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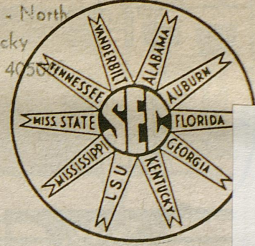
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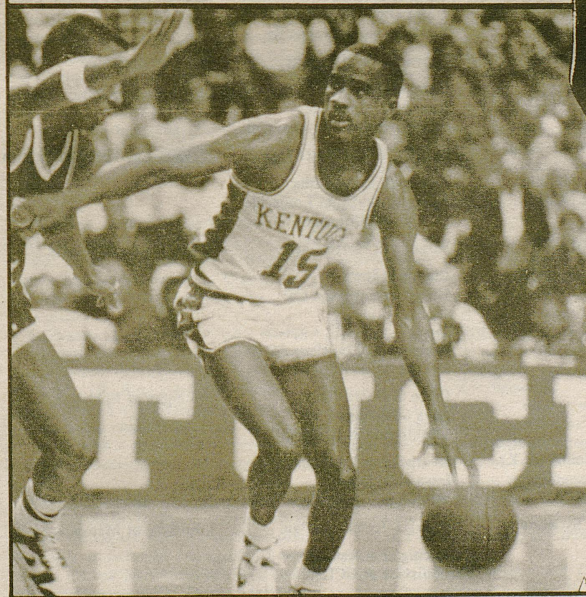
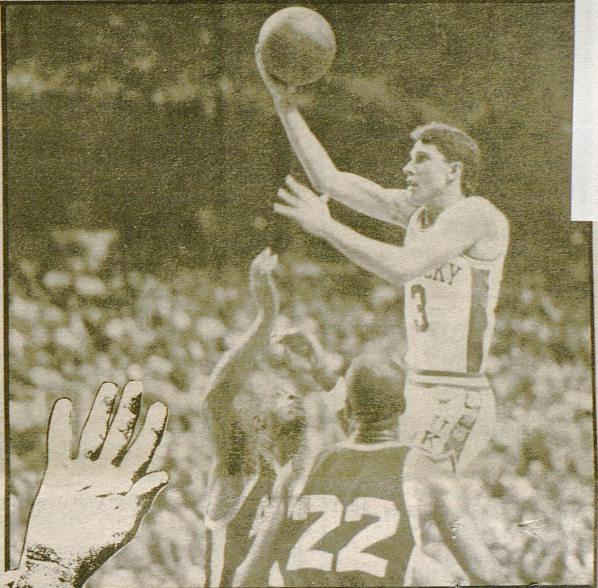
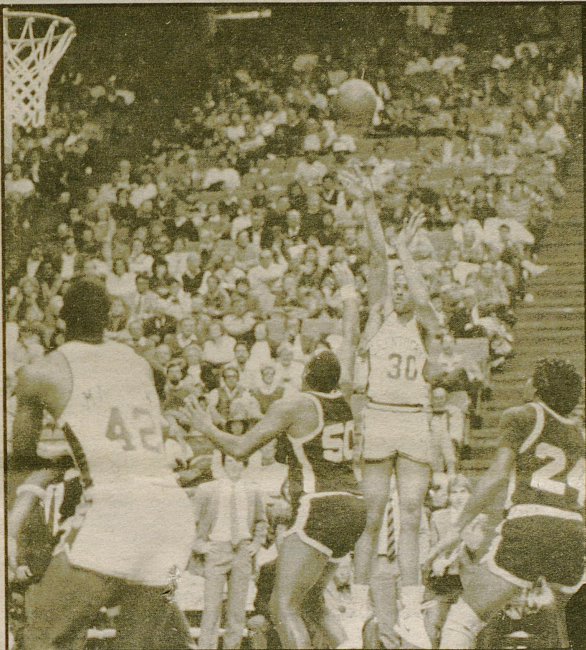


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KENTUCKY'S RECORD AGAINST SCHOOLS IN THE STATE OF:

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Alabama	132-38	Indiana	52-32	Nebraska	9-5	South Carolina	19-4
Alaska	2-0	Iowa	4-2	Nevada	3-0	South Dakota	0-0
Arizona	1-0	Kansas	23-2	New Hampshire	3-1	Tennessee	214-83
Arkansas	5-0	Kentucky	14-6	New Jersey	3-1	Texas	19-4
California	6-3	Louisiana	98-19	New Mexico	0-0	Utah	6-2
Colorado	2-0	Maine	1-0	New York	20-16	Vermont	0-0
Connecticut	1-0	Maryland	6-4	North Carolina	24-18	Virginia	12-5
Delaware	0-0	Massachusetts	2-0	North Dakota	0-0	Washington	2-0
Florida	60-17	Michigan	16-8	Ohio	102-24	West Virginia	16-4
Georgia	123-26	Minnesota	3-1	Oklahoma	7-1	Wisconsin	9-5
Hawaii	2-0	Mississippi	130-16	Oregon	5-0	Wyoming	2-0
Idaho	2-0	Missouri	9-9	Pennsylvania	30-4	Miscellaneous teams	170-79-1
Illinois	42-11	Montana	0-0	Rhode Island	2-0	Totals	1413-440-1

TV networks list basketball games

This composite men's college basketball television schedule is based on information provided by CBS, NBC and ABC and was compiled by CBS. On some occasions, the networks may show split-national telecasts, double-headers or regional games. Viewers

should check local listings for specific games and starting times in their areas. All games listed are afternoon (EST) contests except CBS' January 25 telecast of DePaul at Georgetown, which is set for 11:30 a.m. (EST).

Date	CBS	NBC	ABC
Saturday, December 13	Arizona at Georgetown	DePaul at Louisville	
Saturday, December 20	Illinois at North Caro.		
Saturday, December 27	Kentucky at Louisville		
Saturday, January 3	St. John's (N.Y.) at Villanova Michigan at Illinois		
or			
Sunday, January 4	St. John's (N.Y.) at Villanova Indiana at Ohio St.		
Saturday, January 10	North Caro. at Duke Louisville at Wyoming Georgetown at Pittsburgh		
Saturday, January 17	Villanova at Virginia West Va. at Notre Dame Nevada-Las Vegas at Oklahoma	Miami (Fla.) at Kansas Arkansas at Houston Bradley at Ala.-Birmingham	
Sunday, January 18	Syracuse at Michigan	North Caro. St. at North Caro.	Louisville at Purdue Louisiana St. at Kentucky
Saturday, January 24	St. John's (N.Y.) at Syracuse Western Ky. at Louisiana St. Tulsa at Southern Cal	Arizona at Illinois Notre Dame at UCLA Washington at Oregon St.	
Sunday, January 25	DePaul at Georgetown	North Caro. at Kansas	Navy at Kentucky
Saturday, January 31	Iowa at Michigan Syracuse at Georgetown	Oklahoma at North Caro. St. Kansas at Louisville Washington at Southern Cal	
Sunday, February 1		North Caro. at Notre Dame	Nevada-Las Vegas at Auburn
Saturday, February 7	Villanova at Georgetown Miami (Fla.) at Navy Iowa at Arizona	Kentucky at Alabama North Caro. St. at Louisville UCLA at California	
Sunday, February 8	Michigan at Indiana	Virginia at North Caro.	Notre Dame at Kansas
Saturday, February 14	Louisville at Syracuse	Illinois at Iowa UCLA at Southern Cal	
or			
Sunday, February 15		Alabama at Louisiana St. Oregon St. at Arizona	Michigan at Michigan St.
Saturday, February 21	Kansas at St. John's (N.Y.)	Duke at Notre Dame Iowa at Indiana Washington at Arizona	
Sunday, February 22	Georgetown at Syracuse	Kentucky at Louisiana St. Iowa at Indiana Washington at Arizona	Louisville at Memphis St.
Saturday, February 28		Georgia Tech at DePaul Michigan at Iowa Louisville at UCLA	
Sunday, March 1	Oklahoma at Kentucky	North Caro. at Georgia Tech	Indiana at Illinois
Saturday, March 7	Big East semifinals (2) Big Ten game TBA	Marquette at DePaul	
Sunday, March 8	Big East championship	ACC championship	SEC championship Pac-10 championship Big Eight championship



Oscar L. Combs

Cats' Pause Publisher



Bobby Wants To Be Shining Knight Saturday

The basketball season is less than a week old, but there have been enough hoops made and missed to warn everyone of the uncertainty which will dominate the college scene this winter.

Kentucky's scare from Austin Peay was more than enough to cause concern for the Big Blue faithful, but UK fans knew long before Saturday night that the 'Cats will endure a long, cold season without the likes of Winston Bennett and Cedric Jenkins (until he returns sometime in January).

APSU's strong showing against the 'Cats wasn't totally shocking to those who have been around APSU coach Lake Kelly. The former UK assistant made no secret that his Gobs had been working long and hard toward the UK battle.

Without taking anything away from Centre College (which upset the Gobs the night before in Clarksville), there was little doubt Kelly was putting all his marbles in the game against the Big Blue. And you couldn't blame him.

Just in case your memory isn't so good, Kelly coached many of the current Wildcats and Kelly's strategy had all the ingredients of a well-devised gameplan. It worked, almost to perfection, save a baseline jumper from sophomore Irv Thomas in the final 30 seconds.

Several of the Wildcats' poor work habits were exposed time and again.

Without question, Kentucky must improve by leaps and bounds to be a NCAA tournament competitor by the last of February. While there were signs of promise, there also were numerous glaring weaknesses. Perhaps the brightest spot of all was the scoreboard which showed a Kentucky victory after a less than impressive performance. There's an old saying which goes something like, "any poor win is better than any great loss."

Several other big-name schools around the country weren't so fortunate.

The debut of prep All-American Rex Chapman was a good one although he committed a few rookie mistakes. The Owensboro Apollo flash graded himself a "C-plus", and that should tell you something about this youngster.

If Chapman graded only a C-plus, several other players could be tinkering with a non-passing grade. Actually, Chapman probably deserved a "B". Rex made a few mistakes offensively with a couple ill-advised passes. His defense is still on the suspect side, but he did come up with a fine defensive play which sealed the victory in the final seconds of the game.

Derrick Miller, the 'Cats' other rookie, saw less action but the Savannah, Georgia, native will be making believers of hoop fans before the week is over. By the middle of next season, UK will have the nation's finest guard trio in Ed Davender, Rex Chapman and Derrick Miller.

The inside play was erratic, to say the least. There were spots of hope for the future, but they were clearly overshadowed by the disappointments. Fans should remember that none of UK's inside people—Rob Lock, Richard Madison, Irv Thomas—have ever

been in a crucial starting situation before Saturday. They will improve with time, or they'll be embarrassed every time they hit the floor because Sutton has no choice but to go with the big three.

Kentucky will enter a lion's den Saturday afternoon and you'd better believe Bobby Knight and his IU band of warriors will be out for blood.

Unfortunately, the 'Cats will be going in much like a lion tamer without a whip. A real disaster could be in the making.

Knight would like nothing better than to bury the Wildcats. He probably would like to headline the contest as the *Good Guys vs. the Bad Guys*.

I don't believe I have to point how who he believes the good guys are.

To say Bobby Knight despises Kentucky would be the understatement of the year. In fact, he is fast becoming UK's most hated personality. Move over Jock, there's gotta be room for Sir Knight.

In a recently published book on Knight's Indiana team last year, Knight is quoted often about Kentucky. His accusations of wrongdoings around the UK program were frequent and many. He even accused UK of taking care of Kenny Walker, beyond the legal limit.

He made a joke of the fact that his star, Steve Alford, was prevented from playing against UK last December because of a minor infraction and yet UK was being allowed to escape any penalty for major infractions (referring to a newspaper investigation of UK program).

Yes sir, Bobby has a way with words. Oh, does he? Even the cable airwaves have to cover their eyes when Bobby preaches.

A year ago, I wondered why Bobby didn't appeal Alford's suspension, thereby allowing him to play in the big game against Kentucky. IU could have appealed and played. Even if the NCAA upheld its original ruling, Alford could have sat out a lesser important game. Bobby didn't.

I believe I know why. I thought it strange that Bobby would deny Alford that opportunity of playing against UK by not appealing the decision. The more I think about it, Bobby probably intended to use the situation to grandstand against UK. And what better vehicle than a book devoted to IU and written by a famous newspaper columnist—*Washington Post's* John Feinstein.

Plus, the loss of Alford would provide Knight for a terrific alibi if the Hoosiers failed to upset Kentucky. Indiana played close, but got no cigar. Kentucky won 63-58.

Which brings us to Saturday afternoon with a regional television audience looking on.

Indiana is a big favorite to give the Wildcats the kind of a whipping which would bring a smile to Knight's face.

With both Winston Bennett and Cedric Jenkins on the sidelines, it figured to be a real blowout. Indiana's sudden and tragic loss of star Rick Calloway certainly will be dent the Hoosiers' talent level somewhat. Still, IU figures to win and win big.

Kentucky won't just roll over and play dead. History reminds us Kentucky enjoys this rivalry.

During the early stages of the Joe Hall era, the former Wildcat boss practically climbed the walls after being unable to beat the Hoosiers. Finally, the tables turned.

No one dominated Bobby Knight in the late seventies and early eighties like Joe B. Hall. From the night that (K)night gave ole Joe B. the friendly slap (that's how Bobby described the flick of the wrist) on the back of the head as Knight was embarrassing Hall in Bloomington till Joe B.'s upset win over IU in the 1983 NCAA Midwest Region, Hall ruled Knight.

Knight finally got the best of Hall in their last confrontation in December of 1984 when IU won an 81-68 score over an outmanned UK team which surprised everyone in March by overachieving all the way to the final Sweet Sixteen.

Prior to that last IU game, Hall held an impressive 8-3 record against Knight during their last 11 battles. One of the three losses was a 77-68 overtime loss to Knight's 1976 undefeated national champions. UK had that game wrapped up in regulation until a freak shot bounced through the hoop at the horn to send the game into overtime. The other two UK losses were a 68-67 overtime loss and a 62-59 defeat, both in Bloomington.

So you can understand, perhaps, why Knight is so jealous of the Kentucky program. Quite simply, he hasn't been able to dominate the 'Cats.

All that is likely to change Saturday. Knight should win and win big. Kentucky simply doesn't have the weapons to combat the Hoosiers this time around.

It could be a very, very long afternoon for Eddie Sutton and his Wildcats. Then again, Kentucky enjoys its rivalry with the Hoosiers. One thing is for certain. No prisoners will be taken.

Some kind of a weekend for Kentucky college hoops, right?

You start off with Western Kentucky winning its way to the NIT Final Four, followed by Centre College's upset over Austin Peay and go from there.

Western Kentucky, as we've said before, is certainly a Top Twenty team in the USA. How high is another question. Western, like so many other teams, is lacking quality guard play. If Roland Shelton can come through and James McNary can play steady, coach Murray Arnold will be the Sunbelt Conference Coach of the Year and the Hilltoppers will be playing well into March.

Western made a lot of believers in New York by pushing UNLV to two overtimes before falling in the championship game. Sure, the Toppers blew a 21-point lead, but Western is for real.

Centre sneaked up on Austin Peay as the Gobs were busy preparing for Kentucky and the Prayin' Colonels proved that praying really does pay off. Austin Peay must have taken the hint because Lake Kelly's club almost turned the same trick 24 hours later.

But the real shocker belongs to the Louisville Cardinals which went down not once, but three times to teams not previously ranked in the Top Twenty.

There are those who say the Cardinals

always get off to a slow start and there's some truth to the statement, but back-to-back-to-back losses to Northeastern, Washington and Texas? Well, you be the judge.

Louisville does have a point guard problem and that's likely to be solved with the return of Kevin Walls, but as one national sportscaster noted Sunday on television, the Cards still had more prep All-Americans on the bench that their three opponents had combined.

The Cards should get well Saturday, but Denny Crum will need to work some magic if he's to lick the likes of Western Kentucky and Indiana on the road later this month.

HITS AND MISSES . . . Former UK coach Joe B. Hall will work two games with ABC-TV this season. Hall's first assignment will be the **Kentucky-LSU** game in Lexington on Jan. 18 and the second game will be the championship of the SEC Tournament in March at the Omni in Atlanta . . . Kentucky's recent basketball recruiting harvest is being hailed as the best in the country for the year and most experts say the Wildcats have no chance of losing the distinction, even if they're shutout during the April signing date . . . Kentucky wasn't alone in its recruiting success. The Southeastern Conference enjoyed one of its finest days as fourteen of the nation's top 100 inked to play in the SEC next year. **Bob Gibbons** of All-Star Sports Report says Georgia also had a great year, signing four—Elmore Spencer of Atlanta, Neville Austin of Auburn, Ala., Marshall Wilson of Carnesville, Ga., and Anthony Haynes of Macon, Ga.—of the nation's top 100 . . . Citing a need to give its sports department new energy, the *Louisville Courier-Journal* has named **Steve Ford** its new sports editor. Other changes could follow. C-J managing editor **David Haupe** says the public can expect the newspaper to undertake more "enterprising" work than in the past. In other words, the CJ&T plans to join the growing field of newspapers with heavier emphasis on investigative reporting. Haupe also wants to see an improvement in the newspaper's ability to catch breaking news stories. There have been whispers around the publishing circles for the past year that the CJ&T people were embarrassed by the *Lexington Herald-Leader* which won a Pulitzer Prize for investigative reporting. Sources close to the Louisville newspaper scene say the big wheels with the Gannett Corporation, new owners of the CJ & Times, is determined to make *The Courier-Journal* the topic of newspaper talk in Kentucky as it used to be. Knight-Ridder, which acquired the *Lexington Herald-Leader* several years ago, has made sweeping changes over the past three or four years and has employed a hard-hitting approach to news and controversial issues. Although segments of the region have protested the direction of the Lexington newspapers in recent months, the circulation has shown a solid growth since Knight-Ridder's takeover. And that's the bottom line to any business-for-profit publishing company.

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enough for this event, one which I will never miss in the future. In fact, I look forward to this even more so than a real game.

Not many colleges think of their fans and there was a time when I wondered if Kentucky really appreciated its fans. You've eliminated my doubts.

Thanks, for remembering the little fan.

Very truly yours,

Carolyn Manuel
Dayton, Ohio

C'mon Students

Dear Sir:

I, for one, am sick and tired of seeing thousands of good empty seats wasted at UK football and basketball games because students demand a huge allotment and then fail to use them.

I was a student once and we wanted as many seats as we could get, but there was a difference. We used the seats.

If UK students don't want to use the seats and support the Cats, then let someone have the tickets who will show up for the game.

It's a disgrace when there are 2,500 empty seats at Rupp Arena, but not available to the public.

I don't know who is responsible, but whoever it is should take some action. It's just not fair.

Thank you,

Johnny Morehead
Lexington, Kentucky

Prep Football Finals

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Xavier scored 14 second-half points while upending Boone County, 27-14.

Senior quarterback Jeff Houck tallied 192 yards on the ground. His big moment came when he sprinted 71 yards for the game's final TD at the 3:34 mark in the fourth quarter. Houck capped off the scoring with a two-point conversion run. The long touchdown scamper came after Boone County cut the lead to five (19-14) with 4:40 left in the contest.

St. Xavier, 12-2, held a 13-7 lead heading into intermission, thanks in part to Houck's 51-yard scoring run.

It marked the third 4-A title for the Louisville school. Boone County, which was riding an eight-game winning streak, ended the season with an 11-2 mark.

Hall's Kats Win Own Tourney By Beating Illinois State, 78-70

Last Saturday Terry Hall's Kentucky team won the Lady Kat Invitational Tournament by defeating Illinois State 78-70 in the championship game at Memorial Coliseum.

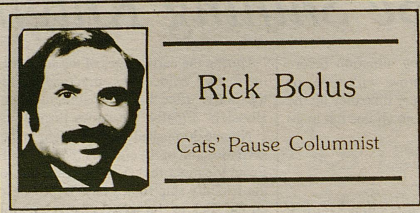
Bebe Croley scored 27 points in the finale as she and teammate Sandy Harding were named to the all-tournament team. Croley was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player. Harding, the team's starting point guard, contributed 14 points and nine assists while playing the full 40-minute tilt.

Center Debbie Miller chipped in 20 points. Kentucky owns a 2-0 mark. In Friday night's action, Kentucky earned a spot in the finals with a 74-62 win over Bowling Green. Croley led UK to its first win with 20 points, followed by Miller with 18. Jodie Whitaker added 12 tallies to the Lady Kats' win.

