Bob Watkins

Sports In Kentucky

Crom roads

Kentucky's bowl bid chances dimmed considerably last week and UK has come to its cross roads this week. Any bowl bid hopes now hinge directly upon a victory this week. Here are some reasons why:

* Seven in and has been UK's magic number in the victory column. And Vandy must be No. 7 because frankly, after seeing Florida walloping Auburn last week and noting that Tennessee has worked some miracles at home this season, I don't see how injury plagued UK can beat either.

* Kentucky's six victories have come against lightweights (only Rutgers has a winning record among those UK has beaten). A victory over Vandy (5-3) is a must and even that will no longer guarantee a bowl bid now because, in the words of one bowl scout, "we really had hoped that Kentucky would beat or at least play close to LSU or Georgia."

* Ticket sales. Kentucky football fans become fickle about this time of year, when the basketball team gets nearer to its preseason scrimmages (Pineville, Cynthiana, Pikeville and Lexington). Bowl scouts still interested will have noticed that Commonwealth Stadium was some 5,000 less than capacity for the North Texas State game.

Hall doomsaying?

Not since his days as Adolph Rupp's assistant can I recall University of Kentucky basketball coach Jim B. Hall sound so pessimistic. Maybe it is a way of alleviating the pressure and imminent criticism that comes to whoever UK's coach is, but Hall was singing the blues during an interview last week.

From here it looks as if he is not doomsaying so much as preparing Kentucky fans for the worst this basketball season.

Hall, who will begin his 11th season as coach, talked about his team and its (lack of) progress.

"We're looking real bad...couldn't be worse right now," he said. "We're working with seven gone from last year's team and with two recruits not here and one injured returnee."

The two recruits not present at practice were freshman Richard Madison, out with a foot injury, and Gunther Behnke who left the team in September. The returnee is Winston Bennett who underwent arthroscopic surgery last week and will need six weeks to recover.

It is Behnke's departure that caused a major disruption in Hall's ATT (after Twin Towers) rebuilding project.

"For one thing it stopped our recruiting for another big man," Hall said. "But even more important it affected our offensive philosophy in that we have to change completely now from an inside oriented offense to a more perimeter type approach. So that means we find ourselves having to educate not only the recruits, but also our veteran players too all over again."

What about the freshmen, their progress?

Hall is not particularly pleased. "I'm not that much encouraged," he said, "because we're having to throw a lot of new things at them right now. It's just tough going. There's a lot of preparation involved and a lot to get done. And our first scrimmage (at Bell County High) is Nov. 8."

Summing up, Hall said, "Considering our schedule I can't see our team right now as being competitive. We've got a long way to go. That's just how it is."

Stay tuned.

Recruiting.

■ UK played host to west coast phenom Tom Lewis of Mater Dei High in Los Angeles Oct. 27. The 6-7 Lewis was on campus along with 6-9 Eric Duncan of Fayetteville, N.C.

How did their visit go?

"Lewis seemed impressed," a UK insider said. "Right now's a good time to visit here because the weather's beautiful and Joe doesn't have any players."

■ At the University of Louisville a rumor has ben put to rest. U of L has not gotten a "verbal commitment" from 6-8, 205-pound Michael Payne from Laurel, Miss. as reported by some Louisville radio and television stations.

"You know how "verbal commitments" are," U of L sports information director Kenny Klein said last week. "We had one from Cedric Henderson and John Williams last year."

Klein added that, while Payne has a visit to U of L scheduled, he has not been on the campus.

Recruiting guesses

Kentucky's first signee will be Irving Thomas, a 6-8, 210-pounder from Florida and it may come this month. U of L's first commitment will come from Tony Kimbro of Louisville Seneca who will then sit out a year because of grade problems ... And Tom Lewis will sign with UCLA.

Here and there

■ Former UK All-American Sam Bowie believes he will live up to expectations by his employer, the Portland Trailblazers. "Portland was looking for a passing center, somebody like Bill Walton," Bowie told a reporter for *The Sporting News*. "Passing ability is something you either have or you don't. And I get as much thrill out of making a good pass as I do scoring."

