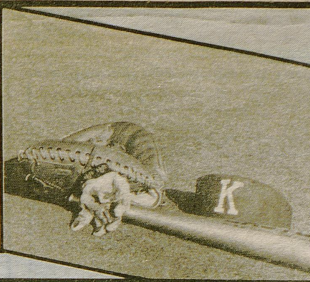


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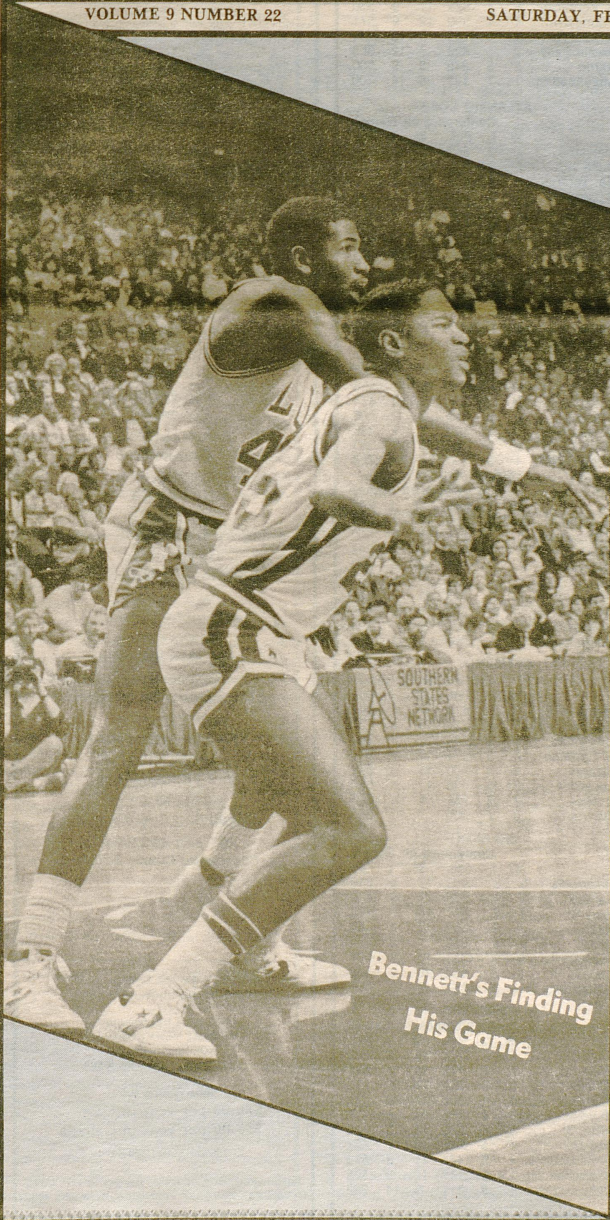
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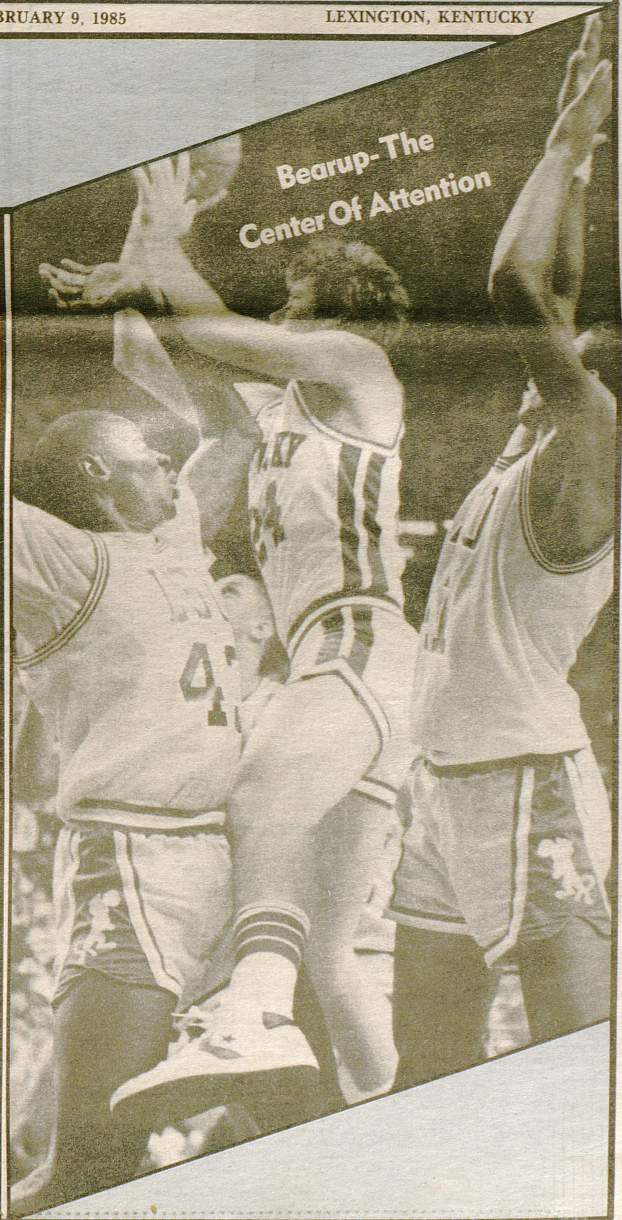
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### Bennett's Finding His Game



### Bearup- The Center Of Attention





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# Gators And Bulldogs Lead Topsy - Turvy SEC

Who would believe what's going on in this Southeastern Conference basketball race?

Why, look who's in first place. None other than the Florida Gators and the Mississippi State Bulldogs. Neither was expected to finish in the top four and State was thought to be better than only Ole Miss.

And, pray tell, where are the LSU Tigers and the Alabama Crimson Tide, the preseason favorites to finish 1-2. Well, the two are mired in the No. 6 and 7 spots.

What all this means right now is that the SEC race is wide open baby and I mean wide open. A few weeks ago most coaches agreed that four or five losses would win or tie for the league title. Now, six will get you a tie and seven will get you a second place finish or so.

All the mad scrambling and Kentucky's upset wins over LSU and Auburn last week has put the Wildcats firmly back in the race, if UK can beat Vanderbilt in Nashville on Thursday.

Without doubt, the SEC champion is going to lose a couple more games before the season is over.

LSU has the best road to the title, but the Tigers blew a one-point decision to Georgia in Baton Rouge last Saturday.

Meanwhile, Florida and Mississippi State are playing like champions, but the two have a couple tough road trips remaining and home dates with UK.

Kentucky now has its destiny in the Cats' own hands. Unfortunately, the Wildcats will probably fare only as well as they play on the road. UK still has to play the top three contenders - Mississippi State, Florida and LSU - on the road.

And once again, the league race will be decided on the final day of the regular season when Kentucky travels to Baton Rouge and Georgia journeys to Tennessee. Either of those four clubs or Florida could win it all.

With the national football letter-of-intent signing date just around the corner, Coach Jerry Claiborne and his Wildcat staff apparently are on the verge of having their greatest harvest yet since their arrival here three years ago.

According to the best estimates we can put together at this time, the Wildcats have a whopping twenty verbal commitments from high school seniors and the enormous success has caused the Wildcat staff to consider taking a couple more prospects than originally planned.

UK was expected to sign either 21 or 22 prospects, saving a couple scholarships probably for deserving walk-ons. But the staff was so successful in getting the players at the top of their

list, UK is now having to say no to some kids they hadn't figured on.

The way that situation works is any all big-time schools compile a recruiting list of 800 or more seniors at the start of the year. That number dwindles swiftly when players either narrow their list of schools or a school might not be as impressed as it originally was.

When the final weeks prior to signing arrives, each school's list narrows to about 100. It's at that time when a school must compile its list of priorities as far as position needs, depth and etc.

Usually, a final list will contain about fifty or sixty names and a school can usually promise any kid among their top fifty a scholarship because no school gets everyone it wants, even though a school can still sign thirty per year.

Kentucky has suffered from a strong case of success. Kentucky has red-shirted very well the past couple years and caught itself in the overall 95 limit with only 21 or 22 scholarships available this time.

Now comes the good news. In Kentucky, the Wildcat staff went 11 of 12 among its top twelve being sought. Among the top eight in the state, UK went 100 percent. That's a pretty good record in anyone's book.

Outside the state, UK has performed a superb job.

Over the weekend, UK corralled a large number of out-of-state commitments, including quarterback-defensive back Ron Robinson, 6-1, 180, out of Stratford High in Nashville. He was ranked as the state's No. 6 prospect by the Knoxville Journal last fall.

And for big linemen, the Cats went north to Ohio where 6-3, 280-pound center Gardner Lee Sorrell of Middletown High said he would sign a national letter to UK next week.

That's not all, Sorrell's teammate, 6-4, 250-pound guard-tackle Russell Wayne Viel, also said he will sign with Kentucky next week.

Reaching even farther north, the Wildcats apparently had landed another big lineman from Pennsylvania. Doug House, a 6-4, 247-pound offensive lineman from Aliquippa (Center High) says he'll join UK.

Kentucky rushed south to Georgia to win a commitment from 6-1, 190-pound defensive end Craig Benzinger of Clarkston High in Stone Mountain, Georgia.

Other out-of-state commitments come from Mike Burries of Bolinbrook, Illinois; Tom Crumrine of Westerville, Ohio; Tony Zigman, a 6-1, 190-pound wide receiver from Fork Union Military Academy (same school which produced Melvin Turpin), Va. and

Tom Smith from Mobile, Alabama.

As of Monday, Kentucky has received twenty commitments. UK may take as few as two more or as many as four more. There's one thing to keep in mind. None of the verbal commitments are binding until they sign a national letter of intent on February 13. While Claiborne has enjoyed enormous success in prepsters fulfilling their commitments, players have been known to change their mind.

Now, it's wait and see time.

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**HITS AND MISSES.** . . The Auburn game was to be a gigantic homecoming for **Kenny Walker** and **Cedric Jenkins**, both of whom live in nearby Georgia communities. Relatives and friends dotted Memorial Coliseum from Crawford County (Kenny's home) and Terrill County (Jenkins' home). Although there was a large following from Walker's hometown, his parents were unable to attend because of the funeral of Kenny's aunt who passed away earlier in the week. Kenny had dedicated the LSU game to his aunt. . . If UK had lost the Auburn game because of fatigue, one could understand. The official Wildcat party was to depart **Bluegrass Field** at 1 p.m. on a charter flight Friday, but numerous delays caused by a snow storm prevent the group from leaving until 7:15 p.m. when a second chartered plane finally arrived. The team finally arrived at its Auburn headquarters at 11 p.m. (Eastern Time), ate dinner and immediately went to bed. UK usually practices on the road for about an hour and a half the day prior to the game, but that was eliminated on this trip. . . The Montgomery, Alabama, chapter of the UK Alumni Association awarded its MVP award to **Kenny Walker**. That club presents an MVP award each year to the outstanding Wildcat in the game at Auburn, but only when UK is the winning team. . . **Tommy Lewis**, the outstanding blue-chip basketball star from Los Angeles, made his official visit to Syracuse recently when Syracuse upset Georgetown on national television. There are some who believe Lewis will choose either **Arizona State**, but insiders insist Lewis wants to play where the game is big-time all the time, in other words, east of the Mississippi River. And those same people believe the eventual winner will be either **Syracuse or Kentucky**, but don't count out **Louisville**. The Cardinals' **Denny Crum** has been after this one for a long, long time. . . Also in the recruiting world, word is that Kentucky will get an official visit from **DeMatha Catholic**

prep All-American **Danny Ferry** after all. North Carolina, Duke, Maryland and Virginia are considered the frontrunners in this one with Duke perhaps holding the edge. . . And Kentucky is still in the **Tony Kimbro** race according to one source close to UK. Louisville is the odds-on favorite for the 6-6 All-American forward with UK and UNLV still considered in the race. . . With the addition of **Vic Adams** to the list of UK verbal commitments, it appears only two major college prospects in the state will escape Kentucky, those being Lafayette's All-State quarterback **Vish Talwalker** and Louisville's **Joey Hamilton**. Talwalker, a National Merit Semi-Finalist and highly regarded quarterback isn't considered to be versatile enough to play another position and the UK quarterback ranks are pretty well stocked according to insiders, especially with the commitment of **Ron Robinson**, the Nashville, Tennessee, quarterback-defensive back. . . Hamilton reportedly had a chance to commit to UK early but chose to wait a while. In the meantime, 6-2, 185-pound **Tom Smith**, also a defensive back, from Mobile, Alabama, committed to UK and thus eliminated the need of signing Hamilton. Don't be surprised if Hamilton signs with Howard Schellenberger and Louisville where he verbally committed over the weekend. Talwalker, according to reports could end up with either Vanderbilt, Yale or Louisville. . . Some 100 members of Kentucky's **Blue & White Scholarship Fund** recently were mailed questionnaires concerning their reasons for giving to the fund. Questions ranged from the contributor's age to income bracket to how much a contributor is influenced by the gift being tax-deductible. According to UK, results are being compiled by a national firm and will be combined with results from other colleges as universities attempt to keep the Internal Revenue Service from eliminating the tax deductible status of gifts which are related to season ticket priorities. . . UK president **Otis Singletary** was all smiles after UK's 53-43 upset win over LSU last Thursday. He was inducted to the LSU Hall of Fame for Outstanding Alumni the next day and was scheduled to fly back with the LSU team after the game. However, the chartered plane was grounded by bad weather in Lexington and Singletary took an early morning commercial flight. By the way, Singletary was particularly pleased with the Wildcats' game plan against the Tigers. "It just goes to show you that **Joe B. Hall** can really coach," beamed Singletary, obviously taking a jab at some critics of Hall as

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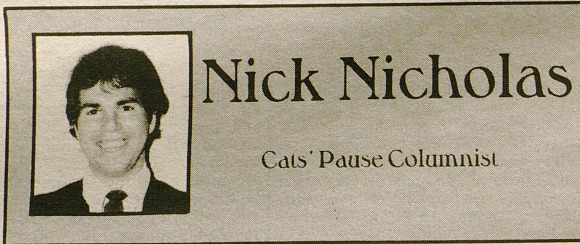
# On Deck: Kentucky Baseball

Let's talk Kentucky baseball.

Baseball?

Most Wildcat fans are probably wondering, 'Why aren't you writing about Kentucky basketball, or the prep recruiting trail that Coach Jerry Claiborne and his staff are currently embarking on?'

Well, if you didn't know, the Bat Cats of Coach Keith Madison are expecting good things of their own for the 1985 season. And all I want to do is let you in on some of the insights that the head coach has on this year's squad.



## Nick Nicholas

Cats' Pause Columnist

This past fall Kentucky finished with a 11-0 record. In recording their perfect slate the Bat Cats outscored their opponents 131-52 as they hit for a .355 team average. With Kentucky's season starting February 23 against Florida Southern in Lakeland, Fla., the expectations are high for the '85 Bat Cats. Though, it's a problem Madison, who owns a 172-122-1 winning mark during his six-year stint as UK's head coach, doesn't mind facing.

"Since we are a senior dominated team I think there is a lot of pressure on our seniors," said Madison. "There is a lot of pressure on the team to do well this year. We feel like we should be in the playoffs. We know we're going to get a lot of good competition."

With a list that includes nine seniors and 10 juniors on the 30-man roster, Kentucky definitely has the experience to challenge the Southeastern Conference East ballclubs -- Florida, Tennessee, Georgia and Vanderbilt. Madison noted that Florida and Tennessee, along with his Bat Cats, should be the favorites in the SEC East title hunt. He warned, however, that Georgia, which had an excellent recruiting year in '84, and arch-rival Vandy shouldn't be overlooked.

"We've got our work cut out for us," Madison said. "But we feel like with a senior dominated team that we're going to be able to respond to it."

Bat Cat fans should be treated to a little bit of everything this season. A combination of stellar pitching performances, outstanding defensive plays, and timely hitting by UK will probably be found at Shively Field, not to mention at opposing teams' turfs by the Cats as well. Overall UK has scheduled 24 games at home and 31 away from Shively.

"Pitching should be a strength for us," indicated Madison. "We have every pitcher back except for (Paul) Kilgus."

Kilgus, a southpaw selected by the Texas Rangers of the American League, was the Wildcats' top pitcher on last season's staff that compiled a 4.38 earned run average.

Senior right-hander Jay Ray is the No. 1 hurler in '85 according to the Bat Cats' coach. Six-foot-two, 188-pound freshman Dan Eskew should also be a force in UK's starting rotation. The right-handed, first-year product from Nashville, Tenn., was very highly recruited and has an exceptionally strong arm. Seniors Jeff Hellman, who tried out for the '84 Olympic team, and ironman Chris Carroll are also figured to be starting hurlers for UK.

If Carroll, a reliever the last three seasons, doesn't start then he will rejoin the Wildcats' bullpen crew.

Said Madison, "There's still a chance we are going to use him (Carroll) in relief this year, but we're also going to give him a chance as a starter. If we do that it means that we'll probably use Jack Savage in close ball games and short relief situations."

Madison seems to have a lot of faith in Savage's arm -- with last year's performances, any coach would.

UK's head mentor pointed out that against SEC foes Georgia (twice) and Tennessee last spring, Savage, a 6-1, 185-pound reliever, came in and took the bat out of opponents' hands during pressure situations.

"He's got a very good arm, throws hard, and he's got good control," said Madison about Savage. "He's a guy we have confidence in... we know that he can handle pressure."

Even though this squad is expected to hit for the good average, pressure may be riding on the shoulders of power-hitters Randy Clark and Jim Leyritz. Clark, UK's cleanup batter, blasted 20 homers last year, while Leyritz, a Junior College transfer, brings to the ballclub the long ball threat.

"I think we're more of 'hitting for an average' type team overall," said Madison. "The only guys on our team that have any proven power are Randy Clark and Jim Leyritz. The rest of the guys are going to hit with occasional power but not consistently. But I expect our hitters to do a good job of getting on base and hitting for an average so that Jimmy and Randy can drive them in."

If the 'Cats can get on base consistently then that will allow Madison and his staff to insert another offensive dimension -- speed.

