

### Bob Walkers UK Sports Report

**B**asketball property Under a heading "the rich world of the UK," Bob Walkers' basketball report is in the world of one high school sport—the verge of establishing another high mark in prosperity.

"I know Kentucky has had some great recruiting years, but I don't sign one more that they're after, then UK will complete the greatest recruiting year in the history of this school." The words of high school talent scout Bob Gibbons, of Louisville.

Gibbons is a basketball junkie who has been "handicapping" prep camps talent for nine years and writes a recruiting column for 12 publications around the country. He visited Lexington earlier this month for the UKIT and Hillbrook Schoolboy Classic, both at Boylston Arena.

The premier Kentucky is trying to sign to give Joe J. Hall a "Hall honor" just past Gary Grant, a 6-3, 180-pounder from Michigan State High School in Canton, Ok. He would fit in nicely with 6-7 Richard Madison, 6-11 Robert Lock, 6-2, Ed Davender, 6-8 Cedric Jenkins, and 6-7 Todd Ziegler, Gibbons said.

Grant's name on a UK scholarship list is a piece in the puzzle that, put into a broader focus, could make Kentucky's rebuilding campaign next winter take a continuation of "business as usual" even without Joe Bower, coach until last year. Master and top-point guard position in the country. Gibbons said, "It's a rock on the court, a great ball handler and great shot."

Effective outside shooter and one of the best defensive players in the nation. Gibbons believes Kentucky will sign Grant, but the Ohio player is considering Michigan and Minnesota and "he's going to visit Illinois and Iowa."

Gibbons says the 1983-84 crop of high school basketball seniors are average to less than that because of the absence of good big men. However, UK landed one of the best, a 6-11, 220-pound Robert Lock of Henderson, Ky.

"Lock is not a dominating big by any means, but you're talking about a guy who is seven feet tall with good agility and good fundamental skills," Gibbons said. "I think once he gets to Kentucky and sees their weight program and gets some strength he will be able to do a lot of things that Marvin Pugh did. He does have the potential skills to be a ball stopper. If he projects himself as a college freshman, more like Larry Bird, he'll be a star."

Kentucky's first freshman group UK recruited this year. Gibbons says he would like to see a player like Lock sign out from under UCLA's nose and still play amateur, he, Gibbons said.

Another UK recruit, Richard Madison, dropped considerably on Gibbons' rating chart after the Hillbrook Classic.

"I was disappointed," he said. "Madison is an unselfish player with tremendous athletic abilities. He lacks basketball savvy and he's going to have a lot of adjusting to do to fit in at Kentucky."

And that brought up the name, Steve Miller, a 6-7 M. Basketball candidate who signed with Western Kentucky. If Gibbons is right, Hill-topper fans will like what they're getting.

"Miller is far ahead of Madison," he said. "If we were doing my ratings against 12 reverse Madison and Miller and make Miller No. 6 in the country with Madison among the top 30."

Miller is a fine player who can go inside or come out and shoot well from the perimeter. Gibbons added: "He's very intelligent and hits into a team concept much better than Madison seems to. I was just very impressed with him."

Gibbons' other signers are 6-2 Ed Davender, 6-8 Cedric Jenkins and 6-7 Todd Ziegler.

6-2 Davender is from Brooklyn, N.Y. Ziegler hails from Louisville.

## Babson: economic recovery

**C**onsumed from page 1 economic 1984 will be government expenditures. An important aspect will be the demand for manpower and raw materials. But the big increase will be in the wide range of basic services of the federal level.

**Corporate profits—dividends**

The strong business recovery produced a marked increase in corporate profits in 1983. However, benefits of cost-cutting and productivity-enhancement programs initiated during the recession lagged profitability, enabling the past year to rack up an estimated 10 percent gain in corporate profits after taxes. We forecast an even more impressive advance in net corporate profits—up as much as 20 percent in 1984. Babson's forecast is far more liberal dividend distributions in 1984. There will be an increase in dividend payouts over the year ahead.

**Farm outlook**

The nation's farm sector is still deeply beset by problems. However, a ray of light did appear in some sectors in 1983. Given some easing in the ultra-tight U.S. dollar likely in 1984, slightly better farm export could develop. This could make several farm prices somewhat higher and make for further moderate growth in farm products. However, the nation's export sector is still in deep financial trouble, and farm surpluses remain.

**Interest rates—Money and credit**

Particularly 1984, and perhaps to mid-year, could see some easing in short-term interest rates of around one percent or more, but look for a flip back thereafter. Overall, not much change in either short- or long-term rates. Babson's expects the Federal Reserve to continue to balance its

monetary policy between reasonable business credit needs and keeping the lid on inflationary pressures, a course dictated by prospects of substantial federal budget deficits in coming years.

