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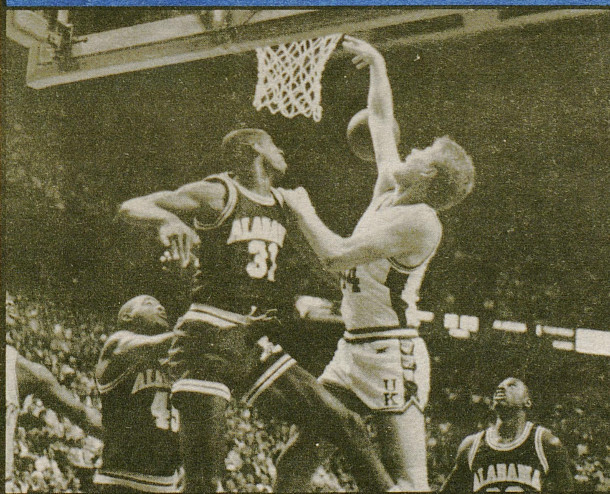
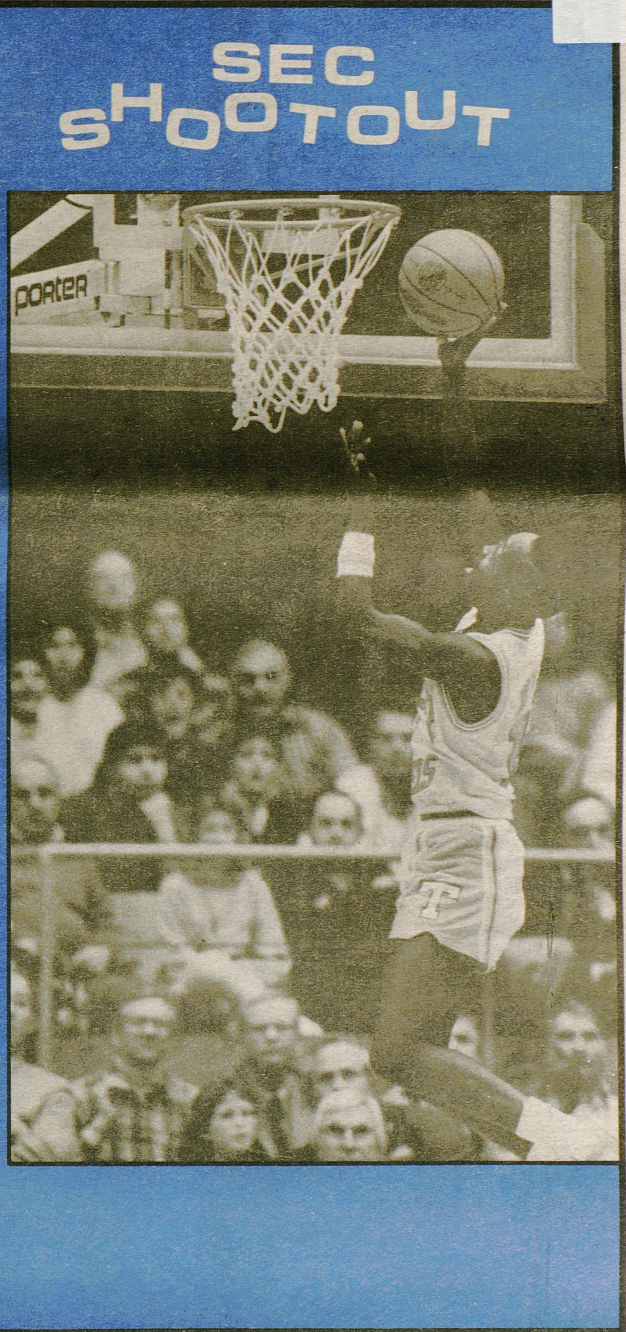
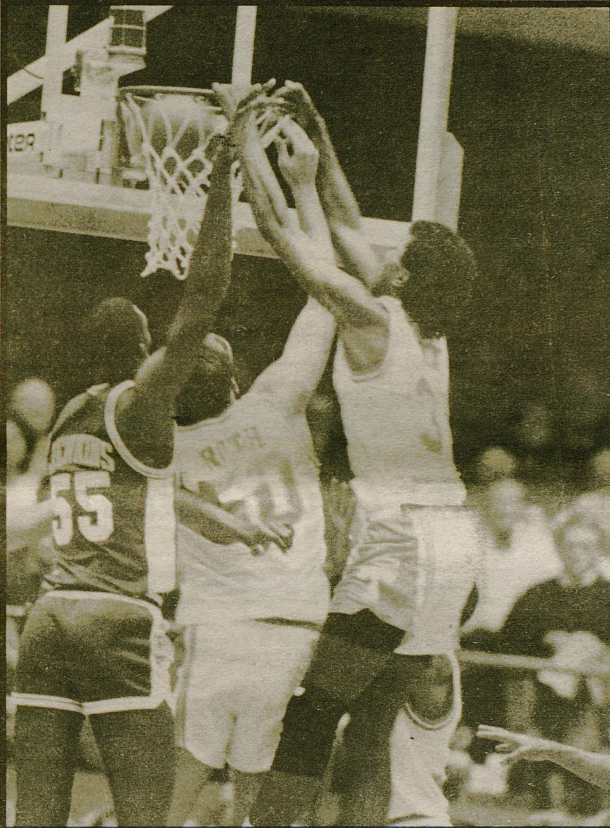


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## Former UK Grid Player Arrested On Felony Charge

Former Kentucky Wildcat football player Brian Allen Williams was arrested last December 3 on a felony charge of theft by unlawful taking of \$3,900, according to Fayette District Court records. Reportedly, Williams was arrested for trying to steal money from Central Bank & Trust.

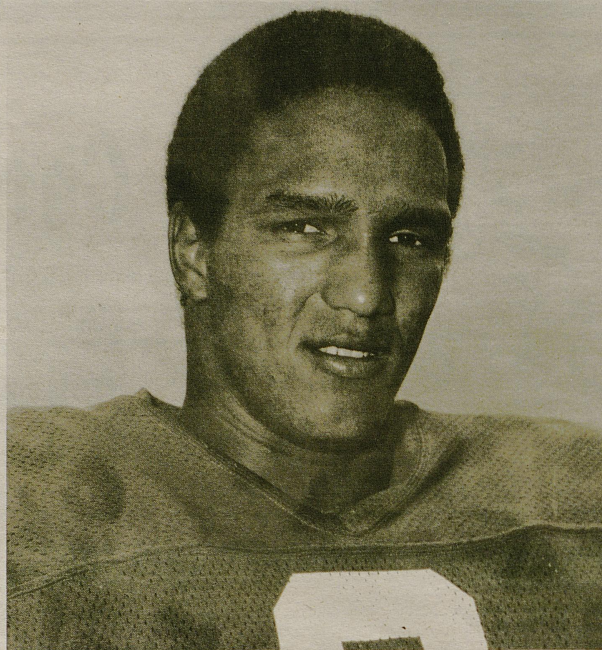
He worked at the branch located at Reynolds and Nicholasville Road.

In a story published in last week's Louisville Courier-Journal, Williams was said to have pleaded guilty (Dec. 23) to an amended charge of criminal attempted theft by unlawful taking.

Williams, a defensive end on the Wildcats' squad from 1982 to 1985, was sentenced to serve five days of a six-month term. According to the paper's reports, his final day in the Fayette Detention Center was last Thursday (Jan. 8).

The former Wildcat under Jerry Claiborne was a member of the all-SEC academic team. He also was an all-state selection from Middlesboro HS.

Agreeing to the reduced charges was the Fayette County prosecutor's office. According to Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Mike Malone, the office also recommended the sentence after Williams, a teller, paid back Central Bank & Trust Company.



Ex-Wildcat Brian Williams

## Kentucky Basketball Stats (thru 10 games)

		UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY WILDCATS																					
G	GS	Min	Avg	FG	FGA	Pct	3PT	3PTA	Pct	FT	FTA	Pct	Reb	Avg	PF	D	Ass	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg	
CHAPMAN, REX	10	10	33.3	33.3	63	133	47.4	29	60	48.3	14	23	60.9	19	1.9	14	1	33	20	3	15	169	16.9
DAVENDER, ED	10	10	33.1	33.1	51	116	44.0	2	23	8.7	46	60	76.7	36	3.6	20	1	32	21	-	17	150	15.0
MILLER, DERRICK	10	-	20.3	20.3	31	64	48.4	18	38	47.4	6	13	46.2	36	3.6	15	-	6	15	2	7	86	8.6
LOCK, ROBERT	10	7	22.9	22.9	34	56	60.7	-	-	-	11	25	44.0	55	5.5	32	1	4	14	11	8	79	7.9
MADISON, RICHARD	10	6	33.0	33.0	29	54	53.7	-	1	-	19	31	61.3	82	8.2	27	1	19	22	4	4	77	7.7
BLACKMON, JAMES	10	10	27.0	27.0	27	54	50.0	6	18	33.3	11	23	47.8	27	2.7	32	1	24	13	1	15	71	7.1
THOMAS, IRVING	10	7	22.2	22.2	23	46	50.0	-	-	-	13	27	48.1	48	4.8	33	2	9	20	3	8	59	5.9
ANDREWS, PAUL	5	-	12.2	12.2	2	4	50.0	-	-	-	1	2	50.0	3	.6	4	-	2	2	-	3	5	1.0
SHIGG, TERRY	3	-	7.3	7.3	1	4	25.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	.7
JENKINS, CEDRIC	4	-	1.8	1.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
BRUCE, STEVE	3	-	7.3	7.3	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	2	.7	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TEAM	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	1.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WILDCATS	10	-	2000	200	261	533	49.0	55	141	39.0	121	205	59.0	322	32.2	178	7	129	128	24	77	698	69.8
OPPONENTS	10	-	2000	200	241	539	44.7	29	86	33.7	122	175	69.7	320	32.0	208	9	110	163	17	56	633	63.3

## Chapman, Davender Are UK's One-Two Punch; Rookie Duo Of Rex And Derrick Lead Wildcats In Three-Point Shooting





## Oscar L. Combs

Cats' Pause Publisher



### Will Latest NCAA Changes Have An Effect?

It'll never be the same.

Some college coaches are repeating those words today after the annual NCAA convention delegates made a sweeping number of changes last week in San Diego.

Among other things, the NCAA decided to eliminate the part-time basketball coach, reduce the number of basketball scholarships from 15 to 13, reduce from 30 to 25 the number of football scholarship signees each year and reduced the length of off-campus recruiting periods and abolished all booster contact with recruits.

Everyone agrees the decisions are an attempt to reduce athletic costs and/or reduce cheating on the college scene.

Most everyone also agrees that the changes will not eliminate cheating and most likely will not achieve their intent.

With that in mind, one has to ask the question, "if it won't cure the ills, why make the changes?"

Let's examine some of the changes.

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**Eliminating the part-time basketball coaching position**—This move was made because football supporters noted that basketball teams already have a full-time coach for each five players on a team while the ratio is over 1-9 in football.

The new rule is grossly unfair for schools which do not have a large local population basis. Schools in big cities like Chicago, New York, Los Angeles, etc., won't suffer as much as schools which must recruit nationally and have small population bases like Auburn, Mississippi State, etc.

Quite frankly, there's no way a team can recruit nationally if it doesn't have at least two recruiters on the road. If the part-time coach is eliminated (and it has been now), then one of the two on-the-road recruiters will now have to remain at home to become more involved in the day-to-day operation.

**Reduce by half the length of off-campus recruiting periods for football and basketball**—This is a highly debatable issue.

On one hand, the cutback will be a blessing to the thousands of recruits who are hounded almost daily by big-time college recruiters.

And it will certainly save schools lots of money. No doubt about that.

The only problem with this rule change is that some prep seniors who are visited by college coaches will not be visited by the big names in the future.

Many coaches won't have the time to visit with the second-line prospects they've visited in the past. The coaches will continue to concentrate on the blue-chippers and the cutback in the recruiting period will leave some kids feeling they're second class recruits.

**Changing the player complimentary ticket policy to allow a player to give away one ticket to anyone the player wishes**—Prior to the rule change a player could only allow his immediate family or a fellow student to use his four game tickets. If the player had a favorite uncle, or a girlfriend who wasn't a student, they were prohibited from using a player's ticket. All that has changed now with the rule.

The only problem with the new rule is that

it should extend to all four tickets, not just one. C'mon, give the kids a break.

**Boosters banned from all contact with recruits, including a ban on even writing a letter**—Those voting delegates have got to be kidding about this one.

How in the world is anyone going to be able to monitor who writes and signs a letter?

Proponents of the rule admit the rule is unenforceable, but claim the legislation is in the right direction and will discourage booster involvement. If they believe that, I've got some excellent strip mine land that can be had real cheap up in eastern Kentucky.

More next week on other NCAA changes.

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The wild, wild Southeastern Conference

race. That's the way it's going to be all season long this winter.

Going into last Saturday's action, Alabama was atop the league standings with a 3-0 season, tied with Florida which enjoyed the same mark. Vanderbilt was third with Auburn and Tennessee tied for third.

In the second division were the likes of Kentucky, Georgia, and LSU along with Ole Miss and Mississippi State.

But the most startling news out of the early conference race has been the ability of teams to win on the road.

Kentucky was beaten the only two times it had played home games (Georgia at Louisville and 'Bama at Rupp).

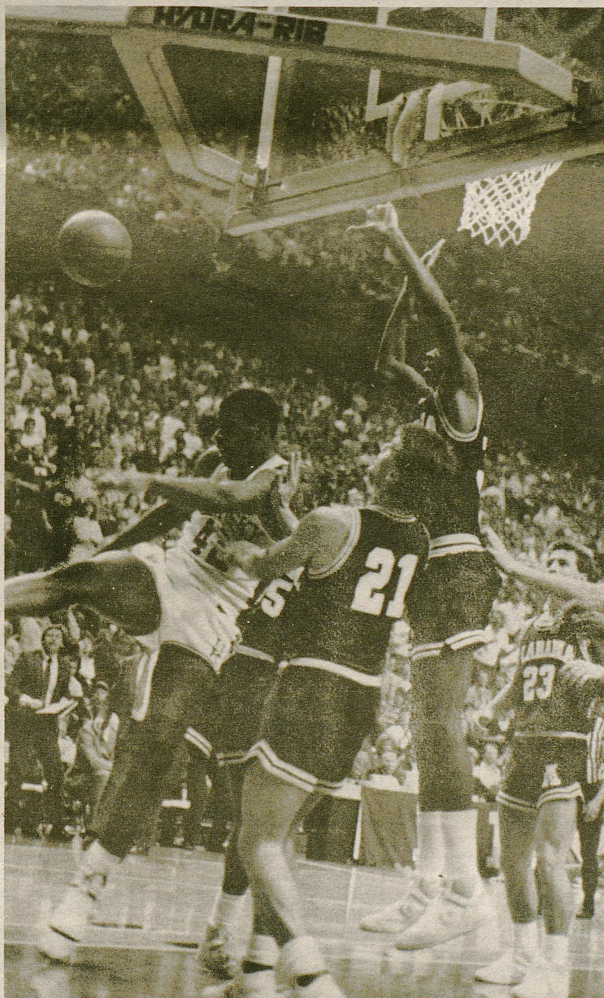
Georgia has played much the same way and its only win came on the road and two of its three losses have come in Athens.

Vanderbilt, which had been one of the early surprises in the SEC, was expected to be virtually unbeatable at home, then promptly was upset by Tennessee in Nashville and had to fight for his life before overcoming pesky Ole Miss last week in Nashville.

It's certainly too early to predict a winner, but it's not too early to tell Wimp Sanderson what he can do with his wimping about not being very good. Those Crimson Tiders have plenty of firepower and that 14-point loss pinned on UK is evidence enough that the Tide will be in the hunt to the very end.

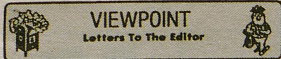
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**HITS AND MISSES** . . . One of the first visitors to the Kentucky team in Knoxville over the weekend was former Wildcat **Chris Gettlefinger** who played for the 'Cats back in the late seventies. Chris, who now resides in K-town, remains a big Kentucky fan. "I really miss UK," said Chris. "There is only one place in the world to play basketball and that's Kentucky . . . What a year for ex-Wildcat football assistant **John Cooper**, the man who was a big factor in the 1976 team which defeated **North Carolina** in the Peach Bowl. After that season, the defensive whiz moved on to **Tulsa** where he worked wonders and then on to **Arizona State** where he almost took the Sun Devils to the **Rose Bowl** in his second year. A last minute field goal prevented that, but Cooper's team enjoyed a banner year this time, including a victory in the Rose Bowl. Cooper was interviewed for the UK job after **Fran Curci** was fired five years ago, but Kentucky chose **Jerry Claiborne**, a UK alum who had fashioned several bowl teams at Virginia Tech and Maryland . . . Media types in Atlanta are still buzzing over Louisville coach **Howard Schnellenberger's** denial that he had approached anyone about any coaching job in recent weeks. One Atlanta newspaper over the weekend noted that **Atlanta Falcons** top brass was unavailable at the same time that Howard was changing plans in Atlanta last Wednesday. The columnist mused, perhaps it was just coincidental. Media types in both Louisville and Lexington are yet to address the report that Howard was ready to take the **Florida State** job if **Bobby Bowden** had been named the Alabama coach. UL officials have suggested that all the uproar over Howard's wandering will actually help the Cards in recruiting because his name has been associated with some big-name situations. Humm . . . Kentucky may have been 1-2 in the SEC race prior to the Tennessee game, but Knoxville sports writers were still predicting a race among Alabama, Florida, Auburn and Kentucky . . . UT officials say they expect to have their 25,000-seat basketball arena completed by November, but the Vols may wait until the beginning of the SEC race in January before they open up the facility . . . When **Todd Ziegler** announced his intentions to transfer to **Western Kentucky University** last week, he became the second UK player in the eighties to transfer to the Bowling Green school. Back in 1983, Indiana product **Mike Ballenger** left Kentucky for WKU. He played there two years before giving up the roundball sport to concentrate on baseball his final year.



So Far SEC Race Has Been A Wild Affair





**Too Much U of L**

Dear Sir:

I've enjoyed your magazine greatly over almost the entire time you've been publishing and I wish to renew for another year.

But I don't feel that you are really listening to many readers complaints about columnist Bob Watkins. I, too, feel he is much too pro-U of L in his columns, to the detriment of UK. And UK is what I subscribe for—not U of L. Bluntly speaking, I wish he were replaced by Jim Griesch, whom I did like.

I hate to write this kind of item but I do get kind of "ranked" by Mr. Watkins writings. Frankly, I could do without him.

Sincerely,

Marvin R. White  
Lexington, Kentucky

**Eddie's America's Best**

Dear Sir:

As two "True Blue Fans" who just happen to live in the heart of ACC country, your publication is like a breath of fresh air when it arrives in our mailbox. After reading the letter in the 12-27-86 issue from Mr. Robert Dishman of Jeffersonville, Ind., titled "Put Or Up Or Shut Up" we felt compelled to respond.

Well, here it is 6 p.m. on 12-27-86 and in answer to Mr. Dishman, we now know once and for all that UK is the **real** Kentucky team. We think that today's game proved that



**Eddie's No. 1**

last year's win at home was not luck, as Mr. Dishman, suggested, but pure talent. After all, today's home court advantage didn't seem to help UL did it. Mr. Sutton certainly did shut up Mr. Crum and Mr. Dishman today. Mr. Crum maybe America's Coach, according to Mr. Dishman, however Eddie Sutton proved today he is America's **Best** Coach!

Our applause to Coach Sutton and the Wildcats for your impressive win today! We will be "True Blue Fans" forever!

Sincerely,

Ray and Pam Hislope  
Raleigh, N.C.


**Searching Tourney Trail For Prospects**

**Plenty Of Preps Familiar To TCP Readers**

Since Thanksgiving I have scouted top high school players and teams in Chicago, Cincinnati, Louisville, Lexington, Ft. Wayne, South Bend, St. Louis and Pine Bluff. After seeing over 50 tournament games, here is my list of top prospects:

**LaGrange (Ill.) Lyons Tournament (Nov. 26-29)**

Marcus Liberty	6-8	Sr.	Chicago (Ill.) M.L. King
Tony White	6-1	Jr.	So. Holland (Ill.) Thornwood
Eric Anderson	6-9	Jr.	Chi. (Ill.) St. Francis DeSales



**Rick Bolus**

Cats' Pause Columnist

Jamie Brandon	6-3	Fr.	Chicago (Ill.) M.L. King
*Johnny Selvie	6-6	Fr.	Chicago (Ill.) M.L. King

**Naperville (Ill.) Central Tournament (Nov. 24-29)**

Curtis Stuckey	6-0	Sr.	Peoria (Ill.) Manual
Sam Mack	6-5	Sr.	Dolton (Ill.) Thornridge
David Booth	6-5	Jr.	Peoria (Ill.) Manual
Dave Mitidiero	6-7	Sr.	Lockport (Ill.) High
Maurice Hamilton	6-4	Sr.	Lockport (Ill.) High
*Mike Clark	6-4	Sr.	Dolton (Ill.) Thornridge

**Cincinnati "Blue Chip" Invitational (Dec. 6)**

Dennis Scott	6-6	Sr.	Oakton (Va.) Flint Hill
Chris Cochiani	6-0	Sr.	Hialeah (Fla.) Miami Lakes
Deron Feldhaus	6-7	Sr.	Maysville (Ky.) Mason Co.
Ruye Glass	6-3	Sr.	Hialeah (Fla.) Miami Lakes



**Sean Sutton**

Chip Jones	6-1	Jr.	Cincinnati (Ohio) Woodward
*Dwayne Brown	6-3	Sr.	St. Louis (Mo.) Vashon

**Pleasure Ridge Park (Ky.) Panther Classic (Dec. 13)**

John Pelphrey	6-7	Sr.	Paintsville (Ky.) High
Desmond Porter	6-3	Sr.	Louisville (Ky.) PRP
Kevin Ellery	6-5	Sr.	Springfield (Ky.) Wash. Co.
David Hogg	6-3	Sr.	Owensboro (Ky.) Senior
Brandy Monks	6-6	Sr.	Louisville (Ky.) Doss
*Glen Statesman	6-3	Sr.	Springfield (Ky.) Wash. Co.

