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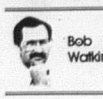

Bob Watkins

UK Sports Report

Disappointed.

Criticizing Kentucky ex-forward/center Sam Bowie could be likened to finding fault with Michael Jackson's band uniform. But, like many college basketball fans, one suspects — presumably some even beyond our state borders — I am disappointed in Bowie's change of mind about trying out for the U.S. Olympic basketball team last week in Bloomington.

Upon being invited Bowie indicated that he would go to the tryouts.

Yes, Sam is going to try out for the Olympic team. Mark Alberton said from the UK coaches office. But during the weekend Bowie apparently had a change of heart, announcing in Hopkinsville that he would not go to Bloomington. His reasons were personal, he said — the five year grind of playing basketball still trying to recuperate from a broken shin bone coupled with the sudden death of his father last year, had taken their toll.

Understandable reasons and yet, Bowie persevered with his career at UK despite the emotional drains and frustrations that went with his decision to come back and play in spite of injury and family tragedy. More than once the likeable Pennsylvanian mentioned that his experiences with the leg injury and his father's death had given him new perspective about basketball, education and life.

Those things sounded good and read well. One shudders however, if NBA megabucks had something to do with bending Bowie's perspective in a new direction.

Maybe it is no more than patriotic corn pone, but someplace in Bowie's *new value* reservoir, one could legitimately hope he would figure God and country into his plans, if only for a few months.

Presuming he made coach Bobby Knight's team and certainly there were no guarantees, the personable Bowie would have contributed something special for our country at a time when we need some flag waving. Certainly, only a special few are blessed with his kind of talent.

Making the Olympic team is a once in a lifetime opportunity and Bowie giving up his chance is disappointing. For he is a young man who, in many ways, personifies as much as any young American athlete what is good and worthwhile about our country. For Kentucky fans in particular and basketball fans in general, Bowie's wearing a red, white and blue uniform in Los Angeles this summer would have been a double thrill.

Pat Riley

A report on ESPN cable television recently has added another bizarre episode to the "cry wolf" stories involving Joe B. Hall's coaching job at the University of Kentucky. The latest. Los Angeles Laker coach Pat Riley will replace Hall after the NBA playoffs.

It reminded me of a conversation I had with Riley last spring.

Question: Would you be interested in the UK job if it were open?

Riley (long pause) "I already have the best coaching job available. Anyway, I'm so oriented to the pro game I don't think I could coach in college. But if I ever did decide to give the college game a try Kentucky is the one place I'd want to coach.

More recently, Riley was linked to the UK job in a commentary by Lyle Spencer of the Los Angeles Examiner (Apr. 10).

While some of Spencer's views will seem comical and downright naive to native Kentuckians, there are some intriguing items as well.

"Mention the Kentucky rumor and Riley instantly clams up retreating behind his no comment. Spencer writes. Kentucky can offer all manner of inducements, starting with security of tenure and the certainty of one elite recruiting class after another.

Comment: Security of tenure? One elite recruiting class after another? Even Adolph Rupp never felt secure at UK and there are *no* certainties about recruiting for any school.

Spencer: "With the star-laden team he now coaches, Riley has resigned himself to the reality that he'll probably never be taken seriously. The Lakers are expected to win.

Spencer wraps up his segment with a conclusion and a slap at UK.

"Riley and his wife Chris have become rooted in Los Angeles. They thoroughly enjoy the social and cultural advantages it offers. Granted there are worse places than Lexington, but LA it is not.

Thoroughbred Classic

The Thoroughbred Classic basketball all-star game at Rupp Arena last week was mostly what it was intended to be, a cattle show. A pick-up game for college scouts and basketball buffs to size up the high school stock — which has signed with whom.

Some impressions

■ Western Kentucky University scooped Kentucky and Louisville on this year's in-state talent. Little wonder. Hilltopper coach Clem Haskins was glowing Saturday night. Haskins and staff signed not only Mr. Basketball, Steve Miller of Henry Clay, but also Mr. Basketball II if there were such a thing, in 6-6 Fred Tisdale of State champion Logan County.

Tisdale was easily the best player in Saturday's Thoroughbred Blast. Maybe it is the country boy in him, but Tisdale — with his shirt tail flying — hustles at both ends of the court, has a nose for the basketball and a flare for the game.

At 1:09 of the third period Tisdale roared in for a double clutch layup and a fan's voice echoed out of the sparse crowd. "Hey Joe B. (Hall) You said that guy couldn't play."

