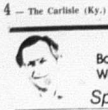

Bob Watkins

Sports in Kentucky

Summer basketball and things College recruiters and rating service experts are as familiar to the campus as the athletes themselves.

Because recruiting can be a delicate business involving a player, his parents, his coach, the NCAA, and rival recruiters, coaches prefer anonymity when discussing athletes at summer camps.

On condition that his name not be used, a coach at a major university in Kentucky who attended the B/C All-Star basketball camp last month in Hensselaer, Ind., volunteered some views on recruiting and the players he had observed.

■ A recruiter will tell you he's here looking for a quick guard who can shoot the J (jump shot), or a big forward who runs the floor well, or a center who can post (up) strong. Things like that. But hell, we all want those kind of players. Coaches will say they're looking for specific things, quick this, strong that. But hey, everybody's looking for the kid who can play the game. A player. Nobody's going to turn down a kid like that even if he's a step slow or whatever.

"Coaches are looking for sleepers," he added. "The kid that might come on and become a player. Everybody already knows about the blue chip types."

■ The coach was impressed with Felton Spencer from Louisville Eastern. Discounting the idea that Spencer looks slow, at times sluggish, the recruiter said, "You can't compare the progress of a big kid with the smaller guys. They mature differently, they progress at an entirely different rate than a smaller kid does. You look at a kid like Spencer and you have to project him as one of the best in the country. He has the body, the instincts. When he matures he could be a great one."

■ "One kid who is going to be heavily recruited before it's all over is Derrick Lienmon (6-2 point guard) from Atlanta-Douglass."

And who are the *Sleeper* prospects on recruiter shopping lists? Following are some names to watch for:

Sleepers..?

Name	School	Ht.
Clifford Allen	Crimon, Calif.	6-11
Terry Rutledge	Centerville Acc	6-6½
Jack Koerner	Quincy, Ill.	6-3
John Michael	Wilson, N.C.	6-3
James Wm	Medway, Mass	6-7
Alan Ogg	Grandchester, Acc	6-6
Jeff Mallory	Ft. Wayne	6-4
Pete Pearson	Rochester, Pa.	6-7½
Chris Muns	San Francisco, Ca.	6-8½
Brian Joerke	PEP, Ky.	6-8
Frank Parsley	Scott Co., Ky.	6-4

Summer camp footnote

Could a fellow make a living running summer basketball camps? You bet.

If all 448 campers at B/C All-Star Camp in Rensselaer paid the standard fee of $240, the gross take for Cronauer and associates would be $107,520. And, remember by summer's end there will have been four B/C camps.

Letters

■ **Claudia Sewell of Cerulean in Trigg County** wants to know about information on arranging an exhibition basketball game featuring former Kentucky Wildcats. "I am interested in this as a way to earn money for Pennyroyal Hospice. We are non-profit and work with the terminally ill. Any information will be appreciated."

Comment: A very worthy cause indeed, Ms. Sewell. The man in charge of UK exhibitions is Jerry Hale; 1201, Richmond Road, Lexington, Ky. 40502.

Hale said last week that exhibitions featuring UK players at Prestonsburg and Frankfort were "somewhat disappointing in the number of people who came out. But we had a lot of former players show up and we had a good time."

Some who took part in the two games were Dan Issel, Kyle Macy, Kevin Grevey, Charlie Hurt and Freddie Cowan.

Too, UK coach Eddie Sutton attended the game in Frankfort. He got a big charge out of meeting a lot of the guys he'd heard about and read about, Hale said.

Hale said that another exhibition is scheduled for Northern Kentucky, Mar. 12, as part of the celebration for the Latonia Spires Stakes. Hale said.

■ **Mr. H.B. Layne of Pikeville** wrote to protest an item from another fan in last week's column who had suggested that Kentucky's Kenny Walker and not Oklahoma's Wayman Tisdale was college basketball's biggest crybaby last season and had an idea of his own to improve the game. In part, Mr. Layne writes: "I have followed basketball since 1938 and played a little and I think what it needs is more good referees. I think the referees are ruining basketball."

