Bob Watkins' UK Sports Report

The big news items around the state last week were these:

■ CBS Sports analyst Tom Brookshier took an unkind cut or two at the University of Louisville basketball program. He and the network apologized, but it wasn't enough for some U of La.

■ Western Kentucky University had 70 applicants for its head football coaching job and reports out of Bowling Green were that the WKU search committee would interview about 10 candidates, narrow the list to three and forward it to the director of athletics John Oldham and Vice-President John Minton who would send along their recommendation to president Dr. Donald Zacharias and board of regents.

■ Around the University of Kentucky last week football Coach Jerry Claiborne groused at reporters for writing about "lots of unsold tickets" for the Hall of Fame in Birmingham, Ala. Also Claiborne and the players didn't like stories around the state suggesting that UK did not deserve to be in a bowl game. I am one of those.

■ Also at UK, nobody official will admit it, but the basketball team will probably increase by one next semester when 5-4 LeRoy Byrd transfers from Somerset Commonwealth College to Joe B. Hall Wildcat Lodge.

Brookshier/U of L

Poor Tom Brookshier fell victim to a famous axiom that made did in another well known celebrity once upon a time when he let his mouth get him into trouble.

If we learn nothing from history, then we are bound to repeat it," General George Patton said once, paraphrasing some philosopher or other.

And so, Brookshier learned nothing from his television commentating colleague, Howard Cosell.

It was barely two months ago that a knot of citizens—searching for a cause and a limelight—howled with indignation when Cosell got cute in lavishing praise on Washington Redskins wide receiver Alvin Garrett. Cosell called Garrett a "little monkey" on ABC-TV's NFL Monday Night Football.

Fallout? Cosell apologized and Garrett's teammates started leaving bananas in his locker.

Along comes Brookshier and his cutsy remark about the collective IQ of Louisville's basketball team on CBS-TV Sunday afternoon.

What he said was not funny nor clever, and yet, at ABC Television, Cosell and Roone Arledge must have laughed up their sleeves about the whole thing.

But reactions to Brookshier's clunker went into the red zone. Overkill. Beyond the point of reason.

It seems as if nothing short of the man's head on a platter would do, despite:

1. CBS's formal apology to the University of Louisville.

2. Brookshier's admission that his remarks were stupid, dumb, uncalled for.

3. His suspension from Sunday's NFL telecast.

The man's transgression and subsequent fall from grace at CBS was reported coast to coast and was "wonderful news" to outraged fans who love to be outraged, especially when a sports media personality like Brookshier shoots his foot with his mouth.

And still the gods of righteousness are not appeased.

■ U of L's Olsen wanted CBS analyst Billy Packer to make a formal statement about Brookshier's sin and make restitution by discussing the wonderments of UL's basketball program. Packer said he would do it if the network and U of L could reach a mutual agreement on a framework.

Absolute baloney. Was this a basketball incident or another ceasefire proposal in Lebanon?

■ Louisville's board of aldermen reportedly adopted a resolution demanding an apology to the city and—get this—the board recommended that CBS fly Brookshier to Louisville so he could apologize to the city, and maybe even render an explanation to Coach Denny Crum's basketball team person-to-players.

For heaven's sake!

Why stop there? Why not send a Jefferson County swat team to New York and take Brookshier captive, bring him back to Kentucky to stand trial?

How about a hanging at the Galeria or a burn-him-at-the-stake party in Freedom Hall?

At the very least get Brookshier so the board of aldermen could rip out his finger nails and "then" light the kindling under his feet.

This man must pay!

Some things in sports are ridiculous and others are simply ripe for exploitation. The Louisville/Brookshier flap was unique in that it qualified for both.

Yes, Brookshier's remarks were insulting, uncalled for and not funny. They embarrassed the University of Louisville's basketball coaches, players and fans. But a CBS Special Report would not undo anything.

And yet U of L's Bill Olsen recognized what a Billy Packer commentary would do:

In his zeal to salve over employer's embarrassment, Packer would pay lip service to U of L and "lay it on" thick for Coach Denny Crum's impeccable record and program. It would be so syrupy in fact, that probably even some U of L fans would be embarrassed.

Moreover, a Packer commentary would be:

1. An on-the-air demonstration of a major television network's sports department being brought to its knees, if only for two minutes or so.

