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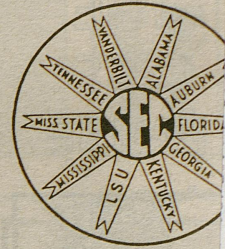


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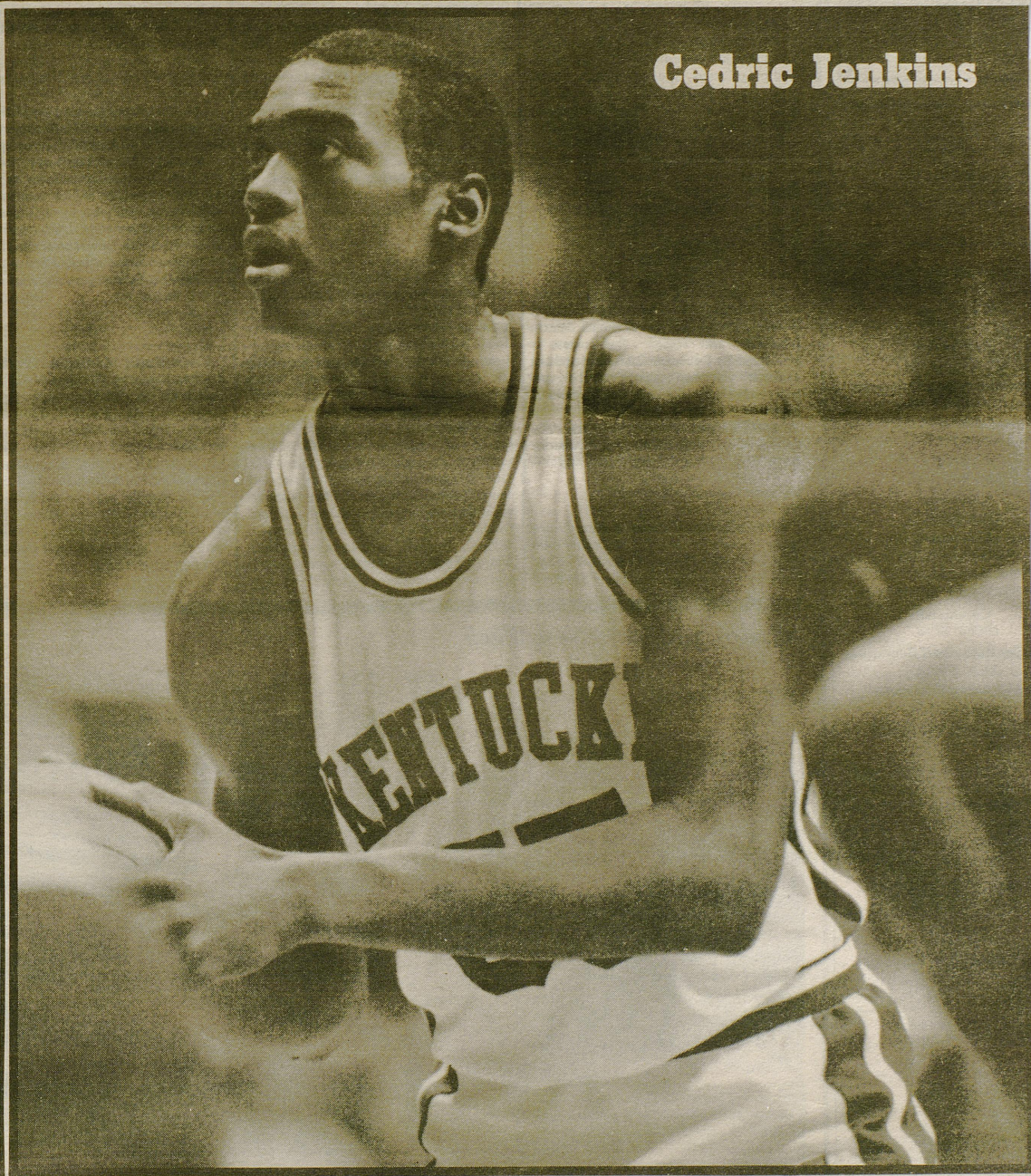


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Worth Repeating

Kentucky's **Kenny Walker** has been selected to the Associated Press' Division I All-America first team. Other players placed on the first team were: **Walter Berry** (St. John's), **Len Bias** (Maryland), **Johnny Dawkins** (Duke), and **Steve Alford** (Indiana). Said **Eddie Sutton** of his star player, "He deserves to be an All-American. He should be first-team on all of them. He should be Player of the Year, but I don't have enough votes." Walker's average following the SEC Tournament was 19.6 ppg and 7.6 rpg. This season his average from the field was 57 percent.

AP's elite team was announced March 12th and the panel consisted of 10 sportswriters and broadcasters. Making the second team were: **Scott Skiles** (Michigan State), **Dell Curry** (Virginia Tech), **Brad Daugherty** (North Carolina), **Ron Harper** (Miami, Ohio) and **Danny Manning** (Kansas). Third-teamers were: **Dwayne Washington** (Syracuse), **Mark Price** (Georgia Tech), **Roy Tarpley** (Michigan), **David Robinson** (Navy) and **William Bedford** (Memphis State).

Those close to league officials have revealed that **Georgia** will be the University of Kentucky's opponent in its annual date in Louisville next season. The contest is scheduled for December 29th in **Fredom Hall**. It's also been reported that the game will count toward league play. . . Kentucky is supposedly trying to renew the series with **Digger Phelps** and his Fighting Irish. The revival of the series with **Notre Dame**, however, is still in the negotiating stages.

Owensboro Apollo standout **Rex Chapman** has been named to the **McDonald's All-American High School Basketball Team**. Twenty-five prep players, including **J.R. Ried**

(North Carolina) and **Terry Mills** (Michigan), were selected to the elite squad. Chapman averaged 25.3 ppg and 8.4 rpg for the Eagles this season. He ended his career as Apollo's all-time leading scorer. Chapman's high school career concluded in the first round of district play as **Owensboro High School** knocked off the Eagles 52-50 before 5,600 fans packed into the Owensboro Sportscenter. That night Chapman poured in 32 points, all from the field. . . Prior to the game Owensboro was ranked No. 2 (AP) in the state while Apollo was No. 3. The 6-4 guard has signed to play for Eddie Sutton's Wildcats. . . (Louisville) Western High School's **Myron Devoe** has made an oral commitment to Austin Peay University. Devoe, a 6-foot-7 forward, had narrowed his choices to Western Kentucky, Clemson, DePaul, Tulsa, South Florida and Indiana before announcing he would play for **Lake Kelly's** Governors. Kentucky had shown interest in Devoe earlier in the season. He averaged 18.6 ppg, 13 rpg and four blocked shots this past season.

Kentucky's first-round contest with Davidson last week was carried by Lexington station **WTVQ-TV**. It's ironic that **WTVQ** (Channel 36) outbid another Lexington station **WKYT** (Channel 27) for the postseason matchup. **WTVQ** is the channel that carries UK home games on a delayed basis. "When they (the NCAA) told me what they (WTVQ) had bid -- \$31,500 -- I turned it down," **Ralph Gabbard** told the *Lexington Herald-Leader* last week. Gabbard is **WKYT's** executive vice president and general manager. "It made no sense whatever. There are only about 18 minutes for sale, and in this market you'd be stretching to get \$2,000 a minute. On the other side of the coin **Bill Service**, **WTVQ's** vice president and general manager, said, "Of course we'll make money. As I've said many times before, we don't do anything

where we don't turn a profit."

Terry Hall's Lady Kats were knocked out of NCAA competition by the Drake Bulldogs 73-70 last Wednesday (March 13) in Des Moines, Iowa. Kentucky, 18-11, owned an 11-point advantage in the first round battle with 12 minutes remaining but couldn't hold on for the win. Drake's **Wanda Ford**, the nation's No. 1 scorer and rebounder, led the Bulldogs with 35 points and 13 rebounds. UK was paced by junior guard **Sandy Harding's** 24 points.

Last week it was reported the **University of Tennessee's** new 25,000-seat arena will be completed by a construction company out of Nashville. March 17th was to be the day Ray Bell Construction Company was to start working on the \$30 million complex. They will have up to 45 days to determine a final date for completion. Originally B.B. Andersen of Topeka was contracted for UT's "largest on campus" arena. After working on the building the company said last October that it wanted out.

Coach **Keith Madison's** UK Bat Cats defeated Kentucky Wesleyan 14-1 at Shively field last week. The home-opening victory upped UK's record to 2-6. **Clint Arnold** belted a three-run homer and freshman **Bobby Olnick** homered in his first collegiate at bat. Sophomore starting pitcher **Vince Tyra** confused the Panther batters with five shutout innings. With the win Tyra evened his record at 1-1. Earlier in the week Kentucky racked up its first victory of the college baseball campaign with a 5-4 win over Eastern Kentucky in Richmond.

Photos And Story Next Week



Pro Day At The University Of Kentucky



Oscar L. Combs

Cats' Pause Publisher



It's On To Atlanta For Eddie Sutton's Fairy Tale

For years we've been urging the Southeastern Conference to relocate its annual post season tournament in Atlanta, despite the constant resistance from certain schools and people living around the football entity known as Birmingham, Alabama.

Thanks to none of the above, but a special tip of the hat to the NCAA, we present for you the greatest Southeastern Conference basketball tournament ever, starting Thursday at The Omni in Atlanta.

LSU, Alabama and Kentucky will hook up with Georgia Tech to bring back memories of days gone by. Heck, the Rambling Wreck would be an official member of the SEC today if the conference schools hadn't been so pig-headed a few years ago when Tech wanted to be readmitted.

With no place else to turn, Tech sought a helping hand from the guys in the Atlantic Coast Conference and the Engineers have arrived as big-timers.

Nevertheless, basketball fans around the country will witness first hand what SEC fans have been missing for years, a great two days of college basketball in a city which knows how to appreciate the game.

It's rather doubtful the leading sports columnists of the Atlanta papers will be writing about assistant coaching changes in football while the big show is going on at The Omni.

A few years ago on opening day of the SEC basketball tourney in Birmingham (in fact it was just when the SEC tourney was reinstated), the lead story on the page one of the sports section was a football article.

This week, you are much more likely to read about the John Williams, the Buck Johnsons, the Kenny Walkers and the Mark Prices. And even a story or two on the likes of a Jim Farmer or a Richard Madison.

And that's the way it should be.

Despite the probability of facing a team like Georgia Tech on its home floor, Atlanta has to be a welcomed relief for fans, media and even teams like LSU and Kentucky who have had to experienced far too many a night in football country at a time when the roundball should be king.

Boy, it's good to be going to Atlanta. Maybe, just maybe the powers of the SEC will get their heads out of the sand and give Atlanta a chance to host the SEC. All those absurd comments about Atlanta being ACC Country is hogwash. Atlanta is no more ACC than Birmingham is Sunbelt Country.

The SEC has basically forfeited the South's biggest city, the region's greatest media center and conference's biggest potential asset to sweeten up to a city (Birmingham) which doesn't deserve the league offices, let alone the annual basketball tournament.

If the SEC presidents want to rotate the event occasionally around the campuses, fine. That also would be great. Certainly, the tourney should first go at least once more to Nashville and then to Baton Rouge and Knoxville and perhaps Tuscaloosa (other schools either don't have large enough playing facilities or enough lodging accommodations).

After that let's put the games where they belong, in Atlanta. It would truly be a neutral

court. It wouldn't be a Kentucky Invitational at Rupp Arena or a Alabama and Auburn Invitational at Birmingham.

My vote is for Atlanta, each and every year.

My, what a week of NCAA Tournament action can do to the so-called media experts who continue to preach the gospel according to St. John's (aka Big East) and Sir Bobby (Big Ten).

All basketball fans could hear all season was how big, bad and great were the ACC, Big East and Big Ten. Those big-city media people snickered at the likes of the Southeastern Conference.

What the SEC has not been smart enough to figure out is a way to beat patsies in non-conference schedules, reduce that devastating 18-game double round-robin SEC schedule and then play a grueling post season tournament on top of it.

While other conferences fatten up non-league records, they then remain high in the polls the remainder of the season by insisting that when No. 4 loses to No. 1, that No. 4 should remain No. 4 and when No. 4 upsets No. 1, then No. 4 should be No. 1 and No. 1 should be No. 2. Or whatever.

Much of the problem lies with the SEC schools themselves.

For example, Alabama coach Wimp Sanderson was upset with one of our columns which suggested that the Bama regular season schedule wasn't one of the nation's toughest one.

His claim was that his schedule was just as tough as Kentucky's. That his top four non-conference foes (Utah, Maryland, UTEP and Nebraska) were as tough as Kentucky's (Louisville, Kansas, Indiana, North Carolina State). Humm? You be the judge.

He pointed out that all four made the NCAA. True, but three of the four bowed out in the first round and Maryland was beaten in the second game. Three of UK's top four opponents remain in the Sweet Sixteen.

Then, Wimp explained that the remainder of UK's non-conference card was just as weak as Alabama's. The remainder of UK's include Northwestern State, Chaminade, Hawaii, Cincinnati, Pepperdine, East Carolina and VMI. Alabama's other non-SEC competition came in the form of the same Northwestern State, Rider, Murray State, Mercer, and Florida State. Again, you be the judge.

First of all, you've read in this space before that I've noted that UK's schedule is not as tough as it used to be. It's not. But....

There is one other factor. UK had Louisville and Indiana at home, and while Alabama was on the road at Maryland and on a neutral court for UTEP, they were losses.

Wimp, ye got a great team, and you've done a great job, but maybe you've been reading too many of those football writers' basketball reports in Alabama. They just don't understand that a basketball is really

round.

Still, Alabama's schedule was tougher than some others in the league, such as LSU, Georgia, Ole Miss, Vanderbilt and Auburn.

Speaking of Wimp, we must remind you that this conversation was just after his club beat Xavier Friday in Charlotte, a couple days before it became apparent that Wimp and his Tide will be going up against Kentucky for a fourth time Thursday in Atlanta.

That's another story.

The NCAA, for the first time in a long, long time, has decreed that it's okay to seed a conference champion against a conference opponent prior to the regional finals.

That was company policy until this year. Some times, it's almost impossible to spread teams out when a conference has six or seven clubs participating, but that isn't the situation this year. The SEC has only four clubs in the NCAA and three are in the Southeast.

It's somewhat strange that UK would have to face a team (Davidson) on one of its own home courts to open the tourney, especially when you consider that UK was the region's top seed. Then, obstacle No. 2 is the probability of going through the old Louisville issue, taking on an in-state foe (Western) which doesn't appear on Kentucky's regular season schedule.

Mission Impossible No. 4 is the challenge of beating a very highly ranked conference power (Alabama) a fourth straight time.

If Kentucky survives that, Mission No. 5 would be either a fourth straight win over LSU or taking on ACC power Georgia Tech.

And that's just to get a shot at the Final Four.

Hey, Eddie, I thought you had friends on the selection committee.

A tip of the hat to Auburn's Sonny Smith, LSU's Dale Brown and Alabama's Wimp Sanderson.

Fortunately, none of those coaches listen to the so-called experts or they'd be home planting a garden instead of competing for a berth in the Final Four at Dallas.

LSU proved what we knew all along. Those Tigers are darn tough in the Deaf Dome at Baton Rouge. Purdue and Memphis State also found out the hard way.

Ditto for Illinois. A couple of well-known hoop experts have been saying for some time that no one wants to meet the Fighting Illin. Apparently, word hadn't filtered down to Tuscaloosa. Bama proved once and for all the Tide can play with anyone. Just as the Tide did a couple years ago in beating Georgetown at Los Angeles.

And Auburn dealt the crushing blow to those non-SEC believers when Sonny Smith's crew totally destroyed the big city slickers from St. John's.

The Final Four many not have a single SEC team, or it could have as many as two, but one fact remains crystal clear. SEC is more than a football conference. If you don't

believe me, just ask the boys from the Big Ten, Big East and the Metro.

By the way, what happened to those conferences, along with the Big Eight, on the way to the Final Four?

By the end of the first week of NCAA tourney play, all four Big Ten clubs had been sent home while five of six Big Ten clubs had been beaten and three of five Big Eight schools were no longer active.

The SEC has enjoyed the best results with all four invitees still in action while the ACC has four of six still alive.

For what it's worth, here's my picks for games this week. In the East I like Duke and Navy fighting for a Final Four berth with Duke going to Dallas.

In the Southeast, look for upset city. Dale Brown will have his Tigers on an emotional high after two very big wins in Baton Rouge. While Georgia Tech has the homecourt advantage, fans from other visiting schools will be rooting for LSU. It may be the only time in history that LSU has been a sentimental favorite outside Baton Rouge. I like the Tigers.

Kentucky versus Alabama. There are two theories on this game. One has it that Alabama is too good to be beaten four times in a row by anyone. Those same people said Alabama was too good for UK to beat the Tide in Tuscaloosa and those same people said there was no way UK could beat Bama a third straight time in the SEC tourney, even in Lexington. They say this is on a neutral court in Atlanta.

On the other hand, there are those who insist that Alabama may be wondering if Kentucky has a jinx over the Tide. Alabama enjoyed second half leads in the last two contests (one of them was in Tuscaloosa), but still lost.

It may sound corny for one to say a Kentucky team is a club of destiny, but the Wildcats have been finding more ways to win games than Carter has liver pills.

All season long experts have been saying Kentucky has been lucky, that the SEC is a weak-sister league, that UK cannot win with a three-guard offense.

Still, Kentucky and LSU will meet for the Southeast title in Atlanta on Saturday. You can pick this one.

In the Midwest, Kansas will outgun Scott Skiles and then waltz by Iowa State in the finals.

The West could give us a rematch of Kentucky and Louisville in the Final Four. Auburn will take UNLV and Louisville will send Dean Smith home. I like the Cardinals in a close one over Auburn in the finals. We'll save the Final Four predictions for next week.

NOTES AND TIDBITS . . . Many are speculating that Western assistant Dwane

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College Basketball's Finest Is March Madness

'Cowboy' Hamilton Moves On

Best time of the year. NCAA Tournament time. Football's Super Bowl is more hype than anything else, baseball's World Series has been diluted by a 7-game league playoff system, and the National Basketball Association, plagued by inflated salaries, drug problems and fights among players is no longer prime time entertainment, particularly after one gets past the Celtics and Lakers.

But college basketball in March—with all its warts—is still magic, state of the art in sports. Gets people excited.

A lady I know bought a chance in an office pool last week for the NCAA's final



Bob Watkins
Cats' Pause Columnist

64 "just because it was there," she said.

She drew Kansas.

"Is that good?" she wanted to know.

Here in the heartland basketball is all the more special because Kentucky is such a basketball-mad state, always has been, always will be.

The principal reasons, I like to believe, are these:

■ The game's uncomplicated beauty. Even when coaches and television analysts try and make it more difficult to understand, the fact remains here are 10 guys in short pants, running up and down a wooden floor, trying to shoot a balloon through a hoop that has ropes on it.

That's all, right?

Well, not completely.

■ More central to the NCAA season is 'taking sides.' As in "my team is better than your team."

That idea is the important thing at this time of year. Kentucky's Eddie Sutton should not have been surprised before his team played Davidson last week when reporters wanted to talk about a UK-Western Kentucky.

I think the guy still has a lot to learn if he stays in Kentucky.

Clem Haskins was not surprised and admitted later that he planned for Nebraska, but had dreams about playing Kentucky. Louisville Coach was Denny Crum was not surprised either although he sidestepped making a prediction on the UK-Western game. The UL coach did answer the question in a more universal way.

Three Kentucky teams in the NCAA... "It shows what we've known all along, this is basketball country and that's why I'm here," Crum said, adding, "It's why I felt sorry for Coach (Guy) Lewis down at Houston. This is his last year and down there they don't even support their team. Our fans up here stick with us even when we have a season like we did last year."

