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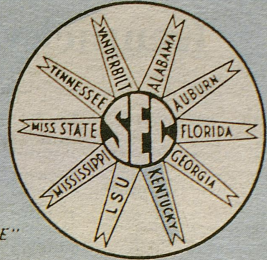
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Sutton Begins A New Era At UK

Welcome home Eddie.

Just moments after Arkansas' Eddie Sutton was named head basketball coach at Kentucky Tuesday afternoon, the former Razorback basketball czar told a crowd of some 150 reporters, University officials and friends that Kentucky has always been the place he wanted to coach and finish his career.

His dream came true late Monday when a UK ad hoc advisory committee interviewed the popular head coach and then recommended to the UK Athletics Association that he be hired to replace the retiring Joe B. Hall.

It was a nostalgic event, to say the least. There on hand to help celebrate the occasion was Sutton's wife, his three sons and his old college coach, the legendary Henry Iba at Oklahoma State.

Sutton, who made Arkansas something besides a football state, has enjoyed immense success with the Razorbacks in the Southwest Conference. He has won 260 games and lost only 75 in eleven seasons at Arkansas. Even more astonishing is the Hogs' incredible homecourt record of 121-8.

Known as a defensive wizard, Sutton's teams are known for their intense defensive pressure. Much like Kentucky's proud tradition, Sutton subscribes to total discipline and dedication to the game.

Bombarded with a lengthy question and answer session with dozens of reporters staying over from the NCAA Final Four, Sutton was quick to point out the great Kentucky tradition, first from the great Adolph Rupp and then continued by Joe B. Hall.

He emphasized the similarities of Hall's philosophies and said there were much similar than most people realized.

What Sutton's appointment accomplishes is a successful effort by the UK administration to continue the tradition and success which UK basketball has enjoyed in the past.

While it will be a few days before Sutton gets his feet on the ground at UK, he isn't allowing any grass to grow around him. He immediately scheduled a session with the local media for the next day and in less than 24 hours after the announcement he and assistant Leonard Hamilton were off recruiting, apparently a quick effort to shore up UK's efforts to win some signees next month.

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One of his first official acts was to name Leonard Hamilton as an assistant coach. Hamilton, who has been UK's chief recruiter for almost a decade, appeared with Sutton at the Tuesday announcement.

Hamilton said it was a privilege and honor to be asked by Sutton to be on the new coach's staff. Hamilton was primarily responsible for the early signing of Florida's Irving Thomas last November.

Last week, Thomas' high school coach, Ernie Bell, expressed concern over Hall's retirement and the vacancy. Most insiders believe Thomas will honor his signing with Kentucky.

Of major importance to UK's recruiting today is the prospects of winning Kenny Payne of Mississippi and Tommy Lewis of California. Both had UK high on their list, but no one knows how Hall's sudden retirement may affect them.

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The final process to hire Sutton did not hit high gear until sometime Monday.

It was a week earlier when the UK ad hoc committee first started going after a new man. Reports were numerous and often untrue as is the situation most of the time.

It's apparent that Arizona's Lute Olson was UK's first choice. He reportedly was close to terms as late as Sunday before the deal fell through. A second coach, UAB's Gene Bartow, reportedly could have had the job but pulled out twice.

UK officials declined to say if anyone had been offered the job prior to Sutton. Other names which were considered included: SMU's Dave Bliss, Purdue's Gene Keady, Lakers' Pat Riley, retiring Denver Nuggets' Dan Issel, South Florida's Lee Rose, former UK assistant Dick Parsons, Georgia Tech's Bobby Cremins and several others. Many of those had their names withdrawn from the list.

According to sources close to the situation, the committee was down to Rose and Parsons Monday morning after Bartow decided a second time not to pursue the job.

It was at that time that Sutton was first approached. Our reports have it that Sutton met with the ad hoc committee Monday evening and was offered the job that night. He quickly accepted.

President Otis Singletary confirmed that he, too, sit in on the Sutton interview, the only one in which he was involved.

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Singletary pointed out that UK exhausted every possible avenue in acquiring the best coach available.

Despite not being the first choice, Sutton could well turn out to be the best candidate, for two reasons.

First, Jerry Claiborne has proved that first doesn't necessarily mean the

best. He wasn't the first choice when UK hired a football coach three years ago, but I doubt anyone would trade his accomplishments for any other coach today.

Secondly, Sutton showed an immediate and total interest for the UK job, something that neither of the other two were totally committed to.

Sutton's ability to recruit and mingle with people is a strong plus for him when you consider the high visibility of the Kentucky program. His on-court winning success certainly qualifies him as one of the nation's top five coaches.

Most impressive to UK officials was Sutton's record and his willingness to make a commitment to UK without hesitation. Sutton later said there was never any doubt that he would accept the UK post, if it were offered to him.

Sutton begins a new era of Kentucky basketball and it should be a very good one. Best of luck Eddie. May your days be many and happy at Kentucky.

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Because of the late-breaking developments in the Eddie Sutton appointment, TCP was held up to Tuesday for this announcement.

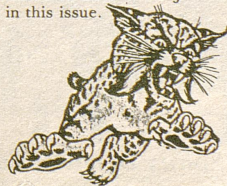
Next week, we'll have expanded and special stories and comments on Sutton's appointment from other officials around UK and the college basketball circles. Also included will be detailed information on WHAS's decision not to carry UK basketball and football games again.

Also, complete coverage of the Final Four will be next week in our last weekly issue of the season. This issue is actually the last regular issue, but an extra edition will be published next week to make up for the issue not published during the Christmas holidays.

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Not to be forgotten in all the NCAA Final Four and the new coaching appointment is the final farewell to Coach Joe B. Hall at the Committee of 101 annual basketball banquet Thursday night on the UK campus.

Some tickets are still available by calling the UK basketball ticket office at Memorial Coliseum. Inside is a pictorial look back at the Joe B. Hall era in this issue.



Eddie Sutton Biography

In 11 years as head basketball coach and assistant athletics director at the University of Arkansas, Eddie Sutton has taken his sport from the basement of the Southwest Conference to a statewide phenomenon and a spot among the national elite.

Sutton has established and is still building records that may never be approached in league history. His overall percentage of .776 is a conference record as is his percentage of .797 in SWC contests. His record of 260-75 equates to an average of 23.6 victories a season.

During the last nine years the Razorbacks have won or shared five league titles, finished second four times and have made nine trips to the NCAA tournament. Arkansas and North Carolina are the only schools in the country to have played in each of the last nine NCAA tournaments.

Coach of the Year honors have been frequent. He has won national honors twice (1977 and 1978) and has been named the SWC's top coach four times.

Since going to Arkansas from Creighton following the 1973-74 seas-

on, Sutton has created a monster in the Ozarks. His teams have been nearly impossible to defeat at Barnhill Arena, their on-campus home. Under Sutton's direction, the Hogs are 121-8 at Barnhill, a stunning percentage of .932. Razorback games have been sold out before the season begins for the last eight years and tickets to Arkansas' basketball games have become nearly impossible for non-season ticket holders to secure.

Sutton's success has been built on what he calls "the three D's -- dedication, discipline and defense." The Razorbacks annually rank as one of the nation's top defensive teams, drawing raves for their suffocating style of man-to-man defense. Even without great perimeter shooters, Arkansas' field goal percentage usually ranks among the best. In fact, during the past 10 seasons, only North Carolina has a higher field goal percentage.

One of Sutton's first coaching jobs came during this past season when his youngest team challenged a schedule

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Coaches Unpredictable In '85

Flying Chair Spoued At IU

College basketball in '85 was predictable -- predictable to the extent that it was unpredictable. As in past seasons, some things never went as planned during this year's collegiate hoops.

Sure, Georgetown, Memphis State and Oklahoma had fine seasons as expected. But for some reason, in relation to being predictable, it was the coaches who were unreliable. Who would have suspected:

- A) A little man with a lucky sweater vaulting into his first Final Four?
Not me.
- B) A burned out, fiery Hoosier hurling a chair across the court during a timeout?
Naw, c'mon now.
- C) A head mentor by the name of Sonny helping turn a team around with just simply a resignation slip?
Impossible!
- D) An ole fisherman getting more attention than the prestigious Final Four by stepping down from "The Program"?
Unbelievable!
- Unbelievable you say . . . look again.



Nick Nicholas

Cats' Pause Columnist

Little Lou Carnesecca's lucky sweaters were not the prettiest things in the world, but they did add color to the college basketball scene this season.

Because of superstition, for most of the '85 campaign he was decked out in a blue sweater with a red pattern zig-zagging across the middle. While wearing the wool garment, St. John's eventually became the nation's No. 1 ranked team. The Johnnies ended Georgetown's, at the time the country's top-ranked squad, 29-game winning streak with a stunning 66-65 upset at Washington's Capital Centre.

When the two teams met again at Madison Square Garden there was a surprise awaiting Carnesecca, G-town's John Thompson boasted an identical sweater (with the exception a few sizes larger) just like the one Looie attired. Both coaches, the crowd and the media got a kick out of it.

Carnesecca lost in the battle of the sweaters that evening. However, St. John's leader later changed his game wardrobe to a light gray sweater.

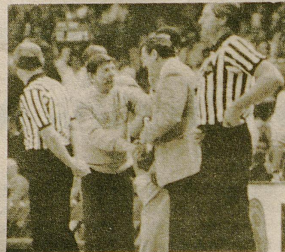
It's not the sweaters that led Carnesecca to his first Final Four . . . then again you never know.

The incident of Thompson and Carnesecca brings back fond memories of Fuzzy Zoeller and Greg Norman in last year's U.S. Open Golf Tournament at Wingfoot. Seeing Norman making a lengthy putt on the 72nd hole of the tourney and Zoeller, standing back in the fairway promptly waving a white towel, delighted the huge gallery watching. The following day in the two-way playoff, Norman returned the gesture to the victorious Zoeller by waving his white towel in surrenderance on the final hole. A thunderous standing ovation greeted both players at the end of the tourney.

Enjoyment along side of sportsmanship is something which is rare in athletics these days. Though little things like lucky sweaters and waving white towels make it possible. . .



Sonny Decided To Give Auburn A Chance



Looie And Joe B.



A Vacation Needed?

Now, let's venture from the good to the not so good.

Indiana's Bobby Knight had a rough time of it this season. Picked in almost everyone's preseason Top Ten, the Hoosiers finished the regular season with a disappointing 15-13 slate.

Things got so bad that the fiery Knight suspended a few of his players (including Olympic gold medal winner Steve Alford) for one game. Junior Mike Giomi was then dropped from the team by Knight because of academic reasons. Even though his grades met university requirements, it didn't meet Knight's.

But the ultimate occurrence came in Bloomington against arch-rival Purdue. Knight became so furious that he grabbed a chair and side-armed it across the wooden surface. The results: embarrassment to Knight, the university and college basketball.

The '84 Olympic coach was suspended by Big Ten commissioner Wayne Duke for one contest. Still a lot of people haven't let Knight forget this incident. It's a shame.

Sure, he's guilty -- so what? The man needs about a year vacation away from the Bloomington campus altogether. Two straight years of basketball (coached IU in '84 and '85 plus the Summer Olympic team last year) can cause anyone to lose their cool.

Don't forget his positive contributions to basketball either: helping Landon Turner through his tragic accident which ended his basketball career, taking up for Kyle Macy in the Pan American games in the summer of '79, putting in so much time to put together and coach our gold medal winners in the 1984 Summer Olympics and his overall devotion to maintain NCAA standards.

One flying chair shouldn't wipe out Bobby Knight's positive contributions to the college game. . . For safety reasons in the future though, IU officials should nail down all chairs. . .

During post-season play in '85, Auburn's Sonny Smith had a blast. Hard to believe for a lame-duck coach. Smith, because of being dissatisfied with the Auburn program, resigned following an overtime loss to Kentucky.

Led by junior Chuck Person and Gerald White, Smith's Tigers swept through the SEC Tournament and won two games in NCAA play before bowing out to North Carolina.

This was the same Auburn team that was seeded eighth in a 10-team tournament. Losing close ballgames was the norm during much of the regular season. For some reason this team had a change of heart. That reason was Sonny Smith.

His coaching in the SEC tourney was a treat. He never fussed or screamed at his players during their four wins in Birmingham; he just took it all in stride. The Auburn players were giving it their best for the retiring Smith, hoping with each game to give their coach just one more night.

Each win brought Smith closer and closer to tearing up that resignation slip. Sonny was now having fun.

About a week following the six-point loss to Carolina in the Southeast Regionals, Smith decided he would stay. If I had Chuck Person, Chris Morris, Frank Ford, Vernon Strickland (lost in '85 season because of a knee injury), Gerald White, and others returning, I would probably stay, too. . .

And finally we come to that ole fisherman -- Joe B. Hall. UK's coach in '85 will no longer be the keeper in the Wildcats' den. Hall's resignation following the St. John's loss shook the state of Kentucky up pretty well. So well in fact that the after-effects are still lingering despite the presence of Lexington hosting the Final Four.