■ Melvin Turpin has gotten off to a good start with Cleveland, however Coach George Karl had a verbal spanking for Dipper and subtle swipe at UK's program as well. "The problem I have with him (Turpin) is his laziness," Karl said. "It's not that he doesn't work. It's that he has lazy habits that he has built up through college. He has to understand that we're not paying him just because we like him."

Little League cage results

WEEK NO. 2

Boys A-Team

Hawks (8): Brian Hinsofer 6, Shane Hughes 1, Brad Allison 1, Allie Sexton 10, Craig Jones 8, David Schaeding 1.

Raiders (11): Darrell Turner 4, Nate Hart 6, Keene Bryant 1.

Bears (12): Mike Johnson 8, Johnny Scott 2, Chris Jones 2.

Colts (6): Jerry Watkins 4.

Patriots (17): Aaron Judge 2, Israel Stacy 4, Forrest Berry 11.

Rebels (8): Eddie Caudill 8.

Demons (18): Brad Brierly 14, Kevin Morris 8, Larry King 4.

Rankins (21): Jarrod Wills 14, Pat Phillips 3, Todd Gaines 4, Brad Gines 1.

Hornets (26): Daniel Brown 16, Jeff Gray 5, Shawn Fugate 1, Jimmy Capps 3, Jamie George 1.

Jets (18): Travis Sims 8, David Bibert 8, Todd Quinn 2.

Boys B-Team

Hawks (4): David Schaeding 3
Raiders (3): Benji Friedrich 3

Bears (3): Bradley Trussell 2
Colts (3): Jerry Watkins 2.

Patriots (4): Keith Frymann 3, Steve White 1
Rebels (4): Eric Winder 1, James Clark 1

Rankins (10): Greg Gibbs 8, David Pruitt 2, Steve Harlow 2.
Demons (8):

Hornets (8): Mike Cain 2, Donnie Cox 4, Russell Gray 2.

Jets (2): Kevin Watkins 2.
STANDINGS — Hawks, 3-0; Hawks, 3-0; Patriots, 3-0; Demons, 3-0; Raiders, 3-1; Jets, 1-2; Bears, 1-2; Rankins 0-2; Rebels, 0-2; Colts, 0-3.

Rookies players

Front row, l-r, Pat Sparks, Todd Gates, David Pruitt, Steve Mattox, Jeremy Cheek, Second row, Brad Glass, Pat Phillips, Rodney Cheek, Greg Gilvin, Arnold Payne, Jarrod Wills. Coaches, Mike Phillips and Terry Doyle. — Mercury photos.

Rookies cheerleaders

On floor, l-r, Roberta Neanover, Amanda Gates, Lori Price. At top, clockwise, Dawn Ewalt, Jill Hardin, Jennifer Gilvin, Melinda Grey.

Coach Kenney looks for a center

Nicholas County basketball coach Mike Kenney has a lot in common with his collegiate counterpart Joe B. Hall at Kentucky.

"We're thin and rebuilding, just like UK," Kenney says of his basketball Bluejackets.

Football-related injuries have taken a toll. The center position, expected to be a strong suit this season, is minus big Darren Robinson, still recovering from a broken foot.

According to Kenney, the injury is not responding to treatment and his status is a "week to week thing." Robinson, at 6'2" and 220 pounds, was a stand-out in late season games last year and helped lead the Jackets to the Regional tournament for the first time in 25 years.

Robinson's back up, sophomore Steve Ledford is academically ineligible until the first of the year.

Phillip Coldiron, a junior forward who saw considerable action last year, is also sidelined with a knee injury sustained during a football game. The knee continues to swell and is being treated by a doctor.

Both Robinson and Coldiron are well behind in their development, Kenney said. "Just like UK with (Winston) Bennett and (Richard) Madison hurt."

Among veterans expected to play key roles are seniors Rocky Young, Doug McCord, Greg McNabb, Todd Hedges and Carl Whitson. Juniors Gary Dotson and Bobby Woosley are certain to contribute.

"Dotson has lots of skills, good hands, speed and jumps well," said the coach, now in his seventh year of directing the NCHS cage program.