Basketball country, yes. And NCAA Tournament time is the best time of year too.

Tired and testy

Despite its 30 win success story, SEC conference and tournament title, Kentucky Coach Eddie Sutton said last week that "this has been the most difficult season I've ever had in 28 years of coaching. It's been very demanding. We've been working 16 hour days, and maybe we needed to work 18.

"But I've never enjoyed a season more either."

Sutton added this little gem: "Hey, when the moon's right we can beat anybody. I'm telling you guys, everybody needs a Farmer's Almanac."

Fans want to know

■ What did Kentucky Coach Eddie Sutton say to get himself a technical foul (from referee John Clougherty) during the SEC title game?

"All I said was, 'did you guys get enough sleep last night? Are you awake yet or what?'" Sutton said.

Bingo. the UK coach had gotten two warnings already.

■ Why wasn't Kenny Walker named to the SEC all-tournament team?

Comment: Sutton hinted on his Sunday television program that "petty jealousies in the SEC" was the reason.

Not so. The media voted the all-tournament team and there were players who deserved to be on it more than Walker did based on their tournament performances. Walker was two of eight shooting in the title game and had one point at halftime of both the LSU and Alabama games. My ballot read Chauncey Robinson, Miss. State; Buck Johnson, Alabama; Winston Bennett, Kentucky; John Williams, LSU; and UK's Roger Harden as MVP.

The SEC all-tourney team featured all the above except 'Bama's Derrick McKey in place of Bennett, with Williams MVP instead of Harden.

The only injustice I noted was Harden not receiving MVP. Williams had an excellent tournament, but Harden led UK to the championship.

Comment: Jealousies among SEC coaches? Certainly. If you were coach at LSU, Georgia, or one of the others, wouldn't you get tired of the New York Yankees...ah Kentucky Wildcats beating your ears off year after year? Success has its price.

■ Virginia Harley of Sonora, Ky. writes that she is sorry to see Roger

Harden's career at Kentucky end. "He's been such a joy to watch and he hasn't gotten the publicity he deserves, but that goes with the territory."

Comment: Yes, the 'territory' called point guard.

"But Harden has his head on straight and has great confidence in himself," Harley added. "It will serve him well in the years to come."

■ Phyllis Pence of Elizabethtown had a response to Louisville Coach Denny Crum's remark about Kentucky's schedule. Before the NCAA pairings were announced Crum said that while UL's schedule was rated among the most difficult in the country, UK's was not in the top 50.

Says Mrs. Pence: "What difference does it make if you play a tough schedule if you never beat any of those top ranked teams? That's what UL did. Crum must have forgotten one of those teams, UK beat on its weak schedule, was his."

■ Russell Reed of E'town is quite a basketball fan and first round action in the NCAAs proved he knew what he was talking about.

Best games? "Virginia Tech and Villanova will be a good match," Reed said last week. "And I think Jacksonville and Temple could be the best game among the openers.

Possible surprise? "I think Indiana's going to overlook Cleveland State," Reed said.

Comment: Villanova upset Virginia Tech...Temple beat Jacksonville in overtime...and Cleveland State stunned Indiana.

Leonard Hamilton's departure

It became official last week, the former UK assistant coach Leonard Hamilton became head coach of the Oklahoma State Cowboys.

Sutton grew testy when asked whether or not he will try and hire a black assistant coach to replace Hamilton.

"I'm not going to answer any questions about coach (Leonard) Hamilton," he snapped. "When the time comes I want to get the best man for the job and I don't intend to let black and white get into it. It's my call."

What impact will Hamilton's departure on UK's current recruiting effort?

"Leonard's loyalty is not to be questioned," Sutton said. "My priorities will be recruiting and then hiring a new assistant coach. Right now we're hoping to sign a couple more players. But we're going for quality, not quantity."

It seems from here that, aside from the initial impact of Hamilton's departure, goodbyes, perhaps a few snipes et cetera, his leaving will have no major effect on Kentucky's basketball program. What is important, and Sutton recognizes it, will be finding the right man to replace him.

And one legitimate candidate, it seems to me, ought to be Dwane Casey.

Western Kentucky's assistant coach would be a natural for the job—if he expressed interest—for a number of important reasons.

✓ Casey is a native Kentuckian, Union County, and knows the state better than anyone Sutton has now or could hope to find.

✓ Having played at Kentucky, then serving a year as graduate assistant, Casey understands the caliber of player (and person) it takes to play at Kentucky.

● Aside from one year in private business, Casey has seven years experience as a recruiter nationally. He has made friends and contacts.

● Casey knows how to recruit in Jefferson County, long a UL stronghold.

● He is a first class human being with high ethical standards. He is personable and knows how to deal with people professionally as well.

If Sutton formed a search committee to go looking for the ideal man for Hamilton's job — skills as a recruiter, ambassador for UK — Dwane Casey would be a quality candidate on all counts.

Of course there are stumbling blocks too.

First, Sutton might not be comfortable with Casey because of his ties to the Joe Hall era at Kentucky.

Second, there has long been speculation that Casey's return to WKU in 1982, after leaving Bowling Green for a year, may be hinged to an assurance that he would be in line to replace Clem Haskins if the current coach resigned or moved up to replace director of athletics John Oldham who has said he will retire this year.

And third, the money might not be right.

UK's 'McDonald numbers'

Interesting how things can snowball. Two weeks ago LSU Coach Dale Brown praised the Wildcats, but pointed out that Eddie Sutton after all, had seven McDonald's All-Americans on his team. Next day a Louisville reporter misquoted Brown writing that UK had *eight* McDonald's All-Americans.

Last week Denny Crum said this: "Kentucky's had a great year, but they've got nine McDonald's All-Americans on that team. And I think Kentucky's the only team in the country that starts five McDonald's All-Americans."

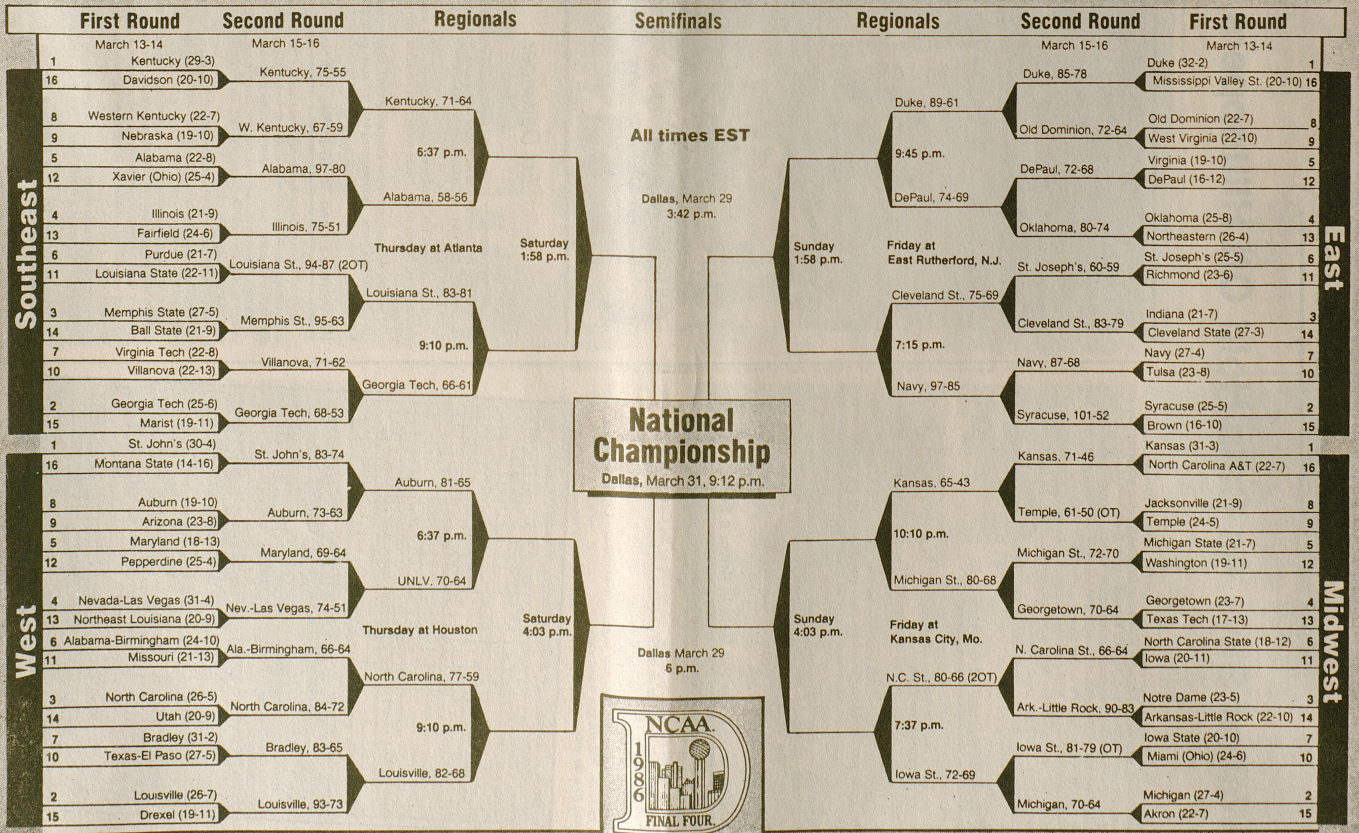
Denny Crum views

The NCAA pairings have not always satisfied Louisville Coach Denny Crum and the Cards being sent to the West Region promised to raise the coach's ire once more. But Crum glanced at the 64-team field last week and said, "I've tried to look at this (NCAA) bracket and find a place I'd rather be than where we are and I can't find one. There are just so many good teams in here it doesn't matter where you are it's going to be a tough draw."

True enough. Balance is the operative word to describe this year's NCAA field. Crum said that his team headed into the tournament at the top of its game mentally, but "physically we're still making too many turnovers. They haven't hurt us badly though because our defense has been so good. But I do think we need to take better care of the basketball."

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Advances To Regional Semi-Finals

Walker Skys As Cats Hold Off Hilltoppers, 71-64

Having been snubbed in recent games, Kentucky's Kenny Walker demonstrated his all-american worth to the Kentucky Wildcats as he grilled home a whopping 32 points as UK held off a determined Western Kentucky team 71-64.

Exhibiting his finest performance of the season, Walker took command at both ends of the floor, hitting all eleven of his field goal attempts, connected on 10 of 13 from the free throw line and then hauled down a game-high 8 rebounds.

For Western, it was the Hilltoppers' second crack at Kentucky in the history of the game. The only other contest between the two schools ended in a 103-71 victory for Western back in 1971 at Athens, Georgia.

Sunday was no time for a repeat although Clem Haskins' crew gave Kentucky's Big Blue quite a scare in the final ten minutes.

College Basketball At Its Best

It was college basketball at its best during the first eleven minutes when the two clubs slugged it out, toe-to-toe as UK broke on top for good at 20-18 on a pair of free throws from junior Winston Bennett.

Prior to that, the score had been tied four times and the Cats had never led by more than six points.

The game was so intense that you could have cut the air with a knife. But it was show and tell time for the Big Blue. That, Walker did with his brilliant play.

His 32 points enabled him to tie former Wildcat All-American Jack Givens on the all-time scoring list for the No. 2 spot at 2,038 points. Dan Issel is No. 1 with 2,138 points.

While Walker's chances of catching Issel are slim at best (he'd have to average 25-plus even if UK should make it to the championship game), it would probably take that kind of a run by Walker for the Cats to win three more contests to make the NCAA finals.

Western got a fine first half from junior Kennard Johnson who kept the Hilltoppers in the hunt most of the half. He scored 10 points on five of nine from the field.

Kentucky's 10-0 Zip Put Cats In Driver's Seat

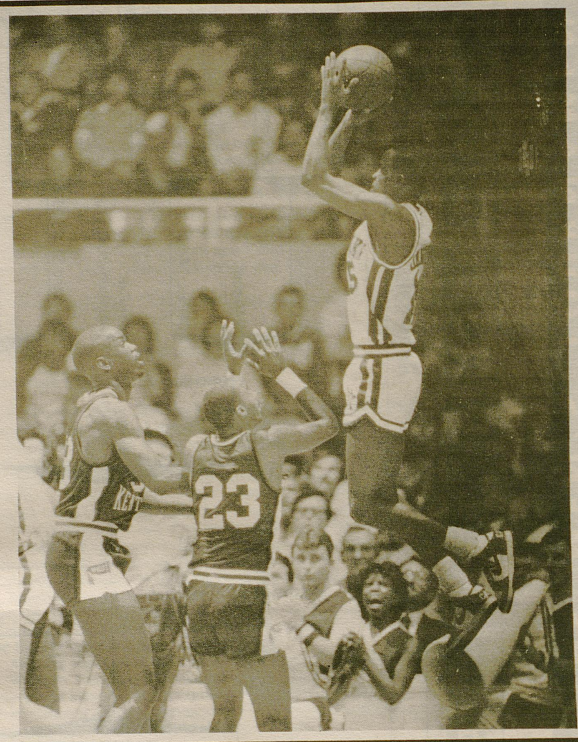
Kentucky took a sizeable lead late in the half when the Cats went on a 10-0 run during the final 5:41.

Walker had set the stage for the big rush by scoring the Cats' previous six points, forcing Western to pay more attention to the Georgia peach.

Walker put UK up 28-24 with a soft baseline jumper from 18 feet out. A pair of free throws from Ed Davender increased the score to 30-24 at 3:07.

Thirteen seconds later, Davender scored off the break and UK suddenly found itself up by 32-24. Western took a time-out.

And then the play of the half.



Ed Davender

After a Western turnover, Harden led a fastbreak and whipped a crowd-roaring behind-the-back pass to a trailing Kenny Walker who slammed it home. That put UK up by ten. Robert Lock's tip-in of Ed Davender's missed jumper gave UK a 36-24 advantage at the half.

With six seconds left, Hilltopper guard James McNary went crashing to the floor and had to be helped to the locker room with an ankle injury. He never returned to the game.

"That was definitely a critical situation for us," commented Western coach Clem Haskins after the game. "You just can't lose your point guard and stay with a team like Kentucky."

UK Increase Lead To 15 In Second Half

Kentucky maintained its double-digit lead most of the second half and even extended the margin to 15 (56-41) with 10:40 left with a pair of Kenny Walker free throws. That's when Western started its slow comeback.

Although Walker was a scoring machine early in the game and forced Western to change its defense some in the second half, the Sky man was still the man UK went to during the tough times.

Western, riding the coat tails of Johnson and Billy Gordon (although he hit only seven of 16 from the field), caught fire and narrowed the score to 63-59 with 3:55 left on Fred Tisdale's lay-up.

Kentucky was milking the clock for everything it was worth and Western almost forced the Cats into allowing the shot clock to expire the next trip down the floor.

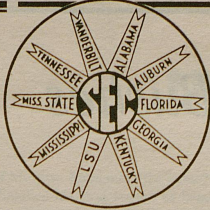
Senior Roger Harden finally let loose with a 16-footer and just two seconds on the clock. It was his only field goal of the night and sent the Cats back in front by six, 65-59 at 3:05.

Western cut the lead to five with a pair of Johnson free throws, but Blackmon cashed in on a fastbreak lay-up and two Walker free throws insured the victory.

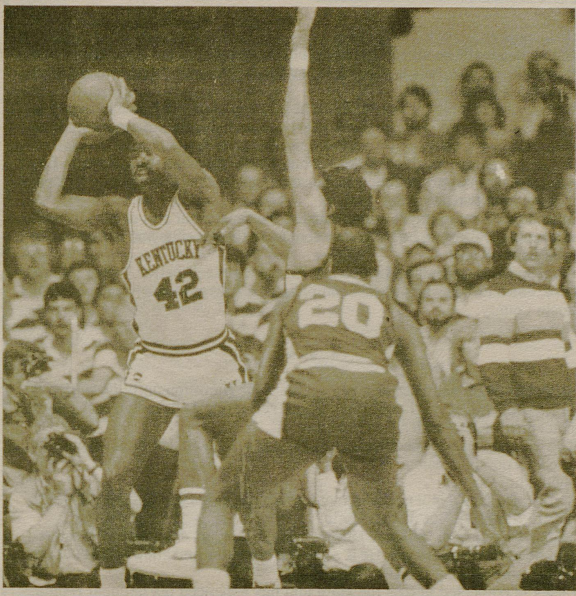
Cedric Jenkins To The Rescue Again

Cedric Jenkins once again came off the bench to spark the Cats. He contributed 9

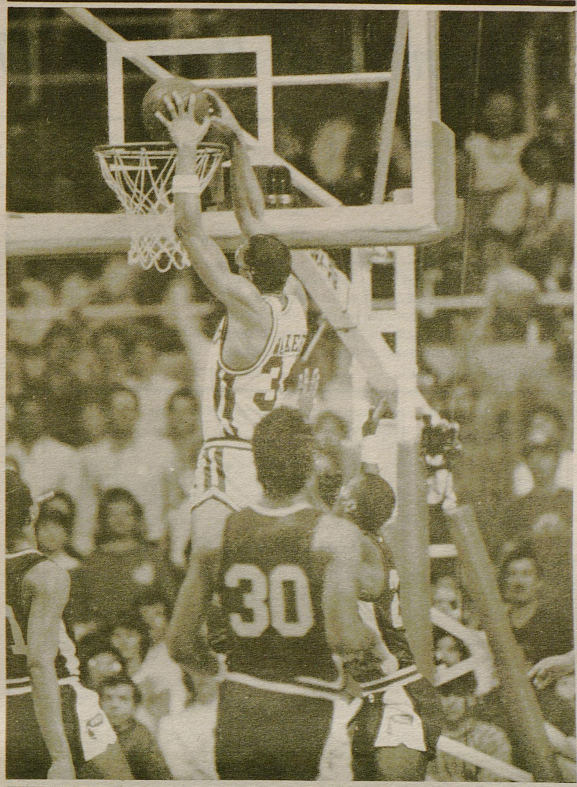
OFFICIAL NCAA BASKETBALL BOX SCORE														
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No.	NAME	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	REB	PF	TP	MIN	A	TO	BLK	S	
33	Kennard Johnson	1	7	16	6	8	6	3	20	36	1	0	1	
30	Ray Swogger	1	2	8	1	1	4	3	5	20	1	2	1	
55	Clarence Martin	0	0	0	1	2	7	4	1	26	1	1	0	
15	James McNary	0	1	3	0	0	1	1	2	11	5	1	0	
20	Billy Gordon	0	1	3	0	0	1	1	2	27	2	1	1	
10	Keith Lickliter	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	
11	Kirk Lee	3	4	0	1	1	4	6	6	4	0	0	0	
23	Brett McNeal	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	9	0	0	0	
31	Steve Miller	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	9	0	0	0	
34	Fred Tisdale	1	3	1	2	3	1	3	10	0	1	0	0	
41	Chuckey Taylor	1	1	0	0	1	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	
42	Tellis Frank	4	8	1	1	2	5	9	21	0	1	0	0	
50	Bryan Asberry	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	
TEAM REBOUNDS (included in Totals)														
TOTALS		27	65	10	15	36	24	64	200	11	7	2	4	
FG %: 1st Half 12 of 32-37.5% 2nd Half 15 of 33-45.5% Game 27 of 65-41.5%														
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HOME														
No.	NAME	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	REB	PF	TP	MIN	A	TO	BLK	S	
25	Winston Bennett	1	5	11	3	5	6	2	13	40	3	3	0	
34	Kenny Walker	1	11	11	10	13	8	3	32	40	2	3	1	
10	James Blackmon	9	1	5	0	10	2	2	2	22	1	2	2	
15	Ed Davender	9	2	7	5	6	5	2	9	30	2	0	0	
23	Roger Harden	9	1	6	0	0	3	2	2	35	5	4	0	
20	Leroy Byrd	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	
14	Paul Andrews	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	
30	Irving Thomas	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	4	0	0	0	
42	Richard Madison	1	2	0	0	1	1	2	4	0	0	0	0	
44	Robert Lock	3	3	3	4	2	3	9	21	0	0	0	0	
55	Cedric Jenkins	3	3	3	4	2	3	9	21	0	0	0	0	
TEAM REBOUNDS (included in Totals)														
TOTALS		26	46	23	30	34	16	71	100	13	12	3	3	
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FT %: 1st Half 6 of 6-100.0% 2nd Half 17 of 24-70.8% Game 23 of 30-77.7%														
Rebounds 0														
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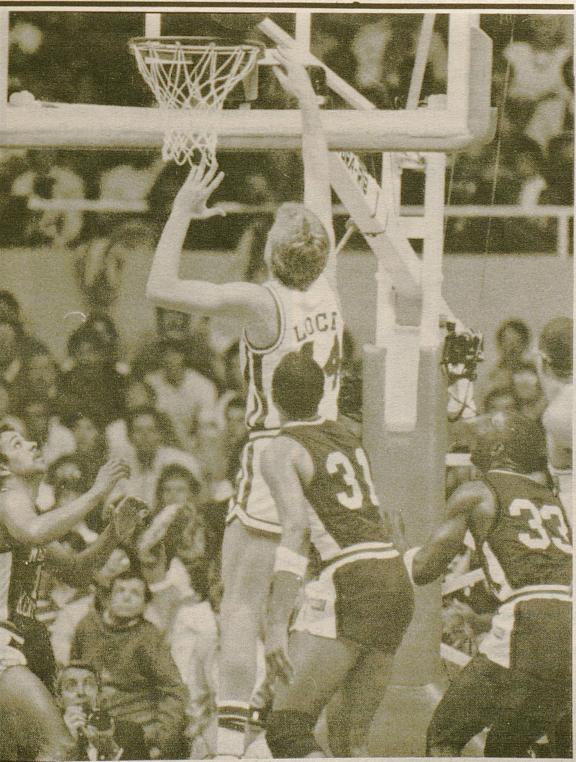
WILDCATS



Madison Looks For Help



Walker For A Big League Stuff



Lock Goes For Tip-In

points on three of three from the field and three of four from the line to go with a pair of rebounds in 21 minutes.