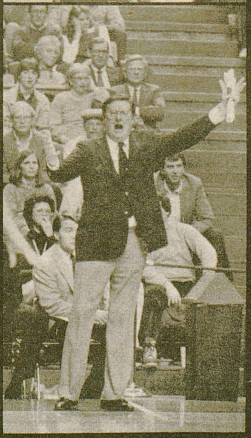
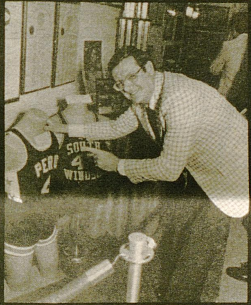
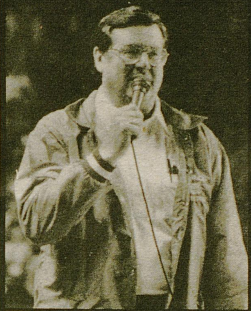
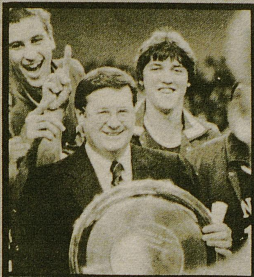
Questions circulating around at the heart of the Bluegrass: "Why did he retire?", "Was he forced out?", and the ever-popular "Who's going to be the new coach?"

Hey, what about Villanova, Memphis State, St. John's and Georgetown, weren't those schools playing for the national title at Rupp Arena?

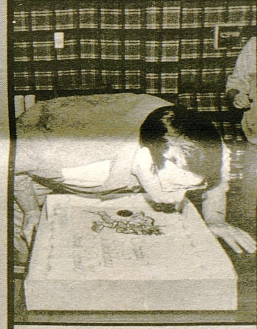
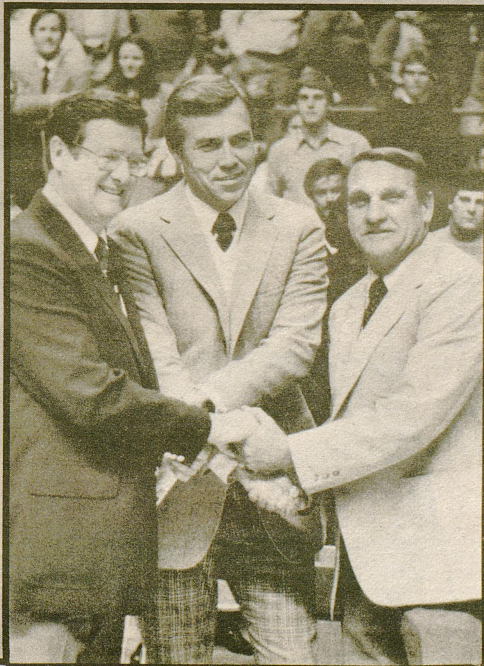
When the four coaches were interviewed the Wednesday before the Final Four, one of the first questions was, "Are any one of you a candidate for the Kentucky job?"

Well so much for "The Road to Lexington."

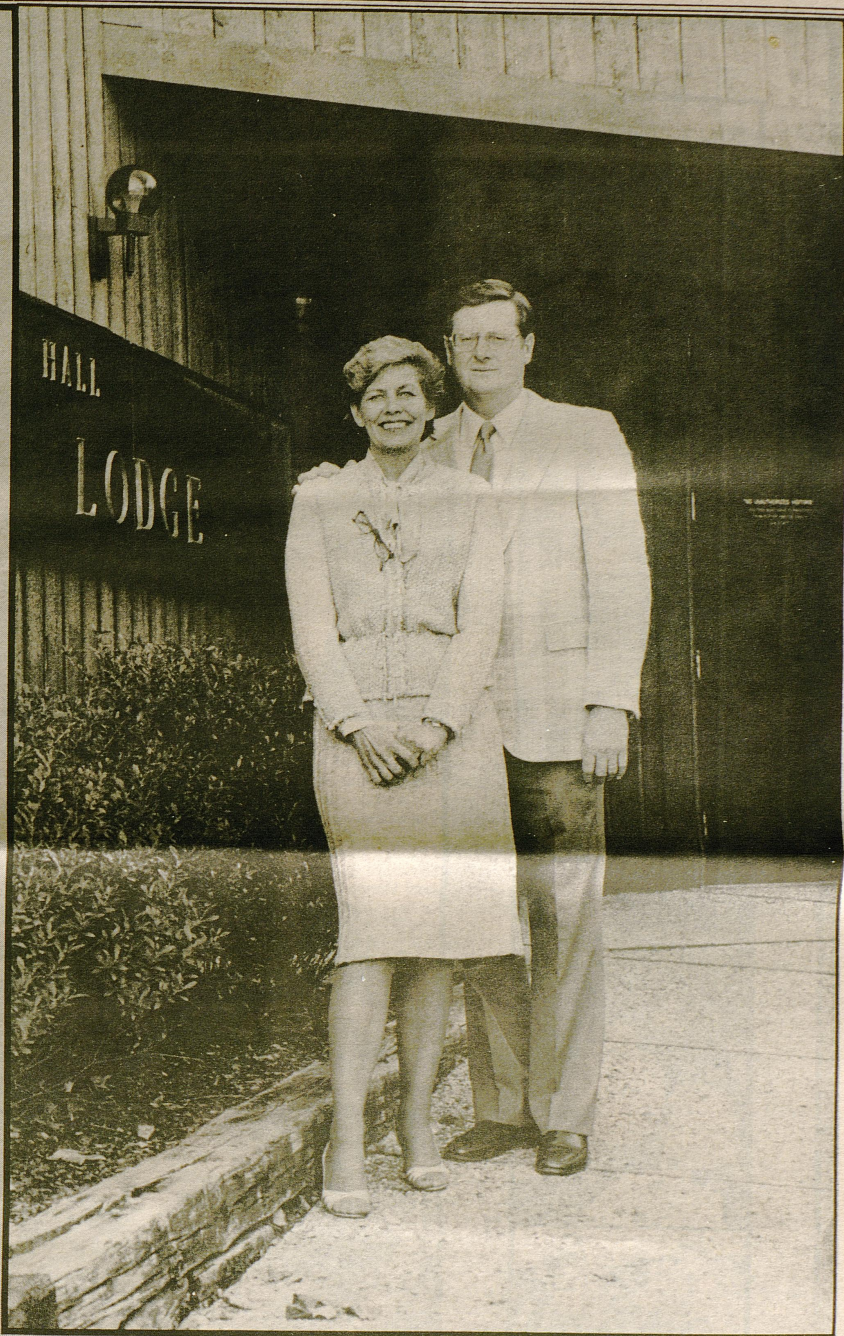
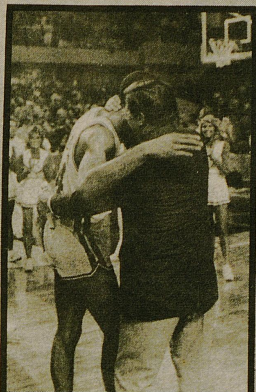
Coach Hall deserves the credit for keeping the tradition alive. Now, the new coach that takes over the reins must not only keep the Rupp tradition alive, but the Joe B. Hall tradition aflame as well.

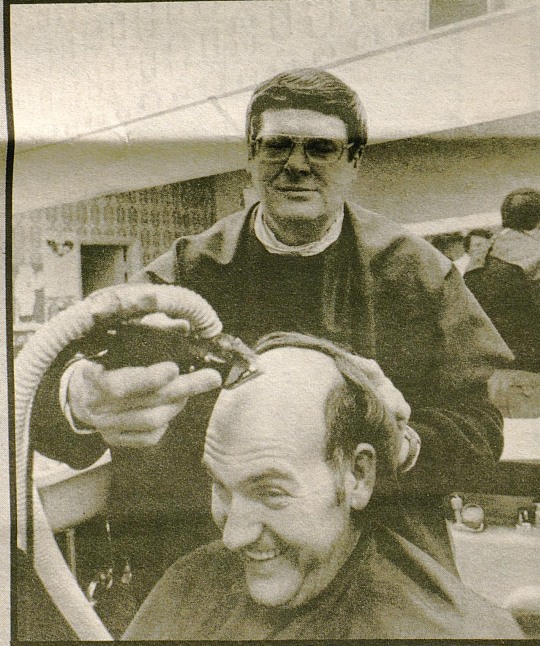
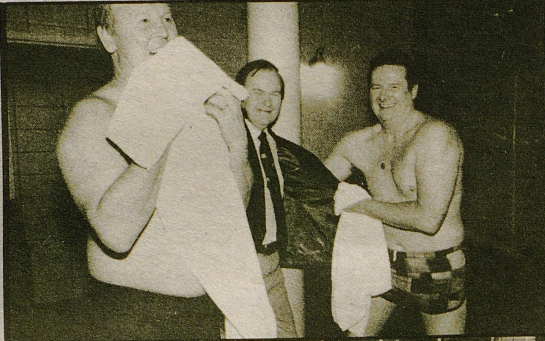
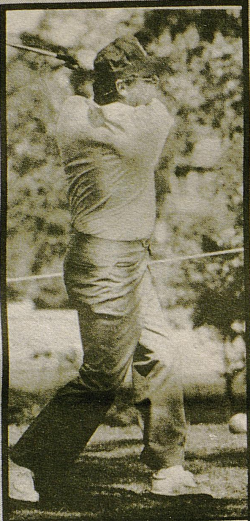


*A Special Salute
To
Joe B. Hall*









Parsons Says Coach Must Understand UK

Claiborne's Thoughts On Grid Action

Former UK assistant basketball coach Dick Parsons, a Harlan native, understands the importance of Kentucky basketball. He knows fans all across the state, as well as Kentuckians who have moved out of state, live and die with the Wildcats.

That's why he feels it would benefit Joe Hall's successor as UK head coach if he is familiar with the Kentucky tradition.

"I think the new coach has to be someone who has an understanding of the Kentucky program," says Parsons. "The UK program is different from any other basketball program in the United States.

"UK basketball means a lot to all of us from the time we are small children. The new coach has to understand those feelings."

Parsons feels someone who does not have roots in Kentucky or past associations with the Cats may have trouble understanding the importance of basketball in the Bluegrass.



Larry Vaught

Cats' Pause Columnist

"Some coaches might think they understand UK basketball but you can't be aware of all that goes on until you are here," says Parsons. "The head coach at Kentucky, and some other schools, doesn't have a lot of time to spend coaching. His assistants must carry that load.

"The UK coach doesn't have time to scout, recruit and prepare his team because of all the other demands on his time."

Parsons, though, also understands the problems players have when they arrive in Lexington. Most have been highly recruited but few are ready for the media or fan attention they receive in Kentucky.

"Players have no idea what is facing them when they get to Kentucky," says Parsons. "But they find a way to adjust and thrive on the atmosphere. Kyle Macy and Jack Givens loved to compete the way some horses love to run on race day. But Kentucky basketball is more difficult on the players than anyone else."

It's easy to see why players always liked Parsons, who retired in 1980 after being Hall's top aide since 1972. Players always valued his opinions and were not afraid to voice their concerns to him. He knew how to communicate on and off the floor.

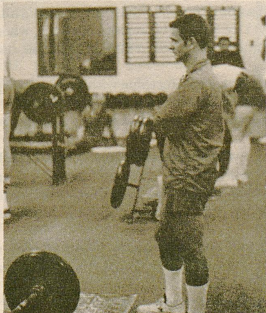
"Basketball hasn't changed that much the last 10 years," says Parsons. "The things that were basic 10 years ago are still basic today.

"What's important now is the way you can communicate with players. Youngsters today need encouragement. They're different from kids 10 or 15 years ago.

"The coaches who are successful today are the ones that can communicate with the players. You still have to have discipline in your program but it is just as important to be interested in your players. You are a parent as well as a coach to your players."

Parsons was one of many possible candidates mentioned for the UK job when Hall retired. He did not plan to actively campaign for the post because he enjoys his current job as a fund-raiser for the UK development office.

He did, though, plan to see how much support he had. He says, "No coach is going to have 100 percent support but my mide is thick. Coach (Adolph) Rumm saw to that."



Keeping An Eye On Things



Dick Parsons

Parsons was captain of both the baseball and basketball teams during his career at Kentucky. And he has always been a UK fan.

That's why he said he would not be bitter if UK officials did not even approach him about the coaching position.

"I'm going to follow UK whether I'm the coach or not," says Parsons. "That's the beauty of UK basketball."



Spring Training Underway

COACH JERRY Claiborne's football team opened spring practice last week but the veteran mentor won't make any predictions about the 1985 campaign after guiding the Cats to a 9-3 mark in 1984.

Instead, he says that four or five key plays normally determine the outcome of most games.

"Last season most of those key plays went our way," says Claiborne. "I don't know what our record will be next season. It will depend on how those four or five plays turn out."

He also understands that UK fans will expect more success after back-to-back bowl teams.

"In athletics it is not what you did yesterday but what you did today that counts," says Claiborne. "If you don't win, you look for a job."

Claiborne shared those thoughts during a recent trip to Danville, Ky., to speak to a joint meeting of the Chamber of Commerce and UK Alumni Club.

Some of his other thoughts:

On spring practice: "Spring practice is no fun. You don't have a game to look forward to. But we don't want the weather to be too nice this spring. Then the players will be thinking about playing golf or going to the beach. If it is raining, they don't feel they are missing much. Rain keeps their minds on football."

On the student-athlete: "We try to keep our players involved in the community. We have players go to Cardinal Hill Hospital each Tuesday. We have a FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) chapter on campus. We want our players involved because they are here as student-athletes. If they do that they will have a more positive outlook on Saturday when they play."