Layne adds that unless the officials tighten control on the game, "you're going to see the worst free-for-all ever one of these nights and lots of people are going to get hurt."

And Layne had some advice for SEC referee Charlie Vacca. "If Mr. Vacca was the kind of ref he's supposed to be he would run (Georgetown coach) John Thompson out of the gym. And how does Indiana's coach get by with the things he does on the floor."

Comment: Thank you for writing, for I will not attempt to answer for Bobby Knight.

Sonny Smith

In conversation with the Auburn University basketball coach last week I asked Sonny Smith if he is looking forward to matching wits with Eddie Sutton.

"Not really," Smith said with a chuckle. "But then anybody who coaches at Kentucky is going to be good. And they're going to have a good ball club at Kentucky's next season."

Before Sutton was hired at Kentucky, Smith made inquiries about making himself a candidate for the job.

"I think I've always been popular with the fans at Kentucky," he said. "But I think the incident between Charles Hurt and Charles Barkley (Feb. 12 1983 when Barkley was ejected from the game hurt me with Kentucky fans though. Because I said some things that some people up there didn't like."

Sports television

Neal Pilson, executive vice-president at CBS pontificated recently on significant issues in sports television. An excerpt:

■ On the proliferation of sports on TV: "Point No. 1. Sports ratings are up and down. More people are watching more sports on television than ever before in the history of our medium.

"Point No. 2. They are watching it on different channels. In cable homes be (the viewer) has got 20, 30, 40 channels. He can watch six different football games and he thinks it's terrific. I have travelled around the country enough to have people tell me at airports 'this is great. I can watch three football games at once.' I don't think it's so good, but he loves it.

Parting shot

NBC Television basketball analyst Al McGuire says college presidents view sports as below them. They still think that anyone who took physical education or sports was a building that has a sweat odor is peasant. They think we get up with guys walking around with no necks. But they can't shake and bake too much because the alumni like it.

In championship flight

Jerry Abney of Irvine, center, fired a two-day total of 134 to win top honors in the Cornico Invitational June 29-30 at Cornico Country Club. Others in the championship flight included, from left: David Ballard of Irvine, 148, runner up; Andy Dudley of Carlisle, 143; Abney; Bobby Bretz of Carlisle, 144; and Tim Dudley, Carlisle, 150. Over 80 golfers competed in the second annual event.

Softball tourney in Flemingsburg

Men's Class A, NFA state church softball tournament will be held July 19, 20, 21 at the Flemingsburg-Fleming County Recreation Park located on Taylor Mill Road.

Entry fee is $90 per team, plus a $20 sanction fee.

To register call Jeff Donovan at 849-4645 during the day or 387-5071 at night.

Debbie Fryman 61st in 10K run

Debbie Fryman of Lexington, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Byron Fryman of Nicholas County, finished 61st among female runners in the Bluegrass 10K, held July 4 in Lexington.

Kelley, Hopkins tops in 5K run

Over 100 marathoners — many clad in brand new blue and white running shirts — broke from the starting line on a cool, clear July 4 morning in the first annual Blackberry 5K walk/run.

First across the finish line after completing the 3.1 mile course — from the courthouse, out East Main and beyond the railroad track crossing Moorefield Road were Gayle Kelley in the men's division and Barbara Hopkins, fastest female runner.

Kelley was timed at 17.39 minutes, Hopkins at 21.01.

The overall winners were also co-chairmen of the marathon, sponsored by the Carlisle Community Woman's Club and the Chamber of Commerce.

Trophies, individual medals and T-shirts were compliments of Blue Grass Industries and Blue Grass Knitting.

One-two-three finishers in each of the age categories were as follows:

14 and under — male, Brent Gaunce, Brian Dunn, Given Jennings; female, Nikki Smoot, Kristi Barton, Emily Hamilton.

15-19 — male, Dale Brown, Doug McCord, Vince Wells; female, Carla Hall, Paige Haney, Tracy Pile.

