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Shanahan emerges as top candidate for UK job

Denver Broncos volunteer quarterback coach tours Lexington, but denies being offered football position

Mike Shanahan, volunteer quarterback coach of the Denver Broncos since being fired as head coach of the Los Angeles Raiders four games into the current season, was back in Denver this week after a whirlwind visit to Lexington, where he emerged as perhaps "the" top candidate for the University of Kentucky head football coaching position.

Shanahan, 37, arrived in town Friday night, met with UK officials Saturday morning, toured the Nutter Training Center and the City of Lexington, and then departed that afternoon for Denver, where the Broncos entertained the New York Giants on Sunday.

"It was a good visit," Shanahan said. "I got a chance to look at the facilities and for them to talk to me. It was an interesting day, but no offer has been made...It was a good visit and I'm glad I came."

The *Denver Post* said Shanahan was on the verge of accepting a five-year contract at a total package of about \$600,000 to coach the Wildcats. However, UK athletic director C.M. Newton said a contract was discussed with Shanahan, but only in "preliminary" terms so that Shanahan "understands the job."

"But there has been no contract tendered

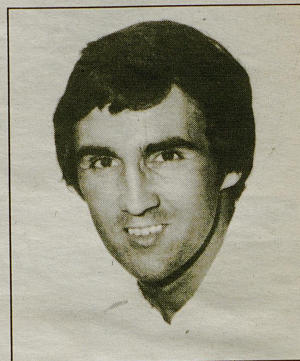
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or discussed," said Newton, who also refused to say if he planned to bring in other candidates.

A native of Oak Park, Ill., Shanahan attended Eastern Illinois University. He was an assistant coach at Oklahoma (1975-76), Northern Arizona (1977), Eastern Illinois (1978), Minnesota (1979) and Florida (offensive coordinator—1984-87). He was offensive coordinator at Denver four years (1984-87), working with quarterback John Elway and Bronco teams that were 49-20-1 and participated in two Super Bowls.

He had a record of 7-9 as head coach of



Mike Shanahan, considered the top candidate for UK's vacant coaching position. Shanahan is currently QB coach for the Denver Broncos.

the Raiders last year. After a 1-3 start this season, he was replaced by former Raider offensive tackle Art Schell. He has one year remaining on a three-year contract with the Raiders, calling for an estimated \$325,000 a year.

'CAT HOOP NOTES • 'CAT HOOP NOTES

□ The newest fad among the faithful attending Wildcat games in Rupp Arena is to remain seated or find a good seat in the lower arena and listen to the Kentucky Radio Network's post-game activities being piped over the arena P.A. system.

After the usual rundown of statistics, star-player interview, etc., a dramatic moment arrives when Cawood "Voice of the Wildcats" Ledford emerges from the corner across the floor to the right and is greeted with applause.

Just before Cawood came out after the Tennessee Tech game, C. M. Newton crossed and ascended the arena steps to a good round of applause from those eager fans who apparently were showing their appreciation of the fine job he did in luring Pitino to Kentucky.

Then the applause and cheers became louder as Pitino emerged from the corner across to the right and, escorted by Van "Committee of 101" Florence, walked in back of the goal, stopped before turning the corner to say hello to an aging Happy Chandler, and then waved as he walked downcourt to where two chairs, one occupied by Ledford, awaited.

The network brass made a wise move in having the table placed inside the playing area and seating Cawood and Rick facing the crowd on that side of the floor.

As the interview began, the crowd became very attentive, interrupting the silence on several occasions to applaud a remark or observation by the coach.

The fans seated on both sides of the arena numbered about 300 after the Mississippi State game on Monday and had increased about two-fold when UK played Tech two nights later. As the word spreads, look for 1,000 or more to remain for the post-game entertainment during next weekend's UKIT.

✓ QUOTABLE QUOTES

□ UK's associate AD/marketing Gene DeFilippo, upon hearing UK's Doug Bruce announce Monday night that souvenir programs for the season opener against Ohio U. Pitino first game as UK coach, could be purchased by mail through Host Communications:

"That's an excellent idea. I'm sorry to say it wasn't mine. Credit that to Jim Host."

□ A Tennessee Tech official, like everyone else familiar with the recent troubles at UK, upon seeing the 23,000-plus fans on hand for the UK-Tech game said, "I can't believe it."

□ A person telephoning Cawood Ledford on the Tech pre-game call-in show: "Hello, Mom."

□ Ledford on the same show: "You know, Adolph Rupp's teams reminded me of a Swiss watch. This team reminds me of a street gang."

□ When Mississippi State basketball coach Richard Williams, asked why he did not try to recruit Carlos Toomer, an unheralded UK signee from Corinth, Miss., replied, "I'll be honest. I wouldn't know him if he were standing right here. I don't know Carlos Toomer, just to be honest."

(Side note: During a luncheon earlier in the week, Wildcat coach Rick Pitino invited those doubters present to come by his office and view a film of Toomer in action. Two of those media types who saw the clip were impressed with the player, who is a projected point guard for the Cats).

✓ MORE WILDCAT NOTES

□ Richie Farmer's improved play is reflected in many ways, but especially in what Pitino calls "one-on-one plays, moving north and south, and attacking the basket."

Pitino credited Farmer's improvement in that area to extra individual practices with assistant coach Billy Donovan, who was a star guard on Pitino's "Final Four" team at Providence.

"Richie's getting better and coming on," Pitino said. He realizes, "Now, I can do that."

Farmer also is several pounds lighter, beginning with the top of his head. When Farmer appeared as the featured player on Pitino's show the day after the IU game, host Rob Bromley got the two talking about the difference in accents between the player from Manchester, Ky., and the coach from the sidewalks of New York.

After some good-natured kidding, which included Farmer's subdued hair style, Pitino

said his guest probably planned to be a movie star.

□ When the Kentucky Wildcats opened their SEC schedule against Mississippi State two days after the IU game, Wildcat fans got their first taste of two experimental rules being implemented in the Southeastern Conference this season.

Those changes for conference ballgames are:

Players will foul out on the sixth foul rather than the customary fifth.

Three free throws will be awarded to a player who is fouled while in the act of shooting a three-point attempt.

Both Pitino and Williams had expected the six-foul rule to work in their favor, since both teams have a lack of depth.

The only player to draw as many as five fouls was Mississippi State's junior guard Doug Hartsfield, who fouled Richie Farmer with :02 remaining in the game. Hartsfield led Tiger scoring with 24 points. There were no fouls called on three-point attempts.

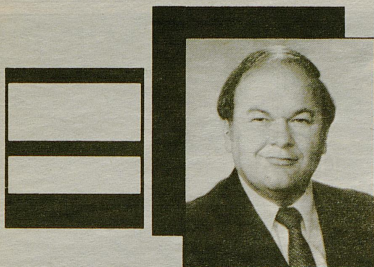
□ Jamal Mashburn, 6-foot-8 forward from Bronx, N. Y., who has committed to play basketball for the Wildcats, reportedly has scored high enough on his college entrance exam to meet NCAA academic requirements for freshman eligibility.

David McCollin, Mashburn's coach on the New York City Gauchos team, said the future Wildcat met the NCAA minimum score of 700 when he took the Scholastic Aptitude Test in October.

McCollin added that Mashburn, who averaged 22 points and 8.5 rebounds as a junior at Cardinal Hayes High School, won't have any problem meeting the minimum 2.0 grade-point average required for the core curriculum.

□ Chris Harrison, a 6-3 junior guard who has already verbally committed to Rick Pitino's program, scored 30 points as Tollesboro scored an easy, 89-59, win at home over Richmond Model.

□ After Eric Manuel scored 28 points to lead Hiwassee over Sue Bennett, a *Cats' Pause* observer reported that the former Kentucky Wildcat guard "looked heavier, and seemed to stand around a lot."



OSCAR L. COMBS

CATS' PAUSE EDITOR/PUBLISHER

Coaches, like elephants, have unparalleled memory

Decades of frustration were flooded away in Lawrence, Kan., Saturday as 15,000-plus Kansas basketball fans flushed out the Kentucky Wildcats to an embarrassing 150-95 victory that had KU coach Roy Williams running up the numbers until the game's final three minutes.

Going into the contest Kansas had won only two of 18 previous meetings with the Wildcats and this was probably the last chance KU will have in a long, long time to get the 'Cats in their Jayhawk den and turn such a trick.

At least that's what some observers believe, and you couldn't blame UK coach Rick Pitino if he never sets foot in Lawrence again.

Oh, don't get the wrong message: neither Kentucky nor Pitino are so arrogant or big they cannot accept a defeat, even a lopsided one (because there will be others this season). But the manner in which Williams continued to drill the Wildcats makes one wonder why UK officials ever scheduled the game in the first place.

This has to be a nagging question for everyone. It certainly had Pitino burning as he told Kentucky fans tuning in his post-game radio show that this year's scheduling is something he certainly plans to do something about in the future.

And he just wasn't talking about four games in eight days or the current 10-day lay-off.

Everyone in the free world realized this would be the least-talented Kentucky basketball team in modern history. So why in the world would anyone want to stick this group of youngsters (who chose to be loyal and remain during the hard times rather than leave for schools which weren't on probation) with two perennial Top 20 programs in addition to an already committed rugged schedule?

For instance, Kentucky already has a rugged 18-game schedule in the Southeastern Conference, plus prior commitments to traditional games with a trio of Top 20 teams—Louisville, Indiana and Notre Dame.

So what happens?

How about adding Kansas and North Carolina as newcomers for good measure? Those two additions would be welcome later on, when some much-needed additional talent arrives. But this year?

Yes, there could be an argument of perhaps those clubs not wanting to play Kentucky once the 'Cats are loaded. That could be true for Carolina, but Kansas has difficulty getting any "name" school outside its conference to visit Lawrence.

It could be argued to compromise, such as playing the first game either next year after Pitino has one recruiting class but while UK is still on probation. But playing this first season is obviously more unfair to UK than it would be unfair to Kansas or Carolina to wait and play when UK is loaded. Plus, Kentucky has done a pretty good job over the years without having either team on the schedule.

Fact is, it was totally wrong and a slap

in the face of both the players and fans to force this team to take on such added power at this time. And you can imagine how embarrassed Pitino is.

Both Kansas and Carolina were intersectional rivals for UK at one time or another in the past, but you might read Dean Smith's name all over the new scheduling.

Smith, who happens to be a close personal friend with UK athletics director C.M. Newton, certainly could have made up some early ground on UK's all-time victory lead considering the KU farce Saturday.

At one point a few weeks ago, there was the possibility that the Tar Heels could grab the top spot away from UK when, of all times, the two collide later this month in Louisville. That won't happen now, with Carolina trailing by five games and playing only DePaul and Kansas State before meeting UK Dec. 27 in Louisville.

Given North Carolina's current, but disappointing 4-4 mark, you can still see Kentucky as nothing but easy prey for the Tar Heels in that game.

First of all, there has never been any lost love between Kentucky and North Carolina. The bitterness between the two schools is hotter than most cold wars considering they haven't met since 1977 in that controversial NCAA East Regional championship game at College Park, Md.

North Carolina, arguably the nation's top program over the past 15 years, still years for the one, big record that keeps it from becoming the country's premier program without question. And that is the record of most number of basketball victories by a school.

Kentucky has owned that mark for decades. Carolina has been slowly creeping up, particularly in the early and mid-eighties when Carolina regularly played a light non-conference schedule and more games thanks to the ACC Tournament, than UK.

Kentucky seemed to stem the tide when Eddie Sutton arrived and produced a 32-4 mark. But UK dropped to 18 victories the next season, then went 25-5 in 1987-88 before finishing 13-19 last season, the Wildcats' first losing campaign in 62 years.

While this was going on, Carolina rolled along. Oh, they played some big-name schools, but with only 14 conference games in the ACC, the Tar Heels had numerous opportunities to pile up the victories. And this season began with Carolina just six short of UK.

Which is why Dec. 27 becomes such an important date for fans of both schools. A month ago, no one would dream of UK being 3-2 at this mark. Even a 2-3 mark would have been accepted by most fans. Just as surprising in the other direction is Carolina's 4-4 mark. Most figured the Tar Heels would be no worse than 6-2.

Had such taken place, Carolina would be only two victories shy of UK at this

moment. Each has two games before the historic showdown. There will be no new leader come the morning of Dec. 28. But scheduling certainly made it a possibility going into the season.

The return of Carolina to the schedule, even given the circumstances, was not nearly as shocking as the reappearance of the Jayhawks.

Former UK coach Eddie Sutton made the first move to eliminate Kansas even though UK owned a 16-1 edge. Prior to his first and only trip to Lawrence as the UK boss, Sutton said he wanted to play more intersectional games in big cities, like New York, Chicago and perhaps Los Angeles. He didn't achieve some of those goals, but he did schedule the likes of Hawaii and Syracuse and was on the verge of playing DePaul before his exit.

His argument on not playing Kansas was that the game offered UK little in the form of assisting its recruiting program. Seldom, if ever, would UK be recruiting kids that far in the midwest and coaches usually want to play non-conference games either for national television or where they might someday recruit.

And as exciting as most of the UK-KU games have been, only one was nationally televised and that was back in 1981 when Kentucky won in an ESPN game. For some reason, a UK-KU game just hasn't excited the network people. So why Kansas again?

There is the tradition, no doubt about it. Kansas ranks right up there with Kentucky and North Carolina in victories. But save Larry Brown's (another ex-Tar Heel) short, successful, but controversial NCAA championship era, KU had been in a downhill trend.

But Kansas, which never wanted to drop the series, kept wanting to reinstate the games. Perhaps it was Sutton's departure that brought the series back. Perhaps it was the arrival of Newton and his desire to bring back a series which had been so immensely successful from UK's viewpoint on the court.

And perhaps it was Roy Williams' arrival in Kansas a year ago, coupled with Sutton's departure this spring and coinciding with Newton's arrival and the friendship that exists between Newton and Dean Smith.

The Smith connection again pops up when you consider that Williams was one of Smith's top assistants for years at Chapel Hill. In the name of fairness, the decision to play Kansas this year probably had nothing to do with Smith, but it sure makes good food for the hoop junkies, doesn't it?

Perhaps the move to add the Dean Smith-related powers to the schedule was strictly a positive move to have one of, if not, the nation's greatest playing schedules.

This scenario could be traced back to last spring's abbreviated basketball banquet when newly hired UK athletics director C. M. Newton promised the players he would create a great schedule

for those who remained.

Little did the players realize it would produce a modern, record-setting UK loss this winter that will probably never be duplicated again. Actually, one should omit the word "probably" but then, never is forever. On the other hand, let's be honest and go ahead and say this is a record that will live forever.

Of course it didn't have to be this way. Most coaches or schools would have called the dogs off at say 35 or 40. But not Roy Williams, not Dean Smith's chosen disciple. At the very least, he could have put his three unused scrubs in long before the final 3:31 of the game and KU clinging to a "narrow" 139-90 lead. With 14:00 left in the game, KU led by 30 (100-70) and with 8:53 left, KU led by 38 (117-79). At the 6:17 the margin was 41 (124-83) and still no sign of any scrubs other than his regular eight players.

The margin went to 49 (139-90) with 5:03 left and still no sign of the scrubs. Then, finally at the appointed time of 3:31, Roy, the missionary, decreed that enough wound had been inflicted on the Wildcats. The Kansas scrubs finally entered the game.

Insult?

You gotta be kiddin'!

Will Pitino and his young non-seniors remember this one?

"That's a dumb question," to borrow one of Pitino's best phrases you'll later read below.

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After the game.

Pitino was quick to point out he had nothing to do with the schedule, and he didn't mince words about his displeasure with the current setup.

In fact, when questioned about the scheduling of Kansas shortly after the 55-point loss in Lawrence, Pitino bristled, "that's a dumb question. You know, I don't think I'm thinking about that right now."

But you still wondered.

"...let me see, yeah, I'll go back and work on my schedule," he said.

But by the time he arrived for his post-game radio show with Cawood Ledford, his temper, though collected and cool, still took a back seat to his concern about the scheduling. He made no attempt to dodge the still hot topic of scheduling.

There, he again emphasized his disappointment with the schedule and promised a change in the future. He offered no specifics, but one easily got the message.

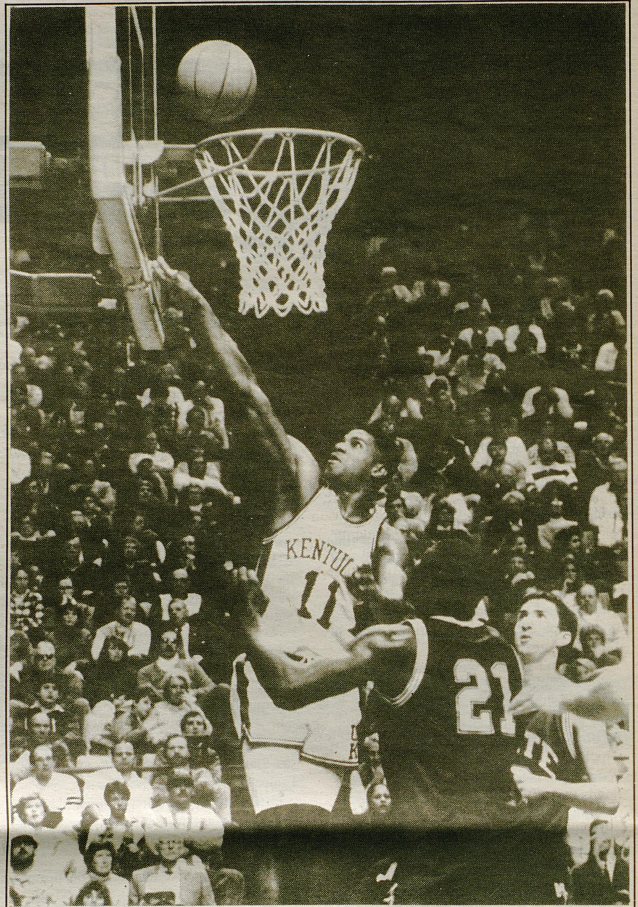
If the series is not continued after next year (and our guess is, it won't be), don't place all the blame on this one game. The humiliating score added the insult, but the groundwork had been made weeks ago.

