



Bob Watkins
Sports in Kentucky

Kentucky's expansion guard Patrick Blackmon did himself a favor: Blackmon did himself and the basketball team last week. Blackmon gave up a letter and came to realize that he has time and opportunity as UK to prove that he can be a good player before he is on a big time college basketball team.

But frankly I am among those who wonder if Blackmon's style play and demeanor will ever lead to "outstanding status" or maybe even compatibility with UK's Hall's system. He's got some controlling to do. Blackmon's situation is typical of so many young basketball stars who arrived from high school with blue "chip and "can't miss" labels. It is difficult to walk the playing line and put behind them the role style so familiar to high school basketball.

But Blackton, Ed Deventer and other young players who have doubts about where they fit in, simply have to listen and learn, have patience and gunning enough to learn from those who have gone before and made mistakes. The list of defectors from UK's program under its previous coaches includes: Tom Anderson, Chuck Alkansas, Dwight Anderson, Clarence "Cliff" Tull, Mike and Mike Ballenger.

At least two of those — Anderson and Alkansas — admitted later that leaving UK was a mistake.

UK's Derrick Ford

Bert Neill's recently published book *The Winning Freedom — A History of Kentucky Football* has half former UK player Dwight Ford take pretty hard at the Louisville and Lexington media. And frankly his views are disappointing, not only in character for Ford, but reflective of many established sports programs — blame your troubles on the media because the facts lie in it.

"The Louisville papers like to hang on Chuck Hall," Ford tells Neill. "But the Lexington papers hang on everybody. Frankie Press, that's what I call them. They build me up to break you down."

Ford added, "Not all the reporters though, just a couple."

Favorite things

■ Working. I were in Jerry Calhoun's shoes. The UK athletes heard me last Friday and gave Calhoun a new five year contract, with an increase in money. In excess of the 22 percent raise of being back you and I was accustomed to.

■ Wondering... if every time Billy

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All-state split end at MCHS has been recommended for a scholarship at Bowling Green University, Bowling Green, Ky.

"Oh, yes, a tip," Tom added. "Look out for next year's Montgomery County 'redshift' team — the treatment were undisciplined. Main men on the team were Laine

Harlow (5-10, 180) and Chris Maher (5-8, 160)."

Tom did not give their names as mentioned that his father had played football at Mt. Sterling and basketball here and at Kentucky Wesleyan.

Comment: Thank you for writing, Tom, and happy new year.

Horse sense

First-ever school to train farm employees opening January 6 at UK

The lack of qualified employees to help run the ever-growing horse industry has recently become a problem, a new school has been set up to remedy the situation.

The first Horse Farm Employees School will start Jan. 7 at the University of Kentucky and will continue until March 4. The course was initiated at the request of some horse farm owners, according to Dr. D.D. Houdecker, Extension horse specialist in the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture.

"The (horse) farm managers requested it," he said. "They were having a hard time finding kids with a good horse background."

Houdecker said the school will give students a good foundation in the basics

of working on a horse farm. Lectures will run the ever-growing horse industry has recently become a problem, a new school has been set up to remedy the situation.

Topics to be discussed include: "Feeding and Conditioning (Dr. Bob Hays)," "Principles of Effectively Evaluating Conference," and "Management and Treatment of Common Unsoundness (in horses)." Lectures will be given by UK faculty members as well as horse specialists from the Lexington community.

"The (horse) school is open to anybody," Houdecker said. "The people who come and attend with it will benefit from it."

Houdecker said plans are being made to hold the school every year. He added to help the school will have a good reputation which would then help students in finding a job.

No pre-registration is necessary. Registration will be taken at the door at 8 p.m. on Jan. 7. Individuals completing the course will receive continuing education credit and a certificate from UK. For more information call Carol Sander, Jan. 6 at 839 p.m. on KENT.

Future of small farms growers' worry

Continental ending of the tobacco price support program or drastic changes in tobacco production are a major worry of small family farms in a major worry of burley leaders, who are restless over

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Charles Ring, Sheriff
Chuck Smith, Deputy and Imogene Green

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