But the name of the game was Walker who set a school record by hitting a perfect 100 percent from the field, 11 of 11.

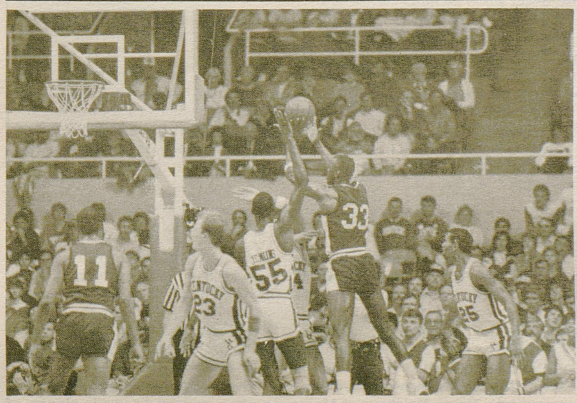
For the game, Kentucky hit 52.2 percent on 24 of 46 while Western managed 41.5 percent on 27 of 65.

"It was a big win for us," said Sutton after the game. "Kenny's play was great. He's a great player."

Walker agreed his play was above average.

"Yeah, I thought I had a great night," said Walker. "Hey, not everybody can have a perfect night. I was real pleased with the game. It was tough, but we won. I'm real happy to be going to Atlanta."

So the Cats will be going back to Walker's native state one last time this week, in hopes of conquering the NCAA Southeast Region. Tip-off for the Kentucky-Alabama game is 6:37 p.m., Eastern Time.



Kannard Scores A Basket

Sutton Now Beating The Recruiting Bushes

Needs Support For Chapman And Hanson

Kentucky still has not definitely decided how many of its remaining four basketball scholarships it will fill.

The Wildcats signed 6-4 Rex Chapman of Owensboro Apollo and 6-8 Reggie Hanson of Pulaski County during the early signing period in November. But that still leaves four vacancies on next year's squad.

"Obviously we need size and help inside to help replace the loss of Kenny Walker," says UK assistant coach James Dickey. "We are also looking for another guard to come in.



Larry Vaught
Cats' Pause Columnist

"We are out there looking but we just have not made a determination about who we might bring in. We're checking everyone, though, because we need some size and bulk. Unfortunately, that's what most teams are looking for, too."

What the UK coaches must decide is how improved sophomores Cedric Jenkins and Rob Lock will be next year. Both have shown signs of brilliance the last month but each has lacked consistency.

Kentucky apparently will sign 6-8 junior college player Harvey Grant. But he's considered more of a perimeter player than an inside performer.

Would Kentucky look to the junior colleges for an inside player?

"We might but we would have to decide if that junior college player could beat out Cedric and Rob after they have already been in our system a year," says Dickey. "We still have high hopes for both young men, especially if they work the way this summer that we want them to."

UK will hold a spot for 6-11 Mike Scott of Greenup County, who left Wake Forest in December. He's enrolled at Lexington Community College now. He's not playing basketball but when he becomes eligible in either January or for the 1987-88 year he has a scholarship waiting.

Kentucky originally did not plan to sign another guard after it inked Chapman to go with James Blackmon, Ed Davender and Paul Andrews. Now, though, the thinking has changed.

"When you look at how Roger Harden has played it becomes obvious that you need good guard play," says Dickey. "We don't want to be limited in case someone goes down with an injury."

"We are not looking for just a point guard or a second guard. Our guards are interchangeable. We need someone who can play both spots. Rex is a versatile player like that and with the way he jumps he could probably play forward if he had to."

Sutton leaves many of the recruiting decisions to his assistant coaches. The UK head coach simply has too many obligations to his current team to worry about future Wildcats. But when a player signs with Sutton, he knows the coach will stand by him.

"I think players respect the fact that my first obligation is to the current players," says Sutton. "They should understand that they will need that same type attention when they get to college."

"My assistants know what type players I want but I trust their decisions. I just don't have time to get real involved in recruiting during the season."

Sutton doesn't think the loss of assistant coach Leonard Hamilton to Oklahoma State will not hurt recruiting. "No one can question Leonard's loyalty to Kentucky," says Sutton. "He will reinforce what he has told potential recruits to this point. Besides, we aren't going for numbers. We are going for quality."

NEXT SEASON one of those quality players UK and other schools look for will be in Lexington. Sutton's son, Sean, is one of the top junior players in the Bluegrass and is a legitimate big-time player. The Henry Clay standout should be one of the candidates for Mr. Basketball honors next year and it will be hard for the UK coach to ignore this potential recruit.

The state has several talented juniors that will draw attention from college recruiters next season.

David Hogg of Owensboro has been rated the best of the junior class by some experts. Deron Feldhaus of Mason County, a rugged 6-6 inside player, and 6-6 John Pelphrey of Paintsville, are also highly regarded along with Sutton and Hogg.

Sutton has made no secret that he wants to sign quality in-state players and his staff is sure to take a close look at these four and others before next November's signing date.

A future recruit for some school will be 6-11 Jon Moore of Lincoln County in Stanford, Ky. Moore, a sophomore, grew one inch during the season and the 16-year-old cager could go over the 7-0 mark before next season.

He has already received letters from North Carolina and Nevada-Las Vegas. Others are sure to follow because he will be the tallest player in Kentucky the next two seasons.

Moore made rapid improvement during the season but still needs strength and stamina. However, he has a nice shot from the baseline and is working to develop a hook shot.

"Jon loves basketball and will work to make himself better," says Nelson Moore, Jon's father who has just completed his first season as head coach at Lincoln County.

SUTTON WILL not look for a replacement for Hamilton until the season is over. "After the NCAA I will worry about recruiting and finding a coaching replacement in that order," says Sutton.

The UK coach won't specifically look for a black coach. He wants to hire the best coach possible instead of a "black" or "white" coach. And that's the way it should be, too.

Sutton also says it will not be mandatory for the new assistant to have ties to UK or to the state. But it would help.

That's why former Wildcat Dwane Casey, now an assistant at Western, would be perfect for the job. He is a proven recruiter and knows all about the pressure surrounding the UK program.

Casey is respected across the state and has enhanced his national reputation while at Western. His personality and work habits would fit in nicely with Sutton's beliefs, too.

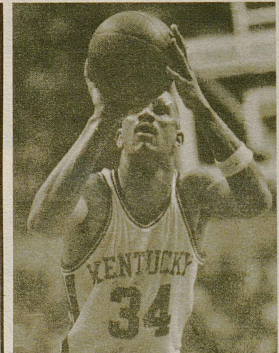
Sutton says there are no front-runners for Hamilton's job. But someone should take a close look at Casey's credentials before the position is filled.

SUTTON DID all he could do to tout Walker as college basketball's Player of the Year but not everyone has the same view as the UK coach.

"If I was picking a front line player I like Walter Berry (of St. John's)," says Louisville Coach Denny Crum. "He is dominant on both ends of the floor."



Dwane Casey



Kenny Walker

You have other great forwards like Len Bias (of Maryland) and Kenny Walker but I feel like Berry was the best.

"If I was picking a guard I'd pick Johnny Dawkins (of Duke). He can do so many different things on both ends of the court."

Most voters agreed with Crum as Berry won the recent Wooden Award and Dawkins finished in front of Walker.

The Associated Press will name its College Player of the Year during the Final Four in Dallas. The winner receives the Rupp Trophy, named in honor of former UK Coach Adolph Rupp.

UK did all it could to help Walker's chances by encouraging each Kentucky media outlet to vote. He got my vote, as did Sutton for Coach of the Year, but don't be shocked if Berry also takes this honor.

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NCAA Tourney Notes And Tidbits

Jeff Mullins. Remember the name? He has just finished his first season as head coach of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

Mullins was highly visible during the NCAA Regional first round held at his home arena last weekend and he managed to renew some old friendships he developed during his younger days while growing up and playing high school basketball at Lexington Lafayette.

Mullins, who decided to leave home and play at Duke University instead of playing at UK under Adolph Rupp, took his first coaching job on the college level this time a year ago when he left the automobile industry.

Since that time, Mullins has been striving to upgrade the program which hit rock bottom last spring.

Mullins is recruiting not just the North Carolina area, but the entire south and as far west as even Kentucky.

In fact, Mullins has high hopes of landing Scott County's Frank Persley.

"He's a great player and we sure would love to have him," said Mullins between games on Friday. "We believe he is going to make

a visit here after the Kentucky State High School Tournament."

Alabama coach Wimp Sanderson wasted little time in venting his anger with the Kentucky media in Charlotte Friday.

Bumping into one writer, Sanderson said Kentucky writers are all blue, as in Big Blue and said they wouldn't have questioned the coach of the year deal if it had involved any coach other than Kentucky's (Eddie Sutton).

"No question about it, Eddie Sutton deserved to be coach of the year," said Sanderson, "but you all wouldn't have said a word if the other coach had been at Tennessee."

And Alabama people are plenty hot over UK winning the SEC Tourney at Rupp Arena.

Numerous articles have appeared in Alabama papers about UK enjoying the homecourt advantage.

On top of that comes word that LSU might not get next year's SEC tourney because coaches no longer want the event to be played

on a team's home floor.

Baton Rouge was expected to get next year's event since Tennessee's facility won't be ready.

But if Baton Rouge is refused next year, what is going to happen to Tennessee the following year?

Sounds like some sour grapes. Was it Alabama which won at Rupp Arena back in 1982?

When the NCAA began last week, only two NCAA tourney teams had more improved records from last season than the University of Kentucky.

The best turnaround came from Bradley which enjoyed a net gain of 12 and half games (31-2 this season compared to 17-13 the previous season) while Fairfield was second (with a plus 12) and Kentucky third with a plus 10 and half.

Louisville was up nine games and Western Kentucky was up 7 and half games.

NCAA TOURNEY NOTES . . . Did you know that of the 64 head coaches in the NCAA field, eleven have also played in the big event? Included among the eleven are Kentucky's **Eddie Sutton**, Western's **Clem Haskins**, UTEP's **Don Haskins**, Indiana's **Bobby Knight** and West Virginia's **Gale Catlett** . . . Kentucky's Sutton has now coached in ten consecutive NCAA tournaments. The only other coach to match that feat is North Carolina's **Dean Smith** . . . This was the 31st trip to the NCAA for Kentucky which is a record. **UK** is also inching up on **UCLA's** record for most games. UCLA's mark of 55 NCAA tournament victories (not counting five voided in 1980), is tops while Kentucky's number stood at 50 entering the battle with Davidson on Friday.

Oscar L. Combs

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Casey will be a top candidate to replace **Leonard Hamilton** on **Eddie Sutton's** Kentucky staff next fall. During the NCAA first round in Charlotte over the weekend, Casey said he hasn't talked with anyone about the position, but that he would be glad to consider an offer if Sutton is interested. Casey played on the 1978 UK championship team and is acquiring quite a name for himself as one of the country's top young recruiters . . . Associated Press sports editor of the south, **Ed Shearer**, believes that **Kentucky** would beat **Georgia Tech** in the regional finals if both clubs won their Thursday battles against

Alabama and LSU respectively. . . Kentucky received an allocation of 750 tickets for the Southeast Regional and an additional 250 from an NCAA pool of 1,000 tickets. Those additional tickets are divided equally to all four schools and if a school doesn't want the extra tickets, then they are allocated to the other three schools. . . The **Southeast Regional** has been a hard sell-out for months with Tech boosters gobbling up all the ducats because they expected Tech to be seeded in the Atlanta region. Despite their fall from a top seed in the final weeks, Georgia Tech stayed home as a No. 2 seed to UK.

Nick Nicholas

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At the time it was a big play for New York. However, the Giants failed to capitalize on the rookie's reception, which turned out to fire up the Bears in the second stanza. Still, you learn from your losses.

"It gave me more experience of playing against big teams like that and knowing what it takes to get fired up for teams like that," he said.

A Duel Between Adams and Phillips?

"Right now I'm taking a couple of classes and working out. I'm going to go up to the city for spring break and work out with the team. When I come back I'm just going to keep doing things I was doing up in New York.

"So, I'll be ready next year."

The big question for Adams, however -- *Will he be ready for the Joker?*

Last season Adams returned kickoffs for his club (241 yards on 14 tries) . . . and Phillips was a member of the special teams. Since the clubs are in the same conference they must face each other twice during each regular season.

What will happen if Phillips and Adams collide?

Answered Adams: "I told him I don't even want the ball, I'm just going to go find him."

Your response, Mr. Phillips?

"I told him that I'll probably get a personal foul on the play, because I don't know if there's anybody going to stop me from hitting him.

"That's for bragging rights after the season."

Phillips, like Adams, just laughed when thinking about the possible one-on-one situation with his good friend.

What else would you expect from a man named Joker to do?



A Hot Eddie Sutton

NFL's Eastern Conference Has UK Flavor

Adams And Phillips Eye Second Season

George Adams and Joe 'Joker' Phillips were teammates at the University of Kentucky. Same coach, same conference, and the same blue and white uniforms -- from the 'K' on their helmets to the cleats of their shoes.

Adams was only the third player in UK history to gain more than 1,000 yards in a season. A native of Lexington, the All-SEC tailback netted 1,085 yards on a school-record 253 attempts.

Phillips led the 1984 Hall of Fame champions with five touchdown receptions. He was second to Adams in receptions, grabbing 28 in 11 regular season games.

Both men were recruited by Fran Curci's staff... and both finished their college careers under the guidance of Jerry Claiborne.



Nick Nicholas

Cats' Pause Columnist

Now, the two grid performers are in the pros. Playing professional ball is a dream of many young men, from ages one to... well, whenever.

"(Joe) Theismann said I was seven years old when he started out his professional career in Canada," said Phillips. "I grew up watching him."

Both Phillips and Adams are now in the same pro league (NFC) and in the same conference (Eastern). There is a big change, however. When the two former Wildcats walk on the football field one is a New York Giant and the other a member of the Washington Redskin.

Phillips And Adams Good Friends Off The Field

Though neighbors, Washington and New York aren't exactly close friends of the first, second or third kind. That doesn't seem to bother these ex-teammates.

The two players, who currently are working toward finishing their degrees at UK, were spotted last week watching the Wildcats partake in 'Pro Day'.

"I told him I can't wait till we play Washington," Adams said showing a friendly grin. "It's going to be a battle."

"We can't wait till the time we play each other," said Phillips. "We ride each other a lot about that... but we're the best of friends. Washington and New York are four hours apart and we meet in a neutral area -- in Atlantic City. We talk about the games and hope that sometime we can play each other in the playoffs."

Last season New York and Washington fought tooth-and-nail for playoff spots. The Giants earned a postseason berth... the 'Skins did not. The two players, though, remain very good friends.

While Adams earned a spot on the 45-man roster at the beginning of the season Phillips was not so fortunate. Lasting until the final cut Phillips and three other potential Redskins were released.

Despite being picked up with four games remaining the two men never got to face each other.

In preseason action the Franklin-Simpson product led the team in receptions with 14, four ahead of anyone else. The season before he would have probably made the Redskins' squad, but with the roster limit whittled from 49 to 45 Phillips was one of the team's final four cuts.

Things weren't made any easier, especially with Art Monk and other talented receivers on the team. After 12 weeks into the season Phillips got his chance.

Picked Up After Theismann's Injury

"I got picked up right after Theismann's injury against the Giants," said Phillips, who'll be graduating this spring with a degree in advertising. Former Indiana quarterback Babe Laufenberg then filled Theismann's vacancy on the roster.

"A lot of people said they brought me in because of him (Laufenberg)," Phillips said. "During the preseason we had grown accustomed to each other."

Returning to Washington, a city which he admittedly enjoys, his immediate duties were limited to the special team.

"When they brought me back they (coaching staff) told me they didn't want to put me through the system again," he said. "They had put in a lot of new plays since preseason. Really, they just brought me up for special teams. They told me that when I first came back."

"I always wanted to be a DB (defensive back); and I got my chances on special teams to hit somebody. I love that -- running down and *laying your body out*. Anything to help the team."

In Washington's second to last game of the season he was credited with four tackles against Cincinnati. For his efforts Phillips was named special teams Player of the Week.

Next season he hopes to trade his special team role for a spot on the 'Skins' receiving unit. But if things don't work out just making the 45-man roster and playing on the

special teams will suit him fine.

"It's a living," said Phillips about being a part of the not so glamorous special teams. "Otis Wonsley, who's been with the team for seven years, goes in for only short yardage situations. That's only about two plays a game."

"But, he's been to two Super Bowls and to the playoffs every season besides this past year."

"I'll start out on the 45-man roster since I ended the season with the team. Nobody's guaranteed anything coming in. I'll just go in with the same attitude I had last year -- just to make the team."

Liking Dallas Is A No-No

In order to be a full fledged 'Skin Phillips knows there's one Washington tradition you have to live by.



George Adams



Joker Phillips

"I never liked the Redskins until this year," Phillips said. "I was always a Dallas fan. When I went in the first thing they taught me was to hate Dallas. So, I've grown to hate Dallas in this last year."

Adams' first-year situation was much different than his former teammates. Picked in the '85 draft -- first by New York, 19th overall -- he was almost assured of making the team. His rookie schedule was geared to learning the Giants' system and to improve with each contest.

His stats read that he did just that. Adams rushed for 498 yards on 128 carries (3.9 yards per carry), and caught 31 passes netting 389 yards. Overall, he scored seven touchdowns -- five by land and two by air.

Having trouble holding on to the ball and playing behind the talented 5-foot-7, 195-pound tailback Joe Morris were the reasons he didn't make first team status. But that's life as a pro football freshman -- you just have to wait your turn.