On positive thinking: "Now the winning edge in football is mental. It takes a dedicated person to play football but he also has to be positive. If he doesn't believe he will win, he won't."

On fan support: "I hope we have a sellout crowd every game next season. It helps the players when they look up and see a mass of blue in Commonwealth Stadium of when we are away from home."

On drug and alcohol abuse: "The influence of drugs and alcohol is everywhere. If you don't think it is, you have your head in the sand. We are doing all we can. We test our players every week. We aren't testing to catch them but to prevent them from using anything harmful."

On recruiting: "We did a great job in our state. We didn't go out of state and beat Alabama or Ohio State for any players. But we went out of state and got some good players who can compete in the SEC. If the 23 players we signed are as good in college as they were in high school we will have some good student-athletes."

ALMOST EVERY youngster in Kentucky grows up wanting to play for Kentucky. And 6-6 sophomore John Pelphey of Paintsville is no different.

He helped his team reach the quarterfinals of the Boys State High School Basketball Tournament. He has all the tools to be a major college player in the future. He can shoot outside, handle the ball, block shots and rebound.

He's a player of the future. Would he like to play for UK?

"If I got a chance to do that I would be tickled to death," says Pelphey. "I want to play major college basketball so I'm going to two or three camps this summer."

Pelphey is also a modest youngster. He doesn't pay attention to recruiting reports that are touting him.

"Things like that are nice to put in your scrapbook but they don't put points on the board," says Pelphey. "You still have to show what you can do on the court."

An Unusual Encounter With Joe B.

Writer Remembers First Meeting With UK Coach

The first time I met former University of Kentucky head basketball coach Joe Hall, I was working as a student-intern at Channel 27 television station in Lexington six years ago.

I'll never forget the experience.

It was early one Sunday afternoon, usually a quiet period at the station. I had just arrived and was going through the wire before the then news director, Ken Kurtz, made his usual appearance to get things started before the weekend staff arrived.

I was practically new at the station, and it felt good having the newsroom all to myself. Although I didn't enter the sportscasting profession — I felt like I had a better future in the writing business — it was an exciting experience to work for professionals like John Lindgren, Bob Speaks, Keith Ward, Rob Bromley and Deny Trease, to name just a few.



Mel Holbrook

Cats' Pause Columnist

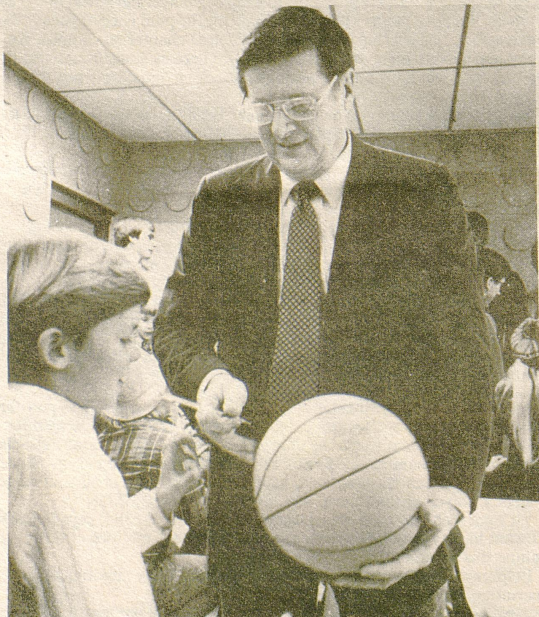
Little did I know that Trease, who would later leave for Kansas City to broadcast the Royals' games, was in the station filming a show with Hall. The season was over, so it was shock to me when someone came into the newsroom and told me Trease wanted to see me.

So I walked to the studio, where Trease and Hall were waiting patiently. Upon my arrival, Trease introduced me to three basketball players who had been interviewed on Hall's show.

There they were UCLA's David Greenwood, Louisville's Darrell Griffith and Arkansas' Sidney Moncrief. They all looked down at me and smiled — Griffith flashing his gold-plated teeth — during our introductions. Greenwood's hand went all the way up my forearm.

Trease also presented me to Hall, who was, and always has been, very cordial with me. Hall then asked me if I would mind driving the players back to their hotel while he and Trease finished taping the show.

Of course, I didn't mind. It was a new experience to meet these college basketball stars, all of whom went on to play professionally. While Hall and Trease walked back into the studio, I nervously led the basketball players, all of whom were 6-3 and above, out to the parking lot where Hall's blue sedan was parked.



Coch Hall Ready To Become Citizen Hall



Ready Or Not Trease Introduced Mel To Joe

Hall's automobile was an automatic, so I assumed it wouldn't be any trouble to drive. As we got in, Griffith and Moncrief sat in the back, and 6-8 Greenwood sat alongside me in the front. You've heard this before on Brian's Song, but I felt like an oreo cookie. I was scared to death of messing up and embarrassing myself, Coach Hall or Trease in front of these players.

Well, to add to my anxiety, after I turned on the car, I couldn't get it to switch in to reverse. The gear stick was sitting on reverse, so I assumed Hall had just left it in that position. But, when I tried to back up, we just sat there.

Well, this was terribly upsetting. The players were laughing hilariously at my predicament. Meanwhile, my face was getting redder and redder. I thought, "What am I doing wrong?" as I frantically moved the gear stick all over the place just to get the car moving.

Finally, when Greenwood had finally calmed down enough to stop laughing, he told me that the gear shift indicator was one signal off. For example, park was reverse, reverse was neutral and so on.

During this time, I was silently cursing Hall to myself. Why hadn't he told me about this? When I let the players off at the Hyatt Regency, where they were staying while practicing for an all-star team Hall was coaching, I was still fuming. I couldn't believe what had happened. I was determined to say something to Hall about it, no matter what the consequences were.

By the time I had driven back out Winchester Road, though, I had calmed down. I wasn't about to confront Hall. The players and I had gotten along fine after that, and it was really no big deal. But I was going to mention the incident to him.

But as I was walking into the studio to hand Hall back his keys, he spoke up before I even had a chance to say anything.

"I forgot to tell you about the shift indicator," Hall said, smiling. "I hope you didn't have any problem figuring it out."

Well, I didn't know what to say after that. Hall had disarmed my anger by being nice to me. Besides, he knew I wasn't about to say anything in front of Trease. So, I just let the matter drop.

However, since then, I've grown in my respect for Hall as a person, but not as a coach. I've been one of his many critics during the years. I don't hate Hall. He seems like a nice man. I just disagreed with some of his coaching moves, that's all.

I don't really know Coach Hall personally. I've been to his house only once, when I interviewed his wife, Katharine, for a column. I've talked to him on occasion, but I don't think he knows my name.

But, I've never thought Joe Hall was particularly comfortable with the Kentucky job. I felt like he would be better off doing something else. And I believe the university's basketball program needed a new approach, one that Hall gave it with his recent retirement.

Hall's retirement was bittersweet for me. I was happy to see him retire. I think it's best for him and UK. But it's been hard to adjust to. I just can't imagine Kentucky playing a basketball game without Hall on the bench. He was there with Rupp, and Harry Lancaster. Besides, it was fun to question his coaching decisions. It's just not going to be the same next season.

There's only one wish I have for Hall. I just hope he's happy in retirement. I never thought he had much fun as the UK coach. Maybe now that it's all over, he can sit back and enjoy his retirement years with his family and friends.

And now, I can look back and laugh about the experience I had driving his car. It'll be my best memory of my encounters with Hall. At least for a moment, Hall has given me something I can look back with pleasure on. The other times, good and bad, I'll probably forget.



VIEWPOINT

Letters To The Editor



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Thanks For The Memories

Dear Sir:

As a loyal supporter of the University of Kentucky for the past fifty (50) years, I feel as if I am entitled to make a suggestion as to who coach Hall's replacement should be.

I would propose Mr. Billy Reed and Mr. Jock Sutherland. After all, they have been trying to run the program for the last several years. The only problem would probably be in getting them to agree which one would be the head coach.

Seriously, I am a coach Hall fan and hate to see him retire. I do understand his feelings to some extent though as I too am retired and like to fish and play golf.

My very best to coach Hall and thanks for the memories.

Sincerely,

George L. Maxwell
Scottsville, Ky.

Hall On Top

Dear Sir:

I have been taking your publication for a long time and enjoy every week when it comes in the mail. I follow both U of L and U of K and think they both have great programs.

I have thought in most years Denny Crum had done a little better coaching than Joe Hall. But this year, I think Joe Hall has done his best job and has done the best job of coaching.

Sincerely,

Frank Hoagland
Louisville, Ky.

Where's Ken Roark?

Dear Sir:

In one of your recent issues, Bob Watkins asked the whereabouts of Ken Roark. He is now Offensive Line Coach at Union College, Barbourville, Kentucky.

Sincerely,

Bobby Riggs
Middlesboro, Ky.

Respect For Joe

Dear Sir:

I sit here moments after Joe B. Hall has announced his resignation. I am, somewhat, in a state of shock.

Admittingly, I have, at times, grumbled that UK needed a new coach, but, only because a momentary defeat has hurt my inflated Big ego. So, now its actually happened.

I would like to express my gratitude to Coach Hall for everything he has done for the University of Kentucky. He has not only produced some fine basketball teams, but also has made sure that the players received their degrees. This is something a little bit more important than winning games. He has also kept the school on top as far as class and tradition.

I look back and, so what, if he did not win the NCAA every year. Has anyone ever done that? It is a very sad day for me to see someone who has given their best effort, amid much criticism and abuse, leave. He has left great memories for me and many other Big Blue fans. For this I am truly grateful.

I hope that the new coach will not be subjected to some of the unreasonable demands that UK fans hold. Would it not be ironic if, after losing a game next season, someone said "I wish Joe were still Coach."

Sincerely,

Rick Duncan
Oak Ridge, Tennessee

Unrealistic Expectations

Dear Sir:

I'm writing this letter after just hearing of Joe B. Hall's resignation. It was not much of a shock, as I've heard rumors for several weeks now on the subject. Yet, I did not realize how this event would make me reflect on Joe Hall's career and my opinions of him as a person.

Like so many avid fans, I never understood why Joe Hall brought home the NCAA trophy just once. Look at the talent he's had on past teams. Naturally it's easy to assume it must be at least partially caused by a poor coaching job. I was still a fan of Joe Hall and last year wrote a letter to The Cats' Pause in support of him. Deep down though, I had my doubts about his coaching ability.

Being realistic, one must say that coaching doesn't have everything to do with winning the NCAA championship. There's so many great teams competing, not just UK and I think that a lot of times the winner is the one who wants the game the most. Let's face it, too, all teams have good and bad days. It can't be forgotten either that winning has a lot to do with how the ball falls, or some people just call it luck. In retrospect, the coaching record of Joe B. Hall speaks for itself. He is a winning coach, with a record any coach or fan would be proud of.

I also feel that I must talk about Joe B. Hall as a person. There will always be debate on his coaching ability, yet I

don't think anyone will deny that he has always been a gentleman on and off the court. How many times has the team been put on probation for recruiting violations, or even had rumors to that effect? Think back, too, on Joe B. Hall's composure during games. I have never heard of any behavior or activity that could cause embarrassment to the university. For having such a gentleman as a coach, the university should be commended and the fans be proud.

Fans should realize that no coach, regardless of his ability, can bring home the NCAA trophy every year, or even every other year. Kentuckians love their basketball, though, and have unrealistic expectations of their coach and players. Hopefully, the new coach will not have the same problems with fans that Joe B. Hall has encountered. Whoever the new coach is, we must realize that he can only do so much and can't be expected to win every game and every NCAA championship.

Joe B. Hall has indeed carried on the UK basketball tradition. He had a tough act to follow after the Adolph Rupp years, but Joe B. Hall succeeded with class and dignity. All UK fans should and can be proud. I wish him luck in his retirement. Now we must look with aspirations to the future; a new coach, hopefully, will carry on the legend. I wish the new coach success in his position, as he has a very tough act to follow.

Sincerely,

Donna K. Dotson
Columbia, S.C.

Thank You Coach

An open letter to Coach Hall

Dear Sir:

Coach, I don't know where to begin, for twenty years you have meant so much to me since your stay as keeper of the tradition of America's #1 basketball program. "The program" as it has become under your leadership and guidance. Your footsteps will not be filled very easily. You have laid a groundwork for success that will be hardpressed to equal by your successor. Your off court demeanor has been very admirable and above reproach, the countless hours that you have spent in visiting the sick and handicapped will not go unnoticed nor without reward when your earthly stay is over. I have a picture of you taken with a muscular dystrophy poster boy that I would not take \$1,000 for, the many trips you made to visit the sick and elderly in nursing homes, the time you took the team to Eddyville to visit inmates there. The many talks you gave for the cause of charity. The way your players to the last man have always conducted themselves in the public eye, always courteous, dressed in suit and tie. Nothing but the finest,

classiest act for the fans to relate to.

Thank you for your endless devotion to the UK recruiting program and the system which you have maintained second to none in the country. The 24-hour a day approach which your staff works at recruiting throughout the year has kept UK in the top 5 winningest teams since your stay at Kentucky.

Thank you for reviving the UK recruiting program when you first came to UK. At a time when our program had been suffering for nearly a decade and you hit the trail and brought in Dan Issel along with Pratt and Casey. And the Cats have been competitive ever since your arrival on the scene.

