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Sports in Kentucky

Alpha

Give the NCAA Tournament selection committee high marks for doing rather well handling the hapless job of gerrymandering a 64-team field into a balanced and fair run on the 1985 *Road to Lexington*.

By conference, the Big East and Big 10 landed the most teams in the NCAA, six. The Southeastern and Atlantic Coast had five each.

My Final Four. A tough call, but here's how I see the Final Four matchups in Lexington Mar. 30 — St. John's (East) versus Georgetown (East), Memphis State (Midwest) against Michigan (Southeast).

If you're a University of Kentucky fan, do a quick snicker-up-the-sleeve for Coach Joe B. Hall and his team because never has the old cliche *Go Your Young Man* been more appropriate than for the Wildcats (16-11).

As past NCAA tourneys tell us, the "shortest" road to the Final Four is frequently the long way around, by way of the West Regional. Kentucky has no picnic in a first round match with Coach Marv Harshman's Washington Huskies (20-10), but UK could have done worse.

According to last week's edition of *The Sporting News* UK was ranked 31st in the country, Washington 38th. Looks like a good match and you can see the game this Thursday evening on CBS Television at 11:30 EDT.

Kenny Walker

Kentucky's junior All-American was delighted to learn he had been named SEC player of the year last week and said, considering how hard he had worked this season, he deserved it.

About speculation that he will leave UK for the National Basketball Association, Walker conceded that "the money is awfully tempting, and after the season I'll sit down and think about everything. But I feel like I could play in the NBA."

But the 6-8 junior added that he does not believe he has reached his potential. "I would like to improve my ball handling the way Julius Erving and Larry Bird have."

Comment: Walker is right. Because of his role in Kentucky's offense he has not demonstrated that he can play "face up" in the NBA.

And so, Walker is leaning toward returning to Kentucky next season to get his degree because, he said, it is important to him and it would please his parents.

Recruiting

Kenny Payne, the 6-8, 205-pounder from Laurel, Miss. is being wooed by UK, Louisville and Mississippi State. But a new favorite may scoop them all.

Georgetown has gotten into the recruiting sweepstakes for Payne and may be, according to the player's father, the favorite to get his services.

Incidentally, UK may still be in the recruiting race for 6-10 Danny Ferry of DeMatha High in Maryland. Certainly Ferry, who is said to be considering Maryland, Duke and North Carolina, could "step in" and start at UK.

Next year, UK reportedly will concentrate its primary recruiting efforts for next year on four seniors-to-be. They are Scott Draud, a 6-3 sharpshooter who averaged 30.5 points per game for Fort Thomas Highlands this season; Rex Chapman, a 6-3 prize at Owensboro Apollo; 7-0 Felton Spencer from Louisville Eastern and 6-9 Terry Mills of Michigan.

Recruiting II

When University of Kentucky recruiters hit the trail next year an excellent crop of in-state seniors-to-be will be available. And an effective theme for Leonard Hamilton Inc. might be *Ole State U. needs you*.

In a time when high schoolers are attracted by how quickly he will be a starter and how much television exposure he will get and which school will enhance his NBA chances, Kentucky would do well to use a little Jerry Claiborne philosophy and inject a bit of "patriotism."

Claiborne is said to have told one in-state prospect last year who was considering UK and Tennessee, that he should consider it a duty to play ofr his home state and might be looked upon as a "traitor" if he didn'.

State loyalty?

It might sound corny, but there are some excellent in-state prospects next year. Among them Scott Draud (Ft. Thomas Highlands), Rex Chapman (Owensboro Apollo), and Felton Spencer (Louisville Eastern).

UK's (un)lucky number

Kentucky came up snake eyes one more time in tournament play last week. The number *Seven* has not been good to UK. UK's latest brush with America's lucky number came against Florida. The Wildcats led the Gators 35-26 at halftime, but the Gators prevailed, 58-55.

A year ago this month UK took a 7 point lead into halftime against Georgetown in the Final Four semi-final in Seattle and lost to the Hoyas.

The year before in the NCAA Midwest Regional in Knoxville, Kentucky was 7 up on Louisville at halftime, but the Cardinals won in overtime, 80-68.

