Bob Watkins

Sports In Kentucky

Joe B. Hall's legacy.

For the second time in 50 years the torch that lights the way for the University of Kentucky's basketball program has been passed along. And it can be safely said here that Joe B. Hall leaves it on (at least) the same lofty level where he found it, near the top of college basketball.

In Hall's 13 years as UK coach he was saddled with Adolph Rupp's ghost and was bedeviled by critics from border to border. But he remained steadfast and sustained the high traditions that UK fans have taken for granted. The man from Kentucky's heartland knew if some of his detractors did not, that a level of excellence established during the Rupp years could be carried on, maybe even improved upon.

And, in many very important ways Hall's regime eclipsed the grand record set forth by Dee Baron in his 42 seasons at UK. In numbers Hall's 13 teams won 297 games — three out of every four times they played. The Wildcats won eight Southeastern Conference titles, an NCAA championship, was NCAA runner-up twice and went to the Final Four four times. And UK was an NIT crown too.

But more than all the numbers and victories Hall saw to it that the school's basketball covenant was kept unblemished in a time when bending of rules and cheating are apparently rampant. And Hall accomplished it with integrity, dignity and adherence to principals. The school, and the state's pride in it, was in good hands.

Joe B. Hall...we owe him much.

And, in the end, Hall made a final honorable gesture. For his mentor, Adolph Rupp, Hall wore a brown sports jacket to his final game against St. John's last Friday.

Now, in more than half a century — 55 years—Kentucky has had two basketball coaches. Incredibly, the Wildcats have been to the NCAA Tournament 30 times and own five championships.

Who can carry on? That is to be decided of course, but Hall, in his own indestructable way, has greased the skids, eased the way.

I don't recall the coach who said it, but somehow the cleverism uttered 13 winters ago is rendered inoperable today. "I wouldn't want to follow a legend (Rupp)," he said. "But I wouldn't mind succeeding the fellow who followed one."

Hall did what no other coach could have done at Kentucky, succeeded Adolph Rupp. And he did it very well.

We thank him for it.

Hall's successor?

UK president Otis Singletary said last week that a search committee will be formed and, soon after the Final Four, begin looking for a replacement for Joe B. Hall. Predictably, the names of potential candidates have already started to surface.

Nothing wrong with some "barbershop' guessing games. Perhaps held together by a little proverbial balling wire, what follows is a stirring of acutiebutt and educated guess work for UK fans to consider.

Prime criteria? First, expedience and success as a head coach. Second, ties to the state, perferrably UK.

■ First, let us dispense with those who have reportedly taken their hats our of UK's ring. C.M. Newton of Vanderbilt has said he is not interested, same from Dan Issel who will retire from the Denver Nuggets this season and return to Lexington to enter private business.

■ Leonard Hamilton, Lake Kelly and Jim Hatfield likely will be given an opportunity to say 'no thanks.'

■ Arkansas coach Eddie Sutton has said he is interested. Earlier this month Sutton made himself a candidate for the Auburn job saying he had accomplished about all he could at Arkansas and was interested in "building a program" elsewhere.

Comment: Kentucky is not in a building phase. And Sutton has no Kentucky ties, which I believe, could be paramount in who gets the job. Too, I wonder if Sutton could fit comfortably into the UK scene.

■ Lee Rose at South Florida has taken two teams (UNC-Charlotte and Purdue) to the Final Four. He has strong Kentucky ties, having coached at Transylvania, and his wife is a native of Elizabethtown.

Comment: However Rose is a mover. He did not develope the UNCC team, but took it over. Same thing at Purdue. When the talent ran thin at the two schools (Cedric Maxwell and Joe Barry Carroll went to the NBA), Rose moved on.

■ Dicky Parsons, unless he withdraws his name, will be a prime candidate.

According to a former teammate at UK and close friend, Larry Pursiful, "Nobody could match Dicky's integrity and knowledge of the game. He's played at UK,coached there, and he's been a part of the program from every angle.

"Nobody knows the game better than Dicky does either,And he's an organizer. He's already proved that he was one of the best assistant coaches in the college game."

And Parsons is close to Singletary.

But, is he tough enough to succeed Hall?

"That's a thought I have too," Pursiful said. "Dicky's been out of it for a while now, gotten away from the pressure. I just wonder if he'd want to take all that on again. I'm not sure he has the personality to handle the things that come with the job. I wonder if he's tough enough, I really do."

Others...

■ Hugh Durham, University of Georgia, is a native of Louisville.

Comment: Might not be tough enough to succeed Hall either. An outside shot at best.

■ Boyd Grant, coach at Fresno State, has established himself as a consistent winning coach. But he lacks the charisma to handle the UK job. An outside shot at best.

■ Pat Riley, coach of the Los Angeles Lakers, was a member of Rupp's Runts. Before one writes Riley's name off as outrageous remember that Howard Schnellenberger going to Louisville as football coach was far fetched too.