Wildcats Winners Of Recruiting Lottery

N.C. State, Iowa Rank Second And Third

The University of Kentucky, in a crucial recruiting year, delivered by signing the best group of seniors for the nation and one of the best ever for a Wildcat recruiting class. Of the Wildcats' six signees, five are found in Dave Bones' *Cage Scope* Top 100 Seniors. Of the six, only one might not meet the NCAA academic requirements



Rick Bolus

Cats' Pause Columnist

next year. Below is a look at the nation's top 12 college recruiting classes with their *Cage Scope* rankings:

1. KENTUCKY

Player	Rank	Ht	High School
Eric Manuel	3	6-6	Macon (Ga.) Southwest
Johnny Pittman	19	7-0	Rosenburg (Texas) Terry
LeRon Ellis	27	6-10	Santa Ana (Calif.) Mater Dei
Deron Feldhaus	63	6-7	Maysville (Ky.) Mason County
Sean Sutton	66	6-2	Lexington (Ky.) Henry Clay
Johnathon Davis	—	6-8	Pensacola (Fla.) Pine Forest

2. N.C. STATE

Rodney Monroe	5	6-2	Hagerstown (Md.) St. Maria Goretti
Chris Corchiani	21	6-0	Hialeah (Fla.) Miami Lakes
Sean Green	45	6-6	Mouth of Wilson (Va.) Oak Hill Acad.
Byron Tucker	—	6-8	Oxon Hill (Md.) Potomac

3. IOWA

Rodell Davis	34	6-4	Harvey (Ill.) Thornton
Brian Garner	44	6-2	Milwaukee (Wis.) Washington
Curtis Cuthpert	100	6-9	Flint (Mich.) Nothern
Brig Tubbs	—	6-9	DeWitt (Iowa) Central

4. KANSAS

Mike Maddox	35	6-7	Okl. City (Okl.) Putnam City North
Ricky Butler	58	6-7	Huntington Beach (Calif.) Oceanview
Antoine Lewis	—	6-1	New York (N.Y.) Gardy
Mike Masucci	—	7-0	Grandview (Mo.) High

5. PITTSBURGH

Brian Shorter	6	6-6	Mouth of Wilson (Va.) Oak Hill Acad.
Sean Miller	29	5-11	Beaver Falls (Pa.) Blackhawk
Jason Matthews	—	6-3	Santa Monica (Calif.) St. Monica
Darrelle Porter	—	6-4	Pittsburgh (Pa.) Perry

6. NORTH CAROLINA

King Rice	9	6-0	Binghampton (N.Y.) Central
Rick Fox*	16	6-7	Warsaw (Ind.) High

*Fox is ineligible to play this year.

7. INDIANA

Jay Edwards	14	6-4	Marion (Ind.) High
Lyndon Jones	23	6-2	Marion (Ind.) High

8. OHIO STATE

Treg Lee	13	6-8	Cleveland (Ohio) St. Joseph
Eli Brewster	28	6-4	Columbus (Ohio) Wehrle

9. DUKE

Greg Koubek	17	6-6	Clinton Park (N.Y.) Shenendowa
Clay Buckley	33	6-10	Berwyn (Pa.) Conestoga

10. OKLAHOMA STATE

Richard Dumas	30	6-7	Tulsa (Okl.) Washington
Thomas Jordan	47	6-8	Baltimore (Md.) Lake Clifton

11. UCLA

Sean Higgins	7	6-7	Los Angeles (Calif.) Fairfax
Gerald Madkins	—	6-4	Merced (Calif.) High
Kevin Williams	—	6-2	Los Angeles (Calif.) Verbum Dei

12. ARIZONA

Mark Georgeson	49	6-10	Huntington Beach (Calif.) Marina
Matt Muehlebach	—	6-3	Kansas City (Mo.) Rockhurst
Sean Rooks	—	6-10	Fontana (Calif.) High

Who The SEC Schools Landed. . .

ALABAMA

Melvin Cheatum	—	6-8	Winnsboro (La.) High
Bryant Lancaster	54	6-3	Fairfax (Ala.) Valley
Frank Tolbert	—	6-7	Auburn (Ala.) High

AUBURN

Chris Brandt	94	6-7	Auburn (Ala.) High
Pete McFee	—	6-2	Columbia (Tenn.) Central
John Walker	—	6-8	Ft. Pierce (Fla.) Central

FLORIDA

Livingston Chatman	59	6-8	Lakeland (Fla.) Kathleen
Ruye Glass	73	6-3	Hialeah (Fla.) Miami Lakes

GEORGIA

Neville Austin	—	6-10	Auburn (Ala.) High
Jody Patton	—	6-3	Tifton (Ga.) Tift County
Elmore Spencer	—	6-11	Atlanta (Ga.) Washington
Marshall Wilson	—	6-8	Carnesville (Ga.) Franklin County

LSU

Kyle McKenzie	—	6-3	Cincinnati (Ohio) Sycamore
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MISSISSIPPI

Greg Jones	—	6-5	Munford (Tenn.) High
John Matthews	—	5-10	Memphis (Tenn.) Kirby
Johnny Payton	—	6-1	Northeast (Miss.) Junior College
Nathaniel Rucker	—	6-3	Memphis (Tenn.) Southside
Greg Turner	—	6-5	Memphis (Tenn.) Central

MISSISSIPPI STATE

Greg Carter	—	6-6	Forest (Miss.) High
Chris Clark	—	6-8	Lucasville (Ohio) Valley
Joseph Courtney	—	6-8	Jackson (Miss.) Callaway
Howard Merritt	—	6-7	Albany (Ga.) Dougherty
Carl Nichols	—	6-8	Fayette (Miss.) Jefferson County
Chancellor Nichols	—	6-8	Jackson (Miss.) Forest Hills

TENNESSEE

Rickey Clark	—	6-5	Lithonia (Ga.) High
Taro Knight	—	6-3	Tarboro (N.C.) High

VANDERBILT*

Steve Grant	—	6-6	Marietta (Ga.) Sprayberry
Charles Mayes	—	6-7	Nashville (Tenn.) Bell Acad.

*Look for Vandy to sign John Pelphrey (6-7, Paintsville, Ky), the 81st ranked senior, in April.

Besides Sutton and Feldhaus, on the homefront there really aren't a lot of signees to report. But here they are:

Player	Rank	Ht	High School — College
Desmond Porter	97	6-3	Lou. PRP — Western Kentucky
Tommy Cassidy	—	6-8	Tigg Co. — Marshall
Enrique Taluna	—	6-9	Univ. Heights — Western Kentucky
Bobby Gross	—	6-2	Paducah Tilghman — Arkansas State
Chris Russell	—	6-6	Lou. Trinity — Northern Kentucky

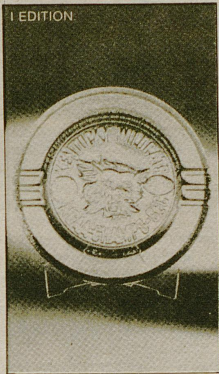
Where Other Top Seniors Are Going. . .

Player	Rank	Ht	High School — College
Marcus Liberty	1	6-8	Chicago (Ill.) King — Illinois
David Whitmore	15	6-4	Playa Del Ray (Calif.) St. Bernard — Ga. Tech
Chris Watts	20	6-3	Trumbull (Conn.) St. Joseph — Providence
Mark Macon	22	6-3	Saginaw (Mich.) Buena Vista — Temple
Larry Johnson	24	6-6	Dallas (Texas) Skyline — SMU
Bennett Jackson	31	6-8	Blenheim (S.C.) High — South Carolina

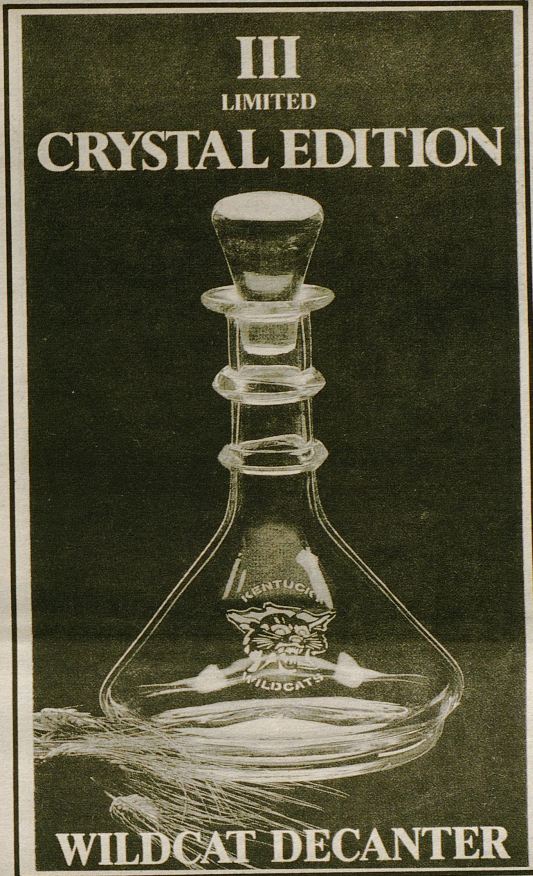
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Hamilton's Cowboys Drop Opener, 79-61

Former University of Kentucky assistant coach Leonard Hamilton lost in his debut at Oklahoma State last Saturday. Pepperdine, led by Levy Middlebrooks' 20 points, defeated the visiting Cowboys 79-61.

Hamilton left Kentucky last season after 11 seasons at UK. Before coming to Lexington he spent three years as an assistant coach at Austin Peay. During his 11-year stint at UK, Wildcat teams recorded a lofty 270-78 mark.

Kentucky Crowns Four 1986 Champs

Last week at Louisville's Cardinal stadium Heath, Mayfield, Owensboro and Louisville St. Xavier wrapped up state football crowns in their respective divisions.

Heath 27, Cumberland 12

Heath's Greg Armstrong, a smaller version of Chicago's William Perry, intercepted a pass and caused a fumble as Heath captured the Class-A title with a 27-12 victory over Cumberland. Armstrong's blocking helped teammate Jamie Jones find more than one hole to run through.

The Class-A and 2-A were played on Friday, the day after Thanksgiving, while the Class 3-A and 4-A titles were decided on Saturday afternoon.

The Class-A champs had to overcome a 12-7 halftime deficit. However, halfback Jamie Jones scored two second-half touchdowns for the team from western Kentucky. Jones compiled 184 yards on 30 carries.

Mayfield 21, Newport Cath. 20 (OT)

In the second game of Friday's football doubleheader, Mayfield knocked off Newport Catholic in overtime, 21-20. Mayfield, which captured its second straight 2-A title, held Catholic on a two-point attempt in the extra period.

Following Mayfield touchdown and extra-point in overtime, Catholic's Frank Jacobs hauled in a five-yard score to pull his team within one.

Each team gets one possession and four plays starting at the opponent's 10-yard line. If a tie still remains then both teams will again receive another possession at the 10.

Catholic decided to go for the win, but failed when quarterback Gary Gabbard's pass intended for Jacobs fell incomplete.

Owensboro 14, Belfry 0

The Owensboro Red Devils won the 3-A title by blanking Belfry, 14-0 last Saturday. Speedster Maurice White rambled for 242 yards on 21 attempts, including touchdown spurts of 86 and 79 yards.

If not for White, Owensboro would have had only 38 yards rushing. However, the Red Devils' defense held Belfry in check throughout the afternoon. The Pirates gained 173 total yards, 126 via the ground.

With Owensboro leading 7-0 at halftime, White, who's a starter on OHS' hoop demons, dashed 79 yards on the Devils' initial play of the third quarter. In his first season at running back, White rushed for almost 1,900 yards and 26 touchdowns. This was the first season for the Red Devils in 3-A competition, who after last season dropped from the 4-A level.

Starting the third quarter, Belfry drove to Owensboro's 16. The drive ended in zero points for the Pirates when they were stopped on fourth down.

St. Xavier 27, Boone County 14

In Saturday's nightcap, Louisville St.

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Rough Weekend For 'Cats, Cards

Jenkins, Scott Will Help UK's Power Game

Whew! What a weekend.

While I was flipping through the channels on my television set Saturday night, trying to find out all the latest basketball scores, I accidentally tuned in to a news report. Something about President Reagan and Iran. It seems that all the boys up on Capitol Hill were in an uproar because the President had been caught selling arms to Ayatollah Khomeini. All the big wigs in Washington were amazed. "Sell weapons to Iran, our enemy?" they said. "How prostrous."

Now I've always been a big Reagan supporter, but I tend to agree



Mike Estep

Cats' Pause Columnist

with his critics on this one. If we're gonna supply weapons to someone who really needs them, how about making sure they're on our side?

Hey, Mr. President, how about sending some of those weapons this way?

While you're delivering all those aircraft carriers to the Ayatollah, how about sending a couple to Lexington? Eddie Sutton sure could use a couple of big men.

And Denny Crum could most certainly get more use out of a good PT boat than the Iranians could. When you're planning your next shipment, how about earmarking a playmaking point guard for Louisville?

As we found out last weekend, Kentucky's college basketball teams could use some weaponry of their own.

From The State Department. . .

For the state's two foremost basketball powers—Kentucky and Louisville—this first weekend of the 1986-87 college basketball season pointed out some glaring weaknesses.

First of all, coach Denny Crum took his defending champion Cards up to the Great White North and found out just how tough it is to repeat.

Louisville, ranked No. 1 in several preseason polls and in the top five in nearly all the rest, ventured North to the Great Alaska Shootout without a proven point guard and came back home with a goose egg. Oh-for-three. Expected to win the eight-team tourney, Louisville looked terrible, instead coming in last place.

First the Cardinals fell to Northeastern 88-84 in overtime Friday night. Then on Saturday, U of L dropped a 15-point decision to Washington. To cap it all off, Louisville completed the hat trick Sunday, losing to Texas 74-70.

That noise you heard at halftime of the UK-Austin Peay game Saturday night wasn't thunder, it was a collective chuckle by the Kentucky fans who had just been informed, through the Alaskan Pipeline of course, of Louisville's fate.

The laughter didn't last long.

Ahead 38-33 at intermission, Eddie Sutton's ballclub had to scratch and claw to beat the Governors 71-69. It took a 10-foot jumper with 18 seconds remaining in the game by UK forward Irv Thomas, and some nifty defense by freshman Rex Chapman on Austin Peay's last possession, to keep the Wildcats from joining their northern neighbors in defeat.

From The Department Of The Interior. . .

With all the injuries Kentucky had sustained in the preseason, it came as no big surprise that the 'Cats inside game would struggle in the early going this year.

Sutton warned anybody who would listen that UK would be inconsistent, that the inside game wasn't nearly as strong as the perimeter attack. He argued that with the injuries, Kentucky didn't deserve the lofty rankings it had received from the pollsters.

Maybe now, people will listen.

Against a small Austin Peay lineup, which featured 6-8 Darryl Bedford as its tallest starter, Kentucky was beaten soundly on the boards. APSU outrebounded the 'Cats 38-27, including a 16-6 margin on the offensive glass.

And although UK's big men—Richard Madison, Irv Thomas and Rob Lock—scored 26 points between them, only one basket came off of a post-up move.

"We had no inside game whatsoever," Sutton said after the Austin

Peay game. After a moment of thought, however, he said, "Well, let me say our inside game didn't give us much.

"We're just happy to win. I'm afraid that's the way it will be all season."

Maybe. Maybe not. It's not really fair for anyone to pass judgment after only one game. But the Austin Peay game did show that Kentucky could definitely use the contributions of Cedric Jenkins and Mike Scott, if they are able to join the team this season.

As everyone knows by now, Jenkins is out of the lineup nursing a stress fracture in his left ankle. Scott is enrolled at Lexington Community College, and will be eligible to enroll at Kentucky for the spring semester.

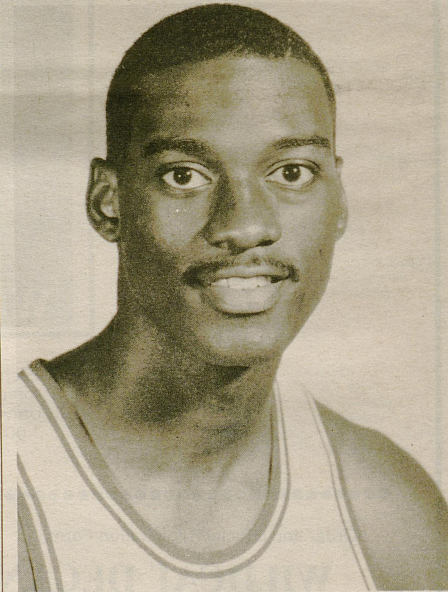
Sutton said Jenkins is making good progress, riding a stationary bicycle to keep himself in shape and should be able to resume practice soon.

"The doctors believe that everything is going well, but we're not planning on him playing, in all likelihood, until we open conference play," Sutton said at his press conference prior to the Austin Peay game. "I do hope that he can get back where he can practice with us in the next two weeks. He won't be able to go full speed, but at least where he can go back and start getting in shape and shoot the basketball."

Sutton was recently asked how long it would take Scott, the 6-11 Greenup County native to adjust to Kentucky's style of play should he decide to enroll at UK.

"Two days," Sutton replied, a huge grin covering his face. "With this squad, two days."

"I hope Mike Scott comes to Kentucky, because I really believe he would be a very fine player for us," Sutton said, more seriously. "I do believe he probably should've been here in the first place."



Injured Cedric Jenkins Making Progress

because this is where his heart is. And with the people we have up front, I do believe he will be a very fine player and help the ballclub. Now it's gonna take more than two days, I just said that in a joking manner. But he can help us in the latter part of the season, in the NCAA tournament hopefully. But he's gonna have to make the decision to come to Kentucky first."

As was reported in this space earlier, there has been some doubt as to whether Scott will indeed sign with Kentucky. And even if he did decide to become a Wildcat, there has been speculation that he would opt to sit out the rest of this year, in order to play three full seasons.

"I would say if we had Winston and Cedric and everybody was out there, that maybe he would not play (this season)," Sutton said. "But I think he sees there's a great opportunity for him to play. That's why I think we've got an ace in the hole and we might get him."

Look for Scott to sign with Kentucky. And look for him to play in January. But until Jenkins and Scott are in uniform, also look for Kentucky's inside attack to struggle.