Thanks for the great guards you have given us: Jimmy Dan Conner, Mike Flynn, Larry Johnson, Truman Claytor, Jay Shidler, Kyle Macy, Dirk Minniefield, Dicky Beal, Jim Master, Dwight Anderson and now our next great guard Ed Davender.

Thanks for the forwards: Kevin Grevey, Rick Robey, Jack Givens, James Lee, Fred Cowan, Derrick Hord, Charles Hurt, Kenny Walker, Winston Bennett and Richard Madison.

Thank you for the great center you have excited us with: Jim Andrews, Mike Phillips, Sam Bowie and the dipper, Melvin Turpin.

Thank you for teaching us that winning is not everything when you benched Lee, Shidler and Phillips for breaking the rules, then Utah edged us by 2 points in the UKIT final. The lesson learned from this is that you must have discipline to maintain order regardless of the surrounding circumstances.

Thank you for the public speaking classes with which our Wildcats learned to always come across before the media as super nice personalities.

Thank you for the countless hours of enjoyment you have brought to us by winning the SEC eight times during your stay. At a time when the rest of the league has greatly improved in their quest to be competitive with you. The fine name coaches prevalent throughout the conference, the new playing arenas in the SEC, the player rosters, all laden with top notch high school blue chip talent. They either had to step in line or be buried by you. Thanks Joe for helping to make the SEC what it is today. One of the top leagues in the country from year to year.

Thank you for never once alibying because of a players injury. The chiefest of all was the loss of All-American Sam Bowie for two complete seasons. Although we still managed to win the SEC both years while Sam was on the sidelines as the world's tallest cheerleader.

Thanks for the NCAA crown in 78, picked 1st all year by the press, endline to endline pressure to succeed you did. Thank you Joe B.

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Coach Of The Year

- 1. Hugh Durham
- 2. Bob Boyd
- 3. Dale Brown
- 4. Wimp Sanderson
- 5. Joe Hall

All-SEC

- 1. Kenny Walker
- 2. Chuck Person
- 3. Eugene McDowell
- 4. Cedric Henderson
- 5. Buck Johnson



Freshman Of Year

- 1. Cedric Henderson
- 2. John Williams
- 3. Derrick McKey
- 4. Chris Morris
- 5. Vernon Maxwell

Sophomore Of Year

- 1. Andrew Moten
- 2. Nikita Wilson
- 3. Terry Coner
- 4. Tony White
- 5. Tony Robinson



Best Crowd

- 1. Vandy
- 2. LSU
- 3. Kentucky
- 4. Florida
- 5. Ole Miss



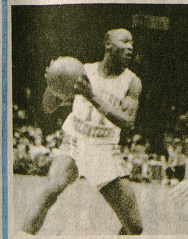
VOLUNTEERS

110% Award

- 1. Phil Cox
- 2. Roger Harden
- 3. Jim Farmer
- 4. Frank Ford
- 5. Gerald Crosby

Biggest Complainer (Player)

- 1. Tony White
- 2. Andrew Moten
- 3. Michael Brooks
- 4. Gerald White
- 5. Winston Bennett

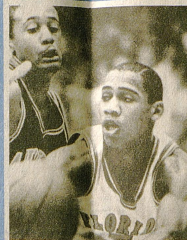


Junior Of Year

- 1. Kenny Walker
- 2. Chuck Person
- 3. Buck Johnson

Senior Of Year

- 1. Eugene McDowell
- 2. Michael Brooks
- 3. Bobby Lee Hurt
- 4. Phil Cox

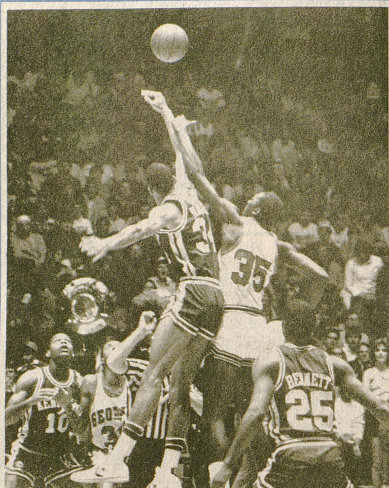
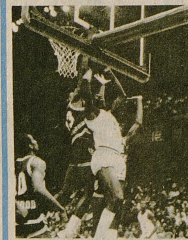


Mildest Coach

- 1. C.M. Newton
- 2. Bob Boyd
- 3. Lee Hunt
- 4. Joe Hall
- 5. Don DeVoe

Best Clutch Player

- 1. Kenny Walker
- 2. Chuck Person
- 3. Michael Brooks
- 4. Phil Cox
- 5. Buck Johnson

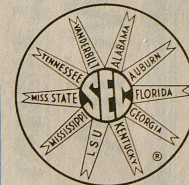
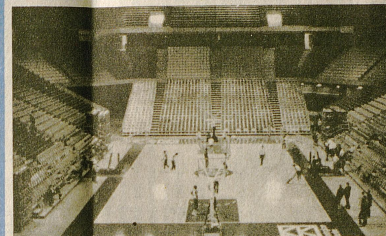


Best Arena

- 1. Kentucky
- 2. Alabama
- 3. Louisiana State
- 4. Ole Miss
- 5. Tennessee

Worst Arena

- 1. Tennessee
- 2. Vandy
- 3. Ole Miss
- 4. Georgia
- 5. Mississippi State
- 6. Auburn

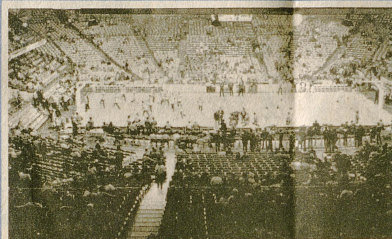


All-Frosh

- 1. John Williams
- 2. Cedric Henderson
- 3. Raymond Brown
- 4. Vernon Maxwell
- 5. Jeff Moore
- 6. Chris Morris
- 7. Ed Davender
- 8. Joe Coleman

Player Of Year

- 1. Kenny Walker
- 2. Chuck Person
- 3. Cedric Henderson
- 4. Michael Brooks
- 5. Bobby Lee Hurt



Worst Crowd

- 1. LSU
- 2. Auburn
- 3. Florida
- 4. Mississippi State
- 5. Ole Miss

Most Vocal Coach

- 1. Wimp Sanderson
- 2. Dale Brown
- 3. Norm Sloan
- 4. Hugh Durham
- 5. Joe Hall

Best Defensive Player

- 1. Bobby Lee Hurt
- 2. Jerry Reynolds
- 3. Terry Coner
- 4. Gerald White

Most Exciting Player

- 1. Kenny Walker
- 2. Cedric Henderson
- 3. Chuck Person
- 4. Andrew Moten
- 5. Michael Brooks

Biggest Complainer (Coach)

- 1. Wimp Sanderson
- 2. Dale Brown
- 3. Joe Hall
- 4. Norm Sloan
- 5. Don DeVoe

Best Hospitality (School)

- 1. Auburn
- 2. Kentucky
- 3. Tennessee
- 4. Mississippi State
- 5. Vanderbilt



The SEC Best And Worst Awards



4. Michael Brooks
5. Bobby Lee Hurt

5. Michael Brooks

4. Mississippi State
5. Vanderbilt



The SEC Best And Worst Awards



Biggest Surprise (Team)

1. Mississippi State
2. Georgia
3. Florida
4. Tennessee
5. Louisiana State
6. Kentucky



TIGERS Worse Hospitality (School)

1. Louisiana State
2. Kentucky
3. Alabama
4. Ole Miss
5. Georgia
6. Florida

Worst Mascot

1. Tennessee
2. Mississippi State
3. Auburn
4. Vanderbilt



Biggest Rabbit -Ears

1. Ben Dunn
2. Robert Hartsfield
3. Reggie Copeland
4. Don Rutledge
5. Allie Prescott

Least Comprehensive Press Information

1. Kentucky
2. Louisiana State
3. Mississippi State
4. Florida
5. Georgia
6. Ole Miss



REBELS

Most Memorable SEC Tourney Game

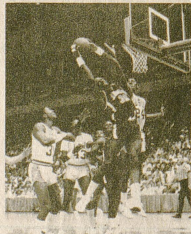
- (1979) 1. Kentucky vs. Alabama
(1984) 2. Florida vs. Auburn
3. Alabama vs. Kentucky



WILDCATS

Biggest Disappointment (Team)

1. Auburn
2. Tennessee
3. Louisiana State
4. Alabama
5. Ole Miss
6. Vanderbilt

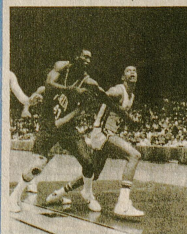


Best Official

1. Don Rutledge
2. Paul Galvin
3. Charlie Vacca
4. Don Shea
5. Dale Kelly



GATORS



CRIMSON TIDE

Best Bench Coach

1. Hugh Durham
2. Don DeVoe
3. Bob Boyd
4. Dale Brown
5. C.M. Newton
6. Joe Hall

Biggest Surprise (Player)

1. Nikita Wilson
2. Cedric Henderson
3. Ken Harvey
4. Brett Burrow
5. Michael Brooks

Worst Official

1. Don Shea
2. Smith Bros.
3. Doggett



Crusader Of The Year

1. Don DeVoe
2. Dale Brown
3. Bob Boyd
4. Norm Sloan
5. Hugh Durham

Most Comprehensive Press Information

1. Auburn
2. Kentucky
3. Tennessee
4. Ole Miss
5. Florida



WAR EAGLE

Best Interview Facilities

1. Kentucky
2. Alabama
3. Florida
4. Ole Miss

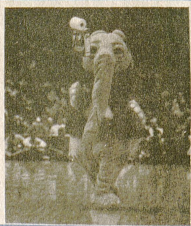
Worst Interview Facilities

1. Georgia
2. Vanderbilt
3. Ole Miss
4. Mississippi State



Biggest Disappointment (Player)

1. Jerry Reynolds
2. James Blackmon
3. Tony White
4. Winston Bennett
5. Fred Jenkins



Best Cheerleaders

1. Tennessee
2. Kentucky
3. Louisiana State
4. Alabama
5. Florida

Worst Cheerleaders

1. Mississippi State
2. Alabama
3. Vanderbilt
4. Ole Miss
5. Georgia



BULLDOGS

Pre-Season 1985-86 Favorite

1. Louisiana State
2. Kentucky
3. Georgia
4. Auburn
5. Tennessee





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Thank You Coach

Thank you for the NIT championship after Robey went out at midseason with his knee and Danny Hall left the team, leaving us with only sophomore Mike Phillips as our center.

Thank you for overlooking all odds in 1975 by outplaying the #1 ranked and undefeated Indiana team that sent six players off that team into the pro ranks. This still remains etched in my memory as the most physical and exciting game ever played in college basketball, certainly during my 26 years of watching the sport.

Thank you for the Classic 101-100 win in the 79 SEC Tourney over Alabama, and the thrashing we gave LSU the next night after Dwight Anderson had broken his wrist to start the game.

Thank you for winning the SEC in 1980 on Kyle Macy's shot at Baton Rouge.

Thank you for beating Magic Johnson's Michigan state team. The Triplets and Arkansas, "Cornbread Earl", Akeem and all the rest during your stay at UK.

Thank you for the devastating beating you gave Louisville last year and then beat them a second time to both open and end their season with a loss.

Thank you for never once criticizing an opponent or opposing coach or players, only having praise for them in victory or defeat.

Thank you for Wildcat Lodge, the home of the Cats. Your foresight and ability made all of this possible.

Thank you for the preseason scrimmages UK plays within the state, the countless autograph sessions, the morning practices each year before the UK game in Louisville.

Thank you for the countless joy you have brought to my 75-year old mother who greatly admires you for what you are and what you represent. I'll never forget her tears of grief upon learning that you were indeed retiring as our leader.

Thank you for the many fine friendships I have experienced due to the success of the UK program.

Thank you for following the advice of your coach Adolph Rupp to be successful at whatever you do. Joe, you have fulfilled his motto to the fullest possible degree.

Thank you for the Big Blue line, where you answered each and every question in victory and defeat. Many critics who had the slightest idea as to the contest of their questions called.

Thank you for having the 2nd highest winning percentage among all active coaches in the NCAA, 2nd only to Bobby Knight.

Thank you for being the first rookie coach ever to be named SEC coach of the year in 1973.

Thank you for taking us to the Final 16 an amazing eight times, the final 8

on six occasions and the three trips to the Final Four, the two times we reached the final game are history. In 75 when Wooden announced his retirement with the game played right in his own backyard, San Diego, and the title game victory over Duke in 78.

Thank you Coach for the memories. Your never ending vigor to win. Your penchant for always rising to the occasion even in the toughest of times as evidenced by the courageous effort this season's team displayed in the NCAA. Reaching the sweet sixteen after seeing four starters graduate, along with multiple injuries to Bennett, Blackmon, and Madison, not to mention the defection of Behnke.

Thank you for the example you have set for your followers to try and maintain. Thank you coach for making us proud to be identified with what you have achieved during your stay at Kentucky. It has been all to quick, Joe. These thirteen years. Many times I have told friends I wished you to stay until you were 70, like Rupp did. I really thought that you would because of your dedication to the program. No one knows the tradition quite like you do. A fan first, then a player, then a recruiter, then top assistant and for the past 13 years the keeper of the tradition as you are so adequately named. So now the book is closing on your UK career. The curtain falls and thus ends 55 years of tradition starting in 1930 with the young Adolph Rupp, fresh in town from his position as wrestling coach. Little did he realize that just thirty miles to the north in a small, quiet town named Cynthiana, in Harrison county, a small infant just a few months old would grow up to become his successor as Wildcat mentor.

