Bob Watkins

Sports In Kentucky

People and things.

College football is in a state of flux and it is no more apparent than in the Southeastern Conference what with traditional cellar dwellers Vanderbilt and Kentucky suddenly playing heavyweight rules.

And UK coach Jerry Claiborne explained why last week when he told a reporter, "I said the 30-95 (scholarship limitation) rule would bring a lot of parity. You've still got teams which year in and year out will always be there in the Top Ten and Top Twenty. But you also have the opportunity that someone can beat those teams, although you're not going to beat them regularly week after week. I don't think parity has completely arrived. Check the Top Twenty teams every year and 16 of them will probably be there every year."

But that's changing too.

Kickers

For all the little kids who aspire to making their futures in football with their kicking toes, there is this from Vanderbilt's Ricky Anderson. "Looking back I'm glad I stuck with kicking. They call it a 'lonely position' and that intrigued me. I was a kickaholic growing up. I'd kick two or three times a day before school, during practice and at home again at night. There have been very few days since I was eight that I haven't kicked."

Through four games last week, all victories, Anderson has kicked 11 of 11 points af r touchdown, nine of 10 field goal tries. And oh yes, he is averaging 36.3 per kick on 13 punts.

NFL/TV ratings

Why are television executives surprised at declining ratings for NFL football?

Americans like something new...new...new and CBS and NBC began wringing the golden goose's neck when the networks began firing Sunday doubleheaders at NFL fans years ago to land big numbers and big advertising dollars.

Now Americans want something new...new...new again.

CBS commentator John Madden: "Instead of the networks and league sitting down and saying, 'what can we do positively to recapture the fans?' they make excuses for everything."

Here 'n there

• Two high schoolers that UK is in hot pursuit after this season are 6-7¾ forward Kenny Payne of Laurel, Miss. and 6-7 Michael Jones of Phenix City, Ala.

• One of Kentucky, high school basketball's top prospects this winter may be 6-4½ Tom Pyles who plays at Wayne County High in Monticello.

"If Tom can make the transition from forward to guard this winter he's going to be a Division I prospect," Coach Joe Harper said.

Incidentally, Harper begins his 21st season as a head coach next month and is six wins shy of 300.

• Predicting football games? I'm terrible at it, how about you? But Jim (the Greek?) McAlister of Pikeville is apparently quite good at handicapping high school games in Kentucky.

McAlister is hitting on 80+ percent so far this season. Two weeks ago, he made predictions on 85 prep games and got 75 correct. Jim sells his ratings service. You can contact him at the Appalachian News-Express in Pikeville.

• "Oops! A few weeks ago I suggested that the University of Kentucky basketball program has enjoyed more success when it did not have a "big man". To support that hypothesis, I used as examples, teams from years gone by including the one in 1949 with 6-4 Wah Jones at center.

"Whoa!" exclaimed a friend of mine, "where'd you get the idea that Wah played center? He was a forward, Alex Groza was the center."

Apologies to those who read the item, to Groza and to Jones.

Good idea

Corbin High School has one of the most distinguished prep football records in the history of Kentucky athletics. A good sports town, Corbin. And citizens of that southeastern Kentucky community wanted to do something about it. In 1982 the school's Varsity Club founded a Corbin Hall Of Fame for the purpose of recognizing and commemorating those who have made contributions to Redbound sports history through the years.

It is a grand idea.

Each year a committee selects nominees for the Hall Of Fame and a summer banquet is arranged to honor them. I had a letter last week from one of those who helped make this community project the success that it is.

Bill Crook, spokesman for the Varsity Club is trying to get in touch with former Redbound athletes on behalf of the varsity club. For those, and anyone else interested in Corbin's Athletic Hall of Fame, write to *Varsity Club, P.O. Box 1026, Corbin, Ky. 40701.*

Metro basketball

The first preseason poll has been taken. Metro Conference publicist Craig Thompson sent ballots last week asking for a "guess" on the ordered finish in the 1984-85 league race. Too, Thompson was taking writers' ballots for the All-Metro team. Following are my choices:

Conference ranking: Virginia Tech, Memphis State, Louisville, Tulane, Florida State, South Carolina, Cincinnati and Southern Mississippi.