**St. Louis 7-Up Shootout (Dec. 18)**

Jerrold Mustaf	6-10	Jr.	Hyattsville (Md.) DeMatha
Laphonso Ellis	6-9	Jr.	East St. Louis (Ill.) Lincoln
Jesse Hall	6-3	Sr.	Venice (Ill.) High
Roland Ware	6-6	Jr.	Memphis (Tenn.) Central
John Gwynn	6-0	Sr.	Hyattsville (Md.) DeMatha
*Dwayne Brown	6-3	Sr.	St. Louis (Mo.) Vashon

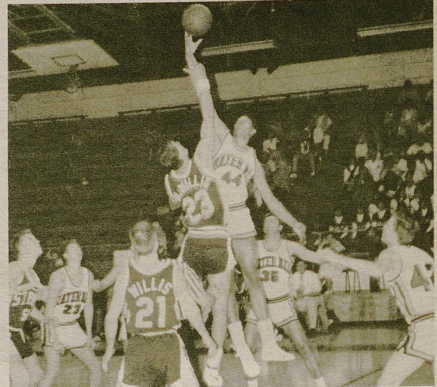
**Lexington Thoroughbred Classic (Dec. 20)**

Eric Manuel	6-6	Sr.	Macon (Ga.) Southwest
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Jay Edwards	6-5	Sr.	Marion (Ind.) High
Lyndon Jones	6-3	Sr.	Marion (Ind.) High
Deron Feldhaus	6-7	Sr.	Maysville (Ky.) Mason Co.
Sean Sutton	6-2	Sr.	Lexington (Ky.) Henry Clay
Daric Keys	6-6	Sr.	Marion (Ind.) High
*Prince Stewart	5-11	Sr.	Lexington (Ky.) Lafayette

**Louisville King of the Bluegrass Tournament (Dec. 26-27)**

John Pelphrey	6-7	Sr.	Paintsville (Ky.) High
Allan Houston	6-4	So.	Louisville (Ky.) Ballard
Desmond Porter	6-3	Sr.	Louisville (Ky.) PRP
Matt Eitutus	6-8	Sr.	Radcliff (Ky.) North Hardin
Blake Miles	6-7	Sr.	Tallahassee (Fla.) Maclay



**LeRon Ellis**

Kevin Ellery	6-5	Sr.	Springfield (Ky.) Wash. Co.
Stanley Shelby	6-3	Sr.	Radcliff (Ky.) North Hardin
Donald Tivis	5-10	Sr.	Paducah (Ky.) Tilghman
Craig Jordan	6-8	Sr.	Seattle (Wash.) Garfield
Jeff Quarles	6-2	Sr.	Hopkinsville (Ky.) High
*Kenny Phelps	6-0	So.	Louisville (Ky.) Male

**Hillside (Ill.) Proviso West Tournament (Dec. 26-30)**

Marcus Liberty	6-8	Sr.	Chicago (Ill.) M.L. King
Jamie Brandon	6-3	Fr.	Chicago (Ill.) M.L. King
Alonzo Verge	6-0	Jr.	Hillside (Ill.) Proviso West
Pat Tompkins	6-5	Sr.	Waukegan (Ill.) East
Antoine Davidson	6-9	Jr.	Chicago (Ill.) Collins
Emmett Lynch	6-2	Sr.	Chicago (Ill.) M.L. King
Karl Anderson	6-8	Sr.	Chicago (Ill.) M.L. King
Brian Molis	6-4	Sr.	Westchester (Ill.) St. Joseph
Clifford Scales	6-2	Sr.	Westchester (Ill.) St. Joseph
Sherman Holmes	6-4	Jr.	Chicago (Ill.) Phillips
*Johnny Selvie	6-6	Fr.	Chicago (Ill.) M.L. King

**Semifinals of Ft. Wayne (Ind.) Holiday Tournament (Dec. 26-27)**

Chris Lovelace	6-9	Jr.	Ft. Wayne (Ind.) Northrop
J.C. Harris	6-8	Jr.	Ft. Wayne (Ind.) Northrop
Tommy Smith	6-5	Jr.	Ft. Wayne (Ind.) Northside
*Doug Reincke	6-8	So.	Ft. Wayne (Ind.) Concordia

**Finals of South Bend Holiday Tournament (Dec. 27)**

Alphonso Mack	5-9	Jr.	South Bend (Ind.) Adams
Tony Wilson	6-2	Sr.	South Bend (Ind.) Adams
Herman Smith	6-6	Sr.	South Bend (Ind.) LaSalle
*Len Kalber	6-8	Jr.	South Bend (Ind.) Adams

**Pine Bluff (Ark.) King Cotton Tournament (Dec. 30-Jan. 3)**

Dennis Scott	6-7	Sr.	Oakton (Va.) Flint Hill
LeRon Ellis	6-11	Sr.	Santa Ana (Calif.) Mater Dei
Richard Dumas	6-7	Sr.	Tulsa (Okla.) B.T. Washington
Chris Cochiani	6-0	Sr.	Hialeah (Fla.) Miami Lakes
John Crotty	6-2	Sr.	Lincroft (N.J.) Christian Bros.
Sean Sutton	6-2	Sr.	Lexington (Ky.) Henry Clay
Ernest Smith	6-5	Jr.	Memphis (Tenn.) Whitehaven
Ruye Glass	6-3	Sr.	Hialeah (Fla.) Miami Lakes
Aaron Bain	6-6	So.	Oakton (Va.) Flint Hill
Derrick Knowles	6-8	Sr.	Hialeah (Fla.) Miami Lakes
*Rodney Peel	5-10	Sr.	Little Rock (Ark.) Hall

\*Top sleeper prospect from each tournament

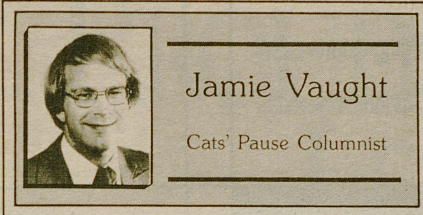


## Three-Point Shot Hot Topic With Media

Media, Fans Are Crazy About Bonus Baby

When I was a youngster growing up, I was a die-hard fan of the old American Basketball Association. Mainly because I loved the Kentucky Colonels, the red, white and blue "beach" ball and the three-point bombs.

Well, the Colonels are gone. So are the beach balls. But the three-point field goal is still around. The National Basketball Association started to use it several years ago and finally the three-point shot has reached college basketball from coast to coast for the first time this season. (Of course, some conferences earlier had already employed the three-pointer on an experimental basis.)



Jamie Vaught

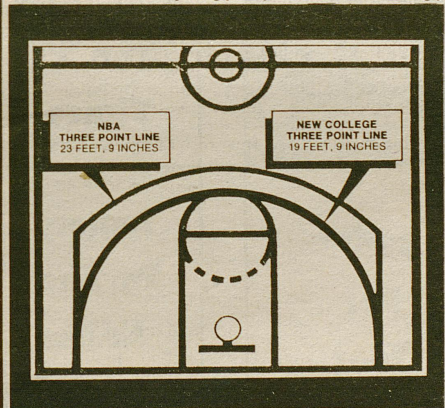
Cats' Pause Columnist

And, today you are fully aware that the new 19-foot, 9-inch three-point goal used in collegiate circles has become one of the hottest topics during morning coffee breaks. The distance of the three-point in college is four feet shorter than the line used in the NBA. Some coaches are crying foul about this new rule.

But the fans and the news media, on the other hand, seem to love it.

Recently at Louisville's Freedom Hall, where Kentucky faced Georgia, I took an opportunity to find out if the sportscasters and sportswriters who cover the Wildcats on a regular basis really like the three-point downtown bombs.

Nine media representatives who happened to be available were interviewed, and not surprisingly, they all were overwhelmingly



NBA, College Three-Point Distances

in favor of the three-point baskets. But some suggested that the distance be moved back somewhat.

I would have liked to interview more journalists from around the state, but that would be an almost impossible task because of space limitations. So here are the nine responses:

**Larry Vaught, sports editor of Danville Advocate-Messenger:** "I think the three-point goal is the greatest thing to happen in years. And I hope it comes into the high schools. So, maybe the players will learn to shoot from the outside again instead of just dribble the ball, throw inside and fall back and play defense."

**Bob Watkins, sports editor of Elizabethtown News-Enterprise:** "I like the three-point shot, too, but it is too cheap at 19-feet, 9-inches. I think it is good to get away from brutal ball like we have been seeing for years from the inside. It (three-pointer) has made the game very exciting."

**Oscar Combs, publisher and editor of The Cats' Pause:** "I think the three-point goal is the most innovative change in college basketball since the center jump. I like it. I don't think they should move it back. It has had a great impact but not as much as most people think. The people who watched the Kentucky-Louisville game will say it is too close. But that is one exception.

I think you have to look at the overall percentage over a given period of time, like say, a whole season. I think when you see that, you'll see that the percentage will probably be somewhere around 34-37 (percent). What it does is to bring the defense out and open up the inside game. It's going to create less injuries and it is going to allow the big people to play their game more than they have in the past.

"As far as people saying you don't deserve three points for a two-point shot that is an inch further back, well there may be some validity to that. But I think people are forgetting that the intent of the three-point goal is to make the teams play man-to-man defense.



Bromley Says It Adds "Excitement"

More important than anything else, it has put finesse back into the game. That is the way the game was meant to be played."

**Rob Bromley, sports director for Lexington's WKYT-TV:** "I think it has added a lot of excitement to the college game. And certainly the teams that have the good shooting guards are going to like it a lot more than those who don't. The thing I don't like about it, if I had to put my finger on one thing, it probably takes some of the coaching out of the game. I really hate to see that. But I think it is exciting. It's probably here to stay. They might move it out just a little bit."

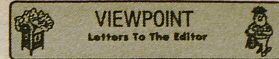
**Jim Kurk, sports editor of Somerset Commonwealth-Journal:** "I think the three-pointer is great. It makes the game more exciting. It gives the team that is behind a better chance to catch up. At first, I thought it was too short, but I have changed my mind. If the line was moved out, I think the teams would be tempted to lay back into the zone. The intent of the rule was to open up the paint area. With the 19-foot, 9-inch line, the team will have to bring defense out or they'll get burned."

**John McGill, sports columnist for Lexington Herald-Leader:** "I like the three-point play, particularly with Rex Chapman playing the game these days, because it surely makes a lot more exciting games. I do agree that it should probably be moved back a little bit by next year, although I wouldn't move it back much. You don't want to get back to NBA distance, because then it won't be a factor at all. It is nice for it to be a factor. Maybe, it's a little too easy now. But maybe a foot more would be enough."

**Dick Gabriel, sports manager of Lexington's WKYT-TV:** "I think it is too short. I don't mind the shot, but I think it is too cheap. It is so short that it has changed the flow of the game, the look of the game, and the feel of the game. I think the ideal length would be maybe 21-feet, 9-inches. The NBA is 23-9. This is 19-9. A good compromise would be 21-9. It would still be a factor, but it wouldn't be as prevalent in the game. It's an exciting play and it should be a part of the game, but not as big a part as now."

**Jeff Neal, Sunday sports editor of Somerset Commonwealth-Journal:** "I like it so far. It has put the outside player back into the game a little bit more. It's going to help the inside player also, because the defense will not be able to pack it in. I like it (the distance) where it is now."

**Gene Abell, sports editor of Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer:** "I like the three-point rule as a whole. As far as I can see, it adds excitement to the game and it has opened up the inside some. I do wish it was about a foot or a foot and a half further back. I think it would be a lot more legitimate. A team that is hitting 11 out of 17 such as Kentucky did (against Louisville) is somewhat of a farce. But that's to (UK coach Eddie) Sutton's credit that he knew how to take care of it or use the rule to his best advantage. But I do wish it was about 21 feet out. A real shooter would come out then."



## UK Fans Have Class

Dear Sir:

In response to Denny Crum's allegation that UK fans were guilty of booing U of L and that U of L fans were not (booing UK), I say HOGWASH!!! Perhaps the fellow from California should have been at this year's Pegasus parade, and perhaps then he would have witnessed the fact that when the U of L players were paraded in front of the gathering, there was plenty of cheering from the U of L fans and some applause from UK fans, while only a few minutes later, he would have witnessed the UK cheerleaders being paraded, accompanied by cheering from the UK fans but also (and herein lies the difference) an unfortunate chorus of boos from the U of L fans.

That is the main difference between the fans—class, Mr. Crum, class!

This attitude is the reason why UK has so many more fans, which has to be considered an accurate measuring stick regarding the success of a program.

While I respect and cheer for the University of Cincinnati program (two NCAA championships), I don't believe theirs has stood the test of time to the same degree as UK's. Get the point, Mr. Crum?

I was raised to love UK like U of L a strong second; however, because of the immature behavior of many of its fans, I no longer can cheer for the University of Second Street. I refer to them in that manner because they don't represent my hometown, the city that I love as much, if not more, than anyone.

In 1978, (UK's last NCAA championship) their celebration did not include any anti-U of L (or IU) banners or chants. IU conducted themselves in a similar manner at their last championship celebration because both programs show class. On the other hand, Mr. Crum, perhaps you forgot that in 1980, at U of L's celebration, one could hear many chants and see numerous banners saying "Big Blue where are you?" It reads here that that is bush league.

Mr. Crum also suggest that coach Sutton should study recent history. I suggest that Crum should realize that the whole history is more important than a portion of it; and in basketball vernacular, that means tradition. In that regard, I refer Mr. Crum to my earlier thoughts concerning Cincinnati.

Perhaps if Crum thinks that the whole of history is not important, then we can save the taxpayers a lot of money by firing the history teachers in our schools!

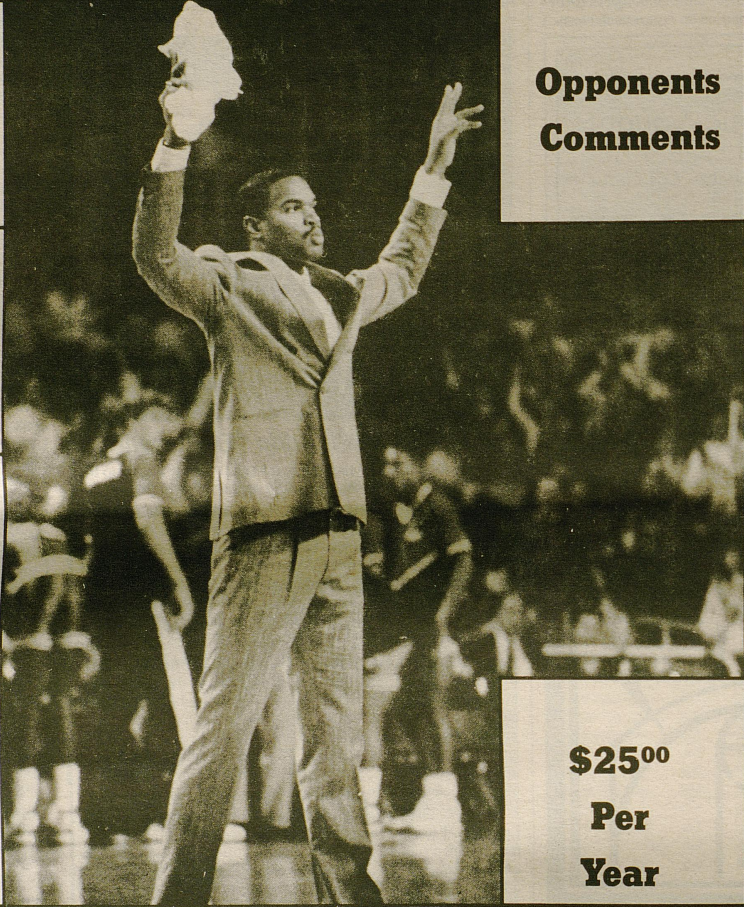
Mr. Crum thinks that we shouldn't have "all this verbal sparring" between the two schools. I suggest that while coach Sutton's pride in the most successful basketball program in the history of the game does not make him guilty of verbal sparring. At no time did he speak derogatorily of Crum's program. However, on the other hand, I submit that Crum is indeed guilty of verbal sparring simply from the mere fact that he inaccurately accused coach Sutton of verbal sparring. It was Crum who stated that he wouldn't have a midnight practice because he wanted his players in bed for studies. I wonder if Crum really thinks his players are in bed for studies. I wonder if Crum really thinks his players are in bed at midnight every night. Given the time zones of Alaska and Hawaii, I also wonder if Crum thinks his players were tucked in at midnight. Could it be that he is suffering from that old green-eyed monster!!!! But what would one expect from a person who said that Ricky Gallon was a better player than Mike Phillips and Rick Robey combined?

Thank You,

John P. Colson  
Louisville, Kentucky



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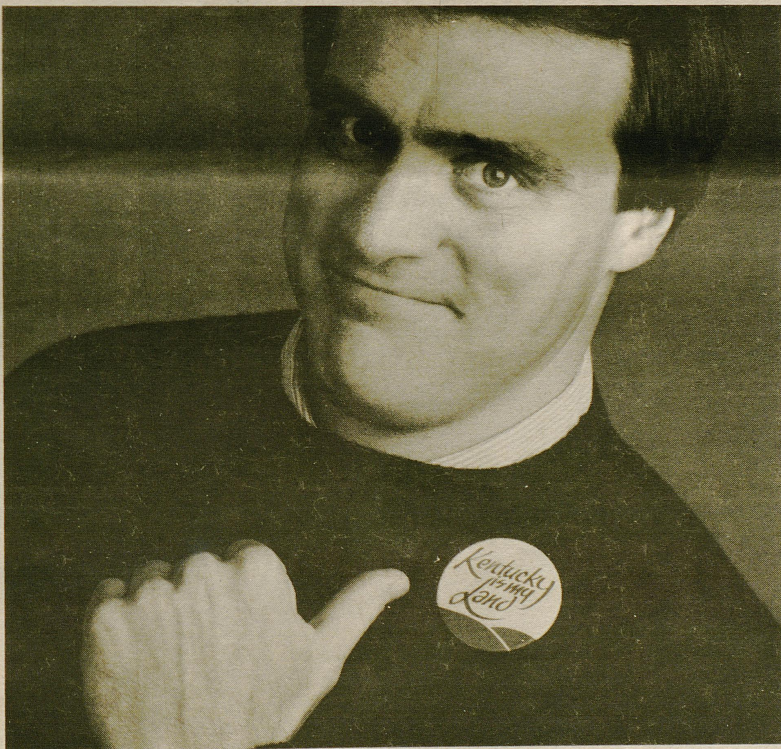
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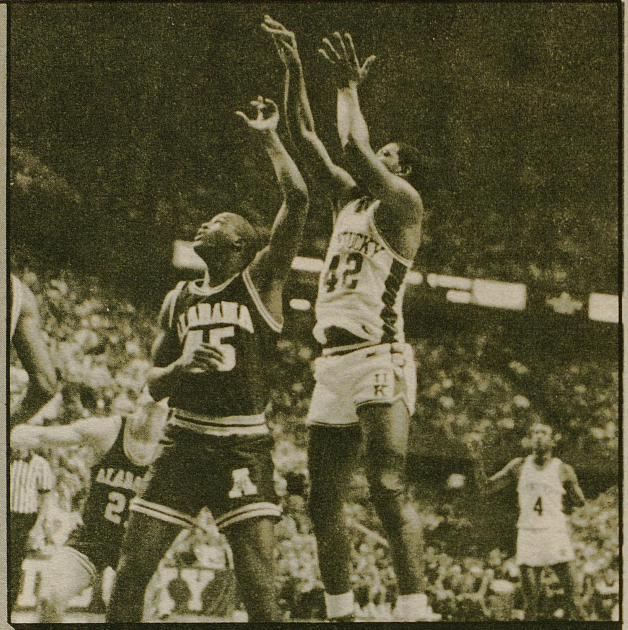
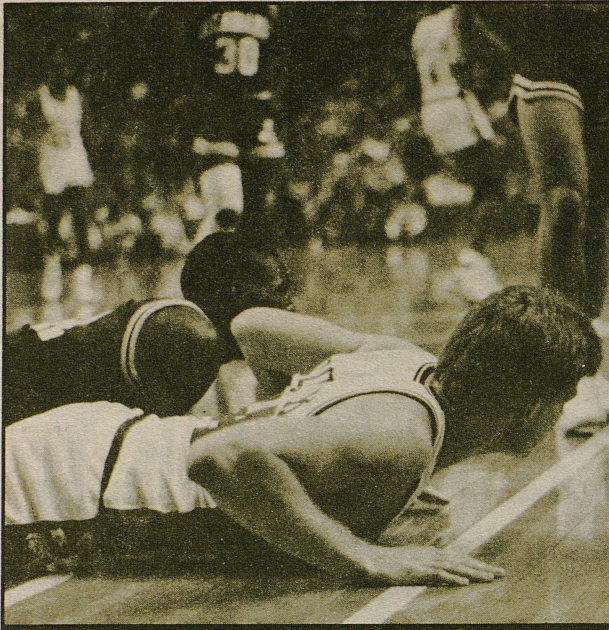
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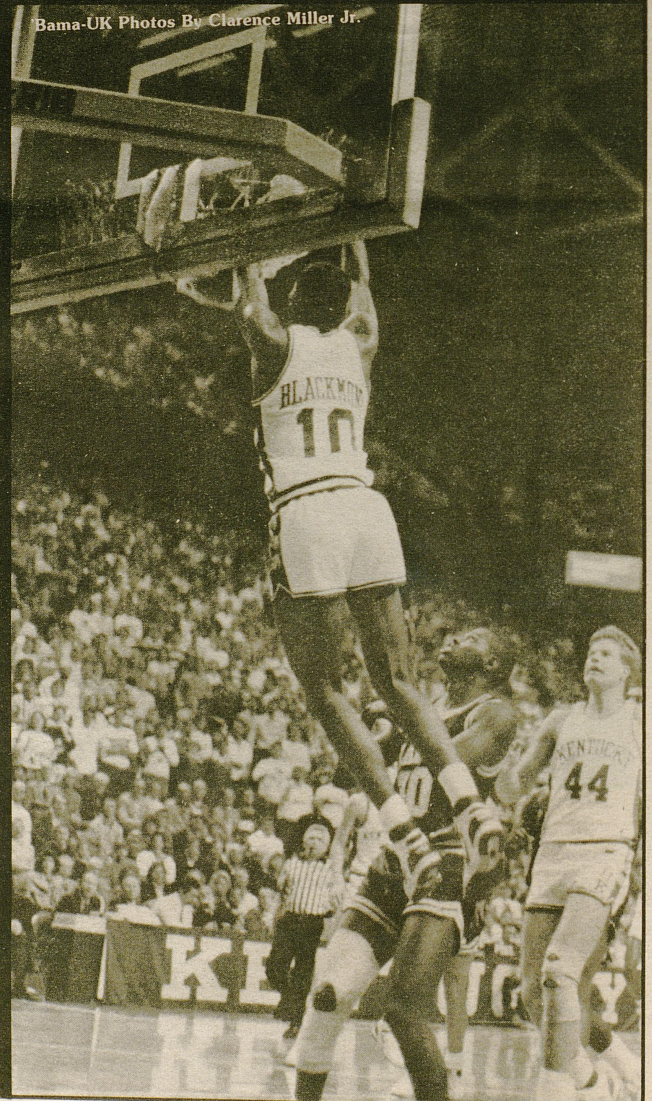






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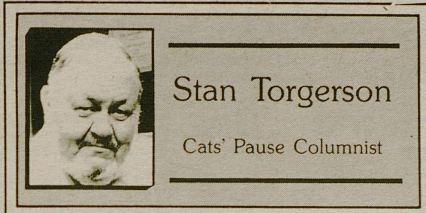


## Fearless Predictions For New Year

### UK To Win Hoop Title, FB 'Cats Struggle

Our best crystal ball has been polished and the nicks from last year have been removed. We have, therefore, donned our swami robe with the moon and stars inscribed thereon, place the pointed hat on our head with its mysterious symbols of wisdom, rabbits' feet, horseshoes and crossed fingers in order to see the future and predict 1987. A puff of smoke and here we go:

**PREDICTION:** There will be a terrific race for second place in the 1987-88 basketball season with Vanderbilt, Florida and LSU the favorites. There will be no race at all for first place. Kentucky can order their championship rings in the fall so they can be



Stan Torgerson  
Cats' Pause Columnist

presented to the players between halves of the season's final game.