Pitino had privately told people around the UK program several weeks ago he doesn't see the Kansas series fulfilling

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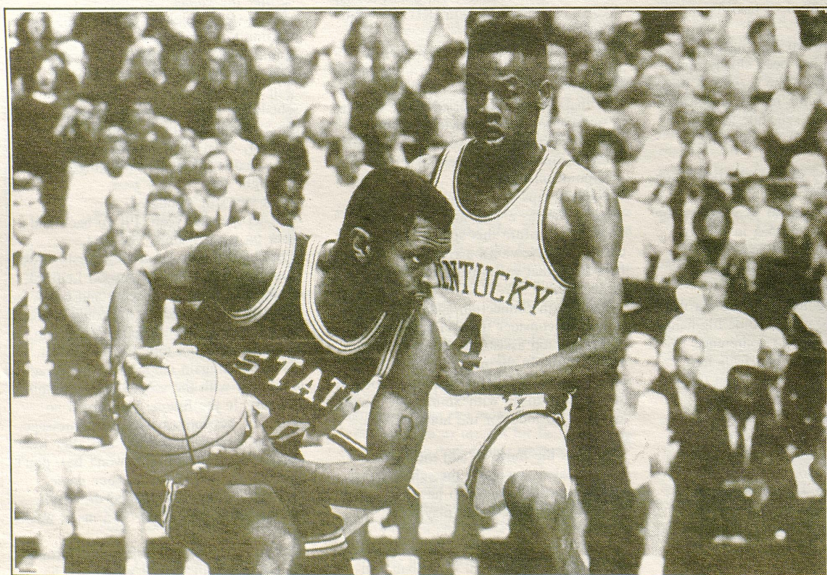


Freshman forward Jeff Brassow gets the Wildcat fast break started with this outlet pass. Although he saw just 18 minutes of action, Brassow made them count, scoring nine points and grabbing eight rebounds. photo by Steve McFarland

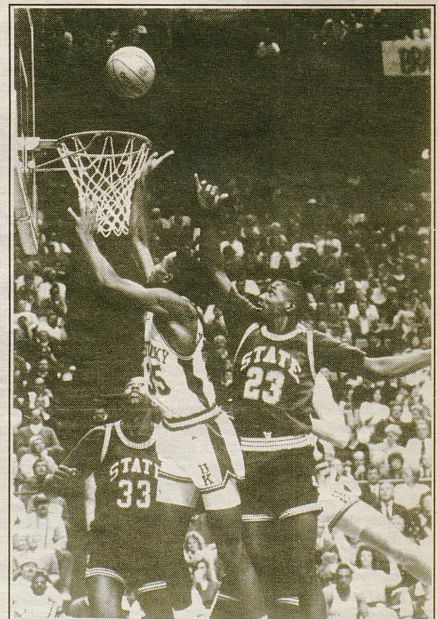


Point guard Sean Woods kisses two of his career-high 18 points off the glass as Cameron Burns (21) and Brad Smith look on. Woods was 7-7 from the field, and also had team-highs of five assists and three steals. photo by Steve McFarland

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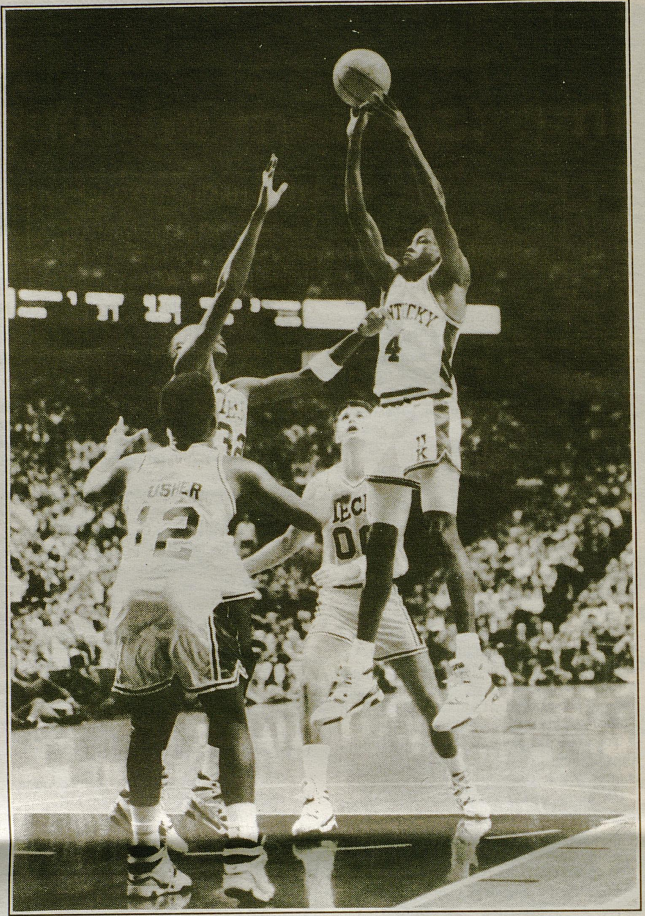
Guard Derrick Miller (4), who led UK with 21 points, puts the defense on Mississippi State's Doug Hartsfield. Kentucky forced 22 Bulldog turnovers for the game. photo by Steve McFarland



UK's Reggie Hanson battles State's Greg Carter (23) and Carl Nichols in the paint. Hanson had 19 points and a club-high 10 boards. photo by Steve McFarland

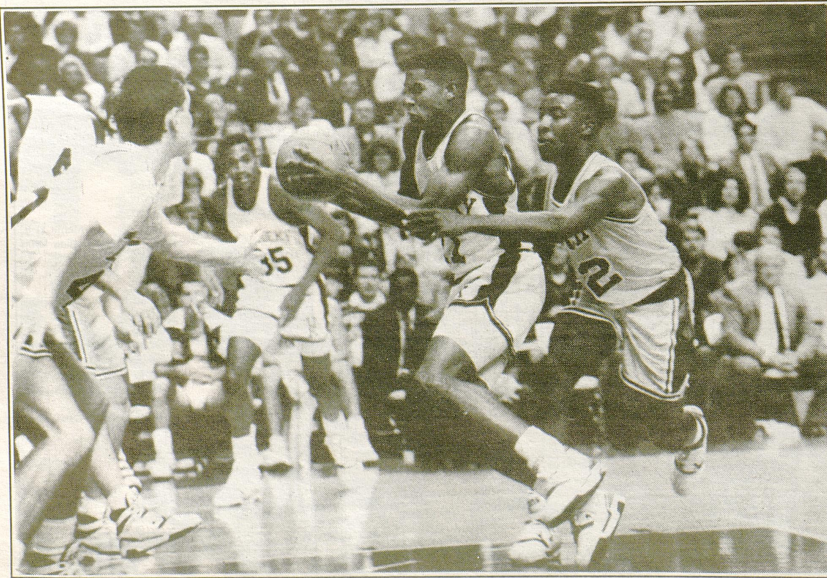


UK walk-on Tony Cooper battles Tech's Earl Wise for a loose ball as (left to right) 'Cats Junior Braddy, Johnathon Davis and Skip McGaw look on. Cooper scored his first UK bucket, a layup, during the contest. photo by Steve McFarland

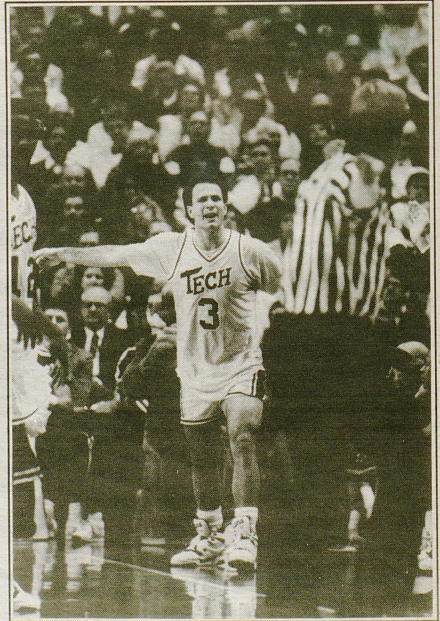


Derrick Miller skies over Earl Wise to score on this short jumper as Van Usher (12) and Milos Babic (00) watch. Miller hit 13 of 28 shots, including seven of 18 three-pointers, in tying his career high of 36 points. photo by Steve McFarland

KENTUCKY 111, TENN. TECH 75



Freshman point guard Sean Woods slashes past Tennessee Tech's Van Usher on his way to the hole. Woods passed out 32 assists, just two short of the UK single-game record. photo by Steve McFarland



Tennessee Tech guard Joey Coe complains to official Bobby McGrath after UK's press forced the Eagles into one of their 23 turnovers. photo by Steve McFarland

Wildcats wreck Tech 111-75

Kentucky sets record for three-point attempts, proves it's un-Wise to underestimate Pitino style

by TCP associate editor Mike Estep

Tennessee Tech standout Earl Wise was a man heretofore known for his basketball feats. Second on the all-time Tech scoring list with 1,762 points, just 34 short of Stephen Kite's career mark. A 6-foot-7 small forward with All-American credentials and NBA potential.

After his indoctrination to Pitino Ball last Wednesday night, however, Kentuckians will surely remember him for his feet. And it would be hard not to, given that the odds-on choice for OVC Player of the Year honors was last seen slinking out of Rupp Arena with his size 13 Converse wedged solidly between his teeth.

Tech's Wise man, you see, had looked upon the star in the East and predicted a win for the Golden Eagles. A big win.

"Kentucky," Wise told sportswriter Mike Organ in a story that appeared in the *Nashville Banner* the morning of the UK-Tech non-contest, "does not have the personnel to match up with us."

Final score: Kentucky 111, Tech 75.

And, said UK freshman Jeff Brassow, so much for those words of Wise-don.

"Well," Brassow, who tossed in a career-high 20 points in just 21 minutes of action, said when told of the prediction, "all I gotta say about that is we won by...how much did we win by...30-something? There's your answer."

You won by 36, Jeff. And, from the time official Don Shea threw up the first jump ball to open the game until Tech reserve Wade Wester drained a 20-footer with 24 seconds left in the game to close the scoring, the point spread was about the only thing that was in doubt in this one.

All of which came as a pleasant surprise to a somewhat bleary-eyed Rick Pitino, UK coach-turned-insomniac, who was worried that playing three games in five nights would spell trouble for his thin squad.

"I really thought this was going to be a good, old-fashioned war," Pitino said. "I haven't slept, I mean this, I haven't slept in 36 hours. And I really thought that we were going to have to fight from behind and give every gasp of energy we had to win this game tonight."

Thanks to the in-your-jock pressure defense and three-point-shot-flinging that have made quick starts synonymous with these 1989-90 'Cats, which on this night were combined with a newfound killer instinct, Pitino's fears failed to materialize.

"We ran into a buzzsaw," exasperated Eagle coach Frank Harrell said after watching his team, now 3-2 on the year, fall apart. "Kentucky played the way we'd like to play. They gave us an old-fashioned lesson in how to play running basketball. Pressure defense. They executed all the things they wanted to and we didn't execute in the first half. We got totally out of what we wanted to do."

Off guard Derrick Miller opened the rout with four quick buckets—two layups and three-pointers—and Reggie Hanson, the 6-7 forward disguised as UK's center, added a 21-footer as the Wildcats, now 3-1, struck for the game's first eight points and led 13-2 at the 16:10 mark of the first half.

Tech used nine of Wise's team-high 21 points to close to within four, at 18-14, six

UK-TECH ITEMS NOT TO GO UNNOTICED

■ Kentucky was democratic in setting the new NCAA mark for three-pointers attempted. Of the nine players who played four or more minutes, all but Johnathon Davis launched the rock from behind the 19'9" stripe...and five of them connected at least once.

■ Coach Pitino tried to call off the dogs late in the game, inserting a lineup in the final minutes that included walk-ons Junior Braddy, Tony Cooper, Skip McGaw and Michael Parks. So what happened? The 'Cats increased their lead, to as many as 39 points. UK's largest lead was at 111-72, and came when Parks found McGaw for an open 15-footer. Cooper also scored, on a layup, his first UK points.

minutes later, and then whittled the Wildcat advantage to three when Eagle point guard Van Usher whipped the press and found running mate Joey Coe for a layup that made it 21-18 with 9:36 left in the half.

As Tech highlights go, though, that was about it.

Miller started the bleeding with a 19-footer on UK's next possession, then, seven minutes, eight missed shots and one Pitino pep talk later, dropped the knockout punch in the final 2:19 of the half.

Miller buried three straight threes—one from the right corner, two from just left of the top of the key, all on assists from point guard Sean Woods—and Tech's upset hopes, on three straight possessions late in the half, then converted a pair of free throws five

seconds before intermission to stretch UK's lead from 41-30 to 54-33.

It might not have happened, however, had Pitino not tongue-lashed Miller—get this Eddie Sutton fans—for not shooting.

"In the first half, he started getting down a little bit when he missed a few shots," Pitino said. "I called him over and I said: 'If you stop shooting, I'm taking you out of the game.' I told him that and I called him over. Then he kept on shooting and scoring."

And shooting. And scoring. And shooting. And scoring. Miller finished the first half with 25 points, then tacked on 11 more in the second half to tie his career-high of 36. He's had better shooting nights—he was 13 of 28 for the game, seven of 18 from three-point (Continued on page 26)

UK-Tennessee Tech play-by-play

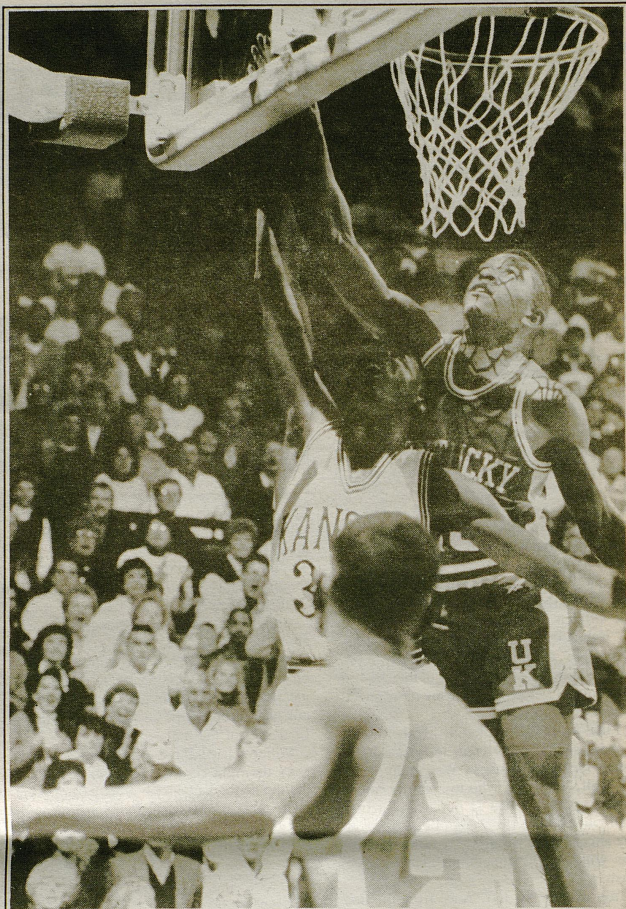
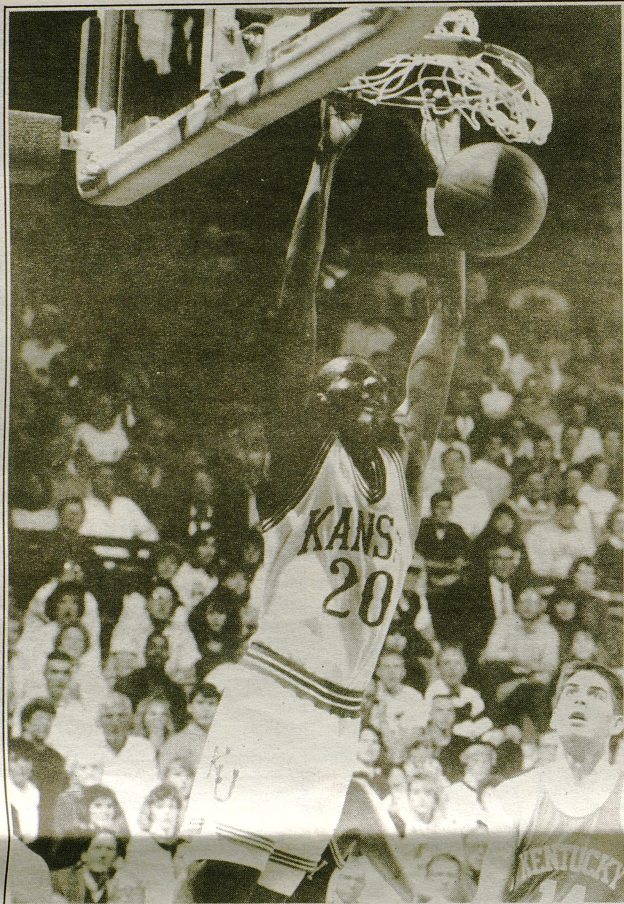
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19:39	Miller layup	2-0	
18:48	Hanson 21 ft.	5-0	
17:52	Miller 20 ft.	8-0	
17:22		8-2	Wise 15 ft.
17:03	Miller layup	10-2	
16:50	Miller 21 ft.	13-2	
16:19		13-4	Wise dunk
15:38		13-6	Wise 9 ft.
14:31	Pelphrey 21 ft.	16-6	
14:17		16-8	Wester layup
13:46		16-10	Usher 9 ft.
13:20	Braddy 5 ft.	18-10	
12:09		18-11	Hall FT, FTA
11:35		18-12	Wise FTA, FT
10:49		18-14	Wise 13 ft.
10:41	Brassow 20 ft.	21-14	
10:26		21-16	Wester 17 ft.
9:36		21-18	Coe layup
9:21	Miller 19 ft.	23-18	
8:50	Brassow layup	25-18	
8:10		25-20	Rodgers 4 ft.
7:19	Pelphrey FT, FT	27-20	
7:00		27-22	Wise-dunk
6:45	Hanson 20 ft.	30-22	
5:59	Brassow layup	32-22	
5:39		32-24	Rodgers FT, FT
5:02	Feldhaus 4 ft., FTA	34-24	
4:50		34-26	Usher 8 ft.
4:43	Brassow 21 ft.	37-26	
4:27	Miller 10 ft. follow	39-26	
3:19	Woods layup	41-26	
3:01		41-28	McWilliams FT, FT
2:35		41-30	Babic 10 ft. follow
2:19	Miller 21 ft.	44-30	
2:08		44-33	Couples 20 ft.
1:48	Miller 21 ft.	47-33	
1:28	Miller 22 ft.	50-33	
0:57	Feldhaus layup	52-33	
0:05	Miller FT, FT	54-33	