Top 10 players: (First five) Keith Lee (Memphis St.), Bobby Beecher (VPI), Al Gipson (Fla. St.), John Williams (Tulane) and Milt Wagner (U of L).

(Second five) William Bedford (Memphis St.), Michael Foster (S. Carolina), Perry Young (VPI), Billy Thompson (U of L) and Barry Sumpter (U of L).

Freshman of the year: Kevin Walls (U of L).

Names honor roll

Being something of a connoisseur of names, three unusual ones and a catchy nickname came my way last week.

• In football the University of Washington has a talented freshman running back named David Toy.

• In soccer Western Kentucky University has two athletes with tongue-twister types—Jorge Mitsotakis and Felix Edeh.

• Nickname for the week: Western soccer player Buckwheat Dougherty.

They said it

University of California football coach Joe Kapp wants spring football practice abolished, so the players could study or look at the flowers, or whatever other students do in the spring.

Iowa coach George Raveling commenting on those who wonder aloud about NCAA champion Georgetown being all black:

"This day and age," Raveling said, "there ought to be more talk about Brigham Young being all white.

Comment: This good racial comment deserves another right George.

• Iowa football coach Hayden Fry has been pressing for an indoor practice facility for his team. Last spring Fry told a reporter he would resign if construction was not underway. "There's a good chance it will be built," he said. "But if it isn't there's a very good chance I won't be here."

Comment: Wonder what Cliff Hagan's reaction would be if Fry's name were replaced by Jerry Claiborne's and instead of an indoor practice facility, the words "close the ends of Commonwealth Stadium" were substituted.

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Last home game for eight

The football Bluejackets, still looking for a win after eight straight setbacks, will play their final home game of the season Friday night against district foe Raceland.

It will mark the final appearance for eight seniors — Rocky Young, Kevin Wells, Jeff Curtsinger, Darren Robinson, David Allison, Dewayne Baker, Steve Kirby and Brian Watkins.

The year has already ended for Robinson, who suffered a broken foot in the loss to Boyle County two weeks ago. Also through for the season is junior Scott Ramey, who underwent knee surgery early last week.

Junior Phillip Coldiron, who missed the last two games after being injured in the Paris game Sept. 21, is expected to be ready to play against Raceland.

LAST THURSDAY night in Versailles, Woodford County's superior numbers proved too much for the Jackets, who fell 32-14.

In what coach Ben Pumphrey described as their best outing to date, the Jackets completed their first six passes, but two rushers — Rocky Young and Pat Pope — who gained over 100 yards, had a total offensive output of 400 yards (to Woodford's 417) and led in the scoring 8-7 midway through the second quarter on Pat Pope's 21 yard run and a two-point conversion on a pass from Young to Brian Watkins.

The Jackets' other score came on a 27-yard strike from Young to Watkins in the fourth period. The extra point kick was no good.

Butch Burden led the Yellow Jackets, scoring four of his team's five touchdowns.

"No excuses are needed," Pumphrey said. Our boys performed up to their capabilities. I don't mind losing when we play well, and we played well the last two ballgames."

Pumphrey predicts that Raceland will be up for the Jackets, after dropping a 15-33 decision on their home field last year.

Offensive stats: Young, 17 carries, 113 yards, 12 passes, 7 complete, 150 yards; Pat Pope, 15 carries, 111 yards; Ron Blakeman, 8 carries, 26 yards; Watkins, 4 receptions, 64 yards, 1 TD, 1 EP; Gary Dotson, 3 receptions, 86 yards; Allen Hardin, 3 punts, 139 yards.

Defensive tackles: Kevin Wells, 12 tackles, 1 fumble covered; Steve Kirby, 12; Steve Ledford, 11; David Allison, 10; Young, 9; Dewayne Baker, 6; Jody Duncan, 5; Dotson and Anderson, 3; Licha Farah, 2; Watkins, 2 tackles, 1 fumble covered; Curtsinger, Pope, Smith and Curran, 1 tackle.