"George Adams is going to be an excellent football player," said Rod Graves, a scout for the Chicago Bears. "A player of his size and speed... you can do so many things with. I think he's going to become more and more an important part of their offense and their offensive attack."

"He'll be a good football player for years to come. Barring any injuries he'll be around for a long time."

Facing bigger and stronger athletes was Adams' biggest concern coming from college to the professional ranks. He seems to have handled that transition rather well. Within the future may be waiting many great pro ball memories. To create those memories he must continue to give football his best shot. But that shouldn't be anything new for Adams, who resides in Lexington during the off-season.

Adams Anxious For '86 Season

"I feel like I've been playing for four years now," Adams said. "I just feel real good and confident. I'm anxious to get started because I learned a lot from my rookie mistakes."

New York edged out its rivals from Washington for a postseason spot, and with it Adams got his first taste of playoff experience. Moving upward because of an NFC wild-card victory against San Francisco, Adams and his teammates ran into the mighty Chicago Bears on a cold and dreary day at Solider Field.

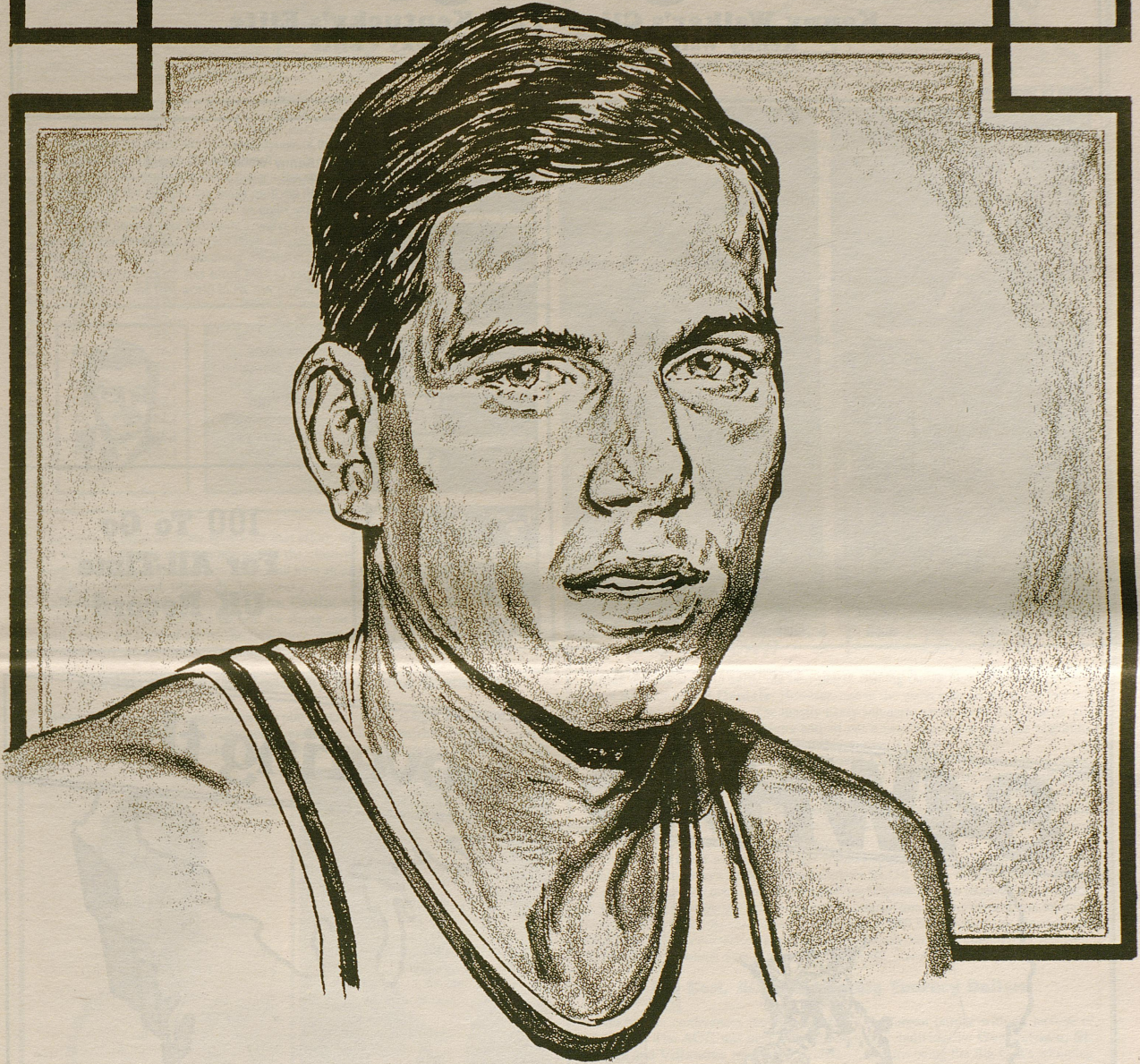
The Giants were humbled by the soon-to-be Super Bowl champs, 21-0. "I didn't get to play much against the Bears because Joe Morris was having a real good year," remembered Adams. "But the time that I did get I was real fired up."

Catching three passes for 65 yards, Adams was a big part of the Giants' slowed-down offense. Trailing 7-0, it was his reception over the middle that put the visitors inside the Bears' 10 yard line just before the end of the first half.

"I was isolated on (Otis) Wilson, one of the top linebackers in the league," Adams said. "I beat him across the middle and took the ball down to the three or four yard line. That really fired me up."

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Thad Jaracz



All-SEC 1966

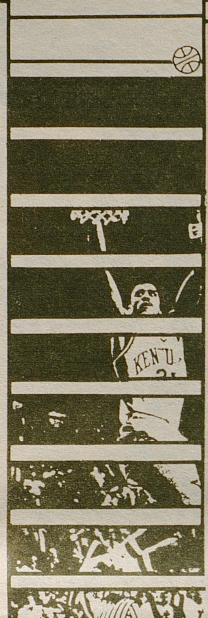
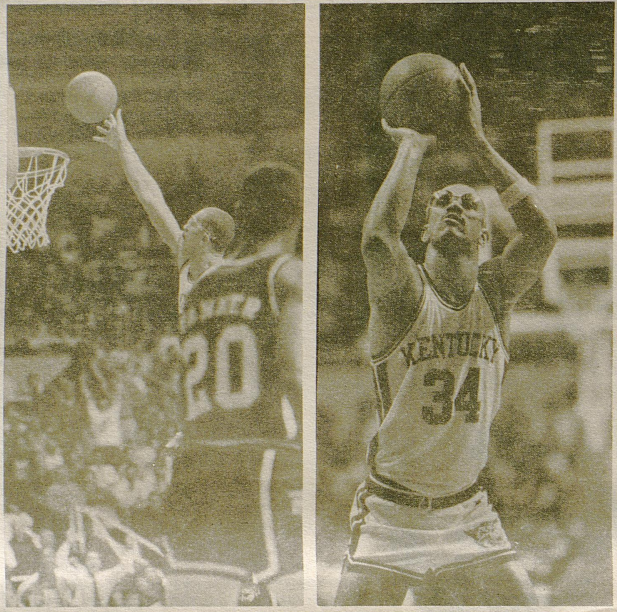
AS A SOPHOMORE (1966), HE WAS THE STARTING CENTER, AT 6'-5" FOR THE NCAA FINALIST ("RUPP'S RUNTS") ... CAPTAINED THE '68 WILDCATS!

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The Sky Report

Kenny Walker's Climb Past Kentucky's Elite Kenny Walker's Climb Past Kentucky's Elite Kenny Walker's Climb Past Kentucky's Elite

Photos by Gary Cromwell



Rank	Name	Points	Games	Years
1.	Dan Issel	2,138	83	3
2.	Jack Givens	2,038	123	4
2.	Kenny Walker	2,038	130	4
4.	Kevin Gray	1,801	84	3
5.	Cotton Nash	1,770	78	3
6.	Alex Groza	1,744	120	4
7.	Louie Dampier	1,575	80	3
8.	Mike Casey	1,535	82	3
9.	Ralph Beard	1,517	139	4
10.	Melvin Turpin	1,509	123	4
11.	Cliff Hagan	1,475	77	3
12.	Pat Riley	1,464	80	3
13.	Johnny Cox	1,461	77	3
14.	Kyle Macy	1,411	98	3
15.	Rick Robey	1,395	105	4
16.	Mike Phillips	1,367	120	4
17.	Mike Pratt	1,359	81	3
18.	Frank Ramsey	1,344	91	3
19.	Jim Andrews	1,320	80	3
20.	Sam Bowie	1,285	94	3

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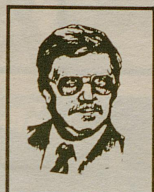
Smithson's Ouster At Wichita State Puzzling

Tourney Loot Mind-Boggling To Conferences

Easily the most surprising coaching change of the basketball season to date was Wichita State's sacking of **Gene Smithson**. Though burdened with being the man in charge when the NCAA probation came down a few seasons back (Smithson and his staff were exonerated by the NCAA, but never outlived the stigma) Smithson ran a very successful program. His record was 155-81 in eight seasons with three 20-win campaigns.

This past season was Smithson's worst in Wichita with a 14-14 mark. But athletic director **Lew Perkins** cited declining attendance at home games and "academic short-falls" as the reason for brooming Smithson.

Interestingly, Perkins was hired here to establish integrity within an athletic department which led the free world in NCAA probations and last year was cited by the gover-



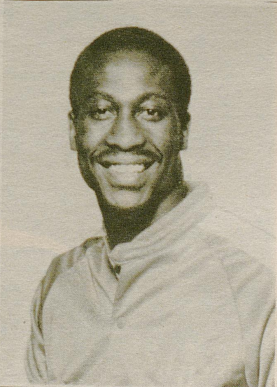
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ning body of intercollegiate sports for that effort. Some are suggesting the firing was his way of leaving no stone unturned in the clean-up effort at **Wichita State**. And there is strong likelihood the new coach will have an eastern background, have experience as a head coach and, obviously, be squeaky clean. Keep these names in mind: **Jim Calhoun** from Northeastern and **John Griffin** from Sienna.

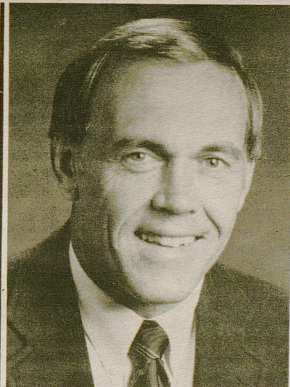
As for Smithson, who had no hint the firing was coming, he's staying out of sight until details are worked out on the final three years of his contract. You can then look for him to resurface in the coaching business.....

Purdue Picked On Again By Selection Committee

How about **Purdue** being assigned to play **LSU** in *Baton Rouge*? Two years ago the Boilers were handed a spot in the tournament opposite **Memphis State** in a game played at Memphis. What makes it so annoying for the Boilmakers and Gene Keady



Walter Berry



Gene Keady

is that all this program needs in order to make the next step up is some *NCAA tournament* success. And you have to wonder why they are constantly being placed at a competitive disadvantage.

One other *criticism* of the tournament committee before sending along a dozen roses for a tough job done well and with integrity: No excuse for creating the possibility of **Georgia Tech** getting to play in the Omni during the regionals.

Does anyone else think it would be a good idea to let the **NCAA Division I Tournament Committee** select the entire 64-team field? I'm not suggesting we eliminate the automatic bids tendered to a given conference, but instead of being forced to accept the post-season conference tournament champion, the committee could decide which team it wanted from that conference.

Thus, if **Ball State** from the Mid-American beats **Miami** in the post season event, the committee could choose not to invite the Cardinals based on the regular season, but instead take **Miami**. That would also be more fair to a second place team like **Ohio U.** which won 20 games and, counting the entire season, proved itself more worthy to be in the NCAA than Ball State. If you want to move toward having the 64 best teams lining up to play for a national championship, then you probably can see merit in this

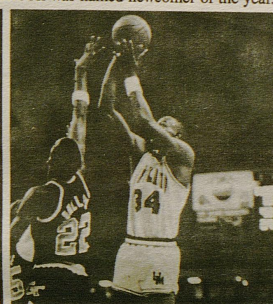
argument. . . . I have no quarrel with **Walter Berry's** selection as the *John Wooden Trophy* winner. What bothers me is the fact that ballot was put together last fall and Michigan State's **Scott Skiles** wasn't on the list of candidates. If the Wooden committee wants its award to be taken seriously, then it needs to incorporate some more flexibility into the voting procedure. . . .

Basketball Times Honors MSU's Scott Skiles

The *All-Americans* for this year: **Skiles** and Duke's **Johnny Dawkins** were *Basketball Times'* guards joined on the front line by **Berry**, Maryland's **Lenny Bias** and Kentucky's **Kenny Walker**. . . Skiles got the nod as *Player of the Year* while Duke's **Mike Krzyzewski** was Coach of the Year. . . Fairfield's **Mitch Buonauguro** was Rookie Coach of the Year and Louisville's **Pervis Ellison** was named newcomer of the year.



Dale Brown



Len Bias

Prep experts seem to agree the best player coming out of New York City in many years is junior **Lloyd Daniels**. However, one of the worst kept secrets is the fact this youngster is a poor student. The mostly likely scenario seems to be that Daniels will announce for **Nevada-Las Vegas** and sit out a year working to gain his eligibility and then play for three seasons. The other option is a junior college.

J. R. Reid's decision to announce for **North Carolina** was prompted by the usual reason, unrelenting pressure from all the recruiters. . . **Fess Irvin**, the top shelf guard from Louisiana, who earlier gave **LSU** a verbal, has now changed his mind and informed several past pursuers that he's open game once again. **Iowa** and **North Carolina State** are back in the chase. Tigers coach **Dale Brown** remains confident the young man will be in *Baton Rouge* next winter.

The smallest check written to colleges within a conference when all the revenues were tallied from last year's NCAA tournament was \$8,354. There were 16 schools coming from smaller conferences (and all were non-participants) which received that amount.

Thirty three independent schools received nothing from the tournament, but for those non-affiliated teams the reward was a minimum of \$150,380 (received by **Dayton** and **DePaul**) and by comparison that's the same amount which 12 conferences received. **Notre Dame**, which won a game, got \$300,760.

Big East, ACC Haul In Big Tourney Dollars

Among the conferences the **Big East** had the largest payday with an income of \$3,157,976. The **ACC** was next with \$2,556,456. . . Individually, **Georgetown, St. John's** and **Villanova** received \$551,390. . . And for being the Big East's whipping boys, **Seton Hall**, **Providence** and **Connecticut**, each got \$175,441 which certainly salvaged some of the wounds and explained clearly the advantages to membership in the "Club" Big East.

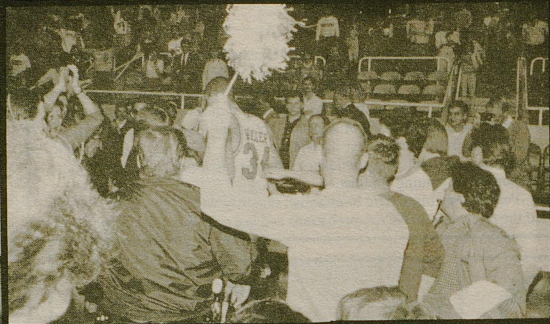
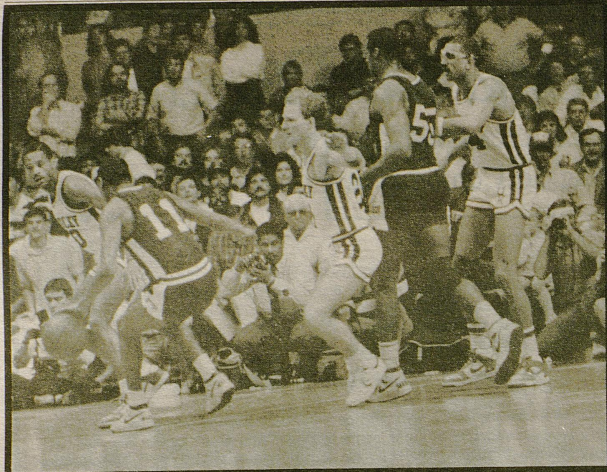
Other interesting items included in the recently released monetary breakdown from last year's tournament is that after expenses of \$1.6 million and distributions of \$18,647,104 to member schools the **Boys of Shawnee Mission** retained \$12,431,386.71 to run their operation. Small wonder those interest free loans are so readily available. . . And picking up the tab was a live audience of 422,519 fans. . . Now the only certainty of this year's tournament is that all those figures will increase. Just a game, you say? . . .

I have a feeling this off season will be nearly as turbulent as last. The coaching shuffle should take us at least into June and who knows what craziness will erupt after that. But do keep an eye on **Memphis**. . . *Nice gesture department:* **South Carolina's** basketball team began wearing headbands which said "Foster" to show support for their embattled coach. Eight straight losses to close the year was too tough to overcome and he resigned last week.

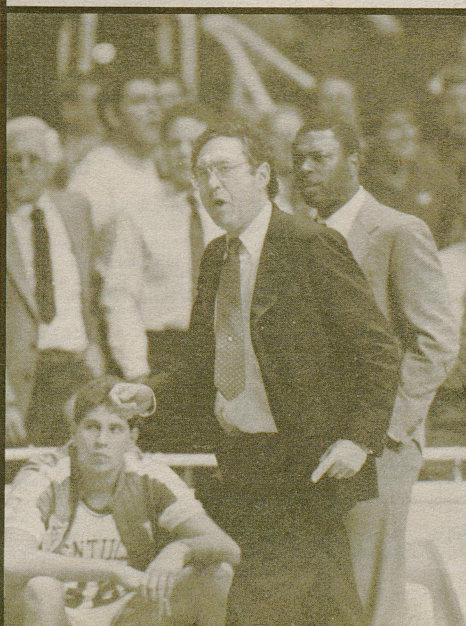
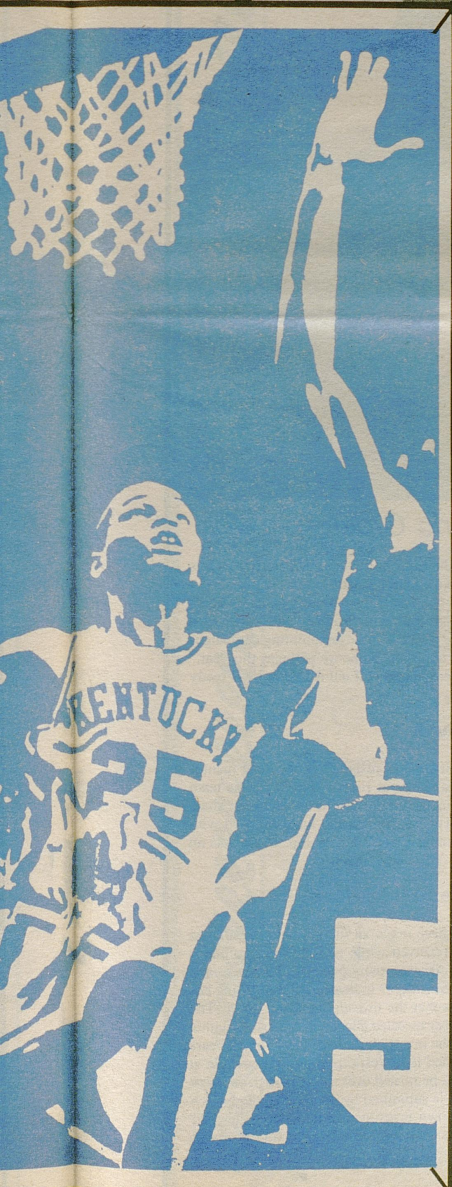
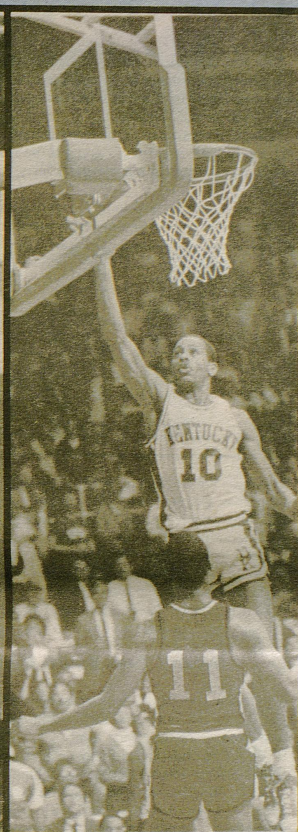
Honest "Abe" Still Cracking Those One-Liners

Foster's pal **Abe Lemons** had a 20-win season as **Oklahoma City** dropped from Division I to NAIA and the master of the one liners is enjoying the small time. "I don't miss Division I a bit," says Abe. "I don't miss looking at 5,000 pages of regulations and trying to decide if you can pick some kid up at a bus station. It's nice to know you have a chance again."