"We've got very good overall speed," Madison said in a positive tone of voice. "We have (Terry) Shumpert (second base), who has very good base-stealing speed, and a junior college transfer from Kansas City Community College -- Russ Schueler (outfield). He has great speed and he'll probably be the guy that you'll look for to steal a lot of bases this year. He'll be our leadoff hitter. Kevin Gothard (outfield) has very good speed. Most of the other players that will start will have either average or above average college speed."

"That's something we're kinda proud of."

Besides on offense UK can use their quickness to its defensive advantage as well.

"With Gothard, Schueler, and Clint Arnold... we should have a fast outfield," commented Madison. "That will help us."

Many of the starting defensive assignments in UK's infield have not yet been determined, because of the Cats added depth.

Only Leyritz (third base) and Rick Campbell (shortstop) appear to have their positions locked up for the opener. Madison mentioned that Shumpert, as of the last week, has a slight edge at second base over sophomore Rodney Martin.

Madison said of Shumpert and Martin, "Both of those guys are excellent fielders, they're super defensively... those guys can really turn a double play and are very solid there."

When Clark's not playing first base then Jim Murphy, a Pearl River JC transfer, will occupy the busy spot. If Murphy is inked into the starting lineup at first, look for Clark to be positioned in the outfield.

Controlling the pitchers will be either junior Greg Stephens or freshman Robbie Buchanan. "They're our top two catchers," said Madison. "Both of those guys have strong arms. Greg, especially does a good job of handling pitchers."



## '78 Playoff Smiles Are A Probability In '85

"I think defensively we're going to be a pretty solid ballclub."

If the pitching can come through, then look for this club to be in the thick of the SEC race throughout the '85 campaign. And maybe, just maybe, UK will move on to bigger and better things.

"We feel like our pitching is going to come through, because Savage had a very good year last season," stated Madison. "Ray has won 18 games in three years and could go down as one of the winningest all-time pitchers in UK history. I feel like he's possibly the best right-handed pitcher in the SEC this year. We feel very good about our pitching and our pitching depth."

"Speed is going to be a plus for us. And I feel Randy Clark (All-SEC and all South District last year) and Jim Leyritz have broad enough shoulders to carry the hitting load."

"I'm pleased with the talent we have. This group of players (seniors) have yet to prove themselves though. I've always thought that they were a talented group of players. They've got a lot of things to prove this year, not only to the Kentucky fans, but to themselves. I feel very good that they're going to respond to that in a positive way. If they do, we'll have a very good year."

Sounds like the Bat Cats are in for an exciting year at the ole ballpark.

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# SEC Individual Statistics

## Through Games Of Jan. 26

"Sky" Leading Scorer, Rebounder In SEC

Player, Team	Gms	FG	FT	Pts	Avg.	Player, Team	Gms	FG	FT	Pts	Avg.
Kenny Walker, Kentucky	17	136	113	385	22.6	Curtis Ritchwood, Ole Miss	16	101	33	235	14.7
Chuck Person, Auburn	17	158	47	363	21.4	Eugene McDowell, Florida	16	94	41	229	14.3
Michael Brooks, Tennessee	20	142	81	365	18.3	Ken Harvey, Miss. State	16	91	37	219	13.7
Phil Cox, Vanderbilt	17	114	78	306	18.0	Bobby Lee Hurt, Alabama	18	89	58	236	13.1
Andrew Moten, Florida	16	100	71	271	16.9	Brett Burrow, Vanderbilt	17	72	78	222	13.1
Nikita Wilson, LSU	17	117	46	280	16.5	John Williams, LSU	17	97	27	221	13.0
Buck Johnson, Alabama	18	118	60	296	16.4	Vernon Maxwell, Florida	16	86	35	207	12.9
Eric Laird, Ole Miss	17	106	58	270	15.9	Rob Jones, Tennessee	20	92	68	252	12.6
Tony White, Tennessee	19	110	72	292	15.4	Darryl Gresham, Florida	16	87	24	198	12.4
Cedric Henderson, Georgia	14	83	44	210	15.0	Ice Reynolds, LSU	17	82	45	208	12.2

FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE - Top 15 (Minimum 3 made per game)

FREE THROW PERCENTAGE - Top 15 (Minimum 2 made per game)

Player, Team	FGM	FGA	Pct.	Player, Team	FTM	FTA	Pct.
Ervin Dillon, Miss. State	53	83	63.9	Don Redden, LSU	47	53	88.7
Tony Robinson, Miss. State	78	126	61.9	Michael Brooks, Tennessee	81	92	88.0
Bobby Lee Hurt, Alabama	89	144	61.8	Phil Cox, Vanderbilt	78	90	86.7
Nikita Wilson, LSU	117	193	60.6	Brett Burrow, Vanderbilt	78	94	83.0
Cedric Henderson, Georgia	83	139	59.7	Nikita Wilson, LSU	46	56	82.1
Eugene McDowell, Florida	94	159	59.1	Tony White, Tennessee	72	88	81.8
Ken Harvey, Miss. State	91	154	59.1	Jeff Gary, Vanderbilt	36	44	81.8
Rob Jones, Tennessee	92	159	57.9	Anthony Richardson, Tennessee	78	100	78.0
Horace McMillan, Georgia	71	125	56.8	Steve Reece, Vanderbilt	38	49	77.6
Chuck Person, Auburn	158	279	56.6	Horace McMillan, Georgia	34	44	77.3
Jeff Moore, Auburn	71	131	54.2	Fred Jenkins, Tennessee	50	65	76.9
Ice Reynolds, LSU	82	153	53.6	Terry Coner, Alabama	63	82	76.8
Kenny Walker, Kentucky	136	254	53.5	Andrew Moten, Florida	71	93	76.3
Buck Johnson, Alabama	118	222	53.2	Kenny Walker, Kentucky	113	150	75.3
Michael Brooks, Tennessee	142	264	53.8	Jim Farmer, Alabama	36	49	73.5

REBOUNDS - Top 15

ASSISTS - Top 15

Player, Team	Gms	RBs	Avg.	Player, Team	Gms	No.	Avg.
Kenny Walker, Kentucky	17	176	10.4	Terry Coner, Alabama	18	104	5.8
Eugene McDowell, Florida	16	156	9.8	Jeff Norwood, Miss. State	17	83	4.9
Rob Jones, Tennessee	20	193	9.7	Gerald Crosby, Georgia	17	75	4.4
Chuck Person, Auburn	17	161	9.5	Roger Harden, Kentucky	16	68	4.3
Bobby Lee Hurt, Alabama	18	170	9.4	Gerald White, Auburn	17	71	4.2
Buck Johnson, Alabama	18	168	9.3	Darrell Dulaney, Vanderbilt	17	68	4.0
Brett Burrow, Vanderbilt	17	137	8.1	Andrew Moten, Florida	16	64	4.0
Curtis Ritchwood, Ole Miss	16	127	7.9	Michael Brooks, Tennessee	20	79	4.0
Jeff Moore, Auburn	17	135	7.9	Don Redden, LSU	17	66	3.9
Nikita Wilson, LSU	17	124	7.3	Ice Reynolds, LSU	17	64	3.8
Ice Reynolds, LSU	17	121	7.1	Eugene McDowell, Florida	16	57	3.6
John Williams, LSU	17	119	7.0	Donald Hartry, Georgia	17	59	3.5
Cedric Henderson, Georgia	14	88	6.3	John Williams, LSU	17	59	3.5
Brett Bearup, Kentucky	17	98	5.8	Phil Cox, Vanderbilt	17	56	3.3
Glen Clem, Vanderbilt	17	96	5.6	Ken Harvey, Miss. State	16	52	3.3

STEALS - Top 10

BLOCKED SHOTS - Top 10

Player, Team	Gms	Steals	Avg.	Player, Team	Gms	Blocks	Avg.
Terry Coner, Alabama	18	45	2.5	Bobby Lee Hurt, Alabama	18	35	1.9
Gerald White, Auburn	17	40	2.4	Tony Robinson, Miss. State	17	25	1.5
Gerald Crosby, Georgia	17	35	2.1	Rob Jones, Tennessee	20	28	1.4
Phil Cox, Vanderbilt	17	33	1.9	Kenny Walker, Kentucky	17	22	1.3
Eric Laird, Ole Miss	17	32	1.9	Buck Johnson, Alabama	18	22	1.2
Fred Jenkins, Tennessee	18	33	1.8	Chris Morris, Auburn	17	17	1.0
Ice Reynolds, LSU	17	31	1.8	Eugene McDowell, Florida	16	16	1.0
Cedric Henderson, Georgia	14	24	1.7	Cedric Henderson, Georgia	14	14	1.0
Jeff Norwood, Miss. State	17	28	1.7	Anthony Richardson, Tennessee	20	19	0.9
Chauncey Robinson, Miss. State	17	27	1.6	Nikita Wilson, LSU	17	16	0.9

Cats Face Dogs And Gators On The Road This Week

# 1985 Southeastern Conference Baseball Schedule

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
<b>February</b>						
				8 Florida at Central Florida	9 Tampa at Florida	10
11	12	13	14	15 Florida at Miami	16 Florida at Miami Georgia at Jacksonville	17 Florida at Wilanova Miami Georgia at Jacksonville
18 Georgia at Stetson	19 Georgia at Stetson	20 Southern Miss at Alabama Florida at Stetson Trevecca at Tennessee	21 Southern Miss at Alabama Cumberland (TN) at Tennessee	22 Jacksonville at Florida LSU at Central Florida Chrisian Brothers at Ole Miss Vanderbilt at Southern Miss	23 Alabama at South Alabama Auburn at Tennessee-2 Florida A&M at Florida Western Kentucky at Georgia Kentucky-Florida Southern at Lakeland LSU at Central Florida Livingston at Ole Miss Mississippi College at Miss. State Vanderbilt at Southern Miss	24 Alabama at South Alabama Auburn at Tennessee Florida A&M at Florida Western Kentucky at Georgia Kentucky-Florida Southern at Lakeland LSU at Central Florida Livingston at Ole Miss William Carey at Miss. State Vanderbilt at Southern Miss
25 Florida at South Florida Ball State at Georgia Kentucky Eastern Michigan at Lakeland William Carey at Miss. State	26 Jackson State at Alabama Auburn at Alabama Christian Mercer at Florida Kentucky at South Florida LSU at McNeese State Union at Ole Miss Livingston at Miss. State Cumberland (Ky) at Tennessee Middle Tennessee at Vanderbilt	27 Jackson State at Alabama Mercer at Florida Western Carolina at Georgia Kentucky-Western Michigan at Lakeland Miss. State at South Alabama Maryville at Tennessee Cumberland (TN) at Vanderbilt	28 North Alabama at Alabama Kentucky-Western Michigan at Lakeland LSU at Nicholls State Ole Miss at Southern Miss Miss. State at South Alabama	<b>March</b>		3 Alabama at Auburn Kentucky at Florida Ole Miss at LSU Southeastern Louisiana at Miss. State Vanderbilt at Tennessee
4	5 New Orleans at Alabama Jacksonville State at Auburn Florida Atlantic at Florida Georgia at Mercer/Macon Ball State at Kentucky Ole Miss at Delta State Tennessee Tech at Tennessee	6 New Orleans at Alabama Auburn at Birmingham Southern Oklahoma State at Florida Campbell at Georgia Eastern Kentucky at Kentucky Southwestern Louisiana at LSU Delta State at Ole Miss Union at Miss. State Tennessee at Western Carolina Vanderbilt-St. John's at Orlando	7 Auburn at UAB Eastern Michigan at Florida Southwestern Louisiana at LSU Vanderbilt vs. Villanova/Miami at Orlando	8 Vanderbilt at Rollins	9 LSU at Alabama-2 Auburn at Miss. State-2 Florida at Georgia-2 Tennessee at Kentucky-2 Vanderbilt at Central Florida	10 LSU at Alabama Auburn at Miss. State Florida at Georgia Kentucky at Tennessee Morehead State at Ole Miss
11 Virginia at Auburn Morehead State at Ole Miss	12 Alabama at Jackson State Virginia at Auburn Tulane at Florida Georgia Tech at Georgia Kentucky at Louisville Northwestern Louisiana at LSU Middle Tennessee at Tennessee Vanderbilt at Tennessee Tech	13 Alabama at Jackson State Virginia at Auburn Georgia at Georgia Tech Georgetown College at Kentucky New Orleans at LSU Memphis State at Ole Miss Miss. State at Birmingham-Southern Vanderbilt at Cumberland (TN)	14 Xavier at Florida Miss. State at Birmingham-Southern	15 Florida State at Florida	16 Alabama at Ole Miss-2 Florida State at Florida Georgia at Tennessee-2 Kentucky at Vanderbilt-2 Miss. State at LSU-2	17 Alabama at Ole Miss Auburn at Troy State Florida at Florida State Georgia at Tennessee Kentucky at Vanderbilt Miss. State at LSU
18 Northwestern at Auburn Kentucky at Cumberland (KY)	19 Alabama Christian at Alabama Auburn at Huntington Florida at Jacksonville South Alabama at Ole Miss New Orleans at Miss. State Tennessee at Western Kentucky	20 Austin at Columbus Kentucky at Clemson Northwestern Louisiana at LSU New Orleans at Miss. State Tennessee at Western Kentucky Memphis State at Vanderbilt	21 Shorter at Georgia Kentucky at Clemson UAB at Ole Miss Miss. State-Livingston at Meridian Vanderbilt at Western Kentucky	22 Tulane at LSU Tennessee at David Lipscomb	23 Alabama at Miss. State-2 Ole Miss at Auburn-2 Vanderbilt at Florida-2 Kentucky at Georgia-2 New Orleans at LSU Tennessee at Memphis State	24 Alabama at Miss. State Ole Miss at Auburn Vanderbilt at Florida Kentucky at Georgia LSU at Tulane Tennessee at Memphis State
25	26 Alabama State at Alabama Florida at Central Florida Clemson at Georgia Southern at LSU Ole Miss at Mississippi College Miss. State at Delta State Western Kentucky at Vanderbilt	27 Auburn at Jacksonville State Howard at Georgia Louisiana College at LSU Ole Miss at Louisiana Tech Miss. State at Delta State East Tennessee State at Tennessee Vanderbilt at Austin Peay	28 Alabama-UAB at Birmingham Ole Miss at Northeastern Louisiana David Lipscomb at Vanderbilt	29 Kentucky at Eastern Kentucky Jackson State at LSU	30 Alabama at Kentucky Auburn at LSU-2 Florida at Tennessee-2 Georgia at Vanderbilt-2 Miss. State at Ole Miss-2	31 Alabama at Kentucky Auburn at LSU Florida at Tennessee Georgia at Vanderbilt Miss. State at Ole Miss
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<b>April</b>						
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6	7 Vandosta State at Florida	8 South Alabama at Auburn	9	10	11	12
<b>May</b>						
<b>SEC Tournament at Western Division Winner</b>						

# Hacker To Speak In E'town

Observations and things.  
Second banana.

Ralph Hacker is to Cawood Ledford on University of Kentucky football and basketball radio broadcasts what Trapper John McIntyre was to Hawkeye and Ed McMahan is to Johnny Carson. A solid (and vital) support man.

Frequently, perhaps because of their second banana roles, "sidekicks" are more willing and less pretentious communicators than are the "stars of the show." Members and guests at the Elizabethtown Rotary Club hope so because so anyway since Hacker will be the featured speaker at the club's luncheon next week, Feb. 12.

"I'm not a fancy talker and I don't have nearly the charisma that Cawood does," Hacker said last week. "I'll probably talk about the oil cartel in the Middle East and how it affects the socio-economic situation of southeast Texas."

Laughs.

"No, basically I'll talk some about sports, but some about business too," he added. "Sports is a hobby to me. What I really want to get in to is how the Final Four (at Rupp Arena Mar. 30-Apr. 1) has affected our city and what preparations have been made and are being made, and what affect it's going to have on our area after it's over with."



## Bob Watkins

Cats' Pause Columnist

A native of Richmond, Hacker has been Ledford's color highlights man on UK broadcasts since the early 1970s. He broke into broadcasting under the irrepressible Claude Sullivan in the mid-1960s and did play-by-play of UK freshmen basketball games when Dan Issel was a rookie (1967).

Hacker's "Trapper" in those days was Tom Hammond, now a celebrity in his on right as play-by-play man on the Lorimar Sports Network.

On the business side Hacker serves on a number of committees for Lexington Mayor Scotty Baesler and is a member of the city's Chamber of Commerce. He points with more than a little pride to the impact the Final Four project has had on central Kentucky's hub city, Lexington, its citizens and the region.

"It's been tremendous, unbelievable the way so many people have come together on this thing," Hacker said. "Those are some of the things I want to talk about in E'town."

And Hacker believes the Final Four may have an impact as far west as Bardstown and E'town.

"I spoke to the Chamber of Commerce in Bardstown a few months ago about it," he explained. "And they got to checking and started making some preparations too. I really think it could impact out that far."

Business and the "socio-economics" aside, Hacker admitted that he will not be able to resist talking sports too. Obviously his unique position near the UK football and basketball programs make him privy to the goings on behind the scenes.

### Nice job, Joe B.

Kentucky's basketball coach certainly has his critics and I have been among the thousands of perplexed hoop fans who wonder from time to time about some of the decisions for which Hall is paid in five figures. It is our right of course and Joe's burden. But he understands (grrrr!) that second guesses come with the turf.

But it was "take a bow time" last week for Joe Hall. His game plan against Louisiana State was flawless and significant in a broader sense, I think, because it demonstrates how Hall is able to "adjust" to circumstances and win.

At times I think Hall at it his best when pressed against the wall. "It was our feeling that LSU would not react well to tempo," Hall said after the LSU game. "Control was very important to winning this game."

Yes. And demonstrating once more that hoopball is really a simple endeavor, Hall did something else. Knowing full well that his Wildcats are shooting a meager 44.6 percent for the season, he turned down his club's offense. Hall's tempo strategy had a built-in feature—the fewer shots a mediocre shooting team puts up, the better its chances of winning. Kentucky tried 34, made 17, and allowed LSU only 36 tries.

Simple.

But there was more.

For Hall's strategy to succeed LSU had to help. And it did beginning of course with Coach Dale Brown.

Hall: "We expected they would come back after halftime in a man-to-man defense, apply some pressure. But we were pleased when they didn't."

