KENTUCKY

BASKETBALL

WILDCATS

2017 NCAA POSTSEASON GUIDE

HALL OF FAME COACH
JOHN CALIPARI

- SIX FINAL FOURS, FOUR AT UK
- 2012 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
- NCAA RECORD 38 WINS (2012 & 2015)
- 23 CONSECUTIVE 20-WIN SEASONS
- FIRST NCAA DIVISION I COACH WITH AT LEAST FIVE REGULAR-SEASON CONFERENCE TITLES AT THREE DIFFERENT SCHOOLS
- HEAD COACH OF THE 2017 USA MEN'S U19 WORLD CUP TEAM
- 27 FIRST-ROUND DRAFT PICKS, INCLUDING 21 AT KENTUCKY

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LEADING A PLAYERS-FIRST PROGRAM

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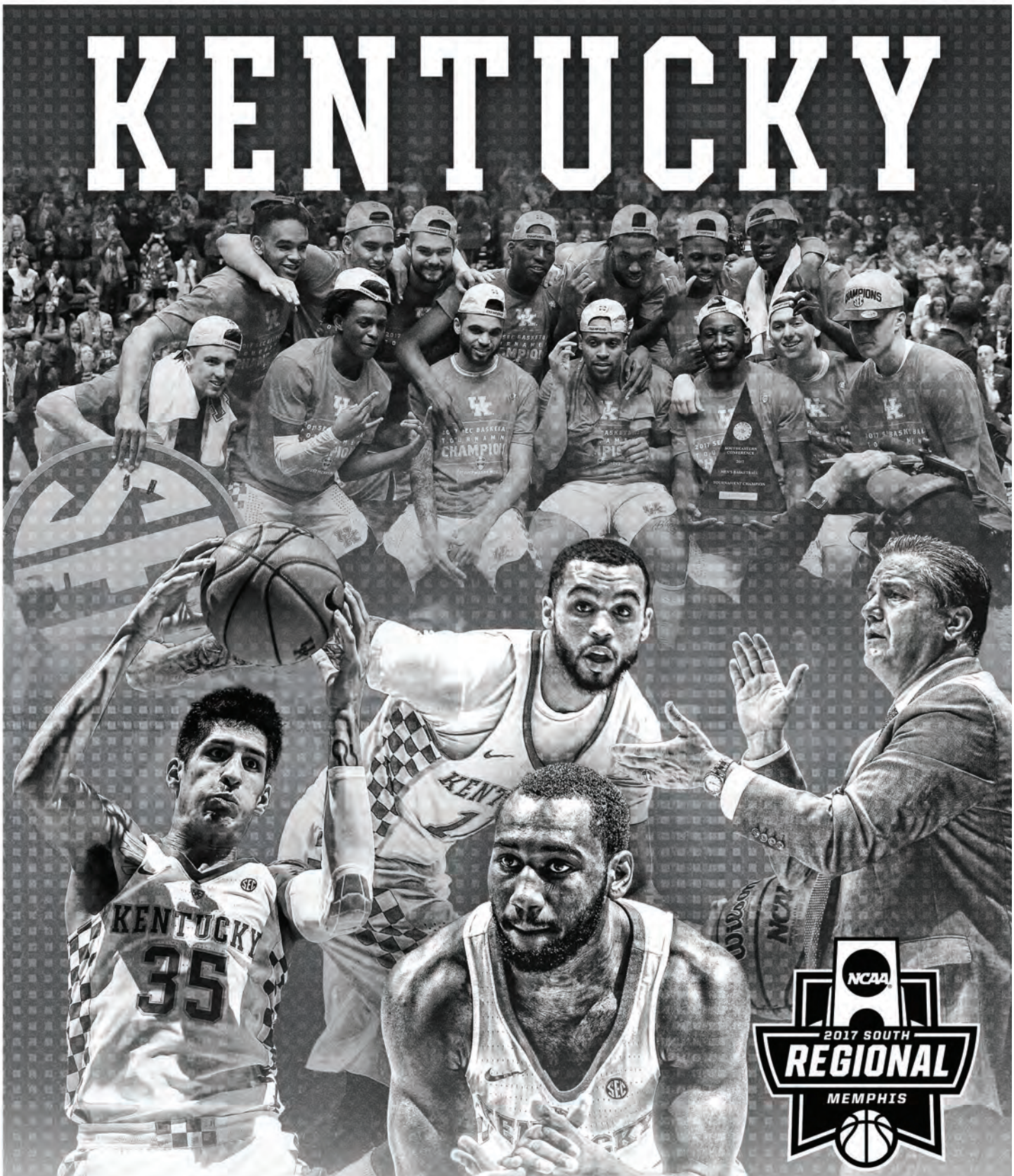

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March 23-26, 2017

2017 NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP BRACKET

First Round MARCH 16–17 | Second Round MARCH 18–19 | Regional Semifinals MARCH 23–24 | Regional Finals MARCH 25–26 | National Semifinals APRIL 1

FIRST FOUR

DAYTON
MARCH 14–15
Watch On truTV

11 Kansas St. (20-13) 95	16 Mt. St. Mary's (19-15) 67	63 N.C. Central (25-8) 16	71 Providence (20-12) 11
11 Wake Forest (19-13) 88	16 New Orleans (20-11) 66	67 UC Davis (22-12) 16	75 USC (24-9) 11
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EAST
NEW YORK
March 26

- 1 Villanova (31-3) 76
- 16 Mount St. Mary's 56
- 8 Wisconsin (25-9) 84
- 9 Virginia Tech (22-10) 74
- 5 Virginia (22-10) 76
- 12 UNC Wilmington (29-5) 71
- 4 Florida (24-8) 80
- 13 East Tenn. St. (27-7) 65
- 6 SMU (30-4) 65
- 11 USC 66
- 3 Baylor (25-7) 91
- 14 New Mexico St. (28-5) 73
- 7 South Carolina (22-10) 93
- 10 Marquette (19-12) 73
- 2 Duke (27-8) 87
- 15 Troy (22-14) 65

1 Villanova 62 — Buffalo
8 Wisconsin 65 — Buffalo
5 Virginia 39 — Orlando
4 Florida 65 — Orlando
11 USC 78 — Tulsa
3 Baylor 82 — Tulsa
7 S. Carolina 88 — Greenville
2 Duke 81 — Greenville

8 Wisconsin — Mar 24
4 Florida — Mar 24
3 Baylor — Mar 24
7 S. Carolina — Mar 24

WEST
SAN JOSE
March 25

- 1 Gonzaga (32-1) 66
- 16 S. Dakota St. (18-16) 46
- 8 Northwestern (23-11) 68
- 9 Vanderbilt (19-15) 66
- 5 Notre Dame (25-9) 60
- 12 Princeton (23-6) 58
- 4 West Virginia (26-8) 86
- 13 Bucknell (26-8) 80
- 6 Maryland (24-8) 65
- 11 Xavier (21-13) 76
- 3 Florida St. (25-8) 86
- 14 Fla. Gulf Coast (26-7) 80
- 7 Saint Mary's (28-4) 85
- 10 VCU (26-8) 77
- 2 Arizona (30-4) 100
- 15 North Dakota (22-9) 82

1 Gonzaga 79 — Salt Lake City
8 Northwestern 73 — Salt Lake City
5 Notre Dame 71 — Buffalo
4 W. Virginia 83 — Buffalo
11 Xavier 91 — Orlando
3 Florida St. 66 — Orlando
7 Saint Mary's 60 — Salt Lake City
2 Arizona 69 — Salt Lake City

1 Gonzaga — Mar 23
4 W. Virginia — Mar 23
11 Xavier — Mar 23
2 Arizona — Mar 23

April 1

FINAL FOUR
PHOENIX
APRIL 1 AND 3

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
APRIL 3

April 1

MIDWEST
KANSAS CITY
March 25

- Kansas 1 90
- Tulsa
- Michigan St. 9 70
- Iowa St. 5 76
- Milwaukee
- Purdue 4 80
- Oregon 3 75
- Rhode Island 11 72
- Sacramento
- Michigan 7 73
- Indianapolis
- Louisville 2 69

Kansas 1 — Mar 23
Purdue 4 — Mar 23
Oregon 3 — Mar 23
Michigan 7 — Mar 23

- 100 Kansas (28-4) 1
- 62 UC Davis 16
- 58 Miami (Fla.) (21-11) 8
- 78 Michigan St. (19-14) 9
- 84 Iowa St. (23-10) 5
- 73 Nevada (28-6) 12
- 80 Purdue (25-7) 4
- 70 Vermont (29-5) 13
- 72 Creighton (25-9) 6
- 84 Rhode Island (24-9) 11
- 93 Oregon (29-5) 3
- 77 Iona (22-12) 14
- 92 Michigan (24-11) 7
- 91 Oklahoma St. (20-12) 10
- 78 Louisville (24-8) 2
- 63 Jacksonville St. (20-14) 15

SOUTH
MEMPHIS
March 26

- N. Carolina 1 72
- Greenville
- Arkansas 8 65
- Butler 4 74
- Middle Tenn. 12 65
- Milwaukee
- UCLA 3 79
- Cincinnati 6 67
- Sacramento
- Kentucky 2 65
- Wichita St. 10 62
- Indianapolis

N. Carolina 1 — Mar 24
Butler 4 — Mar 24
UCLA 3 — Mar 24
Kentucky 2 — Mar 24

- 103 North Carolina (27-7) 1
- 64 Texas Southern (23-11) 16
- 77 Arkansas (25-9) 8
- 71 Seton Hall (21-11) 9
- 72 Minnesota (24-9) 5
- 81 Middle Tenn. (30-4) 12
- 76 Butler (23-8) 4
- 64 Winthrop (26-6) 13
- 75 Cincinnati (29-5) 6
- 61 Kansas St. 11
- 97 UCLA (29-4) 3
- 80 Kent St. (22-13) 14
- 58 Dayton (24-7) 7
- 64 Wichita St. (30-4) 10
- 79 Kentucky (29-5) 2
- 70 Northern Ky. (24-10) 15

#MarchMadness

Watch the tournament on these networks or online at NCAA.COM/MARCHMADNESS

tbs CBS TNT truTV

March 16 and 18 first-/second-round sites: Buffalo, Milwaukee, Orlando, Salt Lake City. **March 17 and 19 first-/second-round sites:** Greenville, Indianapolis, Tulsa, Sacramento. **March 23 and 25 regional sites:** Kansas City, San Jose. **March 24 and 26 regional sites:** Memphis, New York.

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2016-17 MEN'S BASKETBALL

Friday, March 24 - 9:49 p.m. ET
FedExForum (18,119) | Memphis, Tenn.

#2 Kentucky Wildcats

31-5	16-2	5/5
Overall	SEC	AP/USA

Head Coach: John Calipari
Overall Record: 651-190 (25th season)
Record at UK: 248-52 (eighth season)

Points: Malik Monk (20.0 ppg)
Rebounds: Bam Adebayo (8.1 rpg)
Assists: De'Aaron Fox (4.6 apg)
Blocks: Bam Adebayo (1.5 bpg)
Steals: De'Aaron Fox (1.4 spg)

Stat Breakdown

85.2	Points Per Game	90.2
71.3	Opp. Points Per Game	75.2
47.4	Field-Goal Pct.	52.1
42.0	Opp. Field-Goal Pct.	42.0
40.2	Rebounds Per Game	38.8
35.0	3-point FG Pct.	40.6
30.5	Opp. 3-point FG Pct.	36.3
70.3	Free-Throw Pct.	74.1
15.3	Assists Per Game	21.6
6.0	Steals Per Game	6.0
5.4	Blocks Per Game	5.3

Series Breakdown

Overall (UK leads)	7-6
in NCAA Tournament (tied)	1-1
Calipari vs. UCLA	3-3
Alford vs. UK	3-2
Current UK streak	Lost 2

#3 UCLA Bruins

31-4	15-3	8/6
Overall	Pac-12	AP/USA

Head Coach: Steve Alford
Overall Record: 559-279 (26th season)
Record at UCLA: 96-44 (fourth season)

Points: TJ Leaf (16.2 ppg)
Rebounds: Thomas Welsh (8.7 rpg)
Assists: Lonzo Ball (7.6 apg)
Blocks: Thomas Welsh (1.4 bpg)
Steals: Lonzo Ball (1.9 spg)

Kentucky's Projected Starters (based on previous game)

3 Bam Adebayo
Fr. | Forward

MPG	29.8
PPG	13.3
RPG	8.1
SPG	0.7
BPG	1.5

13 Isaiah Briscoe
So. | Guard

MPG	30.2
PPG	12.5
RPG	5.4
APG	4.1
SPG	0.8

0 De'Aaron Fox
Fr. | Guard

MPG	29.4
PPG	16.1
RPG	4.0
APG	4.6
SPG	1.4

5 Malik Monk
Fr. | Guard

MPG	32.1
PPG	20.0
RPG	2.5
APG	2.4
SPG	1.0

35 Derek Willis
Sr. | Forward

MPG	21.8
PPG	7.0
RPG	5.3
SPG	0.7
BPG	1.1

UK Reserves

No.	Name	Position	Class	PPG	RPG	APG	MPG	SPG	BPG
20	Brad Calipari	Guard	Freshman	0.5	0.2	0.1	3.0	0.0	0.1
10	Jonny David	Guard	Sophomore	0.7	0.0	0.0	1.6	0.0	0.0
4	Hamidou Diallo	Guard	Freshman	-	-	-	-	-	-
32	Wenyen Gabriel	Forward	Freshman	4.8	5.1	0.7	18.5	0.3	0.9
25	Dominique Hawkins	Guard	Senior	4.4	1.6	1.8	19.2	0.8	0.0
15	Isaac Humphries	Forward	Sophomore	2.6	2.8	0.2	8.0	0.2	0.5
1	Sacha Killeya-Jones	Forward	Freshman	2.7	2.1	0.1	6.4	0.1	0.7
11	Mychal Mulder	Guard	Senior	5.0	1.6	0.4	10.9	0.3	0.2
30	Dillon Pulliam	Guard	RS-Sophomore	0.0	0.2	0.2	1.3	0.0	0.0
14	Tai Wynyard	Forward	RS-Freshman	0.7	0.9	0.1	3.6	0.1	0.2

Storylines

- Kentucky is making its nation-leading 56th NCAA Tournament appearance. The Wildcats are 21-6 as the No. 2 seed and 25-5 overall under John Calipari in the tournament. They are 123-49 all-time in NCAA Tournament games
- UK is making its 25th Sweet 16 appearance since 1975, tied with Duke for the second most. It's the Wildcats' sixth Sweet 16 appearance under Calipari. UK won the previous five regional semifinal games
- UCLA defeated the Wildcats 97-92 in the Dec. 3 meeting in Rupp Arena. The series is tied 1-1 in the NCAA Tournament
- Kentucky won its 48th regular-season SEC championship this year, the school's third straight and the fifth in eight seasons under Calipari
- UK followed up the regular-season title with its 30th SEC Tournament championship. It was UK's fifth under Calipari and third in a row
- With this year's SEC titles, Calipari has 29 combined regular season and tournament conference titles, trailing only Mark Few among active coaches by one
- Kentucky closed the regular season with three straight double-digit comeback wins. It marked the first time a UK team posted three straight double-digit comeback wins since the 1998 national championship team, the "Comeback Cats"
- UK has won 13 consecutive games, the longest active winning streak in the country. It's also the longest winning streak for the Cats since the 2014-15 team, as well as Calipari's 18th streak of 10 or more wins in his career
- Malik Monk won SEC Player of the Year and SEC Newcomer of the Year by the AP, Freshman of the Year by the league's coaches, and joined De'Aaron Fox on the league and AP's All-SEC First Team. Bam Adebayo made the All-SEC Second Team for both. All three made the coaches' All-SEC Freshman Team
- Bam Adebayo is averaging a double-double (13.8 points and 10.5 rebounds) during UK's 13-game winning streak

Schedule

OVERALL: 31-5 | SEC: 16-2
Home: 15-2 | Away: 7-3 | Neutral: 9-0

Date	UK Rk.	O.Rk.	Opponent	TV	Time/Result
Exhibition Games					
O. 30	*-/4*	*-/-*	*CLARION*	*SEC*	*W, 108-51*
N. 6	*2/4*	*-/-*	*ASBURY*	*SEC*	*W, 156-63*
N. 11	2/4	-/-	STEPHEN F. AUSTIN	SEC	W, 87-64
N. 13	2/4	-/-	[1]CANISIUS	ESPN2	W, 93-69
N. 15	2/2	13/13	[2]vs. Michigan St.	ESPN	W, 69-48
N. 20	2/2	-/-	[1]DUQUESENE	ESPNU	W, 93-59
N. 23	1/1	-/-	[1]CLEVELAND ST.	SEC	W, 101-70
N. 25	1/1	-/-	[1]UT MARTIN	SEC	W, 111-76
N. 28	1/1	-/-	[3]vs. Arizona St.	ESPN2	W, 115-69
D. 3	1/1	11/9	UCLA	CBS	L, 97-92
D. 7	6/7	RV/RV	VALPARAISO	SEC	W, 87-63
D. 11	6/7	-/-	[4]vs. Hofstra	ESPN	W, 96-73
D. 17	6/7	7/6	[5]vs. North Carolina	CBS	W, 103-100
D. 21	6/5	10/11	at Louisville	ESPN	L, 73-70
D. 29	8/8	-/-	*at Ole Miss	ESPN2	W, 99-76
J. 3	6/6	-/-	*TEXAS A&M	ESPN	W, 100-58
J. 7	6/6	-/-	*ARKANSAS	SEC	W, 97-71
J. 10	6/6	-/-	*at Vanderbilt	ESPN	W, 87-81
J. 14	6/6	-/-	*AUBURN	ESPN	W, 92-72
J. 17	5/5	-/-	*at Miss St.	ESPN	W, 88-81
J. 21	5/5	24/24	*S. CAROLINA	ESPN	W, 85-69
J. 24	4/4	-/-	*at Tennessee	ESPN	L, 82-80
J. 28	4/4	2/1	[6]KANSAS	ESPN	L, 79-73
J. 31	8/6	-/-	*GEORGIA	ESPN	W, 90-81 (OT)
F. 4	8/6	24/23	*at Florida	ESPN	L, 88-66
F. 7	15/12	-/-	*LSU	ESPN	W, 92-85
F. 11	15/12	-/-	*at Alabama	CBS	W, 67-58
F. 14	13/11	-/-	*TENNESSEE	ESPN	W, 83-58
F. 18	13/11	-/-	*at Georgia	ESPN	W, 82-77
F. 21	11/10	-/-	*at Missouri	SEC	W, 72-62
F. 25	11/10	13/12	*FLORIDA	CBS	W, 76-66
F. 28	9/9	-/-	*VANDERBILT	ESPN	W, 73-67
M. 4	9/9	-/-	*at Texas A&M	CBS	W, 71-63
SEC Tournament (Nashville, Tenn. | Bridgestone Arena)					
M. 10	8/8	-/-	vs. Georgia	SEC	W, 71-60
M. 11	8/8	-/-	vs. Alabama	ESPN	W, 79-74
M. 12	8/8	RV/RV	vs. Arkansas	ESPN	W, 82-65
NCAA Tournament (Indianapolis | Bankers Life Fieldhouse)					
M. 17	5/5	-/-	vs. Northern Ky.	CBS	W, 79-70
M. 19	5/5	19/19	vs. Wichita St.	CBS	W, 65-62
NCAA Tournament (Memphis, Tenn. | FedExForum)					
M. 24	5/5	8/6	vs. UCLA	CBS	9:49 p.m.

All times Eastern **SEC conference game* *HOME GAMES IN CAPS*

[1] Bluegrass Showcase (Rupp Arena); [2] Champions Classic (Madison Square Garden, New York); [3] Atlantis Showcase (Imperial Arena, Paradise Island, Bahamas); [4] Barclays Center (Brooklyn, N.Y.); [5] CBS Sports Classic (T-Mobile Arena, Las Vegas); [6] SEC/Big 12 Challenge (Rupp Arena)

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TV - CBS
PXP - Jim Nantz
Analyst - Grant Hill
Analyst - Bill Raftery
Sideline - Tracy Wolfson
Live stats - UKathletics.com
Social media - @KentuckyMBB

Radio - UK Radio Network
PXP - Tom Leach
Analyst - Mike Pratt
Sirius - 136 | **XM** - 201

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Numbers to Know

2,236 - National all-time wins leader
56 - NCAA Tournament appearances, most in NCAA
25 - Sweet 16 appearances since 1975
13 - UK's winning streak, the nation's longest active run

0 Guard

De'Aaron Fox
6-3 | 187 | Freshman
Houston
Cypress Lakes

1 Forward

Sacha Killeya-Jones
6-10 | 230 | Freshman
Chapel Hill, N.C.
Virginia Episcopal

3 Forward

Bam Adebayo
6-10 | 260 | Freshman
Little Washington, N.C.
High Point Christian Acad.

4 Guard

Hamidou Diallo
6-5 | 190 | Freshman
Queens, N.Y.
Putnam Science Acad.

5 Guard

Malik Monk
6-3 | 200 | Freshman
Lepanto, Ark.
Bentonville

10 Guard

Jonny David
6-2 | 183 | Sophomore
Pittsburgh
Mt. Lebanon

11 Guard

Mychal Mulder
6-4 | 185 | Senior
Windsor, Ontario
Vincennes University

13 Guard

Isaiah Briscoe
6-3 | 210 | Sophomore
Newark, N.J.
Roselle Catholic

14 Forward

Tai Wynyard
6-10 | 254 | R-Freshman
Auckland, New Zealand
Rangitoto College

15 Forward

Isaac Humphries
7-0 | 255 | Sophomore
Sydney, Australia
La Lumiere School

20 Guard

Brad Calipari
6-0 | 178 | Freshman
Franklin Lakes, N.J.
MacDuffie School

25 Guard

Dominique Hawkins
6-0 | 191 | Senior
Richmond, Ky.
Madison Central

30 Guard

Dillon Pulliam
6-3 | 195 | R-Sophomore
Cynthiana, Ky.
Transylvania Univ.

32 Forward

Wenyen Gabriel
6-9 | 213 | Freshman
Manchester, N.H.
Wilbraham & Monson Acad.

35 Forward

Derek Willis
6-9 | 228 | Senior
Mt. Washington, Ky.
Bullitt East

Head Coach

John Calipari

Associate Coach

Kenny Payne

Assistant Coach

Tony Barbee

Assistant Coach

Joel Justus

Special Assistant

John Robic

2016-17 Kentucky Men's Basketball Roster

No.	Name	Position	Height	Weight	Class	Hometown	Previous School	Major	Twitter	Instagram
0	De'Aaron Fox	Guard	6-3	187	FR	Houston	Cypress Lakes	Undergrad Studies	@Swipathef0x	@swipathefox
1	Sacha Killeya-Jones	Forward	6-10	230	FR	Chapel Hill, N.C.	Virginia Episcopal	Communication	@The_SKJ	@the_skj
3	Bam Adebayo	Forward	6-10	260	FR	Little Washington, N.C.	High Point Christian	Undergrad Studies	@IAmBam13_	@bam1of1
4	Hamidou Diallo	Guard	6-5	190	FR	Queens, N.Y.	Putnam Science	Undergrad Studies	@Diallo1Hamidou	@otn_hami
5	Malik Monk	Guard	6-3	200	FR	Lepanto, Ark.	Bentonville	Undergrad Studies	@AhmadMonk	@ahmad_monk
10	Jonny David	Guard	6-2	183	SO	Pittsburgh	Mt. Lebanon	Kinesiology	@jdavid010	@jdavid010
11	Mychal Mulder	Guard	6-4	185	SR	Windsor, Ontario	Vincennes Univ.	Communication	@MychalMulder	@mikemulder11
13	Isaiah Briscoe	Guard	6-3	210	SO	Newark, N.J.	Roselle Catholic	Undergrad Studies	@ZayBriscoe	@zaaay_
14	Tai Wynyard	Forward	6-10	254	R-FR	Auckland, New Zealand	Rangitoto College	Undergrad Studies	@WynyardTai	@taiwynyard
15	Isaac Humphries	Forward	7-0	255	SO	Sydney, Australia	La Lumiere School	Communication	@IsaacHumphries7	@isaachumphries7
20	Brad Calipari	Guard	6-0	178	FR	Franklin Lakes, N.J.	MacDuffie School	Marketing	@bradcalipari	@bradcalipari
25	Dominique Hawkins	Guard	6-0	191	SR	Richmond, Ky.	Madison Central	Communication	@DHawk_25	@dhawk_25
30	Dillon Pulliam	Guard	6-3	195	R-SO	Cynthiana, Ky.	Transylvania Univ.	Computer Engineering	@DPull32	@dpull32
32	Wenyen Gabriel	Forward	6-9	213	FR	Manchester, N.H.	Wilbraham & Monson	Undergrad Studies	@WenyenGabriel	@rcg_upman
35	Derek Willis	Forward	6-9	228	SR	Mt. Washington, Ky.	Bullitt East	Communication	@derek_willis33	@dxw_33

Head Coach: John Calipari (Clarion, 1982)
Associate Head Coach: Kenny Payne (Louisville, 2003)
Assistant Coaches: Tony Barbee (UMass, 1993)
Joel Justus (UNC Wilmington, 2004)
Special Asst. to the Head Coach: John Robic (Denison, 1986)
Associate AD/Basketball Operations: Chris Woolard (UCLA, 1997)
Strength Coach: Robert Harris (Kentucky State, 2009)
Athletic Trainer: Chris Simmons (Memphis, 2002)

Pronunciation Guide

Bam ADEBAYO	(ah-duh-BUY-o)
Brad/John CALIPARI	(cal-a-PEAR-ee)
HAMIDOU DIALLO	(ha-MUH-do) (DEE-ah-lo)
DOMINIQUE Hawkins	(dom-UH-neek)
WENYEN Gabriel	(when-yen)
SACHA KILLEYA-Jones	(sah-SHA) (kuh-LEE-uh)
MALIK Monk	(muh-LEAK)
MYCHAL Mulder	like michael
Dillon PULLIAM	(pull-E-um)
TAI WYNYARD	(tie) (win-YARD)

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University Quick Facts

President: Dr. Eli Capilouto

Faculty Rep: Joseph L. Fink III

Athletics Director: Mitch Barnhart

Deputy AD: DeWayne Peevy

Enrollment: 30,000

Founded: 1865

Home Arena: Rupp Arena

Capacity: 23,000

NCAA Tourn. Record: 123-49 (.715)

All-time Record: 2,236-687-1 (.765)

Website: UKathletics.com

Rankings & Standings

The Polls

Associated Press Top 25
March 13

1. Villanova (59)
2. Gonzaga (6)
3. Kansas (59)
4. Arizona
5. ***Kentucky***
6. North Carolina
7. Duke
8. UCLA
9. Oregon
10. Louisville
11. SMU
12. Baylor
13. West Virginia
14. Notre Dame
15. Purdue
16. Florida State
17. Iowa State
18. Cincinnati
19. Wichita State
20. Florida
21. Butler
22. Saint Mary's
23. Michigan
24. Virginia
25. Wisconsin

Receiving Votes: Middle Tennessee, Minnesota, Rhode Island, Creighton, Oklahoma State, Iowa, Nevada, Princeton, Vermont, Virginia Tech, Seton Hall, VCU, Arkansas, Northwestern

USA Today Coaches Poll
March 13

1. Villanova (27)
2. Gonzaga (1)
3. Kansas (2)
4. Arizona
5. ***Kentucky***
6. UCLA
7. Duke
8. North Carolina
9. Oregon
10. Louisville
11. Baylor
12. West Virginia
13. SMU
14. Notre Dame
15. Purdue
16. Cincinnati
17. Florida
18. Florida State
19. Wichita State
20. Iowa State
21. Saint Mary's
22. Wisconsin
23. Virginia
24. Butler
25. Middle Tennessee

Receiving Votes: Michigan, Minnesota, Northwestern, Vermont, Creighton, Oklahoma State, Xavier, UNC Wilmington, Maryland, California, Southern Cal, Dayton, South Carolina, Arkansas

Kentucky Week by Week

Preseason	2/4	Jan. 9	6/6
Nov. 14	2/2	Jan. 16	5/5
Nov. 21	1/1	Jan. 23	4/4
Nov. 28	1/1	Jan. 30	8/6
Dec. 5	6/7	Feb. 6	15/12
Dec. 12	6/7	Feb. 13	13/11
Dec. 19	6/5	Feb. 20	11/10
Dec. 26	8/8	Feb. 27	9/9
Jan. 2	6/6	March 6	8/8
		March 13	5/5
		Final	-/-

Upcoming in the SEC

March 21-24

NCAA Tournament

Contest	Time	TV Network
Friday, March 24		
Baylor vs. South Carolina	7:29 p.m.	TBS
Kentucky vs. UCLA	***9:39 p.m.***	***CBS***
Florida vs. Wisconsin	9:59 p.m.	TBS

National Invitational Tournament

Contest	Time	TV Network
Tuesday, March 21		
Georgia Tech at Ole Miss	9 p.m.	ESPN2

All times Eastern

SEC Standings through March 19, 2017

Team	SEC Record	Overall Record	Games Back
Kentucky	**16-2 (.889)**	**31-5 (.861)**	**0.0**
Florida	14-4 (.778)	26-8 (.765)	2.0
Arkansas	12-6 (.667)	26-10 (.722)	4.0
South Carolina	12-6 (.667)	24-10 (.706)	4.0
Alabama	10-8 (.556)	19-15 (.559)	6.0
Ole Miss	10-8 (.556)	22-13 (.629)	6.0
Vanderbilt	10-8 (.556)	19-16 (.543)	6.0
Georgia	9-9 (.500)	19-15 (.559)	7.0
Tennessee	8-10 (.444)	16-16 (.500)	8.0
Texas A&M	8-10 (.444)	16-15 (.516)	8.0
Auburn	7-11 (.389)	18-14 (.563)	9.0
Mississippi State	6-12 (.333)	16-16 (.500)	10.0
LSU	2-16 (.111)	10-21 (.476)	14.0
Missouri	2-16 (.111)	8-24 (.250)	14.0

Kentucky in the Rankings through March 19, 2017

Team Rankings

Category	Stat	SEC [NCAA]
Scoring	85.2	1st [9th]
Scoring Defense	71.3	7th [148th]
Scoring Margin	+13.9	1st [9th]
Free-Throw Pct.	.703	7th [168th]
Field-Goal Pct.	.474	1st [39th]
Field-Goal Pct. Def.	.420	7th [83rd]
3-Point FG Pct.	.350	6th [170th]
3-Point FG Pct. Def.	.305	3rd [11th]
Rebounding Off.	40.2	1st [12th]
Rebounding Def.	35.0	5th
Rebounding Margin	+5.2	3rd [36th]
Blocks Per Game	5.4	2nd [11th]
Assists Per Game	15.3	2nd [62nd]
Steals Per Game	6.0	8th [186th]
Turnover Margin	+2.4	3rd [38th]
Assist/TO Ratio	1.3	1st [39th]
Off. Rebs. Per Game	12.5	4th [37th]
Def. Rebs. Per Game	27.8	1st [25th]
Def. Rebound Pct.	.726	3rd
Off. Rebound Pct.	.337	5th
3-Point FG Per Game	6.9	7th [218th]

Individual Rankings

Category/Player	Stat	SEC [NCAA]
Assist-TO Ratio/Fox	1.9	4th [148th]
Assist-TO Ratio/Briscoe	1.6	9th [223rd]
Assists Per Game/Fox	4.6	1st [75th]
Assists Per Game/Briscoe	4.1	6th [139th]
Blocks Per Game/Adebayo	1.5	7th [81st]
Def. Rebs. PG/Adebayo	4.9	6th [201st]
Double-Doubles/Adebayo	6	3rd [111th]
Double-Doubles/Briscoe	4	T10th [T250th]
Double-Doubles/Fox	4	T10th [T250th]
Field-Goal Pct./Fox	.475	5th [160th]
Field-Goal Pct./Monk	.450	9th [230th]
Free-Throw Pct./Monk	.830	9th [104th]
Minutes Per Game/Monk	32.1	7th
Minutes Per Game/Briscoe	30.2	13th
Minutes Per Game/Adebayo	29.8	15th
Minutes Per Game/Fox	29.4	18th
Off. Rebs. PG/Adebayo	3.2	2nd [31st]
Points Per Game/Monk	20.0	2nd [35th]
Points Per Game/Fox	16.1	8th [202nd]
Points Per Game/Adebayo	13.3	20th
Rebs. Per Game/Adebayo	8.1	3rd [101st]
Steals Per Game/Fox	1.4	8th [176th]
3-Point FG Made PG/Monk	2.7	1st [59th]
3-Point FG Pct./Monk	.393	3rd [51st]

Media Information

CREDENTIAL REQUESTS

Requests for single-game credentials should be made as far in advance as possible and no later than five days prior to game day online at sportssystems.com/Kentucky.

CREDENTIAL CRITERIA

The University of Kentucky's decision to issue credentials to a media outlet for the purposes of covering a UK basketball home or away event is determined by a variety of factors. They include the following:

- Amount of coverage given to Kentucky throughout the season
- Intention/ability to cover all 22 sports at Kentucky
- Distribution/size of publication: free, subscription, sale on newsstands, website traffic, etc.
- Radio or TV station program format and size of audience
- Length of existence of the publication, amount of original copy generated, number of full-time employees of the publication and the journalistic experience of the reporter(s)
- Attendance at Kentucky media sessions, including Olympic sport opportunities
- Space availability
- Professionalism, which includes but is not limited to conduct at games, press conferences, practices, on social media, etc.

The University of Kentucky has the right to revoke credentials under its own discretion.

INTERVIEW POLICIES-GENERAL

All interviews with University of Kentucky basketball players or staff members must be arranged through the Media Relations office. Media should never contact a player or coach directly.

The Wildcat Coal Lodge, dormitories, team locker rooms and other team quarters are private team areas. Media members are not permitted in these areas unless accompanied by appropriate university personnel.

PRACTICE/PRESS CONFERENCES

Other than announced exceptions, UK basketball practices are closed to the media. UK will accept requests to attend practice. All requests must be made by 10 a.m. on the day of the practice. In cases in which practices are open to the media, no cell phones are allowed in the practice facility.

Player interviews are conducted prior to practices the day before a game and will be available to all UK media in the Joe Craft Center lower-level lobby. UK will accept requests for player interviews, but they must be submitted 24 hours prior to the scheduled availability.

Coach John Calipari or an assistant coach will meet with members of the media immediately following player interviews in the lower level lobby of the Joe Craft Center.

Gameday shoot-arounds are closed to the media.

TELEPHONE PLAYER INTERVIEWS

Telephone interviews are available to the media on a call-back basis. Individual player and coach telephone numbers will not be given to members of the media.

Players are instructed not to conduct interviews when contacted directly by telephone. The UK Media Relations Office will arrange for telephone interviews at a time most convenient for the student-athlete.

Other special requests are handled on a case-by-case basis.

POSTGAME INTERVIEWS

Following each game, there is a 20-minute cooling-off period, during which time the players shower and dress. Approximately 10 minutes after the game ends, Coach Calipari conducts his postgame press conference while a player is taken to the UK Sports Network.

Following Coach Calipari's press conference and the cooling-off period, selected UK players are brought to the media interview room

Honoring the Cats

Bam Adebayo
- SEC All-Tournament Team
- All-SEC Second Team (AP/Coaches)
- All-SEC Freshman Team (Coaches)
- SEC Freshman of the Week (March 6, 2017)
- SEC Freshman of the Week (Feb. 27, 2017)
- Wooden Award Preseason Watch List
- Naismith Trophy Preseason Watch List
- CBSSports.com Preseason All-America Second Team
- College Basketball Talk Preseason All-America Third Team
- Kareem Abdul-Jabbar Award Preseason Watch List
- Preseason All-SEC First Team (AP/Coaches)

Isaiah Briscoe
- Sports Illustrated All-Glue Team
- SEC Player of the Week (Jan. 2, 2017)
- Lute Olson Award Preseason Watch List
- Preseason All-SEC Second Team (AP/Coaches)

De'Aaron Fox
- SEC All-Tournament Team
- SEC All-Tournament Team MVP
- USBWA District IV Team
- All-SEC First Team (AP/Coaches)
- All-SEC Freshman Team (Coaches)
- USA Today All-America Third Team
- Wooden Award Late Season List
- Naismith Trophy Midseason Watch List
- Bob Cousy Award Final 10
- Oscar Robertson Trophy Midseason Watch List
- Wayman Tisdale Award Midseason Watch List
- Wooden Award Midseason 25
- SEC Freshman of the Week (Jan. 9, 2017)
- SEC Freshman of the Week (Dec. 19, 2016)
- SEC Freshman of the Week (Dec. 5, 2016)
- SEC Freshman of the Week (Nov. 14, 2016)
- Wooden Award Preseason Watch List
- Naismith Trophy Preseason Watch List
- Sporting News Preseason All-America Second Team
- Bob Cousy Award Preseason Watch List
- Preseason All-SEC First Team (AP/Coaches)

Dominique Hawkins
- SEC All-Tournament Team

Malik Monk
- USBWA All-America Second Team
- SEC Player of the Year (AP)
- SEC Newcomer of the Year (Coaches)
- USBWA District IV Player of the Year
- USBWA District IV Team
- SEC Freshman of the Year (Coaches)
- All-SEC First Team (AP/Coaches)
- All-SEC Freshman Team (Coaches)
- Sporting News All-America Second Team
- Sporting News Freshman All-America Team
- USA Today All-America Second Team
- NBCSports All-America Second Team
- Jerry West Award Finalist
- James E. Sullivan Award Semifinalist
- Wooden Award Finalist
- Wooden Award Late Season List
- Naismith Trophy Midseason Watch List
- Jerry West Award Final 10
- Oscar Robertson Trophy Midseason Watch List
- Wayman Tisdale Award Midseason Watch List
- SEC Freshman of the Week (Jan. 16, 2017)
- Wooden Award Midseason 25
- SEC Freshman of the Week (Jan. 2, 2017)
- USBWA Oscar Robertson National Player of the Week (Dec. 20, 2016)
- USBWA Wayman Tisdale National Freshman of the Week (Dec. 20, 2016)
- SEC Player of the Week (Dec. 19, 2016)
- SEC Freshman of the Week (Nov. 21, 2016)
- Wooden Award Preseason Watch List
- Naismith Trophy Preseason Watch List
- CBSSports.com Preseason All-America Third Team
- Jerry West Award Preseason Watch List
- Preseason All-SEC Second Team (AP/Coaches)

Derek Willis
- SEC Community Service Team

Kentucky in the NCAA Tournament

Kentucky is making its nation-leading 56th all-time appearance in the NCAA Tournament in 2017 (57 on-court appearances as the 1988 appearance was vacated). The Wildcats are 123-49 (.715) all-time in NCAA Tournament games and have advanced to 17 Final Fours.

UK, the No. 2 seed in the South, defeated No. 15 seed Northern Kentucky 79-70 in the first round and No. 10 seed Wichita State 65-62 in the second round. Kentucky is now set to take on No. 3 seed UCLA in the Sweet 16.

It will mark the Wildcats' sixth Sweet 16 appearance in eight seasons under John Calipari. The Wildcats won all five of their previous Sweet 16 games under Coach Cal.

Overall, it's UK's 25th Sweet 16 appearance since 1975 (the first year that all teams would be required to win at least one game to advance to the Sweet 16). That's tied with Duke for the second-most appearances. UK is 20-4 in those previous games. The Wildcats will try to make their 33rd Elite Eight since 1951 (the first year that all teams would be required to win at least one game to advance to the Elite Eight).

Kentucky and the UCLA will meet for the second time this season. The Bruins beat the Wildcats 97-92 on Dec. 3 in Rupp Arena and have won each of the last two matchups in the series. Kentucky leads the all-time series 7-6. The two teams have met just twice before in the NCAA Tournament with the series tied at 1-1.

It is the seventh time in program history the Wildcats have been a No. 2 seed, where UK is now 21-6 all-time. The Wildcats were last a No. 2 seed during the 2005 run that ended with a dramatic double-overtime loss to Michigan State in the Elite Eight.

Kentucky is 25-5 (.833) in NCAA Tournament games under the direction of Calipari. Calipari is 50-16 (.758) as a head coach in NCAA Tournament games.

Prior to last season, Calipari-coached teams appeared in four of the last five Final Fours and was the first such school to achieve that feat since Duke went to five straight (1988-92). Calipari joined Duke's Mike Krzyzewski and UCLA's John Wooden to lead teams to four Final Fours in a five-year span.

Kentucky improved to 7-2 in NCAA Tournament games in Indianapolis with the victories last week. UK is 2-0 all-time in NCAA Tournament games in Memphis, Tennessee.

The Wildcats were one of only four teams to enter the NCAA Tournament in the top 20 of KenPom's offensive and defensive efficiency (Villanova, Gonzaga and Wichita State). Only UK and Gonzaga remain in the field.

UK Leads in NCAA Tournament Wins

UK leads the nation in all-time NCAA Tournament victories with 123. It also leads the country in wins in the tournament since 2010, when John Calipari first led the Wildcats into the Big Dance entering the 2017 tournament:

25 - Kentucky
20 - Duke
18 - Kansas, Wisconsin
17 - North Carolina
16 - Louisville, Michigan State
15 - Butler, Florida, Syracuse

Adebayo Once Again Difference Maker in Win Over Wichita State

No, he didn't get 18 rebounds like he did on Friday night, but Bam Adebayo was still the difference-maker against Wichita State.

The biggest player on the floor of Bankers Life Fieldhouse also happened to be the best for most of Sunday afternoon. Adebayo had 13 points and 10 rebounds to lead second-seeded Kentucky (31-5) past No. 10 Wichita State in a game as hotly contested as it was expected to be, and into its sixth Sweet 16 under John Calipari, 65-62.

With the Shockers succeeding in forcing UK into a half-court battle, Adebayo stepped up with his second double-double in a row and fifth in nine games. He joins Julius Randle as the only UK players since 1985 to post double-doubles in their first two NCAA Tournament games, but Randle never had a block as clutch as the one Adebayo had on Sunday.

A possession after Malik Monk turned away a Markis McDuffie 3-pointer that would have given Wichita State a lead with less than 15 seconds left, Adebayo helped off his man when he saw Dominique Hawkins bite on a pump fake. Just before the buzzer sounded, Adebayo blocked Landry Shamet's 3 that would have sent the game into overtime.

De'Aaron Fox and Monk led the scoring for the Wildcats with 14 points apiece. Both were clutch down the stretch.

A steal and dunk by Fox with just over four minutes left gave UK its largest lead at 58-51. When Wichita State closed within two with less than two minutes remaining, Fox followed with a vicious left-handed dunk. Meanwhile Monk hit a key 3-pointer with 2:10 left to give the Wildcats a 61-56 advantage, blocked McDuffie's shot late in the game, and then sunk two late free throws to ensure UK could do no worse than overtime with Wichita State's last possession.

It was the second classic between the two schools, as UK ended Wichita State's bid for an undefeated season during the 2014 tournament. That win sparked the Wildcats to a run to the national championship game.

Additional notes:
- The matchup was just the second in NCAA Tournament history between two teams with 30 or more wins in the opening weekend. Cincinnati-UCLA, later that night, would become the third
- UK owns a 123-49 record all-time in NCAA action
- Kentucky is 25-5 in NCAA Tournament games under Calipari
- UK is 21-0 this season when opponents score 72 or fewer points. UK has held 10 opponents to 70 points or less during its 13-game winning streak
- Wichita State shot 38.7 percent from the field. UK is 19-0 this season when the opponent shoots less than 43 percent
- Fox led Kentucky in scoring for the fifth straight game -- all postseason games
- Adebayo is averaging a double-double during UK's 13-game winning streak (13.8 points, 10.5 rebounds)
- Seniors Derek Willis (nine points, eight rebounds, three steals) and Dominique Hawkins (seven points, all in the first half) both had impact performances
- Monk moved past Jamal Murray for the most points by a freshman in UK history with 721
- It's UK's 25th Sweet 16 appearance since 1975 (the first year that all teams would be required to win at least one game to advance to the Sweet 16). That's tied with Duke for the second-most appearances

Wildcats Own Nation's Longest Winning Streak

With a win over Wichita State in the second round of the NCAA Tournament, the Kentucky Wildcats' winning streak has reached 13 games. That is the longest current active streak in the country. UK was in second -- until it ended Wichita State's 16-game run. The streak is the longest for the Cats since the 2014-15 team won its opening 38 games of the season.

Among the notable victories in the run of 13 are four come-from-behind wins by double figures and the 30th win of the season in the opening-round game against NKU. With that win, Kentucky moved ahead of Duke for the most 30-win seasons in NCAA Division I history with 15.

The charge has been led on the defensive side of the ball where Kentucky's statistics are drastically improved from the four game span in which UK dropped three of four before the 13-game streak of victories. Ten of 13 opponents have been held to 70 points or less.

During the winning streak, Bam Adebayo is averaging a double-double (13.8 points and 10.5 rebounds) and Dominique Hawkins is averaging 6.4 points, well above his career average of 2.3.

Win-Loss	Opp. FG %	Opp. PPG	Opp. 3PFG%	Rebound Margin	BPG	SPG
1-3	.486	82.5	.400	-2.5	5.0	5.8
13-0	.409	66.7	.285	+6.8	4.5	5.5

Adebayo Following Path of UK Greats Davis, Towns

Just over a month ago, John Calipari predicted that Bam Adebayo would be on the same development arc as two of the greatest front-court players he's ever coached: Anthony Davis and Karl-Anthony Towns. One has to revisit their season stats to realize that, while both are NBA superstars now, it took them until the end of the season to truly become dominant.

More and more it's looking like Calipari was right.

Adebayo has arguably been Kentucky's most dominant player over the last month and a half. If nothing else, he's certainly been UK's

2016-17 LEAD-DEFICIT COMPARISON

Opponent	Biggest Lead	Biggest Deficit	Biggest Run*	Changes	Ties	Led	Trailed	Result
SFA	27 (2nd)	1 (1st)	7-0	2	0	39:04	0:30	W, 87-64
CANISIUS	30 (2nd)	7 (1st)	9-0	6	9	27:07	9:42	W, 93-69
vs. Michigan St.	23 (2nd)	3 (1st)	9-0	1	3	34:30	1:41	W, 69-48
DUQUESNE	41 (2nd)	2 (1st)	11-0	1	2	37:27	0:10	W, 93-59
CLEVELAND ST.	41 (2nd)	N/A	12-0	0	0	39:44	0:00	W, 101-70
UT MARTIN	48 (2nd)	3 (1st)	11-0	3	0	36:49	2:01	W, 111-76
vs. Arizona St.	48 (2nd)	1 (1st)	12-0	2	0	39:17	0:23	W, 115-69
UCLA	9 (1st)	14 (2nd)	11-0	2	3	12:59	24:39	L, 97-92
VALPARAISO	34 (2nd)	N/A	21-0	0	2	38:50	0:00	W, 87-63
vs. Hofstra	31 (2nd)	N/A	18-0	0	0	39:33	0:00	W, 96-73
vs. North Carolina	12 (1st)	3 (1st)	7-0	6	6	32:41	3:43	W, 103-100
at Louisville	6 (1st)	7 (1st)	9-0	9	10	12:15	19:38	L, 73-70
at Ole Miss	28 (2nd)	2 (1st)	13-0	1	1	38:23	0:23	W, 99-76
TEXAS A&M	47 (2nd)	3 (1st)	15-0	1	1	38:00	0:41	W, 100-58
ARKANSAS	26 (2nd)	4 (1st)	12-0	6	2	36:20	3:21	W, 97-71
at Vanderbilt	9 (1st)	2 (1st)	9-0	8	7	33:23	3:23	W, 87-81
AUBURN	20 (2nd)	3 (1st)	9-0	9	1	36:54	2:23	W, 92-72
at Mississippi St.	18 (2nd)	N/A	10-0	0	3	38:28	0:00	W, 88-81
SOUTH CAROLINA	23 (2nd)	N/A	9-0	0	0	39:50	0:00	W, 85-69
at Tennessee	6 (1st)	11 (2nd)	6-0	5	6	6:52	29:50	L, 82-80
KANSAS	12 (1st)	10 (2nd)	7-0	4	8	23:38	14:02	L, 79-73
GEORGIA	9 (OT)	14 (2nd)	9-0	3	6	18:56	19:35	W, 90-81 (OT)
at #24/23 Florida	N/A	24 (2nd)	7-0	0	0	0:00	39:32	L, 88-66
LSU	25 (2nd)	N/A	12-0	0	0	39:40	0:00	W, 92-85
at Alabama	18 (2nd)	3 (1st)	10-0	3	2	34:56	0:32	W, 67-58
TENNESSEE	28 (2nd)	5 (1st)	11-0	1	0	36:06	3:40	W, 83-58
at Georgia	6 (2nd)	4 (1st)	8-0	13	15	24:44	11:29	W, 82-77
at Missouri	10 (2nd)	4 (1st)	10-0	3	5	29:10	6:55	W, 72-62
FLORIDA	10 (2nd)	12 (1st)	10-0	7	9	11:41	24:45	W, 76-66
VANDERBILT	7 (2nd)	19 (1st)	9-0	3	3	3:10	33:52	W, 73-67
at Texas A&M	14 (2nd)	15 (1st)	9-0	2	3	22:34	16:22	W, 71-63
vs. Georgia	18 (2nd)	N/A	8-0	0	1	37:57	0:00	W, 71-60
vs. Alabama	9 (2nd)	10 (1st)	11-0	5	3	26:21	12:19	W, 79-74
vs. Arkansas	19 (2nd)	2 (1st)	13-0	4	6	35:03	1:53	W, 82-65
vs. NKU	18 (2nd)	1 (1st)	13-0	2	3	38:42	0:06	W, 79-70
vs. Wichita State	7 (2nd)	4 (2nd)	7-0	5	11	24:50	8:42	W, 65-62
BIGGEST/MOST	**48**	**24**	**21-0**	**13**	**15**	**39:50**	**33:52**	**+46**
TOTALS	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**1061:04**	**296:48**	**+500**

**run tracked by consecutive UK points without allowing an opponent score*

most consistent during its 13-game winning streak.

During the late-season 13-game push, Adebayo is averaging a double-double with 13.8 points per game and 10.5 boards. He's shooting 61.6 percent during that stretch and a respectable 73.1 percent from the line. The 6-foot-10 big man has a team-leading eight double-doubles, including five over his last nine games, three over his last five and two straight.

Playing in a guard-heavy lineup, there's no question that Adebayo has been able to provide UK with its most consistent inside presence. For the season he's averaging 13.3 points to go along with a team-best 8.1 rebounds. He has a .609 field-goal percentage, best among players attempting at least three shots a game, and he has 98 dunks on the season, more than any other Kentucky player under Calipari. Anthony Davis had 92 during the 2011-12 season.

He followed a 22-point, 15-rebound game at Missouri with an 18-point, 15-rebound effort vs. No. 13/12 Florida, accomplishing a pair of milestones in the process. His back-to-back double-doubles were the first of the season and put him in the team lead with five, while his back-to-back 15-rebound games marked the first such stretch since Jared Prickett accomplished the feat on Feb. 6 and Feb. 9, 1994. It was the first time a UK player had posted back-to-back games of at least 15 boards in consecutive Southeastern Conference games since Sam Bowie on March 1 and March 3, 1984.

In the NCAA Tournament, Adebayo is averaging 14.0 points and 14.0 rebounds. The Little Washington, North Carolina, native had 18 rebounds in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament against Northern Kentucky, the most rebounds under Calipari in the NCAA Tournament and the third most all-time in UK history in the tournament. Per ESPN Stats and Info, he's just the second Kentucky player (Julius Randle in 2014) with a double-double in each of his first two NCAA Tournament games.

After a challenge from his head coach to rebound better, Adebayo has been dominant on the glass. He's grabbed at least six rebounds over his last 14 games.

Clutch Cats

This team has seen its share of close-game situations. There's no better needle to gauge a team's focus and efficiency down the stretch than it's performance at the free-throw line -- and this team is clutch.

Led by the dynamic guard duo of De'Aaron Fox and Malik Monk, the Wildcats are 97 of 129 (75.2) from the charity stripe when it's a single-digit game with five minutes or less remaining. That's an improvement from the team's 70.3 clip for the season.

Fox and Monk are UK's go-to guys. Monk is averaging 85.1 percent (40 of 47) while Fox is shooting 79.4 percent when UK needs it most on 27 of 34 attempts.

SEC Champs! SEC Tournament Champs!

Kentucky clinched at least a share of the regular-season Southeastern Conference championship with a victory over Vanderbilt on Feb. 28 in an epic 19-point comeback. The Wildcats did one better on March 5, claiming the title outright with a 15-point comeback victory at Texas A&M.

It marked UK's league-leading 48th SEC championship, 38 more than anyone else in the league. The rest of the league has a combined 50 titles. It was also the fifth time UK has won at least a share of the SEC championship in head coach John Calipari's eight seasons at Kentucky. For Calipari, it was his 15th league crown, spanning three different conferences. He's the only coach in Division I history to win at least five regular-season league titles at three different schools.

UK also claimed its 30 SEC Tournament title with an 82-65 victory over Arkansas. The rest of the league has a combined 27 SEC Tournament championships.

The Wildcats have won five league tournament crowns under Calipari, including three straight. They've won 15 of the last 25 SEC Tournament championships.

Monk Highlights Postseason Awards

It's already been a busy awards season for the Wildcats, especially Malik Monk.

The freshman from Lepanto, Arkansas, has hauled in a number of postseason awards thus far, highlighted by Southeastern Conference Player and Newcomer of the Year honors from the Associated Press, SEC Freshman of the Year distinction by the league's coaches, making two NCAA-recognized All-America teams, and being named the U.S. Basketball Writers Association's District IV Player of the Year.

De'Aaron Fox was also named to the USA Today All-America Third Team.

But that's not at all. Three Wildcats -- Monk, Fox and Bam Adebayo -- made the All-SEC teams. Monk and Fox were tabbed to the first team (AP and Coaches) while Adebayo made the second team (AP and Coaches). Kentucky is the only school with three players on either the first or the second teams by both the AP and coaches.

Adebayo, Fox and Monk were also tabbed to the coaches' All-Freshman Team. Fox (MVP), Adebayo and Dominique Hawkins made the SEC All-Tournament Team.

Monk is the eighth Wildcat to win the coaches' pick for SEC Freshman of the Year. He is the seventh player in the last eight seasons under John Calipari's direction to claim the distinction. With the freshman trio capturing league honors, Calipari has now coached 21 players who have earned All-SEC accolades by the league coaches. At least one player has been named to the All-SEC Freshman Team in all eight seasons under Calipari, and in seven of the eight seasons multiple players have been tabbed to the squad.

Joining Monk on the USBWA All-District IV Team was Fox. The USBWA All-District IV Team is selected from players in the states of Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia and Florida.

Derek Willis was named to the SEC Men's Basketball Community Service Team for his exemplary service in the community while Isaiah Briscoe was tabbed to the Sports Illustrated All-Glue Team.

Several Wildcats are on postseason watch lists as well, which you can read about more in the next section. The full list of awards so far:

STREAKS

Overall	Won 13
Unranked AP teams anywhere	Won 12
Ranked AP teams anywhere	Won 2
Home	Won 5
Home SEC	Won 28
Home nonconference	Lost 1
Home AP unranked nonconference	Won 35
Home AP ranked teams	Won 1
Home AP unranked teams	Won 46
Road	Won 4
Road SEC	Won 4
Road AP ranked teams	Lost 3
Road AP unranked teams	Won 4
Neutral	Won 9
Neutral AP ranked teams	Won 3
Neutral AP unranked teams	Won 9

Active Consecutive Made Starts (in games played)	
Isaiah Briscoe	58
Bam Adebayo	36
Derek Willis	7
De'Aaron Fox	6
Malik Monk	6

Active Consecutive Made Free Throws (in games played)	
Malik Monk	10
Dominique Hawkins	6
Jonny David	2
Isaac Humphries	2
Sacha Killeya-Jones	2
Bam Adebayo	1
Isaiah Briscoe	1
De'Aaron Fox	1
Mychal Mulder	1
Derek Willis	1

Active Consecutive Games with a 3 (in games played)	
Derek Willis	8
Dominique Hawkins	4
Isaiah Briscoe	1
Malik Monk	1
Mychal Mulder	1

DUNK TRACKER

Player	2016-17	Career
Bam Adebayo	98	98
Isaiah Briscoe	1	2
De'Aaron Fox	18	18
Wenyen Gabriel	5	5
Dominique Hawkins	2	4
Isaac Humphries	5	5
Sacha Killeya-Jones	4	4
Malik Monk	25	25
Mychal Mulder	6	6
Derek Willis	11	23

DOUBLE-DOUBLES

Player	2016-17	Career
Bam Adebayo	8	8
Isaiah Briscoe	4	6
De'Aaron Fox	4	4
Wenyen Gabriel	1	1
Derek Willis	0	2

TRIPLE-DOUBLES

Player	2016-17	Career
Isaiah Briscoe	1	1
De'Aaron Fox	1	1

Malik Monk - SEC Player of the Year (AP), SEC Newcomer of the Year (AP), SEC Freshman of the Year (Coaches), All-SEC First Team (AP/Coaches), All-SEC Freshman Team (Coaches), USBWA District IV Player of the Year, Sporting News All America Second Team, USBWA All-America Second Team USA Today All-America Second Team, NBC Sports All-America Second Team, USBWA All-District IV Team, Sporting News Freshman All-America Team
De'Aaron Fox - All-SEC First Team (AP/coaches), All-SEC Freshman Team, USA Today All-America Third Team, USBWA All-District IV Team, Sporting News Freshman All-America Team, SEC Tournament MVP
Bam Adebayo - All-SEC Second Team (AP/coaches), All-SEC Freshman Team, SEC All-Tournament Team
Dominique Hawkins - SEC All-Tournament Team
Isaiah Briscoe - Sports Illustrated All-Glue Team
Derek Willis - SEC Community Service Team

Keep a Watchful Eye on the Cats

Stocked full of some of the nation's top talent, a handful of Wildcats are on a number of national watch lists for national player of the year awards and various national position awards:

- Bam Adebayo - Kareem Abdul-Jabbar Award Preseason, Naismith Trophy Preseason, Wooden Award Preseason
- Isaiah Briscoe - Lute Olson Award Preseason
- De'Aaron Fox - Naismith Midseason Top 30, Wooden Award Late Season Top 20, Bob Cousy Award Midseason Finalist, Oscar Robertson Trophy Midseason Watch List, Wayman Tisdale Award Midseason Watch List
- Malik Monk - Naismith Midseason Top 30, Wooden Award Finalist, Jerry West Award Finalist, Oscar Robertson Trophy Midseason Watch List, Wayman Tisdale Award Midseason Watch List, AAU Sullivan Award Semifinalist

2017 Senior Class Most Productive in Calipari Era

Kentucky celebrated seniors Dominique Hawkins, Mychal Mulder and Derek Willis prior to a 19-point comeback win against Vanderbilt on Feb. 28. The Wildcats improved to 94-19 all-time on Senior Day, including a perfect 8-0 mark under John Calipari. (Of note to the Senior Night festivities, Willis proposed to his girlfriend, Keely Potts, before the game. She said yes.)

All three seniors are all playing significant minutes for the Cats and producing in a variety of ways. The trio averages a combined 16.5 points, 8.7 rebounds, 3.1 assists, 1.8 steals and 1.3 blocks per game.

Willis is averaging a career-best 5.3 rebounds, Mulder has scored a career-high 151 points, while Hawkins owns a team-best 4.0 assist-to-turnover ratio. One of the highlights of the season was Hawkins making the SEC All-Tournament team in his final league tournament. He capped the memorable week with a career-high 14 points and four steals in the championship game.

The 16.5 points per game from the seniors is the best in the John Calipari era. The 2011-12 team consisting of Darius Miller and Eloy Vargas averaged 11.6 points per game. The 561 points scored on the year is the highest-scoring senior class in the Calipari era.

Having a three-man senior class contributing and all playing at least 10.9 minutes per game under Calipari is a first in his eight-year tenure. As a matter of fact, you have to go all the way back to the 2003-04 season to find another trio of seniors playing more than 10 minutes a game. The 2003-04 class of Cliff Hawkins (30.5), Erik Daniels (30.0), Gerald Fitch (29.8) and Antwain Barbour (17.2) is the last group of seniors who all played at least 10 minutes a game for the Wildcats.

Cats Cleaning up on the Glass

For as big and as strong as the Wildcats are, they've been inconsistent on the glass. When UK was outrebounded by 25 at Florida -- the worst mark in the John Calipari era -- it was clear something needed to change. And it has.

Since that drubbing at Florida, UK either outrebounded or tied nine straight opponents on the glass until Alabama won the battle of the boards by five in the SEC Tournament semifinals. UK "rebounded" from the deficit against the Tide with a plus-14 margin over Arkansas in the SEC Tournament championship game. During UK's current 13-game winning streak, the Wildcats are averaging 40.1 boards a game and outrebounding their opponents by an average of 6.8 an outing.

Bam Adebayo has been the biggest difference of late. He's grabbed at least six rebounds over his last 14 games and is averaging 10.5 boards during UK's 13-game winning streak.

Despite some shaky individual games, and with the help of the recent board play, UK has a plus-5.3 rebounding margin on the season, the 36th-best mark in the country and tops in the league (as of games through March 19). That includes 12.47 offensive rebounds per game, 37th in the country, which has led to 13.0 second-chance points per game.

The most impressive performance on the glass came against Arizona State when the Wildcats grabbed 59 rebounds, tied for the most of the Calipari era. Against North Carolina, which came into the game with the best rebounding margin in the country, the Cats more than just held their own -- they outrebounded the Tar Heels. It was the first time in UNC's first 12 games the Tar Heels had been outrebounded.

Calipari Notches 23rd Consecutive 20-Win Season, 10th 30-Win Season

With a road win at Alabama, Kentucky secured its 20th win of the season, its eighth straight 20-win season under John Calipari. Calipari as a collegiate head coach has posted 23 consecutive seasons of 20 or more on-court wins. He leads all active coaches with that streak, ahead of Mike Krzyzewski of Duke (21), Bill Self (19) and Jim Boeheim (17).

With a first-round win over NKU in the 2017 NCAA Tournament, Calipari and the Cats clinched a 30-win season for the fourth time in his eight seasons as head coach. Calipari currently now has 10 seasons with 30 or more on-court wins. Only Mike Krzyzewski (13) has more. Roy Williams (10) is within one win of getting his 11th 30-win season. Calipari is the first coach in NCAA Division I history to record five straight on-court 30-win seasons, notching 30 straight in consecutive seasons from 2005-06 to 2009-10.

Comeback Cats Part II

For whatever reason, this Kentucky team has played its best ball recently after digging itself into an early hole in the last three regular-season games and the semifinal matchup vs. Alabama in the Southeastern Conference Tournament.

Following yet another comeback victory -- the latest of which was a 10-point comeback vs. the Crimson Tide in the SEC Tournament -- the Wildcats rallied from double-figure deficits in four of five games from Feb.25 to March 11. The three consecutive come-from-behind wins to end the regular season marked the first time a Kentucky team had done that in the John Calipari era. As a matter of fact, the last time a UK team won three straight games when trailing by 10 or more points was the 1998 national championship team. The appropriately named "Comeback Cats" won their final three NCAA Tournament games after falling behind by double digits.

All four of UK's recent comebacks have been noteworthy.

UK rallied from a 12-point deficit vs. Florida on Feb. 25 to take a one-game lead in the SEC race. The Wildcats then clinched a share of the league title with a 19-point comeback vs. Vanderbilt, which equated to the biggest comeback of the Calipari era and the school's largest comeback since rallying from 22 points down on Feb. 22, 1997 at Vanderbilt. A 15-point rally at Texas A&M was the largest comeback victory on the road in the Calipari era. The win in the SEC Tournament over the Crimson Tide marked the fourth time in the Cal era UK has rallied from double figures for a victory in the league tourney.

All told, Kentucky has five victories this season when trailing by double figures (UK also came back from 14 against Georgia on Jan. 31), which ties the 2013-14 squad for most victories in comeback fashion in the Cal era. The 2013-14 squad (which became known as the Cardiac Cats) that made an unthinkable run in the 2014 NCAA Tournament behind three last-minute 3-pointers from freshman Aaron Harrison, rallied back from double digits a Cal-era high five times that season, including 13 points against Louisville in the Sweet 16 and 10 against Michigan in the Elite Eight.

Of course, to come back, one must fall behind, and there's been a common denominator in that recently: slow starts. UK has fallen behind early in the four recent comebacks, trailing Florida 18-6, Vanderbilt 25-6, Texas A&M 19-4 and Alabama 17-7.

Points in the Paint

Certainly, Kentucky's brand of basketball of flying up the court for easy transition baskets is a staple of John Calipari teams. However, this team's efficiency inside the paint is among the best in the country, and the majority of those buckets are coming in the form of dunks.

Entering the 2017 NCAA Tournament, Kentucky ranked fourth in the country with an average of 38.4 points in the paint. UK trailed only Florida Gulf Coast (41.5), Utah (41.1) and North Carolina (39.9) in the category.

Only Florida State (171) had more dunks than the Wildcats (164) at the conclusion of the regular season and conference tournaments. Freshman forward Bam Adebayo was third in the nation among all individuals with 91 slams heading into the 2017 NCAA Tournament. He now has 94 and broke Anthony Davis' single-season record of 92 under Calipari.

Monk Scoring at a Historic Rate

If there's one thing to be said from Malik Monk's Kentucky career so far, it's that he is as dynamic of an offensive player for the Wildcats as any player John Calipari has ever coached. As a matter of fact, he may be Calipari's best scorer ever. At least that's what the numbers say.

Following his record-setting 47 points vs. No. 7/6 North Carolina, his scoring average jumped up to 21.9 points per game. He currently averages 20.0. He is within reaching distance to average the highest points per game of any player Calipari has coached in college. No Calipari player has ever averaged more than 21.2 points for an entire season (Dajuan Wagner at Memphis in 2002).

The Jerry West Shooting Guard Award finalist is the only freshman in program history with four games of at least 30 points. UK is 4-0 in those games.

Through games played on March 19, Monk was second among all freshmen nationally in scoring. He edged out South Carolina's Sindarius Thornwell at the conclusion of the regular season by .001 of a point, though Thornwell is currently ahead of him now by more than a point per game. Monk is trying to become just the fourth freshman in league history and first since Chris Jackson in 1989 to win the conference scoring title.

The freshman from Lepanto, Arkansas, has topped the 20-point plateau 18 times this season and reached double figures in his first 30 games before the streak was snapped in the final regular-season game of the season at Texas A&M. He's scored 20 or more points in a half six times, including a Calipari-era record of 30 in the second half vs. the Gators.

At Florida, he surpassed the 500-point barrier, becoming the second-fastest player in school history (23 games) to reach 500 career points. Only Cotton Nash accomplished the feat quicker when he did it in 22 games in 1961-62.

If there's any debate as to where he stands among UK's all-time scorers, there isn't much of one as far as freshmen. With 14 points against Wichita State in the NCAA Tournament, he passed Jamal Murray for the most points by a freshman in school history. He currently has 721. He's seventh on the single-season scoring list, regardless of class.

Monk isn't just a one-trick pony either. He can beat you in a variety of ways. Off the bounce, he's as good as anyone in the country. Athletically and at the rack, he's elite with a 42-inch vertical and 25 dunks so far -- many of which have appeared on SportsCenter's Top 10 plays.

Perhaps Monk's greatest strength is his ability to shoot. Through 36 games, Monk has connected on 97 made 3-pointers. Murray owns the single-season UK freshman record with 113 made treys. Jodie Meeks owns the overall single-season Kentucky record with 117 3-pointers in 2008-09.

Monk is averaging 2.69 made 3-pointers per game. If he maintains that average, and UK plays a full 40-game schedule, he would finish the season with 108 3-pointers. That total would be short of Meeks' school record and just behind the NCAA freshman record of 122 held by Stephen Curry.

But Monk isn't just chasing history; he's already made some ...

- His 47 points vs. UNC were ...
  - The most by a freshman in school history
  - The sixth-most points ever by a Wildcat
  - The most points by a Cat since Jodie Meeks' single-game record of 54 points at Tennessee on Jan. 18, 2009
  - The most ever by a John Calipari-coached player in college
  - The most in a game by an SEC freshman since LSU's Chris Jackson scored 55 vs. Ole Miss on March 4, 1989
  - The second-most points by a freshman in Division I college basketball since at least the 1996-97 season
  - The most in school history at a neutral site
  - The most in school history against an opponent ranked in the top 10 of the Associated Press Top 25
  - Tied the second most ever scored against North Carolina. It's the most since Rick Yuknus (Georgia Tech) scored 47 on Feb. 14, 1970. The record is 48 by Dick Groat on Feb. 29, 1952
  - The second-most points by a Cat vs. a nonconference foe. Cliff Hagan scored 51 vs. Temple on Dec. 5, 1953
  - His 18 field goals are the most since Melvin Turpin made 18 on March 8, 1984
  - His eight 3-pointers tied the school record for most 3-point field goals by a freshman
- With 34 points vs. Ole Miss, Monk ...
  - Set the school record for most points by a freshman in a road game
  - Joined Murray as the only freshmen in school history with multiple games of 30 or more points. Murray had three such games last season
- With 26 points vs. Texas A&M, Monk ...
  - Became the first freshman in program history to score 26 or more points in his first two career SEC games
  - Became the first UK player to score 26 or more points in consecutive games to begin the SEC season since Dan Issel on Jan. 3 and 5, 1970
- With 26 points vs. South Carolina, Monk ...
  - Set the freshman scoring record for most points against a ranked SEC opponent
- With 37 points vs. Georgia at home, Monk ...
  - Passed Murray (six) for his record seventh 25-point game as a freshman under Calipari at UK
  - Scored the most points for a UK freshman ever vs. Georgia, passing Jamal Mashburn's record of 31 set Feb. 3, 1991
  - Became the third player (Meeks, Miller) in school history with three games of seven or more treys in a season
  - Became the first freshman and the third player in program history (Dan Issel and Meeks) to have 34 or more points at a neutral-site game, a home game and an away game in the same season
- With 33 points vs. Florida at home, Monk ...

MEASURABLES

Top Wing Span

1. Sacha Killeya-Jones - 7'2"
2. Bam Adebayo - 7'1.50"
T3. Isaac Humphries - 7'0"
T3. Derek Willis - 7'0"
T5. Wenyen Gabriel - 6"11"

Top Vertical

1. Dominique Hawkins - 44.5"
2. Mychal Mulder - 44.0"
3. Malik Monk - 42.0"
4. Bam Adebayo - 39.5"
5. De'Aaron Fox - 38.5"

Top Hand Width

1. Sacha Killeya-Jones - 11.0"
2. Mychal Mulder - 10.75"
T3. Isaiah Briscoe - 10.0"
T3. Tai Wynyard - 10.0"
5. Derek Willis -9.75"

CATS IN THE NBA

At the beginning of the 2016-17 season, 24 former Wildcats were on an opening-day roster, more than any other school in the country. The following listing is as of opening day.

Name	Team
Eric Bledsoe	Phoenix Suns
Devin Booker	Phoenix Suns
Willie Cauley-Stein	Sacramento Kings
DeMarcus Cousins	Sacramento Kings
Anthony Davis	New Orleans Pelicans
Aaron Harrison	Charlotte Hornets
Andrew Harrison	Memphis Grizzlies
Terrence Jones	New Orleans Pelicans
Enes Kanter	Oklahoma City Thunder
Brandon Knight	Phoenix Suns
Michael Kidd-Gilchrist	Charlotte Hornets
Skal Labissiere	Sacramento Kings
DeAndre Liggins	Cleveland Cavaliers
Trey Lyles	Utah Jazz
Jodie Meeks	Orlando Magic
Jamal Murray	Denver Nuggets
Nerlens Noel	Philadelphia 76ers
Patrick Patterson	Toronto Raptors
Julius Randle	Los Angeles Lakers
Rajon Rondo	Sacramento Kings
Karl-Anthony Towns	Minnesota Timberwolves
Tyler Ulis	Phoenix Suns
John Wall	Washington Wizards
James Young	Boston Celtics

Several former Wildcats are among the NBA league leaders in the major statistical categories. Stats are through March 18. Former UK players are in ***BOLD.***

Points Per Game

1. Russell Westbrook (Thunder) - 31.7
4. Anthony Davis (Pelicans) - 27.8
6. DeMarcus Cousins (Pelicans) - 26.7
13. Karl-Anthony Towns (Timberwolves) - 24.4
17. John Wall (Wizards) - 23.0

Rebounds Per Game

1. Hassan Whiteside (Heat) - 14.3
6. Karl-Anthony Towns (Timberwolves) - 12.3
7. Anthony Davis (Pelicans) - 11.8
9. DeMarcus Cousins (Pelicans) - 10.8
15. Julius Ranlde (Lakers) - 8.7

Assists Per Game

1. James Harden (Rockets) - 11.2
2. John Wall (Wizards) - 10.8
11. Rajon Rondo (Bulls) - 6.4
T12. Eric Bledsoe (Suns) - 6.3

Blocks Per Game

1. Rudy Gobert (Jazz) - 2.52
2. Anthony Davis (Pelicans) - 2.29
T15. Karl-Anthony Towns (Timberwolves) - 1.35
19. DeMarcus Cousins (Pelicans) - 1.28

Field-Goal Percentage

1. DeAndre Jordan (Clippers) - .703
9. Enes Kanter (Thunder) - .556
14. Karl-Anthony Towns (Timberwolves) - .535

Steals Per Game

1. Draymond Green (Warriors) - 2.12
3. John Wall (Wizards) - 1.94

Double-Doubles

1. James Harden (Rockets) - 55
T2. Karl-Anthony Towns (Timberwolves) - 52
T6. John Wall (Wizards) - 45
9. DeMarcus Cousins (Pelicans) - 41
10. Anthony Davis (Pelicans) - 40

POINTS PER POSSESSION

Game	Off. PPP	Def. PPP
STEPHEN F. AUSTIN	1.13	0.83
CANISIUS	1.24	0.92
vs. Michigan State	0.95	0.66
DUQUESNE	1.18	0.75
CLEVELAND STATE	1.23	0.85
UT MARTIN	1.37	0.94
vs. Arizona State	1.39	0.83
UCLA	1.11	1.17
VALPARAISO	1.12	0.81
vs. Hofstra	1.25	0.95
vs. North Carolina	1.30	1.27
at Louisville	0.96	1.00
at Ole Miss	1.21	0.93
TEXAS A&M	1.41	0.82
ARKANSAS	1.35	0.99
at Vanderbilt	1.16	1.08
AUBURN	1.26	0.99
at Mississippi State	1.11	1.03
SOUTH CAROLINA	1.21	0.99
at Tennessee	1.00	1.02
KANSAS	0.99	1.07
GEORGIA	1.12	1.01
at Florida	0.86	1.14
LSU	1.21	1.12
at Alabama	0.96	0.83
TENNESSEE	1.17	0.82
at Georgia	1.09	1.03
at Missouri	0.99	0.85
FLORIDA	1.10	0.96
VANDERBILT	1.04	0.96
at Texas A&M	1.13	1.00
vs. Georgia	0.99	0.83
vs. Alabama	1.13	1.06
vs. Arkansas	1.15	0.92
vs. Northern Kentucky	1.07	0.95
vs. Wichita State	1.05	1.00

Overall

Kentucky offensive high - 1.41 vs. TEXAS A&M
Kentucky offensive low - 0.86 at Florida
Kentucky SEC offensive high - 1.41 vs. TEXAS A&M
Kentucky SEC offensive low - 0.86 at Florida
Kentucky postseason high - 1.15 vs. Arkansas
Kentucky postseason low - 0.99 vs. Georgia

Opponent offensive high - 1.27 vs. North Carolina
Opponent offensive low - 0.66 vs. Michigan State
Opponent SEC offensive high - 1.14 at Florida
Opponent SEC offensive low - 0.82 vs. TEXAS A&M/TENNESSEE
Opponent postseason high - 1.06 vs. vs. Alabama
Opponent postseason low - 0.83 vs. Georgia

- Became the first freshman in school history with four games of 30 or more points
- Set the record for most points in a half (30) in the Calipari era at Kentucky

- With 27 points vs. Vanderbilt at home, Monk ...
  - Scored the third most points off of the bench in the Calipari era
  - Scored a combined 50 points over the last two second halves (Florida and Vanderbilt)
- With 14 points vs. Wichita State in the NCAA Tournament, Monk ...
  - Became UK's all-time freshman scoring leader with 721 career points, passing Murray (720)

How Monk Stacks Up to Calipari's Best Scorers

If traditional numbers aren't enough, KenPom.com's efficiency rankings also put Malik Monk in the discussion for the best scorer under John Calipari. Just looking at some of the top Calipari freshmen scorers alone, Monk stacks up favorably.

