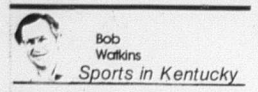

Bob Watkins

Sports in Kentucky

Kentucky update and things ... Word last week that UK basketball coach Eddie Sutton endorses the idea of involving former Wildcats with UK roundball comes as good news and a welcome change.

To my knowledge, through the eras of Adolph Rupp and Joe B. Hall, former UK players have been mostly ignored with few exceptions. The published whereabouts of ex-players and what their careers are, even an occasional acknowledgement at halftime of a home game at Rupp Arena, have been rarities. Too bad, since by ignoring the former celebrities was to not take advantage of a valuable asset for Kentucky basketball.

Example: A few years ago an ex-UK standout, and friend of Joe B. Hall's, tried to interest the UK coach in a high school prospect in Enid, Okla. Each time he attempted to contact Hall by telephone about the youngster, Joe Dean Jr. would intercede saying he would see to it that Hall "got the message."

On that occasion at least, apparently Hall did not "get the message" because Mark Price is now an All-American at Georgia Tech.

Perhaps Sutton is about to change all that.

36th Recreation Bowl

Football. The field is set for the 36th annual Recreation Bowl Saturday, Aug. 24 in Mt. Sterling. Meade County will play Franklin-Simpson in the first game of the twinbill at 6 p.m. EST. At 8:45 defending Class 3-A champion Newport Central Catholic will face Russell.

John Hadjunas—formerly coach at Oldham County High and now assistant principal of Montgomery County High School—came up with some interesting Rec Bowl history.

"In the last 10 years there have been 10 state champions and four runners-up to play in it," Hadjunas reported last month. "Of all the stats, the most impressive are these two: in 1982 the Rec Bowl produced three State champions — Christian County (Class 4-A), Ft. Thomas Highlands (Class 3-A) and Paris (Class A)."

Also, the Class 3A runner-up in 1982 was Franklin-Simpson and Russell (3A) made it to the semi-finals in 1983.

Mr. Football

If there was a counterpart for Kentucky's Mr. Basketball award then Mr. Football for 1985 could be a shoo-in to Al Baker of Trigg County High. The 6-5, 220-pound senior-to-be may well be better than two other heralded running backs before him — ex-UK All-American Sonny Collins (Madisonville) and Mark Higgs (Owensboro).

Only Baker is bigger, faster, and probably a better college prospect than both. Already a proven high school star, he was among the state's leading rushers and pointmakers last season. He followed that performance in the spring with some impressive numbers at last month's State track meet.

Baker won the 100-meter dash in 10.7 seconds and the 200 in 22.39 then placed second in the shot put.

"Baker's amazing," drooled one prep football coach. "I mean a kid who can run the 100 and 200, then step over and throw the shot put too, that's speed and power. I sure wouldn't want to try and tackle Baker."

Baker is an outstanding young man as well. According to Trigg County High director of Athletics Jim Edwards, "Al's not the least bit cocky. In fact, he's a humble young man. And a very fine student."

College coaches have been watching Baker since he was a freshman. And among those who are "ready" to sign him next spring are Ohio State, Tennessee, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisville, Vanderbilt, Missouri and Arkansas.

Kentucky's Mr. Football. Could be Al Baker.

Kentucky all-stars

Thirty-five players have been selected for the Kentucky team in the second game in the Kentucky-Tennessee all-star game July 20 in Nashville. Among them is Dwayne Garmons of Murray High, James Victor and Philip Green of Christian County, Joe Morris of Mayfield, UK-bound tackle Mike Pfeiffer of Louisville Trinity, receiver Dwight Smith of Tilghman and running back Darren Bilberry of Fort Knox.

Poynter retires

Lexington Lafayette High coach Jim Poynter has retired after 17 years as a head coach. His teams at Glasgow High, Clark County, Henry Clay and Lafayette won 128 games, placing Poynter 36th on the all-time *Coaches Win List*.

KHSAA Game Guy Award

The 27th annual Game Guy Award, presented by the Kentucky High School Athletics Association each year, went to swimmer Bill Matz of the Fort Knox High School last month.

"The award is given each year to an athlete who has overcome some physical handicap, sometimes a severe handicap," said Bernie Sahlender, commissioner of the KHSAA last week. "It goes to a young person who has managed to excel in athletics despite such setbacks."