OFFICIAL NCAA BASKETBALL BOX SCORE																		
Date 12-16-89 Site Lexington, Ky AA 23145																		
VISITORS (Last Name, First)																		
No.	Player	PG	FG	FT	FTA	REB	PF	TP										
21	Rodgers, Jerome	1	6	12	0	4	4	3	7	3	16	A	T	B	L	S	MIN	
42	Wise, Earl	1	7	13	0	4	7	11	4	11	2	2	1	2	0	1	33	
60	Babic, Miles	0	1	8	0	0	1	2	4	6	2	2	1	2	0	0	20	
103	Coe, Joey	2	1	5	0	0	1	2	4	1	2	4	0	0	1	2	12	
17	Usher, Van	2	4	10	0	1	0	0	1	4	5	1	8	4	5	0	4	33
11	McWilliams, Bob	0	0	5	0	2	6	6	0	2	2	0	6	1	2	0	2	17
46	Wester, Wade	6	12	13	1	3	3	4	7	11	2	14	0	1	1	2	28	
12	Hall, Tony	0	3	0	0	1	3	0	1	1	3	1	0	0	0	1	9	
30	Couples, Mitch	1	3	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	3	2	3	1	0	16	
25	Best, John	1	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	2	2	0	2	0	0	8	

HOME (Last Name, First)																		
No.	Player	PG	FG	FT	FTA	REB	PF	TP										
18	Feldhaus, Debra	1	2	6	0	2	0	1	1	4	5	4	3	2	0	2	22	
31	Pelphrey, John	1	2	7	2	3	2	2	5	7	4	8	1	2	2	0	23	
35	Hanson, Reggie	0	7	12	4	6	0	0	10	10	3	18	1	2	2	3	28	
04	Miller, Derrick	9	13	12	7	12	3	4	3	6	9	2	36	4	3	1	32	
11	Woods, Sean	9	3	8	0	1	0	0	0	5	5	1	6	12	4	0	2	25
23	Braddy, Nelson	2	5	0	1	0	0	1	1	2	0	4	1	1	0	0	8	
32	Farmer, Reggie	1	5	13	4	4	0	1	1	2	3	7	0	0	0	2	12	
34	Brassow, Jeff	8	14	4	7	0	0	3	3	6	4	20	3	4	0	1	21	
33	Davis, John	1	2	0	0	2	3	1	2	3	0	4	1	2	0	0	4	
42	Parks, Michael	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	4	
20	Cooper, Tony	1	1	2	0	0	1	0	2	2	0	2	1	0	0	1	6	
25	McGaw, Skip	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	1	0	4	

OFFICIALS: Don Shea, Bobby McGraw, & Alvie Prescott
Tech: Pat Poole, Ky. bench & Tenn. Tech bench
SCORE BY PERIODS: 1st 33-33, 2nd 42-37, OT 1-11

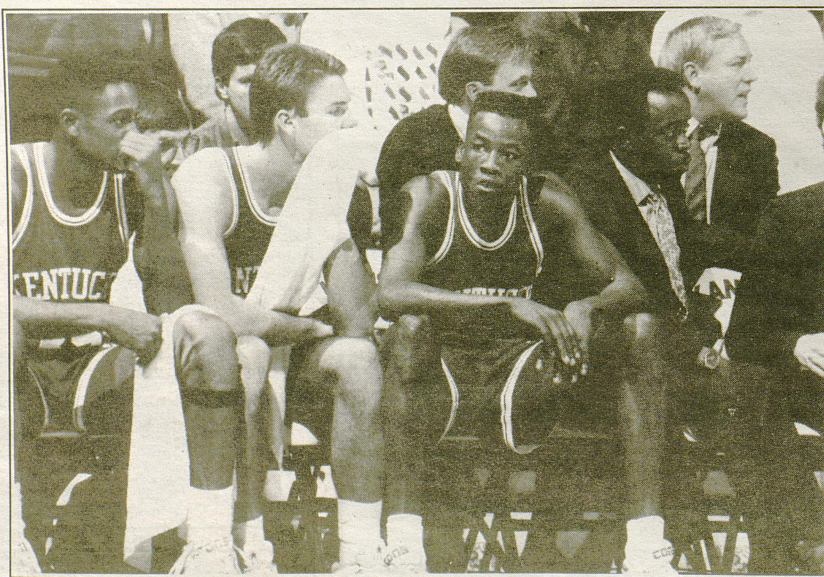
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UK's Jeff Brassow watches as Kansas forward Rick Calloway (20), who scored 21 points and also had five rebounds and five assists in just 23 minutes, throws down one of the Jayhawks' nine dunks on the day. photo by Brian Tirpak

Wildcat walk-on Junior Braddy climbs the back of Jayhawk guard Adonis Jordan going for this second-half rebound. Braddy had two points for UK. Jordan had seven points and a game-high eight assists for KU. photo by Brian Tirpak

KANSAS 150, KENTUCKY 95



(Left to right): For UK's reaction to the record-setting day, you need look no further than the faces of Reggie Hanson, Deron Feldhaus, Derrick Miller and strength coach Rock Oliver. photo by Brian Tirpak



Rick Pitino gives ref Ed Hightower the eye. Pitino was hit for two technicals, one after he interrupted play by throwing a towel on the floor. photo by Brian Tirpak

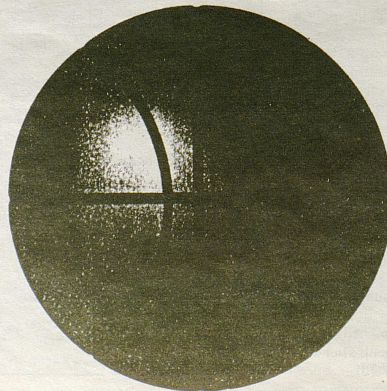
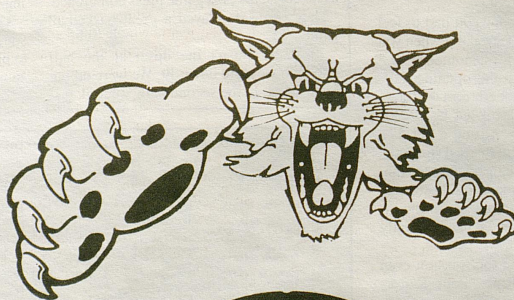
KENTUCKY BASKETBALL STATISTICS

(Five-game totals, through games of Dec. 9)

	OVERALL: 3-2	HOME: 3-0	AWAY: 0-1		NEUTRAL: 0-1		SEC: 1-0								
player	g-gs	min-avg.	fg-a	pct.	3fg-a	pct.	ft-a	pct.	reb-avg.	pf-d	a	to	blk	s	tp-avg.
Derrick Miller	5-5	171-34.2	40-100	40.0	24-65	36.9	15-17	88.2	20-4.0	13-0	10	12	3	5	119-23.8
Reggie Hanson	5-5	139-27.8	25-55	45.4	8-18	44.4	18-25	72.0	47-9.4	19-1	3	18	6	14	76-15.2
Deron Feldhaus	5-4	148-29.6	13-38	34.2	2-10	20.0	24-32	75.0	28-5.6	19-2	10	6	0	4	52-10.4
John Pelphrey	5-4	128-25.6	15-36	41.7	10-22	45.5	12-20	60.0	25-5.0	21-1	5	12	4	12	52-10.4
Sean Woods	5-5	122-24.4	19-40	47.5	0-2	0.0	6-14	42.9	11-2.2	13-0	28	16	0	9	44-8.8
Richie Farmer	5-0	91-18.2	12-27	44.4	6-14	42.9	13-14	92.9	9-1.8	8-0	14	7	0	4	43-8.6
Jeff Brassow	5-1	82-16.4	13-31	41.9	6-15	40.0	3-4	75.0	20-4.0	16-0	5	8	1	2	35-7.0
Nehemiah Braddy	5-0	40-8.0	7-15	46.7	1-5	20.0	0-0	0.0	3-0.6	0-0	2	4	0	0	15-3.0
Johnathon Davis	5-1	51-10.2	3-13	23.1	0-1	0.0	2-4	50.0	9-1.8	16-2	3	3	3	3	8-1.6
Tony Cooper	3-0	9-3.0	2-3	66.7	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	2-0.7	2-0	1	1	0	2	4-1.3
Skip McGaw	2-0	4-2.0	1-2	50.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	1-0.5	0-0	0	0	1	0	2-1.0
Michael Parks	4-0	16-4.0	1-2	50.0	0-0	0.0	1-2	50.0	0-0.0	2-0	1	1	0	0	3-0.8
KENTUCKY	5	1000-200	151-362	41.7	57-152	37.5	94-134	70.1	193-38.6	129-6	82	88	18	55	453-90.6
OPPONENTS	5	1000-200	171-346	49.4	29-62	46.8	95-141	67.4	237-47.4	106-3	101	108	18	40	466-93.2

KENTUCKY SCHEDULE/RESULTS


date	record	UK opp.	opponent	margin	top UK scorer	top UK rebounder	att.
Nov. 28	1-0	76 73	OHIO	+3	Reggie Hanson, 24	Reggie Hanson, 14	23,037
Dec. 2	1-1	69 71	Indiana (Big Four Classic)	-2	Deron Feldhaus, 23	Reggie Hanson, 11	40,128
Dec. 4	2-1	102 97	MISSISSIPPI STATE	+5	Derrick Miller, 21	Reggie Hanson, 10	23,132
Dec. 6	3-1	111 75	TENNESSEE TECH	+36	Derrick Miller, 36	Reggie Hanson, 10	23,145
Dec. 9	3-2	95 150	at Kansas	-55	Derrick Miller, 32	Deron Feldhaus, 7	15,800
Dec. 19			FURMAN				
Dec. 22			PORTLAND (UKIT)				
Dec. 23			CINCINNATI-SOUTHWESTERN LOUISIANA WINNER (UKIT)				
Dec. 27			NORTH CAROLINA (FREEDOM HALL)				
Dec. 30			LOUISVILLE				
Jan. 3			at Georgia				
Jan. 6			at Vanderbilt				
Jan. 10			FLORIDA				
Jan. 13			at LSU				
Jan. 17			ALABAMA				
Jan. 20			TENNESSEE				
Jan. 24			at Auburn				
Jan. 27			OLE MISS				
Jan. 31			at Mississippi State				
Feb. 3			GEORGIA				
Feb. 7			VANDERBILT				
Feb. 12			at Florida				
Feb. 15			LSU				
Feb. 17			at Alabama				
Feb. 21			at Tennessee				
Feb. 24			AUBURN				
Feb. 28			at Ole Miss				
Mar. 5			at Notre Dame				



Steele's return will reunite him with fast-break hoops

Has a certain question to toss Joe B.'s way

As Larry Steele prepares his University of Portland basketball team to play his alma mater, the University of Kentucky, in the UKIT next Friday night (Dec. 22) in Rupp Arena, the former All-SEC Wildcat forward



Russell Rice
Cats' Pause Columnist

remembers a single sentence that brought him into the Wildcat fold 20 years ago. "When it got down to my final decision, it was a tossup between Purdue and Kentucky," Steele said of the recruiting battle when he was completing an outstanding high school career (All-State, 1,550 points) at Bainbridge (Ind.) High School. "I'll never forget what my dad said to me."

He explained that he had never talked to his father seriously about the upcoming decision until one Sunday morning, when the father simply told him:

"Well, if you're talking about great basketball tradition, you can't use Kentucky and Purdue in the same sentence."

"My dad was good at making statements," Steele said by telephone from Portland last week, "but now I know those were not his words. About one and one-half years ago, I realized that Joe Hall had probably told that to my dad. I mean to ask Joe when I get to Lexington."

The year was 1968 and Hall was then in his third year as an assistant coach and chief recruiter for the legendary Adolph Rupp. He was destined to succeed Rupp four years later and compile an outstanding record (297-100, NCAA championship, etc.) during 13 years as UK coach.

Contacted at courtside of the recent UK-Tennessee Tech game in Rupp Arena, Hall just grinned when told of Steele's suspicions. The he recalled how he and a Purdue recruiter were in the Steele home at the same time.

"Neither of us would leave," he said, "and we stayed there until 2 o'clock in the morning. Then I had to drive back to Lexington."

He also recalled another occasion when he helped Mrs. Steele fix steaks for dinner.

"I cared for Joe Hall a lot," Steele said. "Now I am finding out how important the relationship is between coach and player. I just plain liked Joe Hall."

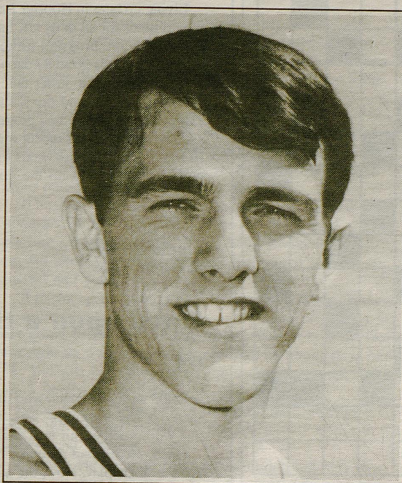
"I first became interested in the UK program when I visited Lexington," he continued, "and then I met all those people. You could feel something that was very, very special in the atmosphere that wasn't there in other schools I visited."

"Then there was coach Rupp and his legendary reputation for winning games...and fast-break basketball. Meeting him was very special. My first impression was very strong. It had to be, because they had (Mike) Casey, (Mike) Pratt and (Dan) Isell and a total of 11 returning players on scholarship."

Steele's memory is good. In addition to Casey, Pratt and Isell, upcoming scholarship sophomores included Bill Busey, Jim Dinwiddie, Waylong Long, Terry Mills, Art Laib, Randy Pool, Bennie Spears and Clint Wheeler. Phil Argento was the only junior.

The frosh signees included, Steele, Bob McCowan, Greg Starrick and 6-foot-10 Steve Schmitt, who would not remain at UK. Busey, Long and Spears also left the program.

During Steele's three varsity years, the Wildcats were 71-13 (.23-.5, 26-2 and 22-6). They were ranked No. 1 nationally in both the *Associated Press* and *United Press International* polls in 1969-70. That team went over the



(Left) Larry Steele yesterday in a Kentucky uniform; Larry Steele 20 years late as head coach of Portland University. The former Wildcat will bring his Pilots into Lexington next week to take on the Wildcats in first-round action of the UKIT.

Year	GP	FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	REB	ASSIST	PF	PTS	AVG
1969	28	100-223	45.3	42-60	70.0	192	75	95	242	8.6
1970	23	89-187	48.1	45-49	91.8	146	48	69	225	9.8
1971	24	123-241	51.0	68-90	75.6	161	93	85	314	13.1
Total	75	313-651	48.0	155-199	78.0	499	216	249	781	10.4

100-point mark 13 times and was five times in the 90's, averaging 97.5 ppg in outscoring opponents, 2709-2253. The only regular season loss came against Vandy, 89-81, at Nashville, where Isell was slowed by a foot injury.

That team, which Rupp classified among his best, lost to Jacksonville, 110-100, in the Mideast Regional at Columbus, Ohio. Rupp felt UK would have won that game if Isell hadn't fouled out.

Those 1969-70 Wildcats set school records for most points in regular season (2,500) and overall season (2709), field goals made (1,099) and highest field goal percentage (49.8).

Isell set 10 major seasonal scoring marks, losing only in the free-throw percentage category, which Steele won by hitting 45 of 49 for 91.8 percent, still a school record.

Steele and Casey, who missed the 1969-70 season because of injuries received in an auto accident, were co-captains of the 1970-71 team that lost to Western in the Mideast Regional at Athens, Ga.

Those Wildcats also were a high-scoring group, going over the 100-point mark 15 times and setting a new regular-season scoring mark with 2,513 points. They also set a home floor scoring record in defeating Ole Miss, 121-86.

Steele played on three SEC championship teams and participated in three NCAA tournaments. He played on Wildcat teams that scored in the 100's a total of 38 times.

"It was basketball at its ultimate," he said. "Those years at UK were representative of what college basketball is all about. I don't know that it has been duplicated."

"I don't know if many of us are realistic, but if you're No. 1, not many people can argue. In four years, our lowest finish was No. 8. It was something that quite frankly we took for granted. Only in recent years, I look back and say, 'That's amazing.' You just played basketball."

That was life."

"Basketball is not like it used to be," he surmised.

"What happened to the fast break? What happened to the points? Now as a coach I am beginning to learn those things. You've got to have instinctive players who understand the fast-break style of basketball."

"The execution was so great (at UK) that coach Rupp would call out plays that the whole other team knew. 'This is what they're going to do,' and he seemed to say, 'Let's see you stop us.'"

Steele described himself as a "role" player who was able to play "halfway defense and get out on the break. I just liked to play basketball. I liked to compete. Things fell in place for me. The key to my success was that other things didn't bother me."

After winning the MVP and 110 Percenter awards at UK his senior year, Steele spent a long and successful career with the Portland Trail Blazers, finishing as the team's all-time leader in games played and in the top 10 in such career categories as points scored, rebounds, free throws attempted and made, field goals attempted and made, assists and personal fouls (first.). He led the team in shooting percentage (49.5) in 1975-76 and averaged in double figures on Portland's 1977 NBA World Championship team.

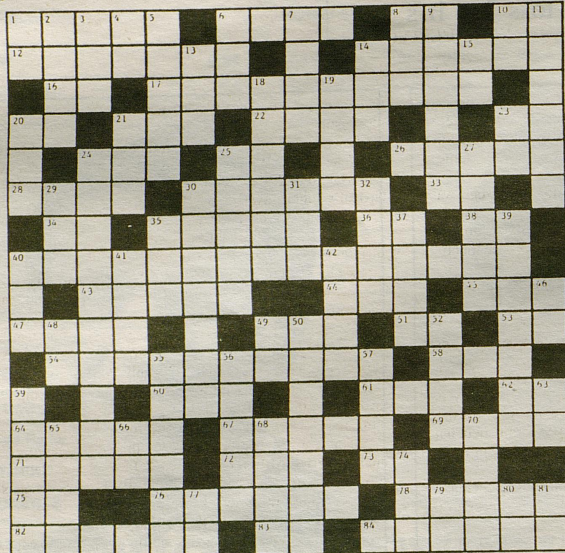
Frank Coffey and Tom Biracree, in their book, *The Pride of Portland*, described Steele as "the most veteran of players, (he) was a consummate team player who had the size (6-foot-5, 191 pounds) to play small forward and the quickness to fill in against bigger guards."

Now in his third year as coach at Portland University, where his teams were 8-48 the past two years, Steele realizes what his Pilots will be stepping into when they meet his former team.

He also most assuredly will find out that the fast break and high-scoring games that he remembers so dearly have made a return visit to the Wildcat basketball scene.