Brown, despite his hallyhooped talent and a "longer" bench than UK's, decided not to pressure UK, but instead to play the game Hall's way even when the Tigers drew even at 33-33.

Presumably, Brown was so concerned with defending Kenny Walker inside and so confident that UK could not hit the basket outside, he chose not to play a trump card—force the action.

That left UK the opportunity it needed to win. And Kentucky fans know their club needed a win at home and against a team like LSU, desperately.

Most valuable player in the LSU game? Walker's contribution aside, my vote went to Bret Bearup and Roger Harden.

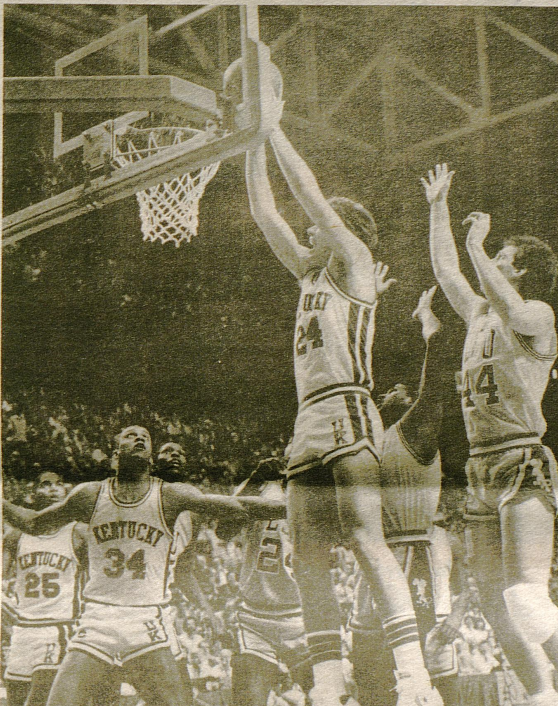
It was Bearup's best game since he came to UK—eight points, eight rebounds and each, it seemed, came at a critical juncture.

Harden? Like Hall, the little Hoosier has his critics, but he accounted for 20 points: three baskets—one of them a clutch 22-footer down the stretch—and seven assists.

Finally, UK's win came by way of a 50 percent shooting night, 17 of 34. Last year's Cincinnati game aside, does anyone remember the last time UK shot only 34 times in 40 minutes?

Nice job, Joe B.

Now, what are you going to do for UK fans next?



TCP Photo By: Gary Cromwell

## Bearup Muscles In 8 Points Against LSU

### Letters

From Elizabethtown John Howard writes: "Who do you consider Joe B. Hall's best players and could you compare them to (Adolph) Rupp's best in anyway?"

"Here is my (Hall) list."

1. Kevin Grevey — could shoot any time, anywhere.
2. Jack 'Goose' Givens — probably the best pure shooter.
3. Charlie Hurt — went virtually unnoticed, but the things he did without the ball, both on offense and defense, was things of beauty. He was never idle.
4. Rick Robey — never gave up.
5. Kyle Macy — the coach on the floor. Probably one of the smartest players at Kentucky.

6. Mel Turpin — considering the progress he made from high school.

7. Sam Bowie — his sophomore year should be (printed) on a plaque and hung on the wall.

And, oh yes...

8. Kenny Walker — does everything and does it well."

John offered a postscript. "My early Final Four — St. John's, Duke, Texas Tech and DePaul.

Comment: Thank you, John.

Adolph Rupp would never be pinned down on who he thought his best players were, but I believe there "might be" eight who could match those mentioned above.

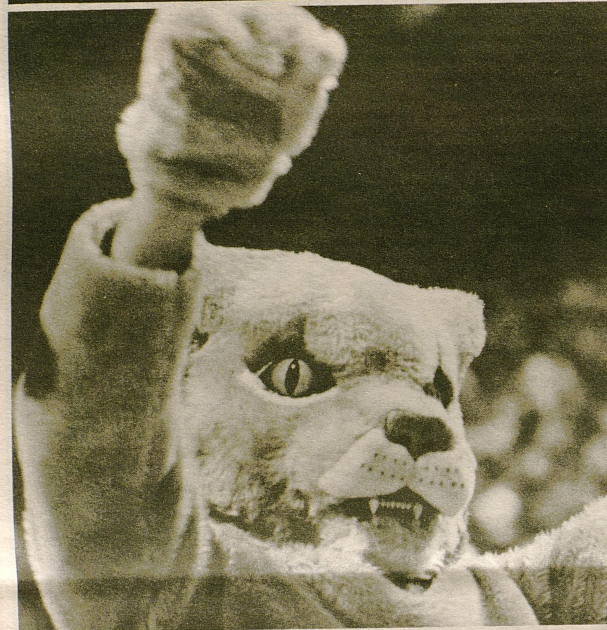
Let's see, how about...

1. Dan Issel ('70) — perhaps only one UK cager played as hard, as long as the school's all-time leading scorer. Kenny Walker.
2. Ralph Beard ('49) — except for Bob Cousy, might have been the finest guard of his time.
3. Louie Dampier ('67) — best pure shooter ever at UK.
4. Cliff Hagan ('54) — smooth and a clutch player.
5. Frank Ramsey ('54) — There was no semi-tough about this swing man.
6. Cotton Nash ('64) — A rugged talent who played out of position (center).
7. Alex Groza ('49) — Olympian and consensus All-American.
8. Bob Burrow ('56) — a premier rebounder.

Comment: Anyone else?

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# Kentucky vs. Auburn



The Cat Roars His Approval

## Walker's Free Throws Proves Difference

Thanks to Kenny Walker's clutch free throws with just five seconds remaining in overtime, the Kentucky Wildcats escaped with a heartstopping 49-47 win which put the Cats firmly back into the SEC race.

It was a game which neither team took advantage of until Walker posted up and was fouled by All-American Chuck Person late in the first overtime.

Both teams had squandered numerous opportunities in regulation. Despite the poor exhibition, the game was not without its heated moments with coaches chasing everyone from the men in striped shirts to the official timekeeper.

After a timeout at 0:05, Walker calmly walked to the free throw line and buried two shots to give the Wildcats a victory and make him the game's top scorer at the same time.

## Poor Shooting Mares First Half Play

Although Auburn jumped out to an 8-3 lead behind Chuck Person and Chris Morris, both teams went cold from the field and suffered through sub-40 percent field goal shooting.

Senior Troy McKinley came off the bench early and found the range for a couple long bombs to prevent the early blow-out, his second basket narrowing the score to 8-7 at the 15:16 mark.

Kentucky knotted the score at 10-10 on a three-point play by Bret Bearup and the Wildcats went on top 14-10 with back-to-back lay-ups from Richard Madison and Walker at 10:06.

At that point, the Wildcats went into their own drought, going scoreless until the 4:28 mark when Ed Davender drove in for a lay-up after getting a steal. Earlier, Auburn went ten minutes with only one bucket and went scoreless for one stretch of six minutes.

## More Of The Same In Second Half

The two clubs picked up right where they left off before intermission, except Sonny Smith's Tigers appeared more determined in the opening minutes of the second period.

Walker gave UK a 24-20 lead on a jumper from the lane and had a chance to go up by six but a turnover by Auburn roared back with a three-point play by Frank Ford and Gerald White pumped in a 25-footer as Auburn took a 25-24 lead.

Jeff Moore gave the Tigers a 27-24 advantage before buckets by Winston Bennett and Madison put UK back in front 28-27.

Auburn took the lead at 29-28 on Ford's jumper and the Tigers held the upper hand from that point (14:20) until the 4:42 mark when Walker tied the game with a free throw at 41-41.

## Down To The Wire Finish For UK

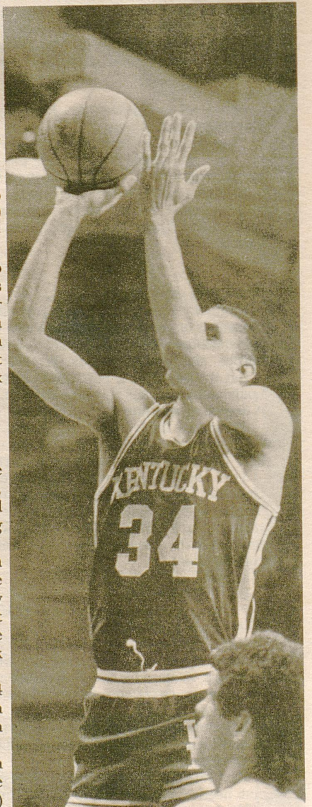
Kentucky went on top 43-41 when Davender connected from 15 feet at 4:10, but White knotted the score with a pair of free throws at 2:15.

Each team fumbled opportunities down the stretch and Kentucky misfired twice in the final minute. After failing to score in the final twenty seconds, UK reclaimed the ball and called time-out with 0:12 left.

Seconds after putting the ball in play, Auburn deflected a pass from Harden to Kenny Walker and the Tigers appeared on their way to a slam-dunk winning basket.

That's when Harden managed to get a finger on a lob pass and prevent the play. The ensuing play resulted in Harden being called for a personal foul against White as time expired.

Because it was only Kentucky's sixth personal foul, Auburn was not in the bonus and overtime resulted. But not before Smith stormed to the scorer's table and argued that three seconds should have been put back on the clock with Auburn given a chance to score.



Led UK In Scoring

OFFICIAL NCAA BASKETBALL BOX SCORE													Date Feb. 2, 1985		Site Memorial Coliseum (Auburn)				
VISITORS (Last Name, First)																			
No.	KENTUCKY (11-8)	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	REB	PF	TP	MIN	A	TO	BLK	S						
34	Kenny Walker	f	5	11	5	6	4	2	15	41	1	0	0	1					
25	Winston Bennett	f	2	7	0	0	8	2	4	36	1	3	0	2					
24	Bret Bearup	c	2	8	4	5	6	2	8	29	0	2	1	1					
10	James Blackmon	g	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	6	2	0	0	0					
23	Roger Harden	g	0	3	0	0	3	3	0	22	2	5	0	1					
15	Ed Davender	2	5	0	1	1	1	1	4	30	3	2	0	2					
42	Richard Madison	7	12	0	0	7	1	14	29	1	2	0	0	0					
40	Troy McKinley	2	4	0	0	2	1	4	32	0	1	0	0	0					
TEAM REBOUNDS (Included in Totals)													6						
TOTALS		20	50	9	12	37	13	49	225	10	15	1	7						
FG %: 1st Half		9/23 - .391		2nd Half		11/27 - .407		Game		20/50 - .400		Deadball							
FT %: 1st Half		4/5 - .800		2nd Half		5/7 - .714		Game		9/12 - .750		Rebounds		1					
HOME																			
No.	AUBURN (12-7)	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	REB	PF	TP	MIN	A	TO	BLK	S						
45	Chuck Person	f	7	20	0	0	4	2	14	43	2	3	0	1					
34	Chris Morris	f	4	11	2	2	6	5	10	29	2	1	2	4					
40	Jeff Moore	c	2	9	0	0	5	2	4	24	1	1	0	0					
15	Frank Ford	g	3	9	1	2	7	1	7	41	1	2	0	3					
12	Gerald White	g	1	5	2	2	3	3	4	42	0	1	0	2					
10	Terrance Howard	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0					
33	Carey Holland	4	7	0	0	7	3	8	31	0	1	1	0	0					
14	Johnny Lynn	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	10	0	1	0	0	0					
54	Howard Spencer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
32	Darren Guest	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0					
TEAM REBOUNDS (Included in Totals)													3						
TOTALS		21	61	5	6	36	16	47	225	6	10	3	10						
FG %: 1st Half		10/30 - .333		2nd Half		11/31 - .355		Game		21/61 - .344		Deadball							
FT %: 1st Half		0/0 - .000		2nd Half		3/6 - .833		Game		5/6 - .833		Rebounds		0					
OFFICIALS: Dale Kelley, Wally Tanner, Danny Booker													SCORE BY PERIODS		1st H.	2nd H.	OT	OT	FINAL
Technical Fouls: NONE													KENTUCKY	22	21	6	49		
Attendance: 10,672													AUBURN	20	23	4	47		



**Cats Get Second Road Win In Overtime**

Auburn raced to two quick leads in overtime and appeared to be on its way to a win as Person scored twice around Bret Bearup's two free throws.

Madison, who really came to life in this game, came right back and hit a 25-footer to knot the score at 47-47 after he had been forced to sit out the final minutes of regulation with a sprained knee.

After Walker's two free throws, Auburn raced the length of the floor and put up a shot at the buzzer. As the ball slipped in front of the basket, the red light behind the goal signifying the expiration of time came on, but the horn failed to sound.

Auburn got off two more shots and a loose ball hit the floor before the angered Kentucky bench protested vigorously to the scorer's table. Finally, officials noted the situation and declared the game over.

**Not A Game For Great Scorers**

For the contest, Kentucky won out despite hitting only forty percent (20 of 50) from the field as Auburn hit a miserable 34 percent on 21 of 61 from the field.

Rebounding and turnovers kept Auburn in the game. The Tigers held a slim 37-36 edge in the boards department and committed five fewer turnovers than UK.

The Wildcats' strongest play came from Walker and reserve Richard Madison who canned 14 points with some of his finest outside shooting of the season. Walker led both clubs with 15 points. They were the only Wildcats in double figures.

Winston Bennett did a fine job on the boards with 8 rebounds and Bret Bearup turned in a fine defensive game and had six rebounds in 29 minutes.

Perhaps the deciding factor was the inside defense of Auburn's great inside game where the three starters hit only 11 of 40 from the field. The Cats' outside defense also did its job, limiting the Tigers' guards to four of 14 from the field. Last season, Ford and White whipped UK almost single-handedly in Auburn.

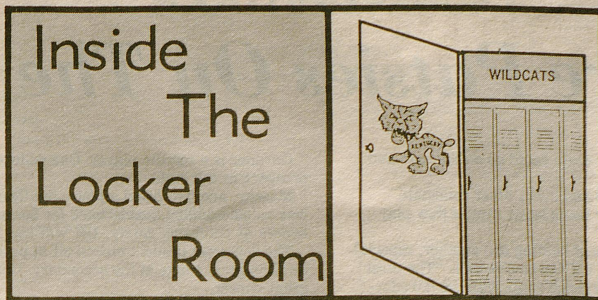
**Coach Joe B. Hall's Postgame Comments**

"Us handling their defense and making some changes in ours was the key to us winning today."

"At the start of the second half we were missing the easy shots and Auburn was able to take the lead. We did some changing in our offense and started getting the shots we needed."

"Auburn is a good team -- well coached, and it is hard to beat them at home."

"We both were playing with young teams, that can account for the low score and sloppy play by both."



**Kenny Walker**

**(On his winning play)**

The play was designed to go one-on-one, but they double teamed me and I had to kick it back out to Roger. Give him a lot of credit, he got it right back to me as I posted up.

**(On his two free throws)**

I have to thank Bill Keightly (UK equipment manager). He put a bobbie pin on my pants during the timeout for good luck. He told me it would bring good luck. And I have to thank my high school coach (Clyde Zachery). He's been getting on me for my poor free throw shooting. He told me to relax and concentrate more.

**(On his friends and relatives at the game)**

This is like a homecoming for me because of all my friends and relatives

are here. My home is a lot closer to Auburn than Georgia. It's good to see so many of them and be able to play in front of them.

**(On teammate Richard Madison)** He just doesn't know how good he is yet. The kid can really play. He was rushing it a little at first. I just told him that they were leaving him open and to keep shooting. Richard is going to be a great one.

**Ed Davender**

**(On his extended playing time)**

I feel extremely good about the win tonight and proud for the team. I really felt into the game.

**(On the SEC race)** This really puts us right back in it (SEC race), but you don't know how long it will last. We've just got to keep working hard every day.

**(On his jumper which gave UK the lead late in the game)**

That was a big play. We hadn't been in the lead for a long time and we didn't want to let them have the ball with the score tied.

**(On his free throw shooting)**

I just don't know what it is. (Davender was 24 of 28 prior to SEC and is 7 of 17 in the SEC). I'm just going to have to work on it some more.

**Richard Madison**

**(On his offense)**

I really felt good there tonight after the first couple shots. They really started falling. It's a good feeling to be able to contribute.

**(On his return after the injury)**

My adrenaline was flowing so fast I forgot how much it hurt, but it's just a sprain. Coach Hall told me I could be an excellent rebounder if I'd just work for position and not worry about things.

**(About his two key rebounds in overtime)**

I just went inside strong and blocked out. A rebound in that situation is just like scoring. It's that important in a close game.

**Winston Bennett**

**(On the Cats' aggressive defense)**

We're starting to play defense the right way again, and we'll get those steals when we anticipate and jam up the passing lanes. We're not all the way back, but we're coming back. We just got to keep our heads up and go hard.



**Another Tough Loss For Smith Against UK**

**Coach Sonny Smith's Postgame Comments**

"I think it was the poor shooting by us in the first half that got us down. We shot better in the second half, but that wasn't enough."

"We took good shots overall, they just didn't fall for us. We didn't turn it over, either, which has been one of our problems."

"I think rebounding was the key. Kentucky did a good job getting the second shots in crucial situations."

"This has to be one of the most disappointing losses I've had since I've been in coaching because it shouldn't have happened. The game should be decided by the players."

"The loss puts us in a tough situation because this was a game we had to win at home."

# No More Patsies On The Road

Once upon a time Kentucky's basketball team could go on the road and win even when it had a mediocre game.

But those days are over for the Wildcats and every other collegiate power. Now teams can get beat when they leave home even if they play well.

"Teams all over the country are capable of beating one another, especially when you have to go on the road," says UK Coach Joe Hall. "The most dramatic change in the Southeastern Conference came with the introduction of the black player. Then another surge came when the best players in Georgia, Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi started staying home to play.

"Every team in the Southeastern Conference has talented players now. That's why it is so difficult to win on the road in our league. I just don't believe any team can win consistently on the road in the SEC."



## Larry Vaught

Cats' Pause Columnist

To win on the road a team must have superior talent. But Hall says talent alone won't guarantee success away from home.

"Even a talented team has to play with great effort to win on the road," says the UK coach. "And the team has to be in control of itself. You can't make mistakes and beat teams."

Mississippi State has been the surprise of the SEC this year. Picked to finish ninth in a preseason poll, the Bulldogs have led the conference race most of the season.