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Salute To The Wildcats



Red-Shirt Eyes Quarterback Challenge

Realizes Battle For No. 2 Won't Be Easy

Realizing that Bill Ransdell will be Kentucky's No. 1 quarterback for the 1986 season, Eric Green understands his chances to call signals will come in time. Green, who was redshirted last season, is UK's swiftest quarterback and hopes, if called upon, to donate his efforts for the Wildcats.

"I want to contribute to the team as much as I can," said Green. "But I have to be realistic in knowing that it's going to be hard to beat out Bill Ransdell.

Like many first-year players under Jerry Claiborne's program, Green was redshirted last fall.

This season he expects to be competing with Kevin Dooley, Billy Allen, and Chuck



Todd Hallum

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Broughton for the right to become Ransdell's backup. Despite the lack of college game experience, Green feels he has a certain advantage over his three counterparts - mobility.

"I pretty much expected to be redshirted last year," said Green. "Then again it was a disappointment because I wanted to be out there with everybody on the team.

"I can make some things happen because of my quickness that they might not be able to do. The experience that I will gain during spring practice and during the summer should put me right with them.

"Really though, I'm going to see what happens during spring ball and give it my best shot then see where I am after that," said Green.

Green's Arm Could Open Up Big Blue Attack

If the situation evolves where Green has to play in his first collegiate game, the young quarterback thinks the UK staff would entertain the prospects of 'opening up' the offense because of his strong arm.

"We didn't throw the ball that deep last year," recalled Green. "So, if I were to get into a situation where I would play, I think we would loosen up the offense a little bit."

At 6-2, 185 pounds, Green relies on his outstanding athletic ability and his mobility necessary to avoid possible sacks. He insists he's like Ransdell, a drop back-type of quarterback, though, not afraid to step upfield and scramble if severely pressured.

"I have a strong arm in getting the ball to receivers," said Green. "I think the coaching staff is looking for more of a mobile quarterback who can move around."

Improvement from Green in practice is what the Wildcat coaching staff is looking for. Despite having to sit out last season, Green wanted to practice well to remain sharp with his passing game.

"What I more or less try to concentrate on is to throw good passes," Green said, "because that's what the coaches are looking for even though I was on the scout team. It's hard to keep up."

One detail of his position which needs polishing is reading defensive coverages. Green says this will develop with more teaching sessions under the watchful eye of Wildcat quarterback coach Jerry Eisaman.

"I'm going to have to read coverages better and learn to throw the ball underneath zones," said the Cincinnati native. "Being a freshman last year... I haven't worked on that."

Cincy High School Produced Six College Signees

During his career at Forrest Park High School, Green's team finished with a .500 record but had six players, including himself, who signed college scholarships at major universities.

"One of the reasons I came to UK was that it was close to home," said Green. "My mom and I were very impressed with the way the CATS (Center for Academic Tutorial Services) was set up."

"Lexington is nice but I'm more of a big city person," laughed Green. "I think I've adjusted pretty well. I am trying to keep things in perspective and take it one step at a time."

Currently he is a member of a campus intramural basketball team *The Ball Boys* which includes fellow UK gridders Raynard Gover, David Johnson, Ivy Joe Hunter, Eric Pitts, Tony Baird and Greg Doll. The Ball Boys recently ran away with the residence hall title, and in the process drew rave reviews by some onlookers with numerous dunks. In fact, one of the players who was rattling the rims was Green.

"I used to high jump in high school," he said. "I like to play basketball above the rim." Green would also like to see his football teammates rack up victories on the field, especially against Southeastern Conference competition.

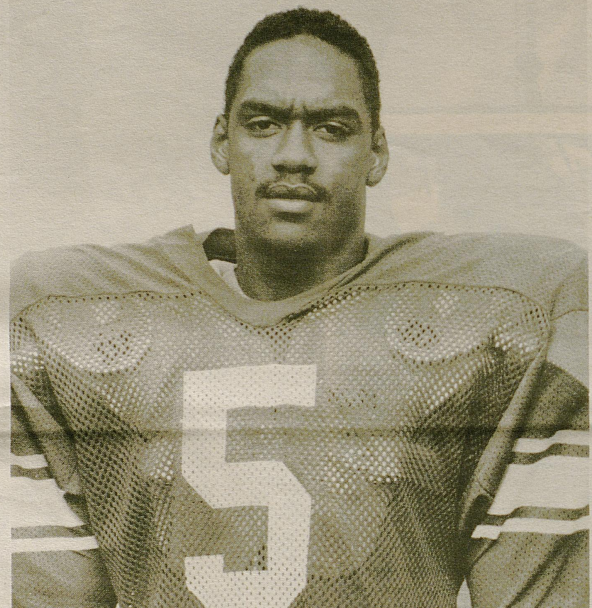
"The SEC is really tough but I think we are going to improve our conference record next year," remarked Green.

Hopes To Begin Beating Top SEC Teams

Despite that UK has won only one game against traditional conference powers -- *LSU, Georgia and Florida* -- during the Claiborne era, Green thinks one of the reasons for this futility is Kentucky's mental preparation.

"It's more of a mental thing. We have played teams like LSU and then come back and lose to Florida by one point. So, we definitely have the talent.

"I think we will be very competitive. This team is young and has a lot of spirit."



Wildcats' Eric Green

He's, nevertheless, by no means overlooking the Cats' non-conference portion of this season's schedule. Last season Bowling Green spoiled UK's season-opener with a shocking 30-26 defeat which set the tone for a dismal 5-6 season. Green doesn't want to witness the same fate. He mentions this year's home-opener with Rutgers will serve as a barometer, in judging Kentucky's after-effects of last season's disappointing campaign.

"The Rutgers game will probably be the most important game we will play this year," Green said. "It will set the tone for the whole season and will tell if Kentucky is ready or not to play football!"

UK Notebook

Former Wildcat basketball assistant **Boyd Grant** has resigned as the head mentor at **Fresno State**. Grant, 52, served a nine-year reign at Fresno State with his team winning the 1983 National Invitational Tournament. Grant said he has no immediate plans on what he will be doing in the future. This season Fresno State finished with a .500 record which was FSU's worst season under Grant's leadership. Grant was an assistant during the early years of the **Joe B. Hall** era.

Around The SEC

Officials at the **University of Tennessee** have made an inquiry into the alleged 'extra benefits' Tennessee athletes might have received while at UT. The five major areas of the inquiry include: *coaches, management, extra benefits, boosters, and recruiting violations*. UT vice chancellor **Phil Scheurer** indicated that recruiting has received special emphasis among the five areas that the investigation will cover. The probe was investigated when a Knoxville newspaper revealed alleged irregularities within the Volunteer program. According to Scheurer the investigation will focus on the years **Johnny Majors** and **Don DeVoe** have coached their respective programs while at UT. The probe will end with a report which will be turned over to the **Southeastern Conference** and the **NCAA**. After the report is submitted by Tennessee, the NCAA may decide whether or not it will conduct its own investigation into the matter. UT officials have indicated that much of the NCAA's decision will hinder on how thorough UT is during its inquiry.

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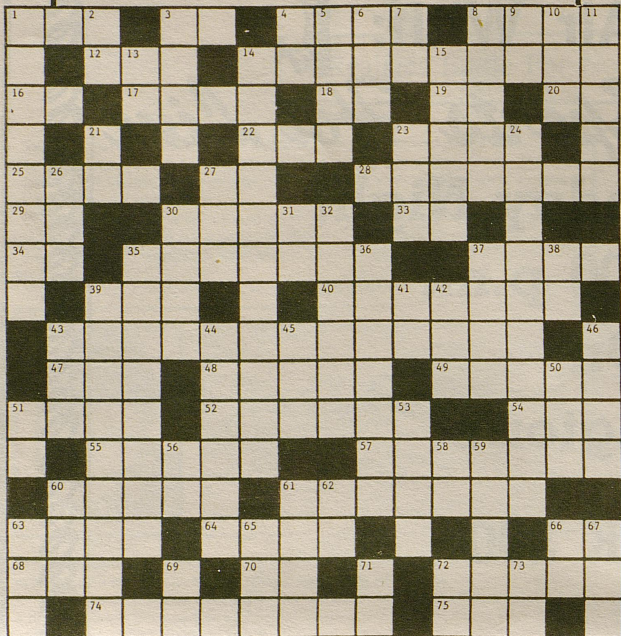
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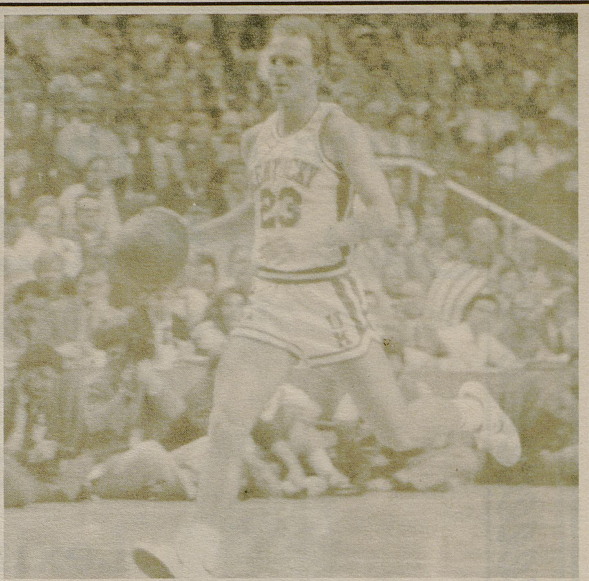
- 1 A ___ of hoop's greatest sites must include Kentucky, Kansas, etc.
- 3 Initials of the big guy from Kansas
- 4 The legend became fact that ___ Francis scored 113 points on 2/4/54
- 8 Namesakes of "The Houdini of Hardwood"
- 12 Tree
- 14 Kansas star Clyde
- 16 Initials of most colorful, controversial and successful coach
- 17 Kentucky's "Fabulous ___"
- 18 cetera
- 19 Abbr. for an SEC school
- 20 Abbr. for school of coach Peck Hickman
- 22 UCLA ___ 88 straight
- 23 Farm measurement
- 25 2 Down had 771 ___ in 1004 games
- 27 Abbr. for a Pac-10 state
- 28 Princeton's finest on the court
- 29 Initials of the Chieftains best
- 30 Stacked
- 33 Abbr. for an SEC state
- 34 Initials of a big UCLA star
- 35 2 Down was a great hoop's ___
- 37 Former SE Asian country
- 39 Small bed
- 40 Caring for
- 43 1891, Springfield, MA
- 47 Abbr. for "organization"
- 48 Rims
- 49 Taunt
- 51 Bill Walton was the ___ of the '73 title game
- 52 "India Rubber Man" or "The Peerless Purdue Guard"
- 54 Positive vote
- 55 First name of a great coaching strategist; see 63 Across
- 57 Hank ___; was called "greatest player ever seen" by 63 Across
- 60 Form of transportation
- 61 Net ___ team was CNY for almost 40 years
- 63 Coach ___ winning Zage was awesome 82.7
- 64 Thrive
- 66 Initials of Missouri's Cooper; legendary originator of jump shot in '32
- 68 # of NCAA titles for 2 Down
- 70 Initials of the amazing "Big O"
- 72 Named greatest player of first half-century in '50
- 74 ___ '71 frame helped Oklahoma A&M to two national championships
- 75 ___ as a fox

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- 1 Originator of the fast break; Walter
- 2 Initials of famed Kansas coach Phog
- 3 The ___ Kids of '42; Saffley, Menke, Mathisen, Vance and Phillip
- 4 Abbr. for "branch office"
- 5 Regular
- 6 Short for a player of many years
- 7 Abbr. for football's "offensive lineman"
- 8 #12 of 17 Across
- 9 Tied at end of regulation
- 10 Abbr. for "British Thermal Unit"
- 11 Hit for 100 points in game of '54
- 13 U. ___; where Woolpert coached champs
- 14 Superb hoopster from Power Memorial
- 15 Led Buckeyes to an NCAA title
- 21 Initials of Ole Miss Johnny who averaged 40+ per game in '71
- 23 Important hoopster's body part
- 24 Led his team to win over UCLA in a memorable game in the Astrodome
- 26 Famed coach of Oklahoma A&M
- 27 Abbr. for a federal agency
- 30 Pistol ___; the scoring machine
- 31 Initials of '24 Down
- 32 Two of Rupp's best squads were ___ tournament berths on unsupported allegations
- 35 Three-time All-American ___ play brought prominence to the Explorers
- 36 #6 of the Doss
- 37 Louisville was the ___ of Rupp's 4th title
- 38 Initials of one of 17 Across
- 39 Among legends, this little Kentucky village sprung one of the best in '28
- 41 Initials of super Boilermaker Rick ___ on the bench
- 42 Famed St. John's mentor Lapchick
- 44 Fastening by stitches
- 45 Fast
- 46 "Zeke from Cabin Creek"; WV, that is
- 50 The old ___ shot
- 51 Initials of coach known as foremost exponent of slow-motion hoops
- 53 Lacking sensation
- 56 "He threw up an ___ r ball"
- 58 Abbr. for a Big Ten state
- 59 Slow mover
- 60 # of national championships for 52 Across
- 61 Musical instrument
- 62 Pain expression
- 63 Super Tiger Pettit
- 65 The ___ r of the crowd
- 66 Initials of coach Allen of Mississippi College, hoop's most prolific loser
- 67 Abbr. for "Chief Naval Officer"
- 69 Initials of "The Baron"
- 71 Initials of coach Dean
- 72 See 33 Across
- 73 Abbr. for state of hoop's most avid fans(?)

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Last Week



Roger Harden Drives To Basket

Jim Griesch

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Or, the SEC could have used some of that to pay off the massive costs of such an undertaking, then distribute the rest.

Besides, full houses always look more impressive on television, and help create the idea that the affair is a big-time item.

Still, the crowds at the SEC were in stark contrast to some of the tournaments seen on television.

The **Sun Belt Conference** tourney seemed most notable for the acres of empty stands in the *Birmingham-Jefferson Civic Coliseum*, the usual site for the SEC tourney.

The **Missouri Valley Conference** tourney was not overwhelmed by fans, as well as many others were not.

Florida Gator Fans On The Increase

The Fans: Unfortunately, the two visiting schools who had big followings in Rupp for the SEC, **Vanderbilt** and **Tennessee**, were ousted the first night.

The Vandy section was especially colorful on Wednesday night.

But, some sections set aside for other schools seemed to be filled more with UK faithful than those of the schools for which they were originally intended.

One school that did seem to have more fans than in most recent years was Florida. In 1981 in Birmingham, the press row joke was to ask if anyone had seen a Florida fan. This year, they were out in force.

Of course, the Gators seemed to have some middle-of-the-road chances at upsetting some teams, and coach Norm Sloan's program seems to finally be getting some attention.

Since the weather was crisp and cold, even icy on semi-final Friday, you'd have to think that many Florida fans could have been living it up on the beach at home, not huddling for warmth in the cold, cruel north.

With all of that, the tournament in Rupp should have gotten close to the record payoff Rupp saw in 1982. With fans from some previously disinterested schools like Florida gaining interest, 1987 could be more exciting.

But, it probably will be May before the conference decides on naming **Baton Rouge** to replace Knoxville where the UT arena is still unfinished.

And, one final note: In 1981, when LSU won 17 conference games in a row before losing in the regular season finale to UK in Lexington, LSU coach **Dale Brown** made a point of saying that was a one-season record.

True. No other team had ever won that many in a row in a single year.

UK Now Has Won 19 Straight SEC Games This Season

Kentucky won 19 games with conference teams all in a row, this year. That stands as a one-season record for victories in the conference.

Brown even tried to show that his team had surpassed some UK records from the 1940's.

No way, Jose Dale.

But, if UK wins four in a row at the beginning of conference play next year, they will pass LSU's 1981-1982 effort, but would still be far short of three earlier UK streaks which ran 51, 43, and 32, in the 1950's, the 1940's and the 1930's respectively.

Still, UK's effort this year, and LSU's 1981 title run, were magnificent performances, given the more equal nature of the modern college game.

Over-Achieving Cats Proved A Lot

Harden Developed Into Team Leader

The Kentucky Wildcats have enjoyed a great season. Each player felt that the season would be a success. However, before the season actually began, at preseason training, a winning attitude was the key impression the coaches wanted to make on the team.

Winning the regular season, the SEC tournament and the Final Four in Dallas, Texas were all top priorities. As some goals have been accomplished, the eagerness to achieve the top seat is growing even more. Before the season began, the general attitude was that the Cats would be a good team, not a great one. Even I, along with other supporters, felt that without a true center, the Cats were going to be just an average team. The accomplishments of the team this season were truly amazing. The 17-1 record



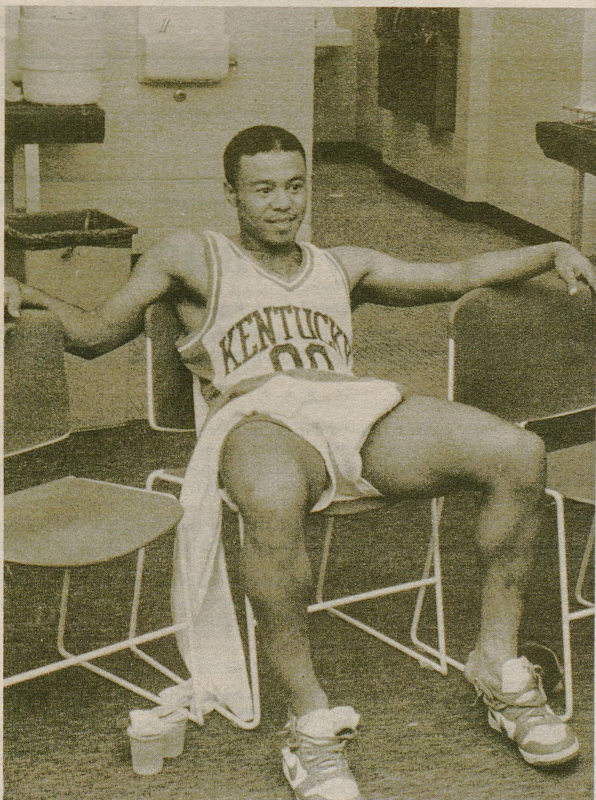
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set by the Cats in the conference was only the third time that feat has been accomplished.

Sutton Injects Confidence Into His Club

Coach Eddie Sutton has constantly pumped the 'Cats with confidence. They learned how to win under extreme circumstances. They also found who their leaders were and each player realized what he had to do to contribute.

