Rick Carlisle	G	6-5	207	10/27/59	4	Lisbon Central	Ogdensburg, N.Y.
**30	Kenton Edelin	C	6-8	204	5/24/62	4	Hayfield	Alexandria, Va.
**33	Kenny Johnson	G	6-0	171	7/2/62	3	Loyola	Baltimore, Md.
*44	Ken Lambiotte	G	6-4	185	10/17/63	2	Central	Woodstock, Va.
**51	Dan Merrifield	F	6-6	226	12/31/62	3	Mainland	Linwood, N.J.
** 4	Jim Miller	F	6-8	212	8/10/63	3	Princeton	Princeton, W. Va.
**45	Tim Mullen	G-F	6-5	194	2/3/63	3	Ridgewood	Ridgewood, N.J.
24	Olden Polynice	C	6-11	210	11/21/64	1	All Hallows	New York City, N.Y.
22	Tom Sheehy	F	6-9	217	5/12/65	1	McQuaid Jesuit	Rochester, N.Y.
***15	Ricky Stokes	G	5-10	169	3/29/62	4	Highland Springs	Richmond, Va.
***11	Othell Wilson	G	6-0	193	10/26/61	4	Gar-Field	Woodbridge, Va.

* letters won



Terry Holland



Othell Wilson

Now You Talk About Pressure

Don't worry about the pressure of Seattle getting to Kentucky this week. Georgetown, or perhaps Virginia or Houston, may send the Cats home on a losing note. Pressure won't.

These guys, remember, play at Kentucky. In front of 23,000 each time out. Kentucky is the place where 25-win seasons are criticized without a winning end. This is the land where the coach has a 125-34 record in the last five years and still is dodging the bullet.

Ask anyone who has been around the Cats over a decade and they will tell you one thing about last week's Mideast Regional. The pressure on Kentucky has never been so intense.

Don't get me wrong. Playing in Rupp was like having the neighborhood game on your own nine-foot goal. It was a definite advantage. That advantage, though, added even more pressure to win.

Let's face it. Kentucky loses to Louisville for the second straight year - in Rupp, in a year when UK is favored, in the third meeting of the two - and the Cats are staring embarrassment in the face.

UK fans are the most avid in the



Gene Abell
Associate Editor

nation. Also the most demanding. The Cats have skipped the finals six straight years. That's blasphemy around here.

Patience was not running thin, it was running out. SEC titles and impressive records were not enough. UK was third ranked but that was not enough. After all, this was the year of Bowie's return and when the regional was at Rupp.

I'm not sure exactly how a loss last week would have been accepted. The players knew as much.

"We definitely felt that pressure. The last few days, the players felt we could not lose, especially to Louisville the way people think," said Jim Master.

"If we had lost, we probably would have taken criticism the rest of our

lives. Now we feel like we have the monkey off our back."

Perhaps the major thing UK must fight in Seattle is not being happy with already being there. That can be a problem, especially for a team with the weight of the world now off its shoulders.

It could also make them more relaxed. But pressured? Seattle will be a piece of cake after last week's test of character.

Can't help but remember the one and only time I talked with Big John Thompson. He was preparing to speak at UK's basketball clinic. Around the same time, he was recruiting a young man named Patrick Ewing.

Since then, both have made it to the big time. I frequently read about Thompson and his program. It has hit the limelight - certainly in the rankings and in the press.

Much of the latter has been negative. We read that Thompson keeps his players in a closet and the world does not get to know them. We read he protects them to the point it is harmful.

John was leary of the press in '80. Before he agreed to our interview, he asked around to see if I was going to do a rip job. Those intentions were not there. We talked and I came away knowing he was a very intelligent and perceptive person who had a deep concern about young people.

I looked over that interview the other night. Three things John said stuck out...

"Everything people say today is so damn negative that you would think that everybody bouncing a basketball at the collegiate level is doing nothing but something wrong.

"In these times, we have a Nixon syndrome. Everybody who is loyal to somebody is considered dishonest because of what happened in the Nixon administration. That is totally idiotic.

"The tone has been set in society where people aren't that interested in constructive things."

Now Thompson and Georgetown have been the hub of that negative syndrome. What he feared most seems to have taken place.

I'm not about to take sides because I'm not there to know who is right and wrong. For whatever reason, it's a shame.

Now down to the business at hand. The Final Four.

All but Arkansas of my Final Four picks are now in Seattle. From here, you can flip a coin.

As Billy Packer said, this may be the strongest final four in years. All the coaches have been there before, all the teams but Virginia were expected to be here.

Ironically, the team that is playing without Ralph is now the only one without a million dollar giant. Never before, and perhaps never again, will we see the likes of a final four with timber like Pat Ewing, Sam Bowie, Akeem Olajuwon and Mel Turpin. In three years, that bunch could own Seattle.

Virginia has become the N.C. State of '84. Can another Cinderella team from the ACC do it again? The Cavs

have earned their way here and don't think they aren't capable of two more.

Houston gets less respect than it deserves because of last year. Yet in '84, the Cougars only losses are close games at Kentucky and Arkansas. They can't shoot free throws but they can play. I'm not sure about this one but I'll go with the Cougars to wear out the glass slipper of Virginia.

Georgetown is the deepest team - one to ten - in the nation. Nevertheless UK's top seven match up just fine. Georgetown led the nation by holding opponents to under 40 percent shooting but UK foes are around the 42 percent mark. Defense is the name of this war.

The Georgetown players have been here before and came up one short. Nothing will be less acceptable. On the other hand, Kentucky has not been here with this team but they have the more veteran squad of the two.

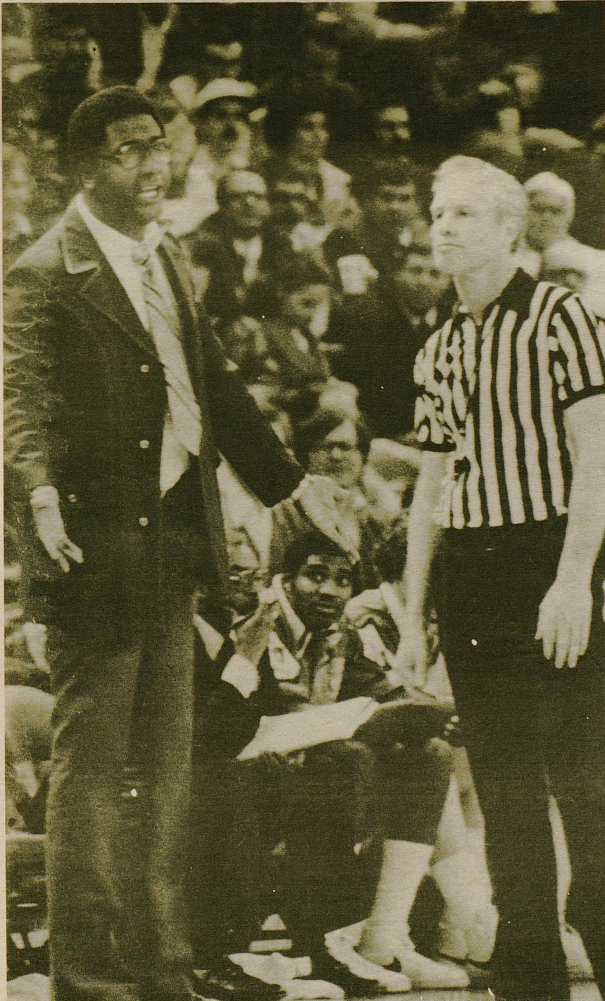
The books even have to rate this one a virtual tossup. For sentimental reasons, I'll go with the Cats. If I am going this far, I might as well say the big party will be in Lexington Monday night.



Joe Hall

WINNING THE BIG ONES: It's funny how certain coaches get labelled with certain stigmas and no matter what, can't rid themselves of them. Sometimes the label is good, sometimes bad. Louisville's Denny Crum is labelled an excellent tournament coach and he certainly deserves that. His Cardinal teams went to the Final Four three of four years, a rarity in this day of parity. On the other hand, Guy Lewis has taken Houston to the Final Four three straight years and many have labelled him a coach who couldn't win a big game of horseshoes. I don't forget how Lewis won national coach-of-the-year honors last year, then was blasted for making the same decisions when losing to North Carolina State in the finals that he had been making all year. He was right or wrong before the N.C. State game... Only three coaches have taken teams to the final eight the last two years. They are Lewis, Virginia's Terry Holland and UK's Joe B. Hall. Yet nationally, none have the reputation as tournament coaches... By the way, Joe Hall's NCAA tournament record is now a not-too-shabby 18-7... Once and for all, Virginia has now proved after Ralph that one player alone does not and cannot make a team in this day of parity... All-tournament team ballots at the Mideast Regional were picked up with ten minutes to go in the game, meaning your decisions had to be made even before that. Perhaps that is

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AH COME ON HE DIDN'T MEAN ANY HARM... Big John Thompson takes his team to the final four again to play Kentucky. Thompson has been criticized for sheltering his players from the media.

Cats In Cardiac Win Over Cards

Louisville 67												
PLAYER	FG	FT	REB	PF	TPS	A	TO	MIN				
Billy Thompson	2-8	0-3	5	4	4	1	4	27				
Manuel Forrest	3-4	0-1	4	5	6	2	1	35				
Charles Jones	2-9	4-4	9	1	8	0	0	37				
Lancaster Gordon	10-18	5-6	3	2	25	2	6	34				
Milt Wagner	10-17	2-2	2	2	22	5	4	36				
James Jeter	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Mark McMain	0-1	0-0	0	1	0	0	1	15				
Barry Sumpter	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	0	1	5				
Jeff Hall	1-4	0-0	0	3	2	0	0	11				
Team	6											
TOTALS	28-61	11-16	23	20	67	11	16	200				

Kentucky 72												
PLAYER	FG	FT	REB	PF	TPS	A	TO	MIN				
Kenny Walker	2-7	4-4	6	3	8	3	0	35				
Sam Bowie	3-9	2-2	12	3	8	2	5	38				
Melvin Turpin	8-10	2-2	5	3	14	2	5	32				
Dicky Beal	6-9	3-4	2	3	15	9	6	39				
Jim Master	6-10	3-4	4	3	15	0	2	30				
James Blackmon	1-1	0-0	1	0	2	0	1	10				
Roger Harden	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	1				
Winston Bennett	4-9	2-4	5	3	10	0	1	15				
Team	1											
TOTALS	28-55	16-20	36	19	72	16	20	200				

LOUISVILLE	KENTUCKY
36	31
32	40

TECHNICAL FOULS: NONE
 OFFICIALS: H. Nichols, J. Clark, R. Paparozzi
 ATTENDANCE: 23,525

A Reversal Of Sorts

About the only difference in this game and last year's NCAA matchup in Knoxville was that this one did not go into overtime. It was intense from the opening tap, a white knuckler all the way.

Oh yes, there was one other major difference. This time it was Kentucky who came out on top. The Cardinals of Louisville played the favorite's role last year and nudged the Cats. This year, Coach Denny Crum's team was playing the spoiler's role and almost pulled it out to the chagrin of a partisan UK Rupp Arena crowd of 23,525.

There were virtually no similarities between this game and the November meeting between the two which wound up a UK rout. Louisville proved to be a resilient bunch this time, as they usually are come March. Denny Crum's team played perhaps its best game of '84 but third-ranked Kentucky was able to make the key plays down the stretch and advanced to the Mideast finals against Illinois.

No Obvious Difference

Both teams had 28 field goals. UK was 16 of 20 at the line while the Cards 11 of 16 was somewhat costly. UK outboarded Louisville 36-29 but then made 20 turnovers to 16 for Louisville.

Louisville's strategy was expected and worked well. The Cardinal guards had suffered a miserable November game against UK. Yet the Cardinals had lived and died with the shooting of Milt Wagner and Lancaster Gordon all year. They almost killed Kentucky with it.

The duo shot the lights out. Gordon did most of his damage working one-on-one against a UK man-to-man defense. When UK went zone, Wagner went wild. The pair combined to hit 20 of 35 shots and scored 47 points. No other Card scored double figures but 6-8 Charles Jones did a yeomen's job inside and on the boards with nine.

Kentucky's guards did not exactly take the night off. In fact, it was the guards who saved UK when the talented frontline did not have a strong offensive game. Dicky Beal was Mr. Cool for the Cats and the lightning bolt for the UK attack. He shared team scoring honors with 15, had a

game-high nine assists and pilfered six steals.

Classmate guard Jim Master equalled Beal's point production and nailed some key outside jumpers. Melvin Turpin took most of the night off but did hit some important late baskets and finished with 14. Sam Bowie collected 12 boards and had three blocks. Off the bench, Winston Bennett forgot he was a freshman and scored ten points including a three-point play at the end that tied this one.

UK Lead Short-Lived

Kentucky crashed the boards early. Two Master shots and two Kenny Walker put-backs, his only field goals of the night, made it 8-2. Beal and Master kept hitting outside and the crowd was in a frenzy as UK led 16-11.

Gordon then put on a clinic and UK committed ten turnovers in the first nine minutes. The Cards reeled off 11 straight and led 22-16. Gordon had 14 points, Wagner four.

Kentucky could not even matters again until Master put in a soft jumper off the break to make it 28-28. Bennett came back with a short bank shot and UK led 30-28, with 4:22 in the half.

Now it was Louisville's turn again. This time, they ran off eight in a row. However, a key play for UK came with Louisville nursing a 36-30 lead and going for the last shot. UK's Beal and James Blackmon stripped the ball from Wagner at midcourt. Beal wound up with a layup. Instead of trailing by eight, UK was within four at the half.

UK hit 14 of 30 shots the first half, UL 16 of 32. Gordon was lucky seven for 11, with 18 points. Beal had ten points.

Nip And Tuck

UK grabbed the lead back less than four minutes into the second half when Beal drove coast-to-coast for a three-point play. A pair of Turpin free throws made it 43-40. UK had a chance to open it up when Bowie tried to save a loose ball from going out-of-bounds. Fate was on the Cards side this time. The ball went to Gordon, who turned it into a three-point play and a tie at 43.

The teams began to exchange baskets and occasional turnovers. Wagner netted three straight jumpers, Bennett smacked in a couple for UK. It was tied at 49 when UK finally had a run of its own. Master hit from the corner in what Beal later said was the turning point. Beal then pickpocketed Wagner and drove for a layup.

At that time, with the score 53-49, UK went zone. Louisville could not solve it and Turpin scored when Forrest goaltended. After a UL turnover, Turpin sank a short jumper and UK led 57-49, at 5:59.

Call it a night? No way for this Louisville team. The battle was still on.

Bennett's Tip A Savior

UK's lead was 61-55 when Bowie dunked a missed shot but the basket was disallowed and Bowie whistled for a foul. A pair of Jones free throws sliced the lead to two, then a UK turnover gave Gordon a layup. It was 61-59 at 3:46.

Turpin's short hook in the lane made

it 63-59. Wagner's swisher was sweet from the wing, at 3:00. Louisville got another steal off its press but Forrest missed the front end of the bonus. Gordon leaped for the rebound but missed a follow shot. At the other end, at 2:22, Master's two free throws made it 65-61.

Wagner finally missed and Walker's free throws at 1:26 made it 67-61. UK still was not safe when Beal double dribbled on a wide open layup. At :53 seconds, Wagner made it 67-63. Bennett missed the front of the bonus at :39 seconds, but Thompson did the same nine seconds later.

With 29 seconds left, Bennett made one of two. Wagner hit at 20 seconds to make it 68-65. Master was fouled at :16. He made the first.

When the second missed, Bennett's tap from the right side was no good. However, he came back under the goal and tapped the ball in from the left side. He was fouled on that play and made the foul shot.

The game was history. Louisville was finished 24-11, UK advanced at 28-4.

Cardinal Comments

Coach Denny Crum, Louisville: "I thought it was a great game. We played very well but you can play well and not win against a strong team and that's what happened tonight. Maybe on a neutral floor it would have been different, but I don't know. Give the credit to Kentucky. Our team played well and I am very proud of them."

"Their guards played very well against us but they played well against us in November too."

"Our players did well, but they are not robots. Kids are going to make mistakes."

"We have improved this season. Kentucky has improved too but we have improved more."

"I thought we were tired in the second half. We played as hard as we could but give Kentucky credit. They're just a better team."

"I was hit on the head by a quarter thrown from the stands. It brought blood. I don't think it was thrown by a Louisville fan."

"When we were ahead by two and they scored 10 straight points they were able to get the ball in to Turpin. Jones did a great job of guarding Turpin, keeping the ball out of his hands. That is hard for a 6-8 player to do."

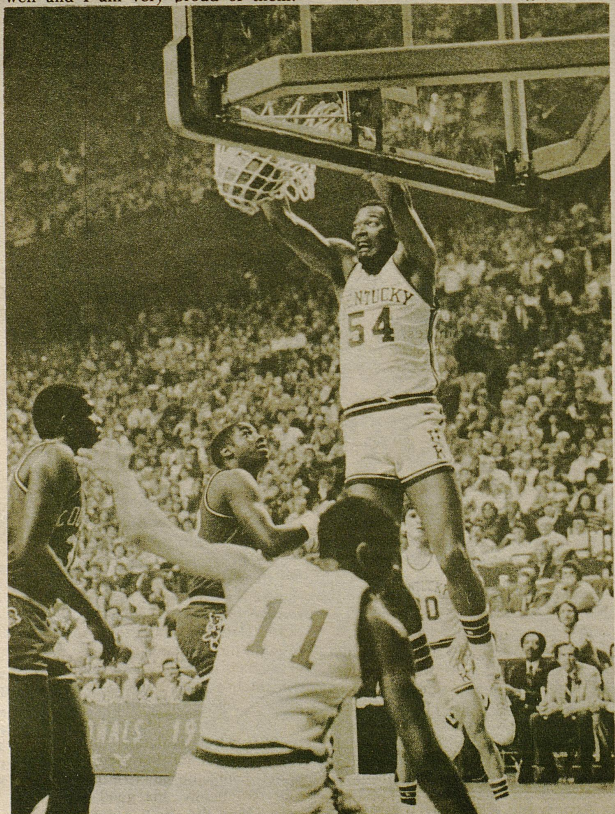
"I thought our best chance was for them to miss some free throws but they hit the ones they needed."

Manuel Forrest, Louisville forward: "I felt the effects of missing practice (due to an ankle injury)."

