Bob Watkins
Sports In Kentucky

All the right moves and things. Kentucky Coach Eddie Sutton made them of course, but Kenny Walker had a few things to add last week.

"Coach Sutton did an outstanding job," Walker said. "But this club went out and got the things done coach told us to do. He couldn't do it for us. We had to execute and we have. The club deserves the credit. This is a special ball team."

Fellow senior Roger Harden added this to that: "There are a lot of heroes on this ball club and the chemistry has been really good and we just mesh together well," he said. "I think we can win the national championship. And I'm really convinced now than ever because we have risen to every occasion, except for the Kansas game. We're an intelligent basketball team and we've been more enthusiastic about playing the D and it's made the difference."

At its current level of play Kentucky is easily one of the premier college teams in America heading north' at the right time of the season.

Dale Brown on Sky Walker

Near the end of last Saturday's game LSU Coach Dale Brown got up and walked down to the Kentucky bench and whispered in the ear of the fellow Kentuckians call "Sky".

Brown moved away, returned to his place and Walker sat weeping.

"I have a real empathy for a player like Kenny," he explained. "Because he plays so hard every minute. He's the John Havlicek of the college game. Every elementary school kid (who plays basketball) should do it exactly the way Kenny does. There's not been a player ever who hustles like he does."

Brown on Eddie Sutton

"They're not doing it with mirrors," Brown said. "They've got seven McDonalds All-Americans and Eddie has handled the pressure very well coming from one coaching situation to another."

Sutton ought to be SEC coach of the year then, right?

"That's all glamor, the coach of the year business," Brown said. "Personally, I think Lee Hunt (Ole Miss) did as good a job as anybody. But Sutton doesn't need any more gold medals or trophies."

Before Saturday's game speculation was buzzing that the SEC coaches had already voted Alabama's Wimp Sanderson conference coach of the year.

UK in the NCAA...how far?

"How far can Kentucky go?" Dale Brown said, repeating the question. "How can you tell! Use a crystal ball, or a Ouija board, whatever. I think their chances depend on the draw (NCAA seedings this Sunday)."

Sky Walker remembrances

Having become one of UK's most popular players ever, and destined to be the schol's second all-time leading scorer before the tournament trail ends, Walker was asked how he would like to be remembered.

"I don't care about being remembered as a player who scored a lot of points or one who got a lot of rebounds, but I would like to be remembered as a guy who gave 110 percent."

Harden's future?

"I expect to go someplace in one of the NBA's nine rounds (draft), and I'll go for a tryout. But I don't see a career for me in professional basketball.

"I plan to come back here and finish my degree and I'll be a graduate assistant here (for Sutton) next year."

Scuttlebutt 'n things

• Robert Lock improved with every appearance in February. And UK's sophomore center won't be waiting till the summer months to work out with Dan Issel either.

Season ends on winning note

Jackets drop DHS 71-65

The Nicholas County Bluejackets made the last game of the regular season a winning one here Friday, defeating Deming 71-65.

The Jackets started a little slow in the first quarter but came back to lead the Devils 16-11. They pulled away in the second quarter to go into the locker room with a 34-27 lead at intermission.

The Jackets were ready to play in the third quarter taking a 10-point lead of 55-45. The Devils, however, began to come back in the last period, cutting the Jackets lead to six.

Leading scorer for the home team was Gary Dotson with 29, followed by Todd Day with 22, Phillip Coldiron and Kelly Brookshire each with nine and Gannon Bryant two.

Dotson and Day each had five assists. Coldiron took rebounding honors with nine. Brookshire had eight.

Both teams had 37 rebounds.

The Devils' leading scorer was Russel Gaunce with 18, followed by Gayle Conley with 16, Matt Graves with 12 and Tony Sweeney with 11.

The linescores:

DEMING 65 — Gaunce 18, Conley 16, Graves 12, Sweeney 11, Jett 4, Mitchell 4.

NICHOLAS (71) — Dotson 29, Day 22, Coldiron 9, Brookshire 9, Bryant 2.

"I've talked to Dan and he's anxious to help," Eddie Sutton told this reporter last week. "We think he can help Rob better this season's over."

How?

"Teaching him head and shoulder fakes. Rob needs to learn to show his opponent the ball and then make a move on him."

