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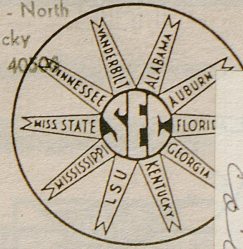
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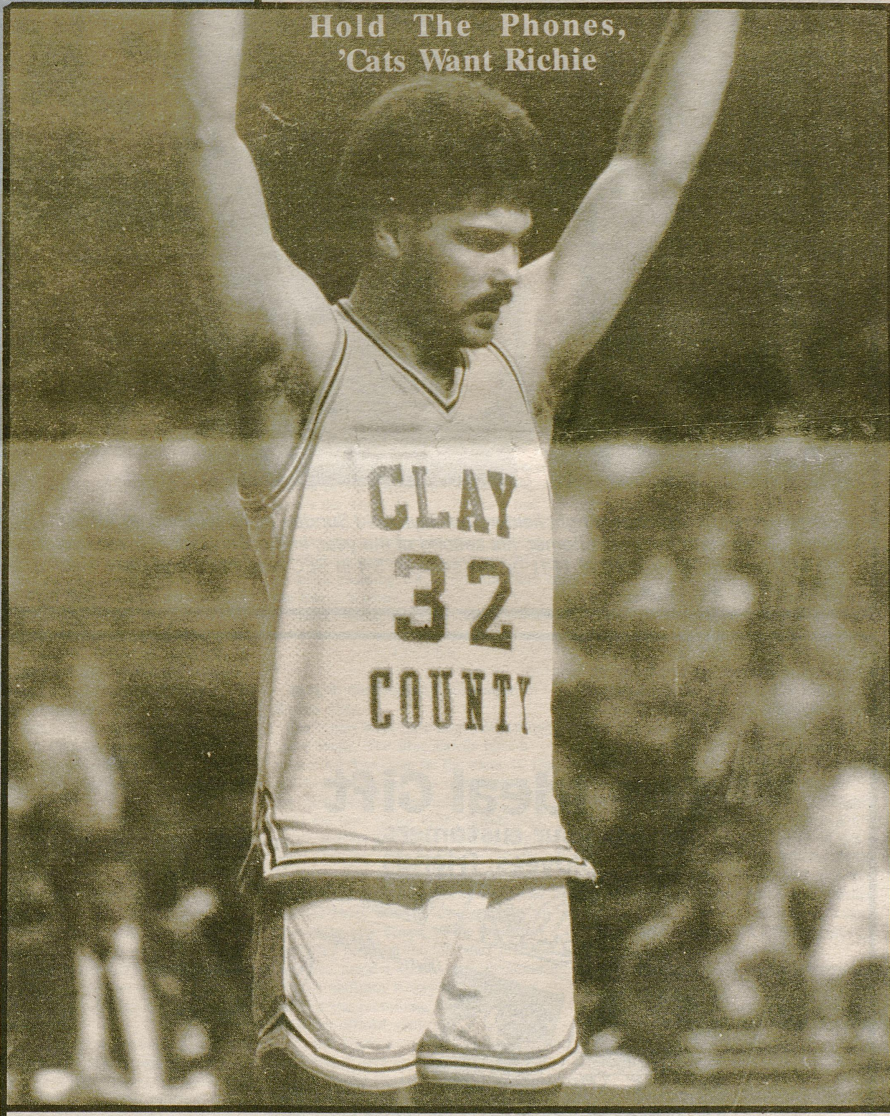
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TAKE ME OUT OF THE BALLPARK



That's what UK sophomore right fielder Sam Taylor did Sunday, as he touched up Alabama reliever Gary Hollingsworth for a solo homer, his second of the year, in the Bat Cats' 9-5 win over the Tide. The win evened UK's record at 11-11 on the season, 5-4 in SEC play. For a complete wrap-up of the game, please see page 21.

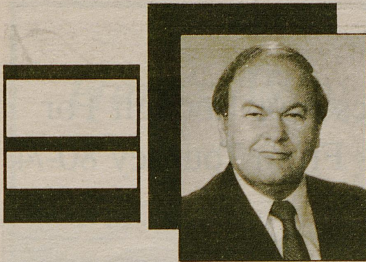
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After Loss In Birmingham, Recruiting Heats Up Again

While there's definitely a Big Blue flavor in the 50th NCAA Final Four this weekend in Kansas City, none of the current Kentucky Wildcats will be on the hardwoods as Kentucky's quest for a berth in the Final Four fell at the hands of Villanova last week.

Coach Eddie Sutton and his Wildcats appeared to be on the right track to take a shot at the high-and-mighty Oklahoma Sooners only to get upset by another brand of Wildcats which put on a dazzling offensive show.

Villanova itself had aspirations of 1985-revisited when the 'Cats surprised everyone by emerging as the national champions at Rupp Arena after winning the Southeast Region in, of all places, Birmingham.

Kentucky, which had earlier dispatched Southern University and Maryland from the field, met the challenge early, but fell behind when senior Winston Bennett got in foul trouble twice. He first left the game with the score tied at 29-29 in the first half after a very questionable call. Villanova took advantage of Bennett's absence and soared to an 11-point halftime lead.

Less than two minutes into the second half, Bennett picked up his fourth foul and Kentucky never caught up. Oh, the 'Cats made a couple runs at the Big East entry, but without Bennett, the 'Cats just couldn't get over the jump. When he returned to the lineup with just over six minutes remaining, it was too late.

And, thus, a end to the Final Four dreams of the 1987 Wildcats, especially seniors Rob Lock, Ed Davender, Bennett, Cedric Jenkins and Richard Madison.

Villanova ended the UK's season with an 80-74 decision. In the second game of the regional, Oklahoma raced by Louisville by a score of 108-98, eliminating both Kentucky's entries from the race.

The loss overshadowed a great 30-point exhibition by sophomore Rex Chapman who kept the 'Cats in the game almost single-handedly.

The lack of a consistent inside game, much the problem for UK throughout the season, against spelled doom for the 'Cats. Lock had a tough time the first half, but came alive early in the second half to give the Big Blue a new life. But he and Chapman were not enough to hold off Villanova.

Scoring was the big problem. Bennett was hitting well when he was in the game, but he logged only 22 minutes with his foul problems. But the shooting eye abandoned both Ed Davender and Eric Manuel. The two combined for only five of 22 from the field.

Meanwhile, Villanova was hitting just about everything it launched at the Birmingham-Jefferson Civic Center. From the free throw line, for instance, Villanova canned a perfect 17 of 17. It was that kind of a night.

But give the UK Wildcats credit, they never gave up, right to the very end. And the end it was.

It was disappointing to say the least.

All you had to do was to take a peek inside the UK locker room after the game. Tears flowed freely. Bennett and Chapman couldn't hold back their emotions, even 10 minutes after the final horn. It was a bitter pill to swallow.

They should take pride in a very successful season, one which produced a record of 27 victories and only six losses. Along the way, UK defeated such arch-rivals as Indiana, Louisville, Notre Dame, LSU three times and national power Syracuse.

It will be a while before the Wildcats get over the loss. They'll feel the pain this weekend when Oklahoma, Duke, Kansas and Arizona meet in Kansas City for the Final Four.

The players, as well as the coaching staff, will replay the game a thousand times, but the final outcome will be the same. Sure, this team probably should have beaten Villanova, but even if the UK had been successful against Villanova, they still would have been an underdog against Oklahoma.

Perhaps a loss to Oklahoma would have been easier to accept, but that's why the games are played. It wasn't the greatest season in UK history, but it certainly wasn't the worst. In fact, it was a fine season which included a regular-season Southeastern Conference championship, an SEC Tournament title and two NCAA victories enabling UK to join the field of the Sweet Sixteen.

Thanks fellas, for some fond memories.

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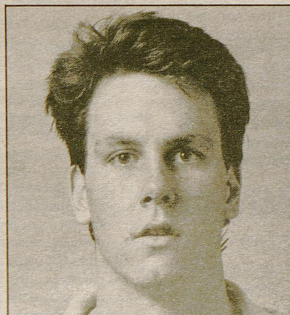
Back to the Kentucky connection in Kansas City.

Let's start with East Regional representative Duke. The Blue Devils have a senior All-American by the name of Danny Ferry who once was interested in being recruiting by Kentucky.

At the time (prior to the Sutton era), Ferry and his DeMatha Catholic High team first played in Lexington's Hillbrook Festival when Ferry was a sophomore. There were some on the UK staff who thought Ferry was too slow and not big enough to play hoops on the big-time level. By the time the UK staff realized they had made a serious miscalculation in Ferry's abilities, it was too late to get back in the recruiting. He didn't even make an official visit.

To the Southeast where the Sooners are on a roll. There making a big contribution is senior Harvey Grant, who found his way to Norman by the junior college route. Most everyone around here knows he once signed a letter of intent with Kentucky out of junior college but the UK staff asked Grant to look elsewhere after he had a run-in with the law after a petty larceny incident in Kansas. The decision came right at the time of the controversial investigation of UK by the NCAA.

In the Midwest you have the Kansas Jayhawks and would you believe that one of the main ingredients is a youngster by the name of Kevin Pritchard, who might



MacLean, Left, Farmer, Right, And Brittain Top Three On UK's List

have been headed to UK at the same time as one Rex Chapman and one Harvey Grant. Pritchard is from Tulsa, Okla., was being recruited as a junior by Sutton when he was at Arkansas. When Sutton arrived in Kentucky, Pritchard (who already had an interest in UK) became even more interested. There are some who say he lost interest in UK after the Wildcats signed Chapman. Pritchard, some say, would have signed early with UK had Chapman not signed in November of that year. Kevin did keep UK on his list for another couple months before finally deciding on Kansas.

And from the West you have Arizona, the school which operates under the watchful eye of one Lute Olson. Lute was Kentucky's first choice to replace the retiring Joe B. Hall back in 1985. There are those who say Lute really was never interested in the UK job, that his appearance before the UK selection committee was just a public gesture to use as leverage to iron out some problems in Tucson. He, nevertheless, was led around Wildcat Lodge the day before the 1985 NCAA championship game in Lexington and was being introduced to some players as "most likely" the new coach of UK. At least two unnamed UK officials insist he was offered the UK job and even verbally accepted before the deal was called off by Olson later than afternoon. Less than 24 hours later, UK officials interviewed and hired Eddie Sutton.

So, when you flick on the television screen this Saturday for the Final Four semifinals, you can take a little special interest in each of the four teams, knowing they've all got a little Kentucky connection.

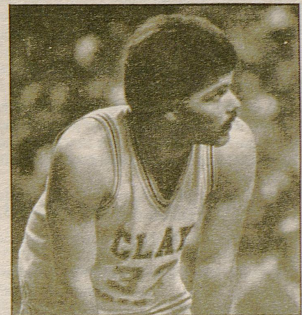
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Recruiting.

That's the top priority on coach Eddie Sutton's list between now and the middle of May.

The three names you'll expect to hear a lot are Don MacLean, Maurice Brittain and Richie Farmer. Don't be surprised if Sutton signs all three.

MacLean enjoyed a super year at Simi Valley and upclose observers believe five schools—Kentucky, Georgia Tech, UNLV, UCLA and Syracuse—remain. The more



knowledgeable sources who have a good track record believe it will come down to UK and Georgia Tech.

MacLean reportedly wants to wait until after the all-star games before making his selection. Look for an announcement and signing near the end of April.

Brittain, the 6-9 center out of Hutchinson Junior College, is called the nation's finest junior college center by super scout Bob Gibbons of *All-Star Sports*. He's being sought by a host of big-time schools, including DePaul, Georgia, Georgia Tech, Kansas State, Minnesota, Kansas, and of course, UK.

Gibbons said Brittain first signed with Mississippi State out of high school, but encountered grade problems and then changed his name from Maurice Ezzard after enrolling at Hutchinson. Gibbons said he dominated the recent junior college tournament in Kansas and says he'll be an impact player the first game he suits up next season on the Division I scene.

Gibbons also told us last week that one report swirling around the junior college tournament two weeks ago that Brittain is headed to Kentucky and that UK signee Shawn Kemp will go to Hutchinson if he doesn't predict for UK.

Kemp is the 6-11 senior from Elkhart, Ind., who signed with UK last November. More about him later.

The story, according to Gibbons, is that UK may have gotten an inside tract with the Hutchinson coach (former Western assistant Dave Farrar) for Brittain's services, if the story of Kemp going to Hutchinson is true.

The third prospect is Clay County's Farmer, who tore up the record books of the recent Kentucky State High School Basketball Tournament.

Farmer scored a record 51 points in the title game in an 88-79 loss to Louisville Ballard. He hit 20 of 32 field goals, including nine of 14 from behind the three-point circle while winning MVP honors in the tourney for the second straight year.

Although he had been courted only by Western Kentucky most of his senior year, several schools took notice of the state tournament and the fact that state university (UK) apparently had little or no in-

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End Of The Line

Chapman's Career-High 30 Points, Edge In Statistics Not Enough For Kentucky As Villanova, Birmingham Jinx Drop 'Cats From Tourney 80-74

By TCP Editor/Publisher Oscar Combs

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — And the clock struck midnight. No more tomorrow, no more hoops, no more Final Four dreams. The End!

It was a bitter shock as the members of this 1987 Kentucky team deeply rooted with five seniors walked off the floor for the final time in Wildcat uniforms.

It wasn't a pleasant sight. But then, more often than not, that's the way past Wildcat teams have left this particular basketball arena in recent years.

When the scoreboard clock reached 0:00, the score read VILLANOVA 80, KENTUCKY 74.

Heads dropped. Their weary legs carried their tired bodies toward a sweaty locker room for one last postgame reunion. There would be no more pep talks about the next game, no more rallies about the rewards of a trip to Kansas City. Life in the fast lane came to an abrupt halt.

'Other' Wildcats Played Almost To Perfection

No one hurt more than Kentucky coach Eddie Sutton. And what did he have to say? "I gave a little philosophy like I do in the last game of the year," Sutton told reporters minutes after the game. "I told them that throughout their lives you're gonna have days when you meet adversity and many times it depends on how you react to that. And they need to react very positively in games past that we lost and I hope that they learned a lot of valuable lessons."

It certainly was one of those nights when nothing went right for Kentucky. The opposite held true for Villanova, being tagged by some as a team of destiny.

A game of mismatches. An event where the Wildcats were forced to play almost half a game without their mainstay—Winston Bennett—on a team which sorely lacked a consistent inside game.

It was a game in which a team (UK) was one of the nation's top 10 free throw shooting clubs, only to be outgunned by a team of lesser accuracy on the season when the opponent failed to miss a single try in 17 attempts.

It was a game in which two (Eric Manuel and Ed Davender) of UK's finest shooters of the past three weeks failed to hit 25 percent of their field goals.

It was a game in which the winner figured to have more rebounds and more field goal attempts. UK won both statistical battles but still lost the war.

It just wasn't meant to be.

Birmingham-Jefferson Claims Another Victim

The Birmingham-Jefferson Civic Center has been unkind to the 'Cats for more than a decade.

It all started back in 1979 during the postseason SEC tournament. The Wildcats reeled off three straight victories only to be defeated by Tennessee in overtime of the championship game.

A year later, UK lost to LSU in the championship contest. The following season, Vanderbilt shocked the 'Cats 60-55 in the first round. After a one-year break, the SEC tourney returned and saw the 'Cats get upset in the first game by Alabama, 69-64.

It was another two years before the tourney went back to the Alabama city and again UK lost in the first round, this time to Florida by a score of 58-55.

The only break of luck over the past 10 years came in 1984 when the 'Cats earned a first-round bye in the NCAA and then defeated Brigham Young in Birmingham to advance to the regional semis in Knoxville. That could have been a disaster had not home-standing UAB been upset by BYU in the first round.

If you've guessed that Birmingham has not been among UK's favorite arenas, you're not wrong.

Thursday night, the Birmingham facility continued its jinx on the Wildcats and extended its bad luck to the Wildcats' sister institution—the Louisville Cardinals as they were beaten 108-98 by Oklahoma.

Chapman's Career-High 30 Points Kept It Close

Thanks to Rex Chapman's career-high 30 points, the Wildcats made a game of it most of the way, especially in the first half before UK lost Bennett at 4:42 when he picked up his third person foul.

At the time, the two clubs were knotted at 29-29 in game that had see-sawed the first 16 minutes. After that, Villanova went on a 14-3 tear to take command of a 43-32 lead at the halfway mark and UK never caught up.

Kentucky came storming out of the gate as Chapman was scoring from all over the floor to offset the balanced scoring of Tom Greis, Doug West and Mark Plansky. Chapman hit four of his first

five shots (two three-pointers), but the 'Cats still trailed 17-15 at the 14:23 mark because 7-2 Greis was scoring at will with short jump hooks inside the paint and West was hitting long-range bombs.

Villanova left its zone temporarily to cover Chapman and Bennett went to work inside, picking up 10 quick points before being charged with his third foul at 4:42.

It was the beginning of the end.

With Bennett On Bench, 'Cats Went Under

Villanova rattled off seven straight points as Plansky hit a three-pointer, Kenny Wilson canned a couple free throws and West canned a 12-footer after Taylor drew a charging foul on Rob Lock for a 36-29 lead.

Chapman, who had gone scoreless since 14:05 mark and had taken only one shot, canned a three-pointer from the top of the key to close the gap to 36-31, but Villanova then retaliated with another seven-point run on a three-pointer by Plansky, a seven-footer by West and a pair of free throws by Gary Massey.

In the second half, Lock returned with fire in his eyes. He immediately ignited the 'Cats with baseline jumper at 19:32, but Bennett committed his fourth personal foul at 19:18 and went to the pine. It would prove to be a very critical mistake for the 'Cats.

Although UK came at Villanova hard, the Big East 'Cats refused to wilt, withstanding each Wildcat surge.

Kentucky closed the gap to seven (53-46) at 15:42 on a Lock slam, but 'Nova went back on top by nine on Greis' turnaround jumper.

With 8:54 left, Chapman tickled the nets for a three-pointer and narrowed the deficit to four (63-59), but again 'Nova pulled back out, this time on a three-pointer by Wilson from 21 feet out.

Bennett finally got back in at 6:53 and UK trailing 68-61, but 'Nova kept hitting the free throws and took time off the shot clock each trip down the floor.

UK made one last run at Villanova at 2:04 as LeRon Ellis hit a free throw and Bennett canned a pair to narrow the score to 74-70.

Late Kentucky Run Was Too Little, Too Late

But just as they had all night, the 'Nova Cats responded with four free throws from West and Plansky to put Villanova up again by eight (78-70). Bennett hit a shot jumper off a missed shot before Wilson hit another pair of free throws and Chapman slammed home an uncontested dunk at 0:06 to make the final score of 80-74.

Villanova, which didn't score a field goal the last 2:23 of the game, sealed the victory with six straight free tosses.

West paced the Villanova attack with 20 points followed by Plansky's 16 and Wilson's 15. Also in double-figure scoring were Taylor with 11 and Greis with 10.

Chapman's 30 spearheaded the UK attack followed by Bennett with 16 and Lock with 11 points. Kentucky won the battle of the boards 31-27, with Manuel tying Taylor and Plansky for game honors with eight each.

Villanova shot 56.9 percent from the field on 29 of 51 while UK hit 45.8 percent on 27 of 59. That basically told the story. UK had 11 turnovers to nine for Villanova.

The victory improved Villanova's record to 24-12 and UK bowed out of 1987 action with a 27-6 mark. Villanova went on to lose to Oklahoma in the regional finals by 19.

To 'Nova coach Rollie Massimino, it was more of 'Nova playing great than UK playing poorly.

"I felt that Kentucky played a superb game," said Massimino. "It's the best defensive effort this team (Villanova) has ever seen. They (UK) changed up defenses tremendously well."

Concerning Chapman's career-high 30 points, the 'Nova coach said, "It doesn't seem like we did a very good job on him, but he's a great, great basketball player and we did everything we could."

The key? "We did a good job in stopping their inside game," said Massimino. "I have to give our kids a tremendous amount of credit."

UK's Eddie Sutton pointed to the final seven minutes of the first half as the reason for the loss.

"We got ourselves in a jam during those last seven or eight minutes of the first half," said Sutton. "We made some mistakes on the offensive end and took a couple bad shots. We hurt ourselves."

"Anything you get behind a club like Villanova you're asking for problems," continued Sutton. "They (Villanova) shot the ball extremely well. It seemed like in the second half every time we tried to make a run, someone on their club would answer it. We just never could quite get over the jump and we played catchup basketball all evening."

One of the puzzling stats was in the rebounding department where UK won the battle 31-27, but in a strange way. The 'Cats had only 12 defensive rebounds but 17 on the offensive end while Villanova gathered in 17 defensive rebounds but only nine offensive boards.

The difference, of course, was that UK missed fired on 32 field goal attempts while Villanova failed to connect on only 22 shots.

UK-Villanova Play-By-Play

Time	Kentucky	Score	Villanova
19:42	Chapman 21 ft.	3-0	
19:07		3-2	West 12 ft.
18:38		3-4	Wilson 18 ft.
18:21	Chapman 21 ft.	6-4	
17:55		6-6	Greis 8 ft.
17:29		6-8	Greis 4 ft.
16:53		6-10	Taylor putback
16:36	Bennett 16 ft., FT	9-10	
15:40		9-12	Greis 6 ft. hook
15:25	Lock dunk	11-12	
15:08		11-14	Taylor FT, FT
14:55	Chapman 12 ft.	13-14	
14:23		13-17	West 20 ft.
14:05	Chapman 17 ft.	15-17	
13:04		15-20	Taylor lay-in, FT
12:44	Bennett tip-in	17-20	
10:52	Bennett 13 feet	19-20	
9:45	Davender FT, FT	21-20	
8:07		21-23	West 21 ft.
7:44	Manuel 20 ft.	24-23	
7:27		24-25	West 11 ft.
6:55		24-27	Massey lay-in
6:36	Bennett tip-in, FT	27-27	
5:56		27-29	Plansky FT, FT
5:13	Davender lay-in	29-29	
4:29		29-32	Plansky 20 ft.
3:50		29-34	Wilson FT, FT
3:09		29-36	West 12 ft.
2:16	Chapman 25 ft.	32-36	
1:59		32-39	Plansky 22 ft.
1:05		32-41	West 7 ft.
0:49		32-43	Massey FT, FT
HALF		32-43	
19:32	Lock 8 ft.	34-43	
19:06		34-45	West 15 ft.
18:46	Lock putback	36-45	
18:32		36-47	Massey lay-in
18:04		36-49	Plansky 12 ft.
17:44	Lock FT, FTA	38-49	
17:14	Chapman 14 ft.	39-49	
17:02		39-51	Massey lay-in
16:43	Davender 5 ft.	41-51	
16:23		41-53	Taylor tip-in
16:05	Chapman 21 ft.	44-53	
15:42	Lock dunk	46-53	
15:06		46-55	Greis 7 ft.
13:54	Chapman 8 ft.	48-55	
13:21		48-57	Wilson 17 ft.
12:50	Manuel 23 ft.	51-57	
11:59		51-59	Wilson FT, FT
11:31	Chapman FT, FT	53-59	
10:16		53-61	Plansky 15 ft.
10:00	Manuel 24 ft.	56-61	
9:16		56-63	Wilson 13 ft.
8:54	Chapman 20 ft.	59-63	
8:32		59-66	Wilson 21 ft.
8:15	Lock 4 ft.	61-66	
6:53		61-68	Greis 12 ft.
5:28	Ellis FT, FTA	62-68	
5:09		62-70	Taylor FT, FT
3:47		62-72	West 8 ft.
3:26	Bennett 14 ft.	64-72	
3:07	Chapman lay-in	66-72	
2:24		67-74	Plansky 12 ft.
2:04	Ellis FT, FTA	68-74	
2:04	Bennett FT, FT	70-74	
1:09		70-76	West 12 ft.
1:33		70-78	Plansky FT, FT
1:23	Bennett 3 ft.	72-78	
1:11		72-80	Wilson FT, FT
0:06	Chapman dunk	74-80	
FINAL		74-80	

—Cats' Pause chart

Here's Why 'Cats Were Among Sweet 16. . .

Maturity Played Big Role In UK's Improvement

VERSATILITY.

Eleven letters that spell out why the University of Kentucky Wildcats were among the last 16 teams still playing when regional semifinal and final action kicked into gear last week.