"We had everything clicking. Some people didn't predict us to go this far in the tournament. The difference is when someone makes his free throws and someone misses his free throws. I just didn't follow through on mine (down the stretch)."

Billy Thompson, Louisville forward: "I felt like I gave 100 percent effort, but I only had 80 percent of my ability to give."

"We played hard, but didn't hit the shots when it counted. We were playing right there with them. A lot of things happened at the end that make for a loss or make for a win. It just (Continued On Next Page)



SLAMMING IT HOME... Melvin Turpin dunks two of his 14 points against Louisville.

Cards

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didn't happen for us. "We started off slow this year, but

we came on later in the year and should what we are made of."

Hall Credits Cards

Kentucky Coach Joe B. Hall made the following comments after his team defeated Louisville 72-67 in the Midcast Regional:

Question: Coach, your overall impressions of the game?

Hall: It was not one of our games, especially in the first half. But it is good in a tournament to have a win when you are not playing good. That relieves some of the pressure and lets you have a let-up game. I don't think you can play five games in a row and be sensational every night. So this may be a good thing that happened to us tonight.

Question: In what aspects did your team not play well?

Hall: We turned the ball over 12 times in the first half. They were unforced turnovers. We were making bad passes and were really not into the game. Our defense was lax, we were not aggressive and sticking the way we have been doing in practice. I think we were concerned about the Louisville guards after they got off to a good start. We just did not pressure. But in the second half, we did most everything that we wanted to do. We came out and we really pressured. We stuck them and we got after them defensively. Those first five minutes of the second half were very important.

Question: Did they do anything in particular to get Gordon the shots or was he just that hot, especially when he scored 18 the first half?

Hall: He was hot. He was getting them off the break, he was getting them off the baseline drives with a hand in his face. He just had a great night. He is a super player and he and Wagner both had super nights. So to beat them with their guards having the great night is an extra satisfaction.

Question: Dicky Beal had another super game?

Hall: Dicky orchestrated down the stretch. He ran the team. He got after the players on defense. He talked to them and fired them up. He just played a great game.

Winston Bennett made three super plays the last few minutes. He broke the press when he broke into the

middle and got the inbounds pass. Then he blocked a lob pass, then he got that big three-point play on the offensive rebound.

Question: At times, especially in the middle of the game, it looked as though the players felt the pressure of having to win here. Did you feel that way?

Hall: We just did not seem to play with the life we had been playing with. We were just not aggressive defensively. The incident that upset me the most was the pick and roll out front where the picker's man was not helping on the dribbler and continually getting us in trouble. We spent a lot of halftime talking about that and then that is how Louisville got its first two baskets the second half so we did not convince anybody how to help out. We had 12 turnovers in the first half and we missed a lot of easy shots. But I felt it was within our power to go on and win the ballgame, if we settled down and went to work. We did a good job on the boards. I thought it was the best job of blocking out we've had this year.

"It Seemed We Played When We Had To."

I thought we were tight early. It was a little confusing playing Louisville in such an important tournament game at the same time. We were tense. There was a strangeness to the mental preparation.

Question: It was tied 49-49 and your team scored eight straight. What happened there?

Hall: I thought we played in spurts emotionally. The big thing in that spell was our defense. We were much more aggressive defensively. We were intimidating on the shots better, we were getting a hand up in their face. We became a little more offensively efficient but that kind of goes with the defense. It seemed that we played when we had to and when we got in trouble, we put on an extra spurt.



PLAYING TOUGH D... Louisville's Charles Jones blocks a shot against Kentucky. Jones, just 6-8, managed to grab nine rebounds against the twin towers and Kentucky.

No Complaining Over Series

UK Coach Joe B. Hall has been one of the staunchest supporters of UK's policy against playing in-state teams during the regular season and he held that ground last year when the UK Athletics Board forced the teams to schedule each other. Now that one game of the four-year regular season contract has been played and the teams have met three times in a year, Hall says he is satisfied with the

situation. "I feel better about it. I've accepted it," says Hall. "I see no more problems than already have happened. I am happy to be involved and look forward to the games."

Before this year's NCAA meeting of the schools, Hall said "I'm fired up. Anytime you play an in-state rival it is a special game. Then add the tournament excitement and it is even a bigger game."

This Is Really Getting Old

For 24 years, Kentucky and Louisville never played, not even in the NCAA tournament when both teams were often having success. There was a time or two it could have happened, such as in '75 when the Cards lost in the Final Four semi-finals to UCLA and did not meet UK in the finals. More often than not, though, Louisville was sent to the Midwest Regional and Kentucky to the Mideast.

That suddenly changed three years ago. Both went to the Mideast and would have played if UK had not lost to Middle Tennessee. The situation was the same a year ago and after both teams won opening games, they met. Many thought the NCAA selection

committee may shy away from putting the teams in the same bracket again. Even TV's Billy Packer said after the teams were placed together again in '84 that maybe the committee should realize they now play each other on a regular basis.

Joe Hall was asked last week if he thought the teams were placed together on purpose or if it was mere coincidence. The UK coach hesitated before answering, then replied...

"To be truthful, I have to think there is some manipulation to get us together. It is not that we are trying to dodge Louisville but it is unfortunate that two teams this good meet this early again."

A Multiple Choice

Some out-of-town media covering the UK-UL game last week must feel there is some kind of bitterness between the players of the two squads. While disdain may exist among the fans, players from both squads have long expressed respect for each other.

Nevertheless, the media continues to try and make it a bloodbath. For instance, prior to the game last week, Louisville players Charles Jones and Lancaster Gordon were asked if their

feelings towards UK were (1) hatred (2) dislike (3) begrudging respect. Jones: "I don't hate them. We have earned our respect. We have proved ourselves. The record speaks for itself."

Gordon: "I've been around their players. I don't hate any team. I respect their abilities. I don't hate anyone. I might dislike some more than others but Kentucky is not one of them."

Getting To Know One Another Well

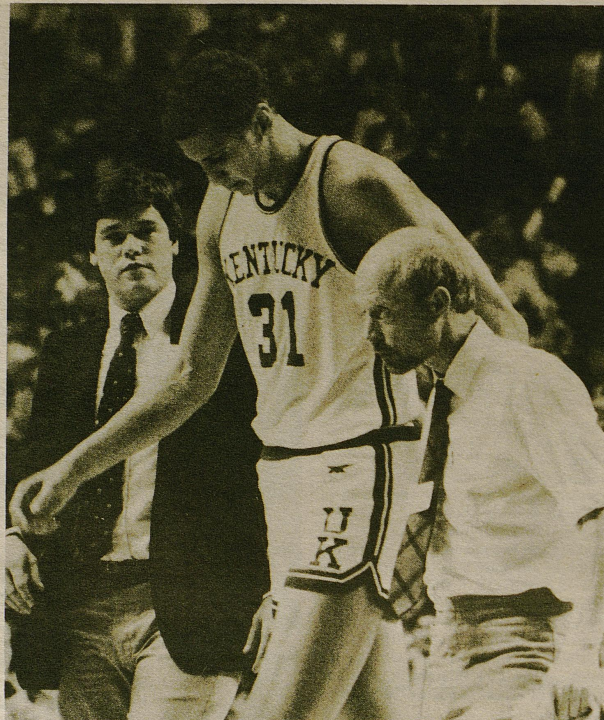
In what has to be one of the few, if not the first times in NCAA tournament history, Kentucky played three consecutive teams in the NCAA that they had faced during the season.

The Cats had also beaten all three - Brigham Young by 35, Louisville by 21 and Illinois by two - during the season. After taking care of the first two in the NCAA and while preparing for Illinois, some of the participants talked about the affects of playing a team you have already played.

"It is hard to beat a team twice in one season," said UK's Kenny Walker. "Louisville showed they were ready after we beat them by 21 the first time. Illinois will be tough. We just have to play hard."

Kentucky Coach Joe B. Hall said that "it is unusual that this would happen. I guess it is fortunate in that you know more about them. Having beat them can work for or against you. It gives you confidence you can beat them you can be overconfident. In our case with Illinois, we won't be overconfident after beating them by just two points. For them, they know they can beat us and they have the revenge factor. But this time of year, you are more worried about your own game than trying to prepare for an opponent."

Illinois Coach Lou Henson said playing a team a second time "makes no difference. This far into the tournament, every club has incentive. In that first game, we had a good shot to win the game. Kentucky shot 62 percent for the game, 72 percent second half, and beat us. If we were playing at home, we may have the advantage. Playing here, Kentucky has the advantage. We just have to play a little better."



NOT AGAIN... Sam Bowie gingerly walks off the court after twisting his ankle against Illinois. In the Illinois game, the Wildcats kept trainers Walt McComb, Jamie Gay busy as Dicky Beal (an elbow across the face) and Kenny Walker (a hurt achilles heel) went down in the game.

Call In Reserve Refs

Prior to the Kentucky-Illinois Mid-east Regional finals Saturday, the press frequently questioned the teams about the game's first matchup and the conditions surrounding it.

In that Christmas Eve game played in Champaign, which UK won by two points, the temperature was 25 degrees below zero and the wind chill factor over 50 below. Parents could not reach the game, due to road blocks and UK players were worried about getting home. As it turned out, a marathon bus trip followed.

The officials also were unable to make the game. Three officials were picked from the stands to referee. Two called the game in blue jeans. Looking back, Joe Hall said he welcomes those refs back for the Mideast. "I am not sure they knew what they were doing so they did not do a lot," said Hall. "They called a great game. They were great people and I would be happy to have them tomorrow. It was the first time I ever had an official come up to me after the game and ask for an autograph."

The UK players were asked to recall their ordeal while waiting in a Pizza Hut after the game to find out if a bus could take them home, after finding out the scheduled flight was impossible.

"The pizza was late getting to us and all of us did not get to eat. Some of the guys were getting upset," said freshman Winston Bennett.

Ignoring The Crowd

Many who have attended UK games for years felt the UK crowd was louder than ever for the Mideast Regional. The UK players said the crowd definitely worked to their advantage. Before playing UK, Illinois players Doug Altenberger and Bruce Douglas were asked if they felt the deck was stacked against them having to play Kentucky in Rupp Arena:

Altenberger: "We know it will be loud. We have to reverse the trend. When they get louder, we have to play harder. We expect it and that is no excuse."

Douglas: "We have played here before (last year, in a regular season game). We played at other places that were loud. The crowd only bothers young players. I very seldom hear a crowd, unless it is during a timeout. The affect a crowd may have is for the home team. It helps get them in the flow. We will play our regular game. We've played 30 games and heard a lot of crowds. We will just play hard."

Hall Has Remedy

Efrem Winters, Illinois leading scorer and rebounder, sprained an ankle during the Maryland game last Thursday night. Speculation Friday centered around whether or not Winters could play Saturday against Kentucky. Wildcat Coach Joe B. Hall said he was more than willing to mend Winters.

"Lou (Henson) and I being good friends, he being in a strange town and not know any doctors, I offered my services to work on Winters. But Lou did not like the tools I was going to use on him," joked Hall.

A few minutes later, Henson said "we will be doing it a little different than was Joe would do. I'll guarantee that."



CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS (FINAL FOUR)

Year	Champion	Score	Runner-Up	Third Place	Fourth Place	Site of Finals	Coaches of Team Champions	Outstanding Player Award
1939	Oregon	46-33	Ohio State *	*Oklahoma	*Villanova	Evanston, Ill.	Howard Hobson, Oregon	None Selected
1940	Indiana	60-42	Kansas	*Duke	*Southern Cal	Kansas City, Mo.	Branch McCracken, Indiana	Marvin Huffman, Indiana
1941	Wisconsin	39-34	Washington St.	*Pittsburgh	*Arkansas	Kansas City, Mo.	Harold Foster, Wisconsin	John Kotz, Wisconsin
1942	Stanford	53-38	Dartmouth	*Kentucky	*Colorado	Kansas City, Mo.	Everett Dean, Stanford	Howard Dalmer, Stanford
1943	Wyoming	46-34	Georgetown	*Texas	*DePaul	New York City	Everett Shelton, Wyoming	Ken Sailors, Wyoming
1944	Utah	42-40†	Dartmouth	*Iowa State	*Ohio State	New York City	Vadal Peterson, Utah	Arnold Fern, Utah
1945	Oklahoma St.	49-45	New York U.	*Arkansas	*Ohio State	New York City	Henry Iba, Oklahoma State	Bob Kurland, Okla. St.
1946	Oklahoma	43-40	North Carolina	*Oklahoma	*California	New York City	Henry Iba, Oklahoma State	George Kattan, Holy Cross
1947	Holy Cross	58-47	Oklahoma	Texas	CCNY	New York City	Alvin Julian, Holy Cross	Alex Groza, Kentucky
1948	Kentucky	56-42	Baylor	Holy Cross	Kansas State	New York City	Adolph Rupp, Kentucky	Alex Groza, Kentucky
1949	Kentucky	46-36	Oklahoma St.	Illinois	Oregon State	Seattle, Wash.	Adolph Rupp, Kentucky	Irwin Dambrot, CCNY
1950	CCNY	71-68	Bradley	N. C. State	Baylor	New York City	Nat Holman, CCNY	None Selected
1951	Kentucky	69-59	Kansas State	Illinois	Oklahoma St.	Minneapolis, Minn.	Adolph Rupp, Kentucky	None Selected
1952	Kansas	80-63	St. John's	Illinois	Santa Clara	Seattle, Wash.	Fred Taylor, Ohio State	Clyde Lovellette, Kansas
1953	Indiana	69-66	Kansas	Washington	LSU	Kansas City, Mo.	Branch McCracken, Indiana	B. H. Born, Kansas
1954	La Salle	92-76	Bradley	Farm State	Southern Cal	Kansas City, Mo.	Kenneth Loeffler, La Salle	Tom Gola, La Salle
1955	San Francisco	77-63	La Salle	Colorado	Iowa	Kansas City, Mo.	Phil Woolpert, San Francisco	Bill Russell, San Fran.
1956	San Francisco	83-71	Iowa	Temple	Sou. Meth.	Evanston, Ill.	Phil Woolpert, San Francisco	Hal Lear, Temple
1957	North Carolina	54-53†	Kansas	San Francisco	Michigan State	Kansas City, Mo.	Frank McGuire, N. Carolina	Wilt Chamberlain, Kansas
1958	Kentucky	84-72	Seattle	Temple	Kansas State	Louisville, Ky.	Adolph Rupp, Kentucky	Elgin Baylor, Seattle
1959	California	71-70	West Virginia	Cincinnati	Louisville	Louisville, Ky.	Pete Newell, California	Jerry West, West Virginia
1960	Ohio State	75-55	California	Cincinnati	New York U.	San Francisco, Cal.	Fred Taylor, Ohio State	Jerry Lucas, Ohio State
1961	Cincinnati	70-65†	Ohio State	Vacated	Utah	Kansas City, Mo.	Edwin Jucker, Cincinnati	Jerry Lucas, Ohio State
1962	Cincinnati	71-59	Ohio State	Wake Forest	UCLA	Louisville, Ky.	Edwin Jucker, Cincinnati	Paul Hogue, Cincinnati
1963	Loyola (Ill.)	60-58†	Cincinnati	Duke	Oregon State	Louisville, Ky.	George Ireland, Loyola, (Ill.)	Art Heyman, Duke
1964	UCLA	96-83	Duke	Michigan	Kansas State	Kansas City, Mo.	John Wooden, UCLA	Walt Hazzard, UCLA
1965	UCLA	91-80	Michigan	Princeton	Wichita State	Portland, Ore.	John Wooden, UCLA	Bill Bradley, Princeton
1966	Texas-El Paso	72-65	Kentucky	Duke	Utah	Louisville, Ky.	Don Haskins, Texas-El Paso	Jerry Chambers, Utah
1967	UCLA	79-64	Dayton	Houston	Louisville, Ky.	Louisville, Ky.	John Wooden, UCLA	Low Alcindor, UCLA
1968	UCLA	78-55	North Carolina	Ohio State	Houston	Los Angeles, Cal.	John Wooden, UCLA	Low Alcindor, UCLA
1969	UCLA	92-72	Purdue	Drake	North Carolina	Louisville, Ky.	John Wooden, UCLA	Sidney Wicks, UCLA
1970	UCLA	80-69	Jacksonville	N. Mexico St.	North Carolina	Louisville, Ky.	John Wooden, UCLA	Sidney Wicks, UCLA
1971	UCLA	68-62	Vacated**	Kansas	St. Bonaventure	Houston, Texas	John Wooden, UCLA	Vacated**
1972	UCLA	81-76	Florida State	N. Carolina	Louisville	Los Angeles, Cal.	John Wooden, UCLA	Bill Walton, UCLA
1973	UCLA	87-66	Memphis State	UCLA	Providence	St. Louis, Mo.	John Wooden, UCLA	Bill Walton, UCLA
1974	N. C. State	76-64	Marquette	UCLA	Kansas	St. Louis, Mo.	John Wooden, UCLA	David Thompson, N. C. State
1975	UCLA	92-85	Kentucky	Louisville	Syracuse	Greensboro, N.C.	Norman Sloan, N. C. State	Richard Washington, UCLA
1976	Indiana	86-69	Michigan	UCLA	Indiana	Philadelphia, Pa.	Bob Knight, Indiana	Kent Benson, Indiana
1977	Marquette	67-59	North Carolina	New-L. Vegas	N. C. Charlotte	Atlanta, Ga.	Al McGuire, Marquette	Butch Lee, Marquette
1978	Kentucky	94-88	Duke	Arkansas	Notre Dame	St. Louis, Mo.	Joe Hall, Kentucky	Jack Givens, Kentucky
1979	Michigan State	75-64	Indiana State	Indiana	DePaul	St. Louis, Mo.	John Wooden, UCLA	Earl Johnson, Mich. St.
1980	Louisville	59-54	Vacated**	Purdue	Purdue	Indianapolis, Ind.	Denny Crum, Louisville	Darrell Griffith, Louisville
1981	Indiana	63-50	North Carolina	Virginia	LSU	Philadelphia, Pa.	Bob Knight, Indiana	Isiah Thomas, Indiana
1982	North Carolina	63-62	Georgetown	*Houston	*Louisville	New Orleans, La.	Dean Smith, North Carolina	James Worthy, N. Carolina
1983	N. C. State	54-52	Houston	*Georgia	*Louisville	Albuquerque, NM	Jim Valvano, NC State	Akeem Olatunwo, Houston

*Tied for third place. †Overtime. ‡Three overtimes.
**Student-athletes representing Villanova (1971), Western Kentucky (1971) and UCLA (1980) were declared ineligible subsequent to the tournament. Under NCAA rules, the teams' and ineligible student-athletes' records were deleted; and the teams' places in the standings were vacated. †Howard Porter, Villanova.