In his book *Parting Shots* Issel referred to his patented head fake as "my eighth grade move that nobody ever caught on to." If he is able to impart to Lock how and when to use it as effectively as Issel did, then Kentucky's big sophomore could become an instant success.

• Nothing official mind you, or even unofficial for that matter, but Kentucky just might have a shot at adding another big man to its roster for the 1987-88 season.

Grady Mateen, a 6-11 sophomore at Georgetown quit the Hoyas last week. Mateen, a native of Akron, Oh. was high on UK's recruiting list when he was a senior at Central Hower High School.

Just a hunch.

• Some influential people around Tennessee's basketball camp want to put Coach Don DeVoe on the road out of Knoxville. Those factors combined with an endorsement from Coach Bob Knight for the Ohio State job, could hasten DeVoe's departure for Columbus.

• One thing missing from UK's Senior Days ceremony. It says here there should have been some acknowledgement of former Coach Joe B. Hall who signed Walker, Harden and Byrd.

Sutton pitches 'n catchos

It isn't quite baseball season yet. But Eddie Sutton was doing a little public relations work last week and here are some highlights.

CATCHES. The UK coach would like to catch a baseball game at Memorial Coliseum, the original House That Rupp Built.

"It's a wonderful place. In fact, the Coliseum is a better place to play a college basketball game," he said. "Rupp Arena is great, but people in the upper balcony are so far away they don't get the feel of smelling those jockey straps.

"I think college coaches feel that when you get more than 12,000 people at a college game you start to lose something from the game."

Sutton said he has no influence in the decision-making process, but if he did. "Personally, I think it would be great to play one game in the Coliseum. There are so many wonderful people out there who never

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So long, seniors

Senior members of the Nicholas County varsity basketball teams are, front, l-r, Gary Dotson, Carla Hall and Phillip Coldiron. Back, Steve Ledford, a junior who has completed his high school eligibility, Dale Brown and Greg Fryman. All but Carla saw their last regular season action as a Bluejacket against Deming on Friday night. The Lady Jackets closed out their regular season against Deming on Thursday night. — Guthrie photo

Lady Jackets fall despite Hall's 32

Harrison County's Phillies defeated the Nicholas County Lady Jackets 82-38 Monday, March 3 in the opening round of the girls 37th District tournament held at Harrison County's gym.

The Phillies were paced by all-state and UK-bound Mary Custard with 42 points. The winners pulled out to an early lead and kept increasing the score throughout.

Nicholas County's fine senior Carla Hall bowed out with probably her finest performance. She hit 16 of 30 field goal attempts and added two free throws for 32 points.

Hall also collected 17 rebounds. She scored all but six of the 38 points scored by the Lady Jackets and assisted in the other scores.

Hall finished the season averaging 20 points per game and led the team in rebounding.

Sandy Warner and Christel Bussell added three points each to round out the Lady Jacket scoring.

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 CPR Training, NCES, 8:00-5:00
3 Girls District Tournament NCHS vs Harrison at Harrison Co., 8 p.m.	**4** Boys District Tournament, March 4-8 NCHS vs MMI at Bourbon County, 7:30 p.m.	**5** NCE-RSA Spelling Bee, 1:30 NCE Intern Meeting, 3:30 School-Community Relations Meeting, 7:30, board office Accreditation Meeting, high school principal's office, 10:00 Bluegrass Middle School Academic Meet (Belmont), home, 5:00 FCA Huddle Group Meeting with Paris, MMI, Nicholas County at Paris High, 7:00	**6** Boys Tournament Winner of NCHS/MMI game vs Harrison Co. at Bourbon Co. gym, 7:30 House Pages, grade 8	**7** Girls Tournament Finals Harrison Co. gym, 7:30 Last day for Science Fair entries	**8** FHA Meeting, 9:30 Regional Cheerleader competition, Mt. Sterling, 10:00
10 NCJH Basketball Banquet, 6:00 Regular meeting Nicholas Co. Board of Ed., 8:00 NCH weight lifting and conditioning begins, NCH Weight Room, 3:45	**11** District Faculty Meeting, NCH Library, 7:45 NCH FHA Officer Interviews, 3:30 NCE/PTA, 7:00	**12** Faculty Meeting, NCE Science Room, 3:30 (Short Intervention Program) Grade 7 Water Safety, 9:00 Grade 8 Water Safety, 10:00	**13** House Pages, Grade 7	**14**	**15**
17 NCE 1st Grade, program on Ireland District VIII Chorus, MSU, 9-5	**18** SDE Accreditation Team Visitation, 9:00 District PTA Conference, Mill Creek Elementary, Lexington	**19** Boys State Tournament, March 19-21, Lexington Drug Awareness (Linda Soper), NCES 1st Grade Chapter FHA Meeting, NCH Library	**20** NCES Book Fair March 20-27	**21** NCHS ends third grading period	**22** MSU Open House, 9:00
24 Child Identification Project, NCES, March 24-28 Louisville Science Symposium March 23-25 Academic League, NCHS-Maysville, away	**25**	**26** NCES Book and Science Fair Bluegrass Middle School Academic Meet, Mt. Sterling, 5:00 NCHS Arts Day, MSU, 9:00-3:00 Intern Meeting, NCES, 3:30	**27** NCHS Report Cards issued NCES Science Fair Awards	**28**	**29**