Matz was a high school All-American swimmer in 1984 and had a bright future in swimming as he approached his final year of high school. However, just before Thanksgiving, he complained of a severe headache while warming up for a team practice. Rushed to hospital, Matz's was diagnosed as having suffered a brain hemorrhage. It happened one month before the 1984-85 swim season was to begin. After surgery on Nov. 26 he spent a month in intensive care at Louisville hospital and his swim career looked to be finished.

But, as befits a competitive athlete, Matz refused to surrender. Instead, with only a month's training, he battled back to take two first places in a Region meet and went on to State where he had two third place finishes.

The KHSAA has been presenting the Game Guy Award since 1949 from nominees submitted by high schools in the KHSAA.

Choors 'n Joors

Cheers...to Tom Heinsohn, NBA basketball analyst for CBS Television, who said: "An athlete is nice a beautiful woman, perhaps a movie star, who looks in the mirror one day and sees a wrinkle and realizes she's no longer young. In the case of the athlete, maybe he's lost a step, or even his starting job. Suddenly, his whole awareness of himself changes in one day."

Jeers...to former Boston Celtic general manager Red Auerbach, who—demonstrating his long standing disdain for the New York Knicks organization—said after the Knicks won rights to select Patrick Ewing in the college draft, "That's all right. Knowing them, they'll probably take Wayman Tisdale."

Cheers...to U.S. Open golf champion Fuzzy Zoeller who said after recovering from back surgery, "I consider myself one of the luckiest people in the world. The most satisfying moment of my career was getting out of that hospital bed."

Cheers...to Southeastern Conference presidents who voted Thursday to take away Florida's ill-begotten SEC football title.

Cheers (and jeers)...to SEC commissioner Boyd McWhorter who said after conference presidents voted to take away Florida's football title: "I don't know what message we send around the country. And I don't know what message we'll get back."

Comment: The message: Cheaters must be punished. The message back: Cheers.

Jeers...to University of Florida President Marshall Criser who insinuated that Florida's real crime was getting caught (by the NCAA). Criser noted that SEC presidents would not have voted to revoke the Gators' title except for the Florida sunshine law.

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Students from Nicholas County Schools attending the State Special Olympics at the University of Kentucky May 31 and June 1 included, front, Cecil White; 2nd row, l-r, Beverly Gammon, J.B., Ring Liz Fryman, Vickie Ross, Stevie Zornes, Darren Morris, Robbie Glass, Liza Johnson; 3rd row, Pam Pollard, Scott Zornes, Linda George, George Watkins, Darla Cobb, Goldie Johnson and Victor Watkins. — Submitted

Owingsville team captures softball tourney

The R&L Caudill team from Owingsville won the Men's Slow-Pitch Softball tournament held Memorial Day weekend at the East End Park.

A total of nine teams competed.

Dee Waynes of Salt Lick captured second place. Third place was won by BEB, a team composed of Nicholas County High School seniors.

Joe Rodgers of Dee-Waynes won trophies for most base hits and most home runs (four).

The girls' tournament was cancelled when not enough teams entered. It will be held at a later date, according to Bill McNabb, sponsor of the event.

Jeers it...to Crisler who—noting that championship rings had already been given to Gator football players —said he would not like to be the one to try and take them back from the likes of tackle Lomas Brown (6-6, 270).

Comment: Crisler's comment is demonstration that college presidents throughout the country are intimidated by their departments of athletics.

Jeers...to Florida football coach Galen Hall who said "I've said before, and I'll say it again, the '84 team was, in my opinion, the finest in the nation and they performed superbly on the field, and that's where games and championships are won."

Comment: But the Gators did not play another professional team, the San Francisco 49ers.

Jeers...to the state of college football. It's sad when a survey of student/athletes like a survey one conducted at Ole Miss recently finds that if new NCAA academic requirements, scheduled for 1986, were in place today 82 out of 127 football signees from 1980 to 1984 (67%) would not qualify for scholarships.

And so it goes.

NEXT WEEK: Views on recruiting, UK versus U of L and sundry other things, from some readers from across Kentucky.

If you have a point of view you'd like to share, let me hear from you. Write to Bob Watkins, Route 1, Glenside, Ky. 42742.