**PREDICTION:** While the Wildcat basketball team celebrates perhaps its greatest recruiting year ever, football coach Jerry Claiborne will continue his relatively fruitless search for Kentucky athletes who realize it's as much fun to play a game with a pointed ball as it is a round one.

**PREDICTION:** New Southeastern Conference commissioner Harvey W. Schiller will realize he won't be a serious candidate for the NCAA's top job as long as he says silly things such as his recent statement that there's no cheating in the SEC.

**PREDICTION:** LSU's Dale Brown will continue to be the SEC's best recruiter of talented basketball players with problems, and Kentucky's Eddie Sutton will continue to be the league's best recruiter, period.

**PREDICTION:** The loss of 10 scholarships through NCAA sanctions will not bother the Ole Miss well stockpiled football program at all, while the loss of TV and bowl revenue will cause the Rebels much hurt. Mississippi's athletic department may be the first in the country forced to consider bankruptcy.

**PREDICTION:** Auburn supporters will take up a collection in 1987 to buy a private telephone line to the school's academic office for coach Pat Dye so that he will know whether or not his players are going to class. When it was recently disclosed that star running back Brent Fullwood stopped attending school in October, Dye said that it was news to him.

**PREDICTION:** With quarterback Don Smith gone, Rocky Felker will wonder why he took the coaching job at Mississippi State.

**PREDICTION:** With other SEC teams loading up on talented basketball players, Richard Williams and Ed Murphy will wonder why they took the basketball jobs at Mississippi State and Ole Miss.

**PREDICTION:** The new commissioner's interest in promoting minor and women's sports will result in a host of new publicity from the conference office which will get as far as the wastebaskets of sports editors in SEC states.

**PREDICTION:** Playing this year's SEC basketball tournament in Atlanta will be the best thing that ever happened to Birmingham's hope of getting the tournament back on a regular basis.

**PREDICTION:** While the vast majority of the press, fans and officials would agree that Joe Dean would be LSU's most sensible choice for the AD's job, he won't get it because very little that's sensible has happened in the Tiger athletic department for a number of years.

**PREDICTION:** The NCAA will leave the lane only 12 feet wide, thus not harming the big man and will move the three-point line farther back, thus hurting the heck out of the little one.

**PREDICTION:** The issue of whether to make freshmen ineligible for varsity play will be bitterly fought at this year's NCAA convention, but in the end the rule will be left as it is, thus encouraging schools to continue courses in Basketweaving, Proper Evaluation of Female Cheerleaders, along with Fast Food I and II, in order that athletes won't flunk out their first year in school.

**PREDICTION:** Schools will schedule games at 8 a.m. or 12 midnight if the TV networks request it and claim they're doing so more of their fans will get to see the games. At that point those who have been buying tickets will stop writing checks for same and join those watching the tube, thus making SEC stadiums the biggest outdoor empty television studios in the country.

**PREDICTION:** The demand for sure wins in basketball will be so great that the Armstrong States, Stetsons, Illinois Wesleyans, Mississippi Colleges, Augusta Colleges, Appalachian States and others can have full SEC schedules if they wish. The real conference schools will consider scheduling girls' teams for preseason games, but not the Tennessee, Ole Miss or Georgia girls, because they'd be too hard to beat.

**PREDICTION:** Southeastern Conference referee Don Rutledge will continue working games until he's 85-years-old, at which point when he's hobbling up and down the court with his cane he'll still be better than most of the young ones running.

**PREDICTION:** The number of student athletes attending various schools for board, room, books and tuition will continue to be slightly higher than those student athletes attending school for board, room, books, tuition and a new car—seven-foot centers or 4.3 running backs not included.

**PREDICTION:** The academic records of Georgia's athletes will continue to get better while the won-lost records of the school's football and basketball team will continue to get worse and worse.

**PREDICTION:** Tennessee's often-delayed new basketball arena will certainly be ready in time for this year's high school sophomores to plan playing a full season in it by the time they are college seniors.

**PREDICTION:** Vanderbilt will be the surprise team of this basketball season and C.M. Newton will be Coach of the Year. Tennessee and Georgia will be the disappointments of the year. Don DeVoe



C.M. Newton

will wonder why he didn't take the Ohio State job and Hugh Durham will find a way, under Georgia's new entrance requirements, to recruit seven-foot high school valedictorians.

**PREDICTION:** WTBS will broadcast SEC football again and every game will be described as a great game and every player will be described as a potential All-American.

**PREDICTION:** Dick Vitale will broadcast a few SEC basketball game and, as usual, will be so full of horse feathers he will look like an American Bald Eagle.

**PREDICTION:** As Mark Twain once said about the weather, everyone will continue to criticize artificial turf, but no one will do anything about it.

**PREDICTION:** The SEC football championship will be determined Sept. 19 when Florida plays Alabama. The league's Player of the Year will be determined that same day depending on who has the best game—Kerwin Bell, quarterback of Florida, or Bob-

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## UGA's Mack, Hamilton Out For Year; Injured Dunn To Miss 2 Weeks

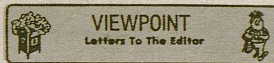
Georgia's Hugh Durham was on top of the world after his team pulled a big 69-65 upset of Kentucky in Freedom Hall in late December, but things have been all downhill for the veteran coach since then.

Following the win at Kentucky, the Bulldogs lost their second SEC game at home, dropping an 87-80 decision to Norm Sloan's Florida Gators.

Now Georgia is having trouble off the court. Durham announced on Jan. 6 that leading scorer Toney Mack, who had 24 points against Kentucky, has been ruled academically ineligible and will miss the rest of the season. The sophomore forward from Brandon, Fla., was averaging 17.6 points and 4.4 rebounds per game.

Reserve Patrick Hamilton, a 6-2 guard from Gainesville, Ga., was also ruled academically ineligible.

And to compound Durham's problems, starting center David Dunn will be out of action for at least two weeks with a foot injury. The 6-8 senior was averaging in double figures in scoring and leading the team in rebounds with almost seven per game.



## I'll Take 'Cats Any Day

Dear Sir:

Mr. Oscar Combs is a "supposed" Kentucky fan but you could have fooled me by his column in *The Cats' Pause* on Dec. 27, 1986.

In his column he stated Kentucky had no business being on the same floor with that of Louisville's talent. What talent is he talking about? I will admit Louisville did play poorly, but the 'Cats clearly were the winners that day.

UK may not have the "talent" you speak of, but they showed something possibly much more important—desire and dedication.

When you defined "talent" you must have forgotten the freshman sensations—Rex Chapman, who tied his season high point total and Derrick Miller, who once again put them in from three-point range. Or the consistent play of James Blackmon and Ed Davender. Or what about the front line which totally dominated the boards. A special pat on the back goes out to Rob Lock, who didn't put a lot of points in the books, but made Pervis Ellison invisible. And Ellison is considered "one of the best centers in the country."

If the 'Cats must play with the "little talent" they had on Saturday, I will put my money on the 'Cats any day.

Next time, Mr. Combs, please, think before you write a statement like that again, because the last thing an inexperienced team needs is that kind of criticism!

Go Big Blue!!

Donna Call  
Jackson, Ohio

(Editors note: What can I say?)





## B/C's Cronauer Rates Top Recruiting Classes With 3 Or More Signees

By Bill Cronauer

Rank	School	Recruits
1	KENTUCKY	Eric Manuel, 6-6, Macon (Ga.) Southwest LeRon Ellis, 6-11, Santa Ana (Calif.) Mater Dei Johnny Pittman, 7-1, Rosenberg (Texas) Terry Deron Feldhaus, 6-7, Maysville (Ky.) Mason Co. Johnathon Davis, 6-7, Pensacola (Fla.) Pine Forest Sean Sutton, 6-2, Lexington (Ky.) Henry Clay <i>COMMENT: Manuel is co-No. 1 senior in country, and four-year starter at UK</i>
2	N.C. STATE	Rodney Monroe, 6-2, Hagerstown (Md.) St. Maria Goretti Chris Corchiani, 6-0, Hialeah (Fla.) Hialeah-Miami Lakes Sean Green, 6-6, Mouth of Wilson (Va.) Oak Hill Acad. Byron Tucker, 6-9, Oxon Hill (Md.) Potomac <i>COMMENT: True big time balance = four of America's Top 40</i>
3	UCLA	Sean Higgins, 6-8, Los Angeles (Calif.) Fairfax Gerald Madkins, 6-3, Merced (Calif.) High Kevin Williams, Los Angeles (Calif.) Verbum Dei <i>COMMENT: Higgins is Top 5 in US, a bona fide wing at 6-8</i>
4	FLORIDA ST.	David White, 6-5, St. Petersburg (Fla.) Boca Ciega Aubry Boyd, 6-5, Macon (Ga.) Southwest Mike Polite, 6-7, Daytona Beach (Fla.) Mainland Blake Miles, 6-6, Tallahassee (Fla.) Maclay <i>COMMENT: White a 225-pound killer; Boyd a blue chip, 6-5 point guard</i>
5	GEORGIA	Elmore Spence, 6-11, Atlanta (Ga.) Washington Marshal Wilson, 6-8, Carnesville (Ga.) Franklin Co. Neville Austin, 6-10, Auburn (Ala.) High Anthony Haynes, Macon (Ga.) Central <i>COMMENT: Spence's WASTLY underrated—dominates at 270 pounds</i>
6	KANSAS	Mike Maddox, 6-8, Oklahoma City (Okla.) Putnam North Mike Masucci, 6-11, Grandview (Mo.) High Antoine Lewis, 6-0, Brooklyn (N.Y.) Grady Ricky Butler, 6-6, Huntington Beach (Calif.) Oceanview <i>COMMENT: Dial M for dynamic duo; Final Four revisited?</i>
7	PITT	Brian Shorter, 6-7, Mouth of Wilson (Va.) Oak Hill Acad. Darelle Porter, 6-4, Pittsburgh (Pa.) Perry Sean Miller, 6-0, Beaver Falls (Pa.) Blackhawk Jason Matthews, 6-3, Santa Monica (Calif.) St. Monica <i>COMMENT: Shorter a 220-pound slammer; all three guards seem solid</i>
8	SMU	Larry Johnson, 6-6, Dallas (Texas) Skyline Bobby Holkan, 6-10, Houston (Texas) Clear Lake

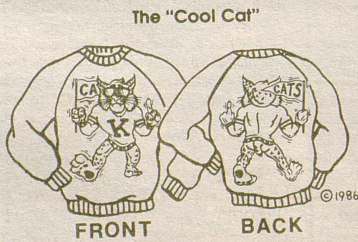
9	HOUSTON	J.D. Green, 6-6, Los Angeles (Calif.) Fairfax <i>COMMENT: Johnson plays with anyone, anytime, anywhere!</i> Richard Hollis, 6-5, New Mexico JC Rodney Diggs, 6-4, Houston (Texas) Jack Yates Darrell Johnson, 6-6, Houston (Texas) Jack Yates <i>COMMENT: Hollis is nation's No. 1 JC soph as 210-pound wing</i>
10	IOWA	Brian Garner, 6-2, Milwaukee (Wis.) Washington Curtis Cuthpert, 6-9, Flint (Mich.) Northern Rodell Davis, 6-3, Harvey (Ill.) Thornton Township Brig Tubbs, 6-9, Dewitt (Iowa) Central <i>COMMENT: Garner skied from WHO? to WOW! at B/C Indiana</i>
11	ARIZONA	Matt Muehlebach, Kansas City (Mo.) Rockhurst Sean Rooks, 6-10, Fontana (Calif.) High Mark Georgeson, 6-10, Huntington Beach (Calif.) Marina <i>COMMENT: Muehlebach is a proper sized point guard; plus two 6-10 majors</i>
12	MISSOURI	Doug Smith, 6-10, Detroit (Mich.) Mackenzie Jim Horton, 6-8, Columbia (Mo.) Rock Bridge Lance Irvin, 6-1, Chicago (Ill.) Percy Julian <i>COMMENT: 220-pound Smith shoots, runs, rebounds and rejects</i>
13	VIRGINIA	John Crotty, 6-1, Lincroft (N.J.) Christain Bros. Academy Kenny Turner, 6-6, Indianapolis (Ind.) North Central Dirk Katstra, 6-6, Stanley (Kan.) Blue Valley <i>COMMENT: Crotty's a prime time student/athlete (3.8 GPA) and a quarterback with savvy</i>
14	ALABAMA	Bryant Lancaster, 6-3, Fairfax (Ala.) Valley Melvin Cheatum, 6-8, Winnsboro (La.) High Marcus Campbell, 6-7, Livingston (Ala.) High <i>COMMENT: Lancaster's a scorer; Cheatum's an athlete; Campbell weighs in at 215</i>
15	OKLAHOMA	Lance Kroll, 6-9, Tulsa (Okla.) Nathan Hale Damon Patterson, 6-7, Kalamazoo (Mich.) Central Kermit Holmes, 6-7, Okmulgee (Okla.) High <i>COMMENT: No Tisdale here, but meet all-major frontline</i>

### Top 10 Schools With One Or Two Signees

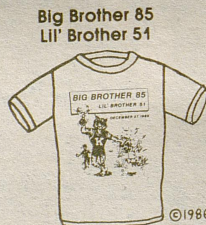
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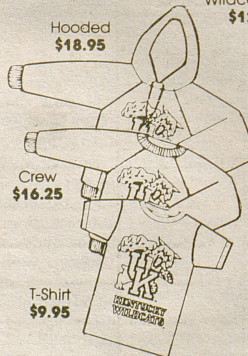


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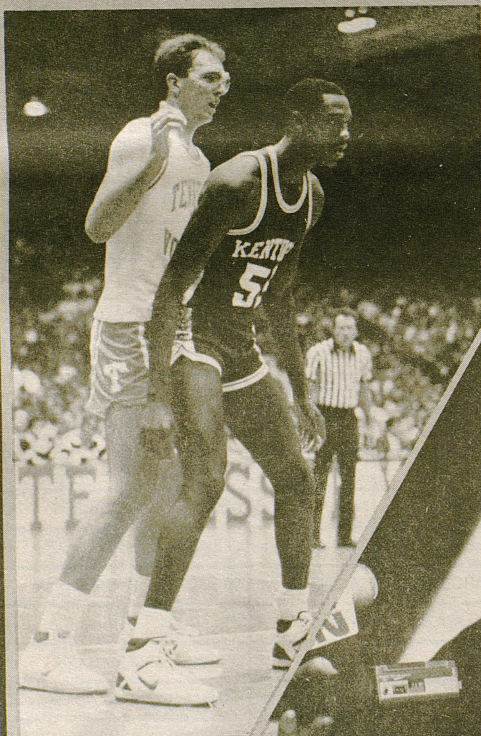
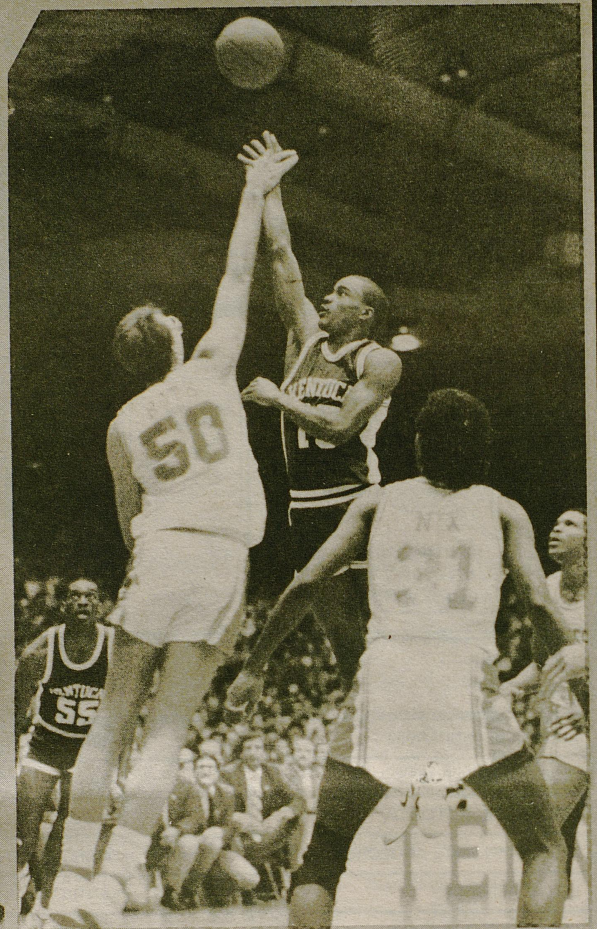
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# UK Coaches React To NCAA Convention

Not Pleased With Some Of The Results

The NCAA, bound and determined to rid itself and college athletics of the recent scandals in recruiting and academics, met last week in San Diego to try to do something about them.

And already, you can hear the cries of coaches and fans around the country, speaking out against some of the actions decided on during the 8th annual NCAA convention.

Among other things, delegates to the convention voted to reduce the number of athletic scholarships which can be available to student-athletes, banned boosters from any contact with prospective recruits and cut the available recruiting time in half.



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Cats' Pause Columnist

The new rules, effective August 1, 1988, reduce the number of football scholarships which can be given each year from 30 to 25, but keep intact the overall scholarship limit of 95. The number of basketball scholarships was trimmed from 15 to 13. Boosters will have no voice in recruiting at all; they won't be allowed to talk to recruits, telephone them, or even write them a letter.

Several UK coaches say they are less than pleased with the results of the convention.

In response to the cut in scholarships, Kentucky football coach Jerry Claiborne said, "It won't bother us too much right now, I'm just glad it's not going to go into effect (until 1988). The big problem is they kept the 95 rule. Everybody was hoping that if they did make the cut, down from 30-25, that they would eliminate the 95 on the other end. In other words, not having any ceiling on the 95—that's what we wanted to happen. But they only did one part of what we wanted to happen, and that was cut the scholarships."

"Like last year, we signed 15 kids, and this year we want to sign 25 to 28. Next year, we won't be able to do that."

### What Impact Will Rule Changes Have On UK?

On the surface, it looked like the reduction in scholarships in football might work to Kentucky's advantage. By lowering the limit on how many players you could sign each year, that would seem to help Kentucky better compete on the recruiting front with SEC football factories like Alabama, Auburn, Georgia and Florida—who are able to stockpile great players year after year. By taking five scholarships away from the haves, it appeared to help the have nots.

Claiborne doesn't see it that way.

"Well, you still can't get but 95 (players on your roster)," Claiborne said. "The 95 is kindly what keeps everybody honest. Some schools sign 30 every year. I don't know how they do that but they do. The reason why I hate to see it is because I hate to see them start to cut anything. If they start cutting things, it usually leads from one thing to another, and we've got enough problems right now trying to get along with what we've got. If they start cutting back on us it's gonna make it tougher."

And then you've got the problem of reduced recruiting time. Kentucky, which is already waging an uphill battle against its SEC counterparts for out-of-state recruits, now has less time to beat the bushes looking for prospects.

"I don't think it was necessary," UK assistant football coach Dick Redding said of the reduction in the recruiting period. "They took 10 days off the May recruiting period, and that cuts down on the evaluation period."

But Redding doesn't think the move will hurt the Wildcats any more than anyone else.

"Everybody will be on the same page, it just gives you less time to evaluate people," he said. "I think it will be tough for everybody."

### Claiborne Displeased With Ban On Boosters

Claiborne was also upset when the convention outlawed the use of boosters in recruiting.

"I was not for that," Claiborne said. "I think that as long as people do things within the rules, the best person that can talk to a prospective student-athlete is someone that attended that school, has been successful in business life, had a good time when he was in college and got a good education, especially if he played athletics, that's even another plus. He had a good experience playing college athletics and got a good education and has gone out and done a

good job in the business world. I think he's the best person that can possibly talk to a student-athlete, or write him a letter. I was not for that rule, and I kinda hated to see it passed. I think it might be difficult to enforce. I don't think it's gonna keep anybody from cheating, because if somebody wants to cheat they're gonna cheat anyway. I hate to see 'em take our alumni out of our recruiting."

UK basketball coach Eddie Sutton, who said the reduction of scholarships probably won't hurt a school with Kentucky's tradition, was also opposed to the scholarship ruling.

"I can understand a lot of coaches being upset and if they were to allow me to vote, I would say, no, let's don't cut 'em," Sutton said during a radio broadcast after the Tennessee game last Saturday. "Because there're a lot of young people out there that maybe they don't play a lot of basketball at Tennessee or Kentucky, but at least it gives them an opportunity to pay for their education. So I wouldn't vote for it from that standpoint."