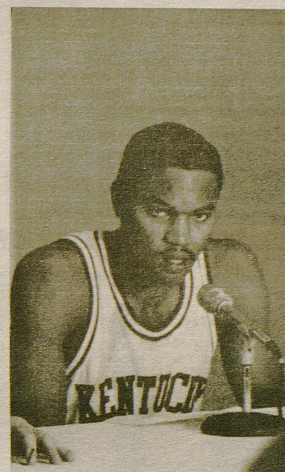
Winning the conference is very satisfying considering that each team plays the same number of games at home and away. Each team gets two shots, making the second time even tougher. Beating Alabama in Tuscaloosa probably put the 'Cats in motion. The Tide had been undefeated going into the UK game. At stake was first place in the con-



LeRoy Byrd



Roger Harden



Winston Bennett

ference. With all this riding on the game, plus a sellout crowd, I felt the 'Cats were going to get beat.

It's a good thing I don't get paid for thinking, because the Big Blue played great in the game against Bama and won on Roger Harden's shot in the final seconds. It marked the second time Harden won a game on the road with a jumper as time was running out.

At LSU the confident senior guard hit the same winner with no time remaining on the Deaf Dome scoreboard. Harden has emerged as the leader, while others contribute heavily each night.

Bennett is one of the best players in the country and is showing that each and every outing. Blackmon and Davender have proven they can defend and steal from any player in the nation. With their cat-quick hands, don't even think about putting the ball in front of these guys. If you do, it usually results in a dunk from Blackmon or a layup from Davender.

UK Bench Adding Support

The bench has contributed greatly. Whether it's Richard Madison, Cedric Jenkins, Robert Lock or Leroy Bryd, someone is creating good plays for the Cats. If Walker or Bennett is on the bench, the inside players hold their own until the starters come back.

Let's not forget Paul Andrews, who also has been the UK's zone-buster and defensive specialist. Each player has realized what it takes to win. It's a team effort and no one seems to mind who scores the points.

The NCAA Tournament is the most important goal of all. It's sort of like a second season. You want to be playing your best basketball at this time. Teams that win this tournament have similar things in common — good team chemistry and confidence.

Kentucky will have to remember to take one game at a time.

This has certainly been an enjoyable season. We all know the players' attitude has made this season more fulfilling than others in a long time. This team has captured the hearts of many because they are overachievers.

During the Tennessee game, Coach Sutton kept telling his players "you are going to win." He never has let his team think anything else, but winning. Even when things look bad, Coach Sutton will pat his players on the back.

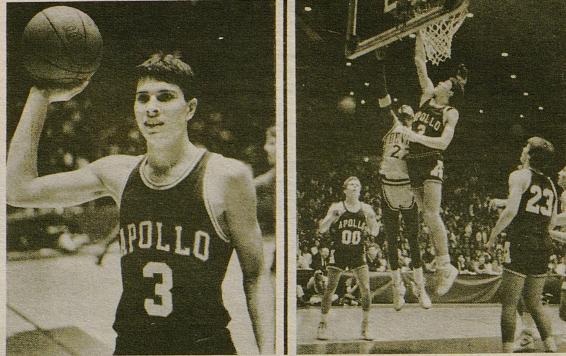
All The Players Feel They Can Help

He has the rapport with his players that make them want to perform well for him. The players really appreciate what Coach Sutton is doing. Blackmon, Byrd, Jenkins, Bennett and others have told me that he has made each guy feel they can help the team. There is no doubt that Coach Sutton breeds confidence. You know what they say, the reflection of your team resembles the coach.

There you have it. . . confidence plus more confidence makes a champion. I guess the best way to tell if your team is really happy is look at the bench. When the guys who don't play, but still feel good about being a part of the team, then there's a certain commitment present.

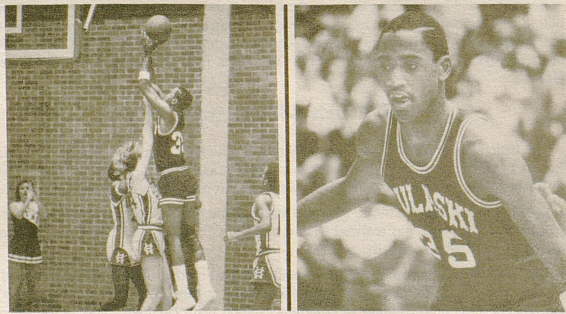
I've been watching UK basketball for a long time. Never have I seen as much standing and cheering from the Wildcat bench. Coach Sutton is special and so is this year's Kentucky basketball team. . . the most exciting team in a long time.

Tracking Future University Of Kentucky Wildcats



Rex Chapman

Opponent	Score	FGM-FGA	PCT	FTM-FTA	PCT	REB	A	PF	TO	S	TPS
Madisonville	73-68	10-16	62.5	5-5	100.0	7	4	4	2	0	25
Henderson	98-83	7-19	36.8	14-15	93.3	7	5	1	3	1	28
Davess County	62-49	9-19	47.4	7-7	100.0	5	3	1	2	0	25
Owensboro	64-62	11-22	50.0	8-10	80.0	7	5	1	1	2	30
O'boro Catholic	77-47	6-11	54.5	5-8	62.5	2	7	4	1	4	17
Lou. Southern	68-54	12-27	44.4	4-5	80.0	7	4	3	4	5	28
Lou. PRP	63-70	12-25	48.0	6-7	85.7	7	1	3	1	0	30
Clark County	54-49	6-10	60.0	0-0	---	4	6	3	1	0	12
Carson (Cal)	61-57	9-21	42.9	1-1	100.0	7	4	1	6	0	19
Bowling Green	70-49	10-15	66.7	5-5	100.0	1	5	1	4	2	25
O'boro Catholic	73-38	8-15	53.3	3-4	75.0	11	3	4	1	1	19
Owensboro	65-75	8-21	38.1	3-8	37.5	11	6	3	3	0	19
Breckinridge	55-54	9-20	45.0	9-10	90.0	7	7	4	2	0	27
Central City	69-52	8-20	40.0	4-6	66.7	8	5	2	2	2	20
McLean County	78-58	8-15	53.3	1-2	50.0	7	6	3	1	2	17
Lou. Ballard	79-76	17-23	73.9	11-16	68.8	10	7	5	3	3	45
Lou. PRP	48-49	8-25	32.0	6-6	100.0	10	2	0	3	1	22
Owensboro	55-67	9-23	39.1	5-6	83.3	3	3	1	4	0	23
West Hopkins	69-66	Did Not Play (Flu)									
Bowling Green	59-42	9-21	40.9	8-9	88.8	8	3	0	3	4	26
Bullitt East	64-60	9-18	50.0	5-5	100.0	12	5	2	3	3	23
Ohio County	75-51	12-19	63.2	3-3	100.0	7	7	1	3	3	27
Davess County	62-54	9-15	60.0	10-11	90.9	14	9	2	3	2	28
O'boro Catholic	92-59	7-19	36.8	8-9	88.9	13	7	3	2	2	22
Meade County	88-68	19-32	59.4	1-2	50.0	16	5	3	2	1	39
Union County	72-69	16-26	61.5	9-10	90.0	9	3	2	4	3	41
Henry Clay	65-67	16-31	51.6	10-10	100.0	19	14	2	4	3	37
Warren Central	58-39	6-11	54.5	4-4	100.0	11	4	3	1	0	14
Butler County	78-74	8-23	34.8	5-7	71.4	7	6	4	2	3	21
Owensboro	50-52	16-31	51.6	0-1	0.0	7	0	2	0	2	32
Totals		294-595	49.6	155-177	80.8	238	134	66	69	48	741



Reggie Hanson

Opponent	Score	FGM-FGA	PCT	FTM-FTA	PCT	TPS	OR	DR	TR	TO	S	A	BS	PF
Monticello	66-58	10-14	71.0	2-2	100.0	22	4	5	9	11	5	1	8	4
Danville	66-43	10-19	53.0	9-10	90.0	29	5	7	12	3	4	1	2	2
Corbin	71-48	8-11	73.0	5-5	100.0	21	2	8	10	2	1	0	3	0
Bryan Station	58-55	9-17	53.0	11-12	92.0	29	3	4	7	3	2	4	4	4
Lou. Seneca	60-62	3-8	38.0	1-1	100.0	7	6	3	9	1	3	1	3	5
Lou. Fairdale	70-58	12-18	67.0	13-15	87.0	37	3	6	9	6	5	1	2	4
Lou. Southern	68-51	11-18	61.0	11-12	92.0	33	4	10	14	3	4	1	0	2
Kirby (Tenn)	50-52	13-18	72.0	6-6	100.0	32	5	5	10	5	4	1	0	4
Monticello	80-61	14-18	78.0	6-7	86.0	34	3	9	12	3	6	1	4	4
Wolfe County	80-49	6-13	46.0	3-3	100.0	15	4	12	16	2	4	2	6	3
Somerset	80-48	8-13	62.0	5-7	71.0	21	2	12	14	5	4	1	3	3
Wayne County	80-35	6-12	50.0	5-6	83.0	17	6	6	12	1	6	0	2	3
Jackson Co.	46-33	9-12	75.0	6-6	100.0	24	3	9	12	1	3	0	11	3
Harrodsburg	69-50	11-21	52.0	7-9	78.0	29	7	4	11	3	3	1	8	3
Somerset	80-61	8-9	89.0	13-14	93.0	29	1	14	15	3	2	1	5	4
Tates Creek	72-70	3-6	50.0	9-9	100.0	15	2	7	9	2	5	0	5	2
Clay County	50-48	5-10	50.0	6-6	100.0	16	3	3	6	1	2	0	2	4
Monticello	63-55	5-10	50.0	0-2	0.0	10	3	8	11	3	3	3	1	4
Laurel County	72-70	12-18	66.0	8-10	80.0	32	6	5	11	2	1	2	2	3
Sheldon Clark	73-69	6-10	60.0	10-11	90.9	21	1	6	8	3	3	0	3	4
Mullins	66-48	10-11	90.9	1-1	100.0	21	6	5	11	2	6	0	8	3
Pulaski County	Did Not Play This Week Because Of Snow													
Sheldon Clark	65-47	12-25	48.0	4-4	100.0	28	2	7	9	1	3	1	3	2
Mullins	79-50	5-8	63.0	5-6	83.0	15	1	6	7	2	5	1	4	4
Richard Madison	89-58	9-13	69.0	0-0	0.0	18	3	3	6	0	5	0	5	0
Henry Clay	74-80	11-19	58.0	10-12	83.0	32	5	5	10	4	2	0	2	3
Somerset	72-80	7-13	54.0	14-14	100.0	28	3	8	11	3	1	2	2	4
Cassidy County	74-57	5-8	63.0	9-10	90.0	19	1	5	6	2	3	0	8	4
Totals		228-372	61.2	179-190	90.4	634	95	182	277	77	94	21	104	85

1987 DATES & SITES

	Site and Host	Date
First & Second Rounds		
East	Charlotte Coliseum Charlotte, North Carolina Davidson College and University of North Carolina, Charlotte	March 12 & 14, 1987
	Carrier Dome Syracuse, New York Syracuse University	March 13 & 15, 1987
Southeast	Birmingham-Jefferson Civic Center Birmingham, Alabama University of Alabama, Birmingham	March 12 & 14, 1987
	The Omni Atlanta, Georgia Metropolitan Collegiate Athletic Conference and Georgia Institute of Technology	March 13 & 15, 1987
Midwest	Hoosier Dome Indianapolis, Indiana Midwestern Collegiate Conference and Butler University	March 12 & 14, 1987
	Rosemont Horizon Chicago, Illinois DePaul University	March 13 & 15, 1987
West	Special Events Center Salt Lake City, Utah University of Utah	March 12 & 14, 1987
	McKale Center Tucson, Arizona University of Arizona	March 13 & 15, 1987
Regionals		
East	Meadowlands Arena East Rutherford, New Jersey Rutgers University, New Brunswick	March 19 & 21, 1987
Southeast	Freedom Hall Louisville, Kentucky University of Louisville	March 19 & 21, 1987
Midwest	Riverfront Coliseum Cincinnati, Ohio University of Cincinnati	March 20 & 22, 1987
West	The Kingdome Seattle, Washington University of Washington	March 20 & 22, 1987

FUTURE FINAL FOUR SITES

Finals—50th	Kemper Arena Kansas City, Missouri Big Eight Conference	April 2 & 4, 1988
Finals—51st	The Kingdome Seattle, Washington University of Washington	April 1 & 3, 1989
Finals—52nd	McNichols Sports Arena Denver, Colorado University of Colorado	March 31 & April 2, 1990

Larry Vaught

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After all, the SEC media didn't even put Walker on its all-tourney team after his 59-point, 24-rebound performance in the tournament.

LSU'S JOHN Williams proved during the recent Southeastern Conference Tournament that he could be the dominant player in the league next season. He had 48 points and 30 rebounds in two games while earning the Most Valuable Player award. He scored inside and outside, handled the ball and dominated the boards.

If Williams can learn to play with the same intensity each night that Walker has for the last three years he could dominate the league in the same fashion as the UK superstar.

And 6-11 Pervis Ellison of Louisville could be one of the nation's best players next year, too. He gets my vote as the best rookie this year because of his consistent play. He never seemed to have a bad game.

JERRY CLAIBORNE'S football Wildcats begin spring drills March 26 with the annual Blue-White game set for April 26.

Kentucky needs help in both the offensive and defensive lines during the 1986 season and coaches will be taking a close look at several freshmen who were redshirted during the 1985 campaign.

Claborne and his staff have also got an early start on recruiting by courting some of the state's top juniors. That either shows how good the juniors are or that UK is disappointed in its latest recruiting class. My guess is that it is a little of both.

Kentucky's Stars In SEC Were Many

Tourney Officiating Wasn't Very Good

Leftovers from the Southeastern Conference Tournament... Kentucky fans must be wondering why certain UK players did not fare better in the all-tournament balloting, etc.

Here are some thoughts on that. Winston Bennett and James Blackmon probably had as much to do with UK's tournament success as any other Wildcats. Bennett and Blackmon each made BIG plays down the stretch to push Kentucky past Louisiana State in the semi-finals. Each played extremely well in the opener against Mississippi.

But, neither was a factor, really, in the championship game against Alabama. Roger Harden, from this viewpoint, was the Most Valuable Player in the tournament.



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Why? Because, he scored 34 points, had 14 assists, hit so many big shots (the clincher against Louisiana State, a career-high eight field goals -- and a giant shot late in the game which restored some momentum to UK's offense in the ballgame, and had a career-high 18 points in the championship game, plus double digit rebounds for the tourney.

He outscored Alabama's Terry Coner, but did not have as many assists. Still, Harden's play was -- *to that time* -- the highlight of his Kentucky career.

Roger Harden Was At His Best

During tournament play -- supposedly when the pressure is greatest -- Harden played his best. In doing so, Harden became the first UK player to ever achieve a "double 200" in one season. He is the first Wildcat to ever score over 200 points and have 200 assists in the same season.

He came out of the tourney with 224 points and 210 assists. Thanks to his 12 points and six assists against LSU, his scoring totals passed his assist totals for the first time all year.

Critics of UK -- *and there were many along press row* -- pointed out that Kenny Walker did not have an impressive tourney. All Walker did was score 59 points and haul down 24 rebounds. Both, incidentally, are slightly better averages than his season totals.

Walker supposedly did not make the all-tourney team because both LSU and Alabama held him to zero field goals in the first half of their respective games.

Wow! Hey, coach! You sure stopped that Walker cold! Yeah, man! He's overrated! Sure, guy.

You stopped the main man. And, lost the game and the tournament. Heh, heheheheheheheh.

And, one of the coaches who did all that was *coach of the year*? Makes you wonder if some peoples' idea of fun is to go over in a corner and pound themselves in the head with a hammer.

UK First Team To Win Tourney Twice Since Fifties

In case everyone has forgotten, Kentucky has become the first team to win two post-season tournaments since its rejuvenation in 1979.

Oh, yeah.... Walker's 16-for-18 from the foul line in the championship game constitutes two new tournament records for foul shooting in the championship game, and ties two records for foul shots in all games, overall.

Did the made shots mean anything? Critics say they only kept the margin at about nine or 10 points down the stretch.

Well, if they were meaningless, how come Alabama kept fouling Kentucky? They wanted to force UK to beat them from the foul line. UK did. By 11 points.

John Williams of Louisiana State was voted *Most Valuable Player* in the tournament. Certainly, he played better than anyone else in the four-day circus.

His 44 points and 29 rebounds in two games were great performances.

AP's Shearer Wonders About MVP's Definition

But, Ed Shearer of the *Associated Press* (headquartered in Atlanta) made an interesting point in an after-tournament dinner conversation.

He asked if it is true the most valuable player has to be the best player. His point was that Williams was certainly the best player, but not necessarily the most valuable. He has a long-time belief that the most valuable player should come from the winning team.

Harden fits the picture. So might Bennett and Blackmon. Walker could fit that description, too, since he is the target of most of the public muggings which occur in UK games,

which helps his mates.

But, Ed Davender could make a case with his defense, although Derrick Taylor of LSU shot well from the deep perimeter, over him.

For a one-game pressure performance, UK sub Cedric Jenkins would also have to receive recognition as the tourney MVP.

Silly?

No.

All Jenkins did was score a career-high 13 points in the most crucial game in which he has been a contributor. He also had a handful of big rebounds. And, Jenkins hit three shots in the early going in the second half when Kentucky took control of the game against Alabama.

Jenkins Played Best Game Of His Career

Jenkins played absolutely the best game of his career.

But, Jenkins is a sub, and no one voted for him.

A shame.

People: UK had five students working along press row in the tournament. Two of the five were attractive coeds, who were noticed by more than one writer.

Tricia Harper, of Monticello, was one of the noticed two. She is a sophomore who just happens to be the daughter of Wayne County High Coach 'Jumpin' Joe Harper, who has coached long enough, and successfully enough, at both Wayne High and Monticello High to have gone over the 600-win mark this season.

Oh, yeah. Tricia played high school basketball. She said she was a power forward.

SEC Officiating Should Have Been Stronger

Whistles: More than a few on press row wondered about the officiating in the championship game. John Clougherty, Don Shea and Don Rutledge worked the game. They also worked the UK-LSU semi-final.

Both games were roughly played, and some of the calls simply seemed as if the wrong man made it.

At any rate, a lot of writers could think of other officials more highly regarded around the league who they thought should have been working Saturday, even Friday.

Rutledge has a reputation for being well-regarded nationally. He is supposedly well-liked by UK's Eddie Sutton.

But, just a couple of years ago, conferences were looking at rules prohibiting officials from working afternoon games the day after a night game.

True, the officials had no travel worries, but a fresh trio of whistle tooters may have been appropriate.

At any rate, it seems neither coach nor neither team was especially ecstatic about the work in the finals.

And, if you watched other tournaments over that same weekend, several other SEC refs were working elsewhere. Some of those games seemed better conducted than some of those in the SEC.

Why not keep the better officials closer to home base, and have a better variety of men from which to choose?

Tourney Tickets: Once again, Rupp Arena was never filled for any one session of the 1986 tourney.

That stems from an iron-clad SEC policy of not selling tickets for individual sessions, except to students with valid ID cards from any of the ten SEC schools.

The reasoning is that if fans knew they wouldn't have to fork over \$60 bucks for a whole book, they'd simply buy tickets for whatever sessions they wanted to attend.

That may be true, but there are other considerations.

If a fan from Florida, say, was planning to attend the tourney, and, it was in Lexington, then the book is a good idea. That fan would have a good seat for every game, since a majority of the seats sold at the other nine campuses are for the chairbacked seats in the lower sections of Rupp.

But, many local fans do not plan to take time off from work for several days to party and attend games.

Many fans within 50 miles of any given SEC tourney site may simply have time to leave from work, see the evening games, return to work the next morning, and continue the routine for three days until Saturday.

That leaves plenty of seats open for the Wednesday night round, and the Thursday afternoon round.

If there are going to be from between 2,000 to 3,000 seats empty and unsold, then the conference is losing a chance to make from \$24,000 to \$36,000 on those sessions alone.

Even the semi-finals and finals could have been sellouts if an open policy were maintained.