Name	Offensive Rating	True Shooting %	Usage Rate	Points Per Game
John Wall	108	56.2	25.7	16.6
DeMarcus Cousins	113.1	57.9	30.5	15.1
Brandon Knight	106.7	55.3	27	17.3
Anthony Davis	133.5	65.7	18.8	14.2
Julius Randle	111.2	56.6	25.5	15
Karl-Anthony Towns	122.7	62.7	23.7	10.3
Jamal Murray	118	59	27.2	20
Malik Monk	115.9	58.7	25.5	20.0

Fox the Next Great Freshman Point Guard Under Calipari

Faced with the unenviable task of replacing 2016 Bob Cousy Point Guard of the Year award winner Tyler Ulis, De'Aaron Fox has filled his shoes admirably and made his mark as one of the nation's fastest and craftiest players.

Fox is currently averaging 16.1 points, 4.6 assists, 4.0 rebounds and 1.4 steals. He is one of only four freshmen in the country to average at least 16.1 points and at least 4.6 assists per game. Makelle Fultz (Washington), Dennis Smith Jr. (NC State) and Michael Weathers (Miami, Ohio) are the others.

His 4.6 assists ranks 75th nationally and first in the Southeastern Conference. The average is 11th nationally among freshmen. The Houston native also ranks fourth in the SEC with a 1.9 assist-to-turnover ratio (through games on March 19). His scoring average is ranked eighth in the SEC.

As a matter of fact, through 36 games, Fox has 158 assists. That's the fifth-most ever by a UK freshman in a single season. He needs two more dimes to move into sole possession of third place in the record books.

Fox has four double-doubles by way of points and assists, which includes his historic triple-double against Arizona State -- the second triple-double in school history and first since Chris Mills did it Dec. 27, 1988.

That's not the only history Fox has made. Against Stephen F. Austin, in the season opener, Fox dished out 12 assists to set two program records. The 12 dimes were the most by any Wildcat in his debut, and the most of any player in a season-opening game since assists began being kept in 1971-72.

Perhaps Fox's greatest value of late has been his ability to close out games. Fox was instrumental in late-game wins at Mississippi State, at Georgia, vs. Alabama in the SEC Tournament and vs. Wichita State in the NCAA Tournament. With 5:00 or less to go in single-digit games, Fox has made 27 of 34 at the charity stripe.

Calipari's Best Freshman Trio Yet?

Among the many things Kentucky has been known for since John Calipari's arrival at Kentucky, the Wildcats have featured the nation's best freshmen. From John Wall and DeMarcus Cousins, to Brandon Knight and Terrence Jones, Anthony Davis and Michael Kidd-Gilchrist, Nerlens Noel, Karl-Anthony Towns, Devin Booker, Tyler Ulis, and Jamal Murray -- just to name a handful -- UK has seen its fair share of freshman phenoms.

Believe it or not, De'Aaron Fox, Malik Monk and Bam Adebayo may be as impressive of a trio as Calipari has ever coached. They've each had electrifying and jaw-dropping performances, and between the three of them, they lead UK in points, rebounds, assists, blocks and steals.

Combined the trio is averaging 49.5 points, 14.7 rebounds and 7.6 assists per game. For comparison, the 2009-10 freshman trio

UK'S RECORD VS. RANKED OPPONENTS AND AS A RANKED OPPONENT UNDER CALIPARI

	Opponent Rank																										
Kentucky (RK)	**1**	**2**	**3**	**4**	**5**	**6**	**7**	**8**	**9**	**10**	**11**	**12**	**13**	**14**	**15**	**16**	**17**	**18**	**19**	**20**	**21**	**22**	**23**	**24**	**25**	**RV**	**NR**	**TOTAL**
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of Wall, Cousins and Eric Bledsoe -- who likely would be the strongest competition to this year's group -- combined to average 43.1 points, 17.4 rebounds and 10.3 assists per game by the end of the season.

This year's edition of the freshman class isn't just statistically good among past UK greats, they're also some of the elite performers nationally. Monk is second in the country among all freshmen with a 20.0 scoring average and his 2.69 made 3-pointers a game leads all freshmen. Fox is 11th among all freshmen with 4.6 assists per game and 16th with a 1.86 assist-to-turnover ratio. Adebayo is seventh in rebounds (8.1) and in 12th blocks per game (1.53).

Unsurprisingly, Monk, Fox and Adebayo are the leading scoring freshman trio in the country. Here's a look at where they stand in the UK freshman record books thus far:

Assists
1. Wall (241)
2. Teague (191)
T3. Knight (159)
T3. An. Harrison (159)
5. Fox (158)

Rebounds
1. Randle (417)
4. Jones (336)
5. Kidd-Gilchrist (297)
6. Adebayo (293)

3-Pointers
1. Murray (113)
2. Monk (97)

Points
1. Monk (721)
9. Davis (567)
T10. Aa. Harrison (549)
T10. *Fox (549)*
12. *Adebayo (479)*

Steals
1. Rondo (87)
4. Bledsoe (52)
5. Noel (50)
6. Fox (49)

Blocks
1. Davis (186)
7. Cousins (67)
8. Cauley-Stein (60)
9. Labissiere (59)
10. Adebayo (55)

Fastest Calipari Team Ever?

It's no secret that a staple of John Calipari-coached teams is to play fast. You'll hear him from the sidelines imploring his teams to get out and run and score as many transition baskets as possible.

Well, the 2016-17 edition of the Kentucky Wildcats is just that - really fast, as told by their average possession lasting just 15.2 seconds. As of games through March 19, that mark was the 13th-fastest mark in the nation and the second-best among Power Five programs, trailing only UCLA.

But, for a coach who directs his teams to run the floor, this team takes it to a whole new level. This is the fastest Calipari team while at Kentucky and the fastest by nearly two seconds. According to Synergy Sports, UK averages 19.2 points per game in transition, the fourth-best mark in the country (through games on March 17).

Average Possession Length and KenPom's Adjusted Tempo Ranking:

2016-17 (UK): 15.2, 13th	2015-16 (UK): 17.7, 219th	2014-15 (UK): 17.7, 98th
2013-14 (UK): 17.9,156th	2012-13 (UK): 17.4, 106th	2011-12 (UK): 17.8, 142nd
2010-11 (UK): 18.3, 219th	2009-10 (UK): 16.2, 31st	

Taking Care of the Ball

Through 36 games of the 2016-17 season, it's obvious this Kentucky team can score with the best of them and is likely doing it quickly. With an average possession of 15.2 seconds and scoring 85.2 points per game, one would think ball security would be an issue. Theoretically, the more possessions you have, the more turnovers a team will commit, but not with this bunch.

This team yields a turnover on just 15.9 percent of its possessions. That's the 25th-best mark in the country (through games on March 19). UK averages 11.9 turnovers per game, which is 71st in the country.

During John Calipari's tenure, UK's best seasons in those categories came in 2011 when the team averaged a turnover on just 16.1 percent of its possessions, ranked 10th in the country. The 2015 team averaged just 10.5 turnovers per outing. For comparison's sake, UK's previous fastest team in 2009-10 averaged a turnover on 20.3 percent of its possessions and 14.4 turnovers a game.

Turnovers were a problem during a midseason skid in which the Wildcats lost three of four games. UK turned it over a combined 44 times in losses to Kansas, Tennessee and Florida. Kansas scored 21 points off of UK's 17 miscues and the Gators capitalized for 17 points in Kentucky's loss in Gainesville, Florida.

High-Percentage Shots

Kentucky has made 50 percent or more of its shots in 16 games this season, including seven straight games before a 41.7-percent day at Tennessee ended the streak. UK went 12 games before shooting 52.3 percent in the SEC Tournament semifinals vs. Alabama for its 15th game with 50 percent or better from the field. It was the first time UK had shot 50 percent or better in seven straight games since doing it eight straight times during the 1983-84 season.

Why such high-percentage numbers? High-percentage shots, of course.

UK has scored a whopping 37.8 percent of its points on either layups or dunks and 37.8 points per game inside the paint. Which leads to another question. How are the Wildcats getting such high-percentage baskets?

There could be a number of factors to point to. For one, this Kentucky team likes to play fast and beat other teams down the floor, which can lead to layups and dunks. UK is averaging just 15.w2seconds per possession, the 14th-fastest mark in the country (as of games through March 19).

Defense helps, too. The Wildcats are scoring 17.9 points per game off of turnovers, some of which are easy transition baskets. In that regard, UK is averaging 10.8 fast-break points per game, although Kentucky's fast-break opportunities have significantly decreased in the second half of the season as opponents have adjusted to the Wildcats' strength. UK's 16 fast-break points at Alabama marked the first time the Wildcats hit double figures in that category since the Auburn game on Jan. 14. UK has posted double-digit fast-break points just four times in the last 19 games after doing it 15 times in the first 17 games.

Calipari Named Coach of USA Men's U19 Team

John Calipari was officially named the head coach of the 2017 USA Basketball Men's U19 World Cup Team on March 8 and will lead Team USA at the 2017 FIBA U19 World Championship in July in Cairo.

Calipari will oversee the direction of the team, starting with training camp, June 18-25, at the United States Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colorado. There, Calipari and his staff will select the 12-member USA U19 World Cup Team before heading to Egypt for the FIBA World Championship in Egypt, July 1-9.

Team USA will look for its third straight title at the FIBA World Championship after capturing gold at the 2013 and 2015 tournaments.

Colorado head coach Tad Boyle and Wake Forest head coach Danny Manning will serve as assistants. Calipari was an assistant at Kansas (1983-85) during parts of the careers of Boyle and Manning.

Calipari previously served with USA Basketball as the head coach of the 1995 U.S. Olympic Festival East Team, but he has recent international experience as the head coach of the Dominican Republic National Team in 2011 and 2012. His impact on the country was immediate and unprecedented.

In his first year with the team, Coach Cal led the Dominican Republic to a bronze-medal finish at the 2011 FIBA Americas Championship in Mar del Plata, Argentina, defeating archrival Puerto Rico and world power Brazil along the way. The Dominicans came within one win in the semifinal round of qualifying for the country's first-ever appearance in the Olympics. The third-place finish secured a spot at the 2012 FIBA World Olympic Qualifying Tournament as one of 12 teams vying for three open spots to the 2012 Olympic Games in London. There, again, the Dominicans came within one win of making history and qualifying for the Olympics.

Calipari also led the Dominican Republic to a gold medal at the 2012 Centrobasket. It was the first Centrobasket title in eight years for the Dominican Republic and just the third in the country's history.

As for Calipari's new team, the United States drew Group D for preliminary-round games at the FIBA World Championship and will open against Iran on July 1. Team USA will then play Angola on July 2 and will cap preliminary round action versus Italy on July 4 (game times are to be determined).

The United States earned its berth into the 2017 FIBA U19 World Cup by virtue of claiming gold at the 2016 FIBA Americas U18 Championship.

Three is Better Than Two ... More Than 1,000 Times

Kentucky and UNLV have gone back and forth all season long for the claim of having the longest active streak of consecutive games with a made 3-pointer. Fittingly, both schools reached a historic milestone -- 1,000 straight games -- within a few hours of each other.

UK just beat out the Runnin' Rebels by mere hours, becoming the first school ever to hit a 3-pointer in 1,000 straight games with a trey at Alabama on Feb. 11. Freshman guard Malik Monk, fittingly UK's leader in 3-point field goals this season, got the Wildcats to 1,000 straight games with a 3-pointer from the right wing with 15:26 to go in the first half. UNLV would match it later in the day.

Kentucky passed UNLV for the nation's longest active streak of consecutive games with a made 3-pointer in its final game of 2015-16. UK has now knocked down at least one 3-pointer in 1,011 consecutive games. UNLV has hit one in 1,006 straight, through games on March 17.

The Cats' last game without a made 3-pointer came against Seton Hall on Nov. 26, 1988 a "three-point" loss in the Great Alaska Shootout. The streak began on Nov. 28, 1998, in an 89-71 win vs. California.

The Wildcats' record during the 1,011-game streak is 782-229.

Keep It 100

For all the offensive weapons John Calipari's teams have featured during his eight seasons at Kentucky, this squad might have the most firepower, as told by the Wildcats' 85.2 scoring average, ranked ninth in the country (as of games through March 19).

UK surpassed the Cal era record for most 100-point games in a season when it dropped 100 on Texas A&M in the SEC home opener. The previous mark was four games during the 2009-10 team. It's the most 100-point games for any UK team since the 1995-96 season when that squad posted nine games of 100 or more.

Three of this season's games came consecutively. UK logged a 101-70 win over Cleveland State on Nov. 23, followed it up with 111 points vs. UT Martin in a 111-76 victory and then dropped 115 on Arizona State in a 115-69 win. It marked the first time the Wildcats had scored 100 or more points in three straight outings since Dec. 16-23, 1977.

UK's 115 points vs. Arizona State are the most of the John Calipari era and the most since the Wildcats netted 115 vs. East Tennessee State on Dec. 30, 2002.

The Wildcats opened the SEC slate with a seven-game streak of scoring at least 85 points a game. That's the most consecutive games of 85 points or more in Southeastern Conference play

COMPARING THE CALIPARI ERA

A look at statistics through 36 games throughout the John Calipari era ...

Year	FG%	Opp. FG%	3-Pt. FG%	FT%	RPG	Assists	TOs.	Blocks	Steals	Points	PPG	Record
2016-17	.474	.420	.350	.703	40.2	551	428	194	217	3,066	85.2	31-5
2015-16	.478	.397	.366	.690	38.8	512	402	209	206	2,861	79.5	27-9
2014-15	.466	.351	.347	.722	38.5	525	381	248	237	2,690	74.7	36-0
2013-14	.452	.406	.327	.682	40.9	410	441	222	172	2,715	75.4	26-10
2012-13	.475	.392	.346	.642	37.8	441	430	217	185	2,396	72.6	21-12
2011-12	.487	.370	.375	.719	39.1	483	409	313	219	2,775	77.1	34-2
2010-11	.462	.391	.395	.717	37.5	454	382	231	190	2,714	75.4	28-8
2009-10	.484	.379	.347	.674	41.4	548	518	263	261	2,884	80.1	34-2

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since doing it eight straight times during the 1976-77 season. UK posted 80 points at Tennessee and 90 in the overtime win over Georgia to enable the Cats to have their first streak of 80-plus points in nine consecutive SEC regular-season games since the 1990-91 season. That team did it 10 straight times.

Kentucky has scored less than 70 points just four times this season.

Winning Big

Kentucky won its first seven games by at least 21 points. The only other team in school history to accomplish that feat was the 1947-48 team, which also ended its streak at seven games. The Wildcats' first nine wins were all by at least 21 points, the first time that's happened since the 1934-35 season.

Among the seven victories, four (Duquesne, Cleveland State, UT Martin and Arizona State) saw the Cats win by at least 31. It was the first time UK had won four consecutive games by at least 31 points since Feb. 2-8, 1954, when it won four consecutive games by that margin.

UK's current scoring margin is plus-13.8 points per game, the ninth-best mark in the country (as of games through March 19).

When Kentucky beat Ole Miss by 23 points in the Southeastern Conference opener on Dec. 29, it marked the largest victory in an SEC opener for the Wildcats since Jan. 2, 1999, when UK beat Florida by 35 points. With two more blowouts vs. Texas A&M and Arkansas, Kentucky won its first three league tilts by at least 23 points for the first time since 1953-54.

During a six-game stretch for the Wildcats things tightened up, as they didn't win a game by double digits from Jan. 24-Feb. 11. A 25-point win over Tennessee on Feb. 14, snapped the streak.

Sharing is Caring

One of the most defining traits of John Calipari's teams and their success is their willingness to share the ball. Calipari, on an annual basis, brings in the nation's most talented players, most of whom were accustomed to taking the majority of the shots on their high school teams.

At Kentucky, to better prepare them for the next level, they learn to share -- and to prosper from it. Calipari doesn't promise shots to anyone. Instead, he preaches that as the team succeeds, everyone benefits.

Although it hit a bit of a rough stretch during a time in which the team lost three of four, this team may be his greatest example of that yet. With all the talent this team has, it has shared the ball better than any other Calipari team at Kentucky. The Wildcats have 551 assists through 36 games, three more than the 2009-10 team had at this point in the season. That group owns the Calipari era record for total assists with 573 by season's end. Their 1.29 assist-to-turnover ratio not only ranks 39th in the country (through games on March 19), it's in the running to be the program's best mark in the shot-clock era (1.41 in 1995-96).

Three players are averaging 2.4 assists or more per game, and Kentucky's 15.3 assists per game ranks 62nd in the nation (as of games through March 19). The 1995-96 UK team averaged 21.8 assists per game and set the school record of 783 assists in 36 games.

Against Arizona State, the Wildcats dished out 33 assists (on 44 made field goals), the most in the Calipari era and just two off of the school record. UK also had 25 assists against Cleveland State, the fifth most in the Cal era.

Kentucky dishes out an assist on 51.2 percent of its field goals.

Sophomore Slump? Mr. Do Everything Has Other Plans

Isaiah Briscoe has provided the steady hand to complement UK's dynamic yet youthful backcourt in De'Aaron Fox and Malik Monk. The elder statesman is having a markedly improved sophomore season in leading UK to its second straight Southeastern Conference championship.

Briscoe scored 10 or more points in 11 of UK's 18 league games, logged three or more rebounds in 16 of the 18, had five or more assists in nine of 18 games -- not to mention his historic triple-double against Ole Miss in the league opener. He also became the first UK player since James Young (26 points, 10 rebounds, five assists vs. Mississippi State on Jan. 8, 2014) to have at least 20 points, 10 rebounds and five assists in a single game when he did so with 23 points, 11 rebounds and eight assists vs. Georgia.

The sophomore from Newark, New Jersey, finished the regular season as the only player in the SEC averaging at least 12.9 points, at least 5.6 rebounds and at least 4.4 assists.

In the opening game of the SEC Tournament, Mr. Do Everything guided the Cats to a 71-60 win over Georgia with an impressive stat line of 20 points, six rebounds, two assists and two steals in 34 minutes. Briscoe had a quality line in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament with 17 points, eight rebounds, two assists, two blocks and two steals in the win over Northern Kentucky.

Here's a look at Briscoe's improvement since his freshman year:

2016-17	PPG	RPG	APG	A/TO Ratio	FG%	3FG%	FT%	SPG	MPG
Nonconference	14.8	4.0	3.7	1.7	52.2	30.0	70.9	1.1	29.5
Conference	11.7	6.5	4.8	1.7	44.1	25.8	60.3	0.6	31.1

2015-16	PPG	RPG	APG	A/TO Ratio	FG%	3FG%	FT%	SPG	MPG
Nonconference	10.8	5.6	3.3	1.3	48.6	21.1	47.8	1.3	31.3
Conference	8.5	5.1	3.1	2.2	39.8	05.6	43.6	0.8	32.9

Year of the Triple-Double?

It's funny how history works. Prior to this season, Kentucky had just one triple-double in school history, dating all the way back to the program's inception in 1903. Chris Mills pulled off the initial and only one prior to this season on Dec. 27, 1988, but for all the great players to put on the UK uniform, that was it.

Until this season.

After an almost unbelievable absence of triple-doubles, the Wildcats (De'Aaron Fox and Isaiah Briscoe) have not only ended the drought this season, they've pulled off the feat twice -- in a seven-game span.

Fox was the first. On a night of record-setting accomplishments and a collective offensive outburst from the Wildcats in a 115-69 win over Arizona State in the Bahamas, Fox posted 14 points, a career-high 11 rebounds and 10 assists in 31 minutes of play, Fox recorded just the second triple-double in school history.

Only a month later, Briscoe turned the trick with 19 points, a career-high 11 assists and 10 rebounds in a 99-73 win at Ole Miss. Briscoe had eight points, nine dimes and six boards by half.

With Briscoe's triple-double, Fox and Briscoe became the first pair of teammates in Southeastern Conference history to log triple-doubles in the same season. With the way history has worked this season, could the Wildcats make it three?

Kentucky Elite Under Cal

Since John Calipari took over the program in 2009-10, nobody has more wins than Kentucky, and only Kansas and Gonzaga have a better winning percentage. UK is 248-52 (.826) during that time span.

1. Kansas: 246-47 (.8396)
2. Gonzaga: 236-46 (.8369)
3. Kentucky: 248-52 (.8267)
4. Wichita State: 233-53 (.8147)
5. Duke: 238-56 (.8095)

**numbers through March 19, 2017*

Cats Deliver the Knockout Punch

UK is 213-4 (.982) in the John Calipari era when leading by at least 10 points at any time in the contest. Two of those three losses (a 21-point lead at Tennessee and a 12-point lead at Auburn) came during the 2015-16 campaign. The only other losses came during the 2012-13 season when UK gave up an 11-point first-half lead and lost 59-55 at Alabama and vs. Kansas this season when the Wildcats failed to capitalize on a 12-point first-half lead. The loss to Kansas was the first to a nonconference opponent when leading by 10 or more in the Calipari era.

Perhaps most impressive of all is that 72.3 percent of games Calipari has coached in at Kentucky have produced 10-point leads at some point during the game for UK. The Wildcats have led by 10 points or more in a whopping 85.9 percent of Calipari's 248 career wins at Kentucky.

Big-Game Cal

John Calipari's teams aren't just good against the best teams in the country, they're great. Not only does Kentucky have a 49-21 record (.700) vs. Associated Press Top 25 teams, UK is 5-3 when both teams are ranked in the AP top five under Calipari.

All-time, Calipari is 11-7 when both teams are ranked in the AP top five. When both teams are ranked in the AP Top 25, Calipari's all-time record is 72-46, including a 42-18 mark at Kentucky. When both are ranked in the top 10 he has a 23-13 record, including 12-6 at UK.

Taking Care of Business

Kentucky's 48-21 record vs. opponents ranked in the Associated Press Top 25 in John Calipari's tenture is impressive, but the Wildcats' ability to beat all-comers can't be overlooked. Under Calipari, UK is 199-31 vs. unranked competition, an .865 winning percentage.

The Wildcats' loss to Tennessee during the 2016-17 season was its first since falling at unranked Vanderbilt on Feb. 27, 2016.

Bounce Back

The Wildcats don't lose very often during the John Calipari era, but when they do, they almost always bounce back.

UK is 38-8 under Calipari following a loss. Kentucky's back-to-back losses to Kansas and Tennessee this season were its first since also losing back-to-back games at Kansas and at Tennessee in 2015-16.

The Wildcats have only lost back-to-back games eight times during the Calipari era and they've never lost three in a row with Calipari on the sidelines -- including avoiding a three-game skid despite trailing by 14 to Georgia in the first half on Jan. 31. The last time UK lost three games in a row was in February 2009 when the Wildcats dropped four straight games to end the regular season.

Always Efficient

According to Ken Pomeroy's calculations on kenpom.com, UK's teams under John Calipari have consistently ranked among the most efficient teams in the country per possession.

2016-17 LINEUP COMPARISON

A breakdown of Kentucky's most used linupes, including a breakdown of each lineup's +/- statistics:

Most Frequent Lineups	Total Minutes	Points For	Points Against	+/-	+/- per 40 min.
Fox, Adebayo, Monk, Briscoe, Willis	235:14	542	448	+94	+15.98
Fox, Adebayo, Monk, Briscoe, Gabriel	204:10	436	353	+83	+16.26
Fox, Adebayo, Monk, Willis, Hawkins	83:58	175	151	+24	+11.43
Adebayo, Monk, Briscoe, Willis, Hawkins	71:04	167	124	+43	+24.20
Fox, Adebayo, Monk, Gabriel, Hawkins	52:45	105	75	+30	+22.75
Adebayo, Monk, Briscoe, Gabriel, Hawkins	47:38	94	87	+7	+5.88
Fox, Monk, Briscoe, Willis, Humphries	34:50	81	60	+21	+24.11
Fox, Monk, Briscoe, Humphries, Gabriel	31:18	67	59	+8	+10.22
Fox, Adebayo, Briscoe, Willis, Hawkins	29:17	79	53	+26	+35.52
Adebayo, Monk, Briscoe, Willis, Mulder	21:18	46	24	+22	+41.31

Year	Offense (Rank)	Defense (Rank)	Overall
2017	119.0 (13)	91.8 (7)	5th
2016	120.4 (5)	98.0 (53)	6th
2015	119.3 (5)	86.5 (2)	1st
2014	117.6 (10)	96.9 (41)	11th
2013	108.8 (42)	99.1 (129)	42nd
2012	122.9 (2)	88.2 (9)	1st
2011	118.1 (7)	90.4 (15)	6th
2010	116.1 (15)	86.2 (6)	3rd

**rankings through March 19, 2017*

A Winning Institution

Both the UK men's and women's basketball teams have posted an eighth straight 20-win season in 2016-17. Kentucky is one of just three institutions (Duke and BYU) in the NCAA that have seen both their men's and women's basketball programs tally 20 or more wins in the last eight consecutive seasons.

National Attention

Kentucky basketball always garners the eyes of the country as UK routinely draws some of the highest national rating numbers on TV for college basketball games. Of course, this season has been no different.

The Wildcats' game vs. North Carolina in the CBS Sports Classic was the most watched college basketball game of the season (to that point) across any network, according to CBS. The game, which is being hailed as an all-time classic after Kentucky won a 103-100 thriller, drew a 2.4 household rating with a 5 share. In other words, 2.4 of all households with a TV set watched the game, while 5 percent of those watching TV at the time tuned in for the game.

The Kentucky-Louisville game was ESPN's best overnight (1.8) for a college basketball game this season, but that was before the Kentucky-Kansas game topped it with a 2.0 overnight rating.

The Duke-North Carolina game would go on to be the highest-rated game of the season, but UK ended up with two of the three most-watched regular-season games of the year. UK-UNC had 3.6 million viewers and UK-Kansas had 3.4 million.

In addition to owning some of the most-watched games this season, UK's matchup with No. 2/1 Kansas on Jan. 28 called for the return of ESPN's popular morning show College GameDay to Rupp Arena for the first time since 2013-14. Additionally, the SEC Network's Paul Finebaum Show ventured away from its Charlotte, North Carolina, studios for an appearance in Rupp Arena on Jan. 27 to preview the SEC/Big 12 Challenge.

College GameDay's visit to Rupp Arena this season marked the sixth time it has visited UK. Only Kansas and Duke have hosted more times with both welcoming the weekly show seven times. The most memorable trip was on Feb. 13, 2010, when a record 22,144 fans attended the show in John Calipari's first season at UK.

The Wildcats were also featured as a part of College GameDay for its trip to Florida. It was UK's 14th ESPN College GameDay appearance, behind only North Carolina (15).

Hold Them to 55

Defense has always been a recipe for success for the Wildcats under John Calipari. The special ingredient: 55 points. UK is a perfect 63-0 under Calipari when holding the opponent to 55 points or fewer. The Wildcats are 146-5 under Calipari when limiting the opponent to 63 points or less.

After dropping three of four games, UK "rebooted" and posted back-to-back wins over Alabama and Tennessee by limiting both opponents to 58 points. The Wildcats have held 10 of their last 13 opponents 70 or fewer points.

Forever Young

Kentucky began the 2016-17 season with two veterans in the starting lineup in senior Derek Willis and sophomore Isaiah Briscoe. However, Kentucky once again checks in as one of the youngest teams in terms of experience, according to kenpom.com.

UK ranks No. 340 out of 351 in terms of experience per minute. Only Texas, Iowa, Mississippi State, Washington and Oregon State are younger among Power Five institutions. UK is the youngest team in the NCAA Tournament field, according to KenPom.com.

S-E-C! S-E-C! S-E-C!

Kentucky has the unquestionable reputation as the league's gold standard. Since the SEC's inception in 1932-33, the Wildcats have been the most dominant team in the league, recording a 972-270 mark (.783) in regular-season conference play. Only two other teams have won more than 700 regular-season SEC games (Alabama, Tennessee), and no other team has a better winning percentage.

The league has flexed its muscles in the NCAA Tournament with three teams in the Sweet 16, tied for the most of any league. The confernece is 7-2 thus far in NCAA Tournamen games.

- UK has averaged 11.6 wins and only 3.2 losses per season in 84 seasons in the SEC
- Kentucky has won 48 SEC titles and 30 SEC Tournament championships
- The Wildcats have won 15 of the last 25 SEC Tournament titles
- UK has won at least a share of five of the last eight SEC regular-season championships under head coach John Calipari
- Kentucky has played in the championship game of the SEC Tournament in seven of Calipari's seight seasons following its 2016 title

UK's Nonconference Schedule Loaded

According to the NCAA's calculations, the Wildcats played the 13th-toughest nonconference strength of schedule in 2016-17.

UK's 13-game nonconference schedule featured eight teams that made it to a postseason tournament in 2015-16, five teams who finished the year with a top 50 RPI ranking and four nationally ranked opponents at the time of the game. Three of KenPom's top five teams from last season (North Carolina, Kansas and Michigan State) were among UK's nonconference schedule. Five of the Wildcats' nonconference opponents were ranked in the Associated Press Top 25 at the time.

The Wildcats' slate took the Wildcats as far east as the Bahamas for the second game of a two-year deal with Arizona State and as far west as Las Vegas for a matchup with North Carolina in the CBS Sports Classic.

Kentucky also traveled twice to New York, first to play Michigan State in Madison Square Garden, and then against Hofstra at the Barclays Center in Brooklyn.

Five of Kentucky's 2016-17 nonconference opponents made the 2017 NCAA Tournament with two of them advancing to the Sweet 16

2017 Shooting Guard Hamidou Diallo Joins Wildcats

Hamidou Diallo, widely considered the top shooting guard in the class of 2017, has signed a financial aid agreement with the Kentucky men's basketball team and is enrolled in classes. He began his first semester at the University of Kentucky on Jan. 11 for the spring term after graduating in May from the Putnam Science Academy in Connecticut.

Diallo (pronounced ha-MUH-do DEE-ah-lo), a top-10 prospect in the 2017 class, is expected to practice with the team this semester and begin game competition in the 2017-18 season, though he is eligible to play in games immediately.

Diallo is the fifth prospect to sign with Kentucky out of the 2017 class, joining five-star signees Quade Green, Nick Richards and P.J. Washington, and four-star signee Shai Gilgeous-Alexander. UK can only comment on prospects who have signed national letters of intent or financial aid agreements. The next national spring signing period is in April, when UK expects to announce any additional signees.

Diallo, from Queens, New York, is Kentucky's third guard in the 2017 class. At 6-foot-5, 190 pounds, Diallo is a long and extremely athletic wing with a ton of upside. A high-flying, high-scoring guard who excels at getting to the basket, Diallo is considered an elite finisher with a potential to be a lockdown defender. Among the major recruiting services (Rivals, Scout, ESPN and 247 Sports), he is rated as high as No. 9 (247 Sports) and no lower than No. 11 (ESPN). Both 247 Sports and Scout consider him the No. 1 shooting guard in the 2017 class.

In his final season in high school, in 2015-16, Diallo led Putnam Science Academy to a 38-3 record with an appearance in the state semifinals. The two-time all-state honoree averaged 19.0 points, 6.0 rebounds and 3.0 assists in his senior season before graduating in the fall. He averaged 17.0 points and 4.0 rebounds as a junior.

Diallo's enrollment marks the second straight midyear enrollee for Calipari and Kentucky. Current redshirt freshman forward Tai Wynyard enrolled early last season.

Best in the Bluegrass

Kentucky has been dominant against teams in the state under John Calipari. UK is 15-2 against in-state foes with Calipari at the helm after an NCAA Tournament-opening victory over NKU in 2017. THe mark also includes an 8-2 mark vs. Louisville. Two of the victories over the Cardinals came in postseason play. UK had its four-game winning streak snapped this season, but has won all four meetings played in Rupp Arena. Louisville's two wins have come by a combined six points.

Here's a list of the meetings between the state's two premier programs since Cal took over at UK:

- Jan. 2, 2010 - UK won 71-62 at Rupp Arena
- Dec. 31, 2010 - UK won 78-63 at KFC YUM! Center
- Dec. 31, 2011 - UK won 69-62 at Rupp Arena
- March 31, 2012 - UK won 69-61 at the Superdome (NCAA Final Four in New Orleans)
- Dec. 29, 2012 - Louisville won 80-77 at KFC YUM! Center
- Dec. 28, 2013 - UK won 73-66 at Rupp Arena
- March 28, 2014 - UK won 74-69 at Lucas Oil Stadium (NCAA Sweet 16 in Indianapolis)
- Dec. 27, 2014 - UK won 58-50 at KFC YUM! Center
- Dec. 26, 2015 - UK won 75-73 at Rupp Arena
- Dec. 21, 2016 - Louisville won 73-70 at KFC YUM! Center

All-Time Wins Leader Returned to the Top of the Polls

Kentucky was the top team in the land according to the Associated Press Top 25 and the USA Today Coaches Poll for two consecutive weeks (Nov. 21 and 28).

UK and John Calipari have been tough to beat playing the role of the hunted:

- The Wildcats own an all-time record of 221-30 (.880) as the nation's top-ranked squad
- UK has won 66 of its last 71 contests as the AP's top team
- The Wildcats are 69-7 (.908) as the AP No. 1 team since Calipari's first year at the helm, the best record in the country by a top-ranked team during that span
- In eight seasons under Calipari, the Wildcats have reached No. 1 in six of those seasons
- Calipari is 110-12 (.902) all-time as head coach of the AP's No. 1 team
- Calipari has coached 122 career games as a No. 1 team, the fourth most in NCAA history, trailing John Wooden (228), Mike Krzyzewski (233) and Adolph Rupp (131)
- Among coaches who have owned a No. 1 ranking in at least 119 games, Calipari's winning percentage of .902 trails only Wooden (.952), and is ahead of active coaches Krzyzewski (.870) and Roy Williams (.849)
- Only Krzyzewski (193) has more wins as a No. 1 ranked coach among active NCAA Division I teams than Calipari
- Prior to the home loss vs. UCLA on Dec. 3, Kentucky had lost just twice at home as the AP top-ranked team in the history of the program and just once in Rupp Arena. Both of those losses came by just one point
- UK has been ranked No. 1 a total of 124 weeks since the AP started ranking teams during the 1948-49 season. Only UCLA (134) and Duke (129) have been atop the rankings for more weeks

Wins vs. Losses

In most all of sports it's easy to pinpoint areas of improvement in losses versus a team's wins. The 2016-17 edition of the Kentucky Wildcats is no different. Here's a look at some of the key stats in wins compared with those same stats in losses.

Result	FG%	Opp. FG%	3-Pt. FG%	Opp 3-Pt. FG%	FT%	RPG	APG	TOPG	BPG	SPG	PPG
Wins	.484	.410	.358	.293	.708	41.0	15.8	11.7	5.5	6.0	86.6
Losses	.414	.484	.306	.391	.667	35.6	12.2	13.2	4.8	6.2	76.2

Wildcats Sign Four in Fall Signing Period for 2017

Continuing a trend that started with the arrival of head coach John Calipari, the Kentucky men's basketball program has once again put together one of the strongest recruiting classes in the country, signing four of the nation's top players during the early fall signing period. Highly rated prospects Shai Gilgeous-Alexander, Quade Green, Nick Richards and P.J. Washington have all inked national letters of intent with UK.

All four players are consensus four- or five-star prospects and all are ranked in the top 50 by the major national recruiting services. In a class stocked full of highly regarded players, national analysts are already calling UK's class one of the nation's top hauls for 2017.

In every season in the Calipari era, the Wildcats have signed either the nation's No. 1 or No. 2 recruiting class. UK looks to continue that streak with the latest additions of Gilgeous-Alexander, Green, Richards and Washington.

• Gilgeous-Alexander will come to Kentucky out of Hamilton Heights Christian Academy in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Originally from Canada, Gilgeous-Alexander was a member of the 2016 Canadian Men's U18 National Team that captured the silver medal at the 2016 FIBA Americas U18 Championship over the summer. He averaged 7.8 points, a tournament-best 5.4 assists and 3.0 steals per game, second best in the field. ESPN, Scout and 247Sports tab him a top-50, four-star prospect.

• Green is considered a five-star point guard prospect by Rivals, ESPN and Scout. ESPN ranks him as high as the No. 22 overall prospect in the class, while Rivals has him at No. 23, Scout tabs him at No. 25 and 247Sports list him at No. 31. Green, who was named the 2016 Pennsylvania Class 3A Player of the Year as a junior, was a part of the 2016 FIBA Americas U18 Championship team that won a gold medal in Chile. He averaged 18.7 points, 4.2 rebounds and 3.8 assists in leading Neumann-Goretti High School to the Pennsylvania state championship last season.

• Richards will be the second player in the Calipari era to join Kentucky out of the Patrick School in Elizabeth, New Jersey. National champion and No. 2 overall NBA Draft selection, Michael Kidd-Gilchrist was the other. Richards is ranked in the top 20 by the major recruiting services, including ESPN (No. 12), 247 Sports (No. 15), Scout (No. 17) and Rivals (No. 19). 247Sports tabs him as the second-best center in the class. He's a consensus five-star prospect.

• Washington, measured at 6-8, 229 pounds, is rated as high as No. 14 overall in the rankings by Scout. 247Sports and ESPN have him at No. 16 and Rivals tabs him No. 17. The five-star prospect is considered the top power forward in the class by Scout. Washington was a member of the 2016 USA Men's U18 National Team that won a gold medal at the 2016 FIBA Americas U18 Championship over the summer. He started all five games and averaged 10.0 points and 4.0 rebounds. Washington also represented the U.S. at the 2015 FIBA 3x3 U18 World Championship.

Future Cats Named McDonald's, Jordan Brand All-Americans

The Kentucky men's basketball team's top-ranked recruiting class will be well represented during the 2017 McDonald's All-American Game in March and the 2017 Jordan Brand Classic.

Joining an elite list that features some of the greatest players to ever play for Kentucky, incoming Wildcats Quade Green, Nick Richards and P.J. Washington were selected to participate in the 40th annual McDonald's All-American Game on March 29 in the United Center in Chicago. The trio will also play in the Jordan Brand Classic at the Barclays Center in Brooklyn, New York, on April 14.

The Wildcats have more players than any other school in what are considered the two top high school all-star games.

UK can only publicize prospects who have signed a national letter of intent or a financial aid agreement. The next signing period is in April.

With the selections of Green, Richards and Washington, UK has signed 28 players during the John Calipari era who have been named to the McDonald's All-American Game and 32 to the Jordan Brand Classic. Both are more than any other school in the country during that time period.

Monk's Record Scoring Night Headlines Classic Win vs. UNC

For all the classic games the Kentucky-North Carolina series has featured, the 2016-17 matchup in Las Vegas was right up there with the best of them thanks to a record-setting scoring day from Malik Monk.

The UK freshman guard scored 47 points -- including the game-winning 3-pointer with 22 seconds to go -- to lead the Wildcats to a thrilling 103-100 victory in the CBS Sports Classic at T-Mobile Arena. Monk set all sorts of milestones with the offensive display, most notably crushing the previous UK freshman scoring record of 35 points, set by Terrence Jones (Jan. 11, 2011) and later tied by Jamal Murray (Feb. 6, 2016). Monk tied the program's all-time leading scorer, Dan Issel, for the sixth-most points ever by a Wildcat in a single game, and scored the most points by a Wildcat since Jodie Meeks recorded the single-game record of 54 points at Tennessee on Jan. 18, 2009.

On a day when both teams were at their near offensive peak -- both teams shot better than 50 percent from both the field and 3-point range -- Monk was just better than everyone else.

It was Kentucky's fourth victory in the last five games vs. North Carolina and its second win over a ranked team this season.

Noteworthy:

• Monk's 47 points are the most ever by a John Calipari-coached player in college. They are also the most in a single game by a Southeastern Conference freshman since LSU's Chris Jackson scored 55 points vs. Ole Miss on March 4, 1989, as well as the second-most points by a freshman in Division I since at least the 1996-97 season

• The 47 points tied the second most ever scored against North Carolina. It's the most since Rick Yuknus (Georgia Tech) scored 47 on Feb. 14, 1970. The record is 48 by Dick Groat on Feb. 29, 1952

• Tied for the sixth-most points in a game in school history, the 47 points are the second most ever by a Kentucky player against a nonconference opponent. Cliff Hagan scored 51 points vs. Temple on Dec. 5, 1953

• It was the first time UK has allowed 100 points in a game since losing to VMI 111-103 on Nov. 14, 2008. It was the first time Kentucky won a game in which it allowed 100 or more points since defeating Alabama 101-100 on March 1, 1979

• It was just the second time in UNC history and the first time in a regulation-length game that UNC lost a game in which it scored 100 points

• The Wildcats outrebounded the nation's No. 1 rebounding team (in terms of rebounding margin) 39-35. It was the first time in UNC's first 12 games it was outrebounded

• The game was the most watched college basketball game of the season across any network, according to CBS. It drew a 2.4 household rating with a 5 share. In other words, 2.4 of all households with a TV set watched the game, while 5 percent of those watching TV at the time tuned in for the game

• The Wildcats scored 103 points, the most Kentucky has ever scored vs. the Tar Heels in a win

• UK shot 54.1 percent from the field, marking the seventh time in 11 games the Cats had made more than half their shots

• Kentucky topped the 100-point plateau for the fourth time this season. It tied the most 100-point games in the Calipari era as the 2009-10 team also achieved the feat

Fox Posts Triple-Double in Record Rout of Arizona State

On a night of record-setting accomplishments and a collective offensive outburst from the Wildcats in a 115-69 win over Arizona State in the Bahamas, one achievement stood out above the rest: De'Aaron Fox's triple-double.

With 14 points, a career-high 11 rebounds and 10 assists in 31 minutes of play, Fox etched his named into the Kentucky record books with just the second triple-double in school history. Chris Mills notched the first and only other triple-double for UK on Dec. 27, 1988.

Fox collected his 10th assist with 4:44 left to play to get the triple-double on a Malik Monk 3-pointer. Coincidentally, the 3-pointer and record-setting assist put the Wildcats over the 100-point mark for the third consecutive game, the first time that's happened since December of 1977. Those were just a few of numerous eye-popping stats from UK's dominating performance on Paradise Island in the Bahamas.

• The total of 115 points was the most of the Calipari era and the most since Dec. 30, 2002, when UK scored 115 in a win over East Tennessee State

• With the 46-point drubbing, this season's Wildcats joined the 1947-48 Kentucky team as the only squads in school history to win their first seven games by at least 21 points. No team in program history has ever done it eight straight times to begin the year

• Kentucky's 33 assists are the high mark of the Calipari era. The 33 assists were two off the school record and the most since setting the school record with 35 on March 14, 1996, vs. San Jose State

• The Wildcats took more shots (84) than they ever have under Calipari thanks to the blazing pace of play

and tied the Calipari-era mark for the most rebounds in a game

• The 59 rebounds tied Calipari-era mark for the most rebounds in a game

• The last time UK won four consecutive games by at least 31 points was February 1954

UK Leads Nation with 24 Players on NBA Opening-Day Rosters

The Kentucky men's basketball team, the nation's most prolific NBA player-producing program, once again led the country with 24 players on an opening-day NBA roster. Duke came in second with 19.

Of the 449 players in the NBA to start the 2016-17 season, approximately 5.35 percent played college basketball at UK. Following a midseason blockbuster trade that sent DeMarcus Cousins to the Pelicans to join forces with Anthony Davis, Kentucky's NBA dominance is best represented in Phoenix, New Orleans and Sacramento, where a combined eight Wildcats now play at the highest level of the game.

Eric Bledsoe, Devin Booker, Brandon Knight and Tyler Ulis are all part of the Phoenix Suns roster. Former UK stars Davis and Cousins call New Oreleans their home, and Willie Cauley-Stein and Skal Labissiere play for Sacramento.

Using figures compiled by spotrac.com, Kentucky players' current contracts alone are valued at more than $659 million. Calipari-coached players only (which includes Derrick Rose and Tyreke Evans but not Jodie Meeks or Rajon Rondo) have nearly $751 million in current contracts. In just the 2016-17 season alone, UK players are slated to make more than $172 million. Calipari-coached players only will make more than $183 million. Over the course of their careers, Calipari players have generated approximately $1.2 billion in total NBA contracts.

The UK players aren't just making the NBA either; they're among the league's best players. The Wildcats are among the league leaders in every major statistical category.

Among the standout performances this season:

• Davis began the season with a 50-point, 15-rebound performance followed by a 45-point, 17-rebound day. According to ESPN Stats & Info, he was the first play to score at least 90 points in the first two games of a season since Michael Jordan (91 in 1986-87)

• In late November, Cousins posted four straight games with at least 30 points, marking the longest such streak by a Kings player since Chris Webber in 2001

• Karl-Anthony Towns posted 47 points and 18 rebounds vs. the New York Knicks on Nov. 30. According to ESPN Stats & Info (at the time), the last six 40-point, 15-rebound games in the NBA were by Kentucky bigs. That streak has since been broken

• Davis had a string of five straight 20-point, 15-rebound performances in late December through early January, making him one of just four players to have done that in the last 30 years, according to ESPN

• John Wall was named the NBA Eastern Conference Player of the Month for December after leading the Eastern Conference in assists (10.7 apg) and steals (2.67 spg) in addition to 24.5 points per game for the month of December

• On Jan. 3, Julius Randle recorded his second triple-double of the season and the third of his career. He and the great Magic Johnson are the only players in Lakers history to record triple-doubles prior to the age of 22

• Booker posted back-to-back 39-point performances vs. Dallas and San Antonio. According to basketball-reference.com, he is the youngest player in NBA history with three 39-point games as well as the youngest player in NBA history to log back-to-back 39-point games. In the game vs. the Mavericks, Booker scored 28 of his 39 points in the fourth quarter, the highest scoring output by a player in a single quarter in Suns franchise history

• Bledsoe posted three games of 40 points or more in a six-game stretch in late January and early February

• Cousins became the fourth player in the NBA this season to have scored at least 45 points and grabbed at least 15 rebounds in a single game when he posted 46 points, 15 rebounds and five assists vs. the Philadelphia 76ers on Jan. 30 when he was with the Kings. Two of the other players are Davis and Towns

• In a head-to-head matchup on Feb. 10, Davis posted 42 points and 13 rebounds while Towns had 36 points and eight boards. According to the Elias Sports Bureau, the last time two players who went to the same college scored 78 or more points in the same NBA game was on April 11, 2014, when Florida's Corey Brewer (51) and Chandler Parsons (27) combined to score 78 points

• Jamal Murray stole the show at the BBVA Rising Stars Challenge at NBA All-Star weekend with a game-high 36 points, 11 assists and nine 3-pointers en route to MVP honors. His 36 points were the fourth most in the history of the game. Murray scored 27 points in the second half

• Davis set an All-Star Game scoring record with 52 points in addition to 10 rebounds to win MVP. The record 52 points easily surpassed Wilt Chamberlain's previous mark of 42 points set in 1962. Davis became the second player from Kentucky to win MVP honors at the NBA All-Star Game, joining Adrian "Odie" Smith (1966)

• With 39 points and 14 rebounds on Feb. 25, Davis posted his 14th 30-point, 10-rebound game of the season. According to the Elias Sports Bureau, that tied Moses Malone (1980-81) for the most in a season since the merger

• Davis scored 24 points in the first quarter on Feb. 26, the most in any quarter in Pelicans history

• Cousins, making himself at home in his first week in New Orleans, became the first player since

Moses Malone (1986) to record 31 points and 10 rebounds in 22 minutes or less on Feb. 26
• In just his fifth career game with the Pelicans, Cousins tied Tyson Chandler's franchise single-game record with 23 rebounds
• On March 8, Towns became the second-youngest player in NBA history (Dwight Howard) to record his 100th career double-double
• Davis posted 46 points and 21 rebounds on March 11. He became the first player since Chris Webber in 2011 with at least 46 points and at least 21 rebounds in a game
• Three Wildcats on the Suns -- Booker, Bledsoe and Tyler Ulis -- have all hit game-winning shots this season. Booker is the only player in the NBA to have hit two buzzer beaters on the year
• On March 13, John Wall and Karl-Anthony Towns were named NBA Eastern and Conference Players of the Week, respectively. It's only the second time in NBA history that players from the same school have won the award in the same week. Reggie Miller and Baron Davis (from Cal) both did it in April 2005
• On March 15, Skal Labissiere became just the second player in Kings history to record 32 points at age 20 or younger when he scored a career-high 32 points in a win over the Suns. Furthermore, he became the first rookie in 2017 to have a 30-point game.
• On March 17, John Wall recorded a career-high 20 assists. It's the most by a Wizards player since Rod Strickland had 20 on Feb. 10, 1988.

Davis, Murray Capture MVP Honors at NBA All-Star Weekend

With nine players featured at NBA All-Star weekend, including three All-Star selections, the Kentucky men's basketball team's annual presence in the league's showcase of talent was already one of the headlines. The Wildcats did one better though and stole the show.

Anthony Davis broke Walt Chamberlain's All-Star Game scoring record with 52 points to go along with 10 rebounds to win most valuable player honors in front of his home crowd. Just days earlier, Jamal Murray was named the MVP of the BBVA Rising Stars Challenge after scoring a game-high 36 points, including 27 in the second half.

Playing alongside the game's greatest players, Davis won broke Wilt Chamberlain's previous scoring record of 42 points set in 1962 in leading the Western Conference to a 192-182 victory over the Eastern Conference. He's the second Wildcat to win All-Star MVP honors, joining Adrian "Odie" Smith (1966).

Fueled by an astounding 18 dunks, Davis was 26 for 39 from the field. The makes and attempts are also game records.

The record night for Davis also marked a first under UK head coach John Calipari as Davis became the first former player coached by Calipari to win MVP honors at the NBA All-Star Game.

Murray kicked All-Star weekend off with a game-high 36 points en route to winning MVP honors in the BBVA Rising Stars Challenge on Friday. Murray's 36 points were the fourth-most points scored by any player in the game's history.

Murray was 13 of 19 from the field, including going 9 of 14 from behind the arc in just 20 minutes. He also contributed 11 assists, four rebounds and a steal. Murray did most of his damage after halftime, scoring 27 second-half points, in helping the World Team down Team USA 150-134.

Murray was one of four Wildcats to take part in the Rising Stars Challenge. He was joined on the World Team by Trey Lyles. Karl-Anthony Towns and Devin Booker highlighted Team USA. Lyles had seven points, two assists and a rebound. Towns, the 2016 NBA Rookie of the Year, posted 24 points, 11 rebounds and a pair of assists. Booker contributed 17 points and six assists.

Davis' MVP award will find a crowded trophy shelf. Among Davis' most notable awards include winning the 2012 Final Four Most Outstanding Player after leading UK to the national championship, Consensus National Player of the Year, the NABC Defensive Player of the Year and the USBWA National Freshman of the Year. And those were just his college awards.

Davis wasn't the only Wildcat in the NBA All-Star Game. John Wall and DeMarcus Cousins were also selected to Sunday's game as reserves, giving UK more NBA All-Star representatives than any other college program.

Wall, who leads all Eastern Conference guards in assists and steals and has led the Wizards to third place in the Eastern Conference at the All-Star break, posted 12 points to go along with six rebounds, four assists and four steals. Cousins, who was limited in action because of an ongoing trade, scored three points.

It was Davis' fourth appearance in the NBA All-Star Game and his second start. Wall was also making his fourth appearance, while Cousins made his third.

All told, UK had nine players participate in NBA All-Star weekend, more than any other school.

Wildcats Dakari Johnson and Alex Poythress were selected for the NBA D-League All-Star Game on Saturday, though Poythress was a late scratch because of an injury. Johnson had four points and three boards.

Four of the eight participants -- Booker, Cousins, Davis and Wall -- in the Taco Bell Skills Challenge were Wildcats, though they were unable to defend Towns' 2016 championship.

All-Americans Play at Kentucky

Three different Cats -- all freshmen -- were named to at least one preseason All-America Team.

Bam Adebayo was tabbed a preseason second-team All-American by CBSSports.com and a third-team selection by College Basketball Talk, De'Aaron Fox was named a second-team All-American by Sporting News, and Malik Monk was a third-team pick by CBSSports.com.

Of course, those honors are just preseason, but UK has a track record of All-America honors, especially under John Calipari. Ten different Wildcats have earned All-America honors by one of the NCAA-recognized teams under Calipari.

Justus Moves to Assistant Coach Role; Robic Special Assistant

Joel Justus, who joined Kentucky two seasons ago as the director of analytics and then special assistant to the head coach, moved to one of the three assistant coaching positions for the 2016-17 season. John Robic, who has served as an assistant to Calipari at three different schools since the late 1980s, moved into the special assistant to the head coach role prior to start of practices in late September.

"I feel I have the best staff of people who surround me in the country," John Calipari said at the time of the announcement. "All are strong in areas that I'm weak. All of them understand that the relationships with our current players and working with them every single day to help them get better is the key to their success and this program. No one should look at this in any other way than me trying to shuffle our staff to put them in the best positions to succeed personally and for them to help our program remain the gold standard.

"Kenny (Payne), Tony (Barbee) and I will continue to work on putting the best incoming classes that we can together with young people who want Kentucky as bad as we want them and who understand that the program isn't for everyone. By putting Joel where he is and having him focus on who we need to hone in on, we'll be more prepared than we've ever been, which is scary. Robes will continue to focus on his strength of making us the most well-prepared team in the country and putting our kids in positions to succeed."

#BBN Sets Crowd Roar World Record

Kentucky fans have long been known for being among the loudest anywhere. Now they have the world record to prove it.

With a representative from the Guinness Book of World Records in attendance at the UK-Kansas game, the crowd at Rupp Arena set a world record for the loudest indoor crowd roar when it was measured at 126.4 decibels just before tipoff.

UK Athletics and UK HealthCare's Markey Cancer Center joined forces to encourage fans to #TurnUpRupp and break the previous indoor crowd roar record, which was set by the Sacramento Kings in November 2013. The crowd roar was gauged by natural noise such as cheering and clapping only. No digital or artificial noise was allowed.

The record was short-lived as UK's opponent that day, Kansas, went on to break the record on Feb. 13 against West Virginia.

Keith Bogans Named 2017 SEC Legend

Former Kentucky men's basketball All-American Keith Bogans was the Wildcats' 2017 Southeastern Conference Legend at the SEC Tournament in Nashville, Tennessee. Former greats from all 14 SEC member institutions were honored at the league tournament in Bridgestone Arena. University President Eli Capilouto accepted the award on Bogan's behalf during UK's quarterfinal matchup vs. Georgia. Bogans was unable to attend to do personal reasons.

Bogans, a four-year letterwinner from 2000-03, ended his career as one of the program's most prolific scorers. He finished fourth all-time among UK's all-time scorers with 1,923 career points. The 6-foot-5 guard averaged 11.6 points or more in all four seasons at Kentucky, including 17.0 in his sophomore season and 15.7 during his senior campaign.

During the 2002-03 season in which Bogans led the Cats to an SEC regular-season and tournament title, he was named an All-American by the National Association of Basketball Coaches, the Associated Press, the Sporting News and the Basketball Times. He was also the SEC Tournament MVP as a senior.

Bogans was a three-time All-SEC selection, earning first-team honors in 2003, second-team accolades in 2001 and as a member of the All-Freshman Team in 2000. He was also the league's MVP of the tournament in 2003.

Drafted 43rd overall by the Milwaukee Bucks in 2003, Bogans went on to have a successful 11-year NBA career.

Chuck Hayes Inducted into UK Athletics Hall of Fame

Chuck Hayes was inducted into the UK Athletics Hall of Fame as a member of the 2016 class in October.

A fan favorite for relentless defense and tenacious rebounding, he was named the 2005 Southeastern Conference Defensive Player of the Year and still ranks seventh in career rebounds with 910 in program history. He led the team to the 2005 SEC regular-season championship and was a key member on the 2003 and 2004 SEC Tournament titles.

Cousins Wins First Olympic Gold Medal with USA Basketball

Snatching up what seemed like every rebound, former Wildcat DeMarcus Cousins also hauled in the first Olympic gold medal of his career with a strong performance in the championship game of the 2016 Olympics.

With a gold medal on the line, Cousins saved his best for last for USA Basketball. Coming off the bench for a third straight game, Cousins set the tempo early by dominating the paint, sparking Team USA to a 40-15 first-half run, and ultimately to a 96-66 rout of Serbia.

Cousins played as well as he has all tournament, posting 13 points and a game-high 15 rebounds for his third double-digit scoring game of the Olympics. He had 11 points and 12 rebounds by halftime.

The 6-foot-11 forward, who was drafted fifth overall in 2010 after a sensational freshman season at Kentucky, averaged 9.1 points and 5.8 rebounds in eight games at the Olympics. He shot 61.4 percent from the floor, only shooting less than 50 percent in one game during the run.

Cousins is the 10th Wildcat all-time to compete in the Olympics and win a gold medal (not counting Sam Bowie, who was awarded a medal by President Jimmy Carter after the United States boycotted the 1980 Moscow Games), tied with North Carolina and UCLA for the most among all colleges. Cousins is also the third former UK player in a row to win a gold medal. Anthony Davis captured the gold at the last Olympics, in 2012, and Tayshaun Prince was a part of the 2008 gold-medal team. Cousins is the second John Calipari player to win a gold medal, joining Davis.

UK'S RECORD WHEN

KENTUCKY RECORD	ALL	SEC
Leading at halftime:	28-2	13-0
Tied at the half:	2-0	2-0
Trailing at halftime:	1-3	1-2
Shoot 50% or higher:	15-0	7-0
Shoot less than 50%:	16-5	9-2
Shoot higher % than opp.:	25-0	10-0
Shoot lower % than opp.:	6-5	6-2
Opp. shoot worse than 50%:	27-3	13-2
Opp. shoot 50% or higher:	4-2	3-0
Score less than 60 points:	0-0	0-0
Score 60-69 points:	3-1	1-1
Score 70-79 points:	7-2	4-0
Score 80-89 points:	8-1	5-1
Score 90-99 points:	8-1	5-0
Score 100+ points:	5-0	1-0
Opp. score less than 60 pts.:	5-0	3-0
Opp. score 60-69 pts.:	12-0	5-0
Opp. score 70-79 pts.:	9-2	4-0
Opp. score 80-89 points:	4-2	4-2
Opp. score 90-99 points:	0-1	0-0
Opp. score 100+ points:	1-0	0-0
Outrebounded opponent:	23-2	14-1
Outrebounded by opponent:	6-3	1-1
Equal number of rebounds:	2-0	1-0
Fewer turnovers than opp.:	20-3	8-1
Same turnovers as opp.:	2-0	2-0
More turnovers than opp.:	9-2	6-1
Make 8 or more 3-pointers:	11-2	7-0
Make 7 or fewer 3-pointers:	20-3	9-2
Games decided by 5 or fewer:	4-3	1-1
Overtime games:	1-0	1-0
On CBS:	6-1	3-0
On ESPN/ESPN2/ESPNU:	19-4	12-2
On Fox Sports1:	0-0	0-0
On SEC Network/(+):	6-0	1-0
On FSN:	0-0	0-0
vs. SEC at Home:	9-0	9-0
vs. SEC on Road:	7-2	7-2
Games vs. AP ranked opp.:	5-4	2-1
Games following a loss:	4-1	3-0
Games following a win:	26-4	13-2
More points in the paint:	20-1	9-0
Fewer/same pts in the paint:	11-4	7-2
More bench points than opp.:	16-3	9-1
Fewer or same bench pts.:	15-2	7-1
More 2nd-chance points:	20-2	11-1
Fewer or same 2nd-chance pts.:	11-3	5-1
More or same points off TOs:	26-2	13-0
Fewer points off TOs:	5-3	3-2
On Monday:	1-0	0-0
On Tuesday:	9-1	8-1
On Wednesday	2-1	0-0
On Thursday:	1-0	1-0
On Friday:	4-0	0-0
On Saturday:	9-3	7-1
On Sunday:	5-0	0-0
In November	7-0	0-0
In December	4-2	1-0
In January	7-1	7-0
In February	7-1	7-1
In March	6-0	1-0
In April	0-0	0-0

MISCELLANEOUS STATS

	Times Led					Games With								
Player	Pts.	Rebs.	Assts.	Stls.	Blks.	10+ Pts	20+ Pts	10+ Rebs	3+Assts	3+Blks	3+Stls	3+ 3's	Dbl-Dbls	Career DD
0-Fox	13	2	18	14	1	30	9	1	24	-	5	-	4	4
1-Killeya-Jones	-	-	-	-	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3-Adebayo	2	19	-	7	17	30	3	9	1	7	3	-	8	8
5-Monk	21	1	5	8	3	34	18	-	14	1	4	16	-	-
10-David	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11-Mulder	-	1	-	1	2	4	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-
13-Briscoe	4	8	15	8	1	23	6	4	24	-	2	1	4	6
14-Wynyard	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-Humphries	-	3	-	1	5	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-
20-Calipari	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25-Hawkins	-	-	2	7	-	2	-	-	10	-	1	-	-	-
30-Pulliam	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
32-Gabriel	1	4	-	2	11	7	1	2	2	3	1	3	1	1
35-Willis	1	7	1	4	13	10	-	2	3	5	1	5	-	2

STARTING LINEUPS

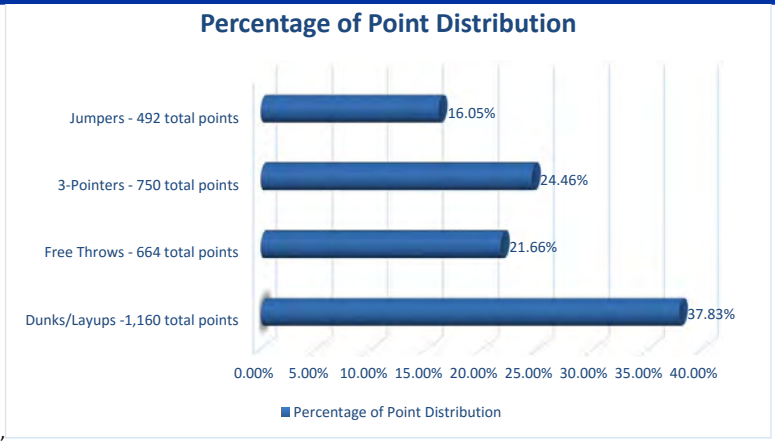
Record	Guard	Guard	Guard	Forward	Forward
16-4	Fox	Monk	Briscoe	Gabriel	Adebayo
10-0	Fox	Monk	Briscoe	Willis	Adebayo
1-0	Fox	Monk	Hawkins	Willis	Adebayo
1-0	Fox	Monk	Hawkins	Gabriel	Adebayo
1-0	Briscoe	Monk	Willis	Adebayo	Humphries
1-0	Briscoe	Monk	Mulder	Gabriel	Adebayo
1-0	Briscoe	Hawkins	Mulder	Willis	Adebayo
0-1	Briscoe	Monk	Hawkins	Gabriel	Adebayo

TRACKING THE CATS

	Games With			Total
Player	Charges Drawn	UK's First Sub	Traditional 3-Point Plays	Clutch FT-FTA (Last 5:00/OT)*
0-Fox	2	2	19	27-34 (.813)
1-Killeya-Jones	-	-	1	0-0 (.000)
3-Adebayo	-	-	10	16-24 (.667)
5-Monk	3	1	11	40-47 (.851)
10-David	-	-	-	0-0 (.000)
11-Mulder	-	-	1	0-0 (.000)
13-Briscoe	9	-	13	10-15 (.667)
14-Wynyard	-	-	-	0-0 (.000)
15-Humphries	-	6	2	0-0 (.000)
20-Calipari	-	-	-	0-0 (.000)
25-Hawkins	6	11	4	3-4 (.750)
30-Pulliam	-	-	-	0-0 (.000)
32-Gabriel	10	5	2	0-1 (.000)
35-Willis	-	17	2	1-4 (.250)

*single-digit game with 5:00 to play or OT

HOW THE CATS ARE SCORING



WIN/LOSS MARGIN

MARGIN	W	L
1		
2		1
3	2	1
4		
5	2	1
6	2	1
7	2	
8	1	
9	3	
10	2	
11-15	1	
16-20	3	
21+	13	1

TEAM'S FAST FACTS

Shooting Percentage:	.474
Avg. Assists Per Game:	15.3
Points Off Turnovers Avg.:	17.9
Second-Chance Points Avg.:	13.0
Points in the Paint Avg:	37.8
Fast Break Points Avg.:	10.8
Bench Points Avg.:	19.8
Points Per Possession Avg.:	1.138
Avg. Time of Possession:	15.1

HOW UK SCORED ITS FIRST POINTS

PLAYER	DUNK/LAYUP	JUMPER	3PT	FT
0-Fox	4	2	2	2
1-Killeya-Jones				
3-Adebayo	3			2
5-Monk	1	4		
10-David				
11-Mulder				
13-Briscoe	4		1	3
14-Wynyard				
15-Humphries				
20-Calipari				
25-Hawkins		1		
30-Pulliam				
32-Gabriel	2	2	1	
35-Willis		2		

GAME-BY-GAME LEADERS

Date	Opponent	Result	Points	Rebounds	Blocks	Steals	Assists
10/30	*Clarion #*	*W, 108-51*	*Monk - 15*	*Adebayo - 14^*	*Willis - 2^*	*Two with 4^*	*Briscoe - 11^*
11/6	*Asbury #*	*W, 156-63*	*Fox - 25^*	*Humphries - 12^*	*Killeya-Jones - 4^*	*Two with 4^*	*Two with - 7^*
11/11	STEPHEN F. AUSTIN	W, 87-64	Briscoe - 17^	Humphries - 8	Two with 3^	Two with 3^	Fox - 12^
11/13	CANISIUS	W, 93-69	Two with 21 ^	Adebayo - 11^	Adebayo - 3^	Hawkins - 2	Fox - 3^
11/15	vs. #13 Michigan State[1]	W, 69-48	Monk - 23^	Two with 6	Two with 2	Gabriel - 3^	Fox - 6^
11/20	DUQUESNE	W, 93-59	Fox - 16^	Adebayo - 8	Three with 2^	Briscoe - 4^	Fox - 6^
11/23	CLEVELAND STATE	W, 101-70	Monk - 23	Gabriel - 10^	Six with 1^	Two with 2^	Fox - 11^
11/25	UT MARTIN	W, 111-76	Monk - 26^	Adebayo - 12^	Humphries - 2^	Fox - 3^	Hawkins - 9^
11/28	vs. Arizona State[2]	W, 115-69	Monk - 23^	Fox - 11^	Adebayo - 3^	Briscoe - 3^	Fox - 10^
12/3	#11 UCLA	L, 97-92	Monk - 24^	Adebayo - 13^	Adebayo - 4^	Monk - 5^	Fox - 9^
12/7	VALPARAISO	W, 87-63	Adebayo - 16	Three with 7	Gabriel - 3^	Briscoe - 2	Fox - 5^
12/11	vs. Hofstra[3]	W, 96-73	Monk - 18^	Willis - 8^	Three with 2^	Willis - 2^	Briscoe - 6^
12/17	vs. #7 North Carolina[4]	W, 103-100	Monk - 47^	Two with 7^	Two with 1^	Fox - 2^	Fox - 10^
12/21	at #10 Louisville	L, 73-70	Fox - 21	Two with 9^	Two with 2^	Fox - 2^	Two with 3
12/29	at Ole Miss	W, 99-76	Monk - 34^	Briscoe - 10	Adebayo - 3^	Two with 3^	Briscoe - 11^
1/3	TEXAS A&M	W, 100-58	Monk - 26^	Humphries - 6^	Adebayo - 3^	Adebayo - 3^	Briscoe - 7^
1/7	ARKANSAS	W, 97-71	Fox - 27^	Briscoe - 8^	Two with 2^	Three with 1^	Fox - 6^
1/10	at Vanderbilt	W, 87-81	Briscoe - 23^	Three with 7	Gabriel - 1^	Two with 1^	Briscoe - 5^
1/14	AUBURN	W, 92-72	Monk - 24^	Gabriel - 16^	Adebayo - 3^	Three with 1^	Monk - 6^
1/17	at Mississippi State	W, 88-81	Fox - 21	Gabriel - 8^	Gabriel - 3^	Briscoe - 2	Fox - 5^
1/21	#24/24 S. CAROLINA	W, 85-69	Monk - 27	Willis - 7^	Humphries - 2^	Hawkins - 7^	Adebayo - 2^
1/24	at Tennessee	L, 82-80	Monk - 25^	Briscoe - 14^	Three with 3	Fox - 2	Briscoe - 5
1/28	#2/1 KANSAS	L, 79-73	Two with 18	Two with 8	Willis - 2^	Two with 2^	Briscoe - 6^
1/31	GEORGIA	W, 90-81 (OT)	Monk - 37^	Briscoe - 11	Monk - 3^	Monk - 3^	Briscoe - 8^
2/4	at #24/23 Florida	L, 88-66	Fox - 19	Adebayo - 7	Three with 1	Adebayo - 4^	Briscoe - 3
2/7	LSU	W, 92-85	Two with 23	Adebayo - 9^	Two with 1^	Fox - 3^	Fox - 6^
2/11	at Alabama	W, 67-58	Monk - 17	Briscoe - 11^	Gabriel - 3^	Three with 2^	Briscoe - 4^
2/14	TENNESSEE	W, 83-58	Monk - 20^	Adebayo - 12^	Gabriel - 2^	Three with 2^	Two with 6^
2/18	at Georgia	W, 82-77	Two with 16	Willis - 12^	Adebayo - 2^	Monk - 3^	Two with 5^
2/21	at Missouri	W, 72-62	Adebayo - 22^	Adebayo - 15^	Adebayo - 3^	Two with 1	Fox - 4^
2/25	#13/12 FLORIDA	W, 76-66	Monk - 33^	Adebayo - 15^	Two with 1	Hawkins - 2^	Monk - 5^
2/28	VANDERBILT	W, 73-67	Monk - 27^	Willis - 8^	Willis - 3^	Adebayo - 2^	Briscoe - 6^
3/4	at Texas A&M	W, 71-63	Fox - 19	Adebayo - 8	Willis - 3^	Hawkins - 2^	Briscoe - 8
3/10	*vs. Georgia	W, 71-60	Two with 20^	Willis - 11	Willis - 4^	Two with 2^	Fox - 4^
3/11	*vs. Alabama	W, 79-74	Fox - 28^	Adebayo - 9^	Two with 1^	Adebayo - 3^	Briscoe - 3
3/12	*vs. Arkansas	W, 82-65	Fox - 18^	Two with 9^	Willis - 2^	Hawkins - 4^	Two with 3
3/17	+vs. Northern Kentucky	W, 79-70	Fox - 19	Adebayo - 18^	Willis - 3^	Two with 2^	Two with 3^
3/19	+vs. #19/19 Wichita St.	W, 65-62	Two with 14	Adebayo - 10^	Monk - 2	Willis - 3^	Monk - 4^

^ - Game Leader

1 - New York (Champions Classic)
2 - Bahamas
3 - Brooklyn, N.Y.
4 - Las Vegas (CBS Sports Classic)
* - SEC Tournament (Nashville, Tenn.)
+ - NCAA Tournament (Indianapolis)

Times Led Points
Monk - 21
Fox - 13
Briscoe - 4
Adebayo - 2
Gabriel - 1
Willis - 1

Times Led Rebounds
Adebayo - 19
Briscoe - 8
Willis - 7
Gabriel - 4
Humphries - 3
Fox - 2
Monk - 1
Mulder - 1

Times Led Blocks
Adebayo - 17
Willis - 13
Gabriel - 11
Humphries - 5
Killeya-Jones - 3
Monk - 3
Mulder - 2
Briscoe - 1
Calipari - 1
Fox - 1

Times Led Steals
Fox - 14
Briscoe - 8
Monk - 8
Adebayo - 7
Hawkins - 7
Willis - 4
Gabriel - 2
Humphries - 1
Mulder - 1

Times Led Assists
Fox - 18
Briscoe - 15
Monk - 5
Hawkins - 2
Willis - 1

THE LAST TIME ...