Dan Brandenburg

Cats' Pause Columnist



Coach Eddie Sutton's squad has matured into a team that will do whatever it takes to win and that is a big change from its first few efforts in December. At the start of the year, the Cats played only as well as super sophomore Rex Chapman did, for the most part. If Rex was in high gear, so was UK. If Rex couldn't find the hole, the entire team struggled.

But now, especially after the Wildcats' showing in Cincinnati, that is definitely not the case.

Kentucky has even shown that it can beat a quality opponent without Chapman, a feat that few believed, when they dethroned Big East "power" Syracuse in Rupp Arena before a national television audience in one of their last regular season games.

MATURITY HAS MADE the difference. The 1987-88 edition of the Cats have perhaps come farther over the course of the season than any other in recent memory.

Back in December, practically everything about the team was questionable. —Will Rex be able to withstand the pressure that UK fans place on him for another season?

- Can Winston Bennett return to his former status after knee surgery?
- Will Rob Lock finally prove to more than a liability in the post?
- Can two of the nation's best freshmen, LeRon Ellis and Eric Manuel, make a contribution this season?
- Will Ed Davender be able to successfully take over Roger Hardin's slot at point guard?

—Can either Richard Madison or Cedric Jenkins finally, in their senior seasons, live up to their press clippings?

LET'S TAKE THEM one at a time.

1. Chapman can handle practically anything that is dished out at him by anyone, and that includes the UK coaching staff, the plethora of Kentucky fanatics and the sometimes overzealous media.

He survived the overblown "scandal" of his and Sutton's differences about Chapman's shot selection. He came through his back injury in flying colors. He, in my humble opinion, is playing better now than he ever has.

It is beyond me how he was passed over for all three Associated Press All-America teams. It was also a total surprise to see Vanderbilt's Will Perdue mentioned on the third team. I agree that Perdue was the Southeastern Conference's premiere post man, but he isn't in the same league as Rex.

AND NO, I didn't get to vote on the teams so I plead innocence. I also beg sympathy for my overwrought brethren who had ballots without "Chapman" penciled on them.

2. If there is any doubt that Bennett is just as mean a beater and banger now as he was two seasons ago, ask any frontline in the SEC. He is one of the league's top rebounders and has proven that jump shot is effective outside the paint. This is an even better Winston Bennett than we would have seen last season.

3. Rob Lock is at the top of my "Biggest Surprises of the Season" list. I, too, had almost entirely written off the Reedley, Calif., product, but he is going out with a bang. If there is an SEC "Most Improved Player" award, Lock should get it hands down.

YOU'VE ALL HEARD about his incredible increase in free throw proficiency, but he's also made some marked improvements in rebounding and is playing the post with much more authority and confidence. He's great at faking, er, taking the charge and he has almost quit trying to dribble in the paint. Lock also leads the team in off-the-wall humor (he is from California, you know). In my book, there are all pluses beside his name.

4. Ellis and Manuel have been both a surprise and a disappointment. Ellis started off like gangbusters, wowing one of the Blue-White scrimmage crowds with a pair of rim-rattling alley-oop dunks, but he never made it any farther.

Sure, we were probably expecting too much and his illnesses and ankle injury surely didn't help matters. Perhaps it's just a case of trying too hard more than anything else. But let's not scratch his name off the 1990 or '91 All-American lists just yet.

MANUEL IS THE other side of the coin. He started out like many freshmen — timid, uncertain and overwhelmed. However, he has gotten better

with almost every game and will probably continue to do so.

He has quietly made the difference in several of UK's recent wins. His 13 points, 10 rebounds and 5 assists against Southern University in the opening round of the NCAA tourney barely received a mention. Likewise for his 13

points and 5 assists against Maryland.

5. Surely no one still has any doubts about whether Ed "The most underrated player in America" Davender can play the point. True, he hasn't turned into the greatest assist man in school history, but Ed has been carrying too much of the scoring load to be dishing out double-digit assists every game.

HE HAD 53 points, 12 rebounds and 6 assists in the two games in Cincinnati, including a career-high 30-point effort against Southern. Who could ask for anything more?

6. See Eric Manuel, answer No. 4., above. Madison and Jenkins combined for 25 minutes of playing time in Cincinnati. Manuel accounted for 74. 'Nuff said.

While in the River City, the Cats showed they can run-and-gun with the best of them by simply outscoring Southern, plus also bang the boards with one of the better rebounding teams around in Maryland.

Incidentally, UK shot 62 percent in those two wins. I will be very surprised if Kentucky is not playing in Kansas City this weekend. Like I said, whatever it takes.

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NCAA TOURNEY NOTES:

—There only two coaches in this year's NCAA field that have coached in the tourney more than UK's Eddie Sutton — Lou Carnesecca of St. John's (15 times) and North Carolina's Dean Smith (18 times). Sutton is coaching in his 13th tourney, along with Jerry Tarkanian, UNLV; Lou Henson, Illinois; Denny Crum, Louisville; and Digger Phelps, Notre Dame.

—I'm fairly pleased with the results of my tournament predictions that appeared last issue. While I hit on only 22 of the 32 first-round games, I got 10 of the final 16 teams right. But then, everyone missed on Richmond and Rhode Island, right? And what about Kansas State, Villanova and Vandy? Kansas was the only one I missed that was not a real big surprise to me; I just simply blew an upset pick on Xavier.

—And don't forget my Final Four picks for this weekend: Kentucky over Arizona and Purdue over Duke in the semifinals, with Purdue edging UK in the finals.

—How good is Kentucky? Let's let Southern coach Ben Jobe explain. "I see no reason they can't go to the Final Four and win it all. They're the best club we've played in the two years I've been at Southern.

"Their depth is fantastic and that's what would hurt a team like (No. 1) Temple. If it comes down to No. 1 and Kentucky, I'd put my money on Kentucky."

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OTHER STUFF:

—Rex Chapman also didn't make the All-American teams selected by the United States Basketball Writers Association, but he and Winston Bennett did make the group's all-district team.

That squad, picked from teams in Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia and Florida, also included Duane Ferrell and Tom Hammonds of Georgia Tech, Pervis Ellison of Louisville, Chris Morris of Auburn, Dyron Nix of Tennessee, Will Perdue of Vanderbilt, Willie Anderson of Georgia and Vernon Maxwell of Florida.

Perdue was player of the year for the district and his mentor, C.M. Newton, was voted coach of the year.

—Speaking of Vanderbilt, can you picture Clay County's Richie Farmer wearing a Commodore uniform next season? I can.

—Speaking of Richie Farmer, the 1988 selections for Mr. and Miss Basketball in Kentucky will be announced April 16 at a meeting of the Kentucky Associated Press Sports Editors Association in Lexington.

—For those of you who have had it up to here with basketball, things are looking up. The first spring football media guides of the season crossed my desk last week. However, I had to file them away until I can get used to a ball that doesn't bounce straight, again.



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And The Winner Is...

Dear Sir:

I'm writing so I can express my feelings about Rob Lock. I have enjoyed watching him play the last four years. It has been interesting to say the least. I admire Rob for the way he held his head up and kept going when he was booed. Most players would have given up, maybe even transferred to another school. But not Rob Lock, he went on to become one of the most improved players in college hoops. I would hate to think of the kind of seasons we would have had the last two years without Rob Lock. And from interviews I've seen with Rob Lock, I would have to think that he is one of the most personable players ever at Kentucky, and this guy is very funny. So thanks Rob Lock, you're a winner.

Don Wildcat Young
Louisville, Kentucky

P.S.—Go 'Cats Go! 1988 NCAA champs. Sounds good to me.

Congrats, 'Cats

Dear Sir:

I wish to congratulate the players, coach (Eddie) Sutton and his staff on a very fine year. They won the SEC regular season, the SEC (tournament) championship and had a very impressive non-conference schedule. Some nay-sayers might say they were lucky and could've very easily had three to five more losses, but, as Mr. Combs pointed out, the reverse is also true. With a break here and there, they could have won three of the games they lost. The fact that they won more close games than they lost is a mark of a good team.

Now on to the NCAA. How will Kentucky fare the rest of the way? I don't know, but if they play as well as they did in 30 of their 32 games to date, they will be competitive. A loss in the NCAA will hurt, but face it, luck has as much to do with who wins as talent. When was the last time the best team in the country won the NCAA? Maybe Georgetown in 1984, UNC in 1982, and then you have Indiana in 1976, Kentucky in 1978 and Michigan State in 1979. I don't recall 1976 and 1979, but I remember the scares Kentucky got from Florida State and Michigan State, not to mention the late run Duke made in the championship game. Who will forget the Georgetown pass to a UNC player at the end of the 1982 championship game? Georgetown vs. Kentucky in 1984: How often will you run into a team that shoots only three of 30 (33?) for a half? What happens when more-talented teams run into truly inspired teams: Alabama vs. Providence 1987. . . Kentucky vs. LSU 1986. . . Georgetown vs. Villanova in 1985. . . everybody against N.C. State in 1983. . . and you could go on and on.

My thoughts on this Kentucky team:

□ **Winston Bennett**—A great role model both in the classroom and on the court. Outgrew his foul-prone reputation and started to shoot the ball to score rather than to draw fouls, thereby eliminating many foolish offensive fouls. Always a good defensive player and strong rebounder.

□ **Ed Davender**—A fine defensive player who can rack up points and assists with the best of them. Accused at times of forcing his

shots, but what player worth his salt has not forced a shot or two?

□ **Cedric Jenkins**—Another great role model, both in the classroom and on the court, graduated in three and a half years while playing basketball. Always gives a 100-percent effort on the court and can play defense both inside and on the perimeter. I think Cedric would have been awesome if he had not been injured his junior year.

□ **Rob Lock**—The most improved player on the team this year, has learned to play within his limitations and, as he did against Georgia, comes up with some big offensive rebounds and putbacks.

□ **Richard Madison**—A great athlete with limitless untapped potential. I don't know why one player blossoms and another doesn't, but Richard accepted his backup role without hanging his head, played with enthusiasm and was a good example to others who were not getting as much playing time as they would have liked.

□ **Mike Scott**—Welcome home to Kentucky and sorry you did not get your shot right out of high school. Totally unreasonable expectations placed on this young man last year when you consider how long he had been away from organized basketball (coaching staff and media should be ashamed of themselves).

□ **Rex Chapman**—Probably not the best guard in college basketball today, but not far from it. The thing I like about Rex is that he has improved defensively and, especially lately, is letting his shots come to him rather than forcing them. His play in the SEC tournament was very impressive.

□ **Derrick Miller**—Another example of too high expectations placed on a young man who was not ready for it. Needs to realize that he does not have to score a lot of points to be a valuable team member.

□ **LeRon Ellis**—Would have played more on a less-talented team. Showed flashes of greatness, best years should be ahead of him.

□ **Reggie Hanson**—Not as much of a contributor as the preseason hoopla led us to expect, not surprising considering Kentucky's returning experience and depth in the front court. Hopefully, best years are ahead of him.

□ **Eric Manuel**—May have been the Rookie of the Year on a less-talented team. If he continues to improve, the best "pure" small forward since Jack Givens.

□ **Sean Sutton**—Playing time was understandably limited. Will find out next year if he can be the No. 1 point guard.

As for the redshirts, only time will tell how much or how soon these young men will contribute.

Wish List: Kentucky sign Richie Farmer and, scholarships permitting, another Kentucky player, even if that means foregoing Don MacLean. The reason for foregoing MacLean is that, based on what I have read in the media (*TCF*), he seems to be too concerned with his playing time and therefore may not be happy at Kentucky anyway. Also, if they sign a full complement of 15, they should redshirt two or more players.

Jim Russell
Marietta, Georgia

Happy Fan

Dear Sir:

I believe Happy Chandler deserves a Gram-

my Award. How many people do you know that can sing "My Old Kentucky Home" and make so many grown men misty-eyed? This man is truly unbelievable.

It just goes to show year in and year out that Kentucky is the No. 1 basketball program in the world. The midnight practices, seniors' last home games, championships and the following we have are the best.

So let's all stand behind our beloved 'Cats no matter what.

Sincerely,

Tony Fawbush
Fern Creek, Kentucky

'88 — Good; '89 — Better

Dear Sir:

The Wildcats were great in '87-'88, for it is tough to win the SEC outright. It took good coaching plus lots of talent, and UK had and still has plenty of both.

Winston Bennett proved that he could play with the big boys.

(Ed) Davender was always consistent and could make some pro team a good guard.

Rob Lock, who was fun to watch, saved his best to the last and really came on strong.

Not many teams can lose five frontline players and be better the next season, (but) the reason we are going to be better is better shooting forwards. Plus (LeRon) Ellis can shoot the jump shot. Sean (Sutton) must improve his shooting to take the pressure off of Rex (Chapman).

I think the UK fans are going to be pleasantly surprised with the redshirts and the new recruits. We already know that Eric (Manuel) and Reggie (Hanson) can play the game, and (Mike) Scott and (Derrick) Miller are no slouches. Scott has a nice touch with the jumper.

UK has lacked good-shooting forwards since the Jack Givens and Kevin Grevey days. Well, we have them now, plus a great coaching staff to guide them to a national championship soon.

Now about *The Cats' Pause*: There is none better, all the writers are very talented. And contrary to popular belief, I think that Bob Watkins is the best, keep telling it like it is Bob. There is always good reading in *The Cats' Pause*.

Sam Shepherd
Pineville, Kentucky

P.S.—The future looks good for UK basketball.

On The Road Again

Dear Sir:

We set 7 a.m. as the time and Wednesday as the day. . . for what? Why, of course, to leave Bowling Green for Baton Rouge, the only place to be to weeks ago.

Our destination that night was Brookhaven, Miss., where some 50-odd years ago, I had attended Whitworth College, no longer in existence. Thursday morning before leaving town, my husband and I went out to see the

"remains." It was ever so sad a sight, the buildings crumbling, etc., but he took a picture of me beside one anyway.

Then we were on our way. Before long, we heard, "honk, honk," and sure enough, more Kentuckians. On to the Louisiana Welcome Center—more Kentuckians, some from Paducah, some from Leitchfield.

And that was the way it was on to Baton Rouge. There is nothing like "Wildcat Fever," especially this time of year. And of course, there's no team like our team! We just had a great time down there, two very nice couples from Madisonville sat in front of us at the games. And Kentuckians were all around us.

Friday, as I was walking around the concourse, a lady walked towards me and said, "You were in Lexington two years ago at the tournament weren't you?" My reply: "Yes, and you flew into Lexington from Baton Rouge, right?" It's a great place to be—at the tournament.

Thanks to our team, the Big Blue especially, to the others also, for it was a good time for everyone. Good luck 'Cats, the rest of the way.

Mr. and Mrs. George Saunders
Bowling Green, Kentucky

P.S.—I agree with Sean Murphy of Ole Miss, that player he mentioned (Dwayne Schintzius) is very moody. It was very evident at the tournament.

Wesley, That's Who

Dear Sir:

I am writing to answer the question: "Who's The New Wildcat?" under a photo on page 18 of your March 19 issue. He is my son, Wesley Corzine. Wesley is 11 year old and lives in Baton Rouge. He and his brother, Chuck, are without a doubt the biggest Wildcat fans in Louisiana, and possibly anywhere.

We attended the SEC tournament in Baton Rouge and Wesley was talking with Rob Lock when his picture was snapped (Rob was on the other side and not in the picture). The players and Rob Lock in particular were very kind and patient to talk with the children. Chuck and Wesley have been to UK basketball camp, to see the Wildcats in Freedom Hall, watched them practice in Baton Rouge and, of course, play in Baton Rouge. Every time we have been around the players they have conducted themselves in a very commendable way in dealing with the young fans. I feel they should be complimented on this. It means so much to their young fans.

As you can imagine, Wesley was very excited to open up *The Cats' Pause* and discover his picture. He insisted that I write and identify him.

I am a native of Paducah and a life-long Wildcat fan. Chuck and Wesley have followed in their mother's footsteps and are Big Blue fans in spite of living in Tiger country.

Thank you for running the picture. It certainly made one little boy's day extra special.

Sincerely,

Charla Corzine
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Hook Shot: Basketball's Endangered Species

Zone Defense Most To Blame For Its Demise

There are no sad songs being sung about the demise of the standing guard, the two-handed set shot, the center jump after each scored goal or other jump ball situations that now are solved by which team has the possession arrow in its favor, but there are among us those who still long for the return of the hook shot, which is most difficult to master.



Russell Rice

Cats' Pause Columnist



but beautiful when executed to perfection.

An almost lone throwback to the days of the great hookers is Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Los Angeles Laker center whose shot is regarded as such a novelty in these times that it is called a "sky hook," but in reality involves the same moves as the original hooker, whereby a player gets the ball, takes a little step and lifts an extended arm—the one behind the head and away from the defense—toward the basket.

A reminder that the shot is an endangered species comes in the form of a column, "The Vanishing Hook Shot," written by *Los Angeles Times* staff writer Richard Hoffer and forwarded to University of Kentucky athletics director Cliff Hagan by UK alumnus Howard L. Cleveland of Los Angeles.

"I WAS THERE WHEN ADOLPH (RUPP) ARRIVED with his two suitcases (fall of 1930)," Cleveland writes. "I was there when Harry Gamage (32-25-5 as UK football coach 1927-33) departed with his. The corner lamp posts along Limestone and other appropriate locations bore little signs that read 'COACH STOPS HERE.' (They weren't called buses, but we had them, street cars, too—7-cent fare.)"

"Many among the 3,000 student body thought the sign, if not the leg-slapper, was mildly amusing.

"So what's the point, Mr. Legend? Dynasties, unlike diamonds, are not forever, but some—well, the great stallion LEXINGTON sired 543 foals.

"UK roundball is remarkably third generation—50 years plus. Compare UCLA, Marquette, DePaul and some others you well know."

We thank Mr. Cleveland for the clipping and his thoughts; meanwhile, we wonder if he realizes that perhaps roundball history was being made while he was on the campus 57 years ago this month, when Rupp, who was coming off a successful break-in season at UK (16-3), announced that during spring drills he would have his boys working on a revolutionary new shot.

THE SHOT WAS A HOOKER, which caught mild attention early among some of the Wildcats, but was embraced only by John "Frenchy" DeMoisey, a 6-foot-6 sophomore center from Walton High School who had attracted Rupp's attention by scoring 50 points in a game against Butler and 45 in a regional game against Paris.

"I wasn't able to teach that shot to any of the other boys," Rupp said. "It was destined to make Frenchy an All-American."

Led by DeMoisey and Aggie Sale, the Wildcats opened the 1932 season with an easy victory over Georgetown, edged Carnegie Tech by two and beat Berea and Marshall handily before DeMoisey was declared ineligible because of a deficiency in sociology.

While the Wildcats were rolling over five other foes in January, DeMoisey started experimenting with a left-handed hook, which he had developed rather handily by the time he returned to lead the 'Cats to a 20-point victory over Washington & Lee. The Wildcats then defeated Duke and Alabama before traveling to Nashville for an important game against Vanderbilt. After DeMoisey scored a school record 29 points to lead UK to a 62-37 win, a Nashville writer described his hook shot as a "whirling dervish job that looked like an accident, but wasn't."

When the Commodores came to Lexington to close out the season, DeMoisey and Sale were ailing with the flu, and Vandy won, 32-31, spoiling a perfect season for the 'Cats. With its two stars still under the weather, UK lost to North Carolina, 43-42, after defeating Tulane, in the Southern Conference tournament.

In a surprising 58-26 victory over Chicago early the following season, DeMoisey hit his "whirling pivot shots" from all angles, scoring 24 points and tying a single game record in that arena before Rupp took him out of the game. He earned all-conference honors that year and the following year, when he also became UK's seventh All-American.

THE NEXT GREAT UK HOOK SHOT ARTIST, and undoubtedly one of the best hookers ever to play the game, was Cliff Hagan, who was a student at Owensboro High when he went over to Bowling Green and watched Western Kentucky's Bob Lavoy shoot the hook shot. Hagan returned home and started working on the shot. Sometime during that period, he visited UK and started shooting around while the 'Cats were practicing. He recalls talking to Alex Groza, who had a semi-hook, not a full hook shot. The Wildcat All-American thought the shot very difficult to learn and didn't encourage Hagan to depend on it or even take it up.

"I went home and started working on it," Hagan said, "and that became my weapon. Actually, I started shooting it before my junior season; as far as I know, I was really the only player in western Kentucky using it. I'm sure I wasn't the first high school player to use it, because Bob Lavoy had learned it somewhere."

"It's contrary to everything you do," he said, "to lay the ball out on your palm behind

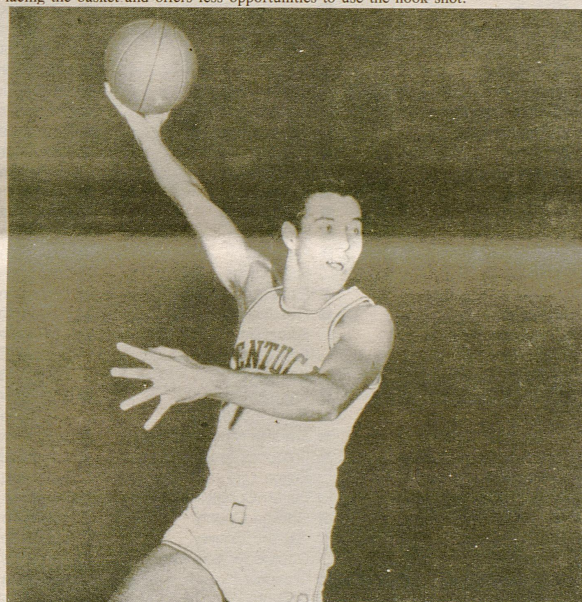
you. It's just a strange feeling until you develop that touch. And you have to shoot about 5,000 of them before you believe you have."

"I was going to break him of that shot," Rupp said, "but every time I was about ready to make him stop using that thing, he would make four or five in a row and I'd say to myself, 'I'll break him next week.' After he got most of his 51 points on hookers against Temple, I decided to let him keep it."

In the *L.A. Times* article, Hoffer refers to the hook as "an inverted finger roll—a reverse dunk—you couldn't block it with an oar... the prettiest two points you'd ever see."

Bill Sharman, president of the Lakers, who calls Hagan "probably the greatest hook-shooting forward of all time," and who also remembers such great hookers as George Mikan, Ed Macauley, Clyde Lovellette and John Kerr, told Hoffer it's "a shame" that you don't see the hook shot anymore, with the notable exceptions of Kareem's Laker teammate Magic Johnson, who has been working on a "junior, junior, junior sky hook," and Kevin McHale of the Celtics, who hooks occasionally.

"IN THE 30s AND 40s AND EARLY 50s, the teams would seldom run or fast-break," he told Hoffer. "So when they would set up on almost every play, it was much harder to get a good, easy shot and many players were forced to use the hook shot. Today, almost all teams try to run and fast break at every opportunity. This places more emphasis on facing the basket and offers less opportunities to use the hook shot."



Hagan's Hook Would Mean Big Bucks In Today's Game

Pete Newell, former Cal coach and now with the Golden State Warriors, said the demise of the hook shot happened about 15 years ago, when the rules committee changed the interpretation of the screen. "It then allowed you to go down and pick a guy," he said, "and rarely was there an offensive foul. It was the birth of the motion offense. It creates a shot in the vicinity of the basket so there's now a lot of jamming."

In other words, the big man no longer could find room to maneuver in what had become very tight space "in the paint."

"It became that the only way to defend was to zone," Newell continued. "It got so you just couldn't stay with the guy (in a man-to-man). Up to two to five years ago, 90 percent of college and high school teams were playing some kind of zone. And when you have a zone, you have no room for the center. The coaching concept became, 'If you're gonna beat me, beat me over the top.'"

"With the emergence of the zone defense, there was no room for the post men to maneuver. He moves and somebody else—some fainting Phil, I call them—takes the offensive foul and falls down. Seriously, coaches were spending as much as 30 minutes a practice on taking the charge."

"When I played the hook shot was just a must," Hagan told Hoffer. "It was virtually unstoppable. I don't understand why it's not here today, the way it extends a big man's capabilities."

Marty Blake, director of scouting for the NBA and former general manager of the St. Louis Hawks, said Hagan had a such a fearsome hook shot that he even intimidated the great Bill Russell.

