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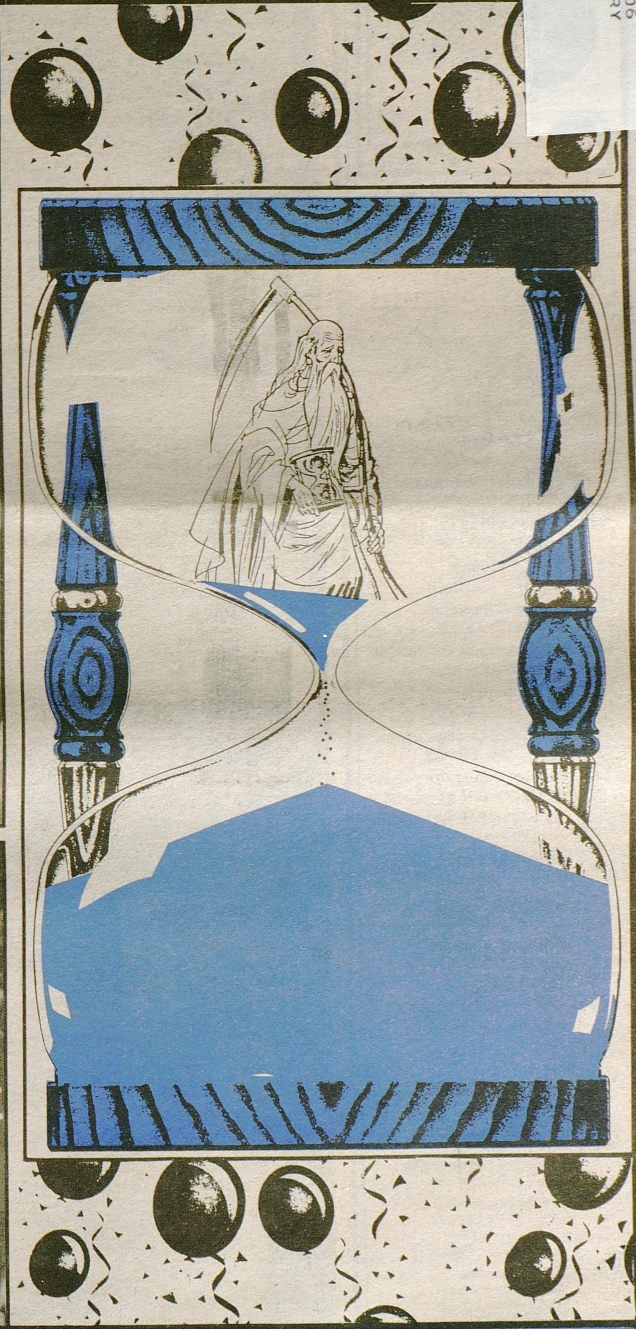
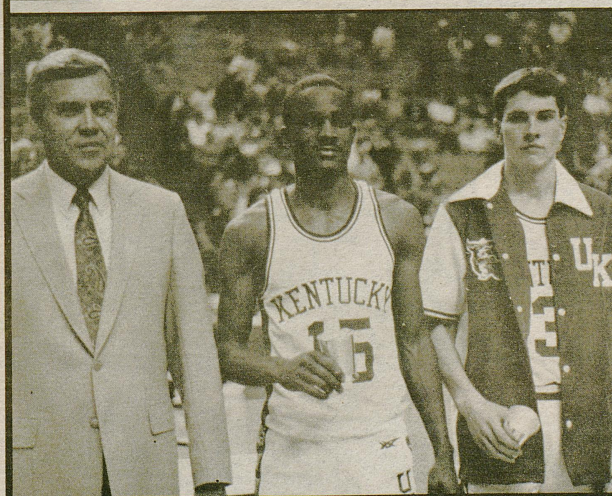
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Kentucky-Louisville Matchup Looks V-e-r-y Interesting

PROBABLE STARTING LINEUPS

Kentucky Wildcats (5-1)

Table with columns: Player Name, Position, PPG, RPG, APG. Includes Irv Thomas, Bob Lock, Rex Chapman, James Blackman, Ed Davender.

Louisville Cardinals (4-4)

Table with columns: Player Name, Position, PPG, RPG, APG. Includes Mark McSwain, Herbert Good, Pervia Ellison, Craig Haxley, Tony Kastro.

THE WILDCATS:

Kentucky has raced out to a surprising 3-1 record this season, despite playing an injury-depleted team with as few as seven scholarship players available for practice.

CAT SCANS:

Rob Lock's 19-point, 11-rebound performance against Iona Friday night was by far the best of the junior center's UC career.

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WILDCAT BASKETBALL NOTES

GAME 71 Kentucky vs. Louisville

DATE: Saturday, December 27, 1986

SITE: Freedom Hall - Louisville, Ky. - capacity: 19,000

TIPOFF: 4:05 p.m. EST

ON THE AIR: UC RADIO NETWORK (Covad, Ledford and Ralph Hucker) - 90+ stations throughout Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio, West Virginia, Tennessee and Arkansas.

THE COACHES: EDIE SUTTON is now in his second season at Kentucky after completing the most successful first-year in NCAA history.

THE SERIES: Kentucky leads the series between the two schools, 125-5. Since the series resumed in 1983 after a 20-year gap, the Wildcats hold a 3-2 edge in the rivalry.

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Cats' Pause Publisher



'Cats vs. Cards More Than Just A Game

It's Kentucky versus Louisville.

Which means there will be more talk off the court than on the court.

For years, all the talk was about the non-series and how the issues should be settled on the court. Yet, three games into the four-year set and the fourth just around the corner, talk of the future monopolizes the sports pages.

It would be nice if the game could be played first, then the future cussed and discussed after the game.

But that won't happen in Kentucky, so we might as well throw in our two cents worth.

There are several interesting topics for discussion this week, and in one way or another they touch either the University of Kentucky, or the University of Louisville or one of the two communities in which the two schools are located.

They are:

* The Game.

* The future of The Game.

* A *Louisville Courier-Journal* poll on several UK-UL issues in that newspaper this past Sunday.

* Billy Reed leaving No. 1 for No. 2.

* John McGill Jr. is not gone.

First things first, though.

Changes in the sporting world have been numerous in recent weeks, but we at *TCP* think we have landed the biggest catch of all with Kentucky's best-known sports columnist, Earl Cox.

Cox announced last week he will join our weekly state-wide radio call-in show as a regular co-host.

Without question, Cox is *THE* authority on sports around the Commonwealth of Kentucky. No one knows more Kentucky sports figures, has a better knowledge of the games and more contacts than the man who has been the top fixture at the *Louisville Courier-Journal* for the past three decades.

Earl Cox took over as sports editor at the Louisville newspaper when Earl Ruby retired in January of 1969. It was during the days of Ruby and Cox that the newspaper earned its reputation as the nation's top newspaper in sports. And in those days, the C-J was required reading for every sports fan in Kentucky.

Cox, who will be retiring from the Louisville newspaper next month, is also doing television commentary at WHAS-TV in Louisville and plans are to expand his broadcasting package around the state within the next few weeks.

Our *Cats' Pause Sports Hotline* has been an enormous success around the state as we continually add stations each month. This one-hour each Monday evening from 7 p.m. til 8 p.m. EST apparently is what radio listeners have been itching for, a chance to hear the latest on Kentucky sports and then participate in a lively discussion.

For all our radio listeners around the state, there will be no show on Monday, Dec. 29 because of the Christmas holidays, but our show will return on Monday, Jan. 5 and continue each Monday evening through the NCAA Final Four in April.

Tune us in and Earl and I promise not to tune you out.

The Game.

The four-game series between Kentucky and Louisville will stage its last contest this Saturday at Freedom Hall and while it should be a competitive one, look for the Cardinals to hold off the gamely but outmanned Wildcats.

At first glance, one might be tempted to favor the Wildcats in this one because of Louisville's slow start and the fact that UK has to prepare for both Indiana and UK in the same week.

That could have a draining effect on UL, but the Cardinal squad is extremely deep and the two games will certainly eliminate any possibilities of the Cardinals getting fat on Christmas feasts or the like.

Kentucky, meanwhile, has a week off after winning its own invitational tournament. UK's biggest headache will be keeping the 'Cats from eating themselves fat during the holidays.

UK coach Eddie Sutton gave the 'Cats a two-day leave for the holidays, but they were scheduled to return to the Lexington campus on Tuesday. Sutton should have control of the players' diet, even on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Other than those outside factors, it should be a heckuva game.

Louisville's outside game versus Kentucky's inside game.

No, you're not reading an error.

Sure, the experts are calling it the other way around, Louisville's inside game versus Kentucky's outside game. But folks, we already know about the Cards' great inside work and the 'Cats' fine guard play. What we don't know is whether UK's inside people will play better than UL's guards. That's what will decide this game.

For Kentucky, big Rob Lock has to stay out of foul trouble and the 'Cats will have to get a superb performance from both Richard Madison and Irv Thomas. If those three don't perform, get the kitty wagon ready because there will be a lot of blue blood splashed on the Freedom Hall floor.

And Louisville? Well, the Cards certainly cannot afford 20 or more turnovers and still expect to maul the 'Cats. Keith Williams had all the credentials coming out of high school, not to mention the All-American status of Kevin Walls. Mike Abrams has talent and Craig Hawley is one of the most underrated players in the country. They're going to explode against someone. Will it be Saturday?

What most fans have not realized is that UK's only chance of an upset rests in Kentucky's ability to create turnovers against the Louisville guards?

Right?

Fine. But to create turnovers you have to play hard and aggressive. That's the negative side for Kentucky. To play hard and aggressive you have to number one, have depth to spell starters, and number two, stay out of foul trouble if you don't have depth.

And Kentucky certainly doesn't have depth when you have Winston Bennett, Cedric Jenkins and Paul Andrews all on the sidelines

with injuries.

Only seven scholarship players will be ready to give maximum performance for Eddie Sutton. An eighth, Jenkins, will be in uniform and likely will see some action, but it will be shocking if he goes more than two or three minutes. His two brief 30-second appearances last weekend was more to fire up the home crowd than anything else.

There certainly won't be a Kentucky crowd in Freedom Hall to fire up this Saturday.

Another reason why Kentucky won't be able to attack the Louisville guards as much as Sutton would like to is because Sutton cannot afford to run its offense without either Ed Davender and Rex Chapman. If those two get in foul trouble, the game could turn into Custer's last stand, or worse yet, no stand at all.

If Louisville is able to get the ball down low, look for Crum to take the ball inside to his "monsters of the midway"—Pervis Ellison and Felton Spencer.

Isn't it strange. Here we have Denny Crum taking on the look of a Joe B. Hall inside power game and Kentucky going with speed and quickness.

My, how times have changed.

It wouldn't be the biggest shock of the year if the 'Cats pulled an upset, but Kentucky has no business being on the same floor with this collection of Louisville talent.

Louisville by seven.

The Future?

Already, the action is hot and heavy. Charges and counter-charges are flying about the problems of renewing the contract.

Sutton says he wants to continue the series if a situation can be worked out where UK doesn't have to play at both Louisville and Indiana in the same season. At the same time, he refuses to play UL at Freedom Hall two years in a row before the home crowd.

I've got a great solution for that and I'll mention it later.

On the other hand, Crum has expressed dissatisfaction with the current contract. He doesn't want to play two years in a row at Rupp Arena and he doesn't want to play early, as in December. Crum prefers, like his boss Bill Olson, a circus-like atmosphere complete with special ticket pricing and doing away with the season ticket holders.

It sorta sounds to me like neither coach wants this game very much. In fact, both were quoted in newspaper stories recently as saying the death of the series wouldn't be the end of the world.

When all is said and done the game likely will be renewed because the media will demand such.

Perhaps the best way to settle the problem would be to sign a new two-year or four-year series with the first game being played in Louisville next season and then rotating year about.

Like that Denny?

Figure you would, but there's a catch.

Let's really spice this thing up. When the game is played in Louisville, all the tickets go to the University of Kentucky and when the game is played in Lexington, all the tickets go to the University of Louisville.

Such an arrangement would give UL fans an opportunity to feel the atmosphere of Rupp Arena and vice-versa for the Wildcat fans. It would add to the economy of both communities since each town would be full of visitors.

Each school would be able to re-distribute its tickets (like Denny and Bill want to) and each school could put their fans right down on the front rows.

The switch would also reduce the homecourt advantage and give us a more competitive game.

But there's always a hitch in every good suggestion.

The Wildcats would be trading 23,000 Rupp Arena seats for 19,000 Freedom Hall seats, a difference of 4,000 fans. Of course UL could give Cliff Hagan 2,000 of the Rupp seats but the Cardinals would then want 2,000 of its Freedom Hall seats.

Then, the domino effect would take over and we'd be back to playing UK home games in Rupp and UL home contests in Louisville. Pretty soon we're back spitting at each other and before you know it the *Dream Game* once again literally earns its name.

A poll which was published in the *Louisville Courier-Journal & Times* Sunday, indicated there is massive public support for the game. But I think the numbers would be less if one considers only basketball fans in the state. The same poll indicated that all but eight percent of the people polled would like to see a Kentucky-Louisville football game. Basketball rivalry, perhaps, but football? I gotta question that one.

Secondly, it would have been interesting if the poll had included a couple more questions such as should Eastern Kentucky and Louisville play each other in basketball and should Kentucky play Western Kentucky in basketball. If all but eight percent want UK to play UL in football, I gotta believe the numbers would be just as large for an Eastern-UL football clash and a UK-WKU battle.

The poll said 61 percent of the people contacted outside of Jefferson County are fans of the University of Kentucky while only 4 percent said the University of Louisville is their favorite school. In Jefferson County, 54 percent said Louisville and 18 percent contacted said UK according to the poll.

The poll also indicated Louisville is the favorite in this week's game by almost a 2-1 margin.

Almost 8,000 prep high school fans got their money's worth in the **Coca-Cola Thoroughbred Classic** last Saturday when three of the four Lexington schools sent their opposition home with defeats.

The biggest upset of the day came when **Donnie Harville's** Lafayette Generals stunned Marion, Ind.—the nation's No. 1 ranked high school, 78-74.

Followers of Marion, which many experts felt could be the best all-time team in the

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Coca-Cola Thoroughbred Classic Results

Tates Creek Handles Chattanooga Baylor

Lexington Bates Creek jumped out to a 16-8 first quarter lead and held on to defeat the Baylor School of Chattanooga, Tenn., 52-48 during the first contest last Saturday. All four ballgames were played at Rupp Arena. Bates Creek, 4-4, was led by Jerome Coles' 16 points. The Creekers also got outstanding performances from Damian Clayborne (12 points) and John Bates (10). Baylor, 7-2, was paced by Eric Smith who poured in a game-high 17 points.

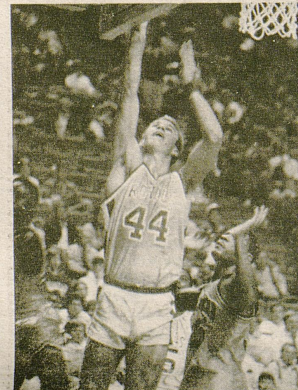
CHATTANOOGA BAYLOR (48)					
Name	fg	ft	rb	a	pf
John Reid	4-13	2-4	8	3	10
Evans Dunn	4-5	1-2	0	4	9
Mike McCamish	1-2	0-0	2	1	2
Brian Parridge	4-9	0-0	4	2	1
Eric Smith	7-13	3-4	3	5	17
Matt Brown	0-3	0-0	1	0	0
Doug Trivers	0-2	2-2	4	0	4
Team	20-47				
Totals	8-12 24 12 17 48				

TATES CREEK (52)					
Name	fg	ft	rb	a	pf
Adrian Stevens	3-5	3-3	6	1	9
Damian Clayborne	6-11	0-1	8	1	12
Jerome Coles	5-12	6-8	8	1	2
John Bates	4-5	2-4	4	2	3
Kevin Jarvis	1-6	3-4	1	5	4
Bruce Harris	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Bobby Smith	0-0	0-2	1	3	1
Team	19-39				
Totals	14-22 29 13 11 52				
Baylor	8 11 12 17-48				
Tates Creek	16 10 9 17-52				

Field-goal shooting: Baylor, 42.6; Tates Creek, 48.7. Free-throw shooting: Baylor, 66.7; Tates Creek, 63.6. Technicals: none. Turnovers: Baylor, 12; Tates Creek, 11. Officials: Mike Bus, Tommy Hall.

Mason County Tops Bryan Station, 50-49

Deron Feldhaus pumped in a game-high 17 points as the Royals went on to upend Lexington Bryan Station, 50-49. Feldhaus, who will be attending the University of Kentucky next season, hit on six-of-15 shots from the field, while pouring in five-of-nine free throws. He also grabbed 18 rebounds. Once tied at 37-all, the visitors reeled off 10 unanswered points in the fourth quarter to take a commanding lead. Bryan Station, 3-4, was led by Michael Allen with 14 points. The eighth-ranked Royals improved their record to 6-1.

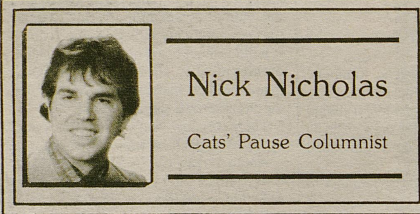


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UK's Shootist Is Gunning Down Foes

Miller Learning About All Phases Of Game

They ought to call him the *Shootist*. Through Eddie Sutton's law this Wildcat is licensed to gun down opponents without hesitation. Who is this sharpshooter? Derrick Miller, that's who. The same player whose 6-foot-6, 160-pound frame has been compared to Manute Bol, or such objects as a stringbean or toothpick is the same one who is a lethal weapon from 3-point range. Derrick Miller is the Kentucky Wildcats' *Shootist*. Prior to the UKIT, Miller, a freshman from Savannah, Ga., was hitting a team-leading 61.9 percent from the field. Included in his 13-of-21 trophy are six three-pointers which he bagged while tak-



Nick Nicholas
Cats' Pause Columnist

ing 11 shots on target. That's a mark of 54.5 percent from 19'9" range.

"Every since I was little that was one of my strongest points, shooting the basketball," said Miller, whom like teammate Rex Chapman plays the game as would a solid veteran performer. "I use to shoot a lot when I was little. I would spend a lot of time shooting.

"That hurt me a little bit. Right now I'm a good ball handler and I'm fast for my size, but if I had worked on my defense as much as I had on my shooting I'd be a good (overall) ball player."

A good shooter and modest, too. Everyone associated with basketball seems to believe the new three-point line has disarranged the college sport. Some say it's turning college hoops into pro ball, while others believe the bonus area should be pushed farther away from the cylinder.

Supporters of Kentucky these days are not complaining, however. In Miller, UK's designated three-point bombardier, the Wildcats are a sensational shooter.

I wonder what was going through his mind when he found out that a three-point shot would be added to the college game... and from 19'9" of all places?"

"The first thing that came to my mind was that it was going to give me the chance to play more than I thought I would play," Miller said. "I can shoot the three-point shot. That's my shot. I told myself I just had to prove it to Coach Sutton that I could shoot the three-point shot.

"That's where I shoot the majority of my shots." A lot of people now are starting to suggest that Miller might be one of the best pure shooters ever to play for the 'Cats. If he continues to improve year-in-and-year-out they may be right. And if the three-point goal remains a part of college basketball, then Miller might go down in hoop history as the Wildcats' three-point king. After this season the three-point shot could be a thing of the past. The future of the 19'9" line? It might be pushed back or it might be wiped out from college ball altogether.

Would Vote "Yes" For Three-pointer

If it's pushed back, "then that's fine with me," Miller said. "If they go International (20'5") it would be just as close to me. It's the same shot. If they go pro three-pointer (23'9") then I can still hit that shot. But it would limit the number of perimeter shots the perimeter players can shoot on our team because it's so far out. But I can still shoot that shot."

What if the decision was left entirely to him? What would Derrick Miller's choice be in regards to the fate of the 19'9" bonus shot (as if we didn't know)?

"If I had to vote... I would go International or leave it like it is now. I feel it puts a little fun in the game." To Miller, losing the three-point opportunity probably would be like losing a close friend.

There's more to Derrick Miller than just a nice jumper. Sure, he still has a lot to learn about the collegiate ranks. Admittedly, Miller knows he has to improve his defensive skills. This is not to classify him as a bad defensive player.

"He's learned his defense much quicker than we anticipated," noted Wildcat assistant Doug Barnes. "That's brought his whole level of play up to a level you can win with as a freshman. A lot of times freshmen will have one area of their game that's strong but their others will be so weak that it's hard to play'em.

"He's always been able to shoot the ball well. It's amazing to me that he can shoot the ball that well as a freshman. He's done

that ever since he's stepped on the court. What he has done is raise the other parts of his game, which enables us to play him. He's not only a plus with his shooting but he now doesn't hurt you with his defense."

Barnes stressed three areas of Miller's game which need to be improved:

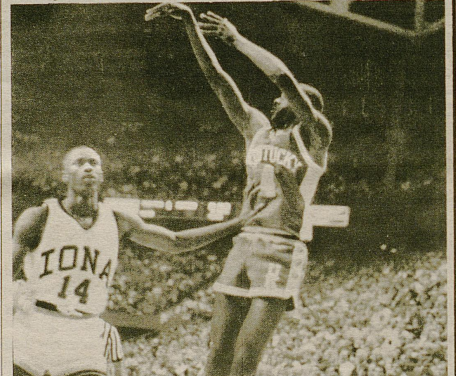
- 1) His ball handling technique, especially in pressure situations.
- 2) Hitting the defensive boards is an area in which he needs to advance. Basically, the important factor to upgrading his board play is blocking out his opponent.
- 3) And, learning to work for his shots without the basketball. Against Indiana, he watched one of the best players in the game at working for his shot without possession—Steve Alford.

"Those are the phases in which he is working on every day," Barnes noted. "The great thing about Derrick is that he has worked on all of these phases and he's gotten better.