Walker Felt It All Along

Kentucky sophomore Kenny Walker says Kentucky was not about to overlook Louisville and Illinois last week but admits there was a feeling all along the Cats were headed to Seattle.

"There was a lot of talk in the lodge all week about Seattle. We knew we had to play. But we could feel it. The guys really believed it. I talked about it, Winston Bennett talked about it and he is just a freshman. The seniors talked about it. It was in the air all practices will dictate how his team will play and if they will rest on their laurels.

"Practice this week will indicate how we will play. We've been practicing hard and with a lot of intensity. If we practice like that, we will play good. If we drag along and talk about going to Seattle, we might have a mental letdown. Once you get this far, it is a matter of guts and who wants it the most. That team will win."

the stretch run, he asked to go back in one more time.

"Coach Hall said at the end it looked like I was dragging and asked me if I could go in. I said that I had to go in.

"It was a very physical game. A lot of people were banged up inside and knocked to the floor. It was rough underneath. There were a lot of elbows flying, a lot of pushing and shoving."

Walker knows it will surely be the same this week in Seattle. He said week. We played that way and did the things we had to do to win."

As joyous as winning the Mideast was, Walker knows there could be one better feeling.

"I can imagine how it would feel to win it all. To hear all those fans cheering after the game today was great. I could not hear anything out there."

Walker injured his achilles heel in a first half pileup. He sat out 14 minutes and the injury often stiffened up. In



TALKING TO THE PRESS... Kenny Walker talks to the media after winning the Mideast Regional.

Winston Bennett Remains "Mr. Cool" Under Pressure

In the pressure of the Mideast Regional, UK freshman Winston Bennett never shook. He played with the same fearless attitude he had all year, scoring 18 points in two games and 30 minutes off the bench.

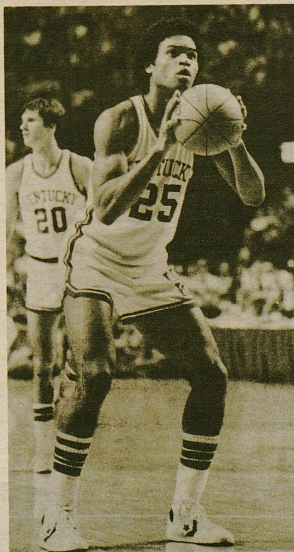
"I try to feel loose in a game," Bennett says. "That is one of my assets. I don't get tensed up."

Bennett's brilliant prep career always ended in disappointment when his team never reached the state tournament. He could not describe the feeling when Kentucky reached the near pinnacle of the season, the Final Four.

"I was never able to experience something like this in high school. This was a feeling I could never express. There is no word in the dictionary to express my feelings. It was glorifying. I thank God for allowing me to go to the Final Four."

Bennett says the battle his team must now fight is being satisfied with what is already accomplished.

"That's one of the difficult things we have to fight. Now we are in the final four, we have to look beyond that. The big thing is taking the NCAA championship. That is what our goal has to be."



Winston Bennett

1983-84 University of Kentucky Statistics

1983-84 UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY BASKETBALL STATISTICS (33 Games)
Overall: 29-4 Home: 16-0 Away: 8-4 Neutral: 5-0 SEC: 14-4 (Champions)

Player	G-GS	Field Goals	Free Throws	Rebounds	PF-B	A	TO	S	Points
Helvin TURPIN	33-33	222-367-60.5	69-92-75.0	212-6.4	83-1	32	58	23	513-15.5
Kenny WALKER	33-32	170-305-55.7	78-107-72.9	197-6.0	81-2	43	39	30	418-12.7
Sam BOWIE	33-33	130-248-52.4	87-119-73.1	302-9.2	89-4	65	97	22	347-10.5
Jim MASTER	32-32	127-277-45.8	58-72-80.5	55-1.7	46-0	80	47	13	312-9.8
Winston BENNETT	33-0	66-148-44.6	88-126-69.8	122-3.7	102-4	23	55	14	220-6.7
Dicky BEAL	29-11	58-97-59.8	68-88-77.3	34-1.2	44-1	129	59	28	184-6.3
James BLACKMON	33-2	50-109-45.9	23-47-48.9	41-1.2	57-0	62	47	16	123-3.7
Roger HARDEN	28-21	25-67-37.4	5-6-83.3	34-1.2	51-0	99	57	17	55-2.0
Tom HEITZ	21-1	10-17-58.5	14-20-70.0	16-0.8	14-0	0	5	4	34-1.6
Bret BEARUP	25-0	13-31-41.9	12-19-63.2	32-1.3	20-0	6	8	2	38-1.5
Paul ANDREWS	18-0	9-18-50.0	2-4-50.0	10-0.6	7-0	5	1	0	20-1.1
Troy MCKINLEY	11-0	6-10-60.0	0-0-00.0	5-0.5	1-0	4	1	0	12-1.1
Leroy BYRD	6-0	1-2-50.0	0-2-00.0	1-0.2	1-0	5	3	0	2-0.3
TEAM				63				3	
KENTUCKY	33	886-1696-52.2	504-705-71.5	1124-34.1	602-12	553	482	171	2278-69.0
OPPONENTS	33	773-1844-41.9	376-561-67.0	981-29.7	677-32	427	462	198	1922-58.2
				Rebound Margin +4.4			Scoring Margin +10.8		
				Deadball Rebounds: UK-73, Opp.-89					

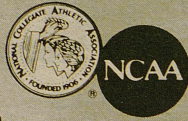
MINUTES PLAYED Walker 1058-32.1, Turpin 1054-31.9, Master 1003-31.3, Bowie 961-29.1, Beal 639-22.0, Bennett 626-19.0, Harden 451-16.1, Blackmon 498-15.1, Bearup 160-6.4, Andrews 77-4.2, Heitz 72-3.4, McKinley 31-2.8, Byrd 9-1.5

BLOCKED SHOTS: Bowie 63, Turpin 52, Walker 22, Bennett 7, Blackmon 5, Bearup 3, Beal 1, Heitz 1, Master 1, UK-155, Opp.-58

Game	UK-Opp.	RESULTS	High Scorer	High Rebounder
Louisville (H, Nov. 26)	65-61	24,012	Master 19	Bowie 10
Indiana (H, Dec. 3)	55-54	23,864	Blackmon 14	Walker 9
Kansas (A, Dec. 10)	72-50	15,200	Turpin 25	Walker 8
Wyoming (UKIT, Dec. 14)	64-40	24,098	Turpin 16	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
Illinois (A, Dec. 24)	58-54	7,651	Bowie, Master 11	Bennett 7
Purdue (Louisville, Dec. 28)	86-67	16,834	Turpin 22	Turpin, Walker 10
Mississippi (A, Jan. 2)	68-55	5,620	Blackmon 15	Bowie 7
LSU (A, Jan. 7)	96-80	13,574	Turpin 35	Turpin 13
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)	63-62	12,424	Turpin 22	Bowie 7
Florida (A, Jan. 17)	57-69	12,074	Master 18	Walker 7
Vanderbilt (H, Jan. 20)	67-46	23,842	Walker 19	Walker 11
Houston (H, Jan. 23)	74-67	23,992	Walker 20	Bowie 18
Georgia (H, Jan. 26)	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 14	Turpin 9
Mississippi State (A, Feb. 6)	77-58	8,938	Master 22	Bowie 13
Auburn (H, Feb. 11)	61-64	23,816	Beal, Bennett 17	Bowie 8
Florida (H, Feb. 13)	67-65	23,809	Turpin 15	Bowie 11
Vanderbilt (A, Feb. 15)	58-54	15,626	Turpin 22	Bowie 9
Georgia (A, Feb. 25)	64-64	9,349	Turpin 18	Bowie 10
Tennessee (A, Feb. 27)	58-63	12,700	Walker 18	Turpin 8
Mississippi (H, Mar. 1)	76-57	23,724	Bowie 20	Bowie 19
LSU (H, Mar. 3)	90-68	23,810	Bowie 20	Bowie 16
Georgia (SEC-T, Mar. 8)*	92-79	15,428	Turpin 42	Turpin 16
Alabama (SEC-T, Mar. 9)*	48-46	15,428	Master 16	Bowie 10
Auburn (SEC-T, Mar. 10)*	51-49	15,428	Turpin 13	Walker 9
Brigham Young (NCAA, Mar. 17)**	93-68	7,276	Walker 19	Walker 8
Louisville (NCAA-H, Mar. 22)	72-67	23,525	Beal, Master 15	Bowie 12
Illinois (NCAA-W, Mar. 24)	54-51	23,525	Turpin 13	Bowie 14

* Nashville, Tenn.
** Birmingham, Ala.
Attendance: Home - 380,435 (23,777) Other - 214, 721 (12,631) Total - 595,156 (18,035)

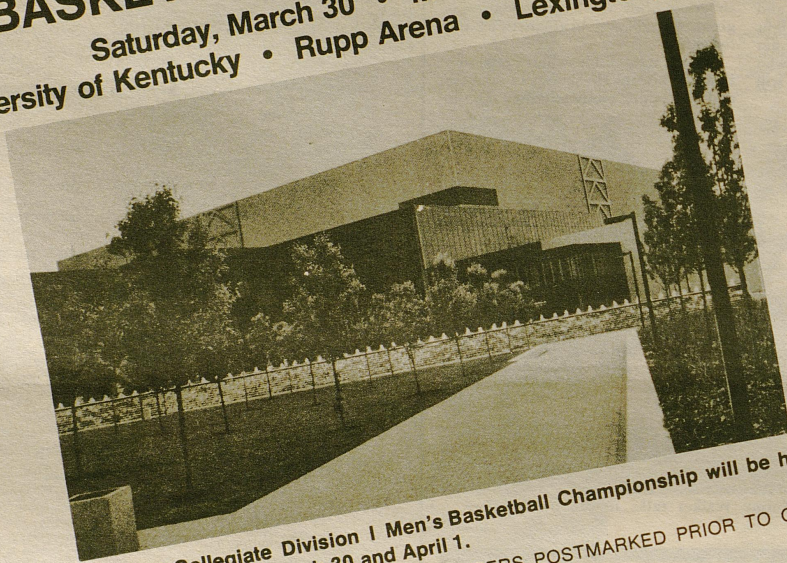




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Women Swimmers Close On Winning Note

The University of Kentucky Varsity Women's swimming team closed out their first season of varsity competition by winning the Kentucky Intercollegiate Swim Championships. The team scores were: UK 988, Centre College 525, Morehead State 403, Transylvania 396, Berea College 256.

The Wildcats dominated the meet as they set 18 new championship meet records over the two day contest.

Sophomore Meredith Wingard had four wins in the meet: the 100 and 200 butterfly (1:00.94 and 2:23.88), the 1000 yard freestyle in 11:25.48, and the 200 yard individual medley in

2:20.75. Another sophomore, Marci Sarmartin took three first places: 200 freestyle in 2:03.85, the 500 freestyle in 5:30.32, and the 400 individual medley in 5:03.92. Diane Morgan, a junior, took the 50 freestyle in 25.54 and the 100 freestyle in 55.76.

A total of ten new Women's varsity team records were set in this meet. Besides the 100 butterfly, 200 individual medley, 500 freestyle, 400 individual medley and the 100 freestyle listed above the following team records were set: Amy Bateson, 100 yard backstroke in 1:04.48, Linda Bell,

100 yard breaststroke in 1:15.73; Tish Hollingsworth, 200 yard breaststroke in 2:44.43; 200 yard freestyle relay in 1:46.96 (Diane Morgan, Amy Bateson, Katie Johnson and Tish Hollingsworth); 800 yard freestyle relay in 8:44.38 (Marci Sarmartin, Suzanne Watson, Meredith Wingard, and Tracy Hoffman). Mary Besten also set a new team record in the one meter diving event for 11 dives of 380.30.

Over half of the individual swims in the meet by the Wildcat girls were their lifetime best times (LTB). We feel this is especially significant since

so many of the girls have not been training for at least a year. The results of our training program, plus a moderate weight training program, plus the great enthusiasm of the girls added up to a really great last meet of the season.

Becky Keller and Mary Besten will compete in the NCAA Zone Diving qualifications on March 9 and 10 in Gainesville, Florida.

The first combined swimming banquet for men and women will be held April 16, Monday at the Hilton Inn in Lexington at 7:00 p.m.

SEC Baseball Statistics through games of March 18

STANDINGS

Western Division					Eastern Division				
School	SEC	Pct.	Overall	Pct.	School	SEC	Pct.	Overall	Pct.
Alabama	5-0	1.000	13-2	.867	* Florida	6-1	.857	18-7	.720
Miss. State	5-1	.833	10-4	.714	Kentucky	4-1	.800	9-3	.750
Auburn	3-6	.333	9-8	.529	Tennessee	2-4	.333	6-8	.429
LSU	2-4	.333	13-7	.650	Vanderbilt	2-5	.286	9-6	.600
Ole Miss	2-6	.250	4-7	.364	* Georgia	0-3	.000	7-8	.467

* played to a 9-9 tie in SEC game; does not count in conference standings

TEAM HITTING

School	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	Avg.
Vanderbilt	467	123	156	37	4	16	108	.334
Alabama	526	119	168	29	9	21	108	.319
Kentucky	389	87	115	24	1	17	75	.296
Miss. State	438	96	129	21	2	15	86	.295
LSU	571	129	168	30	7	25	110	.294
Georgia	531	107	141	18	4	24	99	.266
Tennessee	451	70	120	18	6	7	65	.266
Auburn	520	99	136	22	0	17	86	.262
Ole Miss	338	58	87	11	5	8	51	.257
Florida	820	169	211	53	8	16	144	.257

TEAM PITCHING

School	IP	H	R-ER	BB	SO	ERA
Alabama	130	104	46-39	69	102	2.70
Miss. State	112	91	53-43	51	94	2.46
* Kentucky	63	59	30-23	33	39	3.29
Tennessee	111 1/3	88	75-41	68	83	3.31
Georgia	133 2/3	123	86-51	83	92	3.43
Florida	217 2/3	188	117-92	123	193	3.80
LSU	155 1/3	160	100-67	71	129	3.88
Ole Miss	88 2/3	97	51-45	42	55	4.57
Auburn	132	127	108-89	98	95	6.07
Vanderbilt	110 2/3	120	104-82	92	91	6.67

* through 8 games only

HITTING - Top 20 (minimum of 2 plate appearances per team game)

Player, School, Position	AB	Runs	Hits	RBI	Avg.	Player, School, Position	AB	Runs	Hits	RBI	Avg.
Kyle Bryan, Ala., lf	44	9	23	12	.523	Scott Ruskin, Fla., lf	72	28	28	22	.389
Rafael Palmeiro, MSU, lf	47	23	22	13	.468	Fermin Lake, Ala., 2b	32	9	12	6	.375
Joey Cora, Vandy, lf	56	20	26	12	.464	Ted McClendon, Ala., 3b	54	17	20	12	.370
Will Clark, MSU, lb	52	14	24	24	.462	Mike Agnich, Ky., rf	19	4	7	7	.368
Rick Campbell, Ky., ss	16	5	7	10	.438	Tim Schneider, LSU, 3b	57	19	21	15	.368
Kyle Gordon, Miss., lb	33	4	14	6	.424	Jeff Brown, Vandy, of	52	14	19	14	.365
Mike Pitisci, Ala., lb	51	17	20	30	.392	Jeff Rutter, Ga., cf	58	13	21	7	.362
Tom Stamps, Tenn., if	46	16	18	8	.391	Manny Mantrana, LSU, 2b	58	18	21	14	.362
Bob Locke, MSU, rf	46	8	18	12	.391	Mark Cooper, LSU, c	39	11	14	18	.359
Chris Padgett, Miss., rf	36	10	14	8	.389	Charlie Reese, Vandy, if	51	13	18	11	.353

Home Runs

Mike Pitisci, Ala., 9
Will Clark, MSU, 8
Scott Ruskin, Fla., 7

Triples

(8 players have 2)

Doubles

Brad Dantzler, Fla., 9
Wayne Able, Ky., 6
Mike Stanley, Fla., 6

RBI

Mike Pitisci, Ala., 30
Will Clark, MSU, 24
Scott Ruskin, Fla., 22
Brad Dantzler, Fla., 19
Mark Cooper, LSU, 18

Runs Scored

Scott Ruskin, Fla., 28
Rafael Palmeiro, MSU, 23
Rory Alonzo, Fla., 22
Joey Cora, Vandy, 20
Ted McClendon, Ala., 20

Stolen Bases

Rory Alonzo, Fla., 12
George Morgan, LSU, 8
Mark Howie, LSU, 8
Joey Cora, Vandy, 8
Alan Cockrell, Tenn., 8

PITCHING - Top 10 (minimum of 1 inning pitched per team game)

Player, School, R-I	W-L	IP	Hits	R-ER	BB	SO	ERA
Jeff Brantley, MSU, R	4-1	30	19	5-5	10	28	1.50
Tim Meacham, Ala., R	4-0	34	23	7-6	14	30	1.59
Keith Hagan, Ga., L	2-0	21 1/3	21	10-4	8	13	1.69
Gene Morgan, MSU, R	2-1	27 1/3	20	9-6	6	21	1.98
Doug Givler, Ga., R	2-1	26 2/3	26	12-6	8	23	2.02
Jeff Oyster, Ala., R	4-0	26 2/3	17	7-7	14	23	2.35
Jay Ray, Ky., R	3-0	22 2/3	18	8-6	12	13	2.38
Jeff Hellman, Ky., R	2-0	14	12	5-4	6	11	2.57
Bobby Midolo, Ala., L	3-0	17	12	6-5	8	11	2.65
Laddie Renfroe, Miss., R	2-0	23	15	8-7	11	19	2.74