Coach, I have always been faithful to you and have never once been in disagreement with you about anything. However I now find that for the first time if you will please allow me to correct you this once. In 1972 when you were named Coach Rupp's successor, you stated that you were his replacement because you felt that no one would ever succeed him as coach in the same manner than he did.

Coach, you can change your title from replacement to that of successor. You Joe B. are the only figure in the history of any sport to successfully follow a legend and accomplish the task of enlarging and building upon what you inherited in 1971.

Joe B., to the new coach I transfer all my loyalty and devotion. I challenge every UK fan to unite behind our new leader and give him total support as headmaster of our beloved Wildcats.

I will never forget you, I wish you the best that retirement can offer you. Enjoy a long life Buddy. The best of health to your wife and family. Enjoy your grandchildren, catch the biggest fish and please show up in Rupp Arena to help cheer our Wildcats on to victory in the seasons ahead. I'll always cherish the times I was fortunate to

meet you in person. You're one class act. The biggest setback on Friday was not to St. John's but your announcement that came after the game.

Not even your closest friends have an indication of what life is like as the head basketball coach at the University of Kentucky. The pressure is so unreal that the words just float over untuned ears whenever the UK program and tradition is discussed.

There is no other fan in the world like a UK fan. The expectations are the highest for every game, every season, every year. No letting up, pressure from within, pressure from without. When teams beat UK they cut down the nets during the regular season, a tribute to our tradition.

Our critics are many, spurred by our proud tradition. There can only be one UK. There is only one UK, and UK is #1. Thank you Joe B. We love you partner for all that you have done for us. For this I will always be grateful and you have a loyal friend for eternity here in Louisville.

They very best of luck Joe. And thank you for taking us down the glory road just a few miles farther before your retirement. UK was #1 when you took over. Today we are still #1, what more can I say.

Thank you coach, a million times over, to me you will always be the greatest.

Sincerely,

Charlie Metcalf
Louisville, Ky.

P.S. Although I live in Louisville my blood has always been blue.

A Vote For Gary

Dear Sir:

As a real true blue fan living in Indiana, I have subscribed to The Cats' Pause for the last two years and think there is nothing like it. As we will be choosing a coach soon. I would like to give my opinion and why we should choose one of the following: Gary Williams, (Boston College). He is young, colorful and defensive minded. Pat Riley (ex-Wildcat). He is young, colorful and knows the game. Jim Valvano is a young coach who gets the most out of talent on hand. Morgan Wooten will bring along Danny Ferry.

We don't choose a coach very often and think if we choose Williams, we will be set for many years to come.

Joe Hall has always conducted himself and his program with class and I wish him the best in the future.

Sincerely,

Ron Wagers
Stilesville, Indiana

Consider BC Coach

Dear Sir:

I would like to express my opinion as to who will be the next Kentucky coach. I understand there will be some 2,000 coaches pass through Rupp Arena this next week and probably one of those lucky gentlemen will get the job of coaching the big Blue. The Ky. fans here in Indianapolis have really been proud of the job Joe Hall has done this year and we all agree that if Pat Riley isn't interested in coming home then we would like to see Gary Williams (Boston College) be our coach. Kentucky doesn't change coaches very often and if we had him, it would be a long time before we change again.

Good luck in whoever you choose and thanks for letting me express my opinion.

Sincerely,

Ernie Holland
Indianapolis, Indiana

A Job Well Done

Dear Sir:

You did the job, Joe. You can retire with your head held high. You have that rare satisfaction of knowing that you are a success at your profession.

And you are a success because you maintained UK basketball tradition. You did this in the face of rule changes, upgrading of programs by non-basketball schools, and enormous pressure from alumni and fans. The young men you coaches appear to have gone on in life better men because of you and your program. None of which is easy. Now let us hope your successor is up to the burden passed on by Coach Joe B. Hall.

Goodbye and good luck and thanks.

Sincerely,


C.J. Stephens
Glendale, California

Not Keady

Dear Sir:

As a long time subscriber to your newspaper I am writing for a couple of things. First I would like to compliment you or your paper. I look forward


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Not Keady

each week to receiving it. Please keep up the good work.

My real reason for writing is to pay tribute to a real gentleman and credit to the University. Mr. Joe B. Hall has performed admirably during his tenure at Kentucky and never once has he been anything but a perfect example of what the University and the people of Kentucky stand for. His record will long endure his critics. Thanks Coach for all the good times.

I keep hearing the name of Gene Keady come up as a possible replacement for Coach Hall. I hope that the committee remembers we are replacing more than a coach here. I once heard Keady use language that would be considered vulgar in a bar, on the playing floor. This is the same man who said that Kentucky did not deserve to be in this years NCAA tournament and that Kentucky was a poor team. Please remember committee that Coach Hall has always stood for integrity and high moral standards. He has always been firm but fair and never abusive to his players. Give us a man who continues to care about his players after they have left the playing floor and strives to help them build character on and off the court. A man who will be concerned that his players get an education first and that everything else will follow in proper sequence.

I hope that some of the malcontents will never have to wish that they had ole Joe B. to kick around some more but if they get Keady they will be praying for his (Coach Halls) return.

Dicky Parsons, Pat Riley, Lee Rose, Bobby Cremins or Eddie Sutton would in that order be my choice. Only Gale Catlett would be considered below Keady.

Sincerely,

Nicholas W. Humble
Cleveland, Tennessee

Poetic Praise For Joe

Dear Sir:

Please publish this tribute to Joe B. Hall.

To Joe B. Hall
And the fans have gone wild the past thirteen seasons, high rankings and winning records are the reasons. A low-key, conservative, a Cynthiana man made it big in Kentucky - what a program he ran!

From SEC titles to NITs, we had honors galore, A NCAA championship - three times to the Final Four! Hall's Wildcats remain heroes in the minds of their fans - who could ever forget Grevey, Robey or Jimmy Dan? When it came to recruiting, Joe was some smooth talker, he got monuments like Givens, Macy, Masters & Walker.

We loved the Twin Towers and the quickness of Beal. How the tall guys could dunk and the short ones could steal. We've won some big games, but

lost some tough ones, but whatever happens, there's a crowd of thousands. The commitment, stress, disappointment - the pride. . . And now comes retirement - time to step aside. He's been in the lime light - his back's been to the wall - he's been to the top - he's had it all.

We say 'so long' and it's the best we're a wishin'. Joe's put up his round ball -- he's done gone fishin'.

Sincerely,

Donna Peoples
Falmouth, Ky.

What A Record

Dear Sir:

To all the Joe Hall critics: Coach Joe B. Hall or as most of his critics called him Joe B. Gone finally have their wish.

Just for a moment though, here are a few numbers for thought: 13 years - 297 wins; 100 losses for an average of 22.8 wins a season, 1 NCAA championship, 1 NIT championship and won or shared 8 Southeastern Conference Championships. For my opinion, that's not bad for a guy people say can't coach a lick.

Sincerely,

Harvey Carter
Bowling Green, Ky.

Carry On The Tradition

Dear Sir:

I have been a Kentucky fan since I was old enough to turn on a T.V. or radio. I am now in service so I keep up through The Cats' Pause. I have to compliment Coach Hall on a fine job at Kentucky. He kept Kentucky at the forefront of college basketball and that is the truth. Coach Hall was often criticized because his players did not reach their potential.

Well, first of all more often than not, players at Kentucky are over-rated by the fans.

Coach Hall is as good a coach as there is in basketball. I would hope that Kentucky would get a good replacement for Coach Hall, and that the great tradition will continue.

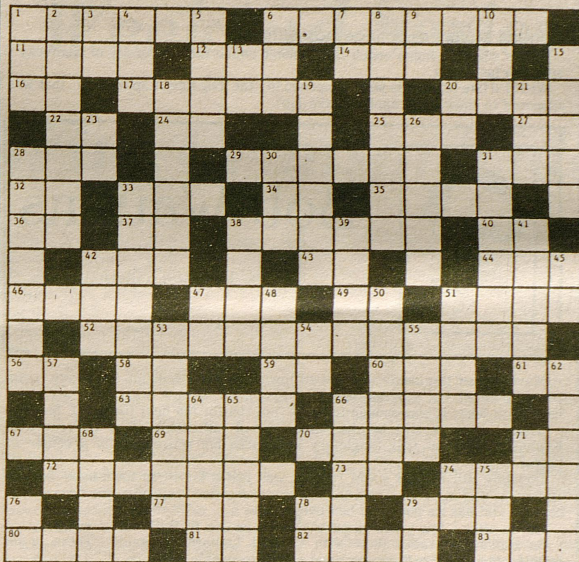
Sincerely

Larry Conway
Avrora, Co.



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By Dan Krueckeberg



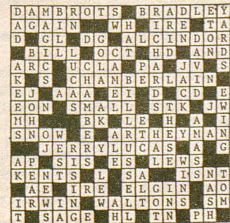
TODAY'S HOOP ANNOUNCERS

ACROSS

- 1 Spectacle hoop analyst
- 6 Gary works many Big 8 games
- 11 Soon
- 12 57 Down works many _____ games
- 14 Cable color man Wilson
- 16 Northern state abbr.
- 17 8 and 38 Down do _____ and Loyola games
- 20 Ruling body
- 22 Big Ten state abbr.
- 24 E: compass abbr.
- 25 Abbr. for "Government Printing Office"
- 27 Initials of 28 Down
- 28 One of many at VCU
- 29 Ralph _____
- 31 Tavern
- 32 Indefinite article
- 33 Rules man
- 34 Abbr. for member of armed forces
- 35 "I _____ you"
- 36 "He _____ the jumper"
- 37 Comparative suffix
- 38 Former Purdue star Rick and family; doing some color commentary
- 40 ACC state abbr.
- 42 Abbr. for "points per game"
- 43 Thus
- 44 Medicine man
- 46 Abbr. for "and others"
- 47 Abbr. for a Middle East group
- 49 Continent abbr.
- 51 Some _____ McGuire is great as a TV color man; others dislike him
- 52 Many out-of-staters tune him in on radio
- 56 Football abbr.
- 58 _____ p: yelp or gab
- 59 Abbr. for an MVC state
- 60 _____ de Janeiro
- 61 Abbr. for a European country
- 63 ESPN's Albert
- 66 1st name of a top CBS hoop man
- 67 Randolph does lots of Big 8 games
- 69 Age
- 70 Metric weight unit
- 71 The _____ C
- 72 Approaching
- 73 Abbr. for "United Nations"
- 74 Some commentators _____ too much
- 77 WEBS covers this conference
- 78 Initials of ESPN color man Conley
- 79 ESPN's Thacker
- 80 Network's Albert
- 81 Compass abbr.
- 82 Johnny "Red" _____ does some games on cable
- 83 Rebounds _____ game

DOWN

- 1 First name of 65 Down
- 2 A Big Ten school
- 3 "_____ the hoop"
- 4 "PICK _____ roll"
- 5 Forum for I Across
- 6 An SWC school
- 7 Abbr. for a Big 8 state
- 8 "Crash" teams with 38 Down
- 9 Initials of ageless baseballer Niekro
- 10 Abbr. for a Div. I hoop conference
- 13 Abbr. for "each"
- 15 Kates does many Notre Dame games
- 18 Announcer Dick
- 19 Allen of the cable
- 20 Abbr. for a Metro Conference city
- 21 Abbr. for a former pro hoop league
- 23 Initials of former hoop coach now on a major network
- 26 Writing language
- 28 Former coach Bill, now of ESPN
- 30 Fast
- 31 CBS' Gary
- 33 Some announcers use the _____ to question 33 Across
- 38 WGN's Hamilton
- 39 Less than few
- 41 Female students
- 42 The _____ Ten
- 45 Initials of announcer synonymous with the Kentucky Wildcats
- 47 Baseball abbr. for "putout"
- 48 Nickname of 50 Down
- 50 A cable color man, Smith
- 51 Idiot -or- what some fans think of some announcer
- 53 Bucky does lots of NY/NJ games
- 54 Initials of ref Lembo
- 55 Not videotape
- 57 "String music" man
- 62 Loves 71 Across
- 64 Lake _____ big city is Cleveland
- 65 Cardinal announcer
- 66 Beck of USA Network
- 68 8760 hours
- 71 _____ and Dick of NBC
- 74 Symbol for "titanium"
- 75 Short for "ampere"
- 76 Initials of CBS' Brent
- 78 Abbr. for "Luke"
- 79 Initials of 67 Across



The G.M. Of College Basketball

Ewing Wins Rupp Trophy

General Motors of college basketball

That's what Michigan coach Bill Frieder called the University of Kentucky's program last week.

What I'd like to know is what happened to "the long line of applicants" that was supposed to show up to apply for the job?



Bob Watkins

Cats' Pause Columnist

Maybe when the candidates got to town and got a feel for the heavy metal pressure of the UK job, and observed first hand, at how crazy folks are about basketball here, it was enough to make 'em run for the next flight out. Maybe.

Wonder if there will be the same sort of hullabaloo when University of Kentucky president Otis Singletary announces his retirement in a couple of years?