1986 Kentucky Wildcat Football Statistics



Up-And-Down Season Best Describes Cats

CO RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	LR
Burbage	15	417	27.8	0	57 TN
Hunter	7	145	20.7	0	20 VPI
Logan	9	158	17.6	0	26 LSU
Murray	2	21	10.5	0	18 RUT
D. Smith	4	104	26.0	0	42 GA
Higgs	1	12	12.0	0	12 OM
Curry	1	8	8.0	0	8 RUT
Wheeler	1	0	0.0	0	0 LSU
A. Gardner	1	-3	-3.0	0	-3 OM
TOTALS	41	792	19.3	0	57 TN

SCORE BY QUARTERS				
KENTUCKY	43	49	59	68
OPPONENTS	29	61	23	66
				179

1986 RESULTS				
Sept. 13	RUTGERS	16	16	57,424
Sept. 20	KENT STATE	37	12	54,865
Sept. 27	at Cincinnati	37	20	36,233
Oct. 4	SOUTHERN MISS.	32	0	58,102
Oct. 11	at Ole Miss	13	33	28,000
Oct. 18	LSU	16	25	37,201
Oct. 25	GEORGIA	9	31	56,820
Nov. 1	at VPI	15	17	30,300
Nov. 8	Vanderbilt	34	22	48,230
Nov. 15	Florida	10	3	52,160
Nov. 22	Tennessee	9	28	90,747

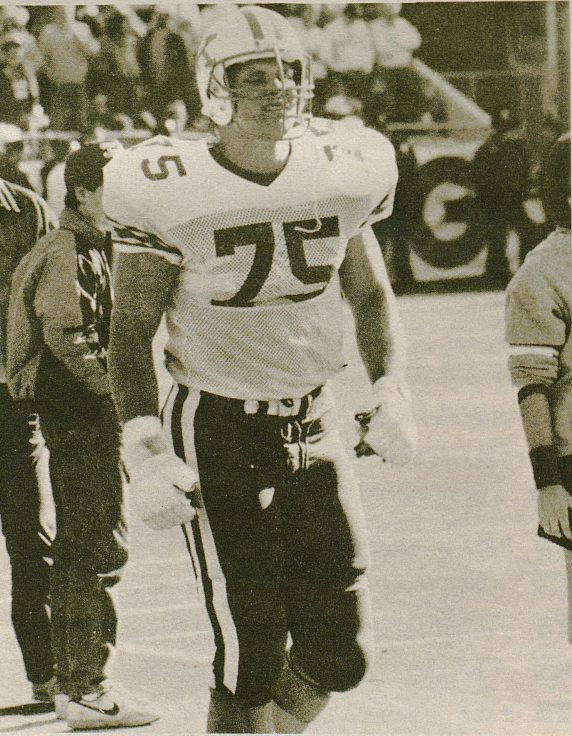
1986 SUPERLATIVES (GAME)									
LONGEST:					MOST:				
Run--45 yds., Hunter vs. USM					Rush Atts--30, Hunter vs. VANDY				
Pass--52 yds., Nelson vs. USM					Rush yds.--238, Hunter vs. "				
Punt Ret.--35 yds., Burbage vs. FL					TDs Rush--4, Hunter vs. VANDY				
Kick Ret.--57 yds., Burbage vs. TN					Pass Atts.--34, Ransdell vs. VPI				
Int. Ret.--95 yds., Johnson vs. CIN					Pass Comps.--24, Ransdell vs. VPI				
Punt--67 yds.--Nelson vs. KS					TD Passes--1, Ransdell vs. 3 teams				
Scoring Drive--94 yds. vs. MISS					Receptions, 6, Murray vs. LSU				
MOST:					Yds. Rec.--103, " " "				
Rush Atts--30, Hunter vs. VANDY					Total Yds.--240, Ransdell vs. VPI				
Rush yds.--238, Hunter vs. "					Points Scored--24, Hunter vs. VAN				
TDs Rush--4, Hunter vs. VANDY					Field Goals--4, Worley vs. USM				
Pass Atts.--34, Ransdell vs. VPI					Punts--9, Nelson vs. MISS.				
Pass Comps.--24, Ransdell vs. VPI					Tackles--19, L. Smith vs. RUT				
TD Passes--1, Ransdell vs. 3 teams					1st. Hits--12, Yarano vs. MISS				
Receptions, 6, Murray vs. LSU					Punt Yds.--407, Nelson vs. MISS				
Yds. Rec.--103, " " "					Assists--10, L. Smith vs. MISS, RUT				
Total Yds.--240, Ransdell vs. VPI					10, Kremer vs. MISS				
Points Scored--24, Hunter vs. VAN									
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10, Kremer vs. MISS									

DEFENSIVE STATS										
Smith	133	63	70	0	3(-8)	0	1	4	37	vs. KS, CN
Chenault	93	58	35	1(-1)	2(-4)	1	0	5	30	vs. KS 1st. Downs
CGardner	73	36	37	4(-16)	3(-4)	0	2	2	284	vs. KS RUSH YDS
Kremer	72	36	36	0	1(-1)	1	0	1	435	vs. VPI PASS YDS
Neal	63	33	30	2(-6)	2(-4)	0	1	0	431	vs. USM TOTAL OFF.
Robinson	63	38	25	0	0	0	1	3	51	79 vs. VP, FL TOT. PLAYS
Wilkins	60	24	36	1(-14)	0	3	2	0	69	vs. VANDY by rush
Yarano	53	28	25	0	0	0	0	0	34	vs. VPI, GA by pass
Reese	55	28	27	2(-12)	3(-9)	0	2	1	24	vs. VPI PASS COMP.
Mayes	52	32	20	0	1(-12)	0	1	3	0	vs. 6 TEAMS had int.
Shannon	41	23	18	1(-5)	1(-2)	1	0	0	0	vs. 3 teams fumb. lost
Endris	31	10	21	0	0	0	1	0	0	vs. GA, VPI PENALTIES
Johnson	35	28	5	0	0	0	1	2	4	10 vs. GA YDS. PEN.
Adams	47	19	28	3(-18)	4(-8)	2	0	1	1	BEST DEFENSE WORST
Velotta	36	26	11	1(-5)	3(-)	0	2	0	1	9 vs. FL 1st. DOWNS
Barnett	37	29	8	4(-8)	0	1	1	1	2	96 vs. FL RUSH YDS.
Dortch	36	19	17	4(-16)	1(-2)	0	2	2	64	vs. GA PASS YDS.
Mack	23	14	9	0	0	0	1	0	0	241 vs. VA, F TOT. OFF.
Benzing	22	9	13	0	0	0	2	0	0	49 vs. FL TOT. PLAYS
Houser	24	12	12	1(-3)	0	0	1	0	0	25 vs. FL by rush
Gover	14	7	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	14 vs. GA by pass
Allgeier	11	4	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	6 vs. GA PASS. CMP.
Wroble	7	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2 vs. CN, VN PASS. INT.
Schaff	7	2	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	3 vs. MS FUMB. REC.
Massey	6	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 vs. VPI
D Gardner	4	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stubbs	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Thompson	3	0	0	1(-4)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Coates	4	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Baird	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

(11 GAMES) 5-5-1, SEC-2-4-0

INDIVIDUAL TOTALS										TEAM TOTALS			UK	OPP
RUSHING	G	ATT	YDS	YPR	YPC	TD	LR	First Downs			219	191		
Hunter	10	103	621	6.0	62.2	6	45 SM	Rushing			116	90		
Logan	11	109	546	5.0	49.6	5	37 CIN	Passing			90	90		
Higgs	10	121	527	4.4	52.7	5	24 VPI	Penalty			13	11		
Murray	11	40	124	3.1	11.3	2	15 OM	Rush Atts-Yds	518-2382	434-1958				
A. Baker	2	15	64	4.3	32.0	0	13 KS	Yards Lost			346	189		
A. Gardner	11	10	45	4.5	4.1	0	16 KS	Net Yds. Rush			2036	1769		
D. Smith	10	5	40	8.0	4.0	1	26 USM	TDs Rushing			20	13		
C. Baker	6	10	31	3.1	5.2	0	14 FL	Pass-Cmp-Int	282-160-10	280-156-9				
Ransdell	11	91	30	0.3	2.7	1	16 TN	Net Yds. Passing			1748	1826		
Groves	11	3	17	5.7	1.6	0	10 KS	Yds Per Pass			6.2	6.5		
Bibberry	3	4	13	3.3	4.3	0	6 USM	TDs Passing			5	10		
Nelson	10	3	-17	-5.7	-1.7	0	10 USM	Field Goals-Atts.	17-25	12-15				
Dooley	8	3	4	1.3	0.5	0	7 MIS	Int.-Yds. Ret-TD	9-230-2	10-73-1				
Allen	1	1	-9	-9.0	-9.0	0	-9 KS	Total Off. Plays			800	714		
TOTALS	11	518	2036	3.9	185.1	20	45 USM	Total Net Yards			3784	3595		
								Avg. Gain Per Play			4.7	5.0		
								Avg. Yds Per Game			344.0	335.9		
								Punts-Blocked			51-2	59-0		
								Punt Ret.-Yds.	1954-38.3	2232-37.8				
								Punt Ret.-Yds.	28-172	23-142				
								K'Off Ret.-Yds.	41-792	46-956				
								Penalties-Yds	73-633	70-638				
								Fumbles-Losts.	27-12	33-16				
								3rd Down Conv.	82-174	68-146				
								4th Down Conv.	15-22	12-17				
								Time of Poss.	348:00	312:00				

RECEIVING										SCORING			P A T		
Burbage	11	24	2.2	331	13.8	0	30RUT	TD	S	FG	K	P	R	TP	
Pitts	11	23	2.2	238	10.3	0	20RUT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Higgs	10	20	2.0	182	9.1	0	29FL	Worley	17-25	19-19	-	-	-	70	
Logan	11	20	1.9	155	7.8	1	21LSU	Hunter	6	-	-	-	0-1	36	
Wheeler	11	13	1.2	151	11.6	0	17RUT	Logan	6	-	-	-	0-1	36	
D. Smith	10	11	1.1	170	15.5	0	33GA	Higgs	5	-	-	-	-	30	
Murray	11	11	1.0	142	12.9	0	27LSU	Murray	2	-	-	-	-	12	
Hunter	10	11	1.1	48	4.4	0	22LSU	Chenault	1	-	-	-	-	6	
Jones	11	10	0.9	124	12.4	1	22LSU	Curry	1	-	-	-	-	6	
G. Baker	6	4	0.8	25	6.3	0	10USM	Johnson	1	-	-	-	-	6	
Curry	7	3	0.4	35	11.7	1	15UC	Jones	1	-	-	-	0-1	6	
O'Neal	10	2	0.2	27	13.5	0	18UC	Mayes	1	-	-	-	-	6	
Pennington	4	0	0.2	45	10.0	0	16TN	Ransdell	1	-	-	-	-	6	
Neal	11	1	0.1	52	52.0	0	52USM	D. Smith	1	-	-	-	-	6	
Ransdell	11	1	0.1	8	8.0	0	8LSU	TEAM	-	1	-	-	-	228	
Groves	11	1	0.1	10	10.0	0	10TN	TOTALS							
A. Gardner	11	1	0.1	5	5.0	0	5KS	KENTUCKY	26	1	17-25	19-19	0-5	0-2	228
TOTALS	11	160	14.6	1748	10.9	3	52SM	OPPONENT	25	1	12-15	17-19	0-2	1-3	207



Big Man On Sidelines—Mike Pfeifer

Predictions Easier To Make Than Fulfill

Pivotal Recruiting Season Lies Ahead

Before the 1986 football season began, members of the media were polled by *The Cats' Pause* for their predictions about how they thought the University of Kentucky football team would fare this season.

The guesses, and that's all they are: guesses, were from anywhere around 4-7 to 9-2. That's a pretty wide range for a sports team. After all, there's usually not much diversification between media members and coaches when they're trying to figure out how a team will perform. When in Rome, do as the Romans do. No one's going to go out on a limb one way or the other.



Mel Holbrook

Cats' Pause Columnist

I did. I was one of the few who said that I thought Kentucky would surprise a lot of people and pull off a winning record, possibly a lot better than most media and coaching "experts" thought.

But as you all know, Kentucky went 5-5-1 in 1986. It was the school's second straight disappointing season. UK went 5-6 the previous campaign.

So where does that leave the few unfortunates who boldly thought that Kentucky would have a great season and go to its third bowl game in four years? With egg on their faces? In a pickle? Up a creek without a paddle? Between a rock and a hard place? Going the wrong way up a one-way street?

All these, and more.

'86 Was Rough Season For Optimists

My analysis on how I thought UK would do was wrong, but it's extremely difficult to predict things such as this. Human nature predicates that anything can happen on a given day, or in a given football game.

Some say it's much easier, and more realistic, to write or say that the Wildcats are going to traditionally lose year in and year out. It's certainly much safer. That way, if you're wrong, at least it's a pleasant surprise.

To say the least, it's been a rough, rough season for optimists around UK's puzzling pigskin program.

Before the season, there was plenty of room for high expectations. Sure, UK was coming off a disappointing season, one during which coach Jerry Claiborne complained of his players' complacency coming off the great and glorious 9-3 campaign of 1984.

But that was the exact reason why it was felt Kentucky could bounce back. Especially after the 42-0 loss at home to Tennessee, when the Volunteers practically rubbed the Wildcats' noses in the ground before a national television audience. That was surely enough motivation.

Everything Pointed Towards An Excellent Year

In the past, Claiborne teams at Virginia Tech and Maryland have come back from tough seasons to produce winning campaigns. In fact, only once in 24 years had a Claiborne-coached team experienced back-to-back losing seasons. That was in his first two years at Virginia Tech.

Claiborne was 61-39-2 at Tech, with two teams going to bowl games. At Maryland, he was 77-37-3, winning a conference-record 21 straight games and going to seven bowl games. He was even named National Coach of the Year in 1974.

In short, it was difficult to believe that UK would suffer two straight disappointing seasons under the Hopkinsville native.

Another reason for hope was because of a favorable schedule. Kentucky had home games against Southeastern Conference powers Louisiana State, Georgia and Florida. It was also at home to Rutgers, Kent State, Southern Mississippi and Vanderbilt. Road games were at Cincinnati, only 80 miles away, Mississippi and Tennessee.

Kentucky hasn't fared that poorly against Ole Miss in the past and it had beaten Tennessee, 17-12, two years ago in Knoxville. So it wasn't inconceivable that, with a few breaks here and there, that UK could have a winning season and go to a bowl game.

Still another reason was because of the talented players coming back. Quarterback Bill Ransdell, linebacker Larry Smith and fullback Marc Logan, were all seniors and looking for a great final season. Other talented players like backs Mark Higgs and Ivy Joe Hunter, receivers Eric Pitts, Mark Wheeler and Cornell Burbage,

defensive standouts Chris Chenault, Tony Mayes, Jerry Reese and Tom Wilkins were on the roster, as well as super kicker Joe Worley.

All these players vowed that 1985 was a fluke and that they were going to atone for it, no matter what it took.

Some Things You Just Can't Take For Granted

But these were all intangible factors, not set in concrete. Being at home doesn't mean you're always going to win. Talented players have a tendency to perform below par. Breaks don't usually go the losers' way most of the time.

It didn't get off to a good start. UK was tied by Rutgers, 16-16, and everybody pointed to the season-opening loss the year before to Bowling Green.

But Kentucky came back to beat Kent State, 37-12, Cincinnati, 37-20 and Southern Miss, 32-0. It was 3-0-1. I was congratulating myself. The skeptics were in trouble.

Then UK loses four straight, at Jackson to Ole Miss, 33-13, at home to LSU, 25-16 and Georgia, 31-9, and at Blacksburg to Virginia Tech, 17-15.

Oh oh, I thought. Looks like the skeptics are right.

Then the Wildcats proceed to rout the Vanderbilt Commodores 34-22 and upset the highly-favored Florida Gators 10-3 at Commonwealth Stadium.

The week before the Tennessee game, UK was told it would receive an invitation to the Liberty Bowl in Memphis if it could



Jerry Claiborne

knock off the Vols at Neyland Stadium. No problem, UK's players said. We've got enough incentive already. Losing 42-0 doesn't happen every day.

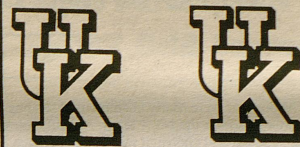
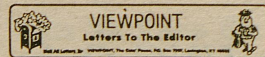
The result? A humiliating 28-9 setback in which UK blew several scoring opportunities.

The expression on Claiborne's face after the Tennessee loss was sad to see. Nobody's worked harder than him to turn his alma mater's fortunes around. But talking about it and doing it is not easy to pull off. Lots of coaches have tried their hands at UK. Only one in the post-World War II era, Paul "Bear" Bryant, has been extremely successful. Claiborne is currently the second best. The others all had losing records.

Before the season began, I wrote that this was a critical year for Jerry Claiborne's program. I still believe that. It remains to be seen whether or not many of the state's best recruits will turn their backs on the home university since Kentucky had a less than stellar season. Some believe there are at least 20 NCAA Division I prospects amongst Kentucky's prep schools this year. That's the best in years.

The disappointing 1986 season will make it tougher for Claiborne and his staff to recruit the players they want to turn hopeful seasons into predictably better ones. But Claiborne recruited enough athletes to help turn 1982's 0-10-1 disaster into successive 6-5-1 and 9-3 years. Maybe he can pull it off again.

But that's easier said, and much easier to predict, than it is done.



UK Needs Recruits

Dear Sir:

This upcoming recruiting season for Kentucky football may be the biggest in the Jerry Claiborne era as there are at least 20 Division I players and probably a few sleepers in the state.

Kentucky needs to sign all of these and at least 10 good, if not great, players from out of state to keep UK competitive in the SEC. UK cannot compete without them.

It doesn't matter how good the coaching is. Claiborne is a good and well respected coach, but cannot win at UK without quality players. I hope these boys realize that and go with the Wildcats.

As I have been living in Louisiana the last five years, I have grown accustomed to some good football, but the coach at LSU isn't any better than Claiborne; he just gets more quality players.

Give Claiborne good players and we'll all be on Bourbon Street New Year's Eve.

With the new facilities UK is building, I sure hope those boys will stay home and bring some better times to UK.

Yours truly,

G. R. Goodaker
Lake Charles, Louisiana

Fan Rates Prospects

Dear Sir:

By now everyone knows what an outstanding early recruiting class Kentucky enjoyed in basketball.

To put this in perspective, I ranked UK's signees against the recruiting crops of other schools based on Bob Gibbons' preseason top 100 senior high school players.

For signing a player in the top five, 25 points were awarded to that school, 24 for signing a player in the second and so on, down to 5 points for signees ranked in the top 100.

Based on this system, here are the top 20 recruiting classes in the November signing period:

No.	Team	Signees	Points
1.	Kentucky	6	104
2.	N.C. State	4	75
3.	U.C.L.A.	3	56
4.	Pittsburgh	4	49
5.	North Carolina	2	46
6.	Ohio State	2	44
6.	Kansas	2	44
6.	Indiana	2	44
9.	Iowa	4	39
9.	Florida	2	39
11.	Oklahoma State	2	37
12.	Duke	2	36
13.	South Carolina	3	34
14.	Miss. State	6	30
14.	Washington State	6	30
16.	Illinois	2	30
17.	Florida State	4	29
18.	Georgia	4	25
18.	Mississippi	5	25
18.	Oregon	5	25
18.	Louisville	1	25

Sincerely,

Craig Thomas
Cincinnati, Ohio

UNC Only Logical Choice For No. 1

SEC Still Doesn't Get Enough Respect

The pollsters were nearly unanimous in sending **North Carolina** into this season as the No. 1 team. Actually, picking the Tar Heels wasn't just the best choice, it was the only choice. When you closely examine other possible choices (say Louisville or Indiana) there are just too many unanswered questions.

I went with **Dean Smith's** club for two reasons:

1) In **Jeff Lebo** and **Kenny Smith**, Carolina has a quality backcourt and in order to win a national championship you must get great guard play.



Larry Donald

Cats' Pause Columnist

2) Because of its youth factor, this is one of the few Smith teams that I can recall which has a chance to be much better in March than it is in December.

So, we'll see. . .

Now that the **Soviet Union's** basketball team has completed its tour of the United States with a winning record, I hope it won't be necessary to remind paranoid, flag-waving Americans that we don't really need to base our judgement as to which is the better way of life by the result of a basketball game. . . Also, I'd have enjoyed watching the games more were it not for the panhandling television spots featuring **John Thompson** and **Bobby Knight** telling the viewers there's no way we can get it done without their donation. I've said it before: If winning at basketball is necessary to underscore a political ideology, then the United States ought to send the Boston Celtics to the Olympic Games. Otherwise, why not let the Games serve their purpose which is to promote greater understanding and goodwill among the nations. . .

Incidentally, I'm not running for any political office. . .

New Ohio State coach **Gary Williams** had an open tryout camp which drew about 80 would-be Buckeyes. He actually kept a couple of players, but did note: "I cut every guy that showed up wearing black socks immediately." . . . Evansville coach **Jim Crews**, trying to recapture a slice of the Aces' successful past, will dress his team in the full size jersey this year. To my knowledge, no other Division I team wears the full cut jersey. . .

The "Father Knows Best" theme took a terrible beating in the recruiting saga of Californian **Sean Higgins**. Down to a choice between Michigan and UCLA, the youngster was leaning toward a commitment to the Ann Arbor school. His sister is a student there and his father (Earl, a former NBA player) lives in Detroit. However, he lives with his mother in Los Angeles and she apparently wanted no part of her son living that close to her ex-husband. At 1 a.m. on the final signing day, Higgins called his sister to tell her he'd chosen Michigan. He called his father 30 minutes later with the same news. At 7 a.m. he awoke convinced he was going to Michigan and went down to tell his mom. At 7:30 he signed with UCLA. "I didn't feel it (Michigan) was the best place for him to be," said **Vicky Benson-Bey**, Higgins mother. "UCLA was his choice. Sean listens to me. He respects what I say." . . .

One of college basketball's enduring mysteries is the **state of Florida**. Traditionally this state has produced a generous number of talented schoolboy players, but none of them stay home. The college programs, almost without exception, have not been nationally prominent. However, that could begin to change as early as this winter. **Miami** and **Florida** are two teams which could emerge right now. The Hurricanes, in their second season, need production from vagabond center **Tito Horford** while **Norm Sloan's** Gators also are counting on a new center, seven-footer **Dwayne Schintzius**, to be the final piece in an otherwise veteran puzzle. **Bob Wentzel** had Jacksonville in the NCAA last year and appears to have the program there solidified. Across the way at Tallahassee, new coach **Pat Kennedy** has scored impressively in his first recruiting campaign. Sunshine and hoops may be a good match after all. . .

I probably shouldn't admit this, but never has there been a less predictable year. There are no dominating teams and the three-point play is going to change more things than anyone could have imagined. None-the-less, here are some early-look thoughts about the upcoming campaign:

***Navy** will miss its graduate people and won't be a Top Twenty

team by season's end.

