Bob Watkins

UK Sports Report

The atmosphere around the University of Kentucky football house certainly has changed.

"It's a different world around here these days," a friend of mine said last week. The mail frequents the hallways and coaches' offices beneath UK's Commonwealth Stadium. "You can't believe it. There are actually people walking around here smiling, laughing. And there are lots of them too, wanting interviews all over the place. Last year it was like a morgue."

Is there anyone in this state who isn't cheering for Jerry Claiborne to be a success at Kentucky?

Basketball prospects

Proving that basketball is just around the corner a brown envelope arrived on my desk last week — the Sept. 19 edition of something called *High Potential Basketball Recruiting Service* authored by Rick Bolus, veteran basketball junkie and talent scout from Shepherdsville.

There were some most intriguing bits of information inside. Following are some of them.

Kentucky's top 10 high school teams for 1983-84? 1. Clark County, 2. Logan County, 3. Henry Clay, 4. Louisville Ballard, 5. Meade County, 6. Paducah Tilghman, 7. Louisville Central, 8. Owensboro, 9. Ashland Blazer, 10. Sheldon Clark.

Kentucky's top 10 high school players? 1. Herbert Crook 6-7, Eastern

2. Steve Miller 6-6 Henry Clay
3. Fred Tisdale 6-6 Logan County
4. Todd Ziegler 6-7 Jeffersontown
5. Keith Jordan 6-6 Clark County.
6. John White 6-5 Ballard
7. Chuck Cantrell 6-6 Ashland Blazer
8. John Tyler 6-9 Carlisle County
9. J.B. Brown 6-5 Fort Knox
10. Greg McQueary 6-3 Taylor County

Some of the other high school (star) prospects around the state, according to Bolus' report, include:

From Maysville, 6-1½ guard Greg Black (coached by Bill Frey) — "Quick swingman who relies on the jumper 15-15 feet. Plays sound defense and boards well for size."

From Carlisle County, 6-6½ Jeff Crawford (coached by Dick Barr) — "Excellent passer and ballhandler who has a nice touch and great range."

From Paintsville/Johnson Central — 6-0 Harry Meek (coached by Mike Castle) — "A good leader, excellent passer who plays hard at both ends of the floor."

From Paducah Tilghman, 6-5 Sam Arterburn and 5-11 Terry Shumbert (coached by Berny Miller) — Arterburn "A jack-of-all trades type player who can play any position on the floor." Shumbert was third team all-state last year. Coach Miller calls him the best prospect in western Kentucky.

More on in-state prospects later.

All-Sleepers

The Bluegrass state's top sleeper? LaVelle Webster, 6-6 from LaRue County. "Good inside scorer. A monster on the boards who takes it to you on offense," Bolus wrote. "Needs to improve his sliding of feet in the open floor and prove he can stick the outside jumper."

Pan American, New Orleans and UT-Chattanooga have expressed interest "Webster will go high if he proves his 'J' (jump shot)," Bolus said.

Sleeper II is Jim Yates, 6-8, 225 from Meade County. "Strong insider who has a nice touch close to the basket and commands the boards but lacks the speed and range for a higher plateau of play. Will become 17 years old in October and gets better each time out."

Sleeper III, or Rip Van Winkle II, as Bolus calls him, is Stanley Williams, 6-4 North Hardin. "Keep an eye out on this small forward who can literally do it all except shoot it with range. Has all the physical tools in terms of speed,quicks and leaping ability." Made Blue Chip All-Stars (at Bolus' camp) last summer.

All Name Team

Some bonafide candidates have emerged for this reporter's pre-season All Name Team. Penrod Eades, 6-1 guard from Central City. Billy Nipp, a 6-4 forward from Boyd County; Calles Cheeseman 6-3 guard from Walton-Verona; and two players from Lexington Henry Clay — Roy Moment 6-3, 225 forward and 6-3 junior guard Chip Rupp.

Rupp is the grandson of Uncle Adolph.

Knockin' Jock

Is Jock Sutherland fast becoming the Howard Cosell of the bluegrass state?

The ex-Lexington Lafayette High coach was in Louisville last week as guest on Van Vance's WHAS-Radio call-in show.

A hot item is Jock. UK fans have cast him as a traitor. It is incomprehensible to some Kentucky fans how he could live in Lexington and criticize UK's basketball.

But Sutherland remains outspoken, controversial and folksy, sort of a basketball junkie's Will Rogers.

A few "nice" telephone calls came in from Jefferson County area fans, but it didn't take long for a UK fan living in Louisville to target Sutherland for his "anti-UK leanings."

"How long were you in coaching?" he wanted to know.

"Twenty-five years," Jock replied.

"And how many times did you take a team to the State Tournament?"

"Seven," Jock said, proudly.

"Seven huh," grumped the caller, unimpressed.

Here it comes, I thought.