INDIVIDUALS

SCORING

Scored 25 points: De'Aaron Fox (28) vs. Alabama, 3/11/17
Scored 30 points: Malik Monk (33) vs. Florida, 2/25/17
Scored 35 Points: Malik Monk (37) vs. Georgia, 1/31/17
Scored 40 points: Malik Monk (47) vs. North Carolina, 12/17/16
Scored 45 points: Malik Monk (47) vs. North Carolina, 12/17/16
Scored 50 points: Jodie Meeks (54) at Tennessee, 1/13/09
Two players had 20 points: De'Aaron Fox (28), Malik Monk (20), vs. Alabama, 3/11/17
Three players had 20 points: DeMarcus Cousins (27)/John Wall (21)/Patrick Patterson (20) vs. Sam Houston State, 11/19/09
Two players had 30 points: Patrick Patterson (33) and Jodie Meeks (32) vs. Tennessee State, 12/22/08
Scored 20 points in two straight games: De'Aaron Fox (2) 3/10/17 - 3/11/17
Scored 20 points in three straight games: Malik Monk (4) 11/23/16 - 12/3/16
Scored 20 points in four straight games: Malik Monk (4) 11/23/16 - 12/3/16
Scored 20 points in five straight games: Jamal Murray (12) 2/2/16 - 3/12/16
Scored 20 points in six straight games: Jamal Jamal Murray (12) 2/2/16 - 3/12/16
Scored 20 points in seven straight games: Jamal Murray (12) 2/2/16 - 3/12/16
Scored 20 points in eight straight games: Jamal Murray (12) 2/2/16 - 3/12/16
Scored 20 points in nine straight games: Jamal Murray (12) 2/2/16 - 3/12/16
Scored 20 points in 10 straight games: Jamal Jamal Murray (12) 2/2/16 - 3/12/16
Scored 20 points in 11 straight games: Jamal Jamal Murray (12) 2/2/16 - 3/12/16
Scored 20 points in 12 straight games: Jamal Murray (12) 2/2/16 - 3/12/16
Scored 20 points in 15 straight games: Dan Issel (18) 12/1/69 - 2/7/70
Scored 25 points in three straight games: Tayshaun Prince (3) 3/11/01-3/17/01
Scored 30 points in two straight games: Jodie Meeks vs. Appalachian State (46) 12/20/08; vs. Tennessee State (32) 12/22/08
Scored 30 points in three straight games: Dan Issel (6) 2/14/70 - 3/2/70
Scored in double figures in 10 straight games: Bam Adebayo (10) 2/18/17-3/19/17, De'Aaron Fox (10) 2/14/17-3/19/17
Scored in double figures in 15 straight games: Malik Monk (30) 11/11/16-2/28/17
Scored in double figures in 20 straight games: Malik Monk (30) 11/11/16-2/28/17
Scored in double figures in 25 straight games: Malik Monk (30) 11/11/16-2/28/17
Scored in double figures in 30 straight games: Malik Monk (30) 11/11/16-2/28/17
Scored in double figures in 33 straight games: Jamal Murray (34) 11/17/15 - 3/19/16
Scored in double figures in 34 straight games: Jamal Murray (34) 11/17/15 - 3/19/16
Scored in double figures in 35 straight games: Kenny Walker (36) 11/14/85 - 3/22/86
Five players scored in double figures: Malik Monk (20), Derek Willis (16), De'Aaron Fox (13), Isaiah Briscoe (12), Dominique Hawkins (10) vs. Tennessee, 2/14/17
Six players scored in double figures: Malik Monk (23), Isaiah Briscoe (20), De'Aaron Fox (14), Bam Adebayo (12), Derek Willis (11), Wenyen Gabriel (10) vs. Arizona State, 11/28/16
Seven players scored in double figures: Randolph Morris (17), Kelenna Azubuike (15), Patrick Sparks (14), Chuck Hayes (12), Rajon Rondo (11), Ravi Moss (10) and Ramel Bradley (10) vs. Mississippi State 2/19/05,
Four players with 15 or more points: Malik Monk (26), De'Aaron Fox (16), Bam Adebayo (15), Wenyen Gabriel (15) vs. UT Martin, 11/25/16

DOUBLE-DOUBLES

Double-double: Bam Adebayo, (13 points, 10 rebounds) vs. Wichita State, 3/19/17
Triple-double: Isaiah Briscoe (19 points, 11 rebounds, 10 assists) at Ole Miss, 12/29/16
20-10 (rebs) game: Bam Adebayo (22 points, 15 rebounds) at Missouri, 2/21/17
20-10 (assts) game: De'Aaron Fox (24 points, 10 assists) vs. North Carolina, 12/17/16
20-15 game: Bam Adebayo (22 points, 15 rebounds) at Missouri, 2/21/17
30-10 game: Tayshaun Prince (33 points, 11 rebounds) vs. Tennessee State, 12/22/98
Back-to-back 20-10 games: Julius Randle (3) 11/8/13 - 11/10/13
Three straight 20-10 games: Julius Randle (3) 11/8/13 - 11/12/13
Double-double in points and rebs.: Bam Adebayo, (13 points, 10 rebounds) vs. Wichita State, 3/19/17
Double-double in points and assists: Isaiah Briscoe (19 points, 10 assists) at Ole Miss, 12/29/16
Double-double in points and blocks: Never
Double-double in points and steals: Never
Double-double in two consecutive games: Bam Adebayo (15 pts, 18 rebs) vs. NKU, (3/17/17), (13 pts, 10 rebs) vs. Wichita State, 3/19/17)
Double-double in three consecutive games: - Julius Randle (19p, 15r) vs. Kansas State, 3/21/14; (13 p, 10 r), vs. Wichita State, 3/23/14; (15 p, 12 r), vs. Louisville, 3/28/14; (16 p, 11 r), vs. Michigan, 3/30/14
Double-double in four consecutive games: Julius Randle (19p, 15r) vs. Kansas State, 3/21/14; (13 p, 10 r), vs. Wichita State, 3/23/14; (15 p, 12 r), vs. Louisville, 3/28/14; (16 p, 11 r), vs. Michigan, 3/30/14
Double-double in five consecutive games: Julius Randle (14p, 10r) at Arkansas, (2/27/14); (10p, 15r) at South Carolina (3/1/14); (12 p, 11 r) vs. Alabama, (3/4/14); (16 p, 10 r) at Florida, (3/8/14); (17 p, 16 r) vs. LSU, (3/14/14); (12 p, 11 r) vs. Georgia, (3/15/14)
Double-double in six consecutive games: Julius Randle (14p, 10r) at Arkansas, (2/27/14); (10p, 15r) at South Carolina (3/1/14); (12 p, 11 r) vs. Alabama, (3/4/14); (16 p, 10 r) at Florida, (3/8/14); (17 p, 16 r) vs. LSU, (3/14/14); (12 p, 11 r) vs. Georgia, (3/15/14)
Double-double in seven consecutive games: Julius Randle (7) 11/18/13-11/27/13
Double-double in 10 consecutive games: Jim Andrews, 1972-73 season
Two players record double-doubles: De'Aaron Fox (16 points, 11 assists), Wenyen Gabriel (10 points, 10 rebounds) vs. Cleveland State, 11/23/16
Three players record double-doubles: DeMarcus Cousins (19 pts, 14 rebs)/Patrick Patterson (19 pts, 10 rebs)/John Wall (18 pts, 10 rebs) at Mississippi State, 2/16/10
Four players record double-doubles: Jack Givens (30 pts, 13 rebs)/Kyle Macy (16 pts, 10 assts)/Mike Phillips (22 pts, 18 rebs)/ Rick Robey (23 pts, 13 rebs) vs. Southern Methodist, 11/26/77
Five players record double-doubles: Never

FIELD GOALS

Made 12 FG in a game: Bam Adebayo (12) at Ole Miss, 12/29/16
Made 15 FG in a game: Malik Monk (18) vs. North Carolina, 12/17/16
Made 16 FG in a game: Malik Monk (18) vs. North Carolina, 12/17/16
Made 17 FG in a game: Malik Monk (18) vs. North Carolina, 12/17/16
Made 18 FG in a game: Malik Monk (18) vs. North Carolina, 12/17/16
Made 19 FG in a game: Dan Issel (19) vs. Alabama, 2/23/70
Made 20 FG in a game: Dan Issel (23) vs. Ole Miss, 2/7/70
Made 21 FG in a game: Dan Issel (23) vs. Ole Miss, 2/7/70
Made 22 FG in a game: Dan Issel (23) vs. Ole Miss, 2/7/70
Made 23 FG in a game: Dan Issel (23) vs. Ole Miss, 2/7/70
Attempted 17 FG in a game: Malik Monk (21) vs. Vanderbilt, 2/28/17
Attempted 18 FG in a game: Malik Monk (21) vs. Vanderbilt, 2/28/17
Attempted 19 FG in a game: Malik Monk (21) vs. Vanderbilt, 2/28/17
Attempted 20 FG in a game: Malik Monk (21) vs. Vanderbilt, 2/28/17
Attempted 25 FG in a game: Malik Monk (28) vs. North Carolina, 12/17/16

3-POINTERS

Made 5 3-pointers in a game: Malik Monk (5) vs. Florida, 2/25/17
Made 6 3-pointers in a game: Malik Monk (7) vs. Georgia, 1/31/17
Made 7 3-pointers in a game: Malik Monk (7) vs. Georgia, 1/31/17
Made 8 3-pointers in a game: Malik Monk (8) vs. North Carolina, 12/17/16
Made 9 3-pointers in a game: Jodie Meeks (10) at Tennessee, 1/13/09
Made 10 3-pointers in a game: Jodie Meeks (10) at Tennessee, 1/13/09
Made 11 3-pointers in a game: Never
Attempted 10 3-pointers in a game: Malik Monk (11) vs. Georgia, 1/31/17
Attempted 15 3-pointers in a game: Jodie Meeks (15) at Tennessee, 1/13/09
Attempted 16 3-pointers in a game: Derrick Miller (16) vs. LSU 2/15/90
Attempted 17 3-pointers in a game: Derrick Miller (19) vs. Kansas 12/6/89
Attempted 18 3-pointers in a game: Derrick Miller (19) vs. Kansas 12/6/89
Attempted 19 3-pointers in a game: Derrick Miller (19) vs. Kansas 12/6/89
Made a 3-pointer in 10 straight games: Malik Monk (12), 1/21/17-2/28/17
Made a 3-pointer in 15 straight games: Jamal Murray (36), 11/13/15 - 3/19/16, Derek Willis (17), 1/12/16 - 3/17/16
Made a 3-pointer in 20 straight games: Jamal Murray (36), 11/13/15 - 3/19/16
Made a 3-pointer in 30 straight games: Jamal Murray (36), 11/13/15 - 3/19/16
Made two 3-pointers in 10 straight games: Jamal Murray (17), 1/23/16 - 3/17/16
Made three 3-pointers in 10 straight games: Gerald Fitch (20) 1/14/03 - 3/23/03
Made three 3-pointers in 15 straight games: Gerald Fitch (20) 1/14/03 - 3/23/03
Made three 3-pointers in 20 straight games: Gerald Fitch (20) 1/14/03 - 3/23/03
Made three 3-pointers in 25 straight games: Keith Bogans (29) 3/14/02 - 2/26/03

FREE THROWS

Made 8 FT in a game: De'Aaron Fox (11) vs. Alabama, 3/11/17
Made 9 FT in a game: De'Aaron Fox (11) vs. Alabama, 3/11/17
Made 10 FT in a game: De'Aaron Fox (11) vs. Alabama, 3/11/17
Made 11 FT in a game: De'Aaron Fox (11) vs. Alabama, 3/11/17
Made 12 FT in a game: Tyler Ulis (12) at Tennessee, 2/2/16
Made 13 FT in a game: Tyler Ulis (14) at Arkansas, 1/21/16
Made 14 FT in a game: Tyler Ulis (14) at Arkansas, 1/21/16
Made 15 FT in a game: Rodrick Rhodes (16) vs. Ole Miss 1/18/95
Made 16 FT in a game: Rodrick Rhodes (16) vs. Ole Miss 1/18/95
Made 17 FT in a game: Dwight Anderson (18) vs. Mississippi State 2/12/79
Made 18 FT in a game: Dwight Anderson (18) vs. Mississippi State 2/12/79
Attempted 10 FT in a game: De'Aaron Fox (15), Malik Monk (10) vs. Alabama, 3/11/17
Attempted 15 FT in a game: Isaiah Briscoe (15) vs. Alabama, 3/11/17
Attempted 20 FT in a game: Heshimu Evans (20) vs. Ole Miss 3/5/99

REBOUNDS

15 Rebs: Bam Adebayo (18) vs. Northern Kentucky, 3/17/17
16 Rebs: Bam Adebayo (18) vs. Northern Kentucky, 3/17/17
17 Rebs: Bam Adebayo (18) vs. Northern Kentucky, 3/17/17
18 Rebs: Bam Adebayo (18) vs. Northern Kentucky, 3/17/17
19 Rebs: Michael Kidd-Gilchrist (19) vs. Louisville, 12/31/11
20 Rebs: Jared Prickett (20) vs. Arkansas 2/9/94
25 Rebs: Mike Phillips (28) vs. Tennessee 1/10/76
30 Rebs: Cotton Nash (30) vs. Ole Miss 2/8/64
34 Rebs: Bob Burrow (34) vs. Temple 12/10/55
10+ Rebs in three consecutive games: Julius Randle (4) 3/21/14 - 3/30/14
10+ Rebs in four consecutive games: Julius Randle (4) 3/21/14 - 3/30/14
10+ Rebs in five consecutive games: Julius Randle (10) 2/12/14 - 3/15/14
10+ Rebs in six consecutive games: Julius Randle (10) 2/12/14 - 3/15/14
10+ Rebs in seven consecutive games: Julius Randle (10) 2/12/14 - 3/15/14
10+ rebs in eight consecutive games: Julius Randle (10) 2/12/14 - 3/15/14
10+ rebs in nine consecutive games: Julius Randle (10) 2/12/14 - 3/15/14
10+ rebs in 10 consecutive games: Julius Randle (10) 2/12/14 - 3/15/14
Two players had 10 rebounds: Derek Willis (11) and Bam Adebayo (10) vs. Georgia, 3/10/17
Three players had 10 rebounds: Michael Kidd-Gilchrist (19), Terrence Jones (11), Anthony Davis (10) vs. Louisville, 12/31/11

THE LAST TIME ...

ASSISTS

6 assists: Isaiah Briscoe (8) at Texas A&M, 3/4/17
7 assists: Isaiah Briscoe (8) at Texas A&M, 3/4/17
8 assists: Isaiah Briscoe (8) at Texas A&M, 3/4/17
9 assists: Isaiah Briscoe (11) at Ole Miss, 12/29/16
10 assists: Isaiah Briscoe (11) at Ole Miss, 12/29/16
11 assists: Isaiah Briscoe (11) at Ole Miss, 12/29/16
12 assists: De'Aaron Fox (12) vs. Stephen F. Austin, 11/11/16
13 assists: Tyler Ulis (14) vs. LSU, 3/5/16
14 assists: Tyler Ulis (14) vs. LSU, 3/5/16
15 assists: John Wall (16) vs. Hartford, 12/29/09
16 assists: John Wall (16) vs. Hartford, 12/29/09
5+ assists in four consecutive games: De'Aaron Fox (6) 11/15/16 - 12/3/16
8+ assists in two consecutive games: De'Aaron Fox (2) 11/25/16 - 12/3/16

BLOCKS

4 blocks: Derek Willis (4) vs. Georgia, 3/10/17
5 blocks: Skal Labissiere (6) vs. Stony Brook, 3/17/16
6 blocks: Skal Labissiere (6) vs. Stony Brook, 3/17/16
7 blocks: Karl-Anthony Towns (7) vs. Vanderbilt, 1/20/15
8 blocks: Willie Cauley-Stein (9) vs. Boise State, 12/10/13
9 blocks: Willie Cauley-Stein (9) vs. Boise State, 12/10/13
10 blocks: Nerlens Noel (12) at Ole Miss, 1/29/13
11 blocks: Nerlens Noel (12) at Ole Miss, 1/29/13
12 blocks: Nerlens Noel (12) at Ole Miss, 1/29/13

STEALS

4 steals: Dominique Hawkins (4) vs. Arkansas, 3/12/17
5 steals: Malik Monk (5) vs. UCLA, 12/3/16
6 steals: Tyler Ulis (6) vs. Ole Miss, 1/2/16
7 steals: Rajon Rondo (8) vs. Mississippi State, 2/19/05
8 steals: Rajon Rondo (8) vs. Mississippi State, 2/19/05

MINUTES

Played every minute: Isaiah Briscoe (45) vs. Georgia, 1/31/17
Played 40+ minutes: Malik Monk (44), Isaiah Briscoe (45) vs. Georgia, 1/31/17
Played more than 50 minutes: Patrick Patterson (50) vs. Vanderbilt, 1/12/08

FOULS

Fouled out: Derek Willis vs. Georgia, 3/10/17
Two players fouled out: Isaiah Briscoe and Alex Poythress at Florida, 3/1/16
Three players fouled out: Skal Labissiere, Marcus Lee, Alex Poythress, Derek Willis at Kansas, 1/30/16
Four players fouled out: Skal Labissiere, Marcus Lee, Alex Poythress, Derek Willis at Kansas, 1/30/16
Technical foul: John Calipari vs. Vanderbilt, 2/28/17

TEAM

STARTS

Started four freshmen: Bam Adebayo, De'Aaron Fox, Wenyen Gabriel, Malik Monk vs. Florida, 2/25/17
Started five freshmen: Aaron Harrison, Andrew Harrison, Dakari Johnson, Julius Randle, James Young vs. Connecticut, 4/7/14

SCORING

Scored 90 or more points: 92 vs. LSU, 2/7/17 (W, 92-85)
Scored 90 or more points (SEC game): 92 vs. LSU, 2/7/17 (W, 92-85)
Scored 100 or more points: 100 vs. Texas A&M, 1/3/17 (W, 100-58)
Scored 100 or more points (SEC game): 100 vs. Texas A&M, 1/3/17 (W, 100-58)
Scored 110 or more points: 115 vs. Arizona State, 11/28/16 (W, 115-69)
Scored 110 or more points (SEC game): 110 vs. Auburn, 2/21/15 (W, 110-75)
Scored 120 or more points: 120 vs. Vanderbilt, 2/7/96 (W, 120-81)
Scored 120 or more points (SEC game): 120 vs. Vanderbilt, 2/7/96 (W, 120-81)
Scored 130 or more points: 143 vs. Georgia, 2/27/56 (W, 143-66)
Scored 140 or more points: 143 vs. Georgia, 2/27/56 (W, 143-66)
Scored 150 or more points: Never
Scored less than 50 points: 48 vs. Vanderbilt, 3/15/13 (L, 64-48)
Scored 100 points in two consecutive games: vs. Cleveland State (11/23/16), vs. UT Martin (11/25/16), vs. Arizona State (11/28/16)
Scored 100 Points in three consecutive games: vs. Cleveland State (11/23/16), vs. UT Martin (11/25/16), vs. Arizona State (11/28/16)
Scored 100 points in consecutive SEC games: 2/27/56-3/3/56

OPPONENT SCORING

Allowed 90 or more points: 100 vs. North Carolina, 12/17/16 (W, 103-100)
Allowed 90 or more points (SEC game): 90 by Georgia, 3/4/09 (L, 90-85)
Allowed 100 or more points: 100 vs. North Carolina, 12/17/16 (W, 103-100)
Allowed 100 or more points (SEC game): 101 by Arkansas, 2/10/93 (L, 101-94)
Allowed less than 50 points: 48 vs. Michigan State, 11/15/16 (W, 69-48)
Allowed less than 50 points (SEC game): 48 vs. Georgia, 2/9/16 (W, 82-48)

SHOOTING PERCENTAGES

Shot 70% from the field: .722 vs. Mississippi St., 2/15/86
Shot 65% from the field: .677 vs. LIU Brooklyn, 11/23/12
Shot 30% or less from the field: .281 at Texas A&M (1/10/15)
Allowed 50% shooting: .509 at Georgia, 2/18/17
Allowed 60% shooting: .640 by Florida, 3/4/07
Allowed 20% or less shooting: .197 by Montana State, 11/23/14 (12-61)
Allowed 30% or less shooting: .263 by Stony Brook, 3/17/16 (20-76)
Held opponent to zero 3-pointers: at Auburn, 1/19/13 (0-15)

FREE THROWS

Shot 90% or better from FT line: 90.0 (9-10) vs. Wisconsin (4/4/15)
Shot 100% from FT Line: 11-11 vs. Florida, 2/7/12
Shot 50% or less from FT line: .435 (10-23) at Vanderbilt, 2/27/16
Attempted 40 FT: vs. Arkansas (40), 1/7/17
Attempted five or less FT: vs. South Carolina (4) 1/21/06
Made 30 FT: 30 vs. Auburn, 3/14/15 (30-35)

3-POINTERS

Hit 10 3-pointers: 11 vs. Tennessee, 2/14/17 (11-25)
Hit 11 3-pointers: 11 vs. Tennessee, 2/14/17 (11-25)
Hit 12 3-pointers: 13 vs. Texas A&M, 1/3/17 (13-25)
Hit 13 3-pointers: 13 vs. Texas A&M, 1/3/17 (13-25)
Hit 14 3-pointers: 15 vs. Georgia, 3/1/12 (15-27)
Hit 15 3-pointers: 15 vs. Georgia, 3/1/12 (15-27)
Hit 16 3-pointers: 16 vs. UNC-Asheville, 12/23/96 (16-33)
Hit 17 3-pointers: 20 vs. LSU, 3/4/95 (20-35)
Hit 18 3-pointers: 20 vs. LSU, 3/4/95 (20-35)
Hit 19 3-pointers: 20 vs. LSU, 3/4/95 (20-35)
Hit 20 3-pointers: 20 vs. LSU, 3/4/95 (20-35)
Hit 21 3-pointers: 21 vs. North Carolina, 12/27/89 (21-48)
Hit 22 3-pointers: Never

SCORING MARGINS

Won game by 50 points or more: 58 vs. Montana State (W, 86-28) 11/23/14
Won game by 60 points or more: 62 vs. Vanderbilt (W, 106-44) 3/5/03
Won game by 70 points or more: 74 vs. Tennessee-Martin (W, 124-50) 11/26/94
Lost game by 30 points or more: 30 at Tennessee (L, 88-58) 2/16/13
Lost game by 40 points or more: 41 at Vanderbilt (L, 93-52) 2/12/08
Lost game by 50 points or more: 55 at Kansas (L, 150-95) 12/9/89
Lost game by 60 points or more: 70 vs. Central (L, 87-17) 1/28/1910
Lost game by 70 points or more: 70 vs. Central (L, 87-17) 1/28/1910
Game decided by one point: vs. Wisconsin, 4/5/14 (W, 74-73)
Game decided by two points: at Tennessee 1/24/17 (L, 82-80)
Game decided by three points: vs. Wichita State, 3/19/17 (W, 65-62)
Two consecutive games decided by one point: vs. North Carolina (W, 73-72) 12/3/11 and at Indiana (L, 73-72) 12/10/11
Three consecutive games decided by one point: Never
Two consecutive games decided by two points: at Ole Miss (L, 71-69) 2/1/11 and Florida (L, 70-68) 2/5/11
Came back from 10-point deficit for win: W, 79-74 vs. Alabama (3/11/17); Trailed by 17 at 17-7 (13:29 in 1st)
Came back from 11-point deficit for win: W, 71-63 at Texas A&M (3/4/17); Trailed by 15 at 19-4 (12:09 in 1st)
Came back from 12-point deficit for win: W, 71-63 at Texas A&M (3/4/17); Trailed by 15 at 19-4 (12:09 in 1st)
Came back from 13-point deficit for win: W, 71-63 at Texas A&M (3/4/17); Trailed by 15 at 19-4 (12:09 in 1st)
Came back from 14-point deficit for win: W, 71-63 at Texas A&M (3/4/17); Trailed by 15 at 19-4 (12:09 in 1st)
Came back from 15-point deficit for win: W, 71-63 at Texas A&M (3/4/17); Trailed by 15 at 19-4 (12:09 in 1st)
Came back from 16-point deficit for win: W, 73-67 vs. Vanderbilt (2/28/17); Trailed by 19 at 25-6 (8:03 in 1st)
Came back from 17-point deficit for win: W, 73-67 vs. Vanderbilt (2/28/17); Trailed by 19 at 25-6 (8:03 in 1st)
Came back from 18-point deficit for win: W, 73-67 vs. Vanderbilt (2/28/17); Trailed by 19 at 25-6 (8:03 in 1st)
Came back from 19-point deficit for win: W, 73-67 vs. Vanderbilt (2/28/17); Trailed by 19 at 25-6 (8:03 in 1st)
Came back from 20-point deficit for win: W, 82-79 at Vanderbilt (2/22/97); Trailed by 22 at 40-18 (3:51 in 1st)
Came back from 30-point deficit for win: W, 99-95 at LSU (2/15/94); Trailed by 31 at 68-37 (15:34 in 2nd)
Came back from 31-point deficit for win: W, 99-95 at LSU (2/15/94); Trailed by 31 at 68-37 (15:34 in 2nd)

REBOUNDS

Pulled down 50 rebounds: 59 (20-39) vs. Arizona State, 11/28/16
Pulled down 55 rebounds: 59 (20-39) vs. Arizona State, 11/28/16
Pulled down 60 rebounds: 62 (19-43) vs. Morehead State, 12/16/96

OVERTIME GAMES

Played an overtime game: vs. Georgia, 1/31/17 (W, 90-81 OT)
Won an overtime game: vs. Georgia, 1/31/17 (W, 90-81 OT)
Played an SEC overtime game: vs. Georgia, 1/31/17 (W, 90-81 OT)
Won an SEC overtime game: vs. Georgia, 1/31/17 (W, 90-81 OT)
Lost an overtime game: at Texas A&M, 2/20/16 (L, 79-77 OT)
Lost an SEC overtime game: at Texas A&M, 2/20/16 (L, 79-77 OT)
Played an overtime game in SEC Tournament: vs. Texas A&M, 3/13/16 (W, 82-77 OT)
Won an overtime game in SEC Tournament: vs. Texas A&M, 3/13/16 (W, 82-77 OT)
Played two overtimes: at Texas A&M, 1/10/15 (W, 70-64 2ot)
Played three overtimes: vs. Temple 12/7/57 (W, 85-83)
Played four overtimes: Never played four overtime game
Played consecutive games that went to overtime: 1/6/15 vs. Ole Miss (W, 89-86) and 1/10/15 at Texas A&M (70-64)

RUPP ARENA

FAST FACTS

Year Opened:	1976
First Game:	Nov. 27, 1976
All-Time Record:	561-66 (89.5)
Record Under Coach Cal:	134-6 (95.7)
Capacity:	23,000
Record Crowd:	24,479 (Jan. 20, 2010)
Longest Winning Streak:	54 (11/9/10-12/1/12)
Current Winning Streak:	5

YEAR-BY-YEAR RECORDS

Season	W-L	Pct.	Start
2016-17	15-2	.882	5-0
2015-16	17-0	1.000	17-0
2014-15	19-0	1.000	19-0
2013-14	16-2	.889	14-0
2012-13	16-2	.889	3-0
2011-12	18-0	1.000	18-0
2010-11	15-0	1.000	15-0
2009-10	18-0	1.000	18-0
2008-09	12-6	.667	3-0
2007-08	14-4	.778	1-0
2006-07	14-2	.875	10-0
2005-06	10-5	.667	4-0
2004-05	14-1	.933	7-0
2003-04	11-2	.846	3-0
2002-03	12-1	.923	1-0
2001-02	12-3	.800	0-1
2000-01	11-1	.917	0-1
1999-2000	14-0	1.000	14-0
1998-99	12-1	.923	6-0
1997-98	9-3	.750	4-0
1996-97	12-1	.923	12-0
1995-96	13-0	1.000	13-0
1994-95	12-1	.923	2-0
1993-94	13-1	.929	11-0
1992-93	16-0	1.000	16-0
1991-92	15-2	.882	1-0
1990-91	13-0	1.000	13-0
1989-90	13-2	.867	5-0
1988-89	8-6	.571	0-1
1987-88	14-2	.875	8-0
1986-87	13-2	.867	5-0
1985-86	18-0	1.000	18-0
1984-85	11-3	.786	1-0
1983-84	16-0	1.000	16-0
1982-83	14-1	.933	8-0
1981-82	15-1	.938	15-0
1980-81	15-0	1.000	15-0
1979-80	12-3	.800	6-0
1978-79	11-4	.733	3-0
1977-78	16-0	1.000	16-0
1976-77	12-2	.857	4-0
Total	**561-66**	**.895**	

NEED-TO-KNOW NOTES

Cats Rock at Rupp

UK has won 217 of its last 246 home games, including a 54-game winning streak in the venerable arena to begin the John Calipari era and a recent 42-game winning streak. All-time, the Wildcats are 561-66 (.895) in Rupp Arena.

Among the most notable marks of dominance in the nation's toughest venue to play include:

- The Wildcats are 302-40 (.883) in regular-season SEC games in the building
- Kentucky set a new program home record of 19 wins in 2014-15
- The Wildcats have gone undefeated at home in five of John Calipari's seven seasons, including 2014-15 and 2015-16
- Overall, UK has posted a perfect mark in 13 of Rupp Arena's 40 seasons

Cal Owns Longest Win Streaks in Rupp

With UK's 2011-12 season-opening victory over Marist, UK head coach John Calipari recorded his 34th consecutive win in Rupp Arena as UK's head coach. It broke former UK head coach Rick Pitino's longest streak of 33 games in the venue.

The winning streak reached as long as 54 games. Calipari didn't suffer his first loss in Rupp Arena until losing to Baylor in his fourth season. The 54-game run, however, was his longest career winning streak. He also had the second-longest streak in the arena as the Cats won 42 straight from March 4, 2014 to Nov. 25, 2016.

Pack the House

Kentucky has led the nation in average home attendance in 18 of the last 21 seasons entering this year, including a Rupp Arena record of 24,110 in John Calipari's first season (2009-10) as head coach.

- Kentucky averaged 23,462 fans during the 2016-17 season
- UK has averaged 23,000 or more fans in seven of Calipari's eight seasons

The Top-Ranked Team at Home

Kentucky has lost just three times at home as the Associated Press top-ranked team in the history of the program and just twice in Rupp Arena. Prior to the loss to UCLA by three on Dec. 3, the other two losses came by just one point.

The Wildcats are 53-2 all-time as the AP No. 1 team in Rupp Arena since its opening in 1976. The first loss was to Auburn, 53-52, on Jan. 9, 1988.

Coach Cal in Rupp Arena

It's been downright difficult to beat the Wildcats at Rupp Arena during the John Calipari era. UK is 134-6 (.957) at Rupp Arena under Calipari.

- UK is 18-3 (.857) vs. ranked opponents in Rupp in the Calipari era
- The Wildcats are 116-3 (.975) vs. unranked teams in Rupp under Calipari
- UK is 68-3 (.958) at home vs. nonconference foes under Calipari
- Calipari notched his 100th career win at Rupp Arena as UK's coach with the Wildcats' 110-75 rout of Auburn on Feb. 21, 2014. It took Calipari just 104 games to reach the century mark at home, the fastest of any UK coach

Cal Passes Hall for Rupp Record

With a 101-70 victory over Cleveland State on Nov. 23, John Calipari passed former UK head coach Joe B. Hall for the wins in Rupp Arena history.

Calipari currently has 134 victories inside the historic venue. Hall won 122.

TOP 10 ATTENDANCES

No.	Att.	Opponent	Date	Result
1	24,479	Louisville	1/20/10	W, 71-62
2	24,468	North Carolina	12/5/09	W, 68-66
3	24,465	Florida	2/10/07	L, 64-61
4	24,459	Florida	2/4/03	W, 70-55
5	24,432	Louisville	12/17/05	W, 73-61
6	24,431	Florida	2/25/17	W, 76-66
7	24,428	Florida	3/7/15	W, 67-50
8	24,425	Florida	2/15/14	L, 69-59
9	24,418	Kansas	1/28/17	L, 79-73
10	24,416	Arkansas	2/28/15	W, 84-67

2016-17 ATTENDANCES

No.	Att.	Opponent	Date	Result
1	24,431	Florida	2/25/17	W, 76-66
2	24,418	Kansas	1/28/17	L, 79-73
3	24,391	Tennessee	2/14/17	W, 83-58
4	24,389	South Carolina	1/21/17	W, 85-69
5	24,372	Auburn	1/14/17	W, 92-72
6	24,322	Arkansas	1/7/17	W, 97-71
7	24,036	Vanderbilt	2/28/17	W, 73-67
8	23,976	UCLA	12/3/16	L, 97-92
9	23,814	Georgia	1/31/17	W, 90-81 (OT)
10	23,657	LSU	2/7/17	W, 92-85

UK VS. AP RANKED FOES

In John Calipari Era (2009-Present)

49-21

vs. No. 19 Wichita St. (NCAA)	March 19, 2017	W, 65-62
vs. No. 13 Florida	Feb. 25, 2017	W, 76-66
at No. 24 Florida	Feb. 4, 2017	L, 88-66
vs. No. 2 Kansas	Jan. 28, 2017	L, 79-73
vs. No. 24 S. Carolina	Jan. 21, 2017	W, 85-69
at No. 10 Louisville	Dec. 21, 2016	L, 73-70
vs. No. 7 North Carolina (Las Vegas)	Dec. 17, 2016	W, 103-100
vs. No. 11 UCLA	Dec. 3, 2016	L, 97-92
vs. No. 13 Michigan St. (New York)	Nov. 15, 2016	W, 69-48
vs. No. 14 Indiana	March 19, 2016	L, 73-67
vs. No. 17 Texas A&M (SECT)	March 13, 2016	W, 82-77
at No. 4 Kansas	Jan. 30, 2016	L, 90-84
vs. No. 16 Louisville	Dec. 27, 2015	W, 75-73
vs. No. 5 Duke (Chicago)	Nov. 17, 2015	W, 74-63
vs. No. 3 Wisconsin (NCAA)	April 4, 2015	L, 71-64
vs. No. 8 Notre Dame (NCAA)	March 28, 2015	W, 68-66
vs. No. 20 W. Virginia (NCAA)	March 26, 2015	W, 78-39
vs. No. 18 Arkansas (SECT)	March 15, 2015	W, 78-63
vs. No. 18 Arkansas	Feb. 28, 2015	W, 84-67
at No. 4 Louisville	Dec. 27, 2014	W, 58-50
vs. No. 21 North Carolina	Dec. 13, 2014	W, 84-70
vs. No. 6 Texas	Dec. 5, 2014	W, 63-51
vs. No. 5 Kansas (Indianapolis)	Nov. 18, 2014	W, 72-40
vs. No. 18 UConn (NCAA)	April 7, 2014	L, 60-54
vs. No. 12 Wisconsin (NCAA)	April 5, 2014	W, 74-73
vs. No. 7 Michigan (NCAA)	March 30, 3014	W, 75-72
vs. No. 5 Louisville (NCAA)	March 28, 2014	W, 74-69
vs. No. 2 Wichita St. (NCAA)	March 23, 2014	W, 78-76
vs. No. 1 Florida (SECT)	March 16, 2014	L, 61-60
at No. 1 Florida	March 8, 2014	L, 84-65
vs. No. 3 Florida	Feb. 15, 2014	L, 69-59
vs. No. 4 Louisville	Dec. 28, 2013	W, 73-66
at No. 18 North Carolina	Dec. 14, 2013	L, 82-77
vs. No. 20 Baylor (Dallas)	Dec. 6, 2013	L, 67-62
vs. No. 2 Michigan St. (Chicago)	Nov. 12, 2013	L, 78-74
vs. No. 11 Florida	March 9, 2013	W, 61-57
at No. 7 Florida	Feb. 12, 2013	L, 69-52
at No. 16 Ole Miss	Jan. 29, 2013	W, 87-74
at No. 4 Louisville	Dec. 29, 2012	L, 80-77
vs. No. 9 Duke (Atlanta)	Nov. 13, 2012	L, 75-68
vs. No. 6 Kansas (NCAA)	April 2, 2012	W, 67-59
vs. No. 17 Louisville (NCAA)	March 31, 2012	W, 69-61
vs. No. 9 Baylor (NCAA)	March 25, 2012	W, 82-70
vs. No. 16 Indiana (NCAA)	March 23, 2012	W, 87-71
vs. No. 22 Florida	March 10, 2012	W, 74-71
at No. 16 Florida	March 4, 2012	W, 74-59
vs. No. 8 Florida	Feb. 7, 2012	W, 78-58
vs. No. 4 Louisville	Dec. 31, 2011	W, 69-62
vs. No. 5 North Carolina	Dec. 3, 2011	W, 73-72
vs. No. 12 Kansas (New York)	Nov. 15, 2011	W, 75-65
vs. No. 9 UConn (NCAA)	April 2, 2011	L, 56-55
vs. No. 7 N. Carolina (NCAA)	March 27, 2011	W, 76-69
vs. No. 1 Ohio State (NCAA)	March 25, 2011	W, 62-60
vs. No. 22 W. Virginia (NCAA)	March 19, 2011	W, 71-63
vs. No. 12 Florida (SECT)	March 13, 2011	W, 70-54
vs. No. 21 Vanderbilt	March 1, 2011	W, 68-66
vs. No. 13 Florida	Feb. 26, 2011	W, 76-68
at No. 21 Vanderbilt	Feb. 12, 2011	L, 81-77
at No. 22 Louisville	Dec. 31, 2010	W, 78-63
vs. No. 23 N. Dame (Louisville)	Dec. 8, 2010	W, 72-58
vs. No. 13 Washington (Maui)	Nov. 23, 2010	W, 74-67
vs. No. 6 W. Virginia (NCAA)	March 27, 2010	L, 73-66
vs. No. 15 Tennessee (SECT)	March 13, 2010	W, 74-45
at No. 19 Tennessee	Feb. 27, 2010	L, 74-65
at No. 17 Vanderbilt	Feb. 20, 2010	W, 58-56
vs. No. 12 Tennessee	Feb. 13, 2010	W, 73-62
vs. No. 25 Ole Miss	Feb. 2, 2010	W, 85-75
vs. No. 21 Vanderbilt	Jan. 30, 2010	W, 85-72
vs. No. 14 UConn (New York)	Dec. 9, 2009	W, 64-61
vs. No. 10 North Carolina	Dec. 5, 2009	W, 68-66

Calipari's Record at UK vs:

vs. No. 1	1-2
vs. Top 3	2-6
vs. Top 5	9-8
vs. Top 10	18-13
vs. Top 15	29-15
vs. Top 20	38-19
vs. Top 25	49-21
Home	18-3
Away	5-9
Neutral	26-9
SEC Tourney	4-1
NCAA Tourney	14-5

Calipari in the NCAA Tournament

John Calipari is coaching in his 18th NCAA Tournament in 2017. Kentucky is 25-5 (.833) in tournament games under the direction of Calipari. He is 50-16 (.758) as a head coach in NCAA Tournament games.

Calipari-coached teams appeared in four of five Final Fours from 2011 to 2015, the first time that happened since Duke went to five straight Final Fours (1988, 89, 90, 91, 92). Calipari leads the country with five Final Four appearances since 2008. He has advanced teams to six Final Fours in his on-court career, which is tied for the seventh most by a coach all-time. Only three coaches all-time have appeared in four of five Final Fours (Calipari, Mike Krzyzewski and John Wooden).

Of Calipari's 16 eliminations in the NCAA Tournament, he has only lost twice to double-digit seeds. He's never lost to a team seeded lower than 10th and he's only lost to a double-digit seed twice in his 16 NCAA Tournament losses.

This will be Calipari's 13th appearance in the Sweet 16. He's 10-2 in his prevous 12 Sweet 16 matchups, including 5-0 at Kentucky.

Calipari Named Head Coach of USA Men's U19 World Cup Team

John Calipari was officially named the head coach of the 2017 USA Basketball Men's U19 World Cup Team on March 8 and will lead Team USA at the 2017 FIBA U19 World Championship in July in Cairo.

Calipari will oversee the direction of the team, starting with training camp, June 18-25, at the United States Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colorado. There, Calipari and his staff will select the 12-member USA U19 World Cup Team before heading to Egypt for the FIBA World Championship in Egypt, July 1-9.

Team USA will look for its third straight title at the FIBA World Championship after capturing gold at the 2013 and 2015 tourneys

Colorado head coach Tad Boyle and Wake Forest head coach Danny Manning will serve as assistants. Calipari was an assistant at Kansas (1983-85) during parts of the careers of Boyle and Manning.

Calipari previously served with USA Basketball as the head coach of the 1995 U.S. Olympic Festival East Team, but he has recent international experience as the head coach of the Dominican Republic National Team in 2011 and 2012. His impact on the country was immediate and unprecedented.

In his first year with the team, Coach Cal led the Dominican Republic to a bronze-medal finish at the 2011 FIBA Americas Championship in Mar del Plata, Argentina, defeating archrival Puerto Rico and world power Brazil along the way. The Dominicans came within one win in the semifinal round of qualifying for the country's first-ever appearance in the Olympics. The third-place finish secured a spot at the 2012 FIBA World Olympic Qualifying Tournament as one of 12 teams vying for three open spots to the 2012 Olympic Games in London. There, again, the Dominicans came within one win of making history and qualifying for the Olympics.

Calipari also led the Dominican Republic to a gold medal at the 2012 Centrobasket. It was the first Centrobasket title in eight years for the Dominican Republic and just the third in the country's history.

As for Calipari's new team, the United States drew Group D for preliminary-round games at the FIBA World Championship and will open against Iran on July 1. Team USA will then play Angola on July 2 and will cap preliminary round action versus Italy on July 4 (game times are to be determined).

The United States earned its berth into the 2017 FIBA U19 World Cup by virtue of claiming gold at the 2016 FIBA Americas U18 Championship.

Cal in Elite Company with Conference Championships

Kentucky men's basketball coach John Calipari added another first to his Hall of Fame career in 2017.

When Kentucky clinched at least a share of the 2017 Southeastern Conference championship by beating Vanderbilt on Feb. 28, he made history as a head coach. Calipari is the first NCAA Division I coach to lead three different programs (UMass, Memphis, Kentucky) to five on-court regular-season league titles five different times. He won the Atlantic 10 at the helm of UMass in 1992, 93, 94, 95 and 96. Memphis claimed the Conference USA crown in 2004, 06, 07, 08 and 09. Kentucky has captured the SEC five times in 2010, 12, 15, 16 and 17.

Perhaps more impressive is that Calipari has 29 combined regular season and conference championships. That trails only Mark Few of Gonzaga (30 titles) among all active coaches. All-time, Calipari trails only the great Adolph Rupp (41), Dean Smith (30) and Few.

First-Ballot Hall of Famer

Kentucky men's basketball coach John Calipari joined basketball's fraternity of legends in September 2015 after being elected to the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame on the first ballot.

Calipari joined an elite group of basketball players and coaches in the Naismith Hall of Fame, considered to be one of the ultimate honors in the sport.

The Class of 2015 included Calipari, Dick Bevetta, Wildcat Louie Dampier, Lindsay Gaze, Tom Heinsohn, John Isaacs, Spencer Haywood, Lisa Leslie, Dikembe Mutombo, George Raveling and JoJo White.

Calipari Wins 200th Career Game at UK in Record Time

With a thrilling 75-73 victory over rival Louisville on Dec. 26, 2015, John Calipari captured his 200th career win at Kentucky faster than any coach in UK history -- and nearly faster than anyone has ever done it at any other school.

Calipari reached the 200-win plateau in his 240th career game at Kentucky. Rick Pitino, previously the fastest to 200 wins at UK prior to Calipari, didn't capture his 200th Wildcat win until his 249th game. The legendary Adolph Rupp reached 200 during his 250th game.

Not only did Calipari reach the 200-win mark in record pace at Kentucky, he also nearly set the all-time Division I mark. With the win over U of L, he became the second-fastest Division I men's basketball coach to reach 200 victories at a single school, behind only LIU-Brooklyn's Clair Bee, who achieved the feat in 231 games.

Calipari is one of just 11 head coaches in Division I men's basketball history with at least 200 victories at two different schools and just the fifth coach at Kentucky to reach the 200-win plateau.

He's currently the only coach in NCAA history with at least 189 victories at three different schools.

Here's a look at some of the more impressive numbers in Calipari's journey to 200 wins:

- UK beat Florida more than anyone else during the first 200 wins, defeating the Gators 11 times
- Likewise, Kentucky beat Louisville (eight times) more than any other nonconference opponent
- Calipari defeated 89 different Division I schools (25.4 percent) of current Division I schools) during the run
- A total of 176 wins came with UK ranked in the AP Top 25, and 66 of them were while UK was No. 1

AHEAD OF THE BARON OF THE BLUEGRASS

- Legendary coach Adolph Rupp won 876 career games while he was the coach of UK. He also led Kentucky to five NCAA titles during his 41-year tenure.
- John Calipari is ahead of the pace with the legend as far as victories to begin his career at UK. Also, Calipari (.827) is ahead of Rupp (.822) in total UK career winning percentage.

Coach	Games	Record	Next Game (301st Game)
John Calipari	300	248-52	March 24 vs. UCLA
Adolph Rupp	300	241-59	def. Long Island 62-52 (Jan. 1, 1945)
Tubby Smith	300	234-66	lost to Vanderbilt 84-81 (Feb. 11, 2006)
Joe B. Hall	300	227-73	lost to Mid. Tenn. St. 50-44 (March 11, 1982)
Rick Pitino	270	220-50	End of UK coaching career at 270th game

UMass Raises Banner in Calipari's Honor

As part of a 20th anniversary celebration of the UMass men's basketball 1995-96 Final Four team, the UMass Department of Athletics honored John Calipari on Dec. 16, 2015, prior to its game against New Orleans by raising a banner into the rafters at the Mullins Center.

Calipari's banner joined the retired jerseys of five all-time Minutemen: George "Trigger" Burkey, Marcus Camby, Julius "Dr. J" Erving, Lou Roe and Al Skinner.

- Calipari began his head coaching career at UMass where he turned the Minutemen into a national powerhouse from 1988-96
- In addition to the 1995-96's team's 35-2 record and the Final Four appearance, Calipari led the Minutemen to the 1991-92 NCAA Sweet 16, the 1992-93 and 1993-94 NCAA second round, and the 1994-95 NCAA Elite Eight. UMass won five straight Atlantic 10 titles during that span as well

Nearly Unanimous

John Calipari collected nearly every major national coach of the year award after guiding the historic 2014-15 Wildcats to a perfect regular season and eventually a fourth Final Four appearance in five seasons. Among the awards Calipari won in 2014-15:

- Associated Press National Coach of the Year
- Naismith National Coach of the Year
- NABC National Coach of the Year
- The Sporting News National Coach of the Year
- Adolph Rupp National Coach of the Year
- SEC Coach of the Year
- 2015 USBWA District IV Coach of the Year

600 On-Court Victories

With a win over No. 5 Kansas on Nov. 18, 2014, John Calipari claimed his 600th on-court victory as a Division I head coach. He became the 13th active Division I coach to achieve the feat.

Calipari at No. 1

John Calipari is one of just two coaches (Frank McGuire) to lead three programs to a No. 1 ranking. With UK's No. 1 ranking in 2016-17, Calipari has guided six of his last eight and seven of his last 10 teams to the No. 1 ranking (and the ninth time he's done it overall).

When Coach Cal's teams have been at the top, they're been difficult to knock off:

- Calipari is 110-12 (.902) as the top-ranked Associated Press Top 25 coach in the country
- He's 69-7 (.908) when his team is at the top of the AP Top 25 as UK's head coach
- Calipari tallied a 32-4 mark at UMass when the Minutemen were No. 1 and he was 9-1 at Memphis when he had the Tigers at the pinnacle of the rankings
- Calipari (110) trails only Duke's Mike Krzyzewski (193) in active coaches with victories as the No. 1 head coach
- Calipari has coached 122 career games as a No. 1 team, the fourth most in NCAA history, trailing John Wooden (228), Krzyzewski (233) and Adolph Rupp (131)
- Among coaches who have owned a No. 1 ranking in at least 119 games, Calipari's winning percentage of .902 trails only Wooden (.952), and is ahead of active coaches Krzyzewski (.870) and Roy Williams (.849)

There's No Place Like Home

Since the 2000 season, John Calipari-coached teams have posted a 287-24 (.923) record at home. At UK, Coach Cal is 134-6 (.957) in Rupp Arena.

In five of Calipari's eight seasons at Kentucky, the Wildcats have posted an undefeated record at home, including a school-record 19-0 mark during the 2014-15 season.

Calipari owns both of UK's longest winning streaks in the arena. He began his career at UK with a 54-game winning streak at Rupp Arena. It was the longest winning streak since the arena opening in 1976. With a win over Georgia on Feb. 9, 2016, he secured the second-longest streak in the storied building at 34 games.

	Coach	Streak (Yrs)
1.	***John Calipari***	***54 (2010-13)***
2.	***John Calipari***	***42 (2014-17)***
3.	Rick Pitino	33 (1992-94)
4.	Joe B. Hall	30 (1981-82)
5.	Rick Pitino	27 (1995-97)

Life on the Road Isn't So Bad Either

As good as John Calipari's team's have been at home, they're nearly as good in hostile environments on the road. Dating back to the 2005-06 season, Calipari has recorded an 87-37 (.702) record on the road.

Calipari Unrivaled in Conference

John Calipari has won 15 league championships (including the 2010, 2012, 2015, 2016 and 2017 SEC championships) eight more than the next-closest coach in the SEC (Ben Howland has seven conference titles). With a 2017 SEC Tournament championship -- Calipari's third straight and fifth at UK -- Calipari now owns 14 conference tournament titles, nine more than his closest competitor (Howland).

Calipari's 29 combined championships (regular season and tournament) is just one shy of Mark Few (30) of Gonzaga for the most among all active coaches. All-time, Calipari trails only the great Adolph Rupp (41), Dean Smith (30) and Few.

He's tallied a 319-93 (.774) all-time record within conference play as a head coach and owns a 111-25 (.816) record since joining the SEC.

30 is the new 20

With a road win at Alabama on Feb. 11, John Calipari notched his 23rd consecutive season of 20 or more on-court wins as a collegiate head coach. He leads all active coaches with that streak, ahead of Mike Krzyzewski of Duke (21), Bill Self (19) and Jim Boeheim (17).

With a first-round win over NKU in the 2017 NCAA Tournament, Calipari and the Cats clinched a 30-win season for the fourth time

TRACKING UK HEAD COACHES

First 50 Games	First 100 Games	First 150 Games	First 200 Games	First 250 Games	First 300 Games
Calipari 45-5	Rupp 89-11	Rupp 125-25	Rupp 163-37	Calipari 206-44	Calipari 248-52
Smith 45-5	Calipari 87-13	Calipari 124-26	Calipari 163-37	Pitino 203-47	Rupp 241-59
Rupp 43-7	Smith 80-20	Smith 116-34	Pitino 157-43	Rupp 199-51	Smith 234-66
Hall 32-18	Pitino 73-27	Pitino 114-36	Smith 154-46	Smith 197-53	Hall 227-73
Pitino 31-19	Hall 67-33	Hall 110-40	Hall 148-52	Hall 189-61	

CALIPARI AT NO. 1

Record as AP Top-Ranked Coach Since 2009-10

Coach	Schools	Records
1. John Calipari	Kentucky	69-7
2. Bill Self	Kansas	39-7
3. Mike Krzyzewski	Duke	28-5
4. Jay Wright	Villanova	16-4
5. Jim Boeheim	Syracuse	15-4
6. Tom Crean	Indiana	14-3
7. Thad Matta	Ohio State	13-2
8. Sean Miller	Arizona	12-1
9. Billy Donovan	Florida	11-1
10. Mark Few	Gonzaga	10-2

Record as AP Top-Ranked Coach Active

Coach	Schools	Records
1. Mike Krzyzewski	Duke	193-29
2. John Calipari	UK, Memphis, UMass	110-12
3. Roy Williams	UNC, Kansas	95-18
4. Bill Self	Kansas	41-8
5. Bruce Weber	Illinois	30-2
6. Jim Boeheim	Syracuse	24-5
7. Thad Matta	Ohio State	22-3
8. Bob Huggins	Cincinnati	20-4
9. Jay Wright	Villanova	16-4
10. Tom Crean	Indiana	14-3

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CALIPARI'S DRAFT PICKS

Player (School)	Round	Year (Overall)
Eric Bledsoe (UK)	First	2010 (18)
Devin Booker (UK)	First	2015 (13)
Antonio Burks (MEM)	Second	2004 (36)
Marcus Camby (UMASS)	First	1996 (2)
Rodney Carney (MEM)	First	2006 (16)
DeMarcus Cousins (UK)	First	2010 (5)
Willie Cauley-Stein (UK)	First	2015 (6)
Anthony Davis (UK)	First	2012 (1)
Joey Dorsey (MEM)	Second	2008 (33)
C. Douglas-Roberts (MEM)	Second	2008 (40)
Robert Dozier (MEM)	Second	2009 (60)
Tyreke Evans (MEM)	First	2009 (4)
Archie Goodwin (UK)	First	2013 (29)
Josh Harrellson (UK)	Second	2011 (45)
Andrew Harrison (UK)	Second	2015 (44)
Dakari Johnson (UK)	Second	2015 (48)
Terrence Jones (UK)	First	2012 (18)
Enes Kanter (UK)	First	2011 (3)
Michael Kidd-Gilchrist	First	2012 (2)
Brandon Knight (UK)	First	2011 (8)
Skal Labissiere (UK)	First	2016 (28)
Doron Lamb (UK)	Second	2012 (42)
DeAndre Liggins (UK)	Second	2011 (53)
Trey Lyles (UK)	First	2015 (12)
Darius Miller (UK)	Second	2012 (46)
Jamal Murray (UK)	First	2016 (7)
Nerlens Noel (UK)	First	2013 (6)
Daniel Orton (UK)	First	2010 (29)
Patrick Patterson (UK)	First	2010 (14)
Julius Randle (UK)	First	2014 (7)
Lou Roe (UMass)	Second	1995 (30)
Derrick Rose (MEM)	First	2008 (1)
Marquis Teague (UK)	First	2012 (29)
Karl-Anthony Towns (UK)	First	2015 (1)
Tyler Ulis (UK)	Second	2016 (34)
Dajuan Wagner (MEM)	First	2002 (6)
John Wall (UK)	First	2010 (1)
Shawne Williams (MEM)	First	2006 (17)
James Young (UK)	First	2014 (17)

in his eight seasons as head coach. Calipari currently now has 10 seasons with 30 or more on-court wins. Only Mike Krzyzewski (13) has more. Roy Williams (10) is within one win of getting his 11th 30-win season. Calipari is the first coach in NCAA Division I history to record five straight on-court 30-win seasons, notching 30 straight in consecutive seasons from 2005-06 to 2009-10.

The Success Rate

John Calipari has graduated 100 percent of the players (14 of 14) who have been eligible to receive their diploma by the end of their senior years and exhausted their athletic eligibility. Of that group, Patrick Patterson, Jarrod Polson and Alex Poythress completed their degrees in three years.

In the NCAA's APR, which measures eligibility, retention and graduation, UK has posted a single-year Academic Progress Rate of 977 or higher in every season under Calipari, including a perfect 1,000 in the last three single-year reports. Kentucky's four-year composite score in the most recent report, which was released in June, was a 1,000, earning the team an NCAA academic award for the second year in a row for finishing in the top 10 percent of Division I men's basketball programs.

Under Calipari, the team (scholarship competing players) has also posted a 3.0 grade-point average or better in seven of the last 12 semesters.

Dream Maker

As someone who prides himself on helping young men reach their dreams, Coach Cal has helped 39 players get selected in the NBA Draft during his college coaching career, including 28 over his first seven seasons at Kentucky, which is more than double any other coach.

- Four No. 1 overall selections (Derrick Rose, John Wall, Anthony Davis and Karl-Anthony Towns) during the nine drafts from 2008 to 2016. No other coach has more than two No. 1 picks
- In 2010, five of his UK players were selected in the first round for the first time in NBA history
- His six players in the 2012 and 2015 NBA drafts are the most in the two-round era
- Churned out 28 NBA Draft picks, 21 first-rounders, three No. 1 overall selections, six top-five picks and 14 lottery picks at Kentucky
- Of the 41 players who have finished their college careers at Kentucky under Calipari, 28 have been selected in the NBA Draft (68.3 percent)
- Of the 18 players at UK who have declared for the NBA Draft after their freshman seasons, all 18 have been first-round picks. He is 22 for 22 in that regard when including his players from Memphis
- Dating back to the 2008 draft, 33 players under Coach Cal have been taken in the NBA Draft, including 23 first-rounders
- Only coach to produce the top two picks in the same draft (2012 - Anthony Davis and Michael Kidd-Gilchrist)
- Produced a top-10 pick in nine straight drafts since 2008. No other school has had a first-rounder in each of the last nine drafts

Developing Talent

John Calipari hasn't just signed the best talent in the country while he's been at Kentucky; he's been the best at developing that talent and getting it ready for the next level.

Of the 24 top-25 players Kentucky has signed and have completed their college eligibility, 21 were drafted and 18 were selected in the first round. Those draft numbers don't include Isaiah Briscoe or any of the 2016 or 2017 classes, all of whom are still in school or will attend school.

But that's only half the story. Calipari's players don't just make it to the pros; they're better prepared than anyone else. The proof is in the numbers.

Over the course of his career, Calipari's more than 40 NBA pros have made approximately $1.2 billion in NBA contracts alone, which doesn't include endorsement deals and overseas contracts. Of the players currently playing in the NBA, they've earned approximately $1 billion in guaranteed contracts.

Double-Digit Win Streaks

Kentucky's 38-game winning streak in 2014-15 was historic, but it wasn't completely out of the norm for John Calipari. It was the 18th streak of Calipari's career where his teams have won 10 or more consecutive games during the season, the sixth where they have won 20 or more, the fifth where they have won 25 or more, the first where they have won 30 or more, and the first with 35 or more.

Kentucky has a 13-game winning streak as of March 17, 2017. It's longest since the 38-game winning streak in 2014-15. Here's a list of all of them:

1. 38 Kentucky, 2014-15
2. 27 Memphis, 2008-09
3. 26 Memphis, 2007-08
   26 UMass, 1995-96
5. 25 Memphis, 2006-07
6. 24 Kentucky, 2011-12
7. 19 Kentucky, 2009-10
8. 16 UMass, 1994-95
9. 15 Memphis, 2005-06
10. 14 UMass, 1991-92
11. 13 Kentucky, 2016-17
12 Memphis, 2007-08
    12 Memphis, 2002-03
    12 UMass, 1992-93
15. 11 Memphis, 2003-04
16. 10 Memphis, 2001-02
    10 UMass, 1993-94
    10 Kentucky, 2010-11

Calipari Knows Defense

John Calipari's 2014-15 Kentucky Wildcat team was heralded as one of the best defensive teams ever. However, defense has always been a staple of Calipari-coached teams. Dating back to complete NCAA records beginning in 2001-02, Calipari's teams have been among national leaders in several critical defensive categories.

Year	FG % Def.	Rebound Margin	Scoring Margin	Blocks
2001-02 (UM)	13th (39.5)	11th (+6.6)	15th (+11.2)	54th (4.4)
2002-03 (UM)	28th (40.6)	44th (+4.1)	32nd (+8.0)	26th (5.1)
2003-04 (UM)	34th (40.5)	58th (+3.4)	48th (+7.1)	20th (5.0)
2004-05 (UM)	***4th (38.4)***	75th (+2.9)	62nd (+5.9)	13th (5.4)
2005-06 (UM)	***2nd (38.0)***	***9th (+6.7)***	***5th (+14.6)***	***8th (6.4)***
2006-07 (UM)	12th (39.0)	28th (+5.3)	***5th (+5.8)***	12th (5.9)
2007-08 (UM)	12th (39.1)	16th (+6.2)	***2nd (+18.0)***	***8th (6.1)***
2008-09 (UM)	***1st (37.1)***	19th (+6.1)	***2nd (+16.3)***	***7th (6.0)***
2009-10 (UK)	***3rd (37.8)***	***4th (+8.1)***	***6th (+14.3)***	***4th (7.2)***
2010-11 (UK)	15th (39.4)	60th (+3.6)	13th (+11.4)	***3rd (6.3)***
2011-12 (UK)	***1st (37.4)***	12th (+6.8)	***1st (+16.8)***	***1st (8.6)***
2012-13 (UK)	30th (39.2)	48th (+4.3)	48th (+8.2)	***3rd (6.6)***
2013-14 (UK)	59th (41.1)	***2nd (+9.4)***	43rd (+8.2)	13th (5.9)
2014-15 (UK)	***1st (35.4)***	15th (+6.8)	***1st (+20.1)***	***2nd (6.9)***
2015-16 (UK)	24th (39.7)	39th (+5.2)	17th (+11.4)	***6th (5.8)***
2016-17 (UK)*	83rd (42.0)	36th (+5.3)	***9th (+13.9)***	11th (5.4)

**rankings through March 19, 2017*

RECRUITING TRAIL

The Wildcats have signed more top-25 players over the past eight seasons than any other school under John Calipari's leadership. A quarter of all Rivals' top-10 prospects nationally over the past nine classes have signed with Coach Cal and the Cats.

Player (Year)	ESPN	Rivals	Scout	MCD	JB
Shai Gilgeous-Alexander ('17)	43	32	46		
Hamidou Diallo ('17)	11	10~	10		
Quade Green ('17)	21	23	24	Y	
Nick Richards ('17)	12	16	16	Y	
P.J. Washington ('17)	16	11	13	Y	
Bam Adebayo ('16)	5	7	11	Y	Y
Brad Calipari ('16)	NR	NR	NR		
De'Aaron Fox ('16)	6	6	6	Y	Y
Wenyen Gabriel ('16)	14	13	12		Y
Sacha Killeya-Jones ('16)	24	24	27	Y	
Malik Monk ('16)	9	9	13	Y	Y
Tai Wynyard ('16)	NR	NR	NR		
Isaiah Briscoe ('15)	13	9	15	Y	Y
Isaac Humphries ('15)	49*	35*	50		
Skal Labissiere ('15)	11	4	3		Y
Charles Matthews ('15)	47	57	62		Y
Jamal Murray ('15)	NA^	9	12		
Devin Booker ('14)	18	30	31	Y	Y
Trey Lyles ('14)	7	8	8	Y	Y
Karl-Anthony Towns ('14)	6	11	11	Y	Y
Tyler Ulis ('14)	33	33	29	Y	Y
Aaron Harrison ('13)	9	7	6	Y	Y
Andrew Harrison ('13)	5	5	5	Y	Y
Dominique Hawkins ('13)	NR	NR	NR		
Dakari Johnson ('13)	7	9	17	Y	Y
Marcus Lee ('13)	25	19	24	Y	Y
Julius Randle ('13)	3	2	2	Y	Y
James Young ('13)	8	11	11	Y	Y
Derek Willis ('13)	NR	115	NR		
Archie Goodwin ('12)	15	14	14	Y	Y
Willie Cauley-Stein ('12)	40	40	48		
Julius Mays ('12)	NA#	NA#	NA#		
Nerlens Noel ('12)	1	2	1		Y
Alex Poythress ('12)	13	8	7	Y	Y
Twany Beckham ('11)	NA#	NA#	NA#		
Anthony Davis ('11)	1	2	1	Y	Y
Ryan Harrow ('11)	NA#	NA#	NA#		
M. Kidd-Gilchrist ('11)	4	3	6	Y	Y
Marquis Teague ('11)	8	5	8	Y	Y
Kyle Wiltjer ('11)	19	22	24	Y	Y
Terrence Jones ('10)	9	13	8	Y	Y
Enes Kanter ('10)	25	3	3		
Brandon Knight ('10)	4	6	6	Y	Y
Doron Lamb ('10)	29	21	28	Y	Y
Jarrod Polson ('10)	NA@	NA@	NA@		
Stacey Poole, Jr. ('10)	51	33	67		
Eloy Vargas ('10)	NA	NA	NA		
Eric Bledsoe ('09)	NR	23	37		
DeMarcus Cousins ('09)	4	2	3	Y	Y
Darnell Dodson ('09)	NA#	NA#	NA#		
Jon Hood ('09)	92	40	46		
Daniel Orton ('09)	13	22	17		Y
John Wall ('09)	5	1	2		Y
Top-10 Players	**18**	**21**	**17**		
Top-15 Players	**24**	**26**	**26**		
Top-25 Players	**33**	**35**	**32**		
Top-50 Players	**39**	**41**	**40**		
McDonald's All-Americans				**28**	
Jordan Brand Classic All-Americans					**30**

~ - final ranking in the 2017 class before early enrollment
* - ranking according to the 2016 class
^ - reclassified after final rankings were released
# - transfer
@ - joined team as walk-on

ALL-TIME HONORS UNDER COACH CALIPARI

15
REGULAR-SEASON CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

6
FINAL FOURS (1996, 2008 2011, 2012, 2014, 2015)

14
CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONSHIPS

3
National Players of the Year
Marcus Camby (1996); John Wall (2010); Anthony Davis (2012)

4
No. 1 Draft Picks
Derrick Rose (2008); John Wall (2010); Anthony Davis (2012); Karl-Anthony Towns (2015)

3
National Freshman Players of the Year
Tyreke Evans (2009); John Wall (2010); Anthony Davis (2012)

UK Collegiate Awards Under Calipari

All-America Honors

D. Cousins (2010)	AP (1), NABC (2), USBWA (2), SN (2)
John Wall (2010)	AP (1), NABC (2), USBWA (2), SN (2)
Anthony Davis (2012)	AP (1), NABC (2), USBWA (2), SN (2)
M. Kidd-Gilchrist (2012)	AP (3), USBWA (2), NABC (3), SN (2)
Julius Randle (2014)	NABC (3)
W. Cauley-Stein (2015)	NABC (1), USBWA (1), SN (1)
K. Towns (2015)	SN (3)
Tyler Ulis (2016)	AP (1), SN (1), USBWA (2), NABC (2)
Malik Monk (2017)	SN (2), USBWA (2)

SEC Player of the Year

John Wall	2010 (Coaches/AP)
Anthony Davis	2012 (Coaches/AP)
Tyler Ulis	2016 (Coaches/AP)
Malik Monk	2017 (AP)

SEC Defensive Player of the Year

Anthony Davis	2012 (Coaches)
Nerlens Noel	2013 (Coaches)
Willie Cauley-Stein	2015 (Coaches)
Tyler Ulis	2016 (Coaches)

SEC Freshman(Coaches)/Newcomer(AP) of the Year

DeMarcus Cousins	2010 (Coaches)
John Wall	2010 (AP)
Terrence Jones	2011 (Coaches/AP)
Anthony Davis	2012 (Coaches/AP)
Nerlens Noel	2013 (Coaches/AP)
Julius Randle	2014 (Coaches/AP)
Karl-Anthony Towns	2015 (Coaches/AP)
Malik Monk	2017 (Coaches/AP)

SEC Sixth Man of the Year

Darius Miller	2012 (Coaches)
Kyle Wiltjer	2013 (Coaches)
Devin Booker	2015 (Coaches)

CoSIDA Academic All-America

Alex Poythress (2nd)	2016

All-SEC

D. Cousins (2010)	1st (Coaches/AP)
P. Patterson (2010)	1st (Coaches)/2nd (AP)
John Wall (2010)	1st (Coaches/AP)
Terrence Jones (2011)	1st (Coaches/AP)
Brandon Knight (2011)	1st (Coaches)/2nd (AP)
Anthony Davis (2012)	1st (Coaches/AP)
M. Kidd-Gilchrist (2012)	1st (Coaches/AP)
Terrence Jones (2012)	2nd (Coaches/AP)
Doron Lamb (2012)	2nd (Coaches)
Nerlens Noel (2013)	1st (Coaches/AP)
Julius Randle (2014)	1st (Coaches/AP)
James Young (2014)	2nd (Coaches)
Devin Booker (2015)	2nd (Coaches)
W. Cauley-Stein (2015)	1st (Coaches/AP)
Aaron Harrison (2015)	2nd (Coaches/AP)
K. Towns (2015)	1st (Coaches/AP)
Tyler Ulis (2016)	1st (Coaches/AP)
Jamal Murray (2016)	1st (Coaches/AP)
Malik Monk (2017)	1st (Coaches/AP)
De'Aaron Fox (2017)	1st (Coaches/AP)
Bam Adebayo (2017)	2nd (Coaches/AP)

All-SEC Defensive Team

Patrick Patterson	2010
DeAndre Liggins	2011
Anthony Davis	2012
Michael Kidd-Gilchrist	2012
Nerlens Noel	2013
Willie Cauley-Stein	2013
Willie Cauley-Stein	2015
Tyler Ulis	2016

Coaches' All-SEC Freshman Team

Eric Bledsoe	2010
DeMarcus Cousins	2010
John Wall	2010
Brandon Knight	2011
Terrence Jones	2011
Doron Lamb	2011
Anthony Davis	2012
Michael Kidd-Gilchrist	2012
Willie Cauley-Stein	2013
Archie Goodwin	2013
Nerlens Noel	2013
Alex Poythress	2013
Julius Randle	2014
James Young	2014
Devin Booker	2015
Trey Lyles	2015
Karl-Anthony Towns	2015
Tyler Ulis	2015
Jamal Murray	2016
Malik Monk	2017
De'Aaron Fox	2017
Bam Adebayo	2017

NCAA Final Four Team

Anthony Davis (MVP)	2012
Michael Kidd-Gilchrist	2012
Doron Lamb	2012
Julius Randle	2014
James Young	2014

NCAA Regional Tournament

DeMarcus Cousins	2010
John Wall	2010
Josh Harrellson	2011
Brandon Knight (MVP)	2011
DeAndre Liggins	2011
M. Kidd-Gilchrist (MVP)	2012
Anthony Davis	2012
Doron Lamb	2012
Aaron Harrison	2014
Marcus Lee	2014
Julius Randle (MVP)	2014
Willie Cauley-Stein	2015
Andrew Harrison	2015
K. Towns (MVP)	2015

SEC All-Tournament Team

John Wall	2010
Eric Bledsoe	2010
DeMarcus Cousins	2010
Darius Miller	2011
Brandon Knight	2011
Josh Harrellson	2011
Anthony Davis	2012
Terrence Jones	2012
Aaron Harrison	2014
Julius Randle	2014
Willie Cauley-Stein	2015
Aaron Harrison	2015
Andrew Harrison	2015
Jamal Murray	2016
Tyler Ulis	2016
Bam Adebayo	2017
De'Aaron Fox	2017
Dominique Hawkins	2017

SEC Tournament MVP

John Wall	2010
Darius Miller	2011
Willie Cauley-Stein	2015
Tyler Ulis	2016
De'Aaron Fox	2017

Former Cal Players in the NBA

NBA Player of the Year

Derrick Rose	2011

NBA Rookie of the Year

Karl-Anthony Towns	2016
Tyreke Evans	2010
Derrick Rose	2009

NBA Defensive Player of the Year

Marcus Camby	2007

NBA Cares Community Assist Award

John Wall	2016

All-NBA Team

DeMarcus Cousins (2nd)	2016
Anthony Davis (1st)	2015
DeMarcus Cousins (2nd)	2015
Derrick Rose (1st)	2012
Derrick Rose (1st)	2011

All-NBA Rookie Team

Karl-Anthony Towns (1st)	2016
Devin Booker (1st)	2016
Willie Cauley-Stein (2nd)	2016
Nerlens Noel (1st)	2015
Anthony Davis (1st)	2013
Michael Kidd-Gilchrist (2nd)	2013
Brandon Knight (1st)	2012
DeMarcus Cousins (1st)	2011
John Wall (1st)	2011
Eric Bledsoe (2nd)	2011
Tyreke Evans (1st)	2010
Derrick Rose (1st)	2010
Marcus Camby (1st)	1997

All-NBA Defensive Team

Anthony Davis (2nd)	2015
John Wall (2nd)	2015
Marcus Camby (1st)	2008
Marcus Camby (1st)	2007
Marcus Camby (2nd)	2006
Marcus Camby (2nd)	2005

NBA All-Star Team

DeMarcus Cousins	2017
Anthony Davis	2017
John Wall	2017
DeMarcus Cousins	2016
Anthony Davis	2016
John Wall	2016
DeMarcus Cousins	2015
Anthony Davis	2015
John Wall	2015
Anthony Davis	2014
John Wall	2014
Derrick Rose	2012
Derrick Rose	2011
Derrick Rose	2010

NBA All-Star Game MVP

Anthony Davis	2017

NBA Rising Stars Challenge MVP

Jamal Murray	2017
John Wall	2011
Tyreke Evans	2010

A "players-first" coach with a penchant for helping people reach their dreams, John Calipari, a Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Famer, has guided six teams to the Final Four, led one to a national championship and helped 39 players get selected in the NBA Draft during his 24-year college coaching career.

Calipari guided Kentucky to its eighth national championship and his first national title in 2012. In becoming only the second coach in NCAA history to lead three different schools to the Final Four, he has racked up more than 600 victories, 17 NCAA Tournament appearances, six Final Fours and numerous national coach of the year honors.

In 2015, Coach Cal led college basketball's first ever 38-0 team, and became one of just three coaches to make four Final Fours in a five-year span. At the end of the season, Calipari became the 96th coach to join the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame.

While building a program out of obscurity at Massachusetts, laying the foundation at Memphis and restoring luster at the sport's greatest program at Kentucky, he has totaled the second-most wins in NCAA history in the first 20 years of a college coaching career.

Quite honestly, though, Calipari's on-court success overshadows a much more significant picture.

In his goal to lead a players-first program, he has helped 39 players realize their dreams and guide them to NBA Draft selections, including a record five first-round draft picks in 2010. Two years later, six Wildcats heard their names called at the 2012 draft, the most in the two-round draft era. UK, with Calipari's help, would tie those six picks again in 2015, including a record-tying four lottery selections. His four No. 1 overall picks are twice as many as any other coach, and he's had 28 players drafted during his seven years at Kentucky, including 21 first-round picks.

Calipari's players have entered the league NBA-ready. He's coached an MVP, three All-NBA players, three Rookie of the Year winners, and 10 players from Calipari's first six teams at Kentucky have made the NBA All-Rookie teams.

Much like he did at UMass, where his players graduated at nearly 80 percent, Calipari has stressed academics. Fifteen of his last 18 seniors at Memphis earned their bachelor's degrees, and all 14 players at UK who were eligible to graduate by the end of their senior years walked away with a diploma in hand, including three players who earned their degree in just three years. In seven of the last 12 semesters, Calipari's teams have posted a combined team grade-point average of 3.0 or better.

His foundation, The Calipari Foundation, has raised millions of dollars to help the lives of those in need in the Commonwealth and across the country. In 2010, he used a telethon to raise more than $1 million for victims of the devastating earthquake in Haiti, and he organized another one in 2012 for victims of Superstorm Sandy. A year after helping raise $350,000 for charity during the inaugural UK alumni weekend, Calipari was the driving force behind the more than $1 million that was donated to local and national organizations during the second annual alumni weekend, and then $1.5 million in 2015.

With Rupp Arena under construction in 2016, Calipari held a celebrity softball game during the annual UK alumni weekend. That game, with the fantasy experience, raised approximately $1.5 million for charity with matching funds, including more than $450,000 that went to Louisiana flood relief efforts.

Calipari was recently named head coach of the of hte 2017 USA Basketball Men's U19 World Cup Team and will lead Team USA at the 2017 FIBA U19 World Championship in July in Cairo.

Author of five books, including the New York Times Best Seller "Players First: Coaching from the Inside Out," Calipari is a master of communication and maximizing talent. He lives by the motto that "it's never a matter of how far you have fallen, but instead it's about how high you bounce back."

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Date of Birth: Feb. 10, 1959 | **Wife:** Ellen
Children: Erin Sue, Megan Rae, Bradley Vincent

Education
Clarion State (1982)

Head Coaching Experience
University of Massachusetts (1989-96)
New Jersey Nets (NBA) (1997-99)
University of Memphis (2001-09)
University of Kentucky (2010-present)

COACHING AWARDS

- 2015 Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame Inductee
- 2015 AP National Coach of the Year
- 2015 Naismith National Coach of the Year
- 2015 NABC National Coach of the Year
- 2015 The Sporting News National Coach of the Year
- 2015 Adolph Rupp National Coach of the Year
- 2015 SEC Coach of the Year (AP/Coaches)
- 2015 USBWA District IV Coach of the Year
- 2012 Nell & John Wooden Coach of the Year Leadership Award
- 2012 Naismith National Coach of the Year Finalist
- 2012 SEC Coach of the Year (AP/Coaches)
- 2010 Adolph Rupp National Coach of the Year
- 2010 Naismith National Coach of the Year Finalist
- 2010 SEC Coach of the Year (AP)
- 2010 *Sporting News* SEC Coach of the Year
- 2010 Yahoo! Sports SEC Coach of the Year
- 2010 USBWA District IV Coach of the Year
- 2009 NABC National Co-Coach of the Year
- 2009 *Sports Illustrated* National Coach of the Year
- 2009 Phelan National Coach of the Year
- 2009 Iba National Coach of the Year Finalist
- 2009 C-USA Coach of the Year
- 2008 Naismith National Coach of the Year
- 2008 C-USA Coach of the Year
- 2008 Iba National Coach of the Year Finalist
- 2008 Phelan National Coach of the Year Finalist
- 2007 Phelan National Coach of the Year Finalist
- 2007 USBWA District IV Coach of the Year
- 2007 *Basketball Times* South Region Coach of the Year
- 2006 C-USA Coach of the Year
- 2004 NABC District 7 Coach of the Year
- 1996 Naismith National Coach of the Year
- 1996 NABC National Coach of the Year
- 1996 *The Sporting News* National Coach of the Year
- 1996 Atlantic 10 Coach of the Year
- 1995 Naismith National Coach of the Year Finalist
- 1994 Naismith National Coach of the Year Finalist
- 1994 Atlantic 10 Coach of the Year
- 1993 USBWA District I Coach of the Year
- 1993 Atlantic 10 Coach of the Year
- 1992 Eastern Basketball Coach of the Year

NCAA DIVISION I ACTIVE WINNINGEST COACHES

(On-Court By Percentage - Min. 10 yrs. at Division I level)

NO.	COACH/TEAM	YRS.	PCT.
1.	Mark Few/Gonzaga	17	.808
2.	Roy Williams/UNC	28	.789
3.	**John Calipari/Kentucky**	**24**	**.780**
4.	Mike Krzyzewski/Duke	41	.765
5.	Bill Self/Kansas	23	.759

*numbers going into the 2016-17 season

SINCE 2005-06 ...

Since the 2005-06 season, John Calipari's on-court record ranks him as the winningest coach. Totals through March 19, 2017.

