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freshman Derrick Thomas (6-2, 228). Boutsinger missed all of 1987 because of knee surgery, but came back and had a good spring session. He is the strongest player on the Wildcat team, bench pressing 440 pounds. Thomas showed lots of promise in the spring and with more experience, promises to be a good one for LB coach Terry Bireck.
Defensive backfield coach Chip Garber must be smiling when thoughts of 1988 roll around. After all, everyone returns to the Wildcat secondary from last fall.
Overall, the top 5 players not be secondary are back. Included in the list are cornerbacks David Johnson (6-6, 190), Ron Mack (5-10, 188) and Chris Tolbert (5-10, 182) and free safeties Ron Robinson (6-1, 189) and Mark Sellers (6-2, 204).
Johnson will handle the number 1 spot at left cornerback. He is one of the premier corners, though underrated, in the Southeastern Conference. Johnson started all 7 games last fall and finished

with 65 tackles, 11 passes broken up, and 1 interception. He will be backed up by freshman Gary Willis (6-0, 172) who redshirted last season.
The other corner features two potential starters in Mack and Tolbert. Mack started all 11 games last fall at right cornerback and had 41 tackles and 2 interceptions. Shoulder surgery kept him out of spring training, but Mack should be at 100 percent when he reports in the fall. Tolbert entered as a true freshman in 1987, recording 22 tackles in 11 contests. He has the chance to be an outstanding cornerback before his career is through at Kentucky.
At free safety, "hit man" Ron Robinson is the center fielder Robinson, a preseason All-SEC selection, played in just 5 games last season because of injuries. He still managed to finish 4th on the squad in tackles with 74 and had 2 interceptions. According to the UK coaching staff, he and LB Randy Holleran are the 2 hardest " hitters" on the 1988 squad. Behind Robinson is veteran Mark

Sellers. Sellers started 4 games and played in 9 before a thigh muscle tear against Vanderbilt sidelined him for the remainder of the season. Before the injury, Sellers was credited with 25 tackles and 2 interceptions. He is also an outstanding special teams player.
KICKING GAME
Field Goals/Punts
Replacing the Kentucky scoring and field goal career record holder will be no small chore, but that is with Clarkborne has to do in 1988. Placekicker Joey Wesley is gone as well as his 246 career points and 97 field goals.
His likely replacement is junior Ken Willis (5-11, 184). Willis, also a right-footed soccer-style kicker, handled all kickoffs during the 1987 season but did not attempt a field goal or PAT. He has the range, as evidenced by several plus-60 yard field goals during the spring. Accuracy is the concern.
Freshman Scott Gillum (5-8, 143) probably and the best shot of several to backup Willis this fall.


Senior Jay Tesar (6-1, 175) and senior Jeff Nelson (5-10, 165) return from 1987. Tesar handled all of the punting last fall, averaging 39.9 yards and 54 punts. His best asset was hang time and placing the football inside the opponent's 20. Tesar helped Kentucky to the 2nd-best net punting average (37.63) in the SEC a year ago, plus punted the football inside the 20 a total of 20 times. However, he missed all of spring drills because of knee surgery to his non-punting left knee. Tesar should be at 100 percent by August.
Nelson also missed the spring because of an academic intership. Although he did not punt once in 1987, he did lead Kentucky a year earlier by averaging 40.2 yards on 41 punts.
Kick Returns
With Dee Smith gone, most of the kick return responsibilities will likely go to John Bolden (6-0, 172) and Phil Logan (6-2, 203). Bolden returned 13 kickoffs in 1987 for 216 yards (16.6 avg.). His

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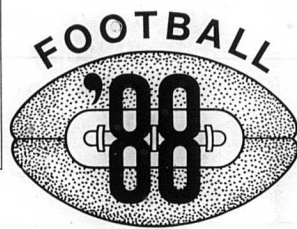
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1988 Nicholas County Junior High Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site/Time	Game
Sept. 6	Harrison Co.	A/5 p.m.	freshmen
Sept. 8	Mason Co.	A/5 p.m.	7th-8th
Sept. 12	Bath Co.	A/5:30 p.m.	freshmen
Sept. 22	Fleming Co.	H/5:30 p.m.	7th-8th
Oct. 10	Bourbon Co.	H/6 p.m.	freshmen
Oct. 13	Mason Co.	H/5:30 p.m.	7th-8th
Oct. 17	Bath Co.	H/5:30	freshmen
Oct. 20	Harrison Co.	A/6 p.m.	7th-8th



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long return was 35 yards in the 34-16 victory over Indiana. He and 4.5 speed in the 40.
Logan will probably double-dip on kickoff and punt returns. In 1987, Logan did return 1 kickoff for 15 yards. He did not return a punt in the spring. Logan did

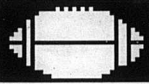
work on his punt return unit and has the same big-play ability that Smith had.
Another possibility for punt returns is corner back Chris Tolbert (5-10, 182). Tolbert did a good job handling punts during the spring, plus being a former high school running back, he knows what to do with the football.

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 3	CENTRAL MICHIGAN	1:30 p.m.
Sept. 10	@ Auburn	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 17	@ Indiana	2:00 p.m.
Sept. 24	KENT STATE (HOMECOMING)	1:30 p.m.
Oct. 1	ALABAMA	1:30 p.m.
Oct. 15	@ Louisiana State	8:00 p.m.
Oct. 22	GEORGIA	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 29	SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 5	VANDERBILT	6:00 p.m.
Nov. 12	FLORIDA	1:30 p.m.
Nov. 19	@ Tennessee	1:30 p.m.

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