"He's listening and he's gotten better at it. As long as he continues to do that then he'll someday be a great ballplayer."

Miller's contributions already have succeeded beyond the call of duty. Everyone expected great things from Chapman, UK's other college rookie on the squad. The book on Miller was he possessed an excellent outside touch and was a hard worker.

Now, Derrick Miller also is considered to be an improved defensive player and a decent passer to boot. While Kentucky was compiling a 3-1 mark, Miller was averaging 16.5 minutes per contest. During this period he was credited with five steals.



Three-point Bombardier Derrick Miller

All signs indicate Miller's defensive cycle is beginning to take shape.

"The best thing I can do now is listen to Coach Sutton," said Miller. "I feel I'm playing pretty good defensively. I have mental breakdowns sometimes in the game. But Coach Sutton is a defensive wizard, I'll just listen to him."

Miller also needs a few hot tips to some local spots where ex-Wildcat Melvin Turpin once dined at. Once he puts on some added beef and muscle, he could be an effective penetrator against SEC competition.

Has Reason To Smile

Nobody, meanwhile, can shoot the roundball like this kid. And this kid isn't acting like a kid, either.

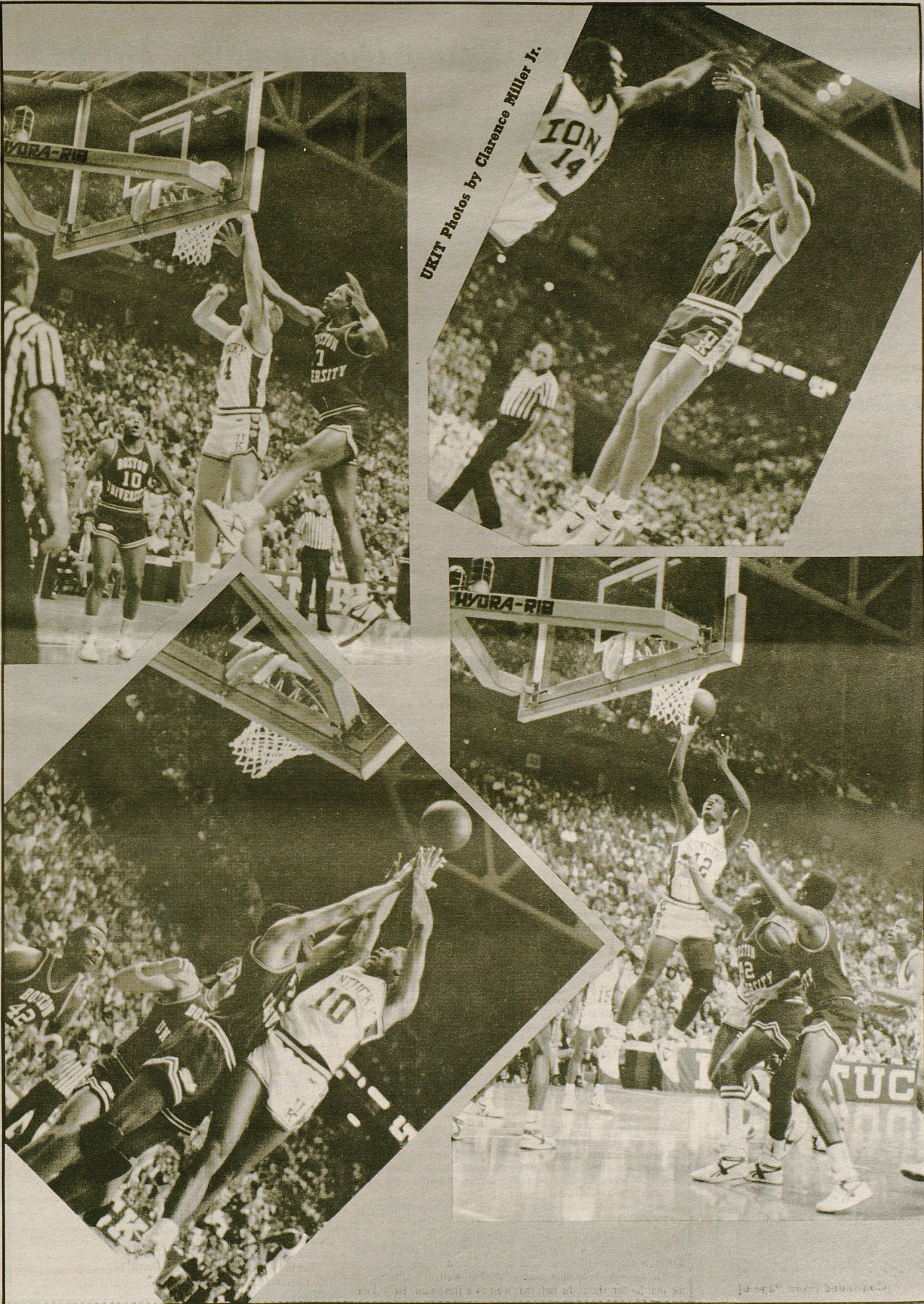
At Indiana's Assembly Hall with less than a minute remaining and UK trailing 67-64, a play was set to get Miller a three-point attempt. Chapman, though, was called for traveling and Indiana eventually prevailed, 71-66.

Different from most freshmen, Miller is a cool as well as an easy-going person. He scored 10 points against the Hoosiers while cashing in two three-pointers. Always smiling, he helps keep college basketball fun. With his downtown jumpers from three-pointville Kentucky has added an important ingredient to its lineup. Overall, Miller is a person who keeps things in perspective.

"Against Austin Peay I had a bad game," Miller said, in reference to UK's opener when he was held scoreless. "I said I can't get down on myself; I have to have fun when I go in. If I do have a bad game then I can't put my head down. Instead, I have to have a smile on my face."

And if the three-point shot stays in college basketball, at least until 1990, Derrick Miller should be smiling for the rest of his college career.

"Let me say this," said Barnes pausing for a moment. "if I was able to shoot the basketball like him, I would smile a lot, too."



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MASON COUNTY (50)						
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Rheuben Bluford	0-0	0-0	3	0	1	0
Deron Feldhaus	6-15	5-9	18	1	3	17
Robert Lofton	2-7	0-3	6	1	0	4
Chad Fletcher	6-10	3-4	2	1	1	15
Jerry Butler	2-8	6-10	1	9	4	10
Scott Morgan	2-3	0-0	2	2	1	4
Rodney Jackson	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Brian Simpson	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Team			1			
Totals	18-43	14-26	33	14	11	50

BRYAN STATION (49)						
Name	fg-a	ft-a	rb	a	pf	tp
Mark Stroupps	0-1	0-0	1	0	4	0
Craig Brooks	3-7	2-2	8	0	2	8
Robert Higgins	2-7	2-2	14	1	1	6
Cliff Davis	5-11	0-0	4	1	5	10
Michael Allen	6-19	2-4	3	1	5	14
Larry Brown	2-2	0-0	0	0	0	4
John Harris	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Dornie Thurman	3-6	1-1	3	0	3	7
Team			2			
Totals	21-53	7-9	35	3	20	49

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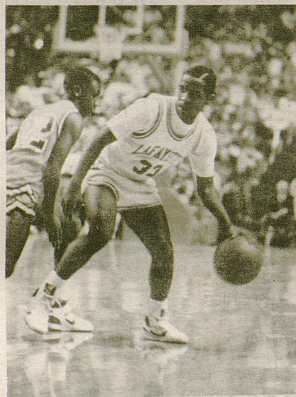
No. 1 Marion Upset By Lafayette, 78-74

Lexington Lafayette upset the nation's No. 1 prep team (as rated by *USA Today*), Marion, Ind., 78-74 before 8,127 fans at Rupp Arena. Prince Stewart was one of five Generals listed in double figures. He scored 18 points, while dishing out five assists.

Future Indiana Hoosiers Jay Edwards and Lyndon Jones scored 21 and 19 points respectively. Holding an eight-point lead at intermission (43-35) the Lexington team found itself leading by only two after three periods.

However, the underdog Generals held on for the victory as they outscored their counterparts 21-19 in the final eight minutes.

Other double digit producers for the Generals were: Mike Gay (16), Darrell Hill (14), Morgan Burdette (14), and Marcus Hill (11).



MARION (74)						
Name	fg-a	ft-a	rb	a	pf	tp
Kyle Persinger	6-11	2-3	12	5	4	12
Danic Keys	6-10	1-3	8	0	1	13
Eric Ever	1-1	1-4	0	0	2	3
Jay Edwards	10-21	1-3	7	1	4	21
Lyndon Jones	9-17	1-3	3	6	4	19
Sleva Walker	0-3	0-0	1	3	2	0
Eric Persinger	1-2	4-4	6	0	1	6
Team			5			
Totals	32-65	10-20	46	15	18	74

LAFAYETTE (78)						
Name	fg-a	ft-a	rb	a	pf	tp
Mike Gay	8-17	0-0	10	0	4	16
Morgan Burdette	7-10	0-3	6	2	3	14
Wile Earnes	0-1	1-2	1	0	0	1
Prince Stewart	7-12	4-10	9	5	1	18
Tim Newsome	0-0	0-0	0	0	3	0
Keith Denton	2-6	0-0	0	0	4	4
Marcus Hill	4-8	3-4	5	1	2	11
Darrell Hill	6-14	2-5	4	2	2	14
Team			3			
Totals	34-68	10-24	38	10	19	78

Marion 18 19 20 19-74
 Lafayette 21 22 14 21-78
 Free-throw shooting: Marion, 50.0; Lafayette, 41.7. Technicals: Marion bench 2. Turnovers: Marion, 18; Lafayette, 9. Officials: Burney Jenkins, Von Allen.

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Howser Walking Dogs Today. . . Maybe

More On Bennett And Valentine

Sobering thoughts of the season and things. The holiday season makes some of us sentimental and "home for the holidays" television commercials get me right here. How about you?

It is a time of year when I am reminded of a few special people. Folks who make me humble, remind me, and some of you, of what's really important. Dick Howser is one of those special people.

The Kansas City manager's struggle with brain cancer the past six months has been of particular interest and Howser's courage aside, it is the man's perspective on life that comes to



Bob Watkins

Cats' Pause Columnist

mind this holiday season because so many of us get caught up in distortions of what is really important. There are tangles here — petty things (*my team, your team*), jealousies, hard feelings. But let's face it, anything this side of what Dick Howser is looking at this Christmas season is not all that important.

"My health is right here," Howser told reporters last week, holding his hand high over his head. Lowering his hand to his waist, he added, "The rest of me is right here. You know what I've been through. If my health falters a bit, you're going to see me back off a little."

But here comes the bottom line. Dick Howser was asked about his future plans. He looked at his watch.

"What's next for me? This afternoon," he said. "I'm serious. It's 1:30 now. What's next for me is going home, taking the dogs out for a walk, feeding them. People talk about three months from now, or six months from now. But who knows? We don't know about next Wednesday. Nobody does."

But the object lesson Dick Howser would have of us each of us take to heart, I believe, is simply this: Life is too short, too uncertain to waste even a precious moment.

So, with the holiday season in mind, go home and hug your kids, tell your spouse you love her or him. Telephone somebody you've had hard feelings toward lately and say "Merry Christmas, I'm thinking about you."

Think about Dick Howser out there walking his dogs ... maybe.

Winston Bennett

The 6-7 team captain who will sit out the season is off his crutches now and says he's feeling fine. Interesting thing about Bennett, even in street clothes, just his presence on the Kentucky bench helps this team, gives it a kind of emotional stability.

Bennett/Valentine

During Van Vance's sports call-in program on WHAS-Radio, a caller raised a question about an item that was reported in this space two months ago.

The incident involved former University of Louisville basketball player Robbie Valentine who told this reporter during a conversation Oct. 14 that he had chanced to meet Bennett in Louisville last summer and "I showed him my (NCAA championship) ring. And I told him 'Hey man, look at this. You're never going to have one of these. Never.' I enjoyed that."

I asked Bennett about the Valentine incident last week. "It was a total fabrication. In fact, it kind of hurt me when I read it because Valentine and I never had a conversation like that. It didn't happen. I don't know why he would say something like that."

Valentine's remarks of Oct. 14 were recorded by another reporter, Mark Mathis, sports editor of the Daily News in Bowling Green.

Points, more points

Points: Todd May, Kentucky Mr. Basketball in 1982, and UK signee who transferred to Wake Forest and then Pikeville College, continues to distinguish himself in the Kentucky Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. This season the Pikeville College star leads the KIAC in scoring with a 42.9-points-per-game average.

More points. Remember Harvey Grant? The junior-college standout in Kansas last season was apparently headed for Kentucky until he pleaded no contest to a shoplifting charge last spring. UK withdrew its scholarship offer and Grant signed with Oklahoma where, as of Dec. 15, he was averaging 15.2 points and a team-high 9.3 rebounds per game for the Sooners. Comment: Counting freshman Derrick Miller, UK has three

forwards on its roster this season; Irv Thomas and Richard Madison are the other two. Meanwhile, forwards May and Grant are averaging 58.1 points per game.

UK signee update

What about this year's crop of Kentucky signees? John Pittman. As of last week the 7-1, 250-pounder from Rosenberg, Tex. was averaging 20.8 points and 15.7 rebounds for the Terry High Rangers (11-2). However, Pittman's ability to qualify under Prop 48 remains in doubt.

Jonathan Davis. The 6-8er from Pensacola, Fla. was being described last week as being one of the most competitive seniors in the country. "Davis isn't cocky, but he certainly plays with a lot of self confidence. He's a team guy all the way and at times he can be one heckuva good player..." a source close to the Pensacola hoop scene said last week.

Eric Manuel, Deron Feldhaus and Sean Sutton. More on them next week.

Mike Scott

Since Abatemarco was an assistant at North Carolina State until this season, he had a chance to see Mike Scott compete in the ACC, at Wake Forest.

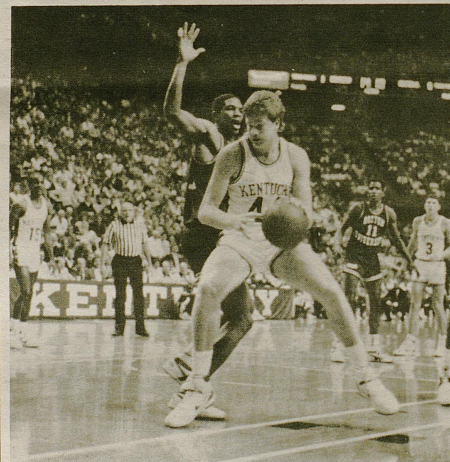
"Scott's a big, tough, mobile kid. a role player. He's a good passer. He's not a franchise, not a Dave Cowens or anything. But he's better than Lock. He will help Kentucky."

Scott is expected to begin working out with Kentucky after Christmas and will be eligible to play Jan. 17, one day before Kentucky's national television game against LSU at Rupp Arena.

Footnote LSU will have a "Christmas present" for the Tigers visit to Rupp Arena, 6-8 Nikita Wilson, back from academic suspension.

Robert Lock

After a 12-points (six of seven from the field), two rebounds and two assists performance in a starting assignment against



Rob Lock

Lamar, UK's 6-10 center said being booed in his previous appearance at Rupp Arena (Texas Tech) was not the reason for his good game last Saturday. But...

"Against Texas Tech I probably got what I deserved," Lock said. "I felt apprehensive about starting because I got booed, but it's a real good feeling, knowing coach Sutton had confidence to start me."

"I knew I could play better than I have been and I proved it." Ed Davender: "The big fellow came through for us. The boos? He talked about it alot. We kidded him about it and I think he got tired of it. Rob worked hard all week in practice. He went out and showed what he could do."

'Mr. Football'

Frank Jacobs, a blue chip linebacker/tight end from Newport Central Catholic looks to have emerged as the top candidate to win Kentucky's inaugural *Mr. Football* award. "He'd be my top choice," said veteran coach Larry 'Cotton' Adams of Corbin. "I've never seen a high school player with as much intensity. And he goes both ways too."

People...

✓ Kentucky connections. When Vanderbilt guard Barry Gohsen swished a game winning shot against Penn last week it

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Cats' Pause Board Of Experts

(And Armchair Quarterbacks)



Readers Choice



Oscar Combs



Nick Nicholas



Mike Estep



Todd Hallum



Gary Cromwell



Hoop Demon

Last Week		19-6	17-8	20-5	20-5	19-6	19-6
Total		60-15	58-17	64-11	59-16	60-15	58-17
KENTUCKY AT LOUISVILLE		LOUISVILLE 7	LOUISVILLE 3	LOUISVILLE 5	KENTUCKY 4	KENTUCKY 1	LOUISVILLE 3
USC AT TENNESSEE		TENNESSEE 6	TENNESSEE 12	TENNESSEE 2	TENNESSEE 5	TENNESSEE 6	TENNESSEE 4
NORTH CAROLINA AT KANSAS STATE		CAROLINA 7	CAROLINA 4	CAROLINA 12	CAROLINA 4	CAROLINA 6	CAROLINA 3
ILLINOIS AT LOYOLA (CHI.)		ILLINOIS 10	ILLINOIS 7	ILLINOIS 5	ILLINOIS 11	ILLINOIS 5	ILLINOIS 4
AUBURN vs. IOWA STATE (Sun Bowl Tour.)		AUBURN 3	AUBURN 1	AUBURN 7	AUBURN 8	AUBURN 8	AUBURN 6
TEXAS AT UTEP (Sun Bowl Tournament)		UTEP 4	UTEP 3	TEXAS 3	UTEP 3	UTEP 5	UTEP 1
OLD DOMINION AT UNLV		UNLV 8	UNLV 15	UNLV 25	UNLV 12	UNLV 10	UNLV 10
IDAHO STATE vs. NAVY (UNLV Tourney)		NAVY 12	NAVY 20	NAVY 4	NAVY 16	NAVY 12	NAVY 6
GA. TECH vs. RUTGERS (ECAC Holiday)		GA. TECH 6	GA. TECH 6	GA. TECH 12	GA. TECH 6	GA. TECH 8	GA. TECH 6
ST. JOHN'S vs. VIRGINIA (ECAC Holiday)		ST. JOHN'S 10	ST. JOHN'S 9	VIRGINIA 2	VIRGINIA 9	ST. JOHN'S 6	ST. JOHN'S 4
TCU vs. OKLA. ST. (All-College Classic)		OKLA. ST. 1	TCU 3	TCU 4	TCU 2	TCU 6	TCU 6
CAL vs. FLORIDA (Rainbow Classic)		FLORIDA 6	FLORIDA 11	FLORIDA 10	FLORIDA 3	FLORIDA 5	FLORIDA 8
PITTSBURGH vs. KANSAS (Rainbow Cl.)		KANSAS 8	PITT 1	KANSAS 1	PITT 7	KANSAS 6	KANSAS 1
ARKANSAS vs. OHIO ST. (Rainbow Classic)		ARKANSAS 7	OHIO ST. 3	ARKANSAS 3	OHIO ST. 1	OHIO ST. 4	OHIO ST. 3
SO. CAROLINA vs. VANDY (Sugar Bowl)		VANDY 3	VANDY 2	VANDY 1	VANDY 6	VANDY 2	VANDY 1
HOUSTON vs. VILLANOVA (Sugar Bowl)		VILLANOVA 3	VILLANOVA 4	HOUSTON 1	VILLANOVA 7	VILLANOVA 5	VILLANOVA 1
SMU vs. TOWNSEND ST. (Dallas News)		SMU 6	SMU 13	SMU 14	SMU 20	SMU 8	SMU 5
NO. CAROLINA vs. PURDUE (Cotton Bowl)		CAROLINA 6	CAROLINA 2	PURDUE 2	PURDUE 5	PURDUE 1	CAROLINA 5
ST. JOSEPH'S vs. LA SALLE (Josten's Cl.)		LA SALLE 6	LA SALLE 7	LA SALLE 5	LA SALLE 2	LA SALLE 1	ST. JOE'S 1
N'EASTERN vs. BRADLEY (Josten's Classic)		N'EASTERN 4	BRADLEY 6	N'EASTERN 3	N'EASTERN 4	N'EASTERN 1	N'EASTERN 3
ALABAMA vs. PENN (BMA Classic)		ALABAMA 8	ALABAMA 11	ALABAMA 13	ALABAMA 12	ALABAMA 4	ALABAMA 2
MISSOURI vs. ORAL ROBERTS (BMA Cl.)		MISSOURI 6	MISSOURI 6	MISSOURI 5	MISSOURI 1	MISSOURI 8	MISSOURI 3
ARIZ. ST. vs. OLE MISS (Holiday Bowl)		ARIZ. ST. 4	ARIZ. ST. 5	ARIZ. ST. 10	ARIZ. ST. 14	ARIZ. ST. 5	OLE MISS 3
GEORGIA AT KENTUCKY (In Louisville)		KENTUCKY 1	KENTUCKY 11	KENTUCKY 7	KENTUCKY 3	KENTUCKY 6	KENTUCKY 4
MURRAY AT MINNESOTA		MINNESOTA 1	MINNESOTA 15	MINNESOTA 14	MINNESOTA 8	MINNESOTA 8	MINNESOTA 6

Independents Have Trouble Taking Plunge

WKU Administration Got What It Deserved

Conversation about a new conference involving major midwest independents **Marquette, Dayton and DePaul** heated up again recently. Supposedly, **Billy Parker**, representing Jefferson Pilot Teleproductions, a Charlotte-based syndicator in both college football and basketball, was trying to put together those three schools along with **Louisville, Notre Dame** and either **Detroit or Cleveland State** in a made-for-television league like the Big East. Put that group together, see, and you are talking about nearly 20 percent of the nation's television sets. But many obstacles remain.



Larry Donald
Cats' Pause Columnist

For Marquette, Dayton and DePaul, talk of conference affiliation is nothing new. These three have flirted with some existing conferences and talked about making one of their own for some time now. The results, obviously, haven't been impressive. Frankly, the three remind me of three little boys standing beside a swimming pool. They agree a swim would be desirable, but all are worried about the water being cold. So what happens is a chorus of, "I'll go, but you go first."