Whether the UK coach simply missed out on Tisdale in the dazzle of out-of-state hoop hot shots, the Logan County product is a jewel for WKU.

Smile Clem.

■ Kentucky signees:

Robert Lock, the 6-10, 220 pound Californian is an a word, slow. But since the shot happy guards on the all-star teams frequently do not pass the basketball inside, Lock's post up and inside effectiveness were never tested. He displayed a good shooting touch on free throws and is a solid physical specimen. Wait and see.

Richard Madison, a 6-8 210 pounder from Memphis, is a good looking power forward prospect.

Todd Zeigler from Jeffersontown does not look like a major college player.

Guard Ed Davender did not show up for the game.

Jackets lose week's only game as rain plays havoc with schedule

What a difference a week made.

Last Friday afternoon, Harrison County thumped the visiting Bat Jackets 13-5, avenging a 16-6 setback suffered here seven days previously.

It marked the one and only outing the 8-2 Jackets have managed to play, due to rain and wet grounds.

"They (the players) played like they hadn't seen a baseball before," coach Billy Anderson said following the loss.

THE THOROUGHBREDS' first eight runs were unearned, coming on three Jacket errors in the first two innings.

"We hadn't played ball in a week and it sure looked like it," Anderson lamented, noting that the Jackets stranded 10 base runners over five innings.

Greg McNabb was the victim of fielding miscues that put the Jackets behind 8-1 in the early going. Todd Hedges and Kenny Payne came on in relief.

Anderson still feels this is or could be one of the best teams the school has fielded in many years. "It's just a shame we've had so many rain outs to disrupt their progress."

MONDAY'S GAME here with Madison was cancelled by rain. Three away games were scheduled, weather permitting, with Rowan, Pendleton and Madison this week. A Saturday double-header here with Estill County is set to begin at 12 noon.

Games next week include a twinbill at Powell County Monday and 4:30 p.m. home games with Maysville, May 1 and Menifee, May 3.

After a May 3 date in Fleming County the regular season ends here Friday, May 4.

The Jackets will be one of the favorites in district tournament play, scheduled May 7-10 in Paris.

Students place in Junior High track meet at Woodford County

Eighth graders, back, Tom Brady, Joseph Joseph, Chris Hollar, Tom Baker, Eric Tedder. Front, Shawn Tussey, Osias Villaflor, Tina Mitchell and Sandra Warner.

Seventh graders, back, John Gabriel, James Hill, Bobby Dawson, Terry Feeback. Front, Rachel Herrington and Michelle Gray.

Sixth graders, l-r, Steve Willoughby, Dammon Baker, Perry Feeback, Chris Mitchell, James Pettit. Front, Heather Holt, DeAnna Fryman, Chriso Auxier, Tonya Gray, Melanie Robinson, Christie Alexander and Sara Booth.

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School menus

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April 30 - May 4

Monday — Ravioli, fruit, celery and carrot sticks, cheese slice, marshmallow creme and peanut butter on graham cracker.

Tuesday — Hamburgers, French fries, lettuce, tomato, pickle, jello with fruit.

Wednesday — Fish on bun, macaroni with cheese, coleslaw, apple pie.

Thursday — Taco salad, buttered corn, nacho cheese chips, apple.

Friday — Chicken nuggets, lettuce wedge with dressing, potato chips, banana pudding.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
April 30 - May 4

Monday — Juice, honey bun, milk.

Coney island, French fries, tomato, cookie.

Tuesday — Juice, pop tart, milk.

Pizza, cheese slice, corn on cob, lettuce, cookie.

Wednesday — Applesauce, sausage and biscuit, milk.

Roast beef and gravy, mashed potatoes, peas, hot roll, ice cream.

Thursday — Juice, chocolate donut, milk.

Turkey salad and lettuce, potato chips, tomato, peas, cookie.

Friday — Juice, cereal, milk.

Fish on bun, soup beans, slaw, fruit.

All meals include milk.