2. Set a precedent whereby any college coach whose team or program comes in for a cutsy crack from an analyst, could howl of restitution.

3. Make a grand recruiting tool for Louisville as well as those who would come after.

None of these are workable. CBS apologized, ditto Brookshier and that should be enough.

The matter should be closed.

Western

"The quality of applicants for this job has really been impressive," a WKU insider said last week. But he refused to divulge any.

The favorite to replace Jimmy Fex is probably Dale Lindsey. But WKU assistant Lee Murray is an applicant as is Bill Maskill, an assistant at Oregon. Maskill was a backup QB to Johnny Vance in 1969 and Leo Peckenpaugh in the early 1970s at Western.

Wilson Sears, now at Paris High and Joe Jaggers at Fort Knox High have also applied for Fexs's job. Others... Lee Corso was contacted, but declined to apply. And Fran Curci went to work for Governor Martha Lane Collins.

Stay tuned.

LeRoy Byrd/UK

The little playmaker from Bryan Station and Nevada Las Vegas, will apparently become a Wildcat after Christmas.

According to one source Byrd had committed to Wabash Valley College before being contacted by UK. That was before Dicky Beal got his wheels back.

"Nobody at UK is going to admit it, but they made a committment to LeRoy earlier and now they're having to keep it," the source said.

Readers write

The following note was submitted by Rebecca Kimball from La-Grange, Ky. She is a staff writer at the Oldham Era newspaper and Ms. Kimball took issue with Sports Ed's use of UL instead of U of L in writing about the University of Louisville. Dear Mr. Watkins.

UK is the University of Kentucky. KU is Kentucky Utilities.

And U of L is the University of Louisville.

Ms. Kimball's note prompted Sports Ed to do a little checking.

Where better to do that than the Louisville newspapers.

"U of L is standard usage again," columnist Earl Cox explained Monday. "When Dr. (James G.) Miller came to U of L (as president) a few years ago he said he wanted to be like UK. He wanted everything just like they had it. So, we changed fro U of L to UL, to go along with UK. But there was so much complaining about it by the fans that it lasted about two years. Then they wanted it (standard usage) changed back to U of L."

Okay.

The following letter came from Lee Stone in Athens, Oh. who protested the idea suggested in this space several weeks ago that this year's University of Kentucky basketball team be nicknamed the *Sixth Fleet*. Dear Mr. Watkins.

At a time when so many people, especially the present administration in Washington, are becoming increasingly militaristic, jingoistic, and trying to erode some of our freedoms (witness the curtailing of press freedoms during and after the invasion of Grenada) I think it would be unfortunate to nickname the basketball Wildcats the "Sixth Fleet."

Is college sports suppose to be war? What happened to good sportsmanship? It is not likely to happen in a modern war setting and maybe we have lost it in intercollegiate sports as well.

P.S. I was a "walk-on" non-scholarship player on the freshman basketball Wildcats in 1965-66 the year of the "Fluents."

If you have a question, comment or opinion, write to Bob Watkins, Route 1, Glendale, Ky. 42740.■

BROWN DISTRICT HIGHWAY ENGINEER FOR FLEMINGSBURG

Transportation Secretary Dr. Floyd Poore has announced the names of the 12 individuals who will be Chief District Highway Engineers, including Jim Brown, District 9, in Flemingsburg.

Chief district engineers replace the non-merit highway general managers and have complete responsibility for administering an engineering program and policies of the Transportation Cabinet in a designated highway district.

State's best here Friday

Jackets win; host Henry Clay

by Rhonda Vaughn

The Nicholas County Bluejackets will meet the Henry Clay Blue Devils Friday, Dec. 23, on the Jackets' home court.

The Blue Devils beat the No. 1 ranked team in the nation, DeMatha from Washington, D.C., in the Hillbrook Classic Saturday in Lexington.

Jackets 71, Purples 78

The Jackets defeated the Richmond Madison Purples last Friday night at the high school, winning their first game of the season, in overtime, 79-78.

The Purples lead from the start, 16-7 at the end of the first quarter and 36-28 at halftime.

In the last two minutes of the third period the Jackets caught and passed the Purples, ending the quarter with a 51-50 edge.

