

Unparalleled Tradition

Throughout Kentucky, echoes of children can be heard mimicking their heroes.

Jones grabs the rebound and gets it out to Beard and the Wildcats are off and running!

The story has been played out in backyards, barnyards and on city courts all across the Bluegrass. From one era to the next, from one cultural icon to the next, young Kentuckians have dreamt of being the next Cliff Hagan, the next Kyle Macy, or the next Jamal Mashburn.

Casey looks inside, spins past Maravich, passes to Issel who scores again!

It may be on a hillside in Muhlenberg County, or in a hollow in West Liberty, or at a recreation center in London. Throughout the state, year after year, UK wins more games on the sides of tobacco barns than the NCAA statisticians could ever record.

Macy looks inside for Givens... the Goose cannot be stopped!

While this tradition has been passed down from generation to generation, the only thing that changes is the players. In the past 102 seasons, there have been names like Basil, Aggie, Wah Wah and Cliff. Others have included Cotton, Louie, Dan and Jimmy Dan. There was the Goose, Kyle, Big Sam and Skywalker. King Rex made a splash, followed by Richie, Mash, Antoine, Tayshaun and Chuck.

All household names.

Chapman lets fly as he's falling out of bounds, got it! That's unbelievable!

And yet, the Wildcats always win, because they always have.

The late Cawood Ledford once stated, "It's better to set your goals too high and come up just short, than set them too low and surpass them." The Kentucky basketball program has always followed that creed – a goal to win a national championship each season.

To date, the Wildcats have claimed an NCAA title seven times. They've played in 13 Final Fours. They are the winningest team in college basketball with the highest winning percentage. They've played in a record 46 NCAA Tournaments, won an unprecedented 43 Southeastern Conference Championships and 25 SEC Tournament trophies – more than all the other league schools combined. And who can claim 11 30-win seasons? Only Kentucky.

Mashburn for another three... it's good!

Simply stated, UK epitomizes basketball tradition. The Fabulous Five, who made the remarkable run in winning the 1948 national title, traveled to London, England, that summer and claimed Olympic gold as well. Dan Issel, who scored 2,138 points during his UK career that ended in 1970, is still the all-time leading scorer in school history.

And for 25 years, the winningest coach in college basketball was the innovator of the fast break – Adolph Rupp.

McCarty with a thunderous dunk!

As Rick Pitino commented after the Cats had captured the 1996 NCAA Championship, "We're just carrying the torch of tradition. This title belongs to the state of Kentucky, because those fans are Kentucky basketball."

Nowhere in America are the fans as loyal and committed to their basketball team. From Oxford, Miss., to Maui, Hawaii, Big Blue fans of all walks of life are there to cheer on the Cats to victory. Or maybe it's right at home at Rupp Arena. Despite not having the largest basketball gymnasium in the country today, the Wildcats have still won 16 national attendance titles, including the nine of hte last 10.

From the packed 10th Region Tournament in Mason County to the sea of orange at Marshall County, young men battle in high school hoops with one goal – to play on the same floor as their beloved Wildcats.

Ron Mercer drives the lane... what a finish!

The fans' passion for the Big Blue is unmatched.

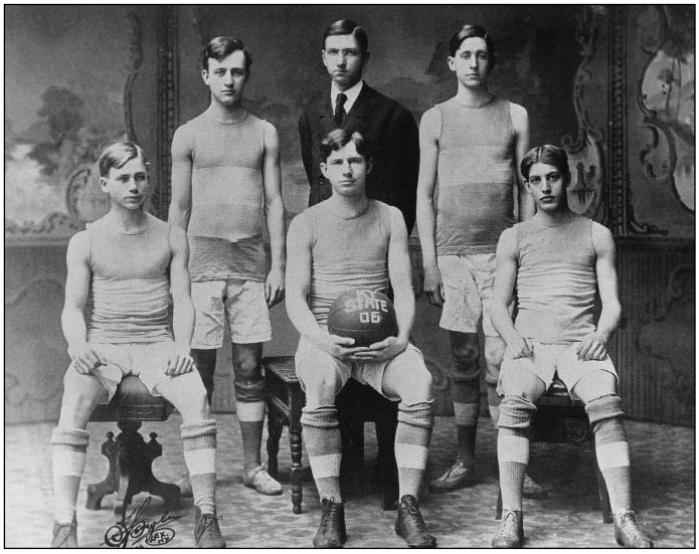
Who are the Cats recruiting? Is he the next Johnny Cox? Will he stay all four years?

Is Richie gonna start tonight?

That's what separates Kentucky basketball from all the rest. It's not just a basketball state. It's a Kentucky basketball state.

3...2...1... he shoots, it's good! Cats win! Cats win!

Throughout Kentucky, the echoes continue.



The 1906 Kentucky Wildcats

February 18, 1903
State College (Kentucky) records its first win, an 11-10 decision over Lexington YMCA. The Wildcats finished that first season with a 1-2 record.

February 18, 1909
With a 28-23 win over Cincinnati, Kentucky clinched its first winning season in school history. Following a "Senior Day" loss to Central University, the Wildcats ended the year with a 5-4 record.

January, 1910
E. R. Sweetland signs a three-year pact as State's Director of Athletics and its first basketball coach.

March 1, 1912
Kentucky defeats Georgetown College, 19-18, to complete the season with a perfect 9-0 record and earn its first title as Southern Champions.

March 1, 1921
Kentucky upsets Tulane, Mercer, Mississippi A&M and Georgia to win the first Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association basketball championship. Hundreds of Wildcats fans await "play-by-play" via telegraph, and greet the team's train with a celebration and parade in downtown Lexington. It is believed to be the first college basketball tournament ever played.



Spring, 1921
Basil Hayden becomes UK's first All-America basketball player.

January 21, 1922
The Wildcats beat Louisville, 29-22, for their 100th victory.

Dec. 13, 1924
The Wildcats defeat Cincinnati in their first game in the new, 2,800-seat, $100,000 Alumni Gymnasium.

March 21, 1930
A Freeport, Ill., high school coach named Adolph Rupp is named head basketball coach at the University of Kentucky.

Dec. 18, 1930
UK defeats Georgetown College, 67-19, for the first of Adolph Rupp's 876 victories.

Feb. 28, 1933
UK wins the first Southeastern Conference Tournament Championship by defeating Mississippi State, 46-27, in Atlanta.

Feb. 17, 1934
UK establishes a national record with its 23rd consecutive win (47-27 over Vanderbilt). Near riot erupts as fans vie for seats in Alumni Gym.

Feb. 14, 1938
Joe Hagan's 48-foot shot with 12 seconds left lifts the Wildcats over Marquette, 35-33. After the game, Gov. A. B. "Happy" Chandler pounds a nail into the floor to mark the spot where the shot was taken.

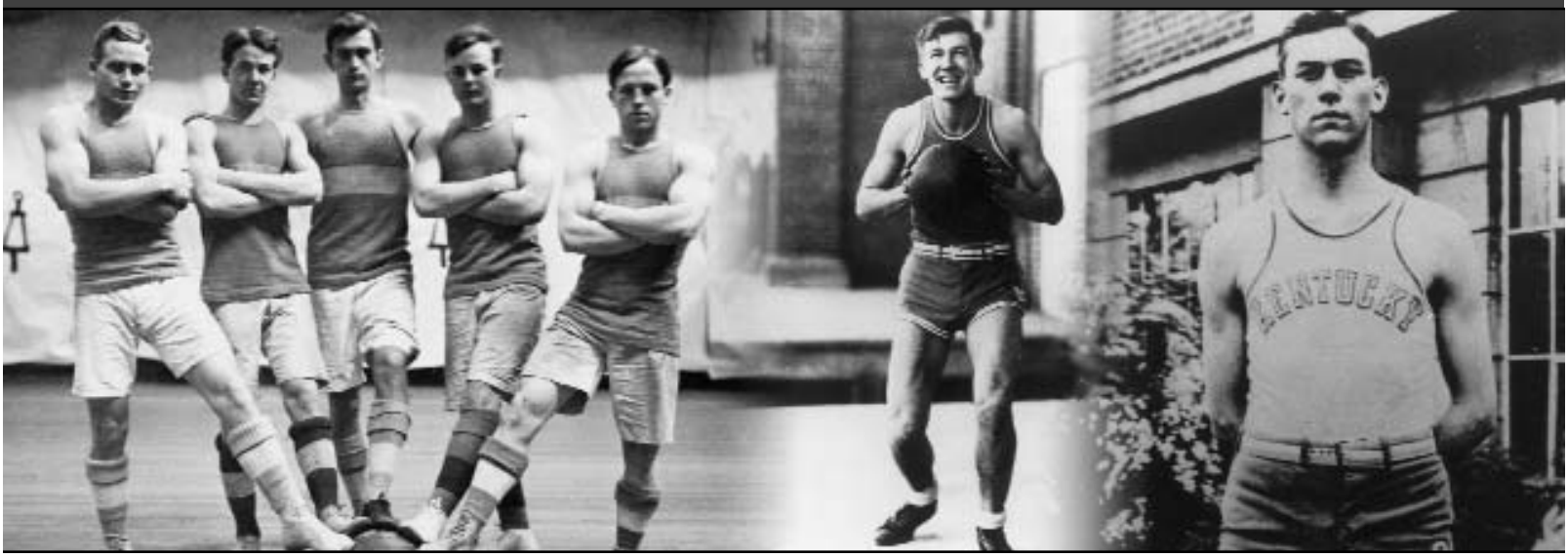
March 20, 1942
After winning its sixth SEC championship, UK wins its first NCAA Tournament game, 46-44, over Illinois.

March 20, 1946
UK wins Rupp's first national title, with a 46-45 victory over Rhode Island.



Rupp's first team, 1930-31

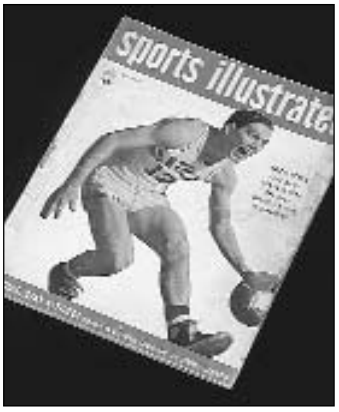
The 1909 Wildcats were the first to record a winning record, 5-4. Carey Spicer was Adolph Rupp's first All-American in 1931. Forest Sale was an All-American in 1932 and 1933.



March 24, 1947
Before a Madison Square Garden record crowd of 18,493, Wat Misaka held Ralph Beard to two points and Utah ended the Wildcats' bid for back-to-back NIT Championships.

March 23, 1948
Adolph Rupp's "Fabulous Five" wins UK's first NCAA Championship, 58-42, over Baylor. The team is met in Lexington by 15,000 fans and given a parade on a fire truck.

August 13, 1948
The U.S. Olympic basketball team, featuring Kentucky's "Fabulous Five," wins the gold medal by defeating France, 64-21, at Wembley Stadium in London.



Ralph Beard appeared on the cover of the very first Sports Illustrated in 1948.


Alex Groza dominated in 1948.

March 8, 1949
Kentucky ends the year ranked No. 1 in the first season of the Associated Press basketball poll.

March 26, 1949
UK wins its second consecutive NCAA championship, defeating Oklahoma A&M, 46-36, in Seattle.

Dec. 1, 1950
UK plays its first game in the new, $3.9 million, 11,500-seat Memorial Coliseum. Skeptics label the building a "white elephant."

March 27, 1951
UK wins its third NCAA title, defeating Kansas State, 68-58, in the finals in Minneapolis.

1952-53
UK's season is suspended by the NCAA.

Dec. 5, 1953
Cawood Ledford broadcasts his first game as the radio "Voice of the Wildcats."

March 9, 1954
Kentucky beats LSU, 63-56, in an SEC playoff game to cap a perfect 25-0 season and finish with the nation's No. 1 ranking.

Jan. 8, 1955
Fans are stunned as Georgia Tech defeats UK, 59-58, in Memorial Coliseum, ending a 129-game home winning streak that still stands as a national record.

Dec. 7, 1957
What was then referred to as "the longest game in UK history" proves fruitful for the Wildcats as they defeat Temple 85-83 in three overtimes. Vernon Hatton scores UK's final six points to edge the Owls.

UK's 7-foot Bill Spivey (1950-51) was basketball's first true big man.

March 21, 1958
In the Wildcats' first game in Freedom Hall Vernon Hatton's layup with 17 seconds left pushes the Wildcats past Temple, 61-60, and into the NCAA Championship game.

March 22, 1958
UK wins its fourth NCAA title by defeating Seattle, 84-72, in Louisville. The "Fiddlin' Five" was led by Vernon Hatton's 30 points. The win gave Rupp his most coveted title, the one he vowed to win after the NCAA had suspended UK's 1953 season.



Adolph Rupp and assistant Paul McBrayer made UK a national power in the early 1940s. Ralph Beard, Wah Jones, Cliff Hagan and John Crigler excelled under Rupp.





Adolph Rupp and assistant Harry Lancaster coached the Wildcats to four NCAA titles.

March 17, 1962
For the second straight year, UK is eliminated from the NCAA Tournament by Ohio State. The third-ranked Wildcats, the SEC co-champions, go down 74-64 to the Buckeyes to end a 23-3 season.

March 19, 1966
In one of the biggest upsets in NCAA Tournament history, top-ranked UK, featuring "Rupp's Runts," loses in the NCAA Championship game, 72-65, to Texas Western.

Jan. 27, 1968
At the time, it was believed that Adolph Rupp became college basketball's all-time winningest coach when the Wildcats overcame a record-setting 52-point performance by LSU's Pete Maravich to defeat the Tigers, 121-95. Years later, it was discovered that he had achieved that feat on Feb. 18, 1967, with a 103-74 win over Mississippi State.

Jan. 18, 1969
On the road against its long-time rival, UK became the first team in college basketball history to win 1,000 games, defeating Tennessee, 69-66.

June 9, 1969
Tom Payne, a seven-foot All-American from Louisville, becomes the first black player to sign with the University of Kentucky.

Feb. 28, 1970
Dan Issel becomes UK's first player to score 2,000 career points as UK defeats Vanderbilt, 90-86.

March 14, 1970
Dan Issel scores his 2,138th point, etching his name into the record book as UK's all-time leading scorer. The top-ranked Wildcats are upset by Jacksonville, 106-100, in the NCAA Tournament.



The starting-five introduction at Memorial Coliseum in 1964.

March 18, 1972
Adolph Rupp coaches his last game at UK, a 73-54 loss to Florida State in the NCAA Tournament.

Dec. 2, 1972
Joe B. Hall coaches his first game as head coach at UK, a 75-66 win at Michigan State. UK goes on to win the SEC Championship and finish 22-8 during Hall's inaugural season.

March 22, 1975
UK upsets undefeated Indiana in the Mideast Regional semifinals to earn a trip to the Final Four. Before the title game with UCLA, legendary coach John Wooden announces his retirement. The Bruins go on to defeat UK, 92-85, on March 31.

March 8, 1976
Jack Givens keys a late rally as UK outlasts Mississippi State, 94-93 in overtime, in the last game played at Memorial Coliseum.

March 21, 1976
UK wins its second NIT Championship by defeating North Carolina-Charlotte, 71-67 in New York.

Nov. 27, 1976
UK defeats Wisconsin, 72-64, in the new, 23,000-seat, $53 million Rupp Arena. Rick Robey scores the first goal in Rupp with 19:30 left to play in the first half.

Louie Dampier and "Rupp's Runts" in an NCAA semifinal win over Duke in 1966. Dan Issel remains UK's all-time leading scorer. Joe B. Hall gave UK its fifth NCAA title in 1978.





UK's #21, Jack Givens, scored 41 points in the 1978 championship game against Duke.

Dec. 10, 1977
As top-ranked UK is defeating Kansas on "Adolph Rupp Night" in Allen Field House on Naismith Drive in Lawrence, Kansas, Rupp dies. Thousands would participate in the funeral procession in Lexington.

March 27, 1978
Jack "Goose" Givens scores 41 points as UK wins its fifth NCAA Championship, 94-88, over Duke in St. Louis. More than 10,000 fans greet the team at Blue Grass Airport and 15,000 more celebrate at Memorial Coliseum

March 26, 1983
In the first meeting between the schools in 24 years, Louisville defeats UK 80-68 in overtime to earn a trip to the Final Four.

March 31, 1984
Georgetown outscores UK 23-2 at the start of the second half to defeat the Wildcats, 53-40, in the NCAA semifinal game in Seattle.

March 22, 1985
Joe B. Hall announces his retirement after UK loses to St. John's, 86-70, in the NCAA West Regional in Denver.

Nov. 22, 1985
Eddie Sutton coaches his first game at Kentucky, a 77-58 win over Northwestern (La.) State.

Dec. 29, 1986
Following the Wildcats' 85-51 win at Louisville on Dec. 27, more than 19,000 fans filled Freedom Hall for a Kentucky practice to usher in the era of school-boy legend Rex Chapman.

March 10, 1989
Kentucky finishes the year with a 13-19 record, its first losing mark in 61 seasons.

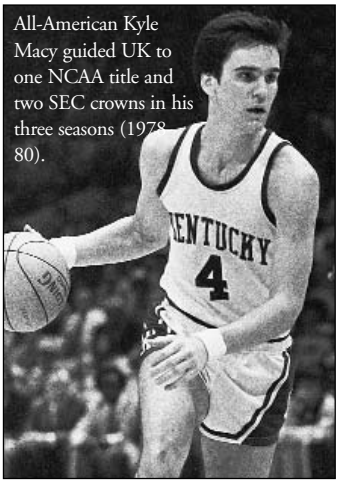
March 19, 1989
In the wake of an NCAA investigation, Eddie Sutton resigns as UK basketball coach.

May 19, 1989
The NCAA places Kentucky's basketball program on probation.

June 2, 1989
Rick Pitino is named head basketball coach at Kentucky.

June, 1990
Rick Pitino makes history by naming Bernadette Locke, a former assistant for the Georgia Lady Bulldogs basketball team, to his coaching staff at Kentucky.

March 2, 1991
Before a crowd of 24,310 at Rupp Arena, Kentucky defeats Auburn, 114-93, to claim the best record in the Southeastern Conference and end its two-year probation.



All-American Kyle Macy guided UK to one NCAA title and two SEC crowns in his three seasons (1978-80).

March 15, 1992
Eligible for postseason play for the first time in three years, Kentucky dominates Alabama, 80-54, to take its 16th SEC Tournament Championship.

March 28, 1992
In what many called the "best NCAA Tournament game ever," Kentucky takes defending NCAA champion Duke into overtime before losing 104-103 in the East Regional finals in Philadelphia. A last-second shot by Christian Laettner sends Duke to the Final Four, and breaks the hearts of Wildcat fans everywhere. It is Cawood Ledford's last game as the "Voice of the Wildcats."

April 3, 1993
Kentucky faces Michigan in the NCAA semifinals, marking UK's 10th Final Four appearance. An 81-78 overtime loss to the Wolverines ended Kentucky's season at 30-4 and marked All-American Jamal Mashburn's last game in UK blue.

Feb. 15, 1994
Trailing by 31 points with 15:34 remaining in the game at LSU, the Wildcats pull off a Mardi Gras miracle. Connecting on 11 three-pointers and outscoring the Bayou Bengals 62-27 during the final 15:34, UK storms back to a 99-95 victory – the greatest comeback in UK history.

Sam Bowie, Kenny Walker and Rex Chapman were the stars of the '80s, while Rick Pitino's 1992 squad was truly "Unforgettable." Legendary broadcaster Cawood Ledford.




After winning the NCAA title in 1996, the Cats presented President Clinton and Vice President Gore with game jerseys.

March 2, 1996
With a 101-63 victory over Vanderbilt in Rupp Arena on Senior Day, UK became the first team in 40 years to finish with a perfect record in the SEC, a 16-0 sweep. It was the Wildcats' 25th win in a row, tying the school record for consecutive wins in a season. Two games later, they set the new record at 27 games.

April 1, 1996
After avenging an early season loss to UMass with a win in the NCAA semifinals two days before, UK squashes a late Syracuse rally to win its sixth national title, 76-67.

May 20, 1996
The championship squad makes an official visit to the White House at the invitation of President Clinton. Tony Delk and Mark Pope present President Clinton and Vice President Al Gore with UK jerseys.

March 31, 1997
Despite losing its star, Derek Anderson, to a knee injury on Jan. 18, UK returns to defend its NCAA title in the National Championship game, falling in overtime to Arizona, 84-79. It would be the final game with Rick Pitino as coach.


The Tubby Smith hiring on May 12, 1997.

May 6, 1997
Rick Pitino announces his resignation at Kentucky to take the challenge of rebuilding the NBA's most storied franchise, the Boston Celtics.

May 12, 1997
UK's director of athletics, C.M. Newton, introduced Orlando "Tubby" Smith as head coach.

Nov. 20, 1997
It was the dawning of an era as new head coaches Tubby Smith and Morehead State's Kyle Macy tipped off the season in Rupp Arena. Smith won his first game at UK, 88-49, over the former UK All-American and his Eagles.

