Sports

Bob Watkins

UK Sports Report

Prophet?

"I had a telephone call last Thursday, from an Indiana fan, hours before the NCAA Mideast and East Region semi-final games.

"Picture this," the man said. "We're going to be in Rupp Arena tonight (Thursday) watching Kentucky and Louisville play and in the second half the PA man is going to announce a score from the East Regional. Everybody is going to stop and listen. He's going to say: 'North Carolina 64. Indiana 47.'

"Can you imagine?" the IU fan said. "The place is going to go nuts. Imagine all those UK fans rooting for Indiana. Crazy isn't it?"

Comment: I've been trying to get in touch with the caller ever since to ask him for a tip on the fourth race at Hialeah. No luck.

Rumors

Must be the weather, but every year at about this time fairy tales spring up. Rumors.

One did last week.

"Hey, I know this might sound crazy," a friend of mine said into the telephone, "But have you heard that Al McGuire has bought a house in Lexington and that Joe B. Hall is moving up to director of athletics and Cliff Hagan is taking another job."

I checked it out with a friend in Lexington.

"Old news," chuckled the man on the other end. "That one's been all over town for weeks now. But hey, that's one of the hottest versions I've heard yet on it. Not one source of truth in any of it."

Then the fellow had a question for me.

"Let me see if I can match your rumor," he said. "Have you heard that Kenny Walker quit the team a month ago and is back to Roberta, Georgia? Or, how about the one about James Blackmon quitting the team twice? Or, Roger Harden has gone home? How about this one — LeRoy Byrd has quit the team.

Laughs

"Yeah, it's all baloney," he said. "Some people get some sort of perverse pleasure out of starting these things, to see how far they'll get. People who like to play games with the media."

Darkhorse

While the attention of college basketball fans are on the NCAAs this week, those whose teams are already "waiting till next year" don't have to look far to find a darkhorse for next year's Top 20.

The Western Kentucky Hilltoppers.

Coach Clem Haskins and staff have put together a solid stable of big people and added a couple of top prospects in Steve Miller from Lexington and Fred Tisdale from Logan County. The Tops have also signed 6-5 guard Brian Fish from Seymour, Ind. As soon as WKU lines up a steady point guard, it will be back to the Top 20 for The Tops.

"We have a super nucleus coming in," WKU assistant Dwane Casey said last week. "These freshmen (to be) are going to do some good things for us."

Besides Miller and Tisdale; the Hilltoppers will have 6-10 Michael Rutledge, 6-7 Clarence Martin back from the injured list, 6-10 Kannard Johnson, 6-6 Brian Asberry, and 6-9 Tellis Frank.

"It's going to be a nice problem to have," Casey said. "We have one scholarship left and we're looking at three guard prospects."

April 11 is the next NCAA signing date.

Darkhorse for '85 Western Kentucky.

UCLA/IU connection

When UCLA officials went to great lengths last month to give basketball coach Larry Farmer a vote of confidence the impact probably was felt all the way to the University of Louisville basketball offices.

Why?

Because UCLA is trying to rebuild its basketball dynasty and one of the foundation blocks is 6-8, 220 pound-John Williams from nearby Crenshaw High School. Williams has said he is considering UCLA, Houston and U of L.

Since UCLA and Farmer have been portrayed in most of the west coast media as being in disarray this season, Louisville was thought to have the inside track on signing Williams.

But all that might have changed last week. The UCLA coaches—saying this is a critical recruiting year for the Bruins—have lavished praise on Williams. With the April 11 signing date just around the corner it's time to play hard ball.

At one time Williams was thought to be in UCLA's pocket because former Crenshaw High greats Marques Johnson and Gary Maloncon had enjoyed success with the Bruins. Besides, the kid's mother Maybel is keeping a tight reign on helping Williams choose the "right" school.