"I'm not sure as far as the team is concerned, that it's gonna have much effect on the quality of play. It could, but it's like I told some football coaches one time, when they get cut scholarship-wise it's gonna affect them because football needs numbers. But with basketball, I really believe that with 13 scholarships you would still be able to find two or three good high school players that would just walk on. So in my opinion, it's not gonna affect the University of Kentucky."

That is unless history repeats itself, and like this year, UK finds itself with more players on the bench with injuries than it has on the court.

"Well, that's true," Sutton said. "I hadn't even thought about that. I know I've talked to several basketball coaches around the country,



### UK's Redding: 'Just Leave Things Alone'

and they too feel very strongly that it was a mistake by the NCAA. It's already passed, and unless they change it, we're gonna have to live with only 13 scholarships."

### Look Out Coaches, Things Could Get Worse

But what went on in San Diego might be just the tip of the iceberg. The committee will meet again in June, and among the proposed topics are elimination of spring football practice, further reduction of coaching staffs, slashing playing seasons, placing restrictions on how much time a player may spend each week on a sport and freshman eligibility.

"Nothing we did here has one-fifth the importance of what could happen in June," one delegate was quoted as saying. "What happens in June could go a long way toward determining what happens for years and years in college athletics."

The battle lines are drawn. On one hand you have the university presidents, who are devoted to trying reform college sports. And on the other hand, you have the coaches, who feel they are being handicapped by the new rule changes.

It could get interesting.

"I find it incomprehensible that we would have in place a structure that lets a freshman football player play two games before he ever attends a class," said University of Maryland chancellor John Slaughter, who along with Cal-Berkeley president Michael Heyman, are two of the ringleaders for the proposed changes.

"My guess is that we can spend considerably less money and not reduce quality, not in a way that any of us who watches sports would discern," said Heyman, who heads up a subcommittee that will draw up specific legislation for the June meeting.

"I think they should just leave things alone," Redding said. "If they'd just leave it like it is it would be alright."

# Kats Up Slate To 8-4 With Win Over Morehead

Last Wednesday evening, Terry Hall's Lady Kats improved their record to 8-4 with a 73-57 win over host Morehead.

Kentucky was able to coast to its victory after grabbing a 43-21 halftime lead. UK was able to bury the Lady Eagles by hitting on 55.2 percent of its shots (32-of-58). Morehead also hindered itself, connecting on 23-of-62 attempts for a mere 37.1 percent figure from the floor.

Debbie Miller, Bebe Croley and Sandy Harding led the way, combining for 42 points. Miller, UK's senior center, paced the 'Cats' scoring attack with 18 points, followed by Croley and Harding with 12 points apiece.

Miller was nearly perfect from the field as she hit on eight of nine attempts.

Morehead was led by Angie Linneman's 16 points.

## SEC Standings

(Following Jan. 10 games)

	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Alabama	4	0	1.000	10	2	.833
Florida	4	0	1.000	12	3	.800
Auburn	2	1	.667	8	2	.818
Vanderbilt	2	2	.500	10	5	.667
Tennessee	2	1	.667	8	4	.667
Georgia	2	3	.400	9	5	.643
Mississippi	1	2	.333	7	4	.636
Kentucky	1	3	.250	7	4	.636
Louisiana St.	1	4	.200	8	6	.571
Miss St.	0	3	.000	4	8	.333

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# White, Brown And Nix Star

## Stokely Jinx Returns As Vols

By Nick Nicholas

Not much was said about the Stokely Athletics Center jinx before Saturday night's Kentucky-Tennessee battle. Last season first-year UK coach Eddie Sutton quieted all this superstition stuff with a 62-60 victory over the Volunteers in Knoxville. Prior to Sutton's arrival UK had lost 12 of 13 outings in K-town.

Well, UK should have brought its along share of four-leaf clovers as Tennessee easily handled the No. 9 Wildcats 75-68 before a packed house (12,700) at Stokely Center. If things go as planned this UK-UT contest might have been the final feud at Stokely between the 'Cats and Vols. Next season the Vols are scheduled to move into their spacious 25,000-seat arena.

You might say UT threw a going-away party for its Blue and White feline opponents. UT's Tony White proved to Kentucky he's one of the nation's most productive offensive machines. Leading the conference in scoring with a 24.3 ppg figure, the 6-foot-2 senior poured in 32 points to lead the Big Orange.

Ed Davender and James Blackmon each had their shot at guarding White, but neither could stop UT's star and his smooth touch. He lit the scoreboard from everywhere—beyond 19' 9", off of penetrating moves, or on short, high arching jumpers from the baseline.

With UT leading by five at intermission (32-27), White then ignited UT with 20 points. "Kentucky has a real serious tradition," said White, who connected on 12-of-18 overall attempts from the field. "It's something that just gets you motivated. It's just...Kentucky, just Kentucky. Everybody around here always wants to know 'How did you do against Kentucky?' That's all the fans talk about—'Kentucky.' " "That word 'Kentucky', it's just like gold around here. Everybody wants to beat them."

White and teammate Elvin Brown, who scored 18 points, didn't let the Tennessee diehards down. Trailing 11-4, the combination of White and Brown accounted for the next nine points as UT never trailed again.

While White and Brown combined for two-thirds of the Vols' points, Dyrone Nix pulled down 50 percent of UT's rebounding total. Nix grabbed 17 total boards—eight offensive, nine defensive.

"There's one word that really capsulized everything and that was intensity," indicated UT mentor Don DeVoe. "On offense, White zeroed in on the basket, Dyrone Nix probably had as good a 20 minutes as you can have hitting the offensive and defensive boards, and Elvin Brown gave us a magnificent game at both ends of the floor. He held (Rex) Chapman to two points in the first half. Of course, he (Chapman) got a couple in the second half, but I thought it was a great game for Elvin.

"Fred Jenkins did an absolutely outstanding job leading our team from the point." Jenkins was credited with a game-high six assists. Overall, UT's starters played 198 of a possible 200-minute contest. The five starters for Tennessee also were responsible for 73 of its 75 tallies.

UK with the loss falls to 7-4 and a dismal 1-3 slate in the SEC. Only LSU (1-4) and Mississippi State (0-4) have SEC marks lower than the Wildcats.

### Vols Deadly From The Field

"The team that shoots well or the team that plays well is going to win," said Kentucky coach Eddie Sutton.

Sutton's post-game remarks hit the nail square on the head. Tennessee, 8-4 and 2-1 in SEC play, shot 56.9 percent from the field (29 of 51) while its northern visitors were not so hot—28 of 59 for 47.5 percent. Awesome is the word which best describes UT's shooting performance in the final 20 minutes. When you hit 15-of-24 attempts for 62.5 percent things usually fall your way.

"Tennessee really played a fine basketball game; I thought their defense was outstanding," praised Sutton. They forced us into more turnovers than we've had all season long.

"Tony White is one of the great guards in college basketball. You're not going to stop him. I told our players this afternoon that if we can keep him to 20 we've got a shot. But the guy that really hurt us tonight was Brown. I thought Brown just played an outstanding basketball game.

"After we got behind it seemed like we were always trying to climb the mountain top. That's what we've been having to do recently and it's no fun."

DeVoe's club played well despite 17 turnovers. Kentucky, on the other hand, committed 20 miscues...the Wildcats didn't play so well.

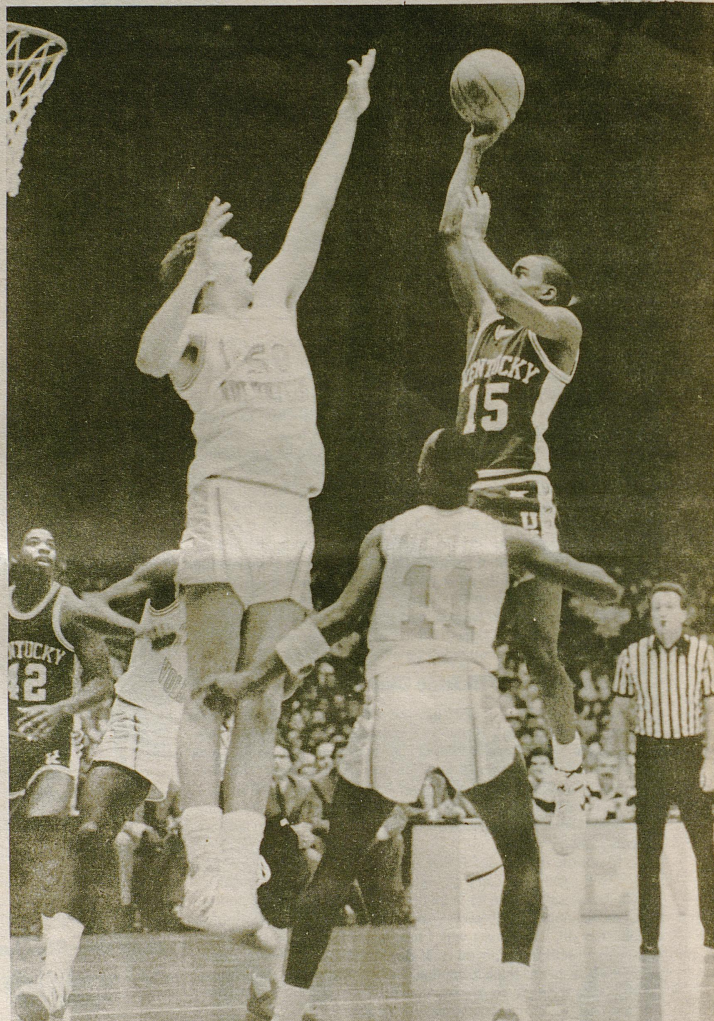
The loss was UK's third in four outings. It also marked the third loss in January, a month in the past which has not treated the Big Blue very well. However, the 'Cats denied any rumors of feeling the effects of the infamous January slump.

"They have a lot of confidence within themselves," said injured senior Winston Bennett. "Coach Sutton is not going to let them get down. That's one of the excellent qualities about this ballclub."

Junior guard Ed Davender scored a career-high 29 points to pace the 'Cats' attack. Richard Madison was the only other Wildcat in double figures, scoring 14. "The Master-Blaster also snared eight rebounds, a team high.

Tennessee's sticky man-to-man defense shut down UK's heralded outside shooters. Besides Davender's hot hand, starters Blackmon and Chapman combined for only 14 points while reserve Derrick Miller hit on 2-of-8 tries for four points.

For all intent purposes the outcome had been decided midway through the second



Ed Davender Goes Over Seven-footer Doug Roth

half. Twice in the early portion of the second half Kentucky trimmed Tennessee's lead to one. First, it was Davender connecting on a three-pointer (32-31). After White scored over Davender, Madison then returned the favor with a short, semi-hook shot over Nix. UK trailed 34-33 with 18:19 remaining.

### 17-7 Spurt Turns Out UK's Lights

UT then decided it was time to end any possibility of Kentucky winning the final UK-UT showdown in Stokely.

During a 17-7 spurt by the home team, Brown and White each drilled in three-pointers as Tennessee owned a comfortable 51-40 advantage with 13:06 remaining. Also featured in this particular run were a razzle-dazzle move by White in which he converted into a layup and a slam-bam putback dunk from Nix. Orange and white pompons swished back and forth in the background because UT was throwing a surprise party and Kentucky wasn't ready for it.

Blackmon quickly answered White's three-pointer with a bonus shot of his own. It would be the closest UK would get for a long, long time. Blackmon's basket enabled UK to pull within eight 51-43 at the 12:46 mark. The visitors, though, didn't score another point until the scoreboard showed 10:04 remaining. Tennessee by this time had built a 59-45 lead.

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# Vols Rattle 'Cats, 75-68

OFFICIAL NCAA BASKETBALL BOX SCORE  
 VISITORS (Last Name, First) Date Jan. 10/87 Site Knoxville, Tenn.

No.	NAME	Total FG		3-point		FT	FTA	Rebounds		PF	TP	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN	
		FG	FGA	FG	FGA			Off	Def								
42	Richard Madison	1	6	0	0	2	4	4	4	8	2	14	0	3	0	35	
10	James Blackmon	3	5	3	4	0	0	1	1	2	4	9	0	2	0	27	
44	Rob Lock	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	2	1	2	0	13	
3	Rex Chapman	2	8	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	2	5	3	1	0	29	
15	Ed Davender	9	12	2	2	3	3	0	0	0	2	29	1	4	0	34	
4	Derrick Miller	2	8	0	1	0	0	2	0	2	1	4	3	0	0	19	
14	Paul Andrews	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	3	0	13	
30	Irv Thomas	2	2	0	0	1	2	2	3	5	4	5	0	1	0	20	
55	Cedric Jenkins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	10	
TEAM REBOUNDS (included in Totals)																	
TOTALS		28	59	6	11	6	9	9	11	22	18	68	8	17	0	5	200
TOTAL FG %: 1st Half		11-24, 45.8%		2nd Half		17-35, 48.6%		Game		28-59, 47.5%		Deadball					
3-Pt. FG %: 1st Half		1-4, 25.0%		2nd Half		5-7, 71.4%		Game		6-11, 54.5%		Rebounds		1			
FT %: 1st Half		4-5, 80.0%		2nd Half		2-4, 50.0%		Game		6-9, 66.7%							

No.	NAME	Total FG		3-point		FT	FTA	Rebounds		PF	TP	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN	
		FG	FGA	FG	FGA			Off	Def								
31	Dyron Nix	4	9	0	0	3	4	8	9	17	2	11	1	6	0	40	
44	Elvin Brown	7	10	1	1	3	3	1	3	4	1	18	2	0	0	38	
50	Doug Roth	2	7	0	0	0	0	2	5	7	3	4	2	3	1	40	
11	Tony White	9	12	18	2	2	6	7	1	4	5	1	32	0	4	0	40
35	Fred Jenkins	4	7	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	8	6	7	0	2	38
14	Ron Hausley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	
33	Mark Griffin	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	
TEAM REBOUNDS (included in Totals)																	
TOTALS		29	51	3	3	14	17	12	22	34	9	75	11	20	1	5	200
TOTAL FG %: 1st Half		14-27, 51.9%		2nd Half		15-24, 62.5%		Game		29-51, 56.9%		Deadball					
3-Pt. FG %: 1st Half		1-1, 100.0%		2nd Half		2-2, 100.0%		Game		3-3, 100.0%		Rebounds		2			
FT %: 1st Half		2-3, 100.0%		2nd Half		11-14, 78.6%		Game		14-17, 82.4%							

OFFICIALS: Don Rutledge, Ben Dunn, Charles Watkins

Technical Fouls: None

Attendance: 12,700

SCORE BY PERIODS

	1st H.	2nd H.	OT	OT	FINAL
KENTUCKY	27	41	XX	XX	68
TENNESSEE	32	43	XX	XX	75

"The opportunity was there for me and I just tried to take advantage of it," Davender said. "I didn't want to force it or anything like that."  
 But it was time for White-lightning. All alone in the left corner, White drilled a three-pointer, pulling UT within two, 11-9. His five-footer tied the score at 11-all. From this point it was all downhill for DeVoe's crew.

"We played well early when we got in front 11-4 and had the crowd out of the ballgame," Sutton said. "Then we just collapsed. We had some defensive breakdowns and our shot selections weren't that good. But you've got to give Tennessee a lot of credit, too. They created some problems for us."

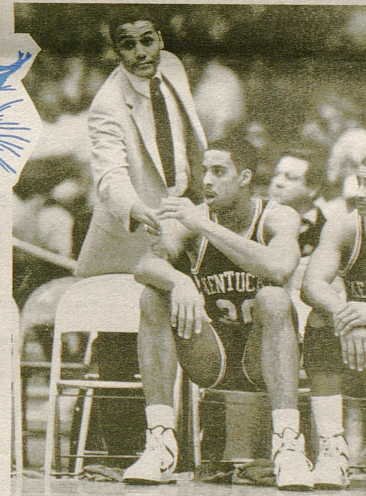
UK turned the ball over 12 times in the first half in comparison to Tennessee 10 errors. Chapman, quieted by Brown's man-to-man defense, could only muster two first-half points. His lone field goal in the first half closed the UT gap to two, 18-16. Kentucky proceeded to tie the score when Miller followed up his own miss. Score it—UT 18, UK 18.

However, two buckets by Brown, one Jenkins slam, one Roth putback and two free throws by Mark Griffin contributed to a 10-0 run by the hosts. Score it now—UT 28, UK 18.

Davender's three-pointer with only two ticks remaining did give the Wildcats a reason to be optimistic, trailing 32-27. But what the 'Cats didn't count on was Tony White's 22 second-half points.

### Wildcat-Vol Tidbits

Kentucky's second straight loss of the season was the first time Eddie Sutton's 'Cats had dropped two in a row. . . In the locker room afterwards Sutton reminded his club about his Arkansas team in 1981. The Razorbacks dropped three of their



Irv Gets Drink From Manager Tim Jackson

### Vols Hit An Unbelievable 62.5 Percent In Second Half

Things were getting a bit rowdy in ole Stokely. And when Davender and Doug Roth tried to help a UT player up, UK's smallest starter and UT's biggest member exchanged a few heated words. Enter Irv Thomas. He took up for his teammate and dished off a few taunting words to Tennessee's seven-footer.

The officials then cooled things off with an effective timeout of their own. Hot tempers by Thomas and Davender were signals to everyone that the Wildcats would be losers for a second straight time.

UK finished with 12-4 spurt of its own but it was too little too late.

### Davender Scores 16 Of UK's 27 First Half-Points

Nobody scored until Davender's layup at the 16:21 mark produced the game's first points.

"I didn't think anybody was going to score there for a while," noted Sutton. "I thought that Don and I were going to have to play a game of H-O-R-S-E to see who would score the first basket."

Scoring UK's initial nine points, Davender was in one of those special grooves players dream of. Four times he spun away for layups, once on a double-pump which caused Brown to foul the 6-2 UK guard.

With 14:46 remaining the score was Davender 9, Tennessee 4.

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# High Tide

## Alabama's Wimp Sanderson Couldn't Have Been A Happier Coach After His Team Hangs A 14-Point Loss On Sutton's 'Cats

By Nick Nicholas

"I told Eddie before the game that I wasn't sure if our team was as good as it was last year. We haven't been as good defensively. But tonight we were the old Alabama team, defensively."

—A happy Wimp Sanderson during his postgame interview.

Happy? Wimp Sanderson happy?

Isn't this the same crusty, veteran coach who usually can be found hootin' and screamin' in anger on the sidelines?

Give Sanderson a 14-point victory at Kentucky, though, and that grim look on his face is turned quickly into sheer joy.

Sanderson's Tide handed Kentucky its second setback in three games, defeating the hosts 69-55 before 23,220 at Rupp Arena.

"I don't think I've ever been prouder or happier of a basketball team than I am tonight," Sanderson said.

Kentucky, 7-3 and a disappointing 1-2 in league play, trailed by only two at intermission, but watched helplessly in the second stanza as the Tide rolled and rolled and rolled. Eddie Sutton's 'Cats were outscored by the Crimson Tide, 38-26.

Yes, it was the denying defense Sanderson talked about which contributed a great deal to pulling off this upset caper. For the contest, UK hit only 39.2 percent (20-51) from the field. During the game's final 10:29 Kentucky managed only 13 points. In fact, a layup by Rob Lock was the only points the Wildcats could muster in the final 5:51.

"We shot poor tonight," said Sutton afterwards, "20 of 51 from the field. You can't hit that poorly and expect to win a lot of ballgames. . . . Again we hit poorly from the line, points we really needed (11 of 18).

Alabama, 9-2 and a perfect 3-0 in the SEC, climbed and rode the shoulders of center Derrick McKey and small forward Jim Farmer. McKey, the 6-foot-8 agile giant, connected on 12 of 17 from the field while on his way to a 25-point, nine-rebound performance. 'Bama finished with a 57.7 percent mark from the field (30-52).

Farmer dazzled the Wildcats with 20 of his 22-point total in the second half.

"Jim has had some good halves and he's had some poor ones," Sanderson implied about Farmer's performances this season. "I was sick last week and in the hospital. He was two for 14 against (Mississippi) State.

"Certainly he did play well (tonight). Sometimes he over does it at times but I did think he took the shots the defense gave him."

Farmer was seven of 10 in the final 20 minutes, including a three-pointer.

"The last couple of games I hadn't been playing real well, said Farmer. "We really wanted to come up here and get a victory; I just wanted to do the best I could. Things worked out for us.

### Winner's Game Plan Too Much For Young 'Cats

Talk out of Tuscaloosa was that Alabama had been eying this SEC battle for a month or so. To say the Crimson Tide came into this contest prepared to knock off the 'Cats in their home gym is an understatement.

"One of the big things in coming up here, in my opinion, is to try the best you can to keep the crowd out of the game," Sanderson said.

Exactly. Alabama led from start to finish. Though nip and tuck with the 'Cats in the first half, the Crimson Tide was completely awesome in the second half.

Said the 'Bama mentor, "I told our basketball team at the half—we're up by two—let's assume that Kentucky comes down and hits a three-point play and shoots a layup and goes up by five. I had better not see any of you hang your heads because the crowd is waiting for Kentucky to get even or to get ahead."

Alabama's players must have taken Sanderson's halftime chit-chat to heart, outscoring UK 14 to 9 out of the intermission gates. 'Bama' owned a 45-38 advantage at the 14:07 mark when Farmer's 12-foot baseline jumper slipped through the cylinder. The bucket was the senior's first score of the second period. In the end, Farmer would score 18 of his team's final 24 points. The closest UK got after the 14:07 mark was five, 45-40 (13:49).

"I like Farmer and I like their ballclub," indicated Sutton. "It would be a lot of fun to coach their basketball team."

Rob Lock's missed opportunities at the free throw line in the final 20 minutes severely hurt the 'Cats' chances. After Kentucky hit nine of 12 in the first half, UK shot 2 of 6 from the charity stripe. Lock and Madison were the only 'Cats to shoot from the free throw line in the second stanza.

Three of those four free tosses missed were very, very costly.

To wit:  
\*With Kentucky at best having only a slim chance of pulling out a win, the UK junior center misfired on the three free throws. His misses came with UK trailing 59-53, 5:52 left; 59-53, 4:22 left; and 65-53, 1:27 left.

\*Two of those misses were the front end of bonus situations. Lock also misconnected from the free throw line with only 18 seconds remaining. However, with a 67-55 lead Alabama was in complete command.