March 22, 1998
In one of the most anticipated matchups of the NCAA Tournament, UK roars back from a 17-point deficit with 9:38 remaining to defeat Duke, 86-84. The victory buried the nightmare of UK-Duke '92 and advanced the Wildcats to their third straight Final Four.

March 30, 1998
The "Comeback Cats" rallied from a 10-point halftime deficit to defeat Utah, 78-69, winning UK's second national title in three years, its seventh overall.

Sept. 5, 2001
After a long illness, Cawood Ledford dies at his home in Harlan. A planned tribute at Rupp Arena was canceled following the "9/11" terrorists attacks.

Dec. 8, 2001
Kentucky beats North Carolina for the Cats' 1,800th victory, the first college basketball team to reach that milestone.

March 16, 2003
After running the table in regular-season Southeastern Conference play, Kentucky defeats Mississippi State, 64-57, in the finals of the SEC Tournament to secure its 24th league tourney crown and complete a 19-0 season sweep of conference opponents. It marked the first time the feat had been accomplished in 51 seasons.


Kentucky claimed the 2003 SEC Tournament title, capping off a perfect 19-0 record against league opponents.

Jamal Mashburn helped return UK to greatness. UK claimed the 1996 NCAA title with the help of stars like Ron Mercer. Tubby Smith claimed the 1998 title in his first season at UK.



1947-48 National Champions

Game Review

Kentucky

PLAYER	FG	FTM	FTA	PF	TP
Jones	4	1	1	3	9
Barker	2	1	3	4	5
Line	3	1	1	3	7
Groza	6	2	4	4	14
Holland	1	0	0	1	2
Beard	4	4	4	1	12
Rollins	3	3	5	3	9
Barnstable	0	0	1	0	0
Totals	23	12	19	19	58

Baylor

PLAYER	FG	FTM	FTA	PF	TP
Owen	2	1	2	0	5
DeWitt	3	2	4	3	8
Hickman	1	0	0	0	2
Pulley	0	1	1	0	1
Heathington	3	2	4	5	8
Preston	0	0	2	2	0
Johnson	3	4	7	5	10
Robinson	3	2	4	4	8
Brack	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	15	12	24	19	42

Halftime: UK 29, Baylor 16

Season Recap

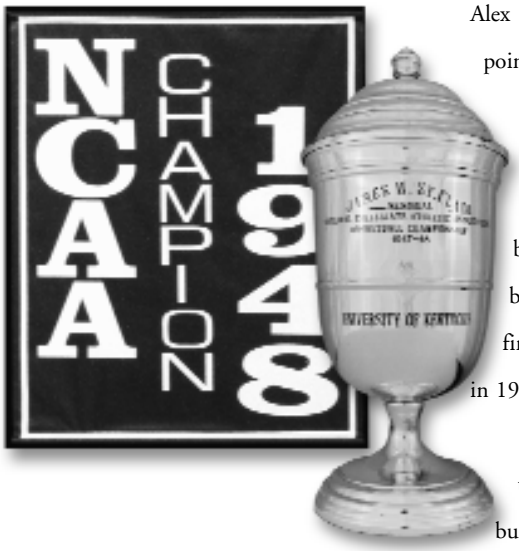
Behind the Fabulous Five of Ralph Beard, Wah Wah Jones, Alex Groza, Kenny Rollins, and Cliff Barker, the 1947-48 Kentucky men's basketball team went 36-3 enroute to win the school's first national championship.

Kentucky got off to a quick start winning its first seven games before falling to Temple in a one-point buzzer-beater. The Wildcats, however, won 26 of their next 29 games including a 58-38 victory retribution matchup over the Temple Owls. All five of the Wildcat starters were recognized by the Southeastern Conference with Jones, Beard and Rollins being named to the first team. Beard was also named the True Magazine Player-of-the-Year for the second consecutive season.

Following the regular season, the Wildcats breezed through the SEC Tournament, winning the four games by a total of 111 points, including a narrow 54-53 victory over Georgia Tech in the championship game. The NCAA Tournament went much as the conference tourney did. Jones scored 19 points in the opener over Columbia and then UK won an eight-point decision over Holy Cross in the second round to advance to the championship game against Baylor. Groza poured in 23 points for the 58-42 victory over the Bears.

Kentucky 58, Baylor 42

March 23, 1948 • New York



Alex Groza and Ralph Beard combined for 26 points and the Wildcats' defense held the Bears to 16 first-half points to capture UK's first NCAA title.

The title victory enabled the Wildcats to become only the second team ever to win both the NIT and NCAA titles. UK, which finished the season at 34-2, won the NIT title in 1946.

Paced by Groza and Beard, the Wildcats turned a 29-16 halftime lead into a 44-28 bulge midway through the second half. After Baylor rallied to cut the lead to 11, UK put the game out of reach as Wallace "Wah Wah" Jones scored four points to give the Wildcats a 15-point lead.

In addition to Groza and Beard, the Wildcats also got nine points apiece from Jones and Kenneth Rollins.



Front Row: Coach Adolph Rupp, Johnny Stough, Ralph Beard, Kenneth Rollins, Cliff Barker, Jr., Dale Barnstable, Asst. Coach Harry Lancaster.
Second Row: Manager Humzey Yessin, Garland Townes, Jim Jordan, Joe Holland, Alex Groza, Wallace Jones, Jim Line, Roger Day, Trainer Wilbert Bud Berger.

1948-49 National Champions

Kentucky 46, Oklahoma A&M 36

March 26, 1949 • Seattle



Paced by Alex Groza's 25 points and a defense that limited the Aggies to a mere nine field goals, the Wildcats were crowned NCAA Champions for the second straight year.

Groza, a unanimous selection as the "Player of the Tournament," scored more than twice as many points as any other player. A&M's Jack Shelton was the game's only other player to score in double figures. He finished with 12 points.

The Aggies, coached by Hank Iba, led 5-2, but the Wildcats scored seven straight points, five by Groza, and never trailed again as they took a 25-20 first-half lead.

UK extended the lead to 31-21 early in the second half and coasted the rest of the way.



Front Row: Coach Adolph Rupp, Jim Line, Cliff Barker, John Stough, Ralph Beard, Joe Hall, Garland Townes, Assistant Coach Harry Lancaster. Back Row: Dale Barnstable, Walt Hirsch, Wallace Jones, Alex Groza, Bob Henne, Roger Day, Mgr. Humzey Yessin.

Game Review

Kentucky

PLAYER	FG	FTM	FTA	PF	TP
Jones	1	1	3	3	3
Line	2	1	2	3	5
Groza	9	7	8	5	25
Beard	1	1	2	4	3
Barker	1	3	3	4	5
Barnstable	1	1	1	1	3
Hirsch	1	0	0	1	2
Totals	16	14	19	21	46

Oklahoma A&M

PLAYER	FG	FTM	FTA	PF	TP
Yates	1	0	0	1	2
Bradley	0	3	5	3	3
Harris	3	1	1	5	7
Parks	2	3	4	5	7
Shelton	3	6	7	4	12
Jaquet	0	1	2	0	1
McArthur	0	2	2	1	2
Pilgrim	0	2	2	1	2
Smith	0	0	0	1	0
Totals	9	18	23	21	36

Halftime: UK 25, Oklahoma A&M 20

Season Recap

With a familiar four starters returning from the Fabulous Five, the 1948-49 Kentucky men's basketball team appeared poised to make a second consecutive title run. The Wildcats raced through the regular season with only one loss and only three teams throughout the year came within even 10 points of Kentucky. Alex Groza led the team in scoring in 13 of its last 15 games and he broke a UK and SEC record with 38 points in a 95-40 win over Georgia on Feb. 21.

The team concluded the regular season with a 70-37 win over Vanderbilt at Alumni Gym, including a last-second 65-foot shot by Cliff Barker. The Cats again swept through the SEC Tournament in nearby Louisville, winning their opening-round game over Florida, 73-36. Kentucky outscored its SEC Tournament opponents by a total of 123 points in a four-game span, including a 68-52 win over Tulane in the conference final.

After being surprisingly upset in the first round of the NIT Tournament, the Wildcats had no trouble in NCAA play. Kentucky defeated Villanova, 85-72, and Illinois, 76-47, to advance to the national title game. Groza, Ralph Beard and Wah Wah Jones were all named All-America and Groza was named the tournament's MVP.

It was no surprise that when the first-ever Associated Press poll was released the following year, the Cats were ranked preseason No. 1.

1950-51 National Champions

Game Review

Kentucky

PLAYER	FG	FTM	FTA	PF	TP
Whitaker	4	1	0	2	9
Linville	2	4	8	5	8
Spivey	9	4	6	2	22
Ramsey	4	1	3	5	9
Watson	3	2	4	3	8
Hagan	5	0	2	5	10
Tsioropoulos	1	0	0	1	2
Newton	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	28	12	23	23	68

Kansas State

PLAYER	FG	FTM	FTA	PF	TP
Head	3	2	2	5	8
Stone	3	6	8	5	12
Hitch	6	1	1	5	13
Barrett	2	0	2	1	4
Iverson	3	1	2	3	7
Housey	2	0	0	3	4
Gibson	0	1	1	5	1
Upson	0	0	0	1	0
Knostman	1	1	2	1	3
Peck	2	0	1	1	4
Schuyler	1	0	1	1	2
Totals	23	12	20	31	58

Halftime: Kansas State 29, UK 27

Season Recap

Kentucky opened the 1950-51 season on an 84-game home win streak and they began the year by moving from the antiquated Alumni Gym to the new 11,500 seat Memorial Coliseum that was designed to commemorate the Kentuckians who died in World War II and the Korean War.

Though illness plagued the team and its coach throughout the season, Kentucky compiled a 32-2 record and its third national title in four years. UK defeated arch-rival Louisville by 11 points, 79-68, in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament before breezing by St. John's in the next round. After posting a narrow 76-74 victory over Illinois in the East Regional championship, the Cats toppled Kansas State, 68-58, in the championship game.

Seven-foot center Bill Spivey led Kentucky, scoring 19.2 points per game during the season. He was followed by the junior duo of Shelby Linville and Bobby Watson, who each averaged 10.4 ppg. The Cats outscored their opponents by 757 points in UK's third championship season.

Kentucky 68, Kansas State 58

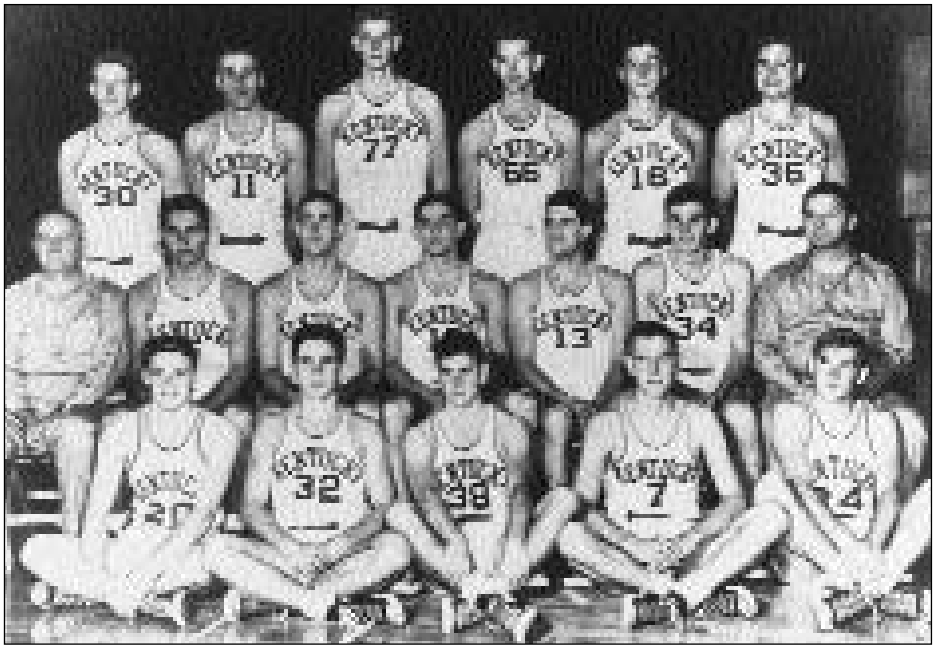
March 27, 1951 • Minneapolis



Bill Spivey scored 22 points and an ailing Cliff Hagan sparked the Wildcats to their third NCAA title.

With a squad consisting of only six healthy players — Walt Hirsch was ineligible and Hagan was plagued by an infected throat — the Wildcats hardly looked like championship material as Kansas State broke out to a 20-12 lead. It was then that Rupp inserted the ailing Hagan. It was a move that may have proved the difference as the sophomore forward sparked a rally that saw UK cut the Kansas State lead to 29-27 at the half.

Led by Hagan and Spivey, who dominated the boards, UK outscored Kansas State 41-29 in the second half to complete the come-from-behind victory.



Standing: Frank Ramsey, Shelby Linville, Bill Spivey, Roger Layne, Lou Tsioropoulos, Read Morgan. Seated: Coach Adolph Rupp, Cliff Hagan, C.M. Newton, Walt Hirsch, Paul Lansaw, Dwight Price, Assistant Coach Harry Lancaster. Bottom Row: Lindle Castle, Lucian Whitaker, Bobby Watson, Guy Strong, T. Riddle.

1957-58 National Champions

Kentucky 84, Seattle 72

March 22, 1958 • Louisville



Senior Vernon Hatton scored 30 points and the Wildcats overcame a 25-point, 19-rebound performance by Elgin Baylor to capture their fourth NCAA championship.

Led by Hatton and Johnny Cox, who finished with 24 points, the Wildcats twice battled back from 11-point deficits to gain the victory.

Trailing for much of the game, UK grabbed its first lead with 6:08 left when Don Mills hit a hook shot to give the Wildcats a 61-60 lead. Moments later, Cox hit a jump shot to make it 63-60 and UK never trailed again.

John Crigler added 14 points and 14 rebounds for the victors. Mills and Adrian Smith finished with nine and seven points, respectively.

Aside from Baylor, Seattle received 17 points from Charley Brown and 16 from Jerry Frizzell.



Front Row: Coach Adolph Rupp, Adrian Smith, John Crigler, Ed Beck, Don Mills, Johnny Cox, Vernon Hatton, Assistant Coach Harry Lancaster. Second Row: Student Manager Jay Atkerson, Earl Adkins, Billy Smith, Phil Johnson, Bill Cassady, Lincoln Collinsworth and Harold Ross.

Game Review

Kentucky

PLAYER	FGM	FGA	FTM	FTA	REB	PF	TP
Crigler	5	12	4	7	14	4	14
Cox	10	23	4	4	16	3	24
Beck	0	1	0	1	3	4	0
A. Smith	2	8	3	5	6	4	7
Hatton	9	20	12	15	3	3	30
Mills	4	9	1	4	5	3	9
Totals	30	73	24	36	47	21	84

Seattle

PLAYER	FGM	FGA	FTM	FTA	REB	PF	TP
Frizzell	4	6	8	11	5	3	16
Brown	6	17	5	7	5	5	17
Baylor	9	32	7	9	19	4	25
Harney	2	5	0	1	1	1	4
Saunders	0	2	0	0	2	3	0
Ogorek	4	7	2	2	11	5	10
Plasecki	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	25	69	22	30	43	21	72

Halftime: Seattle 39, UK 36

Season Recap

After finishing the previous year with a second-round NCAA tournament loss on their home court, the 1957-58 Kentucky Wildcats, behind the starting lineup of Vernon Hatton, Johnny Cox, John Crigler, Adrian Smith and Ed Beck, lost two of its final five games and appeared an unlikely contender for the national championship.

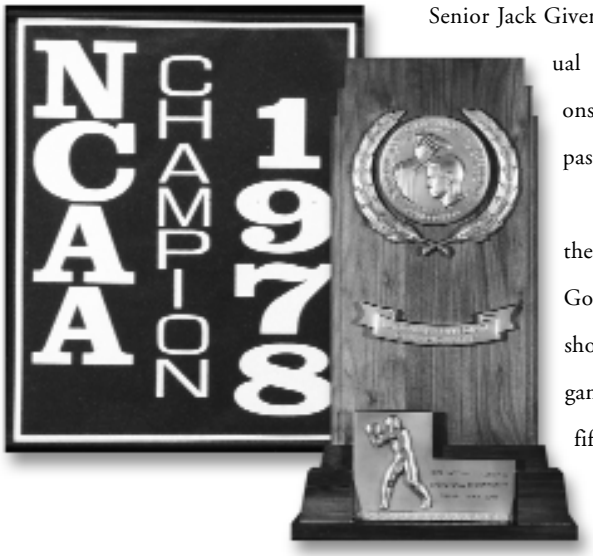
The Cats were led by Hatton's 17.1 points per game and Cox's 14.9 points per game. Hatton proved his effectiveness as a clutch player by sinking a 47-foot shot at the end of regulation to send UK into a overtime against Temple, a game that the Wildcats would win 85-83 after three extra periods. Kentucky breezed past the first two rounds of the NCAA Tournament, held in Lexington, with wins over Miami of Ohio and Notre Dame. UK then faced Temple in the next round and again won a close 61-60 decision.

The Wildcats defeated Seattle 84-72 in an anti-climactic national title tilt, the fourth and final national championship for Adolph Rupp.

1977-78 National Champions

Kentucky 94, Duke 88

March 27, 1978 • St. Louis

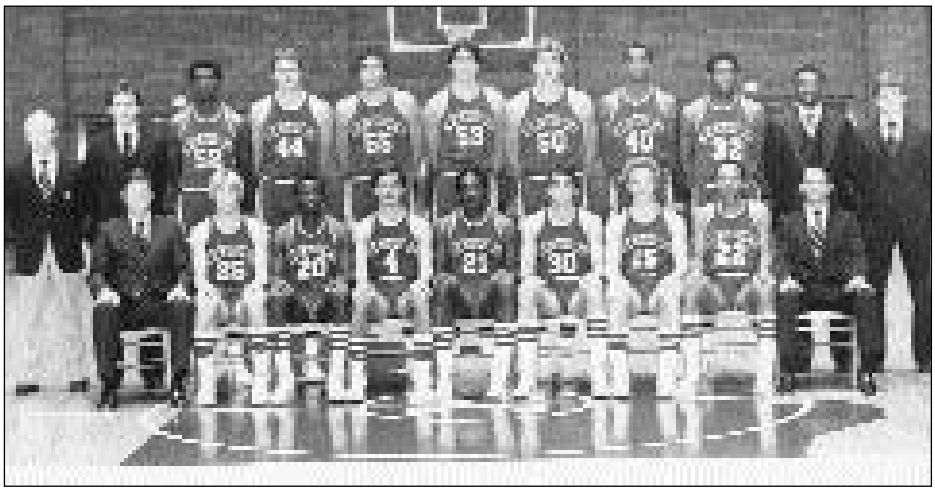


Senior Jack Givens put on one of the finest individual performances in NCAA Championship history in leading the Wildcats past the Blue Devils.

With many Kentucky fans among the crowd of 18,271 chanting "Goose, Goose," Givens scored 41 points, three short of the record for a championship game, to help the Wildcats to their fifth NCAA title and first in 20 years.

Givens' dominance was clearly evident in the first half as he scored 23 points, including UK's last 16 of the half, to turn a 29-28 UK lead into a 45-38 cushion. It was a deficit from which the Blue Devils would not recover.

Overall, Givens made 18 of 27 field goal attempts, five of eight free throws and added eight rebounds and three assists.



Front Row: Coach Joe Hall, Jay Shidler, Dwane Casey, Kyle Macy, Jack Givens, Tim Stephens, Chris Gettelfinger, Truman Claytor, Assistant Coach Dick Parsons. Second Row: Assistant Trainer Walt McCombs, Manager Don Sullivan, LaVon Williams, Scott Courts, Mike Phillips, Rick Robey, Chuck Aleksinas, Fred Cowan, James Lee, Assistant Coach Leonard Hamilton, Assistant Coach Joe Dean Jr.

Game Review

Kentucky

PLAYER	MIN	FG	FT	REB	A	PF	TP
Givens	37	18-27	5-8	8	3	4	41
Robey	32	8-11	4-6	11	0	2	20
Phillips	11	1-4	2-2	2	1	5	4
Macy	38	3-3	3-4	0	8	1	9
Claytor	24	3-5	2-4	0	3	2	8
Lee	20	4-8	0-0	4	2	4	8
Shidler	16	1-5	0-1	1	3	3	2
Aleksinas	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0
Williams	10	1-3	0-0	4	0	2	2
Cowan	8	0-2	0-0	2	0	1	0
Stephens	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Courts	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Gettelfinger	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Casey	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0
Team						0	
Totals	200	39-68	16-25	32	20	26	94

Duke

PLAYER	MIN	FG	FT	REB	A	PF	TP
Banks	37	6-12	1-12	8	2	2	22
Dennard	30	5-7	0-0	8	2	5	12
Gminski	37	6-16	8-8	12	2	3	20
Harrell	24	2-2	0-0	0	1	3	4
Spanarkel	40	8-16	5-6	2	3	4	21
Suddath	9	1-3	2-3	2	0	1	2
Bender	17	1-2	5-5	1	4	3	7
Goetsch	6	0-1	0-0	1	0	1	0
Team						0	
Totals	200	29-59	30-34	35	14	22	88

Technicals — Duke bench; Halftime: UK 45, Duke 38

Season Recap

Regular-season losses to Alabama and LSU were the only blemishes on Kentucky's 1977-78 record, as UK and senior Jack Givens, who averaged 18.1 ppg, went 30-2 for their first NCAA title in 20 years. UK outscored its opponents by 459 points during the season and were aided by 14.4 points per game from 6-foot-10 center Rick Robey.