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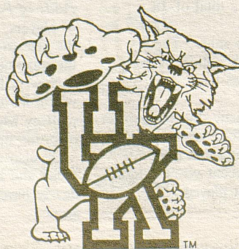
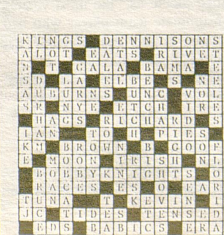
ACROSS

- 1 First name of 56 Down
- 6 Housed in Shames Mission, KS
- 8 Initials of the 100+ win Seminoles coach
- 10 Follows "D"
- 12 Has brought national attention to the Hoosiers
- 14 Coached by Fred Akers
- 16 Initials of the 3rd year LSU coach
- 17 Has returned Syracuse to the spotlight
- 20 Initials of Dick of Improving Wolfpack
- 21 Dog or cat
- 22 Relating to aircraft
- 23 Abbr. for school of coach J. Claiborne
- 24 1st name of Dooley's replacement
- 25 Initials of the Ramblin' Wreck coach
- 26 Shallow
- 28 Long poem
- 30 _____ place
- 33 Abbr. for state of first-year coach Sparky Woods
- 34 Not DC
- 35 Coach Hall of the Gators resigned
- 36 Initials of the dean of the MAC coaches
- 38 _____ has brought winning ways to Iowa
- 40 Is bringing non-football school to the nation's attention
- 43 Namesakes of Demm Deacons coach Dooley
- 44 DNA relative
- 45 Unhappy
- 47 Field crop
- 49 Abbr. for undecided
- 51 Initials of coach Bykes of Texas Tech
- 53 Compass abbr.
- 54 In 24th year at his school
- 58 Business abbr.
- 60 Compass abbr.
- 61 Conference of coaches Ford, Welsh and Krivak
- 62 Abbr. for state where John Mackovic coaches _____ team is the Panthers
- 64 Coach _____ team is the Panthers
- 67 Former Egyptian ruler Sadat
- 69 Former coach Frank where Larry Haralab now runs squad
- 71 To set in
- 72 Opponent
- 73 Initials of coach Steve at Duke
- 75 Initials of the Bruins winningest coach
- 76 "A total team"
- 78 Namesake of Tar Heels coach Brown
- 82 First name of 40 Across
- 83 Big 8 state abbr. for coach B. Snyder
- 84 _____ team is coached by D. Rader

DOWN

- 1 Initials of coach rebuilding at Kansas
- 2 Have new head coach Earle Bruce
- 3 _____ carte
- 4 Abbr. for Cincinnati Reds league
- 5 Now brought Arizona back to winning ways
- 6 Abbr. for city of Columbia coach R. Teller
- 7 Pain
- 8 People mover
- 9 This is _____ 4th year at Vandy
- 10 Initials of Midshipmen coach Urelac
- 11 Rocky has rocky road in rebuilding Mississippi State
- 13 Rodent
- 14 Coach of 74 Down has returned from the _____
- 15 Initials of the 10-year Mountaineers coach
- 18 Coach of offensive-minded Houston
- 19 Irish name
- 20 Has stars R. Slack and J. Joseph
- 21 D. Kragthorpe & Mike Price coach in the _____
- 23 International group
- 24 Long-serving coach of the Ducks
- 25 Namesakes of Buffaloes' coach McCartney
- 27 Plural of 7 Down
- 29 See 21 Down
- 30 Curley coaches So. Mississippi
- 31 Tavern
- 32 First name of 1 Down
- 35 Colloid
- 37 Ages
- 39 Coach Peay at Northwestern
- 40 J. Majors is the dean of the _____ coaches
- 41 Including '89, years for J. Bicknell at B.C.
- 42 Cereal grain husks
- 46 Initials of the new Hurricanes coach
- 48 Former college/pro star Simpson
- 49 Off. pos. abbr.
- 50 '89 is _____ 7th year at Ole Miss
- 52 Rutgers coach Anderson
- 55 Bother
- 56 Dean of the SMC coaches
- 57 Paddles
- 59 Looks to defend Pac-10 title of '88
- 63 Can coach _____ keep the Irish #1?
- 65 _____ or training facility
- 66 Double vowel
- 68 Hiding place
- 70 _____ coach is 59 Down
- 74 Is coached by Forrest Gregg
- 77 Initials of 6-year Falcons coach Fisher
- 79 Abbr. for state where Bill Curry coaches _____
- 80 _____ toy instrument
- 81 See 73 Across

Last issue's solution



VIEWPOINT
Letters To The Editor



Mail All Letters To: VIEWPOINT, The Cats' Pause, P.O. Box 7297, Lexington, KY 40522

Stuck in Hoosierville

Dear sir:

Living up here in Hoosier Land sure makes it hard times for all of us UK fans. I sure hope Pitino gets the program turned around in a hurry. If he is as good a coach as he appears to be, hopefully it won't take long.

I enjoy your behind-the-scenes articles and exposes on the basketball program, especially as they related to the recent mess. Not living in Kentucky, it's often times the only factual news we get. Keep up the good work.

Thanks,

Charles Hocker
Batesville, Ohio

Once upon a time...

Dear sir:

Once we had a coach who understood how sacred "The Program" was. Now, we have one who ridicules our fans and our traditions.

Once, we all had an equal opportunity to see the 'Cats play. Now, the athletic director takes the best seats (formerly used by the coach), and offers them to the highest-bidding fat-cats.

Once, we had the largest radio network in the world. Now, fans in the largest metropolitan area in the Commonwealth can't even hear the games.

Is it me, or is something wrong here?

L. Snyder
Newport, Ky.

What went wrong?

Dear editor:

Prior to the beginning of this football season, my first and only previous letter to the editor was published in *The Cats' Pause*. I stressed the importance of the 1989 football season to the U.K. program, both from the standpoint of regional recruiting and as a crucial morale milestone for those individuals within the organization. I believed then, and still believe, that this particular team was unusually strong in quality starting personnel and in depth.

Last Saturday, as I sat before my television and painfully watched Tennessee crush the life out of yet another mediocre season, I was once again impressed with some unpleasant but undeniable facts about the current status of our program. For one thing, our offensive unit has superior athletes at every position, but is unable to produce, especially when it really counts. Does anyone really believe that Alfred Rawls, Freddie Maggard, Andy Murray, Mike Pfeifer and company have less talent than their counterparts on other SEC teams? I know I don't buy that. What I do see is one crucial penalty after another and one unimaginative play call after another.

Please, let's not hear any more lame excuses from the coaching staff. Yes, we had some injuries, but that is part of the game. Alabama lost Bobby Humphrey before the season even started and then lost their starting quarterback, Jeff Dunn, after just a few games. Tennessee lost Reggie Cobb. The list goes on. You have to suck it up and play on. Injuries are not what makes our offensive linemen commit illegal motion and holding infractions on virtually every crucial play. Yes, coach Claiborne is right when he says

that any play call looks good when it works and bad when it doesn't. But I'm sorry, coach, I just don't believe that is the whole story. You don't have to be a genius to see that our offense is predictable and that calls at crucial points in the game are one-dimensional and uninspired.

Why are there so many crucial penalties? Why do the same mistakes, such as dropped passes and slow calls from the bench, recur week after week? And, in heaven's name, why has this team been without a permanent offensive coordinator for three years? Isn't anyone paying attention to these things?

My hat is off to the fine and talented young men who played their hearts out for this team. I will remember guys like Ron Robinson, Oliver Barnett, Tony Massey, and Rawls as some of the finest football players ever to wear the Blue and White. And, mark my words, many of these outstanding young men have fine careers ahead in the National Football League.

I compliment coach Claiborne for his outstanding academic record with this team. The nation's best graduation rate is truly the bottom line and something for the school to hold up with pride. I just have to point out that Notre Dame also has an outstanding graduation rate. Making the players go to class and having them ready to play on Saturday are not mutually exclusive. I simply cannot apologize for the fact that I, and a lot of other alumni, want to see my school's football team well-drilled, well-coached, and graduating on time. It is not too much to ask.

Recently you published a letter in which another fan tactfully asked you to stop pulling your journalistic punches and start telling the real story with more conviction on the points I have mentioned. I'm afraid I must agree. Honestly, Oscar, you have devoted a lot of type to assert the point that Kentucky, being a small state, cannot expect its university to be competitive in a strong conference like the SEC. But Alabama is also a small, poor state. Yet it has not one but two outstanding football programs. Arkansas's Razorbacks, West Virginia's Mountaineers, and Iowa's Hawkeyes certainly underscore the fallacy of that logic as well. And, I'll guarantee you, the University of Louisville is determined to put this state on the football map if our state university lacks the commitment to do so. Does anyone want to bet against them?

I'm sure we will hear this season characterized as a success because we had a winning record (6-5) and a good academic record. So be it. But I have watched this team closely and I know, like many other fans, that they were capable of much, much more. With the possible exception of the Alabama game, I did not see a single game that they could not have won with proper preparation and strong game-day strategy. Please, Oscar, stop being a cheerleader. The fans of this state deserve much more. You know it, and you can help. Coach Claiborne has had a distinguished career and should be admired for all that he has done. But it is time for him to move over and let someone else take his best shot. At that time, I hope the school fills the position with the same enthusiasm, ambition, and sense of purpose that brought Rick Pitino to the University of Kentucky.

Cat fan forever,

Joseph F. Cassidy
Louisville, Ky.

(Editor's Note: Mr. Cassidy's letter was mailed before Claiborne's surprised resignation.)

Pitino understands job media have to fulfill

UK coach keeps things in perspective

No coach, including Rick Pitino, is going to agree with everything that is written or said about him.

The new University of Kentucky basketball coach, however, no longer worries about what the media does



Larry Vaught

Cats' Pause Columnist

or does not say about him.

"I can honestly say I have reached a point where I am over worrying about the media," Pitino said recently. "That was not always true while I was in New York. But I've reached a point where I just really don't care anymore.

"The media has a job to do and it's not up to me to do that job. It would be boring if you didn't have any media coverage of any program. That's why I say I understand the media's job. But no longer do I worry about what the media does."

The UK basketball coach is the center of attention in the Bluegrass. He can't go to a movie, dinner or church service without being noticed. And the media coverage is as intense, or maybe more intense, than at any other program in the country.

Pitino, though, is well prepared for the attention, especially with the media. He spent the previous two years directing the New York Knicks and had to deal daily with the NY press.

"The New York media is a sick environment but I understand it," Pitino said. "I actually feel sorry for some of them (writers) because of the pressure their editors put on them. You have three tabloids there competing ferociously so they must sensationalize every story.

"It's a bad environment for a good writer. He can't do his job the honest way. That's why I have a great deal of respect for the media. In one sense I don't like what the media does, but I understand what it does in New York and why.

"New York is a tough town. I don't have anything against the media there, but I wouldn't want to go through that for too many years."

Pitino, unlike some coaches, understands that writers are as entitled to their opinions as coaches.

"Coaches, including me at one time, can be very sensitive about what is written about them, especially when they think it is not true," the UK coach said. "They (coaches) always perceive stories they don't like not to be true although they could be true."

Pitino says he no longer reads every newspaper available. Normally he confines his reading to *USA Today*.

"I want the information in the *USA Today*," he said. "I want to know scores and what is going on across the country. I don't want editorializing. I want scores, statistics and information."

He doesn't read any Kentucky newspaper daily. He feels that is the best way to maintain a professional relationship with each writer who covers the UK basketball program.

"If you disagree with me and openly disagree with me in a column or story I don't want to read it and either ask you why you wrote it or hold something against you that might ruin our relationship," Pitino said. "One thing I learned in New York is not to treat the guys who write good things about you different. I treat everyone professionally and don't care what you say about me because I don't read the newspapers. I've found that works best for me.

"I'm enjoying the Kentucky media. Writers in New

York were more interested in each other a lot of the time. They were writing for each other instead of the fans. Writers' egos in New York were monstrous. Their egos were unbelievable and the coaches were the same way."

Many New York media members felt Pitino's ego was as large as the "Big Apple" itself. He denies that and feels those who feel that way are either jealous, don't like successful young coaches or envisioned how much more money he made than they did.

"The ego thing with me would have never come up if it wasn't for my age," the 37-year-old coach said. "People like successful teams. They don't always like successful people. Even more don't like you if you are successful and young.

"I'm young and considered very successful in the eyes of some people. That makes you a person everybody is not going to say great things about. People who do that are fighting a battle but you can't worry about their battle. You just have to do your job the best you can and go on. I finally learned that."

Pitino has his own way of doing things. The media found that out immediately when he limited access to the players and practice.

But he's been fair to each media outlet and he's also been a bit more lenient with media access than he had led many to believe he would be.

Everyone has still been able to do his job, but at the same time Pitino has given his players more privacy. It's a mixture I can certainly live with and one UK players probably need.

Pitino doesn't worry about being a media darling, but he knows the value of good public relations for himself and his program.

Still, his primary concern is with his team and that's the way it should be. I'm just glad, though, he understands how big Kentucky basketball is in this state and has made time for the media so UK fans across the state can keep up with the amazing job this coach is doing at Kentucky.

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JUST HOW Pitino can keep his team playing at the emotional level it has so far this season remains to be seen. However, the UK coach and players realize without

that intensity they have two chances—slim and none—in most games.

"If we are not the most emotional team, we will not win," he said. "We have to feed off emotion because we will get tired. It's difficult to play the way we do with basically eight guys."

Can Kentucky do it for an entire season?

"We can do it 100 games," Pitino said. "We'll never surrender to fatigue. That won't be a problem."

His players agree, too. They know every game is special because there will be no post-season tournament play for two years.

"All we look forward to is winning every game we play," junior forward Reggie Hanson said. "We have to play emotional because that's the only chance we have."

It helps that players no longer worry about looking at the bench after a mistake. He wants his players to play hard and doesn't jerk a player after one miscue.

"There's a 360-degree difference this year," senior guard Derrick Miller said. "Coach Pitino's approach rubs off on us. He's never negative. Even when he gets on us we don't think he's being negative."

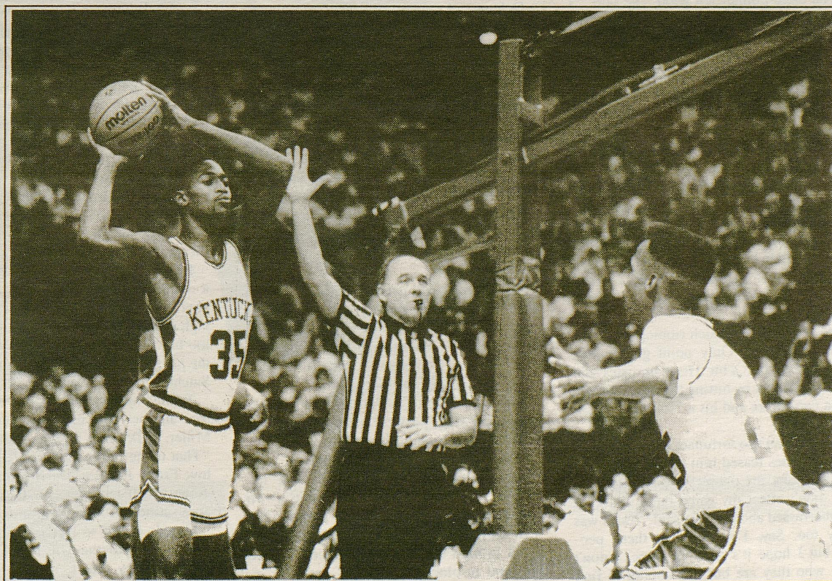
It's even more amazing that Pitino's enthusiasm has been so contagious among the faithful at Rupp Arena. It's almost like the 'Cats are back playing in cozy Memorial Coliseum.

The fans, even the fat cats in the lower arena, have actually been standing and cheering. Reserve Johnathan Davis even got a standing ovation last week against Mississippi State for a foul that prevented a breakaway layup.

"I think we have impressed the fans," sophomore Deron Feldhaus said. "They have all been off their feet at times and that really surprised me. It's the first time I've seen that in two years. I guess they really enjoy the style and love the way we are hustling."

They should because it is an entertaining, aggressive style of play and Pitino has already worked miracles with this team. He has UK playing better now than I expected he could in February.

The man has worked his magic and made a believer out of me. It's just hard to imagine what he might be able to do in two or three years when he has a full team stocked with athletes that he's hand-picked.



Emotion, says Wildcat center Reggie Hanson, is something the Wildcats must have this season.

Braddy learning; future plans are earmarked for a long stay at UK

"The Braddy Bunch" now showing at Rupp; wants UK role to continue

by TCP staff writer Pancho Easterwood

Nehemiah Braddy looked at the sign that hung from the University of Kentucky student section at Rupp Arena.

"The Braddy Bunch" it read.

The 18-year-old walk-on shook his head and wondered aloud.

"Who are these people," he thought. His face then brightened, his voice taking on a slight tremor. "I hope it's some girls."

Then he went out and scored seven points in seven minutes as the 'Cats stuffed Mississippi State into the win column.

Could this be the man UK coach Rick Pitino will try to reach by dialing 'O'...as in offense? Is the "Braddy Bunch" to be a fixture at Rupp for the next four years?

Could be.
Braddy can play the big 'O' for sure. So what if he is a defensive liability...a man one sports commentator said, dryly, "Braddy couldn't check his coat."

But could Chopin sing? Marilyn Monroe act...or Picasso paint houses?

Mississippi State was Braddy's coming out party. He had scored only two points in 13 minutes in the opener with Ohio.

Indiana was a downer...no points and virtually no minutes.

"I finally got my confidence up against Mississippi State," Braddy said. "I had been down...I had been doing things wrong, making the same mistakes. But the guys on the team encouraged me. So I went out and had a good practice and got some playing time."

PT. Playing time. The two biggest letters in a young man's basketball dictionary.

Braddy made the best of it. He hit a "trex", pulled up off a drive to can a 15-footer, and drove for a layup with a nice move.

"The three-pointer felt good," he said. "I had shot two earlier...one almost cracked the glass...a real brick. The other one was a good shot...and then tonight."

That Monday was the night Braddy flowed like the Mississippi against Mississippi State. He felt good...no jitters this time out.

"I had asked the coach if they could get longer nets that first night (opening night)," said Braddy, laughing. "The goal looked smaller with the small nets on it...I guess that didn't help my confidence."

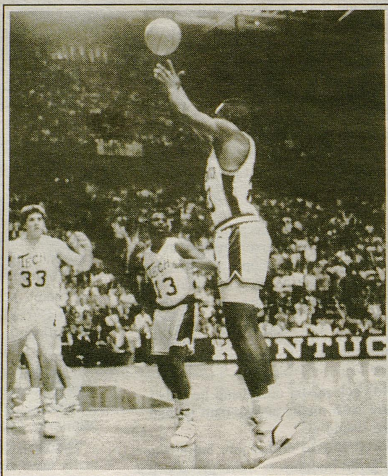
Tendonitis, he said, kept him from scoring nine points: "I think that's why I missed the layup. I didn't know if I was going to dunk it or not. I went up for it, realized I wasn't high enough, and said, 'oh, shoot, you aren't high enough.'"