	COACH	RECORD
1.	**John Calipari**	**385-66**
2.	Bill Self	368-71
3.	Mike Krzyzewski	350-84
4.	Roy Williams	342-100
5.	Mark Few	341-75

MISCELLANEOUS ON-COURT RECORDS

Overall On-Court Record:.....693-192 (.783)
March/April Record:.....151-41 (.786)
NCAA Record: .....50-16 (.758)
Record in Conference Games:.....319-93 (.774)
Record in Conference Tournament:.....53-12 (.815)

- Calipari owns the most single-season wins with 38, tying his own record (Memphis in '08 and UK in '12) in 2016 with 38 wins
- Calipari is one of two coaches (Roy Williams) in NCAA Division I history to have 400 or more wins in the first 16 years as a head coach. Calipari had 416 wins in his first 16 years
- Calipari is the winningest coach in NCAA Division I history for a five-year span with 173 victories (2008-12)
- Calipari is the first coach in NCAA Division I history to record five straight on-court 30-win seasons. Memphis hit the 30-win plateau from 2006-09
- Calipari is one of only two coaches (Rick Pitino) to lead three different schools to a Final Four
- Calipari is one of only three coaches (John Wooden, Mike Kzryzewski) to go to four Final Fours in five seasons
- Calipari started with a 54-0 record in Rupp Arena as head coach of the Wildcats
- Calipari has 28 players that have been chosen in the NBA Draft (21 first-round picks) over the last seven seasons
- Calipari has more wins (327) in a 10-year period (2006-15) than any other coach in college basketball history
- Calipari is the second-fastest Division I men's basketball coach to reach 200 victories at a single school, behind only LIU-Brooklyn's Claire Bee
- Calipari's 29 combined regular season and tournament league titles trail only Mark Few of Gonzaga for the most among active coaches

CAL IN CONFERENCE

SEC COACHES	CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS	Tournament Championships	Conference Coach of the Year
Avery Johnson, Alabama	0	0	0
Mike Anderson, Arkansas	1	1	1
Bruce Pearl, Auburn	7	2	7
Michael White, Florida	3	0	2
Mark Fox, Georgia	4	0	3
John Calipari, Kentucky	**15**	**14**	**9**
Johnny Jones, LSU	1	2	0
Kim Anderson, Missouri	6	4	2
Andy Kennedy, Ole Miss	0	1	2
Ben Howland, Mississippi State	7	5	3
Frank Martin, South Carolina	0	0	1
Rick Barnes, Tennessee	3	1	5
Billy Kennedy, Texas A&M	5	2	4
Bryce Drew, Vanderbilt	4	2	3
TOTALS	**56**	**34**	**42**

CALIPARI VS. ALL OPPONENTS

Alabama 13-3
Albany..... 1-0
Arizona 1-1
Arizona State 2-1
Arkansas 10-6
Arkansas-Little Rock 3-0
Arkansas-Pine Bluff..... 1-0
Arkansas State 4-0
Auburn..... 9-1
Austin Peay..... 6-1
Baylor 1-2
Belmont..... 2-0
Boise State..... 1-0
Boston 7-1
Boston College..... 2-0
Bradley 1-0
Bucknell..... 1-0
Buffalo 2-0
BYU 1-0
Cal State Northridge 1-0
Canisius 1-0
Central Conn. St..... 2-0
Charlotte..... 2-3
Chattanooga 2-0
Christian Brothers..... 2-0
Cincinnati..... 6-7
Cleveland State..... 4-0
Coastal Carolina..... 1-0
Colorado..... 1-1
Colorado State..... 0-1
Columbia 1-0
Connecticut 2-5
Coppin State 1-0
Cornell 1-0
Dartmouth..... 1-0
Dayton..... 1-0
DePaul 4-2
Detroit 1-0
Drexel 2-0
Duke 1-2
Duquesne 12-4
East Carolina..... 7-0
East Tennessee State 3-0
Eastern Kentucky..... 3-0
Eastern Michigan..... 2-0
Fairfield..... 1-0
Florida 15-6
Florida State 1-1
Florida Tech 0-1
Fordham 5-0
Furman 1-0
George Mason..... 1-0
George Washington..... 8-9
Georgetown..... 2-1
Georgia..... 14-2
Georgia Tech..... 1-1
Gonzaga..... 4-0
Grand Canyon..... 1-0
Hampton..... 1-0
Hartford..... 2-0
Harvard..... 1-0
Hofstra..... 1-0
Holy Cross..... 4-1
Houston..... 16-3
Howard..... 1-0
Illinois 1-1
Illinois State 1-0
Indiana..... 3-2
Iowa..... 0-1
Iowa State..... 2-0
Jackson State 2-0
Kansas..... 3-5
Kansas State 2-0
Keene State 1-0
Kentucky..... 2-4
La Salle..... 3-0
Lafayette (Pa.)..... 1-0
Lamar..... 4-0
LIU-Brooklyn..... 1-0
Lipscomb 1-0
Long Beach State 1-0
Louisiana Tech 1-1
Louisville..... 14-7
Loyola 1-0
Lowell 2-1
LSU..... 10-2
Manhattan..... 2-0
Marist 2-0
Marquette 3-1
Marshall..... 6-0
Maryland 5-3
Massachusetts..... 1-0
Memphis 1-0
Miami (Fla.) 0-1
Miami (Ohio) 2-0
Michigan..... 1-0
Michigan State..... 2-1
Middle Tennessee..... 3-0
Milwaukee..... 1-0
Mississippi State 11-0
Mississippi Valley St..... 1-0
Missouri..... 7-2
Montana State..... 1-0
Morehead State..... 2-0
Murray State..... 1-0
Nevada 1-0
New Hampshire..... 5-0
New Mexico..... 1-0
New Orleans..... 1-0
NJIT..... 1-0
North Carolina..... 6-2
North Carolina State..... 1-0
North Texas..... 1-0
Northeastern..... 3-1
Northern Kentucky..... 2-0
Northwestern State..... 1-0
Notre Dame..... 2-1
Oakland 1-0
Ohio State..... 1-2
Oklahoma..... 5-1
Oklahoma State..... 0-2
Old Dominion 2-0
Ole Miss..... 13-4
Oral Roberts 1-0
Oregon State..... 1-0
Pennsylvania..... 3-0
Penn State 4-4
Pepperdine 1-0
Pittsburgh..... 2-1
Portland..... 3-0
Princeton 2-0
Providence..... 3-1
Purdue..... 2-1
Radford..... 1-0
Rhode Island..... 16-2
Rice..... 4-0
Richmond 1-0
Rider..... 1-0
Robert Morris..... 1-1
Rutgers 11-4
Saint Louis 4-3
Sam Houston State..... 1-0
Samford..... 3-0
Santa Clara..... 1-0
Savannah State..... 1-0
Seton Hall 1-0
Siena..... 4-0
SMU..... 7-0
South Carolina..... 13-2
South Connecticut..... 1-0
S. Louisiana..... 3-0
Southern Cal..... 2-0
Southern Miss 15-4
Southwest Texas St. 1-0
St. Bonaventure..... 17-1
St. John's..... 1-0
St. Joseph's 15-5
St. Mary's..... 1-0
St. Peter's 1-0
Stanford..... 3-2
Stephen F. Austin..... 1-0
Stony Brook 1-0
Syracuse..... 3-2
TCU 7-1
Temple..... 13-11
Tennessee..... 14-7
Tennessee Tech..... 1-0
Texas..... 2-2
Texas A&M..... 7-2
Towson State 1-0
Tulane..... 16-0
Tulsa 11-1
UAB..... 14-3
UCF 5-0
UCLA..... 3-3
UNC Asheville 2-0
UNC Greensboro 1-0
UNC Wilmington..... 1-0
USF 10-1
Utah..... 1-1
UTEP 5-0
UT Arlington 3-0
UT Martin 5-0
Valparaiso..... 1-0
Vanderbilt..... 13-4
Vermont..... 2-0
Villanova..... 2-0
Virginia 0-1
Virginia Tech 2-0
Wake Forest..... 2-1
Washington 1-0
West Virginia 12-7
Western Kentucky 2-0
Wichita State 2-0
Winthrop 2-0
Wisconsin 1-1
Wofford 1-0
Wright State..... 1-0
Xavier..... 2-2
Yale 1-0

CALIPARI ERA SINGLE-GAME RECORDS

MOST POINTS

Pts.	Player vs. Opponent	Date
47	Malik Monk vs. North Carolina	12-17-16
37	Malik Monk vs. GEORGIA	1-31-17
35	Jamal Murray vs. FLORIDA	2-6-16
35	Terrence Jones vs. AUBURN	1-11-11
34	Malik Monk at Ole Miss	12-29-16
33	Malik Monk vs. FLORIDA	2-25-17
33	Jamal Murray at Vanderbilt	2-27-16
33	Jamal Murray vs. Ohio State	12-19-15
32	Doron Lamb vs. WINTHROP	12-22-10
30	Tyler Ulis vs. Texas A&M	3-13-16
30	Brandon Knight vs. West Va.	3-19-11
29	Julius Randle vs. BELMONT	12-21-13
29	Terrence Jones vs. Oklahoma	11-22-10
29	Eric Bledsoe vs. E. Tennessee St.	3-18-10
28	De'Aaron Fox vs. Alabama	3-11-17
28	Aaron Harrison vs. R. MORRIS	11-17-13
28	Archie Goodwin vs. MOREHEAD	11-21-12
28	Anthony Davis vs. VANDERBILT	2-25-12

Active: 47, Malik Monk vs. North Carolina, 12-17-16
SEC: 37, Malik Monk vs. GEORGIA, 1-31-17
Postseason: 30, Tyler Ulis vs. Texas A&M, 3-13-16
SEC Tourney: 30, Tyler Ulis vs. Texas A&M, 3-13-16
NCAA Tourney: 30, Brandon Knight vs. West Va., 3-19-11
Rupp Arena: 37, Malik Monk vs. GEORGIA, 1-31-17
On the Road: 34, Malik Monk at Ole Miss, 12-29-16
Neutral: 47, Malik Monk vs. North Carolina, 12-17-16
SEC Road: 34, Malik Monk at Ole Miss, 12-29-16
Ranked Opp.: 47, Malik Monk vs. North Carolina, 12-17-16
Freshman: 47, Malik Monk vs. North Carolina, 12-17-16
Sophomore: 30, Tyler Ulis vs. Texas A&M, 3-13-16
Junior: 25, Derek Willis vs. TENNESSEE, 2-18-16
Senior: 25, Alex Poythress at Alabama, 1-19-16
Opener: 25, Terrence Jones vs. E. TENN. ST., 11-12-10
SEC Opener: 34, Malik Monk at Ole Mis, 12-29-16
***In some cases, the most recent occurrence is listed*

MOST POINTS IN AN SEC GAME

Pts.	Player vs. Opponent	Date
37	Malik Monk vs. GEORGIA	1-31-17
35	Jamal Murray vs. FLORIDA	2-6-16
35	Terrence Jones vs. AUBURN	1-11-11
34	Malik Monk at Ole Miss	12-29-16
33	Malik Monk vs. FLORIDA	2-25-17
33	Jamal Murray at Vanderbilt	2-27-16
28	Jamal Murray vs. TENNESSEE	2-18-16
28	Anthony Davis vs. VANDERBILT	2-25-12
27	Malik Monk vs. VANDERBILT	2-28-17
27	Malik Monk vs. SOUTH CAROLINA	1-21-17
27	De'Aaron Fox vs. ARKANSAS	1-7-17
27	Tyler Ulis at South Carolina	2-13-16
27	Terrence Jones at LSU	1-28-12
27	Anthony Davis vs. ARKANSAS	1-17-12
27	DeMarcus Cousins at S. Carolina	1-26-10
26	Malik Monk vs. TEXAS A&M	1-3-17
26	Jamal Murray at South Carolina	2-13-16
26	Aaron Harrison vs. OLE MISS	1-6-15
26	Andrew Harrison vs. TENNESSEE	1-18-14
26	James Young vs. MISSISSIPPI ST.	1-8-14
26	Kyle Wiltjer at Ole Miss	1-29-13
26	Brandon Knight at Arkansas	2-23-11

MOST POINTS IN A HALF

Pts.	Player vs. Opponent	Date
30	Malik Monk[2] vs. FLORIDA	2-25-17
27	Malik Monk[1] vs. North Carolina	12-17-16
27	Jamal Murray[2] vs. Ohio State	12-19-15
24	Malik Monk[1] at Ole Miss	12-29-16
23	Malik Monk[2] vs. GEORGIA	1-31-17
23	Julius Randle[2] vs. Michigan St.	11-12-13
22	Terrence Jones[2] vs. AUBURN	1-11-11
22	Eric Bledsoe[2] vs. MOREHEAD ST.	11-13-09
21	Jamal Murray[1] at Vanderbilt	2-27-16

1 - First Half; 2 - Second Half

MOST POINTS OFF THE BENCH

Pts.	Player vs. Opponent	Date
35	Terrence Jones vs. AUBURN	1-11-11
32	Doron Lamb vs. WINTHROP	12-22-10
27	Malik Monk vs. VANDERBILT	2-28-17
26	Kyle Wiltjer at Ole Miss	1-29-13
24	Kyle Wiltjer vs. LOYOLA	12-22-11
24	Doron Lamb at North Carolina	12-4-10
23	Kyle Wiltjer vs. LIPSCOMB	12-15-12
20	Doron Lamb at Ole Miss	2-1-11
20	Doron Lamb vs. E. TENN.ST.	11-12-10

MOST 3-POINTERS MADE

3's	Player vs. Opponent	Date
8	Malik Monk vs. North Carolina	12-17-16
8	Jamal Murray vs. FLORIDA	2-6-16
8	Eric Bledsoe vs. E. Tenn. St.	3-18-10
7	Malik Monk vs. GEORGIA	1-31-17
7	Malik Monk vs. Michigan St.	11-15-16
7	Derek Willis vs. TENNESSEE	2-18-16
7	Jamal Murray vs. Ohio State	12-19-15
7	Kyle Wiltjer vs. LIPSCOMB	12-15-12
7	Kyle Wiltjer vs. LAFAYETTE	11-16-12
7	Doron Lamb vs. WINTHROP	12-22-10

MOST FREE THROWS

FTs	Player vs. Opponent	Date
14	Tyler Ulis at Arkansas	1-21-16
13	Julius Randle at Ole Miss	2-18-14
13	Julius Randle vs. BELMONT	12-21-13
12	Tyler Ulis at Tennessee	2-2-16
12	Dakari Johnson vs. UT ARL.	11-25-14
12	Archie Goodwin at Ole Miss	1-29-13
12	Archie Goodwin vs. MOREHEAD ST.	11-21-12
12	Anthony Davis vs. LOUISVILLE	12-31-11

MOST REBOUNDS

Rebs	Player vs. Opponent	Date
19	M. Kidd-Gilchrist vs. LOUISVILLE	12-31-11
18	Bam Adebayo vs. NKU	3-17-17
18	Anthony Davis vs. CHATT.	12-17-11
18	D. Cousins vs. LOUISVILLE	1-2-10
18	Patrick Patterson vs. RIDER	11-21-09
18	D. Cousins vs. SAM HOUSTON ST.	11-19-09
17	Terrence Jones vs. Notre Dame	12-8-10
17	Terrence Jones at Washington	11-23-10
16	Wenyen Gabriel vs. AUBURN	1-14-17
16	Julius Randle vs. LSU	3-14-14
16	Julius Randle vs. UNC ASHEVILLE	11-8-13
16	Nerlens Noel vs. BAYLOR	12-1-12
16	Anthony Davis vs. Kansas	4-2-12
16	Anthony Davis vs. LITTLE ROCK	1-3-12
15	Bam Adebayo vs. FLORIDA	2-25-17
15	Bam Adebayo at Missouri	2-21-17
15	Julius Randle vs. Kansas State	3-21-14
15	Julius Randle at South Carolina	3-1-14
15	Julius Randle vs. LSU	2-22-14
15	Julius Randle vs. CLEV. ST.	11-25-13
15	Julius Randle vs. R. MORRIS	11-17-13
15	Anthony Davis vs. ST. JOHN'S	12-1-11
15	Terrence Jones vs. UConn	4-2-11
15	DeMarcus Cousins vs. Tennessee	3-13-10

Active: 16, Wenyen Gabriel, vs. AUBURN, 1-14-17
SEC: 16, Wenyen Gabriel, vs. AUBURN, 1-14-17
Postseason: 18, Bam Adebayo, vs. NKU, 3-17-17
SEC Tourney: 16, Julius Randle vs. LSU, 3-14-14
NCAA Tourney: 18, Bam Adebayo, vs. NKU, 3-17-17
Rupp Arena: 19, M. Kidd-Gilchrist vs. LOUISVILLE, 12-31-11
On the Road: 17, Terrence Jones at Wash., 11-23-10
SEC Road: 15, Bam Adebayo at Missouri, 2-21-17
Ranked Opp.: 19, M. Kidd-Gilchrist vs. LOUISVILLE, 12-31-11
Freshman: 19, M. Kidd-Gilchrist vs. LOUISVILLE, 12-31-11
Sophomore: 14, Isaiah Briscoe at Tennessee, 1-24-17
Junior: 18, Patrick Patterson vs. RIDER, 11-21-09
Senior: 14, Josh Harrellson at Arkansas, 2-23-11
Opener: 16, Julius Randle vs. UNC ASHEVILLE, 11-8-13
SEC Opener: 12, W. Cauley-Stein vs. OLE MISS, 1-6-15
***In some cases, the most recent occurrence is listed*

MOST OFFENSIVE REBOUNDS

Rebs	Player vs. Opponent	Date
9	W. Cauley-Stein vs. ARKANSAS	2-27-14
9	DeMarcus Cousins vs. OLE MISS	2-2-10
9	Patrick Patterson vs. RIDER	11-21-09
8	Bam Adebayo vs. UT MARTIN	11-25-16
8	D. Johnson vs. GRAND CANYON	11-14-14
8	D. Cousins vs. VANDERBILT	1-30-10
8	Patrick Patterson at Indiana	12-12-09
8	D. Cousins vs. S. HOUSTON ST.	11-19-09

MOST DEFENSIVE REBOUNDS

Rebs	Player vs. Opponent	Date
15	Terrence Jones vs. Notre Dame	12-8-10
14	DeMarcus Cousins vs. LOUISVILLE	1-2-10
13	Anthony Davis vs. LSU	3-9-12
13	M. Kidd-Gilchrist vs. LOUISVILLE	12-31-11
13	Anthony Davis vs. CHATT.	12-17-11
13	Terrence Jones vs. Washington	11-23-10
12	Bam Adebayo vs. NKU	3-17-17
12	Karl-Anthony Towns vs. GEORGIA	2-3-15
12	Julius Randle vs. Kansas State	3-21-14
12	Anthony Davis vs. Kansas	4-2-12
12	Anthony Davis vs. Louisville	3-31-12
12	A. Davis vs. ARK.-LITTLE ROCK	1-3-12

MOST ASSISTS

Assts.	Player vs. Opponent	Date
16	John Wall vs. HARTFORD	12-29-09
14	Tyler Ulis vs. LSU	3-5-16
14	John Wall vs. UNC Asheville	11-30-09
12	De'Aaron Fox vs. SFA	11-11-16
12	Tyler Ulis at South Carolina	2-13-16
11	Isaiah Briscoe at Ole Miss	12-29-16
11	De'Aaron Fox vs. CLEVELAND ST.	11-23-16
11	Tyler Ulis at Florida	3-1-16
11	Tyler Ulis at Texas A&M	2-20-16
11	Tyler Ulis vs. FLORIDA	2-6-16
11	John Wall vs. E. Tenn. State	3-18-10
11	John Wall vs. RIDER	11-21-09

Active: 12, De'Aaron Fox vs. SFA, 11-11-16
SEC: 14, Tyler Ulis vs. LSU, 3-5-16
Postseason: 11, J. Wall vs. E. Tennessee State, 3-18-10
SEC Tourney: 9, Andrew Harrison vs. Georgia, 3-15-14
NCAA Tourney: 11, J. Wall vs. E. Tennessee St., 3-18-10
Rupp Arena: 16, John Wall vs. HARTFORD, 12-29-09
On the Road: 12, Tyler Ulis, at South Carolina, 2-13-16
SEC Road: 12, Tyler Ulis, at South Carolina, 2-13-16
Ranked Opp.: 12, Tyler Ulis, at South Carolina, 2-13-16
Freshman: 16, John Wall vs. HARTFORD, 12-29-09
Sophomore: 14, Tyler Ulis vs. LSU, 3-5-16
Junior: 9, DeAndre Liggins vs. WINTHROP, 12-22-10
Senior: 10, Julius Mays vs. LAFAYETTE, 11-16-12
Opener: 12, De'Aaron Fox vs. SFA, 11-11-16
SEC Opener: 11, Isaiah Briscoe at Ole Miss, 12-29-16
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MOST POINTS-REBOUNDS-ASSISTS

P-R-A	Player vs. Opponent	Date
49 (47-0-2)	Malik Monk vs. UNC	12-17-16
47 (27-17-3)	T. Jones vs. Notre Dame	12-8-10
45 (29-13-3)	T. Jones vs. Oklahoma	11-22-10
45 (27-18-0)	D. Cousins vs. S. HOUSTON	11-19-09
44 (24-19-1)	M. Kidd-Gilchrist vs. LOUISVILLE	12-31-11
43 (33-9-2)	Jamal Murray at Vanderbilt	2-27-16
43 (35-8-0)	Terrence Jones vs. AUBURN	1-11-11
42 (33-4-5)	Malik Monk vs. FLORIDA	2-25-17
42 (23-11-8)	Isaiah Briscoe vs. GEORGIA	1-31-17
42 (35-6-1)	Jamal Murray vs. FLORIDA	2-6-16
41 (37-3-1)	Malik Monk vs. GEORGIA	1-31-17
41 (34-6-1)	Malik Monk at Ole Miss	12-29-16
41 (26-10-5)	J. Young vs. MISSISSIPPI STATE	1-8-14
41 (27-13-1)	J. Randle vs. Michigan State	11-12-13
41 (27-14-0)	A. Davis vs. ARKANSAS	1-17-12
40 (19-11-10)	Isaiah Briscoe at Ole Miss	12-29-16
40 (23-16-1)	J. Randle vs. UNC ASHEVILLE	11-8-13
40 (22-9-9)	A. Goodwin vs. LIU-BROOK.	11-23-12

MOST MINUTES WITHOUT A TURNOVER

Mins.	Player vs. Opponent	Date
44	Darius Miller at Arkansas	2-23-11
41	Aaron Harrison vs. LSU	2-22-14
40	Tyler Ulis vs. Duke	11-17-15
40	Aaron Harrison vs. OLE MISS	1-6-15
40	Alex Poythress vs. MISSOURI	2-23-13
39	Nerlens Noel vs. TEXAS A&M	1-12-13
39	Ryan Harrow at Louisville	12-29-12
39	Anthony Davis vs. ALABAMA	1-21-12
39	M. Kidd-Gilchrist vs. LOUISVILLE	12-31-11
38	Aaron Harrison at LSU	1-28-14
38	P. Patterson vs. Mississippi State	3-14-10

MOST BLOCKED SHOTS

Blks.	Player vs. Opponent	Date
12	Nerlens Noel at Ole Miss	1-29-13
9	W. Cauley-Stein vs. BOISE STATE	12-10-13
9	Willie Cauley-Stein vs. Providence	12-1-13
8	Nerlens Noel at Alabama	1-22-13
8	Anthony Davis at South Carolina	2-4-12
8	Anthony Davis vs. ST. JOHN'S	12-1-11
7	K. Towns vs. VANDERBILT	1-20-15
7	W. Cauley-Stein vs. E. MICHIGAN	11-27-13
7	Willie Cauley-Stein vs. MISSOURI	2-23-13
7	Nerlens Noel at Auburn	1-19-13
7	Nerlens Noel vs. TEXAS A&M	1-12-13
7	Nerlens Noel vs. LIPSCOMB	12-15-12
7	Nerlens Noel vs. PORTLAND	12-8-12
7	A. Davis vs. Western Kentucky	3-15-12
7	Anthony Davis at Vanderbilt	2-11-12
7	Anthony Davis vs. TENNESSEE	1-31-12
7	Anthony Davis vs. ARKANSAS	1-17-12
7	A. Davis vs. SOUTH CAROLINA	1-7-12
7	Anthony Davis vs. Kansas	11-15-11

Active: 4, Derek Willis vs. Georgia, 3-10-17
SEC: 12, Nerlens Noel at Ole Miss, 1-29-13
Postseason: 7, A. Davis vs. Western Kentucky, 3-15-12
SEC Tourney: 6, Anthony Davis vs. LSU, 3-11-12
NCAA Tourney: 7, A. Davis vs. Western Kent., 3-15-12
Rupp Arena: 9, W. Cauley-Stein vs. BOISE ST., 12-10-13
On the Road: 12, Nerlens Noel at Ole Miss, 1-29-13
SEC Road: 12, Nerlens Noel at Ole Miss, 1-29-13
Ranked Opp.: 12, Nerlens Noel at Ole Miss, 1-29-13
Freshman: 12, Nerlens Noel at Ole Miss, 1-29-13
Sophomore: 9, W. Cauley-Stein vs. BOISE ST., 12-10-13
Junior: 4, Willie Cauley-Stein vs. ARKANSAS, 2-28-15
Senior: 6, Josh Harrellson vs. PENN, 1-3-11
Opener: 5, Anthony Davis vs. MARIST, 11-11-11
SEC Opener: 7, A. Davis vs. SOUTH CAROLINA, 1-7-12
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MOST STEALS

Stls.	Player vs. Opponent	Date
6	Tyler Ulis vs. OLE MISS	1-2-16
6	Willie Cauley-Stein vs. GEORGIA	1-25-14
6	Nerlens Noel vs. BAYLOR	12-1-12
6	John Wall vs. UConn	12-9-09
6	John Wall vs. UNC Asheville	11-30-09
5	Malik Monk vs. UCLA	12-3-16
5	Aaron Harrison vs. ARKANSAS	2-28-15
5	Willie Cauley-Stein vs. Texas	12-5-14
5	DeAndre Liggins vs. TENNESSEE	2-8-11
5	Darius Miller at Portland	11-19-10

Active: 5, Malik Monk vs. UCLA, 12-3-16
SEC: 6, Tyler Ulis vs. OLE MISS, 1-2-16
Postseason: 5, John Wall vs. Mississippi State, 3-14-10
SEC Tourney: 5, John Wall vs. Mississippi State, 3-14-10
NCAA Tourney: 4, An. Harrison vs. W. Virginia, 3-26-15
Rupp Arena: 6, Tyler Ulis vs. OLE MISS, 1-2-16
On the Road: 5, Darius Miller at Portland, 11-19-10
SEC Road: 3, Fox/Monk at Ole Miss, 12-29-16
Ranked Opp.: 5, Malik Monk vs. UCLA, 12-3-16
Freshman: 6, Nerlens Noel vs. BAYLOR, 12-1-12
Sophomore: 6, Tyler Ulis vs. OLE MISS, 1-2-16
Junior: 5, Willie Cauley-Stein vs. TEXAS, 12-5-14
Senior: 4, Dominique Hawkins vs. Arkansas, 3-12-17
Opener: 4, Aaron Harrison vs. UNC ASHEVILLE, 11-8-13
SEC Opener: 6, Tyler Ulis vs. OLE MISS, 1-2-16
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SEASON MILESTONES

450 POINTS/225 REBOUNDS

Player	Year	Pts	Reb
Bam Adebayo	***2017***	***479***	***293***
Julius Randle	2014	599	417
Anthony Davis	2012	567	415
Terrence Jones	2012	469	272
Michael Kidd-Gilchrist	2012	476	297
Terrence Jones	2011	595	336
DeMarcus Cousins	2010	575	376
Patrick Patterson	2010	544	283

300 POINTS/100 ASSISTS

Player	Year	Pts	Asst
De'Aaron Fox	***2017***	***549***	***158***
Isaiah Briscoe	***2017***	***425***	***139***
Isaiah Briscoe	2016	326	107
Tyler Ulis	2016	606	246
Andrew Harrison	2015	364	139
Andrew Harrison	2014	434	159
Marquis Teague	2012	401	191
Brandon Knight	2011	657	159
Eric Bledsoe	2010	419	107
John Wall	2010	616	241

300 POINTS/100 REBOUNDS/ 75 ASSISTS

Player	Year	Pts	Reb	Asst
De'Aaron Fox	***2017***	***549***	***136***	***158***
Isaiah Briscoe	***2017***	***425***	***184***	***139***
Isaiah Briscoe	2016	326	181	107
Jamal Murray	2016	720	186	79
Tyler Ulis	2016	606	105	246
Andrew Harrison	2014	434	126	159
Archie Goodwin	2013	466	152	88
Michael Kidd-Gilchrist	2012	476	297	75
Darius Miller	2012	397	110	82
Marquis Teague	2012	401	101	191
Terrence Jones	2011	595	336	75
Brandon Knight	2011	657	153	159
Eric Bledsoe	2010	419	114	107
John Wall	2010	616	159	241

300 POINTS/200 REBOUNDS/ 50 BLOCKS

Player	Year	Pts	Reb	Blk
Bam Adebayo	***2017***	***479***	***293***	***55***
Willie Cauley-Stein	2015	349	251	67
Karl-Anthony Towns	2015	401	261	88
Anthony Davis	2012	567	415	186
Terrence Jones	2012	469	272	68
Terrence Jones	2011	595	336	72
DeMarcus Cousins	2010	575	376	67
Patrick Patterson	2010	544	283	51

200 REBOUNDS/50 BLOCKS/ 25 STEALS

Player	Year	Reb	Blk	Stl
Bam Adebayo	***2017***	***293***	***55***	***25***
Willie Cauley-Stein	2015	251	67	47
Willie Cauley-Stein	2014	225	106	44
Nerlens Noel	2013	227	106	50
Anthony Davis	2012	415	186	54
Terrence Jones	2012	272	68	49
Josh Harrellson	2011	329	57	35
Terrence Jones	2011	336	72	43
DeMarcus Cousins	2010	376	67	37
Patrick Patterson	2010	283	51	27

CALIPARI ERA TEAM SINGLE-GAME RECORDS

MOST POINTS

Pts.(Score)	Opp.	Date
115 (115-69)	vs. Arizona State	11-28-16
111 (111-76)	UT MARTIN	11-25-16
110 (110-75)	AUBURN	2-21-15
108 (108-58)	MARIST	11-11-11
105 (105-76)	UT ARLINGTON	11-19-13
104 (104-75)	LIU BROOKLYN	11-23-12
104 (104-61)	HARTFORD	12-29-09
103 (103-100)	vs. North Carolina	12-17-16
102 (102-90)	vs. Indiana	3-23-12
102 (102-92)	SAM HOUSTON ST.	11-19-09

MOST POINTS IN A LOSS

Pts.(Score)	Opp.	Date
92 (97-92)	UCLA	12-3-16
85 (85-87)	at Arkansas	1-14-14
84 (90-84)	at Kansas	1-30-16
82 (87-82)	at LSU	1-28-14
80 (82-80)	at Tennessee	1-24-17
77 (79-77)	at Texas A&M	2-20-16
77 (87-77)	at UCLA	12-3-15
77 (77-82)	at North Carolina	12-14-13
77 (77-80)	at Louisville	12-19-12
76 (76-77)	at Arkansas	2-23-11

MOST POINTS IN A WIN OVER AP RANKED TEAM

Pts.(Score)	Opp.	Date
103 (103-100)	vs. North Carolina	12-17-16
102 (102-90)	vs. Indiana	3-23-12
87 (87-74)	at Ole Miss	1-29-13
85 (85-69)	SOUTH CAROLINA	1-21-17
85 (85-75)	OLE MISS	2-2-10
85 (85-72)	VANDERBILT	1-30-10
84 (84-67)	ARKANSAS	2-28-15
84 (84-70)	NORTH CAROLINA	12-13-14
82 (82-77)	vs. Texas A&M	3-13-16
82 (82-70)	vs. Baylor	3-25-12
78 (78-39)	vs. West Virginia	3-26-15
78 (78-63)	vs. Arkansas	3-15-15
78 (78-76)	vs. Wichita State	3-23-14
78 (78-58)	FLORIDA	2-7-12
78 (78-63)	at Louisville	12-31-10

MOST PTS. AT NEUTRAL SITE

Pts.(Score)	Opp.	Date
115 (115-69)	vs. Arizona State	11-28-16
103 (103-100)	vs. North Carolina	12-17-16
102 (102-90)	vs. Indiana	3-23-12
100 (100-71)	vs. East Tennessee St.	3-18-10
96 (96-73)	vs. Hofstra	12-11-16
94 (94-57)	vs. UNC Asheville	11-30-09
93 (93-80)	vs. Georgia	3-12-16
91 (91-67)	vs. Auburn	3-14-15
90 (90-60)	vs. Wake Forest	3-20-10
87 (87-71)	vs. Iowa State	3-17-12

MOST PTS. IN NCAA TOURNEY

Pts.(Score)	Opp.	Date
102 (102-90)	vs. Indiana	3-23-12
100 (100-71)	vs. East Tennessee St.	3-18-10
90 (90-60)	vs. Wake Forest	3-20-10
87 (87-71)	vs. Iowa State	3-17-12
85 (85-57)	vs. Stony Brook	3-17-16
82 (82-70)	vs. Baylor	3-25-12
81 (81-66)	vs. Western Kentucky	3-15-12
79 (79-70)	vs. NKU	3-17-17
79 (79-56)	vs. Hampton	3-19-15

MOST PTS. IN SEC TOURNEY

Pts.(Score)	Opp.	Date
93 (93-80)	vs. Georgia	3-12-16
91 (91-67)	vs. Auburn	3-14-15
85 (85-59)	vs. Alabama	3-11-16
85 (85-67)	vs. LSU	3-14-14
82 (82-65)	vs. Arkansas	3-12-17
82 (82-77)	vs. Texas A&M	3-13-16
79 (79-74)	vs. Alabama	3-11-17
78 (78-63)	vs. Arkansas	3-15-15
75 (75-66)	vs. Ole Miss	3-11-11
75 (75-74)	vs. Miss. State	3-14-10

MOST PTS. IN RUPP ARENA WIN

Pts.(Score)	Opp.	Date
111 (111-76)	UT MARTIN	11-25-16
110 (110-75)	AUBURN	2-21-15
108 (108-58)	MARIST	11-11-11
105 (105-76)	UT ARLINGTON	11-19-13
104 (104-75)	LIU BROOKLYN	11-23-12
104 (104-61)	HARTFORD	12-29-09
102 (102-92)	SAM HOUSTON ST.	11-19-09
101 (101-70	CLEVELAND STATE	11-23-16
101 (101-49)	LAFAYETTE	11-16-12
101 (101-70)	ARKANSAS	1-23-10

MOST PTS. IN ROAD GAME WIN

Pts.(Score)	Opp.	Date
99 (99-76)	at Ole Miss	12-29-16
90 (90-73)	at Indiana	12-12-09
89 (89-62)	at South Carolina	2-13-16
89 (89-77)	at Florida	1-12-10
88 (88-81)	at Mississippi St.	1-17-17
88 (88-79)	at Florida	3-1-16
87 (87-81)	at Vanderbilt	1-10-17
87 (87-74)	at Ole Miss	1-29-13
86 (86-52)	at South Carolina	2-4-12

MOST POINTS IN A HALF

Pts.	Opp.	Date
63[2]	UT ARLINGTON	11-19-13
63[2]	MARIST	11-11-11
60[1]	at Ole Miss	12-29-16
58[1]	vs. Arizona State	11-28-16
58[2]	UT MARTIN	11-25-16
58[2]	AUBURN	2-21-15
57[2]	vs. Arizona State	11-28-16
57[1]	ARKANSAS	1-23-10
57[1]	HARTFORD	12-29-09
56[2]	ARKANSAS	1-7-17
56[1]	vs. North Carolina	12-17-16
56[1]	CLEVELAND STATE	11-23-16
56[1]	DREXEL	12-21-09

[1] - First Half; [2] - Second Half

FEWEST POINTS

Pts.(Score)	Opp.	Date
48 (48-64)	vs. Vanderbilt	3-15-13
50 (50-64)	at Notre Dame	11-29-12
52 (52-69)	at Florida	2-12-13
54 (54-60)	vs. UConn	4-7-14
55 (55-48)	ALABAMA	3-4-14
55 (55-59)	at Alabama	1-22-13
55 (55-64)	BAYLOR	12-1-12
55 (55-56)	vs. UConn	4-2-11
56 (56-49)	vs. Kansas State	3-21-14
56 (56-46)	COLUMBIA	12-10-14

FEWEST POINTS IN A WIN

Pts.(Score)	Opp.	Date
55 (55-48)	ALABAMA	3-4-14
56 (56-49)	vs. Kansas State	3-21-14
56 (56-46)	COLUMBIA	12-10-14
57 (57-44)	at Georgia	1-24-12
58 (58-50)	at Louisville	12-27-14
58 (58-38)	PROVIDENCE	11-30-14
58 (58-43)	at South Carolina	1-24-14
58 (58-56)	at Vanderbilt	2-20-10
59 (59-57)	vs. Princeton	3-1-11
60 (60-58)	at Vanderbilt	1-10-13
60 (60-51)	vs. LSU	3-9-12

FEWEST PTS. AT NEUTRAL SITE

Pts.(Score)	Opp.	Date
48 (48-64)	vs. Vanderbilt	3-15-13
54 (54-60)	vs. UConn	4-7-14
55 (55-56)	vs. UConn	4-2-11
56 (56-49)	vs. Kansas State	3-21-14
59 (59-57)	vs. Princeton	3-17-11
60 (60-61)	vs. Florida	3-16-14
60 (60-51)	vs. LSU	3-9-12
62 (62-67)	vs. Baylor	12-6-13
62 (62-60)	vs. Ohio State	3-25-11
62 (62-45)	vs. Cornell	3-25-10
62 (62-52)	vs. Old Dominion	11-20-11

FEWEST POINTS IN NCAA TOURNEY

Pts.(Score)	Opp.	Date
54 (54-60)	vs. UConn	4-7-14
55 (55-56)	vs. UConn	4-2-11
56 (56-49)	vs. Kansas State	3-21-14
59 (59-57)	vs. Princeton	3-17-11
62 (62-60)	vs. Ohio State	3-25-11
62 (62-45)	vs. Cornell	3-25-10
64 (64-71)	vs. Wisconsin	4-4-15
64 (64-51)	vs. Cincinnati	3-21-15
65 (65-62)	vs. Wichita State	3-19-17
66 (66-73)	vs. West Virginia	3-27-10
67 (67-73)	vs. Indiana	3-19-16
67 (67-59)	vs. Kansas	4-2-12

FEWEST PTS. IN SEC TOURNEY

Pts.(Score)	Opp.	Date
48 (48-64)	vs. Vanderbilt	3-15-13
60 (60-61)	vs. Florida	3-16-14
60 (60-51)	vs. LSU	3-9-12
64 (64-49)	vs. Florida	3-13-15
64 (64-71)	vs. Vanderbilt	3-11-12
70 (70-58)	vs. Georgia	3-15-14
70 (70-54)	vs. Florida	3-13-11
71 (71-60)	vs. Georgia	3-10-17
72 (72-58)	vs. Alabama	3-12-11

FEWEST PTS. IN RUPP ARENA

Pts.(Score)	Opp.	Date
55 (55-64)	BAYLOR	12-1-12
56 (56-46)	COLUMBIA	12-10-14
58 (58-38)	PROVIDENCE	11-30-14
61 (61-57)	FLORIDA	3-9-13

FEWEST PTS. IN ROAD GAME

Pts.(Score)	Opp.	Date
50 (50-64)	at Notre Dame	11-29-12
52 (52-69)	at Florida	2-12-13
55 (55-48)	at Alabama	3-4-14
55 (55-59)	at Alabama	1-22-13
57 (57-59)	at Robert Morris	3-19-13
57 (57-44)	at Georgia	1-24-12
58 (58-50)	at Louisville	12-27-14
58 (58-43)	at South Carolina	1-24-14
58 (58-88)	at Tennessee	2-16-13
58 (58-56)	at Vanderbilt	2-20-10

FEWEST POINTS IN A HALF

Pts.	Opp.	Date
19[2]	at Georgia	1-24-12
21[1]	vs. UConn	4-2-11
22[1]	at Louisville	12-27-14
22[2]	at Alabama	1-22-13
22[1]	at Tennessee	3-6-11
23[1]	COLUMBIA	12-10-14
23[2]	vs. UConn	4-7-14
23[1]	vs. Vanderbilt	3-15-13
23[2]	vs. Maryland	11-9-12
23[1]	vs. UConn	12-9-09

[1] - First Half; [2] - Second Half

MOST FIELD GOALS

FGs.	Opp.	Date
46	MARIST	11-11-11
44	vs. Arizona State	11-28-16
44	AUBURN	2-21-15
42	LIU-BROOKLYN	11-23-12
41	UT MARTIN	11-25-16
41	HARTFORD	12-29-09
40	vs. North Carolina	12-17-16
40	LAFAYETTE	11-16-12
38	CLEVELAND STATE	11-23-16
38	LSU	3-5-16
38	vs. Wake Forest	3-20-10

FEWEST FIELD GOALS

FGs.	Opp.	Date
14	at South Carolina	3-1-14
16	ALABAMA	3-4-14
17	LOUISVILLE	12-31-11
17	at Auburn	2-12-14
18	vs. LSU	3-9-12
18	vs. Vanderbilt	3-15-13
18	vs. Florida	3-16-14
18	vs. UConn	4-7-14
18	at Texas A&M	1-10-15
18	at South Carolina	1-24-15

MOST FIELD-GOAL ATTEMPTS

FGs.	Opp.	Date
84	vs. Arizona State	11-28-16
80	UCLA	12-3-16
77	ARKANSAS	1-23-10
76	ARKANSAS	2-27-14
75	MARIST	11-11-11
74	at Ole Miss	12-29-16
74	vs. North Carolina	12-17-16
74	UT MARTIN	11-25-16

FEWEST FIELD-GOAL ATTEMPTS

FGs.	Opp.	Date
39	at South Carolina	1-24-15
40	at Robert Morris	3-19-13
41	ALABAMA	1-31-15
41	TENNESSEE	1-31-12
42	FLORIDA	2-15-14
42	vs. Providence	12-1-13
42	vs. LSU	3-9-12
42	vs. Cleveland State	11-24-09

MOST FREE THROWS

FTs.	Opp.	Date
35	vs. Indiana	3-23-12
33	at South Carolina	3-1-14
32	LOUISVILLE	12-31-11
31	MOREHEAD STATE	11-21-12
31	INDIANA	12-11-10
30	vs. Auburn	3-14-15
30	UNC ASHEVILLE	11-8-13
30	vs. Baylor	3-25-12
29	ILLINOIS STATE	11-30-15
29	at North Carolina	12-14-13

FEWEST FREE THROWS

FTs.	Opp.	Date
4	vs. UConn	4-2-11
4	VANDERBILT	1-23-16
6	vs. Michigan	3-30-14
6	at Florida	2-12-13
6	at Alabama	1-22-13
6	vs. Princeton	3-17-11
7	at LSU	2-10-15
7	vs. UCLA	12-20-14
7	at Florida	3-4-12
7	at Georgia	1-24-12
7	vs. Wake Forest	3-20-10

MOST FREE-THROW ATTEMPTS

FTs.	Opp.	Date
48	UNC ASHEVILLE	11-8-13
46	ILLINOIS STATE	11-30-15
44	vs. Baylor	3-25-12
44	INDIANA	12-11-10
43	at North Carolina	12-14-13
43	LOUISVILLE	12-31-11
42	at South Carolina	3-1-14
41	vs. LSU	3-14-14
41	MOREHEAD STATE	11-21-12

FEWEST FREE-THROW ATTEMPTS

FTs.	Opp.	Date
6	VANDERBILT	1-23-16
10	vs. Wisconsin	4-4-15
11	at LSU	2-10-15
11	vs. Michigan	3-30-14
11	MISSISSIPPI STATE	2-27-13
11	at Florida	2-12-13
11	at Alabama	1-22-13
11	at Florida	3-4-12
11	GEORGIA	3-1-12
11	FLORIDA	2-7-12
11	vs. Princeton	3-17-11

MOST 3-POINTERS

3s.	Opp.	Date
15	GEORGIA	3-1-12
15	vs. East Tennessee State	3-18-10
14	HARTFORD	12-29-09
13	TEXAS A&M	1-3-17
13	vs. Alabama	3-11-16
13	EAST TENNESSEE STATE	11-12-10
12	FLORIDA	2-6-16
12	vs. UCLA	12-20-14
12	CHATTANOOGA	12-17-11
12	vs. North Carolina	3-27-11
12	WINTHROP	12-22-10
12	VANDERBILT	1-30-10

FEWEST 3-POINTERS

3s.	Opp.	Date
1	at Vanderbilt	1-10-17
1	Texas	12-5-14
1	LSU	2-22-14
1	vs. LSU	3-9-12
1	Tennessee	1-31-12
1	vs. Alabama	3-12-10

MOST 3-POINT ATTEMPTS

3s.	Opp.	Date
33	CHATTANOOGA	12-17-11
33	vs. East Tennessee State	3-18-10
33	ARKANSAS	1-23-10
32	vs. West Virginia	3-27-10
28	vs. Arizona State	11-28-16
28	at Texas A&M	1-10-15
28	ALABAMA	3-4-14
28	vs. Vanderbilt	3-11-12
28	HARTFORD	12-29-09
27	GEORGIA	3-1-12
27	vs. UConn	4-2-11

FEWEST 3-POINT ATTEMPTS

3s.	Opp.	Date
5	vs. Wisconsin	4-4-15
5	vs. Wisconsin	4-5-14
5	at Tennessee	1-14-12
6	FLORIDA	3-7-15
6	Vanderbilt	1-20-15
7	at Missouri	1-29-15
7	PROVIDENCE	11-30-14
7	vs. Louisville	3-31-12
7	at Indiana	12-10-11

MOST REBOUNDS

Rebs.	Opp.	Date
59	vs. Arizona State	11-28-16
59	ARKANSAS	1-23-10
57	LOUISVILLE	12-31-11
56	ROBERT MORRIS	11-17-13
54	NJIT	11-14-15
53	at Texas A&M	1-10-15
53	MONTANA STATE	11-23-14
53	at Mississippi State	2-16-10
53	at LSU	2-6-10

FEWEST REBOUNDS

Rebs.	Opp.	Date
21	ALABAMA	1-31-15
21	at Tennessee	2-16-13
22	vs. Wisconsin	4-4-15
24	GEORGIA	2-3-15
24	NORTH CAROLINA	12-13-14
24	TENNESSEE	1-18-14
25	vs. Baylor	12-6-13
25	at Robert Morris	3-19-13

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MOST OFFENSIVE REBOUNDS

Rebs.	Opp.	Date
26	ARKANSAS	2-27-14
24	GRAND CANYON	11-14-14
24	vs. West Virginia	3-27-10
22	NJIT	11-14-15
22	at Auburn	2-2-14
22	ARKANSAS	1-23-10
21	VALPARAISO	12-7-16
21	COLUMBIA	12-10-14
21	at South Carolina	3-1-14
21	BAYLOR	12-1-12
21	at Indiana	12-12-09

FEWEST OFFENSIVE REBOUNDS

Rebs.	Opp.	Date
3	at South Carolina	1-24-14
5	GEORGIA	2-3-15
5	ALABAMA	1-31-15
5	MISSISSIPPI STATE	2-15-11
5	GEORGIA	1-29-11

MOST DEFENSIVE REBOUNDS

Rebs.	Opp.	Date
39	vs. Arizona State	11-28-16
39	ROBERT MORRIS	11-17-13
39	EASTERN MICHIGAN	1-2-13
38	vs. Hampton	3-19-15
38	EASTERN KENTUCKY	12-7-14
38	vs. Cleveland State	11-24-09
37	at Texas A&M	1-10-15
37	LOUISVILLE	12-31-11
37	ARKANSAS	1-23-10
36	vs. FLORIDA	2-25-17
36	at Florida	3-1-16
36	RADFORD	11-23-11
36	MARIST	11-11-11

FEWEST DEFENSIVE REBOUNDS

Rebs.	Opp.	Date
9	at Tennessee	2-16-13
13	NORTH CAROLINA	12-13-14
15	vs. Baylor	12-6-13
15	at Alabama	1-18-11
16	vs. Wisconsin	4-4-15
16	ALABAMA	1-31-15
16	TEXAS A&M	1-12-13
16	at Auburn	1-11-12
16	vs. UConn	11-24-10

MOST ASSISTS

Assts.	Opp.	Date
33	vs. Arizona State	11-28-16
30	HARTFORD	12-29-09
28	LIU-BROOKLYN	11-23-12
28	vs. UNC Asheville	11-30-09
25	CLEVELAND STATE	11-23-16
25	AUBURN	2-21-15
25	vs. UCLA	12-20-14
24	at Ole Miss	12-29-16
24	UT MARTIN	11-25-16
24	BOSTON	11-21-14
24	MARIST	11-11-11
24	vs. East Tennessee State	3-18-10

FEWEST ASSISTS

Assts.	Opp.	Date
5	LSU	2-22-14
6	VANDERBILT	3-1-11
7	at Florida	2-4-17
7	vs. Wisconsin	4-4-15
7	vs. Florida	3-13-15
7	ARKANSAS	2-27-14
7	at Auburn	2-12-14
7	BOISE STATE	12-10-13
7	vs. Vanderilt	3-15-13
7	VANDERBILT	2-20-13
7	at Tennessee	1-14-12
7	vs. Washington	11-23-10

MOST TURNOVERS

TOs.	Opp.	Date
24	MOREHEAD STATE	11-13-09
23	SAM HOUSTON STATE	11-19-09
21	LOUISVILLE	12-31-11
21	vs. Old Dominion	11-20-11
21	NORTH CAROLINA	12-5-09
20	EASTERN MICHIGAN	11-27-13
20	ALBANY	11-13-15
20	vs. Cleveland State	11-24-09

FEWEST TURNOVERS

TOs.	Opp.	Date
3	at Georgia	3-3-15
3	at South Carolina	2-4-12
4	ALABAMA	2-23-16
4	COLUMBIA	12-10-14
4	vs. Wisconsin	4-5-14
4	PORTLAND	11-26-11
5	vs. Georgia	3-12-16
5	at Vanderbilt	2-27-16
5	ALABAMA	1-31-15

MOST BLOCKS

Blks.	Opp.	Date
18	ST. JOHN'S	12-1-11
15	vs. Stony Brook	3-17-16
14	at Georgia	3-3-10
13	vs. UCLA	12-20-14
13	at Ole Miss	1-29-13
13	ARKANSAS	1-17-12
13	vs. Kansas	11-15-11
13	MARIST	11-11-11

FEWEST BLOCKS

Blks.	Opp.	Date
1	at Vanderbilt	1-10-17
1	vs. Alabama	3-11-16
1	at LSU	1-5-16
1	WRIGHT STATE	11-20-15
1	ALABAMA	1-31-15
1	at Missouri	1-29-15
1	vs. Wisconsin	4-5-14
1	at Florida	3-8-14

MOST STEALS

Stls.	Opp.	Date
15	LAFAYETTE	11-16-12
13	OLE MISS	1-2-16
13	vs. UConn	12-9-09
12	STEPHEN F. AUSTIN	11-11-16
12	BOSTON	11-24-15
12	NORTH CAROLINA	12-13-14
12	PROVIDENCE	11-30-14
12	LIPSCOMB	12-15-12
12	PORTLAND	11-26-11
12	vs. Cornell	3-25-10
12	GEORGIA	1-9-10
12	vs. UNC Asheville	11-30-09

FEWEST STEALS

Stls.	Opp.	Date
0	vs. Baylor	12-6-13
1	vs. Michigan State	11-12-13
1	at Robert Morris	3-19-13
1	vs. West Virginia	3-19-11
1	FLORIDA	2-26-11

MOST PERSONAL FOULS

Fls.	Opp.	Date
33	at Kansas	1-30-16
31	at Arkansas	1-14-14
31	at North Carolina	12-14-13
29	at South Carolina	3-1-14
28	VANDERBILT	1-30-10
27	vs. Hofstra	12-11-16
27	at Florida	3-1-16
27	at UCLA	12-3-15
27	vs. West Virginia	3-27-10

FEWEST PERSONAL FOULS

Fls.	Opp.	Date
7	HARTFORD	12-29-09
8	MONTANA STATE	11-23-14
8	LAFAYETTE	11-16-12
8	vs. Florida	3-10-12
8	vs. Princeton	3-17-11
8	WINTHROP	12-22-10
8	DREXEL	12-21-09
8	vs. UNC Asheville	11-30-09

HIGHEST FIELD-GOAL PCT.

Pct.	Opp.	Date
.677	LIU-BROOKLYN	11-23-12
.647	AUBURN	2-21-15
.645	LAFAYETTE	11-16-12
.643	vs. Providence	12-1-13
.614	SOUTH CAROLINA	2-5-13
.613	MARIST	11-11-11
.603	vs. Wake Forest	3-20-10
.603	HARTFORD	12-29-09
.600	SAM HOUSTON STATE	11-19-09
.593	BOSTON	11-30-10

LOWEST FIELD-GOAL PCT.

Pct.	Opp.	Date
.269	at South Carolina	3-1-14
.281	at Texas A&M	1-10-15
.296	BAYLOR	12-1-12
.298	LOUISVILLE	12-31-11
.309	at Auburn	2-12-14
.327	ALABAMA	3-4-14
.339	vs. UConn	4-2-11
.342	ARKANSAS	2-27-14
.343	vs. West Virginia	3-27-10
.346	vs. Vanderbilt	3-15-13

HIGHEST FREE-THROW PCT.

Pct.	Opp.	Date
1.000	FLORIDA	2-7-12
1.000	AUSTIN PEAY	12-19-09
.958	TENNESSEE	1-18-14
.955	at Florida	2-7-15
.946	vs. Indiana	3-23-12
.923	at Mississippi State	2-25-15
.900	vs. Wisconsin	4-4-15
.900	at Ole Miss	2-18-14
.895	DREXEL	12-21-09
.889	at Alabama	1-17-15
.889	TENNESSEE	1-31-12

min 10 attempts

LOWEST FREE-THROW PCT.

Pct.	Opp.	Date
.333	vs. UConn	4-2-11
.391	EAST TENNESSEE ST.	11-12-10
.412	vs. Wake Forest	3-20-10
.435	at Vanderbilt	2-27-16
.471	PROVIDENCE	11-30-14
.478	at Louisville	12-29-12
.500	OLE MISS	1-2-16
.500	BOSTON	11-24-15
.500	vs. Georgia	3-15-14
.500	vs. Vanderbilt	3-15-13
.500	vs. Oklahoma	11-22-10

min 10 attempts

HIGHEST 3-POINT PERCENTAGE

Pct.	Opp.	Date
.700	at Florida	3-1-16
.692	DREXEL	12-21-09
.667	AUSTIN PEAY	12-19-09
.636	vs. Michigan	3-30-14
.625	BOSTON	11-30-10
.600	FLORIDA	2-6-16
.600	FLORIDA	2-7-12
.591	vs. Alabama	3-11-16
.583	vs. Arkansas	3-15-15
.583	at Florida	2-5-11

min 10 attempts

LOWEST 3-POINT PERCENTAGE

Pct.	Opp.	Date
.077	vs. Alabama	3-12-10
.083	TEXAS	12-5-14
.091	at Tennessee	2-27-10
.100	TENNESSEE	1-31-12
.111	at Vanderbilt	1-10-17
.118	COLUMBIA	12-10-14
.125	vs. LSU	3-9-12
.125	vs. West Virginia	3-27-10
.125	vs. Cornell	3-25-10
.143	GEORGIA	1-9-10
.143	LOUISVILLE	1-2-10

min 10 attempts

HIGHEST REBOUND MARGIN

Mg.	Opp.	Date
+31	NJIT	11-14-15
+30	GRAND CANYON	11-14-14
+28	NORTHERN KY.	11-10-13
+27	vs. Little Rock	1-3-12
+26	vs. Arizona State	11-28-16
+26	LOUISVILLE	12-31-11
+25	EASTERN KENTUCKY	12-9-15
+25	EASTERN MICHIGAN	1-2-13
+25	at Indiana	12-12-09
+24	SOUTH CAROLINA	2-14-15
+23	ROBERT MORRIS	11-17-13
+23	DREXEL	12-21-09

LOWEST REBOUND MARGIN

Mg.	Opp.	Date
-25	at Florida	2-4-17
-18	at Tennessee	2-16-13
-16	vs. Baylor	12-6-13
-16	vs. Maryland	11-9-12
-15	TENNESSEE	1-18-14
-14	at LSU	1-5-16
-12	vs. Wisconsin	4-4-15
-12	GEORGIA	2-3-15
-12	at South Carolina	1-24-14
-12	vs. Alabama	3-12-10
-11	at Kansas	1-30-16
-11	TEXAS	12-5-14

VICTORY MARGINS

Margin (Score)	Opponent	Date
+58 (86-28)	MONTANA STATE	11-13-14
+52 (101-49)	LAFAYETTE	11-16-12
+50 (108-58)	MARIST	11-11-11
+49 (86-37)	MISSOUI	1-13-15
+48 (92-44)	UT ARLINGTON	11-25-14
+48 (88-40)	RADFORD	11-23-11
+46 (115-69)	vs. Arizona State	11-28-16
+44 (88-44)	DREXEL	12-21-09
+42 (100-58)	TEXAS A&M	1-3-17
+43 (104-61)	HARTFORD	12-29-09
+40 (85-45)	GRAND CANYON	11-14-14
+39 (78-39)	vs. West Virginia	3-26-15
+39 (83-44)	vs. UCLA	12-20-14

VICTORY MARGIN IN RUPP ARENA

Margin (Score)	Opponent	Date
+58 (86-28)	MONTANA STATE	11-13-14
+52 (101-49)	LAFAYETTE	11-16-12
+50 (108-58)	MARIST	11-11-11
+49 (86-37)	MISSOURI	1-13-15
+48 (92-44)	UT ARLINGTON	11-25-14
+48 (88-40)	RADFORD	11-23-11
+44 (88-44)	DREXEL	12-21-09
+43 (104-61)	HARTFORD	12-29-09
+42 (100-58)	TEXAS A&M	1-3-17
+40 (85-45)	GRAND CANYON	11-14-14
+38 (87-49)	ROBERT MORRIS	11-17-13
+38 (88-50)	LIPSCOMB	12-15-12
+38 (82-44)	LSU	1-15-11

VICTORY MARGIN IN SEC PLAY

Margin (Score)	Opponent	Date
+49 (86-37)	MISSOUI	1-13-15
+42 (100-58)	TEXAS A&M	1-3-17
+38 (82-44)	LSU	1-15-11
+35 (110-75)	AUBURN	2-21-15
+34 (82-48)	GEORGIA	2-9-16
+34 (88-54)	MISSOURI	1-27-16
+34 (77-43)	SOUTH CAROLINA	2-14-15
+34 (86-52)	at South Carolina	2-4-12
+31 (90-59)	SOUTH CAROLINA	2-19-11
+31 (101-70)	ARKANSAS	1-23-10
+30 (43-36)	MISSISSIPPI STATE	2-27-13
+30 (79-49)	GEORGIA	3-1-12

VICTORY MARGIN ON THE ROAD

Margin (Score)	Opponent	Date
+34 (86-52)	at South Carolina	2-4-12
+31 (79-48)	at Portland	11-19-10
+27 (89-62)	at South Carolina	2-13-16
+26 (81-55)	at LSU	2-6-10
+24 (74-50)	at LSU	1-28-12
+23 (99-76)	at Ole Miss	12-29-16
+22 (70-48)	at Alabama	1-17-15
+22 (75-53)	at Auburn	1-19-13
+18 (74-56)	at Mississippi State	2-25-15
+18 (66-48)	at Tennessee	2-17-15
+17 (90-73)	at Indiana	12-12-09

VICTORY MARGIN AT A NEUTRAL SITE

Margin (Score)	Opponent	Date
+46 (115-69)	vs. Arizona State	11-28-16
+39 (78-39)	vs. West Virginia	3-26-15
+39 (83-44)	vs. UCLA	12-20-14
+38 (85-47)	vs. Penn State	11-19-11
+32 (72-40)	vs. Kansas	11-18-14
+30 (90-60)	vs. Wake Forest	3-20-10
+29 (100-71)	vs. East Tennessee St.	3-18-10
+29 (74-45)	vs. Tennessee	3-13-10
+28 (85-57)	vs. Stony Brook	3-17-16
+26 (85-59)	vs. Alabama	3-11-16

VICTORY MARGIN ON THE ROAD IN THE SEC

Margin (Score)	Opponent	Date
+34 (86-52)	at South Carolina	2-4-12
+27 (89-62)	at South Carolina	2-13-16
+26 (81-55)	at LSU	2-6-10
+24 (74-50)	at LSU	1-28-12
+23)99-76)	at Ole Miss	12-29-16
+22 (70-48)	at Alabama	1-17-15
+22 (75-53)	at Auburn	1-19-13
+18 (74-56)	at Mississippi State	2-25-15
+18 (66-48)	at Tennessee	2-17-15
+16 (77-61)	at Alabama	1-9-16
+16 (69-53)	at Missouri	1-29-15

VICTORY MARGIN IN THE SEC TOURNAMENT

Margin (Score)	Opponent	Date
+29 (74-45)	vs. Tennessee	3-13-10
+26 (85-59)	vs. Alabama	3-11-16
+24 (91-67)	vs. Auburn	3-14-15
+18 (85-67)	vs. LSU	3-14-14
+17 (82-65)	vs. Arkansas	3-12-17
+16 (70-54)	vs. Florida	3-13-11
+15 (78-63)	vs. Arkansas	3-15-15
+15 (64-49)	vs. Florida	3-13-15
+14 (72-58)	vs. Alabama	3-12-11
+13 (93-80)	vs. Georgia	3-12-16

VICTORY MARGIN IN THE NCAA TOURNAMENT

Margin (Score)	Opponent	Date
+39 (78-39)	vs. West Virginia	3-26-15
+30 (90-60)	vs. Wake Forest	3-20-10
+29 (100-71)	vs. East Tennessee St.	3-18-10
+28 (85-57)	vs. Stony Brook	3-17-16
+23 (79-56)	vs. Hampton	3-19-15
+17 (62-45)	vs. Cornell	3-25-10
+16 (87-71)	vs. Iowa State	3-17-12
+15 (81-66)	vs. Western Ky.	3-15-12
+13 (64-51)	vs. Cincinnati	3-21-15
+12 (82-70)	vs. Baylor	3-25-12
+12 (102-90)	vs. Indiana	3-23-12

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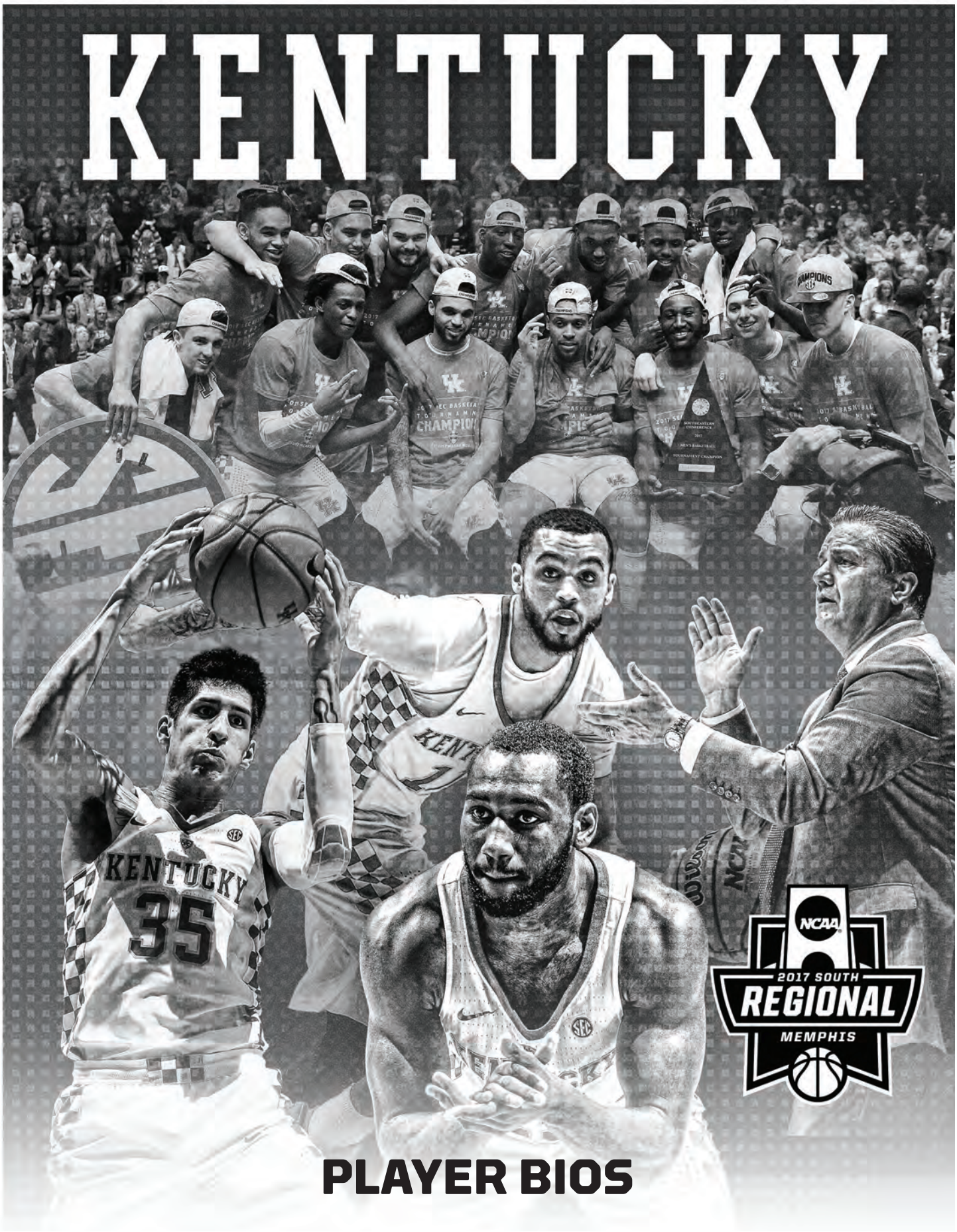

PLAYER BIOS

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BIO BLAST

- USA Today All-America Third Team
- All-SEC First Team (AP/Coaches), All-SEC Freshman Team (Coaches) and USBWA All-District IV Team
- SEC All-Tournament MVP after averaging 22.0 points per game en route to the title
- Leads the SEC in assists per game (4.6)
- Has scored in double figures in 30 of 34 games he's played, and in 10 straight
  - Has led UK in scoring in all five postseason games (SEC Tournament and NCAA Tournament)
  - Has emerged as UK's go-to scorer late in games during current 13-game winning streak
- Four-time SEC Freshman of the Week (Nov. 21, Dec. 5, Dec. 19 and Jan. 9)
- Had a career-high 28 points vs. Alabama in the semifinals. With Alabama lurking at 62-61, he scored UK's next nine points (extending lead to 71-63), and he scored 12 of UK's final 17 points. The 28 points are the most for a freshman in UK history in the SEC Tournament
- Had 20 points in the SEC first round vs. Georgia and 18 in the SEC title game vs. Arkansas
- Has nine 20-point games this season
- Scored 14 of his 16 points in the final 4:36 of the win at UGA – eight of them on FTs
- Scored 21 points in the win at Mississippi State, including a run of nine straight in the final three minutes of the game
- Recorded just the second triple-double in program history with 14 points, 11 rebounds and 10 assists vs. Arizona State
- Made his first 21 free throws of the year, the second-best start by a freshman in UK history

SEASON AVERAGES

Games played	34
Minutes/game	29.4
Points/game:	16.1
FG Pct	47.5
3FG Pct	23.4
FT Pct	72.8
Rebounds/game	4.0
Assists/game	4.6
Turnovers/game	2.5
Assist/turnover ratio	1.9
Steals/game	1.4
Blocks/game	0.2

SEASON HIGHS

Points	28, vs. Alabama (3/11/17)
FG Made	11, at Vanderbilt (1/10/17)
FG Attempts	21, vs. North Carolina (12/17/16)
3FG Made	2, twice, last at Texas A&M (3/4/17)
3FG Attempts	4, twice, last at Texas A&M (3/4/17)
FT Made	11, vs. Alabama (3/11/17)
FT Attempts	15, vs. Alabama (3/11/17)
Rebounds	11, vs. Arizona St. (11/28/16)
Assists	12, vs. SFA (11/11/16)
Steals	3, five times, last vs. LSU (2/8/17)
Blocks	2, vs. NKU (3/17/17)
Minutes	38, vs. KANSAS (1/28/17)

CAREER HIGHS

Points	28, vs. Alabama (3/11/17)
FG Made	11, at Vanderbilt (1/10/17)
FG Attempts	21, vs. North Carolina (12/17/16)
3FG Made	2, twice, last at Texas A&M (3/4/17)
3FG Attempts	4, twice, last at Texas A&M (3/4/17)
FT Made	11, vs. Alabama (3/11/17)
FT Attempts	15, vs. Alabama (3/11/17)
Rebounds	11, vs. Arizona St. (11/28/16)
Assists	12, vs. SFA (11/11/16)
Steals	3, five times, last vs. LSU (2/8/17)
Blocks	2, vs. NKU (3/17/17)
Minutes	38, vs. KANSAS (1/28/17)

GAME-BY-GAME

				Total		3-Pointers		Free throws		Rebounds										
Opponent	Date	gs	min	fg-fga	pct	3fg-fga	pct	ft-fta	pct	off	def	tot	avg	pf	a	t/o	blk	stl	pts	avg
STEPHEN F. AUSTIN	11/11/16	*	30	3-9	.333	0-2	.000	6-6	1.000	2	2	4	4.0	3	12	3	0	3	12	12.0
CANISIUS	11/13/16	*	33	6-13	.462	0-3	.000	9-9	1.000	1	3	4	4.0	1	3	2	0	0	21	16.5
vs #13/13 Michigan State	11/15/16	*	29	3-10	.300	0-2	.000	6-6	1.000	0	4	4	4.0	2	6	3	1	1	12	15.0
DUQUESNE	11/20/16	*	31	5-13	.385	1-2	.500	5-8	.625	1	6	7	4.8	2	6	1	0	3	16	15.3
CLEVELAND STATE	11/23/16	*	33	6-15	.400	0-2	.000	4-7	.571	0	4	4	4.6	1	11	2	1	2	16	15.4
UT-MARTIN	11/25/16	*	28	7-12	.583	0-3	.000	2-4	.500	1	5	6	4.8	2	5	4	0	3	16	15.5
vs Arizona State	11/28/16	*	31	6-9	.667	1-1	1.000	1-2	.500	2	9	11	5.7	3	10	4	0	2	14	15.3
#11/9 UCLA	12/03/16	*	34	8-20	.400	1-4	.250	3-5	.600	0	2	2	5.3	4	9	2	0	1	20	15.9
VALPO	12/07/16	*	29	3-9	.333	0-1	.000	3-8	.375	1	6	7	5.4	1	5	1	1	2	9	15.1
vs Hofstra	12/11/16	*	24	5-8	.625	0-1	.000	5-5	1.000	0	5	5	5.4	3	2	2	0	0	15	15.1
vs #7/6 North Carolina	12/17/16	*	35	9-21	.429	0-2	.000	6-7	.857	0	4	4	5.3	1	10	2	0	2	24	15.9
at #10/11 Louisville	12/21/16	*	34	7-15	.467	1-3	.333	6-10	.600	0	2	2	5.0	3	3	4	0	2	21	16.3
at Ole Miss	12/29/16	*	23	3-10	.300	0-2	.000	1-3	.333	0	5	5	5.0	2	7	1	0	3	7	15.6
TEXAS A&M	01/03/17	*	28	5-9	.556	0-1	.000	5-8	.625	1	4	5	5.0	0	6	3	0	2	15	15.6
ARKANSAS	01/07/17	*	36	10-16	.625	0-2	.000	7-7	1.000	0	6	6	5.1	2	6	2	0	1	27	16.3
at Vanderbilt	01/10/17	*	25	11-17	.647	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	5	5	5.1	4	2	1	0	1	22	16.7
AUBURN	01/14/17	*	27	6-11	.545	1-2	.500	0-2	.000	1	3	4	5.0	5	5	1	0	1	13	16.5
at Mississippi State	01/17/17	*	36	8-15	.533	0-3	.000	5-9	.556	0	5	5	5.0	0	5	3	0	1	21	16.7
#24/24 SOUTH CAROLINA	01/21/17	*	8	3-3	1.000	0-0	.000	0-1	.000	0	1	1	4.8	0	1	0	0	0	6	16.2
at Tennessee	01/24/17	*	25	4-9	.444	2-2	1.000	7-8	.875	0	0	0	4.6	4	4	2	1	2	17	16.2
#2/1 KANSAS	01/28/17	*	38	5-12	.417	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	4.4	3	2	5	0	2	10	15.9
GEORGIA	01/31/17		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
at #24/23 Florida	02/04/17		25	5-11	.455	0-1	.000	9-10	.900	0	3	3	4.4	4	0	3	0	0	19	16.0
LSU	02/07/17	*	33	7-13	.538	1-2	.500	1-1	1.000	0	4	4	4.3	2	6	3	0	3	16	16.0
at Alabama	02/11/17	*	30	3-12	.250	0-2	.000	1-1	1.000	1	0	1	4.2	4	3	2	0	2	7	15.7
TENNESSEE	02/14/17	*	32	5-13	.385	0-2	.000	3-5	.600	0	3	3	4.2	5	6	0	1	2	13	15.6
at Georgia	02/18/17	*	25	4-14	.286	0-2	.000	8-10	.800	1	4	5	4.2	3	5	4	0	0	16	15.6
at Mizzou	02/21/17	*	34	4-10	.400	1-2	.500	4-6	.667	1	4	5	4.2	2	4	2	0	0	13	15.5
#13/12 FLORIDA	02/25/17		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
VANDERBILT	02/28/17		26	5-9	.556	1-1	1.000	2-2	1.000	0	4	4	4.2	1	1	5	0	0	13	15.4
at Texas A&M	03/04/17	*	25	6-13	.462	2-4	.500	5-5	1.000	0	3	3	4.2	3	1	1	0	0	19	15.5
vs Georgia	03/10/17	*	27	7-12	.583	1-2	.500	5-8	.625	2	1	3	4.1	4	4	2	0	1	20	15.7
vs Alabama	03/11/17	*	35	8-12	.667	1-2	.500	11-15	.733	0	5	5	4.2	2	2	5	0	2	28	16.1
vs Arkansas	03/12/17	*	26	6-10	.600	1-1	1.000	5-7	.714	2	1	3	4.1	3	2	2	0	2	18	16.1
vs Northern Kentucky	03/17/17	*	34	8-15	.533	0-1	.000	3-4	.750	2	0	2	4.1	2	3	6	2	1	19	16.2
vs #19/19 Wichita State	03/19/17	*	31	5-13	.385	0-1	.000	4-6	.667	0	2	2	4.0	3	1	2	0	2	14	16.1
Totals		32	1000	196-413	.475	15-64	.234	142-195	.728	19	117	136	4.0	84	158	85	7	49	549	16.1

SUPERLATIVES

Season Stats		Career Stats	
10+ points	30	10+ points	30
20+ points	9	20+ points	9
3+ assists	24	3+ assists	24
3+ steals	5	3+ steals	5
10+ rebounds	1	10+ rebounds	1
Double-doubles	4	Double-doubles	4
Dunks	18	Dunks	18

CAREER STATS

Year	GP-GS	Min-Avg	FG-FGA	Pct	3FG-FGA	Pct	FT-FTA	Pct	Off-Def-Tot-Avg	PF-FO	Ast	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
2016-17	34-32	1000-29.4	196-413	.475	15-64	.234	142-195	.728	19-117-136-4.0	84-2	158	85	7	49	549	16.1
TOTAL	**34-32**	**1000-29.4**	**196-413**	**.475**	**15-64**	**.234**	**142-195**	**.728**	**19-117-136-4.0**	**84-2**	**158**	**85**	**7**	**49**	**549**	**16.1**

SACHA KILLEYA-JONES

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BIO BLAST

- Snared a career-high six rebounds while adding four points in a win over Arizona State
- Scored 12 points and hauled in four rebounds vs. UT Martin
- Grabbed three rebounds in his UK debut, and another four against Canisius
- One of five McDonald's All-Americans on the 2016-17 roster
- Posted 13 games with at least 20 points and 10 rebounds as a senior in high school
- Named the Virginia Player of the Year as a senior
- Youngest player on the 2016-17 roster
- Won a state title and two AAU national championships during his prep career
- An accomplished quarterback up until his sophomore season in which he gave up football to focus on basketball

SEASON AVERAGES

Games played	15
Minutes/game	6.4
Points/game	2.7
FG Pct	58.6
FT Pct	40.0
Rebounds/game	2.1
Assists/game	0.1
Turnovers/game	0.5
Assist/turnover ratio	0.3
Steals/game	0.1
Blocks/game	0.7

SEASON HIGHS

Points	12, vs. UT MARTIN (11/25/16)
FG Made	6, vs. UT MARTIN (11/25/16)
FG Attempts	8, vs. UT MARTIN (11/25/16)
3FG Made	
3FG Attempts	
FT Made	3, vs. CLEVELAND ST. (11/23/16)
FT Attempts	5, vs. CLEVELAND ST. (11/23/16)
Rebounds	6, vs. Arizona St. (11/28/16)
Assists	1, twice, last vs. ARKANSAS (1/7/17)
Steals	1, vs. Hofstra (12/11/16)
Blocks	2, three times, last vs. Hofstra (12/11/16)
Minutes	13, twice, last vs. UT MARTIN (11/25/16)

CAREER HIGHS

Points	12, vs. UT MARTIN (11/25/16)
FG Made	6, vs. UT MARTIN (11/25/16)
FG Attempts	8, vs. UT MARTIN (11/25/16)
3FG Made	
3FG Attempts	
FT Made	3, vs. CLEVELAND ST. (11/23/16)
FT Attempts	5, vs. CLEVELAND ST. (11/23/16)
Rebounds	6, vs. Arizona St. (11/28/16)
Assists	1, twice, last vs. ARKANSAS (1/7/17)
Steals	1, vs. Hofstra (12/11/16)
Blocks	2, three times, last vs. Hofstra (12/11/16)
Minutes	13, twice, last vs. UT MARTIN (11/25/16)