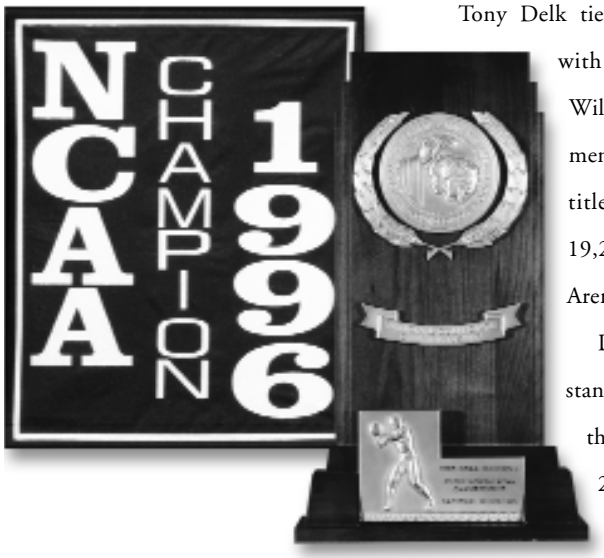
Originally hailed as an underachieving team, Kentucky overcame obstacles to win the SEC Championship and the first NCAA title under head coach Joe B. Hall. The Cats won their last eight regular-season games, including a 92-70 win over UNLV in the home finale, led by 26 points from Robey, and a 78-68 win over Vanderbilt in Nashville, Tenn.

Characteristically, the Cats had no trouble with their early-round competition in the NCAA Tournament, as Florida State, Miami of Ohio and Michigan State fell along the way. UK met up with Arkansas in the national semifinal game, which they won 64-59 before defeating Duke, 94-88, in the championship final.

1995-96 National Champions

Kentucky 76, Syracuse 67

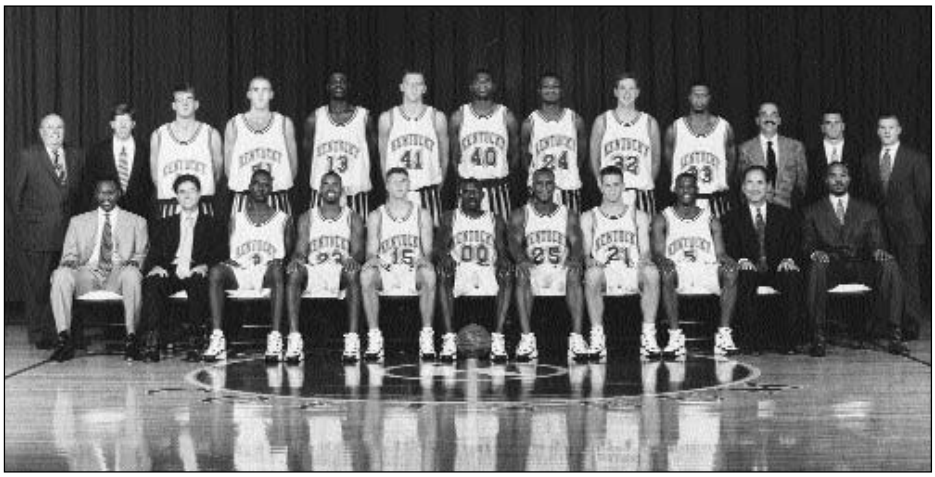
April 1, 1996 • East Rutherford, N.J.



Tony Delk tied a championship game record with seven three-pointers and the Wildcats withstood a late Orangemen rally to win UK's sixth national title before a capacity crowd of 19,229 in the Continental Airlines Arena at the Meadowlands.

Delk, the Final Four's Most Outstanding Player, canned seven of 12 three-pointers to lead the Cats with 24 points. But after Syracuse had cut the lead to two, 64-62, with 4:46 remaining, a Delk misfire was tipped in by Walter McCarty to extend UK's lead to four. After holding the Orangemen on the next possession, Derek Anderson drained a three to push the lead to seven. SU would get no closer than five in the final minutes.

Delk was joined on the Final Four All-Tournament team by freshman Ron Mercer, who was sensational off the bench, scoring a career-high 20 points on 8-12 shooting from the field, including 3-4 from three-point range.



Front Row: Assistant Coach Delray Brooks, Head Coach Rick Pitino, Allen Edwards, Derek Anderson, Jeff Sheppard, Tony Delk, Anthony Epps, Cameron Mills, Wayne Turner, Associate Coach Jim O'Brien, Assistant Coach Winston Bennett. Equipment Manager Bill Keightley, Administrative Assistant George Barber, Jason Lathrem, Oliver Simmons, Nazr Mohammed, Mark Pope, Walter McCarty, Antoine Walker, Jared Prickett, Ron Mercer, Trainer Eddie Jamiel, Assistant Strength Coach Layne Kaufman, Strength Coach Shaun Brown.

Game Review

Kentucky

Player	MIN	FG	3FG	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP
Anderson	16	4-8	2-3	1-1	4	2	1	2	0	3	11
Walker	32	4-12	0-1	3-6	9	2	4	0	0	4	11
McCarty	19	2-6	0-0	0-0	7	3	3	1	0	0	4
Delk	37	8-20	7-12	1-2	7	2	2	3	1	2	24
Epps	35	0-6	0-3	0-0	4	1	7	1	0	0	0
Pope	27	1-6	0-2	2-2	3	3	2	4	0	1	4
Mercer	24	8-12	3-4	1-1	2	3	2	0	0	1	20
Sheppard	7	1-2	0-1	0-1	2	3	0	3	0	0	2
Edwards	3	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Team					2						
Totals	200	28-73	12-27	8-13	40	19	22	15	1	11	76

Syracuse

Player	MIN	FG	3FG	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP
Burgan	39	7-10	3-5	2-5	8	5	1	5	0	1	19
Wallace	38	11-19	2-3	5-5	10	5	1	6	1	0	29
Hill	28	3-9	0-0	1-1	10	2	1	3	1	0	7
Sims	39	2-5	1-4	1-2	2	2	7	7	0	1	6
Cipolla	35	3-8	0-3	0-0	1	1	2	2	0	4	6
Reafsnyder	13	0-1	0-0	0-0	4	0	0	1	0	0	0
Janulis	8	0-0	0-0	0-0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
Nelson	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Team					1						
Totals	200	26-52	6-15	9-13	38	17	12	24	2	6	67

Halftime: UK 42, Syracuse 33

Season Recap

Kentucky strung together 25 consecutive wins, including a 16-0 mark in Southeastern Conference play, midway through the 1995-96 season and rolled to its sixth national championship and the first under head coach Rick Pitino. The dynamic duo of Tony Delk (17.8 ppg) and Antoine Walker (15.2 ppg) led the Wildcats' team dubbed "The Untouchables" by Pitino.

A 10-point loss to UMass in the second game of the season would be the only smudge on the Wildcats' schedule as they entered SEC Tournament play. UK posted dominating wins over Florida (100-76) and Arkansas (95-75) in the first two rounds of the tournament, but an up-start Mississippi State team shot 60 percent from the three-point arc to hand UK a shocking 84-73 loss in the title game.

Kentucky still earned a No. 1 seed in the NCAA Tournament's Dallas Regional and the stomped San Jose State and Virginia Tech to easily advance to the Sweet Sixteen. The competition proved no tougher in the next two rounds as the Wildcats outscored Utah and Wake Forest by a combined 62 points. A rematch with UMass awaited in the national semifinal, but Kentucky had no trouble with John Calipari's Minutemen, surpassing them 81-74. The Wildcats, behind six first-half three-pointers by Delk, defeated Syracuse, 76-67, in the national title game.

1997-98 National Champions

Game Review

Kentucky

Player	MIN	FG	3FG	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP
Edwards	24	2-7	0-3	0-0	1	0	5	0	0	1	4
Padgett	33	6-11	1-5	4-4	5	4	1	0	0	0	17
Mohammed	13	5-9	0-0	0-0	2	4	0	1	2	0	10
Turner	27	2-5	0-1	2-4	2	0	4	5	0	3	6
Sheppard	34	7-14	0-2	2-2	4	1	3	2	0	2	16
Magloire	22	2-3	0-0	3-3	2	4	1	0	3	0	7
Evans	23	3-4	2-2	2-2	6	1	0	3	1	1	10
Mills	12	2-4	2-4	2-2	0	0	1	0	0	0	8
Smith	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bradley	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Team					1						
Totals	200	29-57	5-17	15-17	24	15	15	11	6	7	78

Utah

Player	MIN	FG	3FG	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP
Mottola	28	4-10	1-3	6-6	8	4	0	3	0	0	15
Jensen	35	5-6	1-1	3-3	2	2	2	1	0	0	14
Doleac	34	5-12	1-1	4-6	10	2	1	1	2	3	15
Miller	37	6-15	0-3	4-7	6	5	5	8	0	2	16
Hansen	32	1-6	0-2	0-0	5	2	1	2	0	3	2
Johnsen	16	3-4	1-2	0-0	4	0	0	3	0	0	7
McTavish	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0
Jackson	10	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0
Caton	5	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Team					4						
Totals	200	24-55	4-14	17-22	39	18	12	18	2	8	69

Halftime: Utah 41, UK 31

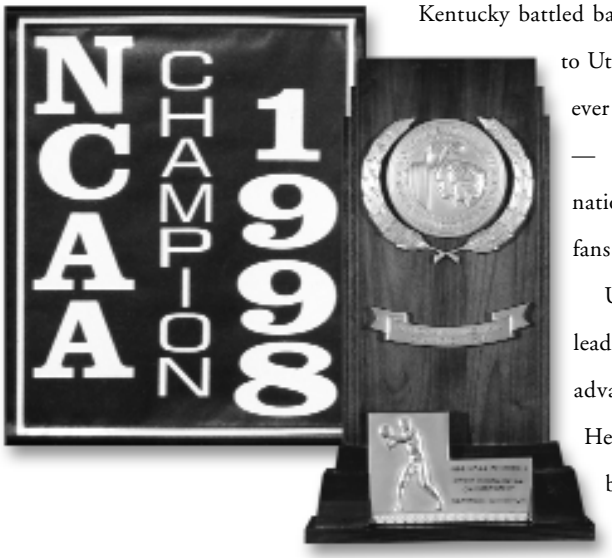
Season Recap

The team that came to be known as the "Comeback Cats," the 1997-98 Kentucky Wildcats captured their second NCAA title in three years after overcoming a 10-point halftime deficit against Utah in the national championship game. UK was 10-3 in games decided by 10 points or less and 7-1 in games decided by three points or less during the season.

Kentucky's players provided a balanced attack, as all five starters averaged over nine points per game with senior guard Jeff Sheppard averaging 13.7 points per game and junior center Nazr Mohammed averaging 12.0 points per game. The Wildcats rolled to an 86-56 victory over South Carolina in the SEC Tournament final and then sprinted past South Carolina State, St. Louis and UCLA in the first three rounds of the NCAA Tournament.

Kentucky 78, Utah 69

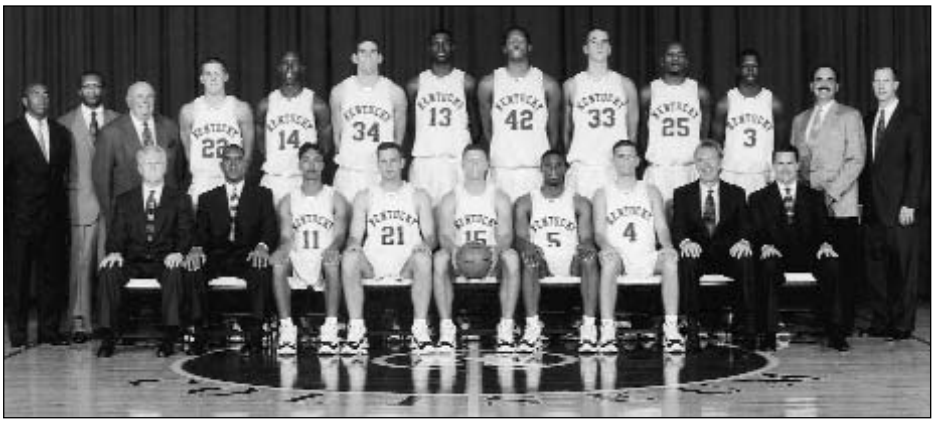
March 30, 1998 • San Antonio



Kentucky battled back from a 41-31 halftime deficit to Utah — the largest halftime margin ever overcome in an NCAA title game — to claim the school's seventh national championship before 40,509 fans in the Alamodome.

Utah was propelled to the early lead thanks to a 24-6 rebounding advantage in the first half. But Heshimu Evans sparked the "Comeback Cats" off the bench with seven straight points early in the second half. Later, Final Four Most Outstanding Player Jeff Sheppard canned a baseline jumper with 4:54 remaining to give UK a 65-64 lead. The exhausted Utes then missed 11 consecutive field goals as the Wildcats claimed their second NCAA Championship in three years.

Scott Padgett joined Sheppard on the All-Final Four team after scoring 17 points. UK outrebounded the Utes 18-15 in the second half.



Front Row: (L-R) Assistant Coach Mike Sutton, Head Coach Orlando "Tubby" Smith, Saul Smith, Cameron Mills, Jeff Sheppard, Wayne Turner, Steve Masiello, Assistant Coach George Felton, Assistant Coach Shawn Finney. Standing: Special Assistant Leon Smith, Administrative Assistant Simeon Mars, Equipment Manager Bill Keightley, Ryan Hogan, Heshimu Evans, Scott Padgett, Nazr Mohammed, Jamaal Magloire, Michael Bradley, Myron Anthony, Allen Edwards, Trainer Eddie Jamiel, Strength Coach Tom Boyd.

Helms National Champions

1933 Helms National Champions



Front Row: Biggerstaff, Settle, Gates, Nugent, Tucker, Jackson, Lawrence.
Middle Row: Coach Rupp, Boles, Kercheval, Davis, Johnson, Darby, Mann, Asst. Coach Miller.
Back Row: Blair, Davis, Morris, Sale, DeMoisey, Yates, Kreuter, Maxson.

1954 Helms National Champions



Front Row: Coach Adolph Rupp, Linville Puckett, Jess Curry, Gayle Rose, Clay Evans, Willie Rouse, Dan Chandler, Pete Grigsby, Assistant Coach Harry Lancaster.
Back Row: Student Manager Mike Dolan, Hugh Coy, Cliff Hagan, Lou Tsioropoulos, Jerry Bird, Phil Grawemeyer, Harold Hurst, Bill Bibb, Frank Ramsey, Bill Evans.

The Helms Athletic Foundation

Founded in Los Angeles in the mid-1930s by Bill Schroader and Paul Helms, the Helms Foundation researched records to rank the nation's top teams dating back to 1901. From 1939, when the NCAA Tournament started, the Helms and NCAA champions were the same, except for 1939-40-44-54. In addition to its NCAA Championship years of 1948, '49, '51, '58, '78, '96 and '98, Kentucky was named the Helms National Champion in 1933 (20-3) and 1954 (25-0).

Kentucky players Forest Sale (1933) and Leroy Edwards (1935) were named Helms National Players of the Year.

Helms National Player of the Year



Forest Sale, 1933



Leroy Edwards, 1935

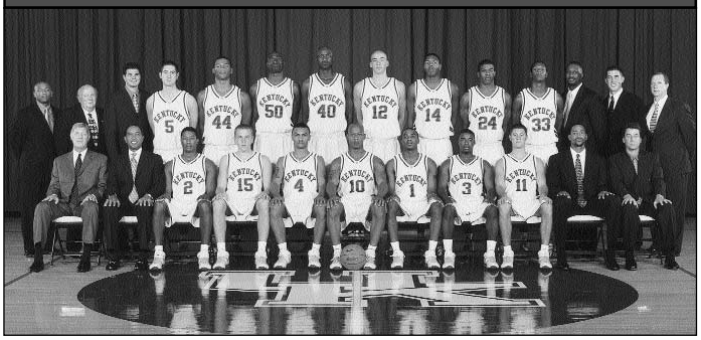
AP, UPI & NIT Champions

1951-52 • AP & UPI Champions



Front Row: Coach Adolph Rupp, Gayle Rose, Bill Evans, Bobby Watson, Lucian Whitaker, Willie Rouse, Manager Bobby Moore. Back Row: Gene Neff, Cliff Hagan, Shelby Linville, Ronald Clark, Lou Tsioropoulos, Frank Ramsey, James Flynn.

2002-03 • AP Champions



Seated: (L-R) Assistant David Hobbs, Coach Tubby Smith, Ravi Moss, Matt Heissenbuttel, Gerald Fitch, Keith Bogans, Cliff Hawkins, Brandon Stockton, Preston LeMaster, Assistant Reggie Hanson, Assistant Scott Rigot. Standing: Basketball Operations Director Leon Smith, Equipment Manager Bill Keightley, Athletic Trainer David Kindy, Josh Carrier, Chuck Hayes, Marquis Estill, Jules Camara, Bernard Coté, Erik Daniels, Kelenna Azubuike, Antwain Barbour, Manager Allen Edwards, Special Assistant Kevin Murphy, Strength Coach Tom Boyd.

1965-66 • AP & UPI Champions



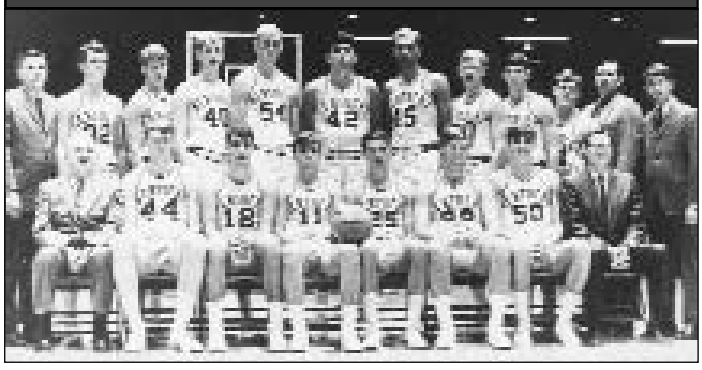
Front Row: Coach Adolph Rupp, Gene Stewart, Pat Riley, Louie Dampier, Bob Tallent, Steve Clevenger, Jim LeMaster, Assistant Coach Harry Lancaster.
Back Row: Tommy Porter, Gary Gamble, Tommy Kron, Cliff Berger, Larry Lentz, Brad Bounds, Thad Jaracz, Larry Conley, Student Manager Mike Harreld.

1945-46 • NIT Champions



Front Row: Manager Humzey Yessin, Muff Davis, Buddy Parker, Ralph Beard, Jack Parkinson, Bill Sturgill. Back Row: Trainer Frank Mann, Elmer Gilb, Jack Tingle, Kenton Campbell, Coach Adolph Rupp, Wallace Jones, Wilbur Schu, Joe Holland.

1969-70 • AP & UPI Champions



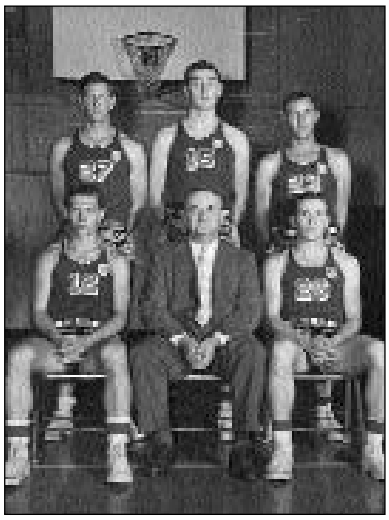
Front Row: Coach Adolph Rupp, Dan Issel, Tom Parker, Bob McCowan, Larry Steele, Mike Pratt, Randy Noll, Assistant Coach Joe B. Hall. Back Row: Assistant Coach Dick Parsons, Trainer Claude Vaughan, Kent Hollenbeck, Jim Dinwiddie, Clint Wheeler, Art Laib, Randy Pool, Mark Soderberg, Stan Key, Terry Mills, Bill Busey, Assistant Coach T. L. Plain, Manager Doug Billips.

1975-76 • NIT Champions



Front Row: Coach Joe B. Hall, Reggie Warford, Dwane Casey, Pat Foschi, Larry Johnson, Joey Holland, Truman Claytor, Asst. Coach Dick Parsons.
Back Row: Manager Tripp Ramsey, Asst. Coach Lynn Nance, Jack Givens, James Lee, Rick Robey, Dan Hall, Mike Phillips, Merion Haskins, Bob Fowler, Asst. Coach Leonard Hamilton, Assoc. Trainer Bobby Barton.

Teams of Tradition



Rupp with the "Fabulous Five," Wallace "Wah Wah" Jones (27), Alex Groza (15), Cliff Barker (23), Ken Rollins (26) and Ralph Beard (12).