The whole of the fourth quarter was a determined fight by each side. The Purples failed in a last second attempt to score, so the fourth quarter ended 70-70.

The overtime scoring started with a Steve Anderson field goal and ended as Eric McGuffey hit two critical free throws and Anderson the front end of a one-and-one, to give the homestanding Jackets a narrow but impressive win, 79-78.

Anderson had a game and season high 37 points to pace the winners. McGuffey was perfect from the field and the line, canning seven of seven field goal attempts and 10 of 10 from the charity stripe.

Bob Anderson and McGuffey were named to the sports honor roll in Monday's Lexington Herald-Leader.

Rocky Young chipped in with eight points, Gary Dolson had seven and Steve Ledford, six, to round out the scoring for the home team.

— Photo submitted.

Adams the archer

Two eight-point deer were felled in Scott County by Ernie Adams of Georgetown at the outset of the bow season. Ernie is one of 11 brothers of Gerald Adams of Carlisle. While Gerald couldn't get time off from work to hunt he has enjoyed an ample supply of venison, since still another brother, Gary, also got a deer this fall.

Defense, rebounding spark young Jackets

The Nicholas County eighth grade disposed of the Harrison County Colts 45-28 last Thursday to remain unbeaten after six games. The Bluejackets settled things early as they posted a 16-3 lead after the first quarter of play.

Nicholas County connected on 19 of 57 field goal attempts for 33 percent while Harrison County made good on only 22 percent from the field.

The homestanding Colts were no match for the winners on the boards as they were out-rebounded 26-14. Chris Hollar led the Jackets with nine while Tip Fryman and Chris Anderson pulled down seven each.

The Colts also suffered numerous turnovers as a result of the Nicholas County pressure defense. Anderson and Fryman had five steals each while Hollar and Gannon Bryant added two each.

Anderson and Fryman lead the Jackets' scoring with 22 and 10 points respectively. Todd Day chipped in with six and Bryant and Hollar had four each. Kelly Brookshire added a field goal and Neal Metcalfe a free throw to the winners' total.

Gifts for the sportsman...

Looking for a last minute Christmas present for Uncle Harry, the quail hunter, or Brother Bob, the bass fisherman? A 1984 hunting or fishing license might be just the thing.

All Kentucky sport licenses expire at midnight, Dec. 31, so the sportsman will need a new one before his first trip of 1984. There isn't any problem about size or color and the price, in these inflationary times, is reasonable.

A resident hunting or fishing license costs $7.50 each and a combination license at $14 allows the sportsman to both hunt and fish for a full year. While youngsters under 16 years old do not need a fishing license, young hunters must have a junior hunting license ($4) issued with parental permission.

The only persons who don't need licenses are Kentucky residents who have reached their 65th birthday, landowners or tenants and members of their immediate families hunting or fishing on lands which they own or reside and resident servicemen on furlough of four or more days who hunt or fish in the county where they lived before joining the service.

If Uncle Harry lives out of state, you'll have to spend $15 for an annual non-resident fishing license or $40 for a year-round hunting license. Short term licenses are available for non-residents: a three-day fishing license costs $5 and a 15-day fishing permit, $6.50. A non-resident small game hunting license is $14.50, but isn't valid for deer or turkey hunting.

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- There will be some changes in the way your monthly phone bill is set up.

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A memory-filled doll collection

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ture, baby dolls, and "dress-up" dolls, began in earnest about 10 years ago, and now stands at about 80.

BETTY REMEMBERS when, where and how much she paid for each doll, or who gave her the doll, if it was a present.

Some of these remembrances are recalled:

— A china head doll which she has had about 30 years, and which was purchased at an arts and crafts show on Main Street in Paris. She has seen one like it, and the asking price is $200.

— A large baby doll with rubber hands and legs which she bought from Mrs. Betty Carter, and which she thinks Betty had as a child. The bonnet and booties worn by the doll were made by Betty's sister, Mrs. Dorothy Eads of Shelbyville. Dorothy has made several pair of booties for her sister's collection.

— A boy and girl baby doll were purchased at the flea market at Georgetown about 10 years ago.

— A Horseman doll which was given to her by a fellow worker at South Central Bell about 10 years ago.