Braddy didn't take much ribbing from that one missed layup. Only point guard Sean Woods kidded him a bit. His teammates said he made up for it by hitting the trex. "Crazy, miss a two-footer and hit a 21-footer," Braddy said.

Braddy wasn't so fortunate about the sign. His teammates teased him all day, accusing him of paying the people to put it up.

"It didn't affect my game but I was kind of embarrassed about it," he said. "But I was happy too. Say, I don't know these people...but I hope it's girls up there. I don't know who they are but I'm hoping to find out."

Braddy smiled. He always smiles. In fact,



Braddy says he now realizes that defense creates scoring opportunities.

photo by Steve McFarland

he wears a perpetual grin that illuminates a room.

Talk about his defense...and he smiles as he recalls his days at Middleburg High in Middleburg, Florida. It's about 15 minutes by car from Jacksonville.

Braddy averaged 25 points, eight rebounds and three assists last year. He averaged 18 points and seven boards as a junior and 10 points as a sophomore.

Offensively, he used more picks than a Pikeville coal miner to tickle the twine.

Defense, of course, was a foreign object, he said.

"I never played defense," Braddy said. "My coach told me not to. He told me to rest on defense. You get used to not playing defense. That was my biggest adjustment in college."

Braddy insists he is improving. Contrary to what the radio commentator said, he feels his defense is coming along. "I didn't have any mis-checks...my D's up pretty good."

Braddy had Pitino chuckling after one game. Pitino said he had never seen a player desert his own man for the company of another.

"My hardest adjustment is picking up a man in transition," Braddy said. "That and help-side defense. You have to get low so you can see the ball and the man, you don't want your man to cut back door. You need peripheral vision out there."

However, Braddy is well aware his ticket to more PT—and possibly to staying at UK—depends on polishing his defense.

"I'm always trying to improve two things...quickness with the ball and my defense. If I can get those two things down I think I can be a pretty good player."

Braddy feels his defense wasn't really that awful in high school. He points out he led his team in blocked shots.

"I just didn't like it (defense) in high school," he said. "but I never really

knew that defense is what starts the offense. Now, when I stop a man driving, I really feel great."

Lack of defense probably kept him from a Division I scholarship, which he coveted. His coach even felt he wasn't Division I material. Some small colleges and junior colleges came calling but Braddy had this dream, you see. Dreams of basketball in the Bluegrass danced in his head.

"University of Tampa said I could play both basketball and baseball," he said. "But I didn't want to stay in Florida and I wanted to play at a Division I school. I took the SAT, passed, and Kentucky was the first school to accept me. When I was accepted I decided to come here and walk on."

Braddy had to beat out a flock of players for a walk-on spot. "I think there were about 30," he recalled. "Some of the people weren't very talented, but others were. I felt pretty good about being on the team."

Braddy, a brilliant pitcher-first baseman for Middleburg, said he wasn't willing to pay the price in baseball, a sport he's played all his life. But, he's talked to UK baseball coach

Keith Madison about the possibility of playing this spring.

And how good is Braddy?

Well, good enough last year to strike out 16 in one game, throw two no-hitters, and four one-hitters. He "heats" up in the high 80s.

Not a bad hitter, either. He got a single, double and homer off Tombo Martin of Panama City last year in the State AAA playoffs. Martin, he says, was the best pitcher in the state.

"I haven't told coach Madison yet but I'd rather play first base than pitch," he said.

Braddy said there were some feelers from colleges about his pursuing baseball. But he said none of the offers included a scholarship.

"You've got to be really dedicated to go from A ball to AA and Triple A," Braddy said. "but my former high school coach is a scout for the Toronto Blue Jays now. I might get back out there."

And, while Braddy has talked to Madison about playing, he said he hasn't discussed the possibility of playing baseball with coach Pitino. "I will after the season," he said.

Braddy, a man who collects monikers like a dog does fleas, said he was called "Satchel"—as in Hall of Famer Satchel Paige—in high school. "I had these pants and they were too big for me," he said. "They looked like the pants old-time players used to wear. Like Satchel."

To the boys of basketball he was just plain ole "Junior". But don't tell that to Derrick Miller. Miller calls him the "Greedy Smurf." "That name is because I love to eat...I just love Fruity Pebbles. Derrick told me he was going to get me some for Christmas. I eat about a box of the cereal a day."

Greedy Smurf to Derrick, he is just plain ole "Knee" to the UK teammates. That's because they can't say—or don't want to—Nehemiah.

But don't say a word to Braddy about his first name. He loves it. In fact, he doesn't

want to hear about any other Nehemiahs out there.

"My granddad was a preacher and he named his sons after books in the Bible," Braddy said. My father is Nehemiah Sr. He named me."

It's obvious he loves his name...considering he could have been named Ezra, the book that precedes Nehemiah in the Old Testament.

A quick-witted scribe broke in, saying "Hey, I know of a Nehemiah...Nehemiah Persoff...a movie actor."

"Shhhhh...hush...I don't want to hear it," Braddy said. "Don't look it up. I don't want to know of another Nehemiah."

But, to the girls in section 221, the banner belt at Rupp, he says they can just call him John. Or Bill. Or something.

"They can't say Nehemiah and Junior sounds like I'm a baby...and I'm 18 already," Braddy said.

Braddy likes girls. He really does. He says he likes to shake a leg at 17 South in Jacksonville, a club for teens 17 to 19. "I liked going out with the fellows and chasing skirts," he said. "I'm kind of shy at first, but I take a little Kool-aid and I'm okay. Now, I don't drink though. I don't see the need."

He also avoided those dens of iniquity on Jacksonville's East Side. "Oh, you can go there (to the East Side) but you won't come back," he chuckled. Needless to say Nehemiah went west.

Nehemiah enjoyed his life in Middleburg...all of it. He says his mother, Catherine, is real religious and made him play the piano in church.

"I still play," he said. "I can't read a note but if I hear a song, like in church, I can find the right key to play in. I don't have much time now with basketball practice and school but I sneak in some time."

Braddy is very close to "Monkey" and "Pumpkin"—nicknames for two sisters who are close to him in age.

"I liked my childhood," he said. "I was successful in sports and I had great support from my folks and sisters (there are also two older sisters and one brother). They would insist on coming to every game."

Nehemiah Sr. still does. In fact, he's already driven from Florida to Kentucky for the opener with Ohio University. But he was heartbroken when he had to miss his son's game against Mississippi State.

"Our Oldsmobile, a 1987 model, had broken down...it already has 160,000 miles on it," Braddy said. "We visit my sister a lot in Lubbock, Texas. My dad wants to come to every game of mine here."

Nehemiah Jr. said his father does it because he says it relaxes him to drive long distances.

"This support from my father and family really makes me want to do good here, he said."

But the future is uncertain for Braddy. He gets some financial aid but it only goes so far. His dad is retired, living on social security, and his mom doesn't get rich driving a bus. "I'm not sure if I can stay here another year...but I will try to if at all possible," Braddy said. "I would like to stay here. I'm going to try somehow. I don't want to go."

As for the distant future, he may go into advertising...and try to sneak in a few commercials. For Fruity Pebbles, perhaps.

"I'd like to go to acting school...everybody told me I can act good and a teacher back home said I should be an actor...because I lie so good," he said with a hearty laugh.



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Although Pitino quipped about Braddy's lack of defense, the freshman walkon is also known for his instant offense—7 points in 7 minutes against MSU.

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Sports briefs about University of Kentucky athletics

Search continues for next University of Kentucky football coach

As UK athletic director C.M. Newton searches for a replacement for head football coach **Jerry Claiborne**, one obvious "hot" prospect said he was not a candidate, four quarterback coaches indicated interest in the job, the K-Men's Association declined to limit its support to a single member of that lettermen's organization, and a nationally known Division I-A coach with Kentucky ties still was being mentioned promptly.

As we were going to press, former LA Raiders head coach and current Denver Broncos quarterback coach **Mike Shanahan** emerged as the leading candidate for the job. Shanahan became the first prospective candidate to visit Lexington and speak with UK officials. For more on Shanahan, please see page 2.

The most obvious candidate, former UK All-America end (55) **Howard Schnellenberger** who just completed his second winning season in a row at the University of Louisville, said he is not interested and will not talk with UK officials.

"I'm delighted with my position (at U of L)," Schnellenberger said after his team lost to Syracuse in Tokyo. Since he recently signed a lucrative five-year contract with the Cardinals, he said it would be "silly" to consider him a candidate for the coaching job.

Meanwhile, **Jerry Eisman**, another former Wildcat who has coached UK QBs since coming to Lexington with Claiborne eight years ago, met with Newton, expressing his interest in the position.

"I have applied," Eisman said, "but that's all I can really say about it at this time."

Eisman, 52, played QB and defensive back at UK, graduating in 1960. He began his coaching career under Claiborne at Virginia Tech in 1966 and spent 1969-71 at Cincinnati before rejoining Claiborne at Maryland in 1982.

The other QB coaches apparently interested in the job are Auburn's **Pat Sullivan**, 40, who said he would be interested in talking to Kentucky should the school contact him about the job, Miami Dolphins quarterback coach **Gary Stevens** and Denver Broncos quarterback coach **Mike Shanahan**.

"Right now, I'm happy at Auburn and I'm preparing for our bowl game with Ohio State," Sullivan said, "but if someone was interested in talking to me about that job, I'd be happy to talk to them."

A former quarterback at Auburn, Sullivan won the Heisman Trophy in 1971. After a short pro career, he entered private business and then returned to football as an assistant on **Pat Dye's** staff in 1986. The Tigers have either won or tied for the conference three of his four years of coaching there.

"At this time of year, you always evaluate your situation and where you are," Sullivan said. "If they were interested in me, I'd be interested in talking to them."

Still being prominently mentioned is the name of Pittsburgh coach **Mike Gottfried**, who recently returned from Dublin, Ireland, where his team defeated Rutgers to finish the regular season at 7-3-1. The Panthers will play Texas A&M in the John Hancock Bowl Dec. 30.

Pitt's three losses were to Miami (45-7), Notre Dame (24-3) and Penn State (16-13). Wildcat basketball coach **Rick Pitino**, a friend and guest of Gottfried, wore a Pitt jacket at the Miami game.

Asked about Gottfried later, Pitino said, "Quite honestly, I don't think Mike will be interested in the Kentucky job. He's got a national championship-caliber team coming back at Pitt and we've (UK) lost 20 or 30 seniors."

"But somebody else left the New York Knickerbockers and **Patrick Ewing**, so he may be just as nuts as I am."

The Panthers will return the heart of this

year's team, including redshirt freshman quarterback **Alex Van Pelt**, sophomore running star **Curvin Richards**, junior defensive tackle **Marc Spindler**, and sophomore linebacker ace: **Richardo McDonald** and **Curtis Bray**.

Gottfried, 45, has several Kentucky ties. After playing quarterback at Morehead State University, he returned to the campus as the Eagles' defensive backfield coach. His first head coaching job was at Murray State (1978-80).

After signing a long-term, multi-year contract with Pitt last year, Gottfried put together a 6-5 record; however, despite his outstanding record, he has drawn some criticism from the media and fans in the Three Rivers area.

Pitino admitted that he and Gottfried had talked "a while ago" about the possibility of coaching at the same school.

"We didn't think it would happen this soon," he said. "I don't mean this (to reflect) I don't care, I've absolutely paid no attention to that vacancy whatsoever. I was just sorry to see Jerry Claiborne step down because he's such a good person and a good coach."

Asked if he would be involved in the search for a new coach, Pitino said, "I leave that to C.M. He's much more capable of doing that."

Meanwhile, **Beano Cook**, ESPN college football analyst and former Pitt sports information director, said he believes Gottfried at least is interested in the UK opening.

Although he admitted not having talked to Gottfried, Cook said it was his understanding "if the entire package is \$600,000, and that's what I hear it is, then he'd have to be interested. Pittsburgh is not the type of school that could come up with that kind of money."

However, Cook echoed Pitino in saying that Gottfried, like any other coach, wants to win the national championship, which is highly unlikely at UK.

"You can't win a national title at Kentucky

unless you're the basketball coach," Cook said. However, he didn't rule out Gottfried as a viable candidate for the UK job.

"There's a package there somewhere and my guess is that he knows it's there," Cook said, "and there might be some problems with Mike and the administration here."

Cook concluded by saying he didn't think Pitino would go to UK, "but I wouldn't be surprised if he did."

Meanwhile, **Dan Neal**, a UK letterman who is now an assistant with the Philadelphia Eagles and a former Redskins' assistant, had early backing from former teammates and reportedly was a favorite candidate of the K-Men's Association.

However, **Phil Greer**, a football letterman and immediate past president of the K-Men, said it was not that organization's policy to back one member over another in such a situation.

The name of **Roy Kidd**, 58, highly successful coach at Eastern Kentucky University, was tossed about in the beginning, but has all but disappeared from much of the speculation. Kidd spoke briefly with Newton early last week, but apparently learned little.

The bottom line at UK is that it seeks an active head coach with a winning record in a Class A program.

Newton said he was not going to respond to any names, because that would not be fair to the candidate or the selection process and would put everybody in a "no-win" situation.

"I think we've found out who can do the job and I'm trying to determine whether they understand the job and then we'll get to who wants the job," he said, "but we haven't gotten there yet."

Newton also said prior to the UK-Tennessee Tech basketball game that a formal selection committee has not been set up and he was not sure one would be needed.

He stated at the very beginning that he would be the person hiring the new coach.

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BARNETT, PFEIFER MAKE ALL-SEC

Two University of Kentucky seniors from Louisville—**Mike Pfeifer**, 6-foot-7, 315-pound, offensive tackle; and **Oliver Barnett**, 6-3, 285, defensive tackle who played his high school ball at Jeffersonton—have been named to both the Coaches' and Associated Press All-SEC teams. Barnett was also a third-team All-America selection by AP.

Pfeifer was one of eight unanimous choices to the AP team. Named to the wire service's second team were senior running back **Alfred Rawls** and junior guard **Joel Mazzella**, who were chosen by a panel of sportswriters who cover the conference.

Mazzella also was among two other Wildcats—defensive back **Tony Massey** and safety **Ron Robinson**—receiving votes in the coaches' poll.

The last time UK had more than one first-teamer on an All-SEC team was in 1984, when offensive back **George Adams** and defensive back/punter **Paul Calhoun** were named to several honor squads. That Wildcat team finished 9-3 after defeating Wisconsin



Oliver Barnett Jake Hallum



in the Hall of Fame Bowl.

Since that time, only defensive tackle **Jerry Reese** ('87) and linebacker **Randy Holleran** ('88) had been named to an All-SEC first team. Holleran, who will be back for his senior season next year, missed the '89 season with a knee injury. Barnett and Massey were second-team choices on at least one team each last season. Pfeifer was headed for all-star honors when he injured a knee in the Alabama game.

The most first-team All-SEC players at UK during a single season was five in 1977 (10-1), when the list included OG **Tom Dornbrook** (AP), QB **Derrick Ramsey** (AP, UPI), DE **Art Still** (AP, UPI), DB **Mike Siganos** (AP, UPI) and DB **Dallas Owens** (AP).

The last time UK had four selections overall was 1987, when running back **Mark Higgs**, offensive guard **Dermontti Dawson**, Reese and offensive tackle **Greg Kunkel** were all named second-team All-SEC.

HALLUM NO. 1 AT MOREHEAD

Jake Hallum, a Wildcat offensive line coach who is a top candidate for the Morehead head coaching job, has received the backing of Eagle athletic director **Steve Hamilton**.

"I can't speak for the whole committee," Hamilton said Dec. 5, the day before the deadline for applicants for the job left vacant when **Bill Baldrige** announced his resignation in October. "I would vote for Jake at this point."

After a prep career that included an

outstanding two-year tenure (20-6) as head coach at Ashland's Blazer High, Hallum accepted an assistant coaching position at Morehead. Two months after accepting the job in April 1967, he was elevated to head football coach.

Hallum remained at that post for four years and owned a 22-16-1 record. He then joined **Jerry Claiborne's** first staff at Maryland, remaining there for 10 seasons before coming to UK with Claiborne.

"If we had one candidate the entire athletic committee was interested in," Hamilton said, "I wouldn't hold interviews. It will amaze me if we do."

Other candidates include Georgetown College's highly successful coach **Kevin Donley**, Utah defensive line coach and former Morehead player **Cole Proctor**, Pikeville High School coach **Hillard Howard**, Eastern Kentucky University defensive coordinator **Jack Ison**, and Union College coach **Matt Ballard**.

Hamilton said, "Nobody is out of the running, at the present time."

Gone for a second time, Schiller reflects on SEC

Not as optimistic about expansion in league

Harvey Schiller is gone for the second and certainly the final time. His brief and relatively undistinguished reign as commissioner of the Southeastern Conference is now league



Stan Torgerson
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history. A footnote will point out he was hired, resigned to go to the Olympic program, and 30 days later was rehired by the SEC.

Now he's returned to the Olympics, which is probably best for him and our league.

Schiller was business-promotion oriented. His batteries were turned on by negotiating the SEC's big-money contracts for TV football and basketball broadcasts.

He also enjoyed putting together arrangements to telecast the conference's minor sports—baseball and track, for example.

He was not, however, that emotionally involved in purity. His now famous interview in which he maintain-

"I think the next big argument to come is some playoff discussion. My feeling is it may revolve around a single game, two teams, and then work its way back to include more schools. I think you're going to hear a lot of discussion about that."

—Harvey Schiller

ed there was no cheating in the SEC, despite all the facts, stands as a classic example of looking at college athletics through rose-colored glasses.

Schiller came to the Ole Miss-Mississippi State game as one of his last acts of office. We had a chance to talk.

Torgerson: Your impression of the new one billion dollar NCAA basketball contract with CBS?

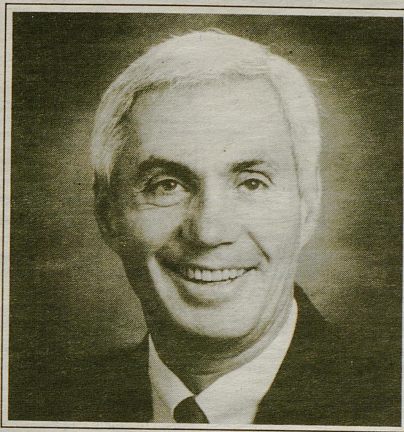
Schiller: Obviously everyone is excited about the revenues. The next question is how to distribute them. The majority of the institutions that typically are involved in the major conferences have asked that the monies be returned directly to the institutions because they are facing certain cost-control issues. My belief is there may be other things to happen. For instance, more money into Division II and III so they can keep a lid on how many schools are in Division I. That is to prevent more schools from wanting to get in there (Division I) just to get the money.