"Cliff would take the ball right at Russell," Blake told Dan Metzger of Cawood Ledford Productions, "while most players wouldn't, or if they did, they altered their shots. Cliff Hagan was one helluva basketball player. If he was playing today, he would be making a million dollars."

We feel that news about the sports programs at the University of Kentucky should be required reading for all of the state's high school students. So, the staff of *The Cats' Pause* is starting a program we call "Big Blue Penetration."

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Has It Really Been 10 Years Ago?

Yep, But Given's 1978 Performance Still Shines

Ten years ago Jack Given's had one of those games no one will ever forget. Given scored a career-high 41 points in Kentucky's 1978 NCAA Tournament championship game victory over Duke. It was an uncanny performance by Given, who is UK's third all-time leading scorer.



Larry Vaught

Cats' Pause Columnist



"This time of year people always bring up that game," said Given, who will be recognized in Kansas City at the Final Four along with other standout players from past championship games. "It's been 10 years since we won the title but it seems like no one has forgotten the game I had."

One person who hasn't forgotten the game is current UK assistant coach Dwane Casey, a reserve on the 1978 championship team.

"That was just an unbelievable game by Jack," said Casey. "I have not seen a better individual performance since then. He was unreal that night."

Fans and media members still remember the soft jumper the "Goose" had. Today he shakes hands and smiles just as he quick as he used to launch his jumper. It didn't even bother him when fans chanted "Goose, Goose" as he was doing his pregame show for ESPN before recent first round NCAA Tournament games.

"Really, it's nice that people still remember it," said Given. "Sometimes it is even hard for me to believe it was 10 years ago that it happened. When March gets here, it seems like it was only yesterday that I had the blue and white uniform still on."

Given has done color work on first-round NCAA games the last four years for ESPN. It has been a labor of love each time.

"The first-round games are not always some of your best games," said Given. "Teams, especially ones not used to being in the NCAA, are nervous and it shows."

"The excitement is still there, though. Nothing a player experiences comes close to playing in the NCAA Tournament."

"Plus you always have a chance of having that tremendous upset the first round. The thrill-makers come the first round or two. After that I don't think any game is really a big upset because of the balance in college basketball today."

Kentucky has been to the Final Four only once since Given helped the Cats claim the national title 10 years ago. He hoped Kentucky could make another trip to the Final Four this year.

Given still occasionally finds time to test his skills against the current UK players. One thing he doesn't do, though, is offer any advice to players.

"I would never give out advice unless I was asked," said Given. "This time of year a player just needs to be able to relax and play. You hear so many things that can distract you. I would never want to be part of that."

"If you get too many things on your mind, it causes problems. All I would ever tell a player is just to play. If Kentucky does that, it will be okay."

Just like Given was 10 years ago when he had a game most players can only dream about having, especially in a national championship contest.

KENTUCKY, as usual, had more fans than any other team at last weekend's NCAA Southeast Region Tournament. That caused several media members and opposing coaches to talk about the unfair edge that gave UK.

Maybe that's why UK Coach Eddie Sutton took time to explain the drawbacks of all the fan and media attention the Wildcats receive.

"People just don't realize the amount of time that is required of the student-athlete at Kentucky," said Sutton. "I don't know of any program in the country where the players have to give 20 to 30 minutes daily to the media."

"Our guys can't go anywhere. They are hounded for autographs. That wears on you when you go to a shopping mall, out to eat or to a movie. We try to protect our players as best we can."

"Players at other schools see all that and say they would love it. It is pretty good for a while, too. Then it starts wearing thin. That's why we have to protect our players some. They have to have some time to relax."

That attention takes even more of a toll on Rex Chapman, UK's sophomore sensation. He was featured on the cover of numerous preseason magazines, played on the Pan-Am team and is idolized by fans of all ages in Kentucky.

"It gets tough," said Chapman. "I think playing on the court is the easiest part of playing at Kentucky. The job a lot of us have to do off the court is the hard part."

"You really have to watch what you do, watch what you say, watch who you hang around with and watch where you go."

"You have to keep a level head at all times. The program has a tendency to take

your head, if you let it."

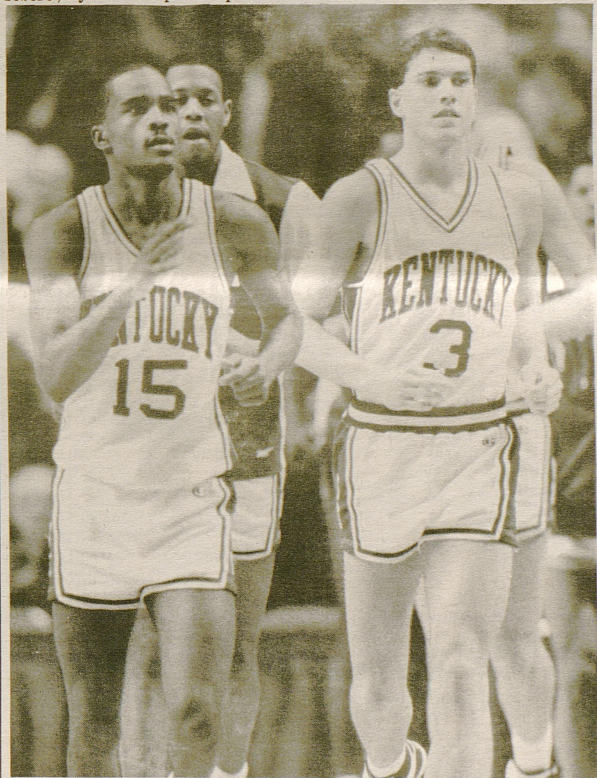
Davender really didn't understand that when he arrived at Kentucky. He didn't take long for him to learn just how big basketball was in the Bluegrass.

"Kentucky basketball is weird in a lot of ways," said Davender. "You just have to learn to deal with things that come with the territory."

"I realized how big Kentucky basketball was when I went to my first intrasquad game. I must have signed 500 autographs and I had never played a minute in a real game."

REX CHAPMAN doesn't understand why national media members have trouble accepting that he and teammate Ed Davender had no problem adjusting their games to each other.

Davender grew up in Brooklyn, N.Y., while Chapman learned his skills in Owensboro, Ky. But both picked up the same lessons.



Ed And Rex Come From Different Backgrounds, But They Get Along

"Eddie and I get along well together," said Chapman. "We both like to get the ball up and down the court, run and take the jump shot."

"We might be from two different parts of the country but we play the same way. When it came to basketball, we learned a lot of the same things. I just don't know why people have so much trouble understanding that."

UK COACH Eddie Sutton denied rumors that he would leave Kentucky for the NBA during the Southeastern Conference Tournament. During the opening round of NCAA play in Cincinnati, though, he left the door open to a possible exit to the professional ranks.

"I have no desire to go any place else," said the UK coach. "There is not a perfect job anywhere. This is a wonderful place and I am happy."

"I have no desire to go to the NBA. I have had opportunities and maybe one day I will want to do. Perhaps when my children are out of college I may look to go some place else. But not now."

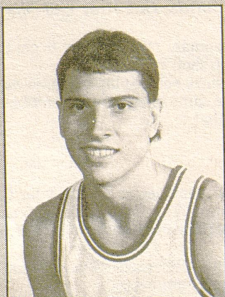
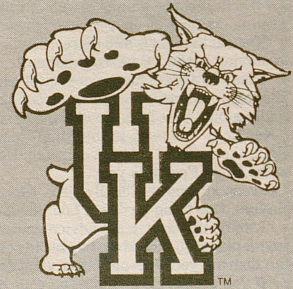
Sutton's youngest son, Scott, is a sophomore at Henry Clay High School.

WILDCAT BASKETBALL STATISTICS

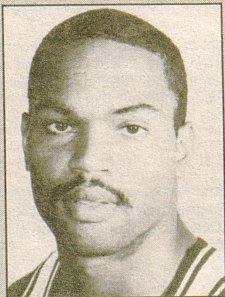
(Season final—33 games)

G	GS	Min	Avg	FG	FCA	Pct	3PT	3PTA	Pct	FT	FTA	Pct	Reb	Avg	PF	D	Ast	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
CHAPMAN, REX																						
32	31	1108	34.6	231	461	50.1	66	159	41.5	81	102	79.4	93	2.9	61	-	117	85	16	53	609	19.0
DAVENDER, ED																						
33	33	1145	34.7	173	371	46.6	22	72	30.6	149	171	87.1	71	2.2	68	1	131	77	3	52	517	15.7
BENNETT, WINSTON																						
33	33	1091	33.1	195	380	51.3	1	2	50.0	113	155	72.9	258	7.8	97	3	52	52	4	40	504	15.3
LOCK, ROB																						
33	33	869	26.3	123	219	56.2	-	-	-	115	154	74.7	216	6.5	110	5	31	69	32	28	361	10.9
MANUEL, ERIC																						
32	10	684	21.4	91	178	51.1	6	10	60.0	40	48	83.3	103	3.2	25	-	74	29	3	33	228	7.1
ELLIS, LeRON																						
28	8	386	13.8	49	106	46.2	-	-	-	22	42	52.4	83	3.0	47	1	13	21	18	13	120	4.3
JENKINS, CEDRIC																						
31	12	488	15.7	35	79	44.3	-	-	-	35	44	79.5	109	3.5	57	1	21	26	20	8	105	3.4
MADISON, RICHARD																						
30	5	459	15.3	36	85	42.4	-	1	-	16	29	55.2	95	3.2	29	-	20	26	1	6	88	2.9
SCOTT, MIKE																						
15	-	73	4.9	11	23	47.8	-	-	-	3	4	75.0	26	1.7	9	-	3	7	5	5	25	1.7
HANSON, REGGIE																						
16	-	83	5.2	6	17	35.3	-	-	-	9	10	90.0	18	1.1	11	-	1	5	1	2	21	1.3
MILLER, DERRICK																						
16	-	84	5.3	8	38	21.1	3	24	12.5	2	3	66.7	11	.7	8	-	3	8	-	1	21	1.3
SUTTON, SEAN																						
73	-	155	6.7	5	14	35.7	-	1	-	19	35	54.3	9	.4	7	-	36	12	1	5	29	1.3
TEAM																						
33	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	71	2.2	-	-	-	3	-	-	-
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OPPONENTS																						
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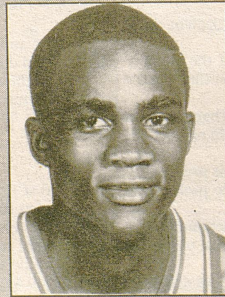
Date	Record	UK	Opp	Opponent	Margin	Top Scorer	Top Rebounder	Attendance
Nov. 28	1-0	86	59	Hawaii	27	18 LOCK, ROB	9 BENNETT, W.	23,049 (H)
Dec. 01	2-0	101	77	Cincinnati	24	22 CHAPMAN, REX	13 LOCK, ROB	22,865 (H)
Dec. 05	3-0	82	76	Indiana	6	22 DAVENDER, ED	10 JENKINS, CEDRIC	43,601 (N-Indy)
Dec. 12	4-0	76	75	Louisville	1	21 CHAPMAN, REX	11 JENKINS, CEDRIC	23,489 (H)
Dec. 18	5-0	85	71	Miami (Ohio)	14	28 BENNETT, W.	10 BENNETT, W.	23,995 (H)
Dec. 19	6-0	84	81	North Carolina-Charl	3	24 CHAPMAN, REX	16 MADISON, RICHARD	23,995 (H)
Dec. 28	7-0	100	58	Alaska	42	24 BENNETT, W.	11 JENKINS, CEDRIC	23,169 (H)
Dec. 31	8-0	81	74	Vanderbilt	7	24 DAVENDER, ED	17 BENNETT, W.	23,104 (H)
Jan. 02	9-0	84	77	Georgia	7	26 CHAPMAN, REX	10 BENNETT, W.	13,666 (A)
Jan. 06	10-0	93	52	Mississippi State	41	17 BENNETT, W.	8 JENKINS, CEDRIC	23,047 (H)
Jan. 09	10-1	52	53	Auburn	-1	20 BENNETT, W.	10 BENNETT, W.	23,379 (H)
Jan. 13	11-1	63	55	Alabama	8	17 DAVENDER, ED	5 LOCK, ROB	12,391 (A)
Jan. 16	12-1	83	65	Tennessee	18	23 CHAPMAN, REX	9 BENNETT, W.	23,819 (H)
Jan. 20	12-2	56	58	Florida	-2	20 BENNETT, W.	11 BENNETT, W.	23,433 (H)
Jan. 23	13-2	76	61	LSU	15	21 DAVENDER, ED	10 BENNETT, W.	13,853 (A)
Jan. 27	13-3	66	83	Vanderbilt	-17	18 CHAPMAN, REX	8 BENNETT, W.	15,646 (A)
Jan. 31	14-3	78	69	Notre Dame	9	23 DAVENDER, ED	7 LOCK, ROB	19,502 (H-L'ville)
Feb. 03	15-3	94	65	Ole Miss	29	16 BENNETT, W.	11 BENNETT, W.	23,133 (H)
Feb. 06	16-3	83	59	Mississippi State	24	21 DAVENDER, ED	11 BENNETT, W.	6,863 (A)
Feb. 10	17-3	69	62	Auburn	7	25 CHAPMAN, REX	7 BENNETT, W.	12,599 (A)
Feb. 13	18-3	82	68	Alabama	14	25 BENNETT, W.	9 BENNETT, W.	23,288 (H)
Feb. 17	18-4	70	72	Tennessee	-2	27 DAVENDER, ED	14 LOCK, ROB	24,378 (A)
Feb. 20	18-5	76	83	Florida	-7	24 CHAPMAN, REX	12 BENNETT, W.	11,921 (A)
Feb. 24	19-5	95	69	Louisiana State	26	24 BENNETT, W.	7 MANUEL, ERIC	23,164 (H)
Feb. 28	20-5	62	58	Syracuse	4	15 BENNETT, W.	5 JENKINS, CEDRIC	24,025 (H)
Mar. 02	21-5	80	72	Georgia	8	20 DAVENDER, ED	5 BENNETT, W.	23,269 (H)
Mar. 05	22-5	78	71	Ole Miss	7	29 CHAPMAN, REX	6 BENNETT, W.	8,386 (A)
Mar. 11	23-5	82	64	Ole Miss	18	19 BENNETT, W.	7 BENNETT, W.	14,052 (N-SEC)
Mar. 12	24-5	86	80	Louisiana State	6	24 MANUEL, ERIC	7 MANUEL, ERIC	14,219 (N-SEC)
Mar. 13	25-5	62	57	Georgia	5	23 CHAPMAN, REX	7 LOCK, ROB	14,057 (N-SEC)
Mar. 18	26-5	99	84	Southern	15	30 DAVENDER, ED	10 MANUEL, ERIC	16,562 (N-NCAA)
Mar. 20	27-5	90	81	Maryland	9	23 CHAPMAN, REX	12 BENNETT, WINSTON	16,562 (N-NCAA)
Mar. 24	27-6	74	80	Villanova	-6	30 CHAPMAN, REX	8 MANUEL, ERIC	16,816 (N-NCAA)



Leading Scorer:
Rex Chapman—19.0



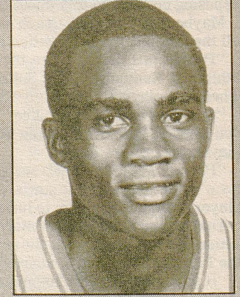
Leading Rebounder:
Winston Bennett—7.8



Assist Leader:
Ed Davender—131



***Best FG Percentage:**
Rob Lock—56.2
*minimum of 2 FG attempts per game.



°Best FT Percentage:
Ed Davender—87.1
°minimum of 2 FT attempts per game.

Some Things Can Never Be Forgotten. . .

. . . Like Kentucky's Winston Bennett III

Winston Bennett III and things. There has always been a mystical presence about Kentucky's mahogany hunk of a forward. Strong, steady, dependable, but grim. I remember three summers ago when Winston agreed to take time out of his



Bob Watkins

Cats' Pause Columnist



summer to travel to Elizabethtown and be part of the Heartland Festival. Before going out to a local park to meet the many kids and parents who are UK fans, Winston, his father Winston Jr. and I sat down for lunch together. It was a perfect time to talk about the weather, the baseball season, fishing. An occasion for, "what's happening this summer, Winston?"

But Winston III, clad in his basketball sweats from having played for the U.S. team in the World Games in Taipei, Taiwan, sat quietly. He ordered a steak and potatoes as if it were the Last Supper.

I used to think Winston III's grim countenance was just city-tough bravado, part of an adopted macho image acquired in battles down at the dirt bowl, or in the dingy gym over on Brook Street at Male High School in Louisville.

It made good press too. Bennett's "I ain't happy till I win" approach has fascinated fans. made opponents quake, made his coaches chortle, and made sportswriters nervous.

Unswerving, uncompromising, he has overcome the frustrations of zero-for-four tries at the Final Four, come back from knee surgery, and kept his head (and game) this season when those around him were losing theirs.

His goals remained in sharp focus. Patriotic-types like that sort of resolve. Without compromise Winston III has labored to be the very best he can be at what he does at this time in his life, play basketball.

"Winston's always been intense, but the last few weeks he's been even more so," Coach Eddie Sutton before the Villanova game last week. "I think he's playing his best basketball since I've been here."

Yes, Winston III averaged 17 points in each of UK's eight games up to the Villanova one. But even that is deceiving because his points have come like "home runs in the bottom of the ninth inning," a knockout punch in the 15th when the team was "behind on all cards."

Winston III has been a wonderful player in the clutch, in the crunch. A maye player.

But Winston III's great stone face has remained, a kind of badge, like when UK quarterback Bill Ransdell carved UK into the hair of his temples. We all thought it was weird, but somehow it was cool too.

Maybe in his youth Bennett saw Sonny Liston on television and liked the image portrayed by the menacing heavyweight boxing champion who, in the 1950s, wore a scowl better than any man I ever saw. He made opponents quake with it and boxed Floyd Patterson's glass chin, but never smiled before or after.

Make 'em quake, that was Liston's credo. It is Winston III's also. I've seen reporters stroll into the Kentucky locker room at Rupp Arena, then "stand back" while interviewing Winston III. And he always gets the "soft" questions.

If Bennett's countenance were put into colors it would be tan or brown, or maybe the color of Kentucky hills at dusk. A pose? Strictly background. Leave the glamor and flash to Rex and Eddie, leave the smiles to Winston II, his Dad.

Winning. That's what Winston Bennett is all about. Strong, steady, grim. He will be remembered as one of the finest and most admired and respected basketball players ever at Kentucky.

Shooting stars

Remember when Roy Hobbs hit a home run in his last at bat in the motion picture *The Natural*? The music and sparks and joyous faces, how it all made you feel?

How about Gene Hackman's expression when the winning shot swished in *Hoosiers*? Hickory High School was king of the world and for a few seconds, we were there in Butler Fieldhouse too.

Or, how about when Rex Chapman rises up for one of his best blue ribbon jump shots from the three-line as the numbers count down to zero on the game clock.

Oh, what a feeling. Right people, right moment, right mix. Boom! Everyone hopes to look up one dark night and see the shooting star, but usually it's gone by then and we are left with someone saying, "hey, didja see that? It was great!"

Shooting stars don't come often, but they can be worth the wait.

It happened last month in a cover story for *Sports Illustrated*, (Mar. 21) called *A Player For The Ages*. Larry Bird and Frank Deford got together for a few days, and it is a terrific combination, the Hick from French Lick, better known around the NBA as "Larry," spending time with an urbane and perceptive wordmaster from Up East, known around sports as Deford. Heavyweight on heavyweight.

Through Deford's penetrating narrative we see flesh and bones Larry Bird, not always dressed out in white and green shorts running the parquet floor and not always the safe millionaire celebrity either.

When he was a kid Bird once crawled under the porch at his grandma's house and imagined he had found a million dollars in cash. Years later he would tell Deford he had found his million "and a little more to go with it."

By the mid-1970s, after he quit Indiana University and went home, Larry Bird worked for the city in French Lick, on a garbage truck.

"I loved that job," he tells Deford. "It was outdoors. You were around your friends. Picking up brush, cleaning up. I felt like I was accomplishing something."

The article is a poignant view of one of America's most recognizable celebs who was once a mixed up, messed up kid from rural America and how he has met success. Bird still thumbs his nose at plastic people, clubbies and pretentiousness. Deford writes about the time agent Bob Woolf telephoned Bird at home two summers ago saying he had some important business.

"I have three things," Woolf said when Bird came to the phone. "Derek Bok, the president of Harvard would like you to address the freshmen class this fall."

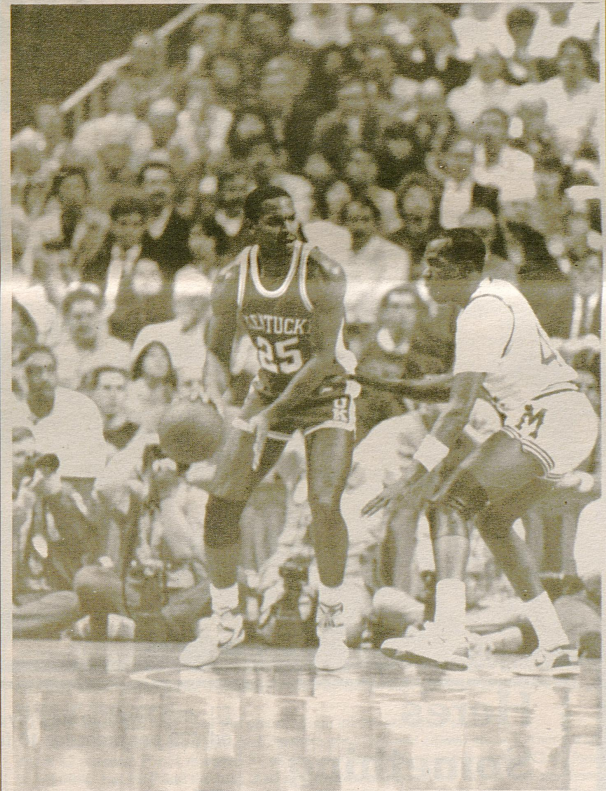
"No."

"Sports Illustrated wants you to pose for a cover."

"No."

Life Magazine wants to do a photo essay on you, but you won't have to pose. The photographer will..."

"No." Pause. "Mr. Woolf, I thought you told me this was an important call."



Winston Bennett: Strong, Steady, Grim. . . And Always A Winner

That's Larry Bird.

And this is too: Larry's kid brother Eddie is a sophomore at Indiana State where he plays basketball for the Sycamores. Big brother bought little brother a Jeep to get around in, but when Eddie scored a 'D' in one of his courses, back went the Jeep. He will get it back, when the 'D' is gone.

"If money isn't going to change Larry Bird, Larry Bird doesn't see why his money should change anybody else, either," Deford writes.

But, it a later passage in Deford's piece that I thought particularly relevant to those who treasure their rural roots, home communities sometimes to the brink of being snobs about it.