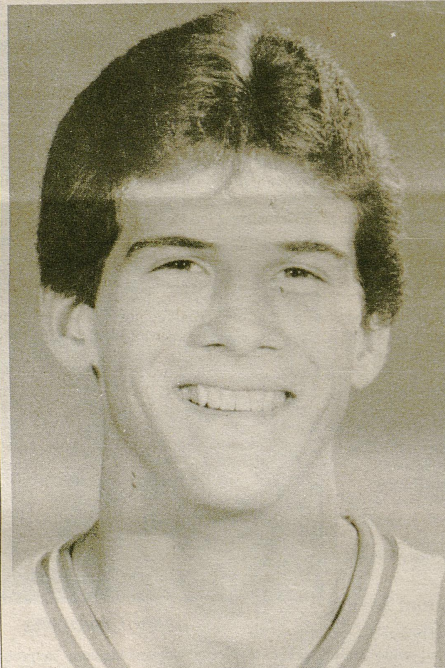
***Indiana** has been overrated, but the three-point goal gives **Steve Alford** a great chance to be Player of the Year. Incidentally, if you've read **John Feinstein's** excellent book on IU coach **Bobby Knight**, you suspect, if nothing else, Alford will get a few sympathy notes for what he's endured in Bloomington.

*Despite its NCAA tournament showing, the **Southeastern Conference** isn't getting the kind of pre-season respect it deserves. There are two reasons for that: 1) Everything here is still measured off Kentucky and the Wildcats have been hurt seriously by injuries. 2) Media and fans in this area love football more than life itself.

***Derrick McKey** (Alabama), **Kenny Norman** (Illinois), **Tracy Moore** (Tulsa), **Charles Shackleford** (N.C. State) and **Eric Brown** (Miami, Ohio) are the five best college players you've never heard about.

Maybe this means something, maybe not. **Kansas' basketball team** held the Soviet Union's Big Red Machine to eight fewer points than the Jayhawks' football team held Nebraska's Big Red Machine to a few days before. . .

Earlier this fall a promoter in Indiana raised \$30,000 in prize money to stage the "**Great Indiana Shootout**." The idea was to put every great jumpshooter in Indiana basketball history into competition. And what a group they attracted. **Jimmy Rayl** took a week off to oil up that wicked jumper he used to display at Indiana University. Listen to some of the other names. **Louie Dam-**



Steve Alford, The Next Player of the Year?

pier, Jim Master, John Laskowski, Bobby Leonard, Walter Jordan, Mike Flynn and Billy Shepard. The contestants took over 120 shots from a variety of distances and the winner was. . .

. . . **Jerry Flake**, a junior high coach from Hagerstown, Ind. Jerry Flake?

Incidentally, the man generally regarded as the greatest Hoosier jumpshooter of all time declined an invitation. Apparently **Rick Mount** felt he had nothing left to prove. . .

The season at **California**, which promised so much, has been clouded by the ankle injury of guard **Kevin Johnson** who missed much of the preseason practice. . . Add to the list of great three-point shooters the name of **Eric Newsome** of Miami (Ohio). The little guy will be the Redskins' headliner this year following the departure of **Ron Harper**. . .

Insiders tell me this is the best class of small college players ever turned out and that as many as four could go in the first (or high second) round of the NBA draft. . . Finally, you heard it here first: **Navy's David Robinson** will be the top pick in next spring's draft.

UK Lady Runners Finish Third In NCAA Cross Country

Don Weber's UK women's cross country team finished third in last week's (Nov. 24) NCAA meet held in Tucson, Ariz. Last season, the Lady runners captured fourth place honors in the NAAs. This season's finish is the highest ever in the national meet by a Kentucky cross country team.

Overall, Texas won the NCAA Cross Country Championship with 62 points, followed by defending national champs Wisconsin with 64 and Kentucky, 159. Oregon was next in the 16-team field with 167.

Southeastern Conference champ Alabama did not have enough finishers to be counted in the final team standings.

By finishing in the Top 25, Lisa Breiding, who placed 18th in the 5,000-meter event (3.1 miles), earns an All-American status. She completed the course in a time of 17:36.72. Angela Chalmers of Northern Arizona was the top finisher with a time of 17:01.55.

Although Kentucky's men were not represented in a team capacity, Wildcat Richard Ede earned All-America honors by placing 14th in the men's division. The SEC champ crossed the finish line in the 10,000-meter (6.2 miles) race in a time of 31:22.44. The men's top finisher was Arizona's Aaron Ramirez, who posted a count of 30:27.53.

Ede was the only representative from the men's squad.

Arkansas easily captured the men's title with 69 points. Dartmouth came in second with 141.

Here's how the UK women finished: (18th) Lisa Breiding, UK, 17:36.72; (34th) Sherry Hoover, 17:49.24; (54th) Patricia Padorno, 18:12.60; (62nd) Audrey Pierce, 18:21.44; (81st) Deanne Horne, 18:31.70; (89th) Elisa Frosini, 18:36.59; and (93rd) Lynne Segretti, 18:39.15.



UK Coach Gave Fair Warning

Easier To Get To Top Than To Stay There

Jerry Claiborne tried to warn University of Kentucky football fans two years ago that it was easier to get to the top than it was to stay there.

UK went to bowls in 1983 and 1984 and won 15 games during those two seasons. Still, Claiborne knew he had not put together a football powerhouse and the Cats stumbled to a 3-8 mark in 1985.

This season the team finished 5-5-1 and just missed a bowl trip by losing to Tennessee. So what does the future hold for the Kentucky football program?



Larry Vaught

Cats' Pause Columnist

"I think the program will not do anything but go up," said senior offensive guard Joe Prince. "If you just go back and look the films this year you can see where different players would mess up on different plays and just kill us. We were close to having a great year."

Indeed, Kentucky probably should have won the opener when it settled for a 16-16 tie with Rutgers. And Virginia Tech had to kick a last-second field goal to beat the Cats. And UK played hard enough to beat LSU.

"You can say what if all you want," said senior linebacker Larry Smith, the team's top tackler two straight years. "The bottom line, though, is that you have to do things right and win."

But the players believe that can, and will, happen.

"Do not worry about the future of this program," said junior guard Butch Wilburn. "We are going to keep pushing and working until we make the breaks go our way."

"Some people might have lost some confidence in us but we are only inches away from having a big-time winner here," said defensive guard Vic Adams. "I have nothing but confidence in this team. We have been close to the top and we can get there. To reach the top, however, Kentucky must find a way to consistently beat Southeastern Conference powers Georgia, LSU, Florida, Tennessee, Alabama and Auburn.

Claiborne has only an 8-22 record against SEC opponents. He had not beaten Florida until this season and has only one win over LSU and Tennessee. He still has not beaten Georgia.

"We can compete in the SEC," said Prince. "Even our 0-10-1 year in 1982 we had Georgia down at halftime. And that was the year they had Herschel Walker.

Still, UK normally does not play with confidence against the best SEC teams. However, the Cats showed signs of overcoming that problem this year. UK played one of its most aggressive games in years against LSU but was even more punishing against Florida. The Cats were so inspired to play the Gators that they almost appeared cocky at times, an attitude SEC foes usually have when they play Kentucky.

"This team needs to play with that type confidence more," said senior running back Marc Logan. "We should be just as aggressive and cocky against Florida or Georgia as we are Kent State or Cincinnati.

"We can compete in the SEC but to do so all the players have to believe it. Then it will happen."

"A lot of players know what it takes to win," said junior tackle Greg Kunkel. "We just have to make sure we get the right idea into everyone's head.

"We have to work to get bigger and stronger. We have the talent to win if we are willing to work hard enough to make it happen."

Kentucky has a banner crop of high school seniors this year. As many as 20 players could sign Division I scholarships and UK must keep the best players here to be successful.

"We cannot be successful if the best high school players in the state do not come here," said Adams, a Middleboro product. "We have to continue to get the best players in our state to win. But I think it would be just as wise for an out-of-state player to come here."

So does Prince, a product of the football program in Mayfield. He said, "Kentucky needs the best players to stay here and play. One thing Coach Claiborne sells is the quality of player you will be here with. This is a good program on and off the playing field. Not every place can say that."

Still, choosing Kentucky over an established winning program could be a gamble not every player is willing to take. But no team wants to win more than Kentucky.

"Football is full of challenges," said freshman wide receiver Dee Smith of Paducah. "Nobody tries to lose and when we lose we are disappointed. We want to win just as much as anybody else."

But the players insist wins and losses are not the best way to measure the value of playing under Claiborne and his staff.

"If a guy wants to work and try to be the best player he possibly can be there is no better staff to play for," said Prince. "If you have the talent to play college football and the desire to improve you have to love playing for Jerry Claiborne.

"I know I am going to come back and follow the Wildcats because this is the type program you need in college athletics."

KENTUCKY, like several other Division I schools, is interested in 6-2, 300-pound tackle Greg Armstrong of Heath.

"He is being sought pretty heavy," said Heath Coach Rodney Bushong. "He's a blue-chip player. Against most teams he just dominates the line of scrimmage. Not many teams ran against him and we usually ran behind him.

"Kentucky is one of several schools that seems very interested in him and he seems pretty interested in Kentucky."

Armstrong led Heath into the Class A championship game this year.

INTRASQUAD scrimmages normally are not the most thrilling basketball contests to watch. Often the affairs are little more than scoring battles with only token defensive pressure.

Kentucky's final two Blue-White scrimmages, though, certainly were not like that. And the two most intense competitors were assistant coaches Dwane Casey and James Dickey, who served as head coaches.

"The games reminded me of when I was at Arkansas and Gene Keady and Pat Foster were working under me," said Sutton of his two former assistants who are now head coaches at Purdue and Houston, respectively. "Dwane and James both wanted to win. It is great to have a highly competitive game. Everybody has more fun that way."

Dickey always plays to win. He said, "If I am shooting marbles I play to win. For 40 minutes I am trying to do all I can to win but then we are friends again.

"At Arkansas we really got intense. We held player drafts and really took the games seriously. We even got technical fouls. I think you will see even more intensity here in the future when we have more players."

ALL LAST Sutton insisted he wouldn't trade guards Roger Harden, James Blackmon and Ed Davender for any backcourt in the nation. And he feels just as strongly this year about freshmen guards Rex Chapman and Derrick Miller.

"They are two of the great freshman guards in the country," said Sutton. "Rex is an unbelievable passer and has great instincts for the game. Rex is also a good shooter but Miller is a great shooter.

"Somebody might have one guard better but nobody has a better pair of freshman guards than us. If they keep their heads screwed on right they could have tremendous careers here."

SUTTON STILL does not like the new three-point rule but he plans to take advantage of the shot from 19 feet, nine in-

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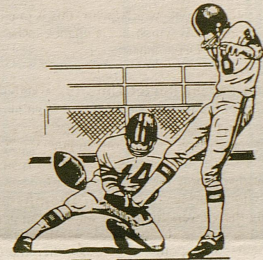
'Cats To Face Six Bowl Participants In '87 Grid Season

Next season Kentucky will face six teams which are scheduled to play in this year's postseason contests.

Those teams include: Indiana (All-American Bowl), Mississippi (Independence), LSU (Sugar or Sun), Georgia (Hall of Fame), Virginia Tech (Peach) and Tennessee (Liberty).

Kentucky's schedule for the 1987 season looks like this: Utah State, Sept. 12; Indiana, Sept. 19; at Rutgers, Sept. 26; Ohio University, Oct. 3; Mississippi, Oct. 10; at LSU, Oct. 17; at Georgia, Oct. 24; Virginia Tech, Oct. 31; at Vanderbilt, Nov. 7; at Florida, Nov. 14; and Tennessee, Nov. 21.

Next year is the last season UK will play six Southeastern Conference games. In 1988, Kentucky will face seven league opponents. Auburn (away), Alabama, LSU (away), Georgia, Vanderbilt, Florida, and Tennessee (away) are the 'Cats' '87 SEC foes.



Ransdell Paces '86 Wildcat Statistics

Senior quarterback Bill Ransdell, Kentucky's most prolific passer, threw for 1,610 yards during his senior season. Ransdell connected for 151 completions on 256 attempts (58.98 percent).

The Elizabethtown product passed for three touchdowns while being intercepted nine times.

Senior receiver Cornell Burbage caught more passes than any Wildcat during the '86 campaign. He hauled in 24 passes (331 yards), followed closely by senior split end Eric Pitts, who caught 23 passes (238).

On the ground, Ivy Joe Hunter was the most productive 'Cat. Hunter, who was hampered with injuries throughout the season, rambled for 621 yards on 103 carries (6.0 yards per carry). Senior Marc Logan and Mark Higgs rushed for 546 and 527 yards, respectively.

Kicking specialist Joey Worley hit on a perfect 19 of 19 extra points. Out of 25 field goals attempted, the junior booted 17 through the uprights. Not once, nor twice, but three times did Worley hit three-pointers from 49 yards (LSU and twice against Tennessee).

Overall, Worley was Kentucky's leading scorer, compiling 70 points. Logan and Higgs were next with 36 apiece.

On defense Kentucky was led by its linebacker tandem of Larry Smith and Chris Chenault. Larry Smith paced the defense with 133 tackles while Lexington's Chenault was next with a total of 93.

Senior defensive back Tony Mayes, who saved his best performance for UK's home finale, picked off a team-high four interceptions. Three weeks ago against Florida, Mayes broke up four Kerwin Bell passes during UK's 10-3 SEC conquest.

Besides Mayes, during the season five other Wildcats were credited with one theft each.

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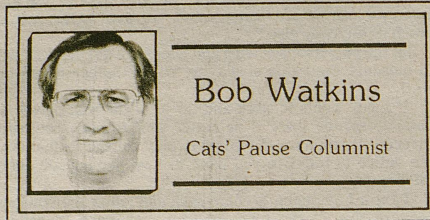
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1936-37	L	Notre Dame	28-41
1938-39	L	Notre Dame	37-42
1940-41	L	Notre Dame	47-48
1940-41	W	Ole Miss	62-52
	W	Tulane	59-30
	W	Alabama	39-37
	L	Tennessee	33-36
1941-42	W	Florida	42-36
	W	Ole Miss	59-32
	W	Auburn	40-31
	W	Alabama	36-24
1941-42	L	Great Lakes	47-58
1942-43	L	Indiana	52-58
	W	Notre Dame	60-55
1942-43	W	Tulane	48-31
	W	Georgia	59-30
	W	Miss. State	52-43
	L	Tennessee	30-33
1942-43	L	Great Lakes	39-53
1943-44	W	Indiana	61-44
	W	Notre Dame	53-44
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	W	LSU	53-28
	W	Tulane	62-46
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	L	Notre Dame	58-59
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	W	Alabama	52-41
	W	Tennessee	39-35
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	W	Notre Dame	60-30
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	W	Auburn	84-18
	W	Georgia Tech	75-53
	W	Tulane	55-38
1946-47	W	Temple	68-29
1947-48	W	DePaul	74-50
	W	Temple	58-38
1947-48	W	Florida	87-31
	W	LSU	63-47
	W	Tennessee	70-47
	W	Georgia Tech	54-43
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	W	Tennessee	83-44
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1949-50	W	DePaul	49-47
1949-50	W	Miss. State	56-46
	W	Georgia	79-63
	W	Tennessee	95-58
1950-51	W	Miss. State	92-70
	W	Auburn	84-54
	W	Georgia Tech	82-56
	L	Vanderbilt	57-61
1951-52	W	Notre Dame	71-66
1951-52	W	Georgia Tech	80-59
	W	Tulane	85-61
	W	DePaul	81-66
	W	LSU	44-43
	W	Georgia Tech	99-48
1953-54	W	Georgia	143-66
1953-54	W	Temple	61-60
1953-54	W	Seattle	84-72
1958-59	W	Illinois	76-75
1959-60	W	Temple	97-92
1960-61	W	Notre Dame	68-62
1961-62	W	Notre Dame	100-53
1962-63	W	Notre Dame	78-70
1963-64	W	Notre Dame	101-81
1964-65	L	Notre Dame	97-111
1965-66	W	Notre Dame	103-69
1966-67	W	Notre Dame	96-85
1967-68	W	Notre Dame	81-73
1968-69	W	Notre Dame	110-90
1969-70	W	Notre Dame	102-100
1970-71	L	Notre Dame	92-99
1971-72	L	Indiana	89-90
	W	Notre Dame	83-67
1972-73	L	N. Carolina	70-78
	W	Notre Dame	65-63
1973-74	L	Indiana	68-77
	L	Notre Dame	79-94
1974-75	W	N. Carolina	90-78
	W	Kansas	100-63
	W	Notre Dame	113-96
1975-76	L	Indiana	68-87
	W	Notre Dame	79-77
1976-77	W	Notre Dame	102-78
	W	Florida St.	97-57
1977-78	W	Notre Dame	73-68
1978-79	W	Notre Dame	81-76
1979-80	W	Notre Dame	86-80
1980-81	L	Notre Dame	61-67
1981-82	W	Notre Dame	34-28
1982-83	W	Kansas	82-62
1983-84	W	Purdue	88-67
1984-85	L	Louisville	64-71
1984-85	W	Kansas	92-89
1985-86	W	VMI	93-53

* SEC Tournament ** Post-Season Games

Who Is Kollege Kingpin In Kentucky?

We May Find Out December 10th

Chamionship of Kentucky and things. The title "Kingpin in Kentucky" this season may belong to the winner of a college basketball game to be played Dec. 10 in Bowling Green. That's the night the Western Kentucky Hilltoppers play the Louisville Cardinals at E.A. Diddle Arena. Western is no flash in the pan this season. Change in the Hilltoppers? The players have matured, play more under control. The coaching is better. As he demonstrated in the NIT Murray Arnold is a "situation man." He knows precisely when



Bob Watkins

Cats' Pause Columnist

and how to juggle personnel. And just as important when to say "time out!" and when not to.

'Mister Bubble and the Beasts'

Yes, the Western Hilltoppers are something special this year, folks.

Coach Arnold has a club that goes 10 men deep without any pain and he uses them too.

The "Mr. Bubble" is junior playmaker James McNary. The husky kid from Owensboro is the stick that stirs the drink, but the top weapon in the arsenal is Western's "Beasts of the Baseline" 6-9 Kannard Johnson, 6-8 Clarence Martin and 6-10 Tellis Frank.

In fact, NBA director of scouting Marty Blake rates Frank as one of the best NBA prospects coming out of college next spring.

"I think he's one of the best sleepers. One of the best of the unknowns," Blake said, adding that he also likes Fred Tisdale and Kannard Johnson.

"Tisdale can become a bigtime player," he said. "And Johnson is a first round (draft) talent who can go just as far as he wants to go. He could be among the top 30 players coming out. It's up to him."

Frank is a big, mobile fellow who has good hands, handles the ball (against the press), and shoots from midrange very well.

"Coach calls us big guys the beasts of the baseline and that's what we've been so far, beasts of the baseline," Frank said last week. "I feel like we've got a great coach who keeps us on our toes."

Does Western belong in the top 20?

"I think we deserve to be in the Top 20, yes," Frank said. "I don't think it makes much difference where, but I think we do."

"I believe we're going to be a great ball club," he added. "I don't know how great we can be, but we're going to play hard. We're fighters. Yeah, I think we're going to be all right."

And Frank knows what wins basketball games too. "Defense is our ticket and we know it," he said. "That's what's going to make us a good ball club this season."

"Mr. Bubble" McNary likes the way things are this season too. "The coach is exciting," he said. "Thing is, coach knows how to handle young, immature guys and that makes a big difference you see. He loves the game. And you got to love him too."

Quite a legacy and collection of talent Clem Haskins left for Murray Arnold. Seems Mr. Bubble and the Beasts of the Baseline have grown up. Nothing to do now but see just how far Western's Hilltoppers can go.

Prediction The 1986-87 Hilltopper team is going to prove out to be the finest Western team in 15 years, since 1971 when the Jim McDaniels-led "Toppers went to the Final Four."

Western will be back in the NCAA Tournament next spring and it won't be one of those "we're just happy to be here" trips either.

Louisville
The Cardinals looked more green than red losing to Northeastern last week. Generally, the Cards' backcourt play was alarmingly poor and, excepting Herbert Crook, the forward play wasn't much better. Coach Denny Crum was telling the truth when he said his team was overrated.

And yet, on Dec. 10 the Kingpin of Kentucky could emerge ... from Bowling Green.

Bill Ransdell
How much do football fans in Elizabethtown think of native son Bill Ransdell?

The mayor of Elizabethtown received a letter last week from a gentleman who asked to remain anonymous.

Expressing his "appreciation for Ransdell's contributions to UK football and to his home community the last four years,

How about proclaiming a "Bill Ransdell Day?"

"Bill has acquitted himself well both on and off the playing field and has made a tremendous number of people in this community proud of him," the man wrote. "The name *Elizabethtown, Kentucky* has been used in connection with Bill hundreds of thousands of times over the past four years and the publicity value to this community has been enormous."

The man suggested that someone might sponsor a banquet, ask UK Coach Jerry Claiborne to speak. It would "sell enough tickets to finance the entire operation and present Bill with a proclamation from Your Honor or a resolution from the City Council and perhaps the Elizabethtown School Board."