Torgerson: Is there any chance that as has been suggested all of the Division I schools play in the first round of the NCAA Tournament and the money for the first two rounds is then distributed equally to all the schools?

Schiller: I don't see all the schools participating in the game, but I can see ways in which all the schools will get some of the money. Right now, of the 293 schools in Division I, more than 90 percent share in the money one way or the other because of conference affiliation. The only schools that are typically left out are those who are independents.

Torgerson: Will the CBS basketball contract affect the amount of money the SEC will ask for its own football and basketball telecasts?

Schiller: I do expect the SEC will move to negotiate some type of network deal for upward of 14 to 20



Harvey Schiller says SEC is as healthy as ever.

basketball appearances. Right now we have a deal with ESPN this year for a Tuesday basketball game of the week which will expand to 14 games per year over the next five years. We've just renewed our agreement with Jefferson Pilot on syndicated games. The only thing we don't have in place is a network deal. We really have never had a network deal but I think the timing is right for one now. In football everything is tight. The Turner agreement has one more year remaining. The ESPN deal has just been renewed for another five years. The only thing left is the CBS portion.

Torgerson: Will this trend toward more and more money apply to the SEC when it comes time to negotiate with TBS?

Schiller: Well, it already has. We've seen a significant increase in revenues in our basketball agreements and I think the CFA (College Football Association) renegotiation with ESPN was an indication with some 66 percent increase in revenues over the years. I would feel that would follow to anything the SEC does. As long as the market place is competitive between cable and over-the-air stations, we'll see those kinds of monies.

Torgerson: In other words, you see nothing but up, up, up as far as the financial future of our schools is concerned?

Schiller: Until some of the networks stop bidding. Then I think we'll see some leveling out.

Torgerson: Look in your crystal ball. Will we see a 12th game in football?

Schiller: Not in the foreseeable future. I think the next big argument to come is some playoff discussion. My feeling is it may revolve around a single game, two teams, and then work its way back to include more schools. I think you're going to hear a lot of discussion about that.

Torgerson: Are you for it?

Schiller: I believe in the bowl system, but I think we can extract out the teams and put together another game which will enhance college football.

Torgerson: Will we see payment of some kind to players?

Schiller: I think you'll see expansion of need-based aid by institutions. I don't see any direct payment to players in the foreseeable future, but at some point we're going to have to address these specific issues in regard to football and basketball, but that's probably still two years away.

Torgerson: By that you mean perhaps a \$200 per month stipend.

Schiller: Yes, a stipend to cover transportation back

and forth, clothing, things like that.

Torgerson: Now that you will no longer be commissioner, lay it on the table. Do you expect to see expansion of the SEC?

Schiller: Not as soon as I might have guessed, like six weeks ago. My expectation is that there will be a continuing discussion and lost of analysis, but the first real step will be when a major institution or group of institutions walks in the doors and says, "Okay, we're ready to be members." Until that happens you won't see expansion.

Torgerson: As you leave the SEC, do you think college athletics are healthy?

Schiller: I think they are the best of all worlds.

Torgerson: Is the SEC healthy?

Schiller: I think the SEC is as healthy as it has ever been and its future is extremely bright.

NOT FOR BROADCAST:

- Saw something at the Auburn-Alabama game we had never seen before—counterfeit press box passes. Sports information **David Housel** showed me one, a laminated card that said, "Press Box. The Game. Alabama-Auburn." Housel confiscated the cards and kicked out the people who had bought them. David said the man who was selling the cards had been caught with \$1,400 on him. As for the game itself, it was a good game but not a great one. Frankly, I think the game is more fun in Birmingham, on a neutral field, but only because the crowd seems more evenly divided in it enthusiasm...

- What an interesting year for the SEC. A three-way tie for first place! A three-way tie for fourth place! A two-way tie for seventh place! Parity. Thy name is Southeastern Conference...

- Three guesses as to what the **Kentucky Wildcats** call their swimming team. Are you ready for this? "The Katfish"...

- **Mississippi State's** hardwood basketball floor is in and the Tartan playing surface is no more. The Bulldogs' new court is hard maple, 112 feet long and 60 feet wide. It's marked with State's Maroon and White colors along with the familiar SEC pinwheel in the middle. There are 218 interlocking pieces of 4'x 8' sections. In case you don't know, a college basketball playing surface is 94'x 50'...

- When former SEC commissioner **Harvey Schiller** and I were talking during the above interview, he asked me if I knew which SEC school spent the most money on football. I made the usual guesses, **Alabama, Tennessee**, and so on. "Wrong," said Schiller. "**Vanderbilt** spends more money on football than any other SEC school." The commissioner pointed out that tuition and school expenses at Vandy probably average \$20,000 per year per player, more than twice as much as any other conference school and, as a result, the Commodores' budget was the highest in the league. Frankly, we had never looked at it that way but it does make sense...

- At long last **Ole Miss** will get lights for its on-campus football stadium. They should be installed in time for the 1990 season. The Rebels have been the Chicago Cubs of the SEC. 1988's game with **Tennessee** was finished in almost total darkness because of bad weather and there were no lights to turn on. The worst playing problems, other than rain or snow, we ever saw...

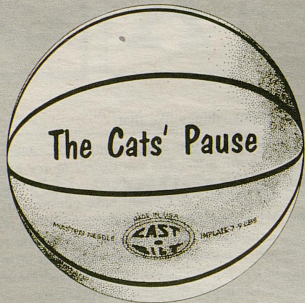
- Not only has **Tennessee** not lost a game in November since 1984, the Volunteers are undefeated in December since 1953. Since then the Vols are 9-0 in December games...

- **Pat Dye** before the recent **Auburn-Alabama** game: "This game is bigger than life or death to some people."

THE LAST WORD:

Former Florida basketball coach **Norm Sloan** in an interview with the **Tampa Tribune**, when asked what he would do next:

"How do I know what I will do. I've never had any free time."



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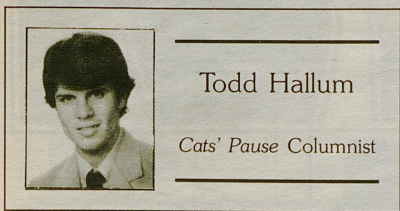
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NEVADA LAS VEGAS AT PACIFIC		UNLV 18	UNLV 12	UNLV 10	UNLV 29	UNLV 20	UNLV 10
DETROIT AT MICHIGAN STATE		MICH. STATE 4	MICH. STATE 7	MICH. STATE 9	MICH. STATE 15	MICH. STATE 8	MICH. STATE 6
XAVIER AT VALPARAISO		XAVIER 7	XAVIER 12	XAVIER 5	VALPARAISO 7	XAVIER 7	XAVIER 1

Why was Claiborne upset prior to announcement?

Grab bag overflowing with interesting notes

It's time to delve into my grab bag packed with some notes of interest:

□ One of the most disturbing problems **Jerry Claiborne** had in announcing his retirement was that



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some of his players heard of the decision even before the team meeting was called at 3 o'clock that Tuesday afternoon.

Lexington TV stations **WLEX** and **WKYT** broke into their local programming earlier that afternoon to announce the news. **WKYT** sources said they had learned of the decision that morning, but were told by UK officials not to air the news until after Claiborne had met with his players. **WTVQ** sports director **Kenny Rice** said his station had no such advance notice of the impending story.

Meanwhile, **WLEX** went ahead and aired the bulletin at 2:15 p.m. When **WKYT** learned that **Alan Cutler** (**WLEX**'s weekday sports anchor) had announced the decision, then **WKYT** naturally followed, announcing the same news five minutes later. Then **WTVQ** followed suit.

*(Editor's Note: This apparently is a prime example where **WKYT**'s close association with UK athletics got in the way of journalistic endeavor, resulting in that station being "scooped" by its bitter rival).*

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□ Speaking of local TV, **WKYT** received a lot of static when the result of the UK-Mississippi State game was announced before the 10:30 p.m. delayed broadcast. Numerous phone calls flooded the station after news anchor **Sam Dick** and weekend sports staffer **Bob Goldman** opened the broadcast with an announcement that **Rick Pitino** had captured his first SEC victory.

In defense of the anchors, they had nothing to do with the decision. Normally, the station warns prospective viewers of the upcoming delayed telecast not to watch the screen when the score is about to be given.

However, news director **John Bobel** had decided to change the policy, instructing the news personnel to give the outcome, but not the score of the game. **Bobel**'s move backfired as irate viewers quickly let it be known that they purposely had not listened to the game and resented being informed of the results. In order words, knowing the outcome tainted the telecast for them.

Bobel apparently had a meeting the following day with **Ralph Gabbard**, the station's general manager, and was told to cease and desist from giving results of the game without prior warning in advance of the delayed telecasts.

As one interested viewer noted, "It's like going into a murder mystery knowing the butler did it."

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□ Word around the University of Kentucky campus is that there are 10 or 12 big-time football prospects in the state this year, but the familiar theme arises that the longer Kentucky takes to hire a new coach, the more the school's recruiting efforts will suffer.

There is little doubt that **C. M. Newton** will do an excellent job in getting the right person and even he has mentioned that he would sacrifice a recruiting class to do so, but the longer the decision-making process lingers the harder it will be to recruit, especially if UK wants to pluck a few players from the junior college ranks.

With any coaching change, there is a problem of

players leaving a program, but so far no Kentucky player has defected, although there have been rumblings a player or two may leave.

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□ **WILDCAT QUICKIES:** Former UK basketball guard **Paul Andrews** is an assistant at Sayre School in Lexington...Wildcat senior defensive back **Albert Burks** made headlines when he was quoted in the Dec. 4 issue of *Sports Illustrated*. Burks was talking about cheating in college athletics and was upset in his belief that UK has an unfair recruiting advantage against other SEC schools. "We play the legal way," Burks said, "and most teams in the SEC don't. Probably 75 percent of the teams pay their athletes. We have an honest program and honest coaches and they work their tails off." The quote occurred in the UK locker room following the Wildcat loss to Tennessee. Burks did not say upon what evidence he based his premise...Did you know that SEC basketball official **Don Ferguson** played a role in a Hollywood movie along with **Burt Reynolds**? A former Florida

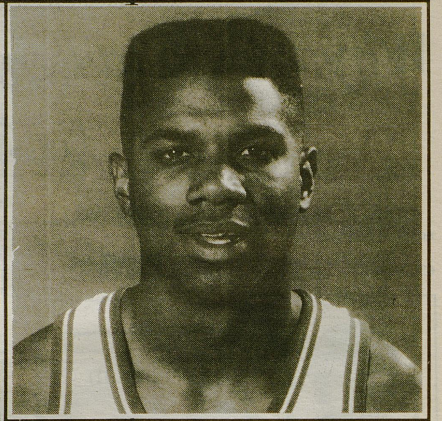
State quarterback, **Reynolds** played the title role in the prison football flick, *The Longest Yard*...**WKYT**'s **Dave Baker** filled in for color analyst **Ralph Hacker** for UK's two home games—Ohio University and Tennessee Tech—and the Kansas game at Lawrence last week.

Hacker worked the delayed telecasts of the two games in Rupp on Monday and Wednesday and then the Division III college football championship game on Saturday for ESPN while the Wildcats were playing the Jayhawks in Lawrence...**Mississippi State** still has yet to win a game against UK in Rupp Arena. The Wildcats have won 23 home games in a row against the Bulldogs. Eighteen of those games were regular-season affairs played in Rupp Arena. The last time MSU beat UK in Lexington was a 77-72 verdict during the 1966-67 season, when the Wildcats finished, 13-13. The Bulldogs are 3-35 against UK in Lexington, their other two road victories coming in 1924 (17-16) and 1962 (49-44). The 'Dogs have fared better at Starkville, where they trail the 'Cats, 23-8. The record at other sites is 9-1 in favor of UK, which holds at 67-12 margin in the series that began in 1921.



University of Kentucky athletics director **C.M. Newton** shouldn't wait too much longer or the 'Cats' chances to land the top in-state prospects and some possible junior college standouts will fade...and fast.

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NCAA makes good move...it's time now for another

Yes, it's time to dish out some bucks

Rather quietly the NCAA Tournament Committee has expanded the tournament and in the process eliminated the potential for some serious political wrangling. Because the number of conferences qualified to receive



Larry Donald

Cats' Pause Columnist

an automatic bid to the tournament has now gone past the 30 limit, the committee has decided it will have a preliminary round for the lower rated conferences in order to reach the 64-team field.

Of course, there'll be some complaint about the subjectivity of the rating system which picks and chooses among the conferences who'll have to play an extra game to get in, but I would remind all those who object that this is a far more fair way to conduct the tournament than by simply creating 30 automatic bids based on information from a computer. A good move...

□I see the NCAA has formed a committee to decide how best to spend the windfall profits from the tournament now that the billion dollar contract with CBS has been signed. Somewhere in their conversation I hope the issue of putting some of those monies back into the hands of the athletes will be discussed. It's time...

□In noting my old school (Bowling Green) and the 40-point pasting it hung on Siena, I've got to wonder about the scheduling philosophy of the Saints. Maybe they were just locked into a tough starting situation, but with all the attention this program received it has to be very devastating to start out 1-3. Going on the road to Brigham Young, Pittsburgh, Central Michigan and BG, was a dangerous way to start and I'm wondering if even a long stretch of wins will fully restore the Siena spirit...

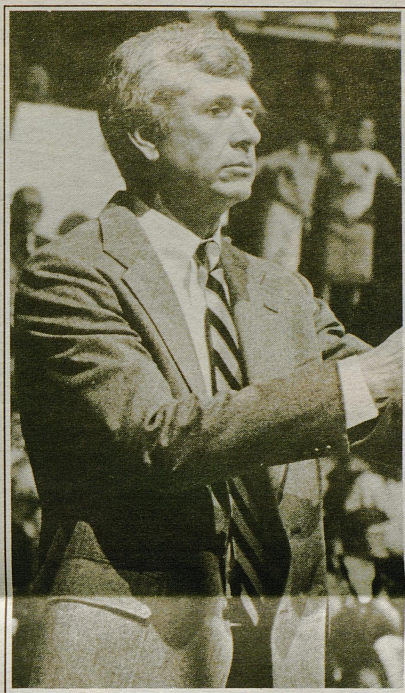
□It is interesting how Louisville's Felton Spencer has responded to his new role this year. For the past three seasons, as designated caddy for Pervis Ellison, Spencer has been sent into games essentially as a time killer. It really didn't matter if he fouled or scored, just so things didn't get any worse while Ellison was taking a break. Now coach Denny Crum is asking Felton to be the main man and part of his new approach is unlearning some of those habits formed the last three years. In order to be an outstanding team, the Cardinals need Spencer on the floor. So far he seems to understand that fact...

□LaSalle was awfully impressive in the blowout win over DePaul. Not only did the Explorers showcase Lionel Simmons to an unwashed nation, but also gave full evidence that the supporting cast isn't bad either. When I first glanced at the schedule it seemed that LaSalle might be overmatched. Now, I don't think so. But what happens next year when Simmons skips off to the pros, the team joins the mortal ranks and all those "pay back" games are on hand. It's why college basketball has so many shooting stars, friends...

□The Big East/ACC Challenge proved several things, I thought.

First, only these two leagues (or one of these leagues and the Big Ten) could pull off such a production. Second, without television money I doubt the series would exist because only one building on one night was SRO. Third, it is impossible to make reasonable comparisons of league strength. As St. John's Louie Carnesecca said when asked what it meant: "Hey, I didn't play the ACC. I played North Carolina State and they are a very good basketball team."

And, fourth, the two commissioners, Dave Gavitt and Gene Corrigan, need to look at their marketing strategies. With a \$30 ticket price and no ESPN blackout



Virginia should have a long list of coaches to choose from. Current head man Terry Holland (left) is resigning after this season to become AD at Davidson. (Above) Charles "Lefty" Driesell is once again in midst of controversy. The head coach at James Madison has been criticized for allegedly deciding not to renew the scholarship of some of his JMU players.

the crowds were considerably less than anticipated. I don't think there's any chance they'll consider playing these games at various home sites (imagine trying to keep everyone happy with that factor involved), but some adjustments will be necessary to draw bigger gates, obviously...

□I'm told that UNLV has the inside track for talented California schoolboy Ed O'Bannon, but the young man wants to make certain the Rebels program gets a clean bill of health from the NCAA before making a commitment. If the hatchet falls on Nevada Las Vegas, O'Bannon then can choose from a list of five others including Louisiana State, Southern Cal, UCLA, Syracuse and Arizona State...

□Lefty Driesell found himself embroiled in controversy again when stories began to surface alleging that he, essentially, had told three veteran James Madison players their scholarships wouldn't be renewed next year. Since then he's recanted with one athlete, but apparently the other two will be given some kind of academic scholarship (both are exceptional students) freeing a couple of basketball grants. Driesell is in the hunt for several top prospects in the East and apparently is short in the scholarships available department. Incidentally, those three players, who had been practicing with the team, were left home when the Dukes journeyed to Maui. It is, as the ambitious folks at JMU are learning, how things are done in the big time.

□Michigan insiders believe they'll sign 7-0 Eric Montross, the prized big man out of Indianapolis next spring. Whispers are that Montross didn't sign because he didn't want the harassment from loyal Indiana fans all winter. North Carolina remains in the hunt, but the feeling is the Tar Heels would only be a compromise choice. In the silly game of recruiting, though, any chance is always a lot better than none...

□Names are beginning to surface for the vacant Virginia coaching job. By the time current coach Terry Holland moves on to become athletics director at David-

son next spring, the line might well be a long one. Xavier's Pete Gillen is a good possibility, but a lot of big names might get involved with this one (say, Purdue's Gene Keady). Longshot possibility is former Holland assistant Jim Larranaga who has Bowling Green off to a fast start...