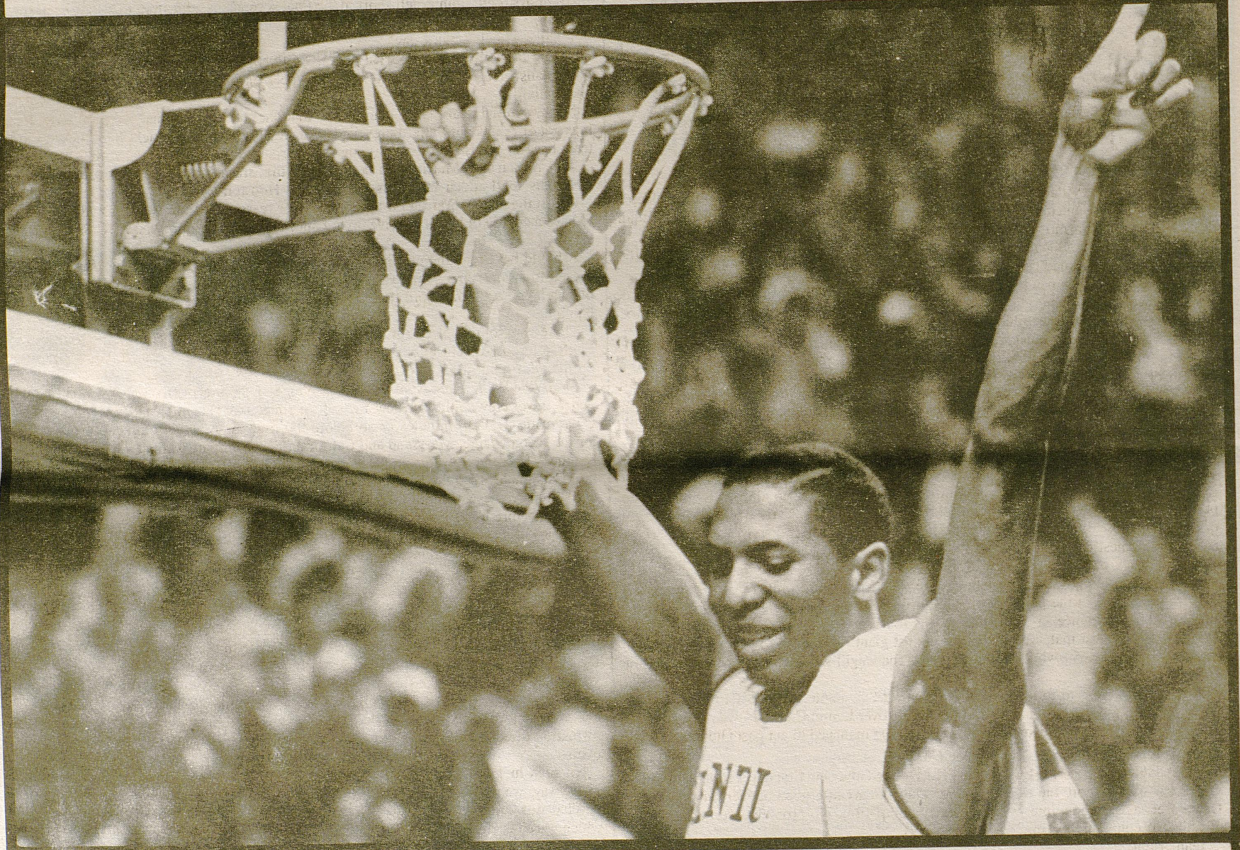
"I think when you grow up in a small town you learn better to weed out the good and the bad," Bird says. "There's always going to be a lot of petty jealousy in a small town. If you understand that—and I always have—you can learn better to make your own judgements."

Adds (heavyweight) Deford, "The hard part, Bird seems bent on proving, isn't that you can't go home again. The hard part is showing the ones who never left that the best part of you never left either."

Sparkle.

A Player For The Ages is a thoughtful peek into Larry Bird. It is also a wonderful

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Can You Ever Watch Too Much Roundball?

Not If It Involves The Sweet 16, NCAAs

LOUISVILLE, Ky., & CINCINNATI, Ohio, — Do you think there's ever a time in a Kentuckian's life when he or she can witness too much basketball? Probably not, but with the Sweet 16 and the first round of the NCAAs I came awfully close to hoop overkill last week. No complaints here, with the exception of hearing public address announcers



Nick Nicholas

Cats' Pause Columnist



John Tong of Louisville and Cincinnati's Neal Bendesky's unique voices in my sleep. "And(a) now introducing the(a) Clay County(a) Tigers." Tong announced with an Italian pitch that would charm even Don Vito Corleone's godsons.

"That! . . . Was Rex Chapman," roared Bendesky with a Joe Dean twang every time the UK sophomore slammed one home or drilled a three-pointer.

Such a small price to pay to work 16 basketball games in an allotted five-day period (we skipped town before the completion of the first half between Villanova and Illinois).

These two events had everything imaginable surrounding a basketball game. There were: big guys, small guys. . . outside shooters, inside bangers. . . fast breaks, meal breaks. . . good calls, not-so-good calls. . . last-second heroics, last-second misfortunes. . . today's stars, yesterday's heroes. Anything to do with basketball, Louisville or Cincinnati were the places to be.

What you're about to read is a day-to-day summary which started in the Derby City and concluded in the Queen City.

Wednesday, March 16: LOUISVILLE—Covington Holmes and Buckhorn tipped off this year's state tournament. Two questions immediately popped in my noggin. One, where in the world is Buckhorn? Two, when did the KHSAA decide to allow NBA players to perform in the Sweet 16? Were my eyes playing tricks on me so early into the tournament or did Covington Holmes have a center which would win hands down a Charles Barkley look-alike contest?

Jack Jennings, the state's leading scorer, shredded Buckhorn's defense for 39 points. Listed at 6-foot-6, 230 pounds, Jennings showed he, like Barkley, can hit from outside as well as muscle his way in the paint. Meanwhile, Buckhorn, out of the 14th Region, gave an impressive performance in its first-ever state tournament, losing 75-72.

This was a contest matching underdog against giant. Buckhorn's sophomore-to-senior class enrollment is 153 while Holmes is 945. You might say it was a script right out of *Hoosiers*.

Three games were to follow as Ballard, with the dynamic trio of Allan Houston (29 points), Mark Bell and Kenneth Martin won easily over Laurel County, Owensboro Apollo upset tall-and-mighty Madisonville and Warren East managed to get past Oldham County in the nightcap.

Thursday—March 17th: LOUISVILLE—Drained after the first day, I rolled out of the sack a few hours before the Rowan County-Clay County afternoon opener. Photographer David Sterling reminded me we were nearly out of film. No problem, we had a couple of hours to complete our mission before tipoff.

Yeah, right!

Here's my only beef of the tournament being held in Louisville—traffic (ugh!). Massive road construction turned a five-mile leisure drive to the film store into a nerve-racking, down right who-in-the-heck-created-this-mess road trip. Let's put it this way, we scammed into Freedom Hall 10 minutes prior to pregame introductions.

Getting back to the tournament, Richie Farmer, Russ Chadwell and the Clay County bunch outlasted the Green and White of Rowan County 83-52. However, I had my lead already written if Rowan had pulled the upset.

This was St. Patrick's Day and Rowan County was dressed in green. . . You get the picture.

Next up was LaRue County and its all-stater Scott Boley against Maysville. Boley didn't disappoint as he hit on 15 of 23 from the field for a 33-point performance, pacing his team to a 69-62 win.

Two more games and the quarterfinals would be set. Similar to the Buckhorn-Covington Holmes matchup, big boy Lexington Henry Clay and small town Phelps, earning its first-ever Sweet 16 invite, were scheduled to hook up. And at the end of the first quarter knotted at 15-all, Blue Devil coach Al Prewitt was fit to be tied.

Henry Clay proceeded to outscore the Hornets 27-8 in the second stanza, on its way to an impressive 94-65 win.

Again, two things caught my eyes. One, Prewitt was getting on his boys and the officials in the fourth stanza as if the outcome were in doubt. Two, Henry Clay's Scott Sutton, Eddie and Patsy's youngest son, was wearing Converse while most of his teammates were running up and down the hardwood in Nikes. Doesn't pop have a contract with Nike? Hmmm.

And in the first-round finale. . . let's just say they saved the best game for last.

Poor Marshall County. Last season, thousands and thousands of Orange-clad Marshall supporters left disappointed when their favorites lost a heart-breaker to Louisville Ballard. That game, though featured on opening night, also was the nightcap of the first round. This year the same thing happend.

Again, Marshall County had a following comparable to no one. Again, the western Kentucky school was pitted against a Louisville team. And, again the Marshals lost a close one, this time 70-67. Yes, there's a place in my heart for this group, especially Mitch Cothran, the Marshals' best gunslinger.

Standing 6-3 and weighing a grand total of 150 pounds (only if soaking wet), Cothran dazzled the 16,910 on hand with 34 points from all sectors.

Cothran's three-pointer fell short in the final seconds, sending him to his knees in sheer anguish.

What a game! What a day!

Friday, March 18: LOUISVILLE & CINCINNATI—By now millions of tiny, irritating basketballs were implanted in my vision. A knock on the head cured that. Bring on Holmes and Ballard.

Friday's initial quarterfinal duel proved that one star does not make a team. Sure, Jennings got 41 points but Ballard prevailed because of its balanced attack. Scotty Davenport's team became the first of the tournament to surpass the century mark, with a 101-90 win.

This time it was Martin who helped push the Bruins into Saturday's semifinals with 29 points. Bell added 26 points, followed by Houston's 15.

OK, if the Apollo-Warren East game ends in a reasonable time, Sterling and myself were to have a couple of hours to drive up to Cincy and catch the Maryland-UC Santa Barbara clash.

I should have read the writing on the wall, though. Only two days ago Apollo was involved in an overtime game with Madisonville. Well, lightning struck twice. At the end of regulation with the score tied 51-all, I turned to Sterling, shook my head and started laughing.

There was something about overtime which ignited Apollo. Against the Maroons the Eagles outscored their taller opponents 14-3 in the three-minute period. Warren East was on the short end of an 18-6 overtime whipping.

Louisville Ballard and Apollo were set to meet in Saturday's first game, while *The Cats Pause* travel crew, although now rushed for time, was Queen City-bound.

We made it. . . 30 minutes or so before the first game. Trying to keep myself awake for the second game, Maryland and California-Santa Barbara weren't any help. But when Kentucky took the court for pregame warmups, the Riverfront Coliseum crowd welcomed the 'Cats louder than the Big Blue faithful back in Lexington. No neutral site here. This was Rupp Arena-North.

Never before had I seen more dunks, more 2-on-1, 3-on-1, 3-on-none fastbreaks. The crowd loved it, applauding good plays no matter who made them. But Sutton's club had too many horses and eventually prevailed over a talented and worthy opponent.

Throughout the UK contest we heard that Clay County had rudely erased LaRue County from the high school tournament, 91-54. Later we would hear through the grapevine that Henry Clay was ousted by PRP, 77-70.

Oh well, back to Louisville. After a 20-minute adventure (I never get lost) that took us on course to Dayton, we turned the ol' jalopy around in the direction of Derby City. By 2:30 a.m. Saturday I was nestled under the covers, resting my eyes because a 9 a.m. wakeup call cruelly awaited.

Saturday, March 19: LOUISVILLE—"Good morning, this is your wakeup call."

Good grief, didn't I just go to sleep? Somebody call Julian Tackett (KHSAA sports information director) and ask him to start the first game a couple hours later. Say around twoish.

No such luck.

Anyway, we made it before tipoff of the Apollo-Ballard game.

What was suppose to be a relatively easy win for Ballard turned into a close contest which wasn't decided until the final minute. With 48 seconds remaining and down by three, 60-57, Apollo coach Will Wyman instructed his club to get the ball inside, score two points and then see what happens. However, a steal by the Bruins resulting in a Bell layup put to rest an Apollo upset.

Clay County and PRP was the second game on the semifinal card.

Like the first game, the Tigers and Panthers scratched and clawed at each other for the entire 32 minutes. For 31 minutes, 55 seconds the game still was up for grabs. Clay County led 90-87 but PRP had the ball. And on an inbound pass Mark Woods was smothered by Tiger defenders, thus slipping and losing the ball out of bounds. Was there a foul? Hard to tell.

Seconds after the incident happened PRP coach Dale Mabrey vocally lashed out his feelings, mainly at the officials. But in his postgame press conference he praised both teams' efforts and wished Clay County well. About the call he said if the official thought Woods didn't have possession then the right call was made.

Because of his cool composure, Mabrey was greeted with applause from those in the press room. . . a nice gesture, indeed.

Bring on Clay County and Ballard.

Despite being tired, not to mention seeing enough jump shots to satisfy any player's career I couldn't wait until these two state powers hooked up in a rematch of the '87 championship classic.

A packed Freedom Hall watched as Ballard's balanced attack proved too much for a weary Clay County bunch, 88-79. Richie Farmer, 51 points, and Chadwell combined for 70 of the Tigers' total point production. A dejected Farmer went to midcourt to pick up his second straight tournament MVP trophy, to him a consolation prize that he would have gladly traded in for another shot at the Bruins. He and his teammates may have been sad at the time, but they will remember this evening and the rest of their high school careers with a twinkle in their eyes.

As for Ballard, the whole Bruin gang was dancing around chanting they were No. 1.

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REGIONALS
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FINAL FOUR
April 2 & 4

MIDWEST REGIONAL

(1) Purdue 27-3

South Bend, Mar. 17, 12:07
(16) Fairleigh Dickinson 23-6

Purdue

(8) Baylor 23-10

South Bend, Mar. 17, 2:37
(9) Memphis State 19-11

South Bend, Saturday Mar. 19

Memphis State

(5) DePaul 21-7

South Bend, Mar. 17, 9:37
(12) Wichita State 20-9

DePaul

(4) Kansas State 22-8

South Bend, Mar. 17, 7:07
(13) La Salle 24-9

South Bend, Saturday Mar. 19

Kansas State

(6) Kansas 21-11

Lincoln, Mar. 18, 10:37
(11) Xavier

Kansas

(3) N.C. State 24-7

Lincoln, Mar. 18, 8:07
(14) Murray 21-8

Lincoln, Sunday March 20

Murray

(7) Vanderbilt 18-10

Lincoln, Mar. 18, 3:37
(10) Utah State 21-9

Vanderbilt

(2) Pitt 23-6

Lincoln, Mar. 18, 1:07
(15) Eastern Michigan 22-7

Lincoln, Sunday March 20

Pitt

Purdue

Kansas State

Kansas State

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Kansas

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EAST REGIONAL

(1) Temple 29-1

Hartford, Mar. 18, 7:07
(16) Lehigh 21-9

Temple

(8) Georgetown 19-9

Hartford, Mar. 18, 9:37
(9) LSU 16-13

Hartford, Sunday March 20

Georgetown

(5) Georgia Tech 21-9

Hartford, Mar. 18, 12:07
(12) Iowa State 20-11

Georgia Tech

(4) Indiana 19-9

Hartford, Mar. 18, 2:37
(13) Richmond 24-6

Hartford, Sunday March 20

Richmond

(6) Missouri 19-10

Chapel Hill, Mar. 17, 12:07
(11) Rhode Island 26-6

Rhode Island

(3) Syracuse 25-8

Chapel Hill, Mar. 17, 2:37
(14) N.C. A&T 26-2

Chapel Hill, Saturday Mar. 19

Syracuse

(7) SMU 27-6

Chapel Hill, Mar. 17, 7:07
(10) Notre Dame 20-8

SMU

(2) Duke 24-6

Chapel Hill, Mar. 17, 9:37
(15) Boston University 23-7

Chapel Hill, Saturday Mar. 19

Duke

Temple

Temple

Richmond

Rhode Island

Duke

Duke

East Rutherford, N.J., March 24 & 26

Duke

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April 2 & 4

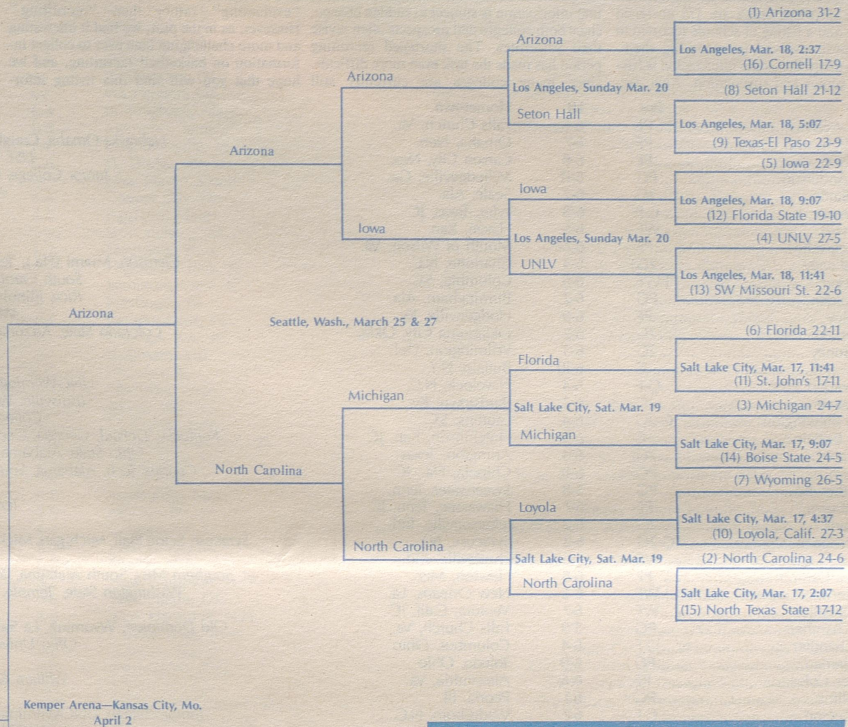
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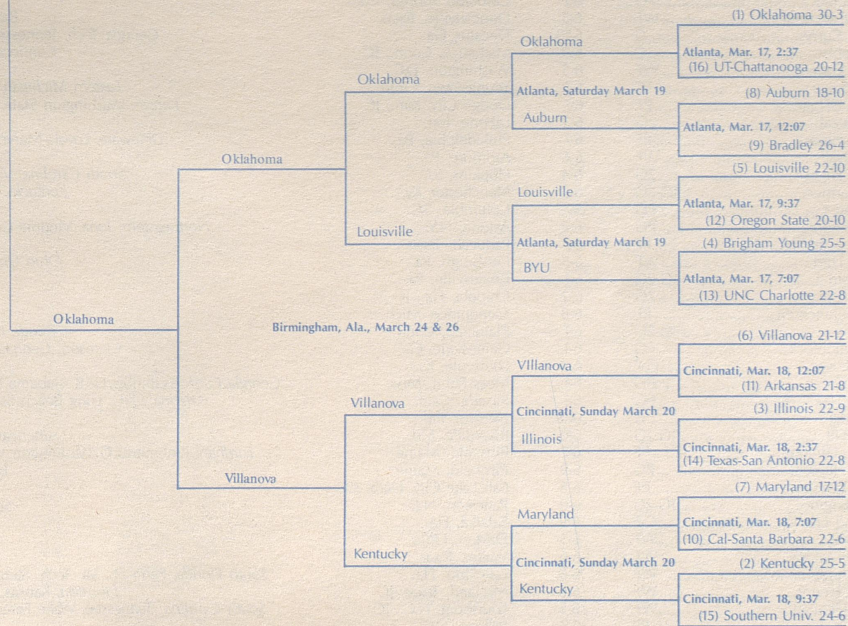
FIRST ROUND
March 17-18



WEST REGIONAL



SOUTHEAST REGIONAL



Kemper Arena—Kansas City, Mo.
April 4, 9:12 p.m.

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL RECRUITING: BOB GIBBONS' 175 PRIME PROSPECTS

On the next two pages are 175 unsigned prospects and a listing of schools reported to be the most involved in recruiting them. Please be aware that some information is based upon rumor and speculation. Also, fac-

tual information is subject to sudden change, since both colleges and prospects often revise their priorities. The shortened recruiting period has made the task even more difficult, since many colleges are currently still

"evaluating" rather than "recruiting." However, as in the past, we find it interesting and more challenging than ever to collect information on basketball recruiting, and we hope that you will find this listing infor-

mative. Please note that our "fearless forecast" of each player's eventual college choice is indicated by the school appearing in italics.

—Bob Gibbons

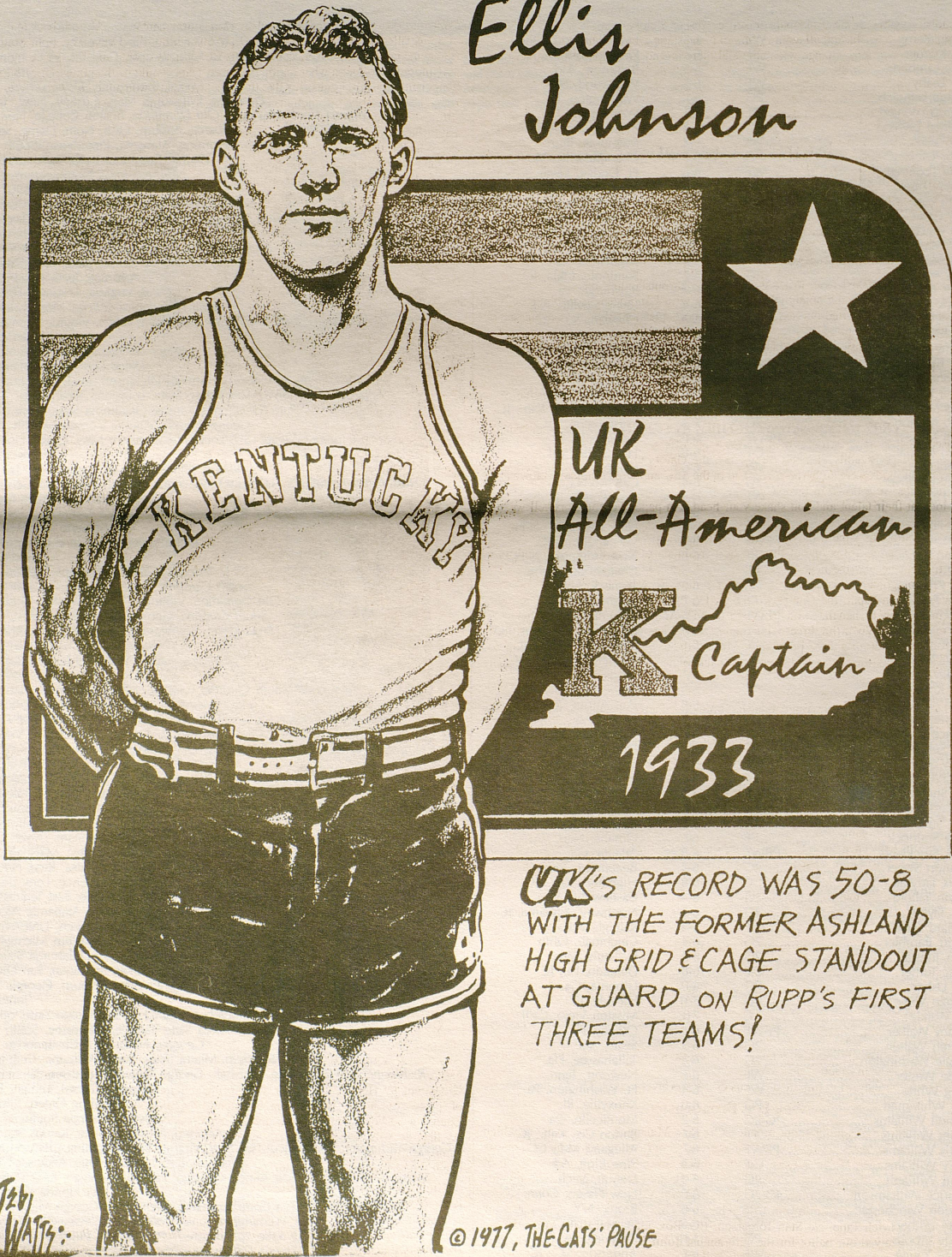
Name	Pos.	Ht.	Hometown
Brandon Adams	PF	6-6	Falls Church, Va.
David Allen	PF	6-7	Omaha, Neb.
Matt Allison	PF	6-8	Carson City, Nev.
Donald Anderson	PG	5-11	Milledgeville, Ga.
Ronnie Battle	2G	6-2	Seale, Ala.
David Benoit	C-F	6-8	Tyler, Texas, JC
Tod Bernard	WF	6-6	Haven, Kan.
Alex Blackwell	PF	6-7	Mouth of Wilson, Va.
Larry Blakeney	2G	6-4	Charlotte, N.C.
Ben Blocker	PFWF	6-6	Columbia, S.C.
James Bolden	PG	6-2	Birmingham, Ala.
Scott Boley	PF	6-9	Hodgenville, Ky.
Keith Bonds	2G	6-2	Oklahoma City, Okla.
Dexter Boney	2G	6-3	Wilmington, Del.
Ed Book	C	6-10	Buffalo, N.Y.
Derek Borden	G-F	6-4	Havelock, N.C.
James Brewer	2G	6-3	Bardstown, Ky.
Brandon Brewington	1G-2G	6-4	Laurens, S.C.
Maurice Brittain	C	6-9	Hutchinson, Kan. JC
Jamal Brown	2G	6-4	Arlington, Texas
Karl Brown	PG	6-0	Chipola, Fla., JC
Rodney Brown	PG	5-8	Sweetwater, Tenn.
Tommy Brown	PF	6-7	Hiawassee, Tenn. JC
Paris Bryant	2G	6-2	Jeffersonville, Ind.
Jason Buchanan	1G-2G	6-2	Syracuse, N.Y.
Jay Bias	WF	6-6	Hyattsville, Md.
Corey Lee Carlton	PF	6-8	Newton, Miss.
Turi Carter	WF	6-6	New Orleans, La.
Cedric Ceballos	WF	6-7	Ventura, Calif. JC
Reggie Chambers	PG	5-9	Falls Church, Va.
Chaka Chandler	G-F	6-4	Columbus, Ohio
Matt Coleman	PG	6-0	Toledo, Ohio
Alexander Coles	PF	6-6	Alexandria, Va.
Lynn Collins	PG	6-1	Peoria, Ill.
Patrick Colson	C-F	6-7	Wadesboro, N.C.
Sam Cook	C	6-9	Covington, Va.
Kevin Cooper	C	6-10	New Rochelle, N.Y.
Wesley Cornish	C	6-9	Easton, Md.
Nathan Craig	PG	6-1	Colorado Springs, Colo.
Marcus Cromwell	WF	6-5	Duncanville, Texas
Michael Curry	C	6-10	Decatur, Ga.
Brent Dabbs	C	6-9	Mattatuck, Conn. JC
William Davis	WF	6-5	Washington, D.C.
Joey DeSalvo	PF	6-8	Youngstown, Ohio
Michael Dizaar	PF	6-7	Dodge City, Kan., JC
Eric Dolezal	2G	6-2	LaPorte, Ind.
Jon Dunmeyer	PF	6-7	Philadelphia, Pa.
Nixon Dyall	WF	6-6	Ardmore, Pa.
Stephen English	2G	6-4	Hopkins, S.C.
Richie Farmer	1G-2G	6-0	Manchester, Ky.
Curtis Faust	PG	5-7	Columbia, S.C.
Ram Fishburne	PG	6-2	Astoria, N.Y.
Will Flemons	PF	6-7	Paducah, Texas
Michael Ford	WF	6-5	Pittsburgh, Pa.
Victor Ford	1G-2G	6-1	Coatesville, Pa.
Derrick Forest	2G	6-2	Chipola, Fla., JC
Mark Fredericksen	PF	6-8	Menoninee, Mich.
Jeff Gore	1G-2G	6-1	Plainfield, Conn.
Greg Goudelock	PG	6-1	Gainesville, Ga.
Junior Graves	G-F	6-4	Louisville, Ky.
Litterial Green	PG	6-1	Moss Point, Miss.
Damon Greer	PG	6-1	Raseda, Calif.
Luke Gross	C	6-9	Decatur, Ind.
Henry Hall	1G-2G	6-0	Riverdale, Md.
Kerrick Hamilton	PF	6-7	Pittsfield, Maine
Rodney Harden	PG	5-9	Pittsfield, Maine
George Hardin	PF	6-6	Salt Lake City, Utah. CC
James Hargrove	1G-2G	6-0	Patterson, N.J.
Townsend Harris	C-F	6-9	Palatka, Fla.
Troy Harris	WF	6-5	Dayton, Ohio
Darrell Hawkins	WF	6-6	Waller, Texas
Daron Hayes	WF	6-6	Lakeland, Fla.
Herman Henry	WF	6-6	Midland, Texas, JC
Mickey Hennant	WF	6-5	Louisburg, N.C., JC
Kevin Hines	PF	6-7	Wilson, N.C.
Sammy Hines	G-F	6-5	Wilson, N.C.
Mike Holland	2G	6-4	Roanoke, Va.

