Bob Watkins

Sports In Kentucky

Good news 'n things from around Kentucky and beyond.

Sam Bowie

"I think it's great," a lady said the other day when I mentioned that Sam Bowie had signed a pro NBA contract for $5.3 million.

"It couldn't happen to a nicer person," she added. "I'm tickled for him. We're really going to miss him."

Bowie holds a special place of endearment with Kentucky fans all right.

If there were such a thing as an all-time University of Kentucky Popularity Five for, say the last 20 years, Bowie would be on it, along with Louie Dampier, Kyle Macy, Dan Issel and Jack "Goose" Givens.

Who are some of your favorites?

When Bowie signed with Portland this week, his contract was reported at $5.3 million for six years.

Before taxes and agent Larry Fleisher's commission, that means that Bowie would be making $883,333 a year...$72,611 a month...$16,987 a week...$2,420 a day.

Or, if Bowie were paid by the common man's wage scale he would get $968 an hour.

Comment: A prediction. He will spend it wisely.

It is quite a tribute to UK coach Joe B. Hall and Kentucky's basketball program in general, the way "big men" prospects have matriculated from Lexington to the Big Leagues.

Certainly, NBA owners have shown little reluctance to shell out megabucks for Kentucky big men.

Sam Bowie's $5.3 million contract last week reminded me of few other names:

■Where else would Melvin Turpin have gotten the skill development, attention and reputation to land himself $600,000 a year?

■After the 1978 season 6-10 Rick Robey was drafted by the NBA Indiana Pacers and went on to play with the Boston Celtics and lately with the Phoenix Suns.

■Robey's 6-11 "opposite" bookend, Mike Phillips, was also drafted by the professional league but didn't stick.

■Last week another former UK big man, 6-11 Chuck Aleksinas returned from Italy to sign a pro NBA contract.

A list of less recent "centers" who used UK as a launching ramp to play-for-pay, includes Tom Payne in 1971, Dan Issel in 1970, Bob Burrow in 1956, Cliff Hagan in 1954 and Alex Groza in 1949.

Prep prospects

Louisville, as usual, will provide some of the finest football talent to next year's college rosters. However, there are a number of very good prep prospects around the Commonwealth again this autumn.

Where will they go to college?

Considering the primary criteria used by prep seniors choosing a college:

Geography (school close to home).

Good facilities.

Television exposure.

An established conference.

A highly respected coaching staff.

A winning program.

The big winner next spring looks to be the University of Kentucky.

"UK is winning right now and Jerry Claiborne could be elected governor of your state," one (out of state) college recruiter said last week. "It's tough on the rest of us. What makes UK even more of a cinch is that Louisville is down, Indiana is way down, Eastern Kentucky is about average this season and Western Kentucky is down.

"The biggest competition Kentucky's going to get is going to come from Vanderbilt and Tennessee," he added. "When a kid considers that both schools are pretty far away, it makes UK look even better."

So...who are some of the top prospects in the Bluegrass state in 1984?

■If there were a Mr. Football in Kentucky the title might go to Mike Pfeifer of Louisville Trinity. He is a 6-7, 250 tackle and reports are that Kentucky wants him badly and that he will choose UK over Notre Dame and a host of other suitors.

★ Carwell Gardner, a 6-3, 210-pound linebacker from Louisville Trinity is another prospect that Kentucky wants badly.

★ Andy Murray, a 6-2, 220-pound linebacker, also from Trinity, is another first line prep prospect.

In the state

★ Victor Adams is a 6-3, 240-pound offensive/defensive lineman from Middlesboro, who some scouts say is a better college prospect than Pfeifer. Destination? Probably UK.

★ If Adams isn't the best prospect in southeastern Kentucky then Somerset quarterback Tony Massey might be. A 6-2, 195-pounder, Massey is outstanding at quarterback and may be one of the best high school defensive tacks in the south this year.

★ Somerset's prize running back James Fletcher (5-11, 195) leads the state in scoring and is near the top in rushing yards. He is Kentucky's top running back prospect for 1984.

Others

★ Vish Talwalker is a 6-2, 175-pound quarterback from Lexington Lafayette. Mike Fields, who covers prep sports for the Lexington Herald-Leader, rates him as the primary player in central Kentucky.

★ Another top player in central Kentucky is 5-9, 190-pound linebacker/fullback Tommy Skeen from Paris High.

★ From Fort Knox High running back Darren Bilberry (6-2, 185) is said to be among the best RBs in the state. And teammates Charles Pierson (6-2, 220) and Ralph Williams (6-1, 210) have been outstanding linebackers.

★ At North Hardin High defensive tackle David Wyatt (6-4, 220) has already gotten a look from UK and some interest from other colleges.