Say the empty seats at those sessions had been full with fans paying one-time prices (\$12 per seat). If there were 10,000 empty seats available during the course of the tournament, then the conference missed as much as \$120,000 in additional revenues.

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Kentucky Basketball Statistics

G	GS	Min	Avg	FG	FGA	Pct	FT	FTA	Pct	Reb	Avg	PF	D	Ast	To	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
WALKER, KENNY																			
34	34	1176	34.6	243	417	58.3	193	253	76.3	262	7.7	84	1	46	47	40	43	679	20.0
BENNETT, WINSTON																			
34	34	1054	31.0	162	314	51.6	111	150	74.0	228	6.7	116	6	52	70	17	44	435	12.8
DAVENDER, ED																			
34	33	1083	31.9	150	340	44.1	96	121	79.3	91	2.7	80	1	117	64	2	57	396	11.6
BLACKMON, JAMES																			
34	34	926	27.2	138	284	48.6	40	66	60.6	139	4.1	82	2	77	41	4	48	316	9.3
HARDEN, ROGER																			
34	34	1046	30.8	102	196	52.0	26	30	86.7	73	2.1	65	-	218	82	1	31	230	6.8
MADISON, RICHARD																			
32	-	484	15.1	62	108	57.4	35	52	67.3	81	2.5	38	-	23	36	7	10	159	5.0
JENKINS, CEDRIC																			
34	-	382	11.2	41	85	48.2	27	39	69.2	75	2.2	48	1	5	10	5	7	109	3.2
LOCK, ROBERT																			
27	-	206	7.6	30	55	54.5	22	46	47.8	50	1.9	38	-	3	24	12	4	82	3.0
ZIEGLER, TODD																			
17	-	70	4.1	14	24	58.3	6	10	60.0	19	1.1	12	-	5	7	1	3	34	2.0
BYRD, LEROY																			
22	1	125	5.7	12	20	60.0	13	17	76.5	12	.5	11	-	21	11	1	14	37	1.7
ANDREWS, PAUL																			
24	-	166	6.9	17	40	42.5	6	6	100.0	17	.7	19	-	14	8	-	7	40	1.7
THOMAS, IRVING																			
19	-	82	4.3	8	16	50.0	8	14	57.1	18	.9	14	-	5	19	3	1	24	1.3
Team																			
34	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	63	1.9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WILDCATS																			
34	-	6800	200.	979	1899	51.6	583	804	72.5	1128	33.2	607	11	586	419	93	269	2541	74.7
Opponents																			
34	-	6800	200.	839	1807	46.4	404	567	71.3	965	28.4	723	28	425	528	81	178	2082	61.2

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY SCHEDULE

Date	Record	UOFK	Opp	Opponent	Margin	Top Scorer	Top Rebounder	Attendance
Nov. 22	1-0	77	58	NORTHWESTERN STATE	19	18 BENNETT WINSTON	7 BENNETT WINSTON	23,127 (H)
Nov. 26	2-0	89	57	CHAMINADE	32	22 WALKER, KENNY	5 WALKER, KENNY	1,508 (A)
Nov. 27	3-0	98	65	HAWAII	33	33 WALKER, KENNY	10 WALKER, KENNY	6,342 (A)
Dec. 03	4-0	84	54	CINCINNATI	30	26 WALKER, KENNY	7 BLACKMON, JAMES	23,330 (H)
Dec. 07	5-0	63	58	INDIANA	5	22 DAVENDER, ED	5 BLACKMON, JAMES	24,203 (H)
Dec. 14	5-1	66	83	KANSAS	-17	12 WALKER, KENNY	8 BENNETT WINSTON	15,122 (A)
Dec. 20	6-1	86	52	EAST CAROLINA	34	19 WALKER, KENNY	9 BENNETT WINSTON	22,416 (H)
Dec. 21	7-1	88	56	PEPPERDINE	32	21 WALKER, KENNY	10 WALKER, KENNY	22,840 (H)
Dec. 28	8-1	69	64	LOUISVILLE	5	23 BENNETT WINSTON	14 WALKER, KENNY	24,180 (H)
Dec. 30	9-1	93	55	VIRGINIA MILITARY IN	38	18 WALKER, KENNY	10 BENNETT WINSTON	19,450 (A)
Jan. 04	10-1	80	71	VANDERBILT	9	25 WALKER, KENNY	14 BENNETT WINSTON	15,626 (A)
Jan. 06	10-2	56	60	AUBURN	-4	22 WALKER, KENNY	6 WALKER, KENNY	11,873 (A)
Jan. 08	11-2	75	58	MISSISSIPPI	17	31 WALKER, KENNY	6 BENNETT WINSTON	22,645 (H)
Jan. 11	12-2	76	52	ALABAMA	24	24 WALKER, KENNY	9 WALKER, KENNY	23,345 (H)
Jan. 15	13-2	64	52	MISSISSIPPI STATE	12	15 WALKER, KENNY	8 BENNETT WINSTON	5,226 (A)
Jan. 18	14-2	72	55	FLORIDA	17	25 WALKER, KENNY	11 BENNETT WINSTON	11,914 (A)
Jan. 23	15-2	74	69	GEORGIA	5	15 DAVENDER, ED	10 WALKER, KENNY	22,810 (H)
Jan. 25	16-2	74	57	TENNESSEE	17	26 BENNETT WINSTON	7 MADISON RICHARD	23,069 (H)
Jan. 29	17-2	54	52	LSU	2	17 BENNETT WINSTON	8 WALKER, KENNY	12,477 (A)
Jan. 31	18-2	81	71	AUBURN	10	24 WALKER, KENNY	10 BENNETT WINSTON	23,320 (H)
Feb. 02	18-3	51	54	NORTH CAROLINA STATE	-3	16 DAVENDER, ED	8 WALKER, KENNY	12,400 (A)
Feb. 05	19-3	73	65	VANDERBILT	8	22 BLACKMON, JAMES	12 WALKER, KENNY	23,070 (H)
Feb. 08	20-3	62	58	OLE MISS	4	15 WALKER, KENNY	13 WALKER, KENNY	7,451 (A)
Feb. 13	21-3	73	71	ALABAMA	2	22 BLACKMON, JAMES	7 BLACKMON, JAMES	15,043 (A)
Feb. 15	22-3	88	62	MISSISSIPPI STATE	26	21 BENNETT WINSTON	7 BENNETT WINSTON	23,115 (H)
Feb. 19	23-3	80	69	FLORIDA	11	23 WALKER, KENNY	10 WALKER, KENNY	23,065 (H)
Feb. 22	24-3	80	75	GEORGIA	5	22 WALKER, KENNY	9 WALKER, KENNY	10,826 (A)
Feb. 27	25-3	62	60	TENNESSEE	2	32 WALKER, KENNY	9 WALKER, KENNY	12,700 (A)
Mar. 01	26-3	68	57	LSU	11	17 WALKER, KENNY	6 BENNETT WINSTON	23,610 (H)
Mar. 06	27-3	95	69	OLE MISS	26	28 WALKER, KENNY	7 BENNETT WINSTON	18,230 (H-SEC)
Mar. 07	28-3	61	58	Louisiana State	3	15 BENNETT WINSTON	13 BENNETT WINSTON	19,215 (H-SEC)
Mar. 08	29-3	83	72	ALABAMA	11	20 WALKER, KENNY	12 WALKER, KENNY	21,700 (H-SEC)
Mar. 14	30-3	75	55	DAVIDSON	20	20 WALKER, KENNY	11 BLACKMON, JAMES	11,666 (N-NCAA)
Mar. 16	31-3	71	64	WESTERN KENTUCKY	7	32 WALKER, KENNY	8 WALKER, KENNY	11,325 (N-NCAA)

Roy Evans Achieved Success The Hard Way

Ex-Wildcat Didn't Enjoy Bradshaw Days

Roy Evans is a quiet, humble man, despite his 6-6, 225-pound frame. For years he has labored in virtual obscurity at Madison Central High School in Richmond, Ky., helping build the school's athletic program into one of the best in the state.

Evans, who played collegiate football at the University of Kentucky and Eastern Kentucky University, was a professional athlete with much promise when he joined the Dallas Cowboys in the early '60s. But a tragic lung injury ended his brief career.

So, after one year at Garrard County High School, Evans came to Central as an assistant football coach. He's been there over 20 years now.

"I think football's come a long ways at Central," says Evans. "When I first went



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Cats' Pause Columnist

there, basketball was the dominant sport. But football is bigger now. We've got as strong a football program as anybody in the state."

This, to go along with a basketball team that went 21-9 this season and a baseball program that is among the state's best. Both the basketball and baseball teams are coached by Don Richardson, who guided the baseball Indians to a 40-0 state record in 1982, the only undefeated season in Kentucky history.

"I think the success of our athletic program is because of our superintendent, Russell Roberts," said Evans. "He really supports us."

Evans Graduated From Everts High

Evans, 41, went to the University of Kentucky out of little Everts High School in Harlan County. He was signed by the late Blanton Collier, who left at the end of Evans' freshman season to coach the Cleveland Browns of the National Football League.

"He came down to see me play in a spring game," said Evans. "He's the reason I went to Kentucky. That, plus the fact that I wanted to play for the state school. I got to play a lot in my freshman season on the freshman team. After he left, I decided to stay and see if I liked the new coach, Charlie Bradshaw."

But Evans, as well as many other players, didn't like Bradshaw too much.

"I think Jim Bolus, who works for the (Louisville) Courier-Journal, summed it up quite well," said Evans. "He wrote that Charlie Bradshaw was a hard man to play for — a brutal coach. He was very militaristic in his outlook on things. A lot of my teammates felt the same way. A lot of kids had a love for football. He (Bradshaw) turned them against it."

Evans transferred to Eastern Kentucky because a former Collier assistant, Norman Deeb, was an assistant to Glen Presnell there. After a red-shirt season, Evans played two years for the Colonels.

"When I went to Eastern, Roy Kidd was an assistant then," said Evans. "The next year, he took over as head coach, and we were in a rebuilding phase." Kidd, of course, has taken Eastern's program to national prominence, winning two NCAA Div. I-AA championships and finishing two other seasons as national runner-ups.

After UK, Roy Transferred To Eastern

Evans, who was recruited by UK as an offensive end, played defensive tackle at EKVU. That's how he was recruited by Dallas, as a tackle or defensive end. At Everts, he started out as a quarterback before moving to offensive tackle and end.

"In college, you had to go both ways," said Evans. "We had no platooning system then, like they have today. But I was prepared for that because my last two years in high school I played all sports: baseball, basketball and football. I had more success in high school in baseball than in football."

Evans batted .500 and slugged 18 homers during his senior year at Everts, but after a tryout with the Chicago White Sox, Evans decided to accept UK's football scholarship offer.

Actually, Evans came from a very athletic family. Roy and his four brothers all earned collegiate athletic scholarships.

In fact, all the Evans' brothers, Roy, Danny, Donnie, David and Robert, now 19, played football at Everts and they all wore the same number, 71, which has since been retired.

"Several families produced many athletes who played at the same high school in the mountains," said Evans. "I'm very thankful to God for my family. I've been real fortunate. They've done a lot for me."

Evans' father, Roy Sr., is deceased but his mother, Julia, and a sister and brother still live in Harlan County. His sisters are named Joyce and Sharon.

Evans says football and baseball, not basketball, were the most popular sports in Harlan County when he was growing up.

Basketball Was A Conditioning Period

"Basketball was something you did to stay in shape between football and baseball seasons," Evans explained.

When Evans graduated from Everts, he was tall, 6-5, but weighed only 195 pounds. He added an inch and 30 pounds in college.

Evans was recruited by about eight or nine schools, including Kentucky, Tennessee, Duke, Morehead State and Eastern, when he graduated. He says he went to UK because of state pride.

"There's a lot of support for the university in the mountains," Evans stated. "Everyone up there wants you to go to UK."

Now, Evans is a big UK supporter, and thinks a lot of head football coach Jerry Claiborne.

"He's doing a real good job," said Evans. "He's instilled a lot of state pride and is recruiting the Kentucky kids. Kentucky is the basketball capital of the world, but Coach Claiborne is building a solid football program at UK."

Since Evans has been at Central, where he is currently an assistant under Mike Elkin, the Indians have sent at least seven or eight players to the collegiate ranks. Current Wildcat offensive guard Joe David Turner is a Central graduate.

Joe David Likes Jerry Claiborne

"Joe David likes Claiborne a lot," said Evans.

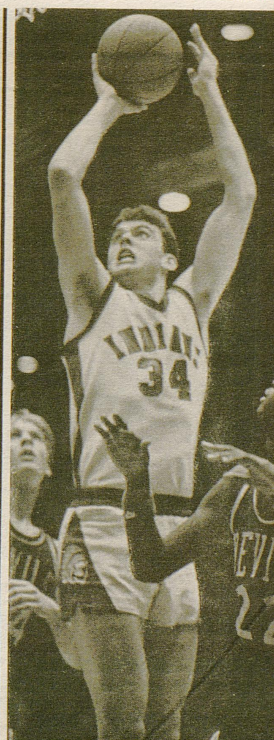
Evans and his wife, Barbara, who is a music teacher, have two children, Sharon, 17, and Shawn, 17. Like his dad, Shawn, a junior, is very athletic and plays many sports.

"I had a good athletic career, and I wish the same for my son," said Evans. "Who knows? Maybe he could play college ball, too."

And maybe Roy's son won't suffer from the same injury that sidelined his father.



Roy Evans



Shawn Evans (34)

Kentucky Avoids NCAA Upset City With Easy Win

UK Wins War Of Wildcats, Downs Davidson, 75-55

Kentucky flirted around for about ten minutes Friday night and then went to work defensively and promptly dispatched the Davidson Wildcats back home with a 75-55 score at Charlotte, North Carolina.

But those first ten minutes gave the partisan Davidson home crowd at the Charlotte Coliseum room for a dream as Davidson streaked out to a pair of five-point leads, the last being at 18-13.

That's when UK went on a tear, mostly from the defensive end as Davidson hit a dry spell which netted the North Carolina Wildcats only two points during an eight-minute span.

Thanks to Jeff Himes' outside shooting and a couple baskets from Chris Heineman, Davidson roared out to an 18-13 lead at 12:38 of the first half.

Then it was time for All-American Kenny Walker to show his stuff.

The senior from Roberta, Georgia took control of the game. First, he scored on a little turn-around jumper. Twenty-three seconds later, he canned a pair of free throws

to narrow the score to 18-17.

After Heineman put Davidson back on top by three with a jumper from the lane, senior Roger Harden drilled home an 18-footer and James Blackmon put Kentucky in front for good with a three-point play which included a thundering dunk after Blackmon made a steal at midcourt.

Cats Were Far From Finished

But the Cats weren't finished.

Winston Bennett, who spent 16 minutes on the pines because of foul trouble, popped in a pair of free throws for a 24-20 edge.

Ed Davender scored on a lay-up, reserve Cedric Jenkins hit a free throw and Walker tickled the nets with a soft mini-jumper to send the Cats racing out to a 29-20 lead before Davidson could find the range.

By intermission, Kentucky owned a comfortable 38-26 score as Davidson's early hot streak melted rapidly when UK's defense tightened its effort.

Kentucky's early game woes resulted from a less than intensified effort on defense and the Cats' inability to convert free throws.

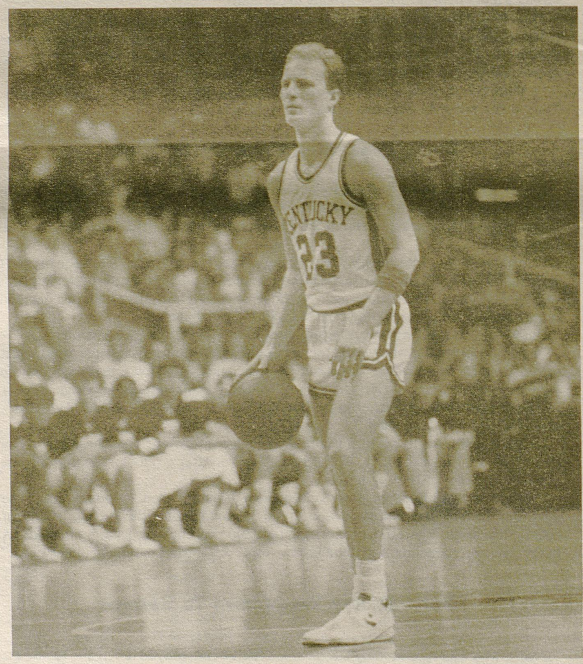
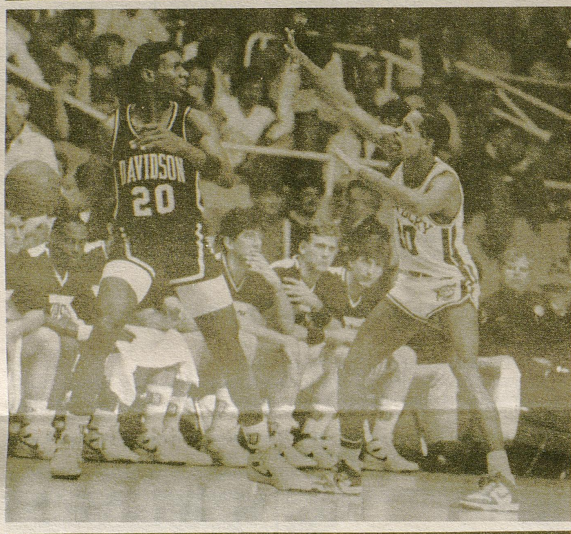
In the first half alone, UK missed six of its 16 attempts from the charity line.

Despite the poor free throw accuracy, UK still enjoyed the big lead in the field goal department.

In the second half, UK coach Eddie Sutton spent most of the twenty minutes trying to shuffle his reserves in and out, obviously trying to rest his charges for the showdown with Western Kentucky on Sunday.

Richard Madison Out With Illness

Jenkins and Lock registered 20 and 11 minutes respectively while junior Paul An-



Roger Harden

OFFICIAL NCAA BASKETBALL BOX SCORE

VISITORS (Last Name, First)	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	REB	PF	TP	MIN	A	TO	BLK	S
DAVIDSON	6	8	1	1	3	4	13	26	0	3	0	0
40 Gerry Born	1	0	0	0	2	4	0	33	3	4	1	0
20 Anthony Tanner	1	4	2	2	2	4	4	23	0	0	0	1
54 Jim McConkey	1	4	0	0	0	4	4	30	1	2	0	0
31 Chris Heineman	2	6	0	0	0	4	10	34	3	3	0	1
11 Derek Rucker	1	3	0	0	2	1	10	16	2	0	0	0
22 Pepper Bego	1	2	2	2	4	1	4	1	0	1	0	0
23 Pat Riazzi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
24 Dean Keener	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
25 Dave Fitzgerald	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
32 Jeff Himes	6	8	1	2	1	5	13	13	2	1	0	0
35 Mike Gynn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
42 Ted Wolfe	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0
45 Ken Niebuhr	1	3	0	0	2	0	2	13	0	0	0	0
55 Todd Scott	2	3	1	1	2	0	5	8	0	0	0	1
TEAM REBOUNDS (Included In Totals)	24	53	7	8	10	24	55	200	11	14	1	3
TOTALS	FG %: 1st Half 11 of 23-47.8%	2nd Half 13 of 30-43.3%	Game 24 of 53-45.3%	Deadball	0							
FT %: 1st Half 4 of 4-100.0%	2nd Half 3 of 4-75.0%	Game 7 of 8-87.5%	Rebounds	0								
HOME	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	REB	PF	TP	MIN	A	TO	BLK	S
KENTUCKY	13	33	12	12	6	3	14	24	1	2	1	1
25 Winston Bennett	1	3	6	6	9	10	2	20	3	1	0	1
34 Kenny Walker	1	7	1	2	11	2	9	28	1	1	0	1
10 James Blackmon	9	14	1	2	1	0	11	28	2	0	0	2
15 Ed Davender	2	5	12	12	0	0	2	4	29	3	1	0
23 Roger Harden	2	5	0	0	0	0	3	7	2	1	1	0
20 Leroy Byrd	0	0	3	4	0	0	1	4	11	0	3	0
14 Paul Andrews	1	2	3	0	0	1	1	2	6	0	2	0
30 Irving Thomas	1	1	0	0	0	1	2	2	2	0	0	0
32 Todd Ziegler	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	0	0	0
44 Robert Lock	0	2	0	0	3	3	0	11	0	2	0	0
55 Cedric Jenkins	2	3	2	3	4	0	6	20	0	1	0	0
TEAM REBOUNDS (Included In Totals)	27	49	21	32	39	15	75	200	10	14	2	10
TOTALS	FG %: 1st Half 15 of 30-50.0%	2nd Half 13 of 19-68.4%	Game 27 of 49-55.1%	Deadball	5							
FT %: 1st Half 10 of 16-62.5%	2nd Half 11 of 16-68.8%	Game 21 of 32-65.6%	Rebounds	5								
OFFICIALS: Bob Carlboldi, Randy Drury and Dan Chrisman	SCORE BY PERIODS	1st H.	2nd H.	OT	OT	FINAL						
Technical Fouls: Tanner	DAVIDSON	26	29	XX	XX	55						
Attendance: 11,666	KENTUCKY	38	37	XX	XX	75						

draws logged 11 minutes. Only Richard Madison failed to see action and he was nursing what had been described "flu-like" symptoms.