But now UCLA faces another problem with Williams. He is having grade problems. A report from LA last week indicated the UCLA staff is "working hard" on the school's administration trying to get Williams qualified to enroll.

Reverse on Jock

In an interview last week U of L basketball analyst Jock Sutherland said his Tuesday night "exchanges" with UK fans are "all in fun."

But this week a friend of Jock's had another view.

In all of college basketball Jock has two favorite teams." he said. "Louisville and whoever Kentucky is playing next."

Your turn, Jock

Wimps and halfbacks?

A sports fan in Elizabethtown whose family ties remain "elsewhere," telephoned Sports Tid Tuesday.

"I'm a student at U of L," he said. "But I'm not much of a fan for either UK or U of L because I come from a part of the country where only the wimps and halfbacks played basketball. The real men put out lifting weights and playing football."

The fan comes from Texas.

Goat to genius

Times change. Logan County High won the 1984 Boys State Tournament last week in the school's first ever trip to the Sweet 16. It was also coach Gerald Sinclair's first trip to the State after 21 years in coaching.

Ironically, Sinclair almost didn't make it. Last year he came within one school board vote of being dismissed.

Logan County High finished 27-3 and Sinclair is the toast of Hustleville.

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

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Little League bats to crack May 7

Five teams begin play

The 1984 Little League baseball season is scheduled to open Monday, May 7, at the East End Park on East Union Road.

A total of 75 boys and coaches will participate on five teams. Games will be played each Monday, Thursday and Friday at 6 p.m., according to Marshall Slone, president.

Other league officials are Dennis Allison, vice-president, and Marion Sims Jr., secretary-treasurer.

Teams, coaches and rosters are as follows:

Reds — Coaches, Larry Wills, Sam Ritchie, Charles Pope; players — Mark Linville, Jarrod Wills, Nicholas Pope, Matt McFarland, Sunceras Graham, Pat Ritchie, Mike Cain, Jamie Simons, Chris Emmelill, Kevin Emmons, Shawn Conyers, Les Hardin.

Blue Jays — Coaches, Gary Sibert, Eddie Earlywine, Calvin Denton; David Sibert, Paul Setters, Kirby Smith, Kirk Smith, Mike Corbin, Scott Lyons, Kevin Morris, Jimmy Capps, Nate Hunt, Larry Ring, Greg Gilvin, Mia Price, Randy Zornes.

Royals — Coaches, Dennis Allison, Marion Sims Jr.; David Sparks, Jeff Dray, Stacie McMillian, Edward Farrah, Todd Quinn, Shane Hughes, Brian Hilander, Travis Sims, Greg Jones, Josh Sexton, Shane Fuller, Mike Sams, Kevin Watkins, John Watkins.

Flyers — Coaches, Randy Hedges, Ben Brierly, Al Warner; Rodney Hedges, Brad Brierly, Keene Bryant, James Pettit, Mike Warner, Jason George, Mike Johnson, Raymond Brown, Chris McMillian, Jonathan Carter, Penny McConnell, Mike Ritchie, Jason Poe.

Braves — Coaches, Larry Allison, Denver Brown, Marshall Slone; Jerry Hatton, Todd Gates, Louis Conn, Randy Jolly, Glennon Slone, Chris Jolly, Shawn Sexton, Brent Gounce, Daniel Brown, Brad Allison, Pat Phillips, Chris Fryman, Eugonda Jolly, Allen Welch.

Little League basketball Demons

Little League basketball tournament champions are the Demons coached by Ben Brierly, standing left, and Marshall Slone, right. Front, l-r, Jody Bach, Kevin Morris, Mark Adams. Back, Briefly, Glennon Slone, Larry Ring, Chris Bromagen, David Sparks and Brad Brierly. Not shown, Dwayne Sharp and Raymond Brown and coaches Steve Hobbs and Stan Morris. — Photo submitted

Little League basketball Stars

The Little League Stars were season and tournament winners in the girls' basketball division. Front, l-r, Jenny Dale, Amanda Treadway, Tina Mitchell, Penny McConnell, Beth Snapp. Back, Kelly Caudill, Linda George, Michele Leet, Erin Mathes, Rita Leet, Sandra Warner, coaches Marshall Slone, Skeeter Snapp and Jan Snapp. — Photo submitted

Anderson All-Region pick

Nicholas County's Steve Anderson, who netted a record 2,084 points during his cage career as a Bluejacket, was named to the All-Region team in the 10th Region.