The Fabulous Five

One frequently asked question tossed at basketball historians and sports authorities is, "Who were the 'Fabulous Five' of Kentucky?" The answer is Alex Groza (center), Ralph Beard and Kenny Rollins (guards), "Wah Wah" Jones and Cliff Barker (forwards). This famous 1947-48 team, captained by Rollins, won 36 and lost 3 while sweeping to Kentucky's first NCAA title. The Fabulous Five then went on to participate as a unit in the Olympic Games, helping the USA team capture the World Championship. Rollins graduated after the 1948 season, but the remaining four starters continued to play havoc with collegiate basketball and captured another NCAA title for Kentucky in 1949 with a record of 32-2.

During the 1997-98 season, UK honored the Fabulous Five on the 50th anniversary of the school's first NCAA Championship.

The Fiddlin' Five

Before the 1957-58 season began, Coach Adolph Rupp commented about the upcoming season, "They might be pretty good barnyard fiddlers, but we have a Carnegie Hall schedule, and it will take violinists to play that competition."

When the Wildcats became notorious for, as Rupp put it, "fiddlin' around and fiddlin' around then finally pulling it out at the end," the team was tagged with the nickname "The Fiddlin' Five."

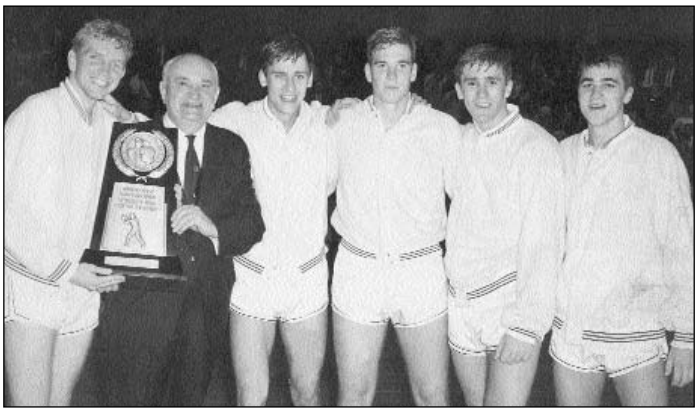
The "Fiddlin' Five" became Rupp's fourth national championship team when it defeated Elgin Baylor and Seattle in the title game at Louisville's Freedom Hall, 84-72. After the game Rupp said, "Those boys certainly are not concert violinists, but they sure can fiddle."

Rupp's Runts

The 1965-66 UK team earned this nickname because the tallest man among the Wildcats' starting five was guard Tommy Kron, at 6-5. Center Thad Jaracz, who worked his way into the starting lineup, was also 6-5, while forwards Larry Conley and Pat Riley were 6-4 and guard Louie Dampier was 6-0.

The team became one of Rupp's favorites during his long tenure at Kentucky. Before the season started, Rupp commented, "I honestly believe that man-for-man we just might have in the making a better team than we had in 1958, when we won the national championship."

The Runts did indeed turn out to be one of the outstanding teams in UK's glorious history, compiling a sparkling 27-2 record, but coming just one win shy of the NCAA title when upset by Texas Western (now UTEP) in the finals, 72-65.



Rupp's Runts, with head coach Adolph Rupp, pose with the Mideast Regional trophy after defeating Michigan in 1966.

The Unforgettables

During the Coach Rick Pitino era, several of his teams adopted various nicknames — among them "Pitino's Bombinos" and "The Untouchables." But no team captured the hearts of Wildcat fans more than "The Unforgettables" of 1991-92.

After battling probation for two seasons, the '92 squad set out to make its presence felt in postseason play. Led by seniors Richie Farmer, Deron Feldhaus, John Pelphrey and Sean Woods, the Wildcats advanced all the way to the East Regional Championship to face highly favored Duke. In what many have labeled the "greatest college game ever played," Christian Laettner drained a shot at the overtime buzzer that kept UK out of the Final Four.

Athletics Director C.M. Newton summed up their accomplishments during a postseason ceremony in which the seniors' jerseys were retired, "Today, our program is back on top, due largely to four young men who persevered, who weathered the hard times, and who brought the good times back to Kentucky basketball. Their contributions to UK basketball cannot be measured in statistics or record books."



Coach Rick Pitino watches as 1991-92 seniors Sean Woods, John Pelphrey, Deron Feldhaus and Richie Farmer are honored at Rupp Arena.

Historic Kentucky Coaches



Adolph Rupp

UK Record: 876-190 (82.2%), 41 years • 1931-72
Alma Mater (Year): Kansas (1923)
Hometown: Halstead, Kan.
Born: Sept. 2, 1901 • Died: Dec. 10, 1977 (age 76)

A former UK Media Guide began, "In the storied land of Kentucky Colonels, there dwelled but one Baron, a man of consummate pride and a molder of powerful teams which for more than four decades made the name University of Kentucky synonymous with the game of basketball."

Tutored by the great Phog Allen at Kansas and a student of the game under Dr. James Naismith, Rupp learned his craft at an early age. After leaving the high school ranks in Freeport, Ill., to take the UK job in 1930, the "man in the brown suit" became the winningest coach in all of college basketball. He was an innovator of the fast break, a trademark of the Wildcats even today.

To become the winningest coach in his sport, Rupp passed his mentor, Coach Allen, on March 12, 1966, with his 747th victory against Dayton in the Mideast Regional. He achieved the top ranking when he passed Western Kentucky's E.A. Diddle with victory No. 760 on Feb. 18, 1967, at Mississippi State.

He finished with 876 wins when he retired in 1972, a mark that stood for 25 years until North Carolina's Dean Smith moved ahead in 1997.

Among the many UK victories were four NCAA titles (1948, '49, '51 and '58), one Olympic Gold Medal (1948), one NIT Championship (1946), 27 Southeastern Conference titles and his Wildcats were voted No. 1 in the final polls on six different occasions.

Rupp coached some of America's best – Sale, Beard, Groza, Hagan, Ramsey, Cox, Hatton, Nash, Riley and Issel. Twenty-three of his Cats were voted All-Americans 35 times and 52 players were honored 91 times as All-SEC performers.

His teams were unmatched in league play, earning a 397-75 (84.1%) record against SEC competition. In the conference tournament, Rupp's Wildcats were 57-6, winning 13 titles in 19 appearances.

Before the end of his 42-year career, the four-time National Coach of the Year was inducted into the Naismith Hall of Fame in 1969. Rupp also earned SEC Coach of the Year honors on seven occasions.



Joe B. Hall

UK Record: 297-100 (74.8%), 13 years • 1973-85
Overall Record: 373-156 (70.5%), 19 years
Alma Mater (Year): Kentucky (1955)
Hometown: Cynthiana, Ky. • Born: Nov. 30, 1928

Joe B. Hall, who grew up just 20 minutes north of the University of Kentucky campus in Cynthiana, had the unenviable task of following the legendary Adolph Rupp, who was forced to retire at age 70. But Hall, the former Rupp assistant, met the challenge head on, coaching three teams to the Final Four (1975, '78 and '84) and winning the 1978 NCAA Championship, the school's fifth title and first in 20 seasons.

Hall began his association with Kentucky as a student-athlete during the "Fabulous Five era." He played one year of junior varsity and one year of varsity basketball before transferring to the University of the South in Sewanee, Tenn., where he finished his eligibility and set a single-game scoring record. Following his college career, Hall toured Europe with the Harlem Globetrotters in 1951, but later returned to UK and completed his degree requirements.

His coaching career began at Shepherdsville (Ky.) High School in 1956. It continued on to Regis College in Denver, where he spent five years (57-50 record), and Central Missouri State, where he recorded a 19-6 mark in one season before returning to UK as an assistant to Rupp on July 1, 1965.

As the UK head coach, Hall won National Coach of the Year honors in 1978 and four SEC Coach of the Year awards. He had seven players win All-America honors 11 times and nine Wildcats were voted All-SEC on 18 occasions.

Hall's squads recorded a 172-62 (73.5%) record vs. SEC competition during the regular season, winning eight SEC titles in 13 seasons and one league tournament championship in six tries.

While Coach Rupp witnessed 37 of his players drafted by the NBA, Hall saw 23 players drafted during his 13-year tenure, five in the first round.

Retired, Hall still resides in Lexington.



Eddie Sutton

UK Record: 88-39 (69.3%), 4 years • 1986-89
Alma Mater (Year): Oklahoma A&M (1958)
Hometown: Bucklin, Kan.
Born: March 12, 1936

Known for his reputation of building teams from scratch, Eddie Sutton left Arkansas and came to Kentucky with the cupboard far from empty. With returning All-American Kenny Walker anchoring the paint, Sutton's first Wildcats team was his best, rolling to a 32-4 record in 1985-86 and a berth in the Elite Eight. His Wildcats were third in the final polls, finished 17-1 in SEC play and rolled to the school's 36th league championship. All this after most prognosticators picked the Cats for a third-place conference finish.

For UK's performance, Sutton was named National Coach of the Year and SEC Coach of the Year in 1986.

Sutton battled through the 1987 season, as injuries depleted the Wildcats' roster to only seven scholarship athletes. But in his third year, UK bolted to a 10-0 start with wins over Indiana and Louisville to earn a No. 1 ranking. The Cats were crowned SEC champs in both the regular season and postseason but fell to Villanova in the Southeast Regional final, 80-74.

Following the 1988 season, Sutton's reign came under siege as rules violations were discovered in the Kentucky basketball program. The embattled coach completed his UK career with a 13-19 record in 1989, the school's first losing season since 1927. He resigned his post following the season, and after leaving basketball for a year, returned to Oklahoma State, where he is still head coach.



Rick Pitino

UK Record: 219-50 (81.4%), 8 years • 1990-97
Alma Mater (Year): Massachusetts (1974)
Hometown: New York, N.Y.
Born: Sept. 18, 1952

Promising to win right away, the 36-year-old coach from the New York Knicks accepted the challenge of rebuilding the Kentucky basketball dynasty.

Pitino came to UK with impressive credentials, having rebuilt Boston U., Providence and the Knicks. His first UK team, "Pitino's Bombinos," shocked the college basketball world by defeating Shaquille O'Neal, Chris Jackson and the No. 9-ranked LSU Tigers in Lexington en route to a surprising 14-14 record in 1989-90.

It was a glimpse into the future. The following year, UK finished with the best record in the SEC. Then in 1992, fresh off NCAA probation, the "Unforgettables" took eventual national champion Duke into overtime of the East Regional final before falling 104-103 in what many have labeled "the greatest college basketball game ever played."

In 1993, with Jamal Mashburn leading the charge, UK advanced to the Final Four for the first time in nine years, losing to Michigan in overtime. After an Elite Eight finish in '95, Pitino's squad became the team to beat in '96. Highlights included the school's first league championship in 10 seasons, a 27-game win streak, a top-three ranking nearly the entire season, and the crowning jewel, the school's sixth NCAA title.

After UK lost four players to the NBA Draft, Pitino's task of defending the national championship became more difficult after star-guard Derek Anderson severely injured his knee during the '97 season. But the Cats wouldn't fold, rolling to the title game before losing to Arizona in overtime.

Along the way, Pitino won five of six SEC Tournament Championships, two ECAC Holiday Classics, the Maui Invitational and the Great Alaska Shootout. He had a 104-28 record vs. SEC teams, winning two league crowns, and an amazing 17-1 record in the SEC tourney.

He coached three All-Americans and eight All-SEC performers. The NBA drafted eight of his Wildcats, six in the first round, including three lottery picks.

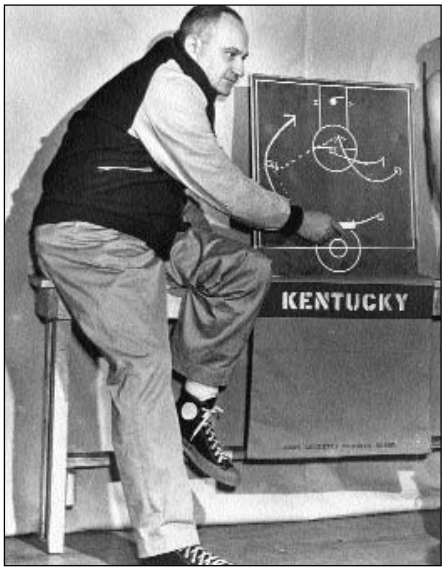
Following the national runner-up trophy in 1997, the former point guard at UMass left UK for the challenge of rebuilding the NBA's Boston Celtics. In March of 2001, he took over as head coach at the University of Louisville.



Tubby Smith was named National Coach of the Year by nine organizations in 2003, including all seven that the NCAA officially recognizes.



Joe B. Hall had the unenviable task of succeeding Coach Rupp. Yet, he won 297 games, an NIT title and an NCAA title.



Coach Adolph Rupp diagrammed plays for his team en route to his first NCAA Championship in 1948.

Coaching Summary

Years	Name	Tenure	Won	Lost	Pct.	Best Season
1903-09	W.W.H. Mustaine and Others	7	21	35	.375	
1910	E.R. Sweetland & R.E. Spahr	1	4	8	.333	
1911	H.J. Iddings	1	5	6	.454	5-6 in 1911
1912	E.R. Sweetland	1	9	0	1.000	9-0 in 1912
1913	J.J. Tigert	1	5	3	.625	5-3 in 1913
1914-15	Alpha Brumage	2	19	7	.731	12-2 in 1914
1916	J.J. Tigert (James Fark)	1	8	6	.571	8-6 in 1916
1917	J .J. Tigert (W.P. Tuttle)	1	4	6	.400	4-6 in 1917
1918	S.A. Boles	1	9	•2-1	.792	9-2-1 in 1918
1919	Andrew Gill	1	6	8	.428	6-8 in 1919
1920-24	George Buchheit	5	44	27	.619	13-1 in 1921
1925	C.O. Applegran	1	13	8	.619	13-8 in 1925
1926	Ray Eklund	1	15	3	.833	15-3 in 1926
1927	Basil Hayden	1	3	13	.187	3-13 in 1927
1929-30	John Mauer	3	40	14	.740	16-3 in 1930
1931-72	Adolph Rupp	+42	876	190	.822	25-0 in 1954
1973-85	Joe B. Hall	13	297	100	.748	30-2 in 1978
1986-89	Eddie Sutton	4	# 88	39	.693	32-4 in 1986
1990-97	Rick Pitino	8	219	50	.814	34-2 in 1996
1998-	Orlando "Tubby" Smith	9	241	71	.772	35-4 in 1998

20 Coaches In 103 Seasons

Games Won—1926, Lost—596, Tied—1

- • Unique tie game resulted from scorer's error discovered after game.
- + No schedule played in 1953 — Rupp's record for 41 seasons. Five wins in 1966 International Universities Tournament in Israel not included in team totals.
- « Basketball at UK reportedly started when W.W.H. Mustaine called together some students, took up a collection totaling $3 for a ball and told them to start playing. There was no official coach from 1903 until 1910. Managers ran the team.
- # Three games from 1988 NCAA Tournament vacated by decree of NCAA.

Southeastern Conference Coach of the Year

	Associated Press	UPI	Coaches
Adolph Rupp	1964, 1966, 1968, 1969, 1970	1968, 1969, 1970, 1971	1964, 1966, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971
Joe B. Hall	1975		1972, 1973, 1975, 1978, 1983
Eddie Sutton	1986	1986	
Rick Pitino	1991, 1996	1990	1996
Tubby Smith	1998, 2003, 2005		2003, 2005

National Coach of the Year

Adolph Rupp - 1959
(UPI)

Adolph Rupp - 1966
(UPI, USBWA)

Joe B. Hall - 1978
(Kellogg's)

Eddie Sutton - 1986
(AP, NABC)

Rick Pitino - 1990
(Basketball Times)

Rick Pitino - 1991
(Sporting News)

Tubby Smith - 1998
(Basketball Weekly)

Tubby Smith - 2003
(AP, NABC, USBWA, Naismith, Sporting News, CBS/Chevrolet, Basketball Times)

Tubby Smith - 2005
(Jim Phelan Award)

Winged Foot Award

(Given annually since 1996 by the New York Athletic Club to the coach of the NCAA Champions)

Rick Pitino - 1996

Tubby Smith - 1998

KENTUCKY PAGEANTRY



BLUE AND WHITE

The University of Kentucky adopted blue and white as its official colors in 1892.

Originally, however, UK students had decided on blue and light yellow prior to the Kentucky-Centre College football game on December 19, 1891.

The shade of blue, which is close to a royal blue, was chosen when a student asked the question, "What color blue?"

At the time, Richard C. Stoll (who lettered in football at UK in 1889-94) pulled off his necktie and held it up. The students then adopted that particular shade of blue.

A year later, UK students officially dropped the light yellow color for white.

WILDCATS NICKNAME

The official nickname for the University of Kentucky's athletics teams is "Wildcats." The nickname became synonymous with UK shortly after a 6-2 football victory over Illinois on Oct. 9, 1909, on the road.

Commandant Carbusier, then head of the military department at old State University (UK), told a group of students in a chapel service following the game that the Kentucky football team had "fought like wildcats."

Later the name Wildcats became more and more popular among UK followers as well as with members of the media. As a result, the nickname was adopted by the University.



LIVE MASCOT

In 2000, the University of Kentucky, in cooperation with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife, adopted a three-year-old male bobcat to serve as the Wildcats' "official" mascot.

The wildcat has a permanent residence on display at a game farm just west of the state capitol in Frankfort, Ky. UK Athletics sponsored a name-the-wildcat Internet contest and the final three possibilities were Tucky, Blue and Champ, with Blue earning the final nod after nearly 50,000 votes were cast.

Through the years, UK has had other official live mascots with colorful names. Records indicate that the first wild animal was given to the University in 1921. Named "Tom," this live Kentucky wildcat died quickly from captivity and was replaced by "TNT." Other live mascots followed, including "Whiskers," "Hot Tamale" and "Colonel," only to pass on due to old age or being turned loose in the mountains after they failed to thrive in captivity.

The current cat was born in captivity and donated by the Woods and Wetlands of Cadiz Ky. His life expectancy is 15-25 years.

Senior Day

Senior Day at Kentucky has become one of the most celebrated ceremonies in college basketball. Honoring its senior class, UK's event is one of the most elaborate and moving programs of its kind. The pregame ceremony begins with player introductions. Once they have all burst through banners bearing their likenesses, their families join them at center court. Then the state song, "My Old Kentucky Home," is sung as the home crowd bids farewell.



Senior Day at Kentucky is one of the most memorable games each season.

UK Pep Band

With more than 80 members, the University of Kentucky pep band is on of the largest in the nation. Clad in their recognizable blue and white outfits, the pep band is directed by George Boulden. Performing at both home football and basketball games, the pep band has been named by *Southern Living* magazine as one of the "top 10 bands in the South."

UK Dance Team

The UK Dance Team, formerly known as the Pom Squad, performs at halftime at all home basketball and football games. In 2005, the team won its first national championship at the 2005 USA Collegiate Dance Team Nationals. The team finished second at the 2006 USA Nationals.

In 1996, the group appeared each week nationally on ABC's Monday Night Football, performing during the game's opening with Hank Williams, Jr.

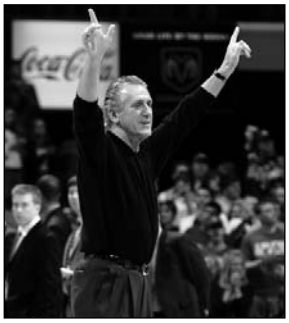


2006-07 Kentucky Dance Team—Front Row (L-R): Brittany Gandia, Kristin Ford, Courtney Neuburg, Meishea Williams, Andolyn Johnson, Cara Terry. Middle Row (L-R): Lana Pohl, Katie Kleier, Leslie Walts, Amanda Jones, Amanda Young. Back Row (L-R): Randi Bishop, Lauren Otey, Ashley Morgan, Jessica Harris, Shannon Walker, Kelly Stilz, Meggie King.

FANtastic!

The Kentucky cheerleaders, band and dance team combine to entertain the nation's largest and most loyal fan base in college basketball. Sure, Ashley Judd, Tommy Lasorda, Muhammad Ali and Backstreet Boy Kevin Richardson steal the attention, but those Big Blue stars are just a few of the Cat fans in attendance at UK games. It's each and every one of the many Kentucky fans who deserve the credit for helping the Wildcats lead the nation in attendance 18 times since Rupp Arena opened in 1976-77, including 10 of the last 11 years.

And the tremendous fan base is not limited to just Lexington. Each year, Kentucky fans flock to Freedom Hall, the Louisville Cardinals' home court, to fill the arena with more than 20,000 fans for an annual "home" game. The same is true in Cincinnati, where Big Blue fans flood U.S. Bank Arena, outdrawing the







Among UK's best-known fans are former UK All-Americans Pat Riley (top left) and Tayshaun Prince—both forming the "Y" in the traditional spelling out of Kentucky—and actress and UK alum Ashley Judd.

hometown favorite Bearcats with more than 16,000 fans. Every other year, UK splits the RCA Dome in Indianapolis with opponent Indiana as nearly 40,000 fans create one of the most exciting regular-season atmospheres in all of college hoops.

