Super boosters

On behalf of the team, Phillip Coldiron, Bluejacker football team member, presented a plaque to Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Ramey during the football banquet Nov. 26. They were recognized for their contribution to the team. Mr. Ramey video taped all the games this year, and Mrs. Ramey was in charge of refreshments after the games. — Mercury photo

Senior gridders

During the football banquet Nov. 26, Senior football players were awarded and rewarded for their participation in and contribution to the team during their high school years. Front, from left: Johnny Sibert, manager; Scott Ramey, Jody Duncan. Top, Garry Dotson, Keith Howard and Phillip Coldiron. — Mercury photo

Coaches applauded

In the top photo, Rob Barr, Nicholas County Football coach, was presented a plaque Nov. 26 at the football banquet by Scott Ramey. The presentation was made on behalf of the team in a show of appreciation. Also in appreciation (in bottom photo), Junior High coach Greg Letcher is presented a plaque from team member Les Hardin. — Mercury photo

Wine making series premieres Dec. 15

The vast array of domestic wines and fun-filled lessons in enjoying them, whether it be for cooking or tasting, will be part of the series, "Wine, What Pleasure" when it premieres Sunday, Dec. 15 at 4:30 p.m. on KET.

More than 30 different California wineries are visited during the 10-part series which features in-depth discussions with several California wine makers and personalities.

Microcomputers profiled

Picture a computer in your home or office as the nucleus of an electronic constellation consisting of a video cassette recorder, television set, video camera, stereo system and keyboard synthesizer.

A look at the future? No, the present, according to a segment in the next edition of "Educational Computing." The half-hour show airs Friday, Dec. 6 at 9:30 a.m. and Sunday, Dec. 8 at noon on KET.

Lady Jackets young, inexperienced

Coach Barbara Kenney isn't stunned, with a lot of experience on this season's Lady Jacket basketball team, but, in Carla Hall, a senior center, Kenney feels she has one of the most enjoyable players she has coached in her eight year career.

"She's a leader, a coach on the floor, straight A student, class president and was chosen Snow Queen in last week's Christmas parade. What more can I say," Kenney said just prior to the Jackets' opening game Monday night against Harrodsburg.

Hall, at 5-8, isn't one of the area's tallest centers but has exceptional physical ability, her coach pointed out.

The rest of the starting five are young and all but 4-11½ freshman point guard Tonya Moore have had limited playing time.

A 5-6 sophomore Sandy Warner is expected to pair with Moore at the other guard post. Warner saw much playing forward. Freshman Michelle Gray, at 5-3 is expected to see a good bit of action.

AT ONE forward Kenney has been impressed with the rebounding strength of newcomer Christel Bussell, a 5-7½ sophomore. She feels Bussell will be able to contribute offensively once she has game experience.

At the other forward position, two girls are expected to share playing time. The most experienced of the two is 5-7 junior Pam Kirby. Eighth grader Erin Mathes, at 5-7, is showing promise despite her youth and inexperience.

Rounding out the 13-member squad are Roxanna Reed, 5-3 junior; Rebecca Stewart, 5-6 freshman, and eighth graders Tonya Gray, 5-6½; Lucinda Prather, 5-3, Sarah Booth, 5-1 and Melanie Robinson, 5-4.

Kenney feels all the youthful enthusiasm surrounding this team will translate into more competitive play as the days and years ahead.

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In Monday night's 60-31 loss to Harrodsburg, Tonya Moore scored 14 points to lead the Lady Jackets' scoring. Hall tossed in 8, followed by Bussell with four, Warner two and Mathes one.

The Jackets fell behind 16-3 at the end of the first quarter and trailed 35-13 at halftime before tightening the game in the final two periods. They were outscored by only 26-18 in the second half of play.