Others picked, based on regular season play: Joe Bane and Scott Osborne, Tollesboro; Greg Black and Lath Kirk, Maysville; Jeff Davis and Keith Jordan, Clark County; Chris East, Estill County; Lane Franklin, Harrison County; Doug Gold, Fleming County; Chris O'Hearn, Mason County; Myrin Roberts, Paris; Jeff Boyce, Bourbon County; Chris Swarts, Bath County and Talbert Turner, Pendleton County.

Russ Day of Bourbon County, runner-up in the Boys' State Tournament, was named 10th Region Coach of the Year.

The announcements were made at the 10th Region high school Hall of Fame banquet Tuesday night at Mason County High School.

New inductees into the hall include the late Blanton Collier of Paris, Joe Ohr of Irvine, Wilson Barlow of Paris and Richard Gulick, Pendleton County.

Steve Anderson with Coach Mike Kenney. — Photo submitted

Park board scheduling tourney dates

The Carlisle-Nicholas County Park and Recreation Board is now scheduling softball tournaments at the East End Park for 1984. The park is available from 7:30 p.m. Friday through Sunday.

A fee of $20 per team per tournament will be charged. For information contact David Zachary, 289-2298.

Women's league needs players

The 1984 Women's Softball League will begin May 1, if enough interest is shown.

Contact Merolyn Sama, 289-5895, before April 18.

Bat Jackets open

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'74 tornado devastation re-enactment set April 3

The Kentucky Division of Disaster and Emergency Services, in conjunction with other state agencies will conduct its annual Disaster Training Exercise April 3. The date marks the 10th anniversary of the 1974 tornadoes which ripped through the state, causing 79 deaths and hundreds of injuries.

The state DES staff, as well as a number of local DES officials will take part in the exercise which will re-enact in "real time" the April 3, 1974 storms. The state DES operations center will be activated once the first reports of tornadoes begin filtering in to the Emergency Operations Center Communications room.

Once the activation begins, all state agencies that would be relied on for assistance will be called; and the agency coordinator will respond to the EOC. From there, the coordinator will keep in contact with the agency head, and relay information between that agency and DES operations.

"WE REALLY WEREN'T prepared when the tornadoes hit in 1974," according to DES Executive Director Wilbur R. Buntin Jr., former Carlisle resident. "Ten years ago we couldn't even get power to the capitol. Then Governor Ford had to use a candle and a flashlight."

Buntin also pointed out that communications with areas hit by the tornadoes were nearly non-existent. Governor Ford was not fully apprised of the nature of the storm until the next morning, nearly 16 hours after the first reports were made.

"Today, a similar storm would be tracked far in advance of its arrival in Kentucky," Buntin says. "Warning systems are now in place in nearly every part of the state, and the approaching storms danger would be relayed to the public well in advance of its arrival."

THE BACKBONE of that system is the Kentucky Emergency Warning System (KEWS). The $1 million network was constructed during the administration of Governor Julian Carroll. KEWS utilizes a microwave signal, passed from tower to tower, and base station to base station. The system allows DES in Frankfort to communicate with coordinators on the scene of a disaster. In addition, Kentucky State Police, the Fire Marshall's Office and the Environmental Response Team from the Cabinet for Natural Resources and Environmental Protection are also part of the communication system.

Local communities have also improved their response capabilities during the past 10 years. Many that were victims of the '74 catastrophy have added various warning systems to allow their citizens more time to respond to notifications of pending danger.