One thing the three agree upon is they'd all jump in if **Notre Dame** made a commitment. But that probably won't happen. The Irish can probably survive nicely as an independent, although there's been private conversation that lack of a conference affiliation has hurt recruiting even here. . . . As for the others mentioned, I can see

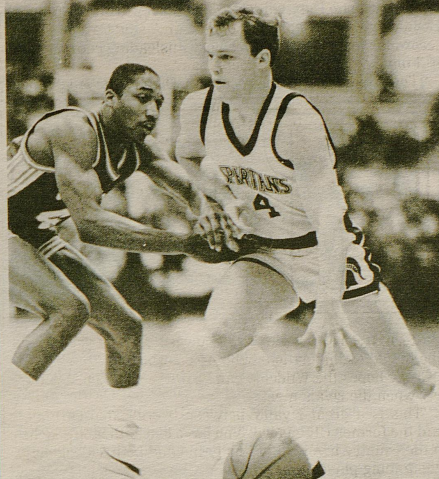


Jackson Quietly Becoming USA's Top PG

interest from Cleveland State, Detroit and maybe others like **St. Louis, Bradley or Creighton**. It is hard to imagine, though, why Louisville would be interested. The Cardinals have things pretty much their way in the Metro with the lone complaint being that the league's independent football powers, **Florida State, South Carolina and Southern Mississippi**, won't play home-and-home with them. But moving into a group with Marquette, DePaul, Dayton, etc., certainly isn't going to remedy the Cards' football situation. . . .

You may feel sorry for **Western Kentucky** which took television's money to play Louisville and then didn't, or couldn't reschedule the game against Central Michigan (which they lost) the following night. I think the Toppers got exactly what their administration deserved. . . . When **Jack Dolan**, president of McNeese State University, says he believes the vice president for academic affairs should make more than the basketball coach it tells me how out of touch he is with the realities of big-time athletics. In fact, sad to say, I've yet to hear any university president utter something really insightful about the world of college athletics. . . .

Remember how the **junior colleges** got all excited with the advent of **Proposition 48**, some predicting the best college basketball in America would be played in their ranks? Well, that doesn't seem to be the case. In fact, major college coaches are more than



Skiles Now Having Trouble ON The Court

willing to take a chance on a marginal athlete, perhaps even moreso than in days past. It will be most interesting to see if any of these non-predictors actually fails to make grades during their freshman year. The new system's being beaten. . . .

Well, we've come through December and I've yet to hear anyone unconditionally endorse the three-point shot. I think it has a place in the college game, but obviously the line's much too close. The suggestion by **Dr. Ed Steitz**, executive secretary of the NCAA Rules Committee, that the shot had been thoroughly researched rings a bit hollow doesn't it? . . .

A quietly emerging program is **Akron**. Coach **Bob Huggins** has the Zips playing well and that certainly won't hurt the school's efforts to join the Mid-American Conference. . . . Mentioning that league, I wonder how the brain trust at **Northern Illinois** feels these days now that the season is a few weeks old and their basketball team has nothing to play for, no conference title and no NCAA or NIT bid. . . . In 1986, there was no dumber move than that one. . . .

Chants of "**Dukiet, Dukiet**" were headed toward the rafters in Milwaukee Arena after **Marquette** won its fourth straight game by beating Tennessee. **Bob Dukiet**, late of St. Peter's, has the Warriors playing a tenacious defense and seems to have blown some fresh life into this program. But MU doesn't have enough horses this year and whether or not the program can shake hands with college basketball's giants as it did in the **Al McGuire** era will depend on Dukiet's recruiting skills. . . . My pal **Dick Vitale** makes a great case for underclassmen staying in school by pointing at last year's Big Five, **John Williams, Walter Berry, Chris Washburn** and **William Bedford** are finding the going tough in the NBA. . . .

Another recent college standout who has started slowly is **Scott Skiles** with the Milwaukee Bucks. *Basketball Times'* Player of the Year has been hampered by a nagging back injury which has kept him inactive for long stretches. "The most frustrating thing is that I've been missing my shots," he said. "My shot has always been there before regardless, but now my timing's way off." Well, at least he doesn't have to listen to the booing anymore. . . .

On the 25th anniversary of making a record 13 straight shots from the field while playing for the Syracuse Nats, **Larry Costello** watched his outmanned Utica College team get blown out by Boston College. The only consolation for Costy—not many gray hairs in those 25 years. . . .

St. John's **Mark Jackson** is moving up the charts among the nation's point guards and the recognition has come grudgingly. Some pro scouts think he might be at the head of the class before it's all finished. . . . **LSU** was stripped of two scholarships following a long NCAA probe and coach **Dale Brown** said he was relieved. "It felt like an anvil had been removed from my neck." Earlier, Brown hinted he might step out of coaching to work for one of the networks as a color analyst. Do you suppose anyone told Dale those three jobs are already taken?

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Washingtn	4	2	1	188	118	7 2 1 328 146
Arizona	4	2	0	166	103	7 2 0 264 137
Stanford	4	2	0	142	83	7 2 0 218 123
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California	1	7	0	99	258	1 9 0 128 314

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Davidson	0	6	0	57	304	0 9 0 109 406

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N Tex. St.	3	2	0	113	106	6 4 0 222 204
La. Tech.	3	2	0	107	96	5 4 1 183 209
Lamar	0	4	0	61	150	2 8 0 187 301
McNee St.	0	4	0	60	109	1 9 0 190 277

SOUTHWEST						
Texas A&M	5	1	0	189	104	7 2 0 270 174
Baylor	5	2	0	203	133	7 3 0 286 185
SMU	5	2	0	185	121	6 4 0 245 241
Arkansas	5	2	0	165	114	8 2 0 262 142
Texas	4	2	0	154	108	5 4 0 218 211
Texas Tech	4	3	0	154	166	6 4 0 220 241
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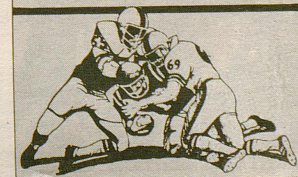
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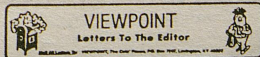
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Wyoming	4	3	0	198	153	6 5 0 280 237
Colo. St.	4	3	0	168	158	6 4 0 247 216
Hawaii	3	3	0	118	109	6 3 0 188 154
New Mex.	2	5	0	197	228	3 8 0 297 325
Utah	1	6	0	173	228	2 7 0 213 354
Tx-ElPaso	0	6	0	99	171	2 8 0 233 328

YANKEE						
Delaware	5	1	0	195	108	8 2 0 301 194
Mass.	5	1	0	163	148	8 2 0 234 238
Conn.	4	2	0	135	139	7 2 0 229 212
New Hamp.	4	3	0	180	163	7 3 0 290 212
Richmond	3	4	0	195	140	4 5 0 258 194
Maine	3	4	0	160	156	7 4 0 297 213
Boston U.	2	4	0	99	163	3 7 0 154 269
Rhode Islnd	0	7	0	93	203	1 9 0 148 283

MAJOR INDEPENDENTS						
	W	L	Pts	OP		
Miami Fla.	10	0	0	384	126	
Penn St.	10	0	0	292	109	
Vir. Tech.	8	2	1	261	194	
Boston Col.	7	3	0	255	183	
Florida St.	6	3	1	353	188	
Tulsa	7	4	0	293	186	
SW La.	5	4	0	231	161	
Pittsburgh	5	4	1	239	175	
Rutgers	5	4	1	199	160	
Temple	5	5	0	279	249	
Army	5	5	0	248	237	
S.Mass.	5	5	0	167	236	
Cincinnati	5	6	0	270	345	
Notre Dame	4	5	0	242	161	
Tulane	4	6	0	248	297	
Syracuse	4	6	0	207	243	
W Virginia	4	6	0	187	252	
S Carolina	3	6	1	292	265	
Navy	3	7	0	201	279	
Louisville	3	7	0	163	272	
Wichita St.	3	8	0	209	324	
E Carolina	2	8	0	177	331	
N Illinois	2	9	0	144	308	
Memph. St.	1	9	0	91	272	

INDEPENDENTS						
Tenn St.	9	0	0	231	84	
Ga Southn	8	2	0	388	264	
Wm&Mary	8	2	0	314	232	
Jms Madsn	5	5	0	292	171	
E.Wash.	5	5	0	287	276	
W Ky.	4	5	1	211	237	
Fla. A&M	4	6	0	180	242	
Northestrn	3	6	0	200	223	





All-Time Biggest Fan

Dear Sir:

I am 15 years old and I am the biggest Kentucky fan of all time. I haven't missed a game on television or on the radio in four and half years.

This is my second year of subscribing to *The Cats' Pause*, and I LOVE IT! You people do a great job.

This will be a tough year for UK because we'll bounce up and down all season but wait till next year, I think '87-88 will be our year with all the outstanding recruits plus:

Winston Bennett back, it'll be time for Kentucky to grab the title again.

I also think Eddie Sutton is the best coach in the world, forget "Crum." Eddie deserves a championship and he'll get one very soon.

This is what I think will be next year's starters:

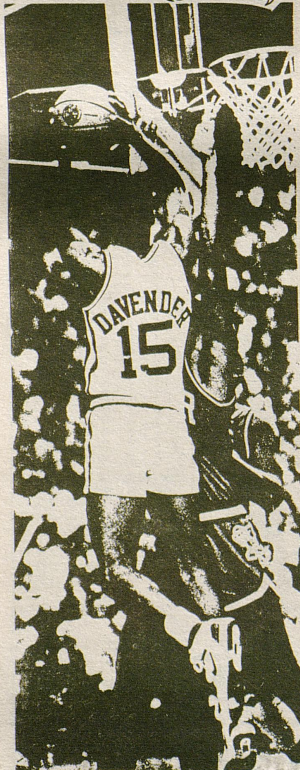
Guards—Ed Davender and Rex Chapman.
Center—LeRon Ellis or John Pittman (if he gets past Prop. 48) but don't forget Robert Lock.

Forwards—Winston Bennett and Mike Scott or Cedric Jenkins.

Keep up the good work.

Let's Go Cats!

Dwayne Gasaway
Louisville, Kentucky



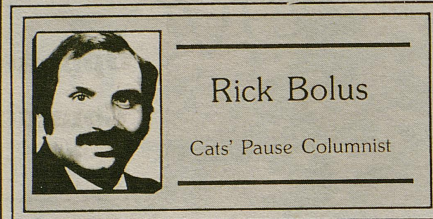
Kentucky's Top 20 Schoolboy Teams

On Paper, You Have To Go With Hoptown

Practically every poll taken before the season indicated that Hopkinsville was the clearest favorite to win the state tournament in March at Lexington's Rupp Arena. *The Cats' Pause*, the *Louisville Courier-Journal* and the *Lexington Herald-Leader* all had Hoptown picked as their number one team. Others who could give the Tigers all they want are Paintsville, Marshall County, North Hardin and Henry Clay.

Now let us look at the state's top 20 teams, and their chances of winning it all:

1. Hopkinsville: The Tigers of coach Darryl Hallmark were



Rick Bolus

Cats' Pause Columnist

dealt a setback in early December when All-American candidate LaMonte Ware underwent arthroscopic surgery on his knee. But the 6-2 senior is expected back by the first of the year. Look for 6-3 senior Michael Peachers and 6-2 senior Jeff Quarles to take up the slack until Ware returns. If the Tigers have a weakness, it is lack of size up front. But they have athletes with the speed, quickness and leaping ability to make up for that shortcoming.

2. Paintsville: Led by 6-7 senior All-American John Pelphrey, the Tigers of coach Bill Runyon will be looking for their third consecutive trip to the Sweet 16, only this time they intend to win it all. Pelphrey has a good supporting cast, with 6-2 senior Mike Minix, 6-3 senior Joey Couch and 6-2 junior sharpshooter Keith Adkins. Paintsville is playing a rugged December schedule in order to get them ready for the big show in March, and they've already won the Hillbrook tournament in Lexington. This just could be their year.

3. Marshall County: The Marshals of coach Alan Hatcher have two of the state's best players in 6-5 senior John Solomon and 6-2 senior Terry Birdsong, but they must beat a tough Paducah Tilghman team first in order to get to the Sweet 16. The big question is whether or not Solomon and Birdsong will get the help needed to win the region from their teammates.

4. North Hardin: Coach Ron Bevars' Trojans could just win it all if they can get out of the tough Fifth Region which includes Washington County and Bardstown. North Hardin features the state's best inside-outside combination in seniors Matt Eitutus (6-7) and Stanley Shelby (6-3). Look for 6-1 junior guard Patrick Thomas to give Eitutus and Shelby the help needed for a state title. My darkhorse candidate to win all of the marbles come March.

5. Henry Clay: The Blue Devils have a veteran coach in Al Prewitt, as well as three of the top players in the state—6-2 senior point guard Sean Sutton (headed to play for his father at UK), 6-4 senior Jerry Tevis (transfer from Bryan Station) and 6-2 senior Jeff Walker. A lot of folks are wondering if Tevis can make a difference after a year's layoff. Henry Clay finished second to Paintsville in the Hillbrook.

6. Louisville Seneca: There is no question that coach Glenn Collie has the best talent in the state, but can he mold them into a disciplined unit that is needed to win is the big question mark here. The Redskins are paced by 6-4 junior All-American Junior Graves, but he'll get plenty of support from 6-5 senior Johnny Peyton, 6-4 senior John Eubanks, 6-8 senior Steve Spurlock and 6-0 junior Brian Coffey.

7. Paducah Tilghman: The Tornados of coach Benny Miller won the First Region a year ago and they'll win it again this season if they can beat Marshall County. Tilghman has one of the state's top point guards in 5-9 senior Donald Tivis, and he'll receive support from 6-4 junior Joseph Phill and 6-2 senior Bobby Gross (who inked with Arkansas State back in November). Lack of a dominant inside game will probably keep them from winning it all.

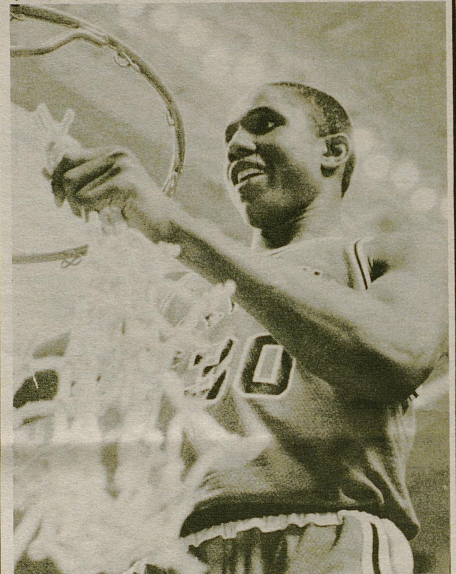
8. Louisville Southern: With practically everyone back from last year's squad, coach Steve Kinney's Trojans are the favorites to come out of the always-tough Sixth Region. Southern has plenty of firepower in seniors William Farley (6-6), 6-2 guard Kevin Sullivan and 6-6 insider Thomas White. PRP is the only obstacle standing between Southern and Rupp Arena, but will they be able to handle the anti-Louisville crowd for the Sweet 16?

9. Mason County: Led by 6-7 senior All-American Deron

Feldhaus, who is bound for Kentucky, the Royals of coach Allen Feldhaus could be a sleeper come March. Look for 5-9 senior sparkplug Jerry Butler to provide the outside game to keep foes from sagging in on Feldhaus, but will Butler and Feldhaus get a little help from their teammates?

10. Bardstown: The Tigers of coach Tim McDougle are a year away from winning it all as their top three players are still underclassmen. Leading the way are 6-3 junior James Brewer, 6-4 sophomore sensation Sammie Liberatore and 6-5 junior forward Doug Johnson. 1987-88 will be their year.

11. Monticello: Coach Wade Upchurch's Trojans have two quality performers in 6-5 senior Gary Campbell and 5-10 sharp-



Can Ware Offset Hoptown's Lack Of Size?

shooter Shane Blevins, but will the rest of their teammates be able to take up the slack?

12. Wolfe County: These hardnosed Wolves of coach Robert Creech play their hearts out on both ends of the floor and they have a superb guard in 6-1 senior Steve Johnson. But lack of size will keep them from winning it all.

13. Hazard: Coach Roy McKamey has the best backcourt pair in the state in seniors Terry North (6-1) and Willie Combs (6-0), but lack of a suitable frontline will keep the Bulldogs from duplicating the year they had last year.

14. Louisville Pleasure Ridge Park: The Panthers of coach Dale Mabrey might repeat as regional champions if 6-3 senior All-American Desmond Porter (a Cleveland State signee) can get a little help from his friends.

15. Washington County: Coach Whitey Simpson has a blue-chipper in 6-4 senior Kevin Ellery and a solid point guard in Glen Statesman (6-3 senior), but the other three positions are suspect.

16. Oldham County: Coach Bob Hoggard's team might repeat as regional champs if 6-4 senior David Hicks can get the help from 6-8 junior John Hartlage and 6-4 senior Tim Griffin.

17. Owensboro: In a down year for the Third Region, the Red Devils of coach Randy Embry figure to repeat again as regional champs thanks to their cast of players that includes All-State candidate David Hogg, a 6-4 senior.

18. Lafayette: Don Harville's Generals have a super senior in 5-11 mini-mite Prince Stewart, but he'll need to get a lot of help from the rest of his supporting cast in order to be a serious factor in March.

19. Madisonville: Coach Don Parson has a good one in 5-9 sophomore phenom Travis Ford, but they will need a lot of points and rebounds from a suspect frontcourt.

20. Paris: In his first year at Paris, coach Bob Eades is blessed with good talent in seniors Charles Redwine (6-6) and Clyde Marks (6-3), but the key will be the backcourt for the Greyhounds.

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The Bottom Line On UK Basketball

Madison Proves Something To BU Coach Mike Jarvis

Boston University coach Mike Jarvis thought that Richard Madison was the man to foul in the final moments last Saturday night. But his decision kinda blew up in his face. The way things had been going for UK at the foul line, however, he probably felt UK would have trouble with at the line no matter who was shooting.

Madison came through in the clutch, hitting eight-of-eight in the final 2:37. Kentucky led 69-62 prior to Madison's free throw heroics.

Before the game, he was averaging 40.0 percent from the line. (four-of 10).

"We were fouling (intentionally) at the very end," said Jarvis. "We didn't come here to have a close game and be able to go back home and say 'we lost to Kentucky by less than 10'."

"Whenever we play, we play to win."

In hopes of winning, Jarvis instructed his players to foul No. 42.

"Sometimes bad shooters have off nights at the free throw line. I think a couple of Kentucky's bad shooters had off nights and the ball went in for them," kidded Jarvis.

Madison's reaction?

"Their bench was saying, 'He's only a 30-percent shooter; he'll miss,'" noted Madison. "I know damn well I'm better than that."

As a team Kentucky entered the contest hitting only 56 percent of its free throws.



'Tis The Season To Go Bowling

Viewers May Take Siesta During Fiesta?

With the holiday season now upon us, it's time to bring out the ole crystal ball and handicap the post-season contests. Already a few bowls have been played and this year's bowl bonanza will culminate with the battle for the national championship on Jan. 2 when Miami (Fla.) meets Penn State in the Fiesta Bowl.

This long awaited showdown will be televised live by NBC before a prime time audience.

Last season my selections were not too bad—10-6-1. But there's always need for improvement. So, here goes. . .

Hall of Fame—Instead of stumbling into post-season action with



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Cats' Pause Columnist

two and three game losing streaks for the past two years. Georgia wants to cap off its season with a bowl victory. And what better way to accomplish that feat than to beat Boston College in the Hall of Fame Bowl which now resides in Tampa, Fla. After getting off to a rocky 1-3 start, BC won its last seven games. But of those seven, only victories over Maryland and a rout of Holy Cross stick out. On the other hand Georgia defeated Auburn and in-state rival Georgia Tech (first time in two years) in the last two games of the season. Georgia players want to finish the season with nine victories, which hasn't been done since 1983. I believe that extra incentive will be there in Florida, but it won't be easy. *Prediction: GEORGIA BY 4*

Sun Bowl—Alabama and Washington are two teams that received much billing in many of the preseason Top 10 rankings. But you have to consider if the rampant rumors of Ray Perkins leaving Alabama to go back into the NFL with the Tampa Bay Bucs will have an adverse effect on the Crimson Tide. Bama was not playing its best football late in the year, finishing with an unimpressive victory over Temple and a hard fought loss to Auburn. Washington, meanwhile, blew out in-state rival Washington State 44-23, which had been a thorn in the Huskies' side in the past. Washington's Don James is one of the better bowl coaches in the country and should have the Huskies ready for this one. *Prediction: WASHINGTON BY 7*

Gator Bowl—A Clemson and Stanford matchup gives the folks in Jacksonville a pretty interesting ballgame. For the most part, Clemson had only one upset this season—a win over Georgia. The Tigers also pasted North Carolina, deserving merit as well. Stanford, which has one of the surprise teams in the country, finished the season in exciting fashion with a victory over Arizona. A national television audience found out what a complete passing team, a la N.C. State, can do to Clemson's defense. Stanford's head man, Jack Elway, is one of college football's premier authorities on the passing game. His team should fill the air with plenty of footballs. . . enough to knock Clemson senseless. A Stanford win looks likely despite a huge contingent of orange clad fans in Jacksonville. *Prediction: STANFORD BY 16*

Aloha Bowl—Here's another PAC 10 team against an ACC squad—Arizona vs. North Carolina. The PAC 10 had its best performance in years this season, sending five bowl teams to post-season play. Arizona has a potent offense engineered by quarterback Alfred Jenkins. Carolina, which is making its first appearance to a bowl since 1983, hasn't beaten anybody this season. Arizona's talent will prevail. *Prediction: ARIZONA BY 17*

Volts Hope To Stop Gophers In Their Tracks

Liberty Bowl—You've heard of movies made for television, well this gridiron duel was made for fans. Both Minnesota and Tennessee were lured by the Liberty Bowl in hopes of filling up the Memphis stadium. What the Liberty will be getting are two teams which experienced up and down campaigns. However, both teams came on strong at the end of the season. Minnesota upset Michigan while Tennessee beat Ole Miss, Kentucky and Vanderbilt rather easily. Being in Memphis, the Volunteers should hold a home field advantage. The natural surface in Memphis should slow down Gopher signal caller Ricky Fogge. This one looks close with the outcome being decided by a Carlos Reveiz field goal. *TENNESSEE BY 3*.