The Southeastern Conference Tournament? Well, it might as well be called the Kentucky Invitational. March Madness? Nearly the same result.

The nation's largest media contingent follows the Cats from start to finish simply because of the fans' incessant appetite for information on their Wildcats.

Trademark Swoosh

Only the best wear Nike.

Kentucky not only wears Nike, but is under an all-school contract with the athletic apparel company. In 1997, UK signed the popular contract with the makers of the trademark swoosh. Thanks to Nike's extensive research and product development, UK student-athletes stay on the cutting edge of quality and style with all of their gear.

All 22 sports use Nike shoes and equipment and over the course of the contract, the Wildcats will receive millions of dollars worth of clothing, equipment and cash. The men's basketball team has been recognized by the apparel company as a "Nike Elite" team.

While clothing adorned with "Kentucky" was already popular throughout the nation, thanks to Nike and its international marketing reach, Kentucky's blue and white can now be found worldwide.

Cawood's Court

Prior to the UK-Louisville game on Dec. 29, 2001, the court at Rupp Arena was named "Cawood's Court" in honor of Cawood Ledford, the beloved "Voice of the Wildcats" for 39 years (1953-92). Ledford passed away in September 2001 after a long battle with cancer.

The ceremonies included the unveiling of a logo courtside, not far from where Ledford called the action. Also included in the ceremony were donations by two area businesses to the Cawood Ledford Scholarship Fund, established in 1992 to assist former student-athletes in obtaining their degrees.



The court at Rupp Arena was named "Cawood's Court," in honor of legendary play-by-play announcer Cawood Ledford, in December 2001.



2006-07 Kentucky Cheerleaders—Front Row (L-R): Jenna Domanski, Sheena Guide. Second row: Melissa Green (Trainer), Courtney Childers, Jacob Bierman, Drew Bewley, Monica Brown, Jared Erlenbaugh, Kat DeFord. Third Row: Danielle Hering, Kelly Dupree, Tara Allen, Jenny Fleming. Back Row: T. Lynn Williamson, Mike Lim, Corey Brown, Josh Gallia, Jeremy Lumpkin, Reece White, John Witters, Maurice Grant, Dustin Santoni, Jomo K. Thompson.

UK's National Champion Cheerleaders

There are many adjectives to describe excellence in sports:

Talented. Focused. Athletic. Gifted.

But no word sums up the perfection exhibited by the University of Kentucky cheerleaders easier than "domination."

What the squad has been able to accomplish over the past two decades is nearly unprecedented in sport. It has won 15 national championships including 11 of the last 12.

Led by former cheerleader Jomo Thompson, who is in his fifth season coaching the squad, and cheerleading advisor T. Lynn Williamson, the team continues to set the proverbial bar higher each season. A total of 36 student-athletes comprise the squad, 14 of whom represent the school during the national finals each January.

The cheerleaders' unparalleled success began 20 years ago, when they captured their first title in 1985. Since then, UK has won Universal Cheerleading Association Championships in 1987, 1988, 1992, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2004, 2005 and 2006.

In the late 1980s, the squad became the first team to win two titles back-to-back. Later, they became the first to win three straight championships. Then four.

Then eight.

The Cats finished second at the 2003 championships, but wasted no time reclaiming their coveted spot at the top of the collegiate ranks, taking the last three titles to start a new streak.

The squad is frequently the subject of highlight stories by television and radio stations and newspapers. The cheerleaders have been featured on the "CBS Evening News," Connie Chung's "Eye to Eye," and the "CBS Morning Show." The team also has graced the pages of Southern Living, Gentlemen's Quarterly, ESPN the Magazine, and Seventeen.

The cheerleaders regularly attend university athletics events and UK Alumni Association functions. They represent the University at many charitable and public relations' events. The cheerleaders have performed at the halftime of an NBA game featuring the Denver Nuggets and the Miami Heat before making an appearance at a Denver-UK Alumni Club function.

The Wildcat

The Wildcat mascot originated during the 1976-77 academic year at UK. Gary Tanner was the original Wildcat dancing and entertaining thousands of UK fans at Commonwealth Stadium and Rupp Arena during athletic events.

A few years later, he was joined by another Cat – walking on stilts – who made his appearance during UK's twin tower era of Melvin Turpin and Sam Bowie.

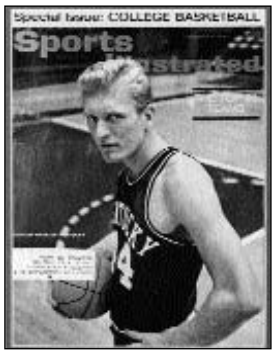
Today, both the Wildcat and his sidekick, Scratch, attend each football and basketball game, several academic functions and generally serve as friendly ambassadors for the University.

Scratch

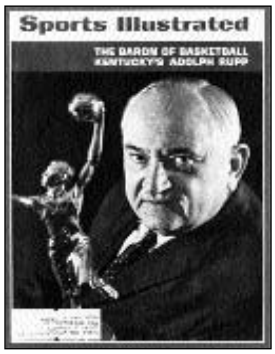
Scratch joined the cheerleading squad in the mid '90s in conjunction with the UK Kids' Club, but today he has become almost as recognizable as the Wildcat.

The lovable face of UK athletics recently garnered national attention after being named to the 2003 Capital One Mascot All-America team, an honor he earned again in 2004. Scratch will compete until December for the title of National Mascot of the Year. Fans can vote for the kitten daily at www.capitalonebowl.com.

Kentucky's Sports Illustrated Covers



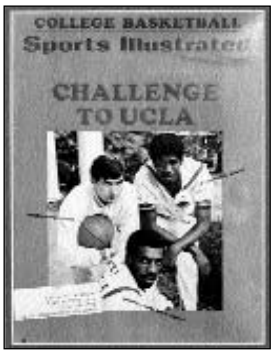
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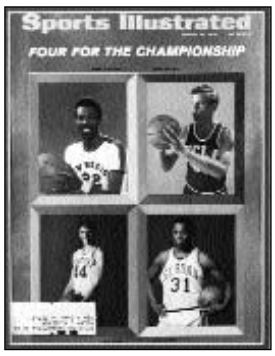
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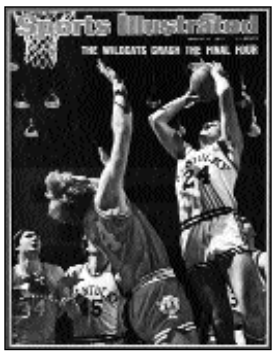
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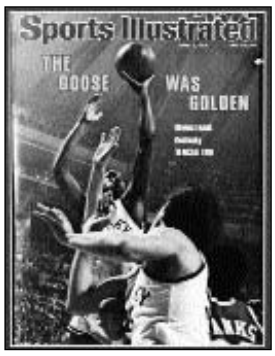
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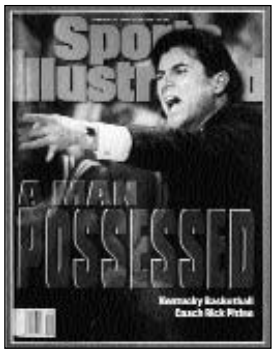
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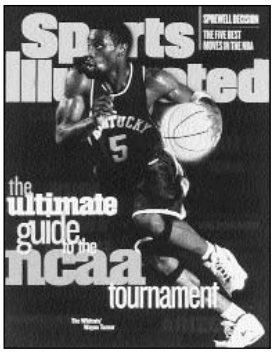
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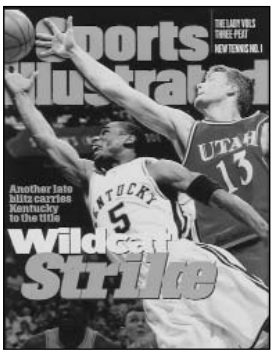
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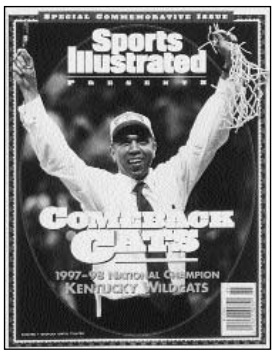
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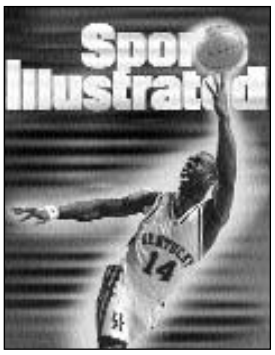
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Bill Busey (68)
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Leroy Byrd (84, 85, 86)

C

Gerry Calvert (55, 56, 57)
Jules Camara (99, 00, 02, 03)
George Campbell (Mgr.) (35)
Kenton Campbell (45, 46)
Patrick Campbell (17, 18)
Burgess Carey (25, 26)
Ralph Carlisle (35, 36, 37)
Armiel Carman (Mgr.) (16)
Josh Carrier (02, 03, 04, 05)
Rashaad Carruth (02)
Jared Carter (2006)
Dwane Casey (76, 77, 78, 79)
Mike Casey (68, 69, 71)
Billy Ray Cassady (56, 57, 58)
J.S. Chambers (Mgr.) (09)
Rex Chapman (87, 88)
Truman Claytor (76, 77, 78, 79)
Steve Clevenger (66, 67, 68)
Marion Cluggish (38, 39, 40)
Bennie Coffman (59, 60)
Sid Cohen (59, 60)
L. Collinsworth (56, 57, 58)
Carl Combs (40)
Cecil Combs (28, 29, 30)
Charles Combs (38)
Larry Conley (64, 65, 66)
Jimmy Dan Conner (73, 74, 75)
Joe Coons (05)
Anthony Cooper (90)
Bernard Coté (2003, 04)
Fred Cowan (78, 79, 80, 81)
Jeremiah Cox (Mgr.) (2003, 04, 05)
Johnny Cox (57, 58, 59)
Hugh Coy (54)
Joe Crawford (2005, 06)
John Crigler (56, 57, 58)
George Critz (64)
Larry Crosby (Mgr.) (65)
John S. Crosthwaite (10)
Albert Cummins (47)
Fred Curtis (37, 38, 39)

D

Louie Dampier (65, 66, 67)
Erik Daniels (2001, 02, 03, 04)
Darrell Darby (31, 32, 33)
Howard Dardeen (59)
Ed Davender (85, 86, 87, 88)
Berkley Davis (34)
Bruce Davis (36)
Johnathon Davis (89, 90, 91)
Mulford Davis (43, 46, 47)
Robert Davis (37)
William Davis (33, 34)
David Deaton (Mgr.) (89)
Ted Deeken (62, 63, 64)
Claire Dees (27, 28, 29)
Tony Delk (93, 94, 95, 96)
John "Frenchy" DeMoisey (32, 33, 34)
Truitt DeMoisey (44)
Harry Denham (39)
Rodney Dent (93, 94)
Jim Dinwiddie (69, 70, 71)
J.A. Dishman (18, 19)
A.L. Dolan (06)
Mike Dolan (Mgr.) (52, 54)
Warfield Donohue (35, 36, 37)
H.H. Downing (08)
Pat Doyle (63)
Rick Drewitz (72, 73, 74)
Hunter Durham (Mgr.) (61, 62)
James Durham (45)

E

Ray Edelman (72, 73, 74)
Allen Edwards (95, 96, 97, 98)
Leroy Edwards (35)
Russell Ellington (35, 36)
LeRon Ellis (88, 89)
Randy Embry (63, 64, 65)
Kenneth England (41, 42)
Anthony Epps (94, 95, 96, 97)
Marquis Estill (01, 02, 03)
Bill Evans (52, 54, 55)
Heshimu Evans (98, 99)
William Evans (Mgr.) (42)
J.C. Everett (19, 20)

F

H.L. Farmer (12, 13)
Richie Farmer (89, 90, 91, 92)
Keith Farnsely (39, 40, 41)
John Farris (Mgr.) (92, 94, 95)
J.B. Faulconer (Mgr.) (39)
Allen Feldhaus (60, 61, 62)
Deron Feldhaus (89, 90, 91, 92)
John Ferguson (Mgr.) (71)
Fred Fest (23)
Gerald Fitch (2001, 02, 03, 04)
Garrett Fitzpatrick (Mgr.) (41)
George Fletcher (Mgr.) (80, 81)
Chigger Flynn (Mgr.) (56)
Mike Flynn (73, 74, 75)
Bob Fowler (76)
Travis Ford (92, 93, 94)
W.C. Fox (07, 08, 09)

G

J.H. Gaiser (10, 11, 12)
Gary Gamble (66, 67, 68)



Reggie Hanson, a current member of the Wildcat coaching staff, lettered at Kentucky from 1988-91. He earned All-SEC and team MVP honors his junior and senior seasons.

Kenneth Gayheart (Mgr.) (90, 91, 92, 94)
Robert Gayheart (Mgr.) (89)
D.J. Geddes (Mgr.) (01, 02, 03, 04, 05)
Chris Gettelfinger (80, 81)
Elmer Gilb (29)
Jeff Ginnan (89)
Jack Givens (75, 76, 77, 78)
Max Glickman (18)
James Goforth (35, 36, 37)
Zach Goines (Mgr.) (96, 97, 98, 99)
James Goodman (38, 39)
Steve Goodson (Mgr.) (02, 03, 04, 05)
Phil Grawemeyer (54, 55, 56)
Sean Gray (Mgr.) (94, 95, 96, 97)
Kevin Grevey (73, 74, 75)
William Griffeth (Mgr.) (29)
Alex Groza (45, 47, 48, 49)
George Gumbert (14, 15, 16)
Bob Guyette (73, 74, 75)
J. White Guyn (04)

H

Cliff Hagan (51, 52, 54)
Joseph Hagan (36, 37, 38)
Jerry Hale (73, 74, 75)
Dan Hall (75)
Reggie Hanson (88, 89, 90, 91)
Roger Harden (83, 84, 85, 86)
Philip Haring (Mgr.) (36, 38)
Sam Harper (63, 64)
Tom Harper (64)

Carson Harreld (Mgr.) (65, 66)
Chris Harrison (92, 93, 94, 95)
W.C. Harrison (11, 12)
D.W. Hart (11, 12, 16)
Merion Haskins (75, 76, 77)
Vernon Hatton (56, 57, 58)
Cliff Hawkins (2001, 02, 03, 04)
Basil Hayden (20, 21, 22)
Chuck Hayes (02, 03, 04, 05)
Elmo Head (37, 38, 39)
Matt Heissenbuttel (2001, 02, 03, 04)
Tom Heitz (80, 82, 83, 84)
G. Foster Helm (25, 27)
J.H. Herman (06)
Walter Hirsch (49, 50, 51)
Walter Hodge (37)
Ryan Hogan (98, 99)
Joe Holland (46, 47, 48)
Joey Holland (76)
Kent Hollenbeck (70, 71, 72)
Derrick Hord (80, 81, 82, 83)
Aaron Howard (Mgr.) (98, 99, 00, 01, 02)
Mike Howard (Mgr.) (96, 97, 98)
Dick Howe (57, 58)
Lee Huber (39, 40, 41)
C.T. Hughes (24, 25)
Lowell Hughes (58, 59)
Harry Hurd (62)
Charles Hurt (80, 81, 82, 83)

I

R.Y. Ireland (16, 17)
Charles Ishmael (63, 64)
Dan Issel (68, 69, 70)

J

Ralph Jackowski (38)
Thad Jaracz (66, 67, 68)
Irvine Jeffries (28)
Cedric Jenkins (85, 86, 87, 88)
Paul Jenkins (26, 27, 28)
Ned Jennings (59, 60, 61)
Herbert Jerome (34)
Danny Jett (Mgr.) (2003)
Ellis Johnson (31, 32, 33)
Larry Johnson (74, 75, 76, 77)
Phil Johnson (56, 58, 59)
Walter Johnson (44)
Chris Jones (89)
Wallace Jones (46, 47, 48, 49)
James Jordan (47, 48)
David Judy (Mgr.) (00, 01 02)

K

Pat Kelly (05)
William P. Kemper (Mgr.) (05)
Ron Kennett (64)
Stan Key (70, 71, 72)
Jeff Kidder (Mgr.) (89)
James King (40, 41, 42)
William King (21, 22, 24)
A.M. Kirby (07)
William Kleiser (32)
Edwin Knadler (27)
Howard Kreuter (32, 33)
Tommy Kron (64, 65, 66)

L

Art Laib (68)
Ed Lander (42, 43)
Bo Lanter (80, 81, 82)
Jason Lathrem (96)
Bob Lavin (20, 21, 22)
Dave Lawrence (33, 34, 35)
Roger Layne (51)
James Lee (75, 76, 77, 78)
Ken Lehkamp (Mgr.) (56, 57)
Jim LeMaster (66, 67, 68)
Preston LeMaster (2003, 04, 05, 06)
Larry Lentz (66)
Morris Levin (Mgr.) (31)
Garland Lewis (34, 35, 36)
Billy Ray Lickert (59, 60, 61)
James Line (47, 48, 49, 50)
Shelby Linville (50, 51, 52)
Ercel Little (32)
Steve Lochmueller (73, 74)
Robert Lock (85, 86, 87, 88)
Dutch Longworth (17)
Ronnie Lyons (72, 73, 74)

M

Kyle Macy (78, 79, 80)
Richard Madison (85, 86, 87, 88)
Jamaal Magloire (97, 98, 99, 00)
Eric Manuel (88)
B.G. Marsh (18)
Gimel Martinez (91, 92, 93, 94)
F.L. Marx (10, 11)
Jamal Mashburn (91, 92, 93)
Steve Masiello (97, 98, 99, 00)
Jim Master (81, 82, 83, 84)
James Mathewson (42)
Charles Maxson (Mgr.) (33)
Jack May (Mgr.) (35, 36)
John McAdam (Mgr.) (70)
Paul McBrayer (28, 29, 30)
Walter McCarty (94, 95, 96)
Bob McCowan (69, 72)
Jim McDonald (60, 61, 62)
James McFarland (24, 25, 26)
Skip McGaw (90)
Lawrence McGinnis (28, 29, 30)
Louis McGinnis (29, 30, 31)
Dan McHale (Mgr.) (98, 99, 00, 01)
James McIntosh (37)
Troy McKinley (82, 83, 84, 85)
J. McKinney (Mgr.) (36, 37)
C.F. Meadors (12)
Ron Mercer (96, 97)
Hub Metry (Mgr.) (64, 65)
Derrick Miller (87, 88, 89, 90)
Cameron Mills (95, 96, 97, 98)
Chris Mills (89)
Don Mills (58, 59, 60)
Ray Mills (55, 56, 57)
Terry Mills (69, 70, 71)
Stanley Milward (28, 29, 30)
Will Milward (24, 25)
Dirk Minniefield (80, 81, 82, 83)
Terry Mobley (63, 64, 65)
Nazr Mohammed (96, 97, 98)
Gayle Mohney (26)
Bob Moore (Mgr.) (50, 51, 52)
Caleb Moore (Mgr.) (00, 01, 02, 03)
Eric Moore (Mgr.) (89)
Ralph Morgan (13, 14, 15)
Jonathan Morris (Mgr.) (2005)
Randolph Morris (2005, 06)
Jeff Morrow (Mgr.) (89, 90, 91, 92)
Tom Moseley (44)
Ravi Moss (2003, 04, 05, 06)
Kevin Murphy (Mgr.) (98, 99, 00)
Zach Murphy (Mgr.) (2004, 05)

N

Cotton Nash (62, 63, 64)
Alonzo Nelson (45)
Roger Newman (61)
C.M. Newton (51)
Tommy Nichols (36)
Paul Noel (43)
Randy Noll (70)

O

Lukasz Obrzut (2004, 05, 06)
Dan Omlor (Mgr.) (64)
Bernard Opper (37, 38, 39)
Hays Owens (28, 29, 30)

P

Scott Padgett (95, 97, 98, 99)
Harold Park (Mgr.) (45)
James Park (14)
Clyde Parker (43)
Ed Parker (Mgr.) (19)
J. Ed Parker (45, 46, 47)
Jason Parker (01)
Tom Parker (70, 71, 72)
Jack Parkinson (44, 45, 46, 48)
Michael Parks (90)
Dick Parsons (59, 60, 61)
Tom Payne (71)
Bart Peak (17)
Leonard Pearson (50)
John Pelphrey (89, 90, 91, 92)
Doug Pendygraft (62)
E.S. Penick (43)
Bobby Perry (2004, 05, 06)
Dan Perry (72)
George Perry (Mgr.)(54)
Mike Phillips (75, 76, 77, 78)
Frank Phipps (27)
Wayne Plummer (09)
Randy Pool (68, 69)
Mark Pope (95, 96)
Tommy Porter (66, 67, 68)
Shelby Post (08, 09)
Sam Potter (34)
William Poynz (21, 23)
Mike Pratt (68, 69, 70)
R.C. Preston (11, 12, 13, 14)
Jared Prickett (93, 94, 95, 97)
Tayshaun Prince (99, 00, 01, 02)
Linville Puckett (54)
Larry Pursiful (60, 61, 62)