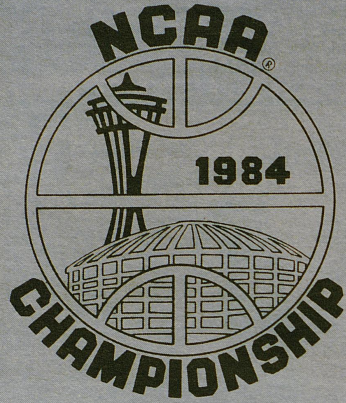
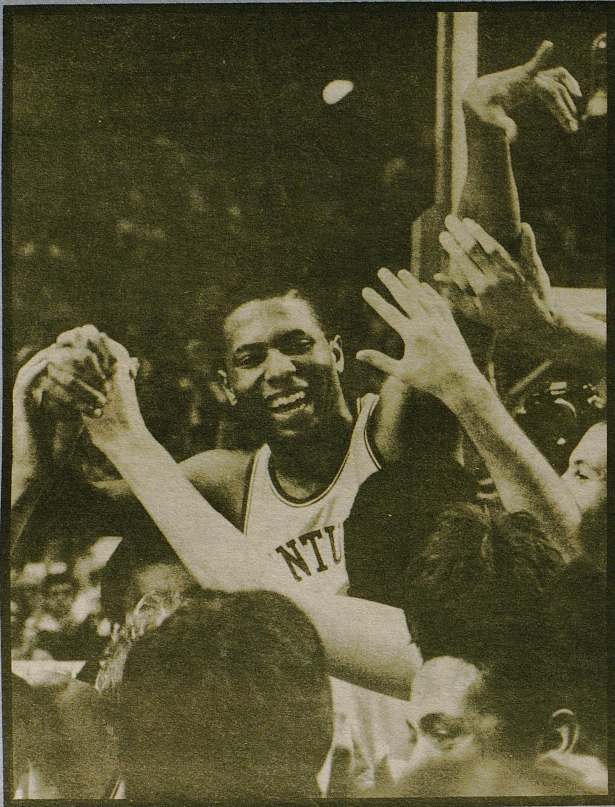
Most Wins:

Russ Kibler, Fla., R	5-0
Tim Meacham, Ala., R	4-0
Jeff Oyster, Ala., R	4-0
Jeff Brantley, MSU, R	4-1
Clay Daniel, Fla., L	4-3

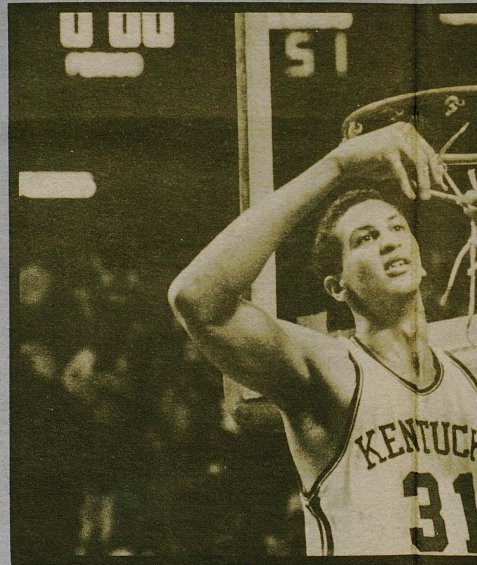
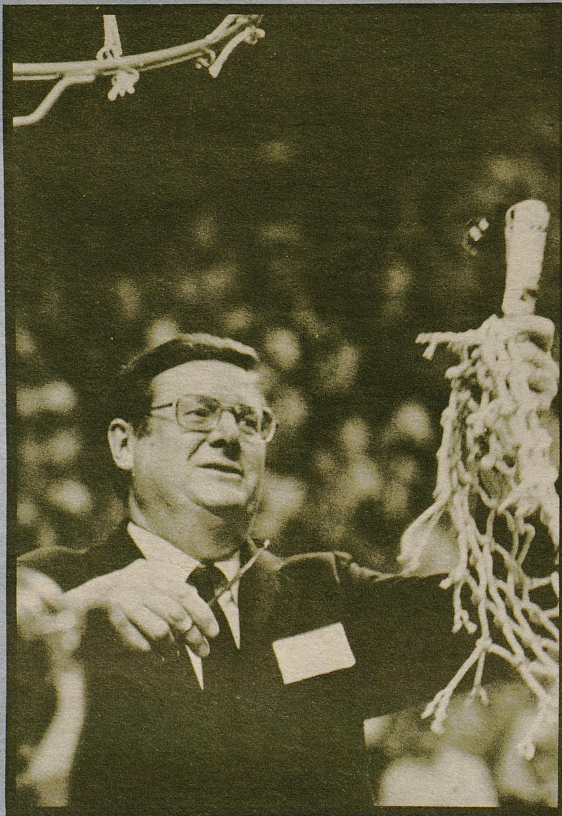
Most Strikeouts:

Russ Kibler, Fla., R	52
Robbie Smith, LSU, R	31
Tim Meacham, Ala., R	30
Jeff Brantley, MSU, R	28
Jeff Fischer, Fla., R	28

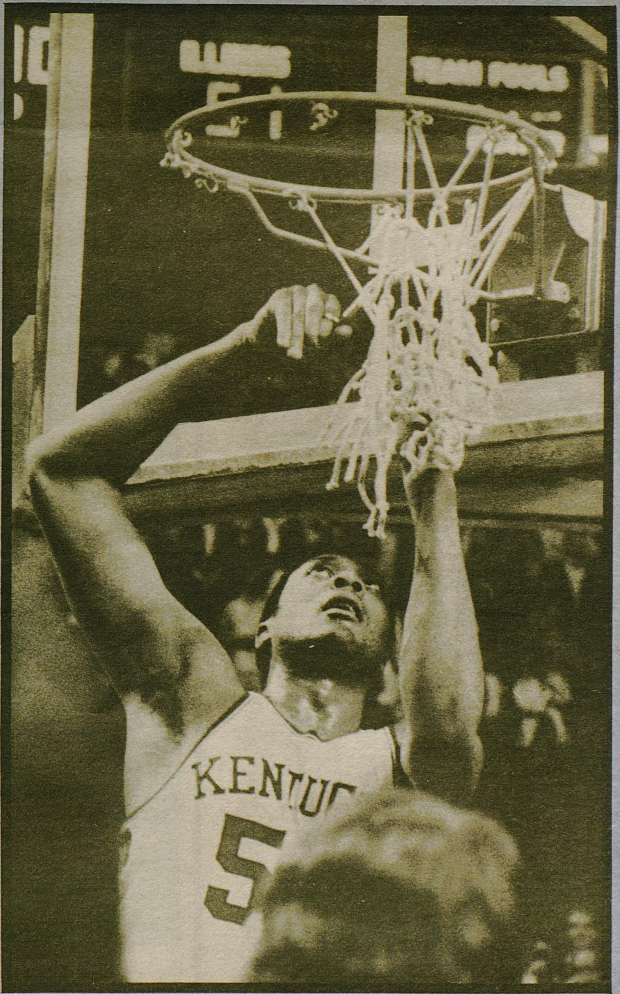
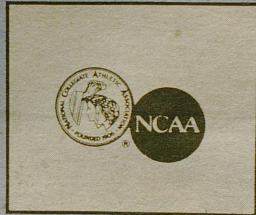
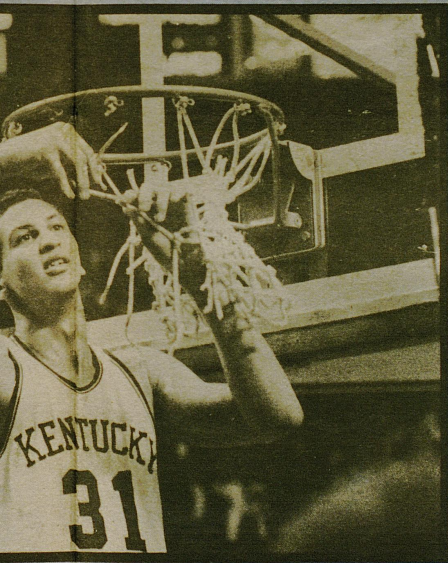
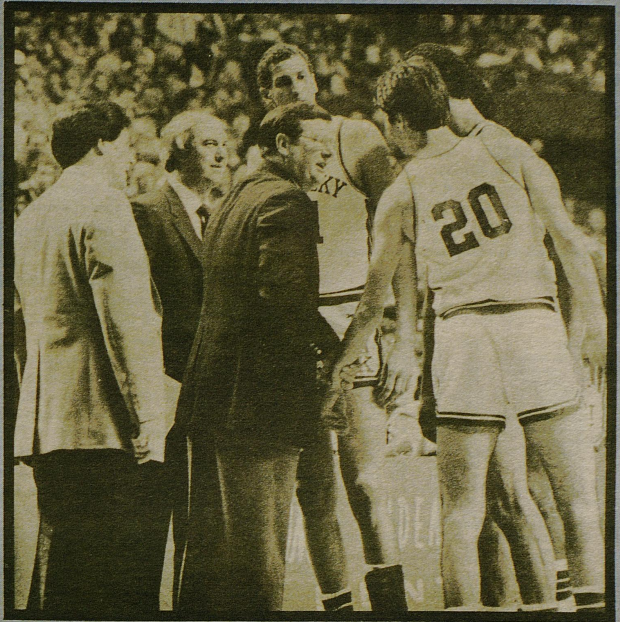
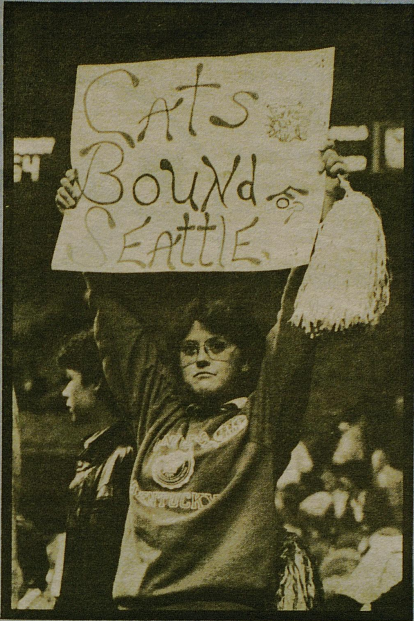
Cats Roar Through Rupp Enroute To Seattle



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**WILDCAT FOOTBALL
ALL-STAR CANDIDATES**

George Adams, Sr., RB, 6-1, 213, 3L
Led team in rushing (166 atts., 763 yds., 7 TDs) and scoring (8 TDs, 2-pt conversion-50 points) for second year in a row . . . also second-leading receiver in '83 with 24 receptions for 154 yards, one TD . . . returned kickoffs 151 yards with long return of 52 yds. vs. Florida.

Paul Calhoun, Sr., S-P, 6-3 199, 2L
All-SEC punter last year, leading league with 43.2 average, 10th in nation . . . long punt of 80 vs. Indiana broke UK record

of 78 set in 1933 . . . starting safety, two interceptions, 49 1sts., 18 assts., 3 fumbles caused, one interception caused . . . Sporting News second team All American.

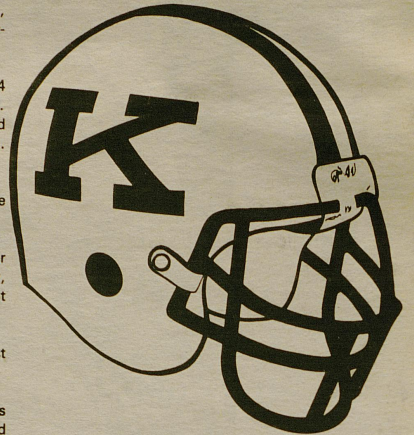
Tony Mayes, Soph., HB, 6-0, 186, 1L
Ranked sixth in nation as kickoff return specialist with 14 returns for 375 yds., 26.8 avg . . . 5 for 159 vs. Georgia . . . caught seven passes for 44 yds . . . threw 29-yard TD pass against Kansas State and 20-yd. TD pass vs. W. Va. in Hall of Fame Bowl.

Joe Phillips, Sr., WR, 5-10, 191, 3L
Third-leading receiver with 22 catches for 255 yds. and three TDs . . . six catches for 78 yds. in Hall of Fame Bowl.

Jeff Smith, Sr., DT, 6-2, 247, 3L
Led team in QB sacks with six for -55 yds . . . 5th tackler with 59 1sts., 30 assts . . . 3 tipped passes, fumble recovery, int. caused, 2 key tackles, 4 great efforts . . . foot injury kept him out of action in '82 after fine soph season.

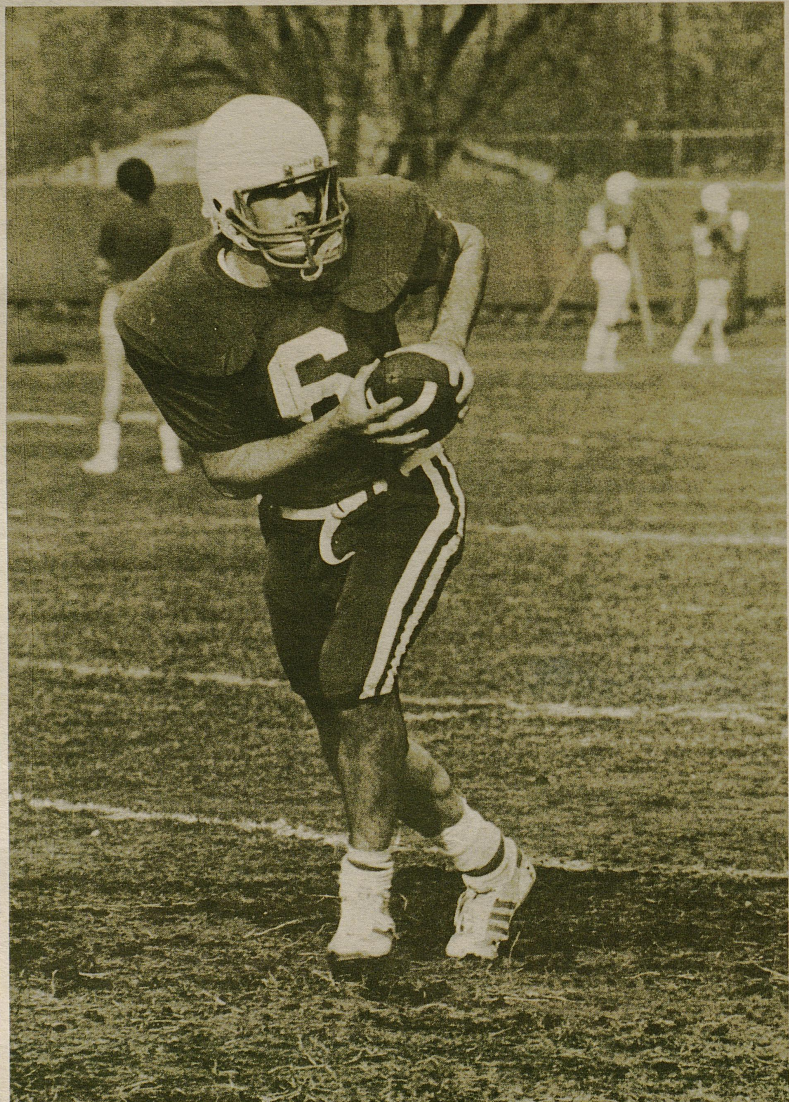
Oliver White, Sr., TE, 6-0, 230 2L
Leading receiver with 26 catches for 252 yds . . . one of best athletes on squad.

Brian Williams, Jr., DE, 5-9, 191, 2L
Third-leading tackler with 63 1sts, 42 assts, 2 QBs, 2 fumbles caused, 3 tipped passes, 6 key tackles and 6 key returns . . . led team in punt returns with 29 for 280, 9.7 avg.