Freedom Bowl—For the first time in quite some while, BYU didn't win the WAC Conference, which earns the victor a spot in the Holiday Bowl. This year's WAC winner was San Diego State,

a squad that beat the Cougars 10-3 in late November. UCLA usually saves its best for last and if its 45-25 victory over USC is any indicator, then this one has "romp" written all over it. *Prediction: UCLA BY 21*.

Holiday Bowl—San Diego State is a nice fresh face for the Holiday Bowl and the WAC winners will be playing before the hometown faithfuls, too. In fact, its coach Denny Stoltz may be familiar to UK fans. He was the coach whose Bowling Green team upset Kentucky two seasons ago. His San Diego State squad will be facing an Iowa team which was decimated by injuries all season long. These days Iowa may be in better health, but will have a hard time dealing with a highly motivated San Diego State crowd. In fact, this game may be the biggest one in State's history, dating back to the Don Coryell years. Upset special. *Prediction: SAN DIEGO STATE BY 6*

All-American Bowl—The oddsmakers evidently think this contest will be a blowout as Florida State has been made a solid two-touchdown favorite over the Hoosiers of Indiana. However, the Seminoles didn't beat a big-time opponent during this past regular season. This is a rare occurrence for Bobby Bowden's club which year-in and year-out plays one of the nation's toughest slates. UK fans may want to get their notepads out for this affair because Indiana will invade Commonwealth Stadium next season on Sept. 19. I've got the feeling that Bill Mallory will have the Hoosiers ready to play. IU is making its first bowl appearance since 1979. FSU will definitely have its hands full. *Prediction: FLORIDA STATE BY 4*.

Bluebonnet Bowl—Two teams with similar styles of play will meet in Houston for this year's contest. Both Colorado and Baylor rely heavily upon their running games similar to Ray Perkins' Crimson Tide. Baylor coach Grant Teaff has shown interest in a change of pace as he is a candidate for the post at Southern Cal. Colorado, for the most part, has been a Cinderella story for the last two seasons under the guidance of Bill McCartney. The Buffaloes almost pulled off a post-season stunner last season. The crew from Big Eight country barely lost to Washington in last year's Freedom Bowl. This year they will succeed in pulling off an upset. *Prediction: COLORADO BY 3*.

Victory Ride Should Await Dooley In Atlanta

Peach Bowl—Two surprise teams will lock horns in Atlanta in hopes of filling up the stands at Fulton-County Stadium. Both Virginia Tech and North Carolina State are the new kids on the post-season block. N.C. State looked like ACC champions until quarterback Eric Kramer got hurt late in the year. Virginia Tech has found ways to win all year long. I predict Hokie coach Bill Dooley will go out a winner in his last game as Virginia Tech head coach of the Gobblers. *Prediction: VIRGINIA TECH BY 9*

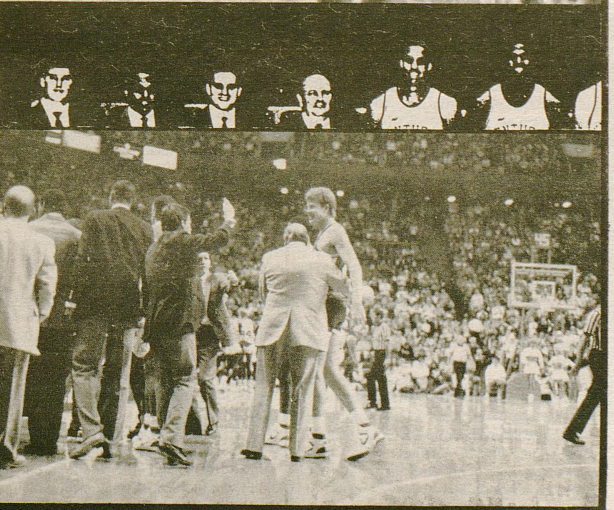
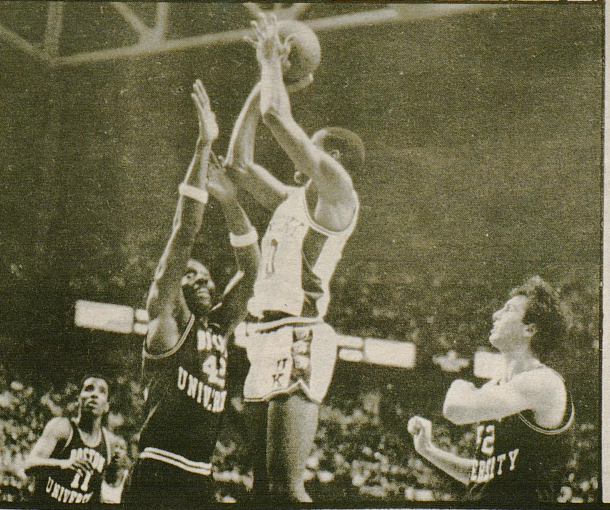
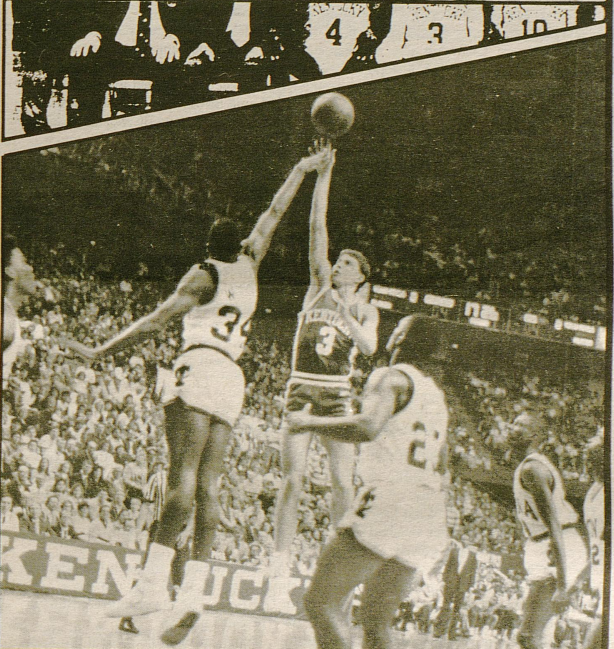
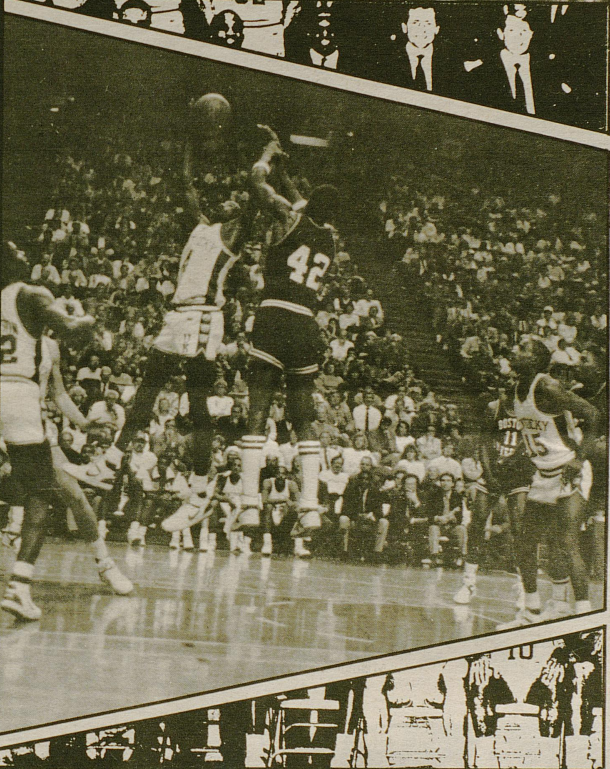
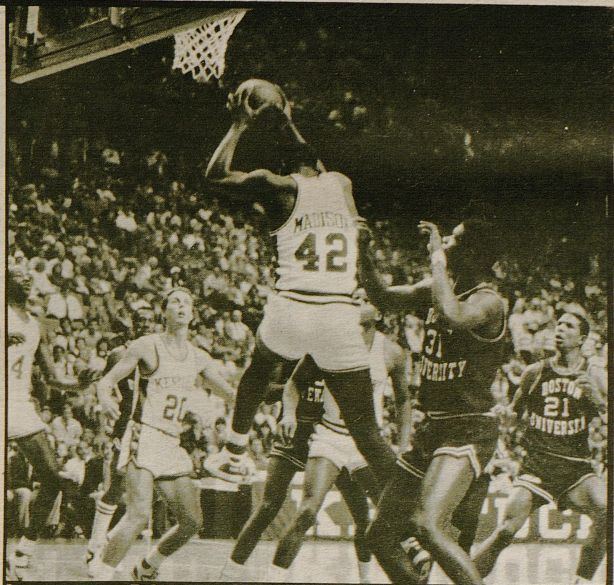
Citrus Bowl—They may have to rename this one the "Million Dollar Mismatch" It's been well-documented that the Citrus Bowl officials offered a bid to Auburn coach/athletic director Pat Dye 15 minutes before Orange Bowl officials came calling. Dye was a man of his word as Auburn kept its commitment to play USC in Orlando on New Year's Day. Another mistake might have been made—USC's firing of a first-class coach like Ted Tollner who had posted consistend winning seasons. Tollner will go out on a winning note. *Prediction: USC BY 1*.

Cotton Bowl—Texas A&M is starting to make the Cotton Bowl a part of its schedule as the Aggies have reservations for their second consecutive appearance in Dallas on New Year's Day. This year they will be facing an Ohio State club that is coming off a heart-breaking 24-22 loss to Michigan. OSU's Jim Karasatus will drill A&M's secondary with passes to All-American receiver Chris Carter all day long. *Prediction: OHIO STATE BY 11*

Rose Bowl—This bowl game is one of the toughest to figure. It's Arizona State, breaking in new ground in Pasadena, to face Michigan, the always tough club from Big Ten country. Tradition alone says take the Pac-10 team. But ASU has never been in the Rose Bowl. The flip of the coin turned up heads. . .so, go with ASU. *Prediction: ARIZONA STATE BY 1*.

Sugar Bowl—LSU may have revenge on its mind when the Tigers head over to New Orleans to greet Nebraska. It was two years ago when LSU underwent the misfortune of having quarterback Jeff Wickersham throw numerous interceptions into the hands of Husker defenders. Nebraska may have a rough time reaching the performance level it had against Oklahoma, suffering a disheartening 20-17 loss in the season finale. Earlier, I picked two coaches who will go out in style at their respective schools (Bill Dooley and Ted Tollner). Arnsparger should also prevail in his last game on the

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Chapman, Davender Pave Way

'Cats Top Boston 81-69,

By Nick Nicholas

It was a combination of things which enabled Kentucky to capture the 34th annual UKIT last Saturday at Rupp Arena. For instance UK was propelled by: A) Rex Chapman's downtown jumpers; B) Ed Davender's slashing moves resulting in plenty of buckets; C) Richard Madison and his ability to hit 10-of-11 free throws and grab a game-high 15 rebounds; and D) Eventually, four Boston University players fouled out, while another member picked up four infractions.

Nevertheless, Kentucky had to defend its coveted trophy with a hard-earned 81-69 victory over Boston University in the championship contest. The win marked the Wildcats' 26th conquest of the UKIT title.

"We were in trouble there for a little while," said Wildcat head man Eddie Sutton. "Once I looked up and there were less than eight minutes left in the ball game and we were in trouble (trailing 58-57). The final score is not indicative of how close that game was."

Kentucky even was behind 62-61 with 6:17 remaining.

Two free throws by Davender and one by Derrick Miller reclaimed the lead for keeps with less than five minutes remaining.

A couple of baskets by Chapman, including a three-pointer, and eight free throws by Madison in the final 2:37 wrapped up the UKIT trophy for the hosts. Chapman led Kentucky with 26 points. His game-high mark tied his previous high at Indiana. Davender scored 23, followed by Madison netting 12.

Davender, the junior from Brooklyn, N.Y., was selected as the tournament's Most Valuable Player. Chapman also was named to the all-tournament team.

The Terriers were paced by Paul Hendricks and Drederick Irving with 20 and 18 points, respectively. Both players represented BU on the all-tourney squad.

Boston coach Mike Jarvis, who received two technicals in the first half, was pleased with his ballclub's performance. He came into the battle with a positive attitude despite facing the nation's 18th ranked club.

"It was pretty much what I expected," said Jarvis, whose club drops to 5-3. "I knew that we would get the fans involved eventually in the game and that Kentucky would know that they were going to have a hell of ballgame. They were going to have to beat us to win. They did."

"They (UK) played very, very well and made some big baskets. It was a heck of a ballgame. I enjoyed it tremendously."

"I listen to the talk of Kentucky not being a good basketball team. That's about as big a lie as I've ever heard in my life. I don't think there's a team in the country that has four better guards. With the guards they have, there will never be a game that they won't have a chance of winning. They are all super players (guards)."

Following a couple of days off for the holidays, Kentucky, 5-1, will start preparing for its showdown with Louisville. The 'Cats and Cards will play at 4 p.m. Saturday at Freedom Hall.

Boston University's next game is against Syracuse.

Cats Breaks Loose From Terriers Late In Contest

Thanks to Davender's 15 first-half points, UK entered intermission clinging to a 32-27 lead. However, a theft resulting in an Irving layup and two free throws and a field goal by Hendricks put Boston on top, 33-32. A Rob Lock layup with 17:39 left enabled UK to retake its lead. What proceeded to follow were five lead changes, when Jeff Timberlake's three-pointer swished through the cylinder at the 10:19 mark. His bonus shot pushed the visitors quietly ahead, 55-52.

During this stretch, Kentucky, down 49-47, got an emotional lift with the help of a five-point play. Chapman canned a three-pointer with 11:16 to play. In the act of shooting he was shoved by Terrier center Peter Gabriele. The Owensboro freshman missed his chance at the line, only to have Irv Thomas tap it in.

Thomas' field goal ignited the Wildcat faithfuls. Irving, meanwhile, ruined the 'Cat celebration with a three-pointer of his own.

The contest was now tied at 52-all with 10:50 remaining.

While a handful of Boston U. and Iona fans were cheering with each Terrier basket, the Wildcat partisans was stunned to say the least.

"It's when the crowd becomes quiet that you know the crowd is involved," Jarvis said. "They were a little worried. Kentucky knew they were going to have to play very, very well to beat us. I'm proud of our kids."

Boston led at one point, 57-52. But Miller, UK's three-point weapon, connected from downtown range to cut the margin to only two.

The turning point didn't arrive until 4:47 (62-all). And that's when Kentucky's free throw shooting touch finally produced some points. Davender started the run when he sneaked in for a steal and was fouled by guard Tony DaCosta, his fifth personal.

Kentucky came into the contest hitting only 56 percent of its free throws. And on their first 21 attempts at the charity line the Wildcats had missed 11, including six one-and-one chances. Sutton, if given the choice, probably would have taken the ball out of bounds. But no could do.

Davender, UK's best free throw shooter, canned both as Kentucky was ahead 64-62. The junior guard's free throws initiated a 12-of-13 accuracy by the 'Cats.

With Kentucky hitting its free throws and the Terriers fouling out one by one, UK was on its way to claiming another UKIT trophy.

Two Thomas charity tosses upped the lead to four. Following a change of possession and a timeout by UK, Sutton then worked a play for Chapman. The 6-5 guard, aided by two picks, weaved his way to the left corner.

Ooooh, echoed the crowd as Chapman let loose a three-pointer. Aaaaah, was the reaction from the UK partisans when Chapman's bucket swished the twine. His shot gave UK a seven-point cushion (69-62) with less than three minutes remaining.

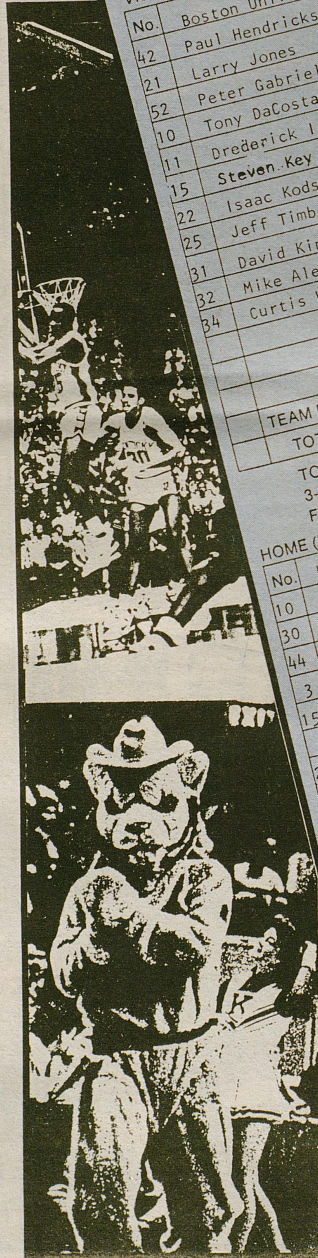
"He hadn't been hitting, but he's such a great competitor," said Jarvis in reference

to Chapman. "He hit a few big buckets."

On the night, Chapman connected on 10-of-16 shots from the field.

When 1:45 appeared on the scoreboard three Boston players already had been dismissed (Gabriele, DaCosta and Curtis Williams) while two had four fouls.

In the final 2:24 of play a Chapman field goal, a layup by Davender and six free throws by Madison overshadowed two three-pointers by Boston U.



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21	Larry Jones	f	2	3	0	1	0	0	1	1	2		
52	Peter Gabriele	c	0	1	0	0	2	2	1	1	2		
10	Tony DaCosta	g	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1		
11	Drederick Irvine	g	7	17	2	3	2	3	1	6			
15	Steven Key	g	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1		
22	Isaac Kodsi	f	0	8	1	2	0	0	0	0			
25	Jeff Timberlake	f	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
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34	Curtis Williams	f											
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3-Pt. FG %: 1st Half 1-1, 100.0% 2nd Half 5-10, 50.0%													
FT %: 1st Half 8-11, 72.7% 2nd Half 13-18, 72.2%													
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44	Rob Lock	g	10	16	3	8	3	7					
3	Rex Chapman	g	8	18	1	2	3	3					
15	Ed Davender	f	1	3	1	2	0	0					
4	Derrick Miller	f	0	0	0	0	0	0					
20	Steve Bruce	f	0	0	0	0	0	0					
21	Terry Shigg	f	1	4	0	0	0	0					
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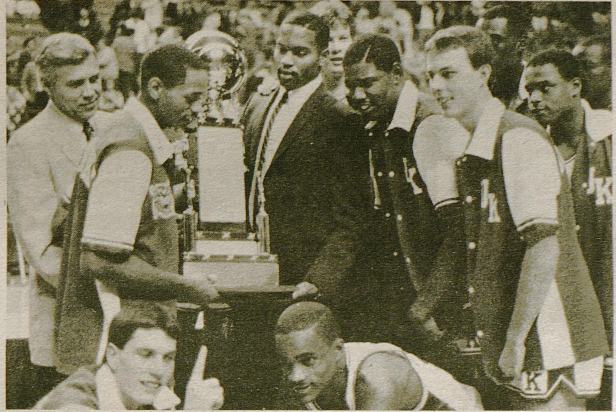
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Game	4-13	30.8%										
1st Half	2-5	40.0%										
2nd Half	2-8	25.0%										
Game	4-13	30.8%										

SCORE BY PERIODS

	1st H.	2nd H.	OT	OT	FINAL
BOSTON U.	27	42	XX	XX	69
KENTUCKY	32	49	XX	XX	81

Deadball Rebounds 4



The 1986 UKIT Champs

Chapman's clutch bucket, with less than 10 seconds on the shot clock, gave UK a 73-68 lead with 1:28 left.

"We were running the four-corners (offense)," said Chapman. "He (Sutton) told us when it (shot clock) got to 20 seconds if we didn't have anything to set up in the 1-4. If I had a shot I was suppose to go ahead. If not, I was suppose to dish it off or bring it back out."

Afterwards, Sutton praised Boston's effort.

"Our defense was pretty good," Sutton said. "They (Boston) just continued to bury the basketball in the hoop. I think that's a compliment to them."

Asked when he thought UK had the win secured, Davender replied, "When we hit our free throws at the end."

Terriers Set The Tone Early

A mixture of tough defense and poor shooting were a part of both teams' first-half repertoires.

Kentucky hit 12-of-29 attempts from the field (41.4 percent), while Boston U. connected on only 9-of-26 (34.6 percent). Davender and Chapman combined for 24 of UK 34 tallies. Kentucky's other starters—Rob Lock, James Blackmon Thomas—produced only six points during the initial 20 minutes.

Eight lead changes were witnessed during the game's initial 9:49 stretch. Davender's layup put the 'Cats in front, 17-16. From that point until halftime UK outscored the Terriers 15-11.

UK led 21-19 following a Davender stop-and-pop two-pointer. The Wildcats then put some distance between their opponents with a nine-to-four spurt. This was made possible with the help of tip-ins by Madison (1) and Thomas (1).

Guided by Hendricks in the final minutes, Boston stayed within striking distance. He scored six of his team's final eight points—four free throws and a field goal—to keep things interesting prior to the second half.

Kentucky continued to have its trouble from the stripe, missing all four of its attempts in the first half.

Terrier-Wildcat Tidbits

Texas A&M's **John Trezvant** was the fifth member on the all-tournament squad.