College Choices
 American, George Washington, Richmond
 Nebraska-Omaha, Creighton, Drake, Southern Illinois, Kansas State
 USF, Northwestern, UN-Reno, Northern Arizona
 Junior College, Georgia, DePaul, Richmond, South Florida
 Alabama, Auburn, Georgia, UT-Chattanooga
 LSU, Alabama, Southwest Louisiana
 Hutchinson Junior College
 Monmouth, junior college, St. Joseph's
 Clemson, Miami (Fla.), Tennessee, UNC-Wilmington, James Madison
 South Carolina State, William & Mary, Coastal Carolina
 Rice, Illinois State, Toledo, DePaul, Miami (Fla.), Duke
 Western Kentucky, Navy, Colorado, Vanderbilt
 Colorado State, Arizona, Iowa State, Kansas State, Oklahoma State
 Junior College, Seton Hall, West Virginia
 Canisius, Richmond, Niagara, St. Joseph
 UNC-Wilmington, East Carolina, Virginia Commonwealth
 Louisville, Western Kentucky, Michigan, Purdue, DePaul
 College of Charleston, Richmond, UNC-Asheville
 Kentucky, DePaul, Georgia, Georgia Tech, Kansas State, Minnesota, Kansas
 Ohio State, Alabama, Auburn, South Alabama, Oklahoma State
 Georgia Tech, Alabama, South Carolina, DePaul, Minnesota, Tennessee
 Canisius, Tennessee Tech, Tennessee Tech
 Tennessee, UT-Chattanooga, Western Kentucky
 Junior College
 Syracuse, Seton Hall, Michigan, Michigan St., Fordham, DePaul, Iona, Providence
 Allegany Community College
 Southern Miss, South Alabama, Texas A&M, North Texas State, Jackson State
 Washington State, Temple, Idaho, New Orleans, USC, McNeese State
 Seton Hall, Washington, USC
 Old Dominion, Wyoming, La Salle, Virginia Commonwealth, junior college
 Ohio University, Evansville, Old Dominion, Kent State
 Junior college
 William & Mary, Penn State, Virginia Commonwealth
 Junior college
 Junior college, UNC-Wilmington, East Carolina, Virginia Commonwealth
 Navy, Old Dominion, Virginia Tech, William & Mary
 Iona, Villanova, Providence, West Virginia
 George Mason, La Salle, Delaware, Towson State
 Bowling Green, Air Force, Ohio University
 Baylor, Tulsa, Louisiana Tech, TCU, Texas Tech
 Georgia Tech, Tennessee, Auburn, Boston College, Pitt, N.C. State
 Connecticut, Iona, N.C. State, Providence, Fordham
 Junior college, George Mason
 Eastern Michigan, St. Louis, Bowling Green, Ohio University
 Kansas, Washington State, Long Beach State, Lamar, Southern Illinois
 Nebraska
 Delaware, Loyola-Marymount, Fairleigh Dickinson, St. Francis (Pa.)
 George Mason, Canisius, Richmond, La Salle
 South Carolina, Virginia Tech, Alabama, South Carolina State
 Kentucky, Western Kentucky, Vanderbilt, LSU, Indiana
 South Carolina, Maryland, junior college
 Northeastern, Iona, Virginia Commonwealth, Jacksonville, Bowling Green
 Texas, Texas Tech, Texas A&M, Baylor, TCU
 Ohio University, La Salle, Providence, Robert Morris
 Junior college
 Florida State, Clemson
 Mercer, Pepperdine, South Florida
 Rhode Island, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Hartford
 Clemson, Georgia, Western Carolina, Tennessee Tech, Baylor
 Winthrop, Western Kentucky, Morehead
 Georgia, Ole Miss, Illinois, UAB, Alabama, Ga. Tech, Wyoming, Duke, Clemson, Missouri
 Arizona, USC, Long Beach State, San Jose State, Minnesota, Weber State
 Bowling Green, Virginia, Dayton, Pitt
 American, Virginia Tech, Towson State, Loyola (Md.)
 Fordham, Richmond, G. Washington, VCU, Robert Morris, Colorado, Massachusetts
 Liberty University, New Hampshire, Dowling
 N.C. State, Boston College
 Seton Hall, Rutgers, St. Peter's, junior college
 Florida, Louisville, Villanova
 Junior college
 Arkansas, California, TCU, Notre Dame
 South Florida, Penn St., Va. Tech, Stetson, Old Dominion, Western Ky., American
 Houston, Kansas, Virginia Tech, Mississippi State, Texas Tech
 South Carolina, Tennessee, Wake Forest, Virginia Commonwealth, Boston College
 Junior college
 Junior college
 Virginia Tech, football, Roanoke College

Gary Holmes.....C	6-11	Houston, Texas	Houston, junior college, Texas Tech, Texas A&M, UTEP
Clint Holtz.....C	6-10	Fork Union, Va., JC	Richmond, Colorado, George Washington, Massachusetts
Calvin Horton.....C	6-9	Houston, Texas	Louisiana Tech, UTEP, Lamar, TCU, Baylor
Terry Houston.....PFWF	6-6	Miami-Dade North, Fla., JC	Georgia Tech, Connecticut, Toledo
James Hunter.....WF	6-5	Detroit, Mich.	Temple, Houston, Arkansas, Detroit
Travon Hughes.....PG	6-3	Chicago, Ill.	Illinois, Arizona, UTEP, Minnesota, Northern Illinois, Illinois State
Chris Jackson.....PG	6-1	Gulfport, Miss.	LSU, Mississippi State, Georgetown
Dana Jackson.....PFWF	6-6	Crystal Lake, Ill.	Pitt, Tennessee, Kansas, Colorado State, UC-Santa Barbara, Bradley
Ted Jeffries.....C	6-8	Hyattsville, Md.	George Washington, VCU, Old Dominion, Boston College, Wake Forest
Donald Jenkins.....PG	6-4	Salisbury, N.C.	Prep school, Richmond, VCU, George Mason
John Jerkins.....WF	6-5	Robertsdale, Ala.	Prep school, South Alabama, Texas A&M, UAB
Gilbert Johnson.....PF	6-7	Lees-McCrae, N.C., JC	Virginia Tech, Marquette, Baylor, Lamar, Western Kentucky
Kenny Johnson.....1G-2G	6-2	Virginia Beach, Va.	William & Mary, Davidson, VMI, James Madison, Navy
Antoine Jones.....WF	6-6	Baltimore, Md.	Northeastern, Towson State, Maryland-Baltimore College, George Mason
Rodney Jones.....PG	6-1	Panola, Texas, JC	Nebraska, San Diego State, Colorado, Montana State, Alabama
Reggie Kemp.....WF	6-5	East Cleveland, Ohio	Dayton, Xavier, Ohio University, Kent State, Toledo
Milt Kilgore.....PF	6-7	Philadelphia, Pa.	George Washington, La Salle, Temple, Canisius, VCU, Northeastern
Louis Lambert.....WF	6-5	Baltimore, Md.	Junior college
Dan Leahy.....WF	6-5	Wildwood, N.J.	Drexel, Monmouth, Rider, Lehigh, Lafayette
George Leftwich.....PG	6-1	Washington, D.C.	Princeton, William & Mary, Cornell, New Hampshire
Ricardo Leonard.....PF	6-7	Washington, D.C.	Virginia Commonwealth, Old Dominion, Boston College, New Mexico
Terrence Lewis.....2G	6-4	Birmingham, Ala.	Alabama, Auburn, UAB, Notre Dame, Seton Hall
Tony Lewis.....2G	6-3	Memphis, Tenn.	Arkansas, Wyoming, Alabama, Providence, South Carolina
Victor Lockley.....PG	6-1	Charlottesville, Va.	Virginia Commonwealth, Richmond, Virginia
Wade Lookingbill.....WF	6-6	Ft. Dodge, Iowa	Northern Iowa, Northwestern, Creighton
Rickey Lopes.....C	6-11	New Haven, Conn.	Xavier, prep school, LSU, Hartford
Mario Love.....PF	6-8	Cooper City, Fla.	South Florida, South Alabama, Stetson, Jacksonville
Tony Lucas.....WF	6-5	Pittsfield, Maine	Houston, Boston College, Minnesota, Ohio University, Indiana State
Don MacLean.....PFWF	6-10	Simi Valley, Calif.	Kentucky, UNLV, Georgia Tech, UCLA, Pitt
Tony Madlock.....PG	6-2	Memphis, Tenn.	Memphis State, Arizona, Kansas, Alabama, Providence
Tony Manuel.....PF	6-8	Highlands, Kan., JC	Pitt, Oklahoma, Kansas State, Iowa State, Kansas
Barry Mayberry.....2G	6-2	Seminole, Okla, JC	Arkansas, Tulsa, Oklahoma State
James McCoy.....2G	6-4	Pittsburgh, Pa.	Pitt, Virginia, Duquesne, Seton Hall
Chuck McKay.....2G	6-4	Lawrenceville, N.J.	Seton Hall, junior college, Monmouth, Rutgers
Johnny McNeil.....C-F	6-8	Chowan, N.C, JC	Georgia Tech, South Carolina, Wake Forest, Virginia Commonwealth
Ken McNeil.....2G	6-3	Baltimore, Md.	Junior college
Johnny Melvin.....G-F	6-5	Chicago, Ill.	Junior college, Northern Illinois, Bradley
Jerry Meyer.....1G-2G	6-3	Nashville, Tenn.	David Lipscomb, William & Mary
Lamont Middleton.....WF	6-5	Bronx, N.Y.	Junior college, Providence, Fairleigh Dickinson, Iona, Hartford, St. John's
Oliver Miller.....C	6-8	Ft. Worth, Texas	Arkansas, Oklahoma, Washington State, Louisiana Tech, North Texas State
Chris Morris.....2G	6-4	Independence, Kan., JC	Kansas State, Oklahoma, Kansas, Oklahoma State, Nebraska, UTEP
Jacob Morton.....2G	6-2	Washington, D.C.	George Mason, Virginia Commonwealth, American
Kevin Moses.....PFWF	6-8	Utica, Miss.	Junior college, LSU, Louisville, Southern Miss, Drake, Jackson State
Jerrod Mustaf.....C-F	6-10	Hyattsville, Md.	Maryland, Howard
P.J. Nichols.....WF	6-6	Marion, Ill.	Illinois, Illinois State, St. Louis, Texas-San Antonio
Anthony Oliver.....2G	6-4	Calypto, N.C.	North Carolina, Virginia, N.C. State, Wake Forest, Va. Tech, Richmond, George Mason
Rob Pelinka.....WF	6-5	Lake Forest, Ill.	Illinois, Michigan, Wake Forest, Yale
Ira Peterson.....PG	6-1	Shelby, Miss.	South Alabama, Rice, Delta State, Eastern Kentucky, Arkansas State
Brad Pomeroy.....G-F	6-5	New Hampton, N.H.	Lafayette, Bucknell, Colgate
Jeff Porter.....PFWF	6-6	Washington, D.C.	Junior college, Maryland-Baltimore County
Milton Pouncy.....PF	6-6	New Hampton, N.H.	Junior college?
Jay Price.....2G	6-3	Chattanooga, Tenn.	Tennessee, UT-Chattanooga, Stetson, Marshall
Jean Prioleau.....PG	6-2	Teaneck, N.J.	South Carolina, Virginia, George Mason, St. Joseph
Mike Reese.....PF	6-7	Washington, D.C.	Old Dominion, Virginia Commonwealth, George Mason
Joe Rhett.....PFWF	6-8	Columbia, S.C.	South Carolina, Georgia Tech, Wake Forest, N.C. State
Alvin Rich.....G-F	6-5	Springfield Gardens, N.Y.	Providence, Northeastern, Clemson, Iona, Rhode Island
Ray Richardson.....WF	6-6	Hiawasse, Tenn., JC	Nebraska, San Diego State, Tennessee
Omar Roland.....C	6-11	Garden City, Kan., JC	Illinois, Kansas State, Purdue, Kansas, Houston
Stanley Rose.....PF	6-7	Leeds, Ala.	Junior college
Sam Rowe.....C	6-9	Teaneck, N.J.	Seton Hall, South Carolina, Virginia, Villanova, Temple, West Virginia
Brian Sallier.....C-F	6-8	Port Arthur, Texas	Pitt, Providence, Villanova, Virginia, Boston College
Jerome Scott.....2G	6-2	Reston, Va.	Georgetown, George Mason, Richmond, American, Virginia Commonwealth
Horace Scruggs.....PFWF	6-6	Alexandria, Va.	Junior college, VCU, New Mexico, George Washington, Virginia Tech
Rod Sellers.....C	6-9	Florence, S.C.	Clemson, So. Carolina, Connecticut, VCU, Dayton, Mass., Seton Hall, UNC-Wilmington
Harry Seymour.....WF	6-5	Sweetwater, Tenn.	Canisius, Miami (Fla.), Virginia Tech, Georgia
Donald Shelton.....PF	6-8	Trenton, N.J.	La Salle, Virginia Commonwealth, St. Joseph's, St. Peter's, Rutgers
Tim Shepherd.....WF	6-4	Oberlin, Ohio	Ohio University, UCLA, Creighton, Temple, Toledo, Xavier
Richard Sherrod.....WF	6-7	Brewton-Parker, Ga., JC	South Alabama, Virginia Commonwealth, Georgia Southern, Oral Roberts, South Carolina
Billy Smith.....WF	6-6	Midland, Texas, JC	Tulsa, UTEP, Connecticut, Seton Hall, Oklahoma
Steve Spurlock.....PF	6-7	Omaha, Neb.	Appalachian State, junior college, Illinois State, Drake, Creighton
Mark Strickland.....PFWF	6-8	Atlanta, Ga.	Georgia State, South Alabama, Wake Forest, Marshall, Alabama
Daimon Sweet.....2G	6-4	Beaumont, Texas	Virginia, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Tulsa, Rice, Notre Dame
Travis Tadyak.....C	6-8	Highland, Kan., JC	Marquette, Wisconsin, Vanderbilt, Providence, Long Beach State
Calvin Talford.....2G	6-4	Castlewood, Va.	Appalachian State, Virginia Tech, Virginia, Louisville, East Tennessee, VCU
Ron Taylor.....2G	6-2	Northwest Alabama, JC	Auburn, Samford, South Alabama, Alcorn State
Bernard Terrell.....G-F	6-4	Raleigh, N.C.	Junior college, Appalachian State, Virginia Tech, UNC-Wilmington
David Trambler.....2G	6-4	Cincinnati, Ohio	Kent State, Ohio University, Toledo, Eastern Michigan, Akron
Sean Tunstall.....2G	6-3	St. Louis, Mo.	Kansas, Kansas State, Oklahoma State, Illinois
Daric Turner.....C-F	6-8	Delgado, La., JC	Wyoming, Arkansas, Lamar, San Diego State
Van Usher.....PG	6-0	Lithonia, Ga.	Tennessee Tech, Minnesota, Georgia State, Auburn, Georgia Southern
Alonzo Verge.....PG	5-11	Hillside, Ill.	Junior college
Jim Waikle.....C	7-0	Mission Viejo, Calif.	Saddleback (Calif.) JC, San Diego State, other jucos
Johnny Walker.....PFWF	6-7	Quincy, Fla.	Florida State, Temple, Tennessee, South Alabama
Warren Walton.....2G	6-3	Seale, Ala.	Georgia, Auburn, UT-Chattanooga, Samford
Reggie Washington.....2G	6-2	Tallahassee, Fla.	Florida Southern, Miami (Fla.), South Alabama, Central Florida
Wade Wester.....WF	6-6	Newport, Tenn.	Richmond, East Tennessee, Marshall, George Mason, Tennessee, Tennessee Tech
Craig White.....WF	6-4	Ft. Washington, Pa.	Lafayette, Drexel, Lehigh, Davidson
Kirk Whiteman.....PG	6-0	Knoxville, Ill.	Bowling Green, Illinois State
Cornell Williams.....1G-2G	6-2	Monticello, Ga.	Mercer, Georgia Southern, Samford
Count Williams.....PF	6-7	Barton Co., Kan., JC	Arkansas, Memphis State, Kansas State, Kansas
Curtis Williams.....PFWF	6-7	Allegany, Md., CC	George Washington, Connecticut, N.C. State, Virginia, South Carolina, Clemson, Maryland
Keary Williams.....C-F	6-8	Pine Bluff, Ark.	Arkansas State, junior college, Arkansas-Little Rock
Kevin Williams.....2G	6-4	Detroit, Mich.	Western Michigan, Toledo, Illinois-Chicago, Eastern Michigan, Kent State, Detroit
Maurice Williamson.....1G-2G	6-0	New Haven, Conn.	LSU, Florida State, Hartford
Gordon Winchester.....PF	6-6	Bronx, N.Y.	Northeastern, Virginia Commonwealth, Richmond, George Mason, St. John's
Bryan Withers.....WF	6-6	Salisbury, N.C.	UNC-Wilmington, junior college, UNC-Asheville, Lenoir Rhyne
Randy Woods.....PG	5-11	Philadelphia, Pa.	La Salle, Northeastern, Providence, Virginia Commonwealth
Blease Young.....WF	6-7	Anderson, S.C., JC	Virginia Commonwealth, Appalachian State, South Alabama

Flash From The Past

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Closing Thoughts As Season Winds Down

'Cats Better Than Expected; Gators? Boo!

Random thoughts as the basketball season comes to a close.

Thought No. 1: No basketball team in March is the same as it was in November. Teams, like the people on them, change with time and there are no greater examples than Kentucky and Florida in 1988.



Stan Torgerson

Cats' Pause Columnist



Kentucky had changed from just a good team to an outstanding one. Florida changed from being potentially outstanding to just another reasonable good one. When the Wildcats started out last fall they had more questions than the quizmaster on Hollywood Squares.

How well would Winston Bennett play following his injury? Was Rex Chapman for real? How the 'Cats' talented freshman class make a contribution? The answers were "great," "yes" and "a big one."

We were not impressed with the Wildcats early in the season, even though they were winning.

WE WERE VERY IMPRESSED WITH THEM IN THE SEC tournament and equally impressed during the first round of the NCAA playoffs.

As the Wildcats steadily climbed mountains, the Gators tumbled down hills. Norm Sloan's kids were embarrassingly bad in the SEC and wre completely blown away when the chips were down in the NCAA.

You look at their talent and you shake your head. On paper Vernon Maxwell was the best guard in the league.

Dwayne Schintzius should have been the best big man. Livingston Chatman was one of the two best freshmen playing in the SEC and many people thought he was the best.

Ronnie Montgomery was a solid three-letter senior. So was Pat Lawrence. Collectively, on paper, the Gators wre great. On the floor they were mediocre. They weren't in November when they won the preseason NIT. At the end of their season they were.

Thought No. 2: When the three-point rule went in there was a great deal of criticism over the distance set for a three-point shot. Most of the second guessers said the line was too close. It should, the critics said, be pushed back to the International rule or even where the pros play it.

I agreed. I don't any longer. The three-point rule as it is written today has brought a degree of excitement to an already great game that none of us, except perhaps the rules committee, ever believed possible. It, and the 45-second clock, are the two most important changes since they eliminated the center jump.

Basketball has never been better. There's only one major problem with the game as it exists today. It's the fact that the last two minutes of a game can last as long as the previous 10.

Some consideration should be given to restricting the number of timeouts you can call near the end of the game.

Team A calls one. Then Team B. Then Team A comes back with another. Dull, dull, dull! I'm also fascinated by the coach whose team, down eight with six seconds to play, asks for a timeout after a score. Unless he's clever enough to come up with an eight-point play he should accept the inevitable and let the game reach its logical conclusion.

Even Sonny Smith had to smile when his Auburn team was being pounded by Oklahoma, and 20 points behind with only a few seconds to play, the Tiger players kept calling timeout.

THOUGHT NO. 3: I DO BELIEVE THAT OFFICIATING is better than ever. The practice of allowing referees to work three or more nights per week in different conferences has upgraded their skill levels. A guy who works the SEC one night and the Southwest Conference the next, has got to be good. As the players have improved, so have the officials.

This was basketball's greatest season. Certainly the game still has problems and it always will have. There will never be an end to flaring tempers between players, coaches who cheat to win, nor to fans who say they believe getting an education is why kids are in college and then turn around and demand their favorite team win regardless of the price that team must pay in practice and travel.

Call in Frank Sinatra. Let him do a chorus of "It was a very good year." Indeed it was.