★ From south-central Kentucky unbeaten and top ranked Russellville High has an All-State and college prospect in Rodney Gordon. He is a 6-1, 190-pound linebacker/running back.

UK success

How is it that the University of Kentucky football program has made such a marked recruiting turn around?

Hustle and sincerity.

According to one reporter, "It seems like nine out of 10 times when I'm sitting in a coach's office before he goes out to the practice field, the telephone rings and it's somebody from UK, usually Jerry Claiborne himself.

"A coach or a player can say that doesn't have any effect on his decision, but, in the end, it's got to."

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

Jackets look to Woodford Co. for first win

After seven straight setbacks, the luckless football Blue Jackets take to the road again Friday night, meeting Woodford County in a CKC contest in Versailles.

Last Friday night Nicholas County lost a hard fought football game 38-12 to Boyle County in Danville.

In what Coach Ben Pumphrey described as "their best effort of the year," the Jackets scored the first touchdown of the game on a one-yard run by Rocky Young. The point-after kick was wide. Boyle County tied the score with seven seconds left in the half and kicked the go-ahead point.

On the first play of the second half, the Rebels resorted to an old sucker play — while apparently in a huddle away from the ball, the center walked over, picked up the ball, and tossed it to a back waiting behind the huddle and the result was a 40-yard touchdown. The extra point kick made it 14-6.

The Jackets controlled the rest of the game and scored early in the fourth quarter on another one-yard run by Young. Young swept the left corner to tie the score, but a yellow rag fluttered to the ground and the Jackets had to try again from the 18. Young's pass to Watkins fell one yard short of the end zone.

The Jackets still had time to win, but made a costly defensive error on fourth down and nine with 6:39 minutes remaining and gave Boyle its final touchdown.

Down by eight, the Jackets made another long first down and had an interception at the eight yard line as time ran out.

The Bluejackets dominated most parts of the game except the score and as a scout from Ashland noted, "Nicholas sure didn't get any breaks."

"According to Pumphrey, it was still a great effort against a top flight team. Boyle had played Danville, Bardstown, Marion County, Washington County and Harrodsburg really tough. They had a good team that was well drilled in all parts of the game. The Jackets deserved a win in this one, but it didn't come."

Offensive stats — Young, 27 carries, 224 yards, 2 of 10 passes, 2 intercepted for 10 yards; Pat Pope, 10 carries, 19 yards; Ron Blakeman, 4 carries, 9 yards; Kevin Wells, 3 carries, 13 yards; Brian Watkins, 2 receptions, 10 yards; Allen Hardin, 3 punts, 106 yards.

Defensive stats — Young and Darren Robinson, 11 tackles; Steve Ledford, 9 tackles; Jeff Curtsinger, 7 tackles; Steve Kirby and Dotson, 5 tackles; Wells, Watkins and Dewayne Baker, 4 tackles; David Allison, 3 tackles and Chris Anderson, 1 steal of ball.

	NCHS	Boyle Co.
1st downs	10	9
Yards rushing	264	106
Passes	10-2-2	6-4-0
Yards passing	10	83
Penalties	40	30
Punts-yardage	5-195	5-140

TWO IN BASIC TRAINING WITH NATIONAL GUARD

Jerry Vandaringham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gayle Vandaringham, and Dwight Purcell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Purcell, all of Carlisle, left Monday, Sept. 17, to begin Army National Guard basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

While there they will receive instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy and justice, first aid and Army history and traditions.

They are due to return home Dec. 21, 1984.

Welcome
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Dot's Restaurant

Womack shows off well-filled trophy case - Mercury photo.

Foxhunt underway at Clay

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as "the greatest in our history" by J. Wade Walker, president of the Kentucky State Foxhunters Association! Walker noted that a total of 413 hounds were entered in the three-day event, which attracted hundreds of visiting hunters, riders and enthusiasts of the sport from a number of surrounding states, as well as Kentucky.

While this week's event is a scaled-down version of a state foxhunt, it will carry no less meaning and tradition for those devoted souls of the "black, white and tan" hound dog.

1984 CKFA Schedule of Events

Thursday, October 4 — Daybreak, first cast of derby hounds and first cast of all-age hounds. 6:30 p.m., old fashion Kentucky burgoo supper for members and guests. Entertainment following burgoo, horn blowing contest for the ladies, and for the children under 12 years. All at Clay Wildlife.

Friday, October 5 — Daybreak, final cast of derby hounds and second cast of all-age hounds. 7:30 to 11:30 p.m., square dance at Loma Club Park in Owingsville.