Through 10 games Kentucky has hit on 121-of-205 attempts for a horrendous 59.0 percent average.

Only once did the Wildcats ever make a run in the second half. The 'Cats' run was ignited when Chapman lobbed a beautiful aerial to a leaping James Blackmon. Blackmon took the alley-oop connection and slammed it home to pull UK within eight (54-46) with 8:58 remaining.

Farmer's 13-footer quickly pushed the Crimson Tide's lead back to double digits. A free throw by Farmer and a short jumper by Terry Coner were mixed in with Richard

Madison's 18-footer and a "snowbird" basket by Lock. The visitors still maintained a sizeable lead (59-50) with 7:18 to go.

Lock's putback of a Davender three-point air ball rekindled some of crowd's enthusiasm. Earlier the Big Blue partisans went bonkers following Blackmon's stuff.

On the play, Lock was fouled by Michael Ansley. He completed the three-point play and UK looked to be on its way. Score it: Alabama 59, UK 53.

More than five minutes remained. And more than once did Kentucky have a chance at cutting the lead to four, or even three with a three-pointer. But Davender, who was zero of seven from the field, missed a crucial attempt during one Wildcat possession.

Lock missed a one-and-one opportunity with 5:52 left. UK's center then missed a free throw with 4:22 left. And . . . a Derrick Miller three-pointer was disallowed as Irv Thomas committed a foul (pushed off) before the shot was released.

Six straight points by Farmer (two field goals and two free throws) upped the count to 65-53 with 2:07 left. By outscoring UK 10-2 'Bama had put to rest any thoughts of letting these 'Cats out of the bag.

### What Farmer Ended, McKey Began

Not until a late rush by Kentucky was Alabama threatened in the first half. The Tide jumped out to a 7-1 lead. Obviously, from the start Sanderson and Co. were determined to pull out a victory in Lexington.

McKey, guarded by Lock when the 'Cats were playing man-to-man defense, poured in 15 first-half points. The smooth and slender junior canned seven of nine from the

OFFICIAL NCAA BASKETBALL BOX SCORE															Date Jan. 7/87		Site Lexington, Ky.															
VISITORS (Last Name, First)															A	T	B	L	S	MIN												
No.	ALABAMA	FG	FGA	3-PT	FT	FTA	REBOUNDS	PF	TP																							
45	Michael Ansley	f	5	7	0	0	2	5	7	5	10	0	0	0	0	35																
21	Jim Farmer	f	8	14	1	2	5	5	1	4	5	3	22	3	3	0	1	39														
31	Derrick McKey	c	12	17	1	1	0	0	3	6	9	1	25	1	3	2	0	40														
23	Mark Gottfried	g	2	6	1	4	0	0	0	1	1	3	5	0	0	0	1	27														
30	Terry Coner	g	3	7	0	0	0	1	0	7	7	4	6	10	4	0	0	35														
11	James Jackson		0	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	17														
24	Craig Dudley		0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2														
41	Keith Askins		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	2														
52	William DeVaughn		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	3														
TEAM REBOUNDS (included in Totals)															1	0	1															
TOTALS															30	52	3	7	6	8	24	32	19	69	15	12	2	2	200			
TOTAL FG %: 1st Half 14-28, 50.0% 2nd Half 16-24, 66.7% Game 30-52, 57.7%															3-PT FG %: 1st Half 2-4, 50.0% 2nd Half 1-3, 33.3% Game 3-7, 42.9%					FT %: 1st Half 1-2, 50.0% 2nd Half 2-6, 33.3% Game 3-8, 75.0%					Deadball Rebounds 3							
HOME (Last Name, First)															A	T	B	L	S	MIN												
No.	KENTUCKY	FG	FGA	3-PT	FT	FTA	REBOUNDS	PF	TP																							
42	Richard Madison	f	6	9	0	0	3	5	4	3	7	4	15	3	1	0	0	37														
10	James Blackmon	g	2	5	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	2	5	4	1	0	0	21														
44	Rob Lock	c	3	5	0	0	2	7	3	3	6	4	8	0	1	1	0	29														
3	Rex Chapman	g	3	11	1	4	2	2	0	1	1	1	9	2	0	0	2	33														
15	Ed Davender	g	0	7	0	5	4	0	4	4	4	2	4	3	4	0	0	32														
4	Derrick Miller		6	11	2	6	0	0	2	2	4	1	14	0	1	0	1	29														
14	Paul Andrews		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	5														
30	Irv Thomas		0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	10														
55	Cedric Jenkins		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4														
TEAM REBOUNDS (included in Totals)															1	0	1															
TOTALS															20	51	4	19	11	18	10	13	23	15	55	13	9	1	3	200		
TOTAL FG %: 1st Half 9-21, 42.9% 2nd Half 11-30, 36.7% Game 20-51, 39.2%															3-PT FG %: 1st Half 2-9, 22.2% 2nd Half 2-10, 20.0% Game 4-19, 21.1%					FT %: 1st Half 9-12, 75.0% 2nd Half 2-6, 33.3% Game 11-18, 61.1%					Deadball Rebounds 4							
OFFICIALS: Paul Galvan; Mac Chauvin; Louis Grillo															SCORE BY PERIODS					1st H. 2nd H. OT OT FINAL												
Technical Fouls: None															ALABAMA					31 38 XX XX 69												
Attendance 23,220															KENTUCKY					29 26 XX XX 55												

### Madison and Miller Only 'Cats In Double Digits

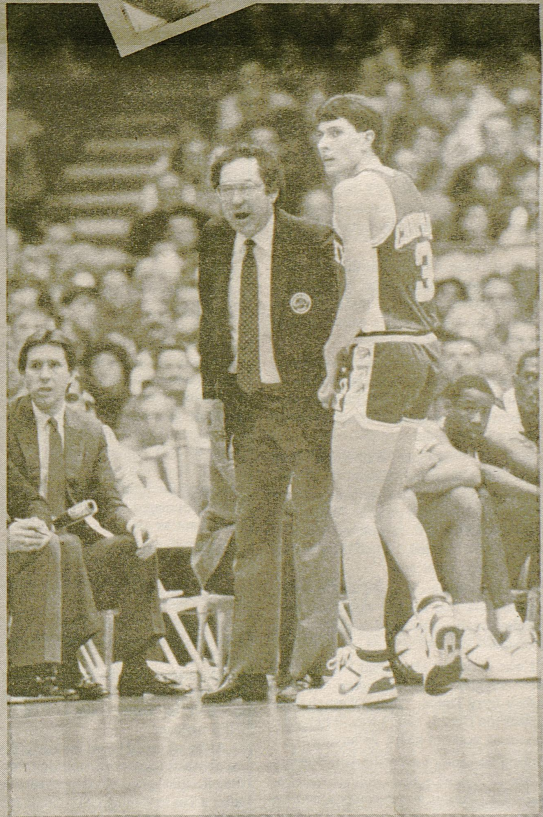
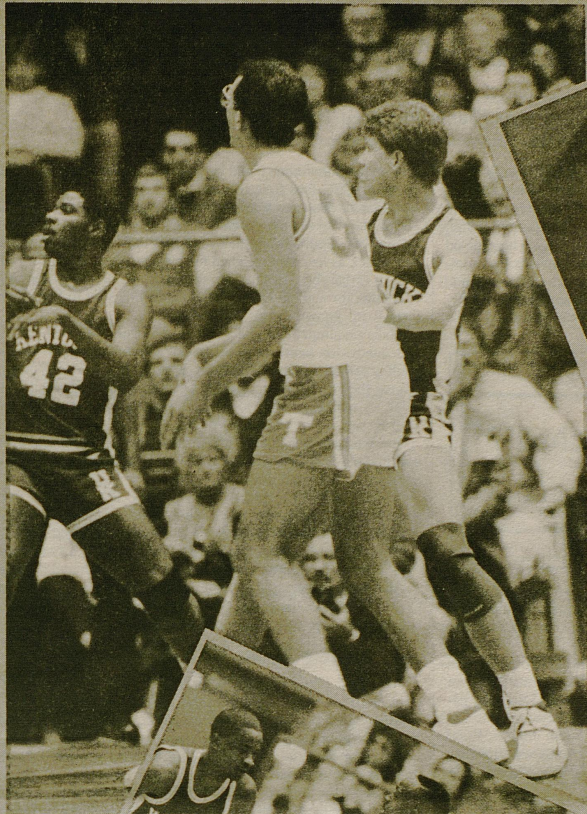
field and pulled down five boards while playing a full 20-minute tilt.

McKey showed the 23,220 on hand and a SEC television audience that he has a variety of offensive shots. In the first half he hit a three-pointer; a sweeping, semi-hook shot; a baseline jumper, a turnaround baseline jumper; and the old reliable stuff shot off a lay pass.

"We were patient enough offensively to take the good shots," said Sanderson, whose

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## Troubled Ziegler Transfers To Western Kentucky

Todd Ziegler, who before the season pleaded guilty to shoplifting charges, has transferred to Western Kentucky. The decision came last Wednesday, only hours before Ziegler was suppose to be on the UK bench in uniform for the initial time since this season.

He'll still be on the sidelines, except now Ziegler will be residing on the Hilltoppers' bench.

The 6-foot-7 junior from Jeffersonstown will be eligible to play for Murray Arnold's club following the completion of the 1987 fall term.

Starting next December he will be allowed to dress out and play for Western. And after next season he will have one year of eligibility remaining.

Apparently, Ziegler was unhappy when he didn't get to make the trip to Auburn. Since Ziegler's reinstatement last month, Sutton has continuously told reporters that Ziegler is out of condition.

He was scheduled to be in street clothes and on the bench for Western's game against Virginia Commonwealth (Jan. 10).

"I'll help him in any way I can," said Eddie Sutton. When asked why he thought Ziegler was heading to Bowling Green, Sutton replied, "He probably saw he wouldn't play here."

Next season six recruits will invade the Wildcats' squad. Before Ziegler's departure Kentucky was faced with the task of reducing its scholarship limit from 17 to 15. Now, if all six recruits are eligible next season UK is only one over the NCAA limit.

On Oct. 31, Ziegler was suspended by Sutton after the UK forward was arrested on shoplifting charges. Ziegler later pleaded guilty and completed a court-ordered diversionary program. Originally scheduled to finish the program by Dec. 23, he, however, completed the program five days earlier.

Ziegler was reinstated by Sutton on Dec. 23.

Battling a case of the flu, he did not return to the practice court until Dec. 29, two days after UK defeated U of L, 85-51. He then did not dress out for UK's games against Georgia, Auburn or Alabama.

Before UK's 14-point setback to Alabama, Ziegler was suppose to dress out and be on the bench. But when the UK players came on the court for pregame warmups he was nowhere to be found.

Asked by TCP last Wednesday why Ziegler didn't dress out, Sutton, during his postgame press conference, did not give any clue that Ziegler would transfer. When asked why the forward wasn't on the bench in uniform, Sutton replied, "Todd is not in real good condition right now."

Only a few minutes later did Sutton say on his radio show that Ziegler would transfer. Ziegler, on the other hand, said he was in fine shape.

"I was in decent shape and I'll stand out that," Ziegler told *Lexington Herald-Leader's* Jerry Tipton. "I went through three practices (on Dec. 31) and I wasn't fatigued. I was in as good of shape as anyone."

During his senior year at J-town, Western was one of Ziegler's three college choices. Besides UK, Purdue was the other school on his list.

In two seasons at Kentucky, Ziegler compiled 1.3 points per game, while averaging 3.1 minutes per outing. His career high came last season when he scored eight points during Kentucky's 93-55 win over VMI in Louisville.

## Folks, Good Ole Winfrey Can Coach

Sanderson Had 'Bama Prepared For 'Cats

Winfrey Worrell Sanderson can throw the fear of God into his players as quick as a missed assignment on the court. His escapades on the sidelines solidify that this coach, this coach named Wimp means serious business. More than once have his emotions gotten the best of this fiery and hard-nosed competitor. Thus, he's labeled the bad guy by many hoop fans... the guy who wears the black hat.

Much to the disbelief of opposing fans, there is a different side to the veteran Sanderson. Hey, even though his appearance quickly reminds one of a full-time Scrooge, this man can coach the game of basketball.



Nick Nicholas

Cats' Pause Columnist

While an assistant for 20 years he patiently waited to take over the reigns at Alabama. After the 1980 season then-'Bama coach C.M. Newton decided it was time to step down, setting the stage for Sanderson to become head coach.

Last Wednesday's win at Lexington was one of his biggest wins during his six-plus seasons at the Crimson Tide helm. His team performed like a fine-tuned orchestra, winning 69-55 over the nation's No. 9 ranked team, tradition-rich Kentucky.

"We've had some big wins over UCLA and St. John's," said Sanderson. "Just from a personal standpoint... this was, I guess, as big a win as we've had in just from looking at it and enjoying it and coming up here and win."

Prior to his latest Rupp Arena caper he had won only once in eight attempts against UK in Lexington. In 1982 his club won the SEC title in Lexington with a thrilling 48-46 win. The other night he slapped the 'Cats with a 14-point setback, the Wildcats' worst in Rupp Arena since Newton's Tide handed UK a 78-64 loss in 1980.

In almost every phase of the contest Kentucky was dominated thoroughly by Sanderson's Crimson Tide.

Let's see—Alabama outshot the Wildcats from the field—66.7 to 36.7 percent... humiliated UK on the defensive boards—24-13... led from beginning to end... Mark Gottfried and Jim Farmer held UK's freshman sensation Rex Chapman to a mere nine-point outing... and perhaps the most important factor of this *tale of the tape* is that Alabama was prepared for anything Kentucky had up its sleeves.

Take a bow, Wimp.

"I think that one thing in the game of basketball that you try to accomplish is what we call (avoiding) 'game slippage,'" said Sanderson, who with the win improved his 'Bama win-loss total to 136-63. "In other words, when you practice if you're able to play the game the way you plan it and the way you practice for the game then you have chances to win. Most of the time we have what we call 'game slippage.'

"We had very little 'game slippage' tonight. The one day we prepared for Kentucky in Tuscaloosa and the one day yesterday that we prepared, we came as close to playing the way we prepared as valiant as any basketball team I've had.

### Tide Played Like You're Supposed To Play

"I thought our basketball team really put it together on both ends of the court."

This victory along with the 75-71 win over Vanderbilt on Saturday and Sanderson's troops are atop the SEC with a perfect 4-0 mark.

"I respect this basketball team; I think Alabama is a good ballclub," Eddie Sutton said during his weekly press conference prior to the 'Bama contest. "They could be in the Final Four in New Orleans."

Alabama could be on its way to New Orleans, something which its football team was suppose to do during this past season. But Ray Perkins' plans of taking Alabama to the Sugar Bowl were foiled after a loss to visiting LSU. Could it be that basketball is now looked upon as the savior for Crimson Tide fans this year? In the backyard of football heaven? Unthinkable!

Followed by Miss Lady Luck, meanwhile, and Sanderson still could have Alabama fans in New Orleans. Instead of hoping for a Mike Shula touchdown pass there's a strong possibility they'll be cheering for a Derrick McKey sweeping hook. And leading the

Tide to the Superdome could be good ole Winfrey, the coach who opposing SEC fans love to hate.

Before the Alabama-Kentucky ballgame started Wildcat fans were giving the 49-year old coach a rough go of it.

Jeers of "sit down Wimp, sit down Wimp" poured on Sanderson's back as he coolly watched his players warm up. I'd say he's used to verbal abuse by now. He should be. Sanderson's been yelled at enough throughout his brief head coaching stint to know every dirty word known in this profession.

Alabama jumped out to a 7-1 lead and everything was just fine and dandy for Sanderson. Kentucky's first field goal—a goal-tending call on a Richard Madison attempt—lit a fuse to Wimp and ignited the Crimson Tide mentor out of his chair. He stalked the sidelines with a devilish look in his eyes, gazing at the officials as if to say, "I'm watching you."

The Wildcats then cut the lead to one, 7-6. Sanderson was upset, barking plays to his players while complaining to the officials because of an earlier foul.

"Cry, Wimp cry" shouted one 'Cat fan. But McKey's three-pointer eased Alabama's coach while at the same time shocking most of the 23,220 at Rupp Arena. Alabama now led 10-6.

Trailing 20-14, Miller proceeded to connect on a two-pointer over 'Bama's Jim Farmer, who looked at his coach and shrugged his shoulders following the freshman's basket. With Rob Lock and Cedric Jenkins in the game, Sanderson switched to a 1-3-1 zone, but not for long.

### Wimp Sticks With Man Defense

"Our man (defense) was really good... but after a timeout I went to zone. Miller then went out and cracked one in."

Miller's three-pointer against the zone cut the deficit to one, 20-19. "I then went back to the man (defense)."

Changing back to the man-to-man defense proved to be his smartest coaching move of the night.

It was in the second half in which Sanderson really put his monster game face on. With the count in favor of Alabama (59-53)



Wimp Being Interviewed By Joe Dean

Sutton stepped out of the coaching box, pleading his case following a call against the Wildcats. Sanderson, on the other sideline, was just as upset. He couldn't understand why Sutton was allowed to roam past the forbidden zone.

Wait! The best is yet to come.

Less than a minute later another questionable call—a charging call on Alabama—punctured what was left of Sanderson's inner control bubble. He began to pull his hair with both hands so much I thought he was going to stretch his noggin off his body.

Sanderson's blood pressure then was eased somewhat when Lock, the recipient of the charge, missed the front end of the bonus opportunity. After the errant attempt each club squandered a scoring chance apiece during their next offensive trips down the court. Terry Coner missed a shot for his team while Irv Thomas was guilty of an offensive foul at the other end.

Outscoring Kentucky 10-2 in the final minutes enabled Sanderson to sit back in his seldom-used chair and clasp his hands behind his head. He had yelled, groaned, and cheered for almost the entire contest. It was time for Sanderson and his team to enjoy a rare victory over Kentucky in Rupp Arena.

He then was summoned by SEC-TV analyst Joe Dean to give a victory speech at the scene of the victory before the cameras. "It's got to be one of the greatest victories I've ever been associated with," a smiling Sanderson told Dean.

"I've been asked so much about the four losses last year and

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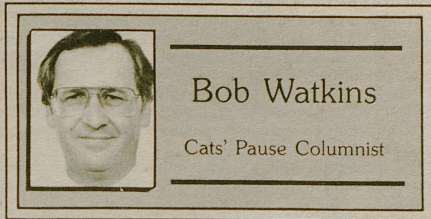
# Book On Knight Makes Good Reading

Also, Todd Ziegler Out; Mike Scott In

**Q**uotable quotes and things. Much ado has been made about John Feinstein's Book *A Season On The Brink* about a season with Bob Knight and the Indiana Hoosiers. Having read it last week, the view from here is that Feinstein's is a balanced, well done piece of work.

At least from this distance, the writer seems to have presented us a very plausible view of Bob Knight, the upside, the downside.

And it seems to me that, in many real ways Indiana's coach is:



Bob Watkins

Cats' Pause Columnist

What most of us are, but don't always like to admit it. Are not, but most times would like to be. Certainly, because of his temper and loss of self control, Knight must be viewed as an extreme either way.

That is he can be *extremely* callous, mean tempered, even cruel and yet *extremely* kind, thoughtful, loyal.

Gee, that sounds like being human doesn't it?

Some quotables from Feinstein's book:

- While they are close friends today, when Knight graduated Ohio State he held a special bitterness towards coach Fred Taylor because he had not gotten to play more in college. They were not on speaking terms. But a year later after Knight had become a junior varsity basketball coach and attended a clinic Taylor was holding, his feelings changed. He wrote Taylor a letter: "I think every player should have to be a coach before he is allowed to play," it said.

Knight was telling the coach that now he understood. Taylor understood too.

- After a miracle comeback win over Purdue in 1985 Knight went to his after-game press conference, talked about going fishing that day, then said, "I'd like to answer your questions, but I have to go plan another fishing trip tomorrow," and walked out.

Exactly why Knight pulled this routine only Knight knows for certain. But he enjoyed it greatly, Feinstein writes.

Then Knight said to friends in the hallway, "Watch this," and told his players: "When you leave, tell those (expletive deleted) you can't talk. Don't tell them I said you couldn't talk. Just tell them ... Oh, tell them I said you couldn't talk."

Why?

"Just a little victory for me," Knight said. "Why not?"

Comment Hard to figure? Read the book.

### Day before the Fiesta Bowl

In the Jan. 1 edition of the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* columnist Bruce Keidan offered some sprightly comments under the headline *It's Vinny vs. Whatshisname in Fiesta*.

✓ For every honor that has accrued for Vinny Testaverde there is a vacancy in John Shaffer's trophy case. For every proton of glitz that surrounds Vinny Testaverde, there is a neutron of anonymity orbiting John Shaffer.

And this...

✓ Being a quarterback at Penn State is like being the president. You kiss a thousand babies, and nobody calls you Ronnie the Baby-Kisser. But send one little shipment of arms to Iran ...

And this...

✓ In the course of a single nationally televised contest, Whatshisname became a household word. A four-letter household word."

### 'Quotable' Wimp Sanderson

Alabama's coach might be the Rodney Dangerfield of the Southeastern Conference, but Wimp Sanderson cannot be accused of taking himself too seriously. Following, what he called one of his most memorable victories in coaching—a 69-55 victory over UK at Rupp Arena—Sanderson told reporters "You know, this is one of those rare moments for me (pause) to sit here in Rupp Arena and talk to Kentucky writers, brag on my basketball team."

And...  
"Naturally beating a power like Kentucky up here is special, there's no doubt about that. But it's still just one game. One victory. There are are 15 more down the road."

And...  
"I told our kids that I wasn't coming up here to play Kentucky close. I wasn't coming to get a pat on the back and 'nice game, coach.' That's not the way I run my life."

And finally, Sanderson told reporters too, that he is now a sports columnist for a newspaper in Birmingham "so from now on when you guys rip me, I can rip you right back."

### Cheers 'n Jeers

**CHEERS** Miami University officials expressed what was called "bitter disappointment" over the behavior of the Hurricanes' football team at the Fiesta Bowl.

"I was disappointed in the behavior of many of our players and I was surprised, frankly, as I think many people were. I was embarrassed," university President Edward Foote said referring to the team's arrival in battle fatigued; a walkout at a dinner party; and exchanging taunts with Penn State fans.

"Somehow, some of our players got the idea that rudeness and arrogance were acceptable. They are not acceptable." Foote said.