**1984
WILDCAT ROSTER**

No.	Name	Pos.	Class	Ht.	Wt.	Exp.	Hometown
33	George Adams	TB	Sr.	6-1	213	3L	Lexington
37	Barry Alexander	DB	Jr.	5-10	176	1L	Camden, NJ
4	Tim Beckman	DE	Fr.	5-10	155	Sq.	Cleveland, OH
	Doug Bice	DL	Fr.	6-4	250	Sq.	Lima, OH
45	Todd Bitler	DE	Jr.	6-2	206	Sq.	Amanda, OH
62	Steve Boeckmann	OG	Jr.	6-1	236	Sq.	Cincinnati, OH
67	Bruce Buzdek	OT	Fr.	6-9	243	Sq.	Lebanon, PA
	Ken Bright	TE	Fr.	6-2	219	Sq.	Erlanger
	James Brislin	RB	So.	5-7	163	Sq.	Ashland
	Ken Brown	OG	Fr.	6-4	266	Sq.	Union
19	Cisco Bryant	WR	Jr.	6-0	175	Sq.	Hyden
4	Cornell Burbage	WR	So.	6-0	175	Sq.	Lexington
47	Stacy Burrell	DE	Sr.	6-1	203	3L	Aliquippa, PA
11	Carmichael Caldwell	DB	Jr.	5-10	185	1L	Delroit, MI
26	Paul Calhoun	DB-P	Sr.	6-2	195	2L	Louisville
	Conrad Carney	C	Jr.	6-3	265	JC	Allison Park, PA
14	Al Carter	FB	So.	6-1	207	Sq.	Westminster, SC
41	Curt Cochran	FB	Jr.	5-10	212	1L	Owenton
	Jacky Crawford	LB	Fr.	6-0	192	Sq.	Hyden
58	Tony Czack	LB	Jr.	6-0	219	2L	Parma, OH
	Brian Davis	DE	Fr.	5-9	202	Sq.	Brandon, FL
57	Dermonnti Dawson	OG	So.	6-2	236	Sq.	Lexington
	Bill Dean	DB	Jr.	6-0	172	Sq.	Harlan
44	Chris Derry	FB	Jr.	6-0	216	1L	Villa Heights
	Kevin Dooley	QB	Fr.	6-2	195	Sq.	Cincinnati, OH
	Lee Dotson	C	Jr.	6-2	219	Sq.	Belfry
	Tony Dougherty	WR	So.	5-9	190	Sq.	Fr. Thomas
	Don Duckworth	DG	Sr.	6-2	195	Sq.	Villa Hills
96	Jon Dumbauld	DT	Jr.	6-3	230	2L	Troy, OH
	William Eakin	DG	Fr.	6-1	247	Sq.	New Castle, PA
55	Jimmie Edmonds	FB	Fr.	6-0	220	Sq.	Warrensville Heights, OH
	Chris Eiden	DE	Fr.	6-2	200	Sq.	Louisville
	Scott Endris	LB	Fr.	6-0	220	Sq.	Louisville
	Anthony Ferguson	WR	Fr.	5-10	156	Sq.	Lexington
	Mike Frediani	OG	Fr.	5-11	192	Sq.	Pittsburgh, PA
	Dana Gobie	LB	Fr.	6-4	195	2L	Lanham, MD
	John Groves	FB	So.	6-0	243	Sq.	Flatwoods
30	Eric Haas	DB	Jr.	6-1	173	Sq.	Owensboro
	Scott Haire	C	Fr.	6-3	217	Sq.	Talbot, TN
6	Russell Hariston	DB	Jr.	6-4	195	2L	Lanham, MD
	Jeff Hanel	DB	Jr.	6-0	171	Sq.	Lexington
56	Frank Hare	DT	Sr.	6-3	245	2L	Lexington
	Stuart Haven	WR	So.	6-0	179	Sq.	Harrodsburg
	Rozell Hollingsworth	RB	So.	6-0	208	Sq.	Harrodsburg
	Thomas Howard	DL	Jr.	6-2	214	Sq.	Harlan
24	Gordon Jackson	DB	Sr.	6-0	189	2L	Etowah, TN
48	Cam Jacobs	DT	Sr.	6-2	222	2L	Coral Gables, FL
78	Vernon Johnson	OT	Jr.	6-3	241	2L	Pikeville
17	Tim Jones	QB	Fr.	6-2	180	Sq.	Joelton, TN
	Matt Kelly	LB	Fr.	5-11	190	Sq.	Cincinnati, OH
	Jeffrey Kremer	S	Fr.	6-3	195	Sq.	Newport
86	Greg Kunkel	TE	Fr.	6-5	225	Sq.	Erlanger
	Richard Ledford	WR	Jr.	5-11	178	Sq.	Mt. Sterling
25	Mark Logan	TB	So.	5-10	191	Sq.	Lexington
81	Matt Lucas	TE	So.	6-3	220	1L	Columbus, OH
78	Dan McMillan	DT	Jr.	6-3	231	Sq.	Louisville
16	Doug Martin	QB	Sr.	6-0	200	Sq.	Oak Ridge, TN
3	Tony Mayes	TB	So.	6-0	186	1L	Paintsville
38	Steve Mazza	DE	Jr.	5-10	203	1L	Cincinnati, OH
	Piater Mairing	RB	So.	6-0	207	Sq.	Queensstown, OK
	Brad Myers	OT	Fr.	6-3	242	Sq.	Miamisburg, OH
21	Guy Neal	LB	Jr.	6-1	216	Sq.	Hendersonville, TN
	Kevin Nelson	PK	Jr.	6-4	200	Sq.	Nicholasville
	Jesse Newkirk	OL	So.	6-4	290	TR	Indianapolis, IN
88	Jimmie O'Neal	WR	Fr.	5-9	175	Sq.	Palatka, FL
	Michael Patterson	WR	Jr.	5-11	189	Sq.	Knoxville, TN
	James Phillips	FB	Fr.	5-11	195	Sq.	Franklin
8	Joe Phillips	WR	Sr.	5-10	192	3L	Franklin
86	Jeff Piccolo	WR	Sr.	5-10	183	Sq.	Lexington
66	Ken Pietrowski	C	Jr.	6-2	230	Sq.	Grafton, WI
83	Eric Pitts	WR	Jr.	5-9	175	1L	Lima, OH
85	Joe Prince	OG	So.	6-4	241	1L	Mayfield
23	Reggie Ramsey	DB	Fr.	6-1	183	Sq.	Hastings, FL
9	Bill Ransdell	QB	So.	6-2	183	1L	Elizabethtown
54	Jerry Reese	DG	Fr.	6-4	240	Sq.	Hopkinsville
69	James Reichwein	OG	Jr.	6-2	235	2L	Harboro, PA
75	Tom Richey	OG	So.	6-4	247	1L	Mentor, OH
	William Ricks	WR	Jr.	5-11	183	Sq.	Lexington
	Michael Robinson	S	Fr.	5-11	175	Sq.	Crestview
72	Sam Rotella	OG	So.	6-4	240	Sq.	Zanesville, OH
34	Don Sabatino	FB	Sr.	5-11	186	Sq.	Lexington
93	Mark Schaff	DT	Fr.	6-1	233	Sq.	Elizabethton, TN
13	Gary Sexton	DB	Jr.	6-0	180	Sq.	Norwood, OH
	John Shannon	DT	Fr.	6-3	240	Sq.	Devon
51	Bob Shurtieff	OT	Jr.	6-3	250	1L	Pikeville
79	Jeff Smith	DT	Sr.	6-2	245	2L	Springfield
40	Larry Smith	FB	So.	6-1	217	1L	Springfield
	David Speicher	WR	So.	6-2	165	Sq.	Williamsburg
95	Matt Stein	DE	Jr.	5-10	196	Sq.	Louisville
97	Scott Stubbs	DG	Fr.	6-0	226	Sq.	Houston, TX
	Stuart Stubbs	DG	Jr.	6-0	234	Sq.	Houston, TX
	Bryan Stuck	LB	Fr.	6-0	212	Sq.	Charleston, WV
85	Robert Thistleton	TE	Fr.	6-1	221	Sq.	Louisville
92	David Thompson	OG	Sr.	5-11	222	1L	Louisville
	Joe David Turner	C	Fr.	6-1	255	Sq.	Richmond
	Mike Velotta	DT	So.	6-0	204	Sq.	Highland Heights, OH
88	Jim Vorderbruggen	OG	So.	6-3	250	Sq.	Cincinnati, OH
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	Charles White	DE	Fr.	6-0	205	Sq.	Hopkinsville
87	Oliver White	TE	Sr.	6-0	230	2L	Barbourville
	George Wilburn	OG	Fr.	6-2	248	Sq.	West Chester, OH
	Tom Wilkins	DT	Jr.	6-3	235	TR	Russellville
2	Brian Williams	DE	Jr.	5-9	191	2L	Middlesboro
54	Terry Williams	OG	Jr.	6-2	250	Sq.	Chicago, IL
	Steve Wroble	PK	Fr.	5-10	190	Sq.	Louisville
39	Don Yarano	DE	So.	6-2	218	1L	Zanesville, OH



Bill Ransdell Works On Passing Game

VIEWPOINT

Letters To The Editor

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Joe Is Liability

As a regular Cats' Pause reader and a dedicated Wildcat fan, I've been following the Joe B. Hall debate with much interest. Here in the Chicago area, the verdict is in. Joe B. has awesome recruiting talent, quite possibly the best recruiting staff in the nation. Unfortunately, the Cats' actual performance never lives up to its' original potential. Inevitably, Hall's coaching must be called into question. Who can forget the final game of the glorious '78 season when Hall pulled his first string so quickly Duke turned a comfortable Cat victory into a contest during the final minutes.

This morning's *Chicago Sun-Times*, in its' article on the NCAA regionals, singles out Hall as a liability. Six out of their seven don't even see Kentucky in the final four, rather unusual for the third-ranked club in the nation. Here's hoping Joe proves us wrong but Cats' fans up North have their doubts!

All the best,

Bruce Ziemer
Chicago, ILL.

Joe Doing Fine

Dear Sirs,

I've taken TCP for several years and its arrival in the mail each week is one of my highlights. However, I'm more football oriented than basketball; but of course, I'm a UK fan.

Enough about Joe B. Hall not being able to coach, motivate, has the best players, etc. Obviously, his players are far from the cream of the crop. The 'big front line' is very good; however, they're not too mobile, many teams outrebounded Kentucky and many inside players scored and rebounded with impunity. In fact, it is my honest opinion that Bowie and Turpin are scared to death of James Barkley; he intimidated the devil out of them. The Kentucky guard play can be said average at best. Beal is a fine point guard, as is Roger Harden, but point guards of their caliber are plentiful in the country. Jim Master is good! But not spectacular - can't shoot being guarded, can't go one-on-one, plays average defense. Point being - these players aren't the dream players people are saying Hall should go undefeated with. So, Kentucky must be winning games with little better than average players and pretty darn good coaching.

Many people say that when Coach Hall throws up his arms and yells at the officials, berates one of the 'country's best players', etc., that he's a cry-baby; when little Bobby Knight stomps around, curses awhile, and kicks over a few chairs, he's a fine disciplinarian. Bobby Knight can't

carry Joe Hall's 'jock' on Joe's worst night...

Gene Jones
Ashland, KY.

Melvin, Melvin

Dear Sirs,

I have just attended the 1984 SEC Basketball Tournament in Nashville. I, along with most of the people at the tournament thought Melvin Turpin was robbed of the Most Valuable Player award. It was the most AWESOME thing I have ever seen at a sporting event when after UPI had awarded the MVP award to Charles Barkley the entire crowd started chanting all at once MELVIN, MELVIN, MELVIN,...

I would also like to add that Kentucky during the tournament and most of the year was coached superbly by Joe B. Hall. I would like very much for the people to get off Joe's back. Keep up the good work Joe.

I was also disgraced by the fact that Melvin was only named to the third team all-american team. It will be funny in August when Melvin starts on the Olympic team, but he was only third team all-american, sure thing! Get 'em Cats,

Barry Reeves
Mayfield, KY.

All-Tourney Joke

Dear Sirs,

First I would like to say congratulations to the Wildcats on winning their 35th SEC Championship and the SEC Tournament.

Second I would like to say that the choice of the SEC Coach of the Year, the choice of the All-tournament team, and the choice of the tournament MVP, was the biggest "JOKE" that I have heard all year.

There is no way that Coach Hall should not have been the Coach of the Year. And what about Melvin Turpin and Dicky Beal for tourney MVP? I mean all that Melvin did was to tie a tourney scoring record, tie a tourney rebounding record and break the tourney field goal record. And to think that Dicky was not even named to the all tournament team. What a JOKE!

I think that the best thing that could ever happen to Kentucky would be to get out of the SEC and away from all the criticism that they have to put up with. I wonder where the SEC would be without Kentucky.

Rick Trice
Kevill, KY.

UK Guards Great

Dear Sirs,

It's hard to talk about one Wildcat player and not talk about the other Wildcat players, because they all work together and make a great team, but I think the guards are not given enough credit for the part they play in the wonderful Wildcat team. Now don't get me wrong, Mel Turpin, Sam Bowie and Kenny 'Sky' Walker are great players, but they are always being given the credit.

Let's talk about Roger Harden first, Roger was a great player for a while. If it hadn't been for Roger's many assists, you might say you wouldn't have seen so many Sam Bowie dunks.

Now what about Dicky Beal. He has overcome sickness and knee problems both to start on the Top 5. He is a very aggressive player. He too, has plenty of assists and steals.

Last but not least, Jim Master. He is a player hardly ever given any publicity. Take that game in the SEC, when Kentucky played Alabama. He practically won the game for Kentucky with his great outside shooting. A lot of people said he had lost his shooting eye, but he must have found it that Friday night and Saturday afternoon, because we heard plenty of string music from Jim in both games.

I am writing because you always hear someone put down Kentucky's guards all the time. Any true blue fan would be proud of Kentucky's guards.

Sincerely,

Amy Brumley
Mildford, KY.

Dream Year

Dear Sirs,

Can anybody top this?

Many times to this day, I catch myself thinking back to that glorious athletic year 1977-78. It was, as most UK fans will agree, a truly phenomenal year.

Beginning with the opening kickoff on September 11, 1977 and climaxing with a James Lee dunk on March 27, 1978. The UK football and basketball teams assembled one of the most amazing combined records of all time.

Derrick Ramsey, Art Still and company put together a glittering 10-1 season. Highlighted by a 24-20 victory over Penn State (ranked No. 4 at the time), an undefeated SEC finish and a No. 6 national ranking, it was the best football finish in 27 years.

Things were just starting to get good. Robey, Phillips, Givens, Macy and Lee - all the names we refuse to forget were ready to make history. Joe B.'s '78 Cats came up with the fourth

best basketball record in the history of our illustrious institution. Highlights included victories over such national powers as Notre Dame, UNLV, Arkansas and Michigan State. An unprecedented 31st SEC championship and finally, the exclamation mark to it all - a goose cooked national championship over Cinderella Duke. Final record - 30-2.

We appreciated it when it was happening but with each passing year the achievement seems more monumental. A combined record of 40-3.

My question is this. When was the last time any school, any league, in any universe, had this much to cheer about? Does the most successful year of sport belong to the University of Kentucky?

Sincerely,

Greg Shafer
Atlanta, Ga.

Cat Quiz

Dear Sirs,

Just like income tax and yearly checkups, the agony and pain of NCAA tournament time is drawing near. This little quiz is intended to bring a smile and ease suffering.

1. Where will you be this March?

1. Skiing in the Swiss Alps
2. Gambling in Monte Carlo
3. Battle in Seattle
4. Joe B. Hall's tar and feather party
5. None of the above

2. Who will eliminate the Wildcats from the tourney this year?

1. Appalachian State
2. Delaware University
3. Montana State
4. The Lady Volunteers
5. None of the above

3. What excuse will Joe "Bellyache" Hall use to explain the loss?

1. "We had tired legs"
2. "The other team was fired up"
3. "We didn't block out on the boards"
4. "All of the seniors had food poisoning"
5. None of the above

4. What will Joe Hall's fan club's battle cry be in 1985?

1. (Wildcats will win in) My old Kentucky home)
2. (Big Bullies will win) battle in the Bluegrass
3. The Thrilla in Manilla
4. Cats capture title in Lexington lair
5. None of the above

Sincerely,

Vernon Coy,
New Orleans, La.

Henson Calls Joe Among Best

Kentucky Coach Joe B. Hall and Lou Henson have had a good working relationship for years. Without being asked, Henson offered his opinions of the UK coach and the job he had done at Kentucky.

"We like Kentucky, we like Kentucky's coach," said Henson. "Some-

times when you have a great program and you win an NCAA, people expect you to win 30 games every year. Coach Hall is one of the best coaches ever associated with the game. He is one of the greatest coaches in the game today. We feel fortunate to play against a team and coach of that caliber."

Altenberger Considered UK

Doug Altenberger, the fine 6-4 swing player for Illinois was recruited by Kentucky. He attended Joe Hall's summer basketball camp prior to his senior year. Altenberger was also impressed by UK but decided in the end to stay with the in-state school.

"I played here in the camp and I liked it a lot," recalled Altenberger. "I

planned to visit here during my senior season. Coach Hall visited me and we had a great visit. I liked him and I liked the players I had met during the camp. The people here are great. Then I visited Illinois and I decided it was the place I wanted to go. I decided I would feel guilty about going ahead and visiting here knowing that."

Flash Awesome Against UK

The Louisville guards had a miserable shooting night against Kentucky in November, when UK won by 21. Senior Lancaster Gordon hit just four of 12 shots and scored just eight points.

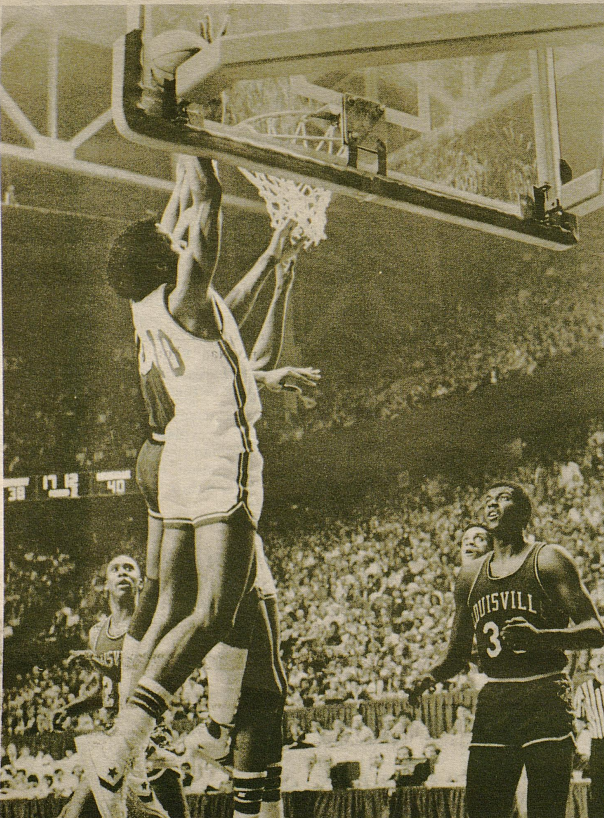
No one expected the same in the rematch last week and they were right. Gordon put on a clinic, scoring 25 points. Eighteen of those came in the first half, when his 18 points helped the Cards to a four-point lead. He finished by making ten of 18 shots.

"He's awesome," was Jim Master's description of Gordon afterwards. "He

can fill it up. He can jump over you, he can take you inside or outside. He is a great player."

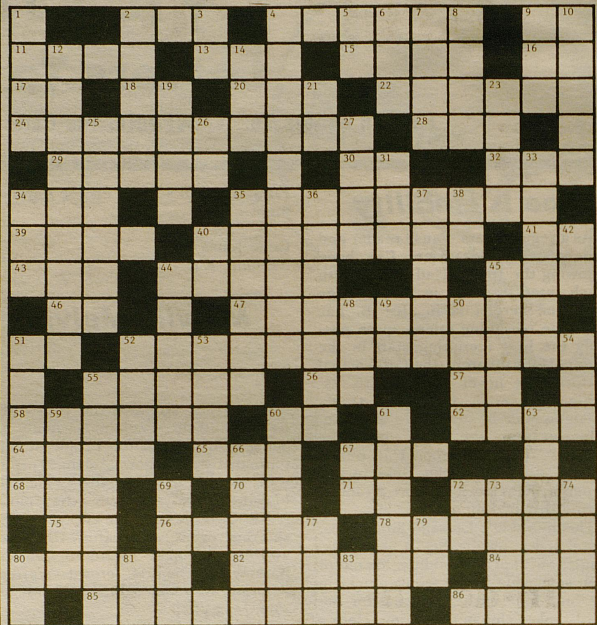
Gordon's backcourt mate, Milt Wagner, was just as hot. He hit just two of nine the first meeting, but found the target on ten of 17 last week for 22 points.

"Their guards took the game over," said UK guard Dicky Beal, who was UK's catalyst to victory. "There was no way to stop Milt and Lancaster. All we could do was try and contain them."



DRIVING TO THE HOOP . . . James Blackmon forces his way for a layin over Louisville's Billy Thompson.