McNabb and Woosley are expected to make up in speed what they lack in size. Sophomore Jeff Sams, at 6', is among the taller underclassmen presently available.

Freshmen may be called upon to contribute. Moving into the jayvee ranks from last year's almost unstoppable eighth-grade team are Tip Fryman, Chris Anderson, Chris Hollar, Todd Day, Gannon Bryant and Kelly Brookshire, among others.

Kenney points out that practices have been hampered due to injuries and the just-completed football season which overlaps the start of basketball drills.

"I don't even have a complete roster available at this point."

He did mention, due to a conflict, that the opening game on Friday, Nov. 30 will be played at Bourbon County, and not at home, as listed in the printed schedule. The Jackets will appear before the home crowd the following night, Dec. 1. Deming will provide the opposition.

Young's grid stats tops

Rocky Young won both offensive and defensive laurels during the 1984 football season.

The senior quarterback rushed for 797 yards on 135 carries, for a 5.8 yard average. In addition he completed 39 of 87 passes, with 10 interceptions. He was 10 of 13 in extra point conversions and two out of three in field goal attempts.

Receiver Gary Dotson was the team's leading scorer with 54 points and his 656 total yards was second only to Young. Wide back Pat Pope rushed third in yardage gained with 640 on 129 attempts and 24 points.

Fullback Ron Blakeman carried 109 times for 527 yards and 20 points, while Brian Watkins caught 25 passes for 268 yards and 16 points.

Allen Hardin punted 44 times for 1,146 yards, a 32.4 average per punt.

DEFENSIVELY, Young was credited with 119 tackles, one interception and one fumble recovery. Steve Ledford had 96 tackles, Kevin Wells 82, Darren Robinson 78 (despite missing several games due to injury), Jeff Curtsinger 71.

NCHS BOYS VARSITY
'84-85 BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

November		
Fri. 30	Bourbon County	Away
December		
Sat. 1	Deming	Home
Tue. 4	Mason County	Away
Fri. 7	Woodford County	Away
Tue. 11	Frankfort	Home
Fri. 14	Madison	Away
Tue. 18	Anderson County	Away
January		
Wed.-Sat. 2-5	Harley Tournament	at Mason Co.
Tue. 8	M.M.I.	Home
Fri. 11	Model	Home
Tue. 15	Harrison County	Home
Fri. 18	Jessamine County	Away
Sat. 19	Paris Tech	Away
Tue. 22	Pendleton County	Away
Fri. 25	Boyle County	Away
Sat. 26	Bourbon County	Home
Tue. 29	Fleming County	Home
February		
Wed.-Sat. 20-2	CKC Tournament	TBA
Tue. 5	Bracken County	Away
Fri. 8	Paris	Home
Tue. 12	Maysville	Home
Fri. 15	Bath County	Home
Fri. 22	Deming	Away

Feb. 25-Mar. 2 District Tournament
(Home games at 6 and 7:30 p.m. Away games at 7:30 p.m. except Pendleton and Boyle which start at 6 p.m.)

Deer authority here Tuesday

John Phillips, Kentucky deer program coordinator, will be the guest speaker at the Nov. 13 meeting of the Nicholas County Wildlife Club.

The meeting will be held at the Library at 7:30 p.m. and is open to the public.

Phillips will discuss the deer population and other information of interest to deer hunters in Nicholas and surrounding counties.

The club will award trophies to the club member killing the largest doe and for the buck with the largest rack. In addition, the club will give a trophy for the largest deer registered at Clay Wildlife Management Area.

Hunters are asked to take their deer to the check station at Clay Wildlife. In addition, The Mercury will take pictures of any deer brought by the office during regular business hours Monday-Friday.

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Saltwell. . . . . by Mrs. Fred Hollar

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Brady, Mrs. Helen Frymam and Miss Faye Letcher attended revival services last week at Shannon Methodist Church, where Rev. Bruce Sheffield was evangelist.

Mrs. Eleanor Kerns visited Mrs. Hazel Snapp on Wednesday. Richard Cain, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hollar and Mrs. Phyllis Brady also visited Mrs. Snapp on Wednesday night for a time of fellowship and prayer.