Hall says State's play is a surprise but also proves why it is difficult for SEC teams to maintain sparkling records and lofty rankings.

"Mississippi State has consistently played hard this season," says Hall. "They've been the Cinderella team and they have had a lot of fun beating people.

"But they are not the underdog now. They are the big dog on the block and it will be interesting to see how they hold up the rest of the way. But State has been the only really consistent team in the SEC."

Hall feels Alabama and LSU have both played well as expected this season. But Georgia has also impressed the UK mentor. He says, "Georgia is a much improved club since Cedric Henderson joined the team. Georgia has a well-rounded team and plays with a lot of effort."

Expect the SEC teams to keep beating one another during the final month of play. That might keep the league race interesting but this year it is sure to cost the SEC when NCAA tourney bids are extended.

Hall, and several other league coaches, would like to do away with the 18-game round robin league schedule. If SEC teams only had to play 14 league games they could probably improve their final record.

And abolishing the conference tourney would also help SEC teams in NCAA play. Hall feels last year's SEC tourney drained the emotion from his club and it is difficult to play well in the NCAA after going through a demanding conference tournament.

But don't expect the round-robin schedule or league tourney to go away soon.

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**BACK-TO-BACK** Hall of Fame Bowl appearances and winning seasons have put pride back into the University of Kentucky football program.

Never was that more evident than when the state's premier high school football players announced they would play for Coach Jerry Claiborne's team.

First came Trinity fullback-linebacker Andy Murray. Then tackle Mike Pfeifer, another Trinity standout, picked UK. Somerset defensive back Tony Massey, Middlesboro tackle Vic Adams and Trinity linebacker Carwell Gardner followed with commitments to Kentucky.

One of Claiborne's priorities when he came to Kentucky was to land the state's best high school football players each year. He did that in 1984 and apparently will do it again Feb. 13th when players can officially sign with colleges of their choice.

The commitments from the "Trinity Trio" were keys for Kentucky this year. New Louisville Coach Howard Schnellenberger, and many other coaches, would have loved to have had one, two or three of the Shamrocks. But all picked Kentucky.

The 6-7, 261-pound Pfeifer is considered the state's best lineman. He picked the Cats over Georgia and could see playing time at defensive tackle next season.

The 6-2, 208-pound Gardner was all set to sign with Georgia before visiting Lexington. Like Pfeifer, he was impressed with the academic and athletic opportunities at Kentucky.

Gardner is a terrific player. One college coach rated him as the best prep prospect in the state.

Massey, another gifted athlete, finally chose UK over Tennessee. Massey was an outstanding quarterback for Somerset but he earned All-State honors at defensive safety. UK will use him in the secondary.

The Somerset product picked off 26 passes during his high school career and has great range in the secondary. Don't be surprised to see him have a great career.

The 248-pound Adams was another highly recruited athlete. He picked UK over Ohio State and Tennessee while the 6-2, 230-pound Murray decided on UK over Purdue and Louisville.

Earlier center Brian Cralle of Elizabethtown, quarterback Chuck Broughton of Ashland, wide receiver Dee Smith of Paducah Tilghman, running back Darren Bilberry of Ft. Knox, and tackles Oliver Barnett of Jeffersonsontown and Tony Nash of DeSales committed to UK.

Kentucky, which probably will sign no more than 22 players, has again controlled the state with this list of prep stars.

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TENNESSEE'S new 24,500-seat arena won't be ready until at least the midway point of the 1985-86 season. If delays push completion back any more, the 1986 SEC tourney may have to be moved from Knoxville.

If that happens, Kentucky would be glad to serve as host for the tourney again as it did in 1982 when Alabama won the title.

But chances are the 1986 tourney would be played in Birmingham, site of this year's league championship, if Tennessee cannot host the affair.

If the SEC insists on having a tournament each year, the best sites are college campuses. The best two SEC tournaments I've attended have been the 1982 tourney at UK and last year's championship at Vanderbilt.

The enthusiasm in the college towns is far greater than what one can find in Birmingham.

Personally, I hope the 1986 tourney can be played in Knoxville because I don't want to see Birmingham host the event two or three straight years.

Hall agrees and says, "I would really question who the league is trying to please if the tournament goes back to Birmingham in 1986."

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**OPPONENTS CONTINUE** to mug forward Kenny Walker any time he gets near the basket. Walker is taking a terrific beating each game and the frustration is showing more and more.

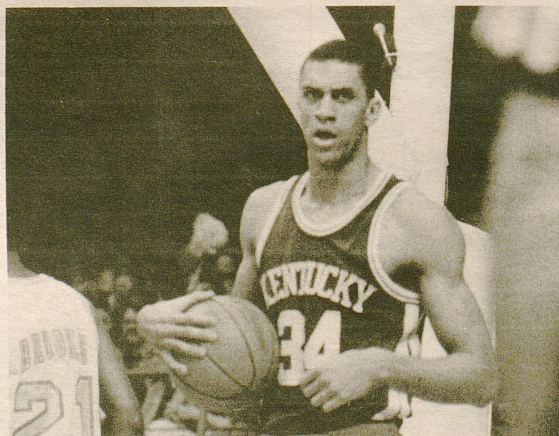
"It seems like when we have a high scorer the defense is allowed to play a tough, physical game," says Hall. "But when the opponent has a high scorer he is not allowed to be mistreated.

"It looks to me like Kenny is getting a lot of unfair treatment. I hope the officials have an opportunity to see the films of our games."

Walker averaged 8.8 free throws per game during UK's first 17 contests. At home he shot 9.4 per outing while on the road he has averaged 8.0 free throws per contest.

However, if Walker shot a free throw each time he was held, pushed, punched or elbowed he would average 20 free throws per game.

No wonder he's becoming frustrated.



## Lately Walker Has Been Bullied

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**FRESHMEN CEDRIC** Henderson of Georgia and John Williams of LSU are both terrific players. But the two have different styles.

"Williams is not as quick or explosive as Henderson," says Hall. "But Williams is very smooth and plays with a lot of confidence. He's probably a more physical player and he can shoot from outside if needed."

# SCOUTING REPORT

By BRAD DAVIS  
UK Sports Information

**GAME 20:** Kentucky vs. Vanderbilt  
**DATE:** Thursday, February 7, 1985  
**SITE:** Memorial Gymnasium - Nashville, Tenn. - capacity: 15,626  
**ON THE AIR:** LORIMAR SEC TELEVISION NETWORK (Tom Hammond and Joe Dean) - Approximately 30 stations throughout the Southeast, plus the USA Cable Network nationwide.

UK RADIO NETWORK (Cawood Ledford and Ralph Hacker) - 90+ stations throughout Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio, Tennessee and West Virginia.

**GAME 21:** Kentucky vs. Ole Miss  
**DATE:** Saturday, February 9, 1985  
**SITE:** Rupp Arena - Lexington, Ky. - capacity: 23,000  
**ON THE AIR:** UK RADIO NETWORK

UK TELEVISION NETWORK (Rob Bromley and Bob Domine) - DELAYED at 11:30 p.m. EST on eight stations throughout Kentucky, Tennessee, Indiana and West Virginia.

**THE COACHES:** Kentucky's **JOE B. HALL** is now in his 13th season as the head coach of the Wildcats and has racked up an impressive 290-95 record at UK. That's a winning percentage of 75.3. In his 12 years at Kentucky, Hall has averaged more than 23 wins a season in guiding the Wildcats to one National Championship (1978), three Final Four appearances, one NIT championship and eight Southeastern Conference titles. Hall is the winningest coach in the SEC and his teams have won 74 percent of their games against other league teams. Hall's 18-year overall head coaching record is 366-150. His record against Vanderbilt is 19-7. His record against Ole Miss is 25-3.

Vanderbilt coach **C.M. NEWTON** is in his 4th season as head coach of the Commodores and has built a 56-52 record in Nashville (before Monday night's Ole Miss game). That's a winning percentage of 51.9. The 1951 University of Kentucky graduate spent 12 years at Alabama (1969-1980), compiling a 211-123 record at the Capstone. Prior to that, he spent 12 years at Transylvania College in Lexington, compiling a 169-137 record. His 28-year overall head coaching record is 436-312. Newton's record against Kentucky is 7-25 (7-18 at Alabama; 0-7 at Vanderbilt).

Ole Miss coach **LEE HUNT** is now in his third season in Oxford, where he has compiled a 34-43 record. Before coming to Ole Miss, Hunt served as an assistant to Gene Bartow for 11 years at Memphis State, Illinois, UCLA and UAB. Hunt's record against Kentucky is 0-5.

**PROBABLE STARTING LINEUPS:**

Kentucky Wildcats (11-8; 6-4 SEC)		PPG	RPG
F 34 - Kenny Walker (6-8 junior)		22.2	9.8
F 25 - Winston Bennett (6-6 soph.)		7.6	5.4
C 24 - Bret Bearup (6-9 senior)		5.6	5.9
G 10 - James Blackmon (6-7 soph.)		7.5	1.6
G 23 - Roger Harden (6-1 junior)		4.9	1.4 (4.3 assists/game)

**Vanderbilt Commodores (8-10; 1-8 SEC)**

F 33 - Steve Reece (6-9 soph.)	8.8	5.1
F 24 - Glen Clem (6-6 soph.)	7.7	5.4
C 50 - Brett Burrow (6-10 junior)	13.3	8.1
G 22 - Darrell Dulaney (6-0 junior)	11.1	2.3
G 00 - Phil Cox (5-11 senior)	17.8	3.1

**Ole Miss Rebels (7-11; 1-9 SEC)**

	PPG	RPG
F 31 - Joe Ayers (6-5 soph.)	12.0	3.8
F 21 - Curtis Ritchwood (6-6 junior)	14.3	7.9
C 34 - Derek Horne (6-7 junior)	4.1	4.7
G 5 - Eric Laird (6-4 senior)	15.8	2.3
G 23 - Andre Laird (6-1 soph.)	3.6	1.4

(\*\*NOTE: Vandy and Ole Miss records and averages are ones prior to Monday (2/4) night's game in Oxford.)

**THE SERIES:**

Thursday night will mark the 123rd meeting between Kentucky and Vanderbilt and the Wildcats hold the lead in the series that dates back to 1912, 93-29. Kentucky has won the last seven straight games between the two schools. The last time Vandy topped the Wildcats was in the 1981 SEC tournament in Birmingham, when the Commodores downed UK, 60-55. Kentucky's record against Vanderbilt in Memorial Gymnasium is 15-10.

Kentucky and Ole Miss will meet for the 71st time Saturday night, with Kentucky holding a commanding 70-5 lead in the series that dates back to 1925. The Wildcats have won the last seven straight meetings between the two schools. The last time the Rebels downed the Cats was in Oxford Jan. 13, 1982, when Ole Miss won, 67-65. The Rebels have never won at Rupp Arena in 10 tries.

**THE WILDCATS:**

Kentucky snapped a three-game losing streak last Thursday night at Rupp Arena, downing league favorite LSU, 53-43. The Wildcats then went on the road and defeated Auburn, 49-47 in overtime. The victory at Auburn was Kentucky's second road win of the season. The two wins upped Kentucky's record to 11-8 on the season, 6-4 in the SEC.

Once again, Kentucky won a close one against Auburn. Since Sonny Smith became coach at Auburn in 1978-79, his clubs have lost to Kentucky by two points on six different occasions. Saturday's was an overtime affair, Kentucky's first of the season. The two fought to a 43-43 deadlock at the end of the regulation, before Kentucky's Kenny Walker sank two free throws with five seconds left in overtime to give UK the win, 49-47. Walker led the Wildcats with 15 points, while sophomore forward Winston Bennett led the way in rebounding with 8. Auburn's Chuck Patson was high-man for the Tigers with 14 points. AU guard Frank Ford led the way in rebounding with 7.

The Vanderbilt game Thursday night will mark the end of a grueling phase of the schedule in which Kentucky will have played four out of five games on the road. With eight games remaining in regular-season conference play, UK plays four on the road and four at home.

**THE SWEETHEART MONTH:**

February has truly been a "sweetheart" of a month for Coach Joe B. Hall's Kentucky teams. In his 12 years as head coach, Kentucky has compiled a 79-19 record in February. That's an incredible winning percentage of 80.6.

**KENTUCKY AT RUPP ARENA:**

The Wildcats are now in their ninth season in the largest built-for-basketball arena in the country. UK has carved an incredible 120-13 record in the spacious structure named for the late legendary coach Adolph Rupp. That's a winning percentage of 90.2. As most UK fans know, Kentucky has always enjoyed a tremendous home-court advantage. When the Wildcats played at Alumni Gym from 1924-25 through 1949-50, they racked up a 262-25 record (91.3%). UK spent 26 years at Memorial Coliseum, where Wildcat teams won 308 games while losing only 38 (89.0%). Kentucky's overall homecourt record since 1924 is 690-76 (90.1%).

At Rupp Arena, the Wildcats have never lost more than twice in a single season and UK has already suffered two home setbacks this season -- to SMU and Florida.

**"SKY" WATCH:**

Although Kentucky's All-America candidate, Kenny Walker, had his string of four straight 20-or-more-point performances broken at Auburn, the junior forward from Roberta, Ga., continues to lead the SEC in scoring with a 22.2 average. He also leads the Wildcats in rebounding with 9.8 a game. His 15 points against Auburn gives him 32 straight regular-season games in which he has scored in double figures.

If Walker finishes the season averaging more than 20 points a game, he will become the first Wildcat to do so since Jack Givens averaged 20.1 in the 1975-76 season.

Walker recently passed the 1,000-point mark, becoming only the 32nd player in Kentucky's storied history to pass that mark. He is now in 27th place on UK's all-time scoring list with 1,070 career points. Dan Issel holds the all-time scoring mark at Kentucky with 2,138 points.

Walker's consistency this season has been nothing short of amazing. He has scored 20-or-more points in 10 of the last 12 games. He is UK's "Mr. Endurance," averaging 36.4 minutes of playing time each game. Walker also leads the Wildcats in steals (21 - shares top honors with Winston Bennett) and blocked shots (22).

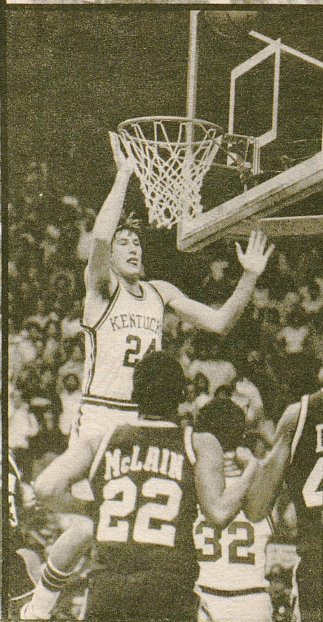
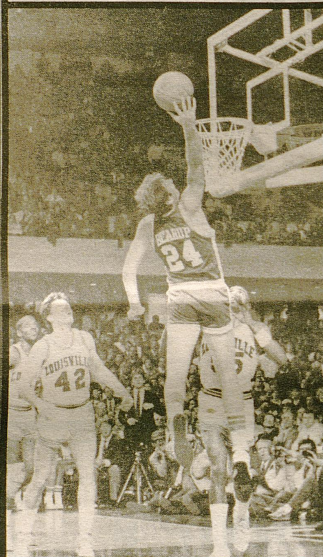
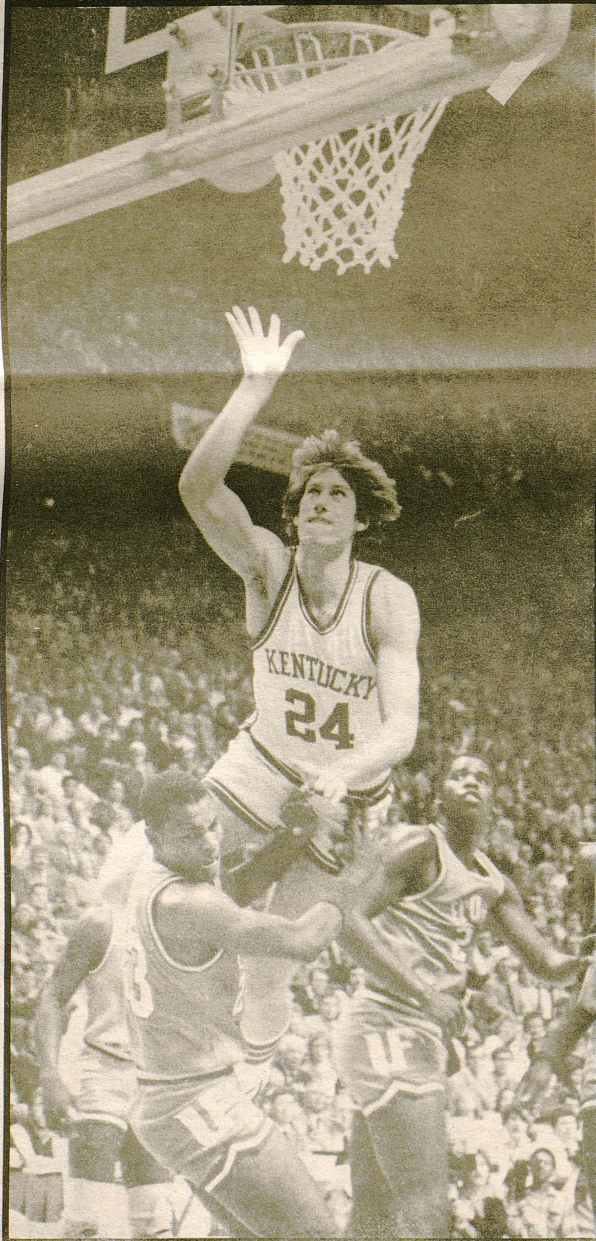
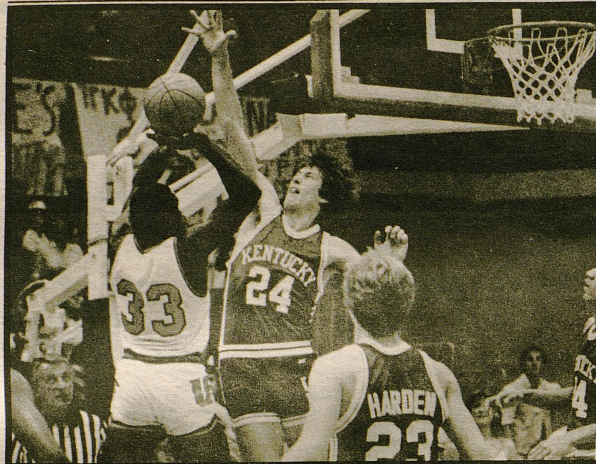
**CAT SCANS:**

Freshman forward **Richard Madison** turned in one of his finest performances as a Wildcat against LSU, scoring 14 points and pulling down 7 rebounds. The "Master Blaster" from Memphis, Tenn., seemed destined for an off-game, having suffered a case of the flu, plus a case of airsickness on the flight to Auburn. Then, in the first half, he sprained his knee. But when the Cats fell behind by five points in the second half, Madison responded with three straight baskets to put UK back in the game....Senior center **Bret Bearup** has been playing well lately. The Centerport, N.Y., product has scored eight points in each of the last four games, while pulling down 6, 5, 8 and 6 rebounds, respectively..... Kentucky's guards continue to have problems connecting from the outside. Against Auburn, UK's top three guards, James Blackmon, Roger Harden and Ed Davender, shot only eight times, connecting just twice. In the last five games, the trio is 26-of-82 for a cold 31.7 percent.