R

Frank Ramsey (51, 52, 54)
Lloyd Ramsey (41, 42)
Tripp Ramsey (Mgr.) (76, 77)
Robert Reynolds (32)
Rodrick Rhodes (93, 94, 95)
A.T. Rice (23, 24)
S.H. Ridgeway (20, 21)
Andre Riddick (92, 93, 94, 95)
Carl Riefkin (23, 24)
Pat Riley (65, 66, 67)
R.N. Roark (04)
Roy Roberts (62, 63)
Rick Robey (75, 76, 77, 78)
Al Robinson (59)
William "Doc" Rodes (17)
William Rodes (09, 10)
Karl Rohs (25)
Don Rolfes (63)
Kenneth Rollins (43, 47, 48)
Rajon Rondo (2005, 06)
Van Buren Ropke (27)
Gayle Rose (52, 54, 55)
Harold Ross (56, 57, 58)
Ben Roth (Mgr.) (15)
Layton Rouse (38, 39, 40)
Willie Rouse (54)
Herky Rupp (61)
Tony Russell (Mgr.) (94, 95, 96, 97)

S

Forest Sale (31, 32, 33)
Charles Schrader (14, 17)
Wilber Schu (44, 45, 46)
Herschel Scott (13, 14, 15)
Mike Scott (87, 88, 89)
Jason Seamonds (Mgr.) (98, 99)
Cory Sears (01, 02)
Jim Server (15, 16)
Evan Settle (33, 34)
A.P. Shanklin (18)
Shelby Shanklin (08)
James Sharpe (27)
Jeff Sheppard (94, 95, 96, 98)
Jay Shidler (77, 78, 79, 80)
Terry Shigg (87)
Oliver Simmons (96)
Glenn Sims (Mgr.) (73)
Rekalin Sims (2006)
George Skinner (33)
Bobby Slusher (59)
Adrian Smith (57, 58)
Bill Smith (56, 57, 58)
G.J. Smith (73, 74, 75)
G.K. Smith (21, 23)
Saul Smith (98, 99, 00, 01)
Mark Soderberg (70)
Patrick Sparks (2005, 06)
Carey Spicer (29, 30, 31)
Bill Spivey (50, 51)
Vincent Splane (42)
Carl Staker (40, 41, 42)
Larry Stamper (71, 72, 73)
Larry Steele (69, 70, 71)
Tim Stephens (77, 78)
Gene Stewart (67)
Bobby Stilz (67)
C.P. St. John (04)
Brian Stocker (Mgr.) (94, 95, 96, 97)
Brandon Stockton (2003, 04, 05, 06)
Marvin Stone (00, 01)
N. Stone (08)
John Strogh (45, 48)
Guy Strong (50)
William Sturgill (45, 46)
Don Sullivan (Mgr.) (78, 79)
Anthony Summers (Mgr.) (98, 99, 00)
Bill Surface (Mgr.) (55)
Sean Sutton (88, 89)
Todd Svoboda (93)

T

Todd Tackett (99, 00)
Bob Tallent (66)
Spencer Tatum (Mgr.) (89, 90, 91, 92)
Vincent Tatum (Mgr.) (91, 92)
Bob Taylor (35)
Alan Theobald (Mgr.) (68)
H.C. Thomas (18, 19)
Henry Thomas (91, 92)
Irving Thomas (86, 87)
Roger Thomas (Mgr.) (82, 83)
Sheray Thomas (2004, 05, 06)
Homer Thompson (37, 38, 39)
Tommy Thompson (Mgr.) (60)
Milton Ticco (41, 42, 43)
E.J. Tierney (35)
Clarence Tillman (79)
Aminu Timberlake (92, 93)
Jack Tingle (44, 45, 46, 47)
Carlos Toomer (91, 92)
Garland Townes (50)
Bill Trott (31)
Lou Tsioropoulos (51, 52, 54)
Jack Tucker (33, 34, 35)
Wayne Turner (96, 97, 98, 99)
Melvin Turpin (81, 82, 83, 84)
Paul Turrell (35)
William P. Tuttle (12, 13, 14 15)

U

Eiki Umezaki (Mgr.) (89)
Lovell Underwood (24, 25, 26)

V

Chuck Verderber (79, 80, 81, 82)
Frank Vogel (Mgr.) (96)
George Vulich (44, 45)

W

Antoine Walker (95, 96)
J. Rice Walker (36, 37, 38)
Kenny Walker (83, 84, 85, 86)
Reggie Warford (76)
L.B. Waters (05)
Robert Watson (50, 51, 52)
A.J. Weisenberger (11, 13)
Wylie B. Wendt (06)
Leo Wenkley (Mgr.) (30)
Clint Wheeler (71)
Lucian Whitaker (50, 51, 52)
Waller White (40, 41, 42)
Don Whitehead (44)
James Wilhelm (21)
W.G. Wilkinson (23)
Adam Williams (2006)
LaVon Williams (77, 78, 79, 80)
Maury Wilson (06, 07, 08)
W.C. Wilson (13)
Phil Whitt (Trn.) (77)
Sean Woods (90, 91, 92)
Charles Worthington (31, 32)
H.J. Wurtele (04)

Y

George Yates (30, 31, 33)
Humzey Yessin (Mgr.) (46, 47, 48, 49)
Rudy Yessin (44)

Z

George Zerfoss (16, 18)
Karl Zerfoss (13, 15, 16)
Tom Zerfoss (14)
Todd Ziegler (85, 86)

Academic and Athletic Success

John Adams - (1965) A retired Fayette County circuit judge living in Lexington.

Earl Adkins - (1958) Retired from the Union County school system.

Marvin Akers - (1943) Retired mechanical construction manager living in Indianapolis, Ind.

Ed Allin - (1945) Retired school administrator.

Derek Anderson - (1997) Was a second-team All-Rookie performer for the Cleveland Cavaliers in 1998. Played for the Houston Rockets before signing as a free agent with Miami prior to the 2005-06 season and helping lead the Heat to their first NBA Championship.

Jim Andrews - (1973) Drafted by the NBA; played professional ball in Italy and Sweden. Is now a vice president and director of marketing living in Lexington.

Paul Andrews - (1987) CEO of Ten Broeck Hospital in Jacksonville, Fla.

Phil Argento - (1969) Drafted by the old ABA's Kentucky Colonels and the NBA's L.A. Lakers. Currently owns a consulting company for new home builders in Cleveland.

George Atkins - (1963) Former director of public relations at Humana Corporation. Has served as state auditor, secretary of cabinet, secretary of finance and state auditor for public accounts.

Adrian Back, Jr. - (1942) Chairman, President and C.E.O. of a bank in Hodgenville.

Scotty Baesler - (1963) Formerly the popular mayor of Lexington and member of the U.S. House of Representatives. A practicing attorney, he's still active in politics.

Antwain Barbour - (2004) Currently playing professional basketball in Spain.

Dale Barnstable - (1950) Earned eight varsity letters at UK in hoops, track and golf. Served in WWII. Won the Kentucky Senior State Am in golf in '86 and '94. Currently, president of Barnstable Enterprises and spending time in Florida and Louisville.

Dickey Beal - (1984) Drafted in the fourth round of the NBA by the Atlanta Hawks. Working in Northern Kentucky in pharmaceutical sales.

Ralph Beard - (1949) Played two years of pro basketball with the Indianapolis Olympians. Is a retired vice president of a wholesale drug company and living in Louisville.

Bret Bearup - (1985) Played one year of professional ball in Europe. Currently working for the NBA's Denver Nuggets.

Ed Beck - (1958) Is currently a minister in Sun City West, Ariz.

Winston Bennett - (1988) Drafted in the third round of the NBA draft by the Cleveland Cavaliers. Played one year in the CBA, two with the Cavs and finished his pro career with the Miami Heat. Was an assistant coach with UK and the Boston Celtics and head coach of Kentucky State.

Clifford Berger - (1968) Drafted by the NBA's Milwaukee Bucks. Currently an oral and maxillofacial surgeon in Savannah, Ga.

Bill Bibb - (1954) Is currently the commissioner of the Atlantic Sun Conference.

Jerry Bird - (1956) Retired as the human resources administrator from the American Greetings Corporation in Corbin.

James Blackmon - (1987) Drafted in the fifth round of the NBA draft by New Jersey. Currently a teacher and assistant basketball coach in Marion, Ind.

J.P. Blevins - (2002) Is currently working for the Kentucky State Parks and Recreation department.

Harry Bliss - (1935) Retired GE sales representative in Wilmington, Del.

Keith Bogans - (2003) Drafted 43rd overall in the 2003 NBA Draft. Currently playing for the Charlotte Bobcats.

Sam Bowie - (1984) Retired after an 11-year NBA career with the Portland Trailblazers and the LA Lakers. Now lives in Lexington and is involved in the standardbred horse industry.

Brad Bounds - (1967) Educator in Frankfort, Ill.

Junior Braddy - (1993) Is working and living in Florida.

Bob Brannum - (1947) Retired golf coach at Brandeis University. Now lives in Marshfield, Mass.

Jeff Brassow - (1994) Working in the banking industry in Lexington.

John Brewer - (1957) Is now senior vice president of Motal Exchange Corporation in St. Louis.

Charles J. Bronston - (1931) Retired Greyhound Lines executive living in Englewood, Fla., and working at a local golf course.

Dale Brown - (1993) Is currently an assistant coach at Pikeville College (Ky.). Finished his degree at UK on the Cawood Leford Scholarship.

Stephen Bruce - (1987) Currently a minister at Southern Baptist Church in Lexington.

Carroll Burchett - (1962) Recently retired as the Commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Vocational Rehabilitation in Frankfort.

Bob Burrow - (1955) Retired as the assistant superintendent for the Ft. Knox, Ky., schools.

Bill Busey - (1968) Farmer in Bagdad, Ky.

Leroy Byrd - (1986) Currently works for the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government.

Gerry Calvert - (1957) Drafted by the St. Louis Hawks. Currently an attorney at law in Lexington.

Jules Camara - (2003) Graduated with a degree in economics. Currently playing pro basketball in France.

Josh Carrier - (2005) Currently pursuing his MBA at Bellarmine College.

Dwane Casey - (1979) - Currently the head coach for the Minnesota Timberwolves.

Mike Casey - (1971) Drafted by the NBA. Is now a sales representative for the L.G. Balfour Company and living in Shelbyville.

Lindle Castle - (1951) Retired basketball coach of Clinton County High School in Albany, Ky.

Rex Chapman - (1988) Drafted in the first round by the Charlotte Hornets. Retired in 2000 from a 12-year NBA career with Charlotte, Washington, Miami and Phoenix. Currently serves as Vice President of Player Personnel for the Denver Nuggets.

Kirk Chiles - (1972) Recently retired from being the head basketball coach at Henry Clay High School in Lexington.

Truman Claytor - (1979) Drafted in the sixth round of the NBA draft by the Detroit Pistons. Currently an alcoholism counselor in Toledo, Ohio.

Steve Clevenger - (1968) Currently superintendent of the Allen Construction Company.

Marion Cluggish - (1940) Retired coach-educator living in Florida.

Bennie Coffman - (1960) Businessman in Huntington, W.V.

Sid Cohen - (1960) Businessman in Jacksonville, Fla.

Lincoln Collinsworth - (1958) Retired school official living in Orlando, Fla.

Carl Combs - (1940) Retired attorney living in Lexington. Was a sports information director at the University of Kentucky.

Charles Combs - (1938) Is retired from the Daviess County School System and living in Hilton Head, S.C.

Larry Conley - (1966) This member of "Rupp's Runts" played one season with the Kentucky Colonels of the old ABA. Now serves as a basketball color analyst for several networks.

Jimmy Dan Conner - (1975) Drafted by the Virginia Squires of the old ABA. Played one year in the ABA with the Kentucky Colonels. Is currently an executive and partner with a financial corporation in Louisville.

Fred Cowan - (1982) Drafted in the sixth round by the NBA's Houston Rockets. After playing professionally in Japan, is now an entrepreneur in Madisonville.

Johnny Cox - (1959) Played two seasons with the Cleveland Cavaliers and one with the Chicago Bulls. Is now an insurance agent in Hazard.

Hugh Coy - (1954) Played four years of professional baseball for the St. Louis Cardinals organization. Retired pharmaceutical representative living in Fruitland Park, Fla.

John Crigler - (1958) This member of the 1958 national championship team retired as Athletics Director from Scott County High School.

George Critz - (1964) Retired high school principal in Columbia, Ky.

Al Cummins - (1947) Owns a financial planning company and is a real estate broker in Lexington.

Jess Curry - (1956) Retired businessman living in Danville, Va.

Louie Dampier - (1967) Retired after playing and coaching in professional basketball. Also owned an audio-visual company in Louisville.

Ed Davender - (1988) Drafted in the third round by the Washington Bullets. Currently working in advertising sales in Kentucky.

Jonathan Davis - (1991) Works as a businessman in Lexington.

Erik Daniels - (2004) Currrently playing professional ball in Italy for Angelico Biella.



Dwane Casey is the head coach for the Minnesota Timberwolves.



Kentucky favorite Richie Farmer was named the Kentucky Commissioner of Agriculture in 2003.

Mulford Davis - (1947) A retired school principal in Frankfort, Ind. Inducted into Indiana High School Basketball Hall of Fame in 1989.

Ted Deeken - (1964) Currently working in the cellular phones industry in Louisville.

Tony Delk - (1996) First-round draft pick by the Charlotte Hornets, he has spent a decade playing in the NBA.

Truett DeMoisey - (1944) Retired coach-educator and state government administrator living in Walton, Ky.

Dick Derrickson - (1945) A retired postal worker in Lexington.

James F. Dinwiddie - (1971) Currently an attorney at law in Leitchfield.

Rick Drewitz - (1974) School teacher in Louisville, Ky.

Ray Edelman - (1974) Is an attorney in Lawrenceburg, Ky. while currently residing in Lexington.

Allen Edwards - (1998) Completed his degree requirements on the Cawood Ledford Scholarship Fund in May 2003. Was named assistant coach at Morehead State in 2003 and currently serves in same position at VCU.

Randy Embry - (1965) Retired teacher and basketball coach at Owensboro (Ky.) Senior High School.

Anthony Epps - (1997) Played the 1999 season in the CBA. Now living in Lebanon, Ky.

Marquis Estill - (2003) Currently playing professional basketball in Italy.

Bill Evans - (1955) Retired as a senior vice president of Kentucky Fried Chicken Corporation in Louisville.

Heshimu Evans - (1999) Currently playing professional basketball overseas.

Richie Farmer - (1992) After working in the insurance business in Manchester, Ky., for several years, was elected the Commissioner of Agriculture in Kentucky in 2003.

Allen Feldhaus - (1962) Retired teacher and coach. Won 512 basketball games and led his '81 Mason County team to the state championship game. Currently in the golf course business.

Deron Feldhaus - (1992) After a career in professional basketball in Japan, is now living in Maysville, Ky. Owns and operates a golf course.

Gerald Fitch - (2004) Played for the Miami Heat in the 2005-2006 season.

Mike Flynn - (1975) Was drafted by the Indiana Pacers of the NBA and played three years. Is currently a bank executive in Jeffersonville, Ind.

Travis Ford - (1994) Is the head coach at UMass.

Gary Gamble - (1968) Owns a painting company in Madisonville, Ky.

Chris Gettlefinger - (1981) Currently dealing in real estate in Tennessee.

Jack Givens - (1978) Drafted in the first round of the NBA draft by the Atlanta Hawks and played two years with Atlanta. Most recently served as the TV color commentator for the NBA's Orlando Magic and TNT Sports.

Phil Grawemeyer - (1956) A real estate developer in Louisville.

Kevin Grevey - (1975) Drafted in the first round of the NBA draft by the Washington Bullets. Played several years there before moving on to Milwaukee to play with the Bucks. Currently operates "Grevey's," a popular restaurant near Washington, D.C., and works as a radio broadcaster.

Pete Grigsby - (1954) Is now the assistant superintendent of Floyd County Schools in Prestonsburg, Ky.

Bob Guyette - (1975) Drafted in the third round by the NBA's Kansas City Kings. Played several years of professional ball in Spain. Currently a facial surgeon in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Cliff Hagan - (1954) Spent several years in the NBA after graduation. Served as Athletics Director at UK from 1975-1988. Now retired.

Jerry Hale - (1975) Director of human resources for the Keeneland Association in Lexington, Ky.

Reggie Hanson - (1991) After a seven-year professional career in Japan, returned to the UK basketball program in 2001 as an assistant coach.

Roger Harden - (1986) Was drafted in the fifth round by the NBA's Los Angeles Lakers. Works for an apparel company in Louisville.

Tom Harper - (1964) Is currently a realtor and sales developer in Richmond, Ky.

Chris Harrison - (1995) Currently owns and operates Gambino's Restaurant and Bar in Lexington.

Merion Haskins - (1977) Is currently manager of leaf purchases for Phillip Morris Tobacco Company in Richmond, Va.

Vernon Hatton - (1958) A realtor and auctioneer in Lexington.

Cliff Hawkins - (2004) Currently playing professional ball in Europe.

Chuck Hayes - (2005) Currently playing in the NBA for the Houston Rockets.

Matt Heissenbuttel - (2001) Currently working in business in Louisville.

Tom Heitz - (1984) Drafted in the eighth round of the NBA draft by the Indiana Pacers. Is currently working in the commodities markets in Lexington and Chicago.

Walt Hirsch - (1951) Sales manager in Davenport, Iowa.

Joe Holland - (1948) Owns two automobile dealerships, Joe Holland Chevrolet in Lexington and Holland Chevrolet in Charleston, W.Va.

Joey Holland - (1973) Is now the general sales manager for his father's car dealership, Holland Chevrolet, in Charleston, W.Va.

Kent Hollenbeck - (1973) Businessman in Fincastle, Va.

Derrick Hord - (1983) Drafted in the third round of the NBA draft by the Cleveland Cavaliers. Is currently a pharmaceutical sales representative in Lexington.

Jim Howe - (1950) Vice-president of sales for a Cincinnati company.

Lee Huber - (1941) Former All-American, retired to Orlando, Fla. and passed away in September 2005.

Lowell T. Hughes - (1959) Retired Ashland attorney and member of General Assembly now living in Ocala, Fla.

Harry Hurd - (1962) Currently president and founder of an engineering research company in Raleigh, N.C.

Harold Hurst - (1956) Is now a real estate agent and broker in Stanton, Ky.

Charles Hurt - (1983) Drafted in the sixth round of the NBA draft by the Milwaukee Bucks. Is currently serving in the armed forces.

Charles Ishmael - (1964) Retired from coaching at Montgomery County (Ky.) High School and living in Mt. Sterling, Ky.

Dan Issel - (1970) Enjoyed a successful pro career playing for the Kentucky Colonels of the old ABA and with the Denver Nuggets. Most recently, he coached and served as general manager of the Nuggets.

Thad Jaracz - (1968) Retired Air Force Lieutenant Colonel and lives in LaGrange, Ky.

Cedric Jenkins - (1981) A banker in Lexington.

Ned Jennings - (1963) Employed by the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government.

Travis Ford is in his second season as head coach at UMass.



Larry Johnson - (1977) Drafted in the second round of the NBA draft by the Buffalo Braves (now the Los Angeles Clippers) and played one season with the Braves. After a career as a player/coach in a professional league in Japan, he's employed by UPS.

Phil Johnson - (1959) Works as an executive for a grocery chain in Louisville.

Wallace "Wah Wah" Jones - (1949) This member of the "Fabulous Five" currently owns Bluegrass Charters.

Ron Kennett - (1964) Currently a teacher in Georgia.

Stan Key - (1972) Currently the Director of the UK Alumni Association.

Tommy Kron - (1966) Businessman in Louisville, Ky.

Roger Layne - (1951) Businessman in McKamie, Ark.

James Lee - (1978) Drafted in the second round of the NBA by the Seattle Supersonics. After a journey in the pro leagues, is currently working as a mortgage broker in Lexington.

Ken Lehkamp - (1957) Retired as a teacher and head baseball coach at Highlands High School in Ft. Thomas, Ky.

Jim LeMaster - (1968) President of Anthem Blue Cross/Blue Shield in Lexington and President of the UK Basketball Museum.

Preston LeMaster - (2006) Finishing his undergrad work while also serving as asst. basketball coach at his high school alma mater, Bourbon Co. High School.

Larry Lentz - (1966) Currently a pharmacist in Lexington.

Garland Lewis - (1936) A retired teacher/coach in Lagunda Hills, Calif.

Billy Ray Lickert - (1961) Retired treasurer of Mason and Hanger-Silas Mason Co. in Lexington.

Jim Line - (1950) Currently an oil company executive in Russell, Kan.

Shelby Linville - (1952) Currently a pastor in Middleton, Ohio.

Steve Lochmueller - (1975) President and CEO of Sumerset Houseboats.

Rob Lock - (1988) Drafted in the third round by the L.A. Clippers. Signed with a professional team in Italy. Played the last half of the 1988-89 season with the Clippers. Now operates a charter bi-plane company.

Ronnie Lyons - (1974) Is currently employed by LexMark in Lexington.

Kyle Macy - (1980) Played seven seasons in the NBA with Phoenix, Chicago and Indiana. After four seasons with the UK basketball broadcast team, he served as the head basketball coach at Morehead State for nine years.