NCAA Coaches By Dan Krueckeberg



GREAT NCAA BASKETBALL COACHES

- ACROSS
- 2 Rarely a factor with great coaches
 - 4 Coached CCNY to '50 NCAA title
 - 9 Initials of famed coach McGuire
 - 11 Always has top team
 - 13 First name of 11 Across
 - 15 Small salmon
 - 16 Scoreless tie
 - 17 Abbr. for "obstetrics"
 - 18 Abbr. for an NY Island
 - 20 Coach Meyer has 700+ wins
 - 22 10 NCAA titles
 - 24 Only besides Hugh Durham and Lee Rose to take two different schools to Final Four
 - 28 Abbr. for "technical knockout"
 - 29 Feminine names
 - 30 Initials of top Marquette coach
 - 32 Upper air
 - 34 Morning moisture
 - 35 Branch of Indiana
 - 39 Sign or warning
 - 40 Phil of USF
 - 41 In the event that
 - 43 _____o contendere
 - 44 Former All-American _____r Davis
 - 45 Abbr. for "sergeant"
 - 46 Abbr. for "New Latin"
 - 47 Tar heel leader
 - 51 Initials of coach Sloan
 - 52 Inventor of the game; has only losing record among Kansas coaches
 - 55 Energy form
 - 56 State abbr.
 - 57 Initials of Princeton's Pete
 - 58 Shaving stuff
 - 60 Abbr. for a European country
 - 62 Read rapidly
 - 64 Prayer word
 - 65 Abbr. for a Sun Belt school
 - 67 72 Across was the top _____
 - 68 Not later
 - 70 Abbr. for "lieutenant"
 - 71 Abbr. for "Girl Scout"
 - 72 The best in his era
 - 75 Continent abbr.
 - 76 Ralph Miller of Oregon _____
 - 78 Coach Tex _____
 - 80 Many _____ that 22 and 72 Across were the best ever
 - 82 Massimo _____
 - 84 Feminine name
 - 85 Jerry _____
 - 86 Common pronoun _____

- DOWN
- 1 First name of 2 Down
 - 2 Led Kansas to '52 NCAA title
 - 3 Initials of Bearcat coach Jucker

Last Week's Solution

S	W	A	D	O	L	P	H	L	A	M	P
L	E	S	T	E	R	E	A	S	T	A	E
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- 74 Bow the head
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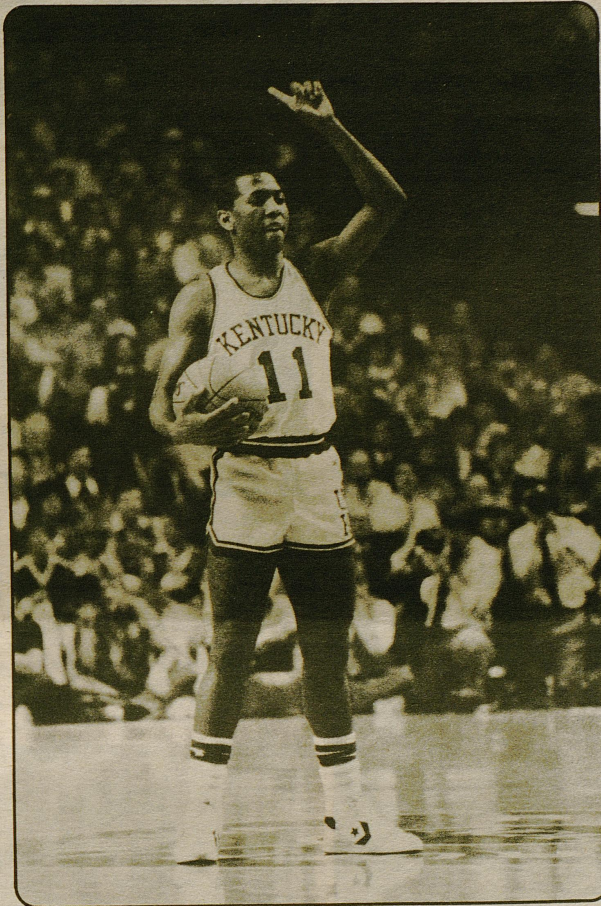
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The Hype Vanished

In this case, the charm was wearing off by the third time.

When Kentucky and Louisville met for the first time since 1959 last year, the hype was incredible. The national media was promoting the game, the statewide coverage was incredibly expansive. The interest was so vast the University of Kentucky's Athletics Board deemed it necessary to force UK Athletics Director Cliff Hagan into shedding a regular season game between the two schools.

That was accomplished, for the first time since 1922. Then last week, the schools played for a third time in less than a year. While advocates of the series had long argued it would create national exposure and financial benefits for both programs, the hype was wearing off by last week.

The game was not shown on network TV, live or taped. In fact, CBS treated it as any other Final 16 game. There was more talk that this was no 'Dream Game', rather than it was 'Dream Game III'.

In other words, the game was simply an obstacle along the way for both teams to reach Seattle. Here is what a few of the participants had to say about the hype this year, as compared to 1983 in Knoxville:

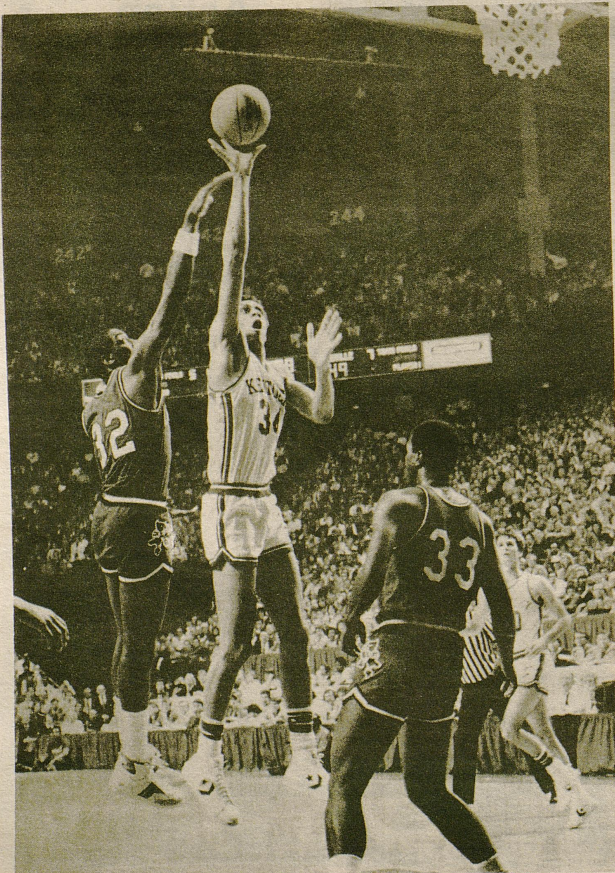
UK's Jim Master: "The hype last year was unreal. This year, there is some mystique out there, but not nearly as much. But anytime you put

Louisville and Kentucky on the floor, it brings in some hype and excitement."

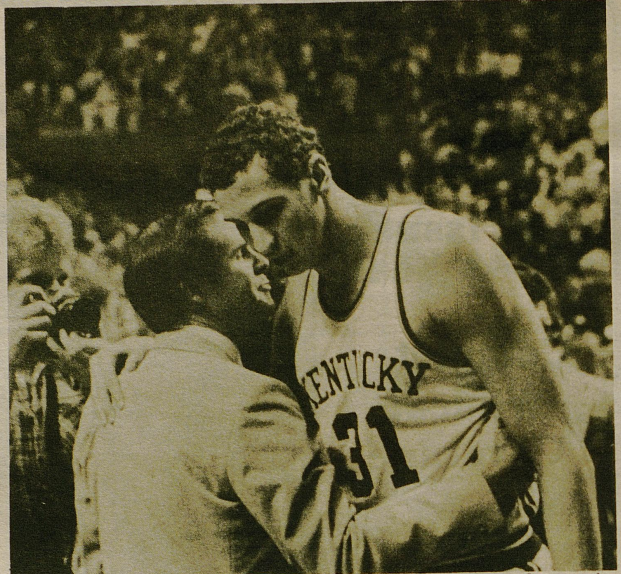
UK Coach Joe Hall: "The hype was so much last year, I don't think we even realized it. We are definitely excited about it this year but it is more for a quest for the championship and the tournament itself than of the significance of playing one team. We do feel playing Louisville adds special significance but the opportunity to advance in the tournament means more."

Louisville's Charles Jones: "Last year was the first time we had played in 24 years. There was such a gap between the games. Everything had built up over the years. This year, we started out playing them. People are excited but not like last year."

Louisville Coach Denny Crum: "There is nothing missing this time, it's just there was so much extra for the other two games. In Knoxville, it was the first time in 24 years. In November, it was the first regular season game in a long time. The longer the series goes, it won't become that big a deal. It will lose that extra hype. But it will always be a great rivalry. I said before that it would be very difficult to better that first game. That first game was so great and both teams played well. It will be hard to surpass. It went into overtime and if you were writing a book, that is the way you would want it."



SKY FOR TWO... Kentucky's Kenny Walker puts in two of his eight against Louisville.



CONGRATULATING EACH OTHER... Louisville Coach Denny Crum and Kentucky's Sam Bowie exchange hugs after a hard-fought game between the two schools. Kentucky won, 72-67.

A Coach With Talent

The pressure of playing and coaching at Kentucky are well-documented. When a team wins, it is expected. When they lose, the fans get furious. When asked about those pressures entering the Louisville game last week, Joe Hall said he would not want it any other way.

"It is not unusual for our fans to expect us to win," said Hall. "That is a good way for a program to be when everyone has so much confidence that they expect you to win everytime. It is an ideal situation. It has its drawbacks but I will take that pressure."

Of course, Hall is always the last one to ever get credit at Kentucky. His teams have won eight of 12 SEC titles and a recent poll taken by a Huntsville (Ala.) paper (voting was done by media around the South), Hall was voted the league's seventh best coach.

Someone asked Hall if he might not

be anxiously awaiting next year when UK will be missing four seniors. Hall said the pressure won't change and since UK has recruited well, they will be expected to win.

"I am a bad coach because I do recruit well," he said. "Next year, they will say I can't coach because we have good material. We are bringing in an outstanding bunch. I will be in the same spot - I can't coach good material. I hope for that situation. I would like to bring in such good players that I don't have to coach and we would still win the NCAA. I could go recruit 5-8 players and go for Coach of the Year honors. I enjoy winning and will recruit and I'll continue the way I'm doing it the best I can. We have recruited well this year and everybody will expect us to win next year."

Best Chance Since Last Title

Joe Hall has recently expressed confidence that his '84 team is in the best frame of mind at tournament-time than any squad he has coached in recent years. The UK coach was asked last week if he was more confident about this team's chances of going all the way to the Final Four like they did in 1978. That team, of course, won the NCAA.

"I have not been this confident since

'78," said Hall. "I did not feel as confident about any of the other teams since then. I did feel that, going into what would be Sam Bowie's junior and senior years (Bowie sat out two years with injury), we would be contenders. And maybe last year's team would have been even better than this one if they had Sam."

Crum Says Pressure Reversed

Last year in Knoxville, Louisville was a solid favorite to beat Kentucky and did so. This year, the roles with UK the higher ranked team and playing in Rupp Arena. Cardinal Coach Denny Crum said he was enjoying the reversal of roles.

"The pressure is not on us," Crum said the day before the game. "We are not supposed to win. We are the underdog. It is unusual for us and it is fun. We are usually at the top with

everybody shooting at us."

Two Cards commented on the underdog role:

Charles Jones: "Anybody who plays here (Rupp Arena) is an underdog. It is not the first time we have been underdogs. But I don't look at us as an underdog."

Lancaster Gordon: "We might be considered underdogs but we will just go out and play and see what happens."

Bat Cats Winning Right Ones

Last season, the Kentucky baseball team finished its season with a 31-14 record, one of the finest marks in UK history.

Yet, when playoff time arrived, Kentucky was at home. The Cats finished just 6-11 in the East Division, which meant they were not one of the two division teams to qualify for the SEC playoffs. The league record tarnished UK's 25-3 mark outside the SEC.

"We stressed this year that we will do well in the conference," says Coach Keith Madison. "Last year, we did not prove anything. If you are not in the top two in the division, you have no chance for an NCAA bid.

"The players realize that. Last year, we were young. In the conference games, we put too much pressure on ourselves. This year we are more relaxed and more aggressive in the conference games."

If early results are any indication, the Cats have reversed last year's trend. After 14 games, UK was 10-4 overall. However, this year they were 4-1 inside the league (heading into this past weekend) and 6-3 outside.

"Definitely," Madison replied when asked if he will trade non-conference wins for some SEC wins.

The Cats opened SEC play by taking two of three games at home against Tennessee. The next weekend, UK traveled to Nashville and took two of two games. The teams did not get in the scheduled third contest (which will not be rescheduled).

Last weekend's series with Florida was a big one for the Cats. The Gators entered the series atop the East at 6-1-1. With a winning series, UK could move into first place. They

definitely needed to at least solidify their important second place position. Two teams from the division make the playoffs.

UK Took One Of Three From Florida

UK entered the Florida series with a solid hold on second place. Other Eastern Division teams entering last weekend were Tennessee (2-4), Vanderbilt (2-5) and Georgia (0-3-1).

Yet, with a scheduled 18-game division slate, Madison says it is far too early to be making playoff plans.

"It's a good feeling to be where we are at but it is a little too early to say it is a two-team race, even though it may appear that way now," says Madison.

"Last year at this time, Georgia was dominating the division. Then they went on a skid and finished third.

"We feel good but we are not going to let up."

Madison expected his '84 team to be in this position, with almost all the regulars back from a year ago. He says the biggest plus from a year ago has been added punch in the UK lineup.

The team batting average of .295 is actually down somewhat from a year ago and the run production on the average is about the same. However, the difference is in clutch hitting and from the power department.

After 14 games, UK had 22 homers in '84. Last year, UK totalled just 40 long taters in 45 games. Last year, the leading power man was John Sikes with seven homers. This year, Rick Campbell, Mike Agnich and Randy Clark each had four homers after only

14 games. "We have been hitting better and scoring more runs than I even thought we would," says Madison.

Campbell was pacing the attack. Along with four homers, the UK shortstop had a blistering .409 batting average and team-leading 15 RBI's. He had only played in nine games, missing early games with ankle injuries. For a shortstop batting sixth in the lineup, Campbell's production is a luxury for a coach.

"I am not really surprised because Rick hit so well in the fall. However, I am surprised he started so hot because he missed a week with the injury," says Madison.

Brandt Ely hit .422 while making All-SEC last year and is off to a .353 start with three homers this year. Clark was brought in from the JUCO ranks to provide power and has done just that. Agnich is already one short of his '83 power supply with his four homers.

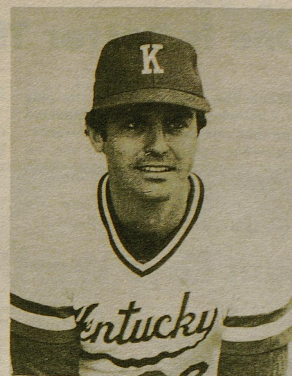
Another area of improvement that Madison hoped for and has received is defense. The Cats made crucial mistakes at key times last year and paid for it.

"One of the main differences in our team has been defense. We have played solid, good defense," says Madison. "Campbell has improved a lot as a shortstop and Dan Sehlhorst is doing a great job catching."

UK was expected to have one of the league's best mound corps and it has lived up to its billing so far. The Cats were 13th in the nation last year with a 3.11 earned run average. This year's staff was 3.08 after 14 games.

UK's SEC rotation of Jeff Hellman, Jay Ray and Paul Kilgus have all been pitching well, although Kilgus got off to a slow start. Hellman entered last weekend with a 3-0 slate and 2.14 ERA. Ray was also 3-0, with a 2.38 ERA, including a win over Tennessee in which he allowed no earned runs.

Kilgus, the only senior of the three, was 2-2 with a 4.30 ERA. He regained his form against Vandy. He took over the last two innings of a Sunday game which was the conclusion of a Saturday tie and earned the win. Then in the nightcap, he started and won again with a three hitter in a 10-1 win.



Keith Madison

"Paul had a rough start. He lost his first game against South Alabama, then lost his first SEC game to Tennessee," says Madison. "Interestingly, Paul's career record is now 7-0 against Vandy and 0-7 against Tennessee. And over those years, Vandy has been as strong as Tennessee. Against Vandy, he pitched like he is capable of. And Hellman and Ray have pitched good all year."

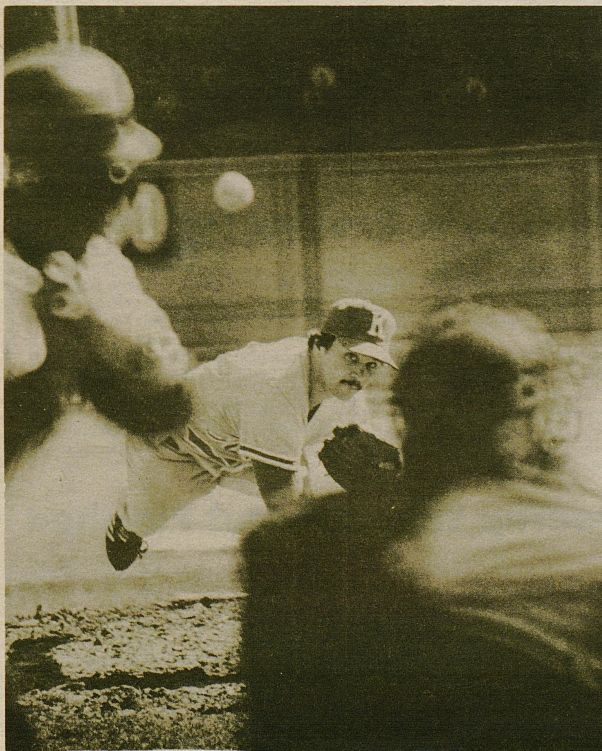
A dimension of Madison's best teams has been an 'ace' out of the bullpen, ala present major leaguer and former UK All-American Jeff Keener. This year's stopper has been Chris Carroll, with a team leading 1.93 ERA and nine strikeouts in nine and one-third innings.

"A good reliever is a very important phase at any level of baseball. To have someone who can come in and throw strikes and one who has a unique delivery (like Keener, Carroll is a submarine-type pitcher), that is a real plus."

For Madison and the Bat Cats, the plusses have been adding up in the win column in the SEC. That is what the UK coach hoped for.