Certainly Bill Frieder's GM remark was just a bit of 'in town hype' but his statement was more on target than he or anyone else realized at the time if only because GM has its good and bad points too.

Maybe after a few years go past, reviews on Joe B. Hall will be *mixed*. On Hall's last radio show with Cawood Ledford, he said: "There is no irreplaceable man (at Kentucky) and no indispensable coach."

Right.

But, if history tells us anything then UK basketball—like GM—will carry on very well under new management and the reason why is not the man at the top for he is charged only with running the ship. No, the reason why UK will remain in the top echelon of the college game is *you*. The fans.

While some things inevitably change, UK fans do not in that you expect a basketball program to be proud of and nothing less will do. And that is how it should be.

Of such things traditions are made.

The Rupp Trophy

Georgetown coach John Thompson tweaked the head of tradition last week and incensed some UK folks as well when he said *no!* to letting Patrick Ewing attend Friday morning ceremonies to honor him as college player of the year.

Ewing was recipient of the Adolph Frederick Rupp Trophy, but went to practice instead.

Former governor Albert 'Happy' Chandler made the presentation speech. But when it was over Happy wasn't happy.

"I think he (Ewing) should have been here," he said. "There's no excuse. This is the most prestigious (college basketball) award in the United States...it has to be because it's named for the best coach of all time."

Happy seemed to soften a bit however, but only for a moment.

"I don't blame *him*, but his coach ought to take the blame for it," he said.

Then in familiar Ruppian tones, Happy added, "By Gawd, he ought to have been here. There's not any excuse I can think of. I'd have considered giving it to someone else. I'm sorry he didn't come."

UK notes

- WHAS Radio reportedly will not carry University of Kentucky football and basketball games next season. Little wonder coach Jerry Claiborne and the new basketball coach are not happy about it either.

Beyond the crinkle it will put in the coaches' pocketbooks, the loss of a 50,000 watt recruiter is immeasurable since there is no way of knowing how many youngsters from far away points in Kentucky and beyond won't be listening to UK games (and dreaming Big Blue) quite so readily anymore.

That is unless 50,000 watt WLW Radio in Cincinnati takes over.

The problem arose when WHAS and University of Kentucky officials were not able to "get together" on some points in the contract. What nobody's going to speculate on the record with is that the Louisville radio station may be banking its future in a different direction. And Louisville football coach Howard Schnellenberger may be waiting at the end of that rainbow.

- Mark Higgs, UK's sophomore-to-be prize running back is lost for the 1985 season with a knee injury. Too bad, because Higgs was going to be quite an attraction next season for UK. Not only an *attraction* for UK fans, but for enemy linebackers who would not be able to afford ignoring Higgs.

And, while the LBs were watching for Higgs (playing the run) quarterback Bill Ransdell would have more time to throw.

Possible replacement for Higgs? Freshman redshirt Ivy Joe Hunter (6-0, 197) from Gainesville, Fla. could get his chance.

Recruiting notes

- UK's lone basketball signee (so far), Irving Thomas has been named to the 25-player *McDonald's High School All-American team*. Conspicuous by his absence from the team: 6-7 Kenny Payne of Laurel, Miss.

Incidentally, Payne's coach Keith Robinson told a Lexington reporter last week that Joe B. Hall's resignation might affect Payne's considering signing with UK. Then, Robinson added, it might not, as long as Leonard Hamilton stayed on.

- In his Prep Report for *Basketball Times* Van Coleman lists UK-bound Irving Thomas second behind Tito Horford among his top 65 high schoolers. And apparently ex-Kentucky coach Joe Hall would agree.

Hall told a UK fan last week, "Thomas has as much raw talent as any player ever to sign at Kentucky. He just needs to play with a little more intensity."

Coleman lists Thomas at 6-9, 210-pounds. At Miami's Carol City High he finished his senior season with a 17 points per game average, 15 rebounds and six blocked shots.

- According to Coleman's report, Danny Ferry does not include Kentucky among those schools he is considering for the Apr. 10 signing date. Ferry will pick North Carolina or Duke.

- Lance Blanks, a 6-4, 190-pound guard from Woodland, Tex. is said to be considering UK, SMU, Houston, Oklahoma and Texas.

Comment: Wonder if Carl Wright's announcement last week that he will forego his final season at SMU affect Blanks' decision?

Talent scale

Clark Francis of *Basketball Times* has a talent ratings system. Last week he offered this: "According to our scale Kentucky has the most talent, but most of that talent is in the freshman and sophomore classes. Only seniors Troy McKinley and Bret Bearup graduate this season and it makes sense that Kentucky signed only one player (Irving Thomas) last fall. Even if Kentucky doesn't sign another player in the spring, Kentucky's talent rating will have risen from 89.3 to a 94.2 and thus Kentucky improved and Joe Hall has had a successful recruiting year."

Comment: If he can understand the logic, UK's new coach will be glad to hear that.



Little Looie



Big John

People and things

Among other Final Four basketball issues being addressed in spiffy clean Lexington last week were these...

- By 62 percent of the vote NCAA coaches approved the use of a 45-second shot clock for the full 1985-86 season. The vote becomes a recommendation for the NCAA rules committee to act upon.

Prediction: It will be adopted. But I wonder if it will make a dime's worth of difference.

Dr. Edward Steitz, editor of the NCAA rules committee, reported that last season with the 45-second clock in use by 23 NCAA conferences, 19 in Division I last season, field goal attempts increased from 111.3 per game to 114.

- Item: Since John Thompson became coach at Georgetown, according to an NCAA, 44 out of 46 four-year players have graduated.

Sometimes abrasive, but ever outspoken, Thompson offered the following view that transcends sports (and racial lines). "Individuality is the American myth," he said. "We preach about it but we reject it in people. It's a threat when a person, especially a black person, wants to be creative and that creativity doesn't conform to guidelines that already exist. I chose coaching because I can put something of John Thompson in it. I can express who I am in my coaching. If I couldn't do that, it wouldn't be worth the trouble."

Comment: The problem I have with Thompson is his duplicity. The man denies racism as allegedly practiced by white men, but sees nothing wrong with using it as an emotional ploy, to inflame his players.

On another subject, in defense of today's student/athlete, Thompson offered this gem: "We have an educational problem in this country, and I'm tired of people focusing in on athletics as if that's the only place there's a problem. Personally, I think the athlete is fortunate (because) there is a public interest in him. Some little kid who doesn't play anything and doesn't have a 2.0 (grade point), nobody gives a damn whether he has one."

- About college player of the year Chris 'Gym Rat' Mullin, I like the view put forth by St. John's coach Lou Carnesecca: "Whatever he's performed in a game, he's done in rehearsal (practice) a thousand times," Looie said. "He has a great feel for the game. But how many people do you know (who) have the talent and don't put it on the line? It's not like it comes on cue. He works at it. That's why he can make it look easy. I watch him and I see Joe DiMaggio playing center field. He captures the imagination without dunking."

Parting shots

- James Freeman coached St. John's until 1936. Once upon a time he imparted the idea to Carnesecca that "coaching is overrated."

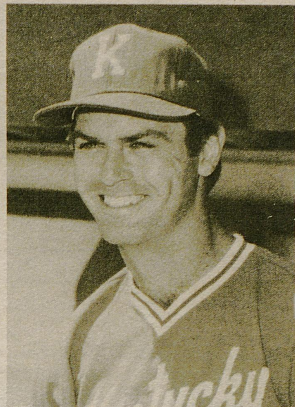
Carnesecca: "He said your players are 60 to 70 percent of the game, coaching is 10-15 percent. I told him that doesn't add up. He said the rest is luck."

- Carnesecca said the best advice he ever got came from the late Joe Lapchick, who once coached at St. John's.

"Remember," Lapchick said, "proud peacock today, feather duster tomorrow."

After Saturday Looie knows about the feather duster end of things. And so it goes. ■

**Around
The
Horn
With
Keith
Madison**



The following are University of Kentucky baseball Coach Keith Madison's comments about his team (10-14) prior to its encounter at Eastern Kentucky (March 29):

What about the team playing 19 of their first 25 games on the road?

Coach Madison: I feel like we've come through this real well. I think what we've been through during these 25 games will make us an excellent ball club (over the last half of the season). I'm not satisfied with the record obviously, but our team attitude has been good through all this adversity.

Your team's overall ERA is 6.19, what seems to be the problem?

Coach Madison: It's the worst for a staff since I've been at Kentucky. But we had a meeting (Tuesday, March 26) on some things that we need to improve upon. I received a very

positive attitude. Everyone has looked good on occasions. It's the consistency we need to work on.

How tough is it for your hurlers to pitch on the road?

Coach Madison: Pitching on the road is not the easiest thing in the world. And until we get quality umpiring on the NCAA Division I level, the strike zone will continue to shrink and expand.

Can your team still earn a second place finish in the Eastern Division, which would qualify it for the SEC tournament?

Coach Madison: We definitely have to win 2 of 3 in every home series the rest of the way, and possibly even sweep. Our schedule really favors us, in that 3 of our 4 SEC Eastern Division series are at home. Of course the Tennessee series, our only one on the road, is very important.

**Bat Cats Split
Weekend Series
With Crimson Tide**

The Kentucky Bat Cats split a weekend series with Alabama at Shively Field. UK won Saturday's contest 12-8, but lost Sunday's 11-inning duel, 8-6.

Kentucky's overall record now stands at 11-16.

In Saturday's game, UK trailed the Crimson Tide 6-3 entering the bottom of the fourth inning. Though, after all the dust had cleared the home team had scored four runs to take the lead for good. The big hit in the inning was Rick Campbell's two-run double.

Coach Madison's squad added three insurance tallies in the fifth and two in the seventh.

After a sacrifice fly scored one run in the fifth frame, Clint Arnold drove in teammates Jim Leyritz and Randy Clark with a single, making the score 10-6.

Pitcher Jay Ray notched up his second win in six decisions this year.

The following day, a day which was very windy, errors by Leyritz and Clark in the 11th-inning opened the doors for Alabama. A wild throw by third baseman Leyritz and a dropped ball by first baseman Clark helped the Crimson Tide earn the extra-inning victory.

UK had led 6-1 going into the seventh inning, but two, two-run innings pulled the visitors to within one (6-5) entering the last frame.

With runners at the corners, Alabama's Ted McClendon hit a grounder to second baseman Terry Shumpert, though the UK infielder never gained control of the ball as the runner scored.

After a non-conference home game with Austin Peay (April 4, 3:00 p.m.), UK will face SEC East leader Florida in a three-game series at Shively field. Saturday's double-header will start at 1:00 p.m., while Sunday's single game will begin at 1:30 p.m.

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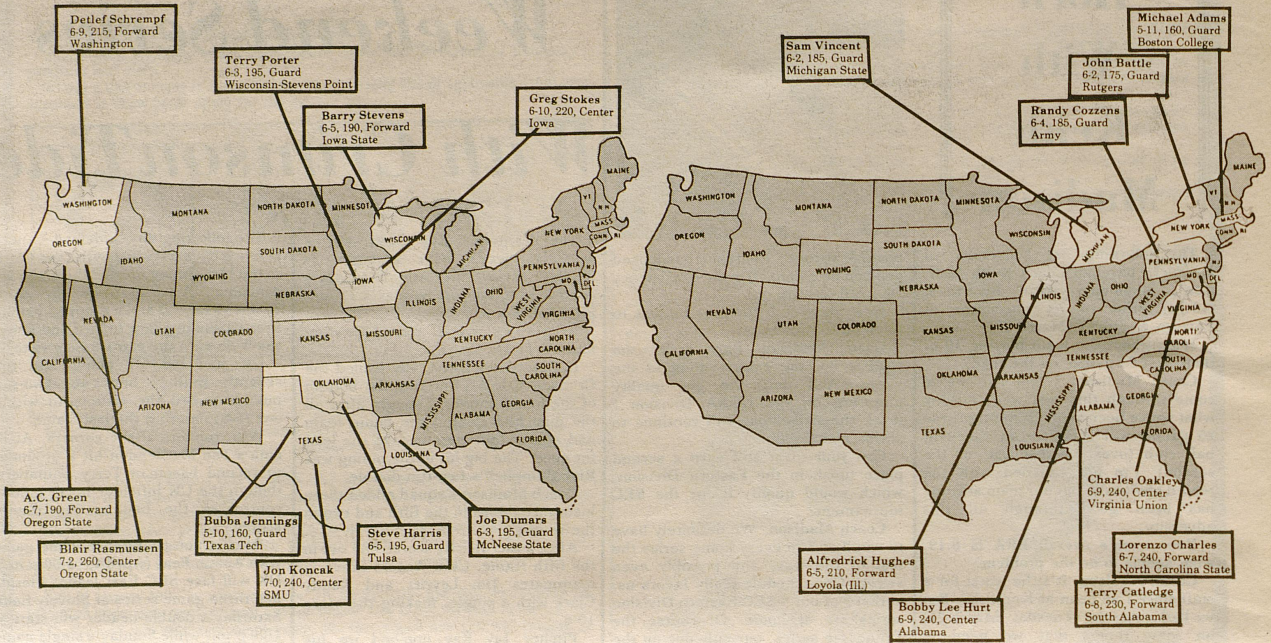
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Lorenzo Charles	23	9-9	1-1	7	0	1	19
Terry Catledge	22	5-11	1-2	2	1	1	11
Charles Oakley	21	4-6	2-2	8	4	3	10
Michael Adams	22	5-8	4-4	2	3	4	14
Randy Cozzens	22	0-5	0-0	1	3	1	0
Bobby Lee Hurt	17	1-3	3-4	2	1	1	5
John Battle	18	5-9	1-1	1	1	2	11
Tommy Davis	19	2-7	2-3	9	0	4	6
Eugene McDowell	18	2-5	0-0	3	1	1	4
Alfred Hughes	18	5-12	0-0	5	1	3	10
Team				2			
Totals	200	38-75	14-17	42	15	21	90

WEST							
Name	min	fg-a	ft-a	rb	a	pf	tp
Barry Stevens	20	5-9	2-2	0	2	0	12
Greg Stokes	21	6-9	0-0	3	0	3	12
Jon Koncak	20	3-5	2-3	5	3	3	8
Bubba Jennings	20	1-5	4-4	0	1	1	6
Terry Porter	21	1-3	4-4	3	4	0	6
Blair Rasmussen	20	2-5	0-0	6	0	2	4
Detlef Schrempf	20	6-10	4-4	2	1	5	16
A.C. Green	19	5-9	2-2	5	0	2	12
Steve Harris	20	4-8	3-3	0	3	0	11
Joe Dumars	19	5-8	0-0	3	4	1	10
Team				1			
Totals	200	38-71	21-22	28	18	17	97
East					45-45		90
West					51-46		97

Field-goal shooting: East, 50.7; West, 53.5. Free-throw shooting: East, 82.4; West, 95.5. Attendance: 10,464.