**Foreign affairs**

1983 was a tough year for the U.S. on the foreign affairs front. While Babson foresees some modest easing of tensions, the military. However, we believe national goals is bound to prosper. A number of price changes and boosts in costs over the coming year. Babson's predicts that monthly advances in the Consumer Price Index will average around five and one-half percent in 1984, not commensurate with 1983, but of only moderate intensity.

**Stock and bond outlook**

Despite an advance of more than 200 points on the Dow Jones industrial average during 1983, the stock market was sluggish at times and beset by short-term concerns. Over much of the year investors worried about the possible effects of looming massive federal deficits. Nevertheless, the stock market did advance into new high ground with plenty of reason to be optimistic.

**Toll-free numbers to Assembly**

Three toll-free telephone numbers will be available for citizens who need information about the 1984 General Assembly. The numbers are being installed by the Legislative Research Commission, a subdivision, No. 1-800-273-2001, will be available for those who want to check on the progress of specific pieces of legislation.

A message line, 1-800-273-2001, may be used by anyone wishing to leave a message for a legislator. Those lines will be open on Jan. 1.

**Searchers share humor**

Dr. Thomas A. Spragens, left, president emeritus of Centre College, and Al Smith of London, right, a newspaper publisher and television commentator, share a moment of humor prior to a meeting of Morehead State University's Presidential Search and Screening Committee. Dr. Spragens is serving as an executive consultant to the search committee. Smith represents the general public in the nine-member group. Both are members of the Kentucky Council on Higher Education. —Photo submitted

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**Jackets suffer defeats; Burley Courtney upcoming**

The Bluejackets lost it on the chin last week, losing the 1983 portion of the basketball season with only one win, a 78-69 overtime defeat of Richmond, Va.

The jackets in their action Tuesday, Jan. 3, heading home, were playing the Burley Tournament Jan. 4-7.

**Georgio's black cloud**

Right now Cedric Henderson can't even pretend to smile at an NCA basketball game. "He doesn't have a good standing. The kid couldn't get to basketball camp last summer because he was in summer school. He's struggling to graduate."

Also, right now there's a cloud hanging over Henderson and Georgia. He's added: "Obviously the NCA is investigating them and there are still some things to come on that deal."

Steve Anderson led the Jackets in scoring with 34 points. Steve Ledford had 14. Gary Adams and Cliff Ramsey each had seven. Bobby Woolsey and

if you have a question, contact Steve Ledford at 602 University Avenue, Room 101, Louisville, KY 40202.

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## Burley groups urge 10% cut

**C**onsumed from page 1 try to make up for year-long drought shortages. Most will have larger 1984 allotments to the carryover from 1983's crop failures.

Joe McInnis, president of the Burley Growers Association, said the 10 or more attending the quota meeting that the situation is "most critical." With less than 200 million pounds from the 1983 crop, plus the 100 million allowed on hand from 1982 and '81, he said that the total represents "barely enough to supply manufacturing companies' demands for domestic use for an entire year."

James M. Tavis, director of the USDA tobacco division at Washington, D.C., said the quota meeting, although he stressed the primary aim was to give growers a better idea of the national quota, some speakers urged other action, mainly against the rise in imported foreign-grown burley. Robert H. Miller, head USDA tobacco economist, said the quota meeting that imports are 30 percent of tobacco used in U.S. cigarettes, and he characterized this as due to "insane tobacco supplies at attractive prices."

He said that the cost of imported burley led in 1983 at \$1.13 per pound (1.75 cents), up from \$1.00 a year ago by contrast U.S. burley averaged \$1.00 a pound.

On Oct. 10, 1983, the USDA reported that foreign-grown burley in this country totaled 77 million pounds, up from 67 million in 1982. In 1983, the early 1979's through 1982, foreign production increased by 30 million pounds annually, and the U.S. share of world production dropped from 55 percent to 49 percent last year. This year the U.S. share has fallen to 31 percent.

A decline in the use of cigarettes of five percent within the past year is the sharpest on record, with the outlook for the next couple of years for a further slight decline, said Miller. He attributed the downturn to the high retail price

of cigarettes, the anti-smoking movement, and to state tax raises, with 19 states having raised their rates this year.

"At the Atlanta airport we saw a vending machine price on cigarettes at 17.5 a pack," said Miller.

The USDA analyst placed the national supply of U.S. burley at 1.80 billion pounds, against the desired level of 2.1 billion, while stocks held by manufacturers and dealers reached 220 million in the burley pools, are up 18 percent.

"The tobacco industry faces a challenge to maintain the price support and stabilization program, on the face of government uncertainties, budget deficits, and higher costs of carrying inventory," Miller warned.

At the market ended pre-holiday sales, Alvin R. Beckley, executive secretary of the Burley Association, said 200,000 pounds have been taken under loan from the 1983 crop, or 0.2 percent of marketings. (lowest net in the seed inventory totals

around 80 percent of the crop has been sold, now totaling 307,000,000 pounds, averaging \$17.54 per 100. Pool receipts for the entire belt have been 28.8 for the season. For the same period last season, 23.2 percent was placed under loan.

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