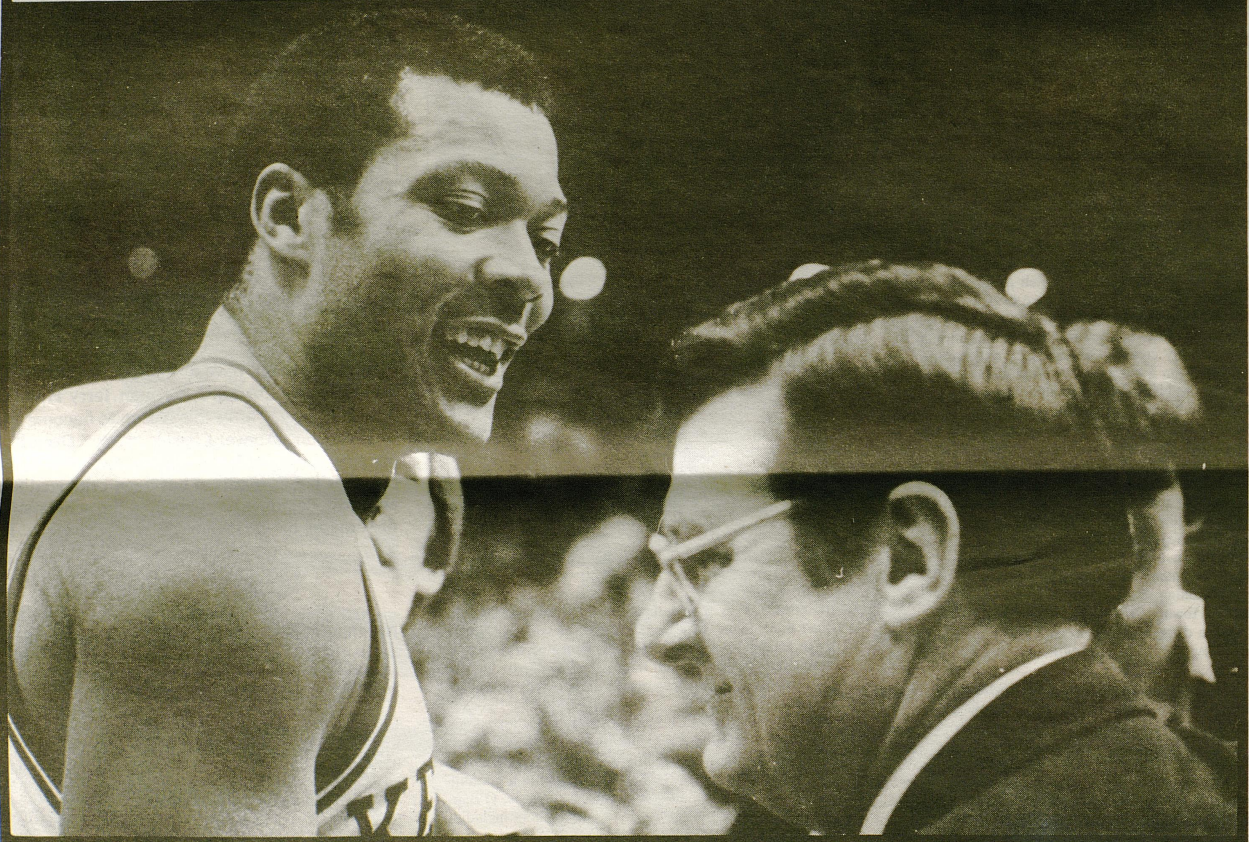
□The saga of North Carolina State's Tom Gugliotta continues. Little known after an injury-filled freshman year, the 6-9 Gugliotta was the MVP in the Diet Pepsi Tournament of Champions after leading the Wolfpack to a championship and then followed with an impressive showing against St. John's. Even State coach Jim Valvano admits the youngster's progress has been a surprise. "I really didn't think he could come this far this fast," Valvano said.

Is he for real? Well, Gugliotta runs the floor well, has a great sense of the game and is a competitor. Given continued progress by him, the return of Avie Lester and the presence of America's top backcourt combo of Chris Corchiani and Rodney Monroe, you've got an N.C. State team which could make a very deep run in NCAA play. Also, don't be terribly surprised if the Wolfpack comes into January as the Atlantic Coast Conference's best team...

□Marquette's outstanding recruiting effort and membership in the MCC has the faithful in Milwaukee envisioning a brighter day for their Warriors. But I caution everyone: The Al McGuire days are gone forever. Marquette can be a consistent winner in the MCC, a frequent visitor to post-season play, but the time when this program was capable of walking with the nation's collegiate heavyweights is history. Keep in that perspective, Marquette basketball could have a nice run under coach Kevin O'Neill...

□If you ever wonder what happens to these college players after their campus careers have ended and they don't surface in the NCAA, you'll probably enjoy John Feinstein's new book entitled *Forever's Team*. This is a chronicle of the 1978 Duke team which played for the NCAA championship in St. Louis and tells tales what life's been like for the coaches and players since that season. Good reading for that odd night when ESPN doesn't have three or four games assailing our hoop senses.

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UK OPPONENT SCOUTING REPORT
Furman Paladins

Furman could be in for long night at Rupp

'Cats look to vent frustration of 150-95 loss to Kansas

LOCATION: Greenville, S.C.
FOUNDED: 1826
ENROLLMENT: 2,500
NICKNAME: Paladins
MASCOT: Knight on a White Horse
COLORS: Purple & White
CONFERENCE: Southern
LETTERMEN LOST: 3
LETTERMEN RETURNING: 12
STARTERS LOST: 3
STARTERS RETURNING: 2
SERIES RECORD: First meeting
1988-89 RECORDS: 17-12, 9-5
POSTSEASON PLAY: none
HEAD COACH: Butch Estes

PROBABLE STARTERS*

SF — Tracy Garrick (10.0 ppg., 2.8 rpg.)
PF — Bruce Evans (16.6 ppg., 5.6 rpg.)
C — Brent Williams (3.6 ppg., 4.0 rpg.)
PG — Hal Henderson (10.8 ppg., 3.2 rpg.)
2G — Chris Bass (13.2 ppg., 1.5 rpg.)

*scoring and rebounding averages through first five games

After playing early-season road games with No. 14 Indiana and No. 2 Kansas, and before entering back-to-back games at home with North Carolina and Louisville, two teams ranked in the Top Ten, Rick Pitino's Wildcats get a three-game break from their otherwise murderous schedule.

First of the three softies to enter Rupp Arena before the Christmas holidays is Furman—a Southern Conference school that owned a 2-3 record before a road trip to Honolulu that included games with Hawaii and Chaminade—followed by the UKIT field, including Portland, Cincinnati and SW Louisiana.

The Paladins from Greenville, S.C., finished a surprising second in the Southern Conference in '89 and posted their third-straight winning season (17-12), but still figure to be no match for Kentucky, which should be out for blood after being embarrassed 150-95 at Kansas.

Furman started its season with a 78-59 win over Presbyterian College, avenging a 15-point loss from last season, but then lost three in a row—92-86 at Dayton, 84-63 at home to Michigan State and 78-77 at Winthrop College—before topping Erskine College 80-73 at home prior to the Hawaii trip.

Kentucky matches up extremely well with Furman, enjoying rare advantages in both size and experience. The Paladins' start three sophomores and two juniors, and have just two regulars taller than 6-foot-5.

Furman's backcourt is led by 6-3 junior Chris Bass—now at guard on a full-time basis after playing some small forward last season—whose 13.2 scoring average is second on the club. Bass is joined by point guard Hal Henderson (6-0, So., 10.8 ppg.), a member of the conference's All-Freshman team last year.

Furman also has a pair of double-figure scorers at forward. Bruce Evans, a 6-7 power forward who was the Southern Conference Freshman of the Year in '89, leads the club with 16.6 ppg. and 5.6 rpg. His partner at forward is 6-5 Tracy Garrick, averaging 10.0 ppg. and 2.8 rpg., a junior who was injured much of last season.

The Paladins are thin in the middle, being forced to start 6-7 sophomore Brent Williams at center. After averaging 3.1 ppg. and 2.3 rpg. in part-time duty last season, Williams has improved those numbers to just 3.6 ppg. and 4.0 rpg. this year.

KENTUCKY-FURMAN NOTES:

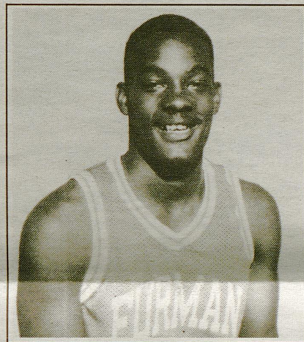
■ After dropping a 150-95 decision at Kansas Dec. 9, Kentucky has 10 days to get ready for Furman. The Paladins, on the other hand, have a five-day break after returning from Hawaii Dec. 14.

■ This will be the first meeting between the two schools.

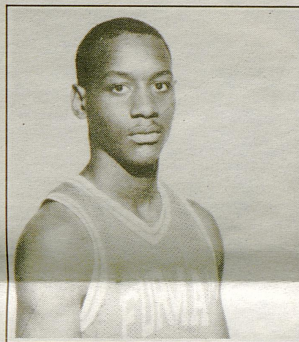
■ Kentucky is 24-2 against Southern Conference teams, losing both two VMI, 32-18 in 1914 and 37-32 in 1922.

■ Kentucky is 19-4 against teams from the state of South Carolina.

■ Kentucky enters the contest averaging 90.6 points per game and, after seeing Kansas score an opponent-record 150, giving up 93.2 points per game. Prior to its trip to Hawaii, Furman was averaging 76.8 points per game and giving up 75.2 points per game.



Chris Bass



Bruce Evans



Coach Butch Estes

1989-90 FURMAN ROSTER

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown (High School/JC)
3	David Stamey	G	6-3	180	So.	Statesville, N.C. (West Iredell)
5	Chris Bass	G-F	6-3	190	Jr.	Dayton, Ohio (Chaminade-Julienne)
15	Tracy Garrick	F	6-5	195	Jr.	Hopkins, S.C. (Lower Richland)
20	Neel Garrison	G	6-1	175	Sr.	Morganton, N.C. (Freedom)
22	Bruce Evans	F	6-7	190	So.	Simpsonville, S.C. (Hillcrest)
23	Hal Henderson	G	6-0	165	So.	Simpsonville, S.C. (Hillcrest)
30	Mark Linkesh	F	6-5	213	Sr.	Weirton, W.Va. (Weir)
31	Tom O'Donnell	F	6-7	200	Jr.	Carrollton, Ohio (High)
32	Tim Vorel	C	6-8	228	Jr.	Waynesboro, Va. (Fork Union)
35	Derek Waugh	F	6-7	220	Fr.	Atlanta, Ga. (Marist)
40	Brian Edwards	C	6-9	210	Fr.	Wilmington, N.C. (New Hanover)
42	Jerry Crosby	F	6-7	217	Sr.	Crestwood, Ky. (Oldham Co.)
44	Dean Smith	F	6-8	225	Sr.	Charleston, S.C. (Bishop England)
51	Brent Williams	C	6-7	215	So.	Dunwoody, Ga. (High)
52	Steven Hines	F	6-5	190	Fr.	Marietta, Ga. (Walton)

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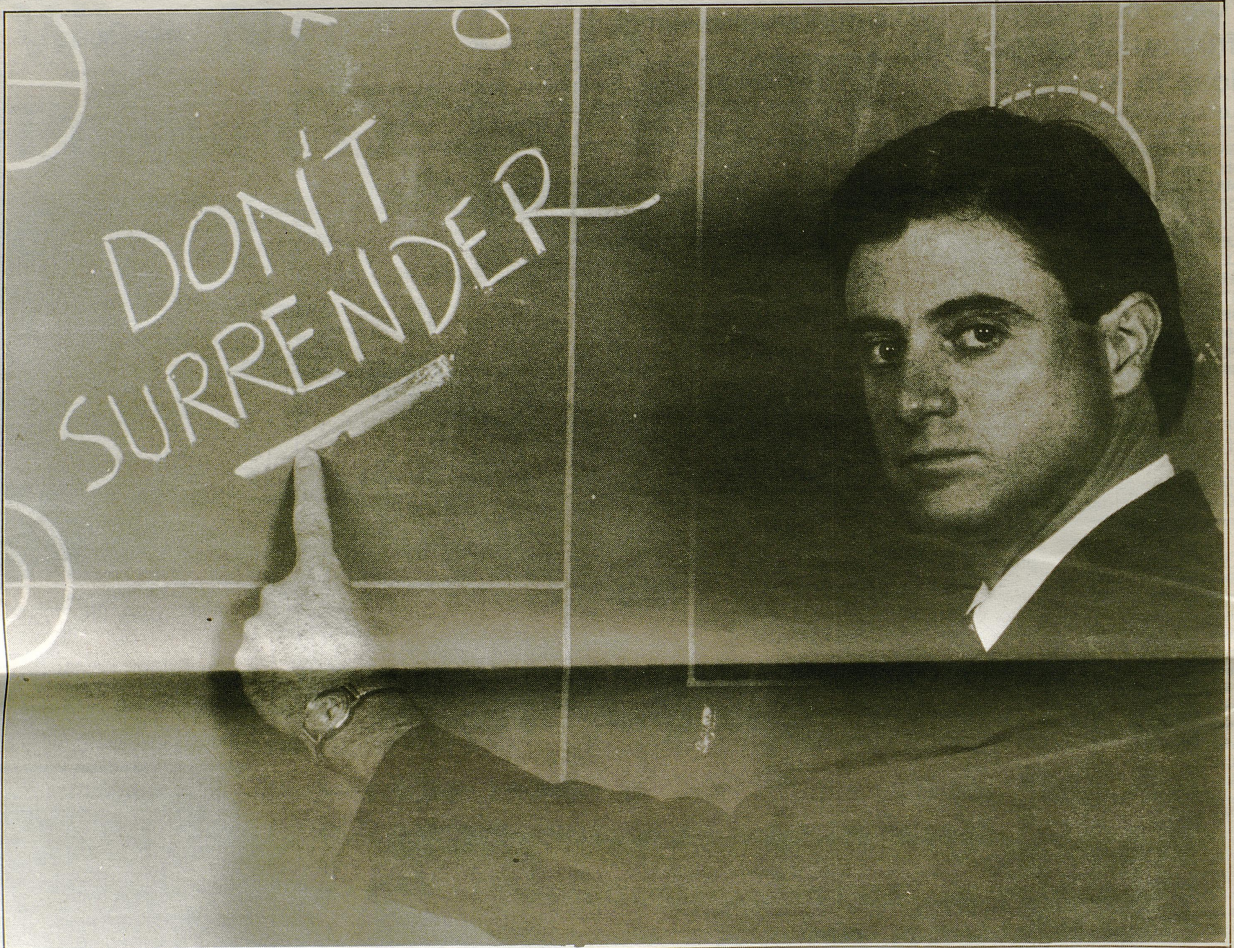
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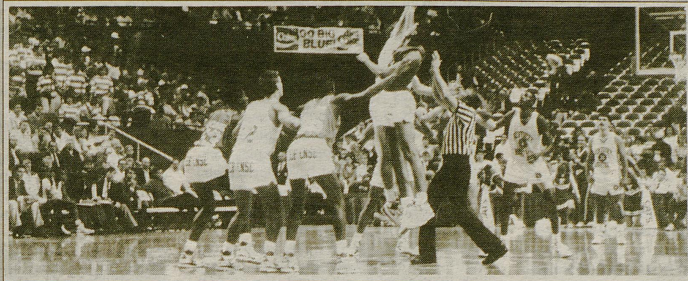
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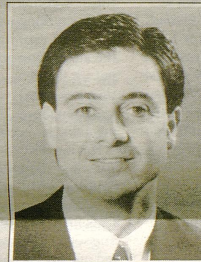
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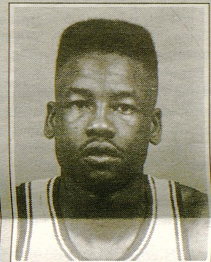
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Rick Pitino



Derrick Miller

SEC well represented in Hall of Fame ceremonies

Archie Manning, Bob Johnson to name a few

At the 1989 induction ceremonies of the National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame, Dec. 5, at the Waldorf-Astoria Ballroom in New York, a wholesome share of Southeastern Conference players and coaches



Scoop Hudgins

Cats' Pause Columnist

were honored.

Archie Manning, Ole Miss All-America quarterback of 1969 and '70, and Bob Johnson, Tennessee All-America center and linebacker of 1966-67 are the SEC representatives on the team of 11 all-time great players inducted.

Also, Jack Green, All-American guard at Army, captain of the 1946 national championship team, was one of the two deceased players honored. A native of Shelbyville, Ky., Green played at Tulane (SEC member then) in 1941 before appointment to West Point.

Two of the four coaches inducted have Southeastern Conference backgrounds. Frank Howard, who won 165 games at Clemson, is an Alabama graduate and was assistant to Vanderbilt grad Jess Neely at Clemson prior to achieving head coach status.

Joe Aillet, deceased coach, who won 151 games at Louisiana Tech while establishing that program as coach and A.D., 1940 to 1970, was trained by Louisiana State University's father-like Bernie Moore. Aillet was assistant to Moore 1936-40, then took the Tech challenge.

Eleven scholar-athletes were honored in the 1-A Division of play. They received \$4,000 graduate fellowships.

The SEC offers two of those 11. The recipients were Andy McCarroll of Vanderbilt, a four-year starter at fullback and linebacker and an English major with a 3.76 GPA, and Stacy "Bo" Russell of Mississippi State, a four-year letterman at strong safety and a 3.55 student majoring in Real Estate.

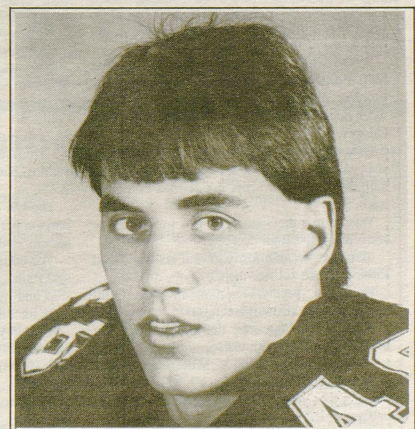
Michael Thorson of the U.S. Military Academy, a three-year defensive back majoring in Economics with a 3.999 GPA, responded for the group.

G. R. "Bob" Woodruff, Tennessee's former football player, coach and athletics director, was presented an award for the Most Outstanding Contribution to Amateur Football for helping build the largest NFF & HOF chapter. Lindsey Nelson, Tennessee's all-time sport-scaster, received the award last year.

Jimmie McDowell is executive director of the NFF & HOF and Vincent Draddy is chairman of the board. Fred Russell is chairman of the Honors Court.

McDowell is a graduate of the University of Mississippi and former sports editor of the *Jackson Daily News*. Russell, sports columnist and vice president of the *Nashville Banner*, is a Vanderbilt graduate.

Winner of the Foundation's most prestigious award, the Gold Medal, for 1989, is Paul Brown, a Miami of Ohio graduate who was a super coach at high school, college



Mississippi State's Bo Russell

and professional levels and then in football administration.

Edwin W. "Moose" Krause of Notre Dame was presented the Distinguished American Award for 1989. Ambassador Joe M. Rodgers, a graduate of the University of Alabama, received the award last year.

Kentucky 102, Mississippi State 97

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of both Woods and backup Richie Farmer. Not only did Woods score 18 points, but he also had his hands in five assists and three steals while penciled in for a mere miscue in 27 minutes at the point.