West Beats East In Hall's Last Game

Coach Joe B. Hall ended his coaching career last Sunday the same place where he began his University of Kentucky coaching debut -- at Memorial Coliseum. With a crowd of 10,464 looking on, the West squad defeated Hall's East team 97-90 in the NABC Valvoline senior All-America Game.

"Twenty years ago when I came here I coached my first freshman game here," said the now retired Hall. "I saw a lot of great ballgames here when I was a student. I saw them build Memorial Coliseum. That was a thrill to me as a student in playing over at the old Alumni Gym and seeing a great facility like Memorial Coliseum go up."

Hall received a standing ovation during introductions from the fans who were witnessing his last coaching assignment.

Coach, did you think about changing your mind today?

"I think it is a harder thing to leave than to stay," said Hall. "The truth of the matter, it's always tougher to pull away, and pull up stakes and leave a happy situation like I've had here at Kentucky."

"It's just something that I promised myself."

In the game, the West jumped out to a 14-point advantage with 5:46 remaining in the first half. But East stars Lorenzo Charles (N.C. State) and Michael Adams (Boston College) helped pull their club to within six at halftime (51-45). Charles and Adams contributed six and five points, respectively during the East's 20-12 run.

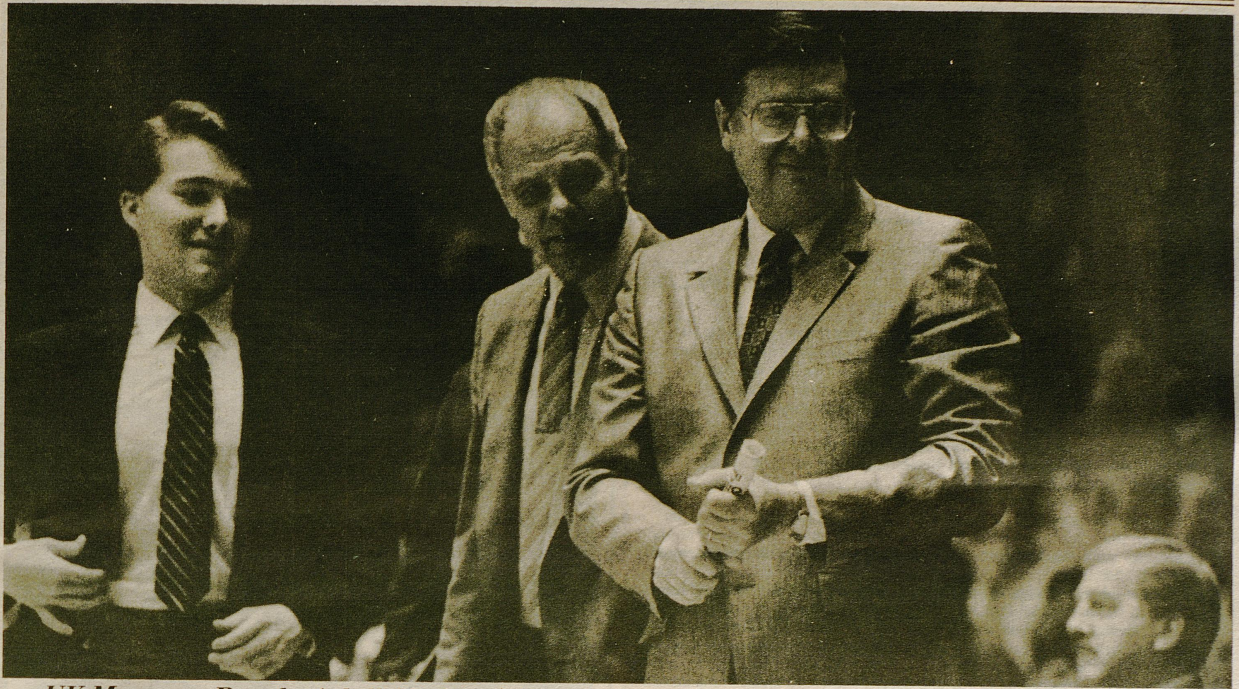
Charles, who finished with a game-high 19 points, was selected the games most valuable player.

The West upped their lead back to 10 when Jon Koncak (SMU) scored on a three-point play early in the second half.

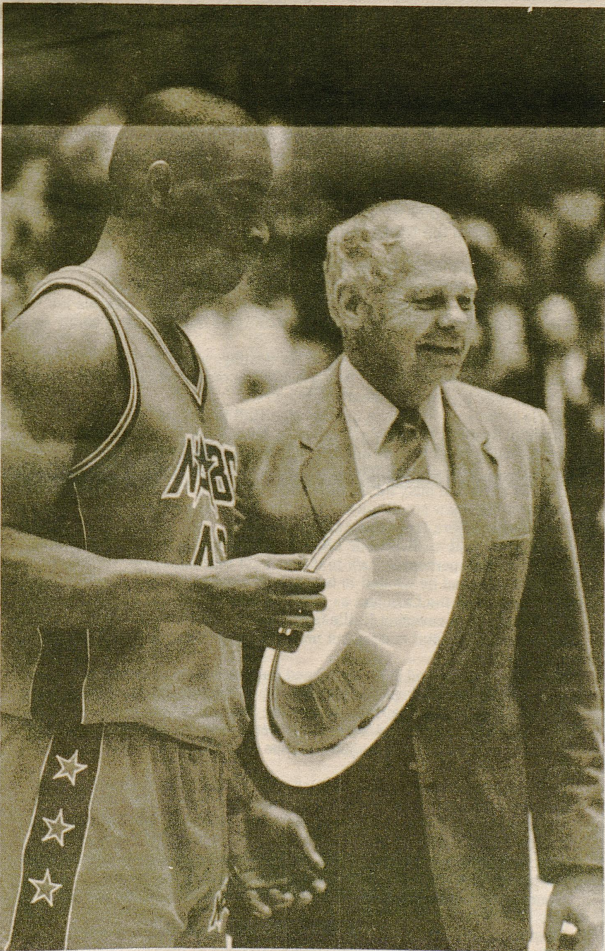
Alfred Hughes (Loyola, Ill.) hit a 19-footer to cut the West's lead to one (68-67) with 10:03 left. The West put the game in the victory column, aided by a 15-8 spurt late in the contest.

Detlef Schrempf (Washington) led the West in scoring, netting 16 points, followed by Barry Stevens (Iowa State), Greg Stokes (Iowa) and A.C. Green each pouring in 12 points.

Tommy Davis, (Minnesota) representing the East, pulled down a game-high nine rebounds, followed by teammate and Division II star Charles Oakley (Virginia Union) with eight rebounds.



UK Manager Randy Azbill, Michigan State's Jud Heathcote And Joe Hall At All Star Game



MVP Charies And Jud Heathcote



Bobby Lee And Eugene Carry Joe B. Away

Joe B. Walking Away With Head Held High

From Pickle Salesman To UK Coach

By Larry Vaught

Disgruntled fans will no longer be able to second-guess Joe B. Hall. The University of Kentucky basketball coach has had enough of the pressure. After 13 years of being second-guessed he has decided to retire. Hall made it official after his team lost to St. John's Friday night in the NCAA West Region semifinals in Denver. But those close to the veteran coach had known for two months that he might quit.

Six weeks ago his closest friends privately predicted that this would be his last year. But in recent weeks those same close contacts felt Hall had changed his mind.

But he is walking away.

And he can leave with his head held high. He did the impossible — he followed the legendary Adolph Rupp. But Hall did more than carry on the Kentucky tradition. He enhanced it during his 13-year career while compiling a 297-100 mark.

But his job was always in jeopardy because the only way he could have satisfied UK basketball fans was to have won the NCAA crown every year.

Hall, though, thrived on pressure. He started out as a pickle salesman but coaching was his first love. He had grown up in Cynthiana listening to and savoring UK basketball games.

He earned a scholarship to UK and played two years under Rupp before transferring to the University of the South.

In 1965, after head coaching stints at Regis College and Central Missouri State, he returned to Kentucky as an assistant coach. He succeeded Rupp in 1973.

Hall became a master at selling talented high school stars on the idea of spending four years in Lexington. But because he did recruit highly publicized players, Hall seldom received credit when UK won.

"Coach Hall has done a hell of a job," said Georgetown Coach John Thompson before last year's Final Four. "Part of coaching is getting talent. The difficult part is putting it into a cohesive unit. He can do both."

Even his players, though, haven't always understood him. Hall demands perfection. He would not accept less than a player's best.

He played no favorites. He would criticize an All-American the same as the team's last reserve.

But he knew what he was doing. Hall understood that Kentucky's tradition brought out the best in opponents. He knew his players had to be tough mentally and physically to excel.

"His record speaks for itself," said former Wildcat Jim Master before his final game last season. "He teaches discipline and made me grow into a man."



Hall Congratulates Eugene McDowell



Singletary, Hall, Hagan and Davis

Hall cared for his players. He made sure they got an education in the classroom as well as on the basketball floor.

The UK coach also kept his players active in the community and across the state. Hall understood how much UK basketball meant to the state and did his best to keep the players in touch with the public.

But the pressure was always there. The ghost of Adolph Rupp always haunted him in the public's eye.

His greatest pressure, though, came from within.

"The pressure I put on myself exceeds any that I get from any external source," said Hall after the 1983-84 season ended with a disappointing loss to Georgetown in the NCAA semifinals. "Other pressure is insignificant." Maybe.

This year Hall's wife seldom watched the team play. No longer could she take the stress of close games or the criticism from UK fans.

The media also put great pressure on Hall. The UK coach took his job seriously and would not cooperate with writers he felt had taken unfair swings at his program.

Sometimes the coach was wrong in his dealings with the media. He could over-react to negative stories. But at times the media was also unfair to the man who was trying to protect his players.

Media members didn't like the fact that Hall played no favorites. He treated all writers the same and found as much time for media members from Danville, Somerset, Frankfort, Winchester, Owensboro, Elizabethtown and Paris as he did those from Louisville and Lexington.

He was never too busy for an interview. Hall didn't forget his roots in Cynthiana. He knew small towns loved the Wildcats and was never too busy to talk with writers from those cities.

Before last year's Final Four I had trouble lining up an interview with a UK player. Hall personally saw to it that I got that interview. He didn't have to do that but he wanted to because he understood that people in Danville cared about the Cats just as much as fans in Lexington and Louisville.

I spent 11 years covering Hall's team. I liked the coach. I didn't always agree with his on-court tactics but he probably didn't always like my writing.

However, I respected Hall. He turned boys into men and made sure they got an education. He kept his players out of trouble and in the classroom. Kentucky will miss Joe Hall. He was the "keeper of tradition" at UK. Hall followed a legend and succeeded. Not everyone can do that.

UK fans will appreciate the job Hall has done more and more in future years.

Hall made replacing Rupp look easy. But the man who follows Joe Hall will have a difficult time averaging 23 wins per year.

"Everybody said it would be tough to follow Adolph," said UK equipment manager Bill Keightley recently. "For five years, though, I've been saying that trying to follow Joe Hall would be even tougher. So many schools have good teams now that it will be impossible to match his record."

Goodbye Joe. And thanks for a lot of great memories during the last 11 years.

Most of us will miss you. And those who don't think they will may some day finally realize what a superb job you've done at the University of Kentucky.

Hall Constructed '85 Cats Into Winners

Final Loss Was Misleading

What was supposed to be a rebuilding season, the Kentucky Wildcats enjoyed a rewarding basketball campaign in Joe B. Hall's last year as head coach. Despite the defection of Gunther Behnke to his homeland in Germany, the Wildcats surpassed many of the expectations which were placed upon them, especially when the team was struggling back in December.