"Well, with a record like that how can you criticize Joe B. Hall?"

Pause.

"I haven't criticized Joe B." Jock said. "I haven't said one word about Joe. Not tonight anyway."

"Well, I'd still like to know how you figure you can criticize Joe with a record like you had?"

"I didn't say I was a great coach," Jock said.

"But you get on the radio there and criticize when Joe can't answer back."

"Joe has a radio show of his own," Jock said. "He can criticize me anytime he wants to."

"Why don't you keep your criticisms to yourself?" cracked the fan.

"Well, it's my opinion. I have my own opinion and I have a right to say what I think," Jock explained. "You don't have to listen if you don't want to."

"Why don't you just move up here to Louisville?" the caller said. "Sell your house (in Lexington) and move up here."

"I'd like to move to Louisville," Jock replied. "But I don't want to sell my house right now."

The caller said he would like to get down to the nitty-gritty" with Jock. But time would not permit it.

"You can call me at home in Lexington anytime you want to," Jock told him. "Just don't call collect."

Recruiting update

One of the top candidates for Mr. Basketball for the season coming up is 6-6, 210-pound Steve Miller from Lexington Henry Clay.

Most basketball "experts" contend that Miller will sign with the University of Kentucky when the time comes. All except one that is.

Jock Sutherland said last week that the school currently with "the inside track" on Miller now is Western Kentucky University.

If you have a question, comment or opinion on sports you would like to share with other Kentuckians, write to Bob Watkins, Route 1, Glendale, Ky. 42740.■

Western Square Dancing

The Carnico Cloverleafs will start basic Western Square Dancing lessons beginning Oct. 3, 1983.

The First Two (2) Lessons (Oct. 3 and 10) are FREE!

Where: Nicholas County Library in the basement Carlisle, Ky.
When: Monday, Oct. 3, 1983
Time: 7:00 P.M.
Instructor: Chuck Donahue

Square dancing is growing and it is fun for the entire family. So come out and join us. For more information, Call 289-7210 or 289-7380 after 6:00 p.m.

Hounds outduel Jackets

by Rhonda Vaughn

The Paris Greyhounds came from behind to outscore the Nicholas County Bluejackets 20-12 at Paris last Friday night.

This game was everything high school athletics is supposed to be. The best organized team ever was being challenged in its own ballyard by a super team which means business. Nicholas County took away all the options of the famed triple option offense. They kept the pass bottled up and refused to kick the ball to Herman Hutsell, Paris' rocket like kick returner. They also moved the ball on offense, mixing runs and passes to lead in the scoring for most of the game. This was the first time in three years that the Greyhounds have been behind for more than one possession of the football. Paris finally overcame the Bluejackets with power blocking off the tackle and excellent fundamental football.

Nicholas County scored first on a 28 yard pass from Steve Anderson to Rocky Young. The run for extra points failed. Paris centered with a one yard run by Mack. Their kick for point missed the mark. The Jackets quickly retaliated with a 19 yard pass from Steve Anderson to Rocky Young. Again the run failed. With 39 seconds left in the third quarter, Paris took the lead on a one yard run by Mack and a successful conversion run by the same man. Nicholas came back with two first downs only to have a holding penalty put a first and 25 situation on the 40 yard line. This straw strained the camel's back. The ensuing pass attempt was intercepted. The defense held, but Paris' punter, Tommy Skeen, nailed the Jackets back to their 15 yard line. After a first down and an interception, the Greyhounds knew they had finally won the game when they were able to work their triple option for a 41 yard pitchout to Clark for the final score. They missed their last kick for point.

Down by eight, the Jackets came out for one more first down and one more try and were finally out of the game in the last 30 seconds when Paris killed the ball and the Jackets called time out hoping for a mistake and one more chance. It was a great game.

Stats

Hopkins, 18 carries, 61 yards; Anderson, 12 carries, 53 yards; McGuffey, nine carries, 46 yards; Ramey, one carry, no yards.

Anderson, 14 passes, five completions, three interceptions, 86 yards, two touchdowns, one fumble.

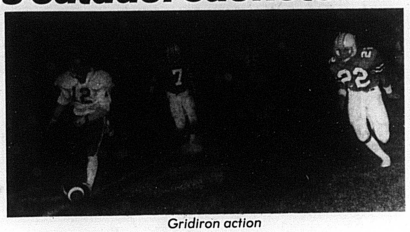
Young, four receptions, 76 yards, two touchdowns.

Wells, one reception, 10 yards.

G. Robinson, three punts, 74 yards.

Tackles: T. Ledford, 14; D. Robinson, nine; Wells, eight; Hopkins, Castle, McGuffey and Young, five; Watkins and Anderson, four; Baker, three; Ramey, two (one fumble recovery); Hammonds, two.