Following a 7-2 run by MSU, Woods spun inside for an eight-footer to give UK an 85-75 lead. Moments later he again successfully tested his offensive skills inside, this time widening the lead to 92-80. "I took their big man one-on-one," Woods remembered, "and he couldn't handle me."

Next, it was Farmer who made the score 94-80 with a bucket of his own against taller timber.

As for Farmer, in 15 minutes he was able to produce seven points while committing one turnover. He turned in the game's most dazzling play, a twirling left-handed layup in the second half.

"I think they both are coming on," Pitino said. "I told Sean before the game that 'you may be making mistakes right now but you're

going to be a great guard because you've got a super attitude. You take criticism well."

"As long as you stay confident, young people may lose a battle in a game or two but will win the wars in the end.

"I'm really pleased with Richie; he's playing more north and south each game."

Factor IV. A free-throw teeter-totter weighing 25 to 19 in Kentucky's favor.

UK attempted 37—20 earmarked to Hanson and Feldhaus—compared to MSU's 31. Hanson drilled eight while Feldhaus connected on six.

"We're starting to play a lot better in this style," Feldhaus said. "It's fun as it can be. You're never standing around, you're always on the move."

Zero for nine in the first half, Feldhaus didn't hesitate to take a three-pointer early in the second stanza. His first field goal at the 18:56 gave UK a 43-35 lead, offsetting a Burns' tip in. "I wasn't down," Feldhaus said. "I had some shots that I should have made.

Coach Pitino really doesn't worry about that...To tell you the truth he never did say one word about me missing a shot. He stays positive with you all the time."

Feldhaus christened the win at the :13 mark with two free throws, the second being UK's 100th point. The last time the 'Cats reached the century mark against an SEC team was in 1981 versus Auburn (102-74).

Confidence is an intangible easy to spot. In UK's case, it hit Mississippi State like a brick. "After tonight people who play Kentucky can't say 'they just have Derrick and Reggie,'" Miller said. "Feldhaus is playing. Richie is playing. Pelphrey is playing. Davis is playing. Look at the stat sheet and see the minutes distributed between the players...Everybody played. That's the exciting thing about it—it's a total team effort."

Kentucky trailed once. A Burns six-foot bank pushed the Dogs ahead 9-7. But UK quickly tied the score, aided by a back-door play from Pelphrey to Miller. Pelphrey then tossed in a three-point bucket, putting Pitino's

"little team that could" ahead for the rest of the evening.

Two consecutive Miller three-pointers upped the margin to four—18-14. Burns was all set to conclude a fastbreak with a jam when Davis, taking advantage of the new SEC six-foot rule, fouled Burns before he could get the shot off.

"Obviously, we look to play good hard clean basketball," the UK head coach said. "I'm really really pleased these guys are not surrendering a layup. They know the importance. We want to keep a team under six layups per game and they understand that."

The particular play inspired a deafening roar from the home folks. And with the crowd behind it even more, UK, a winner for the second time in three outings, was off to the races.

"I'm so tickled with this basketball team," Pitino said. "I can't tell you how proud and happy I am with this group. I never ever expected this after five-and-half, six weeks of practice. I really didn't."

Kentucky 111, Tennessee Tech 75

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range—but there were times when most court-side observers, even Miller himself, thought he couldn't miss.

"I just felt it," the 6-5 sharpshooter said. "I came down and I said, 'Whenever I see an opening, I'm gonna shoot.' My eyes light up. For instance, when you were playing last year and you would see an opening, you had to look around to pass the ball before you'd shoot. But now, if you have an opening, you shoot. So my eyes light up. My eyes get big whenever I see an opening.

"It just feels good. If you ever watch Stevie Wonder playing the piano...he's moving his head and he's in the rhythm. That's just how it feels. It's a great feeling."

And it's contagious, too.

"Yeah, it's real contagious," Brassow said. "Derrick wasn't missing. Reggie wasn't missing. And I felt like, 'If they're not gonna miss, I'm not gonna miss either."

"Everything was clicking. Derrick was hitting. The crowd was getting in it. You had the adrenaline going and you just wanted to put up the shots. When Derrick started hitting, everybody started hitting. That was the key right there. They never had a chance going into the second half."

Having TKO'd Tech by the half, the 'Cats assaulted the record books after the break. Following Miller's lead, Kentucky fired up an NCAA-record 41 threes for the game. The 'Cats hit 18—seven for Miller, four each for Brassow and Hanson, two for John Pelphrey and one for Richie Farmer—leaving them just

one short of another NCAA mark, currently held by Valparaiso and St. Francis, Pa.

They still weren't through, though. The 111 points represents the highest total at UK since Joe Hall's 1979-80 club lit up South Carolina 126-81, and gives the 'Cats their first back-to-back 100-point games since the 1978-79 season, two stats that say Kentucky is coming around a lot sooner than most people expected.

"They're adjusted right now," Pitino said. "They're a very bright group of young men. And I think that's a talent. I really do. They listen and they're very bright individuals. They absorb things quickly. And that's why I think we're playing this way."

Yes, folks. Pitino Ball has caught on. Just ask Earl Wise.

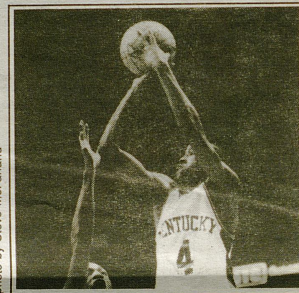


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Derrick Miller goes for three.

Kansas 150, Kentucky 95

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fering three personal fouls early in the game. He lasted a grand total of 3:34 of the second period before picking up his fourth foul and again headed to the sidelines.

That, again, is when Kansas just killed Kentucky inside.

"We had to get our fannies drilled tonight," said Pitino of the loss. "If we want to get better we have to take these kinds of losses. You have to learn your lessons while you're rebuilding."

Pitino was particularly upset with his front-court play, although guard Sean Woods sat out much of the first half with two fouls.

Asked when Woods did re-enter in the first half, Pitino said, "The backcourt was not our problem, there's not that much difference between Sean (Woods), Richie (Farmer) and (Tony) Cooper.

"The frontcourt killed us. I said earlier in the year we can't play without Reggie. In the second half, we just threw it up, but Kansas is a great team."

Was there a message to Kansas for the future concerning the high score?

"We have no animosity toward Kansas," said Pitino, "we're not like the Cowboys or Eagles." Kentucky players, restraint in place, still couldn't conceal their feelings.

After taking blame for the loss and labeling himself as selfish with his second-half shooting (three of 12 from the field), Miller said he was only trying to "bring us back" with his long-range bombs which were so successful in the first half and failed in connecting in the second period.

Asked if he felt Kansas rubbed salt in open wounds, Miller first said yes, then caught himself and said Kansas was only trying to play hard. "I just took some bad shots," said Miller, "but they'll (referring to the Wildcats who will return next season) remember this game next year."

Hanson also wanted to shoulder some of the

blame.

"I can take a lot of the blame. I didn't show the leadership I should have today," said Hanson. "We didn't play as hard as we usually do."

Hanson, who said this was the toughest loss he had ever experienced, said the memory won't fade quickly. "We won't forget this one," he said.

Williams played down the blowout, but his actions of escorting Pitino three-quarters the length of the court after the game's end seemed an unsuccessful effort to make Pitino believe there were no intentions of running up the score.

And what did Williams tell Pitino? "I just told him I felt for him. I know exactly where he is because I was there last year," Williams said, referring to the Kansas probation of one year in '89. "We did the only thing we could do, because they kept pressing us. I'm assuming that's the way he (Pitino) felt."

"That might not make any difference (to Pitino), but that's Roy Williams. Take it or leave it."

The UK coach obviously thought such a comparison between KU of last season and UK this season is no comparison at all.

"Anybody who compares us to Kansas is nuts," said Pitino. "They come off a national championship and minor probation. Their adversity is a little bit different than ours."

Kentucky not only was banned from the postseason tournament for two years, but was limited to three scholarships per year for two seasons, and juniors as well as seniors were permitted to transfer to another school without having to sit out a year to become eligible.

Pitino, who was upset with the Big Eight Conference officials, especially the first 25 minutes, was tagged with two technical fouls.

His first came after he heaved a towel on the floor in the first half.

Miller, who chose to stay calm and speak only with chosen words with reporters immediate-

ly after the game, broke his guarded silence when a Kansas reporter informed Miller that Williams had said he felt sorry for UK. "It's a fine time to say that—after the game," Miller snapped.

Kansas hit a torrid 61.2 percent from the field for the game on a blazing 52 of 85 attempts. Leading all scorers for Kansas was Terry Brown who tallied 31 points on 11 of 17 from the field, including seven of 10 from the three-point line. Double-figure scoring also came from five other Jayhawks.

Kansas manhandled the 'Cats on the boards to the tune of 53-32.

Miller's 32 was high for Kentucky as UK hit 17 of 40 from three-point land. John Pelphrey, who hit five of 10 from the three-point range,

KU 150, UK 95: A one-of-a-kind loss

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The series was revived for this season when athletics director C.M. Newton announced a two-year series. The renewal brought cheers from Kansas folks, but don't look for the series to be extended beyond next season.

For many Kentucky fans, even before the lopsided loss, the question was "Why this year?" during a period when Kentucky obviously doesn't have the talent to match up, even if the game were played in Lexington.

Then there was the thought of KU pouring on the coals long after the game had been decided.

In fact, there was: only 3:31 remaining in the game and Kansas leading by 131-90 when reserves Malcolm Nash and Kirk Wagner, the 10th and 11th Jayhawks on the roster, saw their first action.

Rick, was it a case of running up the score? "I have no comment to that," responded Pitino.

Then there was the officiating. Rick's response? "For all of you, for all of the future, I don't comment on officiating," the UK boss said. "If

you'd like to comment—which you very rarely do—you comment on it. But don't ask me about officiating because I will not say a negative or a positive word."

Maybe not, but his actions were loud. Like a pair of technical fouls and shades of a third which would have meant immediate ejection.

The first technical came at 15:01 of the first half and Kentucky trailing 17-16 after Pitino had been upset with several calls during the first five minutes of the game.

Was Pitino trying to get a technical? "No," said Pitino. "I was upset with the call each time."

With 16:03 left in the second half and UK trailing 92-70, Pitino got his second technical.

Coach, how tough was the loss? "Nobody likes to lose by that many points," said Pitino, "it was very embarrassing."

Your toughest game ever? "I've never had a loss quite like this in my life," admitted Pitino.

Neither has Kentucky.

Back Thru The Wildcat Years

One Year Ago

➤ Nearly two months after they released a summary of 17 additional allegations contained in the NCAA's Supplemental Official Inquiry into the University of Kentucky's basketball program, UK officials, obeying a court order, released 13 of the allegations to the public.

UK officials received the Supplemental Official Inquiry Oct. 13, but because they feared some individuals named in the inquiry might have their rights injured by its publication, they released the summary, which did not name any individuals involved.

The *Louisville Courier-Journal* and the *Lexington Herald-Leader* subsequently filed a friendly law suit under the state's open records law, and Fayette Circuit Judge George Barker ordered the university to release the inquiry.

➤ After losing to Northwestern State in an 85-82 nightmare earlier in the week, the Wildcats returned to Rupp and were leading Bowling Green, 32-22, at halftime in the opening session of the UKIT.

However, Joe Gregory and substitute Darrell McLane combined for 23 second-half points to spearhead a 56-54 Bowling Green victory. The Falcons had put together a 7-0 stretch to pull within five of the Wildcats at 34-29 when McLane came into the game and ignited the visitors with a three-point shot.

Two more three-pointers by McLane and a long jump shot set the scene for Gregory, whose 15-footer and two three-pointers sparked Bowling Green to a 54-47 lead with 2:17 left.

The Wildcats cut the lead to 56-52 with 28 seconds left, but Richie Farmer missed a three-pointer; however, the freshman guard

slapped the ball out of Gregory's hands on the inbounds play. With six seconds left, Farmer drove the lane to put up a left-handed layup to make it 56-54.

UK got another break when Ed Colbert, Bowling Green's center, couldn't get the inbounds pass in within five seconds. UK got the ball with five seconds remaining. After two inbounds passes went awry, Farmer's 19-footer rolled in...and out at the buzzer.

➤ University of Kentucky football coach Jerry Claiborne was awarded a four-year extension of his contract, which was not scheduled to run out until after the following season.

For Claiborne, it marked the second contract extension of his career at UK. His first renewal came eight days before his 1984 squad upset Wisconsin in the Hall of Fame Bowl. It was a five-year extension.

Harden scored a career-high 12 points in 33 minutes of action while Bearup scored six points and had seven defensive rebounds.

10 Years Ago

➤ Seven-foot Melvin Turpin announced from his home in Lexington he would attend the University of Kentucky the following year. Turpin attended Bryan Station High School and then at the time was attending Fork Union Military Academy.

Turpin said one reason he chose UK was because his parents had been ill and he wished to stay close to home.

15 Years Ago

➤ Upon being named UK athletics director, former Wildcat All-America basketballer Cliff Hagan said, "I am pleased with this opportunity to serve my alma mater and the state."

An assistant director at the time, Hagan was hired to replace Harry Lancaster, who retired.

20 Years Ago

➤ The UK football recruiting season got off to a good start as new head coach John Ray signed 14 prospects.

➤ Led by senior co-captains Dan Issel and Mike Pratt, the Wildcat basketball team entered the UKIT with a clean slate, having defeated West Virginia, 106-87; Kansas, 115-85; North Carolina, 94-87, and Indiana, 109-92.

Missing from the Wildcat roster that season was senior Mike Casey, who received a broken leg in an auto accident during the preceding summer.

25 Years Ago

➤ The Wildcats scored their second 100-point game in a row by defeating Syracuse, 110-77, in Memorial Coliseum. Three days earlier, they had defeated Iowa State, 100-74, after opening with an 85-77 win over Iowa at home and a loss to North Carolina, 82-67, at Charlotte.

Before playing West Virginia in the opening game of the UKIT, coach Adolph Rupp had decided on a starting lineup of Louie Dampier and Tommy Kron at guard; John Adams at center; Larry Conley and Pat Riley at forward. All five were destined to score in double-figures that 15-10 season.

WILDCAT QUIZ

Next Week: The UKIT

1. The Portland entry in the UKIT this year is coached by former Wildcat Larry Steele, an Indiana native. Can you name his hometown?

- a) Marion
- b) Bainbridge
- c) Corydon
- d) LaPorte

2. Which of the following won last year's UKIT?

- a) Kentucky
- b) Marshall
- c) Arkansas State
- d) Bowling Green

3. This player led the 'Cats in scoring during the first round of last year's UKIT?

- a) Chris Mills
- b) Reggie Hanson
- c) Richie Farmer
- d) John Pelphey

4. Who was the top scorer in last year's UKIT?

- a) Reggie Hanson
- b) Joe Gregory
- c) John Tate
- d) A. P. Williamson

5. The UKIT originally was created to:

- a) Provide financial aid to college basketball programs
- b) Compete with other tournaments throughout the country
- c) Return college basketball to the campus
- d) Showcase the basketball Wildcats

6. In 1965, UK posted the largest victory margin (91-56) so far in the UKIT. Who was

the opponent?

- a) Washington State
- b) Indiana
- c) Rich Kelley
- d) Connie Hawkins

7. What former NBA player pulled down 27 rebounds vs. the 'Cats in a UKIT during the 1970s?

- a) Freeman Williams
- b) John "Hot" Rod Williams
- c) Rich Kelley
- d) Connie Hawkins

8. UK has won how many UKIT title since the tournament first was held in 1953?

- a) 20
- b) 27
- c) 30
- d) 35

9. Which of the following teams did not participate in the first UKIT?

- a) LaSalle
- b) UCLA
- c) Duke
- d) North Carolina

10. Which of the following UK players scored a total of 57 points for the 'Cats in the UKIT? Hint: He was not a Kentucky native.

- a) Cliff Hagan
- b) Wallace Jones
- c) Rex Chapman
- d) Cotton Nash

Answers

- 10. Cotton Nash (1962)
- 9. North Carolina
- 8. 27
- 7. Rich Kelley
- 6. Indiana

- 5. Return basketball to the campus
- 4. John Tate (Ark. State)
- 3. Reggie Hanson (4)
- 2. Arkansas State
- 1. Bainbridge

Five Years Ago

➤ Kenny Walker scored 32 points and grabbed 15 rebounds, but the Wildcats made a few critical mistakes toward the final minutes and fell to Louisville, 71-64, in "Dream Game IV" in Freedom Hall.

Walker had hit a semi-hook to give the Wildcats a 42-41 lead (their last) when James Jeter, falling out of bounds, somehow managed to carom the ball off James Blackmon's leg.

Louisville retained possession and went ahead with a baseline 12-footer from Billy Thompson. A few seconds later, Thompson hit a double-pump 14-footer from the baseline that upped the margin to three with 8:03 remaining.

With U of L clinging to a four-point lead (55-51) freshman forward Richard Madison's short jumper was rejected by Thompson. Madison responded by reaching in and committing his fifth foul. Thompson hit the front end of a one-plus-one.

UK's big miscue came with 2:49 to play, when the Wildcat defense left Jeff Hall wide open from 22 feet. Hall's goal gave the Cardinals a 58-53 lead. Three seconds later, the junior from Ashland stole a Bret Bearup in-bound pass and was fouled by Bearup. Hall hit the one-and-one to extend the Cardinal lead to 60-53 with 2:46 left.

Besides Walker's 32 points, only three other UK players scored. In his starting debut, Winston Bennett hit six of 14 from the field and two of three from the line for 14 points before his hometown folks. Roper

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any Kentucky need, such as being an asset to recruiting.

Pitino would rather schedule games in the East, especially the New York area, where he plans to recruit heavily in the future. His theory is that a team needs to play in locales where it plans to recruit.

UK's current schedule, other than the SEC slate and some existing contracts such as Louisville, IU and Notre Dame, was made by Newton at a time when UK was without a coach this past spring.

Pitino was hired after the schedule was made.

Had Williams been more of a gentleman, he would have called his scrubs in much earlier. Perhaps he knew Kentucky would probably not return to Lawrence again after this year and he

became greedy. He and his assistants sure lived in glory as the margin hit the 50 mark.

But Williams and his Jayhawks should have never been given the opportunity. That was a terrible scheduling mistake, one which should have never happened. Neither should Carolina be on this year's schedule. But the schedule has been etched in stone and these young kids will have to withstand the pain.

Still, the 55-point defeat will forever ring in the ears of both Pitino and the few loyal players who chose to stay and rebuild the Big Blue tradition. They weren't the ones to bring shame to this program and they don't deserve the burden of creating this record.

Someone else should have to carry this cross.

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