In winning, Walker again was his usual self, scoring 20 points and hauling down 10 rebounds almost without cracking a sweat.

Bennett added 14 points and six rebounds but the big surprise for Davidson must have been Blackmon's game-high 11 rebounds. He also scored 9 points.

The game was decided rather effectively on the backboards where UK held a whopping 39-19 decision.

Kentucky hit a red-hot 68.4 percent from the field in the second half and owned a 55.1 percentage for the game.

Davidson's second half clip fell to 43.3 percent and 45.3 percent for the game. The victory was the 11th in a row for the Cats since UK's loss at North Carolina State

almost two months earlier in the same state. Overall, UK's record improved to 30-3, one of the team's preseason goals.

"Davidson created a lot of problems for us early," admitted UK's Sutton, "but our defense finally got us straightened out."

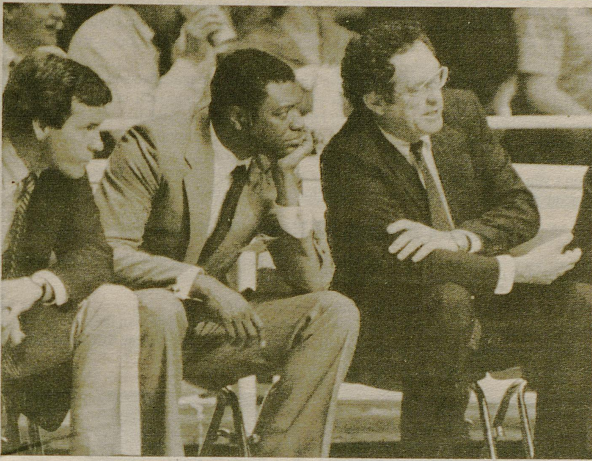
For Davidson, it (the lead) was sweet while it lasted.

"We got off to a nice start," said Davidson coach Bobby Hussey, "but for a period of time we got ourselves into a hole that was tough to climb out of."

"We hurt ourselves with a lot of fouls, and they wouldn't let us get on the boards at all."

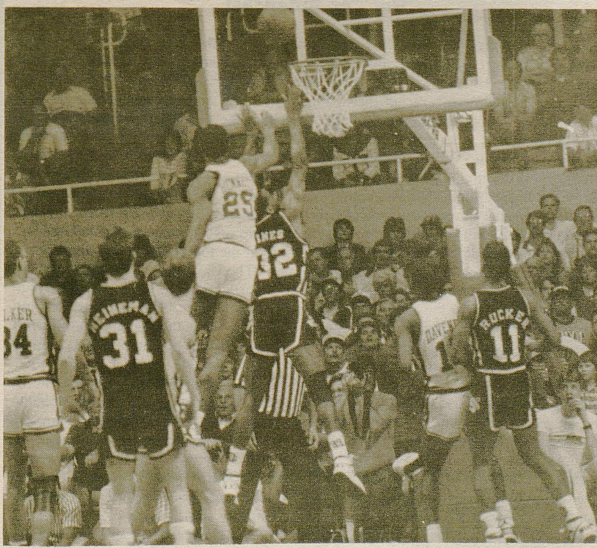
Kentucky-Davidson Game Notes

The North Carolina media covering the first round game between UK and Davidson said the tourney atmosphere, especially when Davidson jumped out to the early



It's Gonna Be Okay Leonard

lead, reminded them of the old days when Maryland coach **Lefty Driesell** was coach at Davidson and fans flocked to the coliseum in record numbers. . . Now, Davidson plays only a couple or so games at the coliseum each season and rarely attracts more than a few thousand. The sell-out crowd of **11,666** was a legit figure as every seat in the house was filled for the UK-Davidson battle. . . From a television vantage point, it appeared there were thousands of empty seats at **Greensboro Coliseum** for the **East Regional** first-round, despite the presence of **Duke**. Apparently, many **North Carolina** fans had plans of Greensboro before the Tar Heels were shipped west. . . An estimated 3,000 **Kentucky** fans made the journey to Charlotte. Fans rooting for the **Hilltoppers** added another 600 or so to that number. Western coach **Clem Haskins** wasted no time in talking about the upcoming battle with UK. "It (playing Kentucky) is all our people have talked about since the pairings were announced," Haskins told *The Charlotte Observer*. "We haven't talked about it as

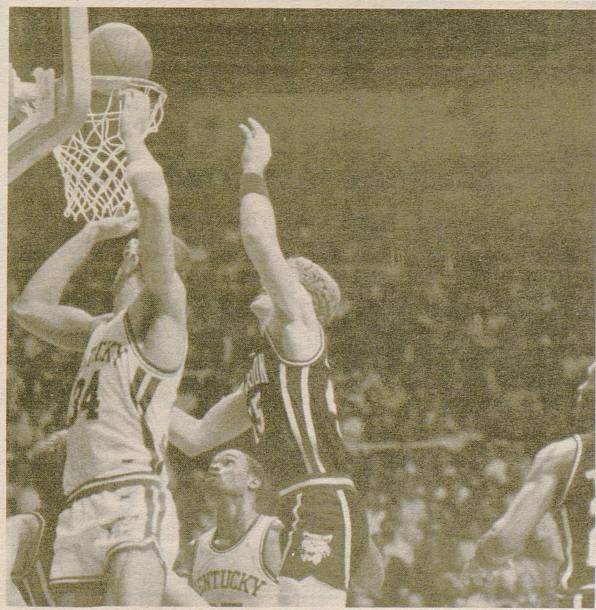


Bennett Over The Back



Sky Walker For A Free Toss

a team, though. We scouted Davidson, too." . . Just seconds after **Nebraska** lost to **Western** in the first round, head coach **Moe Iba** handed a slip of paper to assistant athletic director **Don Bryant**. The slip contained Iba's resignation as head coach. Later, Iba said he was resigning to pursue another head coaching job. It was no secret that Iba was on his way out at Nebraska. In fact, the situation was so embarrassing that word got out that Ohio's **Danny Nee** had been offered the job, even before Iba was given a pink slip. It's no secret that Iba wanted the job which UK assistant **Leonard Hamilton** got last week. Iba's father, the legendary **Henry Iba**, put Oklahoma State on the basketball map and had hopes of his son taking over the job he once held. The elder Iba also coached one **Eddie Sutton** at **Oklahoma State**. . . Insisting that he didn't believe in superstitions, Sutton nevertheless had a request of **Cliff** and **Martha Hagan** when he stepped aboard the team charter in Lexington just before heading to **Charlotte** last Thursday. Said Sutton, "I don't believe in superstitions or anything like that, but I've been sitting in that seat every trip this year and if you don't mind, I'd like to sit there," Sutton said. The Hagans gladly obliged. Perhaps Sutton was interested in keeping that 29-3 record progressing in the right direction. He didn't say so, but on his first flight aboard the **Gulf Air Charter** back in December, Sutton sat in a seat about eight rows back. Kentucky lost that game by 17 points in Lawrence, Kansas. . . Eddie, oh buddy, don't you dare give up that front seat, not even for **Dr. Otis Singletary**.



On The Drive

Why Do Coaches Blame Officials For Losses?

Presidents Claim Ignorance Of Infractions?

Questions I'd like to have answered.

When an official misses a call, why do some coaches throw a fit to the point of blaming the official or officials for losing the game, even though their kids shot 38 and couldn't guard a man in a wheelchair?

Why do some officials take all kinds of lip from players on the floor, pretending that they heard nothing, and then develop a big case of rabbit ears when criticism comes from the bench?

Why do head coaches whose programs are caught cheating proclaim they knew nothing about it as if their assistants had gone behind the head?



Stan Torgerson

Cats' Pause Columnist

to give a kid a few bucks or a car or whatever?

Why do college presidents do the same thing — express amazement when their school's name shows up on an NCAA investigation list?

Why, Why, Why?

Why does the NCAA take so long to finish an investigation? Two or three years from start to conclusion is ridiculous.

Why are college basketball cheerleading squads predominantly white when the teams themselves are predominantly black?

Why does the NCAA get treated as if it's an outside commercial organization when it is actually nothing more or less than an off-shoot of the colleges themselves, set up by the schools, themselves, to police their own conduct?

How come some people are naive enough to think that a colleges basketball player can practice six days a week, play two games in that same week, go on the road two of those seven days and still keep up his schoolwork?

Why don't those same people realize that it's not just the physical exhaustion, but the mental concentration required by high level competition, as well, that drives a player's English assignment out of his mind?

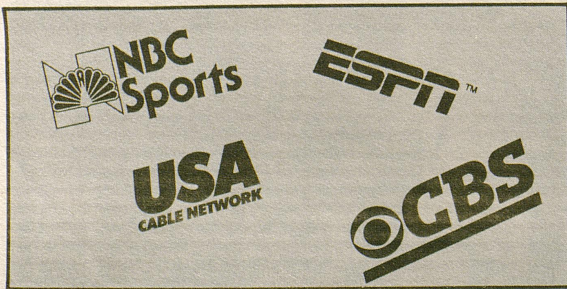
When will people stop justifying the breakdown in academic standards by implying that every player has a chance to turn pro and get rich when the fact is that only a very, very small percentage even get drafted and only a very, very small percentage of those stick in the NBA or the NFL?

Why do fans who insist on sportsmanship and good conduct for the players throw cups and ice on the floor when they disagree with an official's call?

Why does the SEC refuse to admit that some of the officials they keep on their list are incompetent and don't belong there or have slowed down to the point of not being able to do the job?

Do The Coaches Really Say What's On Their Mind?

Why do coaches proclaim things they don't really believe about their fellow coaches? Have you ever heard a coach say anything except 'our opponent Saturday is certainly a well coached team' when they know that the other school's head man is so bad he would lead the Boston Celtics to a fifth place finish in the SEC?



Why has the public been educated to think that TV money is enough to fund a college program for the year? The fact is that in a league such as the SEC, which splits the dollars somewhat equally, most schools will get only about a million dollars total from football and basketball, and while that's not chicken feed, it's not sufficient to

operate an athletic department budget which may range from six to 12 million dollars.

Why does everyone get so excited about TV exposure on the Lorimar Network (USA) when it's a cable network with a limited number of cable systems subscribing the right to see the games at home? The truth is that of 31 SEC games on TV this year (exclusive of the tournament) only 5 were on NBC or CBS with a chance for reasonable number of viewers, and 8 more were on ESPN which has fair penetration on cable systems. The other 18 were on Lorimar and had very restricted audiences. In other words, it's no big deal.

When will 8 of the 10 sports information directors in our league discover that Florida and Alabama have stolen a step on them with their colorful and well laid out promotional material? Florida's *Spring Football Outlook* mailout is outstanding and SID John Humenik is to be congratulated. Alabama's all-color weekly posters designed by Wayne Acheson and his staff, look expensive and they are great.

Don't you wonder just how much money the SEC office has in the bank and what they ever plan to do with it besides wait for the proverbial rainy day?

Women's Basketball Needs Respect, Too

Will enough people ever care about women's basketball to finally give the gals some spectators for their games?

Does it really matter how Eddie Sutton wears his hair?

Finally, can there be any doubt that the 1986 Kentucky Wildcats are an unusual group of achievers and that, counting the tournament, 20-1 against their fellow SEC members is an almost unbelievable season.



Eddie Sutton



Don DeVoe

Not For Broadcast

How talented was the 1985 Florida football team? Talented enough so that eight members and two coaches participated in all-star post season games such as the Blue-Gray, East-West, Hula Bowl, Japan Bowl and the Senior Bowl. Three Gators played in two games each. . . In a recent survey 8 percent of the women questioned classified themselves as ardent sports fans. Some 30 percent of the men listed themselves as the same. However, 75 percent said they watch TV sports at least once per week. . . The 1985-86 **Tennessee Volunteers**, with an SEC record of 5-13, posted the fewest conference victories in a single season since the 1962 team which went 2-12. **Don DeVoe** was so desperate to find a winning combination that 12 of his 14 squad members started at least one game this season. . . **Georgia** is so sensitive about their recent tar and feathering in the courts that they have devoted one entire page to academics in the Bulldog spring football guide. Printed in big red headlines at the top is *Georgia's Tradition in Academic Excellence*. The opening paragraph says "The University of Georgia football program has had a long standing commitment to academic excellence. Especially in the past 22 years under the direction of Athletic Director (since 1979) and head football coach **Vince Dooley**, the Georgia Bulldogs have been one of the nation's leading producers of scholar athletes." They then go on to list those former players of high academic achievement. Nothing is said of their 17 percent graduation rate for black players. Five former Bulldogs are pictured on the page. Interestingly enough, all five are white. I would suggest that the powers-that-be in Bulldog town would have been better off avoiding the subject of academics entirely in the spring press guide. Under the circumstances, this page simply doesn't sell. . . Let no one accuse **Ray Perkins** and **Alabama** of having a patty-cake schedule this fall. The Tide merely faces **Ohio State**, **Florida**, **Notre Dame**, **Tennessee**, **Penn State**, **LSU** and **Auburn** among others. Ray's a fine coach, but it's obvious his schedule making talents must not be up to his coaching standards. Wow! . . . *The last word:* **Jack Ramsey**, head coach of the Portland Trailblazers. "I remember one game a while ago when I got really upset at an official. When I took a time out I went back and argued and continued bantering with them on the way to the huddle. Finally, **Bill Walton** said to me, 'Don't you know it upsets us when you do that?' No one had ever suggested that idea to me before." I can think of a couple of Southeastern Conference coaches who might think about that.

Back Thru The Wildcat Years

Three Years Ago

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

*University of Kentucky bound Winston Bennett, to no one's surprise, captured the 'Mr. Basketball' title for the state of Kentucky this year. The Louisville Male senior averaged 25 points and 12 rebounds a game.

*Several basketball records have fallen with the final statistics out on the 1982-83 season. The '82-83 Wildcat team will go down in the record books as being the all-time best

shooting team in the history of the university, shooting 55.6 percent from the field.

*UK signees Winston Bennett and James Blackmon have been named to the prestigious



Winston Bennett

McDonald's and Parade All-American. They will play in the McDonald's Classic in Atlanta.

Seven Years Ago

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

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

Twelve Years Ago

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

*LSU's defeat of Kentucky's tennis squad was the Wildcats' second setback of the week. The loss drops UK's slate to, still, an impressive 12-4 record.



Wildcat Quiz

1. True or False. UK had never played Davidson in basketball before last week.

2. Which of the following conferences is Davidson a member?

- a) Sun Belt
- b) Southern
- c) Gulf Star
- d) Tans America

3. When was the last time UK participated in the Southeast Regional (formerly Mideast) in the NCAA tournament?

- a) 1985
- b) 1984
- c) 1982
- d) 1979

4. How many SEC Tournament titles has UK won during the decade of the 1980's?

- a) none
- b) one
- c) two
- d) three

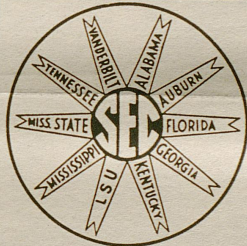
5. What is the nickname of Davidson College?

- a) Hubcaps
- b) Black Cats
- c) Wildcats
- d) Stray Cats

6. True or False? Davidson has the smallest school enrollment of all the teams in the NCAA Tournament?

7. UK has previously faced another member of the Southern Conference this season. Who was it?

- a) Pepperdine
- b) Northwestern State
- c) VMI
- d) East Carolina



Roger Harden

8. What UK player was named to the All SEC Tourney team?

- a) Kenny Walker
- b) Winston Bennett
- c) Roger Harden
- d) James Blackmon

9. After UK defeated Davidson in the NCAA Tournament, the Wildcats overall record was 30-3. How many UK teams have accomplished a 30-win season?

- a) none
- b) three
- c) four
- d) five

10. During the SEC Tournament, UK head coach Eddie Sutton was slapped with his second technical foul of the year in the Cats 83-72 championship victory over Alabama. Against which team did Sutton receive his first?

- a) Louisville
- b) Kansas
- c) N. C. State
- d) Tennessee



Answers

- 1. True
- 2. Southern
- 3. 1984
- 4. two
- 5. Wildcats
- 6. True
- 7. VMI
- 8. Roger Harden
- 9. five
- 10. Kansas

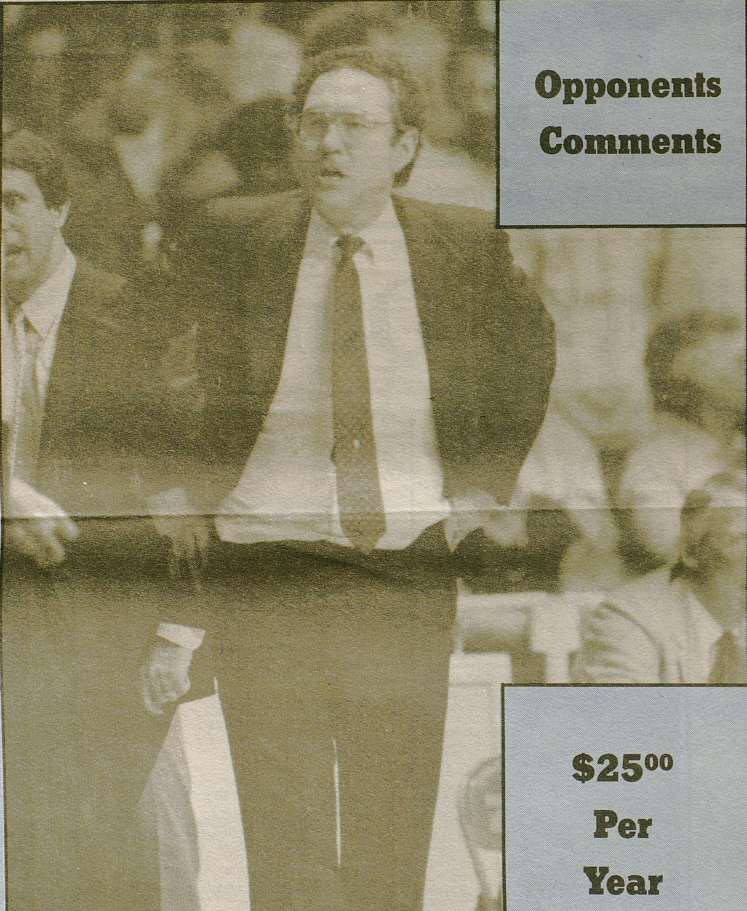
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