— A Tiny Tears doll which Betty bought at Mt. Sterling Court Day 15 years ago, which also fits into the 30 to 40 year range.

— There is a miniature doll in a red and white ball gown and carrying an umbrella which is made of blown glass. Her husband, the late Oliver Barton, gave it to her about 25 years ago.

— Many of the miniature dolls belonged to her nieces, Ginny Hunt Brewer and Carla Hunt Curtis when they were small, and which she has purchased at yard sales their mother (and Betty's sister), Mrs. Madeline Hunt has had.

— There is a miniature Indian doll that Betty received from a friend who purchased it in Mexico.

— **AND THEN** there's Dolly Parton, who needs no identification!

— A stuffed Santa Claus takes a place of prominence in front of the Christmas tree this year, where Betty has most of her collection arranged. She and Oliver gave their son, Billy, the Santa about 35 years ago.

— Miss Fleet Allison has crocheted dresses and hats for three of the dolls which Betty got at yard sales. Mrs. Ethel Dwelley gave her a lovely old dress for one doll.

— Betty's sister, Mrs. Margaret Wade, recently gave her a doll for her birthday which was made by Mrs. Hazel Moore. Hazel also made the dress and pioneer bonnet that outfits the doll in a lovely calico print.

Betty talks about much scrubbing and cleaning that must be done on many of the older dolls in order to make them presentable before clothing them.

THERE IS just one more doll Betty would like to add to her collection, and then she declares that will be the last one, if she is lucky enough to acquire it . . . that is an original Shirley Temple doll. There is a lady in Winchester who has one which she had as a child, but with which she will not part.

Betty says she is going to try one more time to see if the lady has changed her mind. But Betty knows the asking price will hover in the $100 plus range, which is a purchase to contemplate for a while.

When asked which doll was her favorite, Betty replied, "It has to be the one I got from Betty Carter. I just love her face!"

I really think she loves all their faces, for her face lights up as she talks about each one.

Pearl Harbor

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find him and fight him wherever they could. The average man was genuinely eager for an active combat role in the war, and a few found it by getting transfers to the Army Air Force as aerial radio operators and gunners. Others, who tried and failed, got into trouble. Ernest Onderdonck was one of those whose request for transfer was refused, and he went to the stockade for knocking out the acting battalion commander (not Lt Col Bledsoe) with his fist. Some of our men went to Kanoehe during their time off and got rides with dive bomber pilots on their training flights, just to feel a little closer to the war. Men who are eager for closing with the enemy are not in low morale. There may have been senior officers and politicians who held doubts and fears, but the lower echelons, basically ready or not, did not share them. As the Pearl Harbor affair united the people of the country and brought their support for the war, so it fired up the fighting forces to go after the enemy. When the time was finally right, they went and they conquered.

I'm proud to have been a "Pineapple Soldier." I'm proud to have had even a minute role in the events of that tragic day when this nation was plunged into the greatest of wars. Despite the loneliness of separation from home and family, the months I spent with my battery in the field there on Oahu were pleasant ones. We moved to a location on Mauuwili Ranch, the famous beauty spot where, according to tradition, Queen Liliuokalani was inspired to compose the classic Hawaiian song, "Aloha Oe." When I left the islands for further training in the States in 1942, I looked back from the ship at sunset to see Mt. Olomana faintly silhouetted against the backlighted Koolaus, and I could envision the scene there at its foot, where the Headquarters Battery men would be struggling down to the mess tent, laughing, joking, their mess kits jangling. I couldn't keep the tears out of my eyes. I wish that, 40 years younger, I could be there with them right now.

The End.

Place of prominence

Betty Barton's miniature and Story Book dolls take a place of prominence on a lovely antique dresser in her home in Dorseyville. The glass doll that her late husband, Oliver, gave her is far left. The Indian doll is far right, and see if you can find Dolly Parton!—Mercury photo.

RITCHIE ACCEPTS POSITION WITH BUREAU OF PRISONS

David R. Ritchie, son of Everett and Catherine Ritchie of Carlisle, has accepted a position with the U.S. Justice Department, Bureau of Prisons.

He is a graduate of Nicholas County High School and the University of Kentucky.

Ritchie and his wife, the former Myra Jones of Lexington, Ky. will reside in Atlanta, Ga.

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