Not For Broadcast

Since we wrote the column about broadcasting Pete Maravich's great game in which he broke Oscar Robertson's all-time career scoring record, we have had many requests for a copy of the tape. We've put one together which covers the 1st 10 minutes or so of the game including the shot that set the new mark. On the back are the closing minutes of the famous LSU-Ole Miss football game in 1972 when the Tigers ran three plays in the last 10 seconds to beat the Rebels 17-16. The cost is \$12.50 and you should mail your request to: Maravich Tape, c/o Stan Torgerson, P.O. Box 5353, Meridian, MS 39302. . We recently received our ballot for the 12th annual John R. Wooden Award which is presented to the outstanding college basketball player of 1987-88. No Southeastern

Conference player was listed. Strange! . . . More tournament notes: We rode back to the motel on a bus filled with Kentucky fans. If any other school had won its people would have been going berserk. The Wildcat supporters were quietly talking about the game and seemed to be more interested in what region their next game would be than in winning the tournament championship. I guess it's like that when you have won a lot and expect to win some more. There was one bit, though, I shan't forget. Driving beside the bus was a T-Top Corvette from Ohio with a pretty girl at the wheel and a young man standing up in the front seat through the T-Top, shooting pictures with his video of every Kentucky group he could see. Whether they were waving the Blue and White on the curb or driving cars and vans adorned with Kentucky colors, he recorded it all for posterity. Hed they been forced to stop suddenly he and his camera would have been out on the hood. . . Why are girl



After NIT Championship Sloan's Gators Were An Embarrassment cheerleaders always so short? They look like they were stamped out by a cookie cutter. Sure, they're cute as heck, but if some school really wants to do something different they'll also put together a group of tall rangy ones and be the talk of the league. . . Have you seen LSU's football schedule this fall? Here's what Bob Brodhead, the now departed athletics director, left the Tigers to face: Texas A&M, Tennessee, Ohio State, Florida, Auburn, Kentucky, Ole Miss, Alabama, Mississippi State, Miami (Fla.) and Tulane. Has any team had a tougher row to hoe? By comparison, everyone else in the SEC has a piece of cake! . . . When Georgia played the professional Atlanta Braves recently, the 'Dogs were forced to use wooden bats as the pros do rather than the metal bats college teams employ. . . Ole Miss senior guard Rod Barnes has become a legend in his own time. The nice comments about this kid from writers outside his home state should make Barnes very proud. A great kid who has become everybody's favorite. . . NBC-TV's Dick Enberg has described the scene at Kentucky when former Gov. A.B. Happy Chandler sings "My Old Kentucky Home" to the 'Cats' departing seniors as one of the most touching in all of sports. And it is. . . We, for one, are glad to see Tennessee's Don DeVoe get a contract extension. DeVoe isn't the greatest public relations expert in the league and no one could say that the Vols have done a great recruiting job in recent years, but the man knows the game and runs an honest program. There's got to be more to coaching than making them laugh when you speak at an alumni meeting.

The Last Word: Norby Walters, the agent, discussing college athletes taking money from agents before the players' eligibility has been used up:

"Coaches close their eyes to it because they don't want to lose their top players. If the player pull up in a Hyundai the coach will say, 'Nice little car.' But if he pulls up in a Porsche, the coach won't ask him anything."

Defensive-Minded 'Cats Kick Off Spring Drills

Jerry Claiborne and his University of Kentucky football team opened spring drills last week, highlighted by the return of eight defensive starters from last season.

The spring drills will continue through Saturday, April 23, culminating with the Kentucky Bank One Blue-White game at Commonwealth Stadium. Kickoff for the game is scheduled for 6 p.m.

Claiborne, who begins his seventh season at Kentucky and his 27th overall, feels defense will be the Wildcats' strength in 1988.

"Right now, we have more people who have played coming back on the defensive side of the football," Claiborne said. "Hopefully, we can take these people returning and put together a real fine defensive football team."

"If people don't score, they can't beat you. And with eight starters coming back, that should be our strength."

Heading the UK defensive unit, which finished third in the Southeastern Conference during 1987 in total defense, are guard Vic Adams (6-1, 255), linebacker Chris Chenault (6-2, 240), tackle Oliver Barnett (6-3, 278), cornerback David Johnson (6-1, 192) and free safety Ron Robinson (6-1, 185). According to the UK coaching staff, all five should draw serious consideration for preseason all-star honors.

Other defensive starters returning this season are defensive ends Jay Dortch (6-1, 205) and Tony Massey (6-2, 215) and right corner Ron Mack (5-10, 183). Junior Carwell Gardner, a part-time starter at DE during his sophomore season two years ago and a reserve last season, has left the team for personal reasons.

But just as sure as Claiborne is about the strength of the UK defensive unit, he is unsure about the Wildcat offensive line. Gone from the Kentucky offensive front are fifth-year seniors Dermontti Dawson, Greg Kunkel, Brad Myers and Butch Wilburn. Only junior Mike Pfeifer (6-7, 290), an All-America candidate, returns at tackle.

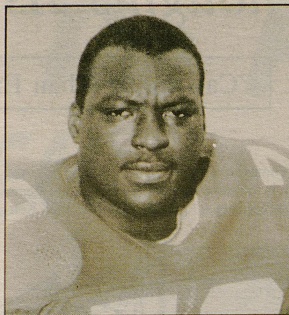
"We lettered seven offensive linemen and that's all," Claiborne said, "and five of those graduated. That's going to be the thing we have to put together this spring and find out who can play in the Southeastern Conference."

Besides the depleted offensive line, UK returns only tight end Charlie Darrington (6-3, 220), quarterback Glenn Fohr (6-2, 206) and fullback Andy Murray (6-1, 236) to regular starting spots. Murray will miss all of spring practice while recovering from surgery on his right knee.

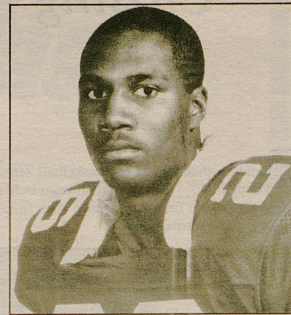
Also missing this spring will be flanker Dee Smith, a junior-to-be who was expected to challenge for All-SEC honors this season, and punter Jay Tesar. Smith was arrested on two counts of trafficking in cocaine last month, and has been suspended indefinitely. Tesar, who averaged 39.9 yards per punt last year, recently had surgery to repair ligament damage to his left knee. He is expected to be back 100 percent this fall.

"Our goal this spring is to get our personnel placed in the right positions," Claiborne said. "We want to get our best people on the field at the same time. That's the important thing."

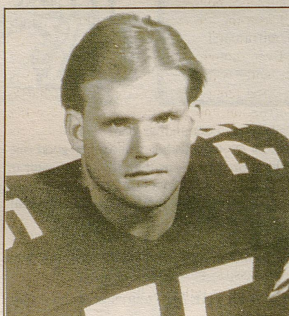
The Wildcats are scheduled to practice three days during the week with scrimmages set for Saturday mornings.



Oliver Barnett



Ron Robinson



Mike Pfeifer



Glenn Fohr

University Of Kentucky Spring Football Roster

Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown (High School)/JC	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown (High School)/JC
Vic Adams	OG	6-1	255	Jr-2L	Middlesboro (High)	Mike Knox	FB	5-10	211	Jr-Sq.	Memphis, Tenn.
Bill Allen	QB	6-0	200	Sr-Sq.	West Liberty (Morgan Co.)	Daniel Lee	TE	6-6	235	Fr-RS	Marianna, Fla. (Cottontale)
Jay Amshoff	LB	6-0	217	Sr-Sq.	Louisville (St. Xavier)	Courtney Longacre	OG	6-2	223	Fr-RS	Louisville (Fairdale)
Al Baker	TB	5-11	228	So-Sq.	Cadiz (Trigg Co.)	Phil Logan	SE	6-3	180	So-1L	Louisville (Holy Cross)
Oliver Barnett	TB	6-3	278	Jr-2L	Louisville (Jeffersonton)	Ron Mack	CB	5-10	183	Sr-3L	Lexington (Tates Creek)
Jerry Bell	DC	6-3	260	Jr-RS	Louisville (DeSales)	Freddie Maggard	S	6-2	190	Fr-RS	Cumberland (High)
Craig Benzinger	LB	6-1	216	Jr-1L	Stone Mountain, Ga. (DeKalb Co.)	Duane Mahan	FB	5-10	207	So-Sq.	Florence (Boone Co.)
Lina Bianconcini	PK	6-0	182	Fr-RS	Louisville (Ballard)	Tony Massey	DE	6-2	215	Jr-2L	Somerset (High)
Darren Bilberry	FB	6-2	207	Jr-1L	Ft. Knox (High)	Mike Meece	TE	6-6	230	So-Sq.	Madeira, Ohio (High)
John Bolden	FL	6-0	176	So-1L	Louisville (Male)	Mike Meiners	DG	6-2	242	Jr-Sq.	Louisville (St. Xavier)
Scott Booth	DT	6-3	256	Jr-TR	Bradenton, Fla. (NE Mississippi JC)	Todd Meyer	CB	5-9	180	Jr-Sq.	Louisville (Trinity)
Jeff Brady	LB	6-0	214	So-Sq.	Melbourne (Newport Catholic)	Tony Mills	OG	6-4	261	Sr-1L	Lexington (Tates Creek)
Chuck Broughton	QB	6-4	223	Jr-Sq.	Ashland (Paul Blazer)	Andy Murray*	FB	6-1	236	Jr-2L	Louisville (Trinity)
Mike Cahill	LB	6-0	222	Sr-Sq.	Louisville (St. Xavier)	Tony Nash	OT	6-5	269	Jr-Sq.	Louisville (DeSales)
Greg Campbell	TB	5-9	175	Fr-RS	Oak Ridge, Tenn. (High)	Jeff Nelson	P	5-10	165	Sr-1L	Florence (Boone Co.)
Jay Chabrak	CB	5-9	176	So-Sq.	South Plainfield, N.J. (High)	Mike Nord	OT	6-7	275	So-Sq.	Louisville (St. Xavier)
Chris Chenault	LB	6-2	240	Sr-3L	Lexington (Henry Clay)	Jamie Ousley	S	6-3	201	So-Sq.	Paducah (Tilghman)
Mike Chism	DC	5-11	252	Jr-Sq.	LaGrange	Martin Pennington	TE	6-2	228	Sr-3L	Corbin (High)
Neal Clark	SE	5-9	165	Fr-RS	Paducah (Tilghman)	Mark Peterson	DG	6-4	255	Fr-RS	Virginia Beach, Va. (Frank Cox)
Chris Connery	CB	5-10	177	Jr-Sq.	Rochester, Mich.	Mike Pfeifer	OT	6-7	290	Jr-2L	Louisville (Trinity)
Joe Couch	LB	6-2	225	Fr-RS	Hager Hill (Paintsville)	Carlos Phillips	LB	6-1	217	So-Sq.	Owensboro (High)
Brian Cralle	C	6-1	271	Jr-Sq.	Elizabethtown (High)	Steve Phillips	FL	6-2	194	So-Sq.	Fairfield, Ohio
David Crane	C	6-2	246	Jr-Sq.	Louisville	Patrick Porter	TE	6-3	210	So-Sq.	Flemingsburg
Tom Crumrine	OG	6-4	279	Jr-Sq.	Westerville, Ohio (North)	Dean Prichard	SE	5-10	179	Sr-Sq.	East Lansing, Mich.
Charlie Darrington	TE	6-3	220	Sr-1L	Tifton, Ga. (NE Oklahoma A&M)	Gary Ralston	DT	6-3	245	So-Sq.	Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio (High)
Brian Denham	OG	6-1	251	Sr-Sq.	Winchester (Clark Co.)	Alfred Rawls	TB	5-11	200	Jr-TR	Pitts. Ga. (NE Oklahoma A&M)
Kevin Disotelle	OT	6-3	255	Fr-RS	Houston, Texas (North Shore)	Scott Rayburn	OG	6-4	224	So-Sq.	Richardson, Texas (L.V. Berkner)
Jay Dortch	DE	6-1	205	Sr-2L	Paducah (Tilghman)	Ron Robinson	S	6-1	185	Jr-2L	Nashville, Tenn. (Stratford)
Shawn Evans	TE	6-6	230	Fr-RS	Richmond (Madison Central)	Lindsey Sandahl	QB	6-2	190	Fr-RS	Germantown, Tenn. (Manhattan)
Glenn Fohr	QB	6-2	206	Sr-1L	Phillipsburg, N.J. (Hudson Valley CC)	Steve Scanlan	SE	6-3	185	Fr-RS	Louisville (Trinity)
Donnie Gardner	DT	6-4	225	Jr-2L	Louisville (Trinity)	David Scott	FB	6-1	195	Fr-RS	Louisville (Jeffersonton)
Tood George	OT	6-5	250	Fr-RS	Covington (Catholic)	Mark Sellers	S	6-3	198	Sr-1L	Louisville (Eastern)
Scott Gillum	PK	5-8	155	Fr-RS	Lexington	Bill Shehan	FL	6-0	189	Sr-Sq.	Independence
Ray Gover	FL	6-3	199	Sr-3L	Dayton, Ohio (Jefferson)	Bo Smith	OT	6-3	256	Sr-Sq.	Lexington (Henry Clay)
Jim Graves	OT	6-6	252	Fr-RS	Lexington (Tennessee Military Institute)	Tim Smith	TB	6-1	183	Sr-Sq.	Whitesburg (High)
Eric Green	QB	6-0	186	Jr-Sq.	Cincinnati, Ohio (Forest Park)	David Sprague	DB	5-9	190	Fr-RS	Henderson (Henderson Co.)
Chris Gregg	OT	6-6	255	Fr-RS	Masontown, W.Va. (West Preston)	Steve Stone	TE	6-2	209	So-Sq.	Lexington
Brett Halcomb	PK	5-11	206	Fr-RS	Elizabethtown (East Hardin)	Billy Swanson	DE	6-0	220	So-Sq.	Paducah (Tilghman)
Randy Holleran	LB	6-0	221	So-1L	McKeesport, Pa. (High)	Jay Tesar*	P	6-1	175	Sr-2L	Vine Grove (North Hardin)
Jeff Houk	QB	6-2	200	Jr-Sq.	Louisville (St. Xavier)	Derrick Thomas	LB	6-2	215	Fr-RS	Lexington (Brian Station)
Doug Houser	DC	6-4	247	Jr-2L	Aliquippa, Pa. (Central)	Chris Tolbert	CB	6-0	193	So-1L	Pensacola, Fla. (Booker T. Washington)
Bill Hulet	OG	6-2	255	So-Sq.	Moganfield (Union Co.)	Lane Vargo	DE	6-0	220	Fr-RS	Akron, Ohio (St. Vincent)
Chris Hunt	CB	6-0	190	Fr-RS	Richmond, Va. (Fork Union)	Jim Wetta	SE	6-2	195	Sr-Sq.	Wellington, Kan. (Hutchinson JC)
Joe Hunter	TB	6-0	213	Sr-2L	Gainesville, Fla. (Buchholz)	Dean Wilks	OG	6-3	282	So-1L	Proctorville, Ohio (Fairland)
Lee Jackson	S	5-11	185	Fr-RS	Mayfield (High)	Gary Willis	S	6-2	170	Fr-RS	Gainesville, Fla. (Buchholz)
Scott Jerolaman	S	5-11	197	So-Sq.	Point Pleasant, N.J. (Brick Memorial)	Ken Willis	PK	5-10	188	Jr-1L	Owensboro (Centre College)
David Johnson	CB	6-1	192	Sr-3L	Louisville (Male)	Paul Winter	QB	6-2	223	So-Sq.	Newburgh, N.Y. (Washingtonville)
Mike Jones	OT	6-0	259	Sr-Sq.	London (Beechwood)	Tony Zigmant	DE	6-2	212	Jr-1L	Lewes, Del. (Cape Hanlopen)
Steve Kelley	LB	6-2	225	So-Sq.	Hopkinsville (High)						

*Injured, will miss entire spring. Key: Sq—Squad; 1L—One-year letterman; 2L—Two-year letterman; 3L—Three-year letterman; TR—Transfer; RS—Redshirt.

QB Fohr Now At Ease As 'Cats Enter Spring Ball

By TCP Columnist Nick Nicholas

Entering spring drills Kentucky quarterback Glenn Fohr has to feel more at ease than he did at this time last year.

If things go as planned the 6-foot-2, 206-pound senior will be the No. 1 signal caller when UK kicks off its schedule next September against Central Michigan. Last year, Fohr, unfamiliar with the 'Cats' game plan, came in and earned a backup spot behind Kevin Dooley.

Fohr, meanwhile, took command of the offense when Dooley suffered a kidney injury in UK's fourth game. Dooley then returned against Virginia Tech but gave way to Fohr in the season finale with the Tennessee Volunteers.

Despite a 24-22 emotional setback to the Vols, UK's heir apparent at quarterback had an exceptional afternoon. Fohr hit on 14 of 31 passes for 240 yards and two touchdowns. Overall, he completed 74 of 163 attempts for 973 yards and six TDs in his first Wildcat season.

"I did all right, but I definitely made a lot of mistakes, too," Fohr recalled. "A lot of times I was doing things wrong that people didn't notice, but the coaches noticed it and I noticed it. I'm just trying to correct all that and work on doing things fundamentally sound."

Wave inexperience goodbye, Glenn. Your time has come.

In a move to accommodate Fohr's talents, the Kentucky offense will experiment with the run-and-shoot set this spring. You see,

when Fohr played junior college ball for Hudson Valley he was effective with the same offensive tactic. And according to reports in Wildcat Land this addition in the offensive playbook is more than just a passing fancy.

"Basically, you've got one back set and four receivers," said Fohr last week, describing the run-and-shoot formation. "Your tight ends are off the ball and are standing in an upright position."

"It's (used) just so they can get out in their pass route quicker instead of getting held up on the line. They'll still block if they have to pick up someone."

"What I'll do, as a quarterback, is roll outside to one side and we'll try to flood the zone with three or four receivers."

In 1986 out of the run-and-shoot formation Fohr led the Coastal Conference in passing, connecting on 100 of 205 attempts for 1,512 yards and seven touchdowns. Awarded all-conference honors, Fohr is no stranger to the fill-it-in-the-air strategy that the run-and-shoot offers.

Even though wideout Dee Smith's career presently is in limbo, UK's receiver corp is in good hands. Perhaps tight ends Charlie Darrington and Martin Pennington are the 'Cats' best. Fohr also has two capable targets in sophomore wideouts Phil Logan and John Bolden.

What's lacking is depth at the receiver position and an offensive line to build around All-America candidate Mike Pfeifer. But with the run-and-shoot formation, there will be less pressure on UK's green line. More important, less pressure on Fohr.

"For them (all they have to do is) make

their block, get a little contact and hold the guys up," said Fohr. "They don't have to drive them off the ball, really."

"It's pretty hard to cover three or four receivers. Hopefully I can find the open man, get 'em the ball and stay ahead of the count."

Right now, UK is in the experimental stage with the run-and-shoot. "We're working on everything right now," Fohr said. "We're going to see how it develops. If it works out we might stay with it, if not we'll stay with the other stuff."

That's got to make the senior-to-be happy, knowing that the coaches are willing to try something he's comfortable with.

"Yeah," answered Fohr with a positive tone. "That's all we did in junior college. I feel that if we do a little of the run-and-shoot along with a combination of other things it will make us more of a threat. Other teams are going to have to watch a little bit of the 'I' (formation), the running game and the passing game."

"So they're going to have to work in their week of practice to prepare for us."

Still in awe of Division I football, here's Glenn Fohr's thoughts on the new \$5.5 million dollar Ervin J. Nutter training center.

"This is great for me because I came from a small high school and we didn't even have a weight room. When I went to junior college we didn't have a weight room. When I got here I thought Shively was the biggest place I'd ever seen. Now, this new building is great."

"You can come in here all day and get lost."

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Spring Notes: **Jerry Claiborne's** three main objectives leading up to the Blue-White game are: 1) Rebuild the offensive line; 2) Have someone to confidently step in at quarterback should Fohr go down; and 3) Find an adequate replacement for **Joey Worley**.

To answer the first objective, the UK staff must put together its starting line with only one starter returning, **Mike Pfeifer** (6-7, 290). Lineman such as: **Bo Smith** (6-3, 256), **Tony Mills** (6-4, 261), **Mike Nord** (6-7, 275), **Tony Nash** (6-5, 269) **Tom Crumrine** (6-4, 279) and others will be forced to develop quickly.

The second objective? Senior **Bill Allen** and junior **Chuck Broughton** likely will be the two candidates fighting for the backup position.

Junior **Ken Willis**, who kicked off for the Wildcats last season, will be given the best shot of replacing Worley's record-setting foot. The transfer from Centre has a strong kicking foot but has a tendency at times to be off-target.

Speaking of kicking, while UK returns its top two punters—**Jay Tesar** and **Jeff Nelson**—neither will participate this spring. Tesar is out with an injury while Nelson is currently involved in an internship in Ohio. Both will be back in camp come this fall.

Also missing for the 'Cats this spring because of injuries will be fullback **Andy Murray** and cornerback **Jay Chabrak** (5-9, 196).

Bat Cats Square Record At 11-11 With 9-5 Win Over Tide

By TCP Columnist Nick Nicholas

The Kentucky Bat Cats evened their overall record to 11-11 with a 9-5 victory over Alabama last Sunday at Shively Field.

The win enabled Keith Madison's club to take two of three from the Crimson Tide over the weekend, winning Saturday's first game 3-2 with 'Bama claiming the nightcap 6-4.

A five-run third propelled UK to its fifth conference win in nine tries, aided by a two-run, go-ahead single by centerfielder Mark Blythe.

"It was a good comeback for us," said Madison, whose club entered the third frame trailing 3-0. "I think this weekend is going to be a turning point for this team. We've played a bunch of games on the road (15 of 22). This weekend was good in that we played at home. Even the game we lost we came back and almost got 'em in the last inning."

"The guys know now that they can come back and win the conference games. I think we've gotten off to a good start in the conference."

Winning pitcher Tom Deller, 1-1, got off to a rocky start, giving up a one-run double to Tim Butt and a bad-hop RBI single to Brent Reese in the first inning. The junior right-hander pitched seven innings as reliever Dave Voit secured the win with two frames of shutout ball.

"It was a really gutsy performance—Tom threw 140 pitches and that's a lot of pitches for him," Madison said. "He competed very well."

In the top of the second, Deller gave up a solo shot to Crimson Tide second baseman Robert Fletcher, his third of the year. But to the delight of the 836 in attendance on Louisville Slugger Baseball Day, UK sent nine batters to the plate in the eighth, crossing the plate five times.

Billy White scored the first hit off losing pitcher Pete Brown, 2-2, when he stroked a triple to right center. Thanks to Brown's wildness, White came home to make the count 3-1. Following an out by Sam Taylor,

Vince Castaldo and Darin Rieman teamed up for back-to-back doubles to close the gap to one.

Two straight base on balls to John Marshall and Robbie Buchanan set the stage for Blythe's game-winning hit. Blythe drilled a 1-0 pitch to left field to drive in two.

A 20-minute delay followed because home plate umpire Jack Cox was forced to leave the game (bruised collar bone on foul tip) and had to be replaced. Meanwhile, on the first pitch after the impromptu break, Bobby Olinick sent Brown packing with an RBI single to left.

White, leading off the fourth, smashed a line drive over the left field fence courtesy of reliever Pete Hinkle. The home run was White's first of the '88 campaign.

The visitors cut the margin to 7-5 in the sixth as Reese hit a mammoth two-run shot that Blythe watched sail beyond the 390 center-field sign.

Kentucky reclaimed those runs in its next at bat when Marshall was credited with a sacrifice fly and Blythe forced in a run when he was hit by a pitch.

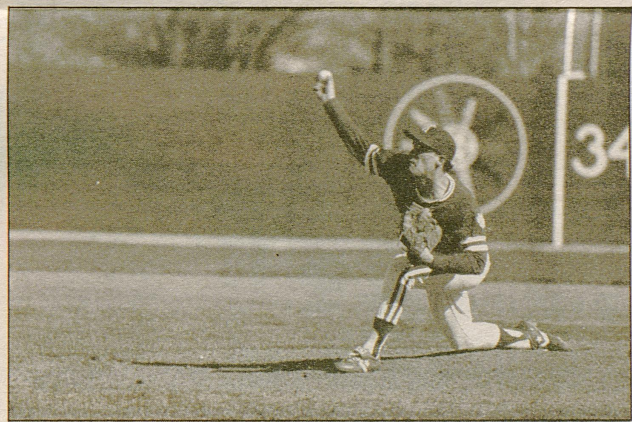
Roger Gum's outstanding play in the eighth suffocated a 'Bama threat, all but taking the air out of its chances.

Alabama's Jason Bridges led off the eighth with a walk—on four straight pitches thrown by Deller. Madison then pulled Deller in favor of Voit. On a 1-2 pitch, Butt slapped a shot that appeared destined for the grass in right-center. The UK second baseman, however, snagged the one-hopper, starting a 4-6-3 big, big double play. Big because Alabama's next batter, Reese, connected on a single, his third hit of the afternoon.