Saturday, October 6 — Daybreak, final cast of all-age hounds. 3:30 p.m., pictures and presentation of trophies/awards at Clay Wildlife.

John Paul Burchett of Pikeville is bench show judge, with L. Ewell Clinkenbeard master of hounds.

Field judges include Sam Clinkenbeard, George Ettill, Paul H. Richardson, Sam Reynolds, Jack Ritchie, Hick Snedegar, Tuffy Snedegar and Leonard Sonby.

937 have perfect attendance

Some 937 students had perfect attendance during the first month of school, according to Mrs. Betty Conrad, director of pupil personnel for Nicholas County Schools.

Statistics compiled at the elementary level showed 702 students didn't miss a day of school, compared to 235 in high school.

Mrs. Herrin's homeroom recorded a 99.3 percentage present at NCES while Mrs. Hatton's ninth graders posted a 98.3 average.

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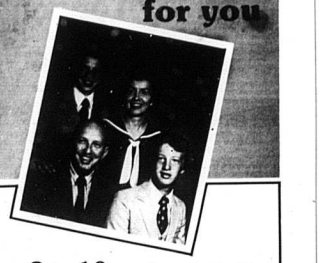

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Columbus Day approaches

Christopher Columbus (Jason Poe) approaches King Ferdinand (David Schanding) and Queen Isabella (Janelle Sibert) for funds to seek the New World as students in Mrs. Sharon Wilson's social studies class re-enact the discovery of America. Columbus Day is Oct. 8. — Photo submitted

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Louise Zachary

Candidate for Nicholas County School Board shares her thoughts with the voters of the 5th District.

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"As a board member, I would be **willing** to attend in-service training to seek new ideas and to become better informed of the new opportunities available in the educational system."

"We need to take what is offered now in our school system and **build on it**."

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Eye Openers

By Dr. Robert F. Pretzsch, Optometrist

Should You Smoke While Driving?

"If I don't drink alcoholic beverages I'll be sure to drive home safely from the party, right?"

WRONG! In addition to the condition of the other drivers on the road, there are some hidden hazards.

For instance, did you know that smoking while driving could prove to be a fatal distraction? Just lighting up and using the ashtray may keep your eyes off the road for up to 20 seconds. That's more than enough time for an accident to happen. Also, that film of smoke clouding your windshield can reduce visibility.

When you smoke, some of the oxygen in your blood stream is replaced by carbon dioxide. That reduces the ability of your brain and eyes to function properly.

Not to mention that the absorption of large doses of nicotine acts as a poison and decreases your visual skills, increasing the chance of an accident.

To take one well-known warning a step further: "When you drink, don't drive. And when you drive don't smoke." If you doubt this, don't ask your tobacconist. Ask an eye specialist!

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Saltwell . . . . . by Mrs. Fred Hollar

Mrs. Bobby Brady visited her aunt, Mrs. Letha Adams at Bourbon Heights on Saturday. Mrs. Adams had undergone surgery there on Monday as the result of a fractured hip.

Katrina Ritchie of Paris and Mack Hollar of Millersburg were Saturday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Kenney and sons.

Mrs. Gladys Kenney, Miss Edna Huddleson, Mrs. A.R. Fisher were Tuesday dinner guests of Miss Bobbie Harney in Carlisle. They also went shopping in Winchester in the afternoon.

E.V. Delaney was a Tuesday supper guest of Mrs. Alma T. Wilson and guest, Mrs. Myrtle Overstreet of Perryville on Tuesday night.

Yancy Wagoner, Portsmouth, Ohio, spent several days the past week with R.J. Wagoner, Barberville.

Mr. and Mrs. John Mitcheltree, Lexington, were Thursday supper guests of Mrs. Beulah Mitcheltree, Carlisle.

Chad and Charity Land, Lexington, spent the weekend with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Snapp, Carlisle.

Donald Riggs, Mrs. Bobby Brady, Mrs. Hazel Snapp, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cain and Veach Delaney attended revival services at Neave Church during the week where Rev. Bruce Sheffield was evangelist.

Mrs. Gladys Kenney visited Mrs. Ruth Faulconer and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Snapp and Mrs. Annie Feebeck one evening the past week.

Mrs. Geneva Fuller visited Mrs. Martin Feeback, Carlisle, on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Greg Doyle, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Doyle and son, Ricky Doyle, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Brady enjoyed a birthday party Friday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Doyle, Robbie and Shawn for the first birthday of Jonathan Gayle Doyle.

Mrs. James Snapp and E.V. Delaney spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Victor Kappeler and Aaron of Lexington.

Don't forget the Rose Hill revival which is in progress each night this week with Rev. Jimmie Rose as evangelist.