Mayor Carroll's reaction? "Sounds like a wonderful idea to me. The boy has certainly help put Elizabethtown on the map."

The Mayor was wondering, though, who might be interested in taking care of the arrangements.

Stay tuned.
Kentucky 'Mr Football' update

In this space a week ago it was reported that at the end of the 1987 season prep football in our state would have its first Mr. Football.

An update: Larry Vaught *Danville Advocate-Messenger*, president of The Associated Press Sports Editors Association, said last week that a Mr. Football for 1986 will be selected next spring so that Kentucky will have a Mr. Football in the Kentucky-Tennessee all-star game next summer at Neyland Stadium in Knoxville.

Top candidates? How about — tight end Ken Ellis (Louisville Male), tight end/linebacker Frank Jacobs (Newport Central Catholic), and wide receiver Eddie Thomas (Fort Knox)?

Footnote Thomas, who will make a decision on his college choice in the spring, said last week he had narrowed the field to eight schools (then named seven) — Georgia, Kentucky, UCLA, Indiana, Purdue, Vanderbilt and Army.

Footnote II Thomas received a telegram earlier this month. It said simply: "Nobody wants you more than Georgia does. Signed, Coach Vince Dooley."

'More Marty Blake'
The NBA chief scout was on his way to see Todd May at Pikeville.

"Where the hell is Pikeville?" he said, adding that some pro teams like May's potential. "This kid could be starting for Kentucky right now."

✓ On Winston Bennett: If he had he not been hurt, "Bennett could have been a first round pick in the '87 NBA draft."

✓ On James Blackmon: "He's a good player, could be picked in the top two rounds. I don't know if can he shoot or not?"

✓ Blake's view of the top NBA prospects for next spring — David Robinson (Navy), Kenny Smith (North Carolina), Christian Welp (Washington), Tony White (Tennessee), Reggie Williams (Georgetown), Greg Anderson (Houston), Horace Grant (Clemson), Kannard Johnson (Western Kentucky), Choo Kennedy (Oklahoma), Reggie Miller (UCLA) and Steve Alford (Indiana).

✓ On former UK star and Cleveland Cav center Melvin Turpin: "I heard he went swimming this summer and somebody tried to harpoon him."

Setting the record straight

I have been accused of a number things since being asked to occupy this space in TCP three years ago. But lately, some of the allegations are, well, interesting.

■ The column Oscar Combs asked me to write was supposed to be "national" in scope, not "statewide" as has been repeatedly implied. The majority of sports fans today are too well informed to be insulted with homerism whether it be in *The Cats Pause* or wherever.

■ About being anti-UK? pro-UoF ... anti-this ... pro-that. Baloney.

■ A smattering of other 'take it or leave it' views...

✓ College coaches being paid for what kind of shoes a school's athletes wear is ludicrous and is not analogous to a professor acting as a consultant to, for example, a research company.

✓ Sports writers in this area of the country are fortunate to work in the midst of high caliber, nationally competitive sports. It ought to be fun. Most times it is.

✓ Winston Bennett—considering his grades and performance on a basketball floor—is the epitome of a college student/athlete.

✓ It's too bad about Todd Ziegler.

✓ Too bad about Jim Griensch.

✓ Sports items in this space are to inform, entertain, present a candid point of view for fans to consider, challenge and/or disagree with, nothing more.

✓ When Kentucky plays at Louisville this year, the Cardinals will win, maybe in double figures. ☺

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Battle 'Til Final Second

Thomas' Bucket In Final Minute

By Nick Nicholas

Directed by Lake Kelly, the Governors of Austin Peay almost gave the former Wildcat assistant a gratifying homecoming present. While the visitors' victory came unwrapped during the game's final seconds, Kelly's club, 0-2, surely surprised the hometown Wildcats.

Last Saturday Kentucky pulled out a 71-69 conquest in its first of 27 regular season contests. A crowd of 22,630 at Rupp Arena saw sophomore Irv Thomas, who received his first starting assignment as a 'Cat, put UK ahead 70-69 by swishing home a 10-footer with 18 seconds remaining.

Austin Peay's Vincent Brook had a chance to put the final touches on this upset special. However, his attempt from atop the key barely touched the rim as guard Paul Andrews clutched the rebound. On the play, Rex Chapman played excellent man-to-man "D" on Brooks, forcing him to alter his shot.

Andrews was quickly fouled by Darryl Bedford with only one tick remaining on the Rupp Arena scoreboard. The senior guard missed the first and hit his second opportunity. Bedford then threw the ball over the head of a teammate at mid-court as the ball sailed out of bounds.

Though Kentucky escaped with a one-point victory, Kelly was very pleased with his ballclub's performance.

"I'm very, very proud to say that this is my team tonight," said Kelly, whose squad the night before was on the short end of a 85-83 encounter with Centre College.

"We played aggressive defense and battled as hard as we could," Kelly continued. "The fatigue factor got to us *bad* because we had a rough weekend. But I think our kids were alert tonight. We stole the ball at some critical times that helped us get in the game. Then we hit a couple of three-pointers which kinda broke their rhythm.

"If we would have made that basket we win the game."

After losing to Centre (a Division III non-scholarship ballclub) in Clarksville, Tenn., the Governors traveled by bus to Lexington Saturday morning to get ready for an 8 p.m. tipoff.

In regard to the defending Southeastern Conference champions, opening night for the Wildcats best resembled an episode starring the Keystone Cops. "There were times out there tonight that I thought we played as well as we're capable at this point," said Eddie Sutton afterwards. "Then we had some moments where we played very poorly."

For instance:

*There were plenty of mishandled passes by UK's Thomas and Rob Lock. Kentucky's players were outbounced 38 to 27, including 16 to six on the offensive boards.

*For a basketball player there's nothing worse than an air ball from the free throw line, especially when someone is watching. More than 20,000 witnessed James Blackmon's embarrassing moment. The senior guard scored only two points (one attempt from the field) while playing only 13 minutes.

*In the first half under UK's basket, Thomas was hit with a beautiful inbounds pass from Chapman. Unfortunately for the Carol City product he missed the wide-open layup. In fact, the apparent easy bucket didn't touch the rim or the backboard.

*Not to be left out, Chapman, on an inbounds pass underneath the basket, hit the back of the backboard.

*Neither team could be proud of the turnover department. Kentucky turned the ball over 25 times compared to Austin Peay's 28 miscues.

"I think the main thing (problem) was our lack of execution," said Ed Davender. "This was our first game and we didn't execute as good as we should have. It's just something we have to work on in practice."

Perhaps it was a forgettable experience, but Kentucky's opening win was still... well, a notch in the victory column. And that's nothing to take for granted, either.

"We're just happy to win," said Sutton. "That's the way it's going to be I'm afraid for a while.

"It's going to be a struggle every night."

Sutton's club was paced by Davender. He scored a game-high 20 points, hitting eight of 14 attempts from the field. Next was Rex Chapman with 18 tallies. The Owensboro Apollo product hit seven field goals on 11 tries overall from the field and two of five outside the three-point line. He was the only Kentucky player to hit beyond 19' 9".

Like Thomas and Richard Madison, Chapman was making his first collegiate start.

Three-point Goal Used To Austin Peay's Advantage

Nineteen feet and nine inches. Its presence, before the season is over, will be bigger than sliced bread. College hoopsters should be reminded of the popular oldie hit *Downtown*.

Forget all of your troubles, forget all of your cares go downtown.

While 19' 19" isn't exactly downtown range, Brooks and Bedford, in a way, took the song to heart. Brooks connected on three of four attempts while Bedford drilled two of three. All of which came against the Wildcats' man-to-man defense.

Three-point goals can cut a deficit quicker than you can imagine. The boys in Washington D.C., should be so fortunate.

"It's definitely a factor," Kelly said. "It looked like tonight it could have helped us win the game."

Trailing 55-45 with 9:57 remaining, Brooks hit his first three-pointer, cutting UK's lead to seven. Austin Peay's 6-1 sophomore guard struck again. At the 8:03 mark his three-point shot pulled APSU to within seven, 60-53. While UK could only muster a Blackmon layup in the next three-plus minutes, Bedford scored eight points, including two three-pointers. What was once a 10-point ballgame was magically turned into a one-point affair with 4:22 left.

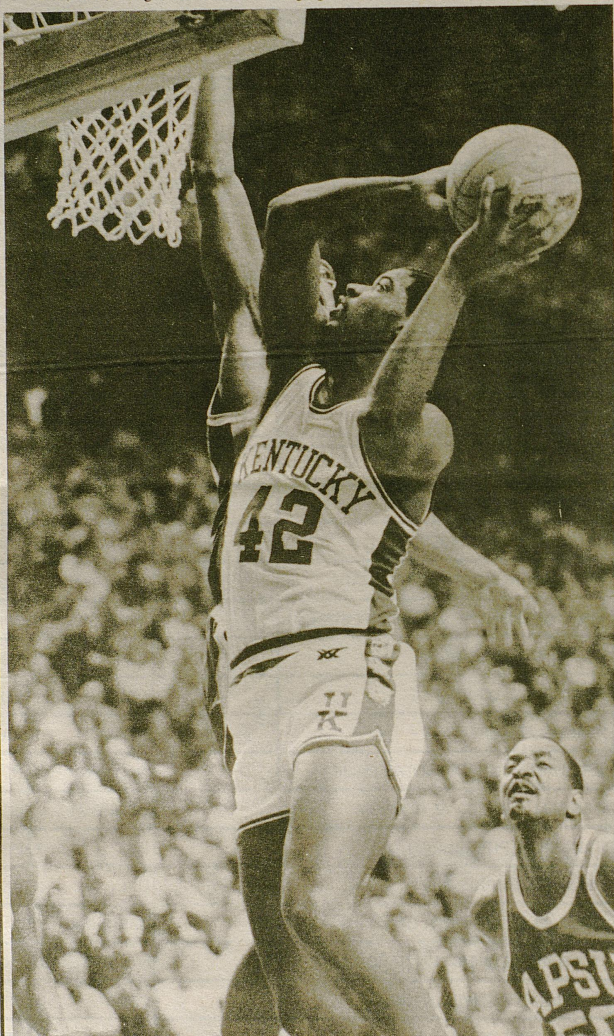
UK, meanwhile, outscored its opponent six to two. First, there was a nifty pass from

Madison which found Lock flashing in the paint for an easy layin. Lawrence Mitchell, APSU's leading scorer with 19, answered Lock's bucket with a layup of his own.

On came Kentucky's guards to the rescue. Chapman and Davender each hit short jumpers that extended UK's lead to 68-63 with 2:26 remaining.

At the 2:01 mark Mitchell drilled a pair of charity tosses. With UK holding a slim 68-65 lead and the ball, things looked safe for the guys in Blue and White.

Blackmon, though, was called for charging while unwisely going in for a layup with



Madison Has Shot Altered By APSU Defender

more than a minute left to play. Now, a three-pointer could tie the game.

Leaving his man underneath, Madison then blocked a layup by Mike Hicks. Madison's big play with 52 ticks left kept APSU from scoring... at least for the time being.

Brooks' last three-pointer, deep in the left corner, knotted the score at 68-all. While putting up the bonus shot, Davender was whistled for over-guarding Brooks. Thus, he hit the free throw giving the Gobs a rare four-point play and their first lead with only 39 seconds left.

"I think all of us got a taste of the three-point shot tonight," Sutton said. "It does change the game."

Nevertheless, it was Irv Thomas who coolly sank the winning points.

"I'm happy we won, but I'm not pleased with the way we performed," said the Kentucky coach.

'Cats Lead By As Many As 12 Points In First Half

Behind UK's first-half performances turned in by Davender (10 points) Chapman (eight) and Madison (eight), the Wildcats controlled the initial 20 minutes.

inute Gives UK Opening Win

Kentucky built its lead to 10 (18-8) when Chapman converted a behind the back dribble followed by a finger roll layin. Wildcat fans went bonkers as the ball rolled through the cylinder.

Thomas' steal and layup gave Kentucky its biggest lead 22-10 with 9:02 left. Austin Peay wasn't about to give up, however. The Governors scored six points while its man-to-man defense held UK scoreless for 2:14.

Two Thomas free throws widened Kentucky's lead back to six (24-18) with 6:48 remaining until intermission. The margin then grew to 10 on two different occasions (30-20, 32-22).

The offensive punch of Mitchell and Hicks, aided by Sutton's temper, kept the Governors close in the first stanza. Mitchell paced Austin Peay's attack with 11 points. Hicks was credited with eight.

Five consecutive points by Mitchell late in the half cut UK's lead to 34-31. Three of those points came on free throws which were given to APSU following a foul on Chapman and a technical called on the UK coach.

"We went down three straight times, when we had a chance to break open the game, and got hammered three straight times," Sutton remembered. "There were no calls. I got a little excited.

"A lot of times it's the no-calls which hurt you. I thought the game was very poorly officiated. They officiated like we played."

At times during the game both Sutton and Kelly could be seen stalking the sidelines, in disbelief of the men wearing striped attire.

Austin Peay now had the momentum on its side. Hicks cut the lead to one when he spun away from Chapman and scored.

UK closed the first-half scoring with a four-to-zip spurt as Davender and Chapman cashed in a basket apiece.

For sure, APSU was in the contest, trailing only 38-33 with 20 minutes still to play.

Governor-Wildcat Tidbits

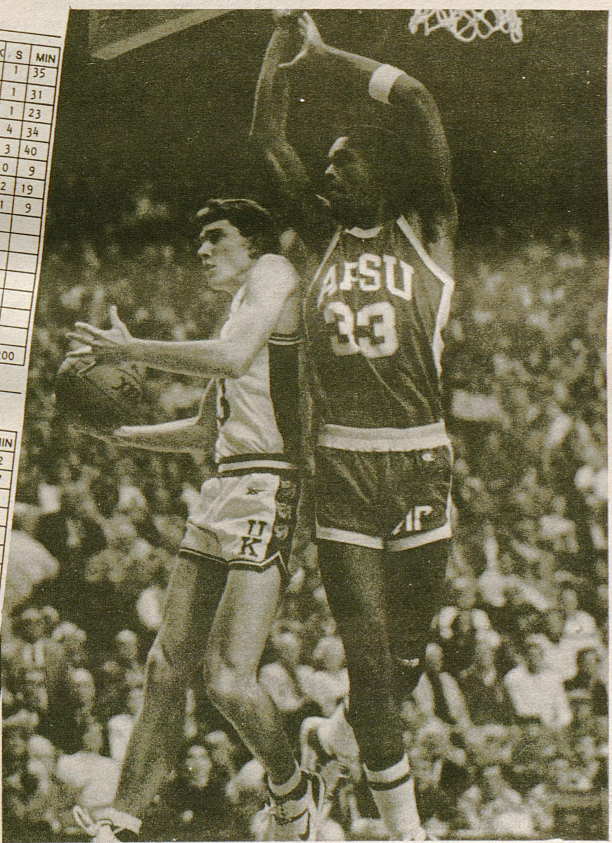
Concerning UK's lack of production underneath, Eddie Sutton said "Last year we'd throw it inside and Kenny (Walker), Winston (Bennett) or Cedric (Jenkins) would put

it in the hole for us. Now, we throw it in there and we either fumble it out of bounds or miss the shot. That's the most disappointing thing. Overall, I thought our defense was pretty good."

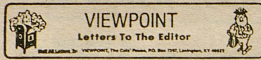
Kentucky finished the game hitting 52 percent of its shots from the field (26 of 50). . .68 percent from the charity stripe (17 of 25) . . . and 22 percent from three-point land (two of nine). . . Austin Peay connected on 40 percent of its field goal attempts (25 of 63). . .82 percent from the free throw line (14-17). . . and 71 percent from beyond the three-point line (five of seven). . .After the game Eddie Sutton usually brings two UK players into his postgame meeting with the media. He brought in Ed Davender and Richard Madison. However, he also brought with him Winston Bennett and Cedric Jenkins. "Here are the only two guys who played the perfect game tonight," said Sutton, joking with the media. . .The UK coach was pleased with Madison's play but said the junior is not comfortable at this time with his role underneath. "I thought Richard played well," Sutton said. "He's getting much better defensively. He missed some easy shots but he's not comfortable right now playing inside. But he made some big defensive plays." Madison scored eight points, all in the first half, and tied Rob Lock for team-high board honors with six. Overall, Madison played 37 minutes, more than any 'Cat on the night. Next was freshman Rex Chapman (32 minutes). . .

Freshman Derrick Miller failed to score, missing all three of his field goal attempts, including two three-pointers: He played 11 minutes. . .Every Wildcat played with the exception of walk-ons Steve Bruce and Terry Shigg. Bruce wears No. 20 while Shigg will be No. 21 in your program. . .While playing 27 minutes, senior guard Paul Andrews was the only Wildcat who did not commit a turnover. . .Davender was credited with six steals. Irv Thomas picked the Governors' pockets on four different occasions. . .Freshman Myron DeVoe, who visited UK last season, scored two points for the Governors while playing nine minutes. . .Sutton on Austin Peay: "They showed a lot of courage the way they fought back. Probably we won't face any better defense—man-to-man—than we faced tonight. Lake Kelly is an excellent coach and his team certainly played with great intensity. Even though they didn't win the ballgame, it had to be a moral victory for them, especially after last night (in their loss to Centre). But I think they've been practicing all week long for us." It's kind of strange watching 6-8, 260-pound center/forward Darryl Bedford connect from three-point land. However, Sutton, who once coached Bedford at Arkansas, was not surprised. "I used to play HORSE with him." Against Centre, Bedford took only one shot from the field and played only seven minutes. While shut out against the Danville institution, Bedford scored 14 points in Lexington.

OFFICIAL NCAA BASKETBALL BOX SCORE														
VISITORS (Last Name, First)										Date Nov. 29/86 Site Lexington, KY				
No.	Austin Peay													
58	Darryl Bedford	f	5	10	2	3	2	2	1	7	8	2	14	
34	Lawrence Mitchell	f	5	14	0	0	9	12	5	2	7	3	19	
42	Bob Thomas	c	1	3	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	3	2	
24	Mike Hicks	c	1	3	0	0	0	0	2	2	4	3	10	
22	Richie Armstrong	g	5	15	0	0	0	0	2	3	1	4	4	8
33	Myron DeVoe	g	3	6	0	0	2	2	3	1	4	4	8	
35	Eric Orr	g	1	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	4	2	
12	Vincent Brooks	g	2	5	0	0	0	0	2	4	6	4	4	
			3	7	3	4	1	1	0	2	2	0	10	
TEAM REBOUNDS (included in Totals)														
TOTALS														
TOTAL FG %: 1st Half 13-33, 39.4% 2nd Half 12-20, 60.0% Game 25-63, 40%														
3-Pt. FG %: 1st Half 0-1, 0.0% 2nd Half 5-6, 83.3% Game 5-7, 71%														
FT %: 1st Half 7-10, 70% 2nd Half 7-7, 100.0% Game 14-17, 82%														
Deadball Rebounds: 3														
HOME (Last Name, First)														
No.	Kentucky													
3	Rex Chapman	f	7	11	2	5	2	2	1	1	2	1	18	
30	Irv Thomas	f	3	5	0	0	5	7	2	4	6	3	11	
42	Richard Madison	c	4	10	0	0	0	0	1	5	6	2	8	
15	Ed Davender	c	4	10	0	0	0	0	2	2	3	20		
10	James Blackmon	g	8	14	0	2	4	4	0	1	1	4	4	
44	Rob Lock	g	1	1	0	0	2	6	0	1	1	4	4	
14	Paul Andrews	g	2	5	0	0	3	4	0	6	6	2	7	
4	Derrick Miller	g	1	1	0	0	1	2	0	2	2	1	3	
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3-Pt. FG %: 1st Half 0-4, 0.0% 2nd Half 4-5, 80% Game 2-9, 22%														
FT %: 1st Half 14-19, 73.7% 2nd Half 3-6, 50% Game 17-25, 68%														
Deadball Rebounds: 5														
OFFICIALS: Jim McDaniel, Bob McGrath, Andre Pettill														
Technical Fouls: Sutton-Kentucky														
Attendance: 22,630														
SCORE BY PERIODS														
ASPU	33	36	XX	XX	69									
UK	38	33	XX	XX	71									



Freshmen Chapman And DeVoe Hook Horns



Claiborne's A Winner

Dear Sir:

I've been a followed of Kentucky football since the days of Bear Bryant and although Kentucky compiled only a 5-5-1 record this past season, I believe Jerry Claiborne has proven you can win with the old time philosophy.

With just a break or two, the Cats could easily have been 7-4 or maybe even 8-3 with a little luck against LSU, on the season and going to a bowl game.

I believe Chuck Broughton will surprised a lot of people next year at quarterback. Mark Higgs will be back and Al Baker will be 100 percent.