**JEERS** Miami running back Melvin Bratton: "I still think we're a better team (than Penn State). I'm not afraid to say that. Oklahoma (which Miami beat 28-16) is even a better team than Penn State. They executed well and forced us to make mistakes, but we just beat ourselves."

**CHEERS** Penn State linebacker Shane Conlan who intercepted two passes from Vinny Testaverde in Friday's Fiesta Bowl said he was worn out as the final seconds wound down Friday night, but had a feeling somebody would make a play. "I had nothing left. But I wasn't coming off the field. They would have had to kill me and drag me off."

**JEERS** An item in a story last week about a contract renewal for the Kentucky-Louisville basketball series that said: "Much hinges on when CBS-TV, which holds the rights to next year's game, would prefer to have it played."

### News 'n views

**NEWS.** UK Coach Eddie Sutton drew criticism from some fans for reinstating Todd Ziegler to the UK basketball last month.

**VIEW** It is the view here that Sutton demonstrated a bit of vision and compassion for a student-athlete, giving Ziegler an opportunity to right himself from a foolish mistake.

Although Ziegler quit UK, one hopes he has the gumption to go ahead and complete his education. Whether or not he plays basketball again really isn't that important, is it?

**NEWS.** Mike Scott, the 6-10 transfer who will be eligible for UK's game against LSU Jan. 18, is drawing raves from the UK coaches after two weeks practicing with the team. Particularly impressive at practice has been Scott's defensive play inside. And, Sutton said last week, "he's just a tremendous passer."

**NEWS.** Scott's debut at Kentucky Jan. 18 on national television won't be the only one. Making his first showing for ABC-Television, and sitting alongside play-by-play man Al Michaels will be analyst Joe B. Hall.

ABC has scheduled Hall for two national telecasts—the UK-LSU game and the championship contest of the SEC.

### People...

■ John Pittman. As of last Thursday the 7-0 University of Kentucky signee was averaging 21+ points and 15.1 rebounds per game for the Terry High Rangers who were 13-6.

■ Barry Goheen of Calvert City, Ky. The Vanderbilt star's performance so far this season prompted a letter from Gene A. Russell of Manchester, Tenn. who says he reads *The Cats Pause* "and was particularly pleased" to see Goheen mentioned in this space. "Barry has a special understanding of the game. Listening to him in a post-game interview on radio, I'd have sworn I was listening to a coach talking. He's extremely smart and makes up in court savvy what he lacks in speed. Reminds me of Phil Cox."

Comment Very likely Goheen will "remind" Kentucky Wildcat fans of Cox too on Jan. 21 in Nashville and Feb. 21 in Lexington.

Russell enclosed a newspaper clip about another Kentucky native, Scott Draud of Ft. Thomas Highlands, also at Vandy.

Columnist Larry Woody writes: "Draud, it turns out, has a beautiful helping of heart and hustle to go with his killer jump shot."

"Since Vandy has five Kentucky players," Russell suggests, "you might consider diverting a little of the *Cardinal Ink* to the Commodores."

Russell concludes with: "When UK and Vandy play I have difficulty sorting out who to root for."  
Thank you for writing.

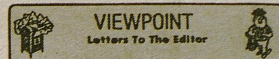
### When enough can be too much

University of Louisville basketball analyst Jock Sutherland has made himself a celebrity (and a few bucks) berating Kentucky basketball fans and I suppose that's fine if you can get the work.

Jock's banter was amusing ... for the first couple of years. But remarks lately have shown no class and have been just plain silly.

Jock ought to busy himself with utilizing his knowledge of the game to entertain and inform Louisville fans instead of

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## Wake Up, FB Coaches

Dear Sir:

I agree with most of what Don Looney of Macon, Ga., says in his letter to the *Herald-Leader* of Jan. 1, 1987, in reference to support for the UK football program.

A moment on Kentucky being a "basketball state" I say that's a lot of marlarkey, and if anything, a state of mind because two larger universities (UK/UL) are continuous winners; WKU isn't too bad, along with a few of the other colleges in the state. However, I'm sure their rosters are heavily dotted with out-of-state players. Think back over the years at UK on that one. If in fact Kentucky is called a "basketball state" by persons around the state, the media, the universities, etc., then there's only one group to blame—the Kentucky High School Football Coaches' Association. It seems that over the years they have done little to enhance the football product, have let the KHSAA dictate wholesale to them and have been very passive with the press.

As for emphasis from the athletic director toward the basketball program at UK—you'll have to remember that he certainly was not a tight end; and will always be the way he is until he gets more money orders "from above."

I'm certainly sorry to say, but the die was cast when the great Paul Bryant was cut loose years ago. A "choice" was made and there was really no need for it.

But I sincerely believe the UK "top brass" and the basketball "big boys" around the state do want, or don't care if, UK has winning football—6-5, 7-4, even 8-3 and a minor bowl game. However, I don't believe they'll want it to do better than that—there sure won't be any support for better than that.

Jerry Claiborne, in my opinion, will win big in spite of "basketball state," "hind-tit facilities," little money to operate with and very little sports information help.

Get off your butts, Kentucky High School Coaches' Association!

Gene Jones  
Ashland, Kentucky

## Loves Three-Pointer

Dear Sir:

The three-pointer is here to stay. What would football be without the forward pass? What would baseball be without the home run? What would basketball be without the three-point shot? They would be too predictable, that's what.

These are neither physical nor mental talent in height alone.

Of course, UK having (Rex) Chapman and (Derrick) Miller and (Ed) Davender had no influence on making these observations.

Charles B. Roark  
Butler, Kentucky

## More 'Put Up, Shut Up'

Dear Sir:

In reply to Mr. Robert Dishman's letter in last week's *Cats' Pause*:

"Put Up Or Shut Up"—who is laughing this Sunday morning? And don't say the officials beat you in Louisville because Louisville got all the breaks the last eight minutes of the game. Sutton is head and shoulders above Crum in being a bench coach.

Delbert A. Crabtree  
Evansville, Indiana

P.S.—I also live in Indiana.





VIEWPOINT  
Letters To The Editor



## Take Any Notes, Denny?

Dear Sir:

I would like to congratulate coach Sutton and the 'Cats on their big win against UL. What really prompted me to write was a letter in the 12-27-86 issue of *The Cats' Pause* from Robert Dishman of Jeffersonville, Ind. I would think that he feels like an idiot after what he wrote about Denny Crum showing Eddie Sutton how to coach. I thought coach Sutton did a great job of preparing is team for the game. The 'Cats put on a clinic and Crum should have been taking notes. No doubt who has the best team and the best coach. Hey Dishman, 85-51 ON LOUISVILLE'S COURT.

A lot of people have been saying, "wait till next year," but I think with the addition of Mike Scott, Cedric Jenkins making a complete recovery and the continued improvement of the front line, the 'Cats will be contenders this year.

I would also like to say that I think Rex Chapman is one of the best guards in the country right now. It will be a pleasure watching him play the next four years. A lot of good things have been written about him, but in my opinion, the bottom line is—(he's a) tremendous clutch player. When the going gets tough, give him the ball and get out of his way. I love to watch Rex play, but I don't want to leave out the rest of the guys. Their all doing a great job and their all heroes to me and a lot of people around the state.

Finally, I would like to say that coach Sutton is doing a fantastic job. He not only knows the game very well, but he also seems to have a great relationship with his players and I think that's very important. And most important I think is that he always has his team ready to play.

Thank you for allowing me to express my opinions, keep up the good work at *The Cats' Pause* and Go Big Blue!

Steve Leachman  
Robards, Kentucky

## Recruiting News

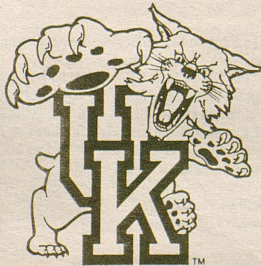
Dear Sir:

I would like to make a couple of comments.

Number One: Are you going to give game profiles of UK's recruits like you did Chapman and Hanson last year? I'm sure I am not the only fan that is interested in seeing how these kids progress this year. It would only take one page and I'm sure we could do with one less page of pictures.

Number Two: I used to live in the mountains of Kentucky between Hazard and Hindman. If Crum thinks Louisville will ever have the support of the state he is crazy. If Cawood was correct UK just set a crowd record of over 20,000 for the Georgia game. I bet this really gripes Crum when he can't even claim the largest crowd in his own gym.

Richard Richie  
Milan, Indiana



## Like Fine Wine, SEC Just Gets Better

Wimp Says 13-5 Slate Will Capture Title

C.M. Newton expected this to be an "up" year for Southeastern Conference basketball despite the absence of Kenny Walker of Kentucky, Chuck Person of Auburn and Buck Johnson of Alabama.

"When you lose a name player from two or three teams people say the whole league will be down," said the Vanderbilt coach. "But if you looked at all the athletes the league had coming back, it was obvious this would be an up year.

"Every team in the league except Kentucky is improved and Kentucky still has a good team. This is just a great



Larry Vaught

Cats' Pause Columnist

league."

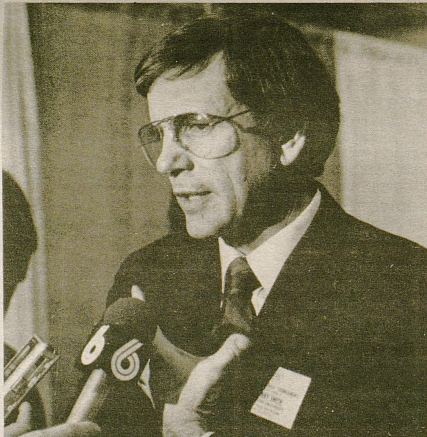
"The SEC is much stronger than even I thought it would be this year," said Kentucky Coach Eddie Sutton. "The Big Ten has been the best overall basketball league but the SEC is really a great league now.

"This league is tough, tough, tough. If you study films you will see that it doesn't have any weak sisters. Teams in this league all have excellent coaching. There is not a weak coach in the league and it shows."

Balance is the key word in the SEC this year.

Six visiting teams posted wins in the first full week of conference play.

"I can remember years when it seemed like the visiting



Auburn's Sonny Smith

teams didn't win that many all season," said Auburn Coach Sonny Smith.

"The Southeastern Conference has so many good teams this year that if the home team does not play well it will lose," said Kentucky assistant Doug Barnes. "We feel like the SEC is stronger than last year. You don't have the great individual players but overall from top to bottom the teams are stronger because of the big number of returning players."

Maybe that balance is why Alabama won at Georgia, Georgia won at Kentucky, Kentucky won at Auburn, Tennessee won at Vanderbilt, Vanderbilt won at LSU and Florida won at Georgia to open SEC play.

"If a team doesn't play well, it will get beat at home or away this year," said Barnes. "Most teams in this league are not strong enough to win on an off-night because of the great balance. The team that does win the championship will be the one that is able to win a couple of games when it doesn't play well."

"Last year we could look at some games and know we would win," said UK Coach Eddie Sutton, who guided the

Wildcats to a 17-1 league mark last year. "This year we can't do that because there are more quality teams in the league."

"Alabama is the team I thought would win the league and should be favored," said Newton. "Auburn and Kentucky both have solid teams again and Florida will be right up there. LSU has dropped a little bit but by mid-year they will be tough again. Mississippi and Mississippi State are both better, too."

Most coaches expect the league champion to have four or even five losses this season.

"I think a 13-5 record will win or tie for the league championship," said Alabama Coach Wimp Sanderson. "Kentucky, Florida, Auburn and Tennessee look like the top clubs to me but anybody can win in this league."

"The SEC may not have the great individual players like it did last year but overall the teams are better," said Sutton. "You go could 14-4 and win the league or 13-5 might even be good enough to win."

The three-point goal will also influence the SEC race, especially since most teams have strong outside games this season.

"With the three-point shot, you are never out of a game," said Smith. "The shot will have a big impact on our league this year."

"I think the three-point goal has had a real impact on races in every league, not just the SEC," said Newton.

But Newton, who would like to see the three-point line moved from 19-9 to the international distance of 20-5, doesn't think the three-point shot will change recruiting in the SEC.

"You always try to get great shooters," said the veteran Vandy coach. "You can't teach shooting. It may change recruiting in some certain situations but you still can't play a guy just because he's a great shooter."

"It's a myth that a guy can play just because he's a great shooter. You can't just line up and shoot and win in this league."

At least not with the balance the league has this season.

## Chapman Looking For Help

FRESHMAN guard Rex Chapman is glad Mike Scott, Paul Andrews and Cedric Jenkins all should soon be available for game action.

"It will be nice to have more bodies to use," said Chapman. "Even in practice you would get wore out with so few players. This way we can do more in practice and in games we can take a rest so we have more quality minutes on the floor."

It's hard to imagine Chapman's quality improving, though, no matter how many players Sutton has available. The freshman guard has been amazing, especially since his best outings came at Louisville, Auburn and Indiana. Who else could average 25.3 points per game at those three places?

## Chairman Of The Boards

A COMBINATION of factors turned junior forward Richard Madison into UK's best rebounder.

"Richard has just matured as a player and person," said Barnes.

Madison had 15 rebounds against Boston University before pulling off a career-high 17 against Louisville. He also had 11 rebounds at Auburn and is leading the Cats in rebounding.

"We moved Richard inside where he is able to rebound more," said Barnes. "But he is also working much harder than he ever has."

"He's taking great pride in the fact that rebounding is one area we need help and he can do the job for us. He's working hard on the boards to help us win. And we really need that from him to win."

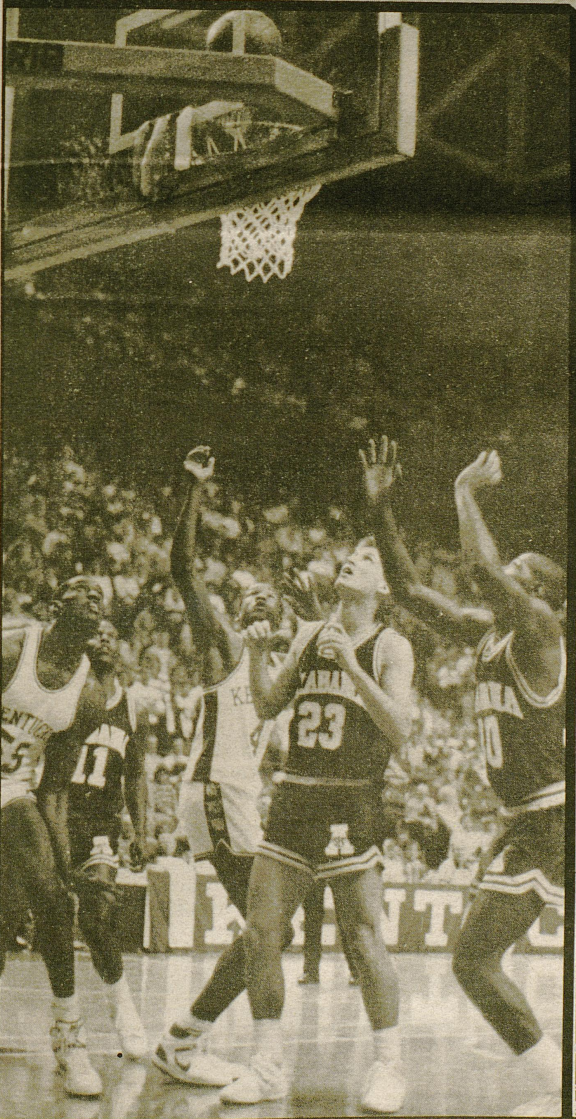
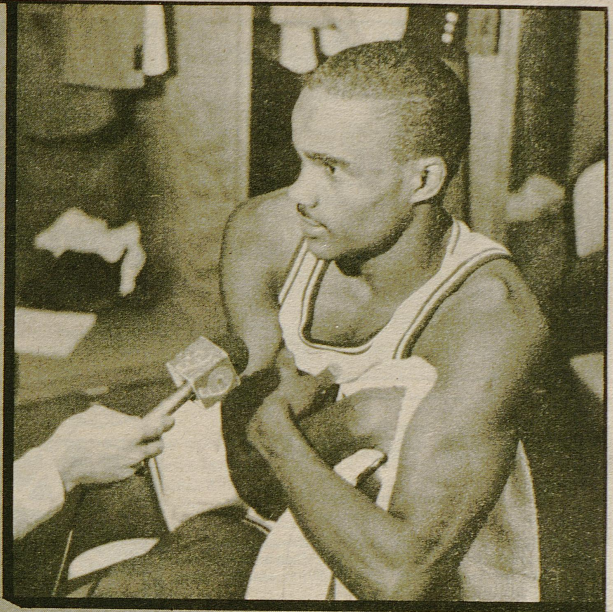
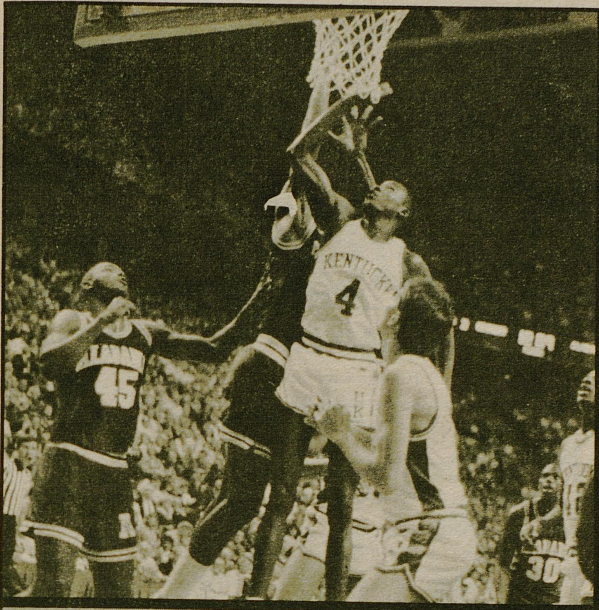
## Vandy's Newton Stalks Paintsville's Pelphrey

VANDERBILT still hopes to sign 6-7 John Pelphrey of Paintsville, one of the top Mr. Basketball candidates in Kentucky.

"He's a nice player and would fit in nicely with our program," said Newton. "We have really recruited him hard and expected him to sign early. He changed his mind about signing early but we still want him."

Newton already has Kentuckians Barry Goheen, Scott Draud, Frank Kornet, Chip Rupp and Derrick Wilcox on his roster.





BRING the ACTION HOME!





## Nick Nicholas

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what a big game this is." Bama's coach said in his post-game press conference. "Certainly, it's a big game for us to come into Rupp Arena; I would not minimize the game. But I do believe, however, that you take one game at a time, and you never tell your kids that this is the biggest game of their lives because there are 15 more. Every win you have over a conference team is just as important as the other win or the other loss."

Folks, whether you love or hate the man, whether you love to shout obscenities his way or feel sorry for him, or whether you think he's silly or funny to look at, one thing's for sure—good ole Wimp can coach basketball.

"This is one of those rare moments, to sit in front of a microphone and in front of Kentucky writers and brag on your team."

## Bob Watkins

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indulging in thumbing his nose at (some) Kentucky fans.

What is unfortunate is that Jock is right when he says he says things just to cause a knee jerk reaction among (some) Kentucky fans. Works every time.

### Bits 'n pieces

✓ Best on the road. If Kentucky's Rex Chapman is not the best freshman in college basketball, then certainly the 6-5 rookie is the premier "road player." In front of hostile crowds at Indiana, Louisville and Auburn, Chapman scored 26, 26 and 24 points.

✓ Fan mail for Chapman. When the mail arrived one day last week the UK freshmen received 90 letters.

✓ Having made his debut on national television against Louisville Chapman is drawing more accolades, more comparisons.

✓ Georgia coach Hugh Durham: "Chapman just doesn't play like a freshman, that's all."

✓ Tennessee coach Don DeVoe: "Without question they have got the finest point guard freshman in America in Rex Chapman."

✓ University of Louisville basketball analyst Jack Tennant, a native of West Virginia, says Chapman reminds him of Jerry West.

Postscript: After UK's loss to Alabama last week some disgruntled UK fans were chiding the media for overrating Chapman. Said one: "Comparing Chapman to Jerry West is just plain silly."

Comment: Gee, and I thought that even Jerry West was a college freshman once upon a time.

### Parting shot

☉ When a reporter asked Penn State coach Joe Paterno what he was thinking as Miami set up to run the final play of the national championship game in the Fiesta Bowl, he replied: "I wasn't thinking of much. I was just watching, to see what was going to happen. I was tempted to pray, but I think He has better things to do than worry about a football game."  
And so it goes. ■

## Stan Torgerson

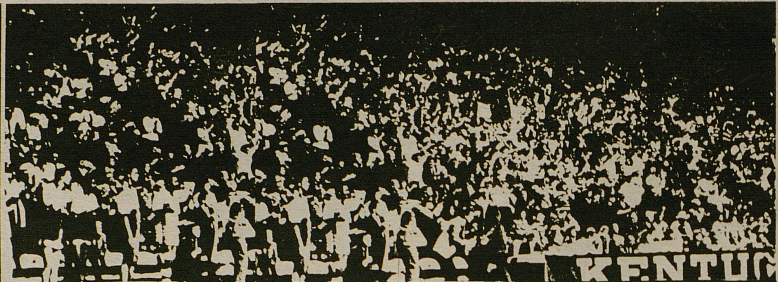
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by Humphrey, running back of Alabama.

**PREDICTION:** Johnny Majors will be asked why, if he had so many great players, Tennessee lost five games in 1985. Typical Majors' quotes made before the Liberty Bowl on offensive guard Harry Galbreath: "He's the most aggressive and dominating run blocker I've been around. There is every reason to believe that Galbreath, next year, will be the finest offensive guard Tennessee has ever produced." . . . On wide receiver Joey Clinkscales: "Joey is as good catching the ball over his shoulder as anybody you'll find in college football." . . . On wide receiver Anthony Miller: "In only one season at Tennessee he has shown as much potential for being an exciting player as anybody in college football." . . . On quarterback Jeff Francis: "I don't know when I've had a sophomore quarterback who did a better job in his first year as a starter."

**PREDICTION:** Majors will be invited to appear on HBO's new comedian's show when they see this one—On benefits of Liberty Bowl visit: "It gives the players a chance to stay on campus and be in mine-terms and do some good academic work." How's that again, Johnny?

**The Last Word:** With credit to sportwriter Larry Guest, a columnist for the *Orlando Sentinel*: "Auburn is giving Citrus Bowl tickets to (Brent) Fullwood's profs so they'll finally get to see him in person."