FEDERAL LAND BANK STOCKHOLDERS TO MEET

The Federal Land Bank Association of Northeast Ky will hold its annual stockholders' meeting at 6:30 p.m. March 29 at the Ramada Inn in Maysville, and at 6:30 p.m. April 4 at the Holiday Inn in Morehead, according to Association president Roy Fritz. A buffet dinner will be served.

Saltwell news

by Mrs. Fred Hollar

Janet and Tina Kenney, Shane and Duane, Jamie and James Kenney and other friends and relatives attended a birthday party on Sunday afternoon for Jamie Boots' fourth birthday given by Beverly Kimes at her home in Carlisle.

Mrs. G.B. Feeback and Mrs. Donna Caskey and daughter Debbie visited Mrs. Martin Feeback, Carlisle, one day the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Snapp and Gladys Kenney visited Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hollar and Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Hollar on Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Rickie Feeback and children Dawn and Nicki also attended a birthday party on Friday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Pierce, honoring Nicke's first birthday. Their names were omitted by mistake last week.

Mrs. Phyllis Brady visited Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Mattox and Tracy on Sunday evening and also attended services at the Assembly of God Church in Carlisle where they showed the fourth series of a film on "The Tribulation."

E.V. Delaney visited Mr. and Mrs. James Snapp, Carlisle, on Saturday. Mrs. Vic Kappeler and baby Aaron of Lexington were also visitors of the Snapps and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Snapp and family and Mrs. Mina Snapp, Burtsville.

Bob Kenney, Covington, spent Saturday with Mrs. Gladys Kenney.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Storey spent a few days the past week with Mr. and Mrs. Gary Storey, Lexington, to welcome their new granddaughter, Sarah Ashley, born at Central Baptist Hospital the past Sunday, March 18.

Mrs. Stanley W. Caswell, Carlisle, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. H.A. Gaunce, Norma and Amanda.

Mr. and Mrs. David Masters and baby Simona and Mrs. Frankie Feeback visited Mrs. Hazel Snapp on Friday night, also Julian Gaunce.

Mrs. Garnett Grey entered Nicholas County Hospital on Friday for treatment and remains a patient there.

Mrs. Chester Mattox and Ragena accompanied Chester Mattox home from St. Joseph Hospital on Saturday after several weeks' treatment there and has had many visitors during his stay there and on returning home.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Stone, Mr. and Mrs. David Doyle and Leah, Mr. and Mrs. John Doyle, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Fryman and Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Doyle and Jonathan visited Mr. and Mrs. Orville Doyle on Sunday and during the week.

E.V. Delaney spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hollar.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cain visited his brother, Ray Cain at Christ Hospital in Cincinnati Sunday, where he plans to undergo open heart surgery there on Tuesday.

Mrs. Naomi Gaunce and Timmy, Lexington, and Mrs. Andree Grey visited Julian Gaunce onSaturday afternoon and also dined at a Carlisle restaurant on Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hollar visited Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Dale, Millersburg, on Sunday night and Mrs. Walter Gaunce and Roy Gaunce and Mrs. Donna Dye of Steeles Ford Road.

Mrs. Hazel Snapp visited relatives in Bracken County several days during the week.

Lowell Fryman entered Harrison Memorial Hospital the past week and remains a patient there for treatment.

Mrs. Diane Smith and Shellie of Oakridge, TN visited Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stone and Denise and other relatives here over the weekend.

Several from Nicholas County attended the Nicholas County High School Girls' Varsity cheerleading squad for state competition held at Richmond Madison School on Saturday.

Mrs. Bill George spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hollar.

Tracy, Aimee and Shane Bartrell visited Mrs. Gladys Kenney during the week.

Mrs. Mary Stubbs, mother of Mrs. Jobie Howard, suffered a fractured ankle in a fall at her home the past week and is a patient at Harrison Memorial Hospital.

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