All Kentucky needs to continue its slow rise to the upper division of the SEC is a great recruiting group and this is a great year in Kentucky.

Kentucky desperately needs the big linemen. If UK is successful in signing the great Kentucky kids this year, the Cats will be on their way.

The win over Florida was great, but I can't say I agreed with the decision to go for a field goal in the fourth quarter at Tennessee when Kentucky could have tied the score. The players seemed to have a big let-down after that.

Sincerely yours,

Mac Weatherspoon
Clarksville, Indiana

Four-Guard Offense?

Dear Sir:

Eddie Sutton had a great first year. He really knows how to coach guards and Rex Chapman is never going to regret his decision to play for the nation's best coach.

With Sutton's ability to coach guards, I believe he may play four guards by the time UK plays Louisville in December.

Louisville doesn't like defensive pressure out front. I believe James Blackmon, Ed Davender, Rex Chapman and Derrick Miller will form a great outside shooting unit for the 3-point goal.

Kentucky may not win the SEC, but they'll be tough to beat in the SEC Tournament. By then Cedric Jenkins will be back.

Go Cats.

Sincerely yours,

Mitchell Blevins
Cincinnati, Ohio

Thanks, Cliff

Dear Sir:

I attended the Wildcats' Midnight practice session back in October and I would just like to thank Cliff Hagan and the UK athletics department for a wonderful night of entertainment.

I'm very disappointed that the news media (particularly newspapers since my sister gets both the Louisville and Lexington papers) failed to give UK and Mr. Hagan the credit they deserve for putting on the fan appreciation night.

Everyone of the 12,000 fans at the event really enjoyed themselves and were most appreciative that ordinary fans were treated so fairly and allowed to obtain the best seats.

The fact that everything was free shows the real class that UK has. I cannot thank you

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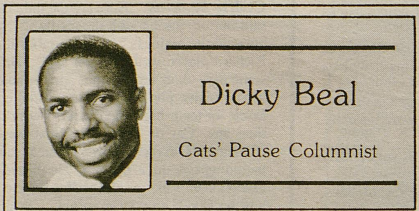
Future Can Be Bright For Football 'Cats

Hard Work In Off Season Will Pay Off

Another season has come and gone for the football Wildcats. Jerry Claiborne probably is not happy with the 'Cats' 5-5-1 season. The Kentucky football fans aren't exactly pleased with it either.

I hear criticism from fans about why the football team had such a supposedly bad year. What may be disappointing to the fans may not be disappointing to the players and coaches. I'm sure each individual on the team gave 100 percent every time he stepped on the field.

Let's face it, it's not easy to be a winner in the Southeastern Con-



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Cats' Pause Columnist

ference. Whether it's football or basketball or any other sport, the SEC is one of the most competitive conferences in the country.

When you have to play Florida, LSU, Georgia and Tennessee (in football) year-in and year-out, it can be very frustrating. You may not win a fair share of battles, but respect is important.

For instance, what about Kentucky's play against LSU? The 'Cats lost the game (25-16), but they got respect. When the other team complains about being hit too hard or contact after the play, that's something players like to hear.

I'm not saying UK players are cheap shot artists. . . they aren't. Besides, Claiborne doesn't put up with that sort of thing.

The Wildcats are just an aggressive bunch who want to win. This season UK's play made teams realize once the whistle was blown it was time to play aggressive football.

Squads in the SEC don't like to come to Commonwealth Stadium.



Coach, Keep Your Head Up

Earning a victory over Kentucky in Lexington is a tough assignment. A win by the visitors is something which is earned.

When you're on a team that doesn't have a better-than-average record, other things can be more important than winning. An example you want? You got it.

Let's look at Kentucky's '86 season. Many people say the '86 season was disappointing while others would signify it as a hard-luck campaign. I'll cast a vote for hard luck being the reason. A few breaks here and a turnover there and Kentucky could have had a great season.

Lucky Charms Can Be Useful

If people think that a little luck doesn't play a role in a given season, then in general they don't know much about sports. True, you must create your own breaks. That's what separates the good teams from the average ones. Once the players know how to take advantage of crucial situations, then they'll be on the same level as LSU, Alabama, Auburn and other traditional SEC powers.

Coach Claiborne has to be proud of his football team for their accomplishments off the field. He has made the Wildcat football program very respectable. You can't always look at wins and losses to measure how successful a college program may be.

Leading the SEC in candidates for academic All-Conference

honors has to count for something. It's something which easily attracts future prospects.

Because academics are more important than the sport itself, the 'Cats are headed toward the right direction. Parents like to know that their children are getting the most out of an education.

Kentucky's football program also has quality young men. The players care about how they're perceived by the public. They don't want to be just another football player(s). They conduct themselves like gentlemen on and off the field. Sometimes as a player in any sport, you wonder if people see or realize if you are a good person. In the 'Cats' case, with the help of Coach Claiborne and his staff, there are many top quality people on the Kentucky squad. I'm sure there will be many more to come.

For the 19 seniors, they have to be feeling real bad about the 28-9 loss to Tennessee. Losing to Tennessee probably hurt, but knowing that you will never play another down for the Blue and White had to be tough to swallow.

Four, and in some cases five, years of your life have come and gone. The friendships that you once shared and the everyday routines have come and gone. When I was at UK I took for granted playing basketball. The friendships that were once there are now gone.

Goodbye College, Hello Life

Some guys decide to go home while others begin new lives in different cities. Although some guys may not admit to it, they really do miss the closeness of being on a team. It will be tough for the graduating seniors, but these quality young men will be suc-



Mark Wheeler Hoping Till Bitter End

cessful whether they are playing sports or in other occupations.

You ask, "Where does this leave the UK football program?"

At some of the games I constantly hear fans say, "I can't wait till basketball season." To answer the question above, I strongly think Kentucky's football program will get better. I believe the coaches realize they must recruit the top athletes in the Bluegrass as well as in other places. It's hard to find good quality athletes who are good students. In time, the UK football program will get more and more of these type student/athletes.

If the current players realize that hard work and dedication are a necessity during the off-season, then the Kentucky Wildcats will be better a team because of it. Remember, it's *team* play which brings about victories.

Everyone has to help in any way they can. When you're trying to be the best, you must be willing to run that extra lap or do those extra sets in the weight room in order to be the best. Pride is a big ingredient of a winning team. I'm sure it's not too fun to watch other teams play in bowl games. Sure, you have to be disappointed.

The returning players can build on disappointment. If they have a winning attitude then they'll be working hard before spring ball. The 'Cats will have a team of players who want to be winners. I think they will be.



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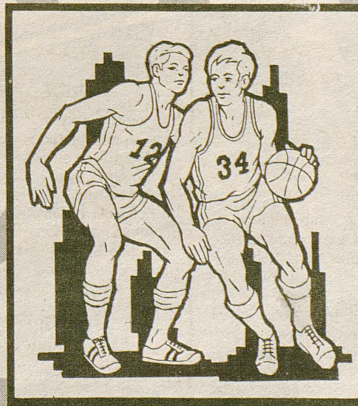
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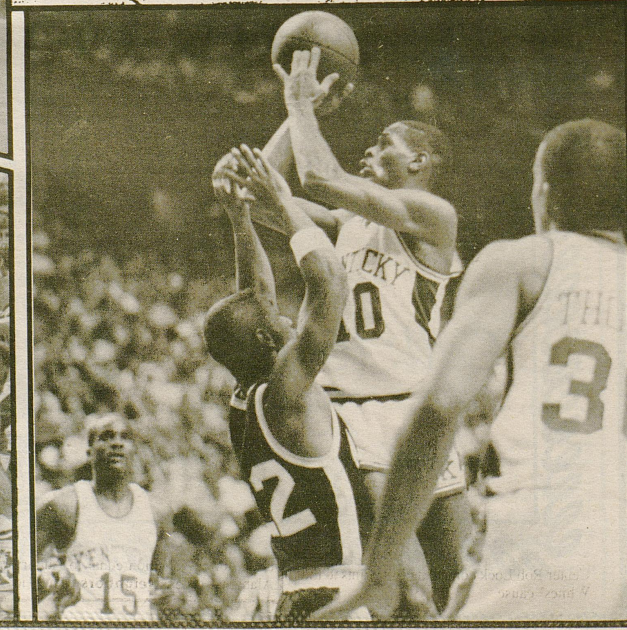
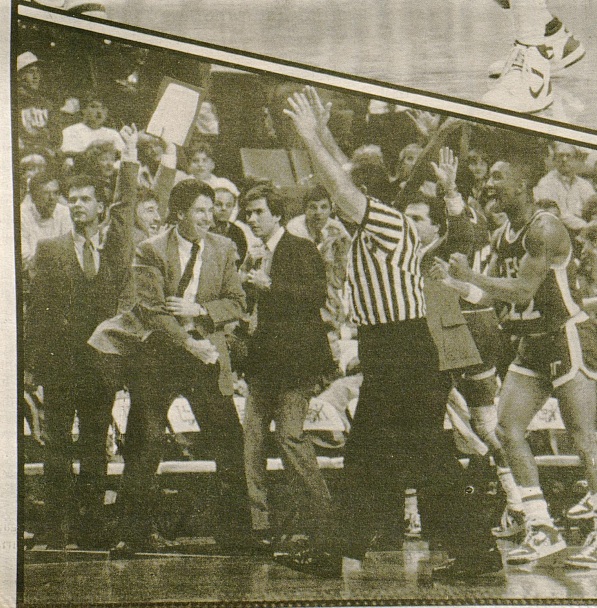
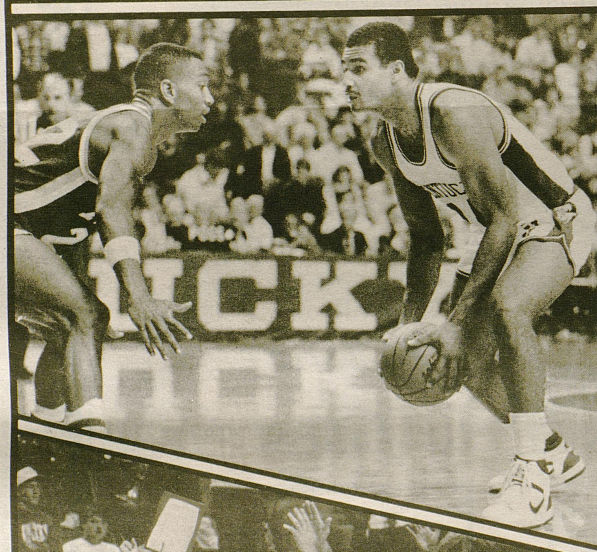
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Miller Loads Up, Connects For 25 In Final Tuneup

In Kentucky's final tuneup before opening its regular season, Laurel County product Paul Andrews canned a free throw with three seconds remaining to give the Blues a 74-73 victory over the Whites last Monday at Stanford.

A standing-room-only crowd of 4,000 jammed into the Lincoln County High School gym to witness the fourth and final Blue-White scrimmage of the season.

"I thought our ballclub last night, played better than we've been playing. I was encouraged," Sutton said at his weekly press conference. "It's gonna be a season where, for a while, we're gonna be inconsistent. But I'm excited about the ballclub. I like this basketball team. Because I like perimeter players."



Derrick Miller Leads Blues

Freshman Derrick Miller was the game's leading scorer as the 6-foot-6 freshman poured in 25 points. Included on Miller's scorecard were five three-point goals. Senior guard James Blackmon netted 18 points for the Blues. Like Miller, Blackmon also was hot from 19'9", canning three from long range. Richard Madison followed with 15 points for the Blue squad.

The Blues trailed by two at halftime (34-36) but came back to pull out a close encounter. All five starters for the Whites hit double digits.

The Whites were led by 6-7 forward Irving Thomas' 17 points. Next was Ed Davener with 15, followed by Rob Lock and Versailles, Ky., walk-on Steve Bruce with 14 apiece.

Freshman phenom Rex Chapman poured in 13 points in a losing effort.

Earlier in Mayfield, Derrick Miller and James Blackmon connected for 21 points each to lead the Blues past the Whites 85-72. The Blues won by 13 despite freshman Rex Chapman's 24-point production.

Junior Richard Madison, dubbed "The Master Blaster", was credited with 19 points. Center Rob Lock contributed 18 points to the Whites' cause.

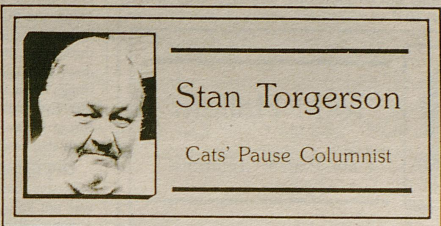
Fiesta Proves Bowls Played For Money

UT's Arena To Open In Nov. 87? Ha! Ha!

The subject today, class, will be the post-season bowl games which are played as a reward to deserving young football players who have sweated and groaned through months of physical agony and as a source of enjoyment to their fans and faithful followers and as a vehicle to enhance the image and reputation of the institutions and states represented.

Isn't that a crock!

We left out the most important part. Money! The games are played for money. Money to the schools. Money to the networks. Money to the businesses in the cities in which the games are located.



Stan Torgerson

Cats' Pause Columnist

Money is what runs college athletics in general and bowl games in particular.

Proof positive? This year's Fiesta Bowl game between Miami and Penn State.

First of all, despite all that who-shot-John from Joe Paterno about how his Penn State team just wanted to play the highest rated available team, Fiesta Bowl sponsors had to double the original per team payout. The usual pot of gold for the Fiesta Bowl was approximately 1.2 million per team. To get Miami and Penn State the Bowl organizers had to double that to a lusty 2.4 million each.

Second, the game which was originally scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on Jan. 1 has been moved to 8:15 p.m. (EST) on January 2 because NBC agreed to show it in prime time if Miami and Penn State would play each other.

What does NBC get out of this? All together now! M-O-N-E-Y.

The network had already sold about half the time in the Fiesta Bowl telecast at daytime rates. Now they find themselves with a prime time game for the National Championship and a new price list.

NBC has announced that while they will honor those deals already made, the new price for their remaining Fiesta Bowl inventory is \$200,000 per 30-second spot.

What is the justification for jacking up the price to that astronomical level?

To carry the game in prime time the NBC sports division says it has to pay pre-emption costs to its own entertainment division.

Those costs, which NBC will not reveal, are equal to the profit the entertainment division would have realized had regular entertainment programming been aired.

One For The Price Of Two

In other words, the network is selling the same time twice. They will make the same money the regular shows would have generated plus whatever the sports division can realize over and above that amount thanks to the inflated \$200,000 per ad price put on the game.

Not a bad way to run a business, huh?

There's another bullet in NBC's gun. By putting the game in prime time, they expect to drain away ad dollars that would normally be spent on New Year's Day games shown on ABC and CBS.

They could, of course, also shoot themselves in the foot by drawing money from their own Rose Bowl and Orange Bowl telecasts, but a combination rate for advertising on all three would solve that little problem, wouldn't it?

In addition, industry observers say the game could earn a 23.5 rating, the same as posted by the 1984 Orange Bowl which matched No. 2 Miami with No. 1 Nebraska. Miami won. Here's where ego comes in.

NBC says, however, the Fiesta Bowl could hit a 25.0 rating which would, indeed, make it the Super Bowl of College Football.

So the players get their trip and the states get their glory and the fans get their pleasure.

Somehow we feel that the Penn State and Miami athletic departments and the National Broadcasting Company have the best of the deal.

They get the money!

Not For Broadcast

While controversy doesn't exactly rage about who should win the All-SEC center position this year, there seldom have been two standouts for the position equal to Auburn's Ben Tamburello and Alabama's Wes Neighbors. The Tide's Curt Jarvis perhaps

defined Tamburello and Neighbors best. "If I had to choose one for All-Conference," Jarvis recently said, "it would be hard to say. If you're looking for power, I'd say go with Ben. But if you're looking for a smart, finesse kind of guy who doesn't make mistakes, then I'd go with Wes." That type of answer may earn Jarvis a future with the diplomatic corps. . . With the Heisman Trophy to be awarded soon, this bit of history about John Heisman would be of interest. In addition to being one of the country's first great football coaches, Heisman was an accomplished Shakespearean actor. He often lectured his teams using quotes or scenes from Shakespeare. He quit his coaching job at Georgia Tech because he and his wife separated and he did not believe it was polite to stay in the same town and possibly embarrass her by a chance meeting. She wanted to stay in Atlanta so he left town. How times have changed. . . The most recent NCAA computer analysis of schedules rated Florida's 1986 slate as the toughest in the nation. How tough was it? The combined record of the Gators' 11 opponents as of Nov. 15, was 73-32-3. That's a winning mark of 77 percent. In addition, seven of Florida's opponents were ranked in the Top 20 at some time during the season. That would be Miami, Alabama, Mississippi State, LSU, Auburn, Georgia and Florida State. All of these teams, except for Mississippi State, will appear in bowl games. Further, 10 of the Gators' 11 opponents will finish .500 or above for the season. Only Kent State, 5-6, will be below that mark. And some people have nerve enough to ask why Florida is dropping the Miami game. . . Bill Ransdell's 20 of 23 passing performance in the Florida-Kentucky game was a new conference standard. That's an 86.9 completion record with a minimum of 20 completions, beating the old mark of 80.8 percent set by LSU's Alan Risher (20-26) for LSU in 1981. . . The telecast of this year's Auburn-Alabama game marked the sixth straight time this particular game has been on the tube. . . Because of the entertainment attractions in the Orlando, Fla. area, the Florida Citrus Bowl, which this



Ransdell Finishes With Flurry

year matches Auburn against Southern Cal, bills itself as "the nation's best bowl trip." Tickets for this one are now priced at \$27.50 each. . . University of Tennessee officials say their new basketball arena, now more than two years behind schedule, will absolutely, positively, be finished by November 1987. Alright now fans, stop smiling. . . On the subject of the big business which is college athletics, the University of Georgia reports their athletic revenues as \$13.9 million last year. Football brought in 4.8 million. Contributions were 3.8 million. Regular season basketball only generated \$328,000, and post-season basketball turned in \$175,000. The rest came from student fees, interest, minor sports and contributions. On the other side of the P&L, Georgia spent \$10.2 million to run their sports program, \$1.1 million on capital projects and put \$2.5 million away for other purposes. . . It is almost unbelievable that Don Smith, Mississippi State's outstanding quarterback, failed to lead his team to even one touchdown in the last four games of the season. Smith 0 for 12 quarters? Impossible, but true. . . The LSU-Notre Dame series has ended. There are no games scheduled between the two at least through the 1992 season. What a pity! . . . Here's a trivia question on which you can make money. Which conference team has beaten LSU in football more than any other? Answer: Mississippi State—30 times! Surprise! . . . Press release of the week! From David House, Auburn University SID. "Warning to out-of-state-media. The Auburn-Alabama game is one of the most intense rivalries in the nation. In the state of Alabama, even the way you refer to THE game can give away your secret tendencies. If you say 'Alabama-Auburn game', for example, you are considered to favor Alabama. If you say 'Auburn-Alabama game' it is an indication you tend to favor Auburn and want Auburn to win. In this state there is no such thing as neutrality."

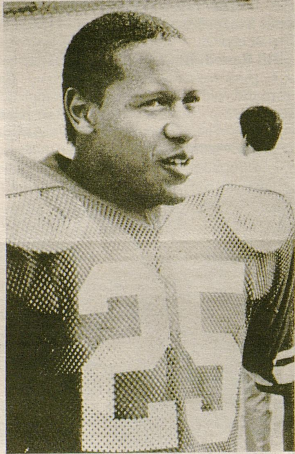
Hallum's Notebook

Did You Know Logan Broke His Leg Against Big Orange?

Compiled By Todd Hallum

Not much was mentioned about it, but UK running back **Marc Logan** sustained a broken leg during the first half of the Kentucky-Tennessee football game in Knoxville. No word yet on how long the injury will take to heal, but Wildcat receiver **Cornell Burbage** will take his place in the Blue-Gray All-Star game played on Christmas Day.