## 'Bama-Kentucky Game

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squad's man-to-man defense shut down UK's offensive game plan. "We got on the offensive boards as well. We put it together on both ends of the floor. All the little things we worked on for this game came together."

Trailing 24-19, Miller (originally dubbed the Shootist by TCP two weeks ago) drained a three-pointer. It was the closest the 'Cats had been since they trailed 7-6 with 17-12 left. He paced UK in the first half with 12 points, including 2 of 4 from three-point territory.

Alabama upped its lead by five when Ansley and McKey scored consecutive hoops. Again it was Miller bombing from beyond 19' 9". With his chin resting on his hand Sanderson watched in disbelief when Miller's basket cut the deficit to two, 24-22.

Three times—24-23, 26-25, 30-29—did Kentucky pull within one. A James Jackson free throw then gave the visitors a two-point cushion with only four ticks remaining.

Davender then lofted a 25-foot desperation attempt which missed badly. Miller, hustling all the way, tipped the ball in, but the officials said time had expired.

### Crimson Tide-Wildcat Tidbits

The regular-season loss for Kentucky was the first for Eddie Sutton in Rupp Arena. It also tied the mark for the worst defeat ever by a Kentucky team in the 23,000-seat gym. In 1980 UK lost to 'Bama 78-64. . . Wimp Sanderson on the telling factor—

"The key baskets were lobs from (Terry) Coner to (Derrick) McKey, but everybody played their role. They (UK) never got three baskets in a row. We answered their baskets and that was a big key." . . . Richard Madison paced the 'Cat attack with 15 points.

Derrick Miller scored 12 of his 14 points in the first half. Credit Mike Gottfried and Jim Farmer for holding Rex Chapman, UK's leading scorer, to only nine points.

Chapman hit on only three-of-11 tries from the field. . . McKey was named by the game's MVP by the SEC network. . . While McKey and Farmer were netting most of Bama's points, Coner was dishing out a game-high 10 assists. Overall, Alabama had 15 assists compared to UK's 13. James Blackmon was credited with a team-high four assists.

. . . During one stretch in the first half, Miller scored 10 straight points for the Wildcats.

. . . Alabama came into the contest hitting on 77.7 percent from the free throw line. For the evening 'Bama hit on six-of-eight charity attempts. . . Alabama outrebounded UK 32-23. The big difference was on the defensive boards—Bama 24, UK 13. . . McKey was the game's leading rebounder, grabbing nine. . . Madison, who continues to be chairman of the Wildcat boards, pulled down a team-high six. Overall, Madison has compiled 82 rebounds in 10 games. . . William Shatner, aka Captain James Kirk and T.J. Hooker, was in attendance.

## Top 15 Schools

### With Three Or More Signees

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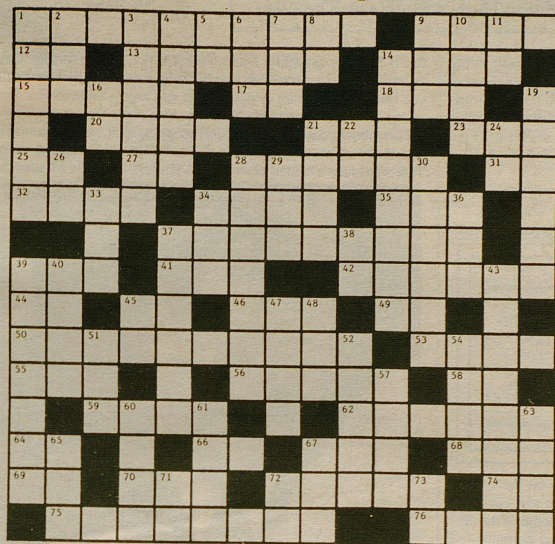
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|    | Bob Starnes, 6-3, Fort Lauderdale (Fla.) Westminster                       |
|    | COMMENT: Liberty vs. Manuel for Player of the Year royalty                 |
| 2  | NORTH CAROLINA Rick Fox, 6-7, Warsaw (Ind.) High                           |
|    | King Rice, 6-0, Binghamton (N.Y.) Central                                  |
|    | COMMENT: Fox great, but ineligible; Rice great and eligible                |
| 3  | LOUISVILLE LaBradford Smith, 6-4, Bay City (Texas) High                    |
|    | COMMENT: Some say Smith's best ever in Texas, Larry Johnson (SMU) protests |
| 4  | INDIANA Jay Edwards, 6-4, Marion (Ind.) High                               |
|    | Lyndon Jones, 6-2, Marion (Ind.) High                                      |
|    | COMMENT: 1-2 backcourt bonanza eyeballs national No. 1                     |
| 5  | OHIO STATE Treg Lee, 6-8, Cleveland (Ohio) St. Joseph                      |
|    | Eli Brewster, 6-3, Columbus (Ohio) Wehrle                                  |
|    | COMMENT: Buckeyes in heaven, off stately in-and-out sweep                  |
| 6  | OKLAHOMA STATE Richard Dumas, 6-7, Tulsa (Okla.) Booker T. Washington      |
|    | Thomas Jordan, 6-9, Baltimore (Md.) Lake Clifton                           |
|    | COMMENT: Dumas is a classic quick forward; Jordan's off-and-on             |
| 7  | DUKE Greg Koubek, 6-6, Clifton Park (N.Y.) Shenendowa                      |
|    | Clay Buckley, 6-10, Berwyn (Pa.) Conestoga                                 |
|    | COMMENT: Koubek's making a name; Buckley has one—dad Jay                   |
| 8  | DEPAUL Bill Heppner, 6-8, Crystal Lake (Ill.) Central                      |
|    | COMMENT: Dandy combination—so athletic, works so hard                      |
| 9  | FLORIDA Livingston Chatman, 6-7, Lakeland (Fla.) Kathleen                  |
|    | Ruye Glass, 6-3, Hialeah (Fla.) Hialeah-Miami Lakes                        |
|    | COMMENT: Chatman's a muscular 230, yet shoots with touch                   |
| 10 | AMERICAN UNIV. Ron Draper, 6-9, South Florida JC                           |
|    | Dale Spears, 6-3, South Florida JC   |
|    | COMMENT: Draper No. 1 Florida JC soph—speedy and strong                    |





T C P Crossword Puzzle

By Dan Krueckeberg



SEC COACHES OF THE '80s

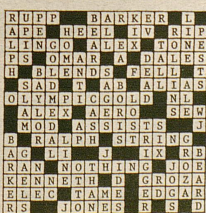
ACROSS

- 1 '80s teams have finished 3rd or higher 3 times in the SEC
- 9 His teams' best SEC record of the '80s came last year
- 12 We
- 13 Labor organizations
- 14 Namesakes of first '80s coach at MSU, Hatfield
- 15 39 Down is MSU's \_\_\_\_\_ coach of the '80s
- 17 Compass abbr.
- 18 D \_\_\_\_\_ squad plays at Knoxville
- 20 Thea
- 21 Initials of '83 SEC Coach Of The Year
- 23 Abbr. for "aiderman"
- 25 "He was fouled the play"
- 27 Head coach's boss
- 28 \_\_\_\_\_ record includes 2 SEC titles during the '80s
- 31 Initials of SEC coach; winning record in all seasons of the '80s
- 32 1st name of '80s SEC coach with NCAA Championship at N.C. State
- 34 Pretty
- 35 Ole Miss coaches of the '80s: Bob, \_\_\_\_\_ and Ed
- 37 Has two Final Four trips during the '80s
- 39 "He \_\_\_\_\_ with the ball"
- 41 Building extension
- 42 Guides
- 44 Big Ten state abbr.
- 45 Initials of Visscher; interim Gator coach of '80
- 46 First name of 37 Down
- 49 Symbol for "zirconium"
- 50 C.M.'s boys
- 53 Hugh Durham was the \_\_\_\_\_ Coach Of The Year in '85
- 55 Tint
- 56 Sloan has built a strong \_\_\_\_\_ program during the '80s
- 58 Initials of '80s SEC coach from UAB
- 59 '84-'85 was Joe B's \_\_\_\_\_ campaign
- 62 1st name of Gators' winningest coach
- 64 Initials of Schmidt; 1st '80s Vandy coach
- 66 Initials of SEC coach from Florida State
- 67 Genetic material
- 68 Attendance at Rupp Arena
- 69 East coast state abbr.
- 70 The Durham \_\_\_\_\_ at UGA included a 2nd place finish in SEC in '85
- 72 \_\_\_\_\_ only winning season was '82-'83
- 74 Initials of the Vols' coach
- 75 Only one to coach at two different SEC schools during the '80s
- 76 Talk back

DOWN

- 1 Took his squad to SEC title in first year in the conference
- 2 Tree
- 3 Took his SEC team to Final Four in '83
- 4 Hunt era at Ole Miss \_\_\_\_\_ last summer
- 5 NE state abbr.
- 6 Adolph Rupp's grand \_\_\_\_\_ plays for Vandy
- 7 Winning SEC campaigns for 22 Down in the '80s
- 8 Initials of winningest active SEC coach
- 9 One of 29 for Joe's '83-'84 Cats
- 10 Type of auto racing
- 11 Abbr. for SEC state having 6 head coaches during the '80s
- 14 First Gator coach of the '80s
- 16 Initials of Cat hoopster Irving
- 19 This is \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd year in the SEC
- 21 Won or shared 4 SEC titles in the '80s
- 22 Initials of 1st Ole Miss coach of the '80s; Weltlich
- 24 Initials of '80s SEC coach with 19-12 mark in first year at his school
- 26 Negative response
- 28 H.D. has guided the \_\_\_\_\_ squad to 2 winning campaigns in SEC in '80s
- 29 Abbr. for "route"
- 30 City's underground systems
- 33 DeVoie has \_\_\_\_\_ the Vol program throughout the '80s
- 34 Boyd coached at Southern \_\_\_\_\_ before coming to MSU
- 36 Compass abbr.
- 37 \_\_\_\_\_ record includes 5 20-win seasons during the '80s
- 38 Initials of Vandy coach with 14-22 mark in the '80s
- 39 New MSU coach Williams
- 40 Baseballers Matty, Felipe and Jesus
- 43 Namesakes of 64 Across
- 45 Initials of a new SEC coach, Ed
- 47 Verbal
- 48 Rim partner
- 51 Short for "Melvin"
- 52 1st name of coach whose '80s teams have two second-place SEC finishes
- 54 Trees
- 57 No coaches enjoy playing here
- 60 Prayer ending
- 61 Melt
- 63 Head movements
- 65 Sonny Smith was the '84 \_\_\_\_\_ Coach Of The Year
- 67 1st name of coach of '82 SEC co-champs
- 71 Abbr. for "regarding"
- 72 Former Auburn footballer
- 73 Initials of Auburn coach throughout the '80s

Last Week's Answers



# Meet The Press

Only At UK Do You Move Up The Rankings After A Loss;  
Bosworth's Steroid Fiasco Reduces Rex's Billing With SI

By Nick Nicholas

Following are some more of those leftover tidbits from UK basketball coach Eddie Sutton's weekly press conference, held the Tuesday prior to the big SEC showdown between Alabama and Kentucky last Wednesday at Rupp Arena:



**Give credit where credit is due:** Before UK's encounter against Wimp Sanderson's Crimson Tide, Sutton referred to Alabama and Auburn as the two best teams in the conference.

"They are playing better than anybody else," said the Kentucky coach. "Tennessee is playing well."

Entering last Wednesday's game the Volunteers were 7-3 overall and 1-0 in league play.

Sutton also mentioned that he voted for both Alabama and Auburn in the weekly UPI poll. College coaches vote for only the Top 15 teams.

"I didn't vote for us," Sutton said.

Despite losing to Georgia UK moved up two notches to No. 9 in last week's AP poll. Four days after losing to the 'Dogs, Kentucky upset then-No. 5 Auburn on its home court.

"What I don't understand, but I guess it's a great tribute to Mr. (Adolph) Rupp and Mr. (Joe B.) Hall, is that you can lose one and win one and go from eleventh to ninth place in the AP."

**Respect for Wimp.** Here's what Sutton had to say about Alabama's coach Wimp Sanderson. "I respect Wimp Sanderson; I think he's a heck of a basketball coach. He got great training under C.M. Newton."

Along these same lines, the UK mentor predicted good fortunes for Sanderson's squad. "I respect this basketball team; I think Alabama is a good ballclub. They could be in the Final Four in New Orleans."

In regards to what the Alabama coach said prior to the start of the season—that Kentucky wouldn't lose an SEC game at Rupp Arena—Sutton quipped, "I hoped I could go visit with the officials before the game. But they won't allow me to do that."

"I don't think we have any more of an advantage other than our great fans. . . I certainly appreciate that compliment. It's a compliment to Kentucky basketball."

**Practice, practice and . . . more practice.** During the holiday break Sutton has taken the opportunity to practice the 'Cats twice daily. After the loss to Georgia he even worked his players three times within a 24-hour period.

Throughout the holiday period, time could be spent by either practicing or by just laying around. You can bet the house that the 'Cats didn't lay around Wildcat Lodge too much.

"We practice two or three times a day just to get them out of the dorm," Sutton noted. "If I'm a basketball player, and I can remember being a basketball player many years ago, not too many of your friends around because all of them are home on vacation."

**Who's the best?** When asked who is the best guard in the SEC, Sutton replied, "I won't even touch that one. We've (SEC) got great guards and nobody respects guards more than I do. There are some schools (SEC) who have wonderful guards and we've

got some very good ones, in my opinion. Sutton hit the nail square on the head when said the league has some "wonderful" guards.

Kentucky has Ed Davender, Rex Chapman and Derrick Miller. Alabama has fine backcourt leader in Terry Coner. Tennessee is led by the league's offensive machine—Tony White. Both Auburn and Florida have a pair of excellent guards. The Tigers are blessed with the services of Frank Ford and Gerald White, while it's no secret that Vernon Maxwell and Andrew Moten push the button which makes the Gators go. Others on this all-SEC "wonderful" list might include Ole Miss' Roderick Barnes; Vanderbilt's Barry Goheen and Mississippi State's Tracy Taylor.

Last year in the conference the big guys—Chuck Person, Buck Johnson and Kenny Walker—got a lion's share of the attention surrounding SEC hoop action. This year it's the little guys' turn. Yep, you might center this year's SEC theme around "The changing of the guard. . . or the SEC's "Little Big Men."

**A weakness in Rex?** These days there isn't a Sutton press conference when freshman guard Rex Chapman's name is left out of the conversation.

For instance: How's Rex handling the pressure? What do his teammates think about his following, both locally and nationally? What can't he do, coach? . . . and so on and so on.

Sutton, however, did point out one weakness in the youngster from the "Big O". "Right now, I would say if he had a weakness—he doesn't rebound the ball as



Cover Boy Rex

well as he should. He ought to be averaging more rebounds than what he is because he's such a great jumper. In high school he never had to do that.

After nine games Chapman averaged 2.0 boards per game. He compiled a lofty 8.2 figure per game as a senior at Apollo High

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School (238 rebounds in 29 contests).

**More On Rex.** While Kentucky was racking up seven wins in nine tries Chapman was pouring in 161 points. At this pace he'll easily surpass Kenny Walker's first year total of 227 points (7.3 ppg in 31 games). That is, if he stays injury free. In 1982-83 Walker started three games.

"He's the best player I've ever coached in this stage of his career," said Sutton. "(Sidney) Moncrief was the best. Rex has a chance to be better than Sidney. That's if he doesn't get hurt and continues to have the same attitude. . . He's a marvelous, marvelous player. We couldn't be 7-2 without him."

**Boz and Rex?** In the Jan. 5 issue of *Sports Illustrated*, a small picture (insert) of Chapman twirling a blue and white basketball was featured on the cover. However, the main feature of SI's cover captured Oklahoma's controversial football star, Brian Bosworth.

According to Sutton, Chapman's picture was to be the main selection on SI's cover menu. . . that was until Bosworth and some others were banned from postseason action because traces of steroids had been found in their bodies.

Nevertheless, it was an honor for the Owensboro youngster to be a part of *Sports Illustrated's* cover.

"I was thrilled for him," said Sutton. "I called his parents and told them. 'Gosh darn, I doubt if there has ever been very many freshmen to get on the front page of *Sports Illustrated*."

"They were going to use a big shot until Boz went crazy on us.

"So, I was thrilled for him. He gets embarrassed and is shy. He's always afraid that that type of publicity is going to offend his teammates. That's the type of person he is; he's very sensitive."

Coach, do you ever think that all this attention might go to his noggin?

"Naw, I never have to worry about that. I have to worry about pumpin' him up. . . He just doesn't want his teammates to feel like he's getting too much publicity. I tell him, 'I can't control what you all (media) write.'"

And Chapman's response throughout the commotion? It's been enormous to say the least.

"He got 90 letters yesterday," Sutton pointed out. "He gets more mail than I do."

**Boosters And Freshman Eligibility.** Sutton on banning the use of boosters in recruiting:

"I would be in favor of taking boosters out of intercollegiate athletics. Let the coaches recruit. Maybe boosters can help with summer jobs, but as far as bringing in the potential student/athlete I think that (banning boosters) is a good idea."

Sutton on freshman eligibility:

"My idea is to bring a guy in as a freshman, let him adjust to being away from mom and dad, get adjusted academically, and let him practice but don't let him travel or play. Then, you give him four years after that. That's what I call a five-year plan.

"Nationally, it takes 4.6 years for ANY student to graduate from college to day."

"What if you have freshman like Rex Chapman and Derrick Miller," asked one reporter.

"I wouldn't be in favor of that rule this year," Sutton said, bringing chuckles from those in attendance.

## UK Fans Should Take "Good With Bad"

Don't Panic, There's Help On The Way

Playing in the tough SEC, you can't expect every season to be like the one Kentucky had a year ago. Before last year, if someone would have told me that the 'Cats were only going to lose only one conference game, I would have been shocked. Who would have thought that in Eddie Sutton's first year at UK his team would go 32-4, post a 21-2 mark against SEC competition and come ever so close to the Final Four?

We all got spoiled by last season. That type of year may not be repeated by anyone in the conference for years to come.

Losing at UK is really something that rarely happens. The 'Cats



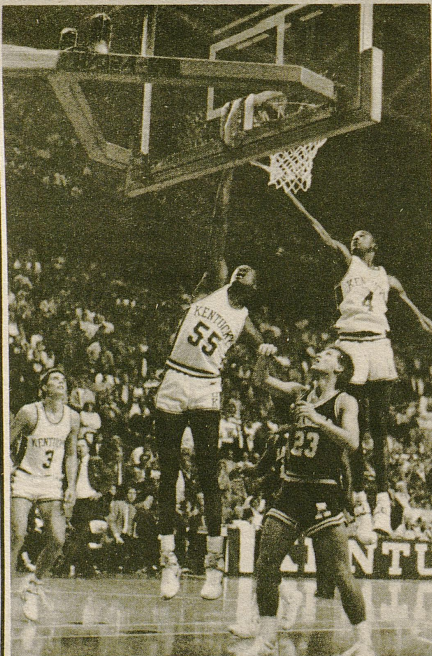
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have won 91 percent since moving into Rupp Arena for the 1976-77 season. With two consecutive losses at home (one to Georgia in Freedom Hall and the other to Alabama in Rupp), some of the fans in the Bluegrass are starting to reach the panic button.

It's amazing how everyone was praising Kentucky for its victory over Louisville. I've heard people say that if Kentucky loses the rest of their remaining games, the win against the Cards made their season. Let's not forget that 'Louisville vs. Kentucky' is probably the game for the fans of both schools. It gives each school the bragging rights for at least another year.

The game against Louisville and the 34 point victory does not and will not make Kentucky's season. Unfortunately this world is made of things that are for the present. In other words, Kentucky fans are now talking about how the 'Cats are struggling. It's amazing how people go from one extreme to the other! It's true UK has had some ups and downs, but it's something that should be expected.



Jenkins Can Make Difference For UK

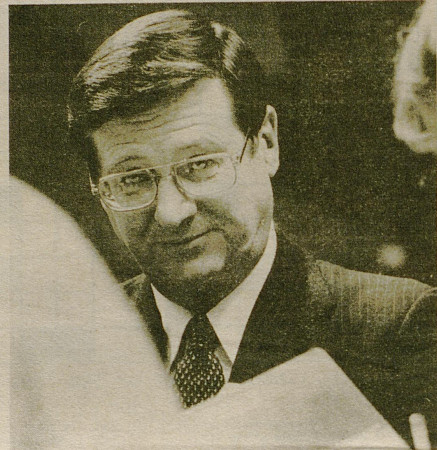
With injuries and lack of inside help I'm surprised that the 'Cats were able to go into Auburn and come out with a victory.

### You Can't Win 'Em All

I hope Kentucky fans can take the good with the bad. Especially this season. Don't expect the 'Cats to win every time they take the

floor. That's impossible. Don't think I'm not pulling for the 'Cats, because I am. I realize how tough it is to play in the SEC, whether you have a strong team or not. Teams will always want to beat Kentucky. It makes their season.

How about coach Wimp Sanderson saying that beating Kentucky was his most gratifying win as a coach? Do you think that if the Tide would have beaten Tennessee at Knoxville or Ole Miss at Ox-



During Practice Coach Hall Got Last Laugh

ford, or Vanderbilt in Nashville, that Wimp would have said words that are that strong? Even if his team would have executed like he wanted, I still don't believe he would have felt so strongly about a victory in any of those other places. My point is, even if the 'Cats had only five players, with the coaches eligible (with apologies to assistant coaches Wayne Breeden and Dwane Casey), a win over the Kentucky is important to any opposition.

### Don't Give Up The Ship Just Yet

I have heard people say that the 'Cats may be in trouble. I don't believe that at all. Just like any young team there are going to be some ups and downs. Going on the road makes things even more difficult. I hope the fans don't panic. There is plenty of help on the way. Mike Scott will make an impact on the UK team. If Cedric Jenkins comes around that will be another help. The most important part of the season is around tournament time. When the SEC Tourney rolls around, look for the 'Cats to be one of the top teams in the league. Until then, we as fans have to support the Big Blue, no matter what the outcome of the games may be. Jump on the bandwagon, the one that supports the 'Cats whether it's a win or a loss.

Boy, when we lost games it sometimes seemed that the students on campus didn't want to speak to us. It was probably more psychological on our part than anything. We would tease each other about what people would say to us after a loss.