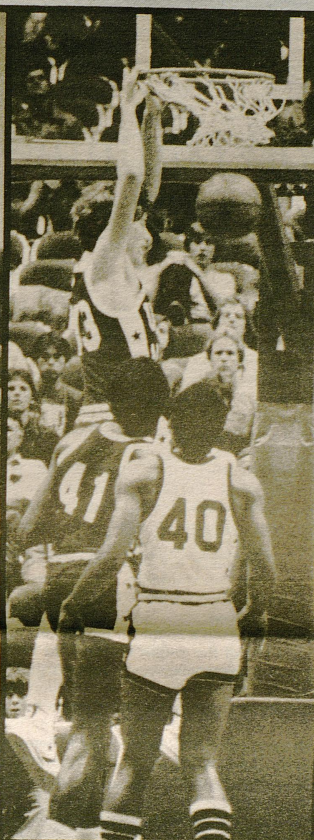
# Claiborne's Verbal Commitments

NAME	HT.	WT.	HIGH SCHOOL	HOME TOWN
Mike Pfeifer	6-5	250	Trinity	Louisville
Carwell Gardner	6-2	210	Trinity	Louisville
Andy Murray	6-1	210	Trinity	Louisville
Tony Nash	6-4	245	DeSales	Louisville
Oliver Barnett	6-4	225	Jeffersonton	Jeffersonton
Darren Bilberry	6-2	200	Fort Knox	Fort Knox
Chuck Broughton	6-4	205	Ashland	Ashland
Dee Smith	6-1	175	Paducah Tilghman	Paducah
Brian Cralle	6-2	248	Elizabethtown	Elizabethtown
Tony Massey	6-3	185	Somerset	Somerset
Vic Adams	6-2	238	Middlesboro	Middlesboro
Tom Smith	6-1	180	Murphy	Mobile, Ala.
Craig Benzinger	6-1	190	Clarkston	Stone Mountain, Ga.
Mike Burries	5-11	175	Romeoville	Bolinbrook, Ill.
Tom Crumrine	6-5	225	Westerville North	Westerville, Ohio
Doug Houser	6-4	247	Center	Alliquippa, Pa.
Ron Robinson	6-1	180	Stratford	Nashville, Tenn.
Gardner Sorrell	6-3	280	Middletown	Middletown, Ohio
Wayne Viel	6-4	250	Middletown	Middletown, Ohio
Tony Zigann	6-1	190	Fork Union Mill	Lewes, Del.

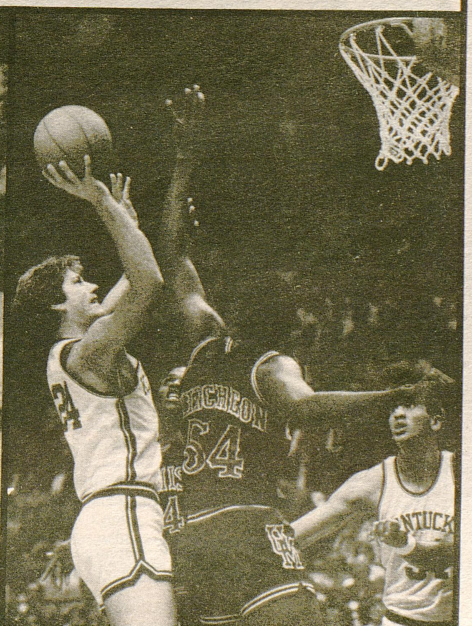
# A Salute To



# To Senior Bret Bearup



A Consensus Prep All-American At Harbor Fields High School (NY)



# From Top To Bottom ACC Is No. 1

Who reigns as the premier college basketball conference in the nation? Well, heading into the month of February, from top to bottom this season, the ACC probably has the best talent in the country. Yes, the Big East and Big 10 are strong this year, but when evaluating an entire conference, the ACC gets the edge.



## Todd Hallum

Cats' Pause Columnist

When March comes rolling around, the ACC in all likelihood could send as many as six or possibly seven teams to the 64-team NCAA tournament. Duke, North Carolina, and Maryland already appear to be cinches for a tournament bid. Also, Georgia Tech, Wake Forest, and N.C. State are very capable of receiving invitations after the unpredictable ACC tournament has concluded. But the critical reason why the league is so tough this season is because of lower division teams like Clemson and Virginia. As of January 28, Clemson had compiled an overall record of 10-7 while Virginia, 10-9, was just coming off important wins over Wake Forest and Arkansas. No conference in the nation has better quality clubs at the bottom of league standings than the ACC. For instance, Wisconsin and Northwestern, currently ninth and tenth in the Big 10 and the Big East's Seton Hall and Connecticut (tied with Providence) for last place are definitely not in the same class as either Virginia or Clemson. Furthermore, the Tigers and Cavaliers play a more strenuous non-conference schedule than the likes of the four teams that were previously mentioned.

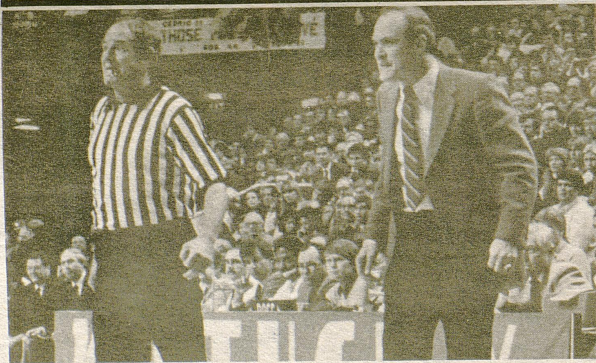
Virginia coach Terry Holland, who has missed a couple of games recently due to a intestinal ailment, might have one of the toughest schedules in the nation. Besides going against each conference member twice, Virginia's non-conference foes include: Virginia Tech, Arkansas, Louisville, and Alabama. Needless to say, Virginia doesn't partake in a schedule full of cupcakes.

Along with Virginia at the shallow end of the ACC standings is Clemson. Under the guidance of first-year head coach Cliff Ellis, the Tigers have

already upset Georgia Tech 90-81 on the road. Last season, Clemson won only three ACC contests, but currently the Tigers have acquired two victories under their belts. With that in mind, Clemson has to be considered one of the more improved college basketball teams in the country. In Vince Hamilton, Ellis has one of the most underrated guards in the conference. The versatile Hamilton, who was redshirted during the 1982-83 season due to a wrist injury, averaged over five rebounds a game in addition to dishing out over 70 assists last season for the South Carolina school. Hamilton has certainly been a key reason as to why Clemson has given everyone trouble in the highly regarded conference. With the improvements Clemson has displayed under the coaching efforts of Ellis, expect the Tigers to remain competitive throughout the ACC race, and also in the future as well.

Some ACC critics argue that one of the chief reasons why the conference sends so many teams to post-season tournaments each year is that the league has only eight schools. That means each member plays 14 conference games compared to 18 and 16 contests the Big 10 and Big East play respectively. Also, ACC teams can space out those non-conference opponents between the heated conference tilts. However, the ACC shouldn't be scolded for merely having fewer members. With the exception of Georgia Tech, the conference has always competed with at least seven schools being members of the ACC for years. In addition, South Carolina was a league member until the early 70's, which incidentally was a national power under the wings of head coach Frank McGuire. Finally, many of the ACC teams have filled their schedules by meeting national ranked clubs. The list includes: SMU (twice), LSU, Kentucky, and Louisville just to name a few. By facing these respectable teams, not only does the ACC gain added national exposure from the network television, but the prominent league enhances its prestigious reputation. With schools such as Virginia and Clemson bringing up the rear in the league this season, don't be surprised if every ACC team appears in either the NCAA or NIT tournaments at the end of the season.

**SEC NOTEBOOK:** It has been reported that the NCAA is investigating 27 alleged violations connected with the Georgia basketball program. The NCAA has already talked to 6-9 freshman Cedric Henderson about how he was recruited. A few weeks ago the Bulldog football team of coach Vince Dooley was slapped with sanctions by the NCAA. . . Tennessee officials have indicated that the Vols' brand new 24,000-plus seat arena probably won't be ready for the 1986 SEC Basketball Tournament. . . LSU's 6-10 center Damon Vance has been dropped from the team due to academic problems. Vance averaged close to two points and two rebounds per game for the Tigers last season. . . Ole Miss sophomore forward Don Royster missed the UM-Alabama game (Jan. 28) for missing practice two days before the game. Head coach Lee Hunt said that Royster was frustrated and not satisfied with his rebounding.



Coach  
Dale Brown's  
Postgame  
Comments

The following are Coach Dale Brown's postgame comments after his team was defeated by Kentucky 53-43 at Rupp Arena.

**Coach Brown:** We had far too many turnovers -- 16 in the game -- and almost all of them in the first half. We just didn't handle the ball well. We continue to struggle on the road. There seems to be distractions on the road. I don't know exactly what. Our game plan was solid, our scouting was solid. Everything was almost exactly like we said it would be. Kentucky gets nobody in double figures (except Kenny Walker). Kenny Walker is going to score. He's a brilliant player

**CORRECTION.** In the January 26 issue of TCP, it was reported Dean Smith and Bob Knight were the only two men to play on a NCAA championship team and coach a team to a collegiate title. But Kentucky coach Joe B. Hall should also be included. In 1978, Hall coached Kentucky to their fifth national title with a 94-88 victory. Joe B. was also a member of the Wildcat squad which won the national championship in 1949. He then transferred the following season to the University of the South in Sewanee, Tenn.

and I really admire his style. But it just goes back to execution; we didn't execute.

We didn't encounter anything surprising, but we were just not executing well. They (Kentucky) hung in there when we tied it up and they didn't panic, that's a compliment to them.

With all the turnovers, do you feel that your team was rushing their offense?

**Coach Brown:** It's difficult to say if it was a lack of patience or bad ball handling. We just didn't handle the ball real well. It's really confusing because we played two beautiful games against Auburn and Florida, and have practiced well. And yet we get out there tonight and it wasn't patience as much as it was just not handling the ball well. You couldn't really tell. I think at halftime we had 15 shots (16) and 15 turnovers (12). We took 36 shots in the game and had 16 turnovers. I think almost all those turnovers occurred in the first half.

Regarding Derrick Taylor having only two points as well as John Williams's two tallies, were you

amazed that you still were in the ball game late in the second half?

**Coach Brown:** I said to Ron (Abernathy -- assistant coach) at halftime, "If we can it in less than 10 down it is an absolute miracle." We had a real chance of winning it -- we did when we tied it at 33-33. It is amazing, but I never continually cease to be amazed by this profession or what happens in it. It's kinda of how you respond to it. But yes, I was surprised.

Was your team real loose before the game?

**Coach Brown:** No, they seemed intent. They looked good in practice and came off of big games at home against two good teams. Maybe we should give Kentucky credit. It seems like so many times that you walk away and don't give the other team credit.

Since the SEC regular season is half over, what do you look for?

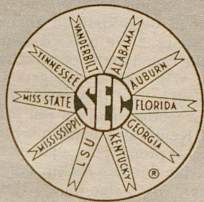
**Coach Brown:** I used to sit down and take the paper and diagram who lost and who plays here and how many road games they have left. You'd be battier than you already are.

# Cats' Pause Board Of Experts

## (And Armchair Quarterbacks)



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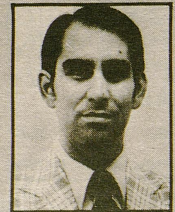
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GEORGIA AT VANDERBILT	GEORGIA 1	GEORGIA 4	VANDY 2	GEORGIA 10	VANDY 3	GEORGIA 8

# Due To Weather Fugate Is Still Suspended

M.C. Napier boys' basketball coach Denny Fugate was assessed a four-game suspension last month by Perry County School Superintendent Kenneth Colwell after Colwell reviewed the facts regarding Fugate's actions last December near the end of a game in the Valley Holiday Classic in Louisville.

Fugate reportedly got in a shouting match with referee Ron Monks as a result of a call Monks made with one second left in the game between M.C. Napier and Jeffersontown. Fugate reportedly ran out on the floor toward Monks, and after shouting ensued, Fugate reportedly knocked the basketball out of Monks' hand. J'town won the game by one point.

Fugate sat out two January games with Breathitt County and Leslie County under the rules of the suspension. But M.C. Napier's next three scheduled games were postponed because of inclement weather. The opponents in those games were to have been Dilce Combs, Mullins and Virgie.



## The Dumas Report

Scouting The Kentucky Prep Scene

With J. C. Dumas

*Cats' Pause Columnist*

Fugate, therefore, was to have sat out M.C. Napier's next two games that were actually played. Napier was scheduled to play Breathitt County last Saturday, Feb. 2, and Allen Central on Tuesday, the 5th. As of press time, it was not known whether or not those games would be able to be played.

The suspension was the second in as many seasons assessed Fugate. Colwell handed down a two-game suspension against Fugate last year as a result of an incident in a game at Pulaski County. In that game, Fugate said he picked up a chair along the M.C. Napier bench and flung it onto the court.

M.C. Napier principal Harold Combs, who confirmed the suspension, said it was his hope that Fugate's second suspension would be his last one.

"We all hope here that Denny has learned a very valuable lesson," Combs said. "He's the best coach around, in our estimation, and he's a good person, too. He just gets carried away sometimes like a lot of coaches do. He has to learn to control his temper, and he's assured us that nothing like this will ever happen again."

"I used to coach, and I know things can upset coaches sometimes. We all lose our heads occasionally. But there's no excuse for acting up like that. He knows that. He's a winner, and a quality-type person. We're all pulling for him."

Neither Colwell nor Fugate were available for comment last week.

Elsewhere in this newspaper, you'll find the list of sites for the upcoming boys' and girls' high school basketball district tournaments, scheduled for the week of Feb. 25. The regional tournaments all will begin the week of Mar. 4. The girls' regionals will end that week, with most of the boys' regionals concluding the following week.

All those preliminary tournaments serve as a prelude to the two "Sweet Sixteens." The girls' tournament runs from Mar. 13-16, and will be held for the first time at Diddle Arena on the campus of Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green. The boys' state tournament follows Mar. 20-23 at Rupp Arena in Lexington. It's being held at that site for the sixth time.

Following are the sites for the boys' and girls' regional tournaments, as selected by Kentucky High School Athletic Association Commissioner Tom Mills.

**BOYS:** First, Murray State University; Second, Hopkinsville; Third, Owensboro Sportscenter; Fourth, Western Kentucky University; Fifth, Hart County; Sixth, Iroquois; Seventh, Ballard; Eighth, Henry County; Ninth, Campbell County; 10th, Mason County; 11th, Frankfort Convention Center; 12th, Danville; 13th, Bell County; 14th, Leslie County; 15th, Sheldon Clark; 16th, Greenup County.

**GIRLS:** First, Murray State University; Second, Trigg County; Third, Owensboro Sportscenter; Fourth, Barren County; Fifth, Nelson County; Sixth, Iroquois; Seventh, Ballard; Eighth, Shelby County; Ninth, Dayton; 10th, Harrison County; 11th, Lafayette; 12th, Boyle County; 13th, Clay County; 14th, Leslie County; 15th, Belfry; 16th, Rowan County.

Among the schools hosting their first regional tournament is Leslie County of the 14th Region. That region's boys' tournament will be played in the 3,000-seat Richard Nixon Gymnasium, which opened in 1978. Nixon was on hand for the gym's dedication.

In past years, the 14th Region tournament had been shuttled among Hazard, Knott County Central and Breathitt County. "We applied every year, but I don't know why we never got it," Leslie County athletic director Cecil Hoskins said. "But we're excited about it. The host school gets 15 percent off the top of all the money, so we could clear a good bit of money."

As Feb. 13 approaches -- the date high school football players can first sign college national letters-of-intent -- some of Kentucky's better players still are searching for future homes. One of the most prominent members of that group is also among the largest -- Madisonville lineman Rick Jones.

Madisonville coach Bob Loudon said Jones likely won't sign on the 13th. Loudon said the 6-foot-5, 298-pound Jones had received offers from Murray State and Southeast Missouri State. But Loudon said, Jones probably wants to wait and pursue other offers. That's because the school from which Jones wanted a scholarship desperately, the University of Kentucky, encouraged him to look elsewhere.

"Coach (Jerry) Claiborne said they were going to get some linemen through junior colleges," Loudon said. "He said Rick could play in two years. But he needed linemen who could play next year."

Many colleges now find themselves going the junior-college route to fill gaping vacancies, since players at those schools already have had two years of practical experience. Loudon, for one, doesn't like that policy.

"A lot of players go to junior colleges in the first place because they're not good athletes gradewise," Loudon said. "Why would you want people like that? It doesn't seem that it would reflect well on your program. Rick will do well enough in college, and he's got good skills."

Speed, surprisingly, is one of them. Despite his size, Jones has been clocked in 5.05 seconds for the 40-yard dash. Because of that, Loudon said, many schools have projected Jones to play offense rather than defense, which he played at Madisonville. "On offense, the important thing for a lineman is the first step," Loudon said. "Very few big guys can get that kind of speed, so Rick can adapt well to offense."