Voit retired David Matsumura to end the inning.

"That was a great play and he did a great job because that was a hard hit ball," Madison said of Gum's defensive gem. "I mean that was a bullet. That was a big turning point because if the ball gets through they're back in the game."

Facing three consecutive pinch hitters in the ninth, Voit proceeded to send the 'Tide



Winning Pitcher Tom Deller Sends One Plateward in 9-5 UK Win back to Tuscaloosa one-two-three.

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Bat Cat Notes: Concerning UK and the possibility of airing 23 games on WVLC radio this season, UK coach **Keith Madison** said that effort has been scratched. The idea came up two weeks prior to the start of the season. Because of such short notice, UK officials didn't have adequate time to sell advertising spots. But concerning next season, "if **Ralph (Hacker, WVLC president and general manager)** will give me the green light to do it again I'll start on it this summer," said Madison. "We'll get it done." The UK coach added that it was "very important that we do that." . . . In a related matter, one of two Bat Cat games to be televised has been erased from WKYT's previous schedule. The single game between **Mississippi and Kentucky** on Sunday, April 24 has been moved to April 23. Thus, the Lexington television station will not be able to broadcast the event. The Ole Miss-UK double-header scheduled for April 23 has

been moved to April 22 because it conflicted with **Blue-White** football scrimmage. . . **Chris Estep**, who injured his throwing arm while making a spectacular catch at Marshall, is expected to be back for the Tennessee series this weekend. The center-fielder currently is batting .269 with a team-high six round-trippers.

SEC Baseball Standings*

Team	All	SEC	GB
Florida.....	24-8-1	9-3	—
Mississippi State.....	16-6	7-2	½
Auburn.....	19-7	8-4	1
Louisiana State.....	18-7	6-3	1½
Vanderbilt.....	14-9	5-4	2½
Kentucky.....	11-11	5-4	2½
Alabama.....	15-11	2-7	5½
Tennessee.....	10-14	2-7	5½
Ole Miss.....	15-10	2-7	5½
Georgia.....	12-12	2-7	5½

*Thru games of Mar. 28

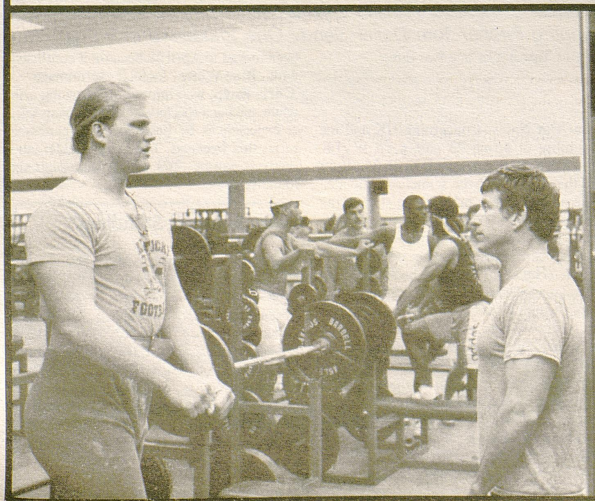
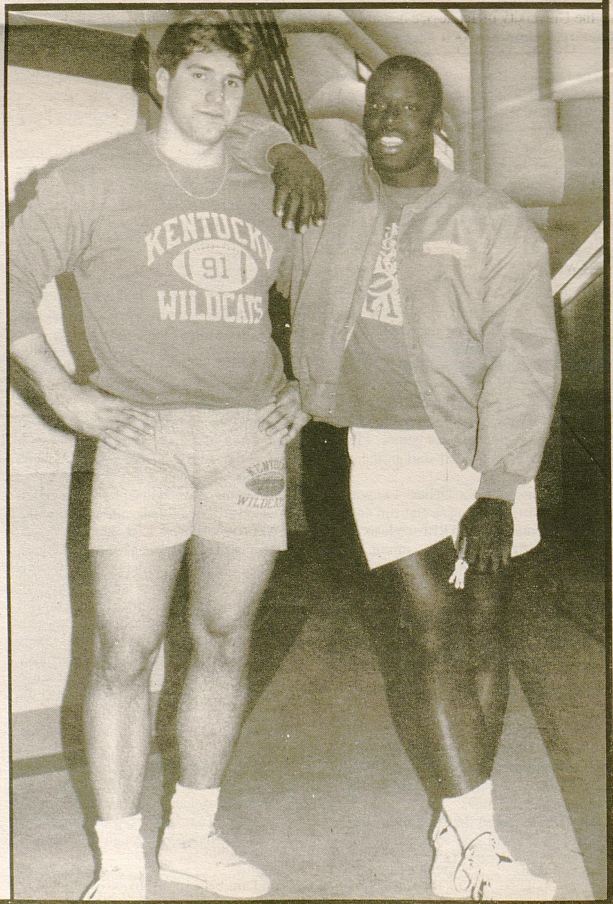
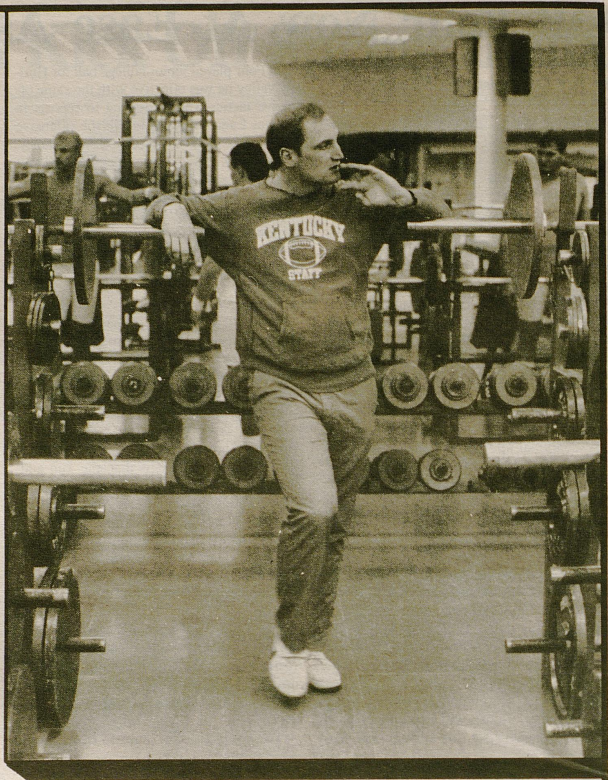
KENTUCKY WILDCATS



PRO DAY

Last Month Former And Current Wildcats Performed For Many Pro Scouts At The Ervin J. Nutter Training Center. A Routine Annually Done At Most Colleges, The Scouts Were Able To Get A First-Hand Look At Possible NFL Players-To-Be. (Top Right, Clockwise) Assistant Greg Nord Observes Some Of His 'Cats Pumping Iron; A Couple Of Old Timers, John Shannon (Right) And Jerry Reese, Take Timeout To Pose For A Snap Shot; Sophomore Offensive Lineman Mike Pfeifer, Who In One Lift Benched 425 Pounds, Chats With Strength Coach Pat Etcheberry; And Mark Higgs (Middle) Checks Out David Johnson's (Right) Time In The Forty-Yard Dash.

Photos By Nick Nicholas



DeVoe's Been Rehired At Tennessee. . .

. . . But A Few Questions Still Remain

Don DeVoe's 10th season as the head coach of the Tennessee Volunteers is one he'll never forget. No coach in the country came under more scrutiny this season than the former Bob Knight assistant. The more the Vols struggled, the stronger the rumors flowed about DeVoe's tedious status as head coach. Both television and radio airwaves throughout the



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state of Tennessee were filled with reports of DeVoe's anticipated dismissal. One unnamed source of a Tennessee writer described himself as "Deep Vol" and gave the scribe clues on who the next UT coach would be (he thought it would be Bobby Cremins of Georgia Tech). And a Knoxville television station went on the air and said that DeVoe had in fact been canned by the UT athletic staff.

Well, so much for predetermined judgements. DeVoe has weathered his greatest coaching battle when it was announced during the SEC tournament that DeVoe was granted a two-year extension to his contract instead of the long-awaited announcement that the veteran coach had coached his last game when the Vols lost to Florida in Baton Rouge.

IN THE SURPRISING ANNOUNCEMENT, UT athletic director Doug Dickey said DeVoe would be given an extension on his own recommendation to the athletics board.

"We have made the decision to extend coach DeVoe's contract for two more years," Dickey said, "which will carry through the 1990-91 season."

Of course, the news release from Baton Rouge put to rest all of the false scuttlebutt that said DeVoe would never coach again at Tennessee. In 10 years, the Vol coach certainly hasn't embarrassed the Tennessee program, as he has compiled a record of 185-125. His teams have appeared in five NCAA tournaments and three NITs.

"I am happy to accept this contract extension and I deeply appreciate the confidence the University of Tennessee has in me, our staff and our present basketball team," DeVoe

said. "The last two years have been difficult years, but the numbers seem to be improving now."

The numbers which he referred to are these: A 16-13 won-loss record this year, meaning UT has broken a two-year slump of sub-.500 records. And though the Vols didn't make the NCAA field this season, they did put together some of their basketball at the end of the season, winning four out of their last six games, including a big upset of Kentucky. And had it not been for their best player (Dyron Nix) having a terrible shooting game against Florida, the Vols could have easily been the SEC tournament's Cinderella team just as Georgia was this year.

"THIS IS OBVIOUSLY A CONTROVERSIAL MATTER," Dickey said in Baton Rouge. "I am aware that many people have orally commented or written to us expressing their feelings about the coaching situation."

"I have confidence there is renewed strength in our program that will carry over into the 1988-89 season. Coach DeVoe's personal commitment to recruiting, the work his staff and the great basketball facility on our campus can give us a promising new future."

Now that DeVoe's immediate future in Knoxville is assured, several observations come to mind:

One, throughout this agonizing ordeal, DeVoe has handled himself with class. He never hid his feelings with the media and never lost his composure, no matter how bad the situation got. Maybe it was private conversations with his former boss, Knight, or just his fiery nature, but DeVoe certainly couldn't be faulted with the way he endured the brutal attacks against his program. DeVoe was always very open, and acted very professionally despite going through a difficult time for both himself and his family.

Two, what should be made of Dickey literally making a two-year observation of the entire Tennessee program? During his investigation, it was his job to critique DeVoe and how the program was run. At first, when it became known that Dickey would in fact closely follow all aspects of the UT basketball program, it appeared that this would be the first sign that the school was taking steps to find a new coach. Was Dickey there to judge how the team was faring against SEC competition, or to see if DeVoe was running a "clean" program? Obviously, the latter has been a trademark of DeVoe's since he arrived in Knoxville. What was Dickey's true purpose of his reports on the program?

A third point was why did the UT athletic board let this DeVoe saga continue had it already made up its mind to fire him in the first place? Let's face it, had Tennessee not received an off-balance Greg Bell jumper at the buzzer to defeat Kentucky, and a late season three-game winning streak, DeVoe in all likelihood was gone anyway. It seemed DeVoe was

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College Sports Fear Drugs, Gambling

Yet They Continue To Help Promote Them

College sports' enemies Nos. 1 and 2 are gambling and drugs. While upfront we abhor their presence, denounce them and warn our athletes against them, back at the cash register we allow them to slide in with the advertising, and actually promote their activity.



Scoop Hudgins

Cats' Pause Columnist



Football, basketball and the Olympic Games, contested with spirit and skillfully presented to the public, create exciting events for alcohol to hang its ads on and for gambling to increase its addiction.

Coach C.M. Newton of the exciting Vanderbilt basketball team presented the conflict realistically. He said: "Here we are, testing our athletes for drugs, and at the same time we're promoting the sale of beer—which is a form of drugs."

The bulge in betting is aided by newspapers listing the odds or "line" on the games and by radio and TV sports talk shows. New converts to gambling are acquired from spectators and TV watchers who feel that the team they support is underrated by the line, and they bet their opinion.

IF THEY LOSE, THEY'VE LEARNED SOMETHING. But if they win, they feel their opinion is better than that of the oddsmakers, so they bet again, and again. Soon the wins come through personal smartness, while the losses occur through tough breaks late in the contest or prejudice of the officials.

But no matter the reason, let's get on with the game: "I was right, and I'll prove it with this next bet. I'll simply double up to catch up."

He's contracted the fever. The excitement is exhilarating. He craves the feeling, will do anything for it. Another lost to gambling addiction.

The talk shows which feature gambling odds and are beer-sponsored are a double loss

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—Vanderbilt coach C.M. Newton

for college sports, plus another harm even worse, unfair criticism of the coaches.

At times they are dominated by beer-drinkers motivated by a desire to hear their own opinions voiced over the air. They are strong on one team and insulting to the other. They know the strengths and weaknesses of both and the strategy that should be employed by their team's coach. Then, when their prediction misses, they criticize the coach and want to fire him.

In the recent SEC tournament at LSU, the beer commercials were rampant. Even on the public address system, the beer companies, with other beverages, local restaurants and auto dealers, were presented every few minutes as the official sponsors of the Southeastern Conference. To some, it was sickening.

This week I asked commissioner Harvey Schiller about the direction of advertising in the presentation of SEC special events.

He said: "We follow NCAA guidelines on beer commercials, and on any others we apply standards of good taste. Already, we are smokeless in our advertising. We desire clients compatible with the aims of our colleges."

He further explained: "The PA commercials at Baton Rouge were allowed to thank the people who contributed an exceptional amount of work-time and products to the accommodation of LSU's effort toward a successful tournament. I have since recommended to the ADs and the presidents that no commercials be permitted on the PA at Southeastern Conference championship events."

The public eventually decides the tenor of acceptable advertising by expressing opinion. In college sports the SEC is aware, and moving to the right.

Look For NCAA To Widen Lane, Curb Fights

With Eric, LeRon & Rex, UK's Future Is Bright

•It is almost certain the NCAA Basketball Rules Committee will vote to widen the foul lane before next season. Rules editor **Ed Steitz**, father of the three-point shot, is known to favor the international lane which fans out from the free throw line. Others on the 12-man committee may opt for something more conservative such as the NBA lane, but some change



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seems to be a priority.

That committee will also address the issue of fights. It seems probable that some sort of NCAA-mandated suspension will follow for a player ejected for fighting. "We don't think it's a widespread thing, but one ugly fight is too many," says Steitz. . .

•With his resignation at Providence College, coach **Gordie Chiesa** did the school a big favor. A year ago the Friars were in the Final Four and this year it was the only Big East team not invited to the NCAA or NIT. But the difference here doesn't so much lie with Chiesa's lack of coaching ability as the administration at PC. True, the school was short-stopped by **Rick Pitino's** late-arriving decision to coach the New York Knicks, but I still have a feeling those in charge here really don't understand what it takes to be a consistent winner.

For example, when the athletic director's job became vacant last year, instead of seeking an experienced individual, Providence simply promoted the sports information director, a move which raised eyebrows throughout the Big East. Then came the decision to hire Chiesa, an assistant under Pitino. Despite previous experience as a head coach at Manhattan, the basketball book on Chiesa suggested he was the perfect No. 2 man.

Now the school gets a fresh start. Because of its membership in the Big East, this program is capable of being a national level competitor on a yearly basis. But it needs the right man on the sideline and, more important, it needs an administration which has a much better understanding of how a big time basketball program operates. . .

•As the NCAA tournament progressed, the number of players likely to apply for the NBA's undergraduate eligibility list grew. Syracuse's **Derrick Coleman** played badly down the stretch and was in such a funk he refused to accept his award when the Orangemen won the Big East. Pitt's **Jerome Lane** was openly critical of coach **Paul Evans** following the Panthers' loss to Vanderbilt in the first round of play. I think it's very likely those two will be on the list.

DePaul's **Rod Strickland** is another who'll probably declare and, despite comments otherwise, it will be a very close call for North Carolina's **J.R. Reid**. Tar Heels' coach **Dean Smith** has already advised the youngster to consider coming out because Smith correctly believes Reid could be the number one choice taken. . .

•When Arizona assistant **Ricky Byrdsong** stepped into the troubled Detroit job, he was greeted with a chorus of protest from high school coaches in the city's Public School League. Outraged that one of their number wasn't tapped for the job, PSL coaches vowed not to send any of their players to UD. That may not be quite the major blow it seems because, first, only a small percentage of PSL players are ever academically qualified to be accepted by the school and, second, it may be overly presumptive on the part of PSL coaches to believe they can completely control where their players will attend college. Influence, yes. Control? Not always.

Interestingly, this may be the last go-round for the school which sent **Dick Vitale** into the world. After a decade of struggle following Vitale's departure (culminated by the recent 7-21 disaster), UD has loosened the purse strings to give Byrdsong adequate funds for a staff and a good recruiting budget. But if he cannot get it done, it seems likely Detroit, excellent tradition and all, will either give up the sport entirely or go to Division III.

The good news for Byrdsong is there is some talent still on hand which, with a little direction, can be a .500 team. He must find some additional players and, most important, generate some excitement about basketball at the school. . .

•The departure of **Ricky Calloway** from Indiana is rather sad. A year ago he was a key player (remember the LSU game?) as the Hoosiers won a national championship. This year he became another in a long line of **Bobby Knight's** whipping boys. He was benched and played like a confused and hurt young man. So great was the pain Calloway is now willing to sit for a year just to have one more season with another program. What I fail to understand about all this is how Knight continues to recruit well in the face of such incidents. Apparently it is true that young people don't think such things will ever happen to them. And if I were Knight, I'd have to wonder just what it says when a young man, who was such an important part of giving Indiana a national championship one year, is driven to walk angrily away from the school the next. . .

•It sounded like sour grapes when Syracuse coach **Jim Boeheim** wailed about the officiating during the first two games of the NCAA tournament. "All year we play one way, then we get to the tournament and we are supposed to play another way? It's ridiculous," he said. "We played a physical style the whole season, but once tournament play starts any little touch is a foul."

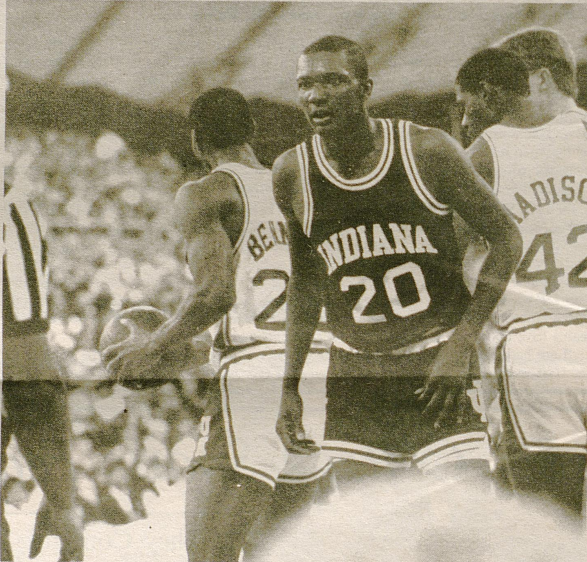
I think Boeheim has a point, but it is an inherent flaw in the system of selecting officials for the tournament and I frankly doubt there's anything which can be done. Officials ad-

vance in the tournament based on the ratings they are given each game. In a sense they are as much in competition as the teams.

The problem has been resolved at the Final Four because nine men are advanced with three being assigned to each game. In other words, those calling the semifinal games will not be involved in the championship game.

At the regional level, however, those who perform best will survive for another week. And that does translate into a more closely-called game. Mechanics seem a bit more graphic and generally you seem more aware of the officials than during a regular-season contest.

I guess the alternative is to pre-assign all games based on regular-season evaluations, but I'm not certain that wouldn't be even worse. Indeed, it seems a problem without solution. . .



When You Think About It, The Calloway-Knight Situation Is Sad

•Weren't the NAIA Final Four games great theater? I've said so often that television has created a perception that exciting basketball is played in only three or four conferences when, in fact, quality performances can be seen coast-to-coast at every level. . .

•Rhode Island's **Tom Penders** becomes a hot coaching property off his team's performance in the NCAA tournament. He is presumed to be in the hunt for the Rutgers and Providence jobs. But it might be well to remember that Penders did not lure any of the talent to Rhode Island which got them back on the basketball map. Granted he did a magnificent job directing the players **Bernie Fine** recruited, but in both of those available positions, someone who can give instant help in the recruiting wars is needed. . .

•Bradley's **Stan Albeck** is being mentioned as a possible at Texas. But it seems unlikely Albeck would leave his alma mater for another college job. A spot in the NBA, however, might be another matter. . .

•Others might not want to admit this, but I find all the success **Temple** and **Oklahoma** enjoyed this year very remarkable considering that neither was listed in many preseason Top Twenties. No one, of course, could foresee the impact **Mark Macon** would have on Temple, and how **Billy Tubbs** put together such a force at Oklahoma remains something of an unwritten mystery. . .

•Earlier I said **Kentucky**, **Syracuse** and **Michigan** would be strong candidates for the number one pre-season ranking next fall, but there are some others now moving into position. Like **Iowa**. Or **Duke**. Maybe even **Louisville**. Of course, **North Carolina's** always a reasonable possibility, a tribute to the consistency of that program. . .

•Given the nice attendance figures at this year's NCAA without any team having a home court advantage, isn't it an appropriate time for the Tournament Committee to etch in stone a rule prohibiting disallowing participants the opportunity to play a home game? . . .

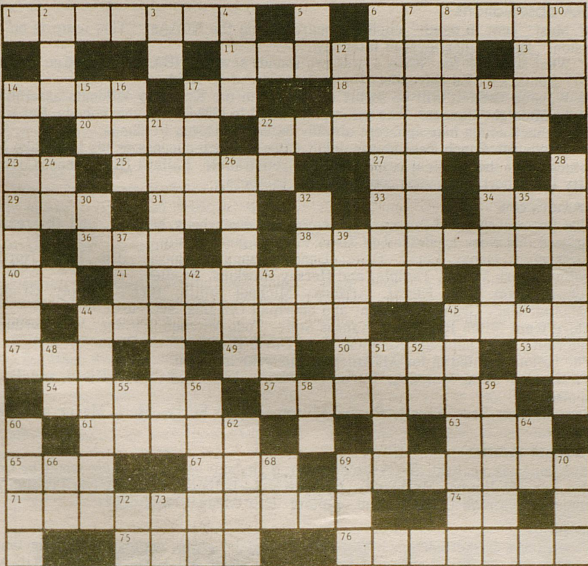
•Kentucky's downfall, ultimately, could be traced to the fact it never fully solved the frontcourt problems. The **Rob Lock** of December was a far different player than the Rob Lock of February and March. But the future, with **Eric Manuel**, **LeRon Ellis** and "**King Rex**" (**Chapman**) is bright. Before completing their careers, that group will produce a few more cheers in Lexington. . .

•**Don DeVoe** has been given a two-year extension at Tennessee, but the rules are these: He needs to finish in the top half of the SEC and get to the NCAA tournament at least once. . .

•Did you notice that with the possible exception of **Villanova**, no team made it to the Final Eight without at least one player who'll be a top 10 NBA draft choice in line-up? That should tell you something. . .