One problem Madison did not anticipate was snow in the latter weeks of March. A blanket of the white stuff hit Lexington in the middle of last week, hampering UK's preparation for the series with Florida.

"We have been playing really good baseball and now we can't go out on the field and get tuned up," Madison said last week.



AND THE PITCH... Kentucky pitcher Jay Ray delivers a pitch in earlier Kentucky baseball action.

Hellman Wins Matchup

UK right-hander Jeff Hellman, a candidate for the 1984 Olympic Baseball team, gave up one run and only seven hits in Kentucky's 11-4 win over Missouri last Monday.

Hellman had six strikeouts and no walks through seven innings. On the season, Hellman has walked only six batters and given up only 19 hits in 21 innings.

Missouri's Dave Otto, also a candidate for the Olympic team, started for the Tigers in Monday's game against UK. Otto was blasted for six runs on six hits in the first inning. He gave up four homeruns, two of them coming in the first.

UK's Mike Agnich lined a solo shot to center field in the first and Rick Campbell laced a grand slam, also in the first. Brandt Ely smashed a solo shot in the second and a two-run homerun in the third. Otto went four innings and gave up nine runs and eight hits. Ely was four-for-four

against Missouri with the other two at bats being singles.



Jeff Hellman

One Is Better Than None

When Jim Master signed to play for Kentucky, he probably expected more than one Final Four appearance. Now he has finally gotten that one, he wasn't going to worry about what could have been.

"You are never satisfied and you always like to go to the Final Four. But

it is a great feeling to just go to one.

"There is a lot of pressure lifted off us now. Winning at home was the biggest pressure. But our goal is not accomplished."

Master says now the Cats are this far, there is no reason to be satisfied. "Now we are this far, we might as

Sam Says Worth The Wait

Sam Bowie waited five long year, two in basketball exile, waiting for that trip to the Final Four. When the feeling arrived, Bowie was short on words.

"It is a great feeling. I can't describe it with any words in the English vocabulary. I wish I could. Everyone should experience this. Hopefully, we can continue this feeling. It means an awful lot to me. A lot of people scratched me off and said my career was over. Hey, we are there in the Final Four."

Even the thought of facing Pat Ewing next week was not about to bring a frown on Sam's smile.

"No one looks forward to playing against him. He is one of the premier players in the country. But we will be there, they will be there and whatever happens happens."

It was Bowie's defense which helped UK beat Illinois. All 11 of his points came in the second half but he

held Illini star Efreem Winters to seven points.

"I didn't score early but I will compliment myself on the defensive job I did on Efreem," said Bowie. "He is one of the toughest forwards I went up against all year. I had my work cut out. I was trying to contain him and that is a job in itself. By the time I went on the offensive end, I was too tired to even want the ball."

In the game's closing minutes, Bowie made a life-saving block off a Winters' jumper from the baseline which would have brought Illinois within two. Bowie seemed to come from nowhere to block the shot.

"I came from the other side of the lane. I saw our wing man (in the zone) take the guy on the point. They threw the ball to Efreem in the corner. I was fortunate enough to get a hand on it. The way they were shooting, he would have bottomed that one out."



SEATTLE HERE WE COME... Sam Bowie celebrates Kentucky's Mideast Regional championship.

well got out there and play well. I think we will. We still have a burning desire to win it all."

Kentucky's chances are not hurt any by the fact Master is now playing his best ball of the last year. He was in a

season-long slump but has hit at half his shots the last five games.

"That is definitely because of the tournament," he says. "It is a renewed enthusiasm. You like to go out showing what you can do."

Harden Wanting The Ring

"I want that ring," UK sophomore Roger Harden was saying after his team won the Mideast Regional.

That ring is the one delivered to the NCAA champ every year. Harden and teammates came two games closer last Saturday by winning the Mideast.

"It felt super. This is the biggest thrill of my career, by far."

Harden is one of UK's biggest cheerleaders on the bench. That says something about his character, since he started 21 of UK's first 22 games

and has since seen little playing time. He lost his job to Dicky Beal but Roger could not have been happier for Beal after he won MVP for the Regional.

"Dicky winning the MVP was great. I would be lying if I said I didn't want to be out there and I wish I was. But I know there are a lot of pressures and ups and downs. Dicky had downs for four years. To go four years and not start would be a heartbreaker, I am happy for Dicky."



THE PARTY IS ON... Roger Harden and teammates celebrate a victory in the Mideast Regional.

Heitz Eyes Destiny For Cats

For the most part, Tom Heitz has sat on the UK bench for five years. He chose to again this year, instead of pursuing a business career, because he wanted to have the chance at the NCAA title.

He got two games closer last week and said the feeling was "sort of like a numbness. It will not sink in until tomorrow. They say winning it all is something you will never experience anything like in your life and I am waiting for that feeling."

Even when UK was struggling in midseason, Heitz said he felt this was a team that would end with something special. Now it is getting closer.

"I've always felt this was a team of destiny. We still have a mission to accomplish. We have an ultimate goal. That is winning the national championship."

"After the game, Coach Hall said this was not the time to celebrate. He said we have two more games to win all our goals."

Bearup Says Job Not Finished

After Kentucky won the Mideast, the celebration was on as the nets were cut. Joy and tears flowed. Yet, in the locker room minutes later, it was back to business.

"We are happy now but there is still a sense that something else has to be done," said Bret Bearup. "We have more to accomplish and to achieve. We had a spur of the moment celebration today but not a wide scale thing."

A fourth-year junior, Bearup said

the greatest sense of relief was getting off the label that Kentucky could not win the big games.

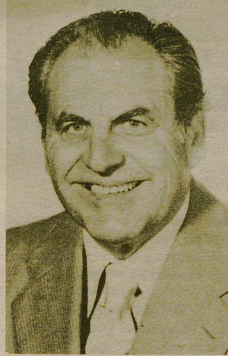
"It was a great sense of joy and even a greater sense of relief. We finally had achieved some of the expectations people put on us."

"The greatest satisfaction was raising your fist in the air and saying choke this. That choke label has rubbed me wrong."

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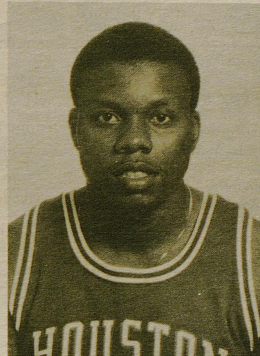
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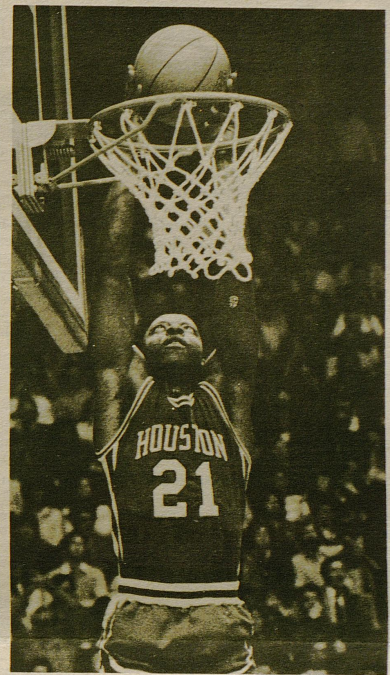


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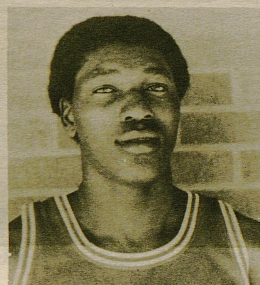
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Alvin Franklin Dunks



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Gregory Anderson	C	6-9	220	FR	Houston
Stacey Belcher	F	6-6	210	FR	Houston
Eric Dickens	G	6-1	170	JR	Houston
Alvin Franklin	G	6-2	185	SO	LaMarque, Texas
Reid Gettys	G	6-7	200	JR	Houston
Derek Giles	G	6-3	175	SR	Queens, NY
Akeem Olajuwon	C	7-0	255	JR	Lagos, Nigeria
Gary Orsak	F	6-7	220	JR	Alvin
Renaldo Thomas	G	6-2	200	SO	Gary, IN
James Weaver	G	6-4	190	FR	Nederland
Rickey Winslow	F	6-8	215	FR	Houston
Michael Young	F	6-7	220	SR	Houston



Akeem Olajuwon

A Look At The Season

DATE	OPPONENT, Site	SCORE	ATT	TOP SCORER	TOP REBOUNDER	
Nov. 19	L #North Carolina State (NBC-TV)	64-76	-12	8,700c	18 Young	13 Olajuwon
Nov. 26	W KANSAS (CBS-TV)	91-76	+15	9,660	25 Young	15 Olajuwon
Nov. 30	W at Mississippi State (KRIV-TV)	68-62	+6	8,434	19 Young	11 Olajuwon
Dec. 3	W BISCAYNE (HSE-TV)	69-51	+18	9,660	19 Anders	18 Olajuwon
Dec. 6	W at LSU (KRIV-USA TV)	100-91	+9	14,444c	25 Young	11 Young
Dec. 10	W ST. MARY'S-Texas (HSE-TV)	71-55	+16	9,660	24 Young	13 Olajuwon
Dec. 16	W +STETSON (HSE-TV)	92-71	+21	8,500	24 Young	10 Olajuwon
Dec. 17	W +PRINCETON (HSE-TV)	65-40	+25	8,569	22 Young	17 Olajuwon
Dec. 19	W TEXAS LUTHERAN (HSE-TV)	129-65	+64	9,660	22 Young	13 Anderson
Dec. 21	W at UC Santa Barbara (KRIV-TV)	89-79	+10	5,921c	35 Olajuwon	13 Olajuwon
Dec. 25	W \$Louisville (NBC-TV)	76-73	+3	7,000	20 Young	13 Olajuwon
Dec. 26	L \$Fresno State	61-68	-7	5,000	26 Young	17 Olajuwon
Jan. 5	W *at SMU (Channel 20-TVS)	60-59	+1	9,534c	24 Young	8 Winslow
Jan. 7	W *TCU (HSE-TV)	81-67	+14	9,660	22 Young	21 Olajuwon
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Feb. 29	W *BAYLOR (HSE-TV)	80-65	+15	10,060c	24 Olajuwon	18 Olajuwon
Mar. 4	L *at Arkansas (CBS-TV)	68-73	-5	9,438c	22 Young	8 Olajuwon
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Mar. 11	W ##Arkansas (NBC-TV)	57-56	+1	15,001c	23 Young	11 Olajuwon
Mar. 17	W %Louisiana Tech (CBS-TV)	77-69	+8	11,200c	21 Franklin	12 Olajuwon
Mar. 23	@Memphis State	The Arena	St. Louis, Mo.			

"Goose" Still Winning Titles

When Jack Givens poured in 41 points to lead Kentucky to the 1978 NCAA title game win over Duke, it ranked as the second most points ever in the final game.

This winter, Givens achieved another feat which certainly has to be a rarity. He played for the national championship team in Japan, meaning he has played for a national champion in two countries.

Not only has Givens played for two national champions, he has led both teams in scoring.

Givens is a player-assistant coach for the IFUZU Motor Company team in Japan. In January, they captured the All-Japan Tournament, with Givens winning Most Valuable Player as he did in '78.

"That is their major tournament, kind of like the NCAA over here," Givens said recently. "It is big-time over there."

Unlike Kentucky in 1978, IFUZU was not the favorite in the Japanese tournament.

The format for the Japanese season and tournament goes something like this:

The regular season is split into two seasons, fall and spring. There are two major divisions. Givens plays in the second division, which is the main reason his team was not expected to win the event. Former Wildcats Larry Johnson, Fred Cowan and Charles Hurt all play in Division I.

Around 20 teams play in the national tournament. Most of those teams are either from Division I or are university teams. The tournament is played at the Old Olympic Center in Tokyo. Givens estimated the gym holds around 8,000 and it was a sellout for the tournament.

IFUZU won its division and the right to play in the tournament. Givens, who

says he does little game coaching, led his team with averages of around 28 points and 12 rebounds during the season.

He often played just over half of the game. Former Vandy star Ted Young also played for IFUZU and since only one foreign player can play at the same time, Givens and Young often split time.

Givens obviously still possesses the feathery jump shot which led him to All-American status at Kentucky. He was named Most Valuable Player of his division.

En route to the finals, IFUZU defeated Johnson's Panasonic team in the semi-finals. Panasonic had won the national tournament the past two years.

"Winning The NCAA Meant A Lot More."

In the final game, IFUZU defeated Nippon Steel. Givens says the final margin was around 16 points. No, Jack did not score 41 points but he did fill the nets for 22. Givens, Cowan and Johnson were all selected to a Top Five team selected from the tournament.

The 'Goose' said winning the nationals in Japan was not quite like winning the NCAA, but it was still a thrill.

"It was different. They give it just as much coverage but winning the NCAA meant a lot more," said Givens, who spent two years with Atlanta of the NBA. "The competition and quality of play is better here (U.S.) but it was still a big thrill. Our team was not expected to win it and was the first Division II team in a long time to win it."

Givens' situation in Japan is different than that of the other former Wildcats playing there. While they are in Japan primarily to learn a trade, Givens is there just to play and help out with the coaching.

"The other guys are employed by a company. They go into the office everyday and get job experience," says Givens. "Then when they are locked in with a company and a job back here. I am there just to play and coach."

While in Japan, Givens lives in Akita, a small community in northern Japan. The other Wildcats live in larger cities.

"It is a lot of fun over there," says Givens. "They treat us really well. It is really a good situation in the larger cities. Where I was, I may get American TV twice a week."

However, Givens said he may not have a chance to win another national title in '85. The Japanese league is changing its season and it may interfere with a broadcasting career Givens hopes to pursue in the U.S.

"I really enjoy it over there but I may not go back," says Givens. "They are changing format so that the season coincides with the season here. I would rather be here and I want to do some more TV work."

Givens also commented on the other trio of Cats that are playing in Japan. While Johnson plays for Panasonic, Cowan and Hurt play for Toshiba.

Cats Still Aiming Big

When Kentucky was manhandling opponents and rolling along undefeated in December, UK's Sam Bowie and several teammates said they wanted this Kentucky team to go down as one of the best teams ever assembled.

With four regular season defeats, UK's chances of ranking among the most elite ever may have faded. However, Bowie still hopes his team can win the NCAA and leave a



Jack Givens

"Fred had the most successful season of all this past year. He led his league in scoring and rebounding. He averaged around 32 points a game and was named among the best five in the league. He definitely is the best big man over there. He got hurt in their tournament loss.

"Larry is the most popular foreign player in Japan. He has been there the longest and was first to hook on. He was kind of a pioneer for the American players. When people talk about basketball in Japan, Larry is a household name. He is married and has a little girl.

"Charles got over there for the last half of the year, after the regular season was complete. He had a real good tournament. They are really high on him. They expect him to come on next year and really play well."

memorable mark on the game.

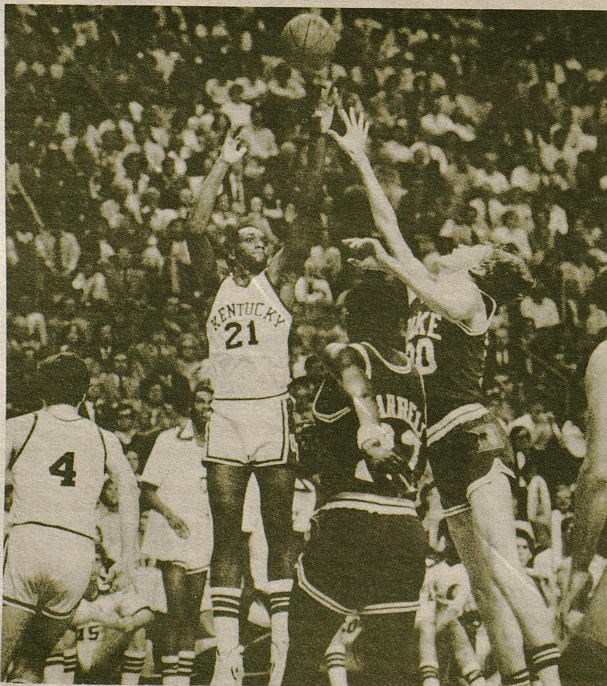
"We were undefeated at the time we said that and our goal was to win every game. We wanted to have a high goal, we wanted expectations that other teams can't normally have. Realistically, we knew it would take a lot of luck to go undefeated. It has not come true but maybe we still can be classified as one of the better teams. If we win the rest of our games, maybe we can be."

Who Is Paying For Lunch?

When Kentucky defeated Louisville by 21 points in November, the famed Cardinal backcourt went just nine of 30 from the field. UK guard Jim Master said after the game Louisville's guards were among the nation's best but was quoted in Sports Illustrated as saying that particular day, Louisville guards "were out to lunch."

At a press conference previewing last week's matchup between Kentucky and Louisville, the press jumped on that quote. They asked Louisville's great guard Lancaster Gordon if he would be out to lunch again this time.

"It depends on who is buying," answered Gordon.



OOOOO HOW SWEET... Former UK standout Jack Givens puts up one of his patented feathery jumpers here against Duke in the NCAA finals in 1978.



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UK Guard Is Catalyst And Leader For UK

"Dicky Beal is playing sensational basketball. He will wind up an immortal here at Kentucky. He is the best point guard we've ever had."

-Kentucky Coach Joe B. Hall

Moments after Kentucky had won the Mideast Regional, the Rupp Arena fans stood and cheered as Joe B. Hall cut down the final threads of the net. Hall triumphantly waved the net to the fans, then stood atop the ladder and looked out on the floor.