	NCHS	Woodford
1st downs	18	19
Rushing yards	256	365
Passes	12-7	4-1
Passing yards	150	32
Penalties	3	20
Punts	4	2

WAYLON JENNINGS AT MSU OCT. 18

Morehead State University's 1984 Homecoming activities will offer a special treat for country music fans. The legendary Waylon Jennings will appear in an 8 p.m. concert on Thursday, Oct. 18, at MSU's Academic-Athletic Center.

Sideline strategy

NCHS Coach Ben Pumphrey sends in a play from the sidelines through messenger guard David Willoughby. The Bluejackets entertain Raceland here Friday night. Kickoff is 8 p.m.

MMI Homecoming set October 12,13

Millersburg Military Institute, the last military school in Kentucky, will hold its 82nd Homecoming on October 12 and 13.

The following activities will be conducted on campus:

Oct. 12, 8-10-11 p.m., Homecoming dance in dining hall.

Oct. 13, 9-10 a.m., registration of parents, guests, alumni in the Administration Building. 9-10:30 a.m., parents/teacher conferences in teachers' classroom.

10:30-11:30 a.m., parade and queen/princess coronation (front campus).

11:30-12:30 p.m., lunch for the alumni and their families.

12:30-1:30 p.m., lunch for cadets, friends and guests. 1:30 p.m., soccer game on Rees Field, followed by alumni meeting in the library.

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Foxhunt officials

Officers and judges for the Central Kentucky Foxhunters Association bench show and trials at Clay Wildlife Oct. 3-6 were, front row, l-r, Bill Donovan, secretary; Roger McCarty, president; Leonard Sosby and Jack Ritchie, judges; back, Ewell Clinkenbeard, master of hounds; George Estill, Sam Clinkenbeard and Howard Tilson, judges. Not shown, Ann Tilson.

CKFA Foxhunt winners listed

Mitchell's Hotrod, owned by Jay Mitchell of Carlisle was the combination derby winner at the 51st annual Central Kentucky Foxhunters Association meet Oct. 3 - 6 at Clay Wildlife Management Area.

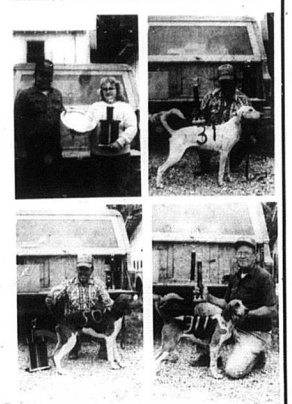
Combination all-age winner was Mitchell's Slim, owned by Jim and Janet Mitchell of Carlisle.

Other winners in the field trails of 80 hounds were: 1, Derby - "Mitchell's Rosie" owner Jay Mitchell; 2, "Mitchell's Lady" owner Jay Mitchell; 3, "Bird" owner Junior Martin, Mt. Sterling; 4, "Mitchell's Hotrod" owner Jay Mitchell; 5, "Sally" owner Crawford Kiser, Mt. Olivet; 6, "Mitchell's Andy" owner Jay Mitchell; 7, "Funters Annie" owner Perry Foster, Carlisle; 8, "Homer" owner Bill Williams, Prestonsburg; 9, "Coxey" owner Wayne Wilcoxson, Ewing; 10, "Bill" owner Junior Martin, Mt. Sterling.

All Age Class winners were: 1, "Herb's Connie"; owner Herb McClanahan of Carlisle; 2, "Mitchell's Daisy" owned by Jay Mitchell, Carlisle; 3, "Herb's Tiny", owned by Herb McClanahan; 4, "Jean Mac III" owned by Roger McCarty, Carlisle; 5, "Slim", owned by Jim and Janet Mitchell; 6, "Joe", owned by Leslie Mitchell of Ewing; 7, "Magnum", owned by Leslie Mitchell; 8, "Herb's Candy", owned by Herb McClanahan; 9, "Dixie", owned by Bill Williams of Prestonsburg; 10, "James 13 HalfBack", owned by Jim and Janet Mitchell.