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Summer Feeding program for kids opens June 10

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There will be three feeding sites. Sycamore Apartments and Sexton's Trailer Park will serve lunch from 11:30 to 12:30. The Community Action Center (old hospital building) will serve breakfast from 8-9 a.m. and lunch from 12-1 p.m. For more information call the Nicholas County Community Center at 289-7272.

If you feel you or any individual has been discriminated against in the Summer Food Service Program write to Community Action Lexington Fayette, Inc., P.O. Box 11610, Lexington, Ky. 40578, or call 233-4600.

Sears to direct football clinic

A football clinic for quarterbacks and receivers will be held July 1-3, from 9-11 a.m. at Bourbon County High School.

The free clinic is open to all area boys in grades 4-8. It will be conducted by coach Wilson Sears and will stress the fundamentals of passing and receiving.

Rare horses, dogs in Arabian Event

The world's biggest show devoted to the rare Egyptian Arabian horse will take place June 6-8 at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington.

The fifth annual Egyptian Event is expected to attract at least 2,000 persons to view competition in breeding and performance. This year's edition offers a record $160,000 in prize money in 14 classes, said Lee Chotak, executive director of the sponsoring organization, the Pyramid Society in Lexington.

The Middle Eastern theme carries over to a concurrent dog show featuring the Saluki breed. Like the Egyptian Arabian, the Saluki traces its ancestry to ancient Egypt. The American Kennel Club-sponsored show will feature about 400 entries and is expected to draw another 1,000 visitors.

Many public events are covered in the cost of a regular admission ticket to the Horse Park. A one-day ticket, costs $5.95 for adults, $4.95 for children 7-12 years old. Parking is $1 a day.

A $10 special-events button includes all events.

Archery Shoot at Clay Wildlife

The Nicholas County Wildlife Club is sponsoring an Archery Shoot Sunday, June 9 at Clay Wildlife Management Area.

Registration is set for 10 a.m.-12 noon. Contact Eugene Silsert or Ricky Broderick for details, or see ad in this week's Mercury.

Ewing-Fleming County Fair July 8-13

Several major attractions have been added to the 1985 Ewing-Fleming County Fair, running for six days, July 8-13, at the Ewing-Fleming County Fairgrounds.

A championship four-wheel drive truck Mud Sling, Kiddie Tractor Pull and a Demolition Derby have been added to the fair's schedule.

In addition, other new shows include the performance of Kentucky's largest music, light and fog show on Wednesday night, July 10 from 9-12 midnight. FM 94's mobile music machine from WLAP-FM in Lexington will be sponsored by the fair board on Teen Night.

For the first time ever, a sheep show for area sheep producers is set for Wednesday, July 10 at 5:30 p.m.

Other events and shows include beauty contests, baby show, Ivestock shows, talent showcase, Little Miss and Mr. Contest, Miss Pre-Teen Contest, Antique Car Show, three night horse show, Little Toddler Contest, Pet Show, Floral Hall exhibits, Fairbear and Fairbeara, Junior Miss Contest, midway rides, 4-H, FFA and FHA exhibits.

Again this year Green Tree Shows will be on the midway.

For more information about any of the events call Carl Haight at 845-6871 or Charlie Kachler at 267-2171.

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Playschool graduates

The Nicholas County High School Playschool, sponsored by the Gainful Child Care class and the Home Economics department, held graduation exercises on May 30. Among the graduates are, l-r, Andy Clark, Jessica Hillock, Rachel Ecton, Anna Stancil, Adam McKee, Michael Ecton, Dexter Sims, Brad House, Landon Hutchison and Lauren Hester. — Submitted

Saltwell ..... by Mrs. Fred Hollar

Mrs. Gladys Kenney visited Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Gaunce, Etta Frances Gaunce and Hampton Gaunce, Bryan Station Road, and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Myers. She and Mrs. Myers also visited Mrs. Mae Lovely and family at Lovely Nursing Home, North Middletown, on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Hays and Mike Middleton spent Saturday with Mrs. Robert Hays and other relatives in Lewis County Saturday.

Mrs. Andrew Grey was Sunday dinner guest of Julian Gaunce.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cain returned home Monday from a 10-day stay with Mr. and Mrs. Luther Drawdy, Mrs. Katie Moak and other friends in Elgin, SC.

Mrs. Alene Earlywine and Mrs. Edna Wills spent one day the past week with Mrs. Helen Fryman at Ellisville.