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Save those juice can lids

These Nicholas County Elementary School students will travel to Cynthiana in April to take part in regional track and field events of the Kentucky Special Olympics. Front, l-r, Chris Jolly, Katrina Jones, Cathy Jackson, Vickie Ross, Liz Fryman, David Caswell and Jerrard McVey-Middle, William Ross, Beverly Gammon, Melissa Hallon, Angie Jackson, Darrin Morris, Steve Zornes and Lisa Johnson. Back, J.B. Ring, Clifford Ross, Victor Watkins, Scott Zornes, Robbie Glass and Goldy Johnson. Citrus Hill, a division of Procter and Gamble, will redeem every top from the 16 ounce Select Orange Juice can for 25 cents to be donated to the KSO. Eighty percent of the money collected in each community is returned to that community to reduce the cost of school participation in KSO. Collection sites here are C&G Foodtown, Carlisle IGA, Blue Grass Knitting, Nicholas County Public Library and NCES. — Guthrie photo

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get to see the 'Cats play. I would say no 'season tickets' for this game. We'll have a lottery and let people all over the state have a chance. I think they'd love it."

Comment. It is idealistic of course, but the notion of making tickets available to all Kentuckians for one game is wonderful. Why not a state lottery with a drawing for tickets, with profits going to public education?

PITCHING. The Kentucky coach's brand of PR on behalf of his favorite college basketball player is enough to make Lee Iacocca blush.

"If Kenny Walker doesn't get college basketball player of the year it'll be the biggest injustice ever in college sports," Sutton bristled. "He was more valuable to Kentucky last year than Patrick Ewing was to Georgetown. But last year people said 'well, Kentucky didn't win.' But Kenny's made us a winner this season. He's just a complete player."

How's that for a promotion, Lee baby?

NEXT PITCH. The man with star dust in his pockets was just warming up. Sutton pitched plenty of evidence to support his hype for Sky Walker.

"Kenny's become an outstanding defensive player this year. And in our last two games the guy's had no turnovers. None. Think about that, not a single turnover in two games."

And here's a new pitch.

"Kenny has made the greatest sacrifice a player can make. He takes the charge. He leads our team in taking the charge. Now where else does a super star take a charge? Every time he does it he might be jeopardizing being hurt and not playing in the NBA."

Kenny's a complete team player.

SEASON'S BIGGEST SURPRISES. Sutton was asked for a bit of a review of his first season in Kentucky. What surprises?

"Three things," he said, then named four. "The crowd that showed up at Freedom Hall in Louisville on a cold and dreary day just to see us practice.

"Second, the tremendous response from people in the state who love Kentucky basketball.

"Third, my mail has been just tremendous (50 to 75 letters a day versus 25 at Arkansas). And I intend to answer every piece of it."

Fourth, "the lack of enthusiasm at times in Rupp Arena. That's not negative, but it's just that our students are so far from the floor it's hard for them to create a lot of enthusiasm at times."

Newton's gaff

Last weekend Vanderbilt Coach C.M. Newton surprised fans around the south when, after a 1-point loss to Alabama, he said the Crimson Tide was the best team in the SEC.

How did Kentucky's Eddie Sutton fell about Newton's analysis?