What was amusing to us wasn't funny to coach Hall, though. We usually had tough practices to begin with. Practice was usually a serious gut check. By my junior year, I had learned the tricks of the trade. If there was a chance for me to get hurt during a practice after a loss I usually went down. It had to be an obvious and convincing play. If I had the opportunity to dive for a loose ball and there were two or three others going after the ball, someone was usually going to come out hurting. I wasn't the only one who knew how to fake an injury. It's just something that always happened during those types of practice sessions.

Now I don't want fans to think that we did this all the time. Sometimes coach Hall wasn't satisfied until someone was bleeding or had a floor burn. If you knew how grueling some of the practices were, you would understand that you would like to take some time off. We got the type of treatment we deserved. Coach Hall wanted us to play to our potential. If we didn't play the way he felt we should, after a win or a loss, coach Hall made sure we knew about it. Especially during practice.

As a player at any school, at any level, you don't like to lose. Especially when you play as hard as you can and things still don't turn out the way you like them to. A good fan knows the difference between teams that play hard and teams that try to win on talent. I will take a bunch of hard workers over players who have talent but don't give everything they have any day. Fortunately, the UK Wildcats have both.



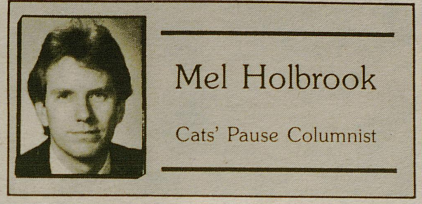
# How Good Is This Kid Chapman?

Young Rex Already A Living Legend

Everyone else in the Bluegrass state is talking or writing about freshman superstar Rex Chapman. So I guess it's my turn to jump on the bandwagon.

Ask yourself this question. Have you ever heard about or seen a freshman at the University of Kentucky who has experienced the impact Chapman has? The kid is already a living legend in this state. And he's only played a few games.

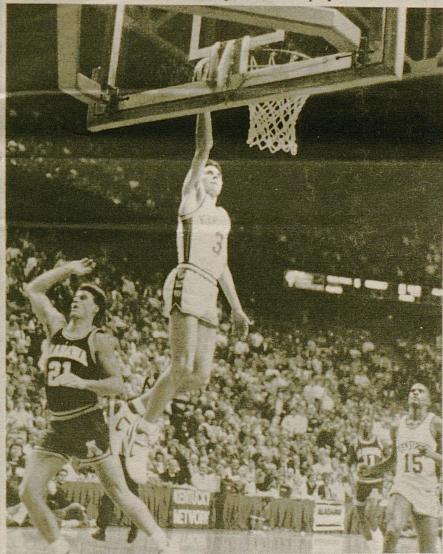
Letters are pouring in to the university mailboxes for the 6-5 Owensboro native. Phone calls are being received from fans all over the country. *Sports Illustrated* has already run a feature story on



Mel Holbrook  
Cats' Pause Columnist

him. Newspapers, magazines and television stations are following suit.

The burning question is what's Chapman doing playing college basketball? He looks more like a professional player who deserves



UK's SuperRex Chapman

to be in the big leagues, running up and down the court with the likes of Dr. J., Larry Bird and Mike Jordan.

Though he's so young, Chapman is already the team's leading scorer, averaging 17 points per game. He's scored 26 points three times and 24 once, entering last week's Tennessee contest.

Going into that matchup with the Vols, Chapman had scored 170 points in 10 games. If he can stay at that pace for the remainder of the season, he would easily top the 500 mark in points scored, become the all-time freshman scoring leader at Kentucky and become the first rookie to lead UK in scoring since Alex Groza turned the trick in 1946-47.

"I'm continually amazed at Chapman," says UK coach Eddie Sutton. "He always hits the big-time shots for us when we are in crucial situations."

Other opposing coaches have praised Chapman as "great" and said he was mainly responsible for their team's losing to the Wildcats.

### Need A Bucket? Go To SuperRex

Chapman has been mainly responsible for a lot of UK's victories this surprising season. The Wildcats are finding that whenever they need a big basket, they should just turn the ball over to Chapman and he'll usually deliver.

For example, in the big win at Auburn, Chapman hit many im-

portant three-point baskets that helped Kentucky pull away to a big lead before an Auburn run fell short.

Against Louisville at Freedom Hall, Chapman's big baskets helped UK dominate the inside, which was a big factor in the runaway 85-51 massacre.

In the Georgia loss, also at Freedom Hall, Rex helped UK almost pull out a victory after playing terribly the entire contest. Chapman showed he wasn't afraid to try the big jumper even though he'd had an off night from the field.

### Smart Enough To Not Read His Press Clippings

Chapman, meanwhile, continues to downplay his own individual performance in favor of the team. That's very wise, considering he has many teammates who also helped UK post a 7-3 record prior to the Tennessee game.

"I can't control what people write or say about me," said Chapman. "When you start believing what you see on television or read in the newspapers, you're in trouble. Individual performance doesn't mean anything to me. The team is more important than an individual any day."

When this season started, people were wondering just how UK was going to make it without starters Cedric Jenkins and Winston Bennett, both out with injuries. Jenkins is back, although not at full strength. Bennett is out for the season.

Coming in, UK's only proven consistent major college performer was guard Ed Davender. Davender has a past full of winning performances. UK could always count on him for a steady game. The others were up and down. It was difficult to tell just how they were going to perform.

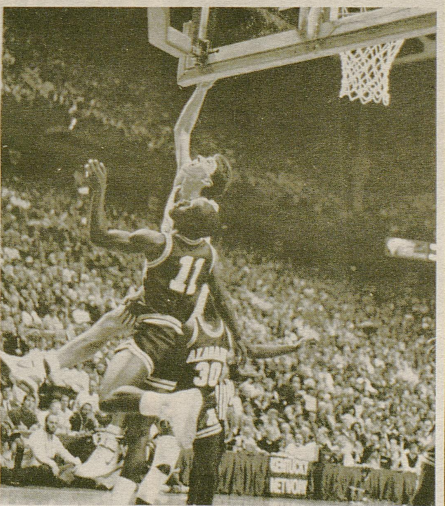
But Chapman has made up for their absences. And, when Jenkins gets healthy and Mike Scott becomes eligible this week, there's no telling what the future holds for the Wildcats this season.

### No. 3 Will Have Bearing On How Far UK Goes

Chapman, certainly, will have something to say about it, no matter what happens. He's already helped the Wildcats to their first Top 10 ranking of the season (UK checked in at No. 9 in the *Associated Press* poll last week). How far Kentucky goes may depend upon how well his sweet outside jumper is swishing.

"It's a matter of winning and losing," said Chapman. "I'm going to do anything it takes to win, whether it's hitting a three-point shot or making a steal."

Chapman is in such an ozone during a game that he doesn't remember half what he does out there on the court. He does recall

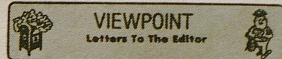


Chapman At His Best

specific plays being set for him but, after that, most of it's a blank. That's the tendency most great players have.

"I don't think that much about it," he says. "I just try to do whatever it takes."

No matter what SuperRex does the rest of the season, or during the remainder of his career at the University of Kentucky, he's already made a big impact upon this basketball crazy state and country. The future couldn't be brighter for probably one of the most modest people you'd ever want to meet.



## Fan Of 'Cats & Cards

Dear Sir:

I am a fan of both the Cards and the 'Cats. There is nothing I would like more than to see both teams meet in the finals of the NCAA Tournament, with, of course, Kentucky winning.

I think it's ludicrous that so many people in Kentucky love one team and hate the other. Here we are, fortunate enough to have two of the greatest basketball powers in the country 75 miles apart and in Kentucky, and people still complain.

In response to Robert Dishman of Jeffersonville, Ind., (Dec. 12 issue) I guess 34



'Cats & Cards

points was enough to put up in order to make him shut up.

I'm now living in the Lone Star State, and boy, college hoops down here is the pits. I've been spoiled by the Cards' and the 'Cats' continued success and fortunately between the two teams there are a lot of national broadcast. Nothing is better, though, than the UK vs. UL series.

Keep up the good work guys,

Steve MacDonell  
Dallas, Texas

## Illinois 'Cat

Dear Sir:

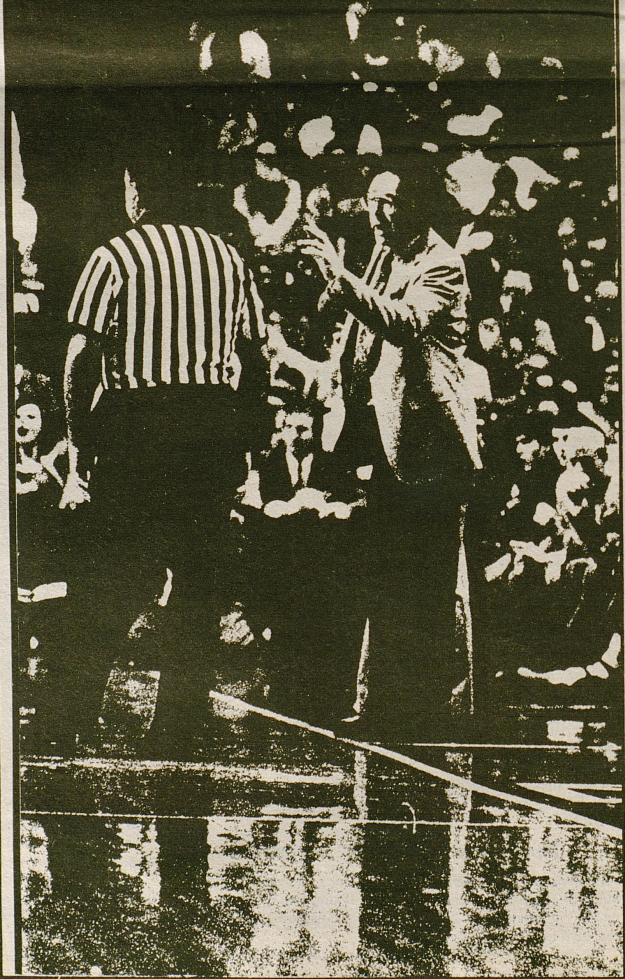
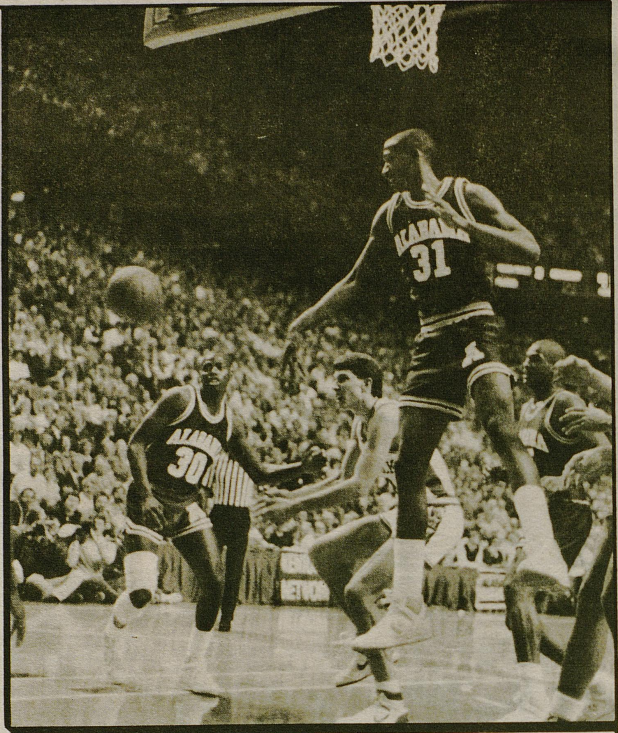
I am renewing my *Cats' Pause* again this year because of the excellent coverage that is given to the University of Kentucky sports program. I live in Illinois and all these people think of is the Big Ten sports or DePaul basketball. Even though I like Lou Henson and the U of I program, nothing compares to Eddie Sutton and the 'Cats or Jerry Claiborne and his football 'Cats. I watched the Blue-Gray game yesterday just so I could see the big White K on Jerry's hat.

Thanks again for keeping me informed on what's happening on the Kentucky sports scene. If it wasn't for *The Cats' Pause* and *WLW* in Cincinnati, I wouldn't have any idea of what was going on in Kentucky.

Thanks again,

Charles Puozzoli  
Effingham, Illinois







# Back Thru The Wildcat Years

## Three Years Ago

\*Charles Hurt was the hero in Kentucky's 59-53 overtime victory against Mississippi State in Starkville. Kentucky was trailing 47-45 with five seconds left on the clock and State was inbounding the ball. Kevin Hildreth threw the lob pass in to Kalpatrick Wells, but Hurt came from behind and deflected the ball. After a scramble, Dicky Beal slapped the ball forward toward Kentucky's basket. Hurt picked it up and laid it in as the buzzer sounded to force the game into overtime. Kentucky dominated in the extra period to win the game. Jim Master led the 'Cats with 14 points and Melvin Turpin grabbed a team-high eight rebounds. The win made UK 11-2 overall and 3-1 in the SEC.

\*The 'Cats suffered their first homecourt regular-season loss in 40 games, dropping a 75-67 decision to the Auburn Tigers in Rupp Arena. The win was the first ever for Auburn

in Lexington. Kentucky held a 4-3 advantage early in the first half and that was to be UK's only lead of the game. Auburn outscored the Wildcats 12-2 and never looked back. Darrell Lockhart led the Tigers with 22 points. Chuck Person scored 20 and pulled down nine rebounds. Derrick Hord led Kentucky with 15 points.

## Six Years Ago

\*Kentucky football coach Fran Curci announced the signing of All-American prepster Doug Williams, a 6-6, 265-pound lineman from Cincinnati Moeller High School, considered by some as the top senior in the country. Curci has previously announced the signing of 12 in-state players to SEC letters of intent.

\*The Lady Kat basketball team reached No. 9 in the *Associated Press* national rankings. It is the highest ranking ever for the Lady Kats.

\*Kentucky played lethargic but managed a 64-55 win over Mississippi at Rupp Arena. UK led all the way and by 13 points with five minutes to go, but turnovers let the Rebels back to within six points with two minutes to go. Kentucky was saved by its 21 of 34 shooting from the field, for a season-high 61.8 percent. However, UK hit only 22 of 35 foul shots, committed 14 turnovers and was outrebounded 21-20. Ole Miss also hit well, sinking 20 of 34 shots. Sam Bowie led Kentucky with 18 points and eight rebounds while Derrick Hord added 14 points. Coming off the bench to play 10 minutes, seldom-used Bo Lanter sparked the 'Cats by hitting both of his field goal attempts and playing aggressive defense. Carlos Clark led Ole Miss with 21 points.

Johnson's 15-footer with 13 seconds left proved to be the winning basket. Mike Phillips led UK with 30 points and 15 rebounds in a superb performance. Johnson scored 15 points, Givens had 14 and Lee 10.

\*Kentucky played a very smart and deliberate game as they went into Alligator Alley and came back with an 89-82 win over Florida. Rick Robey led the spirited UK charge, seeing action for the first time in two weeks following a knee injury. Robey hit seven of 11 shots, hauled down nine rebounds and scored 19 points. Larry Johnson led UK with 22 points. Jack Givens scored 15 and Mike Phillips tossed in 14.

\*Sophomore center Danny Hall has left the UK basketball team and is transferring to Marshall University.

## Twelve Years Ago

\*Kentucky nipped Ole Miss 85-82 at Oxford in front of a crowd of 5,000. Kevin Grevey led UK with 27 points and Mike Flynn added 22.

\*The score was 71-69 when Kevin Grevey hit three pressure-packed foul shots in the last 22 seconds to lift Kentucky to a 74-69 win over Alabama before a full house in Lexington. The win enabled the 'Cats to tie Alabama for first place in the SEC standings with identical 5-1 records. Kentucky is 12-2 overall. Alabama fell to 11-2 on the year. Grevey finished with 20 points, Jimmy Dan Conner had 18 and fellow senior Mike Flynn chipped in with 12. Jack Givens came off the bench to join the others in double figures with 10. Leon Douglas led Alabama with 27 points and 25 rebounds.

## Seventeen Years Ago

\*Adolph Rupp reinstated guard Bob McCowan from his suspension for breaking curfew. Also, guard Mike Casey began working out, saying he is ready to help the 'Cats if needed. Casey was injured in a summer automobile accident.

\*Hitting 54 percent from the floor, UK won its 13th straight game, defeating a deliberate Tennessee team 68-52. Dan Issel led UK with 28 points while Jimmy England scored 29 for the Vols.

\*Jim Andrews scored 19 consecutive points and finished with 35 as the UK frosh beat Tennessee 95-70. Daryl Bishop added 20.

\*After 24 years at UK, Ken Kuhn has retired as assistant to director of athletics. From 1948-69, he was UK's sports information director. He was replaced by Russell Rice, formerly a sports editor at the *Lexington Leader*.

## Thirty Years Ago

\*Trailing 42-38 with 4:04 to go, Kentucky ripped off 12 straight points to down homesteading LSU 51-46, marking the 16th straight UK win over the Tigers. Kentucky's rally was sparked by Earl Adkins, who had been slapped in the eye and sent to the sidelines only minutes earlier. Johnny Cox was the only Wildcat in double figures with 11. LSU's All-SEC player Roger Sigler scored 15.

\*For the first time in 19 years, Tulane downed Kentucky in the roundball sport, whipping the third-ranked 'Cats 68-60 in New Orleans. UK trailed by as many as 17 points in the second half but rallied to within four before falling for the first time this season. Johnny Cox led Kentucky with 16 points. Gerry Calvert scored 13 and Earl Adkins had 12. Calvin Grosscup led Tulane with 23.

\*Vernon Hatton has returned to practice for UK following an appendectomy, but coach Adolph Rupp has been sidelined with food poisoning.

\*Alabama made the big plays down the stretch to hand visiting Kentucky a 59-55 loss, the 'Cats second loss in 13 games and the first setback in conference play. Alabama had been having trouble winning close games and Kentucky had been squeaking by of late, but not this time. Kentucky did little of anything right, hitting 40 percent from the field, missing key shots down the stretch and committing 17 crucial turnovers. Alabama took the lead for good at 53-51 with 4:44 left. Bama couldn't score in the next three and a half minutes but the 'Cats missed five shots and turned the ball over twice. After the teams traded buckets, Kentucky had a chance to tie but couldn't. Eddie Adams then hit two free throws with 12 seconds left to clinch the win for the Tide. Adams led Alabama with 20 points on eight of 11 shooting. Fred Cowan had 14 points for Kentucky and Jim Master added 10.

\*Dropping its second straight game, Kentucky was embarrassed 81-67 by highly-ranked LSU in a game played in Baton Rouge. LSU, 15-1 overall, started a 16-1 late in the first half and when it ended early in the second period the Tigers had a commanding lead. LSU led 38-25 at the half and had no trouble after that. Running the delay game to perfection, the Tigers led by 21 points at one point. Willie Sims led the Bayou Bengals, who placed five players in double figures, with 22 points. Rudy Macklin scored 18. Sam Bowie led UK with 22 points and Charles Hurt added 14.

## Seven Years Ago

\*The Alabama Crimson Tide visited Rupp Arena and totally stunned the Kentucky Wildcats by a 78-64 score, UK's worst beating ever in the four-year history of the building. Alabama jumped out early and had little trouble with the 'Cats. The Tide led by a whopping 21 points (41-20) at the half. Kentucky could get no closer than 12 points the rest of the way. The loss slipped UK to 3-2 in SEC play. Robert Scott had 25 points and Eddie Phillips 23 for Alabama. Phillips also had 13 rebounds. Kyle Macy led UK with 18 points while Fred Cowan scored 14.

\*In a shooting match between Kentucky's Kyle Macy and Mississippi's John Stroud, Macy and the Kentucky Wildcats won out as UK defeated the Rebels 79-73 in Oxford. Macy finished with 10 field goals and nine of 10 from the free throw line for 29 points. Stroud poured in 27 points. However, the 6-7 Stroud missed a couple of key shots down the stretch when Ole Miss had a chance to tie the score at 71. Macy then hit two foul shots, as did senior Jay Shidler, who finished with 10 points.

## Eleven Years Ago

\*In a must-win situation, Kentucky defeated Vanderbilt 77-76 in a regionally televised game. Reggie Warford, Jack Givens and Larry Johnson all turned in clutch plays in the final 30 ticks to preserve the win.

## Wildcat Quiz

1. What was Kentucky's won-loss record versus LSU last season?  
a) 1-1  
b) 2-0  
c) 2-1  
d) 3-1

2. True or False? Either Kentucky or LSU has won the SEC regular-season title every year since 1977-78.

3. What former LSU star set the single game school record for shooting percentage?  
a) Joe Dean  
b) Pete Maravich  
c) Durand Macklin  
d) Kenny Drost

4. Who is LSU's all-time career assist leader?  
a) Derrick Taylor  
b) Joe Dean  
c) Ethan Martin  
d) Kenny Higgs

5. What former Tiger player holds the LSU mark for best rebounding average in one season?  
a) Durand Macklin  
b) Bob Pettit  
c) Leonard Mitchell  
d) Al Sanders

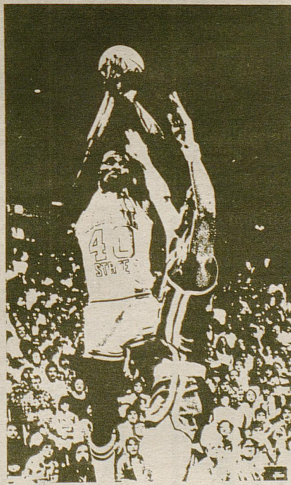
6. Who is LSU's career scoring leader?  
a) Joe Dean  
b) John Williams  
c) Pete Maravich  
d) Don Redden

7. Who was the last Tiger player to go hard-ship in the NBA draft?  
a) Jerry Reynolds  
b) John Williams  
c) Duane Scales  
d) Durand Macklin

8. Who was Dale Brown's predecessor as coach in Baton Rouge?  
a) Joe Dean  
b) Press Maravich  
c) Joe McCleary  
d) Frank Truitt

9. True or False? Miami (Fla.) center Tito Horford played in seven games and averaged 12.6 points for Brown's Tigers in '84-85.

10. True or False? Dale Brown has never had a losing season during his tenure at LSU.



Durand Macklin LSU No. 40

## Answers

1. d) 3-1
2. False
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