Jamaal Magloire - (2000) The 19th pick of the NBA draft by the Charlotte Hornets. Currently playing for the Portland Trail Blazers.

Jamal Mashburn - (1993) Picked fourth overall by Dallas Mavericks in 1993 NBA draft. Donated $500,000 to establish scholarship program at UK. Owns an auto dealership in Lexington.

Jim Master - (1984) Drafted in the sixth round of the NBA draft by the Atlanta Hawks. Is currenly working as a financial advisor for Hilliard & Lyons in Lexington.

James Mathewson - (1942) Retired. Now living in Richmond, Ind.

Walter McCarty - (1996) A first-round selection in the 1996 NBA Draft by the New York Knicks.

Bob McCowan - (1972) Owns a sports fishing company in Honolulu.

Jim McDonald - (1962) CEO of a billion dollar cable equipment company in Atlanta.

Troy McKinley - (1985) Now a police officer with the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government.

Ron Mercer - (1997) Was the sixth pick in the 1997 NBA Draft by the Boston Celtics. Made first-team All-Rookie team in 1998. Played in 2004-05 for New Jersey. Is a free agent entering his ninth season.

Derrick Miller - (1990) Recently earned his social work degree on the Cawood Ledford Scholarship Fund.

Cameron Mills - (1998) Is working in the Christian ministry. Also started a "Filthy Rags" clothing line.

Don Mills - (1960) State Farm Insurance agent in Richmond, Ky.

Ray Mills - (1957) Is a retired teacher. Resides in Monticello, Ky.

Terry Mills - (1971) Currently an agent and unit manager with Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance in Lexington.

Dirk Minniefield - (1983) Works for the NBA Players' Association in New York.

Terry Mobley - (1965) Is the Vice President for Institutional Advancement at UK. Served as UK's Interim Athletics Director for five months in 2002.

Nazr Mohammed - (1998) Was the last pick of the first round in the NBA Draft by Utah. Signed a multi-year contract with the Atlanta Hawks in 2001. Helped San Antonio to the 2005 NBA Championship after joining the Spurs mid-season. Calls Lexington home in the off-season.

Read Morgan - (1951) An actor in California.

Cotton Nash - (1964) Owns a real estate and investment company in Lexington.

Alonzo Nelson - (1945) Is a retired employee development specialist with the Lexington Bluegrass Army Depot.

Roger Newman - (1961) Engineer in Lake Forest, Ill.

C.M. Newton - (1952) A successful coach with more than 500 victories; retired in June 2000 as UK Athletics Director. Enshrined in the National Basketball Hall of Fame in the Class of 2000. Working as a consultant with the NCAA, SEC, and USA Basketball.

Paul Noel - (1943) Played three years with the New York Knicks. Retired wholesale drug salesman who served two years as mayor of Versailles, Ky.

Scott Padgett - (1999) A first-round pick by the Utah Jazz in the '99 NBA Draft.

Tom Parker - (1972) Now a special education teacher at Dunbar High School in Lexington.

Dick Parsons - (1961) Spent several years as an assistant basketball coach at the University of Kentucky. Retired in 1999 as the director of planned giving at UK.

John Pelphrey - (1992) Played professionally in France. Was an assistant at Oklahoma State, Marshall, and Florida. Currently head coach at South Alabama.

Doug Pendygraft - (1962) Educator in Danville, Ky.

Mike Phillips - (1978) Drafted in the second round of the NBA draft by the Seattle Supersonics. Currently owns a home health business in Madisonville.

Randy Poole - (1969) Businessman in Winchester, Tenn.

Mark Pope - (1996) A 10-year NBA veteran, he is currently in medical school at Columbia



Cotton Nash was UK's legend recognized at the 2002 SEC Tournament in Atlanta by Commissioner Roy Kramer.

Tommy Porter - (1968) Is currently a dentist in Hopkinsville, Ky.

Mike Pratt - (1970) Played in the old ABA for the Kentucky Colonels. Coached UNC Charlotte and served as an assistant for the Charlotte Hornets. Currently a Louisville businessman and member of the UK Radio Network.

Dwight Price - (1951) Is now retired from the Fayette County School System in Lexington.

Jared Prickett - (1997) Currently playing pro basketball overseas.

Tayshaun Prince - (2002) The 23rd pick in the '02 NBA Draft by the Detroit Pistons, where he was an important part of the Pistons NBA title run in 2004.

Larry Pursiful - (1962) Currently the minister of outreach for the Westport Road Baptist Church in Louisville.

Linville Puckett - (1956) Employed by the Dept. of Transportation in Frankfort, Ky.

Frank Ramsey - (1954) Played 10 years with the NBA's Boston Celtics. Currently president of Dixon Bank in Dixon, Ky.

Lloyd Ramsey - (1942) Now a doctor in Nashville, Tenn.

Andre Riddick - (1995) After one year of pro basketball in Japan, playing professionally in Europe.



Former UK center Rob Lock owns a charter bi-plane company and flies around the country each summer providing rides at various special events.



After earning "Coach of the Decade" honors in the NBA for the 1980s, Pat Riley is No. 2 all-time in NBA victories. He's now the president and head coach of the Miami Heat, which won its first NBA Championship in franchise history in 2006.

Pat Riley - (1967) Drafted in the first round by San Diego. Coached the L.A. Lakers to four NBA titles. Served as an NBC broadcaster for one season before returning to coaching with the New York Knicks. Is now the president and coach of the Miami Heat, who he led to the 2006 NBA title.

Roy Roberts - (1963) Operates Nunnally Farms in Monroe, Ga.

Louis Robertson - (1942) Retired insurance man in Muncie, Ind.

Rick Robey - (1978) Drafted in the first round of the NBA draft by the Indiana Pacers. Currently in private business in Louisville.

Alford Robinson - (1959) Is in private business in Lexington.

Kenny Rollins - (1948) This member of the "Fabulous Five" is now retired from a national container company and living in Florida.

Rajon Rondo - (2006) Picked 21st in the 2006 NBA draft by the Phoenix Suns and was then traded to the Boston Celtics.

Gayle Rose - (1955) Is semi-retired after selling his pharmacy operation in Olive Hill, Ky.

Harold Ross - (1958) Is a retired high school principal in Elkton, Ky.

Layton Rouse - (1940) Is a retired dentist in Carrollton, Ky.

Willie Rouse - (1954) Retired president of First Security Bank and Trust Co., in Lexington. Currently involved with his son in private business.

Herky Rupp - (1961) Farmer in Central Ky.

Evan Settle - (1934) Retired basketball, baseball, and golf coach at Shelbyville High School.

Jeff Sheppard - (1998) After playing the 1999 season with the Atlanta Hawks, played professionally in Italy. Now living in London, Ky., and operating an apparel company. Married former UK women's basketball player Stacey Reed.

Jay Shidler - (1978) Drafted by the Chicago Bulls. Is now in the service industry in Lexington.

Adrian Smith - (1958) Gold medal winner in 1960 Olympic Games. NBA All-Star Game MVP in 1966. Works in the banking industry in Cincinnati.

G.J. Smith - (1975) Is currently Athletics Director and baseball coach at South Laurel High School in London, Ky.

Saul Smith - (2001) Member of the 1998 NCAA Champions, enjoyed a two-year career in the NBDL. Now an assistant coach at Tennessee Tech.

William Smith - (1958) Member of 1958 national championship team. Retired and living in Northern Kentucky.

Larry Stamper - (1973) Is currently teaching at Morgan County High School in West Liberty, Ky.

Larry Steele - (1971) After outstanding pro career with the Portland Trail Blazers, served as coach of Portland City College. Now President of Hoops, Inc. in Portland.

Tim Stephens - (1978) Currently a high school teacher and coach in McCreary County.

Gene Stewart - (1967) Is currently an attorney in Brookville, Ind.

Brandon Stockton - (2006) Currently pursuing a pro career.

John Stough - (1949) Currently Senior V.P. for Neace Lunkens in Louisville.

Guy Strong - (1950) Coached basketball at high school and collegiate levels. Served as principal at George Rogers Clark High School in Winchester. Retired from coaching in 2001, but still serves as Director of Pupil Personnel for Clark County Schools.

Bill Sturgill - (1946) Eastern Kentucky coal operator and Lexington businessman.

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Todd Svoboda - (1993) Now living in Winchester and employed at Lexmark.

Henry Thomas - (1993) Currently a pharmaceutical sales representative in Lexington, Ky.

Garland Townes - (1950) A retired businessman and radio personality living in Hazard, Ky.

Lou Tsioropoulos - (1954) Retired principal of Jefferson County High School in Louisville currently living in Florida

Wayne Turner - (1999) Played with the Harlem Globetrotters. Finished the 2002 season in Australia's NBL.

Melvin Turpin - (1984) Drafted in the first round of the NBA Draft by the Washington Bullets, then traded to the Cleveland Cavaliers. Is currently living in Lexington.

Chuck Verderber - (1982) Drafted in the second round of the NBA draft by the Chicago Bulls. Is now practicing dentistry in Vermont.

Antoine Walker - (1996) Picked sixth in the 1996 NBA Draft by the Boston Celtics and was selected an NBA All-Star in 1998. Was traded to Miami prior to the 2005-06 season and helped lead the Heat to their first NBA Championship.

Kenny Walker - (1986) First round draft pick by New York Knicks where he played five seasons with the Knicks. NBA's slam dunk champion in 1993. Lives in Lexington.

Reggie Warford - (1976) After serving as an assistant basketball coach at Long Beach State, is now living in Pittsburgh.

Bobby Watson - (1952) Coached Owensboro High to state basketball titles in 1972 and '80. Now a real estate agent in Owensboro.

Clint Wheeler - (1971) Currently a pharmaceutical sales representative.

Walt Whittaker - (1950) Currently a bank executive in Wilmington, Del.

Waller White - (1942) Retired marketer for the Gulf Oil Co. (now BP).

LaVon Williams - (1980) Drafted in the fifth round of the NBA draft by the Cleveland Cavaliers. Played one year of professional basketball in Italy. Currently living in Lexington, practicing his art and working at Morton Middle School.

Sean Woods - (1992) Serving as the Director of Basketball Operations at TCU.

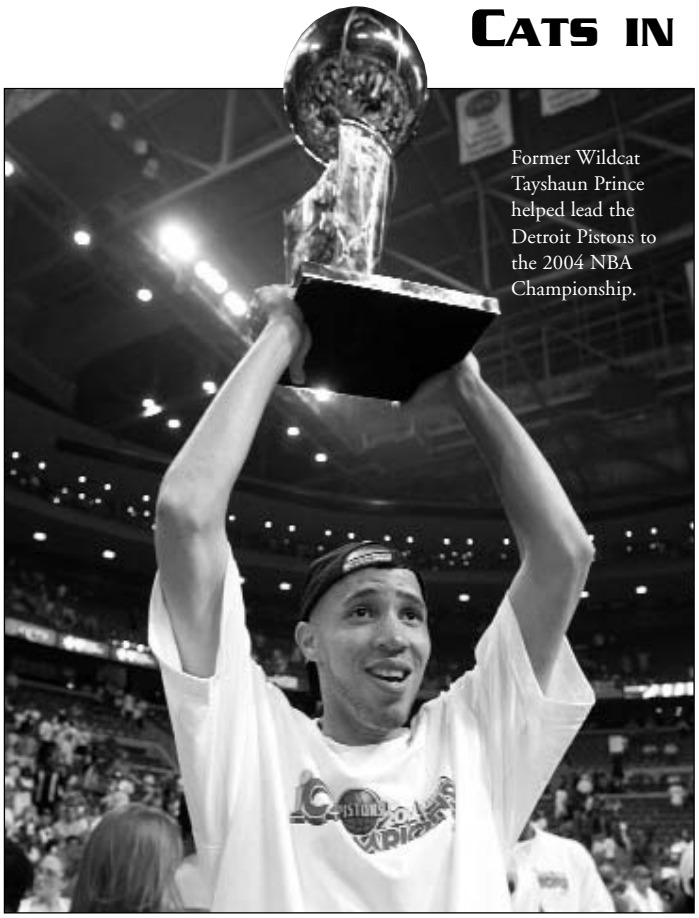
Rudy Yessin - (1944) Currently an attorney at law, residing in Florida.

Todd Ziegler - (1986) Is now a bank officer in Lexington.



Jeff Sheppard, the 1998 NCAA Final Four MVP, lives and works in London, Ky. He is actively involved in UK Athletics and served as master of ceremonies for the Big Blue Caravan last summer.

Cats in the NBA



Former Wildcat Tayshaun Prince helped lead the Detroit Pistons to the 2004 NBA Championship.

The following listing contains Kentucky players who have been on the roster of an NBA [and ABA] team through the 2005-06 season.

ANDERSON, Derek – Cleveland Cavaliers (1998-99), Los Angeles Clippers (2000), San Antonio Spurs (2001), Portland Trail Blazers (2002-05), Houston Rockets (2006), Miami Heat (2006)

BARKER, Cliff – Indianapolis Olympians (1950-52)
BEARD, Ralph – Indianapolis Olympians (1950-51)
BENNETT, Winston – Cleveland Cavaliers (1990-92), Miami Heat (1992)
BIRD, Jerry – New York Knicks (1959)
BOGANS, Keith – Orlando Magic (2004), Charlotte Bobcats (2005-06), Houston Rockets (2006)
BOWIE, Sam – Portland Trail Blazers (1985-89), New Jersey Nets (1990-93), Los Angeles Lakers (1994-95)
BURROW, Bob – Rochester Royals (1957), Minneapolis Lakers (1958)

CHAPMAN, Rex – Charlotte Hornets (1989-92), Washington Bullets (1992-95), Miami Heat (1996), Phoenix Suns (1997-2000)
CLUGGISH, Bob – New York Knicks (1947)
CONLEY, Larry – Kentucky Colonels [ABA] (1968)
CONNER, Jimmy Dan – Kentucky Colonels [ABA] (1976)
COX, Johnny – Chicago Zephyrs (1963)

DAMPIER, Louie – Kentucky Colonels [ABA] (1968-76), San Antonio Spurs (1977-79)
DANIELS, Erik – Sacramento Kings (2005)
DELK, Tony – Charlotte Hornets (1997-98), Golden State Warriors (1998-99), Sacramento Kings (2000), Phoenix Suns (2000-01), Boston Celtics (2002-03), Dallas Mavericks (2004), Atlanta Hawks (2005-06), Detroit Pistons (2006)

FEIGENBAUM, George –
FITCH, Gerald – Miami Heat (2006)
FLYNN, Mike – Indiana Pacers (1976-78) [ABA in 1976]

GIVENS, Jack – Atlanta Hawks (1979-80)
GREVEY, Kevin – Washington Bullets (1976-83), Milwaukee Bucks (1984-85)
GROZA, Alex – Indianapolis Olympians (1950-51)

HAGAN, Cliff – St. Louis Hawks (1957-66), Dallas Chaparrals [ABA] (1968-70)
HANSON, Reggie – Boston Celtics (1998)
HATTON, Vernon – Cincinnati Royals (1959), Philadelphia Warriors (1959-61), St. Louis Hawks (1962)
HAYES, Chuck – Houston Rockets (2006)
HOLLAND, Joe – Indianapolis Olympians (1950-52)

ISSEL, Dan – Kentucky Colonels [ABA] (1971-75), Denver Nuggets (1976-85) [ABA in 1976]

JOHNSON, Larry – Buffalo Braves (1978)
JONES, Wah Wah – Indianapolis Olympians (1950-52)

KRON, Tommy – St. Louis Hawks (1967), Seattle Supersonics (1968-69), Kentucky Colonels [ABA] (1970)

LOCK, Rob – Los Angeles Clippers (1989)

MACY, Kyle – Phoenix Suns (1981-85), Chicago Bulls (1986), Indiana Pacers (1987)
MAGLOIRE, Jamaal – Charlotte/New Orleans Hornets (2001-05), Milwaukee Bucks (2006)
MASHBURN, Jamal – Dallas Mavericks (1994-97), Miami Heat (1997-2000), Charlotte/New Orleans Hornets (2001-04)
McCARTY, Walter – New York Knicks (1997), Boston Celtics (1998-2005), Phoenix Suns (2005), Los Angeles Clippers (2006)
MERCER, Ron – Boston Celtics (1998-99), Denver Nuggets (2000), Orlando Magic (2000), Chicago Bulls (2001-02), Indiana Pacers (2002-03), San Antonio Spurs (2004), New Jersey Nets (2005)
MINNIEFIELD, Dirk – Cleveland Cavaliers (1986-87), Houston Rockets (1987), Golden State Warriors (1988), Boston Celtics (1988)
MOHAMMED, Nazr – Philadelphia 76ers (1999-2001), Atlanta Hawks (2001-04), New York Knicks (2004-05), San Antonio Spurs (2005-06)

NASH, Cotton – Los Angeles Lakers (1965), San Francisco Warriors (1965), Kentucky Colonels [ABA] (1968)
NOEL, Paul – New York Knicks (1948-50),Rochester Royals (1951-52)

PADGETT, Scott – Utah Jazz (2000-03), Houston Rockets (2004-05), New Jersey Nets (2006)
PARKINSON, Jack – Indianapolis Olympians (1950)
PAYNE, Tom – Atlanta Hawks (1972)
POPE, Mark – Indiana Pacers (1998-99), Milwaukee Bucks (2001-02), Denver Nuggets (2004-05)
PRATT, Mike – Kentucky Colonels [ABA] (1971-72)
PRINCE, Tayshaun – Detroit Pistons (2003-06)

RAMSEY, Frank – Boston Celtics (1955-64)
RILEY, Pat – San Diego Rockets (1968-70), Los Angeles Lakers (1971-76), Phoenix Suns (1976)
ROBEY, Rick – Indiana Pacers (1979), Boston Celtics (1979-83), Phoenix Suns (1984-86)
ROLLINS, Kenny – Chicago Stags (1949-50), Boston Celtics (1953)

SHEPPARD, Jeff – Atlanta Hawks (1999)
SMITH, Adrian – Cincinnati Royals (1962-70), San Francisco Warriors (1970-71), Virginia Squires [ABA] (1972)
STEELE, Larry – Portland Trail Blazers (1972-80)

TINGLE, Jack – Washington Capitols (1948), Minneapolis Lakers (1949)
TSIOROPOULOS, Lou – Boston Celtics (1957-59)
TURNER, Wayne – Boston Celtics (2000)
TURPIN, Melvin – Cleveland Cavaliers (1985-87), Utah Jazz (1988), Washington Bullets (1990)

WALKER, Antoine – Boston Celtics (1997-2003, 2005), Dallas Mavericks (2004), Atlanta Hawks (2005), Miami Heat (2006)
WALKER, Kenny – New York Knicks (1987-91), Washington Bullets (1994-95)
WATSON, Bobby – Milwaukee Hawks (1955)
WHITAKER, Lucian – Boston Celtics (1955)

Kentucky in the NBA Draft

Year	Rnd	Pick	Name, Pos.	Team
1947			Jack Tingle	Washington Capitols
1948			Joe Holland	Baltimore Bullets
			Jack Parkinson	Washington Capitols
			Kenny Rollins	Fort Wayne Pistons
1949			Cliff Barker	Indianapolis Olympians
			Ralph Beard	Chicago Stags
			Alex Groza	Indianapolis Olympians
			Wah Wah Jones	Washington Capitols
1950			Dale Barnstable	Boston Celtics
			Jim Line	Indianapolis Olympians
1952			Bobby Watson	Milwaukee Hawks
			Lucian Whitaker	Indianapolis Olympians
1953			Cliff Hagan	Boston Celtics
			Frank Ramsey	Boston Celtics
			Lou Tsioropoulos	Boston Celtics
1955	5	34	Bill Evans	Rochester Royals
1956			Jerry Bird	Minneapolis Lakers
			Bob Burrow	Rochester Royals
			Phil Grawemeyer	Minneapolis Lakers
1957	10	73	Jerry Calvert	Philadelphia Warriors
1958	2	10	Vernon Hatton	Cincinnati Royals
	4	37	Johnny Cox	New York Knicks
	15	86	Adrian Smith	Cincinnati Royals
1959	4	30	Johnny Cox	New York Knicks
1960	4	32	Sid Cohen	Boston Celtics
	6	48	George Newman	Boston Celtics
	7	53	Bennie Coffman	Syracuse Nationals
	18	92	Don Mills	Cincinnati Royals
1961	5	45	Billy Ray Lickert	Los Angeles Lakers
	5	64	Roger Newman	Syracuse Nationals
	13	102	Ned Jennings	New York Knicks
1962	8	61	Larry Pursiful	Chicago Zephyrs
1964	2	12	Cotton Nash	Los Angeles Lakers
1966	3	24	Tommy Kron	St. Louis Hawks
1967	1	7	Pat Riley	San Diego Rockets
	4	38	Louie Dampier	Cincinnati Royals
1968	5	60	Thad Jaracz	Boston Celtics
	9	119	Cliff Berger	Milwaukee Bucks
1969	10	139	Phil Argento	Los Angeles Lakers
1970	8	122	Dan Issel	Detroit Pistons
	8	130	Mike Casey	Chicago Bulls
1971	3	37	Larry Steele	Portland Trail Blazers
	10	163	Jim Dinwiddie	Philadelphia 76ers
1972	6	83	Tom Parker	Cleveland Cavaliers
	10	146	Kent Hollenbeck	Detroit Pistons
1973	7	107	Jim Andrews	Seattle Supersonics
1975	1	18	Kevin Grevey	Washington Bullets
	2	36	Jimmy Dan Conner	Phoenix Suns
	3	49	Bob Guyette	K.C.-Omaha Kings
	7	113	Mike Flynn	Philadelphia 76ers
1977	2	24	Larry Johnson	Buffalo Braves
1978	1	3	Rick Robey	Indiana Pacers
	1	16	Jack Givens	Atlanta Hawks
	2	39	James Lee	Seattle Supersonics
	3	45	Mike Phillips	New Jersey Nets
1979	1	22	Kyle Macy	Phoenix Suns
	6	111	Truman Clayton	Detroit Pistons
1980	5	101	LaVon Williams	Cleveland Cavaliers
	9	183	Jay Shidler	Chicago Bulls
1981	6	127	Fred Cowan	Houston Rockets
1982	7	145	Chuck Verderber	Chicago Bulls
1983	2	33	Dirk Minniefield	Dallas Mavericks
	3	67	Derrick Hord	Cleveland Cavaliers
	6	134	Charles Hurt	Milwaukee Bucks
1984	1	2	Sam Bowie	Portland Trail Blazers
	1	6	Melvin Turpin	Washington Bullets
	4	81	Dickey Beal	Atlanta Hawks
	6	127	Jim Master	Atlanta Hawks
	8	163	Tom Heitz	Indiana Pacers
1986	1	5	Kenny Walker	New York Knicks
	5	115	Roger Harden	Los Angeles Lakers
1987	5	94	James Blackmon	New Jersey Nets
1988	1	8	Rex Chapman	Charlotte Hornets
	3	51	Rob Lock	Los Angeles Clippers
	3	60	Ed Davender	Washington Bullets
	3	64	Winston Bennett	Cleveland Cavaliers
1993	1	4	Jamal Mashburn	Dallas Mavericks
1994	2	31	Rodney Dent	Orlando Magic
1996	1	6	Antoine Walker	Boston Celtics
	1	16	Tony Delk	Charlotte Hornets
	1	19	Walter McCarty	New York Knicks
	2	52	Mark Pope	Indiana Pacers
1997	1	6	Ron Mercer	Boston Celtics
	1	13	Derek Anderson	Cleveland Cavaliers
1998	1	29	Nazr Mohammed	Utah Jazz
1999	1	28	Scott Padgett	Utah Jazz
2000	1	19	Jamaal Magloire	Charlotte Hornets
2002	1	23	Tayshaun Prince	Detroit Pistons
2003	2	43	Keith Bogans	Milwaukee Bucks
2006	1	21	Rajon Rondo	Phoenix Suns



Antoine Walker is congratulated by NBA commissioner David Stern after being selected by the Boston Celtics as the sixth pick in the 1996 NBA draft. Walker was one of three Wildcats drafted in the first round that year.