GAME-BY-GAME

				Total		3-Pointers		Free throws		Rebounds										
Opponent	Date	gs	min	fg-fga	pct	3fg-fga	pct	ft-fta	pct	off	def	tot	avg	pf	a	t/o	blk	stl	pts	avg
STEPHEN F. AUSTIN	11/11/16		9	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	2	3	3.0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0.0
CANISIUS	11/13/16		7	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	1-4	.250	1	3	4	3.5	1	0	0	1	0	3	1.5
vs #13/13 Michigan State	11/15/16		4	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-2	.000	0	0	0	2.3	1	0	1	0	0	0	1.0
DUQUESNE	11/20/16		13	3-5	.600	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	2	3	2.5	2	0	0	2	0	6	2.3
CLEVELAND STATE	11/23/16		11	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	3-5	.600	0	2	2	2.4	0	0	0	1	0	5	2.8
UT-MARTIN	11/25/16		13	6-8	.750	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	3	4	2.7	3	0	1	1	0	12	4.3
vs Arizona State	11/28/16		10	2-2	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	2	4	6	3.1	4	1	0	0	0	4	4.3
#11/9 UCLA	12/03/16		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
VALPO	12/07/16		8	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0-2	.000	2	1	3	3.1	1	0	2	2	0	2	4.0
vs Hofstra	12/11/16		9	2-4	.500	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	2	0	2	3.0	3	0	0	2	1	4	4.0
vs #7/6 North Carolina	12/17/16		1	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	2.7	1	0	0	0	0	0	3.6
at #10/11 Louisville	12/21/16		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
at Ole Miss	12/29/16		0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	2.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	3.3
TEXAS A&M	01/03/17		6	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	2	0	2	2.4	1	0	1	0	0	2	3.2
ARKANSAS	01/07/17		2	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	0	2	2	2.4	0	1	0	0	0	2	3.1
at Vanderbilt	01/10/17		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
AUBURN	01/14/17		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
at Mississippi State	01/17/17		1	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	2.2	2	0	0	0	0	0	2.9
#24/24 SOUTH CAROLINA	01/21/17		2	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	2.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.7
at Tennessee	01/24/17		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
#2/1 KANSAS	01/28/17		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GEORGIA	01/31/17		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
at #24/23 Florida	02/04/17		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
LSU	02/07/17		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
at Alabama	02/11/17		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TENNESSEE	02/14/17		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
at Georgia	02/18/17		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
at Mizzou	02/21/17		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
#13/12 FLORIDA	02/25/17		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
VANDERBILT	02/28/17		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
at Texas A&M	03/04/17		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
vs Georgia	03/10/17		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
vs Alabama	03/11/17		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
vs Arkansas	03/12/17		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
vs Northern Kentucky	03/17/17		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
vs #19/19 Wichita State	03/19/17		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals		0	96	17-29	.586	0-0	.000	6-15	.400	12	19	31	2.1	19	2	7	10	1	40	2.7

SUPERLATIVES

Season Stats		Career Stats	
10+ points	1	10+ points	1
20+ points	-	20+ points	-
3+ blocks	-	3+ blocks	-
3+ steals	-	3+ steals	-
10+ rebounds	-	10+ rebounds	-
Double-doubles	-	Double-doubles	-
Dunks	4	Dunks	4

CAREER STATS

Year	GP-GS	Min-Avg	FG-FGA	Pct	3FG-FGA	Pct	FT-FTA	Pct	Off-Def-Tot-Avg	PF-FO	Ast	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
2016-17	15-0	96-6.4	17-29	.586	0-0	.000	6-15	.400	12-19-31-2.1	19-0	2	7	10	1	40	2.7
TOTAL	**15-0**	**96-6.4**	**17-29**	**.586**	**0-0**	**.000**	**6-15**	**.400**	**12-19-31-2.1**	**19-0**	**2**	**7**	**10**	**1**	**40**	**2.7**

Bam Adebayo

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Bio Blast

- All-SEC Second Team (AP/Coaches) and All-SEC Freshman Team (Coaches)
- SEC All-Tournament Team
- SEC Freshman of the Week on Feb. 27 and March 6
- Has reached double figures in scoring in 30 of 36 games, and 10 in a row
- The only Wildcat on the team to start all 36 games
- Dunked a remarkable 98 shots this season to break Anthony Davis' Calipari era record (91)
- Leads UK with eight double-doubles, including two in a row and three in the last five
- Averaging a double-double during UK's 13-game winning streak (13.8 points, 10.5 boards)
- Leads the team in rebounding at 8.1 boards per game
- Willed UK to victory at Missouri with 22 points and a career-high 15 rebounds, the first 20-15 game by a Wildcat since Julius Randle had 23 points and 15 rebounds on Nov. 8, 2013
- Recorded a career-high 25 points at Ole Miss on a career-high eight dunks
- North Carolina 2016 Gatorade High School Player of the Year
- Earned his nickname, "Bam," when he flipped a coffee table as a toddler while his mother was watching "The Flintstones"

Season Averages

Minutes/game	29.8
Points/game	13.3
FG Pct	60.9
3FG Pct	
FT Pct	64.8
Rebounds/game:	8.1
Assists/game	0.7
Turnovers/game	1.7
Assist/turnover ratio	0.4
Steals/game	0.7
Blocks/game	1.5

Season Highs

Points	25, at Ole Miss (12/29/16)
FG Made	12, at Ole Miss (12/29/16)
FG Attempts	19, at Ole Miss (12/29/16)
3FG Made	
3FG Attempts	
FT Made	10, twice, last at Missouri (2/21/17)
FT Attempts	13, three times, last at Missouri (2/21/17)
Rebounds	18, vs. Northern Kentucky (3/17/17)
Assists	3, vs. KANSAS (1/28/17)
Steals	4, at Florida (2/4/17)
Blocks	4, vs. UCLA (12/03/16)
Minutes	39, vs. Alabama (3/11/17)

Career Highs

Points	25, at Ole Miss (12/29/16)
FG Made	12, at Ole Miss (12/29/16)
FG Attempts	19, at Ole Miss (12/29/16)
3FG Made	
3FG Attempts	
FT Made	10, twice, last at Missouri (2/21/17)
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Rebounds	18, vs. Northern Kentucky (3/17/17)
Assists	3, vs. KANSAS (1/28/17)
Steals	4, at Florida (2/4/17)
Blocks	4, vs. UCLA (12/03/16)
Minutes	39, vs. Alabama (3/11/17)

Game-by-Game

				Total		3-Pointers		Free throws		Rebounds										
Opponent	Date	gs	min	fg-fga	pct	3fg-fga	pct	ft-fta	pct	off	def	tot	avg	pf	a	t/o	blk	stl	pts	avg
STEPHEN F. AUSTIN	11/11/16	*	15	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	3-7	.429	1	0	1	1.0	4	1	1	0	1	5	5.0
CANISIUS	11/13/16	*	27	3-9	.333	0-0	.000	8-13	.615	6	5	11	6.0	2	2	0	3	0	14	9.5
vs #13/13 Michigan State	11/15/16	*	26	2-3	.667	0-0	.000	2-3	.667	1	4	5	5.7	4	0	5	2	0	6	8.3
DUQUESNE	11/20/16	*	24	5-8	.625	0-0	.000	2-3	.667	3	5	8	6.3	2	1	1	2	2	12	9.3
CLEVELAND STATE	11/23/16	*	26	5-8	.625	0-0	.000	4-4	1.000	2	5	7	6.4	4	2	1	0	0	14	10.2
UT-MARTIN	11/25/16	*	25	5-10	.500	0-0	.000	5-8	.625	8	4	12	7.3	0	0	1	1	0	15	11.0
vs Arizona State	11/28/16	*	23	5-7	.714	0-0	.000	2-3	.667	5	4	9	7.6	1	2	0	3	0	12	11.1
#11/9 UCLA	12/03/16	*	33	4-12	.333	0-0	.000	10-13	.769	7	6	13	8.3	3	0	0	4	0	18	12.0
VALPO	12/07/16	*	29	5-9	.556	0-0	.000	6-8	.750	3	4	7	8.1	2	0	3	1	1	16	12.4
vs Hofstra	12/11/16	*	25	7-10	.700	0-0	.000	0-1	.000	1	6	7	8.0	2	1	1	2	0	14	12.6
vs #7/6 North Carolina	12/17/16	*	19	6-11	.545	0-0	.000	1-3	.333	4	3	7	7.9	5	1	0	0	0	13	12.6
at #10/11 Louisville	12/21/16	*	35	5-6	.833	0-0	.000	1-6	.167	4	5	9	8.0	3	1	3	2	1	11	12.5
at Ole Miss	12/29/16	*	34	12-19	.632	0-0	.000	1-4	.250	1	3	4	7.7	1	1	1	3	0	25	13.5
TEXAS A&M	01/03/17	*	23	4-6	.667	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	1	2	3	7.4	0	1	2	3	3	10	13.2
ARKANSAS	01/07/17	*	33	3-5	.600	0-0	.000	5-10	.500	4	3	7	7.3	2	1	1	1	1	11	13.1
at Vanderbilt	01/10/17	*	30	3-4	.750	0-0	.000	8-10	.800	3	4	7	7.3	4	0	1	0	0	14	13.1
AUBURN	01/14/17	*	35	4-5	.800	0-0	.000	7-11	.636	2	6	8	7.4	2	0	3	3	0	15	13.2
at Mississippi State	01/17/17	*	20	2-2	1.000	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	1	3	4	7.2	4	1	3	2	0	5	12.8
#24/24 SOUTH CAROLINA	01/21/17	*	29	5-6	.833	0-0	.000	8-12	.667	2	1	3	6.9	4	1	1	0	2	18	13.1
at Tennessee	01/24/17	*	34	7-8	.875	0-0	.000	7-8	.875	1	4	5	6.9	3	0	1	2	0	21	13.5
#2/1 KANSAS	01/28/17	*	37	3-7	.429	0-0	.000	4-10	.400	4	4	8	6.9	4	3	4	1	2	10	13.3
GEORGIA	01/31/17	*	22	4-6	.667	0-0	.000	4-6	.667	2	3	5	6.8	4	0	1	1	1	12	13.2
at #24/23 Florida	02/04/17	*	33	4-10	.400	0-0	.000	1-5	.200	1	6	7	6.8	3	1	2	1	4	9	13.0
LSU	02/07/17	*	24	2-3	.667	0-0	.000	4-6	.667	3	6	9	6.9	4	0	1	1	0	8	12.8
at Alabama	02/11/17	*	28	5-9	.556	0-0	.000	4-4	1.000	3	4	7	6.9	5	0	2	2	0	14	12.9
TENNESSEE	02/14/17	*	33	3-5	.600	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	5	7	12	7.1	2	0	3	1	0	7	12.7
at Georgia	02/18/17	*	36	5-8	.625	0-0	.000	3-4	.750	2	6	8	7.1	2	1	3	2	1	13	12.7
at Mizzou	02/21/17	*	35	6-9	.667	0-0	.000	10-13	.769	4	11	15	7.4	1	0	3	3	0	22	13.0
#13/12 FLORIDA	02/25/17	*	35	7-11	.636	0-0	.000	4-5	.800	6	9	15	7.7	2	0	0	1	0	18	13.2
VANDERBILT	02/28/17	*	37	4-6	.667	0-0	.000	8-10	.800	1	5	6	7.6	4	0	2	1	2	16	13.3
at Texas A&M	03/04/17	*	36	6-7	.857	0-0	.000	1-3	.333	4	4	8	7.6	2	1	1	2	0	13	13.3
vs Georgia	03/10/17	*	35	4-9	.444	0-0	.000	5-7	.714	4	6	10	7.7	3	1	2	1	0	13	13.3
vs Alabama	03/11/17	*	39	3-4	.750	0-0	.000	4-6	.667	2	7	9	7.8	4	0	1	1	3	10	13.2
vs Arkansas	03/12/17	*	31	5-8	.625	0-0	.000	7-8	.875	4	5	9	7.8	2	0	3	1	0	17	13.3
vs Northern Kentucky	03/17/17	*	37	5-9	.556	0-0	.000	5-6	.833	6	12	18	8.1	2	1	3	1	0	15	13.3
vs #19/19 Wichita State	03/19/17	*	31	6-11	.545	0-0	.000	1-4	.250	4	6	10	8.1	1	1	0	1	1	13	13.3
Totals		36	1074	165-271	.609	0-0	.000	149-230	.648	115	178	293	8.1	97	25	60	55	25	479	13.3

Superlatives

Season Stats		Career Stats	
10+ points	30	10+ points	30
20+ points	3	20+ points	3
3+ blocks	7	3+ blocks	7
3+ steals	3	3+ steals	3
10+ rebounds	9	10+ rebounds	9
Double-doubles	8	Double-doubles	8
Dunks	98	Dunks	98

Career Stats

Year	GP-GS	Min-Avg	FG-FGA	Pct	3FG-FGA	Pct	FT-FTA	Pct	Off-Def-Tot-Avg	PF-FO	Ast	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
2016-17	36-36	1074-29.8	165-271	.609	0-0	.000	149-230	.648	115-178-293-8.1	97-2	25	60	55	25	479	13.3
TOTAL	**36-36**	**1074-29.8**	**165-271**	**.609**	**0-0**	**.000**	**149-230**	**.648**	**115-178-293-8.1**	**97-2**	**25**	**60**	**55**	**25**	**479**	**13.3**

Hamidou DIALLO

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Freshman • Guard • 6-5 • Queens, N.Y.
Putnam Science Academy • Undergraduate Studies

BIO BLAST

- Midyear enrollee who joined the team in January after graduating from Putnam Science Academy in Connecticut in May
- Top-10 prospect in the class of 2017 by many national pundits
- Ranked by 247 Sports as No. 9 overall player, while ESPN lists him at No. 11
- No. 1 shooting guard by both 247 Sports and Scout
- During his final season at Putnam the Mustangs went 38-3 overall and made an appearance in the state semifinals
- Two-time all-state honoree and averaged 19.0 points, 6.0 rebounds and 3.0 assists in his senior season
- Averaged 17.0 points and 4.0 rebounds as a junior
- Named MVP of the Hoophall Classic and the Dematha Classic
- Key member of the USA Men's U18 National Team that won gold at the 2016 FIBA Americas U18 Championship in Chile in July
- Averaged 7.6 points and 4.6 rebounds per game for Team USA
- Honor-roll student

GAME-BY-GAME

Has not yet played

SEASON AVERAGES

Games played	
Minutes/game	
Points/game	
FG Pct	
FT Pct	
Rebounds/game	
Assists/game	
Turnovers/game	
Assist/turnover ratio	
Steals/game	
Blocks/game	

SEASON HIGHS

Points	
FG Made	
FG Attempts	
3FG Made	
3FG Attempts	
FT Made	
FT Attempts	
Rebounds	
Assists	
Steals	
Blocks	
Minutes	

CAREER HIGHS

Points	
FG Made	
FG Attempts	
3FG Made	
3FG Attempts	
FT Made	
FT Attempts	
Rebounds	
Assists	
Steals	
Blocks	
Minutes	

SUPERLATIVES

Season Stats		Career Stats	
10+ points	-	10+ points	-
20+ points	-	20+ points	-
3+ blocks	-	3+ blocks	-
3+ steals	-	3+ steals	-
10+ rebounds	-	10+ rebounds	-
Double-doubles	-	Double-doubles	-
Dunks	-	Dunks	-

CAREER STATS

MALIK MONK

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Freshman • Guard • 6-3 • Lepanto, Ark.
Bentonville • Undergraduate Studies

BIO BLAST

- Sporting News All-America (Second Team), USBWA All-America (Second Team), Sporting News Freshman All-America Team, USBWA District IV Player of the Year and USBWA All-District IV Team
- SEC Player of the Year (AP), SEC Newcomer of the Year (AP), SEC Freshman of the Year (Coaches), All-SEC First Team (AP/Coaches) and All-SEC Freshman Team (Coaches)
- Jerry West Award finalist for the nation's top shooting guard, as awarded by the Naismith Hall of Fame
- Just passed Jamal Murray for the UK freshman season scoring record as he has 721 points this year
- Battling South Carolina's Sindarius Thornwell for the SEC scoring title. Thornwell averages 21.4 points per game, compared with Monk's 20.0 average. No Calipari-coached played has ever averaged more than 21.2 points for an entire year (Dajuan Wagner at Memphis in 2001-02)
- Scored in double figures in 34 of 36 games this year and reached 20 or more in 18 of them
  - First freshman in UK history to score 30 or more points in four games
- At home vs. Florida he scored 33 points, including 30 of UK's 48 in the second half
  - His 30 second-half points were the most by a UK player in one half under Calipari
- Set the UK freshman single-game scoring record with 47 points vs. UNC on 18-of-22 shooting, including eight 3-pointers and the all-important go-ahead trey with seconds remaining. It's the most points any Calipari-coached player in college has ever scored
- Two games later scored 34, with five 3s, in the SEC opener at Ole Miss. It was the school record for most points by a freshman in a road game
- SEC Player of the Week and USBWA National Player of the Week (Dec. 19)
- SEC Freshman of the Week (Nov. 21, Jan. 2 and Jan. 16)

SEASON AVERAGES

Games played	36
Minutes/game	32.1
Points/game	20.0
FG Pct	45.0
3FG Pct	39.3
FT Pct	83.0
Rebounds/game	2.5
Assists/game	2.4
Turnovers/game	2.1
Assist/turnover ratio	1.2
Steals/game	1.0
Blocks/game	0.4

SEASON HIGHS

Points	47, vs. North Carolina (12/17/16)
FG Made	18, vs. North Carolina (12/17/16)
FG Attempts	28, vs. North Carolina (12/17/16)
3FG Made	8, vs. North Carolina (12/17/16)
3FG Attempts	13, at Tennessee (1/24/17)
FT Made	10, twice, last vs. FLORIDA (2/25/17)
FT Attempts	12, vs. GEORGIA (1/31/17)
Rebounds	8, vs. TENNESSEE (2/14/17)
Assists	7, vs. UT MARTIN (11/25/16)
Steals	5, vs. UCLA (12/03/16)
Blocks	3, vs. GEORGIA (1/31/17)
Minutes	44, vs. GEORGIA (1/31/17)

CAREER HIGHS

Points	47, vs. North Carolina (12/17/16)
FG Made	18, vs. North Carolina (12/17/16)
FG Attempts	28, vs. North Carolina (12/17/16)
3FG Made	8, vs. North Carolina (12/17/16)
3FG Attempts	13, at Tennessee (1/24/17)
FT Made	10, twice, last vs. FLORIDA (2/25/17)
FT Attempts	12, vs. GEORGIA (1/31/17)
Rebounds	8, vs. TENNESSEE (2/14/17)
Assists	7, vs. UT MARTIN (11/25/16)
Steals	5, vs. UCLA (12/03/16)
Blocks	3, vs. GEORGIA (1/31/17)
Minutes	44, vs. GEORGIA (1/31/17)

GAME-BY-GAME

				Total		3-Pointers		Free throws		Rebounds										
Opponent	Date	gs	min	fg-fga	pct	3fg-fga	pct	ft-fta	pct	off	def	tot	avg	pf	a	t/o	blk	stl	pts	avg
STEPHEN F. AUSTIN	11/11/16	*	20	4-14	.286	1-6	.167	1-1	1.000	0	0	0	0.0	3	1	1	1	1	10	10.0
CANISIUS	11/13/16	*	32	5-11	.455	2-6	.333	4-4	1.000	1	3	4	2.0	2	2	3	1	1	16	13.0
vs #13/13 Michigan State	11/15/16	*	34	8-17	.471	7-11	.636	0-0	.000	0	6	6	3.3	1	1	2	0	0	23	16.3
DUQUESNE	11/20/16	*	18	6-12	.500	2-8	.250	0-0	.000	0	2	2	3.0	2	0	1	1	0	14	15.8
CLEVELAND STATE	11/23/16	*	30	8-12	.667	4-6	.667	3-5	.600	0	3	3	3.0	1	4	3	0	2	23	17.2
UT-MARTIN	11/25/16	*	29	10-17	.588	2-8	.250	4-4	1.000	0	2	2	2.8	2	7	2	0	1	26	18.7
vs Arizona State	11/28/16	*	30	8-20	.400	3-10	.300	4-5	.800	0	3	3	2.9	0	4	2	0	1	23	19.3
#11/9 UCLA	12/03/16	*	36	10-19	.526	4-8	.500	0-0	.000	2	1	3	2.9	3	0	2	0	5	24	19.9
VALPO	12/07/16	*	22	6-13	.462	1-5	.200	2-2	1.000	1	1	2	2.8	2	1	2	0	0	15	19.3
vs Hofstra	12/11/16	*	29	7-16	.438	4-10	.400	2-2	1.000	1	0	1	2.6	4	4	0	1	0	20	19.4
vs #7/6 North Carolina	12/17/16	*	38	18-28	.643	8-12	.667	3-5	.600	0	0	0	2.4	0	2	2	0	1	47	21.9
at #10/11 Louisville	12/21/16	*	29	6-17	.353	1-9	.111	3-3	1.000	0	3	3	2.4	4	1	3	0	1	16	21.4
at Ole Miss	12/29/16	*	35	11-16	.688	5-7	.714	7-8	.875	2	4	6	2.7	2	1	1	0	3	34	22.4
TEXAS A&M	01/03/17	*	24	8-11	.727	5-7	.714	5-5	1.000	0	1	1	2.6	1	0	1	0	1	26	22.6
ARKANSAS	01/07/17	*	27	4-10	.400	0-5	.000	4-6	.667	1	0	1	2.5	4	3	1	0	1	12	21.9
at Vanderbilt	01/10/17	*	29	6-15	.400	1-4	.250	5-6	.833	0	1	1	2.4	3	1	0	0	1	18	21.7
AUBURN	01/14/17	*	36	8-14	.571	4-8	.500	4-4	1.000	0	1	1	2.3	0	6	1	1	0	24	21.8
at Mississippi State	01/17/17	*	34	5-14	.357	0-3	.000	4-6	.667	0	3	3	2.3	1	4	5	0	1	14	21.4
#24/24 SOUTH CAROLINA	01/21/17	*	36	9-14	.643	4-7	.571	5-6	.833	0	3	3	2.4	0	1	4	1	2	27	21.7
at Tennessee	01/24/17	*	37	7-19	.368	3-13	.231	8-10	.800	0	3	3	2.4	2	4	5	0	1	25	21.9
#2/1 KANSAS	01/28/17	*	39	6-13	.462	2-6	.333	4-5	.800	1	3	4	2.5	2	2	2	0	0	18	21.7
GEORGIA	01/31/17	*	44	10-21	.476	7-11	.636	10-12	.833	0	3	3	2.5	1	1	5	3	3	37	22.4
at #24/23 Florida	02/04/17	*	34	4-14	.286	3-7	.429	0-0	.000	0	0	0	2.4	4	2	1	1	0	11	21.9
LSU	02/07/17	*	36	8-15	.533	4-8	.500	3-4	.750	0	0	0	2.3	0	2	2	0	2	23	21.9
at Alabama	02/11/17	*	33	6-15	.400	2-6	.333	3-4	.750	0	1	1	2.2	3	1	0	1	2	17	21.7
TENNESSEE	02/14/17	*	33	7-18	.389	4-7	.571	2-2	1.000	0	8	8	2.5	1	2	2	1	0	20	21.7
at Georgia	02/18/17	*	36	3-11	.273	1-5	.200	9-11	.818	0	2	2	2.4	1	5	1	0	3	16	21.4
at Mizzou	02/21/17	*	38	4-12	.333	1-5	.200	2-2	1.000	0	3	3	2.5	3	3	3	0	0	11	21.1
#13/12 FLORIDA	02/25/17	*	33	9-18	.500	5-7	.714	10-11	.909	1	3	4	2.5	2	5	6	0	0	33	21.5
VANDERBILT	02/28/17		35	8-21	.381	2-6	.333	9-10	.900	1	1	2	2.5	1	1	3	0	0	27	21.7
at Texas A&M	03/04/17	*	35	2-10	.200	0-4	.000	2-2	1.000	0	5	5	2.6	1	3	1	0	1	6	21.2
vs Georgia	03/10/17	*	26	1-7	.143	0-1	.000	0-2	.000	0	2	2	2.6	3	1	2	0	1	2	20.6
vs Alabama	03/11/17	*	35	6-14	.429	2-5	.400	6-10	.600	0	4	4	2.6	2	2	3	0	0	20	20.5
vs Arkansas	03/12/17	*	31	5-12	.417	1-5	.200	6-6	1.000	0	0	0	2.5	2	3	1	1	0	17	20.4
vs Northern Kentucky	03/17/17	*	34	3-11	.273	0-6	.000	6-7	.857	0	2	2	2.5	1	2	0	1	0	12	20.2
vs #19/19 Wichita State	03/19/17	*	29	3-10	.300	2-5	.400	6-6	1.000	0	2	2	2.5	1	4	1	2	0	14	20.0
Totals		35	1156	239-531	.450	97-247	.393	146-176	.830	11	79	90	2.5	65	86	74	16	35	721	20.0

SUPERLATIVES

Season Stats		Career Stats	
10+ points	34	10+ points	34
20+ points	18	20+ points	18
3+ assists	14	3+ assists	14
3+ steals	4	3+ steals	4
10+ rebounds	-	10+ rebounds	-
Double-doubles	-	Double-doubles	-
Dunks	25	Dunks	25

CAREER STATS

Year	GP-GS	Min-Avg	FG-FGA	Pct	3FG-FGA	Pct	FT-FTA	Pct	Off-Def-Tot-Avg	PF-FO	Ast	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
2016-17	36-35	1156-32.1	239-531	.450	97-247	.393	146-176	.830	11-79-90-2.5	65-0	86	74	16	35	721	20.0
TOTAL	**36-35**	**1156-32.1**	**239-531**	**.450**	**97-247**	**.393**	**146-176**	**.830**	**11-79-90-2.5**	**65-0**	**86**	**74**	**16**	**35**	**721**	**20.0**

JONNY DAVID

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Sophomore • Guard • 6-2 • Pittsburgh
Mt. Lebanon • Kinesiology

BIO BLAST

- Scored a career-high five points, making two free throws and a 3-pointer -- his first career field goal -- in two minutes against Texas A&M
- Made his 2016 debut in the final two minutes of the Canisius game
- Appeared in 11 games during his freshman campaign
- SEC Academic Honor Roll member as a freshman
- 1,000-point scorer in high school
- His father was a letterwinner at the University of Pittsburgh while head coach John Calipari was an assistant coach

SEASON AVERAGES

Games played	7
Minutes/game	1.6
Points/game	0.7
FG Pct.	50.0
3FG Pct.	100.0
FT Pct.	50.0
Rebounds/game	
Assists/game	
Turnovers/game	0.4
Assist/turnover ratio	
Steals/game	
Blocks/game	

SEASON HIGHS

Points	5, vs. TEXAS A&M (1/3/17)
FG Made	1, vs. TEXAS A&M (1/3/17)
FG Attempts	1, twice, last vs. TEXAS A&M (1/3/17)
3FG Made	1, vs. TEXAS A&M (1/3/17)
3FG Attempts	1, vs. TEXAS A&M (1/3/17)
FT Made	2, vs. TEXAS A&M (1/3/17)
FT Attempts	2, twice, last vs. TEXAS A&M (1/3/17)
Rebounds	
Assists	
Steals	
Blocks	
Minutes	3, vs. CLEVELAND ST. (11/23/16)

CAREER HIGHS

Points	5, vs. TEXAS A&M (1/3/17)
FG Made	1, vs. TEXAS A&M (1/3/17)
FG Attempts	1, four times, last vs. TEXAS A&M (1/3/17)
3FG Made	1, vs. TEXAS A&M (1/3/17)
3FG Attempts	1, three times, last vs. TEXAS A&M (1/3/17)
FT Made	2, twice, last vs. TEXAS A&M (1/3/17)
FT Attempts	2, three times, last vs. TEXAS A&M (1/3/17)
Rebounds	
Assists	
Steals	
Blocks	
Minutes	3, vs. CLEVELAND ST. (11/23/16)

GAME-BY-GAME

				Total		3-Pointers		Free throws		Rebounds										
Opponent	Date	gs	min	fg-fga	pct	3fg-fga	pct	ft-fta	pct	off	def	tot	avg	pf	a	t/o	blk	stl	pts	avg
STEPHEN F. AUSTIN	11/11/16		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CANISIUS	11/13/16		2	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-2	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
vs #13/13 Michigan State	11/15/16		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DUQUESNE	11/20/16		2	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0.0
CLEVELAND STATE	11/23/16		3	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
UT-MARTIN	11/25/16		1	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.0
vs Arizona State	11/28/16		1	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
#11/9 UCLA	12/03/16		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
VALPO	12/07/16		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
vs Hofstra	12/11/16		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
vs #7/6 North Carolina	12/17/16		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
at #10/11 Louisville	12/21/16		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
at Ole Miss	12/29/16		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TEXAS A&M	01/03/17		2	1-1	1.000	1-1	1.000	2-2	1.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0.8
ARKANSAS	01/07/17		0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.7
at Vanderbilt	01/10/17		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
AUBURN	01/14/17		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
at Mississippi State	01/17/17		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
#24/24 SOUTH CAROLINA	01/21/17		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
at Tennessee	01/24/17		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
#2/1 KANSAS	01/28/17		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GEORGIA	01/31/17		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
at #24/23 Florida	02/04/17		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
LSU	02/07/17		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
at Alabama	02/11/17		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TENNESSEE	02/14/17		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
at Georgia	02/18/17		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
at Mizzou	02/21/17		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
#13/12 FLORIDA	02/25/17		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
VANDERBILT	02/28/17		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
at Texas A&M	03/04/17		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
vs Georgia	03/10/17		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
vs Alabama	03/11/17		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
vs Arkansas	03/12/17		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
vs Northern Kentucky	03/17/17		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
vs #19/19 Wichita State	03/19/17		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals		0	11	1-2	.500	1-1	1.000	2-4	.500	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	3	0	0	5	0.7

SUPERLATIVES

Season Stats		Career Stats	
10+ points	-	10+ points	-
20+ points	-	20+ points	-
3+ assists	-	3+ assists	-
3+ steals	-	3+ steals	-
10+ rebounds	-	10+ rebounds	-
Double-doubles	-	Double-doubles	-
Dunks	-	Dunks	-

CAREER STATS

Year	GP-GS	Min-Avg	FG-FGA	Pct	3FG-FGA	Pct	FT-FTA	Pct	Off-Def-Tot-Avg	PF-FO	Ast	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
2015-16	11-0	11-1.0	0-2	.00	0-2	.000	2-2	1.000	0-0-0-0.0	1-0	0	1	0	0	2	0.2
2016-17	7-0	11-1.6	1-2	.500	1-1	1.000	2-4	.500	0-0-0-0.0	0-0	0	3	0	0	5	0.7
TOTAL	**18-0**	**22-1.2**	**1-4**	**.250**	**1-3**	**.333**	**4-6**	**.667**	**0-0-0-0.0**	**1-0**	**0**	**4**	**0**	**0**	**7**	**0.4**

MYCHAL MULDER

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Senior • Guard • 6-4 • Windsor, Ontario
Vincennes University • Communication

BIO BLAST

- Has played double-digit minutes in 10 of his last 17 appearances, making at least one 3-pointer in 10 of those games
- Along with fellow seniors Dominique Hawkins and Derek Willis, made key plays early in double-digit comebacks vs. Vanderbilt and at Texas A&M
- Returned to the lineup at Florida after missing the previous four games due to illness
- Knocked down at least one 3-pointer in 21 of the 30 games he's played, including eight of his last 11 games
- Scored in double figures in three straight games for the first time in his career (Nov. 20-25)
- Has scored 151 points in 30 games this season after scoring 12 in 24 appearances last year
- Following his performace at Georgia, Coach Cal said of Mulder: "Mychal's playing as well as he's ever played in a Kentucky uniform right now"
- Junior College All-American who averaged 15.7 points and 6.4 rebounds while connecting on 46.3 percent of his field goals from 3-point range at Vincennes
- Well-rounded athlete who also competed in football and track and field in high school
- One of four players on the 2016-17 roster who were born outside of the United States
- Has a 44-inch vertical, the second-best mark on the team (behind Dominique Hawkins)

SEASON AVERAGES

Games played	30
Minutes/game	10.9
Points/game	5.0
FG Pct	41.9
3FG Pct	37.6
FT Pct	92.3
Rebounds/game	1.6
Assists/game	0.4
Turnovers/game	0.4
Assist/turnover ratio	1.1
Steals/game	0.3
Blocks/game	0.2

SEASON HIGHS

Points	13, twice, last vs. CLEVELAND ST. (11/23/16)
FG Made	5, twice, last vs. CLEVELAND ST. (11/23/16)
FG Attempts	11, vs. DUQUESNE (11/20/16)
3FG Made	4, vs. UT MARTIN (11/25/16)
3FG Attempts	8, vs. DUQUESNE (11/20/16)
FT Made	5, vs. AUBURN (1/14/16)
FT Attempts	5, vs. AUBURN (1/14/16)
Rebounds	7, vs. VALPO (12/07/16)
Assists	2, three times, last vs. Wichita State (3/19/17)
Steals	2, vs. UT MARTIN (11/25/16)
Blocks	1, six times, last vs. Wichita State (3/19/17)
Minutes	22, vs. CLEVELAND ST. (11/23/16)

CAREER HIGHS

Points	13, twice, last vs. CLEVELAND ST. (11/23/16)
FG Made	5, twice, last vs. CLEVELAND ST. (11/23/16)
FG Attempts	11, vs. DUQUESNE (11/20/16)
3FG Made	4, vs. UT MARTIN (11/25/16)
3FG Attempts	8, vs. DUQUESNE (11/20/16)
FT Made	5, vs. AUBURN (1/14/16)
FT Attempts	5, vs. AUBURN (1/14/16)
Rebounds	8, at LSU (1/5/16)
Assists	2, four times, last vs. Wichita State (3/19/17)
Steals	2, vs. UT MARTIN (11/25/16)
Blocks	1, six times, last vs. Wichita State (3/19/17)
Minutes	22, vs. CLEVELAND ST. (11/23/16)

GAME-BY-GAME

				Total		3-Pointers		Free throws		Rebounds										
Opponent	Date	gs	min	fg-fga	pct	3fg-fga	pct	ft-fta	pct	off	def	tot	avg	pf	a	t/o	blk	stl	pts	avg
STEPHEN F. AUSTIN	11/11/16		6	3-4	.750	2-3	.667	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	1	0	0	0	0	8	8.0
CANISIUS	11/13/16		4	1-2	.500	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	1	0	0	0	1	3	5.5
vs #13/13 Michigan State	11/15/16		2	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3.7
DUQUESNE	11/20/16		20	5-11	.455	3-8	.375	0-0	.000	3	1	4	1.0	1	1	1	1	0	13	6.0
CLEVELAND STATE	11/23/16		22	5-10	.500	3-7	.429	0-0	.000	2	0	2	1.2	1	0	2	1	0	13	7.4
UT-MARTIN	11/25/16		15	4-5	.800	4-5	.800	0-0	.000	0	2	2	1.3	3	1	0	0	2	12	8.2
vs Arizona State	11/28/16		11	2-8	.250	2-6	.333	0-0	.000	1	2	3	1.6	0	0	0	0	0	6	7.9
#11/9 UCLA	12/03/16		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
VALPO	12/07/16		16	4-10	.400	1-5	.200	0-0	.000	4	3	7	2.3	1	2	0	1	0	9	8.0
vs Hofstra	12/11/16		15	2-6	.333	0-2	.000	2-2	1.000	1	4	5	2.6	1	0	0	0	0	6	7.8
vs #7/6 North Carolina	12/17/16		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
at #10/11 Louisville	12/21/16		9	2-4	.500	2-3	.667	0-0	.000	0	0	0	2.3	0	0	0	0	0	6	7.6
at Ole Miss	12/29/16		13	1-3	.333	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	0	0	0	2.1	1	0	0	0	1	3	7.2
TEXAS A&M	01/03/17		8	1-3	.333	1-3	.333	2-2	1.000	1	1	2	2.1	1	0	1	0	0	5	7.0
ARKANSAS	01/07/17		9	2-3	.667	2-3	.667	0-0	.000	0	1	1	2.0	2	0	0	0	0	6	6.9
at Vanderbilt	01/10/17		16	1-3	.333	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	2.0	2	0	1	0	0	2	6.6
AUBURN	01/14/17		15	3-5	.600	1-3	.333	5-5	1.000	0	1	1	1.9	1	2	1	0	0	12	6.9
at Mississippi State	01/17/17		5	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	1.9	0	1	0	0	0	0	6.5
#24/24 SOUTH CAROLINA	01/21/17		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
at Tennessee	01/24/17		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
#2/1 KANSAS	01/28/17		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GEORGIA	01/31/17		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
at #24/23 Florida	02/04/17		16	3-6	.500	2-5	.400	0-0	.000	1	0	1	1.8	0	0	0	0	1	8	6.6
LSU	02/07/17		5	0-2	.000	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	1.7	0	0	1	0	1	0	6.2
at Alabama	02/11/17		11	1-3	.333	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	1	1	2	1.7	2	0	2	0	0	2	6.0
TENNESSEE	02/14/17		8	1-3	.333	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0	4	4	1.9	2	0	0	0	0	3	5.9
at Georgia	02/18/17		14	3-6	.500	3-6	.500	0-0	.000	1	1	2	1.9	0	0	0	0	0	9	6.0
at Mizzou	02/21/17		9	1-1	1.000	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	1.9	1	0	0	0	1	3	5.9
#13/12 FLORIDA	02/25/17	*	21	1-6	.167	0-3	.000	2-2	1.000	0	0	0	1.8	1	1	2	1	0	4	5.8
VANDERBILT	02/28/17	*	7	2-3	.667	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0	0	0	1.7	1	0	0	0	1	5	5.8
at Texas A&M	03/04/17		10	1-5	.200	1-5	.200	0-0	.000	0	0	0	1.6	2	1	0	0	0	3	5.6
vs Georgia	03/10/17		10	1-2	.500	1-2	.500	1-2	.500	0	1	1	1.6	0	0	0	0	0	4	5.6
vs Alabama	03/11/17		6	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	1.6	1	0	0	0	0	0	5.4
vs Arkansas	03/12/17		10	1-4	.250	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	0	3	3	1.6	1	0	0	0	0	3	5.3
vs Northern Kentucky	03/17/17		4	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	1.6	0	1	0	0	0	0	5.1
vs #19/19 Wichita State	03/19/17		10	1-2	.500	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	1	0	1	1.6	0	2	0	1	0	3	5.0
Totals		2	327	52-124	.419	35-93	.376	12-13	.923	16	31	47	1.6	27	12	11	6	8	151	5.0

SUPERLATIVES

Season Stats		Career Stats	
10+ points	4	10+ points	4
20+ points	-	20+ points	-
3+ assists	-	3+ assists	-
3+ steals	-	3+ steals	-
10+ rebounds	-	10+ rebounds	-
Double-doubles	-	Double-doubles	-
Dunks	6	Dunks	6

CAREER STATS

Year	GP-GS	Min-Avg	FG-FGA	Pct	3FG-FGA	Pct	FT-FTA	Pct	Off-Def-Tot-Avg	PF-FO	Ast	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
2015-16	24-0	90-3.8	4-20	.200	2-12	.167	2-2	1.000	9-18-27-1.1	6-0	8	2	0	1	12	0.5
2016-17	30-2	327-10.9	52-124	.419	35-93	.376	12-13	.923	16-31-47-1.6	27-0	12	11	6	8	151	5.0
TOTAL	**54-2**	**417-7.7**	**56-144**	**.389**	**37-105**	**.352**	**14-15**	**.933**	**25-49-74-1.4**	**33-0**	**20**	**13**	**6**	**9**	**163**	**3.0**

Isaiah BRISCOE

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Sophomore • Guard • 6-3 • Newark, N.J.
Roselle Catholic • Undergraduate Studies

BIO BLAST

- SEC Player of the Week (Jan. 2)
- A member of the Sports Illustrated All-Glue Team
- Notched a double-double in four SEC contests
- Was two rebounds shy of an NCAA Tournament-opening double-double vs. NKU, putting up 17 points, eight rebounds and a career-high two blocks
- Leads UK's guards with 5.4 rebounds a game, second overall on the team
- Scored in double figures in 23 of 34 games he's played
- Shooting 64.6 percent from the line this year, compared with 46 percent as a freshman
- Recorded a career-high 23 points at Vanderbilt and again against Georgia
- Posted his first-career triple-double and just the third in school history at Ole Miss. Finished with 19 points, a career-high 11 assists and 10 rebounds
- Followed up his triple-double with a career 3-point-shooting night (3 of 3) in addition to a team-high seven assists against Texas A&M
- Solid all-around game vs. UNC with 10 points, seven rebounds and four assists. Calipari said of his game: "We don't win that game without him on the floor"

SEASON AVERAGES

Games played	34
Minutes/game	30.2
Points/game	12.5
FG Pct	47.4
3FG Pct	28.1
FT Pct	64.6
Rebounds/game	5.4
Assists/game	4.1
Turnovers/game	2.5
Assist/turnover ratio	1.6
Steals/game	0.8
Blocks/game	0.2

SEASON HIGHS

Points	23, twice, last vs. GEORGIA (1/31/17)
FG Made	10, at Vanderbilt (1/10/17)
FG Attempts	18, twice, last at Vanderbilt (1/10/17)
3FG Made	3, vs. TEXAS A&M (1/3/17)
3FG Attempts	5, vs. UCLA (12/03/16)
FT Made	11, vs. GEORGIA (1/31/17)
FT Attempts	15, vs. GEORGIA (1/31/17)
Rebounds	14, at Tennessee (1/24/17)
Assists	11, at Ole Miss (12/29/16)
Steals	4, vs. DUQUESNE (11/20/16)
Blocks	2, vs. NKU (3/17/17)
Minutes	45, vs. GEORGIA (1/31/17)

CAREER HIGHS

Points	23, twice, last vs. GEORGIA (1/31/17)
FG Made	10, at Vanderbilt (1/10/17)
FG Attempts	18, twice, last at Vanderbilt (1/10/17)
3FG Made	3, vs. TEXAS A&M (1/3/17)
3FG Attempts	5, vs. UCLA (12/03/16)
FT Made	11, vs. GEORGIA (1/31/17)
FT Attempts	15, vs. GEORGIA (1/31/17)
Rebounds	14, at Tennessee (1/24/17)
Assists	11, at Ole Miss (12/29/16)
Steals	4, twice, last vs. DUQUESNE (11/20/16)
Blocks	2, vs. NKU (3/17/17)
Minutes	45, vs. GEORGIA (1/31/17)

GAME-BY-GAME

				Total		3-Pointers		Free throws		Rebounds										
Opponent	Date	gs	min	fg-fga	pct	3fg-fga	pct	ft-fta	pct	off	def	tot	avg	pf	a	t/o	blk	stl	pts	avg
STEPHEN F. AUSTIN	11/11/16	*	31	6-11	.545	1-3	.333	4-7	.571	0	1	1	1.0	2	1	4	0	1	17	17.0
CANISIUS	11/13/16	*	32	9-13	.692	0-0	.000	3-4	.750	0	5	5	3.0	3	2	1	1	0	21	19.0
vs #13/13 Michigan State	11/15/16	*	35	8-18	.444	0-3	.000	5-5	1.000	2	2	4	3.3	1	2	1	0	1	21	19.7
DUQUESNE	11/20/16	*	17	4-10	.400	0-1	.000	5-6	.833	0	3	3	3.3	0	5	3	1	4	13	18.0
CLEVELAND STATE	11/23/16		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
UT-MARTIN	11/25/16		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
vs Arizona State	11/28/16	*	25	7-9	.778	2-2	1.000	4-6	.667	1	3	4	3.4	3	7	1	0	3	20	18.4
#11/9 UCLA	12/03/16	*	34	4-14	.286	0-5	.000	4-7	.571	1	3	4	3.5	4	3	3	0	0	12	17.3
VALPO	12/07/16	*	24	4-7	.571	0-1	.000	2-3	.667	0	1	1	3.1	2	2	3	0	2	10	16.3
vs Hofstra	12/11/16	*	32	8-11	.727	1-2	.500	2-5	.400	1	1	2	3.0	3	6	3	0	0	19	16.6
vs #7/6 North Carolina	12/17/16	*	38	4-6	.667	1-1	1.000	1-2	.500	3	4	7	3.4	4	4	1	1	0	10	15.9
at #10/11 Louisville	12/21/16	*	31	1-5	.200	0-0	.000	6-6	1.000	0	5	5	3.6	4	3	1	0	1	8	15.1
at Ole Miss	12/29/16	*	36	6-14	.429	1-1	1.000	6-6	1.000	3	7	10	4.2	2	11	2	0	1	19	15.5
TEXAS A&M	01/03/17	*	28	5-9	.556	3-3	1.000	0-0	.000	1	0	1	3.9	3	7	0	0	1	13	15.3
ARKANSAS	01/07/17	*	36	4-11	.364	0-1	.000	7-9	.778	3	5	8	4.2	2	1	2	0	0	15	15.2
at Vanderbilt	01/10/17	*	39	10-18	.556	0-1	.000	3-4	.750	2	5	7	4.4	0	5	1	0	0	23	15.8
AUBURN	01/14/17	*	25	4-6	.667	2-2	1.000	0-4	.000	1	2	3	4.3	4	5	4	0	1	10	15.4
at Mississippi State	01/17/17	*	31	4-14	.286	0-3	.000	4-4	1.000	2	2	4	4.3	4	3	2	0	2	12	15.2
#24/24 SOUTH CAROLINA	01/21/17	*	29	0-2	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	1	2	3	4.2	4	4	7	0	0	0	14.3
at Tennessee	01/24/17	*	34	5-12	.417	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	3	11	14	4.8	2	5	2	0	1	11	14.1
#2/1 KANSAS	01/28/17	*	26	4-9	.444	1-2	.500	3-4	.750	3	5	8	4.9	3	6	3	0	0	12	14.0
GEORGIA	01/31/17	*	45	6-15	.400	0-2	.000	11-15	.733	4	7	11	5.3	3	8	6	0	0	23	14.5
at #24/23 Florida	02/04/17	*	30	3-10	.300	0-1	.000	0-2	.000	1	2	3	5.1	2	3	4	0	0	6	14.0
LSU	02/07/17	*	33	4-9	.444	1-3	.333	5-6	.833	1	5	6	5.2	1	3	3	0	1	14	14.0
at Alabama	02/11/17	*	35	5-11	.455	0-1	.000	1-7	.143	1	10	11	5.4	1	4	4	0	1	11	13.9
TENNESSEE	02/14/17	*	22	6-10	.600	0-2	.000	0-1	.000	1	3	4	5.4	3	6	1	1	2	12	13.8
at Georgia	02/18/17	*	24	4-12	.333	0-3	.000	1-1	1.000	3	3	6	5.4	5	2	4	0	0	9	13.6
at Mizzou	02/21/17	*	23	4-6	.667	0-2	.000	1-3	.333	3	2	5	5.4	5	3	6	1	0	9	13.5
#13/12 FLORIDA	02/25/17	*	26	3-6	.500	0-0	.000	3-5	.600	1	7	8	5.5	4	2	2	0	0	9	13.3
VANDERBILT	02/28/17	*	31	3-6	.500	0-1	.000	1-2	.500	3	4	7	5.5	2	6	0	0	0	7	13.1
at Texas A&M	03/04/17	*	32	3-8	.375	0-2	.000	1-4	.250	1	5	6	5.6	2	8	1	0	0	7	12.9
vs Georgia	03/10/17	*	34	8-15	.533	1-2	.500	3-6	.500	2	4	6	5.6	3	2	2	0	2	20	13.1
vs Alabama	03/11/17	*	18	1-3	.333	0-1	.000	4-5	.800	1	0	1	5.4	4	3	1	0	1	6	12.9
vs Arkansas	03/12/17	*	32	2-9	.222	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	4	4	5.4	1	3	4	0	0	4	12.6
vs Northern Kentucky	03/17/17	*	31	7-11	.636	0-0	.000	3-5	.600	0	8	8	5.5	1	2	1	2	2	17	12.7
vs #19/19 Wichita State	03/19/17	*	27	2-3	.667	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0	4	4	5.4	1	2	3	0	0	5	12.5
Totals		34	1026	158-333	.474	16-57	.281	93-144	.646	49	135	184	5.4	88	139	86	7	27	425	12.5

SUPERLATIVES

Season Stats		Career Stats	
10+ points	23	10+ points	42
20+ points	6	20+ points	7
3+ assists	24	3+ assists	43
3+ steals	2	3+ steals	4
10+ rebounds	4	10+ rebounds	7
Double-doubles	4	Double-doubles	6
Dunks	1	Dunks	2

CAREER STATS

Year	GP-GS	Min-Avg	FG-FGA	Pct	3FG-FGA	Pct	FT-FTA	Pct	Off-Def-Tot-Avg	PF-FO	Ast	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
2015-16	34-33	1094-32.2	132-301	.439	5-37	.135	57-124	.460	49-132-181-5.3	96-2	107	66	5	35	326	9.6
2016-17	34-34	1026-30.2	158-333	.474	16-57	.281	93-144	.646	49-135-184-5.4	88-2	139	86	7	27	425	12.5
TOTAL	**68-67**	**2120-31.2**	**290-634**	**.457**	**21-94**	**.223**	**150-268**	**.560**	**98-267-365-5.4**	**184-4**	**246**	**152**	**12**	**62**	**751**	**11.0**

Tai WYNYARD

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RS Freshman • Forward • 6-10 • Auckland, New Zealand
Rangitoto College • Undergraduate Studies

BIO BLAST

- Has made 15 appearances in his redshirt freshman campaign
- Played a career-high 12 minutes, taking the first steal of his career and adding a block against Georgia
- Scored two points with a rebound and a block in three minutes vs. Arizona State
- Efficient in his four minutes against Cleveland State, scoring four points and grabbing three rebounds
- Made the first basket of his career against Duquesne
- Redshirted after enrolling midyear during the 2015-16 season
- Played for the New Zealand National Team in the FIBA 3-on-3 World Championships for a second straight year this summer
- Was the most valuable player in the 3-on-3 tournament in 2015 when he lead New Zealand to a gold medal
- Was the youngest player to ever make the New Zealand National Team roster
- His father is a world-champion lumberjack who owns more than 150 individual world titles. Tai like his father, also enjoys competing in lumberjack competitions

SEASON AVERAGES

Games played	15
Minutes/game	3.6
Points/game	0.7
FG Pct	83.3
3FG Pct.	
FT Pct	33.3
Rebounds/game	0.9
Assists/game	0.1
Turnovers/game	0.1
Assist/turnover ratio	0.5
Steals/game	0.1
Blocks/game	0.2

SEASON HIGHS

Points	4, vs. CLEVELAND ST. (11/23/16)
FG Made	2, vs. CLEVELAND ST. (11/23/16)
FG Attempts	2, vs. CLEVELAND ST.(11/23/16)
3FG Made	
3FG Attempts	
FT Made	1, at Mississippi St. (1/17/17)
FT Attempts	2, at Mississippi St. (1/17/17)
Rebounds	3, vs. CLEVELAND ST. (11/23/16)
Assists	1, vs. UT MARTIN (11/25/16)
Steals	1, vs. GEORGIA (1/31/17)
Blocks	1, three times, last vs. GEORGIA (1/31/17)
Minutes	12, vs. GEORGIA (1/31/17)

CAREER HIGHS

Points	4, vs. CLEVELAND ST. (11/23/16)
FG Made	2, vs. CLEVELAND ST. (11/23/16)
FG Attempts	2, vs. CLEVELAND ST.(11/23/16)
3FG Made	
3FG Attempts	
FT Made	1, at Mississippi St. (1/17/17)
FT Attempts	2, at Mississippi St. (1/17/17)
Rebounds	3, vs. CLEVELAND ST. (11/23/16)
Assists	1, vs. UT MARTIN (11/25/16)
Steals	1, vs. GEORGIA (1/31/17)
Blocks	1, three times, last vs. GEORGIA (1/31/17)
Minutes	12, vs. GEORGIA (1/31/17)

GAME-BY-GAME

				Total		3-Pointers		Free throws		Rebounds										
Opponent	Date	gs	min	fg-fga	pct	3fg-fga	pct	ft-fta	pct	off	def	tot	avg	pf	a	t/o	blk	stl	pts	avg
STEPHEN F. AUSTIN	11/11/16		2	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
CANISIUS	11/13/16		3	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	0.5	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.0
vs #13/13 Michigan State	11/15/16		2	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
DUQUESNE	11/20/16		3	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.8	1	0	0	0	0	2	0.5
CLEVELAND STATE	11/23/16		4	2-2	1.000	0-0	.000	0-1	.000	1	2	3	1.2	0	0	0	0	0	4	1.2
UT-MARTIN	11/25/16		3	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	1	2	1.3	0	1	0	0	0	0	1.0
vs Arizona State	11/28/16		3	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	0	1	1.3	0	0	0	1	0	2	1.1
#11/9 UCLA	12/03/16		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
VALPO	12/07/16		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
vs Hofstra	12/11/16		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
vs #7/6 North Carolina	12/17/16		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
at #10/11 Louisville	12/21/16		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
at Ole Miss	12/29/16		2	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	1.1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1.0
TEXAS A&M	01/03/17		4	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	1.0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0.9
ARKANSAS	01/07/17		2	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.8
at Vanderbilt	01/10/17		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
AUBURN	01/14/17		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
at Mississippi State	01/17/17		5	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	1	0	1	0.9	1	0	0	1	0	1	0.8
#24/24 SOUTH CAROLINA	01/21/17		1	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.8
at Tennessee	01/24/17		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
#2/1 KANSAS	01/28/17		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GEORGIA	01/31/17		12	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	0.9	3	0	1	1	1	0	0.7
at #24/23 Florida	02/04/17		7	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	0	1	0.9	2	0	0	0	0	2	0.8
LSU	02/07/17		1	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.7
at Alabama	02/11/17		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TENNESSEE	02/14/17		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
at Georgia	02/18/17		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
at Mizzou	02/21/17		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
#13/12 FLORIDA	02/25/17		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
VANDERBILT	02/28/17		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
at Texas A&M	03/04/17		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
vs Georgia	03/10/17		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
vs Alabama	03/11/17		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
vs Arkansas	03/12/17		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
vs Northern Kentucky	03/17/17		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
vs #19/19 Wichita State	03/19/17		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals		0	54	5-6	.833	0-0	.000	1-3	.333	5	8	13	0.9	11	1	2	3	1	11	0.7

SUPERLATIVES

Season Stats		Career Stats	
10+ points	-	10+ points	-
20+ points	-	20+ points	-
3+ blocks	-	3+ blocks	-
3+ steals	-	3+ steals	-
10+ rebounds	-	10+ rebounds	-
Double-doubles	-	Double-doubles	-
Dunks	-	Dunks	-

CAREER STATS

Year	GP-GS	Min-Avg	FG-FGA	Pct	3FG-FGA	Pct	FT-FTA	Pct	Off-Def-Tot-Avg	PF-FO	Ast	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
2016-17	15-0	54-3.6	5-6	.833	0-0	.000	1-3	.333	5-8-13-0.9	11-0	1	2	3	1	11	0.7
TOTAL	**15-0**	**54-3.6**	**5-6**	**.833**	**0-0**	**.000**	**1-3**	**.333**	**5-8-13-0.9**	**11-0**	**1**	**2**	**3**	**1**	**11**	**0.7**

Isaac HUMPHRIES

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Sophomore • Forward • 7-0 • Sydney, Australia
La Lumiere School • Communication

BIO BLAST

- UK is 24-0 this season in games when he scores
- Made his first start of the season vs. Georgia, pulling down seven boards in that game
- Pulled down at least two rebounds in 24 games this year
- Just missed out on his first career double-double with a career-high-tying nine points and nine rebounds in 11 minutes against Cleveland State
- Had nine points and a team-high eight rebounds against Stephen F. Austin
- Added a team-high and career-best three steals and led UK with three blocks vs. SFA
- Appeared in 22 games as a freshman and made one start
- Had a breakout game at Texas A&M with six points and a career-best 12 points
- Spent the offseason completely transforming his body and is down almost 15 pounds from when he reported as a freshman
- SEC Academic Honor roll member
- Attended a performing arts school while growing up in Australia

SEASON AVERAGES

Games played	36
Minutes/game	8.0
Points/game	2.6
FG Pct	50.0
3FG Pct	
FT Pct	56.5
Rebounds/game	2.8
Assists/game	0.2
Turnovers/game	0.4
Assist/turnover ratio	0.5
Steals/game	0.2
Blocks/game	0.5

SEASON HIGHS

Points	9, twice, last vs. CLEVELAND ST. (11/23/16)
FG Made	4, twice, last vs. CLEVELAND ST. (11/23/16)
FG Attempts	8, vs. SFA (11/11/16)
3FG Made	
3FG Attempts	
FT Made	2, four times, last vs. SOUTH CAROLINA (1/21/17)
FT Attempts	4, three times, last vs. ARKANSAS (1/7/17)
Rebounds	9, vs. CLEVELAND ST. (11/23/16)
Assists	2, vs. UCLA (12/03/16)
Steals	3, vs. SFA (11/11/16)
Blocks	3, vs. SFA (11/11/16)
Minutes	20, vs. North Carolina (12/17/16)

CAREER HIGHS

Points	9, twice, last vs. CLEVELAND ST. (11/23/16)
FG Made	4, twice, last vs. CLEVELAND ST. (11/23/16)
FG Attempts	8, vs. SFA (11/11/16)
3FG Made	
3FG Attempts	
FT Made	4, vs. ALBANY (11/13/15)
FT Attempts	4, four times, last vs. TEXAS A&M (1/3/17)
Rebounds	12, at Texas A&M (2/20/16)
Assists	2, vs. UCLA (12/03/16)
Steals	3, vs. SFA (11/11/16)
Blocks	4, vs. GEORGIA (2/9/16)
Minutes	27, at UCLA (12/3/15)

GAME-BY-GAME

				Total		3-Pointers		Free throws		Rebounds										
Opponent	Date	gs	min	fg-fga	pct	3fg-fga	pct	ft-fta	pct	off	def	tot	avg	pf	a	t/o	blk	stl	pts	avg
STEPHEN F. AUSTIN	11/11/16		19	4-8	.500	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	4	4	8	8.0	0	1	1	3	3	9	9.0
CANISIUS	11/13/16		7	3-4	.750	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	3	1	4	6.0	3	0	1	0	0	6	7.5
vs #13/13 Michigan State	11/15/16		13	0-3	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	4	5	5.7	2	1	1	1	2	0	5.0
DUQUESNE	11/20/16		10	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	2	3	5.0	1	0	0	0	0	2	4.3
CLEVELAND STATE	11/23/16		11	4-6	.667	0-0	.000	1-1	1.000	5	4	9	5.8	3	1	2	0	0	9	5.2
UT-MARTIN	11/25/16		12	3-5	.600	0-0	.000	1-1	1.000	2	1	3	5.3	2	0	0	2	0	7	5.5
vs Arizona State	11/28/16		8	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	3	0	3	5.0	1	0	0	2	0	3	5.1
#11/9 UCLA	12/03/16		8	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	2	0	2	4.6	2	2	0	2	1	0	4.5
VALPO	12/07/16		9	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	2	3	4.4	3	0	1	1	0	2	4.2
vs Hofstra	12/11/16		13	1-4	.250	0-0	.000	1-4	.250	1	2	3	4.3	2	1	0	2	0	3	4.1
vs #7/6 North Carolina	12/17/16		20	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	0-1	.000	2	3	5	4.4	3	0	1	0	0	2	3.9
at #10/11 Louisville	12/21/16		5	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	4.0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3.6
at Ole Miss	12/29/16		4	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	0	3	3	3.9	0	0	1	1	0	2	3.5
TEXAS A&M	01/03/17		13	3-6	.500	0-0	.000	2-4	.500	2	4	6	4.1	4	1	0	0	0	8	3.8
ARKANSAS	01/07/17		7	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	2-4	.500	2	2	4	4.1	0	0	0	0	0	4	3.8
at Vanderbilt	01/10/17		8	1-4	.250	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	4	3	7	4.3	2	0	0	0	0	2	3.7
AUBURN	01/14/17		5	2-2	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	0	1	4.1	1	0	1	0	0	4	3.7
at Mississippi State	01/17/17		10	2-5	.400	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	2	0	2	3.9	5	0	0	0	0	4	3.7
#24/24 SOUTH CAROLINA	01/21/17		10	2-2	1.000	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	2	2	4	3.9	3	0	1	2	0	6	3.8
at Tennessee	01/24/17		5	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	3.8	1	0	0	0	0	0	3.7
#2/1 KANSAS	01/28/17		4	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	3.6	2	0	1	1	0	0	3.5
GEORGIA	01/31/17	*	13	2-5	.400	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	4	3	7	3.7	3	0	1	0	0	4	3.5
at #24/23 Florida	02/04/17		3	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	3.6	0	1	0	0	0	0	3.3
LSU	02/07/17		8	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	2	2	4	3.6	4	0	1	1	0	2	3.3
at Alabama	02/11/17		8	2-3	.667	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	1	2	3.6	4	0	0	0	0	4	3.3
TENNESSEE	02/14/17		8	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	3.5	0	0	0	0	0	2	3.3
at Georgia	02/18/17		4	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	3.4	1	0	0	0	0	0	3.1
at Mizzou	02/21/17		6	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	3.3	0	0	0	0	0	2	3.1
#13/12 FLORIDA	02/25/17		4	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	3.1	0	0	0	0	0	2	3.1
VANDERBILT	02/28/17		3	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	1	2	3.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3.0
at Texas A&M	03/04/17		4	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	3.0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2.9
vs Georgia	03/10/17		5	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	1	2	3.0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2.8
vs Alabama	03/11/17		1	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	2.9	0	0	1	0	0	0	2.8
vs Arkansas	03/12/17		8	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	2.9	1	0	0	0	0	2	2.7
vs Northern Kentucky	03/17/17		2	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	2.8	1	0	0	0	0	0	2.7
vs #19/19 Wichita State	03/19/17		9	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	1	2	2.8	0	0	1	0	0	0	2.6
Totals		1	287	40-80	.500	0-0	.000	13-23	.565	48	52	100	2.8	56	8	16	18	6	93	2.6

SUPERLATIVES

Season Stats		Career Stats	
10+ points	-	10+ points	-
20+ points	-	20+ points	-
3+ blocks	1	3+ blocks	2
3+ steals	1	3+ steals	1
10+ rebounds	-	10+ rebounds	1
Double-doubles	-	Double-doubles	-
Dunks	5	Dunks	5

CAREER STATS

Year	GP-GS	Min-Avg	FG-FGA	Pct	3FG-FGA	Pct	FT-FTA	Pct	Off-Def-Tot-Avg	PF-FO	Ast	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
2015-16	23-1	210-9.1	16-41	.390	0-0	.000	11-15	.733	20-36-56-2.4	46-2	2	10	16	2	43	1.9
2016-17	36-1	287-8.0	40-80	.500	0-0	.000	13-23	.565	48-52-100-2.8	56-1	8	16	18	6	93	2.6
TOTAL	**59-2**	**497-8.4**	**56-121**	**.463**	**0-0**	**.000**	**24-38**	**.632**	**68-88-156-2.6**	**102-3**	**10**	**26**	**34**	**8**	**136**	**2.3**

Brad Calipari

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Freshman • Guard • 6-0 • Franklin Lakes, N.J.
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BIO BLAST

- Made a 3-pointer in two straight appearances vs. Arizona State and Valparaiso
- Played a career-high eight minutes vs. Cleveland State and registered his first career block
- Made his UK debut in the final two minutes of the Stephen F. Austin game
- Scored his first career points -- two free throws -- vs. Canisius
- Had five points and a rebound in the exhibition win over Asbury
- Scored six points off a pair of 3-pointers in the exhibition win vs. Clarion
- Played 35 minutes and scored three points in the Blue-White Game
- Spent the last two seasons at MacDuffie after starting his high school career at Lexington Christian Academy
- Developed into a sharpshooter during his final season at MacDuffie, where he shot a team-high 47 percent from behind the 3-point line
- Averaged 15.3 points, 3.6 assists and 2.6 rebounds per game as a senior
- Finished his career as a 1,000-point scorer
- Aspires to be a coach one day

SEASON AVERAGES

Games played	15
Minutes/game	3.0
Points/game	0.5
FG Pct	15.4
3FG Pct	16.7
FT Pct	40.0
Rebounds/game	0.2
Assists/game	0.1
Turnovers/game	0.1
Assist/turnover ratio	0.5
Blocks/game:	0.1

SEASON HIGHS

Points	3, twice, last vs. VALPO (12/07/16)
FG Made	1, twice, last vs. VALPO (12/07/16)
FG Attempts	3, vs. Arizona St. (11/28/16)
FG Made	1, twice, last vs. VALPO (12/07/16)
3FG Attempts	3, vs. CLEVELAND ST. (11/23/16)
FT Made	2, vs. CANISIUS (11/13/16)
FT Attempts	3, vs CANISIUS (11/13/16)
Rebounds	1, three times, last last vs. TEXAS A&M (1/3/17)
Assists	1, vs. Arizona St. (11/28/16)
Steals	
Blocks	1, vs. CLEVELAND ST. (11/23/16)
Minutes	8, vs. CLEVELAND ST. (11/23/16)

CAREER HIGHS

Points	3, twice, last vs. VALPO (12/07/16)
FG Made	1, twice, last vs. VALPO (12/07/16)
FG Attempts	3, vs. Arizona St. (11/28/16)
FG Made	1, twice, last vs. VALPO (12/07/16)
3FG Attempts	3, vs. CLEVELAND ST. (11/23/16)
FT Made	2, vs. CANISIUS (11/13/16)
FT Attempts	3, vs CANISIUS (11/13/16)
Rebounds	1, twice, last vs. Arizona St. (11/28/16)
Rebounds	1, three times, last last vs. TEXAS A&M (1/3/17)
Steals	
Blocks	1, vs. CLEVELAND ST. (11/23/16)
Minutes	8, vs. CLEVELAND ST. (11/23/16)

GAME-BY-GAME

				Total		3-Pointers		Free throws		Rebounds										
Opponent	Date	gs	min	fg-fga	pct	3fg-fga	pct	ft-fta	pct	off	def	tot	avg	pf	a	t/o	blk	stl	pts	avg
STEPHEN F. AUSTIN	11/11/16		2	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
CANISIUS	11/13/16		3	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	2-3	.667	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0	2	1.0
vs #13/13 Michigan State	11/15/16		2	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.7
DUQUESNE	11/20/16		3	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	0.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.5
CLEVELAND STATE	11/23/16		8	0-3	.000	0-3	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0.4
UT-MARTIN	11/25/16		5	0-2	.000	0-2	.000	0-2	.000	0	0	0	0.2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.3
vs Arizona State	11/28/16		4	1-3	.333	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0	1	1	0.3	0	1	0	0	0	3	0.7
#11/9 UCLA	12/03/16		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
VALPO	12/07/16		3	1-2	.500	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.3	0	0	0	0	0	3	1.0
vs Hofstra	12/11/16		3	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0.9
vs #7/6 North Carolina	12/17/16		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
at #10/11 Louisville	12/21/16		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
at Ole Miss	12/29/16		1	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.8
TEXAS A&M	01/03/17		5	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	1	0	1	0.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.7
ARKANSAS	01/07/17		2	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.7
at Vanderbilt	01/10/17		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
AUBURN	01/14/17		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
at Mississippi State	01/17/17		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
#24/24 SOUTH CAROLINA	01/21/17		1	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.6
at Tennessee	01/24/17		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
#2/1 KANSAS	01/28/17		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GEORGIA	01/31/17		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
at #24/23 Florida	02/04/17		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
LSU	02/07/17		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
at Alabama	02/11/17		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TENNESSEE	02/14/17		2	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.6
at Georgia	02/18/17		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
at Mizzou	02/21/17		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
#13/12 FLORIDA	02/25/17		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
VANDERBILT	02/28/17		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
at Texas A&M	03/04/17		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
vs Georgia	03/10/17		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
vs Alabama	03/11/17		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
vs Arkansas	03/12/17		1	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.5
vs Northern Kentucky	03/17/17		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
vs #19/19 Wichita State	03/19/17		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals		0	45	2-13	.154	2-12	.167	2-5	.400	1	2	3	0.2	3	1	2	1	0	8	0.5

SUPERLATIVES

Season Stats		Career Stats	
10+ points	-	10+ points	-
20+ points	-	20+ points	-
3+ assists	-	3+ assists	-
3+ steals	-	3+ steals	-
10+ rebounds	-	10+ rebounds	-
Double-doubles	-	Double-doubles	-
Dunks	-	Dunks	-

CAREER STATS

Year	GP-GS	Min-Avg	FG-FGA	Pct	3FG-FGA	Pct	FT-FTA	Pct	Off-Def-Tot-Avg	PF-FO	Ast	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
2016-17	15-0	45-3.0	2-13	.154	2-12	.167	2-5	.400	1-2-3-0.2	3-0	1	2	1	0	8	0.5
TOTAL	**15-0**	**45-3.0**	**2-13**	**.154**	**2-12**	**.167**	**2-5**	**.400**	**1-2-3-0.2**	**3-0**	**1**	**2**	**1**	**0**	**8**	**0.5**

Dominique Hawkins

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Senior • Guard • 6-0 • Richmond, Ky.
Madison Central • Communication

BIO BLAST

- Senior leader who's played a pivotal role in UK's current 13-game winning streak, including an SEC All-Tournament Team performance and steadying seven first-half points vs. WSU
- Asked if his 14-point, four-steal SEC Tournament championship game performance was the best game of his career, he said, "Well, I have six more to go"
- Averaging 8.0 points over the last five games, which is since the start of the SEC Tournament, and scored five or more in 13 of his last 20
- Boasts a team-best 4.0 assist-to-turnover ratio
- Has posted 64 assists as a senior after combining for 39 assists in his first three seasons
- Appeared in a team-high 119 career games with 13 starts
- Served as the spark in the comeback win at Texas A&M with eight first-half points. He also added three assists and a pair of steals
- Had 10 points, the second double-figure game of his career vs. Tennessee in Rupp Arena. Also had four rebounds and two assists. Followed that with nine points, two steals at UGA
- Following the game vs. Tennessee, Calipari said of him: "He's like Old Reliable. You know you can go to him"
- Posted five or more points in five straight before the UNC game when he went scoreless
- Interned with the University Campus PR department this summer

SEASON AVERAGES

Games played	36
Minutes/game	19.2
Points/game	4.4
FG Pct	38.0
3FG Pct	29.8
FT Pct	84.0
Rebounds/game	1.6
Assists/game	1.8
Turnovers/game	0.4
Assist/turnover ratio	4.0
Steals/game	0.8

SEASON HIGHS

Points	14, vs. Arkansas (03/12/17)
FG Made	5, vs. Arkansas (03/12/17)
FG Attempts	9, vs. Arkansas (03/12/17)
3FG Made	2, three times, last vs. Arkansas (03/12/17)
3FG Attempts	5, vs. Arkansas (03/12/17)
FT Made	5 vs. Georgia (3/10/17)
FT Attempts	6 vs. Georgia (3/10/17)
Rebounds	6, vs. FLORIDA (2/25/17)
Assists	9, vs. UT MARTIN (11/25/16)
Steals	4, vs. Arkansas (03/12/17)
Blocks	
Minutes	37, vs. FLORIDA (2/25/17)

CAREER HIGHS

Points	14, vs. Arkansas (03/12/17)
FG Made	5, vs. Arkansas (03/12/17)
FG Attempts	9, vs. Arkansas (03/12/17)
3FG Made	3, vs. LOUISVILLE (12/26/15)
3FG Attempts	5, vs. Arkansas (03/12/17)
FT Made	5, twice, vs. Georgia (3/10/17)
FT Attempts	7, vs. ILLINOIS ST. (11/30/15)
Rebounds	6, vs. FLORIDA (2/25/17)
Assists	9, vs. UT MARTIN (11/25/16)
Steals	4, vs. Arkansas (03/12/17)
Blocks	1, five times, last at Florida (3/1/16)
Minutes	37, vs. FLORIDA (2/25/17)

GAME-BY-GAME

				Total		3-Pointers		Free throws		Rebounds										
Opponent	Date	gs	min	fg-fga	pct	3fg-fga	pct	ft-fta	pct	off	def	tot	avg	pf	a	t/o	blk	stl	pts	avg
STEPHEN F. AUSTIN	11/11/16		17	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	0	0	0	0.0	2	3	1	0	0	1	1.0
CANISIUS	11/13/16		15	1-2	.500	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	1	0	1	0.5	3	1	0	0	2	2	1.5
vs #13/13 Michigan State	11/15/16		13	1-3	.333	0-2	.000	1-2	.500	1	1	2	1.0	1	2	0	0	1	3	2.0
DUQUESNE	11/20/16		20	1-5	.200	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	2	1	3	1.5	1	4	0	0	0	2	2.0
CLEVELAND STATE	11/23/16	*	6	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	1.4	1	0	0	0	1	0	1.6
UT-MARTIN	11/25/16	*	32	1-5	.200	0-2	.000	4-4	1.000	2	2	4	1.8	0	9	1	0	1	6	2.3
vs Arizona State	11/28/16		17	2-5	.400	1-3	.333	2-2	1.000	0	3	3	2.0	1	3	0	0	0	7	3.0
#11/9 UCLA	12/03/16		16	2-4	.500	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0	1	1	1.9	2	0	0	0	0	5	3.3
VALPO	12/07/16		26	2-5	.400	2-3	.667	0-0	.000	2	1	3	2.0	1	4	1	0	1	6	3.6
vs Hofstra	12/11/16		14	1-3	.333	1-2	.500	2-2	1.000	1	0	1	1.9	4	3	0	0	1	5	3.7
vs #7/6 North Carolina	12/17/16		9	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	1.9	2	2	0	0	0	0	3.4
at #10/11 Louisville	12/21/16		17	0-2	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	1	0	1	1.8	1	1	0	0	0	0	3.1
at Ole Miss	12/29/16		14	0-3	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	1.7	3	1	0	0	0	0	2.8
TEXAS A&M	01/03/17		20	2-3	.667	1-2	.500	1-1	1.000	0	0	0	1.6	1	1	0	0	2	6	3.1
ARKANSAS	01/07/17		15	1-4	.250	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	1.6	2	1	1	0	0	2	3.0
at Vanderbilt	01/10/17		9	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	1.5	3	0	1	0	0	0	2.8
AUBURN	01/14/17		19	2-2	1.000	1-1	1.000	1-2	.500	0	1	1	1.5	1	1	1	0	0	6	3.0
at Mississippi State	01/17/17		16	2-3	.667	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	2	0	2	1.5	1	0	0	0	0	5	3.1
#24/24 SOUTH CAROLINA	01/21/17		28	1-4	.250	0-1	.000	3-3	1.000	0	3	3	1.6	4	7	2	0	1	5	3.2
at Tennessee	01/24/17		15	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	1.6	2	0	0	0	0	0	3.1
#2/1 KANSAS	01/28/17		17	2-4	.500	0-1	.000	1-1	1.000	1	3	4	1.7	1	1	0	0	0	5	3.1
GEORGIA	01/31/17		25	1-5	.200	0-2	.000	2-2	1.000	0	1	1	1.6	1	1	0	0	0	4	3.2
at #24/23 Florida	02/04/17	*	21	0-4	.000	0-2	.000	4-4	1.000	0	0	0	1.6	1	0	3	0	1	4	3.2
LSU	02/07/17		15	2-5	.400	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	3	1	4	1.7	1	2	0	0	1	4	3.3
at Alabama	02/11/17		14	2-3	.667	0-1	.000	1-2	.500	0	0	0	1.6	4	3	0	0	2	5	3.3
TENNESSEE	02/14/17		24	3-6	.500	2-4	.500	2-2	1.000	2	2	4	1.7	1	2	1	0	0	10	3.6
at Georgia	02/18/17		21	3-5	.600	1-2	.500	2-2	1.000	0	0	0	1.6	5	0	0	0	2	9	3.8
at Mizzou	02/21/17		19	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	2-4	.500	0	1	1	1.6	3	0	0	0	1	2	3.7
#13/12 FLORIDA	02/25/17		37	1-6	.167	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	3	3	6	1.8	3	4	1	0	2	3	3.7
VANDERBILT	02/28/17	*	21	1-3	.333	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	1.8	1	1	1	0	1	2	3.6
at Texas A&M	03/04/17		18	3-6	.500	1-3	.333	1-1	1.000	0	0	0	1.7	4	3	1	0	2	8	3.8
vs Georgia	03/10/17		23	0-7	.000	0-2	.000	5-6	.833	1	1	2	1.7	2	1	0	0	2	5	3.8
vs Alabama	03/11/17		29	2-3	.667	1-1	1.000	2-2	1.000	0	0	0	1.7	4	1	0	0	1	7	3.9
vs Arkansas	03/12/17		27	5-9	.556	2-5	.400	2-2	1.000	0	2	2	1.7	1	2	1	0	4	14	4.2
vs Northern Kentucky	03/17/17		20	2-3	.667	1-2	.500	2-2	1.000	0	2	2	1.7	3	0	0	0	0	7	4.3
vs #19/19 Wichita State	03/19/17		23	3-4	.750	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0	0	0	1.6	2	0	0	0	0	7	4.4
Totals		4	692	49-129	.380	17-57	.298	42-50	.840	22	37	59	1.6	73	64	16	0	29	157	4.4