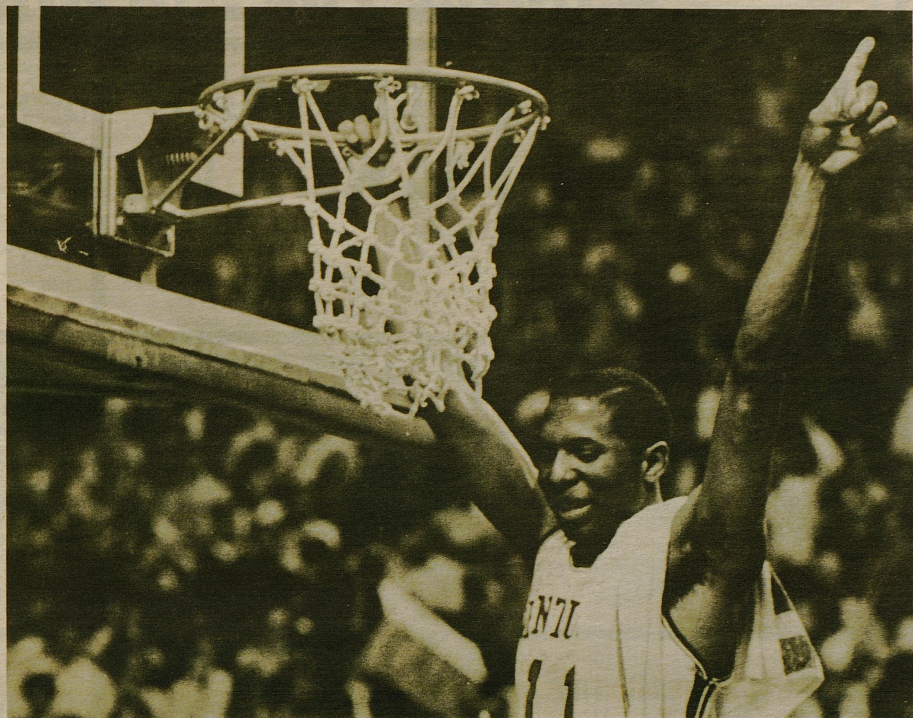
He tossed the net towards the foul line. His accuracy was not quite as true as Jim Master free throw. When someone grabbed the net, Hall pointed. He wanted the net to go to Dicky Beal. In a matter of seconds, it was draping Beal's neck.

It was truly poetic justice to what has been one of the most fascinating stories in recent college basketball circles.

Less than two months ago, Beal was a player without a reason. He had all but given up, deciding he no longer could fight the mental anguish of a career filled with injuries. He felt getting up again would just mean the disappointment of coming back down.

A little history: Beal came to UK as a prep All-American from Covington, Ky. who originally announced he was going to DePaul, then changed his heart. He played three years behind Dirk Minniefield at point guard. At times, he was brilliant. Almost always, he was hampered by nagging injuries.

You name it, Beal had it. Groin pulls, hamstring pulls, ankle sprains, sore knees. Finally, after last season, he underwent arthroscopic surgery.



IT SURE FEELS GOOD... Kentucky senior guard Dicky Beal holds on to the net after his team won the Mideast Regional championship.

Not once, but three times.

"Dicky had the roughest time of any player, including Sam Bowie, that I have coached," says Hall.

Beal had his moments early this year. Yet he could not get healthy or consistent enough to beat out Roger Harden as the starting guard. UK kept winning and Beal kept thinking he

could not go all-out. He wondered if he was really needed, if it was really worth continuing the battle.

On Feb. 14, in the midst of an Alabama press destroying UK, Hall asked Beal if he could play. Beal said he did not think so. He didn't, UK lost.

UK went on to defeat Mississippi State two nights later and Beal made a token late appearance. By then, one thing was evident. UK needed Beal, if the desired drive to Seattle would be accomplished.

Coaches and friends talked to Beal. The 5-11 senior had a heart-to-heart talk with himself. UK had an upcoming game with Auburn, to decide first place in the SEC. Beal decided it was time to try again.

"I had to get off my behind, get something done and not worry about my knee," he says now. "The reason I wasn't getting anything done was I was worrying about my knee. I thought if I went hard, I would hurt something. I had to put that behind me."

As Beal says, three times with knee surgery can "play with your mind." Yet before the Auburn, he told his teammates he would be back.

"I told everybody I would be back, that I was going out with a bang. I saw a team that was needing enthusiasm. I am the type that hollers at everyone out there. That gets us going," says Beal.

Against Auburn that Saturday, Beal scored a career-high 17 points and played a season-high 26 minutes. UK won by 20 and Beal was in the starting lineup two games later.

Since then, it has become a storybook tale. Beal has played over 30 minutes the last 12 games, averaging over ten points, eight assists and

hitting over 60 percent from the field.

Beal has always featured lightning speed and artistic penetration ability. His teammates knew he could make them better players by beating the defense and dishing off. What surely no one knew was that Beal would become the team leader, perhaps the nation's purest point guard.

"Dicky is our motivator. He is an excellent leader," says freshman Winston Bennett.

Never was Beal's leadership, or his importance, more evident than in the Mideast Regional.

In game one, Kentucky was facing embarrassment. A loss to Louisville in Rupp Arena would be one this team would not live down. That could be sensed among the players. Almost everytime UK got shaky, Beal took control.

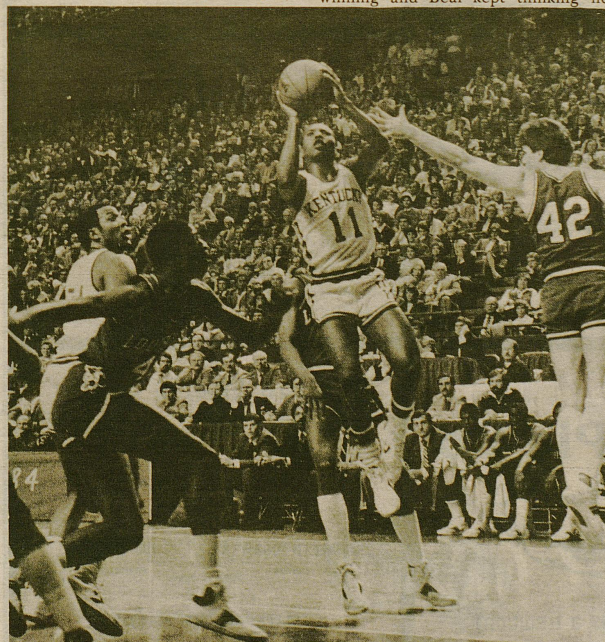
His penetrating jumper, then a steal and layup, then a feed to Sam Bowie for a dunk turned a six-point first half deficit to a tie. At the end of the half, the Cards were leading by six and running out the clock. Beal stripped Milt Wagner and hit a layup. UK had momentum and just a four-point deficit.

In the second half, he got UK the lead with a feed to Bowie, then a coast-to-coast drive for a three-point play; Then midway in the tense second half, with UK leading by two, Wagner went up for a patented jumper. Beal left with the ball and a layup. UK scored eight straight and won.

Everytime UK needed a play, Beal answered. When they had the break, he orchestrated it. When they didn't, he set up the offense.

"Dicky did a good job running when they wanted to run and doing what

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DOING WHAT HE DOES BEST... Dicky Beal drives and shoots against Louisville.

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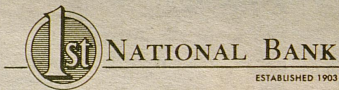
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Abell

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the only way time allows the ball to be picked up and counted by game's end, but there is no way one can pick a valid team when games are white knucklers and 10 minutes remain. Fortunately, UK's Dicky Beal did garner the MVP honor he deserved this time, after getting totally left off the SEC all-tourney team following a similar performance.

IS JOE B. MELLOWING... Many feel Joe Hall has been more relaxed this year than ever before. Except for late season tail-kicking practices which surged this team, Hall has not been especially hard on this team for the most part and has seemed more at ease off the court. Earlier this year, an out-of-town writer who has watched the Cats over recent years asked Joe B. if he was mellowing. "I guess I am. I'm getting older. You are too," he told the reporter. "I've got very good help with my staff. I let them do a lot of work and they are doing a great job. That takes a lot of pressure off me"... Almost 400 press members covered the Mideast in Rupp. About half were writers, 100 photographers, 50 TV people and 25 radio... When Kentucky held an open shooting practice Wednesday in mid-afternoon, many estimated the crowd at around 5,000, or more than attended the first round NCAA regional in Birmingham. And how many schools can open the concession stands for a shooting practice?... Lou Henson said the Illinois program can stay solid so long as he can land all the in-state players he goes after. Ample proof: Every player on the Illini roster this year came from within the state.

WILDCAT NOTES: As a team, Kentucky has been outshot only four times in 33 games this year. Only three

UK opponents shot over 50 percent, another hit exactly half its shots. Florida's 51.1 percent was the best any team shot against the Cats. On the other hand, Kentucky shot 50 percent or better 23 times... In the last 13 games, Dicky Beal played more minutes than he had in any of the previous 20 games. During that span, he has scored ten points a game, handed out 95 assists, hit over 60 percent from the field and over 80 percent from the line... The stats show that Winston Bennett, UK's have-no-fear freshman, has calmed down his over aggressiveness with valuable experience. In UK's first 16 games, Bennett committed 35 turnovers. In the last 17 games, he had just made 16. His playing time has not varied over that period. Another indication is fouls committed. In UK's first 14 games, Winston committed 50 fouls and fouled out four times. In the last 19 games, he committed 47 fouls and did not foul out... Even Sam Bowie's foul shooting has improved dramatically as the season aged. He has now hit 29 of his last 32 foul shots... Jim Master has hit half his shots just 12 times (due to a horrible midseason slump) but has now done so in his last five games. The UK senior has also made only two turnovers in four of those... Kenny Walker, as he did a year ago, has also improved at the foul line as the season has progressed. Kenny has hit 22 of his last 26 freebees and 34 of his last 41. Also, in the turnover department, Walker had made six in the last nine games and had seven games with none... UK is 20 of 22 in games it led at the half, seven of nine when trailing.

Beal

From 25

they needed to. He steadied them," said Louisville guard Lancaster Gordon. "He knows what Coach Hall wants. It was a great job on his part. He helps that team, psychologically more than most point guards."

Next came the finals, against a stubborn Illinois team. Beal's last second jumper to end the first half sent UK up by two.

With just under seven minutes left and UK clinging to a five-point lead, Hall and UK fans cringed when Beal took an accidental Bowie elbow and fell to the floor. He laid motionless for a minute, then walked off the floor dazed.

Moments later, he removed the ice pack from his eye while sitting on the bench. The same fellow but not the same player who a month ago did not want to go in, begged in this time.

"I told coach, in not so nice words. I was ready to go back in. He asked me if I was alright. I said yes and he told me to go in and get something done. I said okay."

He not only got something going, he sealed UK's first trip to the Final Four since 1978. With less than a minute to go and UK nursing a two-point lead, Beal sliced through an Illinois trap down the lane and hit a driving layup.

Then at 14 seconds, Beal stood confidently at the foul line and turned a two-point Kentucky lead into a sure win.

"Dicky has been doing those kind of things for us lately," Bowie would say.

Sweet Sixteen Coaches

Coach	School	No. Final		W-L	Pct.
		NCAAs	Eight		
1. Bobby Knight	Indiana	9	4	21-7	.750
2. Joe B. Hall	Kentucky	9	6	18-7	.720
3. Terry Holland	Virginia	6	3	11-5	.688
4. Dean Smith	N. Carolina	14	8	28-15	.651
5. Denny Crum	Louisville	11	6	21-12	.636
6. J. Tarkanian+	UNLV	9	4	16-10	.615
7. Guy Lewis	Houston	14	5	27-17	.595
8. John Thompson	Georgetown	8	3	10-7	.588
9. Dana Kirk	Memphis State	3	0	4-3	.571
10. Don Donoher	Dayton	7	2	11-9	.550
11. Lefty Driesell	Maryland	9	4	12-10	.545
12. Lou Henson	Illinois	9	2	10-10	.500
13. Carl Tacy	Wake Forest	5	2	5-5	.500
14. Marv Harshman	Washington	2	0	2-2	.500
15. Ray Meyer	DePaul	13	3	14-15	.483
16. Jim Boeheim	Syracuse	7	0	5-7	.417

Combs

From 3

worth it. When I came out of high school, I figured it would be easy, but everybody is after you when you're Kentucky..." The phones were ringing off the wall in TCP's offices on Monday morning. Calls were coming in from all over the country. The reason? People were waiting for information on Final Four tickets, information on how to get rooms in Seattle and even how to renew their subscriptions which had been allowed to expire during the course of the season. Oh, how a win changes the fans... In our Viewpoint section today, you'll read a letter to the editor in the form of a quiz from Vernon Coy of Louisiana. Mr. Coy, as most of TCP's readers know, has become one of the more vocal critics of Kentucky coach Joe B. Hall. We received his letter a couple of weeks ago and thought it might be appropriate just before the Final Four. Sorry, Vern, but poor ole Joe doesn't look so bad today, does he?... West German Gunther Behnke made his first trip to Kentucky over the weekend and fans had no trouble in spotting the well-dressed and well-mannered young man. He's a legit 7-4 and has hands the size of a mailbox. Kentucky was still in the race for superstar Gary Grant of Canton, Ohio and if UK should get this youngster, Wildcat foes had better clean up on the Cats next season while the freshmen are young. By the 1985-86 season, UK should be back in the thick of things for a Final Four run... One of the reasons why Kentucky is so difficult to defend this season is because all five Kentucky starters, not to mention super sub Winston Bennett, are scoring threats every time out... Senior sparkplug Dicky Beal was shafted in the SEC tourney, but reporters who know basketball when they see it gave the 5-11 senior his due in naming him the MVP of the Mideast Regional. UK



Gunther Behnke

players will always have trouble getting their just due when the voting is done by reporters who cover football for a living around the south... Speaking of the SEC, the conference office was well-represented in Lexington during the Mideast. Commissioner Boyd McWhorter led the contingent to Lexington along with assistant commissioners Bob Barrett, Mark Womack and Steve Townsend. Assistant commissioner John Guthrie and Townsend are expected to represent the SEC at the Final Four in Seattle. The SEC co-sponsored a reception for the NCAA and media people last Thursday in Lexington... Funny thing about people voting in polls. Several "Coach of the Year" awards will be dished out in the next few days, and to my knowledge, not one of the Final Four coaches has been mentioned as a candidate.

Kelly Not Going To Middle

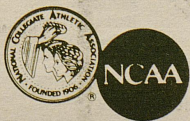
First year Kentucky assistant Coach Lake Kelly says he is not sending in an application for the vacant coaching job at Middle Tennessee State University.

Kelly had said earlier he may be interested in the job which opened when Stan Simpson resigned under pressure some three weeks ago. However, Kelly says he has not heard from Middle Tennessee and that he will not apply. Kelly and MTSU athletic director Jimmy Earle are longtime friends and that Kelly said

since Earle has not contacted him, he would not pursue the matter.

Kelly once coached in the Ohio Valley Conference while at Austin Peay. Middle is also in the Ohio Valley. Reports are that Earle will re-assume the coaching duties he held before becoming the full-time athletic director.

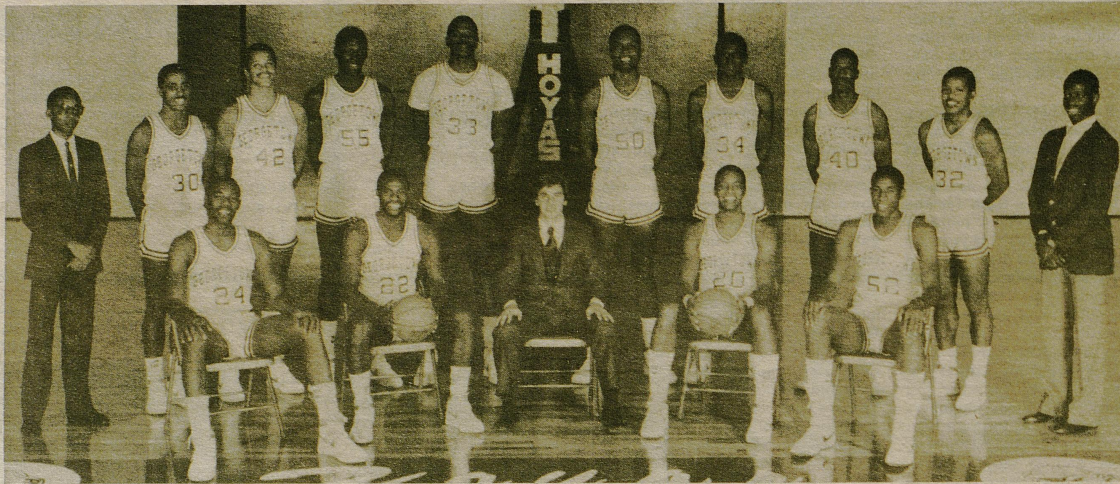
Earlier reports also had Kentucky Associate Coach Leonard Hamilton interested in the job but Hamilton emphatically denies any interest.



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The Georgetown Hoyas

The Roster

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20	Fred Brown	G	6-5	208	Sr.	Bronx, NY	Adlai Stevenson (Bronx, NY)	34	Reggie Williams	G/F	6-7	185	Fr.	Baltimore, MD	Dunbar (Baltimore, MD)
22	Gene Smith	G	6-2	190	Sr.	Washington, DC	McKinley Tech (Washington, DC)	40	David Wingate	G/F	6-5	180	So.	Baltimore, MD	Dunbar (Baltimore, MD)
24	Bill Martin	F	6-7	202	Jr.	Washington, DC	McKinley Tech (Washington, DC)	42	Clifton Dairsow	F	6-7	225	Fr.	Hanover, MD	Arundel (Odenton, MD)
30	Michael Jackson	G	6-1	172	So.	Reston, VA	South Lakes (Reston, VA)	50	Michael Graham	F	6-9	210	Fr.	Washington, DC	Spingarn (Washington, DC)
32	Horace Broadnax	G	6-1	185	So.	Plant City, FL	Plant City (Plant City, FL)	52	Ralph Dalton	F/C	6-11	240	Jr.	Suitland, MD	Fishburne Mil. Acad. (Waynesboro, VA)
33	Patrick Ewing	C	7-0	240	Jr.	Cambridge, MA	Rindge & Latin (Cambridge, MA)	55	Victor Morris	F	6-9	220	So.	Houston, TX	Kashmere (Houston, TX)

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W 71	52 Pittsburgh	9,121	BIG EAST	HOME	Ewing 17	Martin 9
W 88	71 Syracuse	19,035	BIG EAST	HOME	Ewing 16	Ewing 10
W 70	50 Providence		TRN-B.E.	NEUTRAL	Ewing 18	Martin 9
W 79	68 St. John's	19,591	TRN-B.E.	NEUTRAL	Ewing 24	Dalton/Ewing 5
W 82	71 Syracuse	19,591	TRN-B.E.	NEUTRAL	Ewing 27	Ewing 16
W 37	36 SMU	11,300	TRN-NCAA	NEUTRAL	Ewing 10	Graham 8



Coach John Thompson