A look back in UK roundball annals tells us that in the 1975 NCAA finals in San Diego, UK lost to UCLA by 7, 92-85. And, in the 1966 NCAA championship it was Texas Western by, you guessed it, 7 points, 72-65 at College Park, Md.

All-Americus

Everybody has an All-American team this time of year, here's my first and second be along with an All-Freshmen Five. Forwards: Waymon Tisdale, Oklahoma: Power. Kenny Walker, Kentucky: Mobility. Center Patrick Ewing, Georgetown: Reject.

Guards Chris Mullin, St. John's: Smarts. Mark Price, Georgia Tech: Range. Second Five Forwards Karl Malone, La. Tech: Power. Xavier McDaniel, Wichita State: 'NBA' Center Keith Lee, Memphis State: Finesse. Guards Johnny Dawkins, Duke: Quicks. Pearl Washington, Syracuse: Floor vision.

Freshmen

Forwards Cedric Henderson (Georgia), Danny Manning (Kansas); center - John Williams (LSU); guards - Gary Grant (Michigan) and David Rivers (Notre Dame).

Dale Brown

LSU's coach offered a new revelation this week on blue chip high school cagers. "Some of them are now asking $1,000 just for a visit to your campus."

Brown would not name names.

On another front Brown had an idea to help combat illegal payments to college student-athletes. The LSU coach proposes to pay players a $100-a-month salary.

Certainly the *salary* would legalize 'pocket money' for players, but it is no solution if only because—if a player was getting $100 on the table how long would it be until someone offered $200, or more under it?

Forting shot

Vandy's Byron "Wrecking" Ball is one of the few freshmen in the college game with a fan club.

Prospective members must memorize 11 pertinent facts about their hero, chip in $1 cents (his uniform number) to the club treasury, and learn the club motto: "Byron Ball is the greatest basketball player from California on the Vandy team."

The club mascot is a goldfish who lives in a Paul Masson wine bottle.

If you have a question or observation you would like to share, write to Bob Watkins, Rt. 1, Glendale, Ky. 42740.

Junior Gary Dotson leads cage stats

Junior Gary Dotson led the Blazejackets in seven offensive categories, including most points scored, during the just completed basketball season at Nicholas County High School.

Dotson collected 343 points, an average of 16.3 during the abbreviated season and one appearance in 57th District tournament play.

He also made 126 of 287 field goal attempts and 91 of 127 free throws for a 71.7 average from the foul line, all team highs.

Seniors Doug McCord and Darren Robinson each excelled in three departments. McCord recorded 51 steals and 80 assists, to go along with 81 turnovers.

Robinson, from his center position, hauled down 121 rebounds, a 6.4 per game mean. His 66 of 145 field goal shooting translated to a team high 46.9 percent.

OTHER FIGURES compiled by coach Mike Kenney showed Greg McNabb with 77 assists (second best) and 33 steals, just 10 fewer than Dotson's 43 and McCord's 51.

Overall scoring: Dotson 343, McCord 294, Robinson 172, Phillip Coldiron 134, McNabb 70, Steve Ledford 46, Chris Anderson 36, Todd Hedges 17, Jeff Sauns 12, Tip Frytman 10, and Bobby Wooley five.

Both McCord, at 8.7 ppg average and Robinson, at 8.1 just missed averaging in double figures.

Rebounding wise, McCord was three shy of Robinson's mark of 121. Dotson had 110, Coldiron 88 and McNabb 56. Ledford, academically ineligible for the first two months of the season, hauled down 36 rebounds.

THE JACKETS finished with a 6-15 record, averaging 56.4 points per game. Opponents averaged 62.6 in 21 outings. NCHS shot a respectable 36.5 from the free throw line but only 37.4 from the field, compared to opponents 46.3. All told the boys in blue were outscored 1,330 to 1,184.

Turnovers took their toll with the Jackets committing 16.8 per game as compared to 15.1 assists. In the way of steals NCHS had 212 thefts for an impressive 10.1 average.