SUPERLATIVES

Season Stats		Career Stats	
10+ points	2	10+ points	3
20+ points	-	20+ points	-
3+ assists	10	3+ assists	14
3+ steals	1	3+ steals	1
10+ rebounds	-	10+ rebounds	-
Double-doubles	-	Double-doubles	-
Dunks	2	Dunks	4

CAREER STATS

Year	GP-GS	Min-Avg	FG-FGA	Pct	3FG-FGA	Pct	FT-FTA	Pct	Off-Def-Tot-Avg	PF-FO	Ast	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
2013-14	33-0	283-8.6	9-31	.290	2-16	.125	5-13	.385	7-16-23-0.7	37-0	12	6	1	4	25	0.8
2014-15	23-9	163-7.1	10-35	.286	5-21	.238	4-10	.400	3-13-16-0.7	14-0	14	5	1	7	29	1.3
2015-16	27-0	249-9.2	17-46	.370	8-29	.276	19-25	.760	13-9-22-0.8	30-0	13	6	3	6	61	2.3
2016-17	36-4	692-19.2	49-129	.380	17-57	.298	42-50	.840	22-37-59-1.6	73-1	64	16	0	29	157	4.4
TOTAL	**119-13**	**1387-11.7**	**85-241**	**.353**	**32-123**	**.260**	**70-98**	**.714**	**45-75-120-1.0**	**154-1**	**103**	**33**	**5**	**46**	**272**	**2.3**

Dillon Pulliam

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RS Sophomore • Guard • 6-3 • Cynthiana, Ky.
Transylvania University • Computer Engineering

BIO BLAST

- Logged a rebound and an assist in the win over Duquesne
- Made his UK debut playing the final two minutes of the Canisius game
- Sat out the 2015-16 season due to NCAA transfer rules
- Played his freshman season at Transylvania University where he averaged 4.8 points and 3.4 rebounds per game
- SEC Academic Honor Roll member
- Took a mission trip to Belize this summer with Sports Reach

SEASON AVERAGES

Games played	6
Minutes/game	1.3
Points/game	
FG Pct.	0.0
3FG Pct.	
FT Pct.	
Rebounds/game	0.2
Assists/game	0.2
Turnovers/game	0.2
Assist/turnover ratio	1.0
Steals/game	
Blocks/game	

SEASON HIGHS

Points	
FG Made	
FG Attempts	1, vs. Arizona St. (11/28/16)
3FG Made	
3FG Attempts	
FT Made	
FT Attempts	
Rebounds	1, vs. DUQUESNE (11/20/16)
Assists	1, vs. DUQUESNE (11/20/16)
Steals	
Blocks	
Minutes	2, three times, last vs. TEXAS A&M (1/3/7)

CAREER HIGHS

Points	
FG Made	
FG Attempts	1, vs. Arizona St. (11/28/16)
3FG Made	
3FG Attempts	
FT Made	
FT Attempts	
Rebounds	1, vs. DUQUESNE (11/20/16)
Assists	1, vs. DUQUESNE (11/20/16)
Steals	
Blocks	
Minutes	2, three times, last vs. TEXAS A&M (1/3/7)

GAME-BY-GAME

				Total		3-Pointers		Free throws		Rebounds										
Opponent	Date	gs	min	fg-fga	pct	3fg-fga	pct	ft-fta	pct	off	def	tot	avg	pf	a	t/o	blk	stl	pts	avg
STEPHEN F. AUSTIN	11/11/16		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CANISIUS	11/13/16		2	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
vs #13/13 Michigan State	11/15/16		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DUQUESNE	11/20/16		2	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	0.5	0	1	1	0	0	0	0.0
CLEVELAND STATE	11/23/16		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
UT-MARTIN	11/25/16		1	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
vs Arizona State	11/28/16		1	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
#11/9 UCLA	12/03/16		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
VALPO	12/07/16		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
vs Hofstra	12/11/16		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
vs #7/6 North Carolina	12/17/16		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
at #10/11 Louisville	12/21/16		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
at Ole Miss	12/29/16		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TEXAS A&M	01/03/17		2	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
ARKANSAS	01/07/17		0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
at Vanderbilt	01/10/17		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
AUBURN	01/14/17		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
at Mississippi State	01/17/17		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
#24/24 SOUTH CAROLINA	01/21/17		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
at Tennessee	01/24/17		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
#2/1 KANSAS	01/28/17		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GEORGIA	01/31/17		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
at #24/23 Florida	02/04/17		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
LSU	02/07/17		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
at Alabama	02/11/17		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TENNESSEE	02/14/17		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
at Georgia	02/18/17		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
at Mizzou	02/21/17		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
#13/12 FLORIDA	02/25/17		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
VANDERBILT	02/28/17		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
at Texas A&M	03/04/17		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
vs Georgia	03/10/17		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
vs Alabama	03/11/17		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
vs Arkansas	03/12/17		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
vs Northern Kentucky	03/17/17		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
vs #19/19 Wichita State	03/19/17		dnp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals		0	8	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	0.2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0.0

SUPERLATIVES

Season Stats		Career Stats	
10+ points	-	10+ points	-
20+ points	-	20+ points	-
3+ assists	-	3+ assists	-
3+ steals	-	3+ steals	-
10+ rebounds	-	10+ rebounds	-
Double-doubles	-	Double-doubles	-
Dunks	-	Dunks	-

CAREER STATS

Year	GP-GS	Min-Avg	FG-FGA	Pct	3FG-FGA	Pct	FT-FTA	Pct	Off-Def-Tot-Avg	PF-FO	Ast	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
2016-17	6-0	8-1.3	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-1-1-0.2	0-0	1	1	0	0	0	0.0
TOTAL	**6-0**	**8-1.3**	**0-1**	**.000**	**0-0**	**.000**	**0-0**	**.000**	**0-1-1-0.2**	**0-0**	**1**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0.0**

Wenyen Gabriel

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Freshman • Forward • 6-9 • Manchester, N.H.
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BIO BLAST

- Had a career-high 23 points, tying his personal bests for 3-pointers made (three) and free throws made (six) to go along with eight rebounds vs. LSU
- Averaging 5.1 rebounds for the season, fourth on the team
- Has grabbed at least four rebounds in 24 games
- Pulled down a career-high 16 rebounds against Auburn, the most by a Wildcat since Julius Randle had 16 vs. LSU on March 14, 2014
- Followed that up with 13 points on a perfect 5 of 5 from the floor, including a career-high three 3s and eight rebounds, at Mississippi State
- After not making multiple 3s in any game through the first 16, knocked down multiple 3s in three straight games (two vs Auburn, three at MSU and vs. South Carolina)
- Blocked a career-high three shots at Mississippi State, at Alabama and vs. Valparaiso
- Had a strong performance vs. Michigan State bringing energy off the bench with three steals, two assists, a block, a dunk in addition to going two of two from the line
- After scoring nine points vs. Clarion, Clarion's head coach said of Gabriel: " I love that kid. That kid, he might be the best one of them all"

SEASON AVERAGES

Games played	36
Minutes/game	18.5
Points/game	4.8
FG Pct	40.5
3FG Pct	31.7
FT Pct	61.8
Rebounds/game	5.1
Assists/game	0.7
Turnovers/game	0.8
Assist/turnover ratio	0.9
Steals/game	0.3
Blocks/game	0.9

SEASON HIGHS

Points	23, vs. LSU (2/7/17)
FG Made	7, vs. LSU (2/7/17)
FG Attempts	11, twice, last vs. LSU (2/7/17)
3FG Made	3, three times, last vs LSU (2/7/17)
3FG Attempts	8, vs. SOUTH CAROLINA (1/21/17)
FT Made	6, twice, last vs. LSU (2/7/17)
FT Attempts	7, vs. LSU (2/7/17)
Rebounds	16, vs. AUBURN (1/14/16)
Assists	6, vs. CLEVELAND ST. (11/23/16)
Steals	3, vs. Michigan St. (11/15/16)
Blocks	3, three times, last at Alabama (2/11/17)
Minutes	31, vs. LSU (2/7/17)

CAREER HIGHS

Points	23, vs. LSU (2/7/17)
FG Made	7, vs. LSU (2/7/17)
FG Attempts	11, twice, last vs. LSU (2/7/17)
3FG Made	3, three times, last vs LSU (2/7/17)
3FG Attempts	8, vs. SOUTH CAROLINA (1/21/17)
FT Made	6, twice, last vs. LSU (2/7/17)
FT Attempts	7, vs. LSU (2/7/17)
Rebounds	16, vs. AUBURN (1/14/16)
Assists	6, vs. CLEVELAND ST. (11/23/16)
Steals	3, vs. Michigan St. (11/15/16)
Blocks	3, three times, last at Alabama (2/11/17)
Minutes	31, vs. LSU (2/7/17)

GAME-BY-GAME

				Total		3-Pointers		Free throws		Rebounds										
Opponent	Date	gs	min	fg-fga	pct	3fg-fga	pct	ft-fta	pct	off	def	tot	avg	pf	a	t/o	blk	stl	pts	avg
STEPHEN F. AUSTIN	11/11/16		18	5-6	.833	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0	2	2	2.0	2	0	0	0	2	10	10.0
CANISIUS	11/13/16		17	1-4	.250	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	2	1	3	2.5	3	0	0	0	0	3	6.5
vs #13/13 Michigan State	11/15/16		24	1-2	.500	0-1	.000	2-2	1.000	3	3	6	3.7	3	2	0	1	3	4	5.7
DUQUESNE	11/20/16	*	22	3-5	.600	0-1	.000	2-2	1.000	3	3	6	4.3	2	0	1	1	0	8	6.3
CLEVELAND STATE	11/23/16		26	4-8	.500	1-3	.333	1-3	.333	4	6	10	5.4	4	6	1	1	0	10	7.0
UT-MARTIN	11/25/16	*	28	4-6	.667	1-1	1.000	6-6	1.000	2	4	6	5.5	4	1	2	0	0	15	8.3
vs Arizona State	11/28/16	*	20	5-11	.455	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	3	4	7	5.7	2	4	1	2	0	10	8.6
#11/9 UCLA	12/03/16	*	17	1-2	.500	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	5	3	8	6.0	1	0	2	0	0	2	7.8
VALPO	12/07/16	*	19	1-3	.333	0-1	.000	1-1	1.000	1	5	6	6.0	4	1	2	3	0	3	7.2
vs Hofstra	12/11/16		13	1-2	.500	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	1	3	4	5.8	3	1	1	0	0	2	6.7
vs #7/6 North Carolina	12/17/16	*	21	1-3	.333	0-1	.000	2-3	.667	3	3	6	5.8	3	0	2	1	0	4	6.5
at #10/11 Louisville	12/21/16	*	12	0-2	.000	0-1	.000	2-2	1.000	3	4	7	5.9	3	0	0	2	1	2	6.1
at Ole Miss	12/29/16	*	14	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	2	3	5.7	3	2	0	2	1	2	5.8
TEXAS A&M	01/03/17	*	23	1-4	.250	1-2	.500	2-2	1.000	2	2	4	5.6	3	0	0	0	0	5	5.7
ARKANSAS	01/07/17	*	12	1-2	.500	0-1	.000	1-2	.500	1	3	4	5.5	3	0	2	2	0	3	5.5
at Vanderbilt	01/10/17	*	22	1-3	.333	0-1	.000	2-4	.500	0	5	5	5.4	3	0	1	1	0	4	5.4
AUBURN	01/14/17	*	29	2-8	.250	2-3	.667	0-4	.000	5	11	16	6.1	3	0	0	2	1	6	5.5
at Mississippi State	01/17/17	*	24	5-5	1.000	3-3	1.000	0-1	.000	3	5	8	6.2	3	2	1	3	1	13	5.9
#24/24 SOUTH CAROLINA	01/21/17	*	27	4-9	.444	3-8	.375	0-0	.000	1	4	5	6.1	1	2	0	1	1	11	6.2
at Tennessee	01/24/17	*	28	1-6	.167	0-3	.000	0-2	.000	0	9	9	6.3	3	1	2	2	0	2	6.0
#2/1 KANSAS	01/28/17	*	14	0-3	.000	0-3	.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	6.0	1	0	1	0	1	0	5.7
GEORGIA	01/31/17		28	3-8	.375	1-2	.500	0-1	.000	5	1	6	6.0	3	0	0	1	0	7	5.7
at #24/23 Florida	02/04/17	*	13	2-2	1.000	1-1	1.000	0-2	.000	1	4	5	6.0	5	0	0	1	0	5	5.7
LSU	02/07/17	*	31	7-11	.636	3-6	.500	6-7	.857	3	5	8	6.1	5	2	1	0	0	23	6.4
at Alabama	02/11/17	*	29	1-3	.333	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	2	4	6	6.1	4	0	1	3	0	2	6.2
TENNESSEE	02/14/17	*	10	0-2	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	5.9	1	0	0	2	0	0	6.0
at Georgia	02/18/17	*	10	1-2	.500	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	1	0	1	5.7	3	0	0	0	0	3	5.9
at Mizzou	02/21/17	*	20	2-5	.400	2-4	.500	0-0	.000	0	5	5	5.7	3	0	3	1	0	6	5.9
#13/12 FLORIDA	02/25/17	*	19	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	2-2	1.000	0	3	3	5.6	0	1	1	0	0	2	5.8
VANDERBILT	02/28/17		12	0-3	.000	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	5.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	5.6
at Texas A&M	03/04/17		15	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	2-3	.667	1	5	6	5.5	3	0	0	0	0	2	5.5
vs Georgia	03/10/17		8	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	2	3	5.4	1	0	0	1	0	0	5.3
vs Alabama	03/11/17		17	1-2	.500	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	1	3	4	5.3	1	1	1	0	0	2	5.2
vs Arkansas	03/12/17		8	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	2	1	3	5.3	1	0	1	0	0	2	5.1
vs Northern Kentucky	03/17/17		9	0-3	.000	0-1	.000	1-2	.500	0	1	1	5.1	1	0	0	1	0	1	5.0
vs #19/19 Wichita State	03/19/17		7	0-5	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	5.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4.8
Totals		23	666	60-148	.405	20-63	.317	34-55	.618	60	122	182	5.1	88	26	28	33	11	174	4.8

SUPERLATIVES

Season Stats		Career Stats	
10+ points	7	10+ points	7
20+ points	1	20+ points	1
3+ blocks	3	3+ blocks	3
3+ steals	1	3+ steals	1
10+ rebounds	2	10+ rebounds	2
Double-doubles	1	Double-doubles	1
Dunks	5	Dunks	5

CAREER STATS

Year	GP-GS	Min-Avg	FG-FGA	Pct	3FG-FGA	Pct	FT-FTA	Pct	Off-Def-Tot-Avg	PF-FO	Ast	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
2016-17	36-23	666-18.5	60-148	.405	20-63	.317	34-55	.618	60-122-182-5.1	88-2	26	28	33	11	174	4.8
TOTAL	**36-23**	**666-18.5**	**60-148**	**.405**	**20-63**	**.317**	**34-55**	**.618**	**60-122-182-5.1**	**88-2**	**26**	**28**	**33**	**11**	**174**	**4.8**

Derek Willis

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Senior • Forward • 6-9 • Mt. Washington, Ky.
Bullitt East • Communication

BIO BLAST

- Named to the SEC Community Service Team
- Averaging a career-best 5.3 rebounds and 7.4 boards in the last five games
- After not blocking a shot for eight straight games, he has totaled 17 rejections over the last seven games
- Has hit at least two 3s in five of the last six games and at least one in eight straight
- Had one of his best all-around games vs. Wichita State: scored nine, grabbed eight rebounds, had a season-high and career-high-tying three steals, and blocked a shot.
- Led the Wildcats in rebounding with 11 vs. Georgia in the first round of the SEC tourney with a season-high four blocked shots. He grabbed nine in the title game
- Has 10 games this season in double-figures scoring, including a season-high 18 against Kansas. Made a season-high five 3s against KU
- Played a career-high 36 minutes vs. Georgia in Rupp, registering a career-high four assists
- Had hit at least one 3-pointer in nine consecutive games prior to the Vandy trip
- Enjoyed a breakout season during his junior campaign where he saw action in 32 games and made 11 starts
- Had career highs in points, points per game, blocks, assists, rebounds, rebounds per game, 3-pointers, field-goal percentage and minutes in 2015-16

SEASON AVERAGES

Games played	36
Minutes/game	21.8
Points/game	7.0
FG Pct	48.9
3FG Pct	39.2
FT Pct	68.8
Rebounds/game	5.3
Assists/game	0.8
Turnovers/game	0.7
Assist/turnover ratio	1.1
Steals/game	0.7
Blocks/game	1.1

SEASON HIGHS

Points	18, vs. KANSAS (1/28/17)
FG Made	6, three times, last vs. TENNESSEE (2/14/17)
FG Attempts	10, vs. TENNESSEE (2/14/17)
3FG Made	5, vs. KANSAS (1/28/17)
3FG Attempts	7, vs. TENNESSEE (2/14/17)
FT Made	4, vs. SFA (11/11/16)
FT Attempts	4, twice, last vs. SOUTH CAROLINA (1/21/17)
Rebounds	12, at Georgia (2/18/17)
Assists	4, vs. GEORGIA (1/31/17)
Steals	3, vs. Wichita State (3/19/17)
Blocks	4, vs. Georgia (3/10/17)
Minutes	36, vs. GEORGIA (1/31/17)

CAREER HIGHS

Points	25, vs. TENNESSEE (2/18/16)
FG Made	8, vs. TENNESSEE (2/18/16)
FG Attempts	12, vs. TENNESSEE (2/18/16)
3FG Made	7, vs. TENNESSEE (2/18/16)
3FG Attempts	11, vs. TENNESSEE (2/18/16)
FT Made	8, vs. Georgia (3/12/16)
FT Attempts	8, vs. Georgia (3/12/16)
Rebounds	12, three times, last at Georgia (2/18/17)
Assists	4, vs. GEORGIA (1/31/17)
Steals	3, twice, last vs. Wichita State (3/19/17)
Blocks	4, three times, last vs. Georgia (3/10/17)
Minutes	36, vs. GEORGIA (1/31/17)

GAME-BY-GAME

				Total		3-Pointers		Free throws		Rebounds										
Opponent	Date	gs	min	fg-fga	pct	3fg-fga	pct	ft-fta	pct	off	def	tot	avg	pf	a	t/o	blk	stl	pts	avg
STEPHEN F. AUSTIN	11/11/16	*	31	5-7	.714	1-3	.333	4-4	1.000	1	4	5	5.0	1	2	0	3	1	15	15.0
CANISIUS	11/13/16	*	16	1-2	.500	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	3.5	0	0	1	1	0	2	8.5
vs #13/13 Michigan State	11/15/16	*	16	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	3.0	1	3	1	2	0	0	5.7
DUQUESNE	11/20/16		15	1-4	.250	1-4	.250	2-2	1.000	0	3	3	3.0	3	1	0	2	2	5	5.5
CLEVELAND STATE	11/23/16	*	20	3-6	.500	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	1	4	5	3.4	3	1	1	1	1	7	5.8
UT-MARTIN	11/25/16		8	1-3	.333	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	1	0	1	3.0	1	0	0	1	0	2	5.2
vs Arizona State	11/28/16		16	4-6	.667	1-3	.333	2-2	1.000	1	5	6	3.4	1	1	1	1	1	11	6.0
#11/9 UCLA	12/03/16		22	4-7	.571	2-4	.500	1-2	.500	1	3	4	3.5	3	2	0	0	1	11	6.6
VALPO	12/07/16		15	5-9	.556	2-5	.400	0-0	.000	3	1	4	3.6	1	0	2	0	1	12	7.2
vs Hofstra	12/11/16	*	23	3-7	.429	2-4	.500	0-0	.000	2	6	8	4.0	0	2	0	1	2	8	7.3
vs #7/6 North Carolina	12/17/16		19	1-2	.500	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0	1	1	3.7	1	0	1	0	1	3	6.9
at #10/11 Louisville	12/21/16		28	2-7	.286	1-5	.200	1-2	.500	3	6	9	4.2	1	1	1	0	1	6	6.8
at Ole Miss	12/29/16		24	3-7	.429	1-4	.250	0-1	.000	2	7	9	4.5	2	1	1	2	0	7	6.8
TEXAS A&M	01/03/17		14	2-7	.286	1-5	.200	0-0	.000	1	2	3	4.4	0	0	1	0	1	5	6.7
ARKANSAS	01/07/17		19	6-8	.750	3-5	.600	0-0	.000	2	3	5	4.5	3	0	0	2	0	15	7.3
at Vanderbilt	01/10/17		22	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	2	3	4.4	2	0	0	0	0	2	6.9
AUBURN	01/14/17		9	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	4.2	1	0	1	0	0	2	6.6
at Mississippi State	01/17/17		18	5-6	.833	3-4	.750	0-0	.000	0	5	5	4.3	3	0	2	0	0	13	7.0
#24/24 SOUTH CAROLINA	01/21/17		29	4-8	.500	1-3	.333	3-4	.750	1	6	7	4.4	0	1	2	1	0	12	7.3
at Tennessee	01/24/17		22	1-5	.200	0-3	.000	2-3	.667	4	3	7	4.6	3	0	2	2	0	4	7.1
#2/1 KANSAS	01/28/17		25	6-7	.857	5-6	.833	1-2	.500	0	6	6	4.6	1	0	1	2	0	18	7.6
GEORGIA	01/31/17	*	36	1-4	.250	1-4	.250	0-0	.000	0	5	5	4.6	4	4	0	0	2	3	7.4
at #24/23 Florida	02/04/17		18	1-3	.333	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	5	5	4.7	3	0	0	0	1	2	7.2
LSU	02/07/17		14	0-4	.000	0-3	.000	2-2	1.000	1	3	4	4.6	0	1	1	0	0	2	7.0
at Alabama	02/11/17		12	2-3	.667	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	1	3	4	4.6	0	1	0	0	0	5	6.9
TENNESSEE	02/14/17		28	6-10	.600	4-7	.571	0-0	.000	1	2	3	4.5	2	1	0	0	2	16	7.2
at Georgia	02/18/17		30	3-3	1.000	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	4	8	12	4.8	1	0	2	0	1	7	7.2
at Mizzou	02/21/17		16	2-5	.400	0-3	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	4.7	3	0	0	0	0	4	7.1
#13/12 FLORIDA	02/25/17		25	2-4	.500	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	0	9	9	4.8	1	0	2	0	1	5	7.0
VANDERBILT	02/28/17	*	28	1-4	.250	1-4	.250	0-2	.000	0	8	8	4.9	3	1	0	3	0	3	6.9
at Texas A&M	03/04/17	*	25	4-7	.571	3-6	.500	0-0	.000	2	4	6	5.0	4	0	1	3	1	11	7.0
vs Georgia	03/10/17	*	32	2-6	.333	2-6	.333	1-2	.500	1	10	11	5.2	5	0	1	4	0	7	7.0
vs Alabama	03/11/17	*	20	2-5	.400	2-3	.667	0-0	.000	1	1	2	5.1	2	1	0	1	0	6	7.0
vs Arkansas	03/12/17	*	26	2-2	1.000	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	1	8	9	5.2	3	0	1	2	0	5	6.9
vs Northern Kentucky	03/17/17	*	29	2-7	.286	2-6	.333	2-2	1.000	1	6	7	5.2	4	3	0	3	2	8	7.0
vs #19/19 Wichita State	03/19/17	*	33	3-6	.500	2-5	.400	1-2	.500	0	8	8	5.3	3	1	0	1	3	9	7.0
Totals		13	783	92-188	.489	47-120	.392	22-32	.688	37	154	191	5.3	69	28	26	38	25	253	7.0

SUPERLATIVES

Season Stats		Career Stats	
10+ points	10	10+ points	21
20+ points	-	20+ points	1
3+ blocks	5	3+ blocks	8
3+ assists	2	3+ assists	3
10+ rebounds	2	10+ rebounds	4
Double-doubles	-	Double-doubles	2
Dunks	11	Dunks	23

CAREER STATS

Year	GP-GS	Min-Avg	FG-FGA	Pct	3FG-FGA	Pct	FT-FTA	Pct	Off-Def-Tot-Avg	PF-FO	Ast	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
2013-14	14-0	39-2.8	3-9	.333	1-6	.167	9-12	.750	1-7-8-0.6	0-0	0	4	0	1	16	1.1
2014-15	19-0	75-3.9	7-18	.389	5-15	.333	6-6	1.000	5-9-14-0.7	5-0	5	8	3	2	25	1.3
2015-16	32-11	596-18.6	81-168	.482	53-120	.442	32-36	.889	30-97-127-4.0	55-2	12	22	24	21	247	7.7
2016-17	36-13	783-21.8	92-188	.489	47-120	.392	22-32	.688	37-154-191-5.3	69-1	28	26	38	25	253	7.0
TOTAL	**101-24**	**1493-14.8**	**183-383**	**.478**	**106-261**	**.406**	**69-86**	**.802**	**73-267-340-3.4**	**129-3**	**45**	**60**	**65**	**49**	**541**	**5.4**

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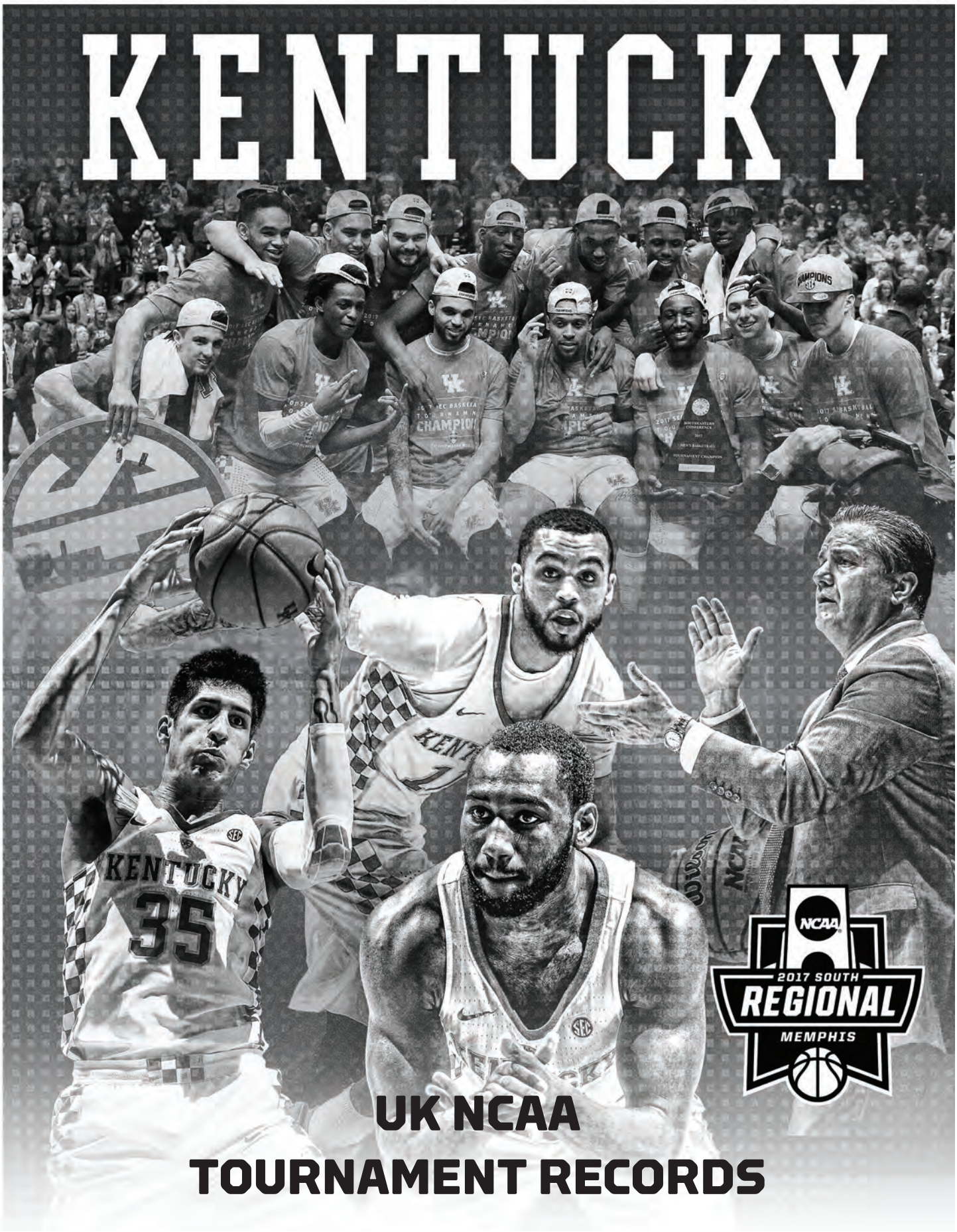

UK NCAA TOURNAMENT RECORDS

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KENTUCKY'S NCAA TOURNAMENT HISTORY

1942	**New Orleans**	Illinois (RS)	46-44	W
		Dartmouth (RF)	28-47	L
1945	**New York**	Ohio State (RS)	37-45	L
		Tufts (Cons.)	66-56	W
1948	**New York**	Columbia (RS)	76-53	W
		Holy Cross (RF)	60-52	W
		Baylor (NF)	58-42	W
1949	**New York**	Villanova (RS)	85-72	W
		Illinois (RF)	76-47	W
	Seattle	Oklahoma State (NF)	46-36	W
1951	**Raleigh**	Louisville (1st)	79-68	W
	New York	St. John's (RS)	59-43	W
		Illinois (RF)	76-74	W
	Minneapolis	Kansas State (NF)	68-58	W
1952	**Raleigh**	Penn State (RS)	82-54	W
		St. John's (RF)	57-64	L
1955	**Evanston**	Marquette (RS)	71-79	L
		Penn State (Cons.)	84-59	W
1956	**Iowa City**	Wayne State (RS)	84-64	W
		Iowa (RF)	77-89	L
1957	**Lexington**	Pittsburgh (RS)	98-92	W
		Michigan State (RF)	68-80	L
1958	**Lexington**	Miami, Ohio (RS)	94-70	W
		Notre Dame (RF)	89-56	W
	Louisville	Tempe (NS)	61-60	W
		Seattle (NF)	84-72	W
1959	**Evanston**	Louisville (RS)	61-76	L
		Marquette (Cons.)	98-69	W
1961	**Louisville**	Morehead State (RS)	71-64	W
		Ohio State (RF)	74-87	L
1962	**Iowa City**	Butler (RS)	81-60	W
		Ohio State (RF)	64-74	L
1964	**Minneapolis**	Ohio (RS)	69-85	L
		Loyola, Chi. (Cons.)	91-100	L
1966	**Iowa City**	Dayton (RS)	86-79	W
		Michigan (RF)	84-77	W
	College Park	Duke (NS)	83-79	W
		UTEP (NF)	65-72	L
1968	**Lexington**	Marquette (RS)	107-89	W
		Ohio State (RF)	81-82	L
1969	**Madison**	Marquette (RS)	74-81	L
		Miami, Ohio (Cons.)	72-71	W
1970	**Columbus**	Notre Dame (RS)	109-99	W
		Jacksonville (RF)	100-106	L
1971	**Athens**	Western Kentucky (RS)	83-107	L
		Marquette (Cons.)	74-91	L
1972	**Dayton**	Marquette (RS)	85-69	W
		Florida State (RF)	54-73	L
1973	**Nashville**	Austin Peay (RS) [OT]	106-100	W
		Indiana (RF)	65-72	L
1975	**Tuscaloosa**	Marquette (1st)	76-54	W
	Dayton	Central Michigan (RS)	90-73	W
		Indiana (RF)	92-90	W
	San Diego	Syracuse (NS)	95-79	W
		UCLA (NF)	85-92	L
1977	**Philadelphia**	Princeton (1st)	72-58	W
	College Park	VMI (RS)	93-78	W
		North Carolina (RF)	72-79	L
1978	**Knoxville**	Florida State (1st)	85-76	W
	Dayton	Miami, Ohio (RS)	91-69	W
		Michigan State (RF)	52-49	W
	St. Louis	Arkansas (NS)	64-59	W
		Duke (NF)	94-88	W
1980[1]	**Bowling Green**	Florida State[8] (2nd)	97-78	W
	Lexington	Duke[4] (RS)	54-55	L
1981[2]	**Tuscaloosa**	UAB[7] (2nd)	62-69	L
1982[6]	**Nashville**	Middle Tennessee[11] (1st)	44-50	L
1983[3]	**Tampa**	Ohio[11] (2nd)	57-40	W
	Knoxville	Indiana[2] (RS)	64-59	W
		Louisville[1] (RF) [OT]	68-80	L
1984[1]	**Birmingham**	BYU[8] (2nd)	93-68	W
	Lexington	Louisville[5] (RS)	72-67	W
		Illinois[2] (RF)	54-51	W
	Seattle	Georgetown[1] (NS)	40-53	L
1985[12]	**Salt Lake City**	Washington[5] (1st)	66-58	W
		UNLV[4] (2nd)	64-61	W
	Denver	St. John's[1] (RS)	70-86	L
1986[1]	**Charlotte**	Davidson[16] (1st)	75-55	W
		Western Ky.[8] (2nd)	71-64	W
	Atlanta	Alabama[5] (RS)	68-63	W
		LSU[11] (RF)	57-59	L
1987[8]	**Atlanta**	Ohio State[9] (1st)	77-91	L
***1988**[2]	**Cincinnati**	Southern[15] (1st)	99-84	W
		Maryland[7] (2nd)	90-81	W
	Birmingham	Villanova[6] (RS)	74-80	L
1992[2]	**Worcester**	Old Dominion[15] (1st)	88-69	W
		Iowa State[10] (2nd)	106-98	W
	Philadelphia	Massachusetts[3] (RS)	87-77	W
		Duke[1] (RF) [OT]	103-104	L
1993[1]	**Nashville**	Rider[16] (1st)	96-52	W
		Utah[8] (2nd)	83-62	W
	Charlotte	Wake Forest[5] (RS)	103-69	W
		Florida State[3] (RF)	106-81	W
	New Orleans	Michigan[1] (NS) [OT]	78-81	L
1994[3]	**St. Petersburg**	Tennessee State[14] (1st)	83-70	W
		Marquette[6] (2nd)	63-75	L
1995[1]	**Memphis**	Mt. St. Mary's[16] (1st)	113-67	W
		Tulane[9] (2nd)	82-60	W
	Birmingham	Arizona State[5] (RS)	97-73	W
		North Carolina[2] (RF)	61-74	L
1996[1]	**Dallas**	San Jose State[16] (1st)	110-72	W
		Virginia Tech[9] (2nd)	84-60	W
	Minneapolis	Utah[4] (RS)	101-70	W
		Wake Forest[2] (RF)	83-63	W
	E. Rutherford	Massachusetts[1] (NS)	81-74	W
		Syracuse[4] (NF)	76-67	W

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1997[1]	**Salt Lake City**	Montana[16] (1st)	92-54	W
		Iowa[8] (2nd)	75-69	W
	San Jose	St. Joseph's[4] (RS)	83-68	W
		Utah[2] (RF)	72-59	W
	Indianapolis	Minnesota[1] (NS)	78-69	W
		Arizona[4] (NF) [OT]	79-84	L
1998[2]	**Atlanta**	S.C. State[15] (1st)	82-67	W
		Saint Louis[10] (2nd)	88-61	W
	St. Petersburg	UCLA[6] (RS)	94-68	W
		Duke[1] (RF)	86-84	W
	San Antonio	Stanford[3] (NS) [OT]	86-85	W
		Utah[3] (NF)	78-69	W
1999[3]	**New Orleans**	New Mexico State[14] (1st)	82-60	W
		Kansas[6] (2nd) [OT]	92-88	W
	St. Louis	Miami, Ohio[10] (RS)	58-43	W
		Michigan State[1] (RF)	66-73	L
2000[5]	**Cleveland**	St. Bonaventure[12] (1st) [2OT]	85-80	W
		Syracuse[4]	50-52	L
2001[2]	**Long Island**	Holy Cross[15] (1st)	72-68	W
		Iowa[7] (2nd)	92-79	W
	Philadelphia	Southern Cal[6] (RS)	76-80	L
2002[4]	**St. Louis**	Valparaiso[13] (1st)	83-68	W
		Tulsa[12] (2nd)	87-82	W
	Syracuse	Maryland[1] (RS)	68-78	L
2003[1]	**Nashville**	IUPUI[16] (1st)	95-64	W
		Utah[9] (2nd)	74-54	W
	Minneapolis	Wisconsin[5] (RS)	63-57	W
		Marquette[3] (RF)	69-83	L
2004[1]	**Columbus**	Florida A&M[16] (1st)	96-76	W
		UAB[9] (2nd)	75-76	L
2005[2]	**Indianapolis**	Eastern Kentucky[15] (1st)	72-64	W
		Cincinnati[7] (2nd)	69-60	W
	Austin	Utah[6] (RS)	62-52	W
		Michigan State[5] (RF) [2ot]	88-94	L
2006[8]	**Philadelphia**	UAB[9] (1st)	69-64	W
		UConn[1] (2nd)	83-87	L
2007[8]	**Chicago**	Villanova[9] (1st)	67-58	W
		Kansas[1] (2nd)	76-88	L
2008[11]	**Anaheim**	Marquette[6] (1st)	66-74	L
2010[1]	**New Orleans**	East Tennessee St.[16] (1st)	100-71	W
		Wake Forest[9] (2nd)	90-60	W
	SYRACUSE	CORNELL[12] (RS)	62-45	W
		West Virginia [2] (RF)	66-73	L
2011[4]	**Tampa**	Princeton [13] (2nd)	59-57	W
		Wake Forest[5] (3rd)	71-63	W
	Newark	Ohio State[1] (RS)	62-60	W
		North Carolina[2] (RF)	76-69	W
	Houston	Connecticut [3] (NS)	56-55	L
2012[1]	**Louisville**	Western Kentucky[16] (2nd)	81-66	W
		Iowa State[9] (3rd)	87-71	W
	Atlanta	Indiana[4] (RS)	102-90	W
		Baylor [3] (RF)	82-70	W
	New Orleans	Louisville [4] (NS)	69-61	W
		Kansas [2] (NF)	67-59	W
2014[8]	**St. Louis**	Kansas State [9] (2nd)	56-49	W
		Wichita State [1] (3rd)	78-76	W
	Indianapolis	Louisville [4] (RS)	74-69	W
		Michigan [2] (RF)	75-72	W
	Dallas	Wisconsin [2] (NS)	74-73	W
		UConn [7] (NF)	60-54	L
2015[1]	**Louisville**	Hampton [16] (2nd)	79-56	W
		Cincinnati [8] (3rd)	64-51	W
	Cleveland	West Virginia [5] (RS)	78-39	W
		Notre Dame [3] (RF)	68-66	W
	Indianapolis	Wisconsin [1] (NS)	71-64	L
2016[4]	**Des Moines**	Stony Brook [13] (1st)	85-57	W
		Indiana [5] (2nd)	73-67	L
2017[2]	**Indianapolis**	N. Kentucky [15] (1st)	79-70	W
		Wichita State [10] (2nd)	65-62	W
	Memphis	UCLA [3] (RS)		

March Madness Numbers

As of March 19, the nation's winningest team, Kentucky, holds many distinctions in NCAA Tournament play, including:

Appearances

1.	**KENTUCKY**	**56**
2.	North Carolina	48
3.	UCLA	46
	Kansas	46
5.	Louisville	42

Tournament Games

1.	**KENTUCKY**	**171**
2.	North Carolina	159
3.	Kansas	143
4.	Duke	142
5.	UCLA	139

Tournament Wins

1.	**KENTUCKY**	**123**
2.	North Carolina	115
3.	Duke	107
4.	UCLA	101
5.	Kansas	100

NCAA Championships

1.	UCLA	11
2.	**KENTUCKY**	**8**
3.	Duke	5
	Indiana	5
	North Carolina	5

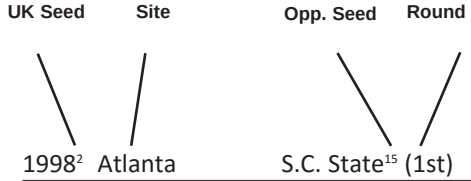
NCAA Final Fours

1.	North Carolina	18
2.	**KENTUCKY**	**17**
	UCLA	17
4.	Duke	16
5.	Kansas	14

NCAA Final Four Wins

1.	UCLA	25
2.	**KENTUCKY**	**20**
3.	Duke	17
4.	North Carolina	15
5.	Kansas	12
	Indiana	12

What's what?



1998[2] Atlanta S.C. State[15] (1st) 82-67 W

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KENTUCKY'S NCAA TOURNAMENT HISTORY

UK VS. THE 2017 NCAA TOURNAMENT FIELD

Opponent	*UK in Series:*	*NCAA Tournament*	*Last Meeting*
EAST REGION			
Villanova	6-0	2-0	3-16-07 (UK 67, Nova 58)
Duke	12-9	3-2	11-17-15 (UK 74, Duke 63)
Baylor	7-2	2-0	12-6-13 (UK 62, Baylor 67)
Florida	100-38	0-0	2-25-17 (UK 76, UF 66)
Virginia	6-3	0-0	11-26-02 (UK 61, UVA 75)
SMU	3-2	0-0	12-4-84 (UK 54, SMU 56)
South Carolina	51-11	0-0	1-21-17 (UK 85, USC 69)
Wisconsin	4-2	2-1	4-4-15 (UK 64, Wisc 71)
Virginia Tech	3-1	1-0	3-16-96 (UK 84, VT 60)
Marquette	7-7	4-6	3-20-08 (UK 66, MU 74)
Providence	3-0	0-0	11-30-14 (UK 58, Prov 38)
UNC Wilmington	0-0	0-0	Never met
East Tennessee State	4-0	1-0	11-12-10 (UK 88, ETSU 65)
New Mexico State	1-0	1-0	3-12-99 (UK 82, NMSU 60)
Troy	0-0	0-0	Never met
Mount St. Marys	1-0	1-0	(UK 113, MSMU 67)
New Orleans	0-0	0-0	Never met
MIDWEST REGION			
Kansas	22-8	2-1	1-28-17 (UK 73, KU 79)
Lousiville	34-16	4-2	12-21-16 (UK 70, UL 73)
Oregon	1-0	0-0	12-16-72 (UK 95, UO 68)
Purdue	6-2	0-0	12-3-97 (UK 89, Purdue 75)
Iowa State	3-0	2-0	3-17-12 (UK 87, ISU 71)
Creighton	8-4	0-0	3-13-09 (UK 65, Creighton 63)
Michigan	5-2	2-1	3-30-14 (UK 75, UM 72)
Miami (Fla.)	3-1	0-0	12-6-08 (UK 67, Miami 73)
Michigan State	13-11	1-3	11-15-16 (UK 69, MSU 48)
Oklahoma State	3-1	1-0	12-21-74 (UK 90, OSU 65)
Rhode Island	1-0	0-0	3-20-46 (UK 46, URI 45)
Nevada	0-0	0-0	Never met
Vermont	0-0	0-0	Never met
Iona	6-0	0-0	12-23-05 (UK 73, Iona 67)
Jacksonville State	1-0	0-0	11-21-00 (UK 91, JSU 48)
NC Central	0-0	0-0	Never met
UC Davis	0-0	0-0	Never met
SOUTH REGION			
North Carolina	15-26	1-2	12-17-16 (UK 103, UNC 100)
UCLA	7-6	1-1	12-3-17 (UK 92, UCLA 97)
Butler	4-0	1-0	11-27-82 (UK 90, Butler 53)
Minnesota	4-1	1-0	3-29-97 (UK 78, Minn 69)
Cincinnati	28-10	2-0	3-21-15 (UK 64, UC 51)
Dayton	3-2	1-0	11-29-99 (UK 68, UD 66)
Arkansas	30-11	1-0	3-12-17 (UK 82, Ark 65)
Seton Hall	1-1	0-0	11-26-88 (UK 63, Seton Hall 60)
Wichita State	2-0	2-0	3-19-17 (UK 65, WSU 62)
Kansas State	9-0	2-0	3-21-14 (UK 56, KSU 49)
Wake Forest	5-0	3-0	3-20-10 (UK 90, WF 60)
Middle Tennessee State	0-1	0-1	3-11-82 (UK 50, MTSU 44)
Winthrop	2-0	0-0	12-22-10 (UK 89, Winthrop 52)
Kent State	1-0	0-0	11-28-01 (UK 82, KSU 68)
Northern Kentucky	2-0	1-0	3-17-17 (UK 79, NKU 70)
Texas Southern	1-0	0-0	11-24-07 (UK 83, TSU 35)
WEST REGION			
Gonzaga	1-0	0-0	11-27-02 (UK 80, Zaga 72)
Arizona	2-3	0-1	11-26-99 (UK 51, Zona 63)
Florida State	6-2	3-1	3-27-93 (UK 106, FSU 81)
West Virginia	15-5	2-1	3-26-15 (UK 78, WVU 39)
Notre Dame	43-19	3-0	3-28-15 (UK 68, UND 66)
Maryland	8-5	0-1	11-9-12 (UK 72, Maryland 69)
St. Mary's	0-0	0-0	Never met
Northwestern	7-1	0-0	12-1-75 (UK 77, NU 89)
Vanderbilt	143-47	0-0	2-28-17 (UK 73, Vandy 67)
VCU	0-0	0-0	Never met
Xavier	37-2	0-0	11-30-68 (UK 115, XU 77)
Princeton	3-1	2-0	3-17-11 (UK 59, Princeton 57)
Bucknell	0-0	0-0	Never met
FGCU	0-0	0-0	Never met
North Dakota	0-0	0-0	Never met
South Dakota State	1-0	0-0	11-13-05 (UK 71, SDSU 54)

UK SEEDING HISTORY IN NCAA TOURNAMENT

UK NCAA TOURNAMENT SEED GRID

UK	Opponent Seed																
Seed	**1**	**2**	**3**	**4**	**5**	**6**	**7**	**8**	**9**	**10**	**11**	**12**	**13**	**14**	**15**	**16**	**Total**
1(12)	2-3	4-2	3-1	5-2	6-0	—	—	6-0	5-1	—	0-1	1-0	—	—	—	10-0	42-10
2(7)	1-1	—	3-0	—	0-2	3-2	4-1	—	—	3-0	—	—	—	—	7-0	—	21-6
3(3)	0-2	1-0	—	—	—	1-1	—	—	—	1-0	1-0	—	—	2-0	—	—	6-3
4(3)	1-1	1-0	0-1	—	1-1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1-0	3-0	—	—	—	7-2
5(1)	—	—	—	0-1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1-0	—	—	—	—	1-1
6(1)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0-1	—	—	—	—	—	0-1
7(0)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0-0
8(4)	1-2	2-0	—	1-0	—	—	0-1	—	3-1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7-4
9(0)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0-0
10(0)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0-0
11(1)	—	—	—	—	—	0-1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0-1
12(1)	0-1	—	—	1-0	1-0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2-1
Total	**5-10**	**8-2**	**6-2**	**7-3**	**8-3**	**4-4**	**4-2**	**6-0**	**8-2**	**4-0**	**1-2**	**3-0**	**3-0**	**2-0**	**7-0**	**10-0**	

*The NCAA began seeding at the 1979 NCAA Tournament

MEMPHIS REGIONAL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday, March 23

Press Conferences

1:00-1:15 p.m.	Butler Head Coach
1:15-1:30 p.m.	Butler Student-Athletes
1:30-1:45 p.m.	North Carolina Student-Athletes
1:45-2:00 p.m.	North Carolina Head Coach
2:00-2:15 p.m.	UCLA Head Coach
2:15-2:30 p.m.	UCLA Student-Athletes
2:30-2:45 p.m.	Kentucky Student-Athletes
2:45-3:00 p.m.	Kentucky Head Coach

Practices

12:00-12:50 p.m.	Butler
1:00-1:50 p.m.	UCLA
2:00-2:50 p.m.	North Carolina
3:00-3:50 p.m.	Kentucky

Friday, March 24

6:09 p.m.	North Carolina vs. Butler
Following Game One	***Kentucky vs. UCLA***

Saturday, March 25

Press Conferences

2:50-3:30 p.m.	Game No. 2 Winner student-athletes and coach on dais
3:15-3:30 p.m.	Game No. 2 Winner student-athletes in breakout rooms
3:40-4:20 p.m.	Game No. 1 Winnner student-athletes and coach on dais
4:05-4:20 p.m.	Game No. 1 Winner student-athletes in breakout rooms

UK NCAA TEAM SINGLE-GAME RECORDS

Most Points
113, Mount Saint Mary's (1995, 1st Round)
110, San Jose State (1996, 1st Round)
109, Notre Dame (1970, Sweet 16)
106, Florida State (1993, Elite 8)
106, Iowa State (1992, 2nd Round)
106, Austin Peay (1973, Sweet 16) [OT]
by Opponent
107 by Western Kentucky (1971, Sweet 16)
106 by Jacksonville (1970, Elite 8)
104 by Duke (1992, Elite 8) [OT]

Fewest Points
28, Dartmouth (1942 (Elite 8)
37, Ohio State (1945, Sweet 16)
40, Georgetown (1984, Final Four)
44, Middle Tennessee (1982, 1st Round)
by Opponent
36, Oklahoma State (1949, Championship)
39, West Virginia (2015, Sweet 16)
40, Miami, Ohio (1999, Sweet 16)
42, Baylor (1948, Championship)

Field Goals
50, Austin Peay (1973, Sweet 16)
43, Notre Dame (1970, Sweet 16)
43, Marquette (1968, Sweet 16)
43, Marquette (1959, Reg. Cons.)
42, San Jose State (1996, 1st Round)
by Opponent
46 by Austin Peay (1973, Sweet 16)
42 by Western Kentucky (1971, Sweet 16)

Field Goals Attempted
99, Miami, Ohio (1958, Sweet 16)
97, Austin Peay (1973, Sweet 16)
89, Jacksonville (1970, Elite 8)
86, UCLA (1975, Championship)
84, Loyola (1964, Reg. Cons.)
by Opponent
99 by Austin Peay (1973, Sweet 16)
87 by Michigan State (1957, Elite 8)
85 by Michigan (1966, Elite 8)

Highest Field-Goal Percentage
.667, Southern (1988, 1st Round) [38-of-57]
.621, Miami, Ohio (1978, Sweet 16) [41-of-66]
.619, Wake Forest (1993, Sweet 16) [39-of-63]
.615, Utah (2005, Sweet 16) [24-of-39]
.615, IUPUI (2003, 1st Round) [40-of-65]
by Opponent
.660 by Ohio State (1987, 1st Round) [33-of-50]
.654 by Duke (1992, Elite 8) [34-of-52]
.605 by North Carolina (1977, Elite 8) [23-of-38]

Lowest Field-Goal Percentage
.245, Georgetown (1984, Final Four) [13-of-53]
.280, North Carolina (1995, Elite 8) [21-of-75]
.302, Temple (1958, Final Four) [19-of-63]
.311, UAB (2006, 1st Round) [19-of-61]
.316, Marquette (1994, 2nd Round) [24-of-76]
by Opponent
.241 by West Virginia (2015, Sweet 16) [13-of54]
.263 by Stony Brook (2016, First Round) [20-76]
.282 by Notre Dame (1958, Elite 8) [22-of-78]
.288 by Hampton (2015, 2nd Round) [17of-59]

3-Point Field Goals
16, Wake Forest (1993, Sweet 16)
15, East Tennessee State (2010, 1st Round)
13, Iowa (2001, 2nd Round)
13, Mount Saint Mary's (1995, 1st Round)
12, North Carolina (2011, Elite 8)
12, Syracuse (1996, Championship)
by Opponent
13 by Arizona State (1995, Sweet 16)
12 by Kansas (1999, 2nd Round)

3-Point Field Goals Attempted
38, Marquette (1994, 2nd Round)
36, North Carolina (1995, Elite 8)
33, East Tennessee State (2010, 1st Round)
32, West Virginia (2010, Regional Final)
30, Arizona (1997, Championship)
by Opponent
32 by Northern Kentucky (2017, 1st Round)
32 by St. Bonaventure (2000, 1st Round)
31 by Kansas (1999, 2nd Round)

3-Point Field-Goal Percentage (min. 10 attempts)
.667, Wake Forest (1993, Sweet 16) [16-of-24]
.636, Wake Forest (1996, Elite 8) [7-of-11]
.583, Cincinnati (2005, 2nd Round) [7-of-12]
.571, New Mexico State (1999, 1st Round) [8-of-14]
.545, North Carolina (2011, Elite 8) [12-of-22]
.545, Duke (1992, Elite 8) [12-of-22]
by Opponent
.625 by Kansas (2007, 2nd Round) [10-of-16]
.571 by USC (2001, Sweet 16) [8-of-14]
.556 by Holy Cross (2001, Sweet 16) [10-of-18]

Free Throws
35, Indiana (2012, Sweet 16)
33, Tennessee State (1994, 1st Round)
30, Washington (1985, 1st Round)
30, Ohio State (1961, Elite 8)
30, Pittsburgh (1957, Sweet 16)
by Opponent
38 by Loyola (1964, Reg. Cons.)
34 by Arizona (1997, Championship)
34 by Iowa State (1992, 2nd Round)

Free Throws Attempted
48, Tennessee State (1994, 1st Round)
41, Pittsburgh (1957, Sweet 16)
40, Washington (1985, 1st Round)
39, Ohio State (1961, Elite 8)
38, Syracuse (1975, Final Four)
by Opponent
44 by Loyola (1964, Reg. Cons.)
41 by Arizona (1997, Championship)
40 by UAB (1981, 2nd Round)

Free-Throw Percentage (min. 10 attempts)
1.000, Utah (2003, Sweet 16) [18-of-18]
.946, Indiana (2012, Sweet 16) [35-of-37]
.944, Connecticut (2006, 2nd Round) [17-of-18]
.900, Dayton (1966, Sweet 16) [18-of-20]
.900, Wisconsin (2015, Final Four) [9-of-10]
by Opponent
1.000 by Villanova (1988, Sweet 16) [17-of-17]
.950 by Wisconsin (2014, Final Four) [19-of-20]
.917 by Utah (1997, Elite 8) [11-of-12]
.917 by North Carolina (1977, Elite 8) [33-of-36]

Rebound Margin
+26, Florida State (1993, Sweet 16)
+23, Florida State (1980, 2nd Round)
+20, Hampton (2105, 2nd Round)
+20, Davidson (1986, 1st Round)
+19, Miami, Ohio (1999, Sweet 16)
+19, Notre Dame (1958, Elite 8)
by Opponent
+25 by Marquette (1971, Reg. Cons.)
+24 by Ohio State (1961, Elite 8)
+15 by Utah (1998, Championship)

Assists
35, San Jose State (1996, 1st Round)
33, Mount St. Mary's (1995, 1st Round)
27, East Tennessee State (2010, 1st Round)
27, Arizona State (1995, Sweet 16)
26, Iowa State (1992, 2nd Round)
by Opponent
23 by Duke (1992, Elite 8)
23 by UCLA (1975, Championship)
21 by Marquette (2003, Elite 8)

Most Turnovers
25, Southern (1988, 1st Round)
23, Florida State (1978, 1st Round)
21, Syracuse (2000, 2nd Round)
20, Florida State (1993, Elite 8)
20, Louisville (1984, Sweet 16)
by Opponent
30 by Old Dominion (1992, 1st Round)
28 by Tennessee State (1994, 1st Round)
26 by Minnesota (1997, Final Four)
26 by San Jose State (1996, 1st Round)

Fewest Turnovers
4, Wisconsin (2014, Final Four)
6, Wisconsin (2015, Final Four)
6, Indiana (2012, Sweet 16)
6, Stanford (1998, Final Four)
6, Utah (1996, Sweet 16)
by Opponent
4 by Florida State (1978, 1st Round)
5 by St. John's (1995, Sweet 16)
6 by Princeton (
6 by Duke (1998, Elite 8)

Blocks
15, Stony Brook (2016, First Round)
14, UCLA (1998, Sweet 16)
11, Kansas (2012, National Championship)
11, Ohio State (2011, Sweet 16)
11, East Tennessee State (2010, 1st Round)
11, South Carolina State (1998, 1st Round)
11, Montana (1997, 1st Round)
by Opponent
9 by Florida State (1978, 1st Round)
8 by Massachusetts (1996, Final Four)
8 by Middle Tennessee (1982, 1st Round)

Steals
17, San Jose State (1996, 1st Round)
17, Tennessee State (1994, 1st Round)
16, Marquette (1994, 2nd Round)
16, Old Dominion (1992, 1st Round)
14, Minnesota (1997, Final Four)
14, Montana (1997, 1st Round)
by Opponent
13 by Florida A&M (2004, 1st Round)
11 by East Tennessee State (2010, 1st Round)
11 by USC (2001, Sweet 16)
11 by Louisville (1983, Elite 8)

Winning Margin
+46, Mount St. Mary's, 1995 (1st Round) [113-67]
+44, Rider, 1993 (1st Round) [96-52]
+39, West Virginia, 2015 (Sweet 16) [78-39]
+38, Montana, 1997 (1st Round) [92-54]
+38, San Jose State, 1996 (1st Round) [110-72]

UK NCAA INDIVIDUAL SINGLE-GAME RECORDS

Points
44, Dan Issel vs. Notre Dame (1970, Sweet 16)
41, Tayshaun Prince vs. Tulsa (2002, 2nd Round)
41, Jack Givens vs. Duke (1978, Finals)
36, Dan Issel vs. Miami, Ohio (1969, Reg. Cons.)
36, Dan Issel vs. Marquette (1968, Sweet 16)
by Opponent
52 by Austin Carr, Notre Dame (1970, Sweet 16)
36 by Henry Finkel, Dayton (1966, Sweet 16)
35 by Jim McDaniels, Western Kentucky (1971, Sweet 16)
34 by Carl Cain, Iowa (1956, Elite 8)
33 by Kent Benson, Indiana (1975, Elite 8)
33 by Jerry Lucas, Ohio State (1962, Elite 8)
33 by Jerry Lucas, Ohio State (1961, Elite 8)

Field Goals
18, Jack Givens vs. Duke (1978 Championship) [27 att.]
17, Dan Issel vs. Notre Dame (1970 Sweet 16) [28 att.]
15, Jim Andrews vs. Austin Peay (1973 Sweet 16) [19 att.]
14, Tayshaun Prince vs. Tulsa (2002 2nd Round) [21 att.]
14, Dan Issel vs. Marquette (1968 Sweet 16) [18 att.]
14, Louie Dampier vs. Dayton (1966 Sweet 16) [23 att.]
14, Bob Burrow vs. Wayne State (1956 Sweet 16)
by Opponent
22 by Austin Carr, Notre Dame (1970, 1st Round) [35 att.]
15 by Henry Finkel, Dayton (1966, Sweet 16) [26 att.]

Field Goals Attempted
30, Kevin Grevey vs. UCLA (1975 Championship)
29, Bill Spivey vs. Kansas State (1951 Championship)
28, Dan Issel vs. Notre Dame (1970 Sweet 16)
27, Jack Givens vs. Duke (1978 Championship)
27, Pat Riley vs. Michigan (1966 Elite 8)
27, Cotton Nash vs. Loyola (1964 Reg. Cons.)
by Opponent
35 by Austin Carr, Notre Dame (1970, 1st Round)
32 by Elgin Baylor, Seattle (1958, National Championship)
31 by James Williams, Austin Peay (1973, Sweet 16)
29 by Don Hennon, Pittsburgh (1957, Sweet 16)
26 by Ron Carter, VMI (1977, Sweet 16)
26 by Henry Finkel, Dayton (1966, Sweet 16)
26 by Bob Brown, Louisville (1951, 1st Round)

Field-Goal Percentage (min. 8 attempts)
1.000, Kenny Walker vs. Western Kentucky (1986, 2nd Round) [11-for-11]
.909, Travis Ford vs. Wake Forest (1993, Sweet 16) [10-of-11]
.900, DeMarcus Cousins vs. Wake Forest (2010, 2nd Round) [9-10]
.900, Patrick Patterson vs. East Tennessee State (2010, 1st Round) [9-10]
.875, Anthony Davis vs. Louisville (2012, Final Four) [7-8]
.875, Josh Harrellson vs. Princeton (2011, 2nd Rd) [7-8]
by Opponent
1.000 by Christian Laettner, Duke (1992, Elite 8) [10-of-10]
.900 by Ben Caton, Utah (1996, Sweet 16) [9-of-10]
.875 by Ric Cobb, Marqutte (1969, Sweet 16) [7-of-8]
.818 by Randy Ayers, Miami, Ohio (1978, Sweet 16) [9-of-11]
.800 by Rayshard Allen, Tulane (1995, 2nd Round) [12-of-15]
.800 by Mickey Dillard, Florida State (1978, 1st Round) [8-of-10]

3-Point Field Goals
8, Eric Bledsoe vs. East Tennessee St. (2010, 1st Round)
7, Tony Delk vs. Syracuse (1996 Championship)
6, Tayshaun Prince vs. Tulsa (2002 2nd Round)
6, Tayshaun Prince vs. Iowa (2001 2nd Round)
5, 12 players
by Opponent
6 by David Bluthenthal, USC (2001, Sweet 16)
6 by Dean Oliver, Iowa (2001, 2nd Round)
6 by Jeff Boschee, Kansas (1999, 2nd Round)
6 by Tyler Brown, South Carolina State (1998, 1st Round)

3-Point Field Goals Attempted
14, Tony Delk vs. North Carolina (1995 Elite 8)
12, Scott Padgett vs. Arizona (1997 Championship)
12, Tony Delk vs. Syracuse (1996 Championship)
12, Tony Delk vs. Marquette (1994 2nd Round)
11, Brandon Knight vs. UConn (2011, Final Four)
11, Brandon Knight vs. North Carolina (2011, Elite 8)
by Opponent
18 by Jeff Boschee, Kansas (1999, 2nd Round)
9 by Drew McDonald, NKU (2017, 1st Round)
9 by Cole Murray, NKU (2017, 1st Round)
9 by Harrison Barnes, North Carolina (2011, Elite 8)
9 by Shabazz Napier, Connecticut (2014, Championship)

3-Point Field-Goal Percentage (min. 5 attempts)
1.000, Jamal Mashburn vs. Wake Forest (1993, Sweet 16) [5-of-5]
.889, Eric Bledsoe vs. East Tennessee State (2010, 1st Round) [8-of-9]
.833, Cameron Mills vs. St. Joseph's (1997, Sweet 16)
[5-of-6]
.833, Travis Ford vs. Wake Forest (1993, Sweet 16) [5-of-6]
.800, John Pelphrey vs. Iowa State (1992, 2nd Round)
[4-of-5]
by Opponent
.857 by Brandon Rush, Kansas (2007, 2nd Round) [6-of-7]
.714 by Kirk Penney, Wisconsin (2003, Sweet 16) [5-of-7]
.667 by seven players

Free Throws
17, Roger Newman vs. Ohio State (1961 Elite 8)
14, Randolph Morris vs. Kansas (2007, 2nd Round)
13, Scott Padgett vs. Kansas (1999 2nd Round)
13, Rodrick Rhodes vs. Tennessee St. (1994 1st Round)
13, Ed Davender vs. Maryland (1988 2nd Round)
13, Kenny Walker vs. Washington (1985 1st Round)
by Opponent
16 by John Riser, Pittsburgh (1957, Sweet 16)
15 by Ron Bayless, Iowa State (1992, 2nd Round)
14 by Miles Simon, Arizona (1997 Championship)
14 by Dean Meminger, Marquette (1971, Regional Cons.)
14 by Jim Coleman, Loyola (1964, Elite 8)

Free Throws Attempted
22, Roger Newman vs. Ohio State (1961 Elite 8)
19, Rodrick Rhodes vs. Tennessee St. (1994 1st Round)
17, Scott Padgett vs. Kansas (1999 2nd Round)
16, Randolph Morris vs. Kansas (2007, 2nd Round)
15, three players
by Opponent
18 by Robert Kendrick, Wayne State (1956 Sweet 16)
17 by Miles Simon, Arizona (1997 Championship)
17 by Dean Meminger, Marquette (1971, Regional Consl.)
17 by Jim Coleman, Loyola (1964, Elite 8)
17 by John Riser, Pittsburgh (1957, Sweet 16)

Free-Throw Percentage (min. 10 attempts)
1.000, Michael Kidd-Gilchrist vs. Indiana (2012, Sweet 16) [10-of-10]
1.000, Dan Issel vs. Miami, Ohio (1969, Reg. Cons.) [12-of-12]
1.000, Bobby Perry vs. UAB (2006, 1st Round) [10-of-10]
1.000, Mike Casey vs. Marquette (1969, Sweet 16) [10-of-10]
by Opponent
1.000 by Jim McDaniels, Western Kentucky (1971 Sweet 16) [11-of-11]
1.000 by Christian Laettner, Duke (1992 Elite 8) [10-of-10]

Rebounds
24, Jerry Bird vs. Iowa (1956, Elite Eight)
21, Bill Spivey vs. Kansas State (1951, Finals)
18, Bam Adebayo vs. NKU (2017, 1st Round)
16, Anthony Davis vs. Kansas (2012, Championship)
16, Jim Andrews vs. Marquette (1972, Sweet 16)
16, Dan Issel vs. Marquette (1968, Sweet 16)
16, Bill Lickert vs. Morehead State (1961, Sweet 16)
16, Johnny Cox vs. Seattle (1958, Finals)
16, Ed Beck vs. Michigan State (1957, Elite 8)
16, Bill Spivey vs. Illinois (1951, Final Four)
by Opponent
30 by Jerry Lucas, Ohio State (1961, Elite 8)
23 by Kent Benson, Indiana (1975, Elite 8)
20 by Artis Gilmore, Jacksonville (1970, Elite 8)
19 by Elgin Baylor, Seattle (1958, National Championship)
18 by Five guys

Assists
14, Dicky Beal vs. BYU (1984, 2nd Round)
11, John Wall vs. E. Tennessee State (2010, 1st Round)
9, seven players
by Opponent
14 by Andre McCarter, UCLA (1975, National Championship)
12 by Edgar Padilla, Massachusetts (1996, Final Four)
11 by Dwayne Wade, Marquette (2003, Elite 8)
11 by Mateen Cleaves, Michigan State (1999, Elite 8)
11 by Bruce Douglass, Illinois (1984, Elite 8)

Blocks
7, Anthony Davis vs. WKU (2012, 2nd Round)
6, Skal Labissiere vs. Stony Brook (2016, 1st Round)
6, Anthony Davis vs. Kansas (2012, National Championship)
6, Anthony Davis vs. Baylor (2012, Elite 8)
6, Jamaal Magloire vs. UCLA (1998, Sweet 16)
6, Nazr Mohammed vs. UCLA (1998, Sweet 16)

Steals
6, Anthony Epps vs. San Jose State (1996, 1st Round)
6, Antoine Walker vs. San Jose State (1996, 1st Round)
6, Dicky Beal vs. Louisville (1984, Sweet 16)
5, eight tied

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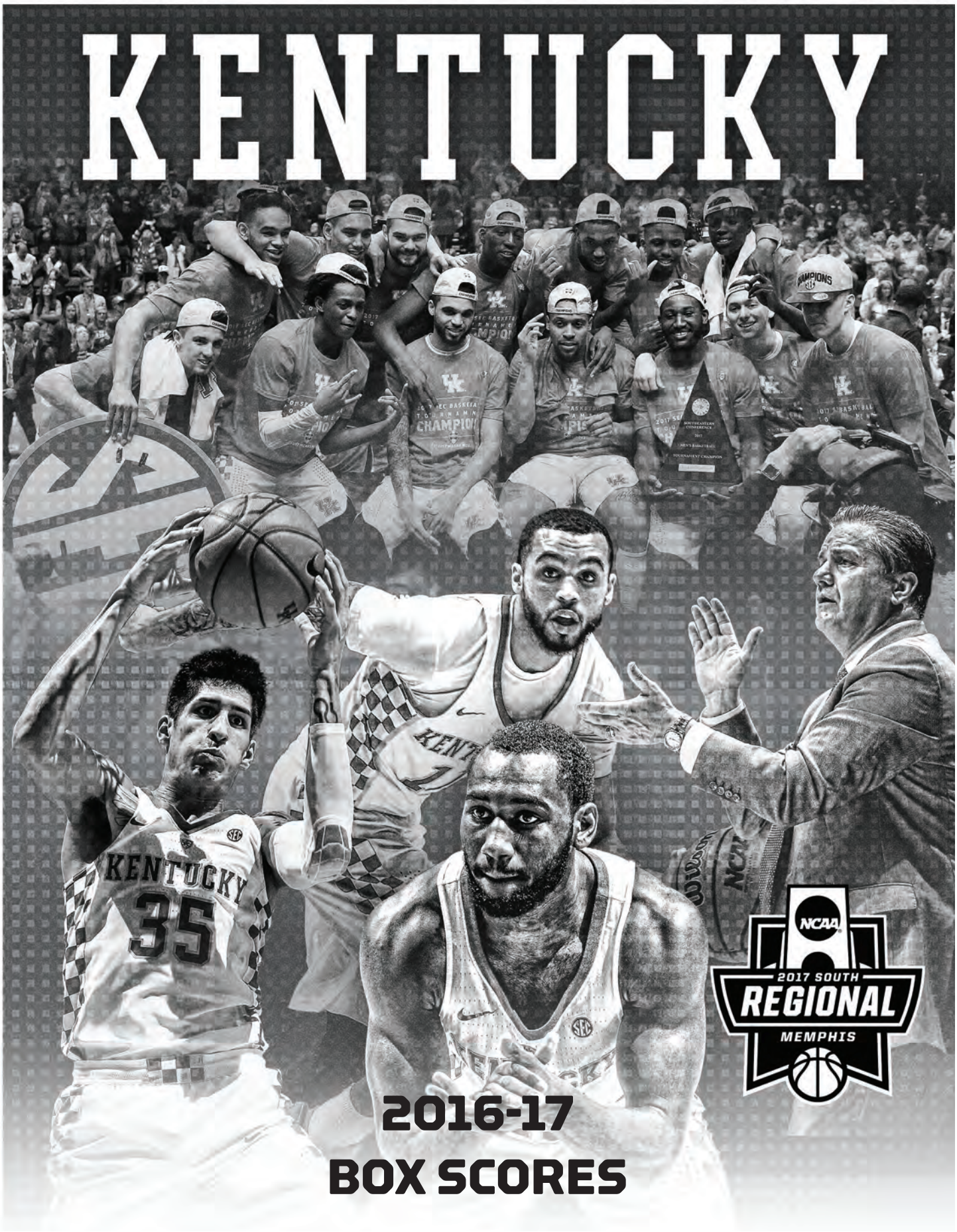

2016-17
BOX SCORES

#2/4 Kentucky 87, Stephen F. Austin 64
Nov. 11, 2016 | Lexington, Ky.

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##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
03	Gilmore III, Leon	f	6-12	0-4	0-2	4	7	11	3	12	1	4	1	1	27
22	Holyfield, TJ	f	2-2	1-1	0-0	1	0	1	5	5	0	2	1	0	9
04	Charles, Ty	g	1-7	0-4	0-0	0	3	3	3	2	2	7	0	2	26
11	Canete, Ivan	g	2-5	0-1	3-4	0	1	1	3	7	1	2	0	1	20
12	Cameron, Dallas	g	3-5	1-3	1-2	0	2	2	1	8	3	2	0	0	28
00	Augustin, Aaron		1-1	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	3	2	2	1	0	0	11
01	Harris, Kevon		0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	10
05	Huntley, Josh		0-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	5	0	1	1	0	0	6
10	Traylor, Isaiah		4-8	2-4	5-6	1	2	3	1	15	0	2	1	1	17
23	Bain, Nathan		1-3	1-2	2-2	1	0	1	0	5	0	0	1	0	8
24	Nieminen, Samuli		2-5	0-0	0-0	2	0	2	4	4	0	3	1	1	17
32	Grujic, Jovan		1-2	0-0	2-3	2	1	3	1	4	0	4	0	0	21
	Team					2	4	6							
	Totals		23-52	5-19	13-19	14	22	36	32	64	10	28	5	6	200

FG % 1st Half: 11-23 47.8% 2nd half: 12-29 41.4% Game: 23-52 44.2%
3FG % 1st Half: 3-9 33.3% 2nd half: 2-10 20.0% Game: 5-19 26.3%
FT % 1st Half: 7-10 70.0% 2nd half: 6-9 66.7% Game: 13-19 68.4%

Deadball Rebounds 2,2

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##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
03	Adebayo, Edrice	f	1-1	0-0	3-7	1	0	1	4	5	1	1	0	1	15
35	Willis, Derek	f	5-7	1-3	4-4	1	4	5	1	15	2	0	3	1	31
00	Fox, De'Aaron	g	3-9	0-2	6-6	2	2	4	3	12	12	3	0	3	30
05	Monk, Malik	g	4-14	1-6	1-1	0	0	0	3	10	1	1	1	1	20
13	Briscoe, Isaiah	g	6-11	1-3	4-7	0	1	1	2	17	1	4	0	1	31
01	Killeya-Jones, Sacha		0-1	0-0	0-0	1	2	3	0	0	0	2	1	0	9
11	Mulder, Mychal		3-4	2-3	0-0	0	0	0	1	8	0	0	0	0	6
14	Wynyard, Tai		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
15	Humphries, Isaac		4-8	0-0	1-2	4	4	8	0	9	1	1	3	3	19
20	Calipari, Brad		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
25	Hawkins, Dominique		0-1	0-0	1-2	0	0	0	2	1	3	1	0	0	17
32	Gabriel, Wenyen		5-6	0-1	0-1	0	2	2	2	10	0	0	0	2	18
	Team					2	2	4							
	Totals		31-62	5-18	20-30	11	17	28	19	87	21	13	8	12	200

FG % 1st Half: 18-36 50.0% 2nd half: 13-26 50.0% Game: 31-62 50.0%
3FG % 1st Half: 2-10 20.0% 2nd half: 3-8 37.5% Game: 5-18 27.8%
FT % 1st Half: 10-14 71.4% 2nd half: 10-16 62.5% Game: 20-30 66.7%

Deadball Rebounds 6,2

Officials: Joe Lindsay, Vladimir Voyard-Tadal, Rusty Phillips
Technical fouls: STEPHEN F. AUSTIN-Traylor, Isaiah. Kentucky-None.
Attendance: 22683

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
STEPHEN F. AUSTIN	32	32	**64**
Kentucky	48	39	**87**

Points	In Paint	Off T/O	2nd Chance	Fast Break	Bench
SFA	28	14	13	2	30
UK	38	32	10	12	28

Last FG - SFA 2nd-00:21, UK 2nd-01:08.
Largest lead - SFA by 1 1st-19:01, UK by 27 2nd-04:58.
SFA led for 00:30. UK led for 39:04. Game was tied for 00:26.

Score tied - 0 times.
Lead changed - 2 times.