One Kentucky prep standout who may have to go to a junior college is Owensboro Catholic's Ron Hamilton, who rushed for 1,669 yards last season. "He'll definitely be a non-predictor," said Owensboro Catholic coach Jim Wilson, meaning that Hamilton wouldn't be academically eligible to play at a four-year school.

So, Hamilton likely will start at a junior-college. He's had impressive assistance in locating one. "Western Kentucky and Ohio State have recommended several good junior colleges to us," Wilson said.

Mike Jackson, a 6-3 225-pound tight end-linebacker for Daviess County, reportedly is considering Memphis State, Vanderbilt and Missouri. Jackson, who had been clocked at 4.8 seconds in the 40, played tight end for the first time last season, and received high marks as a blocker.

One of the better kickers in Kentucky last fall, Ken Willis of Owensboro, reportedly is leaning toward attending the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo. Willis reportedly has been nominated for that school by one of Owensboro's top "native sons," Kentucky Sen. Wendell Ford. Willis also is considering Georgia Tech and Western Kentucky.

More news regarding the leanings and sways of Kentucky football prospects will appear in next week's Cats' Pause.

## More Conference Standings

PACIFIC 10				
Conference All Games				
	W	L	Pct.	W L Pct.
Southern Cal	6	2	.750	12 5 .706
Oregon St.	6	2	.750	16 3 .842
Arizona	6	3	.667	15 6 .714
Washington	6	3	.667	15 6 .714
UCLA	6	3	.667	9 8 .529
Arizona St.	4	5	.455	9 10 .474
California	3	6	.333	11 8 .579
Oregon	3	6	.333	10 12 .455
Stanford	2	7	.222	10 9 .526
Wash St.	2	7	.222	10 9 .526

SOUTHWEST				
Conference All Games				
	W	L	Pct.	W L Pct.
SMU	7	1	.875	17 2 .895
Arkansas	6	3	.667	15 7 .682
Texas A&M	6	3	.667	14 6 .700
Houston	5	4	.556	13 7 .650
Texas Tech	5	4	.556	12 7 .632
TCU	4	5	.444	12 8 .600
Texas	4	5	.444	11 8 .579
Rice	1	7	.125	8 10 .444
Baylor	1	7	.125	8 11 .421

SUN BELT				
Conference All Games				
	W	L	Pct.	W L Pct.
Ala.-Birm.	8	1	.889	19 5 .792
Va.Com	6	2	.750	16 3 .842
Old Dom	6	3	.666	12 7 .706
S. Alabama	4	4	.500	12 8 .600
Jacksonville	4	5	.444	11 9 .550
S. Florida	3	4	.429	13 6 .684
Western	3	6	.333	11 9 .550
NC Char.	0	9	.000	4 18 .182

INDEPENDENTS			
	W	L	Pct.
Dayton	14	5	.737
DePaul	14	5	.737
Notre Dame	11	5	.688
Marquette	11	6	.647
Texas-San Antnio	11	6	.647
Radford	11	8	.579
Utica	12	9	.571
SW Louisiana	14	8	.636
Chicago St.	12	10	.545
Fan American	9	9	.500
Stetson	10	11	.476
Brooklyn	9	10	.474
Baptist	8	12	.400
E. Washington	8	13	.364
Tennessee St.	7	13	.350
New Orleans	7	15	.318
Cent. Florida	6	15	.286
Florida A&M	5	15	.250
Augusta	4	16	.200
Campbell	3	16	.158
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# Scott County Going For Three In A Row

With a basketball team that has only two seniors, the tendency could be to take what comes this year, but go for broke next year.

Not at Scott County. With two straight State Tournament visits to its credit -- the first two in the school's history -- the prevailing thought is, "Why not three in a row?"

"Our club is versatile, but they're proud of the tradition the school has now," Scott County coach Everett "Mutt" Varney said. "They feel they're capable of going all the way this year, and if they continue to play with the consistency they have so far, they might."

Few teams could match Scott County's consistency. The Eighth Region team won 16 of its first 18 games. And, both losses were narrow ones. Scott County lost a 65-63 January decision to Fort Thomas Highlands in Northern Kentucky's Famous Recipe Tournament on a shot at the buzzer. It then fell 59-56 to Sixth Region favorite Pleasure Ridge Park a week later in the semifinals of the prestigious Louisville Invitational Tournament.

Varney said the loss to PRP exposed Scott County's prevailing weakness. "Too many turnovers," he said. "We've shown that tendency all year, and PRP was so quick and created so much pressure that we fell apart. They'll hurt a lot of teams, though."

As has Scott County this season. "I've been very happy with our overall play," Varney said. "Even the LIT was a good experience for us. The competition's always so tough in that tournament, and we came through it quite well. That can only make us a better team later."

In the LIT, Scott County beat Southern 71-60 in the opening round, then nipped Trinity 58-57 before losing

to PRP. Varney's team rebounded with a 53-42 win over Marshall County and its talented star, Barry Goheen, in the consolation game.

Of course, Scott County had plenty of individual talent to showcase in Louisville, too -- most notably Frank Persley and Billy Wise.

Persley, a 6-foot-4 junior forward and a three-year starter, enjoyed a banner LIT. He scored 80 points in Scott County's four games, hit 37 of his field-goal attempts (for 56 percent), and collected 10 or more rebounds in three of the games. Through 18 games, Persley averaged 18.4 points and 8.5 rebounds a contest.

Varney said Persley's proficiency --

lands, he only scored four points, and they were all over him. That was a three-year low for him.

"But I pointed out to him that he has to expect that and take it as a compliment. I pointed out that Kenny Walker (the University of Kentucky's star forward) deals with the same thing. Teams can't do anything nicer to you than to surround you."

Thankfully for Persley, he's surrounded by a gifted and competent supporting cast, including Wise.

The 6-5 senior pivotman averaged 14 points and 6.5 rebounds a game after 18 games. Varney said Wise now is asserting himself more offensively, especially with his accurate outside

Adding to Scott County's versatility has been the guard play of 6-2 junior Mike Figgs, who owned a 12-point average after 18 games. Varney said Figgs' contributions have come as a slightly unexpected surprise.

"Mike broke his foot last spring in track (in the triple jump), and it bothered him all summer," Varney said. "We didn't know if he'd be hampered by it this season. But he's shown few problems with it. He's been a fine scorer."

Offering solid assistance to the Scott County cause have been two "role players" -- Scott Sutton and Chris Parmley.

Sutton, a 5-10 junior, is the ballhandler. "He's coming along and giving us a lot of leadership," Varney said. Parmley, a 6-6, 205-pound senior, is the team's defensive specialist. "He has a tendency to get in foul trouble," Varney said of Parmley. "But he gives us all he has to give, and he's vocal. He's a defensive leader for us."

Scott County won its first-ever State Tournament game two seasons ago, beating Clark County. It then lost to eventual runner-up Carlisle County in the quarter-finals. Last March, Scott County started by upsetting one of the tournament favorites, Newport Central Catholic, before falling to Madisonville in the second round.

This year, Scott County wants to go farther. Varney said pride will be the key.

"We've had a couple of letdowns, but overall we've played with a lot of pride," the coach said. "If we can avoid feeling bigheaded, and keep that feeling of pride, I really think this team can go as far as it wants to."

Varney hopes, in other words, that the third time will provide Scott County the ultimate charm -- a state title.



and intensity -- border on the unreal.

"He's a perfect role model for any player," Varney said. "He's never had even one bad day's practice in three years. He's got a lot of talent, but he uses it with a lot of intensity. He never goes anything but full throttle."

Predictably, Persley has drawn a lot of defensive attention this season.

"Teams collapse on him so much that I'm grateful he's getting what he's getting," Varney said of Persley. "There are times when he gets down on himself and a bit disgusted over all the collapsing defenses and the attention he draws. Against High-

lander, he only scored four points, and they were all over him. That was a three-year low for him.

"In the past, I think there was a tendency on Billy's part, and the whole team, to say, 'let Frank do it' Varney said. "But Billy's executing his role much better now. He's going to the boards well, and he's not afraid to put up the long jumper. And, of course, that makes Frank's job easier, too."

Arguably the best outside shot on the team may belong to 6-5 junior swingman Mike Dickerson. "Mike's got outstanding range," Varney said, "though sometimes we can't get him to put it up enough. He's got a chance to play somewhere (in college)."

## SEC Basketball Team Statistics Through Jan. 26

Standings					Scoring Offense				Scoring Defense				Rebound Margin		Scoring Margin			
Team	SEC	Pct.	W-L	Pct.	Team	Gms	Pts	Avg.	Team	Gms	Pts	Avg.	Team	Avg.	Team	Avg.		
Miss. State	6-2	.750	10-7	.588	Georgia	17	1350	79.4	Miss. State	17	1057	62.2	Auburn	7.9	Georgia	15.7		
LSU	7-3	.700	13-4	.765	Florida	16	1268	79.3	Georgia	17	1083	63.7	Florida	5.5	Florida	10.7		
Florida	5-3	.625	12-4	.750	LSU	17	1347	79.2	Alabama	18	1162	64.5	LSU	5.5	LSU	7.5		
Georgia	5-3	.625	13-4	.765	Tennessee	20	1523	76.2	Kentucky	17	1098	64.6	Alabama	2.6	Alabama	7.4		
Tennessee	5-3	.625	14-6	.700	Vanderbilt	17	1255	73.8	Auburn	17	1126	66.2	Georgia	2.5	Auburn	7.4		
Alabama	5-4	.556	13-5	.722	Auburn	17	1251	73.5	Ole Miss	17	1150	67.6	Kentucky	0.9	Tennessee	5.9		
Kentucky	4-4	.500	9-8	.529	Alabama	18	1295	71.9	Florida	16	1098	68.6	Vanderbilt	-0.6	Miss. State	3.7		
Auburn	3-5	.375	11-6	.647	Miss. State	17	1121	65.9	Tennessee	20	1405	70.3	Miss. State	-1.4	Vanderbilt	2.4		
Vanderbilt	1-7	.125	8-9	.471	Kentucky	17	1119	65.8	Vanderbilt	17	1214	71.4	Tennessee	-3.5	Kentucky	1.2		
Ole Miss	1-8	.111	7-10	.412	Ole Miss	17	1084	63.8	LSU	17	1219	71.7	Ole Miss	-5.7	Ole Miss	-3.8		

Rebounds				Field Goal Percentage				Free Throw				Steals			Blocks				
Team	Gms	RBs	Avg.	Team	FGM	FGA	Pct.	Team	FTM	FTA	Pct.	Team	Gms	No.	Avg.	Team	Gms	No.	Avg.
Auburn	17	699	41.1	Georgia	553	1055	52.4	Tennessee	387	506	76.5	Georgia	17	166	9.8	Alabama	18	85	4.7
Florida	16	650	40.6	Miss. State	473	914	51.8	Vanderbilt	319	422	75.6	Ole Miss	17	148	8.7	Auburn	17	64	3.8
LSU	17	651	38.3	Tennessee	568	1101	51.6	Kentucky	245	341	71.8	Miss. State	17	147	8.7	Georgia	17	51	3.0
Georgia	17	613	36.1	LSU	554	1085	51.1	LSU	239	335	71.3	LSU	17	143	8.4	Kentucky	17	48	2.8
Alabama	18	638	35.4	Alabama	508	1017	49.9	Alabama	279	401	69.6	Auburn	17	139	8.2	Tennessee	20	56	2.8
Kentucky	17	574	33.8	Vanderbilt	468	950	49.3	Georgia	244	360	67.8	Alabama	18	134	7.4	Florida	16	44	2.8
Vanderbilt	17	548	32.2	Auburn	534	1085	49.2	Florida	246	363	67.8	Florida	16	109	6.8	Miss. State	17	43	2.5
Tennessee	20	632	31.6	Florida	511	1062	48.1	Miss. State	175	268	65.3	Kentucky	17	105	6.2	LSU	17	40	2.4
Ole Miss	17	527	31.0	Kentucky	437	979	44.6	Auburn	183	290	63.1	Vanderbilt	17	100	5.9	Ole Miss	17	31	1.8
Miss. State	17	490	28.8	Ole Miss	446	1016	43.9	Ole Miss	192	339	56.6	Tennessee	20	116	5.8	Vanderbilt	17	25	1.5

Rebounds				Field Goals				Free Throws				FG % Differential			Turnovers			
Team	Gms	RBs	Avg.	Team	FGM	FGA	Pct.	Team	FTM	FTA	Pct.	Team	Avg.	Team	Caused	ToA	Avg.	
Miss. State	17	514	30.2	Auburn	471	1047	45.0	Georgia	205	330	62.1	Georgia	5.1	Ole Miss	19.5	13.4	6.1	
LSU	17	557	32.8	Alabama	462	1024	45.1	Auburn	184	281	65.5	LSU	4.8	Georgia	21.8	16.1	5.7	
Vanderbilt	17	597	32.8	Florida	442	969	45.6	Vanderbilt	234	348	67.2	Alabama	4.2	Florida	16.8	12.9	3.9	
Alabama	18	590	32.8	LSU	463	1006	46.0	Florida	214	315	67.9	Auburn	4.2	Vanderbilt	15.9	13.3	2.6	
Kentucky	17	559	32.9	Georgia	439	942	46.6	Alabama	238	349	68.2	Tennessee	3.8	Kentucky	16.4	14.0	2.4	
Auburn	17	564	33.2	Kentucky	439	938	46.8	Tennessee	239	358	66.8	Miss. State	3.2	Tennessee	15.2	13.2	2.0	
Georgia	17	572	33.6	Tennessee	583	1220	47.8	Miss. State	195	283	68.9	Florida	2.5	Alabama	15.1	14.1	1.0	
Florida	16	562	35.1	Miss. State	431	886	48.6	Kentucky	220	316	69.6	Vanderbilt	-1.2	Miss. State	15.1	14.5	0.6	
Tennessee	20	702	35.1	Vanderbilt	490	970	50.5	LSU	293	411	71.3	Kentucky	-2.2	LSU	17.2	16.8	0.4	
Ole Miss	17	624	36.7	Ole Miss	453	882	51.4	Ole Miss	242	331	73.1	Ole Miss	-7.5	Auburn	15.4	16.5	-1.1	



# Coach Joe B. Hall's Postgame Comments

The following are Coach Joe B. Hall's postgame comments after his team defeated LSU 53-43 at Rupp Arena.

**Coach Hall:** Our defense was good and solid. Our rebounding, when it had to be, it was there. When LSU came back and tied the score, we probably played our best game of the night. Our best basketball of the night was down the stretch after they had tied it. We just stayed cool and we did not deviate from what we decided offensively and defensively. We worked it to perfection. Everybody carried out their role. Outside of normal defensive breakdowns here and there, I won't even talk about the negative (aspect of the game). It was just an excellent win for us and certainly a confidence builder for our players. LSU is a super ballclub. They just didn't get into their game tonight.

**Will you use the patient offense in the near future?**

**Coach Hall:** If you see another team like LSU, you may see it in the future. Did you ever think of abandoning your offensive strategy against LSU?

**Coach Hall:** No, not really. We had a stretch right there where we missed a couple of shots and had a turnover, and allowed them to cut the lead down. We didn't feel that it was our strategy that was hurting us. It was just a couple of mistakes that were hurting us. Mistakes in a game like this are crucial.

**Were you surprised that your defense held the Tigers to 16 points in the first half?**

**Coach Hall:** Yes. They did not shoot well in the first half -- 37 percent. Turnovers were in our favor in the first half quite a bit. So that helped hold their score down.

**Did you plan to run the shot clock down to about 10 seconds during second half possessions?**

**Coach Hall:** We never questioned the shot as far as the shot itself. The only thing we cared about was the time of the shot, and not to come down and shoot the ball from outside without exploring the inside first. We definitely tried to get the ball inside and we wanted to keep the movement up. We wanted to give LSU the opportunity to foul us. We wanted to take the ball inside, but when the clock was coming down then we had the freedom to take the outside shot.

**With the new strategy, what did you feel your chances were of winning tonight?**

**Coach Hall:** In the (LSU) films, I felt that tempo hurt LSU. That if they got out and got running and utilize their abilities that I didn't know if we could stay with them. We were going to try the tempo control. If it worked then we were going to stay with it. If it didn't, why naturally we'd have to get into more of a running game.

**Could you comment on the team's improved free throw shooting against LSU?**

**Coach Hall:** We had been shooting in the 50s from the free throw line in the last three ball games. Tonight we shot very well. We missed down the stretch however -- we missed two one-and-ones. But we shot very well from the free throw line.

**Could you comment on how good the SEC is?**

**Coach Hall:** I don't believe that there is a team in the league as good as we were last year. But other than that I think it's about the same. It is balanced. Judging by the first half of the conference's round-robin, everybody has at least three losses. You can anticipate someone winning it with maybe five losses. So that speaks of the balance in the league. Last year I believe we were the only team that had less than six losses in the conference.

**Does this win put you back in the SEC race?**

**Coach Hall:** I wouldn't say that. It's just too early to tell. We haven't won on the road but once. We definitely need to win one or two more on the road to get back in the race.

**Can anybody win on the road in the SEC?**

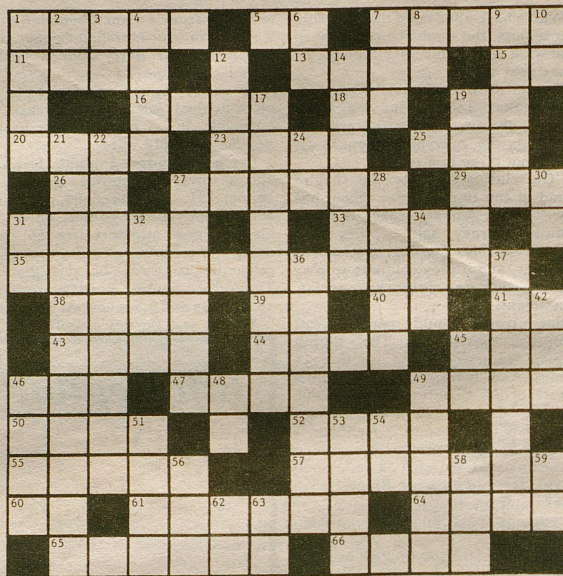
**Coach Hall:** It ain't looking like it; it's tough on the road. I would say that you almost have to win three or four on the road to win it -- no losses at home and three wins on the road would give you six losses and a chance to tie for it.