1985-86 NICHOLAS COUNTY GIRLS BASKETBALL ROSTER

	No.	Ht.	Yr.
Carla Hall	31	5'8"	12
Roxanne Reed	23	5'3"	11
Pam Kirby	10	5'7"	11
Sandy Warner	50	5'5"	10
Christel Bussell	22	5'7½"	10
Tonya Moore	13	4'11½"	9
Michelle Gray	11	5'3"	9
Rebecca Stewart	44	5'5"	9
Erin Mathes	35	5'7"	8
Tonya Gray	30	5'5½"	8
Lucinda Prather	12	5'3"	8
Sarah Booth	34	5'1"	8
Melanie Robinson	41	5'4"	8

Coach: Barbara Kenney

1985-86 GIRLS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Dec. 3	Harrodsburg	H	6:30
Dec. 5	Woodford Co.	A	7:30
Dec. 9	Henry Clay	H	7:30
Dec. 12	Frankfort	A	7:00
Dec. 16	Richmond-Mad.	H	7:30
Dec. 19	Menifee	A	7:30
Jan. 6	Anderson Co.	H	6:30
Jan. 9	Paris	A	7:30
Jan. 16	Jessamine Co.	A	7:30
Jan. 20	Bourbon Co.	H	7:30
Jan. 27	Deming	A	7:30
Jan. 29	CKC Tournament		
Feb. 3	Harrison Co.	A	7:30
Feb. 6	Fleming Co.	H	7:30
Feb. 10	Menifee Co.	H	7:30
Feb. 17	Fleming Co.	A	7:30
Feb. 20	Bourbon Co.	A	7:30
Feb. 24	Richmond-Mad.	A	7:30
Feb. 27	Deming	H	7:30

Bob Watkins
Sports In Kentucky

People and things

The Eddie Sutton Era is well underway at Kentucky and while the competition has been lightweight so far the team has played very well, particularly on defense.

Some observations:

1. The Wildcats appear extraordinarily relaxed and crisp with few if any pondering glances from the starters toward the bench to see if a sub was on the way.

2. Kenny Walker has not exhibited yet any frustration with the double and triple team attention he is getting. In fact, the All-American is using his All-American temperament to good effect and does not seem to mind being a decoy in the offense occasionally. A good sign.

Comment. Remarks made by Illinois coach Frank Arnold summed up well enough.

"The kid is like a greyhound. I bet there isn't 5 percent body fat on the guy. He's strong, fast, rebounds, shoots and works so well without the ball. When he doesn't have the ball he is working, working and working so that when he catches the ball in the point he is in prime position to score. You know that he is going to have a great shot because he has worked so hard for it."

3. Winston Bennett is playing very well, not only taking medium range jump shots, but swishing them.

4. While it may change when the stakes become higher, say, against Indiana, Coach Sutton has remained under control at the bench instead of raving, pacing and "working" the officials. A nice change.

5. Sutton teaches during a game too. On a number of occasions when substitutions were made he spoke quietly with the outgoing player upon his arrival at the bench, presumably, pointing out ways to improve play.

6. While many fans believe that UK's success this season rests on Walker's shoulders, I suggest that is not the case. Two other things have to happen as well. The guards must score from the perimeter naturally, but perhaps more vital, UK must get help from Cedric Jenkins and Rob Lock.

Jenkins shows promise. The gangly 6-9, 206-pound sophomore is a raw talent at this point. But he is quick, jumps well and runs the floor well. He looks to be quite capable of becoming a good rebounder and playing solid defense, when the experience comes.

UK recruiting

Kentucky landed Rex Chapman and Reggie Hanson, but Wildcat recruiters struck out after that in the early signing period last month. Terry Mills, 6-10 chose Michigan; 6-11 James Marilyn from Aiken, S.C. signed with Georgia Tech; 6-6 Ricky Jones of Pendleton, S.C. picked Clemson; 6-8 Larry Hembert chose with UAB; 6-9 John Fedor of Port Orange, Fla picked Florida State.

Waiting till spring are 6-3 Kevin Pritchard who may be leaning to UNLV; 6-6 Derrick Miller who could have grade troubles; 6-7 Myron Lewise of Louisville Western and 6-5 Nick Sanford of Cawood.

Kentucky's rookies

About his 3-guard lineup UK Coach Eddie Sutton said last week: "We won't be able to start that club against a larger team."