Market reports

PARIS STOCKYARDS
April 19, 1984

CATTLE
Receipts 1282
SLAUGHTER COWS
Price trend 1.00-3.00 lower
Utility 40.00-45.50
Cutter 38.00-44.50
Canner 32.00-38.00
SLAUGHTER BULLS
Price trend 1.00-3.00 lower
Yield grade 1-2 47.25-52.50
VEALERS
Price trend 5.00-10.00 lower
Choice 61.50-69.00
FEEDER STEERS
Price trend Steady to 1.00 lower
300-400 lbs. 64.50-71.00
400-500 lbs. 64.00-71.50
500-600 lbs. 63.00-74.00
600-700 lbs. 60.00-63.00
700-800 lbs. 57.00-61.10
800-900 lbs. 56.00-60.60
HEIFERS
Price trend 1.00-2.00 lower
300-400 lbs. 53.00-56.00
400-500 lbs. 52.50-56.50
500-600 lbs. 50.00-52.00
STOCK COWS 350.00-370.00
COWS W/CALVES 320.00-555.00
STOCK BULLS 550.00
BABY CALVES 30.00-120.00
SLAUGHTER HOGS
Receipts 485
BARROWS, GILTS
Price trend Steady
U.S. 1-2, 215-235 lbs. 48.25
SOWS
Price trend Steady
U.S. 1-3, 400-640 lbs. 43.00-49.00
BOARS
Over 300 lbs. 38.00

FARMERS STOCKYARDS
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Feeder Calf Sale, April 16, 1984

CATTLE
Receipts 728
SLAUGHTER COWS
Utility 44.00-45.00
Cutter 31.00-37.50
FEEDER STEERS
300-400 lbs. 61.75-65.25
400-500 lbs. 64.75-65.75
500-600 lbs. 61.50-66.00
600-700 lbs. 59.10-61.75
HEIFERS
300-400 lbs. 49.00-53.75
400-500 lbs. 49.00-52.70
500-600 lbs. 50.00-52.00
600-700 lbs. 48.50-52.00

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Hogs receipts, 189 — Packers 48.00, Sows 34.50-48.00, Shoats 9.00-46.00.

Cattle receipts, 1,597 — Steers 40.00-72.00, Heifers 37.00-52.00, Baby Beeves 43.00-72.00, Slaughter Cows 29.00-48.00, Slaughter Bulls 42.00-53.00, Cows by head 170.00-675.00, Cow and Calf by head 260.00-695.00, Stock Bulls 275.00-820.00, Stockers 78.00-210.00.

Calves receipts, 165 — Top Veals 71.00-82.00; Medium 47.00-70.00, Baby 30.00-110.00.

Total receipts — 1,931.

In the sale of Saturday, April 28, there will be a consignment of nine second-calf black and white face cows. All have calves by side.

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Good weather not always the best time to fish

Good days to go fishing and good days to catch fish aren't necessarily the same. The clear, bright sunny weather that brings anglers out in droves are often the very days when most species of fish are least easily caught.

On the other hand, cloudy, rainy weather can produce some of the biggest strings of fish for anglers willing to brave the elements.

The amount of sunlight is probably the key. Fish's eyes have fixed pupils, which means that the only way they can regulate the amount of light entering their eyes is to move to a location where there is less light.

So when bright sunshine hits clear water, don't expect to find fish in open, shallow water — they'll most likely be either in deep water or in the shade — behind a stump, under a drift pile or on the shady side of a submerged boulder.

But when the sun isn't shining directly on the water, the fish will be be free to move about, come into the shallows and generally feed more actively and aggressively.

EXPERIENCED ANGLERS know that the very best fishing often occurs just before a cold front passes through. Look for several days of warm, stable weather, followed by slowly developing clouds and light, warm rain. That's the time to hit the lake.

But if you wait until after the weather front passes through, you will be faced with a clear blue sky, cooler temperatures and winds out of the north or northeast. Under those conditions, it's often hard for even expert anglers to produce fish.

Of course, we can't always choose the days when we're able to go fishing, and poor fish catching weather seems to coincide with holidays and vacations a lot more than random chance would indicate.

SO IF YOU FIND yourself on the "wrong side of the weather," remember that fish will likely be deep and not very active. Fishing will be tough, but you can come home with enough for a supper if you go about it right.

First, try to find some water with a little "color" to it. Clear water and bright sun are the worst possible combinations, so look for murky water, usually in the upper end of the lake or up a large tributary where a large, dingy stream flows into the lake.

Second, go with lighter tackle and smaller lures. And fish slower and deeper than you might otherwise.

Third, look for shady areas — try to visualize where shadows are being cast under-water and pay attention to the direction of sunlight. In the morning or afternoon, seek out the shady banks.

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