Bench Show winners of Oct. 3 were: Best Derby Male - Majors Image, owned by R.C. Dudding of South Point, Ohio; Best Derby Female - Joyce, owned by Jesse Smith of Carlisle; Best All Age Male - Joy Stick, owned by Stanley Petter of Lexington; Best All Age Female - Gypsy Marie, owned by Jim and Janet Mitchell, Carlisle; Best Hound in Show - Major's Image, owned by R.C. Dudding and Best Opposite Sex in Show - Gypsy Marie.

Ewell Clinkenbeard of Carlisle was master of hounds. Bench show judge was John Paul Burchett of Pikeville. Field judges included Sam Reynolds, Roger McCarty, Sam Clinkenbeard, Leonard Sosby, Jack Ritchie, George Estill, Howard Tilson and Ann Tilson.



Hounds win hardware

Among trophy winning hounds and their owners at CKFA meet last week at Clay Wildlife are, clock-wise, top left, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Mitchell, winners of the Fowler Memorial silver tray; Jay Mitchell with Mitchell's Rosie (31); Herb McClanahan and Herb's Connie (311) and Jay Mitchell with Mitchell's Hotrod (50).

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Saltwell. . . . . by Mrs. Fred Hollar

A very large crowd attended the funeral of Mrs. Hazel Gaunce at Mathers-Gaunce Chapel on Tuesday afternoon. Conducted by Rev. Roy C. Hunt, assisted by Rev. Randy Coleman and Rev. Greg Wingo. Burial in the Carlisle Cemetery.

Mrs. Gladys Kenney spent from Monday till Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Myers, Bryan Station Road. On Tuesday, they, along with a group from their church motored to Natural Bridge and dined at the lodge there.

Harold Mattox, Lexington, visited Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hollar, Layne and Gary Hollar on Monday.

Rev. Jimmie Rose, Williamstown and his mother Mrs. Viola Rose of Olive Hill spent the past week at the Saltwell parsonage while assisting Rev. Randy Coleman in the Rose Hill Revival, which closed on Friday night.

George Walker and the "Mellotones" from Dayton, OH will present a song fest at the Christian Baptist Church in Carlisle on Saturday night at 7 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. J. David Tufts, Curtis and John David Jr., Wayland, spent the weekend at their camp here.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Osgood of Alabama, students at Asbury Seminary, Wilmore spent the weekend with Rev. and Mrs. Randy Coleman.

Miss Hallye Griffin, Carlisle, spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Snapp. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Julian Snapp, Cincinnati spent Saturday and Sunday with them. Other guests were Curtis Pinkston and family of Frankfort and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hollar.

Tracy Hollar spent Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stone and Denise, Carlisle.

There was a very large crowd which attended the singing at the Rose Hill Baptist Church last night featuring the Gloryland quartet.

Harold Mattox, Lexington was dinner guest on Thursday of Mrs. Mildred Green and Jimmie of Carlisle. He also visited Mr. and Mrs. Vaughan Mattox and Phillip Mattox and Layne Hollar.

Don't forget the Headquarters Revival which will begin Sunday night Oct 14 and run through Oct. 21. Rev. Robert Anderson will be evangelist and services each night at 7:30 and special singing each evening.

There was around 35 relatives gathered at the Old Depot in Carlisle on Saturday celebrating the reunion of the Ace Ritchie descendants.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Hollar entertained a group of friends and neighbors at their home on Friday night with a cookout.

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

Jamie Kenney spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Nichols and son.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cain rsd Mrs. Gladys Kenney spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hollar.

Mrs. Bobby Brady visited Donnie Peck at Nicholas County Hosptial on Monday. She also visited her sister, Mrs. Margie Fryman and sister Mrs. Brenda Nolan and children; Mrs. Freda Saunders and children all of Cynthiana and Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Doyle and Jon the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Blakeman and Dana, Lexington spent Sunday with Martha and Daley Kennedy.

Mrs. Linda Murphy and children B.J. and Annie, David Doyle and Dorothy Hedrick, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Doyle and Tyler, Mr. and Mrs. John Wade, Mr. and Mrs. David Doyle and others visited Mr. and Mrs. Orville Doyle on Sunday and through the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Norvell Webber, Cynthiana visited Mr. and Mrs. John Howard and family on Sunday.

Rev. Bruce Sheffield and Mrs. Verena Earlywine were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Hazel Snapp.

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