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##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
02	Crumpton, Jermaine	f	4-9	0-2	5-7	1	1	2	4	13	0	0	0	2	26
22	Valenti, Phil	f	6-12	0-2	0-0	3	4	7	2	12	2	6	0	1	36
01	Johnson, Malik	g	2-4	1-1	1-2	1	1	2	3	6	1	2	0	0	30
04	Douse, Kiefer	g	1-4	0-0	0-0	1	3	4	3	2	2	0	1	1	16
05	Robertson, Kassius	g	5-15	2-10	4-5	0	4	4	1	16	2	3	0	0	35
03	Dixon-Green, Martin		1-3	0-0	0-0	1	3	4	3	2	1	1	0	0	13
10	Planincic, Selvedin		0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	3	0	0	1	0	0	3
11	Atkinson, Chris		0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	1	4
13	Reese, Isaiah		3-8	0-4	0-0	0	4	4	4	6	1	1	0	3	16
14	Foley, Spencer		2-3	0-1	0-0	1	0	1	1	4	0	0	0	0	6
23	St. Louis, Dantai		0-0	0-0	2-4	0	1	1	4	2	1	1	0	0	6
32	Faulkner, Jibreel		2-3	1-1	1-2	2	0	2	0	6	1	1	0	0	9
	Team					3	1	4				1			
	Totals		26-62	4-21	13-20	14	22	36	30	69	11	18	1	8	200

FG % 1st Half: 16-35 45.7% 2nd half: 10-27 37.0% Game: 26-62 41.9%
3FG % 1st Half: 3-14 21.4% 2nd half: 1-7 14.3% Game: 4-21 19.0%
FT % 1st Half: 0-0 0.0% 2nd half: 13-20 65.0% Game: 13-20 65.0%

Deadball Rebounds 5

Kentucky 93 • 2-0

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
03	Adebayo, Edrice	f	3-9	0-0	8-13	6	5	11	2	14	2	0	3	0	27
35	Willis, Derek	f	1-2	0-1	0-0	0	2	2	0	2	0	1	1	0	16
00	Fox, De'Aaron	g	6-13	0-3	9-9	1	3	4	1	21	3	2	0	0	33
05	Monk, Malik	g	5-11	2-6	4-4	1	3	4	2	16	2	3	1	1	32
13	Briscoe, Isaiah	g	9-13	0-0	3-4	0	5	5	3	21	2	1	1	0	32
01	Killeya-Jones, Sacha		1-1	0-0	1-4	1	3	4	1	3	0	0	1	0	7
10	David, Jonny		0-0	0-0	0-2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
11	Mulder, Mychal		1-2	1-2	0-0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	1	4
14	Wynyard, Tai		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	3
15	Humphries, Isaac		3-4	0-0	0-0	3	1	4	3	6	0	1	0	0	7
20	Calipari, Brad		0-0	0-0	2-3	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	3
25	Hawkins, Dominique		1-2	0-1	0-0	1	0	1	3	2	1	0	0	2	15
30	Pulliam, Dillon		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
32	Gabriel, Wenyen		1-4	1-3	0-0	2	1	3	3	3	0	0	0	0	17
	Team					0	0	0							
	Totals		31-61	4-16	27-39	15	24	39	19	93	10	10	7	4	200

FG % 1st Half: 15-33 45.5% 2nd half: 16-28 57.1% Game: 31-61 50.8%
3FG % 1st Half: 0-7 0.0% 2nd half: 4-9 44.4% Game: 4-16 25.0%
FT % 1st Half: 14-20 70.0% 2nd half: 13-19 68.4% Game: 27-39 69.2%

Deadball Rebounds 5

Officials: Doug Sirmons, Bryon Jarrett, Sean Casey
Technical fouls: CANISIUS-None. Kentucky-None.
Attendance: 22009

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
CANISIUS	35	34	**69**
Kentucky	44	49	**93**

Points	In Paint	Off T/O	2nd Chance	Fast Break	Bench
CAN	34	11	15	0	20
UK	46	29	13	14	19

Last FG - CAN 2nd-00:31, UK 2nd-02:21.
Largest lead - CAN by 7 1st-16:42, UK by 30 2nd-01:37.
CAN led for 09:42. UK led for 27:07. Game was tied for 03:11.

Score tied - 9 times.
Lead changed - 6 times.

#2/2 Kentucky 69, #13/13 Michigan State 48
Nov. 15, 2016 | New York

Kentucky 69

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
03	ADEBAYO,EDRICE	f	2-3	0-0	2-3	1	4	5	4	6	0	5	2	0	26
35	Willis, Derek	f	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	1	0	3	1	2	0	16
00	FOX,DE'AARON	g	3-10	0-2	6-6	0	4	4	2	12	6	3	1	1	29
05	MONK,MALIK	g	8-17	7-11	0-0	0	6	6	1	23	1	2	0	0	34
13	Briscoe, Isaiah	g	8-18	0-3	5-5	2	2	4	1	21	2	1	0	1	35
01	KILLEYA-JONES,SACHA		0-1	0-0	0-2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	4
11	Mulder, Mychal		0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
14	Wynyard, Tai		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
15	Humphries, Isaac		0-3	0-0	0-0	1	4	5	2	0	1	1	1	2	13
20	Calipari, Brad		0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
25	Hawkins, Dominique		1-3	0-2	1-2	1	1	2	1	3	2	0	0	1	13
32	Gabriel, Wenyen		1-2	0-1	2-2	3	3	6	3	4	2	0	1	3	24
	Team					1	3	4							
	Totals		23-60	7-21	16-20	9	31	40	16	69	17	14	8	8	200

FG % 1st Half: 11-29 37.9% 2nd half: 12-31 38.7% Game: 23-60 38.3%
3FG % 1st Half: 4-11 36.4% 2nd half: 3-10 30.0% Game: 7-21 33.3%
FT % 1st Half: 8-9 88.9% 2nd half: 8-11 72.7% Game: 16-20 80.0%

Deadball Rebounds 1

#13/13 Michigan State 48

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
00	AHRENS,KYLE		0-2	0-2	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
01	LANGFORD,JOSHUA		2-6	1-4	0-2	1	4	5	2	5	1	1	0	0	19
03	ELLIS III,ALVIN		1-5	1-4	1-2	0	2	2	1	4	0	1	0	0	18
05	WINSTON,CASSIUS		4-9	1-3	0-0	0	2	2	3	9	2	1	0	0	22
11	NAIRN JR.,LOURAWLS		1-4	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	1	2	1	1	0	0	21
14	HARRIS,ERON		1-3	0-2	0-0	0	3	3	1	2	1	3	0	0	13
20	MCQUAID,MATT		1-6	1-6	0-0	1	0	1	4	3	2	0	0	0	23
22	BRIDGES,MILES		2-11	1-5	1-3	3	9	12	3	6	1	9	3	0	33
25	GOINS,KENNY		4-6	0-0	1-2	2	6	8	1	9	0	1	1	0	29
30	VAN DYK,MATT		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
44	WARD,NICK		4-9	0-0	0-0	5	1	6	4	8	1	2	0	0	15
	Team					1	2	3				1			
	Totals		20-61	5-26	3-9	13	31	44	20	48	9	20	4	0	200

FG % 1st Half: 11-30 36.7% 2nd half: 9-31 29.0% Game: 20-61 32.8%
3FG % 1st Half: 3-11 27.3% 2nd half: 2-15 13.3% Game: 5-26 19.2%
FT % 1st Half: 1-4 25.0% 2nd half: 2-5 40.0% Game: 3-9 33.3%

Deadball Rebounds 3

Officials: Doug Shows, Terry Oglesby, Gene Steratore
Technical fouls: Kentucky-None. #13/13 Michigan State-None.
Attendance: 19812
2016 State Farm Champions Classic

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
Kentucky	34	35	**69**
#13/13 Michigan State	26	22	**48**

Points	In Paint	Off T/O	2nd Chance	Fast Break	Bench
UK	24	24	11	12	7
MSU	24	12	8	4	48

Last FG - UK 2nd-01:58, MSU 2nd-02:44.
Largest lead - UK by 23 2nd-03:54, MSU by 3 1st-17:22.
UK led for 34:30. MSU led for 01:41. Game was tied for 03:49.

Score tied - 3 times.
Lead changed - 1 time.

#2/2 Kentucky 93, Duquesne 59
Nov. 20, 2016 | Lexington, Ky.

DUQUESNE 59 • 2-3

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
00	Lewis, Darius		2-4	0-0	0-0	0	4	4	3	4	0	2	0	0	20
01	Lewis II, Mike		2-10	2-5	2-2	0	1	1	1	8	0	3	0	0	26
02	James, Eric		2-4	0-2	0-0	0	0	0	1	4	2	5	0	2	8
03	Smith, Tarin		2-8	1-2	5-6	0	1	1	1	10	1	3	0	0	31
04	Castro, Rene		0-4	0-2	0-0	1	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	9
05	Blackman, Emile		4-8	0-2	5-6	0	0	0	4	13	1	0	0	0	28
20	Sanders, Nakye		3-3	0-0	2-2	2	4	6	3	8	0	0	0	2	18
21	Haus, David		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0+
25	Littleson, Spencer		1-5	1-5	0-0	1	2	3	0	3	2	0	0	0	20
45	Mike, Isiaha		1-10	1-7	4-4	2	8	10	3	7	1	4	1	3	33
55	Robinson, Jordan		0-0	0-0	2-2	0	3	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	7
	Team					1	1	2							
	Totals		17-56	5-25	20-22	7	25	32	17	59	7	18	1	7	200

FG % 1st Half: 6-29 20.7% 2nd half: 11-27 40.7% Game: 17-56 30.4%
3FG % 1st Half: 2-14 14.3% 2nd half: 3-11 27.3% Game: 5-25 20.0%
FT % 1st Half: 9-10 90.0% 2nd half: 11-12 91.7% Game: 20-22 90.9%

Deadball Rebounds 1,2

Kentucky 93 • 4-0

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
03	Adebayo, Edrice	f	5-8	0-0	2-3	3	5	8	2	12	1	1	2	2	24
32	Gabriel, Wenyen	f	3-5	0-1	2-2	3	3	6	2	8	0	1	1	0	22
00	Fox, De'Aaron	g	5-13	1-2	5-8	1	6	7	2	16	6	1	0	3	31
05	Monk, Malik	g	6-12	2-8	0-0	0	2	2	2	14	0	1	1	0	18
13	Briscoe, Isaiah	g	4-10	0-1	5-6	0	3	3	0	13	5	3	1	4	17
01	Killeya-Jones, Sacha		3-5	0-0	0-0	1	2	3	2	6	0	0	2	0	13
10	David, Jonny		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
11	Mulder, Mychal		5-11	3-8	0-0	3	1	4	1	13	1	1	1	0	20
14	Wynyard, Tai		1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	3
15	Humphries, Isaac		1-2	0-0	0-0	1	2	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	10
20	Calipari, Brad		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
25	Hawkins, Dominique		1-5	0-2	0-0	2	1	3	1	2	4	0	0	0	20
30	Pulliam, Dillon		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	2
35	Willis, Derek		1-4	1-4	2-2	0	3	3	3	5	1	0	2	2	15
	Team					2	3	5							
	Totals		35-76	7-26	16-21	16	33	49	17	93	19	11	10	11	200

FG % 1st Half: 17-37 45.9% 2nd half: 18-39 46.2% Game: 35-76 46.1%
3FG % 1st Half: 4-12 33.3% 2nd half: 3-14 21.4% Game: 7-26 26.9%
FT % 1st Half: 12-16 75.0% 2nd half: 4-5 80.0% Game: 16-21 76.2%

Deadball Rebounds 3

Officials: Joe DeRosa, Anthony Jordan, Patrick Evans
Technical fouls: DUQUESNE-TEAM. Kentucky-Adebayo, Edrice.
Attendance: 21327

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
DUQUESNE	23	36	**59**
Kentucky	50	43	**93**

Points	In Paint	Off T/O	2nd Chance	Fast Break	Bench
DUQ	20	12	7	7	59
UK	44	18	19	18	30

Last FG - DUQ 2nd-00:16, UK 2nd-00:41.
Largest lead - DUQ by 2 1st-18:23, UK by 41 2nd-01:56.
DUQ led for 00:10. UK led for 37:27. Game was tied for 02:23.

Score tied - 2 times.
Lead changed - 1 time.

#1/1 Kentucky 101, Cleveland State 70
Nov. 23, 2016 | Lexington, Ky.

CLEVELAND STATE 70 • 1-3

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
00	Sloan, Derek		1-3	0-1	2-2	1	4	5	5	4	0	3	0	0	16
01	Carpenter, Kenny		1-5	0-1	2-2	0	1	1	1	4	0	2	0	0	12
03	Edwards, Rob		12-21	2-7	2-2	1	3	4	0	28	2	2	0	0	32
04	Wright, Anthony		2-5	0-1	0-1	0	3	3	3	4	1	1	1	1	21
05	Blount, Jibri		2-4	0-1	2-2	0	3	3	4	6	0	3	0	0	22
12	Thomas, Kasheem		0-2	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	14
13	Maxwell, Nelson		1-2	1-1	0-0	0	1	1	1	3	2	0	0	2	5
20	Word, Bobby		4-11	3-8	3-4	0	3	3	4	14	1	3	0	0	25
21	Hasbargen, Tim		0-1	0-1	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
22	Clayborne, Evan		0-1	0-0	0-2	2	3	5	5	0	0	1	0	0	19
23	Hairston, Jamarcus		2-6	0-4	3-4	2	1	3	2	7	1	0	0	1	19
55	Levitt, Daniel		0-3	0-1	0-0	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	10
	Team					4	2	6			1				
	Totals		25-64	6-27	14-19	11	25	36	27	70	7	19	1	5	200

FG % 1st Half: 14-29 48.3% 2nd half: 11-35 31.4% Game: 25-64 39.1%
3FG % 1st Half: 3-10 30.0% 2nd half: 3-17 17.6% Game: 6-27 22.2%
FT % 1st Half: 4-6 66.7% 2nd half: 10-13 76.9% Game: 14-19 73.7%

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Rebound
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Kentucky 101 • 5-0

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
03	Adebayo, Edrice	f	5-8	0-0	4-4	2	5	7	4	14	2	1	0	0	26
35	Willis, Derek	f	3-6	1-3	0-0	1	4	5	3	7	1	1	1	1	20
00	Fox, De'Aaron	g	6-15	0-2	4-7	0	4	4	1	16	11	2	1	2	33
05	Monk, Malik	g	8-12	4-6	3-5	0	3	3	1	23	4	3	0	2	30
25	Hawkins, Dominique	g	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	6
01	Killeya-Jones, Sacha		1-2	0-0	3-5	0	2	2	0	5	0	0	1	0	11
10	David, Jonny		0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
11	Mulder, Mychal		5-10	3-7	0-0	2	0	2	1	13	0	2	1	0	22
14	Wynyard, Tai		2-2	0-0	0-1	1	2	3	0	4	0	0	0	0	4
15	Humphries, Isaac		4-6	0-0	1-1	5	4	9	3	9	1	2	0	0	11
20	Calipari, Brad		0-3	0-3	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	8
32	Gabriel, Wenyen		4-8	1-3	1-3	4	6	10	4	10	6	1	1	0	26
	Team					1	0	1							
	Totals		38-73	9-24	16-26	16	31	47	18	101	25	13	6	6	200

FG % 1st Half: 21-37 56.8% 2nd half: 17-36 47.2% Game: 38-73 52.1%
3FG % 1st Half: 7-12 58.3% 2nd half: 2-12 16.7% Game: 9-24 37.5%
FT % 1st Half: 7-13 53.8% 2nd half: 9-13 69.2% Game: 16-26 61.5%

Deadba
Rebound
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Officials: Karl Hess, Antinio Petty, Rob Rorke
Technical fouls: CLEVELAND STATE-None. Kentucky-None.
Attendance: 22441

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
CLEVELAND STATE	35	35	**70**
Kentucky	56	45	**101**

	In Paint	Off T/O	2nd Chance	Fast Break	Bench
Points					
CSU	20	13	13	6	70
UK	52	29	25	12	41

Last FG - CSU 2nd-00:24, UK 2nd-00:28.
Largest lead - CSU None, UK by 41 2nd-06:00.
CSU led for 00:00. UK led for 39:44. Game was tied for 00:16.

Score tied - 0 times.
Lead changed - 0 times.

#1/1 Kentucky 111, UT Martin 76
Nov. 25, 2016 | Lexington, Ky.

UT MARTIN 76 • 5-2

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
00	Jackson, Jalen		1-2	0-1	3-4	0	0	0	1	5	2	0	0	1	5
01	Butler, Matthew		6-15	2-8	1-1	0	3	3	2	15	4	6	0	0	31
02	Mobley, Jacolby		6-16	2-8	0-0	2	1	3	3	14	4	1	0	1	33
03	Bailey, Dante		1-2	1-1	0-0	0	1	1	1	3	1	1	0	0	10
04	Edwards, Kedar		5-11	3-6	0-0	2	2	4	1	13	3	3	1	0	28
05	Fofana, Mike		0-2	0-1	4-4	0	0	0	3	4	0	1	0	0	12
10	Rowe, Chandler		1-2	1-1	3-6	1	1	2	4	6	0	3	1	2	17
12	Lewis, Fatodd		0-4	0-0	0-2	0	1	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	21
21	London, Mark		1-1	0-0	0-1	0	1	1	3	2	0	0	0	0	7
22	Beaufort, Kahari		1-4	0-1	1-1	0	1	1	1	3	0	0	0	2	7
25	Martinez, Javier		5-7	0-0	1-1	0	4	4	4	11	1	0	0	2	28
44	Detlev, Nick		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Team					6	0	6				1			
	Totals		27-66	9-27	13-20	11	15	26	25	76	15	17	2	8	200

FG % 1st Half: 16-33 48.5% 2nd half: 11-33 33.3% Game: 27-66 40.9%
3FG % 1st Half: 4-12 33.3% 2nd half: 5-15 33.3% Game: 9-27 33.3%
FT % 1st Half: 2-2 100.0 2nd half: 11-18 61.1% Game: 13-20 65.0%

Deadba
Rebound
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Kentucky 111 • 6-0

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
03	Adebayo, Edrice	f	5-10	0-0	5-8	8	4	12	0	15	0	1	1	0	25
32	Gabriel, Wenyen	f	4-6	1-1	6-6	2	4	6	4	15	1	2	0	0	28
00	Fox, De'Aaron	g	7-12	0-3	2-4	1	5	6	2	16	5	4	0	3	28
05	Monk, Malik	g	10-17	2-8	4-4	0	2	2	2	26	7	2	0	1	29
25	Hawkins, Dominique	g	1-5	0-2	4-4	2	2	4	0	6	9	1	0	1	32
01	Killeya-Jones, Sacha		6-8	0-0	0-0	1	3	4	3	12	0	1	1	0	13
10	David, Jonny		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
11	Mulder, Mychal		4-5	4-5	0-0	0	2	2	3	12	1	0	0	2	15
14	Wynyard, Tai		0-1	0-0	0-0	1	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	3
15	Humphries, Isaac		3-5	0-0	1-1	2	1	3	2	7	0	0	2	0	12
20	Calipari, Brad		0-2	0-2	0-2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	5
30	Pulliam, Dillon		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
35	Willis, Derek		1-3	0-1	0-0	1	0	1	1	2	0	0	1	0	8
	Team					1	5	6							
	Totals		41-74	7-22	22-29	19	29	48	18	111	24	12	5	7	200

FG % 1st Half: 18-33 54.5% 2nd half: 23-41 56.1% Game: 41-74 55.4%
3FG % 1st Half: 4-13 30.8% 2nd half: 3-9 33.3% Game: 7-22 31.8%
FT % 1st Half: 13-17 76.5% 2nd half: 9-12 75.0% Game: 22-29 75.9%

Deadba
Rebound
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Officials: Joe Lindsay, Ron Groover, K.B. Burdett, Jr.
Technical fouls: UT MARTIN-None. Kentucky-None.
Attendance: 23324

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
UT MARTIN	38	38	**76**
Kentucky	53	58	**111**

	In Paint	Off T/O	2nd Chance	Fast Break	Bench
Points					
UTM	28	16	6	10	76
UK	54	29	20	16	33

Last FG - UTM 2nd-01:13, UK 2nd-01:00.
Largest lead - UTM by 3 1st-18:53, UK by 48 2nd-08:46.
UTM led for 02:01. UK led for 36:49. Game was tied for 01:07.

Score tied - 0 times.
Lead changed - 3 times.

#1/1 Kentuky 115, Arizona State 69
Nov. 28, 2016 | Paradise Island, Bahamas

Arizona State 69 • 4-3

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
05	Oleka, Obinna	f	6-9	0-1	2-2	4	7	11	3	14	3	1	2	1	33
00	Holder, Tra	g	5-13	1-2	1-1	1	1	2	0	12	2	2	0	2	32
03	Cunliffe, Sam	g	4-16	3-8	3-6	0	4	4	3	14	1	2	0	1	31
04	Graham, Torian	g	4-16	0-6	4-4	1	2	3	1	12	2	0	0	0	32
11	Evans II, Shannon	g	4-12	2-5	1-2	0	3	3	2	11	6	5	1	0	32
22	Witherill, Austin		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
33	Vila, Ramon		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	4	0	0	0	1	0	13
42	Tshisumpa, Jethro		0-1	0-0	0-0	2	2	4	5	0	0	1	0	0	4
44	Justice, Kodi		2-6	2-4	0-0	0	2	2	3	6	1	2	0	0	22
	Team					3	0	3							
	Totals		25-73	8-26	11-15	11	22	33	21	69	15	13	4	4	200

FG % 1st Half: 12-35 34.3% 2nd half: 13-38 34.2% Game: 25-73 34.2%
3FG % 1st Half: 6-17 35.3% 2nd half: 2-9 22.2% Game: 8-26 30.8%
FT % 1st Half: 0-0 0.0% 2nd half: 11-15 73.3% Game: 11-15 73.3%

Deadball
Rebounds
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Kentucky 115 • 7-0

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
03	Adebayo, Edrice	f	5-7	0-0	2-3	5	4	9	1	12	2	0	3	0	23
32	Gabriel, Wenyen	f	5-11	0-1	0-0	3	4	7	2	10	4	1	2	0	20
00	Fox, De'Aaron	g	6-9	1-1	1-2	2	9	11	3	14	10	4	0	2	31
05	Monk, Malik	g	8-20	3-10	4-5	0	3	3	0	23	4	2	0	1	30
13	Briscoe, Isaiah	g	7-9	2-2	4-6	1	3	4	3	20	7	1	0	3	25
01	Killeya-Jones, Sacha		2-2	0-0	0-0	2	4	6	4	4	1	0	0	0	10
10	David, Jonny		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
11	Mulder, Mychal		2-8	2-6	0-0	1	2	3	0	6	0	0	0	0	11
14	Wynyard, Tai		1-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	1	0	3
15	Humphries, Isaac		1-2	0-0	1-2	3	0	3	1	3	0	0	2	0	8
20	Calipari, Brad		1-3	1-2	0-0	0	1	1	0	3	1	0	0	0	4
25	Hawkins, Dominique		2-5	1-3	2-2	0	3	3	1	7	3	0	0	0	17
30	Pulliam, Dillon		0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
35	Willis, Derek		4-6	1-3	2-2	1	5	6	1	11	1	1	1	1	16
	Team					1	1	2							
	Totals		44-84	11-28	16-22	20	39	59	16	115	33	9	9	7	200

FG % 1st Half: 23-43 53.5% 2nd half: 21-41 51.2% Game: 44-84 52.4%
3FG % 1st Half: 5-12 41.7% 2nd half: 6-16 37.5% Game: 11-28 39.3%
FT % 1st Half: 7-9 77.8% 2nd half: 9-13 69.2% Game: 16-22 72.7%

Deadball
Rebounds
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Officials: Bo Boroski, Gary Prager, Tony Chiazza
Technical fouls: Arizona State-None. Kentucky-None.
Attendance: 1200
Imperial Arena at Atlantis
2016 Atlantis Showcase

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
Arizona State	30	39	**69**
Kentucky	58	57	**115**

	In Paint	Off T/O	2nd Chance	Fast Break	Bench
Points					
ASU	28	5	13	4	6
UK	56	21	23	21	36

Last FG - ASU 2nd-00:22, UK 2nd-00:32.
Largest lead - ASU by 1 1st-19:14, UK by 48 2nd-01:44.

Score tied - 0 times.
Lead changed - 2 times.

#11/9 UCLA 97, #1/1 Kentucky 92
Dec. 3, 2016 | Lexington, Ky.

#11/9 UCLA 97 • 9-0

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
22	Leaf, TJ	f	7-12	1-2	2-2	4	9	13	3	17	5	2	1	1	32
40	Welsh, Thomas	c	5-7	0-0	4-4	2	6	8	5	14	0	1	0	0	19
02	Ball, Lonzo	g	5-12	2-8	2-2	0	6	6	2	14	7	6	1	1	38
10	Hamilton, Isaac	g	7-13	3-5	2-3	1	3	4	1	19	1	2	1	1	33
20	Alford, Bryce	g	4-10	2-5	4-6	0	0	0	2	14	1	3	0	0	35
03	Holiday, Aaron		4-7	2-3	3-4	0	0	0	4	13	4	1	1	1	20
13	Anigbogu, Ike		3-4	0-0	0-0	4	2	6	5	6	0	2	2	0	17
14	Goloman, Gyorgy		0-1	0-0	0-0	0	3	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	6
	Team					0	1	1				1			
	Totals		35-66	10-23	17-21	11	30	41	24	97	18	18	6	4	200

FG % 1st Half: 18-31 58.1% 2nd half: 17-35 48.6% Game: 35-66 53.0%
3FG % 1st Half: 6-12 50.0% 2nd half: 4-11 36.4% Game: 10-23 43.5%
FT % 1st Half: 7-9 77.8% 2nd half: 10-12 83.3% Game: 17-21 81.0%

Deadball
Rebounds
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Kentucky 92 • 7-1

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
03	Adebayo, Edrice	f	4-12	0-0	10-13	7	6	13	3	18	0	0	4	0	33
32	Gabriel, Wenyen	f	1-2	0-1	0-0	5	3	8	1	2	0	2	0	0	17
00	Fox, De'Aaron	g	8-20	1-4	3-5	0	2	2	4	20	9	2	0	1	34
05	Monk, Malik	g	10-19	4-8	0-0	2	1	3	3	24	0	2	0	5	36
13	Briscoe, Isaiah	g	4-14	0-5	4-7	1	3	4	4	12	3	3	0	0	34
15	Humphries, Isaac		0-2	0-0	0-0	2	0	2	2	0	2	0	2	1	8
25	Hawkins, Dominique		2-4	1-2	0-0	0	1	1	2	5	0	0	0	0	16
35	Willis, Derek		4-7	2-4	1-2	1	3	4	3	11	2	0	0	1	22
	Team					1	0	1							
	Totals		33-80	8-24	18-27	19	19	38	22	92	16	9	6	8	200

FG % 1st Half: 17-40 42.5% 2nd half: 16-40 40.0% Game: 33-80 41.3%
3FG % 1st Half: 3-11 27.3% 2nd half: 5-13 38.5% Game: 8-24 33.3%
FT % 1st Half: 8-12 66.7% 2nd half: 10-15 66.7% Game: 18-27 66.7%

Deadball
Rebounds
5,2

Officials: Doug Shows, John Higgins, Bryon Jarrett
Technical fouls: #11/9 UCLA-None. Kentucky-None.
Attendance: 23976

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
#11/9 UCLA	49	48	**97**
Kentucky	45	47	**92**

	In Paint	Off T/O	2nd Chance	Fast Break	Bench
Points					
UCLA	40	13	13	4	19
UK	42	20	19	10	16

Last FG - UCLA 2nd-01:32, UK 2nd-00:10.
Largest lead - UCLA by 14 2nd-09:32, UK by 9 1st-10:00.
UCLA led for 24:39. UK led for 12:59. Game was tied for 02:22.

Score tied - 3 times.
Lead changed - 2 times.

#6/7 Kentucky 87, Valparaiso 63
Dec. 7, 2016 | Lexington, Ky.

VALPO 63 • 7-2

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
23	Adekoya, Jubril	f	2-4	1-2	2-3	0	6	6	4	7	0	5	0	3	28
25	Peters, Alec	f	9-20	1-2	4-4	4	4	8	1	23	0	1	0	0	33
02	Walker, Tevonn	g	3-7	0-1	2-4	2	3	5	4	8	1	2	0	1	31
11	Hammink, Shane	g	2-9	1-3	3-4	2	1	3	2	8	3	2	1	2	29
15	Williams, Lexus	g	1-5	0-1	0-0	0	3	3	4	2	0	5	0	2	15
01	Bradford, Micah		2-10	0-4	0-0	0	1	1	1	4	1	0	0	0	15
03	Joseph, Max		0-3	0-0	0-2	0	0	0	4	0	0	3	0	0	12
14	Sorolla, Jaume		3-6	0-0	2-2	7	2	9	3	8	0	0	0	0	14
21	Smits, Derrik		0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
22	Davidson, Nick		1-2	1-2	0-0	1	2	3	1	3	1	1	0	0	16
33	Kiser, John		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
	Team					2	1	3							
	Totals		23-67	4-15	13-19	18	23	41	25	63	6	19	1	8	200

FG % 1st Half: 8-29 27.6% 2nd half: 15-38 39.5% Game: 23-67 34.3%
3FG % 1st Half: 2-7 28.6% 2nd half: 2-8 25.0% Game: 4-15 26.7%
FT % 1st Half: 6-12 50.0% 2nd half: 7-7 100.0 Game: 13-19 68.4%

Deadball Rebounds 5,1

Kentucky 87 • 8-1

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
03	Adebayo, Edrice	f	5-9	0-0	6-8	3	4	7	2	16	0	3	1	1	29
32	Gabriel, Wenyen	f	1-3	0-1	1-1	1	5	6	4	3	1	2	3	0	19
00	Fox, De'Aaron	g	3-9	0-1	3-8	1	6	7	1	9	5	1	1	2	29
05	Monk, Malik	g	6-13	1-5	2-2	1	1	2	2	15	1	2	0	0	22
13	Briscoe, Isaiah	g	4-7	0-1	2-3	0	1	1	2	10	2	3	0	2	24
01	Killeya-Jones, Sacha		1-2	0-0	0-2	2	1	3	1	2	0	2	2	0	8
11	Mulder, Mychal		4-10	1-5	0-0	4	3	7	1	9	2	0	1	0	16
15	Humphries, Isaac		1-2	0-0	0-0	1	2	3	3	2	0	1	1	0	9
20	Calipari, Brad		1-2	1-2	0-0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3
25	Hawkins, Dominique		2-5	2-3	0-0	2	1	3	1	6	4	1	0	1	26
35	Willis, Derek		5-9	2-5	0-0	3	1	4	1	12	0	2	0	1	15
	Team					3	2	5							
	Totals		33-71	7-23	14-24	21	27	48	18	87	15	17	9	7	200

FG % 1st Half: 18-38 47.4% 2nd half: 15-33 45.5% Game: 33-71 46.5%
3FG % 1st Half: 2-10 20.0% 2nd half: 5-13 38.5% Game: 7-23 30.4%
FT % 1st Half: 7-10 70.0% 2nd half: 7-14 50.0% Game: 14-24 58.3%

Deadball Rebounds 3

Officials: Pat Adams, Karl Hess, KB Burdett
Technical fouls: VALPO-None. Kentucky-None.
Attendance: 21805

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
VALPO	24	39	**63**
Kentucky	45	42	**87**

Points	In Paint	Off T/O	2nd Chance	Fast Break	Bench
VALPO	32	11	19	2	15
UK	46	19	20	18	34

Last FG - VALPO 2nd-01:06, UK 2nd-02:01.
Largest lead - VALPO None, UK by 34 2nd-10:14.
VALPO led for 00:00. UK led for 38:50. Game was tied for 01:10.

Score tied - 2 times.
Lead changed - 0 times.

#6/7 Kentucky 96, Hofstra 73
Dec. 11, 2016 | Brooklyn, N.Y.

Hofstra 73 • 6-5

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
00	GREER, Ty	f	1-8	0-2	1-4	2	2	4	2	3	1	1	0	0	27
11	GUSTYS, Rokas	f	6-10	0-0	1-4	3	5	8	3	13	2	4	0	0	25
02	POWERS, Deron	g	4-15	1-5	9-11	1	4	5	2	18	5	2	0	0	38
05	PEMBERTON, Eli	g	1-6	1-3	1-2	2	0	2	5	4	1	1	0	0	24
14	BERNARDI, Brian	g	1-6	1-5	4-5	0	2	2	0	7	2	1	0	0	31
03	WRIGHT-FOREMAN, J		4-9	1-3	5-6	0	4	4	1	14	0	1	0	0	17
24	ROBINSON, Jamall		2-6	2-4	0-1	2	4	6	2	6	0	1	0	1	24
33	SABETY, Hunter		1-2	0-0	2-4	3	4	7	4	4	1	2	1	0	10
44	WALKER, Andre		2-3	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	1	4	0	1	0	0	4
	Team					5	1	6							
	Totals		22-65	6-22	23-37	19	26	45	20	73	12	14	1	1	200

FG % 1st Half: 10-29 34.5% 2nd half: 12-36 33.3% Game: 22-65 33.8%
3FG % 1st Half: 3-12 25.0% 2nd half: 3-10 30.0% Game: 6-22 27.3%
FT % 1st Half: 10-16 62.5% 2nd half: 13-21 61.9% Game: 23-37 62.2%

Deadball Rebounds 9,1

Kentucky 96 • 9-1

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
03	ADEBAYO, Edrice	f	7-10	0-0	0-1	1	6	7	2	14	1	1	2	0	25
35	WILLIS, Derek	f	3-7	2-4	0-0	2	6	8	0	8	2	0	1	2	23
00	FOX, De'Aaron	g	5-8	0-1	5-5	0	5	5	3	15	2	2	0	0	24
05	MONK, Malik	g	7-16	4-10	2-2	1	0	1	4	20	4	0	1	0	29
13	BRISCOE, Isaiah	g	8-11	1-2	2-5	1	1	2	3	19	6	3	0	0	32
01	KILLEYA-JONES, Sacha		2-4	0-0	0-0	2	0	2	3	4	0	0	2	1	9
11	MULDER, Mychal		2-6	0-2	2-2	1	4	5	1	6	0	0	0	0	15
15	HUMPHRIES, Isaac		1-4	0-0	1-4	1	2	3	2	3	1	0	2	0	13
20	CALIPARI, Brad		0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	3
25	HAWKINS, Dominique		1-3	1-2	2-2	1	0	1	4	5	3	0	0	1	14
32	GABRIEL, Wenyen		1-2	0-1	0-0	1	3	4	3	2	1	1	0	0	13
	Team					1	2	3							
	Totals		37-72	8-23	14-21	12	29	41	27	96	20	7	8	4	200

FG % 1st Half: 18-35 51.4% 2nd half: 19-37 51.4% Game: 37-72 51.4%
3FG % 1st Half: 5-13 38.5% 2nd half: 3-10 30.0% Game: 8-23 34.8%
FT % 1st Half: 7-11 63.6% 2nd half: 7-10 70.0% Game: 14-21 66.7%

Deadball Rebounds 3

Officials: Jamie Luckie, Antinio Petty, Lamar Simpson
Technical fouls: Hofstra-None. Kentucky-ADEBAYO, Edrice.
Attendance: 7514
BROOKLYN HOOPS Winter Festival - Game Two

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
Hofstra	33	40	**73**
Kentucky	48	48	**96**

Points	In Paint	Off T/O	2nd Chance	Fast Break	Bench
HOFSTR	28	7	24	4	28
UK	48	23	7	14	20

Last FG - HOFSTRA 2nd-00:32, UK 2nd-02:55.
Largest lead - HOFSTRA None, UK by 31 2nd-06:42.
HOFSTRA led for 00:00. UK led for 39:33. Game was tied for 00:15.

Score tied - 0 times.
Lead changed - 0 times.

#6/7 Kentucky 103, #7/6 North Carolina 100
Dec. 17, 2016 | Las Vegas

Kentucky 103 • 10-1

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
00	Fox, De'Aaron	*	9-21	0-2	6-7	0	4	4	1	24	10	2	0	2	35
03	Adebayo, Edrice	*	6-11	0-0	1-3	4	3	7	5	13	1	0	0	0	19
05	Monk, Malik	*	18-28	8-12	3-5	0	0	0	0	47	2	2	0	1	38
13	Briscoe, Isaiah	*	4-6	1-1	1-2	3	4	7	4	10	4	1	1	0	38
32	Gabriel, Wenyen	*	1-3	0-1	2-3	3	3	6	3	4	0	2	1	0	21
01	Killeya-Jones, Sacha		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
15	Humphries, Isaac		1-3	0-0	0-1	2	3	5	3	2	0	1	0	0	20
25	Hawkins, Dominique		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	2	0	2	0	0	0	9
35	Willis, Derek		1-2	1-2	0-0	0	1	1	1	3	0	1	0	1	19
	Team					3	4	7				1			
	Totals		40-74	10-18	13-21	15	24	39	20	103	19	10	2	4	200

FG % 1st Half: 22-41 53.7% 2nd half: 18-33 54.5% Game: 40-74 54.1%
3FG % 1st Half: 5-11 45.5% 2nd half: 5-7 71.4% Game: 10-18 55.6%
FT % 1st Half: 7-11 63.6% 2nd half: 6-10 60.0% Game: 13-21 61.9%

Deadball Rebounds 2

#7/6 North Carolina 100 • 10-2

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
00	Nate Britt		0-3	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	14
02	Joel Berry II		9-15	3-5	2-2	0	5	5	5	23	7	3	0	2	34
03	Kennedy Meeks		5-7	0-0	2-3	2	5	7	5	12	0	2	1	0	20
04	Isaiah Hicks		5-10	0-0	0-0	1	2	3	4	10	1	0	1	0	15
05	Tony Bradley		1-5	0-0	6-6	2	2	4	3	8	1	0	1	0	15
14	Brandon Robinson		0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	7
21	Seventh Woods		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	4
24	Kenny Williams		1-2	0-1	0-0	1	2	3	1	2	5	0	1	0	34
32	Luke Maye		4-6	2-3	1-2	1	2	3	0	11	0	1	0	1	21
44	Justin Jackson		10-17	4-7	10-15	0	5	5	0	34	3	0	0	1	36
	Team					3	1	4	1						
	Totals		35-66	9-17	21-28	10	25	35	22	100	18	9	5	4	200

FG % 1st Half: 17-32 53.1% 2nd half: 18-34 52.9% Game: 35-66 53.0%
3FG % 1st Half: 3-7 42.9% 2nd half: 6-10 60.0% Game: 9-17 52.9%
FT % 1st Half: 14-19 73.7% 2nd half: 7-9 77.8% Game: 21-28 75.0%

Deadball Rebounds 4

Officials: Rodger Ayers, David Hall, Verne Harris
Technical fouls: Kentucky-None. #7/6 North Carolina-TEAM.
Attendance: 19298
CBS Classic Game Two

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
Kentucky	56	47	**103**
#7/6 North Carolina	51	49	**100**

Points	In Paint	Off T/O	2nd Chance	Fast Break	Bench
UK	44	6	8	8	5
NC	44	14	18	6	100

Last FG - UK 2nd-00:22, NC 2nd-00:47.
Largest lead - UK by 12 1st-07:39, NC by 3 1st-17:12.
UK led for 32:41. NC led for 03:43. Game was tied for 03:36.

Score tied - 6 times.
Lead changed - 6 times.

#10/11 Louisville 73, #6/5 Kentucky 70
Dec. 21, 2016 | Louisville, Ky.

Kentucky 70 • 10-2

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
03	Adebayo, Edrice	f	5-6	0-0	1-6	4	5	9	3	11	1	3	2	1	35
32	Gabriel, Wenyen	f	0-2	0-1	2-2	3	4	7	3	2	0	0	2	1	12
00	Fox, De'Aaron	g	7-15	1-3	6-10	0	2	2	3	21	3	4	0	2	34
05	Monk, Malik	g	6-17	1-9	3-3	0	3	3	4	16	1	3	0	1	29
13	Briscoe, Isaiah	g	1-5	0-0	6-6	0	5	5	4	8	3	1	0	1	31
11	Mulder, Mychal		2-4	2-3	0-0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	9
15	Humphries, Isaac		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	5
25	Hawkins, Dominique		0-2	0-1	0-0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	17
35	Willis, Derek		2-7	1-5	1-2	3	6	9	1	6	1	1	0	1	28
	Team					0	0	0				1			
	Totals		23-58	5-22	19-29	11	25	36	20	70	10	13	4	7	200

FG % 1st Half: 13-33 39.4% 2nd half: 10-25 40.0% Game: 23-58 39.7%
3FG % 1st Half: 3-12 25.0% 2nd half: 2-10 20.0% Game: 5-22 22.7%
FT % 1st Half: 11-13 84.6% 2nd half: 8-16 50.0% Game: 19-29 65.5%

Deadball Rebounds 6

#10/11 LOUISVILLE 73 • 11-1

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
10	JOHNSON, Jaylen	f	7-11	0-0	0-1	3	3	6	3	14	0	1	1	1	26
22	ADEL, Deng	f	5-10	2-3	6-6	1	5	6	4	18	2	1	0	1	37
12	MATHIANG, Mangok	c	0-2	0-0	0-0	1	4	5	4	0	0	2	2	0	25
04	SNIDER, Quentin	g	10-19	2-6	0-0	2	4	6	3	22	5	3	0	2	37
45	MITCHELL, Donovan	g	3-12	2-5	5-7	0	4	4	3	13	1	4	0	0	28
00	KING, VJ		0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
01	HICKS, Tony		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
13	SPALDING, Ray		1-2	0-0	4-4	2	5	7	3	6	1	1	0	0	13
14	MAHMOUD, Anas		0-1	0-0	0-0	2	1	3	1	0	1	2	2	0	16
23	LEVITCH, David		0-2	0-0	0-2	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	12
	Team					0	0	0							
	Totals		26-60	6-14	15-20	12	28	40	23	73	10	14	5	4	200

FG % 1st Half: 14-30 46.7% 2nd half: 12-30 40.0% Game: 26-60 43.3%
3FG % 1st Half: 5-11 45.5% 2nd half: 1-3 33.3% Game: 6-14 42.9%
FT % 1st Half: 6-7 85.7% 2nd half: 9-13 69.2% Game: 15-20 75.0%

Deadball Rebounds 2

Officials: James Luckie, Roger Ayers, Ron Groover
Technical fouls: Kentucky-None. #10/11 LOUISVILLE-None.
Attendance: 22783

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
Kentucky	40	30	**70**
#10/11 LOUISVILLE	39	34	**73**

Points	In Paint	Off T/O	2nd Chance	Fast Break	Bench
UK	32	13	4	12	12
LOU	34	8	11	8	6

Last FG - UK 2nd-00:12, LOU 2nd-00:16.
Largest lead - UK by 6 1st-13:06, LOU by 7 1st-06:39.
UK led for 12:15. LOU led for 19:38. Game was tied for 08:07.

Score tied - 10 times.
Lead changed - 9 times.

#8/8 Kentucky 99, Ole Miss 76
Dec. 29, 2016 | Oxford, Miss.

Kentucky 99 • 11-2 1-0 SEC

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
03	Adebayo, Edrice	f	12-19	0-0	1-4	1	3	4	1	25	1	1	3	0	34
32	Gabriel, Wenyen	f	1-2	0-0	0-0	1	2	3	3	2	2	0	2	1	14
00	Fox, De'Aaron	g	3-10	0-2	1-3	0	5	5	2	7	7	1	0	3	23
05	Monk, Malik	g	11-16	5-7	7-8	2	4	6	2	34	1	1	0	3	35
13	Briscoe, Isaiah	g	6-14	1-1	6-6	3	7	10	2	19	11	2	0	1	36
01	Killeya-Jones, Sacha		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0+
11	Mulder, Mychal		1-3	1-3	0-0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	1	13
14	Wynyard, Tai		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
15	Humphries, Isaac		0-0	0-0	2-2	0	3	3	0	2	0	1	1	0	4
20	Calipari, Brad		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
25	Hawkins, Dominique		0-3	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	14
35	Willis, Derek		3-7	1-4	0-1	2	7	9	2	7	1	1	2	0	24
	Team					2	0	2				1			
	Totals		37-74	8-18	17-24	11	31	42	17	99	24	8	8	9	200

FG % 1st Half: 24-39 61.5% 2nd half: 13-35 37.1% Game: 37-74 50.0%
3FG % 1st Half: 5-8 62.5% 2nd half: 3-10 30.0% Game: 8-18 44.4%
FT % 1st Half: 7-10 70.0% 2nd half: 10-14 71.4% Game: 17-24 70.8%

Deadball Rebounds 2,1

Ole Miss 76 • 9-4 0-1 SEC

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
05	Hymon,Marcanvis	f	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	3	4	4	0	0	1	2	0	12
11	Saiz,Sebastian	f	7-17	3-7	6-6	3	10	13	4	23	2	6	0	0	36
01	Burnett,Deandre	g	7-15	0-3	5-6	0	2	2	2	19	6	3	0	0	31
02	Neal,Cullen	g	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	3	3	3	0	1	4	0	0	17
03	Davis,Terence	g	3-13	1-4	0-0	3	2	5	4	7	1	0	1	0	20
00	Fitzpatrick-Dorsey,D		0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
04	Tyree,Breein		2-3	0-1	0-0	0	4	4	3	4	3	1	0	0	20
14	Brooks,Rasheed		4-16	2-6	5-5	2	1	3	0	15	0	0	0	3	27
32	Morris,Nate		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
50	Furmanavicius,Justas		4-5	0-0	0-0	3	3	6	3	8	0	0	3	0	28
	Team					2	3	5							
	Totals		27-72	6-22	16-17	14	31	45	23	76	13	15	6	3	200

FG % 1st Half: 14-41 34.1% 2nd half: 13-31 41.9% Game: 27-72 37.5%
3FG % 1st Half: 2-10 20.0% 2nd half: 4-12 33.3% Game: 6-22 27.3%
FT % 1st Half: 9-9 100.0 2nd half: 7-8 87.5% Game: 16-17 94.1%

Deadball Rebounds 0

Officials: Joe Lindsay, Tony Henderson, Ted Valentine
Technical fouls: Kentucky-None. Ole Miss-None.
Attendance: 9086

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
Kentucky	60	39	**99**
Ole Miss	39	37	**76**

Points	In Paint	Off T/O	2nd Chance	Fast Break	Bench
UK	58	21	14	20	12
OM	38	8	13	10	27

Last FG - UK 2nd-02:05, OM 2nd-00:47.
Largest lead - UK by 28 2nd-02:25, OM by 2 1st-19:26.
UK led for 38:23. OM led for 00:23. Game was tied for 01:14.

Score tied - 1 time.
Lead changed - 1 time.

#6/6 Kentucky 100, Texas A&M 58
Jan. 3, 2017 | Lexington, Ky.

Texas A&M 58 • 8-5, 0-2

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
01	Hogg, DJ	f	1-7	1-3	0-0	1	3	4	0	3	2	7	0	0	28
42	Miller, Tavario	f	1-2	0-0	1-2	1	2	3	3	3	1	2	0	0	15
34	Davis, Tyler	c	4-6	0-0	5-6	1	1	2	3	13	2	7	1	0	24
03	Gilder, Admon	g	5-13	2-3	1-3	2	4	6	5	13	2	1	0	2	29
12	Collins, Chris	g	2-3	1-1	0-0	0	3	3	3	5	1	3	0	0	22
02	Vila, Eric		0-0	0-0	2-2	1	0	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	10
05	Hampton, JC		1-3	1-2	0-0	0	0	0	3	3	0	2	0	0	18
10	Trocha-Morelos,Tonny		2-5	1-3	1-2	1	3	4	3	6	2	1	2	0	26
23	Smith, Caleb		1-2	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	7
33	Carlton, Chase		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	4
44	Williams, Robert		4-6	0-0	0-2	0	2	2	1	8	0	0	4	0	17
	Team					2	0	2				2			
	Totals		21-47	6-13	10-17	9	19	28	23	58	12	25	7	2	200

FG % 1st Half: 10-26 38.5% 2nd half: 11-21 52.4% Game: 21-47 44.7%
3FG % 1st Half: 3-6 50.0% 2nd half: 3-7 42.9% Game: 6-13 46.2%
FT % 1st Half: 4-8 50.0% 2nd half: 6-9 66.7% Game: 10-17 58.8%

Deadball Rebounds 4

Kentucky 100 • 12-2, 2-0

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
03	Adebayo, Edrice	f	4-6	0-0	2-2	1	2	3	0	10	1	2	3	3	23
32	Gabriel, Wenyen	f	1-4	1-2	2-2	2	2	4	3	5	0	0	0	0	23
00	Fox, De'Aaron	g	5-9	0-1	5-8	1	4	5	0	15	6	3	0	2	28
05	Monk, Malik	g	8-11	5-7	5-5	0	1	1	1	26	0	1	0	1	24
13	Briscoe, Isaiah	g	5-9	3-3	0-0	1	0	1	3	13	7	0	0	1	28
01	Killeya-Jones, Sacha		1-3	0-0	0-0	2	0	2	1	2	0	1	0	0	6
10	David, Jonny		1-1	1-1	2-2	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	2
11	Mulder, Mychal		1-3	1-3	2-2	1	1	2	1	5	0	1	0	0	8
14	Wynyard, Tai		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	4
15	Humphries, Isaac		3-6	0-0	2-4	2	4	6	4	8	1	0	0	0	13
20	Calipari, Brad		0-1	0-1	0-0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
25	Hawkins, Dominique		2-3	1-2	1-1	0	0	0	1	6	1	0	0	2	20
30	Pulliam, Dillon		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
35	Willis, Derek		2-7	1-5	0-0	1	2	3	0	5	0	1	0	1	14
	Team					1	1	2							
	Totals		33-63	13-25	21-26	13	17	30	16	100	16	9	3	10	200

FG % 1st Half: 17-30 56.7% 2nd half: 16-33 48.5% Game: 33-63 52.4%
3FG % 1st Half: 5-9 55.6% 2nd half: 8-16 50.0% Game: 13-25 52.0%
FT % 1st Half: 11-11 100.0 2nd half: 10-15 66.7% Game: 21-26 80.8%

Deadball Rebounds 3,3

Officials: Anthony Jordan, Karl Hess, Bryon Jarrett
Technical fouls: Texas A&M-None. Kentucky-None.
Attendance: 23455

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
Texas A&M	27	31	**58**
Kentucky	50	50	**100**

Points	In Paint	Off T/O	2nd Chance	Fast Break	Bench
TAMU	28	2	3	2	21
UK	34	35	21	15	31

Last FG - TAMU 2nd-00:07, UK 2nd-01:06.
Largest lead - TAMU by 3 1st-19:17, UK by 47 2nd-01:06.
TAMU led for 00:41. UK led for 38:00. Game was tied for 01:19.

Score tied - 1 time.
Lead changed - 1 time.

#6/6 Kentucky 97, Arkansas 71
Jan. 7, 2017 | Lexington, Ky.

Arkansas 71 • 12-3, 1-2

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
05	Cook, Arlando	f	3-5	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	6	0	0	0	1	15
33	Kingsley, Moses	f	4-8	1-1	5-5	1	6	7	4	14	2	2	1	1	33
03	Hannahs, Dusty	g	2-12	0-5	2-2	0	1	1	4	6	2	0	0	0	22
04	Macon, Daryl	g	5-12	3-7	2-2	0	0	0	3	15	1	0	0	0	26
21	Watkins, Manuale	g	4-6	0-0	0-0	1	6	7	3	8	1	0	0	0	32
00	Barford, Jaylen		6-9	0-1	2-3	3	1	4	4	14	0	5	0	0	17
01	Thompson, Trey		0-2	0-0	4-4	1	3	4	4	4	2	0	2	1	20
02	Bailey, Adrio		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	4
12	Hazen, Brachen		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
13	Thomas, Dustin		0-2	0-0	0-0	1	1	2	4	0	1	0	0	0	7
23	Jones, CJ		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
31	Beard, Anton		1-7	0-2	2-5	0	0	0	4	4	1	0	0	0	22
	Team					2	1	3				1			
	Totals		25-63	4-16	17-21	9	20	29	31	71	11	8	3	3	200

FG % 1st Half: 13-32 40.6% 2nd half: 12-31 38.7% Game: 25-63 39.7%
3FG % 1st Half: 2-7 28.6% 2nd half: 2-9 22.2% Game: 4-16 25.0%
FT % 1st Half: 10-12 83.3% 2nd half: 7-9 77.8% Game: 17-21 81.0%

Deadball Rebounds 2,1

Kentucky 97 • 13-2, 3-0

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
03	Adebayo, Edrice	f	3-5	0-0	5-10	4	3	7	2	11	1	1	1	1	33
32	Gabriel, Wenyen	f	1-2	0-1	1-2	1	3	4	3	3	0	2	2	0	12
00	Fox, De'Aaron	g	10-16	0-2	7-7	0	6	6	2	27	6	2	0	1	36
05	Monk, Malik	g	4-10	0-5	4-6	1	0	1	4	12	3	1	0	1	27
13	Briscoe, Isaiah	g	4-11	0-1	7-9	3	5	8	2	15	1	2	0	0	36
01	Killeya-Jones, Sacha		0-0	0-0	2-2	0	2	2	0	2	1	0	0	0	2
10	David, Jonny		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0+
11	Mulder, Mychal		2-3	2-3	0-0	0	1	1	2	6	0	0	0	0	9
14	Wynyard, Tai		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
15	Humphries, Isaac		1-1	0-0	2-4	2	2	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	7
20	Calipari, Brad		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
25	Hawkins, Dominique		1-4	0-2	0-0	0	2	2	2	2	1	1	0	0	15
30	Pulliam, Dillon		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0+
35	Willis, Derek		6-8	3-5	0-0	2	3	5	3	15	0	0	2	0	19
	Team					2	2	4							
	Totals		32-60	5-19	28-40	15	29	44	20	97	13	9	5	3	200

FG % 1st Half: 15-30 50.0% 2nd half: 17-30 56.7% Game: 32-60 53.3%
3FG % 1st Half: 3-10 30.0% 2nd half: 2-9 22.2% Game: 5-19 26.3%
FT % 1st Half: 8-12 66.7% 2nd half: 20-28 71.4% Game: 28-40 70.0%

Deadball Rebounds 4,2

Officials: Doug Shows, Terry Wymer, Alfred Smith
Technical fouls: Arkansas-Barford, Jaylen. Kentucky-Fox, De'Aaron.
Attendance: 24322

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
Arkansas	38	33	**71**
Kentucky	41	56	**97**

Points	In Paint	Off T/O	2nd Chance	Fast Break	Bench
AR	32	11	13	4	22
UK	46	16	21	24	29

Last FG - AR 2nd-01:24, UK 2nd-00:53.
Largest lead - AR by 4 1st-08:04, UK by 26 2nd-00:21.
AR led for 03:21. UK led for 36:20. Game was tied for 00:19.

Score tied - 2 times.
Lead changed - 6 times.

#6/6 Kentucky 87, Vanderbilt 81
Jan. 10, 2017 | Nashville, Tenn.

Kentucky 87 • 14-2, 4-0 SEC

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
03	Adebayo, Edrice	f	3-4	0-0	8-10	3	4	7	4	14	0	1	0	0	30
32	Gabriel, Wenyen	f	1-3	0-1	2-4	0	5	5	3	4	0	1	1	0	22
00	Fox, De'Aaron	g	11-17	0-1	0-0	0	5	5	4	22	2	1	0	1	25
05	Monk, Malik	g	6-15	1-4	5-6	0	1	1	3	18	1	0	0	1	29
13	Briscoe, Isaiah	g	10-18	0-1	3-4	2	5	7	0	23	5	1	0	0	39
11	Mulder, Mychal		1-3	0-2	0-0	0	2	2	2	2	0	1	0	0	16
15	Humphries, Isaac		1-4	0-0	0-0	4	3	7	2	2	0	0	0	0	8
25	Hawkins, Dominique		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	9
35	Willis, Derek		1-3	0-0	0-0	1	2	3	2	2	0	0	0	0	22
	Team					0	3	3							
	Totals		34-67	1-9	18-24	10	30	40	23	87	8	6	1	2	200

FG % 1st Half: 18-34 52.9% 2nd half: 16-33 48.5% Game: 34-67 50.7%
3FG % 1st Half: 1-5 20.0% 2nd half: 0-4 0.0% Game: 1-9 11.1%
FT % 1st Half: 8-10 80.0% 2nd half: 10-14 71.4% Game: 18-24 75.0%

Deadball Rebounds 0,1

Vanderbilt 81 • 8-8, 2-2 SEC

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
11	ROBERSON, Jeff	f	7-12	1-3	4-4	2	7	9	2	19	2	0	1	0	38
03	KORNET, Luke	c	5-11	3-7	3-3	1	7	8	4	16	1	0	0	1	32
01	WILLIS, Payton	g	1-2	0-1	2-2	0	1	1	4	4	0	1	0	1	11
05	FISHER-DAVIS, Matthe	g	4-15	2-10	9-11	0	2	2	3	19	0	0	0	0	38
13	LACHANCE, Riley	g	6-11	2-6	5-8	0	6	6	0	19	4	4	0	0	32
02	TOYE, Joe		1-1	0-0	0-2	1	2	3	1	2	1	0	0	0	12
12	BAPTISTE, Djery		0-0	0-0	0-2	0	1	1	4	0	0	1	0	0	6
15	BROWN, Clevon		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
24	CRESSLER, Nolan		1-6	0-2	0-0	1	3	4	1	2	2	0	0	0	29
	Team					0	0	0				1			
	Totals		25-58	8-29	23-32	5	29	34	20	81	10	7	1	2	200

FG % 1st Half: 12-28 42.9% 2nd half: 13-30 43.3% Game: 25-58 43.1%
3FG % 1st Half: 4-15 26.7% 2nd half: 4-14 28.6% Game: 8-29 27.6%
FT % 1st Half: 13-17 76.5% 2nd half: 10-15 66.7% Game: 23-32 71.9%

Deadball Rebounds 6

Officials: Olandis Poole, Joe Lindsay, Ron Groover
Technical fouls: Kentucky-None. Vanderbilt-None.
Attendance: 12707

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
Kentucky	45	42	**87**
Vanderbilt	41	40	**81**

Points	In Paint	Off T/O	2nd Chance	Fast Break	Bench
UK	46	11	9	8	6
VU	32	3	4	2	4

Last FG - UK 2nd-00:32, VU 2nd-00:18.
Largest lead - UK by 9 1st-17:19, VU by 2 1st-12:57.
UK led for 33:23. VU led for 03:23. Game was tied for 03:14.

Score tied - 7 times.
Lead changed - 8 times.

#6/6 Kentucky 92, Auburn 72
Jan. 14, 2017 | Lexington, Ky.

Auburn 72 • 11-6, 1-4

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
50	Wiley, Austin	c	3-4	0-0	0-0	2	1	3	5	6	0	1	0	0	12
01	Harper, Jared	g	3-7	1-3	1-2	0	0	0	3	8	1	3	0	0	25
04	Dunans, T.J.	g	10-20	2-3	1-2	0	2	2	4	23	1	3	0	1	36
05	Heron, Mustapha	g	4-11	1-2	2-6	0	3	3	3	11	1	2	0	0	26
23	Lang, TJ	g	3-5	3-4	0-2	1	1	2	3	9	0	0	1	0	21
00	Spencer, Horace		2-3	0-0	0-0	2	2	4	3	4	0	1	0	0	22
02	Brown, Bryce		2-6	2-4	0-0	0	3	3	3	6	1	1	1	0	27
12	Smith, LaRon		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	3	0	1	1	0	0	9
24	McLemore, Anfernee		1-2	0-0	0-0	1	2	3	3	2	0	0	0	0	6
35	Johnson, Ronnie		1-4	0-0	1-3	1	0	1	1	3	3	1	0	0	16
	Team					2	3	5							
	Totals		29-62	9-16	5-15	9	19	28	31	72	8	13	2	1	200

FG % 1st Half: 17-34 50.0% 2nd half: 12-28 42.9% Game: 29-62 46.8%
3FG % 1st Half: 4-7 57.1% 2nd half: 5-9 55.6% Game: 9-16 56.3%
FT % 1st Half: 1-2 50.0% 2nd half: 4-13 30.8% Game: 5-15 33.3%

Deadball Rebounds 5

Kentucky 92 • 15-2,5-0

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
03	Adebayo, Edrice	f	4-5	0-0	7-11	2	6	8	2	15	0	3	3	0	35
32	Gabriel, Wenyen	f	2-8	2-3	0-4	5	11	16	3	6	0	0	2	1	29
00	Fox, De'Aaron	g	6-11	1-2	0-2	1	3	4	5	13	5	1	0	1	27
05	Monk, Malik	g	8-14	4-8	4-4	0	1	1	0	24	6	1	1	0	36
13	Briscoe, Isaiah	g	4-6	2-2	0-4	1	2	3	4	10	5	4	0	1	25
11	Mulder, Mychal		3-5	1-3	5-5	0	1	1	1	12	2	1	0	0	15
15	Humphries, Isaac		2-2	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	1	4	0	1	0	0	5
25	Hawkins, Dominique		2-2	1-1	1-2	0	1	1	1	6	1	1	0	0	19
35	Willis, Derek		1-3	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	1	2	0	1	0	0	9
	Team					2	1	3							
	Totals		32-56	11-19	17-32	12	28	40	18	92	19	13	6	3	200

FG % 1st Half: 18-31 58.1% 2nd half: 14-25 56.0% Game: 32-56 57.1%
3FG % 1st Half: 8-12 66.7% 2nd half: 3-7 42.9% Game: 11-19 57.9%
FT % 1st Half: 7-13 53.8% 2nd half: 10-19 52.6% Game: 17-32 53.1%

Deadball Rebounds 8,1

Officials: Karl Hess, Terry Oglesby, Sean Casey
Technical fouls: Auburn-None. Kentucky-None.
Attendance: 24372

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
Auburn	39	33	**72**
Kentucky	51	41	**92**

Points	In Paint	Off T/O	2nd Chance	Fast Break	Bench
AU	38	16	14	2	15
UK	36	18	10	12	24

Last FG - AU 2nd-04:28, UK 2nd-01:44.
Largest lead - AU by 3 1st-15:12, UK by 20 2nd-01:44.
AU led for 02:23. UK led for 36:54. Game was tied for 00:43.

Score tied - 1 time.
Lead changed - 9 times.

#5/5 Kentucky 88, Mississippi State 81
Jan. 17, 2017 | Starkville, Miss.

Kentucky 88 • 16-2, 6-0

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
03	Edrice Adebayo	f	2-2	0-0	1-2	1	3	4	4	5	1	3	2	0	20
32	Wenyen Gabriel	f	5-5	3-3	0-1	3	5	8	3	13	2	1	3	1	20
00	De'Aaron Fox	g	8-15	0-3	5-9	0	5	5	0	21	5	3	0	1	36
05	Malik Monk	g	5-14	0-3	4-6	0	3	3	1	14	4	5	0	1	34
13	Isaiah Briscoe	g	4-14	0-3	4-4	2	2	4	4	12	3	2	0	2	31
01	Sacha Killeya-Jones		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1
11	Mychal Mulder		0-1	0-1	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	5
14	Tai Wynyard		0-0	0-0	1-2	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	5
15	Isaac Humphries		2-5	0-0	0-0	2	0	2	5	4	0	0	0	0	10
25	Dominique Hawkins		2-3	1-1	0-0	2	0	2	1	5	0	0	0	0	16
35	Derek Willis		5-6	3-4	0-0	0	5	5	3	13	0	2	0	0	22
	Team					2	1	3							
	Totals		33-65	7-18	15-24	13	25	38	24	88	16	16	6	5	200

FG % 1st Half: 18-34 52.9% 2nd half: 15-31 48.4% Game: 33-65 50.8%
3FG % 1st Half: 4-8 50.0% 2nd half: 3-10 30.0% Game: 7-18 38.9%
FT % 1st Half: 6-10 60.0% 2nd half: 9-14 64.3% Game: 15-24 62.5%

Deadball Rebounds 5

Mississippi State 81 • 12-5, 3-2

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
34	Schnider Herard	f	3-4	0-0	1-4	2	3	5	5	7	0	3	0	0	11
35	Aric Holman	f	3-7	0-0	0-0	3	1	4	3	6	2	2	2	1	29
01	Lamar Peters	g	9-16	2-5	5-8	1	6	7	3	25	2	5	0	0	35
04	Mario Kegler	g	6-10	1-3	0-2	2	6	8	3	13	2	2	1	1	32
11	Q Weatherspoon	g	6-12	1-5	2-4	1	2	3	5	15	2	3	0	4	27
02	Eli Wright		1-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	1	8
03	Xavian Stapleton		3-7	1-4	2-2	0	0	0	5	9	0	3	0	1	17
15	IJ Ready		1-1	0-0	2-2	0	0	0	0	4	1	0	0	0	29
23	Tyson Carter		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	7
45	E.J. Datcher		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	5
	Team					0	4	4				1			
	Totals		32-59	5-17	12-22	9	23	32	28	81	10	19	3	10	200

FG % 1st Half: 14-27 51.9% 2nd half: 18-32 56.3% Game: 32-59 54.2%
3FG % 1st Half: 2-8 25.0% 2nd half: 3-9 33.3% Game: 5-17 29.4%
FT % 1st Half: 4-8 50.0% 2nd half: 8-14 57.1% Game: 12-22 54.5%

Deadball Rebounds 3

Officials: Ted Valentine, Byron Jarrett, William Covington
Technical fouls: Kentucky-Isaiah Briscoe; TEAM. Mississippi State-Q Weatherspoon; Aric Holman.
Attendance: 9768

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
Kentucky	46	42	**88**
Mississippi State	34	47	**81**

Points	In Paint	Off T/O	2nd Chance	Fast Break	Bench
UK	42	24	12	6	23
MS	54	23	13	20	15

Last FG - UK 2nd-00:57, MS 2nd-00:38.
Largest lead - UK by 18 2nd-12:54, MS None.
UK led for 38:28. MS led for 00:00. Game was tied for 01:32.

Score tied - 3 times.
Lead changed - 0 times.

#5/5 Kentucky 85, #24/24 South Carolina 69
Jan. 21, 2017 | Lexington, Ky.

#24/24 South Carolina 69 • 15-4, 5-1

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
21	Kotsar, Maik	f	2-2	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	4	4	1	1	0	1	16
30	Silva, Chris	f	1-2	0-0	1-2	1	3	4	4	3	0	3	0	0	9
00	Thornwell, Sindarius	g	9-23	2-6	14-15	3	3	6	2	34	1	3	1	1	37
04	Felder, Rakym	g	1-6	0-3	1-2	0	3	3	2	3	1	4	0	0	19
10	Notice, Duane	g	2-7	0-4	0-0	1	0	1	1	4	4	1	0	1	37
02	Gravett, Hassani		3-4	1-1	0-0	0	1	1	4	7	0	1	0	1	12
05	Blanton, Temarcus		5-6	2-2	0-0	1	0	1	0	12	0	0	0	1	9
20	Mckie, Justin		1-7	0-4	0-0	1	2	3	4	2	4	0	0	0	33
23	Hinson, Evan		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
24	Keita, Sedee		0-1	0-0	0-0	2	1	3	2	0	0	0	0	2	17
31	Holliman, Jarrell		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	10
	Team					2	2	4							
	Totals		24-58	5-20	16-19	11	16	27	26	69	11	13	1	7	200

FG % 1st Half: 13-25 52.0% 2nd half: 11-33 33.3% Game: 24-58 41.4%
3FG % 1st Half: 2-5 40.0% 2nd half: 3-15 20.0% Game: 5-20 25.0%
FT % 1st Half: 10-12 83.3% 2nd half: 6-7 85.7% Game: 16-19 84.2%

Deadball Rebounds 2,1

Kentucky 85 • 17-2, 7-0

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
03	Adebayo, Edrice	f	5-6	0-0	8-12	2	1	3	4	18	1	1	0	2	29
32	Gabriel, Wenyen	f	4-9	3-8	0-0	1	4	5	1	11	2	0	1	1	27
00	Fox, De'Aaron	g	3-3	0-0	0-1	0	1	1	0	6	1	0	0	0	8
05	Monk, Malik	g	9-14	4-7	5-6	0	3	3	0	27	1	4	1	2	36
13	Briscoe, Isaiah	g	0-2	0-1	0-0	1	2	3	4	0	4	7	0	0	29
01	Killeya-Jones, Sacha		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
14	Wynyard, Tai		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
15	Humphries, Isaac		2-2	0-0	2-2	2	2	4	3	6	0	1	2	0	10
20	Calipari, Brad		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
25	Hawkins, Dominique		1-4	0-1	3-3	0	3	3	4	5	7	2	0	1	28
35	Willis, Derek		4-8	1-3	3-4	1	6	7	0	12	1	2	1	0	29
	Team					1	2	3							
	Totals		28-48	8-20	21-28	8	24	32	16	85	17	17	5	6	200

FG % 1st Half: 17-26 65.4% 2nd half: 11-22 50.0% Game: 28-48 58.3%
3FG % 1st Half: 5-12 41.7% 2nd half: 3-8 37.5% Game: 8-20 40.0%
FT % 1st Half: 8-9 88.9% 2nd half: 13-19 68.4% Game: 21-28 75.0%

Deadball Rebounds 2

Officials: Karl Hess, Ron Groover, Chuck Jones
Technical fouls: #24/24 South Carolina-None. Kentucky-None.
Attendance: 24389

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
#24/24 South Carolina	38	31	**69**
Kentucky	47	38	**85**

Points	In Paint	Off T/O	2nd Chance	Fast Break	Bench
SC	38	18	14	12	21
UK	36	18	9	6	23

Last FG - SC 2nd-00:14, UK 2nd-01:27.
Largest lead - SC None, UK by 23 2nd-01:27.
SC led for 00:00. UK led for 39:50. Game was tied for 00:10.

Score tied - 0 times.
Lead changed - 0 times.

Tennessee 82, #4/4 Kentucky 80
Jan. 24, 2017 | Knoxville, Tenn.

Kentucky 80 • 17-3, 7-1 SEC

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
3	Adebayo, Edrice	f	7-8	0-0	7-8	1	4	5	3	21	0	1	2	0	34
32	Gabriel, Wenyen	f	1-6	0-3	0-2	0	9	9	3	2	1	2	2	0	28
0	Fox, De'Aaron	g	4-9	2-2	7-8	0	0	0	4	17	4	2	1	2	25
13	Briscoe, Isaiah	g	5-12	1-2	0-0	3	11	14	2	11	5	2	0	1	34
5	Monk, Malik	g	7-19	3-13	8-10	0	3	3	2	25	4	5	0	1	37
15	Humphries, Isaac		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	5
25	Hawkins, Dominique		0-1	0-1	0-0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	15
35	Willis, Derek		1-5	0-3	2-3	4	3	7	3	4	0	2	2	0	22
	Team					0	1	1							
	Totals		25-60	6-24	24-31	8	32	40	20	80	14	14	7	4	200

FG % 1st Half: 11-32 34.4% 2nd half: 14-28 50.0% Game: 25-60 41.7%
3FG % 1st Half: 2-13 15.4% 2nd half: 4-11 36.4% Game: 6-24 25.0%
FT % 1st Half: 10-15 66.7% 2nd half: 14-16 87.5% Game: 24-31 77.4%

Deadball Rebounds 2

Tennessee 82 • 11-9, 4-4 SEC

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
11	Alexander, Kyle	f	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
2	Williams, Grant	f	5-8	0-0	3-6	2	4	6	4	13	6	0	4	3	28
0	Bone, Jordan	g	1-7	0-1	0-0	0	2	2	2	2	0	1	0	0	22
23	Bowden, Jordan	g	2-7	1-2	0-0	0	1	1	1	5	2	0	0	1	26
3	Hubbs III, Robert	g	9-14	0-0	7-10	1	6	7	2	25	2	2	0	0	36
1	Turner, Lamonte		2-6	2-4	4-6	0	7	7	3	10	3	0	0	1	22
12	Parker, Kwe		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3
21	Evans, Lew		3-4	1-1	1-1	1	3	4	3	8	3	3	0	1	23
25	Phillips, Shembari		2-3	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	3	4	0	1	0	2	10
5	Schofield, Admiral		6-13	1-2	2-4	1	6	7	3	15	1	2	0	0	27
	Team					2	0	2							
	Totals		30-64	5-10	17-27	7	32	39	22	82	18	9	4	8	200

FG % 1st Half: 14-34 41.2% 2nd half: 16-30 53.3% Game: 30-64 46.9%
3FG % 1st Half: 4-6 66.7% 2nd half: 1-4 25.0% Game: 5-10 50.0%
FT % 1st Half: 7-10 70.0% 2nd half: 10-17 58.8% Game: 17-27 63.0%

Deadball Rebounds 5

Officials: Joe Lindsay, Olandis Poole, Roger Ayers
Technical fouls: Kentucky-None. Tennessee-None.
Attendance: 19349

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
Kentucky	34	46	**80**
Tennessee	39	43	**82**

Points	In Paint	Off T/O	2nd Chance	Fast Break	Bench
UK	28	14	14	9	4
UT	42	19	8	10	37

Last FG - UK 2nd-00:01, UT 2nd-00:14.
Largest lead - UK by 6 1st-16:54, UT by 11 2nd-12:49.
UK led for 06:52. UT led for 29:50. Game was tied for 03:14.

Score tied - 6 times.
Lead changed - 5 times.

#2/1 Kansas 79, #4/4 Kentucky 73
Jan. 28, 2017 | Lexington, Ky.

#2/1 KANSAS 79 • 19-2, 7-1

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
33	Lucas, Landen	c	6-6	0-0	1-1	3	2	5	5	13	0	0	1	1	27
00	Mason III, Frank	g	9-18	1-4	2-5	0	3	3	0	21	4	4	0	2	37
04	Graham, Devonte'	g	4-11	2-7	2-2	2	5	7	2	12	1	5	0	1	37
10	Mykhailiuk, Svi	g	2-6	0-2	4-6	1	1	2	2	8	1	0	0	0	28
11	Jackson, Josh	g	9-17	2-5	0-2	2	8	10	1	20	3	2	0	2	39
02	Vick, Lagerald		1-4	0-1	0-0	0	3	3	1	2	0	0	0	2	18
22	Coleby, Dwight		1-1	0-0	1-2	0	1	1	4	3	0	0	0	1	10
44	Lightfoot, Mitch		0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	4
	Team					1	1	2							
	Totals		32-64	5-19	10-18	10	24	34	15	79	9	12	2	9	200

FG % 1st Half: 12-30 40.0% 2nd half: 20-34 58.8% Game: 32-64 50.0%
3FG % 1st Half: 0-8 0.0% 2nd half: 5-11 45.5% Game: 5-19 26.3%
FT % 1st Half: 3-6 50.0% 2nd half: 7-12 58.3% Game: 10-18 55.6%

Deadball Rebounds: 2

Kentucky 73 • 17-4, 7-1

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
03	Adebayo, Edrice	f	3-7	0-0	4-10	4	4	8	4	10	3	4	1	2	37
32	Gabriel, Wenyen	f	0-3	0-3	0-0	0	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	1	14
00	Fox, De'Aaron	g	5-12	0-2	0-0	0	2	2	3	10	2	5	0	2	38
05	Monk, Malik	g	6-13	2-6	4-5	1	3	4	2	18	2	2	0	0	39
13	Briscoe, Isaiah	g	4-9	1-2	3-4	3	5	8	3	12	6	3	0	0	26
15	Humphries, Isaac		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	1	0	4
25	Hawkins, Dominique		2-4	0-1	1-1	1	3	4	1	5	1	0	0	0	17
35	Willis, Derek		6-7	5-6	1-2	0	6	6	1	18	0	1	2	0	25
	Team					0	1	1							
	Totals		26-55	8-20	13-22	9	26	35	17	73	14	17	4	5	200

FG % 1st Half: 12-28 42.9% 2nd half: 14-27 51.9% Game: 26-55 47.3%
3FG % 1st Half: 3-8 37.5% 2nd half: 5-12 41.7% Game: 8-20 40.0%
FT % 1st Half: 5-11 45.5% 2nd half: 8-11 72.7% Game: 13-22 59.1%

Deadball Rebounds: 5,2

Officials: Doug Shows, Joe DeRosa, Keith Kimble
Technical fouls: #2/1 KANSAS-None. Kentucky-None.
Attendance: 24418

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
#2/1 KANSAS	27	52	**79**
Kentucky	32	41	**73**

Points	In Paint	Off T/O	2nd Chance	Fast Break	Bench
KU	44	21	17	10	5
UK	34	7	7	6	23

Last FG - KU 2nd-01:09, UK 2nd-00:21.
Largest lead - KU by 10 2nd-04:41, UK by 12 1st-10:03.
KU led for 14:02. UK led for 23:38. Game was tied for 02:20.

Score tied - 4 times.
Lead changed - 8 times.

#8/6 Kentucky 90, Georgia 81 (OT)
Jan. 31, 2017 | Lexington, Ky.