Kentucky Wildcat football coach **Jerry Claiborne** has agreed to be an assistant coach, helping out with the defense for the Gray team at the annual affair in Mobile. When Chicago Bear quarterback **Jim McMahon** went down for the season with an injured right shoulder, it created an opening on the Chicago roster for ex-Wildcat defensive back **Maurice Douglass**. Douglass was an eighth-round draft pick and was one of the last players cut by the club at the end of training camp. Former UK defensive tackle **Jon Dumbauld** made headlines in New Orleans when he recently blocked a field goal for the Saints against the Los Angeles Rams. Dumbauld, who was injured going into the Saints' training camp,



Logan Fractures Fibula

was signed by the NFL club a few weeks ago. . . . **Eddie Sutton's** Kentucky club isn't the only SEC basketball team to feel the wrath of injuries to key personnel. Just a week before Alabama's season opener versus Northeast Louisiana, Crimson Tide guard **Terry Coner** slipped on a wet spot during practice and injured his right knee. "Bama coach **Wimp Sanderson** said the recovery time is not known, but indicated it would probably be at least a month for the senior to get back into the lineup. If that's the case, Coner, who underwent arthroscopic surgery at the Hughston Clinic in Columbus, Ga., would miss all of 'Bama's non-conference schedule as well as an SEC game against Georgia. Said Sanderson, "It's like Alabama going out to play Auburn (in football) without (quarterback) **Mike Shula**. Terry runs our offense, gets the ball to the open man, is in charge out there." Coner was a preseason All-SEC selection and holds Alabama's career assist record with 491. . . . At Tennessee, **Don Devoe** has seen his roster depleted because of injuries. Already he has lost senior forward **Anthony Richardson** and **Tyrone Harper**. Then recently just got back 6-8 sophomore **Mark Griffith** who is coming off a knee injury suffered during preseason practice. . . . At LSU, forward **Ricky Blanton** will miss at least the first four weeks of the season because of an injured left knee. At first LSU officials thought Blanton might have been lost for the year because of car-

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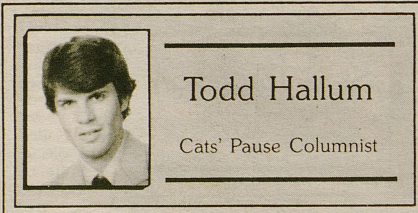
Future Is Now For Kentucky Football

Changes Needed To Make UK Competitive

The final record was a dead-even mark of 5-5-1. It could have been much better. However, that same statement was made after a disappointing 5-6 record last year, too. The main question UK football fans are asking now is how could a program who had just made back-to-back bowl appearances, fall to a mediocre plateau of a .500 season?

They ask aloud, how can a team that used to know how to win suddenly fall victim to questioning themselves about another frustrating season?

These key questions will be addressed. However, keep in mind



Todd Hallum

Cats' Pause Columnist

the answers are no sure-fire solutions.

TEAM ATTITUDE: Like any other major college team in the country, there are some players who aren't as dedicated to the program as others. However, privately there are rumblings among the UK squad that some players simply aren't putting out the full effort required to be competitive athletes at a major college program. Obviously, winning instantly cures this problem. But it seems the comradery of the '84 team has yet to resurface in the last two seasons. Again, a winning season usually rectifies this problem, but it's an area the UK coaching staff must approach in the off season months. The team is never going to get better if some players privately point fingers at others.

COACHING: Don't get me wrong. Jerry Claiborne is one of the top college football coaches in the country, but the last two seasons UK has displayed characteristics which are unlike Claiborne-coached clubs. In fact, any time the media inquire about a players' bad performance, the UK head mentor readily takes the blame himself. One of his strengths in the past has been the emphasis placed on the kicking game. But that strength was mostly a weakness this season in regards to the punting game. It seemed ever since punter Jeff Nelson made a mistake trying to run for a first down during the LSU game, the UK punting situation turned into musical punters. Though he had a 41.7-yard average after nine games, Nelson didn't start at Tennessee. After one game this season, Claiborne said he was going to go with the punter who had the "hot leg." Then with Jay Tesar taking the deep snap from center against Tennessee, the Vols blocked two of his first quarter punts. This occurrence, even though one blocked punt hasn't happened to a Claiborne team in a long time. UK's punting situation still remains unsettled for next season.

Another criticism that points to coaching is the wasting of valuable time outs. How many times this season did quarterback Bill Ransdell have to raise from center and signal for a time out? Some of these wasted time outs can be attributed to having plays come in late, a player in the wrong formation or simply trying to avoid a delay of game penalty. Every team is going to have to waste a time out every now and then because of these reasons, but UK had to resort to calling far too many this season.

Penalties are another big problem that have plagued UK for the last two years. Especially clipping calls. Though some of these may be attributed to questionable rulings by the officials, it seems like the Wildcats lead the country in clipping calls. Why?

Clipping is a significant infraction because it is marked from the spot of the foul then moved 15 yards. Why can't UK players do something else like receive an illegal use of the hands penalty instead of clipping an opponent? This penalty has often destroyed many UK offensive drives. Why is it that UK is penalized for clipping so much?

Other areas that bear mentioning are the rotation of players during crucial situations in games, and the play calling. Why is it that wide receiver Eric Pitts, who made two outstanding catches to lead the Wildcats to a game-tying field goal against Rutgers, wasn't even in the game during the contest's most critical moment? That moment was a third-down play when UK had to settle for a Joe Worley field goal after an incomplete pass. Pitts was standing on the sidelines. It seems you would want the best players in the game during the most crucial plays, especially third downs. This was just one instance. Though this season the UK staff rotated most of its players into the game depending on series, it seems they would want the best players on the field when the game is on the line.

The offensive play calling during some games was highly questionable, especially for those armchair quarterbacks. One game that sticks out was the Tennessee game. Why were there two sweeps called on third-and-long inside the Vols' 40-yard line. Then after the game the coaches say the team was hampered when running the ball because two of its best tight ends were out with injuries. It just doesn't make sense, especially after you admit a weakness along the line of scrimmage, to then call running plays on two key third-down situations. However, it should be mentioned that the draw play, which has often been criticized by UK fans, was the team's bread-and-butter running play. Though the play was shut down for little or no gain at times, it did get the 'Cats out of some big holes throughout the season and did score a touchdown on a critical third-down play against Rutgers. Don't get me wrong, one of the easiest things in the world to do is sit back and question a team's play calling. Especially when the results of the plays are already known. But at times some of the plays that were called were puzzling to both the media and the fans.

OFFENSE: Why is it that a team with a wealth of talent in the offensive backfield and one of the biggest offensive lines in years was not able to cross the goal line once it moved inside the opponents' 20-yard line? For whatever reason, UK had to settle for too many three-pointers from Worley. This was never more evident than in the losses to Virginia Tech and Tennessee, and during the tie to Rutgers. In those three games, the Wildcats scored only two touchdowns and kicked nine field goals, not including several missed attempts. At times during the season it appeared UK was playing just to stay in the game instead of trying to win it.

DEFENSE: With the exception of a few games, UK's pass rush was nonexistent. It seemed most of the quarterbacks UK faced, like Tennessee's Jeff Francis, had plenty of time to throw. Another area that UK's defensive unit was lacking in was ability to come up with the big play. Besides touchdown interception returns by David Johnson and Chris Chenault (both against Cincinnati) and Tony Mayes' fumble recovery against Florida, the Wildcat defense didn't create enough turnovers. Another problem was stopping offenses during critical third and fourth down plays. Virginia Tech converted not one but two fourth down plays that led to the game-winning field goal. In the fourth quarter against Tennessee, with the score at 14-9, the Volunteers converted a third-and-long with a pass play to Joey Clinkscales after it appeared that UK had regained momentum. Another achilles' heel that plagued the team all year long was too many dropped interceptions.

BREAKS: They say teams create their own breaks. They also say that calls by the officials usually even out. They were wrong. UK didn't cause enough breaks and the calls never evened out. The list of bad calls includes the phantom fumble recovery by Rutgers that allowed the Scarlet Knights to score a go-ahead field goal late in the fourth quarter, the terrible judgement in the LSU game which included very poor ball placements and last but not least, four very curious calls at Tennessee. There were missed interference calls, a Tennessee fumble that went unnoticed, clipping calls that were there but weren't called and clipping calls that weren't there but were called by Jimmy Harper's officiating crew. Even the opposing coaching staff thought some of these rulings were missed. A UT assistant told a team manager to shut up after Cornell Burbage not only scored on a touchdown pass, but was also interfered with twice while running down the field.

Folks, it can't get much worse than that.

FANS' ATTITUDES: Now is the time that UK fans need to rally around Claiborne and his program. For some time now some UK supporters have taken a negative approach to watching UK football games. Instead of expecting a win against highly-touted opponents, most Wildcat supporters expect Kentucky to lose. Instead of the team firing up the fans, the fans need to inject enthusiasm to the players. Have you ever wondered why the Georgias, the LSUs, the Oklahomas and the Penn States hardly ever lose a home game? Though they have good players, those fans expect the team to win no matter which situation their team faces. With this comes the old adage of "home cooking" from the officials. Until UK fans take this type attitude, UK will never become a great home team, instead being only a decent home team. And believe me, this attitude will lead to getting the borderline calls at home.

Let's raise the final question. How many times has UK ever gotten a borderline call during a close game at Commonwealth Stadium? One that has helped lead to a Wildcat victory? The answer is never. This not only goes for Claiborne, but the Curci era as well.

FUTURE FOR THE UK PROGRAM: Let it be clearly stated that if UK had a winning record, probably none of what has already been written in this space would have been mentioned. In fact, take

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Dear Friend of UK Athletics:

At the time of his accident earlier this month Dale Baldwin was unquestionably one of the nation's finest cheerleaders. Through years of dedicated work, Dale had accomplished his dream...cheering for the University of Kentucky Wildcats.

He now has a different dream, one he did not foresee that November 4, evening in Louisville when his life took a tragic turn. A fall at the UK Blue-White basketball game left him paralyzed. His doctors report that he may regain limited use of his arms and hands, but that he is--and likely will remain---quadriplegic.

Dale Baldwin now has another dream. He wants to continue his college education and lead a useful, fulfilling and rewarding life in spite of the new obstacles that have been placed in his way.

The UK Athletics Association has established the Dale Baldwin Fund to help Dale with his new vision of the future. The fund will assist Dale and his family in meeting expenses that are not covered by medical insurance and long-term disability, both of which were provided for by athletics and association insurance policies. The disability benefits, however, will not begin for twelve months.

We are especially concerned about some financial needs Dale may have in the next twelve months and in future years that cannot be met from any source at this time.

The Dale Baldwin Fund will help the twenty-two year old Leitchfield native in a variety of ways. His special needs, for example, may include structural changes to the Baldwin family's home to accommodate ramps and wider doors, a television set and video recorder for both educational and entertainment purposes, educational expenses when he returns to UK to complete his degree in marketing, including unusual costs related to housing and transportation. A special wheelchair, for example, will cost a minimum of \$10,000 and will have to be replaced every two or three years.

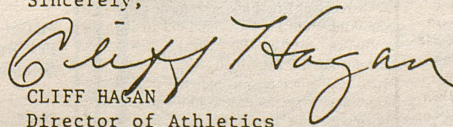
You can help Dale Baldwin by sending a check payable to the UK Athletics Association earmarked for the Dale Baldwin Fund. Although your contribution will not be tax deductible, there are times when the cause transcends such financial considerations.

I hope you will join this very special endeavor to respond to the needs of a young man and his family, who find themselves in need of financial resources far beyond their means.

Dale remains in great spirits. His voice is chipper and his smile never-ending. He continues to charm everyone with whom he has contact.

Dale Baldwin is physically handicapped, but mentally alert and with perseverance will no doubt be a contributing member of society for years to come. You can help make his struggle less difficult by participating in the Dale Baldwin Fund. Please send your contribution today.

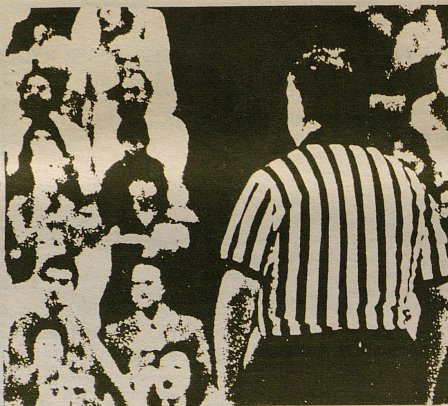
Sincerely,


CLIFF HAGAN
Director of Athletics

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tilage and ligament damage. But arthroscopic surgery revealed a second degree knee sprain and the Tigers hope Blanton will be back in action by the end of December. If you'll recall last season, Blanton was a thorn in UK's side scoring 12 points during LSU's upset victory over the 'Cats in the Mideast Regional final in Atlanta . . . Ole Miss backup quarterback **Chris Osgood** was a surprise member of a university delegation that met a few weeks ago for an NCAA hearing dealing with allegations of possible wrong doings in the Rebel football program. Osgood, along with head coach **Billy Brewer**, athletic director **Warner Alford** and four assistant coaches were among the Mississippi delegation . . . Speaking of Ole Miss, guard **Joe Coleman** has left the basketball squad. Coleman, who was suspended from the club once this season but was allowed to return following a team vote, cleaned up his room and left campus. Coleman, was a backup guard for the Rebels and started 14 games last season . . . An LSU attorney has assured members of the Tiger basketball squad that the NCAA won't slap the program with major sanctions. Attorney **Mike Pharis** said, "I can assure you that nothing distasteful is going to happen to this basketball program." LSU had appeared before the NCAA Committee on Infractions on Nov. 15 to answer questions on 16 allegations against the program and four administrative allegations.



Rick Bolus

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Doug Smith	36	6-8	Detroit (Mich.) MacKenzie — Missouri
David White	37	6-5	St. Petersburg (Fla.) Boca Ciega — Florida State
Delino Shields	40	6-1	Seaford (Del.) High — Villanova
Keith Gaites	41	6-3	Michigan City (Ind.) Rogers — Loyola (Chi.)

Top Ten Available In April. . .

Player	Rank	Ht	High School
Dennis Scott	2	6-6	Oakton (Va.) Flint Hill
Jerome Harmon	8	6-5	Gary (Ind.) Lew Wallace
Anthony Tucker	10	6-8	Washington (D.C.) McKinley
Perry Carter	11	6-7	Pittsfield (Maine) Maine Central Institute
Barry Young	12	6-7	Ellicott City (Md.) Mt. Hebron
David Harris*	18	6-8	Memphis (Tenn.) Westside
Bobby Martin	25	6-8	Atlantic City (N.J.) High
John Crotty	26	6-1	Lincroft (N.J.) Christian Brothers
Elliott Perry	32	5-11	Memphis (Tenn.) Treadwell
Johnny Gwynn	38	5-11	Hyattsville (Md.) DeMatha

*Harris in in a correction center for pleading guilty to assault to commit burglary.

Larry Vaught

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ches this season.

"We have been experimenting with the three-point shot," said Sutton. "The rule is going to change the game and maybe it will be good for us this year because our perimeter game is pretty good.

"I still do not like the rule but it just might allow us to win a few extra games this year. We are definitely going to set up plays to shoot the three-point shot. It might not help us in the future but this year the rule will benefit Kentucky."

RECRUITERS from such schools as Notre Dame, Stanford, Kentucky, Michigan, UCLA, Arkansas, Georgia, Army, Purdue, Louisville and Indiana are all after speedy receiver Eddie Thomas of Ft. Knox.

The 6-0, 180-pound Thomas has been timed in 4.45 seconds for the 40-yard dash. If that isn't enough, he is also an honor roll student. Thomas has indicated he would like to major in sports medicine or business administration in college because he wants to stay involved with sports after his playing career ends.

Thomas is a dynamite kick return and ran kickoffs back 98 and 99 yards score scores this season.

He could give Kentucky a needed deep threat and it's no secret that UK wants him. Assistant coach Jerry Eisman has spent many hours already recruiting Thomas and will spend a lot more time between now and February trying to persuade this talented player to sign with Kentucky.

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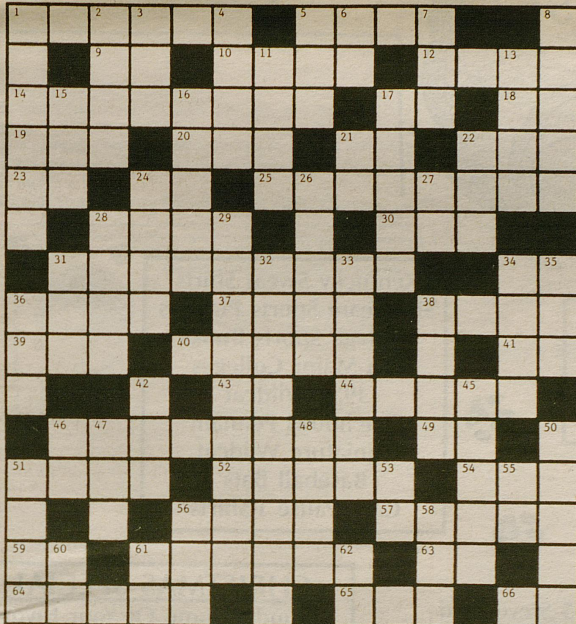
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T C P Crossword Puzzle

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UK-IU HOOP WARFARE THROUGH THE YEARS

ACROSS

- 1 Won his first 5 games of UK-IU series
- 5 Namesakes of 57 Across
- 9 Abbr. for "no return"
- 10 Baseball arbiters
- 12 Oil group
- 14 _____ teams hold the edge in the series
- 17 Initials of 17 Down
- 18 Boxing abbr.
- 19 Fellow
- 20 Former Hoosier Tolbert
- 21 Initials of '70s Cat Andrews
- 22 Abbr. for city of the Pistons
- 23 Initials of '30s Cat letterman Thompson
- 24 Symbol for "iron"
- 25 High-scoring Hoosier Don
- 28 Hoosiers have 15 vs. UK
- 30 Abbr. for "to be announced"
- 31 UK-IU clash is one of college hoop's greatest
- 34 Negative word
- 36 Knight always seems to have a _____ team
- 37 Luminous radiation
- 38 The Towers of '83-'84 Cats beat IU 59-54
- 39 See 5 Down
- 40 _____ '43 Cats were 1st to beat IU
- 41 Compass abbr.
- 43 Abbr. for "general practitioner"
- 44 Hopes to continue Cats domination of Hoosiers of last ten years
- 46 Was 7-2 in UK-IU series from '76-'83
- 49 Abbr. for a baseball position
- 51 Hoosier _____: Bloomington
- 52 Garbage
- 54 Wedding words
- 56 Red vegetable
- 57 Former Hoosier big man and family
- 59 Initials of former Hoosier Kent
- 61 Former Hoosier Landon
- 63 Initials of '30s Cat letterman Head
- 64 # of wins for Joe B. in UK-IU series
- 65 Cats _____ great IU game in '75 NCAAs
- 66 Initials of 44 Across

DOWN

- 1 Once gave Joe B. questionable pat after UK-IU clash
- 2 Hoosiers' "Nap"-town
- 3 The '20s was a _____ time for UK as IU won all games
- 4 Fish
- 5 The _____ and downs" of college hoops
- 6 Initials of '40s Cat letterman Sturgill
- 7 Cry
- 8 First name of 11 Down
- 11 Hoosier All-American and family
- 13 National Champion Hoosiers _____ out an overtime win over Cats in '75
- 15 Describes one who thinks UK-IU clash is of no importance
- 16 Cats have beaten IU 4 times in Rupp _____
- 17 Namesakes of former Hoosier Bellamy
- 21 Initials of winningest Cat coach of UK-IU series
- 22 RNA partner
- 24 Rupp's Cats were _____ and three vs. IU
- 26 Cricket talk
- 27 Initials of a former Hoosier center
- 28 Before coach Rupp IU had all the _____ in the UK-IU series
- 29 Hoosiers' 98-74 win over Cats in '74 is best described as a _____
- 31 Tear
- 32 Hasn't witnessed a Hoosier win over Cats
- 33 Painter's frames
- 34 Knight has won _____ UK games
- 35 # of UK-IU clashes won by Knight over coach Rupp
- 36 Enjoyment
- 38 Namesakes of Hoosier Kitchel
- 42 Hoosier color
- 45 Former Hoosier star Thomas
- 46 Initials of '60s Cat Adams
- 47 Cats lost to IU by _____ in '78
- 48 Tardy
- 50 Is outscored
- 51 UK assistant Kelly
- 53 Abbr. for football's "halfback"
- 55 Initials of former Cat star Dickey
- 56 Except for the fact _____
- 58 Short for "Lennie"
- 60 Symbol for "bismuth"
- 61 Initials of '80s Cat Heitz
- 62 Initials of former Hoosier Wittman

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Meet The Press

Leftover Tidbits From Kentucky Coach Eddie Sutton's Weekly Basketball Press Conference From Wildcat Lodge

By Mike Estep



It's time to warm up the ol' TCP microwave for some noteworthy leftovers from coach Eddie Sutton's first basketball press conference of the year. Here are some juicy items which were served up just prior to UK's season opener Nov. 29 at Rupp Arena with Austin Peay.