Mrs. Fred Hollar and Gladys Kenney visited Miss Frances Barlow on Tuesday afternoon.

The Headquarters Church paid some lovely tributes to Rev. and Mrs. Bruce Sheffield on Sunday with a lovely meal and beautiful painting of the "Hands of Christ." The church basement was beautiful and a large number enjoyed the meal and fellowship.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Gaunce, Lexington, spent Sunday with Mrs. Naomi Gaunce and also visited with Julian Gaunce.

Mrs. Stanley W. Caswell spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. H.A. Gaunce.

Ragena Mattox, Cynthiana, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Chester Mattox.

Shelly Hamilton spent Wednesday night with Tracy Hollar.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hollar and Shelly Hamilton enjoyed cake and ice cream with Mr. and Mrs. Gary Hollar, Chris and Tracy on Wednesday night, the occasion being Tracy and Debbie's birthdays.

A very large crowd attended Memorial services at Saltwell Cemetery on Sunday afternoon and enjoyed a touching message and reading by Rev. and Mrs. Randy Coleman.

Bob Kenney, Covington, visited Mrs. Gladys Kenney on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Gantley of Marietta, GA spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Louis Fryman. Other Sunday guests enjoying a cookout and homemade ice cream were Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Fryman, Winchester, and Jimmie and Tim Fryman of Bourbon County.

Rev. and Mrs. Bruce Sheffield and John, Mrs. Bobby Brady and E.V. Delaney were Sunday supper guests of Mrs. Hazel Snapp.

Mrs. Phyllis Brady, Mrs. Bobbi Reynolds and Wilford Doyle attended the lovely wedding of Felicia Adams and Vincent Grimes in Georgetown on Saturday.

Martha and Daley Kennedy were in Lexington Sunday, dined with Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Kennedy and attended the baccalaureate service at Bryan Station High School where Penni Blakeman is a senior.

Rev. Bruce Sheffield and family will leave this week for his new appointment in southern Alabama. Rev and Mrs. Harold Caserta Jr. will take over his pastorate for Moorefield and Headquarters churches this week. Rev. Robert Anderson has been appointed to Mt. Pleasant Church and Rev. Lowell Lightner to Bartertville, Oakland and Mt. Taber churches; Donald Riggs to Bethel and Mt. Pleasant in Bath County.

Mrs. Mary Stubbs, Harrison County, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Jobie Howard and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Hollar dined at a Cynthiana restaurant on Tuesday night, honoring Debbie's birthday.

George Walker and the Mellotones singers of Dayton, OH spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Gifford of Rose Hill.

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Quilting classes begin June 18 at Maysville CC

Classes in basic and intermediate quilting will be offered at Maysville Community College beginning June 18.

Jeannette Tolle and Juanita Strack will be the instructors for this continuing education offering. The intermediate quilting class will begin July 23 immediately following the basic class.

The care and use of fabric, choosing color, and cutting will be discussed. The use of commercial, original, and traced patterns will be studied. Quilting techniques of lap, hoop, frame, tied, and quiltas you go will be covered. A variety of quilting techniques and quilting projects will be featured.

Each of the quilting classes, basic and intermediate, will meet for five consecutive weeks. Meetings will be held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:30-9.

For further information or to register for the quilting classes, contact the Maysville Community College Continuing Education Office at 606-759-7141, extension 114. Participation will be limited.

Quilt symposium set June 28-29

The Kentucky Heritage Quilt Society (KHQS) will hold its annual quilt symposium June 28-29 during the Appalachian Development Center's celebration week. This meeting, sponsored by the Department of Home Economics of Morehead State University and KHQS will feature quilting workshops which are open to the general public.

Activities will begin Friday, June 28 with all-day workshops, a luncheon with speaker Katy Christopherson on "What judges look for in a prize winning quilt," and dinner with a slide lecture by Federation Antiques of Cincinnati.

The cost for the complete package is $40 for KHQS members, or $45 for non-members. This includes lunch on Friday and Saturday, dinner on Friday night, all lectures and one all-day workshop. Lodging is extra, but is available at reasonable rates in the dorms at Morehead.

For more information, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to KHQS, 208 South Broadway, Georgetown, Ky. 40324 or call 502-863-0039. Final registration is June 15.

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