Comment: The key to Riley, perhaps getting him interested would be linked to how willing UK boosters would be to "back up the money truck."

Certainly other candidates for the UK job will surface in the weeks ahead. But from here the front runners look to be Parsons and Riley.

Stay tuned.

Tidbits

● What next for Joe B. Hall? Try on this possibility — UK director of athletics Cliff Hagan is *promoted* to vice-president and Hall is installed as AD. Hall and Parsons...together again.

● What next for UK assistant coaches Leonard Hamilton, Lake Kelly and Jim Hatfield? Kelly and Hatfield will move on to head coaching posts. Wouldn't it be nice if Hamilton stayed on in charge of recruiting and the new UK coach hired on Wayne Chapman (assistant at Kentucky Wesleyan) as an assistant.

Postnote: Also, it would be quite a coup for UK basketball if Wayne took his son Rex along as well. The 6-4 junior is the best big guard prospect seen in Kentucky since Jimmy Dan Connor was Mr. Basketball in 1970.

Parting shot

A sign outside the equipment room of the USFL's Denver Gold reads: "This room is guarded by shotguns two nights a week. You guess which two nights."

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Fleming County foe

Bat Jackets open season here Monday

Nicholas County Bluejackets will open their baseball season here next Monday against Fleming County. Game time is 4:30 p.m.

Four of the Bat Jackets first five games are on the home field next week, with only one game, Wednesday against Paris, on the road.

Veteran coach Bill Anderson, who begins his 17th season as head mentor, will field a veteran team that compiled a 15-6 record last season. Only three starters — Steve Anderson, Eric McGuffey and Billy Sorby — were lost to graduation.

THIRTEEN PLAYERS on the 30-man roster were members of the 1984 squad.

Returning are seven first liners, including pitcher and shortstop Carl Whitson, pitcher and utility infielder Greg McNabb, rightfielder Doug McCord, first baseman Darren Robinson, catcher Kevin Wells, third baseman Bobby Woosley and second baseman Chris Anderson.

Either Whitson or McNabb will be on the mound opening day. Five others — Todd Hedges, Kenny Payne, Tip Fryman, Todd Day and Chris Anderson — comprise the seven-man pitching staff Anderson expects to rotate.

CHALLENGING for spots in left and center field are Steve Anderson, Ron Allison, Pat Pope, Hedges and Fryman.

Completing the roster are sophomores David McCarty, Darren Ring, Rusty Scott, Dudley Holland and Jeff Sams, and freshman Scott Allison.

Other games here next week are with Bowan County on Tuesday, Harrison County on Thursday and Bourbon County on Friday.

The Jackets compiled a 15-6 record last season that saw a number of games cancelled by rain or wet grounds.

Anderson, while cautiously optimistic about the chances of this year's team, expects the competition to be more formidable. In his 16 years of coaching his teams have experienced only two losing seasons.

1985 NICHOLAS COUNTY BASEBALL SCHEDULE

April	1	Fleming Co.	Home 4:30
	2	Bowan Co.	Home 4:30
	3	Paris	Away 4:30
	4	Harrison Co.	Home 4:30
	5	Bourbon Co.	Home 4:30
	6	Bracken Co. (DH)	Away 12:30
	8	Mason Co.	Home 4:30
	10	Bourbon Co.	Away 5:30
	11	Montgomery Co. (DH)	Home 12:00
	12	Powell Co. (DH)	Home 12:00
	15	Bath Co.	Away 4:30
	16	Harrison Co.	Away 4:30
	17	Menifee Co. (DH)	Away 12:00
	18	Mason Co.	Away 4:30
	19	Bowan Co. (DH)	Away 12:30
	24	Montgomery Co.	Home 4:30
	25	M.M.U.	Home 4:30
	26	Estill Co. (DH)	Away 3:30
	29	Powell Co. (DH)	Away 1:00
	30	Bath Co.	Home 4:30
May	2	Fleming Co.	Away 4:30
	7	Bracken Co.	Home 4:45
	9	Pendleton Co.	Home 4:30

Coach: Bill Anderson

Free counseling services for farmers

Farm management and financial counseling services will be available to Nicholas County farmers under a contract signed recently by the Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) and Scott Wetzel, FmHA County Supervisor E. Dean Tandy, said.

"The services are free to any farmer who wants them," Tandy said. "This is part of the President's farm credit initiatives designed to help farmers who are undergoing severe financial difficulty."

Farmers may seek counseling in preparing financial statements, farm operating plans and a variety of other subjects relating to their farming operations.