	Nicholas	Paris
First downs	11	11
Yards rushing	160	219
Passes	14-5-3	3-1-0
Yards passing	86	6
Penalties	25	25
Turnovers	5	1
Punts-yards	3-74	3-139



Gridiron action

Bluejacket Kevin Wells, No. 12, goes after a loose ball in Nicholas County's 20-12 loss to Paris Friday night. — Photo submitted.

Kentucky Afield

Snipe hunting dates set for Oct. 1

A lot of kids (and maybe even some grownups) fall for the old "snipe hunting" trick and are literally left holding the bag in the middle of the woods on a dark night.

So when folks hear about a snipe hunting season, they are understandably just a little suspicious. But the snipe is an actual game bird, just like a duck or quail, with its own season and bag limit.

The snipe is one of a handful of migratory game birds that receive little attention from Kentucky hunters. Others in this group are woodcocks, gallinules and rails. Regulations for these species are set each year within federal guidelines in much the same way duck, goose and dove seasons are set.

The woodcock is perhaps the best known and most sought-after in this group. In Kentucky, the woodcock season opens Oct. 1 and will run through Dec. 4, 1983, with a daily limit of five birds and a possession limit of 10.

The same season dates (Oct. 1-Dec. 4) apply to snipe, but the limits on this bird are eight and 16. Snipe and woodcocks are both members of the shorebird family, although woodcocks are often found in upland woods, probing the soft forest floor with their long, slender beaks for earthworms.

Snipe are most likely to be found near wet meadows, grassy marshes or bogs. Both woodcock and snipe have the disconcerting habit of waiting until the hunter practically steps on them, then exploding away in a swift, zigzag flight that presents a challenge to even the expert wingshooter.

Rails and gallinules may be hunted from Nov. 12 through Jan. 20. The gallinule limits are 15 and 30, while both the daily and possession limits on rails is 25.

Both these birds are members of the rail family, which also includes the coot, a species familiar to most waterfowl hunters.

Rails and gallinules are both marsh birds, and while gallinules can often be found in or near open water, the sora and Virginia rails (the two legal game species) tend to stay far back in the marsh or swamp and are hence seldom seen.

The Virginia rail has a long, skinny bill, while the sora rail and the gallinule have short, chicken-like beaks. Gallinules look something like coots but are smaller, have reddish bills and white lines along their sides.

Because Kentucky doesn't have extensive wetlands, it has only limited populations of the water-loving birds. Few people hunt specifically for rail, gallinules or snipe, but there is a small band of dedicated woodcock hunters in the state. Most of these birds are taken incidentally by hunters after other species. Many bird dogs will point woodcock in addition to quail, and duck or goose hunters, particularly those in the wetland areas of Western Kentucky will occasionally encounter a snipe, rail or gallinule.

With limited habitat and short migrating seasons, it's not likely that hunting for these species will ever become major sports in Kentucky. But the next time someone invites you to go snipe hunting, don't automatically dismiss him as a practical joker — he just might have an actual trip for a legitimate game bird in mind.

Elementary students to participate in Math-A-Thon

Students in the Nicholas County Elementary School may be asking you to sponsor them in a Math-A-Thon for the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Beginning this week students in grades K thru 8 will be asking parents, relatives and friends to help them in raising funds for the hospital, while also winning prizes for themselves.

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital was founded for the purpose of helping children who are afflicted with the most devastating kinds of childhood diseases. The hospital is non-sectarian, interracial and no family has been turned away for financial reasons. Research, progress and hope depend on the generosity of the American people.

Pledges are made by friends and relatives of students for every problem the child completes out of a "Funbook" containing 200 problems. The Math-A-Thon program has been designed to encourage the youth of America to recognize and pursue the challenge of science of mathematics while helping children who suffer from catastrophic diseases.

Math-A-Thon conforms to the standards required of a program of its kind as outlined by such accrediting associations as the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

STUDENTS RECEIVE NOTICES ON FALL SCHOOL ATTENDICE

Notices are being sent to students 18-22 who are getting Social Security benefits to verify their school attendance. A form, Report of Student Beneficiary at Beginning of School Year, is provided for this purpose.

Failure to complete the form could result in immediate cutoff of Social Security benefits. In addition, an investigation will be made to determine if past payments were correct.

The reverse side of the form explains the changes made in the law in 1981 to gradually phase out student benefits for students attending a college or other post-secondary school. Monthly checks for these students were reduced by 25 percent for September 1982 checks. The 25 percent a year reduction will continue until benefits are completely eliminated after April 1985. In addition, students attending post-secondary schools no longer get annual cost-of-living increases and benefits during the summer months.

High school or other secondary school students 18-19 can still get payments for all months they attend school full time.

Correction

A stereo cassette player referred to in the "marijuana bust" story in last week's Mercury was taken from the Carlisle Christian Church instead of the First Christian Church.

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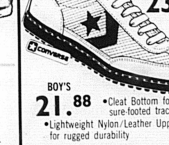

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