Coach **Mike Jarvis** picked up one technical foul at the 16:20 mark in the first half. He received a "T" due to cursing. His second technical came at 15:44 when he said to the official, "Does Kentucky always play with six guys?" . . . Kentucky's three seniors, **James Blackmon**, **Paul Andrews** and **Winston Bennett**, led the rest of the Wildcat members out to the court when it came time to pick up the trophy. . . **Eddie Sutton** on **Rex Chapman**. "Again, I'm always amazed at the way Rex Chapman can play for a freshman. He hit some big-time shots tonight. We were on the brink, maybe, of disaster" . . . As a freshman **Ed Davender** scored a career-high 27 points against East Tennessee State in a UKIT first-round game. However, the next night against Cincinnati he was held to two points. Last season his 16-point performance against Pepperdine earned the Brooklyn product a spot on the all-UKIT team. . . Jarvis on Davender and Chapman. "I'll trade Chapman and Davender for **Dancers' Image** (once a spectacular horse in the racing industry). . . Overall, Boston University hit 38.2 percent from the field, while hitting 72.4 percent from the charity line (21-of-29). Didn't Sutton say missed free throws were contagious? . . . **Paul Hendricks** was the Terriers' leading rebounder on the evening, grabbing eight. . . For the second straight evening, **Cedric Jenkins** checked in for a minute. Said Sutton, "It's going to be a while for him. After watching him shoot free throws and a few hoops, it's going to be a few days before he can play. He's not in shape. . . Besides **Richard Madison's** performance from the free throw line, Sutton still is disappointed with UK's marksmanship from the line. Overall, Kentucky hit 27-of-41 for 65 percent. . . After the game, the **Committee of 101** gave a belated birthday party in honor of equipment manager **Bill Keightley**, who turned 60 last Thursday. The party even included a belly dancer. "For a while I didn't think Van (Florence, president of 101) was going to be able to deliver it (birthday party)," said Sutton because of the narrow victory.

Lock Leads 'Cats

UK Gains Final By

By Mike Estep

After junior center Rob Lock poured in a 12 points to equal his career high Dec. 13 against Lamar, the 6-foot-11 redhead said that he was beginning to regain some of his lost confidence. He'd been up and down in his two years at Kentucky, and he said in a postgame interview that he knew the first game of the UKIT against Iona would be a big factor in how he would play for the rest of the season.

"The key to how well I'll play will be the next game," Lock said. "I played well and I can't get complacent. That's the key."
 "If I play well in the next couple of games I think I'll be consistent. I may have one or two bad games. But the next game is the key for me."

Against Iona (excuse the upcoming pun), Lock was the key. In Kentucky's 75-59 win over the Gaels Lock played his best game to date for UK. The Reedley, Calif., native led the 'Cats with 19 points on eight for 12 shooting from the field, hauled down a game-high 11 rebounds, blocked three shots and came up with a pair of steals in 32 minutes of action.

Kentucky coach Eddie Sutton, who has been unhappy early in the season because of the inconsistent play from his inside players, couldn't have been more pleased. "I was so proud of Rob Lock the way he played," Sutton said. "Gosh darn, I think he won some fans here in Rupp Arena tonight."

"Some players you have to stroke, and some players you have to kick in the fanny. And he's one that needs to be told that he's doing better. And he is doing better. I was thrilled for him tonight."

'Cats Take Control Early...

For the first 11 and a half minutes of the game, the 22,723 in attendance for the opening round of the 34th annual UKIT were treated to the Rob Lock Show. During that stretch Lock outscored Iona 13-12, giving Kentucky a 20-12 lead.

Iona's Richie Simmonds drove around James Blackmon for the game's first basket, giving the Gaels their only lead of the contest. Then Lock went to work. He hit a pair of free throws to tie the game at two, and then moments later, converted a toss from the line that put Kentucky ahead for good at 5-4.

After Ed Davender took a pass from Rex Chapman and made a driving, twisting five-footer and added a free throw to stretch the UK advantage to 8-4, Lock scored five of Kentucky's next six baskets.

The first came on a picture-perfect fast break. Richard Madison grabbed a rebound and made the outlet pass to Davender, who hit Lock streaking to the basket for a dunk that brought the crowd to its feet. After he sandwiched a pair of short jumpers around a Derrick Miller layup, Lock capped off his one-man run with two more baskets, to give the 'Cats an eight-point lead.

"This is the best feeling I've ever had in sports," Lock said after the game. "This is what you work for, practice for. It all happened tonight."



Ed Davender

When Lock was finished with his heroics on the inside, Kentucky's guards took over. Three consecutive three-point bombs—one by Blackmon and two by Chapman—



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No.	Iona	Pos.	Total FG		3-point		FT	FTA	Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN										
			FG	FGA	FG	FGA			Off	Def	Total																	
23	Richie Simmonds	g	6	14	0	2	0	0	0	2	2	1	12	1	4	1	1	34										
33	Chip Lansdon	f	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	3	0	2	24										
34	Jeff Wilder	c	4	6	0	0	0	0	2	2	3	0	0	2	4	0	3	31										
23	Tony Wright	g	0	4	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	3	0	0	1	0	0	1										
22	Alvin Lott	f	3	7	0	3	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1										
5	Chris Green	g	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	13										
12	Dave Blaha	g	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	0	2	2	6	0	0	25										
13	Glenn Grant	f	1	3	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	4	20	0	1	1	1	20										
20	David Wagner	g	6	10	2	4	6	8	3	0	3	4	20	0	1	1	1	20										
42	Nestor Payne	f	2	7	0	0	1	2	3	4	7	1	5	0	1	0	0	12										
52	Pat Perroni	f	2	5	0	0	0	2	3	2	5	0	4															
TEAM REBOUNDS (included in Totals)												2	2	4														
TOTALS												24	58	2	9	9	16	14	23	37	19	59		6	22	3	8	200
TOTAL FG %: 1st Half 10-27, 37%												2nd Half 13-31, 42%			Game 24-58, 44.4%													
3-Pt. FG %: 1st Half 0-3, 0.0%												2nd Half 2-6, 33.3%			Game 2-9, 22.2%													
FT %: 1st Half 1-4, 25.0%												2nd Half 9-12, 66.7%			Game 9-16, 56.3%													

No.	Kentucky	Pos.	Total FG		3-point		FT	FTA	Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN										
			FG	FGA	FG	FGA			Off	Def	Total																	
10	James Blackmon	f	6	10	1	2	1	2	1	2	3	3	14	3	2	0	1	31										
30	Irv Thomas	f	0	4	0	0	0	1	0	2	2	3	0	1	2	0	0	17										
44	Rob Lock	c	8	12	0	0	3	4	4	7	11	3	19	0	2	3	2	32										
4	Rex Chapman	g	6	14	4	5	0	0	3	1	4	1	16	5	2	0	2	29										
15	Ed Davender	g	6	10	0	1	1	2	1	2	3	2	13	5	2	0	2	29										
4	Derrick Miller	g	6	10	0	1	1	2	1	5	6	2	9	0	0	0	0	5										
4	Derrick Miller	g	3	8	2	4	1	2	1	1	2	0	9	0	0	0	0	4										
20	Steve Bruce	g	0	2	0	1	0	1	1	1	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	4										
21	Terry Shigg	f	1	4	0	0	0	0	2	1	3	0	2	2	2	1	0	25										
42	Richard Madison	g	0	1	0	1	2	4	2	3	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	1										
55	Cedric Jenkins	f	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1										
TEAM REBOUNDS (included in Totals)												15	24	39	19	75												
TOTALS												30	65	7	14	8	16	15	24	39	19	75		17	14	4	8	200
TOTAL FG %: 1st Half 13-28, 46.4%												2nd Half 17-37, 45.9%			Game 30-65, 46.2%													
3-Pt. FG %: 1st Half 2-7, 42.9%												2nd Half 4-7, 57.1%			Game 7-14, 50.0%													
FT %: 1st Half 4-9, 44.4%												2nd Half 4-7, 57.1%			Game 8-16, 50.0%													

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surrounded by a pair of layups from Blackmon, allowed the 'Cats to take a 33-21 lead at the half.

...Then Break Game Open In Second Half

Fueled by the outside shooting of Chapman, Davender and Miller, Kentucky came out of the lockerroom and went on a 17-7 scoring run to put the game away. Miller's three-pointer stretched the lead to 22 at 50-28 with 11:16 remaining to be played and Iona was never able to get closer than 18 points the rest of the way.

"Kentucky's the best team we've played so far," Iona coach Gary Brokaw said. "When we come down and play in front of 20,000 fans, on the road against the traditional team in college basketball, Kentucky, those moments only happen a couple of times in a

Stopping Iona 75-59

lifetime in a college player's career.

"I just wanted our kids to make a good showing. I don't think you saw Iona play as well as we're capable of playing. Hopefully we'll get back on the stick tomorrow when we play Texas A&M."

One reason Iona was never able to get rolling was the defensive performance turned in by Kentucky's guards. Simmonds, who came into the game averaging 21.3 points per game, was held to just 12 points. His running mate, guard Alvin Lott, was also stymied, scoring just six points, nearly seven under his average.

"Our defense was very, very good," Sutton said. "We always believe defense is important. Tonight it was the difference. We played man defense most of the evening until we got the big lead. And then we went to the zone and made them shoot the ball from the perimeter."

Friday Night At The Fights?

With the outcome of the game decided, play got a little rugged in the second half. On second thought, better make that real rugged.

Late in the game with Kentucky holding a commanding 57-33 lead, tempers flared. After Simmonds misfired on a jumper at the 8:25 mark, Kentucky's Irv Thomas and Iona's Tony Wright came to blows. Both were assessed flagrant fouls and ejected from the game.

Television replays showed Thomas trying to block out Wright for the rebound on the baseline. Wright became agitated and threw an elbow which struck Thomas in the face. Thomas retaliated with a punch and both benches cleared. Wright wrestled Thomas to the ground, and several Iona players took turns trying to kick and stomp on the UK forward. Thomas emerged from the scuffle unhurt, but visibly shaken.

"The whole thing came out of nowhere," Thomas said. "It all happened so quick. He hit me in the mouth with an elbow, that's all I know. I didn't have time to worry, I just saw a lot of people. All I know is I was on my back and I was trying to get up."

Then with 16 seconds left to play, Iona's Nester Payne had ideas of squaring off with Lock, but the two were separated before any punches were thrown.

"I mentioned to our kids, whatever happens, you win with class and you lose with class," Brokaw said. "And the way things happened at the end of the game, it wasn't the way we wanted it to happen. There was a lot of frustration that both teams took out on each other. It was just unfortunate that it happened."

After the game, Sutton was pleased with the effort, and optimistic about what the future holds for his team.

"I thought our team, overall, played pretty well," Sutton said. "Iona's a good basketball team. It was a good win for us, and we hope to go to Christmas break with a 5-1 record."

But Sutton didn't stop there.

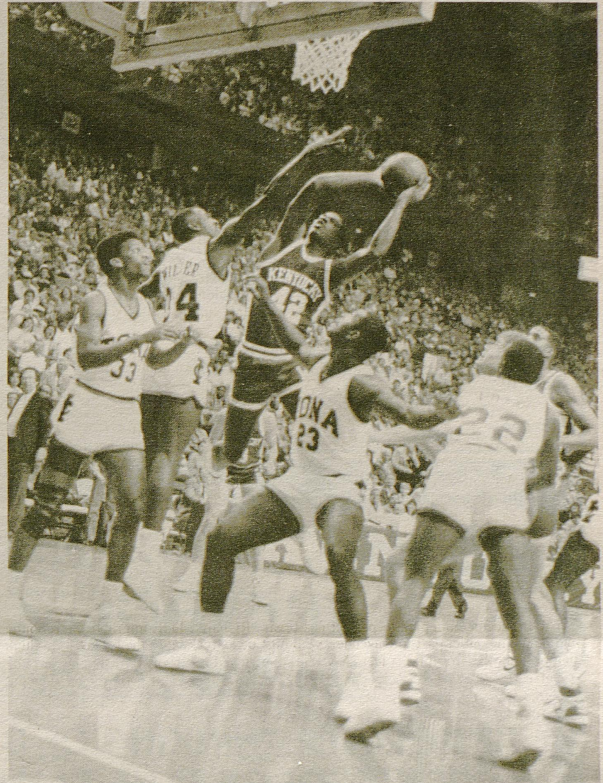
"I like this basketball club. This club can be a good team by March. We may win this league (SEC)."

Gael-Wildcat Tidbits

With the loss, Iona dropped to 4-3 for the season. All three losses have come on the road. Kentucky improved to 4-1 . . . UK forward Cedric Jenkins, sidelined



Sutton, "We May Win This League (SEC)"



Madison Looking To Score

all season with a stress fracture in his foot, saw limited playing time in the first half. UK coach Eddie Sutton played Jenkins for 22 seconds "to get the crowd into the game. Sometimes our crowd is like a country club setting." . . . Sutton told Jenkins he would play before the game. "He told me early today," Jenkins said. "He just said to get ready to play, that I was gonna go in for a while, maybe 30 seconds. When he first told me I thought he was kidding at first. But as it went along I found out he was pretty serious." . . . Jenkins said he experience some soreness in the foot, but nothing serious. "I didn't feel out of place or anything," he said. "I was glad to see that." . . .

Rob Lock turned in his best performance at Kentucky. Lock was eight for 12 from the field, three for four from the line and grabbed a game-high 11 boards . . . After a slow first half, Rex Chapman finished with 16 points and five assists in 29 minutes. Chapman was six for 14 from the field, but converted four of five from beyond the three-point stripe . . . Senior guard James Blackmon played well, scoring in double figures for the second straight game. Blackmon made six of 10 from floor and was one of two from the free throw line for 14 points . . . Ed Davender was the fourth Kentuckian to hit for double digits. Davender had 13 points and five assists . . . Surprise! Surprise! Derrick Miller, UK's string-bean guard was second in rebounding for Kentucky with six boards. Only Lock pulled down more rebounds for UK than the 6-6, 160-pound freshman . . . Freshman Terry Shigg became the first of Kentucky's two walk-ons to score this season. Shigg rebounded a Rob Lock miss in the second half and put it back in. "Rob shot it and it just fell in my hands," Shigg said. "They can't come any easier." Shigg also hauled in three rebounds, two of them on the offensive glass, during his five minutes of action. Sophomore Steve Bruce, Kentucky's other walk-on, played four minutes and failed to score. Bruce had two rebounds . . . David Wagner led Iona with 20 points . . . Tony Wright was held scoreless. He had been averaging 9.5 ppg, but missed all four of his shots from the field before being ejected for fighting . . . Here's a key statistic: Kentucky was credited with 17 assists, Iona had just seven . . . In falling behind by 12 at the half, Iona shot just 37 percent from the field (10 of 27), 25 percent from the line (one of four) and the Gaels missed all three of their three-point attempts . . . For the game, Kentucky shot 46.2 percent from floor (30 of 65) but managed to hit half of their 14 attempts from beyond the 19'9" three-point line. UK continued to struggle from the charity stripe, however. The Cats could convert just eight of 16 attempts from the line for 50 percent . . . The battle on the boards was just about even. Kentucky grabbed 39 rebounds, Iona pulled down 37 . . . For the second straight game, Sutton went to the 2-1-2 zone defense. "We played more zone tonight than you're gonna see us play, but when you've only got seven scholarship players. . . We talked about this as a staff today and we felt like in order to rest our guys we had to be careful how we substituted and how we covered people."

(Thru Six Games)											(5-0 Home; 0-1 Away; 0-0 Neutral)											
UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY WILDCATS											UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY WILDCATS											
G	GS	Min	Avg	FG	FGA	Pct	3PT	3PTA	Pct	FT	FTA	Pct	Reb	Avg	PF	D	Ast	TO	Bk	Stl	Pts	Avg
DAVENDER, ED	6	193	32.2	36	72	50.0	1	9	11.1	28	38	73.7	21	3.5	14	-	20	11	-	15	101	16.8
CHAPMAN, REX	6	197	32.8	37	73	50.7	14	31	45.2	10	15	66.7	12	2.0	6	-	20	12	3	8	98	16.3
LOCK, ROBERT	6	126	21.0	22	37	59.5	-	-	-	8	17	47.1	30	5.0	18	-	3	9	8	5	52	8.7
MILLER, DERRICK	6	108	18.0	17	32	53.1	9	17	52.9	4	9	44.4	21	3.5	8	-	4	10	2	6	47	7.8
THOMAS, IRVING	6	149	24.8	17	32	53.1	-	-	-	10	21	47.6	34	5.7	22	-	8	14	2	6	44	7.3
BLACKMON, JAMES	6	171	28.5	16	31	51.6	1	5	20.0	8	17	47.1	21	3.5	23	-	17	10	1	10	41	6.8
MADISON, RICHARD	6	194	32.3	13	28	46.4	-	1	-	14	21	66.7	40	6.7	16	-	13	12	3	2	40	6.7
ANDREWS, PAUL	3	50	16.7	2	4	50.0	-	-	-	1	2	50.0	3	1.0	3	-	1	2	-	3	5	1.7
SHIGG, TERRY	2	5	2.5	1	4	25.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1.0
JENKINS, CEDRIC	1	1	1.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ZIEGLER, TODD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BRUCE, STEVE	2	6	3.0	-	2	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	2	1.0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TEAM	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WILDCATS	6	1200	200.	161	315	51.1	25	64	39.1	83	141	58.9	192	32.0	111	-	86	80	19	55	430	71.7
OPPONENTS	6	1200	200.	138	321	43.0	23	52	44.2	85	114	74.6	190	31.7	138	-	59	109	9	40	384	64.0

1986 Kentucky Wildcat Basketball Statistics



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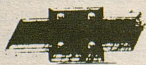
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CATS Helping UK Athletes In Classroom

Kentucky Athletes Best Students In SEC

The University of Kentucky is known for its great basketball teams and for its overall good athletic department.

But UK is now earning a reputation for something even more important, the academic performance of its student-athletes in the classroom.

"We have the best counseling center in college athletics," said UK basketball coach Eddie Sutton. "Bob Bradley and his staff do the best job around."

UK's CATS, the Center for Academic and Tutorial Services, has helped student-athletes become the best students in the



Mel Holbrook

Cats' Pause Columnist

Southeastern Conference. That's especially true of the football team, which annually puts the most players on the all-conference academic squads every year.

The CATS center, located in Memorial Coliseum, looks more like a weight room because of all the football players that congregate there on a daily basis.

"We've made students out of athletes," said Bradley, UK's assistant athletic director for academics. "Cliff Hagan (the athletic director) has made this a reality."

UK First To Have Tutorial Service For Players

Kentucky is the first university in the nation to open an academic center for student-athletes. UK has operated the multipurpose facility since 1982, although Bradley has been on campus since 1977.

"I approached Cliff about the idea of having the center," said Bradley, a New York native. "He thought about it awhile. I kept after him. He listened. Finally, Cliff told me to get some plans together. He went to the athletics board with the project. We opened in the spring of '82, right after (football coach) Jerry Claiborne arrived."

Bradley's staff includes Phil Hughes, academic counselor, and Barb Deniston, the learning skills coordinator. Graduate assistants include David Hoag, Dan Potosky, Gary Weber and Ken Pietrowiak, who is one of the top 22 academic All-Americans in the country.

More than 200 student-athletes visit the CATS center each day for tutorial and counseling advice on a variety of topics, not all class related.

"We try to be a support system for them," said Deniston. "We try to help them be less frustrated with the college scene. Sometimes, we can be a sounding board. A lot of them need to talk about their problems. It's really important we listen and try to help. That trust is the most important thing."

The center is open from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 8-4:30 p.m. Friday and 6-10 p.m. Sunday. The staff is always on call for student-athletes in need of assistance.

Administration Gives CATS Strong Support

"We have an unlimited tutorial budget," said Bradley, who is a member of the National Association of Academic Advisors for Athletics. "The university put over \$200,000 into building the center. The furniture alone cost about \$30,000. But that doesn't mean I get out of hand with our spending, not at all. There's such a support system here from the university, it's unbelievable."

That includes the football and basketball coaches. Bradley says Claiborne is the most amazing coach in the country to work with as far as his players' educations are concerned.

"I remember I went to Maryland for a conference right after Claiborne came to Kentucky," said Bradley of Claiborne's former school. "Jim Dietz, the academic advisor at the time, told me I'd died and gone to heaven because of Claiborne's commitment to academics. I've heard horror stories about other coaches."

Bradley says he hasn't worked with Sutton very long, but feels Sutton is just as concerned with the basketball players getting a good education at UK.

But unlike what some people may think, the CATS center is not only for basketball or football players. Athletes from other

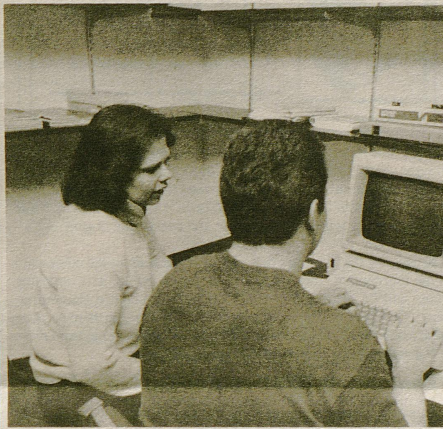
so-called "minor" sports also use the center.

CATS Center Role A Model For Entire Nation

"There's no other program in the country that has what we have," said Bradley, an education graduate of Salem College (in W.Va.) and of UK in educational psychology and counseling. "Other SEC schools have been here to look over our facilities and they chose Kentucky as the program to model their academic centers after."

With the high number of student-athletes using the facility, a number of tutors are needed to help with the process. UK has a list of about 200 available tutors, with a core group called upon for special projects. Hughes works with the graduate assistants and tutoring program.

"I have a great staff," said Bradley. "I couldn't think of two



Deniston Working To Help Student/Athletes

more competent assistants than Barb and Phil."