Sutton The Coach: Sutton, giving his views on the team's play heading into the regular season: "I thought our ballclub last night (in the last intrasquad scrimmage) played better than we've been playing. I was encouraged. It's gonna be a season, where for a while, we're gonna be inconsistent. But I'm excited with the ballclub, even with the loss of **Winston (Bennett)**. We know we're gonna get **Cedric (Jenkins)** back in time. But I like this basketball team. Because I like perimeter players. We may start five guards Saturday night. Because we've got pretty good ones. And we've got two great freshmen in **Derrick Miller** and **Rex Chapman**. We've got four days left (until the season opener), and I'm encouraged. I think we can win a bunch of ballgames, if everybody understands what their role is. And that's where coaching comes in. We'll define roles for every one of our players. And if they can execute that, then we got a chance to be a good basketball team. It's not gonna be a 32-4 season, though."

What has your club improved on since the Yugoslavian exhibition?
 "We're better defensively than when we played the Yugoslavian National ballclub, that's why I was impressed last night with our basketball team. We didn't shoot it that well, but I think defensively we were better."

And what does Kentucky need to work on right now?

"Inconsistency," Sutton said. "I think that's what we're fighting right now. And I think that's gonna be typical of our ballclub in December. There'll be nights, even times within a ballgame, when we play well and then other times when we don't play well. We need to win the games we should win, and then hopefully build, grow, mature and by the time we open conference play, be a pretty good basketball team. But I am optimistic. I like this basketball team. I'd like it better if I had Bennett out there, and Jenkins... and **(Kenny) Walker, (Roger) Harden** and **Leroy (Byrd)**."

Speaking of player roles, Sutton had this to say on what junior center Rob Lock needs to do for Kentucky to be successful this year: Play solid defense inside, don't foul, go get the ball when the perimeter players shoot it. If we do get it to you down on the block, put it in the hole."

On the role of junior guard Ed Davender: "Ed is, in my opinion, the best defensive guard in college basketball," Sutton said. "And he always draws the toughest assignment when we play, whoever it is. I do believe he's really improved his outside shot. We've worked hard. And I think with the three-point shot coming into college basketball, I think he's got better range than he had. I think Ed Davender is one of the best guards in the SEC."

And on the progress of walk-ons **Terry Shigg** and **Steve Bruce:** "Terry and Steve have both done well. They're smart players and they have adjusted quite well. They will travel with us all season long. They have helped our ballclub. I thought both of them played extremely well last night. In fact for a while, I didn't think our scholarship players were gonna score."

Sutton The Comedian: While on the subject of Davender and his improved shooting ability, Sutton was asked who would win if the two engaged in a shooting contest.

"He couldn't beat me at HORSE," Sutton replied with a grin on his face. "He can't beat coach **(Dwane) Casey** or coach **(James) Dickey** or coach **(Doug) Barnes** or coach **(Wayne) Breden**. But he is better."

Sutton on how quickly Mike Scott would be able to adjust to his new surroundings and be able to contribute should he decide to sign with Kentucky: "Two days. With this squad, two days."

"I hope Mike Scott comes to Kentucky, because I really believe he would be a very fine player for us," Sutton said, more seriously. "I do believe he probably should've been here in the first place, because this is where his heart is. And with the people we have up front, I do believe he will be a very fine player and help the ballclub. Now it's gonna take more than two days, I just said that in a joking manner. But he can help us in the latter part of the season, in the NCAA tournament hopefully. But he's gonna have to make the decision to come to Kentucky first. Then he and his family have got to make the decision does he want to play this year. I would say if we had Winston and Cedric and everybody was out there, that maybe he would not play. But I think he sees there's a great opportunity for him to play. That's why I think we've got an ace in the hole and we might get him. But other schools are still recruiting him right now."

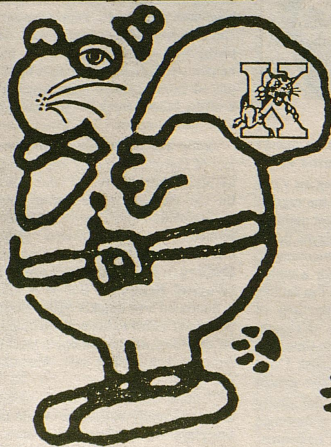
Sutton The Recruiter: Sutton said that although his club has already signed six outstanding high school talents to play next year, which will put the 'Cats two over the NCAA limit of 15 should everyone return next year, he is still on the recruiting trail. The coach said that UK is still interested in 6-4 guard **Jerome Harmon** of Lew Wallace High School in Gary, Ind., who has been called the "Evil Kneivel of the slam dunkers" by prep scout **Chris Wallace**.

"We're going to continue to recruit Jerome Harmon," Sutton said. "We think he's a good basketball player. We think he'd fit in well at Kentucky. But when you take the six players we signed, all of them are bona fide, big-time players. But we'll continue to recruit. I don't want any more seasons where we're playing four-on-four out there (in practice) everyday."

As for how Kentucky will get to the 15-scholarship limit next season, Sutton hinted the 'Cats may lose some players to transfer. In talking about **Darryl Bedford**, Austin Peay's burly forward who once played for Sutton at Arkansas before moving on, Sutton said, "Everybody loses players. And with our group coming in next season, we may lose some players. But every program (loses players). North Carolina loses players, Indiana... named me the best 10 programs in the country, and they're gonna lose players."

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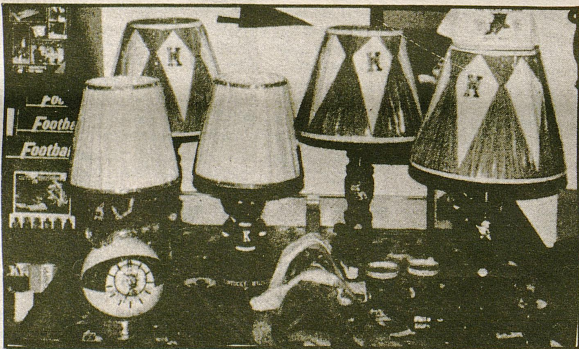
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'Average' Best Sums Up Grid 'Cats

Logan Says Players Must Pay The Price

"No pun intended, but this season has been the pits."

—Senior split end Eric Pitts.

It wasn't bad. It wasn't good. Any way you look at 5-5-1, it's average.

Not carrying over the 16-16 tie to Rutgers, simple division proves that five wins out of a possible 10 equals 50 percent. For every win there's a loss.

Picking up and looking through *Roget's Pocket Thesaurus* I tried



Nick Nicholas

Cats' Pause Columnist

to find the best word or phrase which matched UK's past season.

The list looked like this: *indifferent, middling, ordinary, mediocre, average, tolerable, fair, passable, decent, not bad, not amiss, admissible, or bearable.*

I couldn't find a better way to describe Kentucky's football season than *average*. . . plain ole average.

There were happy moments for this team—impressive wins at Cincinnati and against Florida—and sad ones, too. From massacres dealt by Mississippi (13-33) and Georgia (9-31) to critical losses at the hands of Virginia Tech (15-17) and Tennessee (9-28), the Wildcats were a difficult club to figure out.

What was the problem?

"This team showed a lot of character at times. At times it let down," said Marc Logan minutes after UK was defeated in Knoxville. "I don't know where it goes wrong or how it picks itself back up. There were just certain games during the season that we really showed some excellence.

"Against Florida we played well. In some games we looked like we had never picked up a football in our lives. Everybody just needs to keep working hard and pay the price. That's the most important thing, to pay that price."

Maybe it's during the summer when Kentucky's football program loses ground to the upper echelon of the SEC. Maybe. Maybe not. We always hear 50, 60 or 70 members of the team stay on campus and "really hit the weights" at Shively Sports Center. Maybe. Maybe not.

It's like what former basketball coach Al McGuire says, stars are born during the off-season—between early March and Oct. 15. The same holds true for football. A price must be paid to be the best.

Devotion In The Summer Is A Must

"You have to work during the summer, that way when the season comes around you've paid that price—to do what it takes to win," Logan said. "And you won't let anybody take that from you because you've paid that price. It's just like if you owned a store and if somebody was going to rob it you wouldn't let them. If you were just working that store you'd probably hand over the money, because you've never paid that price.

"That's something *everyone* is going to have to do."

I guess if *everyone* would pay the price then things might fall into place, thus a winning scenario. The problem is elementary. If you're the best you can be then execution should be no problem. Proper execution equals big plays.

Everyone has to follow these guidelines in order to execute. In simpler terms, score touchdowns if you're on offense or prevent touchdowns if on defense. Sound too easy? It's not.

Big plays are made possible because of execution. All season long, from a pressbox view, it seemed as if Kentucky depended on placekicker Joey Worley for a lion's share of its scoring.

UK's offense appeared to be suffering from the football disease known as the "20-20 blues." This is when a team easily moves the pigskin from its 20-yard line to the opponent's 20. However, the offense then becomes complacent and confused. A timeout or two is then squandered.

The end result? The afflicted squad fails to make the end zone or even a first down.

What should be a seven-point journey is quickly turned into a mere three-pointer. That's if the kicker isn't forced to boot out of his range. Sound familiar? It should.

Did this 20-20 epidemic show up in Kentucky's offensive attack?

"I really don't know what the problem was but yes, you're right," replied Pitts. "If we could have scored a lot of times within the 10 and 20 we would have been a lot better ballclub. We just had breakdowns when we got down there. I think we relaxed more and felt more at ease down there instead of putting out a 100 percent effort and getting the ball across the goal line."

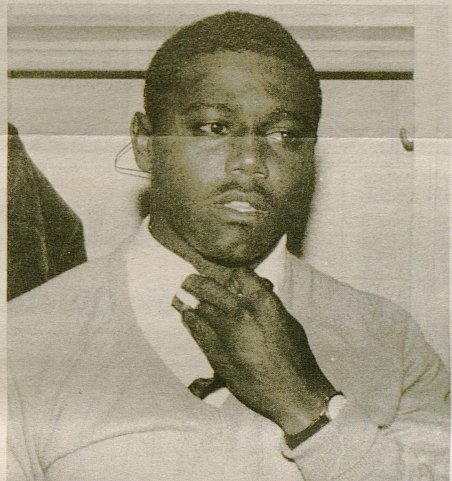
Kentucky's inability to produce points against Tennessee left the Wildcats home for the holidays. While a victory over the Vols would have added a postseason trip for Pitts, Logan and the others, a win in Knoxville would have made the season better than average.

Maybe Jerry Claiborne one day will have his program where he wants it. Some people say Kentucky can't compete in the SEC because of lack of support from the administration. Those people are searching for a scapegoat. Logan mentioned everything must come within, thus total dedication from the guys on the gridiron surface.

Where's The Need For Stadium Expansion?

Nobody prior to this season was complaining about stadium expansion (currently, UK can't consistently fill the number of seats at Commonwealth Stadium), more devotion to UK's football program by the administration followed by less to basketball, or anything in this manner. After the loss to Tennessee, complaints from Kentucky fans and certain media outlets toward the administration's so-called lack of support have surfaced.

Many preseason experts predicted good things for this ballclub. A Sugar Bowl or SEC Championship wasn't in the forecast. Out-



Loss To Big Orange Was Sour To Pitts, UK

siders, meanwhile, looked at Kentucky's '86 schedule and truly believed UK could win seven contests.

I for one did.

On the field it's the players not the administrators who must pay the price. Sure, things such as the Irv Nutter training complex will help upgrade Claiborne's program. But it's the players who have to boost the program with consistent as well as diligent off-season workouts.

Overall, this season wasn't a bad one, but it wasn't a good one. To 19 seniors, meanwhile, this season was truly "the pits."

Even a world traveler who missed the college football season could have walked into UK's locker room after the loss to UT and see that a sorrowful fate was dealt to these Wildcats.

A feeling of dejection echoed throughout UK's headquarters. Dejection upon the seniors' faces told the story. Not one of your more joyous occasions, let me add. You probably know that if you've followed this 11 chapter roller coaster ride.

For 19 seniors, their career accomplishments at Kentucky are similar in some ways to this year's up-and-down campaign. First, there were two Hall of Fame Bowl appearances followed by a 5-6 season.

Being seniors, this was suppose to be their year. . . their season to go out in style. Sadly to say, it never did happen.

"It wasn't as good as we wanted it to be," said quarterback Bill Ransdell. "It's just that simple."

Maybe better-than-average moments will be a part of next year's senior class. Maybe. Maybe not.



Publication's Top Guns For '86-87

The Lexington Herald-Leader

TOP BOYS

Player, school	Ht.	Yr.	Avg.*
1. LaMonte Ware, Hopkinsville	6-2	SR	21.1
2. Deron Feldhaus, Mason Co.	6-7	SR	19.1
3. John Phiphey, Paintsville	6-7	SR	18.9
4. Kevin Ellery, Washington Co.	6-5	SR	25.3
5. Junior Graves, Seneca	6-4	JR	14.4
6. Sean Sutton, Henry Clay	6-1	SR	19.5
7. Desmond Porter, PRP	6-3	SR	19.0
8. Prince Stewart, Lafayette	5-11	SR	15.2
9. David Hogg, Owensboro	6-3	SR	15.0
10. Shannon Fraley, Pulaski Co.	6-0	SR	14.0
11. Steve Schureman, Clark Co.	6-3	SR	14.0
12. Mike Hall, Jeffersonton	6-4	SR	18.6
13. Robert Peyton, Seneca	6-4	SR	21.0
14. Terry North, Hazard	6-1	SR	15.3
15. Jerome Coles, Tates Creek	6-6	SR	15.8
16. Riche Farmer, Clay Co.	6-0	JR	18.4
17. Donald Tiws, Tighman	5-10	SR	22.8
18. James Brewer, Bardstown	6-3	JR	19.0
19. Mike Peaches, Hopkinsville	6-3	SR	13.7
20. Enrique Tucuna, Univ. Hts.	6-8	SR	14.1
21. Stan Shelby, North Hardin	6-3	SR	17.6
22. David Hicks, Oldham Co.	6-4	SR	13.0
23. Steve Johnson, Wolfe Co.	6-1	SR	27.4
24. Matt Eruts, North Hardin	6-7	SR	15.0
25. Trevis Ford, Madisonville	5-9	SO	16.0

* Last season's average
Rankings based on a poll of coaches

TOP BOYS' TEAMS

School	Last Yr.
1. Hopkinsville	30-5
2. Paintsville	29-5
3. Owensboro	32-5
4. Henry Clay	25-6
5. Seneca	20-10
6. Paducah Tighman	30-2
7. Lafayette	18-8
8. Southern	18-11
9. North Hardin	20-9
10. Marshall County	19-8
11. Mason County	26-3
12. Hazard	34-2
13. Washington County	20-10
14. Clay County	23-7
15. Clark County	26-6
16. Pleasure Ridge Park	36-3
17. Madisonville	20-8
18. Bardstown	15-10
19. Newport Catholic	23-7
20. Somerset	19-9
21. Madison Central	21-8
22. Pulaski County	32-3
23. Oldham County	25-8
24. Wolfe County	23-8
25. Paris	17-12

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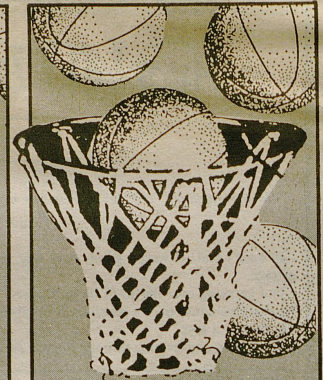
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TOP 20 TEAMS

Region	'85-86 Record
1. Hopkinsville	2nd 30-5
2. Paintsville	15th 29-5
3. Lexington Henry Clay	11th 25-6
4. Owensboro	3rd 32-5
5. Paducah Tighman	1st 30-2
6. Seneca	7th 20-12
7. Marshall County	1st 19-8
8. Southern	6th 18-11
9. North Hardin	5th 20-9
10. Mason County	10th 31-3
11. Pleasure Ridge Park	8th 36-3
12. Washington County	9th 21-10
13. Clay County	13th 21-7
14. Hazard	14th 34-2
15. Lexington Lafayette	11th 17-9
16. Bardstown	5th 16-10
17. Madisonville	2nd 20-8
18. Pulaski County	12th 32-3
19. Oldham County	8th 25-8
20. Clark County	10th 26-6

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17. Jeff Quarles, Hopkinsville	6-2	Sr. 14.1
18. Steve Schureman, Clark Co.	6-3	Sr. 12.0
19. Brace Stai, Boyd Co.	6-4	Sr. 13.0
20. Matt Eruts, North Hardin	6-7	Sr. 15.8



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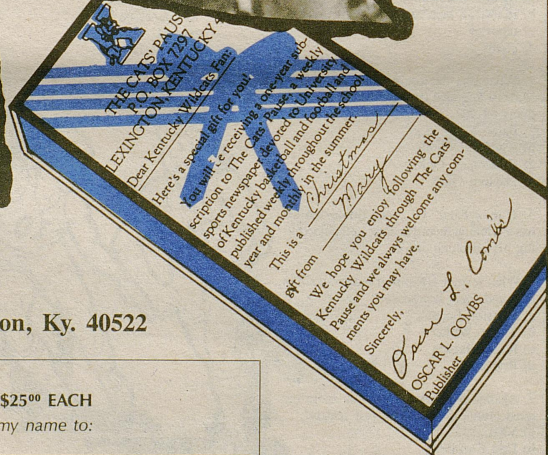
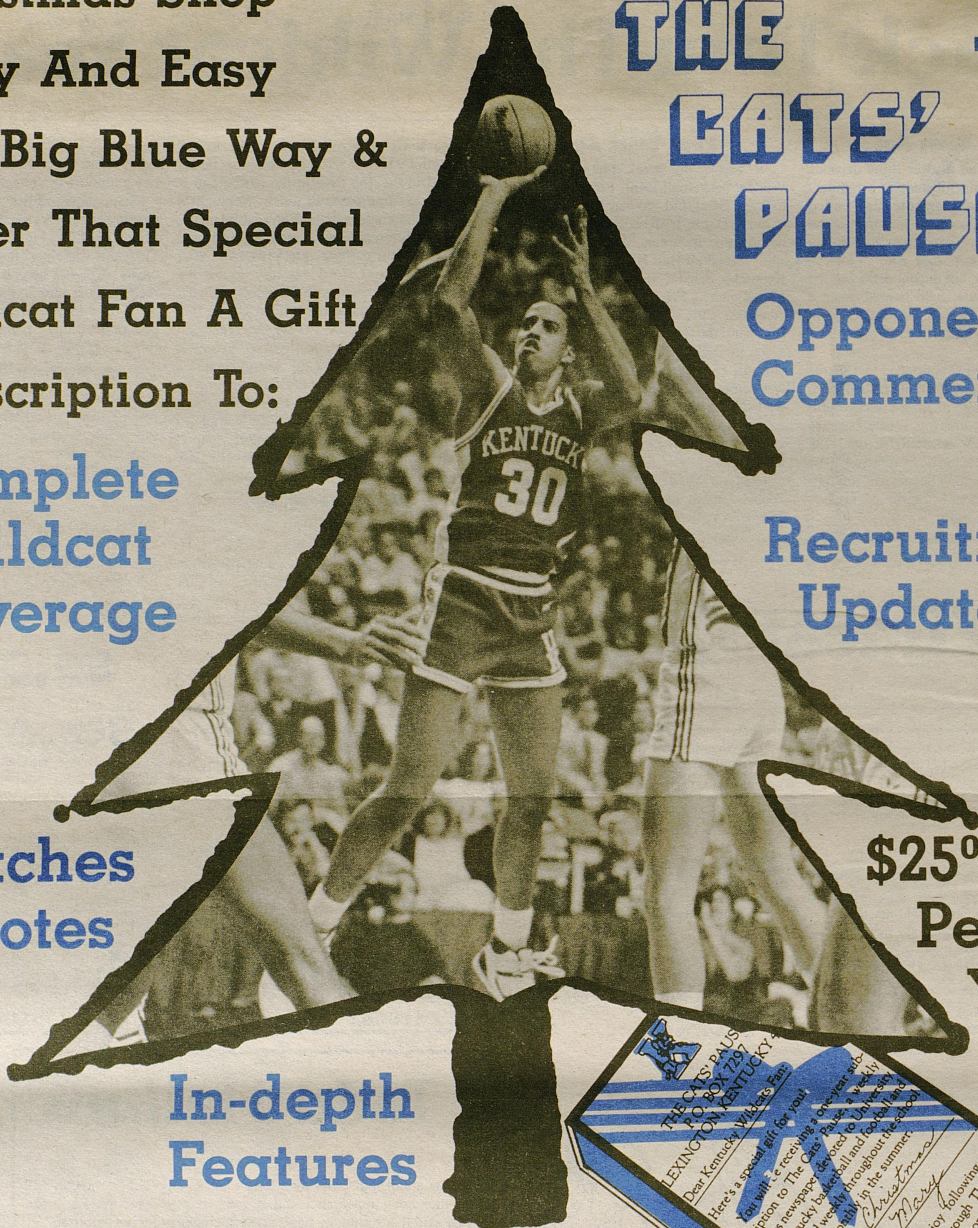
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