Retired Jerseys

As the videotape rolls through the 102-year history of the Kentucky basketball program, the highlights are numerous.

Seven national championships… numerous Southeastern Conference titles… last second shots… the trophies… the netcutting… victory upon victory. The pictures and images continue to roll.

Year-after-year, the Wildcats have defended national championships and produced a host of All-Americans. The UK program also has stocked the NBA with top young talent.

But the ultimate honor for a Wildcat player or coach is to have his jersey retired. Through the years, 41 former players, coaches and contributors have received this recognition.

According to former UK sports information director Russell Rice, the first jersey to be retired was Layton "Mickey" Rouse, an All-Southeastern Conference guard who captained the 1940 UK squad. At the annual banquet following the season, Coach Adolph Rupp surprised Rouse when he presented him his entire uniform.

Following the 1949 season, Rupp honored the four seniors from the back-to-back national championship teams — Cliff Barker, Ralph Beard, Alex Groza and Wallace "Wah, Wah" Jones, along with 1948 team captain Kenny Rollins — by retiring their jerseys and stating that their numbers would never be worn again by a Kentucky player. It was then that they were tagged "the Fabulous Five" after Rupp made mention there would never be another team that "fabulous."

However, with the streamlining of jersey numbers by the NCAA, the jerseys are retired but the numbers remain active.

Two contributors have been selected for the basketball program's highest honor, including the late Cawood Ledford, the radio "Voice of the Wildcats" for 39 years. In 1997, Bill Keightley, the lovable and dedicated equipment manager known as "Mr. Wildcat," also was selected. And the great coaches have been honored as well — Rupp, Hall and Pitino.

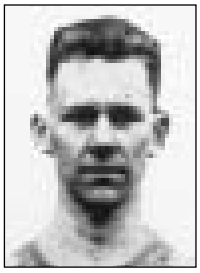
Each selection has been presented with a framed jersey and a banner proudly hung from the Rupp Arena rafters.

And as the film clip continues, there's sure to be a sequel in the works.



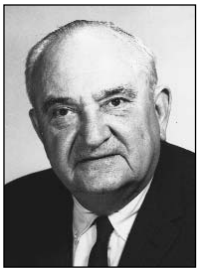
Sam Bowie, a consensus All-American in 1981, joined the list of distinguished lettermen when his jersey was retired in 2002.

In recognition of outstanding contributions to the University of Kentucky basketball program, the UK Athletics Department has retired jerseys honoring the following:


Basil Hayden
1920-21-22


56 - Burgess Carey
1925-26

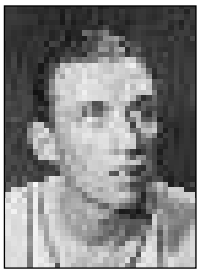

Carey Spicer
1929-30-31


Adolph Rupp
Head Coach – 1931-72

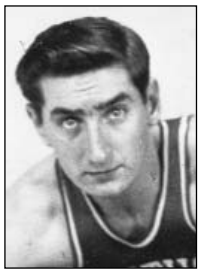

Forest "Aggie" **Sale**
1931-32-33


7 - John "Frenchy" **DeMoisey**
1932-33-34

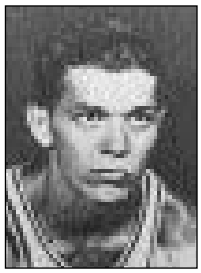

4 - Layton "Mickey" **Rouse**
1938-39-40



P26 - Kenny Rollins
1943-47-48



P15 - Alex Groza
1945-47-48-49



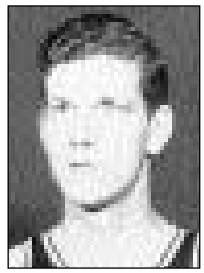
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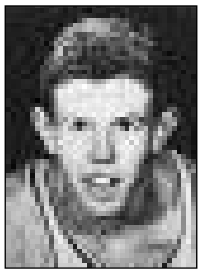
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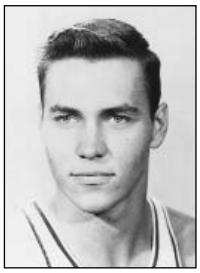
P22 - Cliff Barker
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77 - Bill Spivey
1950-51



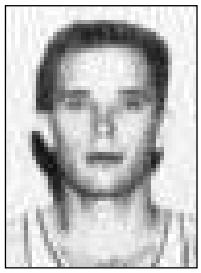
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1951-52-54



***6 - Cliff Hagan**
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***16 - Lou Tsioropoulos**
1951-52-54



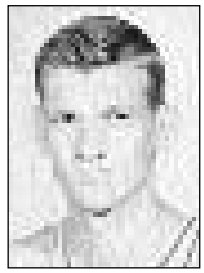
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***20 - Gayle Rose**
1952-54-55



Cawood Ledford
"Voice of the Wildcats"
1953-92



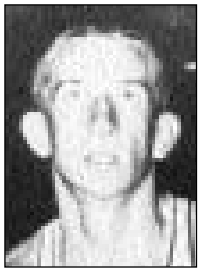
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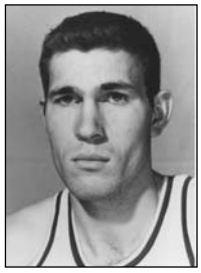
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50 - Bob Burrow
1955-56



52 - Vernon Hatton
1956-57-58



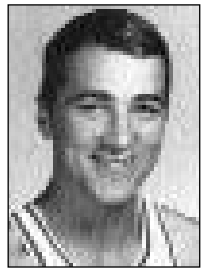
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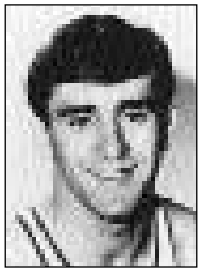
Bill Keightley "Mr. Wildcat"
Equipment Manager
1962-



44 - Cotton Nash
1962-63-64



10 - Louie Dampier
1965-66-67



42 - Pat Riley
1965-66-67



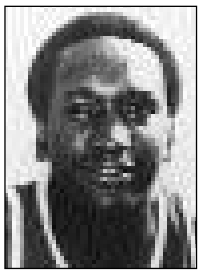
44 - Dan Issel
1968-69-70
UK's All -Time Leading Scorer



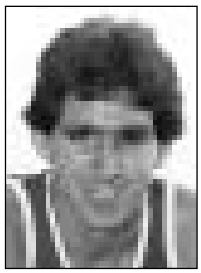
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Head Coach – 1973-85



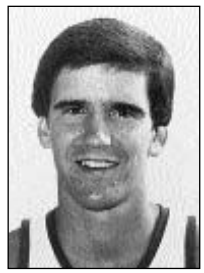
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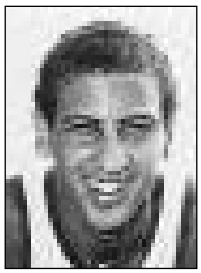
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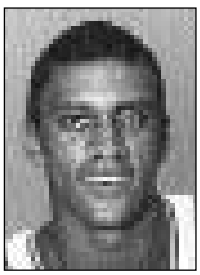
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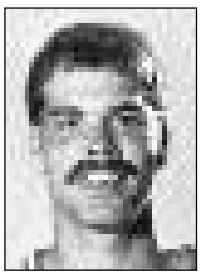
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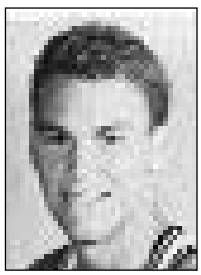
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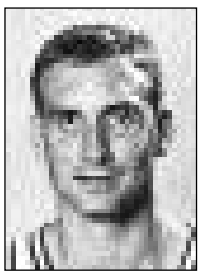
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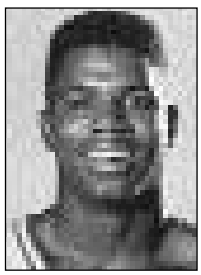
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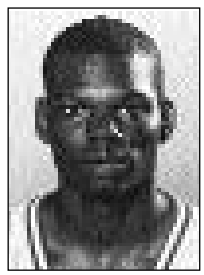
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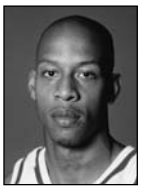


Rick Pitino
Head Coach – 1990-97

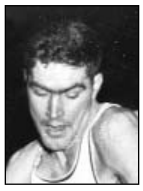
P Member of "The Fabulous Five," 1948 National Champions & Olympic Gold Medalists *Member of 1954Undefeated National Champions

All-Americans


Ralph Beard


Keith Bogans

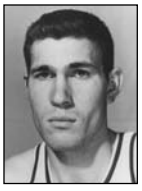

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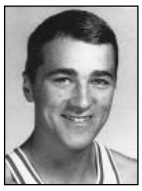

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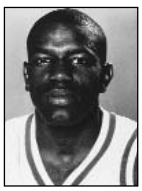

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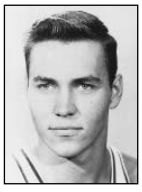

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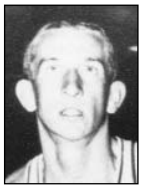

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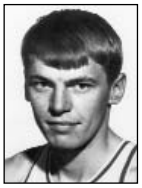

Vernon Hatton

A total of 46 Wildcats have earned All-America honors. Of those players, 15 were named concensus first-team All-America 20 times, the most of any Division I program. The following is a chronological listing of all 46 UK basketball players who have been named to various All-America teams, beginning with forward Basil Hayden in 1921. The NCAA currently utilizes *The Sporting News*, The Associated Press, the NABC and the U.S. Basketball Writers Association.

Player	Year	Selection Board or Panel
Basil Hayden	1921	HF
Burgess Carey	1925	HF
Carey Spicer	1929	HF
	1931	HF
Paul McBrayer	1930	HF
Forest Sale	1932•	HF, Cv, CH-1st
	1933•	HF, Cv, CH-1st
Ellis Johnson	1933	HF
John DeMoisey	1934	HF
William Davis	1934	Cv-3rd
LeRoy Edwards	1935•	HF, Cv-2nd
Bernard Opper	1939••	Cv-1st
Lee Huber	1941	HF
Bob Brannum	1944•	HF, SN-1st, Cv-2nd, Pic-2nd
Wilber Schu	1945	DD-2nd
Jack Parkinson	1946••	HF, Cv-1st, Tru-3rd
Jack Tingle	1946	Cv-3rd
	1947	Tru-2nd, NABC-2nd
Ralph Beard	1947•	HF-1st, Cv-1st, Tru-1st, NABC-1st
	1948•	AP-1st, HF-1st, Cv-1st, Tru-1st, NABC-1st
	1949•	AP-1st, UPI-1st, Lk-2nd, Col-1st, Cv-2nd, HF-1st, SN-3rd, NABC-1st
Alex Groza	1947•	HF-2nd, Cv-2nd, Tru-1st, NABC-1st
	1948••	AP-2nd, HF-2nd, Cv-1st, Tru-2nd, NABC-2nd
	1949•	AP-1st, UPI-1st, Lk-1st, Cv-1st, HF-1st, SN-1st
Wah Wah Jones	1947	HF-2nd, Cv-2nd
	1948	Cv-3rd, Tru-3rd
	1949••	AP-2nd, UPI-1st, Cv-1st, SN-2nd
Jim Line	1950	UPI-3rd
Bill Spivey	1950	AP-3rd, UPI-3rd, HF, 3rd
	1951•	AP-1st, UPI-1st, Lk-1st, INS, Col-1st, Cv-1st, HF-1st, SN-1st
Frank Ramsey	1951	AP-3rd, UPI-3rd, Cv-3rd, SN-2nd
	1952	AP-2nd, UPI-2nd, Cv-1st, HF-2nd, Ath-1st
	1954••	AP-2nd, UPI-2nd, Lk-1st, INS-2nd, Cv-1st, HF-2nd, Tm-2nd, NABC-2nd
Cliff Hagan	1952•	AP-1st, UPI-1st, Col-1st, Cv-2nd, HF-1st, Ath-1st
	1954•	AP-1st, UPI-1st, Lk-2nd, INS-1st, NE-1st, Col-1st, Cv-2nd, HF-1st, Tm-2nd, NABC-1st
Robert Watson	1952	Ath-3rd
Bob Burrow	1955	AP-3rd, HF-2nd
	1956••	AP-3rd, UPI-3rd, Lk-1st, NE-2nd, Col-2nd, Cv-2nd, HF-2nd, NABC-1st
Johnny Cox	1957	UPI-3rd, HF-3rd
	1959•	AP-1st, UPI-2nd, Lk-1st, NE-2nd, Cv-1st, HF-1st, SN-2nd, NABC-1st
Vernon Hatton	1958	Cv-1st, HF-1st
Billy Ray Lickert	1961	HF-2nd
Cotton Nash	1962••	AP-2nd, UPI-2nd, NABC-3rd, Lk-1st, Cv-2nd, HF-1st, SN-2nd, CA-1st
	1963••	AP-2nd, NABC-2nd, BW-1st, UPI-2nd, Lk-2nd, Cv-2nd, HF
	1964•	AP-1st, NABC-1st, BW-1st, UPI-1st, SN-2nd, Cv-1st, HF
Louie Dampier	1966••	AP-1st, NABC-2nd, UPI-2nd, Cv-1st, HF
	1967••	AP-2nd, NABC-3rd, UPI-3rd, Cv-2nd, HF
Pat Riley	1966	AP-3rd, BW-1st, UPI-3rd, Cv-2nd, HF
Dan Issel	1969••	AP-2nd, NABC-2nd, BW-1st, UPI-3rd, SN-2nd, Cv-1st, HF
	1970•	AP-1st, NABC-1st, BW-1st, UPI-1st, SN-1st, Cv-1st, HF
Mike Pratt	1970	Cv-2nd
Kevin Grevey	1974	NABC-5th, HF
	1975••	AP-2nd, NABC-2nd, BW-1st, UPI-2nd, SN-2nd, Cv-2nd, HF
Jack Givens	1976	HF
	1977	NABC-4th, HF
	1978••	AP-2nd, NABC-2nd, BW-2nd, UPI-2nd, Cv-1st, WA-1st, HF
Rick Robey	1977	NABC-4th, Cv-1st
	1978••	AP-3rd, NABC-1st, UPI-2nd, SN-2nd, Cv-1st, WA-1st, HF

Player	Year	Selection Board or Panel
Kyle Macy	1978	UPI-3rd
	1979	NABC-3rd, Cv-2nd
	1980•	AP-1st, NABC-1st, BW-1st, UPI-1st, SN-1st, Cv-1st, WA-1st, HF
Sam Bowie	1981••	AP-3rd, NABC-2nd, BW-2nd, UPI-3rd, SN-2nd, Cv-1st, BT-2nd, HF
	1984	AP-2nd, SN-2nd
Melvin Turpin	1983	HF
	1984••	AP-3rd, NABC-2nd, BW-2nd, UPI-3rd, BT-3rd
Kenny Walker	1985••	AP-2nd, NABC-2nd, BW-2nd, UPI-2nd, BT-2nd, WA-1st
	1986•	AP-1st, NABC-1st, BW-1st, UPI-1st, SN-2nd, BT-1st, WA-1st
Rex Chapman	1988	NABC-3rd, BT-3rd
Jamal Mashburn	1992	BT-2nd
	1993•	AP-1st, NABC-1st, BW-1st, UPI-1st, SN-1st, BT-1st, WA-1st
Tony Delk	1996•	AP-2nd, NABC-2nd, BW-1st, UPI-1st, SN-2nd, BT-2nd, WA-1st
Ron Mercer	1997•	AP-1st, NABC-1st, BW-1st, SN-2nd, BT-2nd, WA-1st
Scott Padgett	1999	WA-1st
Tayshaun Prince	2001••	AP-2nd, NABC-3rd, BW-2nd, BT-2nd, WA-1st
	2002	AP-3rd, NABC-2nd
Keith Bogans	2003	AP-3rd, NABC-2nd, SN-3rd, BT-3rd

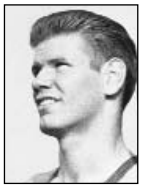

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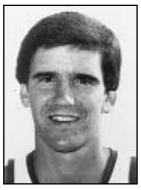

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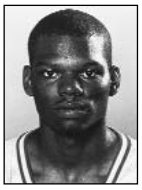

Wah Wah Jones


Billy Ray Lickert


Jim Line

Key: * Consensus; **2nd Team Consensus; AP: Associated Press; AM: Argosy Magazine; Ath: Athletic Publications; BT: The Basketball Times; BW: U.S. Basketball Writers Association; CA: Coach and Athlete; CH: College Humor Magazine; Col: Colliers (Basketball Coaches); Cv: Converse Yearbook; DD: Don Dunphy; HF: Helms Foundation; INS: International News Service; Lk: Look Magazine; NABC: National Association of Basketball Coaches; NE: Newspaper Enterprises Assn.; Pic: Pic Magazine; SN: The Sporting News; Tm: Tempo; Tru: True Magazine; UPI: United Press International; WA: John R. Wooden Award


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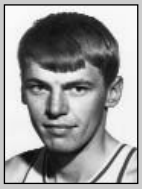
Wildcats in the Basketball Hall of Fame

Enshrined in Springfield, Mass.


Adolph Rupp
Inducted 1969

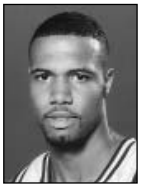

Cliff Hagan
Inducted 1977

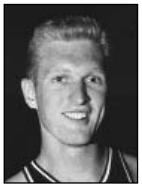

Frank Ramsey
Inducted 1981


Dan Issel
Inducted 1993

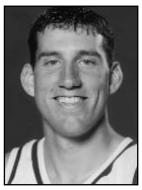

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C.M. Newton
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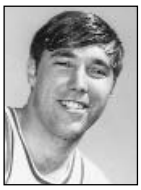

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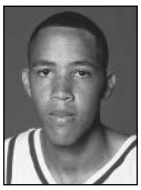

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Jack Tingle


Melvin Turpin


Kenny Walker


Robert Watson

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Wilbur Schu