20-29 — male, Tim Banta, Terry Doyle, Bobby Dailey; female, Sharon Gudgell, Mary Beth Knapke, Beth Blair.

30-39 — male, Phil Weaver, Phillip Crewe, Gary Hector; female, Janine Burke, Libby Moss, Diane Herrington.

40-49 — male, Joe Jennings, Bobby Barnett, Charles Canupp; female, Phyllis Cleaver, Ann Kendall.

Wilma Cleaver.

50 and over — male, Fred Burnaw, Phillip Hastings, Garvey Curtsinger; female, Merolyn Sams, June Wilson, Reba Wills.

In other categories, Ruth King, at age 70, was the oldest competitor, while Brandon Rector, almost four years old, was the youngest. Kurt Kelley completed the course in a wheel chair in 24 minutes.

Kenny Thornsburg announced the race from the reviewing stand on Main Street. Don Haney announced the winners.

The following finishers, not including out of town guests who were not eligible for prizes, were recorded: Gayle Kelley 17.39, Dale Brown 19.28, Phil Weaver 19.33, Phillip Crewe 20.22, Fred Burnaw 20.42, Barbara Hopkins 21.01, Doug McCord 22.21, Tim Banta 22.40, Vince Wells 22.50, Gary Hector 22.57, Brent Gaunce 23.01, Terry Doyle 23.07, Bobby Dailey 23.49, Terry Fordham 23.48, Brian Dunn 24.03, Kelley 24.22, James Murrell 24.46, Tim Scott 27.10, Phillip Hastings 27.13, Brian Dunn 27.38, Lonnie Beverly 29.41, Carla Hall 29.50, Nikki Smoot 29.59, Allan Dale 30.19, Garry Reed 30.28, Sharon Gudgell 31.32, Garvey Curtsinger 31.37, Kristi Barton 32.39, Given Jennings 32.58, Kevin Murrell 32.59, Paige Haney 32.59, Greg Curtsinger 33.20, Phil McKee 33.58, Phyllis Cleaver 33.33, Janine Burke 33.58, Kyle Smoot 34.09, Tom Barker 34.09, Jeff Mallory 34.30, Ann Kendall 34.46, Phyllis Hamilton 34.46, Libby Moss 34.46, Diane Herrington 35.06, Mary Beth Knapke 36.10, Chad Mitchell 36.42, Bobby Barnett 36.43, Joe Jennings 36.47, Wesley Kingsolver 37.10, Phyllis Mitchell 37.10, Brian Canupp 37.19, Charlotte Harder 37.29, Wilma Cleaver 37.34, Renee Lawrence 38.42, Kevin Brewer 38.42, Sharon Murrell 39.05, Beth Blair 39.41, Lea Dudley 39.44, Tracy Pile 39.47, Lee Brewer 40.36, Linda Scott 40.42, Shanna Arnold 42.00, Bobbie Barnett 42.00, Jeff Donovan 42.01, June Wilson 42.01, Donna McCord 42.36, Jeff Mallory 42.36, Lee Harder 42.36, Joy Howard 43.47, Cheryl Reed 43.47, Reba Wills 44.36, Linda Lawrence 45.00, Jerry Lawrence 45.04, Charles Canupp 45.28, Catherine Canupp 45.34, Linda King 46.14, Amanda King 46.14, Courtney Harder 46.35, Beth Dunn 46.36, Peggy Settlers 46.43, Mary McCord 46.46, Brandon Rector 47.28, Mary Hill 48.48, Kimberly Burke 48.59, Lillian Letcher 48.47, Wilma McClanahan 48.48, Katie Hopkins 49.18, Brenda Rector 49.50, Brenda Barnett 49.51, Virginia Kingsolver 49.51, Billy Hopkins 49.51, Jeff Hopkins 49.51, Shelly Barker 50.25, Wilma Jolly 50.25, Jessie Rawlings 50.27, Robert Fairfax 51.46, Stephen Hopkins 51.46, Ruth King 52.10, Brianne Skidmore 53.11, Nadine Ritchie 53.38, Susan Ritchie 53.39.

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