BASEBALL practice is currently underway at the high school. A report from coach Billy K. Anderson will be featured in a coming issue.

Scouts take a hike

Members of Boy Scout Troop 50 completed a nine-mile hike from the Barefoot section of Nicholas County through Barterville to the Forest Retreat Farm on U.S. 68 to satisfy a requirement for a hiking merit badge. The boys were accompanied by Scoutmaster Wilbert Winkle Jr. and Assistant Scoutmaster Bill Guthrie. From left, Winkle, Joshua and Matthew Guthrie and Brent Gaunce. — Guthrie photo

Attains Life Scout rank

Boy Scout Troop 50 committeeman David Zachary congratulates Joshua Guthrie for attaining his Life Scout rank at the March 5 Court of Honor. — Guthrie photo

Scouts hold Court of Honor

Members of Boy Scout Troop 50 who had advanced in rank or received awards were recognized at a Court of Honor held on Tuesday, March 5.

Recognized and presented awards by committeeman David Zachary were: Brent Gaunce, hiking skill award, physical fitness skill award, first aid merit badge and second class rank; Eslie Asbury, hiking skill award, first aid merit badge and second class rank; Antonio Matonak, space exploration merit badge; Matthew Guthrie, music merit badge, communications merit badge and personal management merit badge; Joshua Guthrie, citizenship in the nation merit badge, citizenship in the world merit badge, computer merit badge, space exploration merit badge and life rank.

Joshua's next rank will be Eagle, the highest rank in scouting. Troop 50 is sponsored by the First Baptist Church. Wilbert Winkle Jr. is scoutmaster.

Hunter safety course Mar. 14-16

The Department of Fish and Wildife Resources' Division of Conservation Education is sponsoring hunter education classes across the state. Classes are free and open to anyone 10 years old or older. Completion of the 10-hour course (which includes both classroom work and actual firing range experience) gains participants a hunter safety certificate valid wherever such certification is required.

Locally, meetings are set at Harrison County R.E.C.C. building annex in Cynthiana on March 14 and 15, 6:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. and March 16, Range Work, 9 a.m. until completion.

Sharpsburg softball meeting Sunday

There will be a special meeting for all men and women who plan to play on Sharpsburg softball teams during the 1985 season.

Rule changes will be discussed and any umpires who wish to get registered should attend.

The meeting will be held at the Sharpsburg Fire Station Sunday, March 17 at 7 p.m., according to Charlie Martin.

Awaits his cut

Greg McNabb takes his turn in the batter's box in preseason baseball workouts at the high school field. — Guthrie photo

A big hit!

Steve Anderson had only one hit in his first 15 times at bat but it was a big one for the Georgetown College Tigers.

The former NCHS star, now a freshman on the Tigers' baseball team, cracked a home run in the season-opening doubleheader split against Morehead State University, March 2.

Through games of last Thursday, the Tigers were 3-2. The team leaves March 18 for eight games in Hawaii.

New bass rules at Cave Run

New regulations regarding the minimum size limit of bass taken from Cave Run Lake are now in effect.

The minimum size limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass is now 15 inches, but there's no size limit on Kentucky (spotted) bass. The daily creel limit if 10, with 20 in possession, of largemouth, smallmouth and Kentucky bass combined.

The regulations are part of a new management plan designed to improve bass fishing at Cave Run Lake.

For purposes of identification, any black bass with a rough patch of teeth on its tongue is a Kentucky bass. Just remember, "the tongue tells." If the bass you catch has a tongue that's uniformly smooth, it must be at least 15 inches long before it can be kept.

This regulation applies from the dam at Cave Run Lake to the first riffle of the headwaters.

Attention Federal Land Bank Members

Due to a printing error, invitations to the annual Stockholders Meetings of the Federal Land Bank Association of Northeast Kentucky contained an incorrect date. The meetings will be held in 2 sessions. The correct dates for the meetings are:

Thursday, March 21, 1985 at 6:30 P.M.
Ramada Inn, Moody Drive off U.S. 68, Maysville, Ky.
and
Friday, March 29, 1985 at 6:30 P.M.
Holiday Inn, Morehead, Ky.

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