"What C.M. was saying if I read it correctly, was that Alasumra has the best talent, not that they're better than Kentucky. At least that's how I read it."

Hmmm. Sutton understands the strategy of being charitable this time of year. But methinks that Newton's gaff is pinned to the bullet-in board in UK's lockerroom.

The UK coach was candid about one thing however. "Hey, we're not that over powering a ball club. Look at our scores, we haven't blown anybody away. There's not a team on our schedule or in the tournament ahead that couldn't beat us."

But, like all rabid UK fans. Sutton likes the chemistry of our ball club.

Parting shots

Calvin Natt of the Denver Nuggets explaining why he dives after loose balls even at practice: "That's the way I play. I just wish there had been some mud down on the floor, with some rocks mixed in, so I could have come up all bloody and muddy and bruised. I sleep better with cuts and bruises."

And so it goes.

A good Day

Todd Day, shown here in win over Sayre, poured in 22 points as Nicholas County ended the regular season with a 71-65 win over visiting Deming Friday night. Gary Dotson led all scorers with 29. — Guthrie photo

Instrumental Day at UK March 7

The University of Kentucky School of Music will hold an Instrumental Day March 7 — a career day for high school juniors and seniors interested in music careers.

Sessions on such careers as teaching, conducting, serving as music librarians, church music and the music business and military will be explained. Participants also will hear the UK Symphonic Band and UK Jazz Ensemble I.

Registration is at 9 a.m. in UK's Center for the Arts.

Busy two days for troopers in Nicholas

State Trooper Dave Mann investigated a single vehicle, non-injury accident which occurred approximately 5:30 p.m. Feb. 27, 3.5 miles east of Millersburg in Nicholas County.

Jerry W. Long, 36, of Paris, was driving a 1983 Chevrolet.

Trooper Roger Fuller has charged Ira Howard, 28, of Carlisle, with assault in the fourth degree. The arrest occurred at approximately 11:45 p.m. Feb. 27, three miles west of Carlisle on Pleasant Springs Road.

According to Fuller, Howard is accused of the Feb. 27 assault on Marvin Doyle of Carlisle. The altercation was over personal property. Howard was turned over to a transportation officer to be taken to jail.

In another arrest, Trooper Fuller has charged Silas R. Smith, 45, of Carlisle with driving under the influence. The arrest occurred approximately 12:20 a.m. Feb. 28, three miles west of Carlisle on U.S. 68. Smith was placed in the custody of a transportation officer to be jailed.

Drug and Alcohol Awareness Week

"Prevention: A Positive Approach" is the theme of the National PTA's Drug and Alcohol Awareness Week proclaimed for March 2-8 by Gov. Martha Layne Collins.

Gov. Collins said, "We want to make parents, educators and other citizens aware that positive steps can be taken in preventing the use of drugs and alcohol among youth."

According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, nearly two-thirds (62 percent) of high school seniors experience an illicit drug before finishing high school.

The report also said that one in 20 drinks alcohol daily and 29 percent participate in heavy or "party" drinking, consuming five or more drinks in a row.

School menus

March 10 through 14
HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, meat loaf, sliced tomatoes, green beans, cookie. Tuesday, barbecue on bun, buttered corn, tossed salad, iced fruit bar. Wednesday, chicken pattie on bun, onion rings, sliced tomatoes, cherry pie. Thursday, chili and crackers, relish tray, cheese slice, apple. Friday, tuna salad sandwich, potato chips, peas, fruit.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

BREAKFAST — Monday, long johns, juice, milk. Tuesday, toast and jelly, juice, milk. Wednesday, sausage and biscuits, juice, milk. Thursday, muffins, juice, milk. Friday, cereal, raisins, milk.

LUNCH — Monday, cheeseburger, french fries, carrot and celery sticks, cookie. Tuesday, tacos, buttered peas, brownie. Wednesday, chili, pimento cheese sandwich, pickle, orange half. Thursday, hot dog, baked beans, lettuce wedge and dressing, ice cream. Friday, fish on bun, macaroni and cheese, green beans, cake with cherry sauce.

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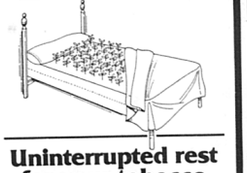

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