**Could this type of offense work well on the road and take the home crowd out of the game?**

**Coach Hall:** It will only work in special cases. I would not want to adopt it as a style; then we would get to where we couldn't play. I don't want to do that. We've jumped around to a lot this year to pick up a win here and there -- defensively, and tonight we did it offensively. I don't think that's good overall strategy to develop your team.

## The Cats' Pause Crossword

By Dan Krueckeberg



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#### ACROSS

- 1 Vandy's Westbrooks
- 5 Initials of LSU's Zoran
- 7 Namesakes of Rebel with 17.3 ppg of last season
- 11 Cadets of the Metro Atlantic Conf.
- 13 Ticket
- 15 Initials of the Gator's #5
- 16 Wealthy
- 18 Abbr. for an SWC state
- 19 Initials of DeVoe's Jenkins
- 20 \_\_\_\_ tea
- 23 Some say LSU will win \_\_\_\_ games this season
- 25 Abbr. for school of Titans of Tulsa
- 26 Abbr. for a baseball "round-tripper"
- 27 An Atlantic 10 team
- 29 Pick-\_\_\_\_-roll
- 31 Cost
- 33 Coach Sloan's arrival at Florida was an \_\_\_\_ of good things to come
- 35 #21 of the Vols
- 38 \_\_\_\_ dunk
- 39 Abbr. for a football position
- 40 SEC state abbr.
- 41 "He drove \_\_\_\_ the hoop"
- 43 "He \_\_\_\_ the free throw"
- 44 A single time
- 45 Royster of Ole Miss
- 46 Hawaiian chow
- 47 Georgia's David
- 49 \_\_\_\_ Forest of the ACC
- 50 Makes mistake
- 52 Design with acid
- 55 Passion
- 57 The SEC Tournament always provides numerous
- 60 Symbol for "silicon"
- 61 "Their chances for making the NCAA Tourney are \_\_\_\_"
- 64 Playthings
- 65 Namesakes of Vandy's Reece
- 66 SEC foes rarely \_\_\_\_ in the NCAA Tourney

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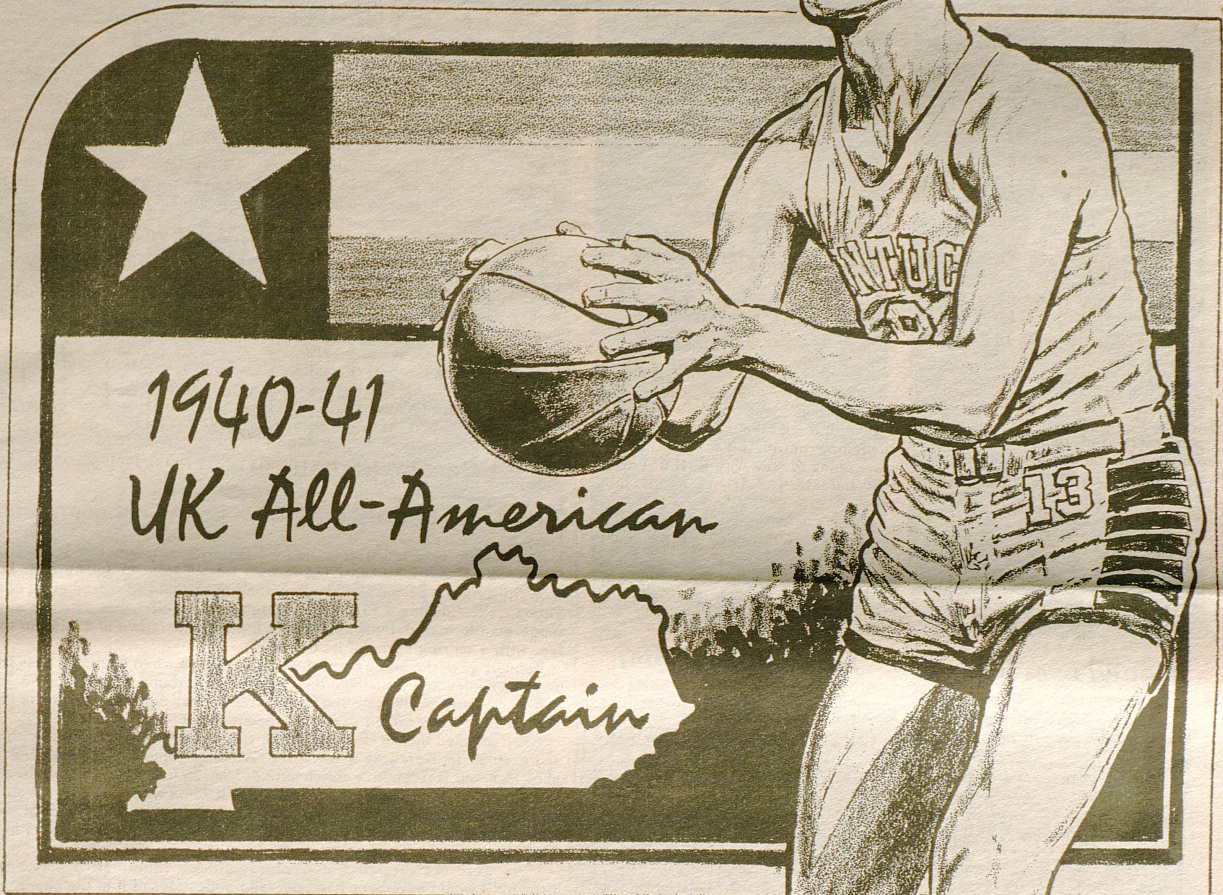
- 1 Indies' island
- 2 Pass \_\_\_\_ shoot
- 3 Initials of former Miss. State coach McCarthy
- 4 Joe B's Leroy
- 6 Initials of 'Bama's Jimmy
- 7 Continent abbr.
- 8 Initials of LSU's Blanton
- 9 A SW Louisiana Ragin'
- 10 Initials of Commodore McCabe
- 12 Summit
- 14 Miss. State's Tracy; #24
- 17 Georgia's 6'2" Patrick
- 19 Fine SEC player Ford
- 21 An Auburn Tiger
- 22 Big scorer for Lee
- 24 Symbol for "neptunium"
- 27 "They double-\_\_\_\_ him"
- 28 Behave in emotional manner
- 30 Initials of Vandy's Joiner
- 31 Not AM
- 32 Kessler of Georgia
- 34 A long time
- 36 A top Cat
- 37 Vols' home: \_\_\_\_ Athletics Center
- 42 Kentucky was # \_\_\_\_ in the SEC standings last season
- 45 Abbr. for "district attorney"
- 46 Vegetables
- 48 Abbr. for SEC school whose home is Smith Coliseum
- 49 Auburn's #12, Gerald
- 51 Painful
- 53 They
- 54 Initials of Ole Miss' Ritchwood
- 56 Abbr. for "reverend"
- 58 Fate
- 59 Initials of an SEC coach
- 62 I
- 63 Symbol for "osmium"

#### Last Week's Answers

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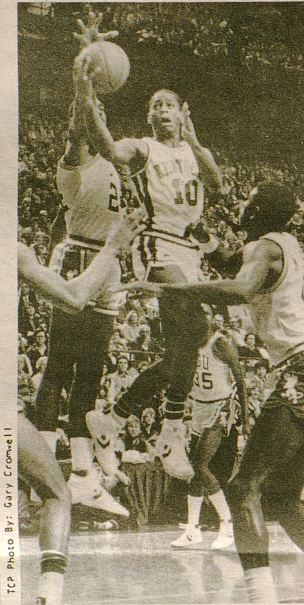
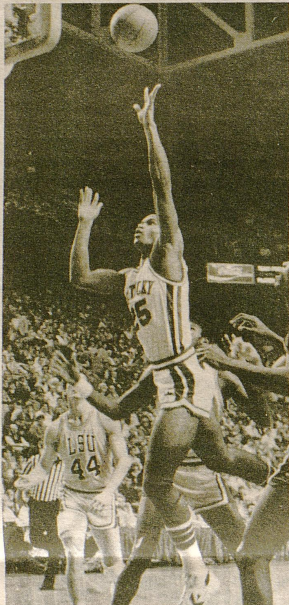


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# LSU vs. UK



Bennett Eyes Basket

James In The Paint

## Kentucky Uses Patience To Beat Tigers

Patience young Wildcats, patience. Before the season started Coach Joe Hall had stressed to the Wildcat fans to be patient.

And before the LSU-Kentucky encounter, Coach Hall closed the doors on practice the day before to prepare his ballclub for the Tigers. Like he told the UK fans, Hall told his club to be patient. His slowdown tactics paid off.

The Wildcats surprised the visitors with patience as they defeated preseason favorite LSU 53-43 in Rupp Arena. Kentucky improved its SEC record to 5-4 (10-8 overall), while the Tigers fell to 7-4 in the conference and 13-5.

"The main thing tonight was tempo," said Hall. "Our game plan was to control the tempo and our players executed it perfectly."

The offensive strategy of the Wildcats was simple -- just melt the shot clock, be patient, and work for the open shot. UK's new offensive makeup worked like clockwork. While using the 45-second clock to perfection, Kentucky finished the game hitting on 50 percent from the field (17 of 34 shots).

"I think this is the best coaching job Coach Hall has done since I've been here," said Kentucky's All-America candidate Kenny Walker.

Walker led the Wildcats with 21 points in 34 minutes of play, followed by Winston Bennett and Bret Bearup with eight points.

Sophomore sensation Nikita Wilson was the only LSU player in double figures. The 6-foot-8 center pumped in 14 points before fouling out with 2:29 remaining in the contest.

## Tigers Tie The Cats, But 7-0 UK Spurt Changes Matters

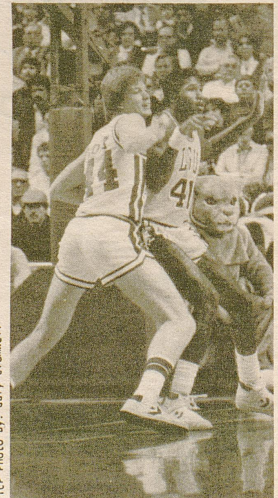
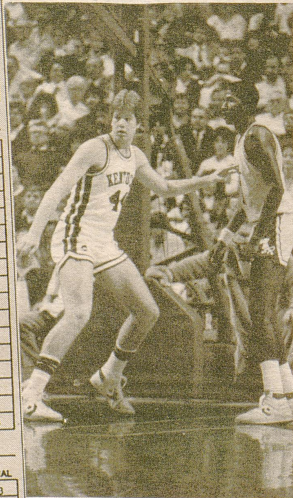
Coach Dale Brown's Tigers tied UK midway through the second half (31-31, 33-33) and it looked like the men from Baton Rouge were on their way. Starting the period Wilson drew the hot hand as he scored eight of the Tigers' tallies during a 17-8 run. Though, due to offensive patience and a tough man-to-man defense, Kentucky brought the crowd of 22,135 to their feet with a scoring spree of its own (7-0).

Bennett gave the home team the lead for keeps when he took a pass from Troy McKinley and connected on a six-foot turnaround over freshman John Williams. Later Walker drilled in two free throws and Bearup one as LSU, behind 40-33, was forced to call a timeout with 6:06 remaining.

UK then used up the clock down the stretch to seal the victory. With the score 40-35 in Kentucky's favor the Wildcats almost over-extended the shotclock, but Harden hit a clutch jumper from 25 feet away with one second remaining. Walker's fast-break layin made it 48-39 with 1:31 left and all but ended the Tigers' hopes. Though the win was not in the bag until some clutch free throws by Harden and Richard Madison. Harden hit 2 of 3 in the last minute, while Madison hit 6 of 6.

"We were not surprised at Kentucky's more conservative play," said Brown. "I would have been had I not read indications of it in the paper, plus the closed practice session Wednesday."

OFFICIAL NCAA BASKETBALL BOX SCORE														
Date Jan. 31, 1985 Site RUPP ARENA (Lexington)														
VISITORS (Last Name, First)														
No.	L.S.U. (13-5)	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	REB	PF	TP	MIN	A	TO	BLK	S	
35	Jerry Reynolds	f	1	2	5	9	6	4	7	30	1	5	0	3
24	John Williams	f	0	4	2	2	1	1	2	34	3	2	1	3
41	Nikita Wilson	c	6	7	2	2	5	5	14	37	0	2	1	1
10	Derrick Taylor	g	1	7	0	0	1	4	2	35	3	2	0	0
44	Don Redden	g	2	5	2	2	2	2	6	30	2	4	0	1
11	Anthony Wilson	1	2	0	0	0	1	1	2	5	0	0	0	0
20	Neboisha Bukumirovich	1	2	0	0	0	1	1	2	5	0	0	0	0
21	Dennis Brown	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
31	Oliver Brown	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0
33	Ricky Blanton	2	2	0	0	2	1	4	1	1	0	0	1	8
43	Joe Vargas	2	4	0	0	1	2	4	4	13	0	1	0	0
TEAM REBOUNDS (Included in Totals)														
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FT %: 1st Half 4/6-.667 2nd Half 7/9-.778 Game 11/15-.733														
HOME														
No.	KENTUCKY (10-8)	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	REB	PF	TP	MIN	A	TO	BLK	S	
34	Kenny Walker	f	8	11	5	8	6	3	21	34	1	2	0	1
25	Winston Bennett	f	3	5	2	2	0	5	8	31	0	2	0	0
24	Bret Bearup	c	2	5	4	6	8	4	8	38	1	2	0	1
10	James Blackson	g	0	3	0	0	1	1	0	30	7	2	0	1
23	Roger Harden	g	2	4	2	3	1	0	6	14	2	1	0	0
15	Ed Davender	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	19	2	1	0	0
40	Troy McKinley	2	4	0	0	0	1	4	4	14	0	0	0	0
42	Richard Madison	0	1	6	6	1	0	6	6	14	0	0	0	0
44	Robert Lock	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0
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FT %: 1st Half 3/6-.500 2nd Half 14/19-.737 Game 19/25-.760														
DEADBALL REBOUNDS 3														
OFFICIALS: John Clagberry, Dan Wooldridge, Mike Tanco														
Technical Fouls: None														
Attendance: 22,135														
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'Oh No You Don't'

'Oh Yes I Will'



**Kentucky's Co-Captains**  
Low Scoring First Half

Kentucky had the Tigers right where it wanted going into the final twenty minutes. Coach Hall and troops couldn't have been more happier with the 25-16 intermission score. LSU entered the contest averaging 79.2 points while UK was going into its 18th game with a 65.8 average. A low scoring contest was definitely what the Wildcats wanted.

Walker paced the 'Cats with 11 first-half points as his team held the lead for almost the entire stanza. Bearup also had a good first half contributing six points and five rebounds.

Jerry Reynolds and Wilson combined for more than half the Tigers points with six and four points respectively. The two also countered with three of the Tigers' six field goals. Williams, the freshman sensation from Los Angeles, was held scoreless in the first half on 0 of 2 attempts from the field.

LSU's only lead came when Wilson scored the initial bucket of the ball game -- a 10-foot jumper. But Bennett hit two straight layups to give Kentucky a 4-2 lead, a lead it wouldn't relinquish.

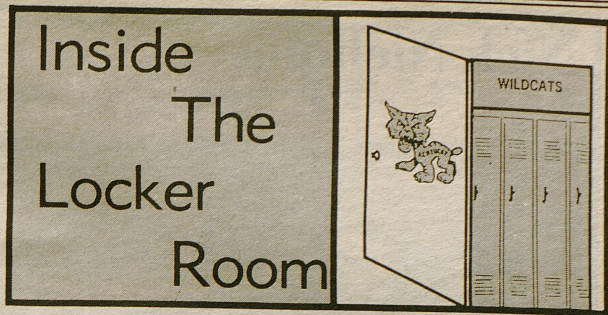
Up to the 10:43 mark UK's biggest margin was eight, but a Walker 15-foot jumper, with the aid of a Harden assist, gave the Cats a 16-6 count. After LSU's Reynolds scored on a 16-footer. Harden connected from long range to push the Wildcats' advantage back out to 10.

Kentucky's hustling man-to-man defense gave LSU all kinds of offensive problems. In the first half the Tigers were forced into 12 turnovers. Reynolds and Don Redden were having their problems as they committed four miscues each, followed by Williams with two.

The Wildcats' defense also forced the Tigers into some bad shots. LSU hit on 6 of 16 field goals for a meager 37.5 percent.

**Tiger-Wildcat Tidbits**

The Wildcats' 53-43 victory stretched their all-time advantage against the Tigers to 54-11 . . . Turnovers played a major factor to why Kentucky won and LSU didn't. The 'Cats committed 13 compared to the Tigers 16 . . . Williams, who before the season stated that he was looking forward to playing against Bennett and Kentucky, scored his first points on free throws with 4:10 remaining in the contest. The slick 6-8 freshman scored only two points (0 of 4 from the field) in 34 minutes of action . . . Wilson fouled out of the game with 2:29 left. However, until with 5:20 remaining in the game Wilson had only committed one foul . . . Harden dished out a game-high seven assists, including four in the first half . . . Bennett fouled out with 4:10 left, his fifth time this season . . . Walker upped his UK career point total to 1,055 . . . The 'Cats and Tigers will meet in Baton Rouge to close out the regular season on March 2 before heading for Birmingham and the SEC tournament.



**Troy McKinley**

*(About the team's performance against LSU)*

Everybody played an excellent, excellent game. We stuck to the game plan and everybody just played super. We were ready to play. It (the patient offense) worked out good for us.

*(About working on the offense and being patient)*

Yesterday we worked on being patient and looking for the good shot -- trying to get it inside and then look for the outside shot.

*(About assessing the conference after the halfway mark)*

I think it's a tough conference, our record says that. It's just mixed up right now. Who knows what's ahead for the next game?

*(About having your shooting rythm in tonight's contest)*

Yeah, I felt pretty good. I was ready to go in and I knew what was going on. Both shots that I missed were in and out and I was disappointed I missed them.