T C P C R O S S W O R D P U Z Z L E

By Dan Krueckeberg



NCAA HOOPS '86-'87: THE TOP TEAMS

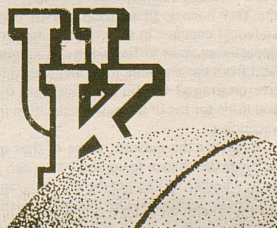
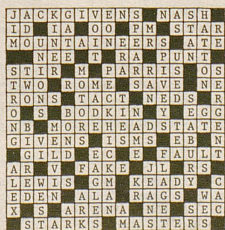
ACROSS

- 1 Power in SEC with Moten & Maxwell return to national attention is led by Tico
- 11 Any team which starters from last season must rebuild
- 13 Abbr. for state of tough Orangemen
- 14 The _____ of the Atlantic 10 are no push-overs
- 17 Abbr. for state housing Dalrymple, Ferrell, Hammonds club
- 18 Independent New _____ is not to be taken lightly
- 20 Excel with big guy Robinson
- 22 Knight's boys
- 23 Initials of coach of 44 Down
- 25 Coach _____ men are hardly the wimps of the SEC
- 27 Jo Thompson's Hoyas feature standout Reggie Williams
- 29 Abbr. for "alderman"
- 31 Aim for 2nd straight trip to Final Four
- 33 1st and 4th vowel
- 34 Zuiider
- 36 The _____ Golden Bears are no longer a Pac-10 cream puff
- 38 Must be given consideration in the Big Ten
- 40 Abbr. for state where last year's sleepers, the Vikings, could be best
- 41 Class of the Metro
- 44 Will go as far as talented backcourt takes them
- 45 Many _____ Pitt as most talented in the Big East
- 47 Abbr. for "Amer. Automobile Assoc."
- 49 Double vowel
- 50 Scoring machine Miller and mates
- 53 Abbr. for "no return"
- 54 _____ squad rules the FCAA again
- 57 _____ success hinges on the play of talented Comegys
- 61 Jud's guys are strong at Michigan
- 63 Abbr. for "estimated time of arrival"
- 65 Eggs
- 67 Abbr. for SEC squad of coach Durham
- 69 Class of the Big Ten?
- 71 A contender with 7-0 Welp
- 74 Initials of guard Thompkins of 59 Down
- 75 Winston-less, but still strong
- 76 Lebo, Smith or Wolf for Dean

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- 2 _____ and order
- 3 Abbr. for state housing independent hopeful, the Irish
- 4 _____ carte
- 5 Abbr. for state of Improving Golden Eagles of the Metro
- 6 Best in Southern Conference?
- 7 _____ State could be MVC's best
- 8 On the sheltered side
- 9 Taverners
- 10 _____ team method or scheme
- 12 Also
- 14 Still a threat in Big Eight
- 15 Abbr. for "legal note"
- 16 Observed
- 17 Practice places
- 19 Cream of crop in Pac-10?
- 21 Going for repeat of '85
- 22 Initials of football coach of 41 Across
- 24 Initials of star Larkin of Xavier
- 26 No longer a doormat in Big Ten
- 28 _____ Kentucky is a Sun Belt power
- 30 Initials of Chievous of Missouri
- 32 The Redmen hope to be "in the _____ come tourney time
- 35 2nd and 3rd of the five
- 37 Farris Ellison: the Cards' _____ in the hole
- 39 Easiest shot
- 42 Abbr. for "right"
- 43 _____ tea
- 44 Manning & Company
- 45 Home of always tough Wolfpack
- 46 Abbr. for 'state of DeVoe's troops
- 48 Abbr. for school with strong frontline of Moore, Morris and Jones
- 51 Biblical brother
- 52 Coach _____ te Olson of 19 Down
- 53 Initials of Taylor of 36 Across
- 56 Trick
- 58 Initials of Leckner of fine Wyoming team
- 59 Iowa _____ has Grayer, etal
- 60 A Big Ten powerhouse
- 62 Bacon and _____
- 64 Indefinite article
- 66 Abbr. for state of fine Cavalier squad
- 68 Hopes are high _____ Tulsa
- 69 "In the pa _____"
- 70 _____-American candidate Dennis Hopson leads the Buckeyes
- 72 Initials of Herbert of 41 Across
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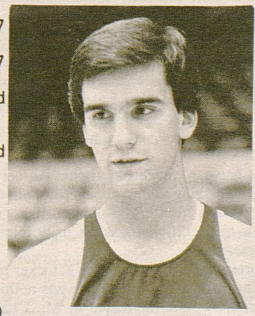
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interest in him.

In the past two weeks, no less than Indiana, Vanderbilt, LSU—and yes, even UK—have called. Vanderbilt had been in the hunt earlier, but made sure it was a quiet one. It's no secret that C.M. Newton didn't want to get burned again like his recruiting of John Pelphrey last season when UK snatched him at the last second.

Kentucky made its first official contact with Farmer only Sunday afternoon when Eddie Sutton and assistants Dwane Casey and James Dickey visited the Farmer home in Clay County.

A family spokesperson said the visit lasted between one and two hours during which Sutton offered Farmer a scholarship and assured him that the offer was not based on any fan or outside pressure, but Sutton's personal desire that he wants Farmer to play for UK.

Later the same day, Western coach Murray Arnold made a visit to the Farmer home and LSU's Dale Brown was scheduled for a home visit on Monday evening.

Farmer said he doesn't expect to make his decision for about two weeks. He was to leave for Louisville on Tuesday to prepare for this weekend's Derby Festival Classic on Friday night.

He told *TCP* he expects to make official visits to Kentucky, Vanderbilt, Western, LSU and Indiana before making his decision.

Farmer has made no secret of his desire to play for UK for the past couple years.

"I've always dreamed of playing for UK," said Farmer back in December. "It's the dream of every kid in the state. It's what basketball is all about."

There were reports early last week that Louisville was also interested in Farmer and would be in contact with him, but Farmer said Saturday he had not heard from the Cardinals.

The UK scholarship offer was a long time coming, but don't look for Farmer to pass it up. He may take his visits and wait a few days, but if there is one sure thing today, it is that Farmer certainly won't take as long to decide on UK as

UK did to decide on him.

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HITS AND MISSES . . . One of the leading contenders for Indiana's Mr. Basketball, **Shawn Kemp**, scored 23 points with 13 rebounds and six blocked shots against **Muncie Central** in the championship game of the Indiana State High School championship last week. His effort wasn't enough as Muncie Central beat his **Concord High** team 76-53. It was the first loss of the season for Concord after reeling off 28 straights wins. Muncie Central also finished 28-1 on the year. Central is coached by **Bill Harrell**, who won his third state title in Hoosierland after winning a Kentucky title at Shelby County back in the 1970s . . .

Marty Brennaman, voice of the Cincinnati Reds and television voice of the UK Basketball Network, took time out of his spring training chores in Florida to call the Southeast Regional NCAA Tourney from Birmingham for the NCAA Radio Network, put together by Host Communications. Don't be surprised if Marty someday is doing the NCAA Final Four basketball action . . . Former UK coach **Joe B. Hall** was a guest on *CNN's* popular "Crossfire" program last Saturday. The special live segment was on the NCAA Final Four and dealt with the plight of college athletes when the schools are making millions off the students. Hall appeared on the show with former coach and current television analyst **Bucky Waters**. Hall said he believes today's athletes deserve some form of compensation because they aren't allowed to hold part-time jobs during the year while the schools are raking in millions from gate receipts and television revenue . . . UK's **Rex Chapman** was the only player from Thursday's losers to make the All-Southeast Regional team in Birmingham . . . On the football front, NCAA assistant executive director **Dave Cawood** was in Birmingham for the Southeast Regional. And Cawood says his son **Jeff**, who is an outstanding high school lineman in Kansas, is being recruited by **Kentucky** and **Arkansas**.

Bob Watkins

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NCAA observations

- ✓ Most "beat to death" clichés I heard during the NCAAs: "This team is on a mission," and "higher level of intensity."
- ✓ What senior in the NCAA's first two rounds saw his NBA draft stock go up the most? Kentucky's Ed Davender. Underclassman? J.R. Reid.
- ✓ Winston Bennett will be sorely missed when the Kentucky Wildcats assemble next for Midnight Madness. Who will replace him? In 1988-89 probably nobody. But UK has a Bennett-tough heir apparent already on board. Deron Feldhaus.
- ✓ Pittsburgh Coach Paul Evans didn't have as much success as his look-alike in Kentucky, but the physical resemblance is remarkable. Ballard High School Coach Scotty Davenport and Evans could pass for brothers.

All Americans

'Tis the season for All-American teams and everybody has one, and the team presented this week by *Basketball Times* looks as good as any.

First team Danny Ferry, Duke; Danny Manning, Kansas; J.R. Reid, North Carolina; Mark Macon, Temple; and Hersey Hawkins, Bradley.

Second team Sean Elliott, Arizona; Michael Smith, BYU; Harvey Grant, Oklahoma; Gary Grant, Michigan; and Sherman Douglas, Syracuse.

Third team Mitch Richmond, Kansas State; Todd Mitchell, Purdue; Will Perdue, Vanderbilt; Rex Chapman, Kentucky; and David Rivers, Notre Dame.

The ballot I mailed in for All-America this year included:

First team Dann Manning, Hersey Hawkins, J.R. Reid, Steve Kerr; and Rex Chapman.

Second team Sean Elliott, Pervis Ellison, Danny Ferry, Mark Macon and Ed Davender.

All Rookie team

Everyone has a college all-freshmen team. If anybody asked me, these would be my picks. Brian Williams (Maryland), Jay Edwards (Indiana), Mark Macon (Temple), Livingston Chatman (Florida) and (captain) Eric Manuel (Kentucky).

Quotables

✓ Kentucky basketball coach Eddie Sutton two days after his team beat Maryland to qualify for the NCAA's Sweet 16. "I told our squad yesterday that there will be teams here at Kentucky that will be more talented than we are, but this team has an excellent chance to win it all. You don't know that about next year's team or ones to come."

✓ Ralph Carlisle, legendary high school basketball coach at Lexington Lafayette and one of 26 inductees into the KHSAA Hall of Fame last week: "I'm not sure why I'm being honored here. We're so old we can't remember what we did to get here."

✓ Comment Carlisle's distinguished contribution to high school basketball in Kentucky included 488 coaching victories at Lafayette and three state titles — 1950, '53 and '57.

✓ Paul Hornung, Heisman Trophy winner and Green Bay Packer legend, also attended the Hall of Fame banquet. He remembered when Coach Ralph Dorsey's Caverna team, led by all-stater Kenny Sidwell, upset Flaget in the State Tournament. Quipped Hornung: "We were supposed to win that year. Where was Caverna anyway? I've hated Kenny Sidwell for 35 years. Someday he'll be standing up here (accepting induction into the Hall of Fame)."

✓ Richie Farmer of Clay County High School had a record breaking performance in the state tournament, eclipsing Wah Wah Jones' points scored record. When it was over one expert fan wondered why Kentucky has not recruited Farmer and offered a "backhand analysis" of how good the kid is. Noting that UK gave Eddie Sutton's son Sean a scholarship, quipped, "I don't think Sutton could make Clay County's team. Both their guards (Richie and Russ) are better than he is."

And so it goes. ■



Nick Nicholas

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Equipped with scissors, the Bruins ended their night to remember with the traditional cutting down of the nets. It was only a year ago when they watched Clay County celebrate the same accomplishment.

Bell, a 5-8 junior guard, managed to literally pick up the championship trophy, which almost was taller than him. He summed up the evening by saying, "I'm just happy right now. I want to go and celebrate."

Sunday, March 20: LOUISVILLE & CINCINNATI—The final stop of this basketball adventure would end with Maryland and Kentucky. And by 10 a.m. we were packed and once again headed on that familiar path to Cincinnati. Whew!

Thanks to an enriching and tasty feast provided by the folks at Riverfront Coliseum, this camper was soon a happy camper.

One more game. Forty minutes and this trip made for basketball junkies would soon be complete.

Rex Chapman, much like Richie Farmer's individual showing in Louisville, gave his backers something to rave about. Not until the second half, however, did Chapman come to life, scoring 20 of his 23 points. Highlighted by a four-point play, the 6-4 sophomore proved to be the difference as UK made it into the NCAA's Sweet 16 with a narrow second-round escape.

Reporters flocked inside the UK locker room afterwards, mostly to get a quote or two from Chapman. His performance was nothing new for Kentucky media, but the national boys certainly were impressed by Mr. Chapman's efforts.

After recording postgame interviews with Ed Davender and Rob Lock, I then watched a minute or two of the Illinois-Villanova game. For some reason I was lured to another roundball contest, only to be nudged by the Sterling, who was ready to get back to Lexington.

Five days, 16 games, 565 miles of travel all for the sport of basketball. Was this crazy or what?

Todd Hallum

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never given the full backing from the entire athletic program when all the rumors about his status always remained in question.

The final thought that comes to mind is why did the UT athletic program want another so-called Earl Bruce situation to arise in the possible firing of DeVoe? After all, DeVoe has a winning record, eight postseason tournament appearances and numerous Coach of the Year honors. In addition, DeVoe is mostly respected by his peers as being one of the soundest coaches in the country and an outstanding defensive tactician. Did the athletic department want to fire a former Knight assistant who obeyed NCAA rules, but catches heat from those among the collegiate athletic community to preach integrity in their respective programs? Or did they not want the label of a "win at all costs despite what have you done for me in the past" reputation that has clearly created numerous college coaching vacancies.

Whatever the reasons, some of these questions may or may not be answered as DeVoe receives the chance to continue as coach at Tennessee. The jury still remains out on DeVoe as to whether he can get the UT program back into the routine of consistent NCAA tournament appearances. Obviously, he hasn't recruited as well as he would have liked during the last couple of years. But despite all that has happened, certainly DeVoe will remember 1987-88, as *Washington Post* sportswriter John Feinstein puts it, "A Season On The Brink."

Back Thru The Wildcat Years

Eight Years Ago

*The UK baseball team enjoyed its best offensive production of the years as it sprayed 22 hits in romping past Austin Peay by 13-5. Mark Hredzak had a homer and double and Mike Botkin had two doubles and five RBIs.

*Kentucky basketball signee Bret Bearup was named to *Basketball Weekly's* first five-man All-American team. Guard Jim Master, also UK-bound, was named to the third team. Both Bearup and Master also were named to the *Parade* All-America second team, along with the McDonald's All-American Dream Team.

*Two Kentucky prep stars, one headed for the Big Blue, were named to Joe Terranova's football list of the "80 Great Ones." Jeff Smith of Washington County is headed for UK while Chris Brown of Owensboro Catholic is taking his services to traditional powerhouse Notre Dame.

Ten Years Ago

*Contrary to other reports, there is joy and happiness in Lexington and you'd better believe the University of Kentucky Wildcats are celebrating the NCAA title they won by a 94-88 victory over Duke Monday night in St. Louis. Thanks to a sparkling 41-point shooting exhibition by Jack Givens and a 20-point, 11-rebound performance by Rick Robey, the Wildcats returned the national trophy to Lexington for the first time in 20 years. Thanks to the Golden Goose, Kentucky is reigning as the national champion. His outstanding play enabled the Wildcats to take a lead midway in the first half and the 'Cats never trailed, although there were some scary moments at the end. "There was no finer way to go out," said Givens. "I'm really happy for the team and the people of the state of Kentucky because they really love basketball back there."

Givens fell three points shy of tying UCLA's Bill Walton's record for most points in a championship contest. For Joe B. Hall, the victory was especially sweet, for the NCAA title should silence once and for all the critics who have often questioned Hall's ability to follow the legendary Adolph Rupp. "We're just grateful we've got it (the title)," said Hall. "The pressure has been on us for six years. It's great we got it before this group of youngsters left."

Thirteen Years Ago

*Larry Carter, a quarterback-defensive back from Englewood, Tenn., has become the 26th prospect to sign a national football letter-of-intent with Kentucky.

*After last week's Mideast Regional upset of Indiana, Kentucky moved into second place in both the *United Press International* and *Associated Press* polls. UCLA was No. 1. Other Final Four teams were Louisville (No. 4) and Syracuse (No. 6).

*Pesky Syracuse refused to quit but Kentucky had too much manpower as it recorded a 95-79 victory in the semifinals of the NCAA tournament held in San Diego. Jack Givens came off the bench to lead Kentucky with 24 points and 11 rebounds. Freshman Mike Phillips also contributed off the bench, hitting five of six shots for 10 points. Kevin Grevey had 14 points, Jimmy Dan Conner 12 and Mike Flynn II as the Wildcats advanced to the NCAA final against Johnny Wooden's UCLA team, which nipped Louisville 75-74.

*John Wooden won his 10th national title in 12 years as UCLA nipped a tough Kentucky team 92-85 in the legendary coach's final game. Kentucky continued to battle back but never could catch the Bruins in the late going. The turning point may have come when Kentucky cut a UCLA deficit of 10 to one point with 6:23 left when Kevin Grevey went to the line to shoot a one-and-one opportunity along with a technical foul. Grevey miss both foul shots and Kentucky couldn't capitalize on its possession for what could have been a possible five-point play. UCLA, which played only six players, led 43-40 at the half. Kentucky had owned a 20-14 advantage. Richard Washington scored 28 points for UCLA and Dave Meyers 24. Grevey led the Wildcats with 34 points. Bob Guyette chipped in 16 and Mike Flynn 10.

Seventeen Years Ago

*Kentucky track speedster Jim Green raced to a surprisingly easy victory over a talented 100-yard dash field to highlight the Florida Relays.

*John Ray, Kentucky football coach, says he is very excited over the first few days of Kentucky spring football drills and Ray said he felt his enthusiasm and optimism was shared by the team.

*The Kentucky baseball team clobbered Vanderbilt by a 13-5 count. The Wildcats pounded out 11 hits and took advantage of 12 walks issued by four Vandy pitchers. Six of the batters who walked scored. Vandy came back the following day to get revenge, with an 8-6 conquest. Costly errors and the inability to get key hits helped drop the 'Cats to 7-3 on the season.

*Larry Steele was named the Most Valuable Player on the Kentucky basketball team during the University of Kentucky Athletics Association banquet. Mike Casey was honored as the outstanding senior, Ronnie Lyons was cited for freshman leadership and Jim Dinwiddie was recognized as the team's top scholar.

*Facing Vanderbilt once again for a two-game set, Kentucky lost 6-3 as Bill Lewis

went the distance on the mound for the Bat Cats. Meanwhile in the second game UK came back to take a 4-3 decision the next day as senior Dave Bair broke an 11th-inning tie with a round-tripper.

*Ben Thomas of Louisville Thomas Jefferson High School became the 24th player to sign a football grant-in-aid with Kentucky.

*Wildcat junior linkster Kaye Beard was selected a member of the 1970-71 All-America women's collegiate golf team.

Eighteen Years Ago

*As expected, Dan Issel and Mike Pratt walked away with most of all the hardware at the basketball banquet. Doug Flynn won the freshman leadership award.

*Ronnie Lyons of Mason County High School, the top scorer in the state of Kentucky with a 34.7 average, signed a grant with Kentucky. The 5-foot-10 Lyons said he narrowed his final choice to UK, North Carolina and Alabama. The Wildcats also signed 6-5 Wendell Lyons of North Hardin High School.

*University of Kentucky athletics director Harry Lancaster underwent surgery for removal of a blood clot in his right leg. It was the second such operation in two weeks.

*Jim Green of Kentucky captured the 100-yard dash in the seventh annual Kentucky Relays with a 9.4 clocking, edging Ivory Crockett. Eight records were established in the relays on the University of Kentucky campus.

*Dave Bair's 10th-inning homer gave Kentucky a 3-0 win over Vanderbilt. Tom Bannon went the distance for the 'Cats, allowing eight hits.

Thirty-Two Years Ago

*Kentucky center Bob Burrow has been named to the East squad for the annual East-West game at New York's Madison Square Garden.

*The Blues defeated the Whites in the annual spring football game before 2,500 fans at Stoll Field. Coach Charlie Bradshaw's Blue team never trailed after a 21-yard first quarter field goal by Lou Michaels. Bill Farley quarterbacked the Blue team to victory. Delmar Hughes, the No. 1 quarterback prospect, guided the Whites. Paul Sloan led the ground game with 86 yards in four carries, including a 79-yard scamper. Bob Cravens gained 82 yards, Don Netoskie 69, Cliff Tribble 51, Bob Dougherty 42 and Bill Mitchell 28 yards.

*Four teams ranked among the Top 10 this season will compete in the fourth annual University of Kentucky Invitational next year. Competing in considered one of the nation's most prestigious tournaments will be Illinois, Southern Methodist and Dayton.

Thirty-Three Years Ago

**"Utterly Ridiculous," UK basketball star Bob Burrow said of rumors he planned to withdraw from the university and return to Texas. It was the second time rumors have persisted Burrow was leaving the Wildcat campus.

*Senior captain Billy Evans won both the Albert B. Chandler Trophy and the Jerome Lederman Trophy as the UK Alumni Association honored the University of Kentucky basketball team. Phil Grawemeyer was announced as captain of next season's team.

The University of Illinois spoiled the debut of the UK tennis team with an 8-1 win. Bill Gess of UK, who is from Lexington, was the only Wildcat winner for coach H.M. Downing's team.

WILDCAT QUIZ

1. True or False? Kentucky has a string of 60 consecutive non-losing seasons in college basketball.

2. Against which team did UK freshman Eric Manuel earn his first career collegiate start?

- a) Vanderbilt
- b) Alabama
- c) Georgia
- d) Syracuse

3. What Wildcat has attended Lexington Community College?

- a) Reggie Hanson
- b) Ed Davender
- c) Mike Scott
- d) Johnathon Davis

4. During the 1987-88 regular season UK scored 100 points or more only twice. Cincinnati was one of the unlucky opponents. Who was the other?

- a) North Carolina-Charlotte
- b) Alaska
- c) LSU
- d) Hawaii

5. Against which school did Sean Sutton score a career-high nine points?

- a) North Carolina-Charlotte
- b) Alaska
- c) LSU
- d) Hawaii

6. When Kentucky defeated Georgia on Senior Night it marked the 24th consecutive year the 'Cats have won their last regular season home game. Who was the last team to knock off the 'Cats on such an occasion?

- a) LSU

b) Tennessee

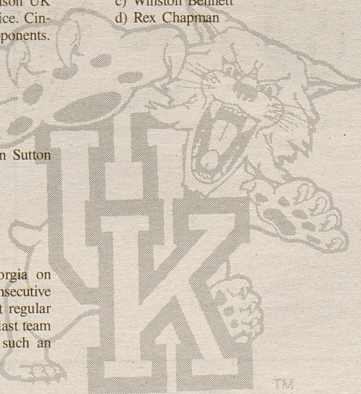
7. UK has made how many NCAA tournament appearances?

8. True or False? Kentucky won its first 10 games of the 1986-87 season.

9. True or False? Kentucky didn't have one player to average 20 points a game or more this season.

10. For the '88 season, Rob Lock led the Wildcats in block shots. Who was second on the team with 20 rejections?

- a) LeRon Ellis
- b) Cedric Jenkins
- c) Winston Bennett
- d) Rex Chapman



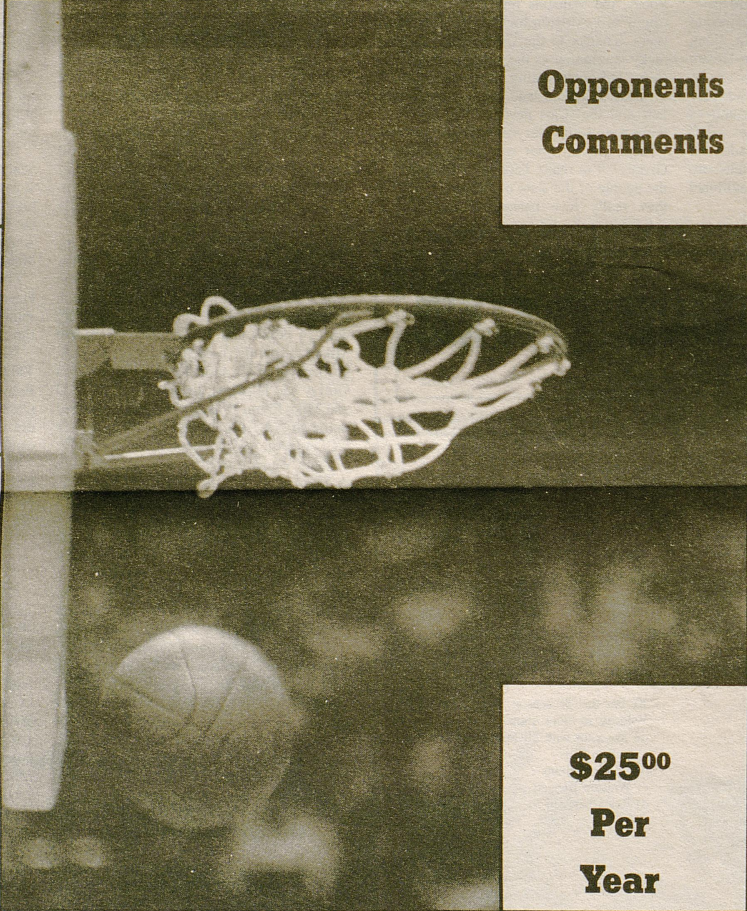
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8. False (in 1986-87 UK dropped its third
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Answers

- 1. True
- 2. Alabama (in Tuscaloosa)
- 3. Mike Scott
- 4. Alaska
- 5. Alaska

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