Todd Hallum

Cats' Pause Columnist

Preseason injuries to Winston Bennett, James Blackmon, and Richard Madison in addition to tough road games at Purdue, Indiana, and Louisville didn't help the young 'Cats start off particularly well. UK probably would have boasted a better non-conference record by playing a breather or two, but the toughness of the schedule paid off when they reached the West Regional in the NCAA Tournament.

As the early season losses mounted, internal problems on the team did surface. Blackmon and Roger Harden had thoughts of leaving the squad and both players were given one-game suspensions by Joe B. Hall. Also, the overall poor shooting, especially from the guard position, added to the team's woes and plagued the Wildcats throughout the season, which frustrated Hall.

Nevertheless, Kentucky seemed to come together after a team meeting before the Florida game in Gainesville. Following the meeting, UK went on to defeat the Gators in an impressive 76-68 victory and played well in an extremely tough two-point homecourt loss to Georgia on network television. After the heartbreaking defeat to the Bulldogs, Kentucky bounced back and destroyed Tennessee 92-67 in the seniors (Bret Bearup and Troy McKinley) last game in Rupp Arena.

Following the disappointing loss to Florida in the first round of the SEC Tournament, UK received new life when the NCAA selection committee extended Hall's squad a tourney bid. By finishing the season with a 16-12 record, the Cats were the object of criticism from two opposing coaches -- Gene Keady (Purdue) and Norm Sloan (Florida), who felt UK didn't belong in the 64-team field. But the Wildcats definitely proved they belonged in the post-season tourney with victories over Washington and Nevada-Las Vegas and placed UK in the NCAA regional semifinal round for the third consecutive year.

The 16-point loss to St. John's in the West Regional semifinals was misleading when you consider the contest was a close affair until the final three minutes of the game. UK fans can play the "what if" game when

Kenny Walker sat out three minutes in the first half after getting accidentally poked in the eye by Chris Mullin. If St. John's hadn't kept pace with the Wildcats' 63 percent shooting from the field, Kentucky could have at least held a five to seven point halftime advantage. But the Redmen totally dominated the offensive boards in the second half. St. John's clinched the semifinal win at the free throw line as UK was resorted to putting the squad from the Big East at the line in a futile comeback attempt which broke open a close game.

Losing to the third ranked team in the nation certainly isn't a disgrace when you take into account that UK was defeated by a better ballclub. Also, it's interesting to note that for the third straight season Kentucky has fell victim to a team who has either advanced to the Final Four (Louisville 1983 and St. John's 1985) or captured the national title (Georgetown 1984) in NCAA tourney play. Yes indeed, UK did enjoy a fine season.

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No matter who the UK Athletics Board, which is headed by University president Otis Singletary, decides to hire as the next UK coach, the new head mentor will have a difficult time matching his predecessor's accomplishments. Joe B. Hall's coaching record speaks for itself, including one NCAA and NIT title, three Final Four appearances, and eight SEC championships. Also, most of his former players earned their degrees and went on to prosperous occupations. No, Joe Hall didn't win the NCAA title every year, which was expected by some UK supporters. Though he conducted himself and the program in a class fashion and carried out the tradition of Kentucky basketball in a way many Kentuckians can be proud of.



Hall With Bennett And Walker

Spring Practice Begins With Injuries, Changes

Oh, those injuries.

Spring practice for most of Coach Jerry Claiborne's gridders began last Wednesday (March 27). However, some of the Wildcats are still facing the pain of nagging injuries which is preventing them from practicing.

Here are some of the injured Wildcats:

Junior-to-be linebacker Larry Smith - still not able to practice because of a knee injury he suffered in last season's Mississippi State game.

Junior-to-be tight end Matt Lucas - not able to practice because of back problems.

Senior-to-be offensive tackle Jesse Newkirk -- a 6-foot-4, 294-pound transfer from IU hurt his knee during winter workouts and is unable to practice as of now.

Senior-to-be Lee Dotson -- is currently out because of a knee injury.

Coach Claiborne received further upsetting news when sophomore-to-be Mark Higgs suffered an injury to his right knee (see story elsewhere in this issue) and could be lost for the upcoming season.

Though with the injuries, practice must go on for the defending Hall of Fame Bowl champions.

According to Claiborne, "two big changes" have been made in relation to the Wildcats' lineup.

Senior-to-be Barry Alexander has been moved from defensive back to defensive end (left). Lexington Bryan Station product Dermontti Dawson has been switched from center to defensive guard.

The key for the spring practice session is good weather. Depending on the weather, the Wildcats may get a

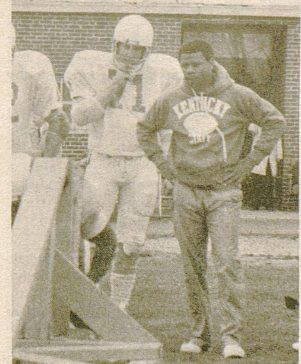
lot of work in, but then again they may not.

Kentucky is scheduled to practice four days a week at the Shively Sports Center (Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday). And if the weather is admirable on Monday or Thursday, expect the Cats to take advantage of those days also.

"We're going to practice on pretty days," said Claiborne. "We're not going to pass up many pretty days. I just hope it (the weather) clears up."

Spring practice concludes with the annual Blue-White contest on April 27 at Commonwealth Stadium. Game time is 7 p.m.

"We hope people will get cranked up and get ready," said Claiborne about the intrasquad matchup. "The weather has just killed us in the last two years."



Assistant Rod Sharpless



TCP Photo By Gary Cromwell

New UK Mentor Eddie Sutton Had Everyone's Attention



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Excited About New Job

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Eddie Sutton Biography

ranked 12th-toughest in the country by the NCAA and still managed 22 victories. The Hogs accomplished this feat despite having only two seniors and one junior on the squad. It marked the ninth consecutive year the Razorbacks won at least 21 games. That is another SWC mark.

Another tribute to Sutton's success is the number of head coaches he has turned out. Gene Keady (Purdue), Pat Foster (Lamar) and Bill Brown (California State-Sacramento) are head coaches who were one-time Sutton assistants at Arkansas.

Sutton, whose overall major college coaching record is 342-125, learned his trade as a player, then graduate assistant coach for the legendary Henry Iba at Oklahoma State. He graduated from OSU in 1958 and received his master's degree from the school in 1959.

His first coaching job came at Tulsa (Okla.) Central High School, where he built a 119-51 record in six years. He then took over at Southern Idaho, a junior college that never had fielded a basketball team before. In three seasons, he had a remarkable 83-14 record.

His first major college test came as head coach at Creighton. He spent five seasons there, winning 82, losing just 50 and establishing himself as one of the finest young coaches in the game.

Sutton and his wife, Patsy, have three sons, Stephen, 20, Sean, 16 and Scott 14.

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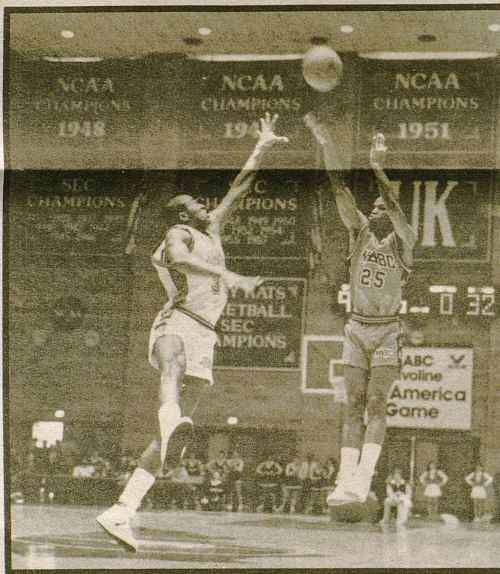
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Back Thru The Wildcat Years

FIVE YEARS AGO

*For the second straight year, the Kentucky basketball staff enjoyed a banner recruiting season, as the Cats landed four prize prospects to the national letter of intent. The tallest of the lot is 6-11 Melvin Turpin, who played at Lexington Bryan Station High School before attending Fork Union Military School last year. The shortest of the new Wildcats is 5-11 all-stater Dicky Beal of Covington Holmes High School. Beal's signing came as somewhat of a surprise. He had previously announced he would attend DePaul before having a change of heart. UK went to Harborfield High School in New York to land 6-9 Bret Bearup, a consensus All-American. Another signee considered a blue chipper is guard Jim Master of Ft. Wayne, Ind.

*Spring football continued at Kentucky and much of the focus continues to surround the quarterback race. Coach Fran Curci has four candidates - Randy Jenkins, Larry McCrimmon, Terry Henry and Rick Buehner - who are battling for the number one job. With leading rushers Chris Jones and Shawn Donigan returning along with several other highly qualified runners, the Cats are expected to have a strong backfield corps.

NINE YEARS AGO

*Senior Reggie Warford walked away with most of the hardware at the annual Kentucky basketball banquet. He won the Frank Seale Award as the Outstanding Senior, the Senior Appreciation Award, the award for the fewest turnovers, the K-Men's Scholastics Award and the Kiwanis 110 Percent Award. Mike Phillips and Jack

Givens, both sophomores, were co-winners in the MVP awards. Givens captured the best free throw shooter award and Phillips won the rebounding award.

*Kentucky's Sonny Collins, the SEC's all-time leading rusher, was picked in the second round of the National Football League draft. The Atlanta Falcons picked Collins, who was the ninth runner selected in the draft. The only other Wildcat selected was offensive tackle Wally Pesuit, who was picked in the fifth round by Dallas.

*Before 10,000 fans at Commonwealth Stadium, UK unveiled their new wishbone attack in the annual Blue-White spring game. The Blue team won the game 27-7. Sophomore fullback Rod Stewart led all rushers with 84 yards. Quarterback Derrick Ramsey had 84 yards passing and 47 yards on the ground. The other quarterback to see a great deal of

action. Bill Tolston was also impressive.

*In the basketball recruiting wars, Kentucky landed three-time all-stater LaVon Williams of Denver, Colorado, two-time Kentucky all-stater Tim Stephens of McCreary County and All-American Jay Shidler of Lawrenceville, Illinois. Mississippi State was another SEC school considered to have a banner year as the Bulldogs landed 6-11 All-American Ricky Brown of Georgia, who was recruited heavily by Kentucky.

FOURTEEN YEARS AGO

*The UK baseball team fell to Cincinnati 7-1, hurting their own cause with several errors. The Wildcats, making their strongest bid in years for the SEC title, split with Auburn. UK's Dave Bair leads the SEC with four triples while Derek Bryant is second with a .385 batting average.

*UK basketball coach Adolph Rupp is scheduled to undergo minor foot surgery at the UK Medical Center. Rupp is to be hospitalized about two months.

*After a spring football scrimmage last week, UK Coach John Ray said "this is the best scrimmage we have had for this early since I have been here. We were very pleased with the spirit and execution after only five days of practice."

*All-American Roger Hamperian of West Virginia and All-American Mike Emmanuel of Pennsylvania signed football grants with UK.

*UK's Mike Casey has signed a pro basketball contract with the Cleveland Cavaliers while Wildcat Larry Steele signed with the Portland Trail Blazers.

*George John 'G. J.' Smith of Laurel County became the University of Kentucky's first basketball signee for this year. Smith is a two-time all-stater.

Wildcat Quiz

1. Which of the following schools did UK guard Leroy Byrd attend before transferring to UK?

- a) Arizona
- b) Texas A&M
- c) Colorado
- d) Nevada-Las Vegas

2. At which SEC school did current UK assistant coach Jim Hatfield used to be the head coach at?

- a) Ole Miss
- b) Mississippi State
- c) LSU
- d) Alabama

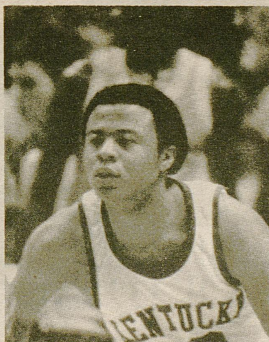
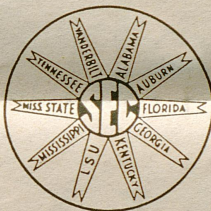
3. In what state did Cedric Jenkins play his high school basketball?

- a) Kentucky
- b) Indiana
- c) Tennessee
- d) Georgia

4. True or False? UK doesn't have a player from the state of Tennessee on its current roster.

5. What UK non-conference opponent this season won the NCAA Tournament back in 1983?

- a) SMU
- b) N.C. State
- c) Indiana
- d) Purdue



Leroy Byrd

ANSWERS

- 1. Nevada-Las Vegas
- 2. Mississippi State
- 3. Georgia
- 4. True
- 5. N.C. State
- 6. Seattle Super Sonics
- 7. 95
- 8. Yes (1,001)
- 9. True
- 10. Cliff Hagan
- (24 vs. Temple on Dec. 5, 1983)



6. What NBA club drafted former UK player James Lee?

- a) Los Angeles Lakers
- b) Phoenix Suns
- c) Seattle Super Sonics
- d) Cleveland Cavaliers

7. How many SEC titles has UK won? (Regular season play)

- a) 30
- b) 35
- c) 40
- d) 45

8. Did former Wildcat Bobby Watson score over 1,000 points in his career at Kentucky?

Yes or No

9. True or False. Ex-Wildcat Dirk Minniefield never made first team All-SEC for Kentucky.

10. What former UK player holds the record for most free throw attempts in one game?

- a) Jim Andrews
- b) Cliff Hagan
- c) Dan Issel
- d) Vernon Hatten

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