Eye Openers

By Dr. Robert F. Pretzsch, Optometrist

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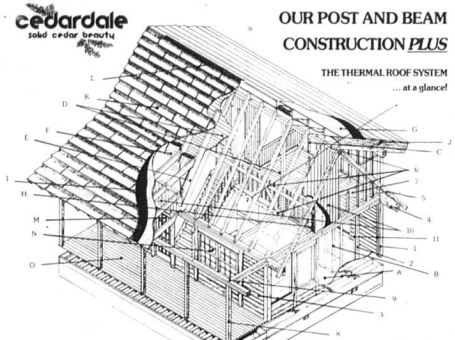

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At Cub Scout Olympics

Cub Scouts of Pack 50 in Carlisle, John Willoughby, Brian Dunn, Randy Zornes, Jason Poe, Brian Canupp, Emmett Smith, Anthony Crump and Mark Hamon, standing in the rear of the picture, participated in the Midland Trail Cub Scout Olympics in Mt. Sterling Saturday, March 23. Ninety-four scouts and 58 adults were registered. Cub Scouts demonstrated their physical skills in a variety of activities. — Photo submitted

80 donate blood at March drive

A total of 80 people donated blood on Monday, March 18, at the United Methodist Church in Carlisle. The drive was sponsored by Central Kentucky Blood Center and the Carlisle blood committee.

Contributing to the success of the drive were homemakers, church groups and the Woman's Club.

The following donated blood at the March drive, according to the CKBC:

Eugene Kelley, Mary Guy, Gerald Adams, Vicki Sparks, Roy Hamm, Judy Vaughn, Virginia Villaflor, David Stancil, Deborah Hughes, Mary Tapp, Kavanna Fite, James Lowe, Jennifer Taulbee, Gary Stone, Roger Livingood, Melissa Darland, Connie Sams, Angela Garrett, Bascom Sorrell Jr., James Curtis, Michael Phillips, James Sidles, Kenneth Isbrusel, Michael Mann, Roger Robinson, William Sosby, Bobby Barnett, Ronnie Letcher, Willmer Halcomb, Thomas Ockerman, Raymond Rose;

Also, Harold Letton, Eugene Letcher, Jack Randolph, Charles House, Edward Booth, Oliver Capps, Charles Canupp, Betty Hunt, Kevin Zachary, Roy Gaunce, Michael Bussell, Sandra Cull, Allen Sparks, Shirley Trussell, Marion Tincher, Betsy Vice, Mike Kenney, Tracy Tolliver, Calvin Wills, Gladys Scott, David Darrell, Teresa Sanders, Robert Hester, Joseph Conley, Mildred Jolly, Bill Guthrie, Eugene Snapp, James Coy, Larry Brewer, Billy Allison, Jackie Howard;

Also, Nancy Judge, Robert Hughes, James Pergram, Karen Bussell, Reese Smoot, Phyllis Mitchell, James Galbraith, William Brothers, Joyce Wallace, Helen Barton, Sharon Jones, Lee Bentz, Allen Campbell, Allen Dale, Bobby Bocz, Edwin Sanders, Betty Howard, Sharlee Gipson, Hilda Curtis, Dennis McDonald, Teddy Dotson, John Ecton, Michael Taylor, Donald Smith, Ambrose Dudley, William Clark, David Zachary, Ethyl Edwards, Leatha Howard, Fred Burnaw and Charles Pope Jr.

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Price trend	Steady
Breaking utility	39.75-46.00
Boning utility	38.00-44.00
Canner and cutter	30.00-38.00
SLAUGHTER BULLS	
Price trend	1.00-2.00 higher
Yield grade 1-2	48.25-56.50
VEALERS	
Price trend	Untested
FEEDER STEERS	
Price trend	Steady to 2.00 higher
300-400 lbs.	69.00-77.00
400-500 lbs.	67.00-73.00
500-600 lbs.	65.00-76.00
600-700 lbs.	60.00-68.25
700-800 lbs.	58.00-62.00
800-900 lbs.	55.50-59.00
HEIFERS	
Price trend	Steady to 3.00 higher
300-400 lbs.	58.00-64.00
400-500 lbs.	58.00-64.00
500-600 lbs.	53.25-56.50
600-700 lbs.	52.50-56.00
COWS W/CALVES	385.00-550.00
STOCK BULLS	575.00-680.00
BABY CALVES	19.00-135.00
SLAUGHTER HOGS	
Receipts	494
BARROWS, GILTS	
Price trend	50 lower
U.S. 1-2, 215-235 lbs.	43.60
SOWS	
Price trend	.75-3.50 lower
U.S. 1-3, 375-540 lbs.	37.00-43.50
BOARS	
Over 300 lbs.	32.00-32.50

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Boars	33-33
Shoats	6-39
CATTLE RECEIPTS	1063
Steers	61-76
Heifers	56-69
Baby Beeves	62-76
Slaughter Cows	28-44
Slaughter Bulls	36-48.25
Cows by head	185-490
Cow and Calf by head	360-670
Stock Bulls	250-570
Stockers	60-255
CALVES RECEIPTS	148
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