True enough.

So, UK must get production at center and 6-9 rookie Cedric Jenkins looks to be the best bet. And the gangly sophomore can get some valuable experience on the Hawaiian trip.

"The player off the bench who impressed me the most was Jenkins," Sutton said after the Northwestern State game. He played very well I thought."

Jenkins did and he has the tools to be a major factor for UK — long arms, spo knees and intelligence to get good rebounding position. He won't be much of a scorer, but that should not be a major problem if Winston Bennett is effective from medium range. And, if Richard Madison — who appears to have eaten a few extra Big Macs since last season — shoots well from the perimeter again this winter.

But Jenkins is the key.

For UK fans with good memories, history tells us that Wildcat teams have frequently had rookies step forward and become pleasant surprises in years gone by.

A few instances to stir a few memories:

- In 1956-57 UK had a rookie named Johnny Cox. Up from the freshmen team, he led the team in scoring, 17.4 points per game. UK finished the season 23-6.
- In 1958-59 Billy Ray Lickert was a rookie forward who moved into the starting lineup immediately. He averaged 13.5 ppg. during a 23-3 season.
- In 1964-65 there were two rookies — Louie Dampier averaged 17 points. Pat Riley in. But UK finished 15-10.
- In 1965-66 Rupp's Runts went to the NCAA finals. The key to the team was a 6-5 rookie center, Thad Jaracz who averaged 13.2 ppg. UK was ranked No. 1 and finished 27-2.
- In Dec. 66 three rookies led UK to a 22-5 record. Mike Casey averaged 20.1 points. Dan Issel 16.4 and Mike Pratt 14.1.
- In 1972-73 there were three rookie starters — Kevin Grevey, 18.7 ppg., Jimmy Dan Connor 11.2, and Mike Flynn, 8.1. UK finished 20-6.
- In 197-76 Kyle Macy was the rookie. He averaged 12.5 points and

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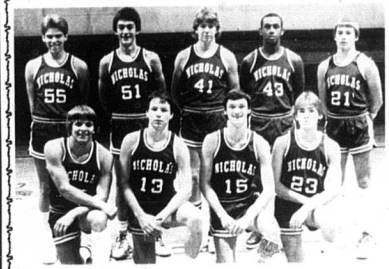

Varsity squad

The 1985-86 varsity basketball team members are, front row, from left, Chris Hollar, Todd Day, Dale Brown, Ray Phillips. Back row, Gannon Bryant, Kelly Brookshire, Greg Fryman, Steve Ledford, Gary Dotson. Not pictured are Phillip Coldiron and Chris Anderson. — Mercury photo

Junior Varsity squad

Those comprising the Junior Varsity team are, front row, from left, John Wagoner, Scot Allison, Andy Anderson, Ray Phillips. Back row, Chris Hollar, Gannon Bryant, Danny Wells, Shawn Tussey, Kevin Hughes. Absent is Bryon Brierly. — Mercury photo

Coaches: Mike Kenney, head coach; Greg Letcher, assistant.

Freshmen team

Freshman team members are, front row, from left, Rodney Hedges, Chad Mitchell, Bobby Dawson, William Workman. Cecil White, manager. Back row, Andy Anderson, Chris Brumagen, Danny Wells, John Wagoner, Mike Saunders. — Mercury photo

NCHS Lady Jackets

Front, l-r, Michelle Gray, Melanie Robinson, Sajah Booth, Tonya Moore, Roxanne Reed, Lucinda Prather. Back, Tonya Gray, Erin Mathes, Pam Kirby, Christel Bussell, Carla Hall, Sandy Warner. Absent Rebecca Stewart. — Mercury photo

Head Coach: Barbara Kenney

Varsity cheerleaders

Front row, l-r, Angie Buckner, Amy Mc Farland, Kelly Howard, Russanna Arnold. 2nd row, Alison Knapke, Tamila Anderson, Cami Clark. 3rd row, Shelley Hamilton, Jill Irvin, Melissa Ritchie, Tracy Hollar, Aniessia Hunt. — Mercury photo

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