**Kenny Walker**

*(About why Coach Hall decided to use the patient offense)*

We realized that we didn't want to get into a running game because they can run all day. We just wanted to control the tempo of the game and just make them play a half-court game. It really worked well to our advantage.

*(About Kentucky's effort against LSU)*

We came out and played with a whole lot of intensity. Our defense was excellent. Nikita Wilson got a lot of baskets, but (Bret) Bearup really made him earn every shot that he had. Overall, I thought the whole team played good defense.

*(About needing the win after losing three straight)*

When you get on a bad streak like that you have a tendency to have the heads down. It seems like the last three or four games we just kept going through the motions.

*(About the shotclock being UK's best offense weapon)*

I would definitely think so. It was a big part in the game tonight. We really didn't want to get into a running ball game with them because we realize their talents. We just wanted to keep the game at a slow pace.

*(About Winston Bennett's defense on John Williams -- holding him to two points)*

You have to give Winston Bennett a lot of credit. I thought that he did a great job defensively. I thought the whole team did a great job as far as defense goes.

*(About his layup clinching the ball game)*

I think it's a credit not only to Roger throwing the ball, but I think everybody just gets a better feeling about themselves knowing that they're a little bit closer to a victory. They can go down on the other end and do some things that they would feel comfortable doing and do them right. I really feel that play was the motivating factor because we knew that the game was almost over. It was just a matter of us holding on to the ball and playing good defense on the other end.

**Roger Harden**

*(About adopting a new defense (point-drop) and playing a new style of offense (a patient type offensive attack) during the season)*

I think Coach Hall gives us basic principals on what he wants us to do. As far as tonight and being patient with the offense, there were a lot of jumpers out there that could have been taken. He (Hall) allows us to go ahead within certain principals and what he wants us to do in the game, and he allows us to show our individual talent. You have to sacrifice some of the things that God has blessed you with if you want to win. The guards have to sacrifice because we've got somebody like Kenny Walker on our team. I don't mind doing that. Hey, Kenny Walker is leading the league in scoring and our guards are well up there in assists.

*(About having played all nine SEC opponents)*

I'll go ahead and say that we've played some great basketball at times and I think we've played some very mediocre basketball at times. We can beat anybody in the league if we just come out and execute. I'm standing here saying this and hopefully it's not going to come back and haunt me. We've just got to keep looking ahead and take one game at a time. That's just an old saying, but that's the truth in the matter. You just have to go out there and play and forget about where you're at in the standings.

*(About his 25-footer late in the game with only one second remaining on the shot clock)*

We were up by five at the time and, of course, we were trying to be patient at that time. I ended up with the ball with about two seconds left and about 25 feet out. I shot it with confidence and I felt good about it.

*(About the slick passes he executed tonight)*

I think Coach Hall allows me to go ahead and display some of the things that you develop over the summer. He's giving me that freedom here at the University of Kentucky. It's like a good pass or a slam dunk by Kenny Walker, that can really get our crowd into the game. Our crowd is a very big factor.

## Nick Nicholas

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### Bat Cat Fever, Catch It

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A few weeks ago in Nashville, the NCAA decided to place a limitation on the number of baseball games teams could play throughout their fall and spring seasons. Until now schools, especially those in the warmer climates, could schedule as many games as they wanted.

NCAA officials now have decided that a team can play up to 60 regular season games in the spring and up to 20 in the fall.

For six years the Southeastern Conference has already had a limitation of 55 games in the spring and six playing dates in the fall. However, in the fall SEC squads could play twin-bills (or more) during all six of their limited dates.

The UK coach is in favor of the new NCAA rule, which will directly effect the southern independent schools in regard to the amount of games they will play in the season.

"I think it is very fair," Madison said. "Being a Southeastern Conference school, and us already living under restrictions (current SEC game limit), that helps get us closer to all the other schools in the country. That would help schools like Kentucky play at a comparable level of those schools like Florida State and Miami.

Kentucky's head coach said that he and the other SEC coaches are hoping that the SEC administration will change their standards (55 games in the spring, and six fall dates) and adopt the NCAA's new resolution.

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**Changeup Remarks:** Madison noted that LSU would take advantage of the fall dates and play four games in one day during its six-date schedule. If Mr. Cub, Ernie Banks loved to play double-headers, I wonder what he thinks of LSU's 'quadruple-headers'?

## Oscar Combs

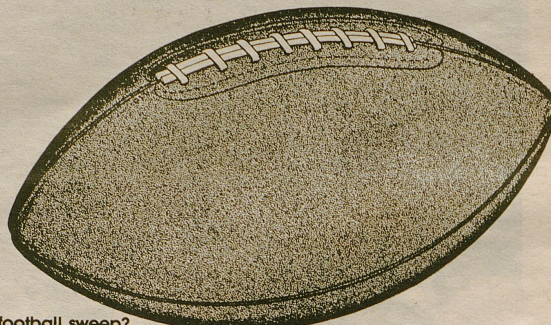
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the rebuilding Wilcats snapped a three-game losing streak . . . **Richard Madison's** seven of 12 shooting from the field was the first time in thirteen games that he had hit over fifty percent from the field. The last game he had hit for better than fifty percent was his six for eleven night against **Indiana** when he scored his career high of 16 points. Just as important was his seven rebounds, three of which came in the final minutes of the overtime battle. . . With the rapid rate of success of the Kentucky football team has arrived golden opportunities for many of **Jerry Claiborne's** assistants. According to one top UK official, plans are underway to make the UK jobs for assistants more attractive and prevent Wildcat coaches from being raided from the Bluegrass. Over the years, UK has encountered problems of matching some of the big-time football powers dollar-for-dollar in that department. One top UK aide, **Jerry Eisaman**, is being approached by a National Football League Club with some \$70,000 annually being dangled in his face to become an assistant. . . On the coaching scene, former UK assistant defensive genius **Charlie Bailey** has been reunited with two of his former colleagues. Bailey recently was added to the Florida staff by head coach **Galen Hall**. There, he joins

former UK assistants **Larry Kirksey** and **Dan Coughlin**. All three coached at UK during the Fran Curci era. . . The only game remaining on the UK basketball schedule which isn't set for television of some form in the Central Kentucky area is the UK at **Mississippi State** contest on February 16. Now, there stands a good chance it will too be on the tube. That date is a wildcard date for the **Lorimar Sports Network** and the way the SEC race is shaping up, the UK-MSU battle could be the top game of that date. Stay tuned. . . For Central Kentucky viewers, the Lorimar Sports people say Channel 27, WKYT-TV, will be televising the remainder of the Thursday Night SEC Game of the Week live. A few games earlier were taped-delayed and then blacked out by the USA Network which carries the same games over most of the nation. The delays had something to do with ratings, contractual agreements and etc, but the bottom line is that allowing USA to carry the game in Lexington and not Channel 27 on a delayed basis would have cost Lorimar some money, or something like that. Anyway, we've been told it won't happen again this season. Of course, the live telecast returned just as Kentucky was scheduled to be on the Game of the Week for two straight Thursdays.

## Bob Watkins

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### UK football sweep?

The University of Kentucky football staff may not have made a complete sweep of talent in the state as the NCAA signing date approaches (Feb. 13), but who are the state's first line prospects that Jerry Claiborne wanted and has not gotten a verbal commitment from yet?

Most recently UK landed what is generally considered to be Jefferson County's three best — Mike Pfeifer, Andy Murray and Carwell Gardner all of Trinity — and it brought some Lexington media types to chortle with delight not only because of the talent roundup for UK, but because Claiborne Inc. had beaten back the first season challenge by Howard Schnellenberger and the University of Louisville.

In fact, it is the second consecutive successful recruiting foray for Claiborne's forces in the state. How has he done it?

- **Winning.** Nothing beats victories when one is building a band wagon. UK has been to bowls the last two years and there are whispers that an SEC title and Sugar Bowl bid may be closer than most UK fans could have dreamed a couple of years ago.

- **Image.** UK has shed its "SEC bad boy" label and is no longer the butt of jail bird jokes around the south.

- **When coach Claiborne spanked (suspended) those kids before the bowl game this year it got people's attention,** said one veteran prep coach, Terry Bean at Oldham County High School. "Parents like that. It was emphasizing to moms and dads that he wasn't going to put up with anything."

- **Footnote:** Cisco Bryant, Tony Mayes, Russell Hairston and Brian Williams were reinstated to the team last week.

- **Hard work.** Where Fran Curci had little confidence in prep talent in the state, as limited as it may have been, and so did little to cultivate a relationship with prep coaches. It hurt his program more severely than was calculated.

- **On the other hand,** "Claiborne isn't flashy, but those folks are blue collar type workers," Bean said. "They get out there and work and people (coaches and fans) like that. It works."

- **Comment:** For example, to land Pfeifer and Carwell, UK beat out Oklahoma, Notre Dame, Georgia and Michigan to name a few.

- **"That's one more tribute to how far Claiborne has brought their program,"** Bean said.

- **Too, high school football coaches in Kentucky seem better organized and seem to take more pride in the football talent here.** Coaches are not bashful about proclaiming (for all to hear) the players they believe are prospects. And college coaches are eager to listen.

- **Too, there is a Kentucky-Tennessee football series now.** And the football coaches *Win List* showcasing successful coaches past and present has stirred pride in the traditions of prep football in the state.

- **All these elements stirred together has created a new excitement for football.** Schnellenberger and U of L have some catching up to do and, in all likelihood, they will make up some ground. But for now the University of Kentucky is master in its own yard, has a corner on the market.

### Missing...?

Whatever happened to UK basketballers Willie Rouse ('54) and Milton Ticco ('43)? And what about football players Russ 'Duke' Ellington ('37) and Locky Brown ('55).

**Footnote:** Did anyone know that Locky Brown was the son of one-time motion picture cowboy star Johnny Mack Brown?

### They said it

- **About LSU freshman forward John Williams, former University of Louisville sports information director Joe Yates says,** "he blends the dependability of Rodney McCray with the dynamics of Charles Barkley."

- **Comment:** At Rupp Arena Williams blended lethargy with mediocrity...for two points (on foul shots) and one rebounds. This from a young fellow who said a few months ago that he hated UK and could hardly wait to "get at 'em and play against Winston Bennett.

- **Indiana coach Bob Knight, explaining his benching four starters and playing four freshmen at Illinois last Sunday.** "When it comes to the sheer playing of the game, if you're not playing the right way, then you sit. I'm not talking about winning; if you play basketball the way it should be played, winning will take care of itself.

- **"I'm talking about effort and intelligence. If I don't see that, then my position is that I've got eight or nine other kids who aren't starting but who are working every bit as hard at practice every day, and now it's their turn to play."**

**Comment:** Amen.

- **Ed Swift, a writer for Sports Illustrated, went on a fishing trip in Alaska last autumn.** When his guide suggested he pack a .357 magnum pistol, Swift didn't understand. The guide explained that grizzly bears like to fish too.

- **"I asked the guy, 'what do I do with the thing?'"** Swift recalled.

- **"First, fire a shot in the air,"** the guide said.

- **A loud noise usually scares bears away.**

- **"If that doesn't work you've got five shots left,"** he deadpanned. "Wait until the bear comes real close and when he's about to you, raise the gun, carefully stick the barrel in your mouth and fire. You don't want to be taken alive by a grizzly."

- **Comment:** HMMMM.

- **And so it goes.**

# Back Thru The Wildcat Years

## FIVE YEARS AGO

\*In a game which was marred by 67 personal fouls, Kentucky defeated visiting Mississippi State 80-65 behind Dwight Anderson and Kyle Macy.

85 foul shots were taken in the game, 56 by UK. Eight different players fouled out, six on State's team. Anderson led UK with 26 points, with 18 of them coming at the foul line. Macy hit seven of nine shots from the field and scored 19 points, many coming when State would start to make a run.

LaVon Williams added 14 points and Jay Shidler, making his third straight start, hit some clutch baskets for ten points. Anderson also had a career high 14 rebounds. Greg Grim and Wiley Peck scored 22 and 20 points, respectively, for State. UK led 35-30 at the half.

\*With a screaming capacity crowd at Rupp Arena, UK downed Alabama 80-71 in probably the Cats' best game since December.

"We played with as much emotion as we have shown since December," said Coach Joe Hall.

UK hit 29 of 50 shots from the field, led by nine of 16 from Kyle Macy, who scored 22 points. Dwight Anderson scored 20 points and forward LaVon Williams chipped in 17. Reggie King scored 36 for Alabama, which trailed 38-33 at the half.

\*Kentucky came out slow and never picked up as they dropped a 68-58 decision at Vanderbilt. UK hit only 23 of 58 shots for 39.7 percent and fell behind 11-4 in the early going.

Charles Davis led Vandy by hitting a Memorial Coliseum record 13 of 15 shots for 31 points. Kyle Macy led UK with 24 points, most of them coming in the second half. Davis and Macy were

the only two players to score in double figures.

Vandy led 39-26 at the half.

## TEN YEARS AGO

\*In a wild game which saw Kentucky's Truman Claytor and Tennessee's Johnny Darden thrown out for trading punches, Tennessee held on to defeat the Cats 92-85 in Knoxville. The score was tied 48-48 at the half. Ernie Grunfield led Tennessee with 32 points while Mike Jackson scored 28 points, many coming in the clutch. Mike Phillips led UK with 20 points, Jack Givens had 18 and Larry Johnson 14. Reggie Warford 12 and James Lee 10. Seven technical fouls were called during the game, four on UK.

\*Kentucky wrestler Joe Carr has been named second team All-America by the Amateur Wrestling News. Carr

was selected in the 167-pound division.

\*Kentucky was able to hit only 11 of 23 free throws as they fell 86-81 to Georgia in Athens. Jackie Dorsey led Georgia with 24 points. Mike Phillips scored 18 points and had 23 rebounds for Kentucky. Jack Givens scored 16 points and Reggie Warford 15 but it wasn't enough for the Cats, who held a three-point lead at the intermission.

## FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

\*Kentucky was devastating as they beat Auburn 114-76. It was the Cats' eighth victory in nine SEC games. Kentucky made 47 of 75 field goal attempts and 20 of 23 free throw attempts. Tom Parker led all scorers with 27 points while Tom Payne tossed in 23 and Kent Hollenbeck 18.

\*Kentucky ranks eighth in the AP poll. Marquette is number one and Southern Cal two.

\*Behind torrid shooting, UK routed Mississippi 121-86. The Wildcats established a Memorial Coliseum record with the 121 points, in opening the second half of SEC play with an 8-1 record. Johnny Neumann of Ole Miss scored 46 points to lead all scorers. Tom Payne scored 24 for UK and Kent Hollenbeck netted 20.

\*Kentucky distance runner Vic Nelson broke a field house record plus a meet and UK record last week. He covered three miles in 13:31.6 ranking him with the top ten distance runners in the country.

## THIRTY YEARS AGO

\*Duke refused to quit but Kentucky held on to an 81-76 win over the highly rated Blue Devils before a full house in Memorial Coliseum. Each time UK started to pull away, Duke rallied back. Jerry Bird paced UK with 29 points and 20 rebounds. Vern Hatton scored 18, Phil Grawemeyer 11. Joe Belmont paced Duke with 29 points.

\*Veteran line coach Clarence 'Buckshot' Underwood, a member of the UK football staff since 1948, has resigned to take a post as head coach at a Texas high school. The popular Underwood will be joined by UK frosh coach John Shelton.

\*A 20-foot jump shot with nine seconds left by Bob Burrow gave UK an 82-81 win over Auburn at Montgomery and kept alive the Cats' SEC hopes. A near-capacity crowd saw the thriller, in which the score was tied nine times and the lead changed hands 22 times, four in the final 75 seconds. Sophomore Vern Hatton scored 25 points, Burrow 19. Jim O'Donnell led Auburn with 22.

\*Former Vandy end John North has been named UK freshmen football coach.

# Wildcat Quiz

1. Has Ole Miss ever defeated Kentucky in the history of Rupp Arena?

Yes or No.

2. What Ole Miss player scored a total of 51 points in the two games the Rebels faced Kentucky last year?

- a) Bruce Tranbarger
- b) Eric Laird
- c) Sylvester Kincheon
- d) Joe Ayers

3. What former Wildcat player was captain of the 1961 UK basketball team and also made All American in baseball?

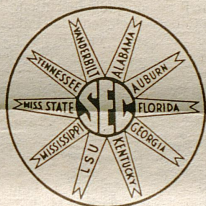
- a) Mike Ballenger
- b) Scott Baesler
- c) Dickie Parsons
- d) Bo Lanter

4. Which of the following was Kentucky's last basketball Academic All American?

- a) Kyle Macy
- b) Rick Robey
- c) Chuck Verderber
- d) Derrick Hord

5. How many times has Kentucky appeared in the National Invitational Tournament?

- a) four
- b) five
- c) six
- d) seven



6. Kentucky has accumulated over 1000 college basketball victories. What other SEC school has achieved that mark?

- a) Vanderbilt
- b) Tennessee
- c) Alabama
- d) LSU

7. Who was the last UK player to make the U.S. Olympic team?

- a) Jack Givens
- b) Kyle Macy
- c) Sam Bowie
- d) Kenny Walker

8. Which NBA club drafter Dicky Beal last year?

- a) Utah Jazz
- b) Dallas Mavericks
- c) Golden State Warriors
- d) Atlanta Hawks

9. When UK won the NIT in 1976, who was the Wildcats opponent in the finals?

- a) Michigan
- b) Jacksonville
- c) UNC Charlotte
- d) Virginia Tech

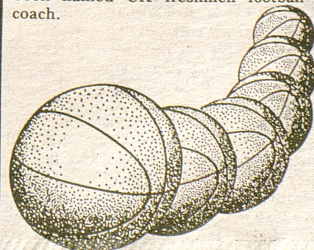
10. True or False? Roger Harden shot over 50 percent from the field last season for Kentucky?



Chuck Verderber



- Answers
- 1. No
  - 2. Eric Laird
  - 3. Dickie Parsons
  - 4. Kyle Macy
  - 5. Seven
  - 6. Tennessee
  - 7. Sam Bowie (1980. USA boycotted that year)
  - 8. Atlanta Hawks
  - 9. UNC-Charlotte
  - 10. False - 58.4 percent



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