Mrs. Della Hopkins entertained with a birthday supper on Sunday afternoon honoring the 28th birthday of Mrs. Roger Livingood. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Livingood, Danita and Wesley, Mrs. Alberta Snapp, Mr. and Mrs. Greg Wills (who also celebrated his birthday), Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Caswell, Mr. and Mrs. Tuesday Ockerman and Lindsey, Miss Pam Hopkins, David and Kent Hopkins, Gary Coleman of Paris.

The Headquarters Youth and a few adults enjoyed a hobo supper and Halloween party at the church on Tuesday night. There were around 50 in attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. David Masters and baby Samona moved from the property of Julian Gaunce on Thursday to the property of G.B. Feeback on Barterville Road.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Brady visited Mr. and Mrs. David Doyle and children, David Keith and Leah Renea, on Monday night at Poindexter.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jones of Charleston, SC visited Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Fryman on Thursday night and also spent the night on Friday.

Roy J. Snapp, Cincinnati, visited Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Snapp on Saturday. Rev. and Mrs. Randy Coleman also visited the Snapps on Sunday afternoon.

E.V. Delaney visited Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Snapp and baby on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lucien Grey, Paris, visited Mrs. Andrew Grey on Friday. They all visited with Mrs. Della Willoughby, who is ill at Nicholas County Hospital.

Rev. and Mrs. Randy Coleman and Walker Keith of Wilmore were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Livingood.

Mrs. S.B. Ellis, Milford, spent Friday with Mrs. Hazel Snapp. Keith McCord, Chatham, and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Lakins, Flemingsburg, spent Saturday with Mrs. Snapp and Gladys Kenney spent the day on Sunday.

Rev. Bruce Sheffield left the past Monday morning for a 17-day tour with Philpot Evangelist team to Israel where they will visit many places of interest.

The Headquarters Church observed Laity Day on Sunday morning with Mrs. Doris McKinney of the Nesse church as speaker. Several of the ladies also participated.

Mrs. Spears Collins Jr., who was a patient at Nicholas County Hospital the past week, returned home Saturday. Mrs. Faye Smith and Mrs. Imogene Shannon, Lexington, and Mrs. Geneva Crump, Paris, spent the day with her on Saturday and she had many other visitors during her stay in the hospital.

Mrs. Phyllis Brady, Mrs. Lucille Clark, Mrs. Jeanette Wallace and Mrs. Ruth Hollar enjoyed the Kentucky Conference United Methodist Women meeting on Saturday at Northern Kentucky University.

Mrs. Geneva Fuller visited Mrs. Martin Feeback in Carlisle on Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Gaunce, Lexington, spent Sunday with Mrs. Naomi Gaunce.

Mrs. Phyllis Brady and many others visited Mrs. John Doyle and new baby son Jacob Brent at Harrison Memorial Hospital the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Fryman, Winchester, visited Mr. and Mrs. Louis Fryman on Saturday night.

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The Courier-Journal will start a five-part series on the future and problems of tobacco in Kentucky on Sunday, November 11.

The first installment will appear in a full-color wrap-around portion of the first section of the newspaper.

"Up in Smoke," is written by Phil Norman, the newspaper's veteran farm editor, and by Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter Richard Whitt. The series examines the nation's tobacco industry, under seige like never before in its long and prosperous history, prompting concern that the economic security of a half million rural Kentuckians is being threatened.

The Courier-Journal spent more than four months sorting out the economic and social forces that are plunging the tobacco industry into its worst crisis, said Stephen Peel, regional editor of The Courier-Journal.

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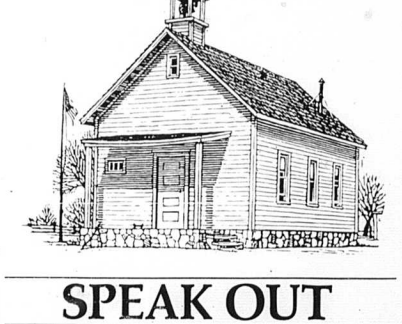

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7:30 P.M.
Nicholas County Elementary School