Bradley says student-athletes are under such extreme pressure by society to do well, that an academic center is not only a luxury, but a necessity as well.

"It wasn't easy to convince the athletes of this at first, though," he said. "In our first year here, we had basically only freshmen coming in. So I subscribed to a number of sports magazines, like Golf Digest, Sports Illustrated, just to get them



Bob Bradley

into the center. It worked. And now they come in here to study, not just look at magazines."

Chapman, Davender Give Their Views After Win Over BU

Rex Chapman

(About having trouble early)

Chapman: I came out and just didn't hit my first couple of shots. That's normal for anybody to do. Then, I got a couple of easy baskets and got in the flow of the game. Individual performances don't mean anything to me.

(About being named to all-UKIT team)

Chapman: I'm happy I made and I'm happy I had a good tournament, but it doesn't mean a whole lot to me. Individual performance don't mean that much. Team (performance) is more important than individual anyway. James (Blackmon) is a senior and he had a good tournament. I really wish he could have been on the all-tournament team.

(About facing Louisville)

Chapman: It's going to be a rough game. It always is, I guess. It's going to be a new experience for me. I'm just going to go out and try and play my game and get in the flow of things. Hopefully, we'll come away with a win.

Ed Davender

(About when he thought UK had the game wrapped up)

Davender: When we started hitting our free throws.

(About UK's recent free throw shooting slump)

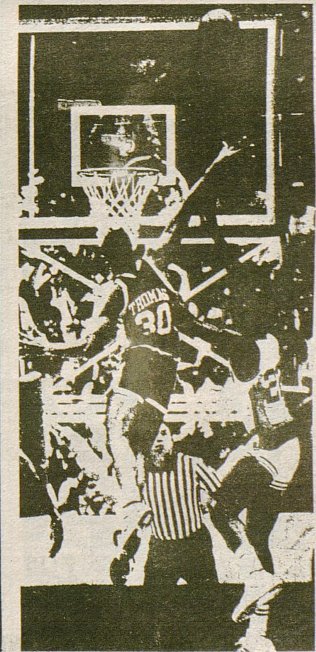
Davender: It's all in the mind. It's something that we're just going to have to correct down the road. I know there will be a time when we'll have it corrected and good things are going to happen for us.

(About being named MVP)

Davender: It's a good feeling, but it was a team effort. I'm just glad that we had the opportunity to win the UKIT this season.

(About Louisville)

Davender: It's going to be a battle, there is no doubt about that. We'll be ready to play; I'm pretty sure they'll be ready to play. I think it's going to come down to whoever plays the hardest is going to win.



Davender Makes All-UKIT Again, This Time As MVP

Kentucky junior Ed Davener, who scored 36 points in the UKIT last weekend, captured All-UKIT honors for the second time. The only time he didn't make the team was his freshman season when he scored 27 points in an opening win over East Tennessee only to be get but two points against Cincinnati in the championship contest.

Davender, chosen the MVP by the sports writers and sportscasters covering the two-night tournament, scored 23 points in the championship win over Boston University after scoring 13 points in the opening victory over Iona College.

Guard Rex Chapman came ever-so-close to be the first ever freshman to win the Most Valuable Player trophy. He finished a mere three votes behind Davender in the overall voting which was based on a 5-4-3-2-1 basis with the first place vote counting five points.

Chapman, the tournament's high scorer with 42 points, opened with 16 points against Iona and then turned his volume to high in the title game against Boston University, scoring 26 points.

Making the All-UKIT team with Davender and Chapman were Boston's Paul Hendricks and Dredrick Irving and Texas A&M's John Trezvant.

Junior center Rob Lock just missed out making the All-UKIT team according to UK assistant sports information director Brad Davis.

Lock, according to Davis, tied for sixth in the final balloting for the five-man squad.

Lock led the Wildcats on Friday night while scoring 19 points and hauling down 11 rebounds in UK's 75-59 win over Iona.

In the 81-69 victory over Boston University, junior Richard Madison pulled down a career-high 15 rebounds and scored 12 points, the first time he has compiled double-digit marks in those two categories at the same time.



Christmas Not Easy For Basketball 'Cats

Look For Kentucky To Beat Cards

This time of year can be pretty tough for the basketball Wildcats. Knowing that Christmas is just around the corner means as a player you might get to go home for a day or two. Having to take your finals can really drain you mentally. It's a big relief when you finally take your last exam. The typical question that will be asked by coaches, teammates and family is, "How did you do on your finals?" It seems as if that's the only question that's appropriate. It's always nice to know that when finals are finally over, you have a chance to relax.

In my four years at UK, the Christmas break was a welcomed



Dicky Beal

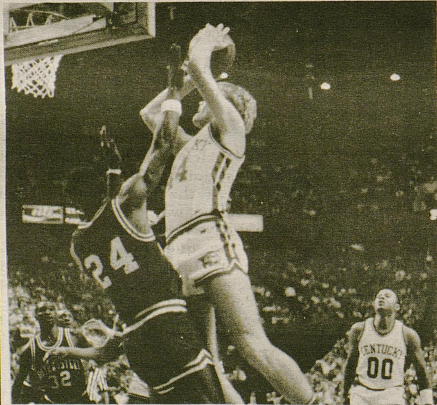
Cats' Pause Columnist

change. Our Christmas present was winning the UKIT for four straight years. I know a lot of fans don't think that the UKIT has good, strong teams but you have to realize that every team that plays in the tournament is usually tough to beat. The teams usually come into the tourney with nothing to lose and everything to gain. A victory over UK would make their season.

Because of the headlines that may be written about the other team in the tournament, they usually come out fired up. The opposing teams will be reading how the 'Cats have dominated the tournament. They also will be reading how the 'Cats will be them because these teams aren't major powers. Every time an opposing team plays in the tournament they hear the same old thing.

Kentucky & UKIT—A No-Win Proposition

This puts pressure on Kentucky. With everyone thinking that UK should breeze through the annual tournament, it almost puts them in a no-win situation—if the 'Cats win the UKIT then they must have played against weak teams. If UK doesn't win the tournament, then the team must not be very good. It just a catch-22 situation.



Opportunity Awaits Rob Lock

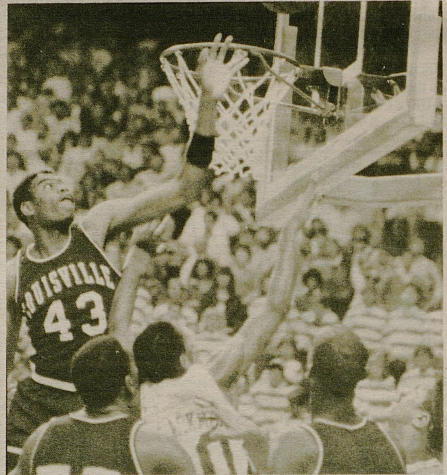
and I guess that's something Kentucky players will have to put up with. I doubt it will ever change.

The players get to see more of each other and less of the general public this time of year. During Christmas break we stayed busy the whole time. My first year I thought that we could sleep in during the vacation—I was wrong. Coach Hall had the team up bright and early every day. Now of course we had curfew, but being the happy-go-lucky young men that we were, we usually stayed up later than we were supposed to. If you could see show some of the guys (including yours truly) look in the morning, you would recommend that the team go back to bed.

Christmas 'Vacation'—Coach Hall Kept Us Busy

Coach Hall had us doing numerous activities that would keep us busy. We would get up at 9 a.m. for breakfast. After eating we would either play tennis or go bowling. I was terrible at both, but

some of the guys were pretty good. It was a lot of fun to see someone roll a gutter ball or get hit by a tennis ball. We also took



Never Nervous Pervis

classes to improve our television interviewing. We did an interview and watched ourselves on the playback. Then we were taught certain things to improve our interviews.

Nobody looked forward to two-a-day practices. The morning workouts were usually sluggish. Most of the guys would go back to sleep after being interviewed. If you could sleep, even for 15 minutes, you had better take advantage of it. Extra hours of sleep came few and far between.

The late practices were usually a bit more spirited. Everyone's attitude was to *act* fired up, that way coach Hall would be in a good mood. If we did everything right, the practices would be short and sweet. Most of the guys had lady friends that they wanted to see. That was another inspiration to make practice go smoothly.

Sometimes we were too tired to go out. I can remember going to bed after a few practices. Especially my freshman year. Some of the guys used to tease me because I was so tired.

Christmas For The 'Cats?—A Win Over U of L

Usually the big game was against Notre Dame after Christmas. This year, the big game will be against Louisville. Don't be surprised if UK beats the Cards. If Kentucky had Louisville's front-court and Louisville had Kentucky's backcourt, you would have a national championship team. Both teams have different strengths in different areas, but I think UK will win because their pressure defense will cause a lot of turnovers.

I don't think that UK's dynamic freshmen—Rex Chapman and Derrick Miller—will be intimidated. Their outside shooting will be a big key for the 'Cats' success at Freedom Hall. I don't think Louisville has found any guard-leadership yet. The team hasn't molded together like they do every year around tournament time.

Rob Lock has a chance to show what type of player he can be. He will be facing the best center in the country in Pervis Ellison. If Lock looks at the matchup as an opportunity rather than a mismatch, he should be able to hold his own, though. Ellison cannot be stopped. He can be contained.

The Cards can't handle pressure all over the floor. Kevin Walls is a good ballhandler, but after him, it gets kind of shaky. I look for Ed Davender, James Blackmon and Chapman to shoot the lights out. If Louisville lets Herb Crook or Tony Kimbro bring the ball up the court, UK will make them pay.

The biggest key for UK to win will be for the 'Cats to win the battle of the boards. Lock, Irv Thomas, Richard Madison and the guards must box Louisville off the glass. Kentucky will have to concede the fact that Ellison will be tough to stop. If everyone else is held in check, UK will leave the Derby City with a victory.

This certainly is a big game. Both teams will benefit from a win, but it's only a stepping stone for the entire season. UK will be dominant once they get some key players back in action. The Cardinals aren't really a good team until tournament time. This game is going to help the 'Cats because of the pressure-packed atmosphere.

Have a Merry Christmas everyone!!!

And look for a late Christmas present from the 'Cats. . . . A victory at Louisville.



VIEWPOINT

Letters To The Editor

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Thomas Fan

Dear Sir:

Kentucky basketball has almost been a religion in our home since the great teams of the '40s. Coach Sutton has returned the type of basketball that coach Rupp would have been proud of. I was very surprised with the great play of Irving Thomas against Indiana. I think we have ourselves a great one in Thomas. *The Cats' Pause* and the Wildcats have given me many years of enjoyment.

Sincerely,

Arthur Saylor

Paulding, Ohio

Big Blue Hoosier

Dear Sir:

I have lived in Indiana all of my life and have been unpleasantly inundated with coverage of the Indiana basketball program and its unpredictable, seargent-like mentor. Even with the rich basketball tradition here, I am proud to say that I still bleed blue. Next year at this time I am planning to join part of my family (my brother Jeff Arnett is the best Goodyear tire salesman in Lexington) and the Wildcats when I move near Lexington. UK basketball is very important to me. I listen to every game that isn't on TV and have decorated my room to leave no indecision as to who my favorite basketball team is. Half of my wardrobe is blue and white. I dream of my son playing for UK. I can't get enough. Last year I saw Gov. (A.B. "Happy") Chandler sing "My Old Kentucky Home" to the seniors in person. Due to excitement my eyes weren't wet but my knees sure did buckle. My Kentucky hat is off to those who make the program what it is. Especially to Eddie Sutton. The man is a genius. Yes, Kentucky basketball affects us in Indiana, too. Let's get IU next year. Rex, I didn't think you traveled, either. Well, maybe the sun will shine bright on my old Kentucky home some day.

Mike Arnett
Muncie, Indiana

Wants Formal Apology

Dear Sir:

I'm mad as hell and I don't think we should take it anymore! I'm talking about Bobby Knight's continual maligning of the University of Kentucky. First it was that ridiculous article in *Sports Illustrated* by so-called sportswriter John Feinstein.

In that article, both Feinstein and Knight tried to degrade UK. Feinstein wrote, "What a scenario: Kentucky, bastion of cheating, facing Indiana, bastion of honesty."

How dare he!!! Kentucky, with the most wins in the history of college basketball, and second only to UCLA in NCAA championships, is a bastion of *winning and pride!* Feinstein had no right to print what he did.

Then Knight stated, "There are kids on that (UK) team... who have gotten more crap from alumni than any players in the country."

Well, that may possible be true, but if it is, then the same could be said of his players. I can't imagine all those high school stars going to Indiana just so they could be demoralized, humiliated and ridiculed by the hot-tempered Knight. I just wish the University of Kentucky would discontinue the annual series with Indiana until they receive a formal and sincere apology from Mr. Knight and Mr. Feinstein. Thank you for allowing me to express my opinion in your magazine.

Go Wildcats!

Keith Bartley
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

Thanks, TCP

Dear Sir:

I want to take just a moment to thank you for fine coverage of the Kentucky Wildcats. My week would be incomplete without the latest issue of *The Cats' Pause*.

Keep up the good work, so many 'Cat fans appreciated your untiring efforts.

Sincerely,

Michael D. Trent
Clarksville, Tennessee

Thanks, Joe B.

Dear Sir:

Please renew my subscription again. I read *The Cats' Pause* from "cover to cover" and enjoy it immensely. The last issue (Dec. 13) was especially enjoyable. Dicky Beal is still learning as a writer and his article about attitude is the best he has written. I hope you can keep him around.

Even Bob Watkins' column was enjoyable. Many of his columns I could do without.

Can you tell me what happened to Jim Griesch? A couple of his columns were outstanding.

If you see Joe Hall ask him to write an article or two for you and tell him I can never thank him enough for what he has done for Kentucky basketball.

Keep up the good work,

Richard Manion
Louisville, Kentucky

(Editor's note: Griesch decided to leave TCP this summer, and is now working for the Garrard County News in Lancaster, Ky.)

Likes Proposition 48

Dear Sir:

Keep up the good work, you don't know how much I enjoy your paper, I just can't wait to get it every Wednesday.

I am proud that our boys at the school have to get their grades now. I hate to hear that boys leave college that can't even write their name. I'd rather lose every game knowing they are getting something and out of our school. Tell Eddie Sutton I will be with him the way.

Yours,

Lloyd LaRue Mullins,
Lebanon Junction, Kentucky

P.S. I just hope they never get to be like Louisville. I am proud of the way our kids dress.

Oops!

Dear Sir:

In your Dec. 13 Wildcat Quiz, you ask against which team did UK set a school record for most points scored in one game, and the answer was 116 points against Northwestern in 1966. Yet, in "Back Thru the Wildcat Years" column at the top of the page, under the heading "Seven Years Ago" it states that UK routed South Carolina 126-81, breaking the Rupp Arena scoring record of 121 points against West Virginia a year earlier. Did I misunderstand the quiz question, is this a typo error, or did you guys actually screw up? I'm not getting on your case, just poking some fun at you if you did screw up. Lets you know we actually read everything you print.

Always enjoy reading about UK sports—Keep up the good work!

David Raum
Burlington, Kentucky

(Editor's note: We stand corrected David. The question should have been, "Which team holds the record for most points scored against Kentucky?" If the question had been phrased that way, the correct answer would have been Northwestern.)

As the question was worded, however, the answer is against Georgia. Kentucky defeated the Bulldogs 143-66 on Feb. 27, 1956.

Thanks for keeping us on our toes.)

Put Up Or Shut Up

Dear Sir:

It's that time and Kentucky will find out who the real Kentucky team is at Freedom Hall on December 27.

Last year's win in Rupp Arena was luck and homecourt advantage. The NCAA in March proved that. The Cardinals won it all. The *ScoreCard* was right last week when it commented on Eddie Sutton's statement (Sutton had said if UK had beaten LSU in the NCAA Southeast Regional finals he believed UK would have won the NCAA championship because he, 'Sutton' thought Kentucky would have beaten Louisville.

ScoreCard commented that a lot of teams could have beaten UL but none did.)

Well, Mr. Sutton gets to put up or shut up in Louisville next week. Denny Crum (America's coach) will show him how to

coach and who has the best team.

I dare you to print this because I don't think you have the guts.

Sincerely,

Robert Dishman
Jeffersonville, Indiana

Tennessee 'Cat

Dear Sir:

Please renew my subscription to your very fine publication. Since I live deep in the heart of Tennessee Vol Country (18 miles from Knoxville), I don't get any news about the Kentucky Wildcats, which is to be expected (unless one of our players gets hurt or something like that). I do hear most of the games on WAVG Radio in Louisville and WLW in Cincinnati at night and most day games, I can get WVLC in Lexington.

Good luck to Coach Claiborne and his staff in their recruiting efforts. We are sure going to need to sign some of the finer athletes in the state as well as outside the state to continue building a competitive football team in the SEC.

Everyone has been talking about Coach Claiborne being here five years and there should be winning results shown now. The true blue die-hard Big Blue fans will hang in with him and the other coaches and be patient even if it takes another five years (which it won't), but enough said.

Good luck to Coach Sutton, his staff, and the basketball Cats for the 1986-87 season. We have been depleted by injuries, however, with Cedric, Paul and Mike Scott (possibly) coming aboard, the future looks brighter for us. Once again let us be true Big Blue fans until the numbers grow. The talent level of our seven scholarship players is probably better than most full 10 to 15 players but the foul situation gets critical as we know.

Congratulations for the great recruiting year we had. Have all the players passed their ACT and SAT board tests yet? Good luck to Coach Sutton in recruiting Jerome Harmon. Jerome would be fine addition to a great recruiting year. Rumor has it that Jerome is interested in UK.

Thanks for your fine publication and keep up the good work. I do miss Jim Griesch and his fine and knowledgeable articles.

Go Big Blue,

Jim T. DeMoss
Clinton, Tennessee

P.S.—All you UK Cats fans in East Tennessee contact me at Rt. 7, 204 Scenic View Drive, Clinton, Tennessee 37716 to form an East Tennessee UK Cats Club or call (615)457-5455.

(Editor's note: Some of the UK signees have not passed the tests yet and some have. We'll have complete information later in the spring.)

Larry Vaught

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"Eddie Sutton is a great coach," said Abatemarco. "Kentucky is lucky to have him.

"There is no place in America that treats you better than Kentucky. Coach Sutton went on my TV show and treated me with the upmost respect. He didn't have to do that for a first-year coach. Other than (North Carolina State Coach Jim) Valvano, I think I will root for Kentucky now."

UK Fighting Big Boys For Jacobs' Services

FRANK JACOBS of Newport Catholic, one of the state's top football recruits, has narrowed his list of possible colleges to eight.

Almost every major school in the country contacted the 6-5, 226-pound Jacobs, who is among the best tight end prospects in the country.

Kentucky is included on Jacobs' list of eight along with Alabama, Boston College, Notre Dame, UCLA, Michigan, Iowa and Penn State. He has already visited Notre Dame and is scheduled to visit Kentucky and Boston College. He'll pick two of the other five schools for his other visits allowed by the NCAA.

"Kentucky has done a good job recruiting him," said Newport Catholic Coach Bob Schneider. "They have been very frank with him and Coach (Jerry) Claiborne has impressed him."

Jacobs, a three-year starter, caught 122 passes for 1,977 yards in his career. This season he had 37 receptions for 580 yards.

The talented senior also started at middle guard on defense and earned All-State offensive and defensive honors this season.

He started 41 straight games for Catholic and led the team to the Class AA title game three straight years.

"I don't think he ever missed a play that really counted," said Schneider. "He is a very tough, durable kid. He's also an outstanding blocker and he should make an outstanding tight end in college."

Jacobs is also the starting center on Catholic's basketball team and is a pitcher-first baseman on the baseball team.

"Some scouts in this area think he could have a future in baseball as a pitcher," said Schneider. "They think he will be drafted."

Jacobs is also an excellent student and carries a 3.4 grade-point average.

"I don't know who is the state could be a better player," said Schneider. "I know I am prejudiced but there is not another kid in the state more sought after than him."

State's Top Preps Made Visits To UK Dec. 13-14

COACH JERRY Claiborne certainly had some of the state's best football talent on campus Dec. 13 and 14.

Kentucky had running back William Dishman of Lexington Bryan Station, center Courtney Longacre of Fairdale, linebackers Derek Thomas of Bryan Station and Steve Keller of Hopkinsville, quarterbacks Freddie Maggard of Cumberland and Jeff Houk of St. Xavier, receivers Eddie Thomas of Ft. Knox and Phil Logan of Louisville Holy Cross, and linemen Todd George of Covington Catholic and Bobby Craycraft of Boyd County on campus for official visits.

Most of the state's other premier players also plan to visit UK and the Cats hope the work pays off on the national signing date in February.

Bob Watkins

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marked the third time in his career at Vandy that the Calvert City, Ky. native has scored a winning hoop. Last year as a freshmen Goheen beat Tennessee and Florida on last second shots.

Meanwhile, another Kentucky native at Vandy, Scott Draud of Ft. Thomas Highlands, leads the Commodores in 3-point baskets. In seven games, Draud had made nine of 18.

Porling shot

© Then there was the one about Chicago Bears running backs Matt Suhey and Walter Payton. Seems they went on a bear hunt in Alaska last summer. Suhey recalled waking up one night to find Payton putting on his sneakers.

"What's the matter, Walter?" he asked.

"There's a bear outside the tent," Payton replied.

Suhey: "You'll never outrun him."

Payton: "I don't have to outrun him. All I have to do is outrun you."

And so it goes.

Finally, to the staff of *The Cats Pause* and their families, and to all TCP's faithful readers, a very Merry Christmas and joyous holiday to you and your families. ■

Todd Hallum

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sidelines for LSU. PREDICTION: LSU BY 8.

Orange Bowl: Could this be a case of *deja vu*. If you go back a few years you may recall when former Arkansas coach Lou Holtz pulled off one of the greatest upsets in the school's history by defeating Oklahoma 31-6 in the Orange Bowl. This all happened despite the fact three Razorback players were suspended from the game. However, Arkansas won't be facing the same Oklahoma nor will Holtz be roaming the sidelines. Oklahoma's defense simply hammers everybody in sight. PREDICTION: OKLAHOMA BY 24.