Mr. and Mrs. David Earlywine enjoyed a week vacationing in Biloxi, Miss., various parts of Mobile, Ala., and other places of interest. They returned home on Thursday night.

Mrs. R.J. Wagoner has been a patient at Nicholas County Hospital the past week.

Rev. Bruce Sheffield was entertained in the home of Mr. and Mrs. S.B. Ellis while preaching at Neave during the week.

Our community extends sympathy to the family of Merrill Vice, who passed away on Monday at Nicholas County Hospital after a long illness. Funeral services were conducted at Mathews-Gaunce Funeral Home by Rev. Bruce Sheffield with burial in Carlisle Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hollar spent Sunday with Mrs. Gladys Kenney.

Mrs. Jana Kappeler and baby son Aaron of Lexington and E.V. Delaney were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Snapp, Carlisle.

Rev. and Mrs. James Stilts and Rev. Bruce Sheffield and Mrs. Hazel Snapp were Saturday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Donald McCord and sons, Neave. Mrs. Snapp also spent the weekend with relatives there.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Ellington and son Hans of London spent Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. Donald Riggs. On Saturday they all enjoyed a birthday party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hanson Ellington and family of Carlisle. Mrs. Osborne Riggs of near Carlisle also enjoyed the party in celebration of the first birthday of Hans.

Our community was deeply grieved and saddened to learn of the death of Mrs. Hazel Gaunce, who passed away early Sunday morning at Harrison Memorial Hospital. Hazel had spent most of her life here in this community until the past few years and had many friends and relatives here who regret her passing.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Savage entertained with a lovely birthday supper on Sunday evening at their home, the occasion being the birthday of Mike Sowell and Mrs. James Florence. Other guests were Mr. Florence, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hollar and Angie Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Hunt and Bridgette, Cynthiana, and Joe Hollar, Millersburg, were Sunday supper guests of Mrs. Katherine Hollar in Carlisle.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hollar and Mrs. Ramona George were in Lexington on Monday to consult with Mr. Hollar's doctor.

PARIS STOCKYARDS
Sept. 28-27, 1984

CATTLE RECEIPTS	2212
SLAUGHTER COWS	
Price trend	1.00-2.00 higher
Utility	34.00-42.00
Cutter	33.00-38.25
Canner	25.00-33.00
SLAUGHTER BULLS	
Price trend	1.00 lower
Yield grade 1-2	39.00-47.25
VEALERS	
Price trend	Untested
FEEDER STEERS	
Price trend	Steady
300-400 lbs.	62.00-71.50
400-500 lbs.	62.00-69.50
500-600 lbs.	58.00-66.50
600-700 lbs.	58.00-62.50
700-800 lbs.	57.00-62.00
800-900 lbs.	56.00-61.50
HEIFERS	
Price trend	Steady
300-400 lbs.	46.00-50.00
400-500 lbs.	49.00-54.25
500-600 lbs.	48.50-53.50
600-700 lbs.	48.50-55.25
700-800 lbs.	50.50-53.00
COWS W/CALVES	340.00-392.50
BABY CALVES	25.00-70.00
SLAUGHTER HOGS	
Receipts	432
BARROWS, GILTS	
Price trend	1.75 lower
U.S. 1-2, 215-235 lbs.	46.20
SOWS	
Price trend	2.00 lower
U.S. 1-3, 400-570 lbs.	40.00-42.00
BOARS	
Over 300 lbs.	33.00

FARMERS STOCKYARDS
Feeder Calf Sale Sept. 26, 1984

CATTLE RECEIPTS	884
SLAUGHTER COWS	
Price trend	Steady
Utility	32.50-37.50
Cutter	28.00-32.50
SLAUGHTER BULLS	
Price trend	2.00 lower
Yield grade 1-2	40.00-43.00
FEEDER STEERS	
Price trend	Steady to 1.00 lower
300-400 lbs.	54.50-63.00
400-500 lbs.	55.00-61.75
500-600 lbs.	56.00-61.75
600-700 lbs.	57.10-62.00
700-800 lbs.	55.00-56.00
HEIFERS	
Price trend	Steady to 1.00 lower
300-400 lbs.	40.50-47.00
400-500 lbs.	48.30-51.20
600-700 lbs.	47.25-48.00

Mrs. Phyllis Brady enjoyed the hymn sing at the Elmarch United Methodist Church, Cynthiana, on Sunday night.

Miss Frances Barlow was given a surprise birthday dinner on Sunday at a Richmond country club by Mr. and Mrs. Oren Ray Gaffin and guests, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Gaffin and children Martha Sue and Thomas Oren of Glasgow. Miss Barlow also visited with Oren Ray and wife later in the day and enjoyed a lovely day.

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