Fiesta Bowl—At last the matchup everybody has been waiting for. No. 1 Miami versus No. 2 Penn State. It's ironic that this bowl will host a game of this magnitude because some skeptics laughed at Fiesta Bowl officials when they decided to challenge the traditional Rose, Cotton, Orange and Sugar battles. Well, the Fiesta Bowl certainly got the last laugh and changed the game date to Jan. 2 so it could be in the nation's spotlight. However, a national television audience, except for Miami viewers, may not like what they see when the Hurricanes get through with Joe Paterno and the Nittany Lions. At times this season Miami looked as if it could instantly make its way in the NFL behind the talented arm of Heisman Trophy winner Vinny Testaverde. Believe me, Penn State's defense will be running in circles when Miami throws a little offensive artillery toward the Nittany Lions' way. Only turnovers can beat Miami, something of which the Hurricanes haven't been bothered by this past season. *Sports Illustrated* Sportsman of the Year (Paterno) will not like what he sees on this second day of 1987. PREDICTION: MIAMI BY 24.



Oscar Combs

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history of Indiana basketball, said they had never seen a high school team as quick as Lafayette.

And you could say **Prince Stewart's** stock went up about six times in the victory as he scored 18 points and had nine rebounds.

Tates Creek started the day off by upsetting highly-touted Chattanooga (Tenn.) Baylor 52-48 and Henry Clay upset Macon (Ga.) Southwest in the final game despite UK-bound **Eric Manuel's** 37 points.

In the only game not won by a Lexington school, UK-bound **Deron Feldhaus** scored 17 points in leading the Royals to a 50-49 decision over Lexington Bryan Station.

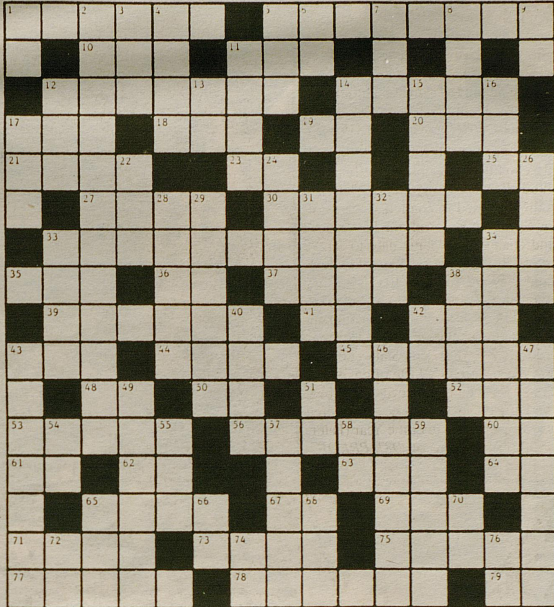
Sean Sutton, UK's other signee in the classic, scored eight points and had five assists including three of four free throws down the stretch.

HITS AND MISSES . . . Former *Courier-Journal* sports editor **Billy Reed** has signed a two-year deal with the *Lexington Herald-Leader* whereby he will write two sports columns per week and some 10 additional stories throughout the year. In announcing Reed's contract, the *Herald-Leader* said it had Reed's word that he has nothing against the University of Kentucky. The newspaper article did not address the question of whether Indiana coach **Bobby Knight** had any influence in the newspaper's decision to hire Reed. Knight, after his Indiana team beat Kentucky earlier in the month, suggested that the *Herald-Leader* should hire Reed who, at

the time, was at odds with the *C-J* management over its refusal to run one of Reed's columns on Knight and the fact that the Louisville newspaper assigned Reed to another game instead of covering the Kentucky-Indiana basketball game in Bloomington. No details of Reed's contract with the Lexington newspaper were revealed. The same article also said that Reed is forming a company called Billy Reed Enterprises which will be a similar venture as Cawood Ledford Productions with Jim Host of Host Communications in Lexington. Host produces the UK Television Network . . . Talk among press row wags the last few weeks has surrounded the *Herald-Leader* sports department and the unrest caused by the *H-L's* decision to negotiate with both Reed and *C-J* sports columnist Earl Cox about coming aboard. According to insiders, the *Herald-Leader* is being hit with some morale problems from current staffers, but sports columnist **John McGill Jr.'s** absence the past several days has nothing to do with Reed's arrival. McGill, who did not write any columns during the past weekend, was home in bed with the flu. Some of the *H-L* writers have expressed concern over the addition of new faces which obviously will mean even more strains on their budget . . . Cox has been negotiating with the *H-L* in recent weeks to do some work when he goes into retirement early next year. Don't be surprised if the Cox family moves back to Estill County once Earl's wife, **Carolyn** reaches retirement from her teaching position in Jefferson County.

TCP Crossword Puzzle

By Dan Krueckeberg



WILDCAT HOOP LETTERMEN THROUGH THE YEARS (No. 1)

ACROSS

- 1 The list of Wildcat lettermen contains stars
- 5 starting years were late-'60s
- 10 Abbr. for Tulsa school of the Titans
- 11 Minniefield earned Cat letters in four years
- 12 1st Cat season was '80-'81
- 14 Former Cat lettermen Cecil, Charles and Carl
- 17 See 43 Across
- 18 '60s standout Riley
- 19 Initials of one-season letterman Dwight
- 20 Abbr. for MVC school in Terre Haute
- 21 Poems
- 23 Initials of 2-year letterman Scotty
- 25 Initials of '60 & '61 center Jennings
- 27 Letterman Barnstable
- 30 best Cat year was '69-'70
- 33 letter years came in the early-'70s
- 34 Initials of 4-yr. letterman Charles
- 35 3-year standout Parker
- 36 Initials of lettermen Back or Bicknell
- 37 One deposit
- 38 '63 letterman Rolfe
- 39 Tall, two-year letterman Bill
- 41 Initials of '30s Cat standout Yates
- 42 Rick Robey's Cat squads 102 games
- 43 Hawaiian garland
- 44 Marxist and Wagner are in the Metro Conference
- 45 Cat letterman Guy
- 48 Initials of old-time Cat standout Head
- 50 Initials of star Cat guard of '78-'80
- 52 Abbr. for "Railway Express Agency"
- 53 Old-time Cat star Spicer
- 56 '69-'71 letterman Latty
- 60 Initials of '55-'57 Cat Mills
- 61 Initials of high scorer Kevin of '74 and '75
- 62 First two vowels
- 63 Tree
- 64 Initials of big Cat Sam
- 65 Early-'70s letterman Key
- 67 Initials of one-year letterman Aleksinas
- 69 Business degree
- 71 '50s standout Gayle
- 73 Jim Andrews' last two Cat teams were the best
- 75 Golfer Palmer
- 77 Namesakes of one of "Rupp's Runts"
- 78 '50s Cat standout Cox
- 79 Initials of early-'70s Cat Stamper

DOWN

- 1 Initials of mid-'50s Cat letterman Calvert
- 2 A top scoring Wildcat guard
- 3 Hockey great Bobby of the Bruins
- 4 '62 Cat letterman Herky
- 5 Namesakes of '59 letterman Robinson
- 6 Initials of '70s standout Lyons
- 7 The "I"
- 8 Meal bills
- 9 Initials of '59 & '60 backcourt letterman Cohen
- 11 Insects
- 12 '60s forward Deeken
- 13 Big Ten state abbr.
- 14 Billy Ray Cat seasons were '56 to '58
- 15 Cat lettermen Don or Terry
- 16 Source of power
- 17 '50s Tsioropoulos
- 22 Speak
- 24 Lettermen Busey, Barlow or Bibb
- 26 Lettermen Stough, Crigler or Brewer
- 28 Depart
- 29 Center on a National Champion Cat team
- 31 Large city feature
- 32 Compass abbr.
- 33 See 71 Across
- 34 teammates included Grevey, Guyette and Givens
- 38 Room entrance
- 40 Sweet potatoes
- 42 Initials of lettermen Rouse or Rodes
- 43 3-year letterman Billy Ray
- 44 Clarence's only letter year was '79
- 47 Gary Cat letter years were '66-'68
- 49 Warned
- 51 Initials of '50s letterman Evans
- 54 Initials of top scorer of the "Fabulous Five"
- 55 Indeed
- 57 3-year letterman of '40s, Milton
- 58 Double vowel
- 59 5-11 guard Randy of the '60s
- 65 Abbr. for "Selective Service Admin."
- 66 Initials of SEC coach Sloan
- 68 Tree
- 70 Indefinite article
- 72 Big Ten state abbr.
- 74 Initials of old-time Cat star Ellis
- 76 MVC state abbr.

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UKIT ACTION

Aggies Capture UKIT Consolation

Last Saturday evening at Rupp Arena, Texas A&M captured the consolation contest of the UKIT with a 67-60 victory over Iona. After the Gaels scored the game's first six points, Texas A&M then outscored its opponents 18-to-zero to take a commanding 18-6 lead.

Iona, however, trailed by only four (30-26) at halftime.

"In all, the UKIT was good for our team," said Aggie coach Shelby Metcalf. "It showed us where our problems are and what we need to be working on in the next few weeks."

With only 3:52 left in the contest, Iona's Glen Grant sank a free throw, tying the game at 58-all. John Trezvant, meanwhile, gave the winners the lead for good when he scored inside following an offensive rebound. Trezvant and guard Darryl McDonald paced the Aggies with 16 points. Trezvant, who also grabbed eight boards, was named to the all-tournament team.

Iona's Richie Simmonds scored a game-high 20 points. The Aggies improved their record to 5-2, while Iona now owns a 4-4 mark.

"When A&M scored 18 straight points we were not attacking aggressively," said Gael coach, Gary Brokaw. "They made some easy baskets on interceptions. You can't bury yourself and go scoreless for that period of time and beat a team like A&M."



Gary Brokaw

Boston Upsets A&M, Moves Into Finals

Underdog Boston University got 14 points from senior forward Paul Hendricks and 13 from reserve Mike Alexander to turn back favored Texas A&M 65-63 in the first game of the 34th annual UKIT last Friday night.

Sophomore guard Steve Timberlake nabbed a loose ball and fed Hendricks, who scored the go-ahead bucket with 1:39 left in the game. A&M then misfired on several chances to tie the game, the last coming when Todd Holloway missed a last second three-pointer.

"At money time," Aggie coach Shelby Metcalf said, "they were better than us."

Winning coach Mike Jarvis said it was a great defensive effort in the second half that allowed his Terriers to advance to play Kentucky in the championship game.

"I thought defensively we played well in the second half," Jarvis said. "I thought basically that's why we won the game."

Texas A&M got 13 points in the first half from substitute Darryl McDonald and took a 33-30 lead into the lockerroom at the half. The Southwest Conference team then stretched the advantage to 52-47 with 11:15 to go in the game.

But Boston rallied. Tony DaCosta converted a pair of free throws late in the game to give the underdog Terriers the lead at 53-52.

Texas A&M made one last charge to tie the game at 59, but Hendricks basket put Boston on top for good.

"We were worse than I expected us to be," a disappointed Metcalf said. "That's taking nothing away from BU. I just expected us to play better."

John Trezvant led the Aggies, now 4-2, with 19 points. Winston Crite and McDonald joined Trezvant in double figures with 17 and 14, respectively.

Drederick Irving had 12 and Curtis Williams had 11 for the 5-2 Terriers, who advance to play Kentucky in the finals.

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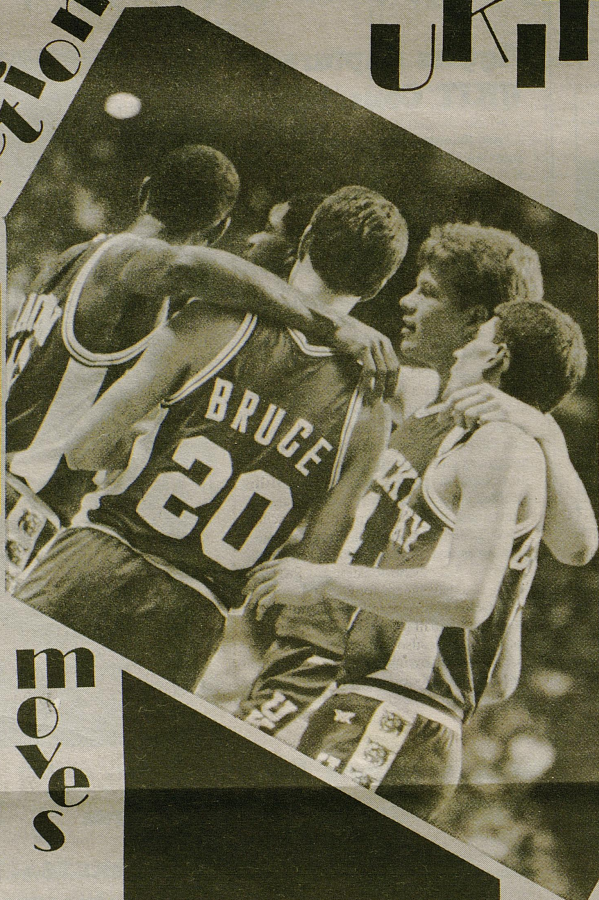
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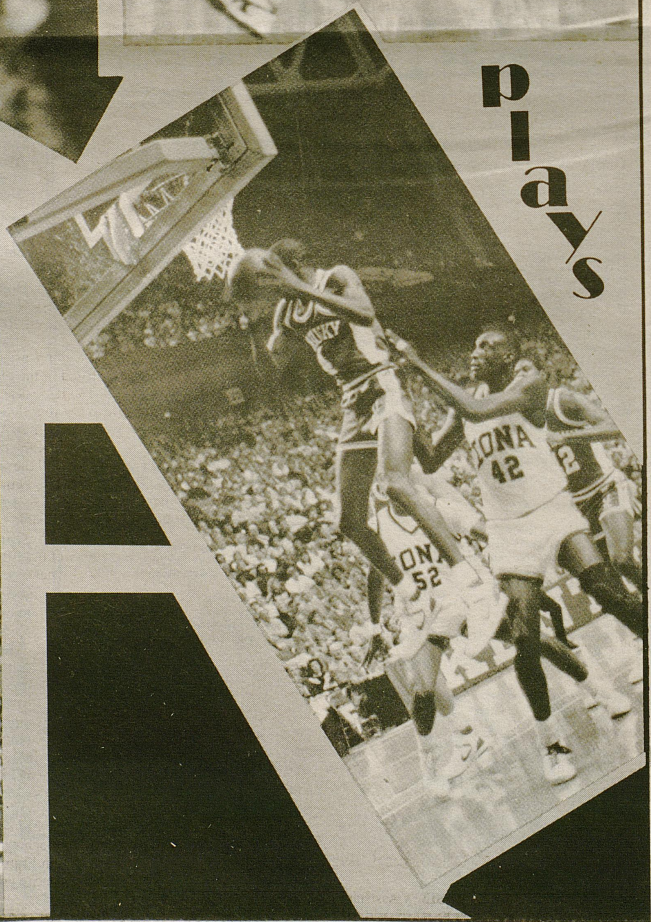
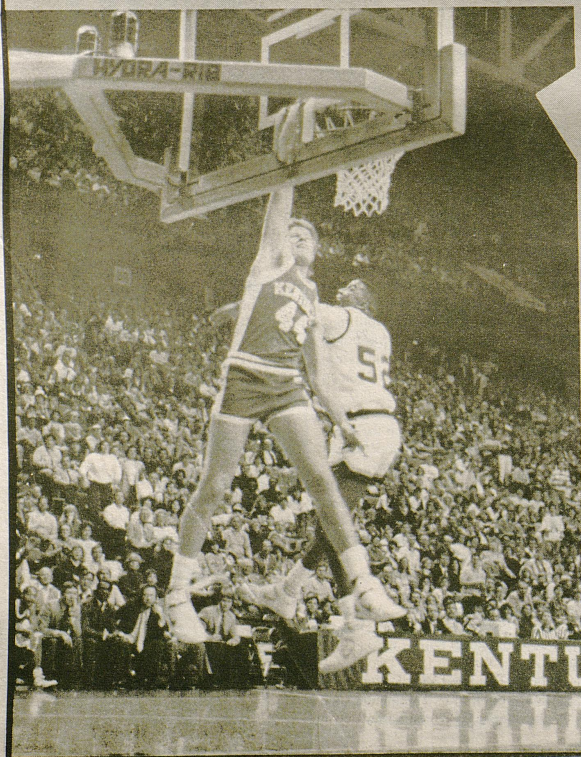
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Time To Select 20 Years Of SEC's Best

Former 'Cat DE Dave Roller Makes List

The end of the season is time to pick All-Conference teams. It isn't easy. It also isn't always fair.

Every year two or more dynamic players show up at the same position. This year's example might well be centers Ben Tamburello of Auburn and Wes Neighbors of Alabama. Either was talented enough to be a first-team All-star, but only one of them could make it.

The other side is that every year wealth at one position is accompanied by poverty at others. There are seasons when outstanding quality is lacking at one or two spots, but the voters still have



Stan Torgerson

Cats' Pause Columnist

to pick somebody. The end result is that players deserving get left off and players not truly deserving get put on.

So be it!

At the risk of flying into the face of standard operating procedure, here is our list of the best of the best we've seen them over the past 20 years. Positions matter not, nor does duplication. These are the top players in our book of memories.

Two of this year's crop join the list. One is Wendell Davis of LSU. I've tried to think of a better wide receiver in recent years and have drawn a blank. Davis may absolutely be the best. I've seen him in person and seen him on TV and his ability to get open and then catch the ball is absolutely phenomenal.

The other all-time great from this year is Cornelius Bennett of Alabama. Bennett will rank high on the all-time list of SEC stars. He's big, he's mobile and he's got a nose for the ball that ranks with the finest we've ever seen.

Others who deserve a full page in the all-star memory book include:

Offensive tackle John Hannah (1970-72) of Alabama. You've got to be something special to be noticed as an offensive lineman. John Hannah was something special.

Center Bob Johnson, Tennessee (1965-67). The same thing applies to offensive centers, Johnson was the finest center I have ever seen. A great blocker and a great leader.

Herschel's A Must!

Running back Herschel Walker (1980-82) of Georgia. Normally when an incoming freshman gets the amount of publicity Herschel Walker received, he has a very hard time living up to it. The first year he was injured when I saw him and I had a few doubts. Not the next two years. His touchdown run against Ole Miss in 1981 was the one greatest offensive plays I have ever seen. With the ball on the Rebel six, Walker crashed the line. He was hit low, flew up into the air, turned a complete 360 degree summersault, came down on his feet and literally strolled into the end zone. Unbelievable!

Running back Bo Jackson, Auburn (1982-85). As good as advertised, he was second only to Herschel.

Defensive back Tommy Casanova, LSU (1969-71). What's that old Superman gag line, "He's everywhere, he's everywhere!" So was Casanova.

Defensive back Terry Hoage, Georgia (1980-83). I've never seen a defensive back as consistently good as Hoage. I never saw him have a bad game.

Quarterback Archie Manning, Ole Miss (1968-70). The Rebels recently released a 60-minute tape of Archie in action taken from old TV game films. I'd forgotten how good he was until I saw him scramble his way out of trouble time and time again.

Defensive end David Roller, Kentucky (1968-70). I saw him manhandle the Ole Miss line in 1970 in a manner that almost brought fear to the Rebel offense. If his play that day had happened on the street he'd have gotten five years for mugging.

Hey now, I've hardly gotten started and have already run out of space. I've left out Florida's Wayne Peace, Vanderbilt's Jim Popp, Tennessee's Reggie White, Mississippi State's D.D. Lewis, and many more. I thought picking all-time greats would be easier than picking the 1986 stars.

It's not!

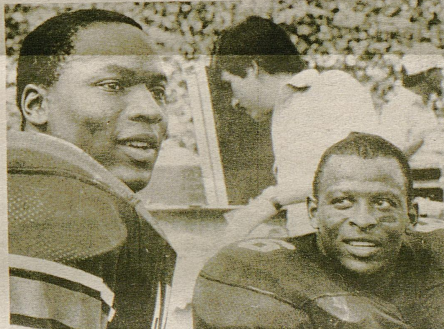
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Bob Barrett, one of the SEC's Assistant Commissioners, in-

vestigates allegations of violations and educates prospective student/athletes, coaches, alumni and friends of the universities about rules governing recruiting. Barrett is a former FBI Agent whose field of expertise was sports gambling and organized crime. How much do the SEC Conference teams make from TV and bowl games? Last year the league split approximately \$15 million. No one team received more than \$1,500,000. No one team received less than \$850,000. Basketball money is also included in those figures.

The first-ever football game in the Southeast area was played April 9, 1880 at **Old Stoll Field** at the University of Kentucky. Kentucky, then known as Kentucky A&M was simply host to the contest in which Transylvania College, then called Kentucky University, upset Centre College 13 3/4 to 0. Don't ask how you could get 3/4 of a point. In 1881 Kentucky A&M played Transylvania a three-game series and the scores were 7 1/2 to 1; 2 to 1 and 3 3/4 to 2 1/2. Wouldn't today's headline writers have fun with those scores? . . .

The SEC was originally a 13-team league which included the present 10 members, plus **Sewanee, Georgia Tech and Tulane**. Despite the loss of those three, no new member has been added in the 53 years the SEC has existed. . . Alabama's **Ray Perkins** was the SEC Lineman of the Year in 1966. . . LSU's great pass catcher **Wendell Davis** drew so little attention from his own school that they failed to include him on a list of nine "All-Star Candidates" sent to the Southeastern Conference at the start of the season. . . Speaking of "Lineman of the Year" honors, Auburn's **Pat Dye** won it in 1960 while playing defensive guard for Georgia. . . Head coach **Vince Dooley** of Georgia was an all-around athlete at Auburn. He not only lettered in football for three years and served as team captain his senior year, but he also earned a basketball letter as a sophomore. . . **Jerry Claiborne's** career as a player at Kentucky dates back to the 1940s. Claiborne, the present Kentucky coach, still holds his school's record for most interceptions in a season. As a standout defensive back Claiborne picked off nine



Auburn's Jackson (L) with Lionel James

passes in his senior year of 1949. . . **Billy Brewer** is another coach who participated in the old College All-Star game held each year in Chicago. The Rebel leader played in All-Star competition in 1960.

You have to pay your dues to become a head coach. **Rocky Felker** served as an assistant at Mississippi State, Texas Tech, Memphis State and Alabama before returning to his alma mater as the Bulldogs head man. He is still the youngest Division I-A coach in the country. Rocky was born February 1, 1953. . . Has anyone won more individual awards than **Johnny Majors**? As a player Majors was the SEC's most valuable player in 1955 and '56, All-American in '56, Heisman runner-up, also in '56, UPI National Back of the Year, and is a member of the All-SEC Quarter Century team. As a coach Majors won National Coach of the Year in 1973 and '76, Big Eight Coach of the Year in 1971, and SEC Coach of the Year in 1985. All that, plus a National Championship in 1976! . . . **Watson Brown** of Vanderbilt was born April 19, 1950. That happens to be a very good day. April 19 is my wedding anniversary. . . Speaking of Vanderbilt, its schedule doesn't get any easier next year. The Commodores have Alabama, Auburn, Georgia, Ole Miss, Kentucky, Maryland and Tennessee to face along with a few lighter weights such as Memphis State, Duke, Tulane and Rutgers. . . Only five SEC coaches have ever played on a Southeastern Conference Championship team and coached one, as well. The five include Johnny Majors, **Bear Bryant, Bowden Wyatt, Charlie McClendon** and Pat Dye. Majors played and coached at Tennessee, of course. So did Wyatt. Bryant did his thing at Alabama although he also coached Kentucky and coached at LSU. Dye played at Georgia before coaching at Auburn. **The Last Word:** Utah Jazz pro basketball coach Frank Layden: "I don't jog. I wanna be sick when I die. Sometimes I get the urge to jog. When I do, I lay down until it passes."

Reed To Write For Lexington Paper

Next month, former *Louisville Courier-Journal* sports columnist Billy Reed will begin writing a column for the *Lexington Herald-Leader*. Reed, who recently resigned from the Louisville paper, will also be working with Jim Host (Host Communications). The sportswriter will be in charge of Billy Reed Enterprise Inc., a sister company of Cawood Ledford Productions Inc.

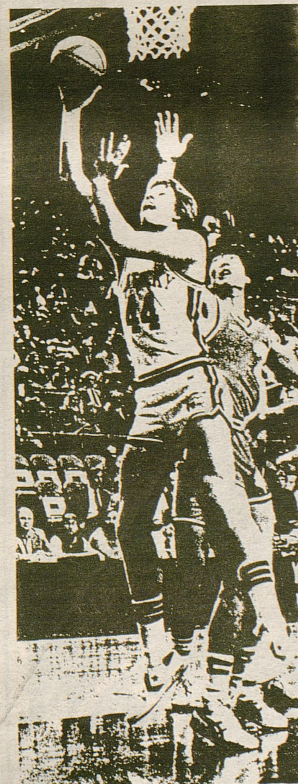
For Host Communications, Reed's assignments will be geared to writing for any one of the 66 Host-run publications which do not cross over into the *Herald-Leader's* circulation.

With the *Herald-Leader*, he will write two columns per week, run on Mondays and Thursdays or Fridays. According to H-L sports editor Mike Johnson, Reed, 43, will also have the opportunity to write up to 10 "wild card" commentaries per year. And the week prior to the Kentucky Derby he'll be writing in a daily capacity.

"His role will be to analyze and comment on issues in the sports world," Johnson told H-L's Jerry Tipton. "It won't be often that he'll be at a game writing for the next day."

Reed will be a busy person as he will be doing radio and TV commentaries for Louisville's WHAS. His daily radio spots will run daily, while his television commentaries will be on a twice-weekly basis.

Reed is a native of Mt. Sterling and grew up in Lexington. He graduated from Transylvania University with a degree in English. Reed is also a Lexington Henry Clay alumnus.



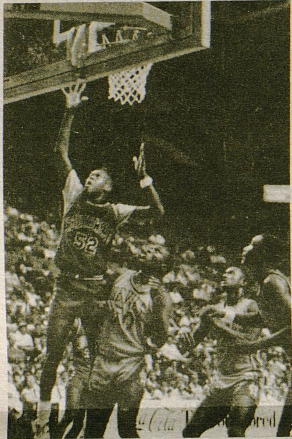
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Henry Clay Outduels Manuel, SW Macon

Despite University of Kentucky signee Eric Manuel's 37 points, Lexington Henry Clay knocked off Macon Southwest (Ga.), 61-56 in the finale of the Thoroughbred Classic.

The 6-foot-6 forward/guard (who prefers the guard position), hit on 16-of-33 shots from the field and five-of-five free throws.

Henry Clay jumped on Macon early, leading by five at the end of the first quarter, and by eight at halftime. Another UK recruit, Sean Sutton scored eight points. But leading the way for the winners were Jerry Tevis (15 points), Garry Hill (13) and Allen McCowen (12). Sutton did grab five rebounds and dish out four assists.



MACON SOUTHWEST (56)						
Name	fg-a	ft-a	rb	a	pf	tp
Maurice Williams	1-6	1-2	3	1	2	3
Roderick Manuel	9-5	0-0	5	1	4	6
Eric Manuel	16-33	5-15	0	3	37	
Aubry Boyd	2-9	1-4	6	2	4	5
Tony Hall	1-5	0-2	3	2	2	2
Marcellus McCarmy	1-3	1-2	3	1	0	3
Fred Crocker	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Ricky Jones	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Keith Green	0-0	0-0	2	1	1	0
Rico Whipple	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Team			6			
Totals	24-61	8-15	43	8	18	56

HENRY CLAY (61)						
Name	fg-a	ft-a	rb	a	pf	tp
Jeff Walker	3-6	0-0	7	1	5	6
Garry Hill	5-8	3-4	6	0	9	13
Jerry Tevis	5-12	5-7	7	0	2	15
Allen McCowen	5-9	2-4	5	4	2	12
Sean Sutton	2-7	4-7	3	5	2	8
Jeff Dawson	0-1	1-2	0	1	1	1
David Taylor	1-2	0-0	0	0	0	2
Mark Willoughby	1-2	0-0	0	0	0	2
Kerry Washington	0-3	2-2	2	0	2	2
Team			3			
Totals	22-50	17-27	35	10	15	61
Macon Southwest	9	14	19	56		
Henry Clay	14	17	13	61		

Field-goal shooting: Southwest, 39.3; Henry Clay, 44.0. Free-throw shooting: Southwest, 53.3; Henry Clay, 63.0. Technicals: none. Turnovers: Southwest, 18; Henry Clay, 14. Officials: Rick Chasteen, Kent Wade. Attendance: 8,000 (est.)



Blackmon, Madison Adjust To New Roles

Both Making Slow, Steady Progress

After last weekend's UKIT, all the headlines were centered on Rob Lock, Ed Davender and Rex Chapman.

If you opened the paper or turned on the TV you saw that Lock had the best game of his career in the first round of the tournament. The big guy scored 19 points, grabbed 11 rebounds against Iona.

You saw that both Davender and Chapman had outstanding tournaments. Davender scored 36 points in the two games and was named to the all-tournament team for the second straight year, this time as the MVP. Chapman led the tourney in scoring with 42, made

the offensive end. But the season is long, and we've got a lot more games left."

Madison Learning New Position, Too

Nowhere in the stat sheet does it say that Madison is finally getting used to playing with his back to the basket. Forced into playing out of out of position, Madison didn't fare too well early in the season down in the paint. He wasn't used to playing the power game.

"I haven't really been looking to score," Madison said. "I've been looking for other things like defense, continuing to get better on that, and looking to score off the boards and on the breaks, things like that."

Like Blackmon, the Memphis, Tenn., product started to show some signs of improvement in the UKIT, by scoring 12 points and hauling down 15 rebounds in the championship game against BU, the first time Madison has been in double figures in scoring and rebounding in the same game.

"I just played basically the same way I've been playing," Madison said. "But I was able to outkick my man and get to the boards. It felt really good because I wanted to win the championship."

Late in the game, when the Terriers were forced to foul in an attempt to get back into the game, they picked Madison, whose free throw percentage was hovering down around the 40 percent mark. Madison responded by hitting all 10 of his shots from the line in the second half, including eight for eight during the last two and a half minutes.

"When I was at the line, the other team was saying, 'He's a 33

the all-tourney team and just missed being the first freshman ever named the MVP, falling just three votes short.

And that's as it should be. All three players had outstanding games.

Meanwhile, two other Kentuckians—starting guard James Blackmon and sixth-man Richard Madison—were quietly starting to live up to their expectations.

Look at the six-game stat sheet, find the names Blackmon and Madison, and the numbers aren't all that impressive:

	G-GS	Reb.-Ave.	Pts.-Ave.
James Blackmon	6-6	21-3.5	41-6.8
Richard Madison	6-3	40-6.7	40-6.7

But those are statistics. Cold hard numbers written down on the scoresheet. They don't tell the complete story. They don't reflect the contribution to the team.

For instance they don't tell you that after getting off to a slow start, Blackmon is starting to come out of his scoring slump. He scored 14 points against Iona, the third straight time that the senior from Marion, Ind., finished in double digits.

Blackmon Having To Adjust To New Role

They don't tell you that Blackmon's role has been changed dramatically from last year. Last season, because Kenny Walker and Winston Bennett shored up Kentucky's strong inside game, Blackmon was able to make a living on outside shooting. He could just stand out in the corner, wait until the zone defense collapsed into the middle and then bomb away from the outside.

Because Kentucky doesn't have enough inside people this season, and because of the three-point shot, UK can't go with the power game. The 'Cats can't force the ball inside like they did a year ago.

And because Kentucky's perimeter game is much better in '87, thanks in large part to Chapman and fellow freshman Derrick Miller, Blackmon isn't called upon to score from the outside.

"I was just out there trying to win a ballgame," Blackmon said after the Boston University game, a game in which he failed to score. But Blackmon did play a solid floor game and pulled down six rebounds. More than once he came up with a big play with the game on the line.

With 14 minutes to go and the game tied at 38, Blackmon saved the ball into Madison, who converted a pair of free throws to give Kentucky a 40-38 lead. And with UK still holding that slim two-point margin at 64-62, Blackmon blocked an 18-footer by BU's Mike Alexander. Finally, with 3:25 left in the game, Kentucky led 67-62. Blackmon came charging across the lane, scooped up an offensive rebound in the lane and fed Chapman for a bucket that gave the 'Cats some breathing room at 69-62.

"This is just my last year and I'm going out to win ballgames," Blackmon said. "At this level, you've got to play a complete game. I've been concentrating on my defense. I know my offense will come.

"We're running more of a motion offense, where last year our game was inside. Rex has been shooting the ball real well, and Ed also. I didn't put the ball up much tonight, but I'm sure I'll contribute before the end of the year."

Blackmon is no stranger to getting off to slow starts. Last season he struggled early, but during the stretch run, it was Blackmon who was there to hit the big jumper in the clutch.

"Last year I got started real slow, I wasn't really contributing on



Richard Madison

percent free throw shooter. Foul him, foul him.' It made me kinda mad. I knew I could shoot better without any problem. I just concentrated better and I made 'em."

Madison said he is also beginning to concentrate more about playing in the lane, figuring out what it takes to play inside.

"It's getting easier for me because I know I'm gonna have to play down there," he said. "I'm gonna have to live with it. When the guys see you under the basket, they're gonna get the ball to you. I just have to capitalize. That's what I was worried about, getting the ball down low and missing it. It looks like such an easy shot, but you've got such big guys behind you. You just have to get adjusted to it. I'm getting more adjusted to it right now."

"It's getting easier for me because I can outkick my opponent and handle the ball out on the floor more on the press and stuff. I've got the freedom (to do that), but when I get the ball on the inside I look to get the ball to Ed and Rex, the good outside shooters, and I try to make my living on the boards."

But that may be changing.

"I concentrated on defense all summer and I haven't really looked to score like I should. I knew if I played defense, I would get a lot of minutes, and I'm leading the team in minutes played. But coach Sutton said I've improved so much on my defense, and now I can concentrate on scoring now, which makes me feel a lot better."

And when Jenkins recovers fully from his foot injury and Mike Scott comes aboard and gets used to the system, Madison and Blackmon may be feeling a whole lot better. The addition of those two players should bolster the inside attack, and give the 'Cats depth, which will allow Sutton to employ a more wide-open style of play and use Blackmon and Madison to his best advantage.

But until then, both will have to be satisfied with doing the little things that don't show up in the box score.

Back Thru The Wildcat Years

Four Years Ago

*The third-ranked Kentucky Wildcats impressively defeated the Kansas Jayhawks 83-62 in front of 16,483 fans at Louisville's Freedom Hall. Defense was the key to this UK victory, which raised Kentucky's record to 8-1, as the 'Cats constantly switched from man-to-man back to zone, and even introduced a new matchup zone to disrupt the Jayhawk offense. Forwards Derrick Hord and Charles Hurt played outstanding games as Hord led all scorers with 23 points and Hurt was the game's leading rebounder with 13. Kansas held an early 11-10 lead until the 'Cats outscored the Jayhawks 28-10 to take a 38-21 halftime lead. The game was marred by one incident, though. UK freshman Roger Harden and Jayhawk Ron Kellogg chased a loose ball when Kellogg smashed an elbow into the side of Harden's face. Harden fell to the floor and never returned to the game. He

was later treated and released from a Lexington hospital.

Six Years Ago

*Over 12,000 Kentucky fans braved the cold weather and turned out at Freedom Hall in Louisville to watch the Wildcat basketball team practice. UK holds a shooting session the morning of the Notre Dame game each year, and fans came from several different states just to watch the team shoot.

*Kentucky lost for the first time this season and for the first time in seven years to Notre Dame as the Irish handed the 'Cats a 67-61 defeat at Freedom Hall. The game was close most of the way and was tied at the half at 24-24. The difference came at the foul line, as UK had seven more field goals than Notre Dame. However, the Irish hit on 25 of 28 foul shots, all in the second half, to just five of seven for Kentucky. Most of those fouls were caused by a poor UK defense which simply

was outthrust by the Irish. Notre Dame's Kelly Tripuka was named the game MVP after scoring 30 points, including 14 of 15 from the free throw line. Orlando Woolridge added 15 points and Tracy Jackson had 14. UK's Sam Bowie finished with 18 points and 11 rebounds. Dirk Minniefield played an excellent game with 14 points and six assists, while holding John Paxson to only six points. Derrick Hord added 13 points for Kentucky and Chuck Verderber pitched in with 12.

Seven Years Ago

*The Kentucky Wildcats made it eight wins in a row and won their first conference game by blowing out previously undefeated Georgia 95-69 before 16,000 fans in Atlanta. The Bulldogs led 25-23 before UK reeled off 16 straight points and exploded to a 45-28 lead at halftime.

For the game, UK hit on 43 of 69 shots for a sizzling 62.3 percent from the floor. The guards led the way as Kyle Macy hit 12 of 18 shots for 28 points and Dwight Anderson scored 20. Dominique Wilkins scored 21 for Georgia.

*Kentucky barely managed to win the UKIT, downing a tough Purdue team 61-60 in the finale. UK coach Joe Hall called Purdue "the best team we have faced." The Boilermakers led 56-53 with 3:43 left, but UK came back and held on with some clutch free throw shooting behind tournament MVP Kyle Macy and junior Freddy Cowan. Those two led UK with 18 points apiece. Coach Lee Rose's Purdue club was led by All-American Joe Barry Carroll, who scored 25 points.

*UK did not play well, but managed to beat California 78-52 in the first round of the UKIT. Kentucky was lifeless throughout but still took a 40-28 lead at the half. LaVon Williams and Kyle Macy led Kentucky with 12 points each. Fred Cowan had 11 points and 10 rebounds. Sam Bowie had 10 points and 13 boards.

Eight Years Ago

*Ray White sank a 20-foot jumper in the final seconds to give homesteading Mississippi State a 63-61 win over Kentucky. State had stalled the final 5:58 of the game after UK's Dwight Anderson missed a free throw with the score at 61-61. Both teams played well as State hit 56 percent of its shots and UK canned 58.8 percent. There were only 12 turnovers in the game. UK missed a final chance to tie the score when Anderson's 25-footer at the buzzer was off target. Kyle Macy led UK with

16 points. Truman Claytor had 14 and Anderson had 10.

*In a "must" conference game, Kentucky lost to Alabama 55-52 in a poorly played contest. The Tide shot only 31 percent from the field. Kentucky hit 44 percent but committed 22 turnovers. UK had a chance to win the game with the score at 53-52 in favor of Alabama when Fred Cowan missed a close-in shot and Reggie King rebounded. Eddie Phillips then added two free throws. UK led at the half 30-24 and Bama never led until 13 minutes remained in the game. LaVon Williams led UK with 16 points. UK is 1-4 in SEC play.

Twelve Years Ago

*Kevin Grevey pumped in 29 points as UK shocked Kansas 100-63 in Freedom Hall. The 'Cats shot 55.4 percent from the field. Jimmy Dan Conner added 16 points, while Larry Johnson scored 13 and Mike Phillips 11.

UK's defense forced Kansas into 24 turnovers and a 33.8 percent shooting performance.

*Kentucky used a trapping matchup zone defense to turn a 34-24 deficit into a 41-36 lead in a little over three minutes as the 'Cats defeated Notre Dame 113-90. Sophomore substitute Larry Johnson received the Bernie A. Shively Memorial Plaque as the game's MVP, even though Notre Dame's Adrian Dantley bagged 39 points and 17 rebounds.

Johnson hit seven of nine field goal attempts for 16 points, to go along with three assists. He also keyed UK's defensive effort. Kevin Grevey led UK with 28 points and Bob Guyette had 18, as six UK players scored 14 points or more.

Thirty-One Years Ago

*Kentucky defeated Minnesota 72-65 in the first round of the UKIT. UK led 36-26 at the half. Center Bob Burrow scored 27 points. Gerry Calvert had 16 and Jerry Bird had 15.

*Refusing to crack under pressure, Dayton upset Kentucky 89-74 in the final game of the UKIT, the first time the Wildcats have lost their own invitational tournament. The loss gave Kentucky two home losses this year, the first time they have lost two home games since 1927. UK Center Bob Burrow missed the game with an injury. Jerry Bird scored 34 points for the 'Cats, Gerry Calvert had 18 and Vernon Hatton had 11. Ray Dieringer scored 25 for the winning Flyers. Seven-footer Bill Uhl scored 23 points and Jimmy Paxson had 16.

Wildcat Quiz

1. Yes or No? Does Kentucky hold a series advantage over Louisville in basketball?

2. True or False? Since UK began playing U of L on a regular basis, no team has won on the other's home court.

3. How many games did the national championship Cards win last season?

- a) 28
- b) 30
- c) 32
- d) 34

4. Who was the leading scorer in last year's UK-U of L game?

- a) Winston Bennett
- b) Kenny Walker
- c) Pervis Ellison
- d) Billy Thompson

5. Who was the leading rebounder in the last year's UK-U of L game?

- a) Winston Bennett
- b) Kenny Walker
- c) Pervis Ellison
- d) Billy Thompson

6. True or False? Louisville didn't lose in Freedom Hall last year.

7. What national TV network televised last year's Dream Game?

8. What member of the U of L coaching staff played college basketball for the Cardinals?

- a) Bobby Dotson
- b) Jerry Jones
- c) Wade Houston
- d) Jock Sutherland

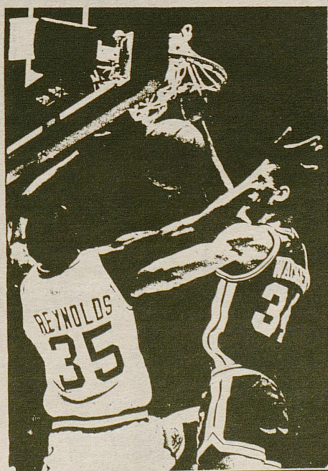
9. How many players on the Louisville roster hail from Derby City?

- a) one
- b) two
- c) five
- d) six

10. True or False? Denny Crum played his college ball at North Carolina.

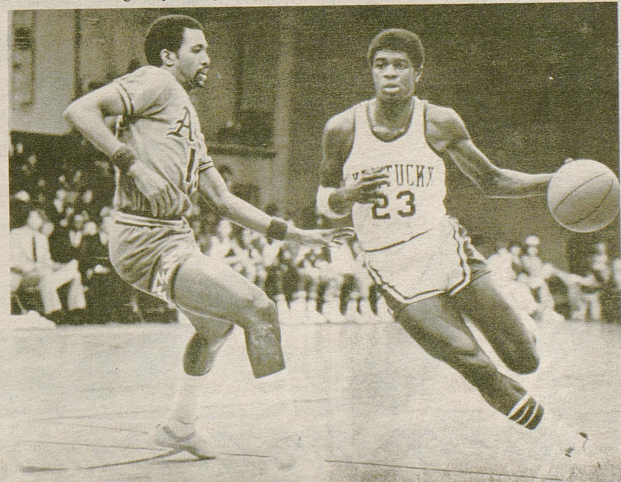
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If five of the six Kentucky recruits, Eric Manuel, Deron Feldhaus, LeRon Ellis, Sean Sutton and Johnathon Davis, indeed play for UK next year, they have a chance to make Wildcat history. How?



Answers

- 1. Yes (UCLA)
- 2. False. (Crum played for John Wooden)
- 3. 32
- 4. Winston Bennett. (23 pts.)
- 5. 6
- 6. True
- 7. CBS-TV
- 8. Wade Houston. (1966)
- 9. six
- 10. False. (U of L lost once at home, 84-82)



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