Georgia 81 • 13-9, 4-5

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
01	Maten, Yante	f	8-15	1-1	5-9	1	4	5	2	22	5	3	1	0	39
34	Ogbeide, Derek	f	7-9	0-0	4-7	2	11	13	4	18	0	0	2	1	35
00	Jackson, William II	g	0-0	0-0	1-2	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	16
03	Parker, Juwan	g	2-6	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	5	4	1	2	0	0	23
30	Frazier, J.J.	g	8-21	3-4	4-5	1	2	3	5	23	5	3	0	3	41
02	Harris, Jordan		3-5	2-2	1-1	0	2	2	4	9	1	1	0	0	28
04	Crump, Tyree		0-2	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	3
05	Diatta, Pape		1-2	0-1	0-0	0	2	2	3	2	0	2	0	0	4
13	Wilridge,E'Torrion		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	1	0	1	3	1	1	17
25	Geno,Kenny Paul		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	7
32	Edwards, Mike		1-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	12
	Team					3	0	3				1			
	Totals		30-61	6-10	15-24	7	25	32	28	81	15	17	4	5	225

FG % 1st Half: 12-25 48.0% 2nd half: 16-30 53.3% OT: 2-6 33.3% Game: 30-61 49.2%
3FG % 1st Half: 3-5 60.0% 2nd half: 3-4 75.0% OT: 0-1 0.0% Game: 6-10 60.0%
FT % 1st Half: 2-3 66.7% 2nd half: 12-18 66.7% OT: 1-3 33.3% Game: 15-24 62.5%

Deadball Rebounds: 5

Kentucky 90 • 18-4, 8-1

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
03	Adebayo, Edrice	f	4-6	0-0	4-6	2	3	5	4	12	0	1	1	1	22
15	Humphries, Isaac	f	2-5	0-0	0-0	4	3	7	3	4	0	1	0	0	13
35	Willis, Derek	f	1-4	1-4	0-0	0	5	5	4	3	4	0	0	2	36
05	Monk, Malik	g	10-21	7-11	10-12	0	3	3	1	37	1	5	3	3	44
13	Briscoe, Isaiah	g	6-15	0-2	11-15	4	7	11	3	23	8	6	0	0	45
14	Wynyard, Tai		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	3	0	0	1	1	1	12
25	Hawkins, Dominique		1-5	0-2	2-2	0	1	1	1	4	1	0	0	0	25
32	Gabriel, Wenyen		3-8	1-2	0-1	5	1	6	3	7	0	0	1	0	28
	Team					2	3	5							
	Totals		27-64	9-21	27-36	17	28	45	22	90	14	14	6	7	225

FG % 1st Half: 9-31 29.0% 2nd half: 14-27 51.9% OT: 4-6 66.7% Game: 27-64 42.2%
3FG % 1st Half: 2-8 25.0% 2nd half: 5-10 50.0% OT: 2-3 66.7% Game: 9-21 42.9%
FT % 1st Half: 9-10 90.0% 2nd half: 14-20 70.0% OT: 4-6 66.7% Game: 27-36 75.0%

Deadball Rebounds: 4

Officials: Tony Greene, Pat Adams, Don Daily
Technical fouls: Georgia-None. Kentucky-None.
Attendance: 23814

Score by periods	1st	2nd	OT	Total
Georgia	29	47	5	**81**
Kentucky	29	47	14	**90**

Points	In Paint	Off T/O	2nd Chance	Fast Break	Bench
UGA	40	18	3	4	13
UK	30	20	24	6	11

Last FG - UGA OT-03:10, UK OT-01:51.
Largest lead - UGA by 14 1st-14:07, UK by 9 OT-00:43.
UGA led for 19:35. UK led for 18:56. Game was tied for 06:28.

Score tied - 6 times.
Lead changed - 3 times.

#24/23 Florida 88, #8/6 Kentucky 66
Feb. 4, 2017 | Gainesville, Fla.

Kentucky 66 • 18-5, 8-2 SEC

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
03	Adebayo, Edrice	f	4-10	0-0	1-5	1	6	7	3	9	1	2	1	4	33
32	Gabriel, Wenyen	f	2-2	1-1	0-2	1	4	5	5	5	0	0	1	0	13
05	Monk, Malik	g	4-14	3-7	0-0	0	0	0	4	11	2	1	1	0	34
13	Briscoe, Isaiah	g	3-10	0-1	0-2	1	2	3	2	6	3	4	0	0	30
25	Hawkins, Dominique	g	0-4	0-2	4-4	0	0	0	1	4	0	3	0	1	21
00	Fox, De'Aaron		5-11	0-1	9-10	0	3	3	4	19	0	3	0	0	25
11	Mulder, Mychal		3-6	2-5	0-0	1	0	1	0	8	0	0	0	1	16
14	Wynyard, Tai		1-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	7
15	Humphries, Isaac		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	3
35	Willis, Derek		1-3	0-1	0-0	0	5	5	3	2	0	0	0	1	18
	Team					1	2	3							
	Totals		23-61	6-18	14-23	6	23	29	24	66	7	13	3	7	200

FG % 1st Half: 9-30 30.0% 2nd half: 14-31 45.2% Game: 23-61 37.7%
3FG % 1st Half: 2-7 28.6% 2nd half: 4-11 36.4% Game: 6-18 33.3%
FT % 1st Half: 6-10 60.0% 2nd half: 8-13 61.5% Game: 14-23 60.9%

Deadball Rebounds: 4

#24/23 Florida 88 • 18-5, 8-2 SEC

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
01	Robinson, Devin	f	5-7	3-4	3-5	3	6	9	1	16	0	2	2	0	36
23	Leon, Justin	f	1-4	1-3	0-1	1	2	3	4	3	0	1	0	0	19
15	Egbunu, John	c	3-4	0-0	2-6	3	4	7	4	8	0	2	1	0	21
00	Hill, Kasey	g	8-16	1-3	4-8	0	5	5	2	21	6	3	1	1	27
05	Allen, KeVaughn	g	4-12	2-8	2-2	0	4	4	0	12	3	1	0	2	26
02	Hester, Eric		1-1	1-1	0-0	1	1	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	6
11	Chiozza, Chris		1-7	0-4	0-0	0	9	9	3	2	9	2	0	2	28
13	Hayes, Kevarrius		2-2	0-0	1-1	2	3	5	5	5	0	2	3	0	12
24	Barry, Canyon		4-7	2-3	4-4	0	0	0	4	14	0	0	0	0	18
32	Rimmer, Schuyler		1-2	0-0	2-2	1	0	1	0	4	0	1	0	0	7
	Team					6	3	9				3			
	Totals		30-62	10-26	18-29	17	37	54	23	88	18	17	7	5	200

FG % 1st Half: 12-35 34.3% 2nd half: 18-27 66.7% Game: 30-62 48.4%
3FG % 1st Half: 6-19 31.6% 2nd half: 4-7 57.1% Game: 10-26 38.5%
FT % 1st Half: 4-6 66.7% 2nd half: 14-23 60.9% Game: 18-29 62.1%

Deadball Rebounds: 3

Officials: Anthony Jordan, Mike Nance, Sean Casey
Technical fouls: Kentucky-None. #24/23 Florida-None.
Attendance: 11171
UF #13 at 2:07
UK #32 at 2:03

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
Kentucky	26	40	**66**
#24/23 Florida	34	54	**88**

Points	In Paint	Off T/O	2nd Chance	Fast Break	Bench
UK	30	11	7	8	31
UF	32	17	17	18	28

Last FG - UK 2nd-00:07, UF 2nd-00:21.
Largest lead - UK None, UF by 24 2nd-00:21.
UK led for 00:00. UF led for 39:32. Game was tied for 00:28.

Score tied - 0 times.
Lead changed - 0 times.

#15/12 Kentucky 92, LSU 85
Feb. 7, 2017 | Lexington, Ky.

LSU 85 • 9-14, 1-10

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
01	Reath, Duop	f	3-8	0-2	2-3	0	1	1	4	8	0	0	1	1	24
44	Sims, Wayde	f	2-5	1-2	1-2	1	1	2	3	6	1	2	0	0	19
00	Sampson, Brandon	g	6-12	1-4	4-4	0	3	3	0	17	0	5	0	0	30
02	Blakeney, Antonio	g	12-19	4-7	3-4	0	1	1	2	31	5	1	0	1	36
04	Mays, Skylar	g	2-5	1-2	0-0	0	4	4	2	5	2	3	0	1	17
03	Robinson III, Elbert		1-1	0-0	1-1	0	1	1	3	3	0	2	0	0	6
05	Hayward, Kieran		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	5
10	Jenkins, Branden		0-2	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	8
11	Patterson, Jalyn		2-4	2-3	0-0	1	3	4	1	6	3	0	0	2	22
12	Graves, Marshall		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
20	Bridgewater, Brian		0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	7
21	Epps, Aaron		4-6	1-2	0-1	3	0	3	5	9	1	0	0	0	17
45	Eddlestone, Brandon		0-2	0-1	0-0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
	Team					1	2	3							
	Totals		32-64	10-23	11-15	8	18	26	22	85	13	14	1	6	200

FG % 1st Half: 12-32 37.5% 2nd half: 20-32 62.5% Game: 32-64 50.0%
3FG % 1st Half: 2-12 16.7% 2nd half: 8-11 72.7% Game: 10-23 43.5%
FT % 1st Half: 1-2 50.0% 2nd half: 10-13 76.9% Game: 11-15 73.3%

Deadball Rebounds: 1,2

Kentucky 92 • 19-5, 9-2

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
03	Adebayo, Edrice	f	2-3	0-0	4-6	3	6	9	4	8	0	1	1	0	24
32	Gabriel, Wenyen	f	7-11	3-6	6-7	3	5	8	5	23	2	1	0	0	31
00	Fox, De'Aaron	g	7-13	1-2	1-1	0	4	4	2	16	6	3	0	3	33
05	Monk, Malik	g	8-15	4-8	3-4	0	0	0	0	23	2	2	0	2	36
13	Briscoe, Isaiah	g	4-9	1-3	5-6	1	5	6	1	14	3	3	0	1	33
11	Mulder, Mychal		0-2	0-2	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	5
14	Wynyard, Tai		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
15	Humphries, Isaac		1-1	0-0	0-0	2	2	4	4	2	0	1	1	0	8
25	Hawkins, Dominique		2-5	0-1	0-0	3	1	4	1	4	2	0	0	1	15
35	Willis, Derek		0-4	0-3	2-2	1	3	4	0	2	1	1	0	0	14
	Team					1	0	1				1			
	Totals		31-63	9-25	21-26	14	26	40	17	92	16	14	2	8	200

FG % 1st Half: 15-35 42.9% 2nd half: 16-28 57.1% Game: 31-63 49.2%
3FG % 1st Half: 5-16 31.3% 2nd half: 4-9 44.4% Game: 9-25 36.0%
FT % 1st Half: 8-9 88.9% 2nd half: 13-17 76.5% Game: 21-26 80.8%

Deadball Rebounds: 3,1

Officials: Olandis Poole, Jamie Luckie, Jeffery Clark
Technical fouls: LSU-None. Kentucky-None.
Attendance: 23657

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
LSU	27	58	**85**
Kentucky	43	49	**92**

Points	In Paint	Off T/O	2nd Chance	Fast Break	Bench
LSU	38	23	11	8	18
UK	38	14	12	6	8

Last FG - LSU 2nd-00:14, UK 2nd-00:50.
Largest lead - LSU None, UK by 25 2nd-08:47.
LSU led for 00:00. UK led for 39:40. Game was tied for 00:20.

Score tied - 0 times.
Lead changed - 0 times.

#15/12 Kentucky 67, Alabama 58
Feb. 11, 2017 | Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Kentucky 67 • 20-5, 10-2

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
03	Adebayo, Edrice	f	5-9	0-0	4-4	3	4	7	5	14	0	2	2	0	28
32	Gabriel, Wenyen	f	1-3	0-1	0-0	2	4	6	4	2	0	1	3	0	29
00	Fox, De'Aaron	g	3-12	0-2	1-1	1	0	1	4	7	3	2	0	2	30
05	Monk, Malik	g	6-15	2-6	3-4	0	1	1	3	17	1	0	1	2	33
13	Briscoe, Isaiah	g	5-11	0-1	1-7	1	10	11	1	11	4	4	0	1	35
11	Mulder, Mychal		1-3	0-1	0-0	1	1	2	2	2	0	2	0	0	11
15	Humphries, Isaac		2-3	0-0	0-0	1	1	2	4	4	0	0	0	0	8
25	Hawkins, Dominique		2-3	0-1	1-2	0	0	0	4	5	3	0	0	2	14
35	Willis, Derek		2-3	1-2	0-0	1	3	4	0	5	1	0	0	0	12
	Team					2	5	7				1			
	Totals		27-62	3-14	10-18	12	29	41	27	67	12	12	6	7	200

FG % 1st Half: 12-29 41.4% 2nd half: 15-33 45.5% Game: 27-62 43.5%
3FG % 1st Half: 2-8 25.0% 2nd half: 1-6 16.7% Game: 3-14 21.4%
FT % 1st Half: 3-8 37.5% 2nd half: 7-10 70.0% Game: 10-18 55.6%

Deadball Rebounds 2

Alabama 58 • 14-10, 7-5

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
21	Olaniyan, Bola	f	2-4	0-0	1-6	4	6	10	2	5	0	0	0	0	24
25	Key, Braxton	f	8-13	1-3	4-8	0	4	4	1	21	0	5	0	1	35
35	Hall, Donta	f	1-2	0-0	2-5	1	2	3	2	4	1	1	0	1	16
01	Norris, Riley	g	4-9	1-3	0-0	1	2	3	2	9	0	1	0	0	32
12	Ingram, Dazon	g	5-7	0-0	2-4	0	8	8	4	12	3	5	0	1	29
03	Collins, Corban		1-3	1-2	0-0	0	2	2	2	3	0	1	0	0	21
05	Johnson Jr, Avery		0-5	0-2	0-1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	12
10	Taylor, Jimmie		1-1	0-0	0-2	2	5	7	1	2	0	2	0	0	15
11	Hale, Shannon		0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	4
22	Davis, Ar'Mond		1-6	0-4	0-0	1	0	1	2	2	0	1	0	0	12
	Team					0	0	0							
	Totals		23-51	3-14	9-26	9	29	38	20	58	4	16	0	3	200

FG % 1st Half: 8-25 32.0% 2nd half: 15-26 57.7% Game: 23-51 45.1%
3FG % 1st Half: 1-7 14.3% 2nd half: 2-7 28.6% Game: 3-14 21.4%
FT % 1st Half: 3-11 27.3% 2nd half: 6-15 40.0% Game: 9-26 34.6%

Deadball Rebounds 7

Officials: Mike Nance, Lee Cassell, Rob Rorke
Technical fouls: Kentucky-None. Alabama-None.
Attendance: 15383

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
Kentucky	29	38	**67**
Alabama	20	38	**58**

Points	In Paint	Off T/O	2nd Chance	Fast Break	Bench
UK	38	14	9	16	16
UA	38	8	10	6	7

Score tied - 3 times.
Lead changed - 2 times.

Last FG - UK 2nd-00:33, UA 2nd-00:13.
Largest lead - UK by 18 2nd-15:18, UA by 3 1st-15:58.
UK led for 34:56. UA led for 00:32. Game was tied for 04:32.

#13/11 Kentucky 83, Tennessee 58
Feb. 14, 2017 | Lexington, Ky.

Tennessee 58 • 14-12, 6-7

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
02	Williams, Grant	f	3-7	1-2	1-2	1	2	3	1	8	2	4	1	2	27
11	Alexander, Kyle	f	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
00	Bone, Jordan	g	5-9	2-4	3-4	0	4	4	4	15	2	3	0	0	32
03	Hubbs III, Robert	g	2-6	0-0	3-4	0	2	2	1	7	0	2	0	0	24
23	Bowden, Jordan	g	0-6	0-3	2-2	1	3	4	2	2	2	2	1	0	32
01	Turner, Lamonte		0-3	0-2	0-0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	14
05	Schofield, Admiral		6-10	0-1	5-5	1	6	7	1	17	0	0	0	1	25
12	Parker, Kwe		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
21	Evans, Lew		0-1	0-0	0-0	1	2	3	3	0	1	0	0	1	17
24	Campbell, Lucas		0-0	0-0	2-3	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1
25	Phillips, Shembari		2-9	0-3	3-4	0	3	3	3	7	0	0	0	2	18
32	Woodson, Brad		0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
	Team					2	1	3					1		
	Totals		18-52	3-16	19-24	6	29	35	15	58	7	13	3	6	200

FG % 1st Half: 9-29 31.0% 2nd half: 9-23 39.1% Game: 18-52 34.6%
3FG % 1st Half: 2-9 22.2% 2nd half: 1-7 14.3% Game: 3-16 18.8%
FT % 1st Half: 12-14 85.7% 2nd half: 7-10 70.0% Game: 19-24 79.2%

Deadball Rebounds 0

Kentucky 83 • 21-5, 11-2

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
03	Adebayo, Edrice	f	3-5	0-0	1-2	5	7	12	2	7	0	3	1	0	33
32	Gabriel, Wenyen	f	0-2	0-1	0-0	0	2	2	1	0	0	0	2	0	10
00	Fox, De'Aaron	g	5-13	0-2	3-5	0	3	3	5	13	6	0	1	2	32
05	Monk, Malik	g	7-18	4-7	2-2	0	8	8	1	20	2	2	1	0	33
13	Briscoe, Isaiah	g	6-10	0-2	0-1	1	3	4	3	12	6	1	1	2	22
11	Mulder, Mychal		1-3	1-2	0-0	0	4	4	2	3	0	0	0	0	8
15	Humphries, Isaac		1-2	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	8
20	Calipari, Brad		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
25	Hawkins, Dominique		3-6	2-4	2-2	2	2	4	1	10	2	1	0	0	24
35	Willis, Derek		6-10	4-7	0-0	1	2	3	2	16	1	0	0	2	28
	Team					1	0	1							
	Totals		32-69	11-25	8-12	10	33	43	17	83	17	7	6	6	200

FG % 1st Half: 16-35 45.7% 2nd half: 16-34 47.1% Game: 32-69 46.4%
3FG % 1st Half: 10-18 55.6% 2nd half: 1-7 14.3% Game: 11-25 44.0%
FT % 1st Half: 5-7 71.4% 2nd half: 3-5 60.0% Game: 8-12 66.7%

Deadball Rebounds 2

Officials: Pat Adams, Lamar Simpson, Doug Shows
Technical fouls: Tennessee-None. Kentucky-None.
Attendance: 24391

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
Tennessee	32	26	**58**
Kentucky	47	36	**83**

Points	In Paint	Off T/O	2nd Chance	Fast Break	Bench
UT	18	4	6	0	26
UK	32	17	7	18	31

Score tied - 0 times.
Lead changed - 1 time.

Last FG - UT 2nd-02:11, UK 2nd-03:34.
Largest lead - UT by 5 1st-18:19, UK by 28 2nd-05:04.
UT led for 03:40. UK led for 36:06. Game was tied for 00:14.

#13/11 Kentucky 82, Georgia 77
Feb. 18, 2017 | Athens, Ga.

Kentucky 82 • 22-5, 12-2

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
03	Adebayo, Edrice	f	5-8	0-0	3-4	2	6	8	2	13	1	3	2	1	36
32	Gabriel, Wenyen	f	1-2	1-2	0-0	1	0	1	3	3	0	0	0	0	10
00	Fox, De'Aaron	g	4-14	0-2	8-10	1	4	5	3	16	5	4	0	0	25
05	Monk, Malik	g	3-11	1-5	9-11	0	2	2	1	16	5	1	0	3	36
13	Briscoe, Isaiah	g	4-12	0-3	1-1	3	3	6	5	9	2	4	0	0	24
11	Mulder, Mychal		3-6	3-6	0-0	1	1	2	0	9	0	0	0	0	14
15	Humphries, Isaac		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4
25	Hawkins, Dominique		3-5	1-2	2-2	0	0	0	5	9	0	0	0	2	21
35	Willis, Derek		3-3	1-1	0-0	4	8	12	1	7	0	2	0	1	30
	Team					2	3	5							
	Totals		26-61	7-21	23-28	14	27	41	21	82	13	14	2	7	200

FG % 1st Half: 12-26 46.2% 2nd half: 14-35 40.0% Game: 26-61 42.6%
3FG % 1st Half: 4-10 40.0% 2nd half: 3-11 27.3% Game: 7-21 33.3%
FT % 1st Half: 5-5 100.0 2nd half: 18-23 78.3% Game: 23-28 82.1%

Deadball Rebounds 2

Georgia 77 • 15-12, 6-8

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
01	Maten, Yante	f	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
13	Wilridge,E'Torrion	f	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	3	2	2	4	1	0	32
34	Ogbeide, Derek	f	2-3	0-0	0-1	0	11	11	5	4	2	2	1	0	30
03	Parker, Juwan	g	4-10	0-3	2-2	1	3	4	3	10	1	1	0	0	30
30	Frazier, J.J.	g	11-22	2-7	12-15	0	3	3	3	36	3	2	1	2	35
00	Jackson, William II		3-5	0-2	0-0	0	0	0	2	6	0	0	0	0	16
04	Crump, Tyree		0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
05	Diatta, Pape		3-6	1-2	2-2	0	1	1	1	9	0	0	0	0	11
24	Kessler, Houston		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	6
25	Geno,Kenny Paul		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
32	Edwards, Mike		4-6	0-0	2-4	1	2	3	2	10	0	2	1	0	34
	Team					0	2	2							
	Totals		28-55	3-15	18-24	2	24	26	22	77	8	11	4	2	200

FG % 1st Half: 11-24 45.8% 2nd half: 17-31 54.8% Game: 28-55 50.9%
3FG % 1st Half: 1-8 12.5% 2nd half: 2-7 28.6% Game: 3-15 20.0%
FT % 1st Half: 8-12 66.7% 2nd half: 10-12 83.3% Game: 18-24 75.0%

Deadball Rebounds 4

Officials: Anthony Jordan, Ron Groover, Brian Shey
Technical fouls: Kentucky-Monk, Malik. Georgia-Edwards, Mike.
Attendance: 10523

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
Kentucky	33	49	**82**
Georgia	31	46	**77**

Points	In Paint	Off T/O	2nd Chance	Fast Break	Bench
UK	32	11	8	6	25
UGA	32	15	0	4	25

Score tied - 13 times.
Lead changed - 15 times.

Last FG - UK 2nd-01:12, UGA 2nd-00:55.
Largest lead - UK by 6 2nd-18:42, UGA by 4 1st-19:03.
UK led for 24:44. UGA led for 11:29. Game was tied for 03:47.

#11/10 Kentucky 72, Missouri 62
Feb. 21, 2017 | Columbia, Mo.

Kentucky 72 • 23-5, 13-2

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
00	Fox, De'Aaron	*	4-10	1-2	4-6	1	4	5	2	13	4	2	0	0	34
03	Adebayo, Edrice	*	6-9	0-0	10-13	4	11	15	1	22	0	3	3	0	35
05	Monk, Malik	*	4-12	1-5	2-2	0	3	3	3	11	3	3	1	0	38
13	Briscoe, Isaiah	*	4-6	0-2	1-3	3	2	5	5	9	3	6	1	0	23
32	Gabriel, Wenyen	*	2-5	2-4	0-0	0	5	5	3	6	0	3	1	0	20
11	Mulder, Mychal		1-1	1-1	0-0	0	2	2	1	3	0	0	0	1	9
15	Humphries, Isaac		1-3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	6
25	Hawkins, Dominique		0-1	0-1	2-4	0	1	1	3	2	0	0	0	1	19
35	Willis, Derek		2-5	0-3	0-0	0	1	1	3	4	0	0	0	0	16
	Team					2	5	7	1						
	Totals		24-52	5-18	19-28	10	34	44	22	72	10	17	5	2	200

FG % 1st Half: 11-25 44.0% 2nd half: 13-27 48.1% Game: 24-52 46.2%
3FG % 1st Half: 3-9 33.3% 2nd half: 2-9 22.2% Game: 5-18 27.8%
FT % 1st Half: 6-12 50.0% 2nd half: 13-16 81.3% Game: 19-28 67.9%

Deadball Rebounds 3,1

Mizzou 62 • 7-20, 2-13

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
01	PHILLIPS	*	5-10	4-8	8-8	0	4	4	4	22	3	2	1	2	31
11	WALTON	*	4-11	0-1	1-3	1	1	2	3	9	0	2	0	2	33
24	PURYEAR	*	1-11	0-3	2-7	3	5	8	2	4	0	0	0	1	35
25	WOODS	*	2-3	0-0	0-0	1	3	4	5	4	0	1	0	0	14
33	VANLEER	*	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	8
03	HUGHES		1-4	0-3	0-0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	9
14	NIKKO		1-1	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	5	2	0	1	1	0	10
15	GEIST		2-7	0-2	2-2	0	1	1	2	6	0	0	0	0	28
21	BARNETT		6-12	0-4	1-3	1	6	7	1	13	1	1	1	0	32
	Team					1	2	3				1			
	Totals		22-60	4-22	14-23	7	24	31	23	62	4	9	3	5	200

FG % 1st Half: 13-31 41.9% 2nd half: 9-29 31.0% Game: 22-60 36.7%
3FG % 1st Half: 3-12 25.0% 2nd half: 1-10 10.0% Game: 4-22 18.2%
FT % 1st Half: 1-5 20.0% 2nd half: 13-18 72.2% Game: 14-23 60.9%

Deadball Rebounds 5

Officials: Tony Greene, Ted Valentine, Michael Roberts
Technical fouls: Kentucky-TEAM. Mizzou-None.
Attendance: 11574
Estimate Actual 10,074

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
Kentucky	31	41	**72**
Mizzou	30	32	**62**

Points	In Paint	Off T/O	2nd Chance	Fast Break	Bench
UK	32	10	11	2	11
MU-M	28	10	5	6	23

Score tied - 5 times.
Lead changed - 3 times.

Last FG - UK 2nd-01:43, MU-M 2nd-00:33.
Largest lead - UK by 10 2nd-01:43, MU-M by 4 1st-19:06.
UK led for 29:10. MU-M led for 06:55. Game was tied for 03:55.

#11/10 Kentucky 76, #13/12 Florida 66
Feb. 25, 2017 | Lexington, Ky.

Florida 66 • 23-6, 13-3

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
01	Robinson, Devin	f	3-13	1-2	2-3	4	7	11	3	9	0	0	0	1	28
13	Hayes, Kevarrius	f	2-4	0-0	0-0	2	2	4	4	4	0	0	2	0	27
23	Leon, Justin	f	5-11	2-7	1-1	2	1	3	3	13	1	2	0	1	29
00	Hill, Kasey	g	2-10	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	4	4	3	0	0	2	27
05	Allen, KeVaughn	g	9-17	5-11	1-1	0	2	2	4	24	2	1	0	1	33
02	Hester, Eric		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
11	Chiozza, Chris		4-9	1-4	0-1	1	4	5	4	9	5	2	0	0	22
24	Barry, Canyon		1-5	1-4	0-0	0	1	1	0	3	1	1	0	1	18
25	Stone, Keith		0-2	0-2	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	11
32	Rimmer, Schuyler		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
	Team					2	0	2							
	Totals		26-71	10-30	4-6	11	19	30	22	66	12	6	2	6	200

FG % 1st Half: 11-37 29.7% 2nd half: 15-34 44.1% Game: 26-71 36.6%
3FG % 1st Half: 5-14 35.7% 2nd half: 5-16 31.3% Game: 10-30 33.3%
FT % 1st Half: 1-2 50.0% 2nd half: 3-4 75.0% Game: 4-6 66.7%

Deadball Rebounds 0,1

Kentucky 76 • 24-5, 14-2

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
03	Adebayo, Edrice	f	7-11	0-0	4-5	6	9	15	2	18	0	0	1	0	35
32	Gabriel, Wenyen	f	0-1	0-1	2-2	0	3	3	0	2	1	1	0	0	19
05	Monk, Malik	g	9-18	5-7	10-11	1	3	4	2	33	5	6	0	0	33
11	Mulder, Mychal	g	1-6	0-3	2-2	0	0	0	1	4	1	2	1	0	21
13	Briscoe, Isaiah	g	3-6	0-0	3-5	1	7	8	4	9	2	2	0	0	26
15	Humphries, Isaac		1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	4
25	Hawkins, Dominique		1-6	0-0	1-2	3	3	6	3	3	4	1	0	2	37
35	Willis, Derek		2-4	1-3	0-0	0	9	9	1	5	0	2	0	1	25
	Team					1	2	3				2			
	Totals		24-53	6-14	22-27	12	36	48	13	76	13	16	2	3	200

FG % 1st Half: 8-28 28.6% 2nd half: 16-25 64.0% Game: 24-53 45.3%
3FG % 1st Half: 2-8 25.0% 2nd half: 4-6 66.7% Game: 6-14 42.9%
FT % 1st Half: 10-13 76.9% 2nd half: 12-14 85.7% Game: 22-27 81.5%

Deadball Rebounds 2

Officials: Olandis Poole, Antinio Petty, Kipp Kissinger
Technical fouls: Florida-Allen, KeVaughn. Kentucky-Briscoe, Isaiah.
Attendance: 24431

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
Florida	28	38	**66**
Kentucky	28	48	**76**

Points	In Paint	Off T/O	2nd Chance	Fast Break	Bench
UF	26	13	11	12	12
UK	32	8	11	4	10

Last FG - UF 2nd-01:53, UK 2nd-00:37.
Largest lead - UF by 12 1st-13:11, UK by 10 2nd-04:04.
UF led for 24:45. UK led for 11:41. Game was tied for 03:34.

Score tied - 7 times.
Lead changed - 9 times.

#9/9 Kentucky 73, Vanderbilt 67
Feb. 28, 2017 | Lexington, Ky.

Vanderbilt 67 • 16-14, 9-8

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
03	KORNET, Luke	f	7-13	3-8	4-4	1	4	5	2	21	0	0	1	1	36
11	ROBERSON, Jeff	f	3-8	1-4	2-2	1	5	6	1	9	2	6	1	1	36
02	TOYE, Joe	g	3-8	3-6	6-8	0	1	1	4	15	0	1	0	0	30
13	LACHANCE, Riley	g	2-4	1-2	0-0	0	6	6	4	5	2	2	0	1	32
24	CRESSLER, Nolan	g	4-7	1-2	0-2	0	5	5	5	9	2	3	0	2	30
01	WILLIS, Payton		3-5	2-2	0-0	0	1	1	2	8	1	3	0	0	10
05	FISHER-DAVIS, Matthe		0-4	0-4	0-0	0	2	2	4	0	3	1	1	0	18
12	BAPTISTE, Djery		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	4
15	BROWN, Clevon		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4
	Team					2	0	2							
	Totals		22-49	11-28	12-16	4	24	28	25	67	10	18	3	5	200

FG % 1st Half: 12-29 41.4% 2nd half: 10-20 50.0% Game: 22-49 44.9%
3FG % 1st Half: 6-16 37.5% 2nd half: 5-12 41.7% Game: 11-28 39.3%
FT % 1st Half: 0-2 0.0% 2nd half: 12-14 85.7% Game: 12-16 75.0%

Deadball Rebounds 2

Kentucky 73 • 25-5, 15-2

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
03	Adebayo, Edrice	f	4-6	0-0	8-10	1	5	6	4	16	0	2	1	2	37
35	Willis, Derek	f	1-4	1-4	0-2	0	8	8	3	3	1	0	3	0	28
11	Mulder, Mychal	g	2-3	1-2	0-0	0	0	0	1	5	0	0	0	1	7
13	Briscoe, Isaiah	g	3-6	0-1	1-2	3	4	7	2	7	6	0	0	0	31
25	Hawkins, Dominique	g	1-3	0-1	0-0	0	2	2	1	2	1	1	0	1	21
00	Fox, De'Aaron		5-9	1-1	2-2	0	4	4	1	13	1	5	0	0	26
05	Monk, Malik		8-21	2-6	9-10	1	1	2	1	27	1	3	0	0	35
15	Humphries, Isaac		0-0	0-0	0-0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
32	Gabriel, Wenyen		0-3	0-2	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
	Team					2	0	2	1						
	Totals		24-55	5-17	20-26	8	25	33	14	73	10	11	4	4	200

FG % 1st Half: 9-29 31.0% 2nd half: 15-26 57.7% Game: 24-55 43.6%
3FG % 1st Half: 2-10 20.0% 2nd half: 3-7 42.9% Game: 5-17 29.4%
FT % 1st Half: 4-7 57.1% 2nd half: 16-19 84.2% Game: 20-26 76.9%

Deadball Rebounds 5

Officials: Anthony Jordan, John Higgins, Jamie Luckie
Technical fouls: Vanderbilt-None. Kentucky-TEAM.
Attendance: 24036

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
Vanderbilt	30	37	**67**
Kentucky	24	49	**73**

Points	In Paint	Off T/O	2nd Chance	Fast Break	Bench
VU	18	9	5	0	8
UK	30	21	6	8	40

Last FG - VU 2nd-00:33, UK 2nd-00:49.
Largest lead - VU by 19 1st-08:03, UK by 7 2nd-00:49.
VU led for 33:52. UK led for 03:10. Game was tied for 02:58.

Score tied - 3 times.
Lead changed - 3 times.

#9/9 Kentucky 71, Texas A&M 63
March 4, 2017 | College Station, Texas

Kentucky 71 • 26-5; 16-2 SEC

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
00	De'Aaron Fox	*	6-13	2-4	5-5	0	3	3	3	19	1	1	0	0	25
03	Edrice Adebayo	*	6-7	0-0	1-3	4	4	8	2	13	1	1	2	0	36
05	Malik Monk	*	2-10	0-4	2-2	0	5	5	1	6	3	1	0	1	35
13	Briscoe, Isaiah	*	3-8	0-2	1-4	1	5	6	2	7	8	1	0	0	32
35	Willis, Derek	*	4-7	3-6	0-0	2	4	6	4	11	0	1	3	1	25
11	Mulder, Mychal		1-5	1-5	0-0	0	0	0	2	3	1	0	0	0	10
15	Humphries, Isaac		1-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	4
25	Hawkins, Dominique		3-6	1-3	1-1	0	0	0	4	8	3	1	0	2	18
32	Gabriel, Wenyen		0-2	0-0	2-3	1	5	6	3	2	0	0	0	0	15
	Team					2	2	4							
	Totals		26-59	7-24	12-18	10	29	39	21	71	17	6	5	4	200

FG % 1st Half: 13-34 38.2% 2nd half: 13-25 52.0% Game: 26-59 44.1%
3FG % 1st Half: 3-14 21.4% 2nd half: 4-10 40.0% Game: 7-24 29.2%
FT % 1st Half: 3-4 75.0% 2nd half: 9-14 64.3% Game: 12-18 66.7%

Deadball Rebounds 3

Texas A&M 63 • 16-14; 8-10 SEC

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
03	Gilder, Admon	*	7-17	3-8	5-8	3	2	5	4	22	4	0	0	1	39
05	Hampton, JC	*	0-2	0-2	1-2	0	2	2	5	1	1	1	0	1	26
10	Trocha-Morelos,Tonny	*	2-8	1-5	2-2	0	5	5	2	7	10	4	3	0	38
34	Davis, Tyler	*	4-9	0-0	3-5	2	6	8	3	11	0	2	0	0	35
42	Miller, Tavario	*	1-4	0-0	0-2	0	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	10
00	Eubanks, Kobie		0-2	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4
12	Collins, Chris		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1
33	Carlton, Chase		0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	12
44	Williams, Robert		9-15	1-2	1-5	6	7	13	1	20	1	0	2	1	35
	Team					3	2	5							
	Totals		23-57	5-18	12-25	14	25	39	18	63	17	8	5	4	200

FG % 1st Half: 10-27 37.0% 2nd half: 13-30 43.3% Game: 23-57 40.4%
3FG % 1st Half: 2-5 40.0% 2nd half: 3-13 23.1% Game: 5-18 27.8%
FT % 1st Half: 6-13 46.2% 2nd half: 6-12 50.0% Game: 12-25 48.0%

Deadball Rebounds 4,1

Officials: Doug Shows, Vladimir Voyard-Tadal, Brian Shey
Technical fouls: Kentucky-None. Texas A&M-None.
Attendance: 9528

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
Kentucky	32	39	**71**
Texas A&M	28	35	**63**

Points	In Paint	Off T/O	2nd Chance	Fast Break	Bench
UK	32	12	11	14	15
TAMU	28	10	9	4	20

Last FG - UK 2nd-01:10, TAMU 2nd-00:02.
Largest lead - UK by 14 2nd-00:40, TAMU by 15 1st-12:09.
UK led for 22:34. TAMU led for 16:22. Game was tied for 01:04.

Score tied - 2 times.
Lead changed - 3 times.

#8/8 Kentucky 71, Georgia 60
March 10, 2017 | Nashville, Tenn.

Georgia 60 • 19-14, 9-9

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
01	Maten, Yante	f	3-11	1-1	5-6	2	4	6	3	12	1	3	0	1	27
13	Wilridge,E'Torrion	f	2-3	2-2	1-2	1	5	6	1	7	0	0	0	1	32
34	Ogbeide, Derek	f	2-3	0-0	0-2	3	12	15	5	4	0	1	0	0	22
03	Parker, Juwan	g	2-4	0-1	0-2	0	1	1	0	4	1	0	0	0	12
30	Frazier, J.J.	g	4-17	0-3	7-7	1	6	7	3	15	4	3	0	0	38
00	Jackson, William II		1-4	0-2	1-2	0	0	0	4	3	2	1	1	0	18
02	Harris, Jordan		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3
04	Crump, Tyree		1-6	1-5	0-0	0	0	0	1	3	1	0	0	0	15
05	Diatta, Pape		2-4	1-2	2-3	0	1	1	4	7	0	2	0	0	10
32	Edwards, Mike		2-5	0-0	1-2	1	2	3	1	5	0	0	0	0	23
	Team					3	0	3				2			
	Totals		19-57	5-16	17-26	11	31	42	22	60	9	13	1	2	200

FG % 1st Half: 9-30 30.0% 2nd half: 10-27 37.0% Game: 19-57 33.3%
3FG % 1st Half: 1-8 12.5% 2nd half: 4-8 50.0% Game: 5-16 31.3%
FT % 1st Half: 6-9 66.7% 2nd half: 11-17 64.7% Game: 17-26 65.4%

Deadball Rebounds 7

Kentucky 71 • 27-5, 16-2

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
03	Adebayo, Edrice	f	4-9	0-0	5-7	4	6	10	3	13	1	2	1	0	35
35	Willis, Derek	f	2-6	2-6	1-2	1	10	11	5	7	0	1	4	0	32
00	Fox, De'Aaron	g	7-12	1-2	5-8	2	1	3	4	20	4	2	0	1	27
05	Monk, Malik	g	1-7	0-1	0-2	0	2	2	3	2	1	2	0	1	26
13	Briscoe, Isaiah	g	8-15	1-2	3-6	2	4	6	3	20	2	2	0	2	34
11	Mulder, Mychal		1-2	1-2	1-2	0	1	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	10
15	Humphries, Isaac		0-0	0-0	0-0	1	1	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	5
25	Hawkins, Dominique		0-7	0-2	5-6	1	1	2	2	5	1	0	0	2	23
32	Gabriel, Wenyen		0-2	0-0	0-0	1	2	3	1	0	0	0	1	0	8
	Team					1	1	2							
	Totals		23-60	5-15	20-33	13	29	42	22	71	9	10	6	6	200

FG % 1st Half: 12-33 36.4% 2nd half: 11-27 40.7% Game: 23-60 38.3%
3FG % 1st Half: 4-8 50.0% 2nd half: 1-7 14.3% Game: 5-15 33.3%
FT % 1st Half: 4-6 66.7% 2nd half: 16-27 59.3% Game: 20-33 60.6%

Deadball Rebounds 6

Officials: Anthony Jordan, Joe Lindsay, Chuck Jones
Technical fouls: Georgia-None. Kentucky-None.
Attendance:

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
Georgia	25	35	**60**
Kentucky	32	39	**71**

Points	In Paint	Off T/O	2nd Chance	Fast Break	Bench
UGA	22	2	18	0	18
UK	32	18	15	4	9

Last FG - UGA 2nd-00:12, UK 2nd-01:00.
Largest lead - UGA None, UK by 18 2nd-10:04.
UGA led for 00:00. UK led for 37:57. Game was tied for 02:03.

Score tied - 1 time.
Lead changed - 0 times.

#8/8 Kentucky 79, Alabama 74
March 11, 2017 | Nashville, Tenn.

Alabama 74 • 19-14, 10-8

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
10	Taylor, Jimmie	f	3-6	0-0	1-1	0	3	3	3	7	1	0	1	1	24
21	Olaniyan, Bola	f	4-4	0-0	0-0	2	2	4	4	8	1	0	0	0	14
25	Key, Braxton	f	4-15	0-1	3-6	4	2	6	4	11	4	3	0	0	36
01	Norris, Riley	g	1-6	1-5	6-8	1	5	6	2	9	0	2	0	0	35
12	Ingram, Dazon	g	7-12	0-2	3-3	2	2	4	5	17	2	4	0	0	34
02	Schaffer, Lawson		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0+
03	Collins, Corban		3-3	1-1	1-1	0	1	1	5	8	0	1	0	0	15
05	Johnson Jr, Avery		3-11	1-4	0-0	0	1	1	2	7	2	1	0	1	23
22	Davis, Ar'Mond		1-3	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	3
35	Hall, Donta		2-2	0-0	1-1	1	2	3	3	5	0	0	2	2	16
	Team					2	3	5				1			
	Totals		28-62	3-14	15-20	12	21	33	28	74	10	12	3	4	200

FG % 1st Half: 12-32 37.5% 2nd half: 16-30 53.3% Game: 28-62 45.2%
3FG % 1st Half: 2-8 25.0% 2nd half: 1-6 16.7% Game: 3-14 21.4%
FT % 1st Half: 6-7 85.7% 2nd half: 9-13 69.2% Game: 15-20 75.0%

Deadball Rebounds: 5

Kentucky 79 • 28-5, 16-2

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
03	Adebayo, Edrice	f	3-4	0-0	4-6	2	7	9	4	10	0	1	1	3	39
35	Willis, Derek	f	2-5	2-3	0-0	1	1	2	2	6	1	0	1	0	20
00	Fox, De'Aaron	g	8-12	1-2	11-15	0	5	5	2	28	2	5	0	2	35
05	Monk, Malik	g	6-14	2-5	6-10	0	4	4	2	20	2	3	0	0	35
13	Briscoe, Isaiah	g	1-3	0-1	4-5	1	0	1	4	6	3	1	0	1	18
11	Mulder, Mychal		0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	6
15	Humphries, Isaac		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
25	Hawkins, Dominique		2-3	1-1	2-2	0	0	0	4	7	1	0	0	1	29
32	Gabriel, Wenyen		1-2	0-1	0-1	1	3	4	1	2	1	1	0	0	17
	Team					2	0	2				1			
	Totals		23-44	6-14	27-39	7	21	28	20	79	10	13	2	7	200

FG % 1st Half: 12-21 57.1% 2nd half: 11-23 47.8% Game: 23-44 52.3%
3FG % 1st Half: 3-8 37.5% 2nd half: 3-6 50.0% Game: 6-14 42.9%
FT % 1st Half: 6-13 46.2% 2nd half: 21-26 80.8% Game: 27-39 69.2%

Deadball Rebounds: 5,1

Officials: Doug Shows, Tony Greene, Antinio Petty
Technical fouls: Alabama-None. Kentucky-None.
Attendance: 19196

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
Alabama	32	42	**74**
Kentucky	33	46	**79**

Points	In Paint	Off T/O	2nd Chance	Fast Break	Bench
UA	46	15	15	2	22
UK	24	12	12	4	9

Last FG - UA 2nd-00:07, UK 2nd-01:41.
Largest lead - UA by 10 1st-13:29, UK by 9 2nd-11:24.
UA led for 12:19. UK led for 26:21. Game was tied for 01:20.

Score tied - 3 times.
Lead changed - 5 times.

#8/8 Kentucky 82, Arkansas 65
March 12, 2017 | Nashville, Tenn.

Arkansas 65 • 25-9, 12-6

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
13	Thomas, Dustin	f	2-3	0-0	0-0	1	2	3	3	4	0	2	0	1	21
33	Kingsley, Moses	f	3-6	0-0	2-2	2	4	6	3	8	0	3	2	0	24
00	Barford, Jaylen	g	4-13	1-4	4-4	0	2	2	3	13	1	2	0	1	29
03	Hannahs, Dusty	g	4-12	1-5	5-5	0	0	0	3	14	0	2	0	0	27
21	Watkins, Manuale	g	3-5	1-3	0-1	2	2	4	4	7	2	3	0	2	24
01	Thompson, Trey		0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	2	0	4	0	2	0	19
04	Macon, Daryl		7-11	1-4	3-4	1	3	4	3	18	1	1	0	2	31
05	Cook, Arlando		0-1	0-0	0-2	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
12	Hazen, Brachen		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
23	Jones, CJ		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
31	Beard, Anton		0-3	0-2	1-2	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	15
	Team					1	2	3							
	Totals		23-55	4-18	15-20	8	18	26	22	65	8	14	4	7	200

FG % 1st Half: 10-27 37.0% 2nd half: 13-28 46.4% Game: 23-55 41.8%
3FG % 1st Half: 3-12 25.0% 2nd half: 1-6 16.7% Game: 4-18 22.2%
FT % 1st Half: 7-10 70.0% 2nd half: 8-10 80.0% Game: 15-20 75.0%

Deadball Rebounds: 1

Kentucky 82 • 29-5, 16-2

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
03	Adebayo, Edrice	f	5-8	0-0	7-8	4	5	9	2	17	0	3	1	0	31
35	Willis, Derek	f	2-2	1-1	0-0	1	8	9	3	5	0	1	2	0	26
00	Fox, De'Aaron	g	6-10	1-1	5-7	2	1	3	3	18	2	2	0	2	26
05	Monk, Malik	g	5-12	1-5	6-6	0	0	0	2	17	3	1	1	0	31
13	Briscoe, Isaiah	g	2-9	0-1	0-0	0	4	4	1	4	3	4	0	0	32
11	Mulder, Mychal		1-4	1-3	0-0	0	3	3	1	3	0	0	0	0	10
15	Humphries, Isaac		1-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	8
20	Calipari, Brad		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
25	Hawkins, Dominique		5-9	2-5	2-2	0	2	2	1	14	2	1	0	4	27
32	Gabriel, Wenyen		0-1	0-0	2-2	2	1	3	1	2	0	1	0	0	8
	Team					3	3	6				2			
	Totals		27-56	6-16	22-25	12	28	40	15	82	10	15	4	6	200

FG % 1st Half: 17-28 60.7% 2nd half: 10-28 35.7% Game: 27-56 48.2%
3FG % 1st Half: 3-7 42.9% 2nd half: 3-9 33.3% Game: 6-16 37.5%
FT % 1st Half: 5-6 83.3% 2nd half: 17-19 89.5% Game: 22-25 88.0%

Deadball Rebounds: 2

Officials: Anthony Jordan, Doug Shows, Joe Lindsay
Technical fouls: Arkansas-Kingsley, Moses 2. Kentucky-None.
Attendance: 19953
Session 7 attendance is 19,953.

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
Arkansas	30	35	**65**
Kentucky	42	40	**82**

Points	In Paint	Off T/O	2nd Chance	Fast Break	Bench
AR	34	22	6	8	19
UK	36	22	15	8	21

Last FG - AR 2nd-01:32, UK 2nd-00:39.
Largest lead - AR by 2 1st-14:36, UK by 19 2nd-07:34.
AR led for 01:53. UK led for 35:03. Game was tied for 03:04.

Score tied - 4 times.
Lead changed - 6 times.

#5/5 Kentucky 79, Northern Kentucky 70
March 17, 2017 | Indianapolis

Northern Kentucky 70 • 24-11

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
01	GARNETT, Jordan	f	1-7	1-3	1-2	2	2	4	1	4	0	1	0	0	29
23	WILLIAMS, Carson	f	7-10	0-0	7-7	5	4	9	2	21	1	0	0	0	30
34	MCDONALD, Drew	c	5-18	3-9	1-1	2	3	5	4	14	3	1	0	2	36
25	MURRAY, Cole	g	2-9	2-9	0-0	0	4	4	5	6	2	0	2	1	32
30	HOLLAND II, Lavone	g	10-21	1-6	1-1	0	2	2	2	22	2	3	0	1	31
04	GARRETT, Jeff		0-0	0-0	0-0	1	2	3	1	0	0	1	1	1	8
11	FAULKNER, Mason		1-3	1-2	0-0	0	4	4	5	3	2	1	0	1	21
13	GILLIS, Brennan		0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	4
32	WALTON, Dantez		0-4	0-3	0-0	0	4	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	9
	Team					3	1	4							
	Totals		26-73	8-32	10-11	13	27	40	22	70	11	8	3	6	200

FG % 1st Half: 9-37 24.3% 2nd half: 17-36 47.2% Game: 26-73 35.6%
3FG % 1st Half: 3-17 17.6% 2nd half: 5-15 33.3% Game: 8-32 25.0%
FT % 1st Half: 3-3 100.0 2nd half: 7-8 87.5% Game: 10-11 90.9%

Deadball Rebounds: 0

Kentucky 79 • 30-5

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
03	Adebayo, Edrice	f	5-9	0-0	5-6	6	12	18	2	15	1	3	1	0	37
35	Willis, Derek	f	2-7	2-6	2-2	1	6	7	4	8	3	0	3	2	29
00	Fox, De'Aaron	g	8-15	0-1	3-4	2	0	2	2	19	3	6	2	1	34
05	Monk, Malik	g	3-11	0-6	6-7	0	2	2	1	12	2	0	1	0	34
13	Briscoe, Isaiah	g	7-11	0-0	3-5	0	8	8	1	17	2	1	2	2	31
11	Mulder, Mychal		0-1	0-1	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	4
15	Humphries, Isaac		0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
25	Hawkins, Dominique		2-3	1-2	2-2	0	2	2	3	7	0	0	0	0	20
32	Gabriel, Wenyen		0-3	0-1	1-2	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	9
	Team					2	3	5				1			
	Totals		27-61	3-17	22-28	11	35	46	15	79	12	12	9	5	200

FG % 1st Half: 17-35 48.6% 2nd half: 10-26 38.5% Game: 27-61 44.3%
3FG % 1st Half: 2-8 25.0% 2nd half: 1-9 11.1% Game: 3-17 17.6%
FT % 1st Half: 2-5 40.0% 2nd half: 20-23 87.0% Game: 22-28 78.6%

Deadball Rebounds: 2

Officials: Brian O'Connell, Lamar Simpson, Ray Styons
Technical fouls: Northern Kentucky-None. Kentucky-None.
Attendance: 18269

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
Northern Kentucky	24	46	**70**
Kentucky	38	41	**79**

Points	In Paint	Off T/O	2nd Chance	Fast Break	Bench
NKU	26	7	8	2	8
UK	52	13	14	10	6

Last FG - NKU 2nd-00:22, UK 2nd-01:10.
Largest lead - NKU by 1 1st-17:46, UK by 18 2nd-17:30.
NKU led for 00:06. UK led for 38:42. Game was tied for 01:12.

Score tied - 8 times.
Lead changed - 2 times.

#5/5 Kentucky 65, #19/19 Wichita State 62
March 19, 2017 | Indianapolis

#19/19 Wichita State 62 • 31-5

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
01	BROWN, Zach	f	3-6	2-3	1-2	3	5	8	2	9	1	4	0	0	28
32	McDUFFIE, Markis	f	2-9	1-6	0-0	1	3	4	2	5	3	0	1	1	32
24	MORRIS, Shaquille	c	5-10	0-0	1-2	1	7	8	3	11	2	2	3	0	28
11	SHAMET, Landry	g	7-14	2-7	4-5	1	1	2	4	20	2	0	0	1	34
33	FRANKAMP, Conner	g	2-8	2-6	0-0	1	0	1	0	6	0	1	0	0	25
00	KELLY, Rashard		2-7	0-0	0-0	3	3	6	2	4	2	1	0	0	22
02	SMITH, Daishon		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	6
12	REAVES, Austin		1-1	1-1	0-0	0	1	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	9
20	NURGER, Rauno		1-3	0-1	0-0	1	2	3	1	2	0	1	0	0	8
21	WILLIS Jr., Darral		1-4	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	2	2	0	1	0	8
	Team					3	0	3							
	Totals		24-62	8-24	6-9	14	24	38	14	62	12	11	5	2	200

FG % 1st Half: 10-33 30.3% 2nd half: 14-29 48.3% Game: 24-62 38.7%
3FG % 1st Half: 3-11 27.3% 2nd half: 5-13 38.5% Game: 8-24 33.3%
FT % 1st Half: 1-2 50.0% 2nd half: 5-7 71.4% Game: 6-9 66.7%

Deadball Rebounds: 1

Kentucky 65 • 31-5

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
03	Adebayo, Edrice	f	6-11	0-0	1-4	4	6	10	1	13	1	0	1	1	31
35	Willis, Derek	f	3-6	2-5	1-2	0	8	8	3	9	1	0	1	3	33
00	Fox, De'Aaron	g	5-13	0-1	4-6	0	2	2	3	14	1	2	0	2	31
05	Monk, Malik	g	3-10	2-5	6-6	0	2	2	1	14	4	1	2	0	29
13	Briscoe, Isaiah	g	2-3	1-2	0-0	0	4	4	1	5	2	3	0	0	27
11	Mulder, Mychal		1-2	1-2	0-0	1	0	1	0	3	2	0	1	0	10
15	Humphries, Isaac		0-1	0-0	0-0	1	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	9
25	Hawkins, Dominique		3-4	1-2	0-0	0	0	0	2	7	0	0	0	0	23
32	Gabriel, Wenyen		0-5	0-1	0-0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
	Team					4	1	5							
	Totals		23-55	7-18	12-18	10	26	36	11	65	11	7	5	6	200

FG % 1st Half: 10-30 33.3% 2nd half: 13-25 52.0% Game: 23-55 41.8%
3FG % 1st Half: 4-11 36.4% 2nd half: 3-7 42.9% Game: 7-18 38.9%
FT % 1st Half: 2-2 100.0 2nd half: 10-16 62.5% Game: 12-18 66.7%

Deadball Rebounds: 4

Officials: Roger Ayers, Mike Roberts, Brian O'Connell
Technical fouls: #19/19 Wichita State-None. Kentucky-None.
Attendance: 18293

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
#19/19 Wichita State	24	38	**62**
Kentucky	26	39	**65**

Points	In Paint	Off T/O	2nd Chance	Fast Break	Bench
WSU	28	5	10	5	11
UK	24	13	11	2	10

Last FG - WSU 2nd-00:55, UK 2nd-01:25.
Largest lead - WSU by 4 2nd-16:17, UK by 7 2nd-04:09.
WSU led for 08:42. UK led for 24:50. Game was tied for 06:04.

Score tied - 5 times.
Lead changed - 11 times.

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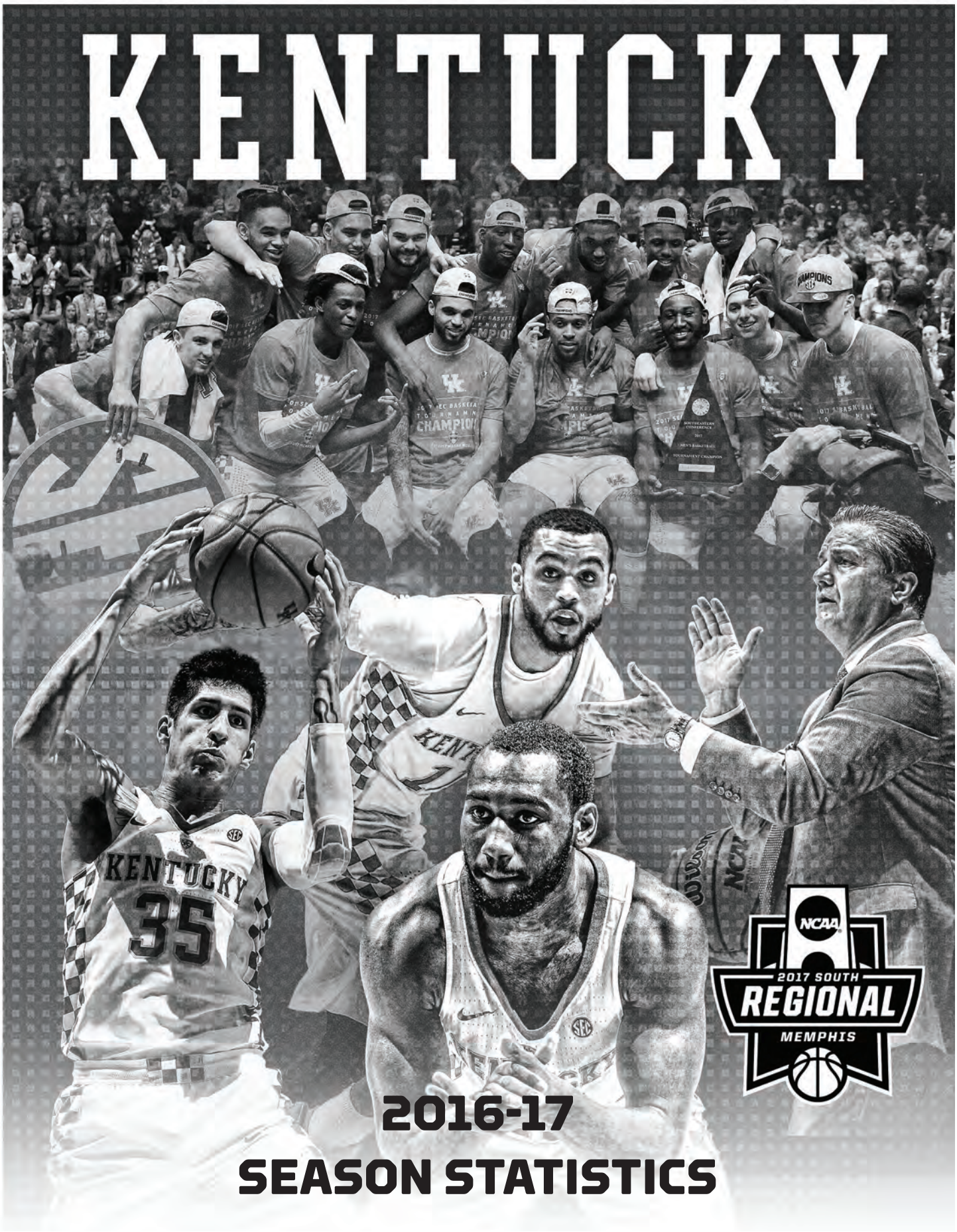

2016-17
SEASON STATISTICS

2016-17 Kentucky Men's Basketball
Kentucky Combined Team Statistics (as of Mar 20, 2017)
All games

Overall record: 31-5 Conf: 16-2 Home: 15-2 Away: 7-3 Neutral: 9-0

					Total		3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds											
##	Player	gp-gs	min	avg	fg-fga	fg%	3fg-fga	3fg%	ft-fta	ft%	off	def	tot	avg	pf	dq	a	to	blk	stl	pts	avg
05	Monk, Malik	36-35	1156	32.1	239-531	.450	97-247	.393	146-176	.830	11	79	90	2.5	65	0	86	74	16	35	721	20.0
00	Fox, De'Aaron	34-32	1000	29.4	196-413	.475	15-64	.234	142-195	.728	19	117	136	4.0	84	2	158	85	7	49	549	16.1
03	Adebayo, Edrice	36-36	1074	29.8	165-271	.609	0-0	.000	149-230	.648	115	178	293	8.1	97	2	25	60	55	25	479	13.3
13	Briscoe, Isaiah	34-34	1026	30.2	158-333	.474	16-57	.281	93-144	.646	49	135	184	5.4	88	2	139	86	7	27	425	12.5
35	Willis, Derek	36-13	783	21.8	92-188	.489	47-120	.392	22-32	.688	37	154	191	5.3	69	1	28	26	38	25	253	7.0
11	Mulder, Mychal	30-2	327	10.9	52-124	.419	35-93	.376	12-13	.923	16	31	47	1.6	27	0	12	11	6	8	151	5.0
32	Gabriel, Wenyen	36-23	666	18.5	60-148	.405	20-63	.317	34-55	.618	60	122	182	5.1	88	2	26	28	33	11	174	4.8
25	Hawkins, Dominique	36-4	692	19.2	49-129	.380	17-57	.298	42-50	.840	22	37	59	1.6	73	1	64	16	0	29	157	4.4
01	Killeya-Jones, Sacha	15-0	96	6.4	17-29	.586	0-0	.000	6-15	.400	12	19	31	2.1	19	0	2	7	10	1	40	2.7
15	Humphries, Isaac	36-1	287	8.0	40-80	.500	0-0	.000	13-23	.565	48	52	100	2.8	56	1	8	16	18	6	93	2.6
14	Wynyard, Tai	15-0	54	3.6	5-6	.833	0-0	.000	1-3	.333	5	8	13	0.9	11	0	1	2	3	1	11	0.7
10	David, Jonny	7-0	11	1.6	1-2	.500	1-1	1.000	2-4	.500	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	3	0	0	5	0.7
20	Calipari, Brad	15-0	45	3.0	2-13	.154	2-12	.167	2-5	.400	1	2	3	0.2	3	0	1	2	1	0	8	0.5
30	Pulliam, Dillon	6-0	8	1.3	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	0.2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0.0
	Team										54	64	118		2			11				
	Total.....	36	7225		1076-2268	.474	250-714	.350	664-945	.703	449	999	1448	40.2	682	11	551	428	194	217	3066	85.2
	Opponents.....	36	7225		923-2196	.420	223-730	.305	497-735	.676	377	882	1259	35.0	831	-	398	515	113	172	2566	71.3

TEAM STATISTICS	UK	OPP
SCORING	3066	2566
Points per game	85.2	71.3
Scoring margin	+13.9	-
FIELD GOALS-ATT	1076-2268	923-2196
Field goal pct	.474	.420
3 POINT FG-ATT	250-714	223-730
3-point FG pct	.350	.305
3-pt FG made per game	6.9	6.2
FREE THROWS-ATT	664-945	497-735
Free throw pct	.703	.676
F-Throws made per game	18.4	13.8
REBOUNDS	1448	1259
Rebounds per game	40.2	35.0
Rebounding margin	+5.3	-
ASSISTS	551	398
Assists per game	15.3	11.1
TURNOVERS	428	515
Turnovers per game	11.9	14.3
Turnover margin	+2.4	-
Assist/turnover ratio	1.3	0.8
STEALS	217	172
Steals per game	6.0	4.8
BLOCKS	194	113
Blocks per game	5.4	3.1
ATTENDANCE	398850	273537
Home games-Avg/Game	17-23462	10-13187
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	9-15741

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	OT	Totals
Kentucky	1476	1576	14	3066
Opponents	1161	1400	5	2566

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	11/11/16	STEPHEN F. AUSTIN	W	87-64	22683
	11/13/16	CANISIUS	W	93-69	22009
1	11/15/16	vs #13/13 Michigan State	W	69-48	19812
	11/20/16	DUQUESNE	W	93-59	21327
	11/23/16	CLEVELAND STATE	W	101-70	22441
	11/25/16	UT MARTIN	W	111-76	23324
2	11/28/16	vs Arizona State	W	115-69	1200
	12/3/16	#11/9 UCLA	L	92-97	23976
	12/7/16	VALPO	W	87-63	21805
3	12/11/16	vs Hofstra	W	96-73	7514
4	12/17/16	vs #7/6 North Carolina	W	103-100	19298
	12/21/16	at #10/11 Louisville	L	70-73	22783
*	12/29/16	at Ole Miss	W	99-76	9086
*	1/3/17	TEXAS A&M	W	100-58	23455
*	1/7/17	ARKANSAS	W	97-71	24322
*	1/10/17	at Vanderbilt	W	87-81	12707
*	1/14/17	AUBURN	W	92-72	24372
*	1/17/17	at Mississippi State	W	88-81	9768
*	1/21/17	#24/24 SOUTH CAROLINA	W	85-69	24389
*	1/24/17	at Tennessee	L	80-82	19349
5	1/28/17	#2/1 KANSAS	L	73-79	24418
*	1/31/17	GEORGIA	Wot	90-81	23814
*	2/4/17	at #24/23 Florida	L	66-88	11171
*	2/7/17	LSU	W	92-85	23657
*	2/11/17	at Alabama	W	67-58	15383
*	2/14/17	TENNESSEE	W	83-58	24391
*	02/18/17	at Georgia	W	82-77	10523
*	2/21/17	at Mizzou	W	72-62	11574
*	2/25/17	#13/12 FLORIDA	W	76-66	24431
*	02/28/17	VANDERBILT	W	73-67	24036
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ALL GAMES	16-2	9-0	7-2	0-0
CONFERENCE	16-2	9-0	7-2	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0

					Total		3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds											
##	Player	gp-gs	min	avg	fg-fga	fg%	3fg-fga	3fg%	ft-fta	ft%	off	def	tot	avg	pf	dq	a	to	blk	stl	pts	avg
05	Monk, Malik	18-17	615	34.2	119-268	.444	51-120	.425	92-109	.844	5	42	47	2.6	30	0	45	42	8	21	381	21.2
00	Fox, De'Aaron	16-14	438	27.4	89-185	.481	8-29	.276	58-78	.744	5	54	59	3.7	41	2	62	33	2	18	244	15.3
03	Adebayo, Edrice	18-18	557	30.9	86-129	.667	0-0	.000	79-117	.675	46	87	133	7.4	49	1	8	31	29	14	251	13.9
13	Briscoe, Isaiah	18-18	559	31.1	79-179	.441	8-31	.258	44-73	.603	35	82	117	6.5	49	2	86	51	2	10	210	11.7
35	Willis, Derek	18-3	389	21.6	45-94	.479	21-58	.362	7-12	.583	20	78	98	5.4	35	0	10	15	13	9	118	6.6
32	Gabriel, Wenyen	18-15	366	20.3	32-78	.410	17-41	.415	15-30	.500	26	70	96	5.3	49	2	10	12	21	4	96	5.3
11	Mulder, Mychal	15-2	167	11.1	21-53	.396	14-42	.333	9-9	1.000	4	14	18	1.2	16	0	5	8	1	5	65	4.3
25	Hawkins, Dominique	18-2	351	19.5	24-64	.375	7-26	.269	20-25	.800	10	17	27	1.5	41	1	27	12	0	15	75	4.2
15	Humphries, Isaac	18-1	123	6.8	20-36	.556	0-0	.000	8-12	.667	21	25	46	2.6	28	1	2	5	4	0	48	2.7
10	David, Jonny	2-0	2	1.0	1-1	1.000	1-1	1.000	2-2	1.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	2.5
01	Killeya-Jones, Sacha	5-0	11	2.2	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	2	2	4	0.8	3	0	1	1	0	0	4	0.8
14	Wynyard, Tai	8-0	34	4.3	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	2	2	4	0.5	9	0	0	1	2	1	3	0.4
30	Pulliam, Dillon	2-0	2	1.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
20	Calipari, Brad	5-0	11	2.2	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	1	0	1	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
	Team										26	33	59		2			5				
	Total.....	18	3625		518-1092	.474	127-349	.364	337-471	.715	203	506	709	39.4	352	9	256	216	82	97	1500	83.3
	Opponents.....	18	3625		467-1065	.438	113-345	.328	248-382	.649	158	443	601	33.4	422	-	201	238	59	83	1295	71.9

TEAM STATISTICS	UK	OPP
SCORING	1500	1295
Points per game	83.3	71.9
Scoring margin	+11.4	-
FIELD GOALS-ATT	518-1092	467-1065
Field goal pct	.474	.438
3 POINT FG-ATT	127-349	113-345
3-point FG pct	.364	.328
3-pt FG made per game	7.1	6.3
FREE THROWS-ATT	337-471	248-382
Free throw pct	.715	.649
F-Throws made per game	18.7	13.8
REBOUNDS	709	601
Rebounds per game	39.4	33.4
Rebounding margin	+6.0	-
ASSISTS	256	201
Assists per game	14.2	11.2
TURNOVERS	216	238
Turnovers per game	12.0	13.2
Turnover margin	+1.2	-
Assist/turnover ratio	1.2	0.8
STEALS	97	83
Steals per game	5.4	4.6
BLOCKS	82	59
Blocks per game	4.6	3.3
ATTENDANCE	216867	109089
Home games-Avg/Game	9-24096	9-12121
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	0-0

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	OT	Totals
Kentucky	696	790	14	1500
Opponents	584	706	5	1295

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*	12/29/16	at Ole Miss	W	99-76	9086
*	1/3/17	TEXAS A&M	W	100-58	23455
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ALL GAMES	5-0	0-0	0-0	5-0
CONFERENCE	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	5-0	0-0	0-0	5-0

					Total		3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds											
##	Player	gp-gs	min	avg	fg-fga	fg%	3fg-fga	3fg%	ft-fta	ft%	off	def	tot	avg	pf	dq	a	to	blk	stl	pts	avg
00	Fox, De'Aaron	5-5	153	30.6	34-62	.548	3-7	.429	28-40	.700	6	9	15	3.0	14	0	12	17	2	8	99	19.8
03	Adebayo, Edrice	5-5	173	34.6	23-41	.561	0-0	.000	22-31	.710	20	36	56	11.2	12	0	3	9	5	4	68	13.6
05	Monk, Malik	5-5	155	31.0	18-54	.333	5-22	.227	24-31	.774	0	10	10	2.0	9	0	12	7	4	1	65	13.0
13	Briscoe, Isaiah	5-5	142	28.4	20-41	.488	2-6	.333	10-16	.625	3	20	23	4.6	10	0	12	11	2	5	52	10.4
25	Hawkins, Dominique	5-0	122	24.4	12-26	.462	5-12	.417	11-12	.917	1	5	6	1.2	12	0	4	1	0	7	40	8.0
35	Willis, Derek	5-5	140	28.0	11-26	.423	9-21	.429	4-6	.667	4	33	37	7.4	17	1	5	2	11	5	35	7.0
11	Mulder, Mychal	5-0	40	8.0	3-10	.300	3-9	.333	1-2	.500	1	5	6	1.2	2	0	3	0	1	0	10	2.0
32	Gabriel, Wenyen	5-0	49	9.8	1-13	.077	0-3	.000	3-5	.600	4	9	13	2.6	4	0	1	3	1	0	5	1.0
15	Humphries, Isaac	5-0	25	5.0	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	2	4	6	1.2	3	0	0	3	0	0	2	0.4
20	Calipari, Brad	1-0	1	1.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
	Team										12	8	20					4				
	Total.....	5	1000		123-276	.446	27-80	.338	103-143	.720	53	139	192	38.4	83	1	52	57	26	30	376	75.2
	Opponents.....	5	1000		120-309	.388	28-104	.269	63-86	.733	58	121	179	35.8	108	-	50	58	16	21	331	66.2

TEAM STATISTICS	UK	OPP
SCORING	376	331
Points per game	75.2	66.2
Scoring margin	+9.0	-
FIELD GOALS-ATT	123-276	120-309
Field goal pct	.446	.388
3 POINT FG-ATT	27-80	28-104
3-point FG pct	.338	.269
3-pt FG made per game	5.4	5.6
FREE THROWS-ATT	103-143	63-86
Free throw pct	.720	.733
F-Throws made per game	20.6	12.6
REBOUNDS	192	179
Rebounds per game	38.4	35.8
Rebounding margin	+2.6	-
ASSISTS	52	50
Assists per game	10.4	10.0
TURNOVERS	57	58
Turnovers per game	11.4	11.6
Turnover margin	+0.2	-
Assist/turnover ratio	0.9	0.9
STEALS	30	21
Steals per game	6.0	4.2
BLOCKS	26	16
Blocks per game	5.2	3.2
ATTENDANCE	0	93841
Home games-Avg/Game	0-0	0-0
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	5-18768

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CONFERENCE	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	5-0	0-0	0-0	5-0

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32	Gabriel, Wenyen	5-0	49	9.8	1-13	.077	0-3	.000	3-5	.600	4	9	13	2.6	4	0	1	3	1	0	5	1.0
15	Humphries, Isaac	5-0	25	5.0	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	2	4	6	1.2	3	0	0	3	0	0	2	0.4
20	Calipari, Brad	1-0	1	1.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
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TURNOVERS	57	58
Turnovers per game	11.4	11.6
Turnover margin	+0.2	-
Assist/turnover ratio	0.9	0.9
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SEC Tournament

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ALL GAMES	3-0	0-0	0-0	3-0
CONFERENCE	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	3-0	0-0	0-0	3-0

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##	Player	gp-gs	min	avg	fg-fga	fg%	3fg-fga	3fg%	ft-fta	ft%	off	def	tot	avg	pf	dq	a	to	blk	stl	pts	avg
00	Fox, De'Aaron	3-3	88	29.3	21-34	.618	3-5	.600	21-30	.700	4	7	11	3.7	9	0	8	9	0	5	66	22.0
03	Adebayo, Edrice	3-3	105	35.0	12-21	.571	0-0	.000	16-21	.762	10	18	28	9.3	9	0	1	6	3	3	40	13.3
05	Monk, Malik	3-3	92	30.7	12-33	.364	3-11	.273	12-18	.667	0	6	6	2.0	7	0	6	6	1	1	39	13.0
13	Briscoe, Isaiah	3-3	84	28.0	11-27	.407	1-4	.250	7-11	.636	3	8	11	3.7	8	0	8	7	0	3	30	10.0
25	Hawkins, Dominique	3-0	79	26.3	7-19	.368	3-8	.375	9-10	.900	1	3	4	1.3	7	0	4	1	0	7	26	8.7
35	Willis, Derek	3-3	78	26.0	6-13	.462	5-10	.500	1-2	.500	3	19	22	7.3	10	1	1	2	7	0	18	6.0
11	Mulder, Mychal	3-0	26	8.7	2-7	.286	2-6	.333	1-2	.500	0	4	4	1.3	2	0	0	0	0	0	7	2.3
32	Gabriel, Wenyen	3-0	33	11.0	1-5	.200	0-1	.000	2-3	.667	4	6	10	3.3	3	0	1	2	1	0	4	1.3
15	Humphries, Isaac	3-0	14	4.7	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	3	4	1.3	2	0	0	2	0	0	2	0.7
20	Calipari, Brad	1-0	1	1.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
	Team										6	4	10					3				
	Total.....	3	600		73-160	.456	17-45	.378	69-97	.711	32	78	110	36.7	57	1	29	38	12	19	232	77.3
	Opponents.....	3	600		70-174	.402	12-48	.250	47-66	.712	31	70	101	33.7	72	-	27	39	8	13	199	66.3

TEAM STATISTICS	UK	OPP
SCORING	232	199
Points per game	77.3	66.3
Scoring margin	+11.0	-
FIELD GOALS-ATT	73-160	70-174
Field goal pct	.456	.402
3 POINT FG-ATT	17-45	12-48
3-point FG pct	.378	.250
3-pt FG made per game	5.7	4.0
FREE THROWS-ATT	69-97	47-66
Free throw pct	.711	.712
F-Throws made per game	23.0	15.7
REBOUNDS	110	101
Rebounds per game	36.7	33.7
Rebounding margin	+3.0	-
ASSISTS	29	27
Assists per game	9.7	9.0
TURNOVERS	38	39
Turnovers per game	12.7	13.0
Turnover margin	+0.3	-
Assist/turnover ratio	0.8	0.7
STEALS	19	13
Steals per game	6.3	4.3
BLOCKS	12	8
Blocks per game	4.0	2.7
ATTENDANCE	0	57279
Home games-Avg/Game	0-0	0-0
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	3-19093

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Totals
Kentucky	107	125	232
Opponents	87	112	199

	Date	Opponent		Score	Att.
6	03/10/17	vs Georgia	W	71-60	18130
6	03/11/17	vs Alabama	W	79-74	19196
6	03/12/17	vs Arkansas	W	82-65	19953

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vs. ranked opponent

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	5-4	2-2	0-2	3-0
CONFERENCE	2-1	2-0	0-1	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	3-3	0-2	0-1	3-0

					Total		3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds											
##	Player	gp-gs	min	avg	fg-fga	fg%	3fg-fga	3fg%	ft-fta	ft%	off	def	tot	avg	pf	dq	a	to	blk	stl	pts	avg
05	MONK,MALIK	9-9	308	34.2	73-150	.487	36-72	.500	31-36	.861	4	21	25	2.8	17	0	18	23	4	9	213	23.7
00	FOX,DE'AARON	8-7	234	29.3	45-105	.429	2-15	.133	34-45	.756	0	20	20	2.5	20	0	32	21	1	10	126	15.8
03	ADEBAYO,EDRICE	9-9	278	30.9	42-77	.545	0-0	.000	32-61	.525	33	44	77	8.6	29	1	8	15	12	10	116	12.9
13	Briscoe, Isaiah	9-9	276	30.7	29-73	.397	3-15	.200	22-31	.710	12	34	46	5.1	27	0	29	25	1	2	83	9.2
35	Willis, Derek	9-2	215	23.9	23-45	.511	13-29	.448	7-12	.583	5	46	51	5.7	14	0	8	8	6	8	66	7.3
11	Mulder, Mychal	5-1	58	11.6	7-19	.368	5-14	.357	2-2	1.000	2	0	2	0.4	1	0	3	2	3	1	21	4.2
25	Hawkins, Dominique	9-1	181	20.1	10-31	.323	2-11	.182	10-12	.833	6	13	19	2.1	17	0	17	6	0	5	32	3.6
32	Gabriel, Wenyen	9-7	154	17.1	9-29	.310	4-18	.222	8-11	.727	16	28	44	4.9	17	1	5	6	6	6	30	3.3
15	Humphries, Isaac	9-0	76	8.4	4-12	.333	0-0	.000	2-3	.667	8	11	19	2.1	13	0	4	5	6	3	10	1.1
14	Wynyard, Tai	3-0	10	3.3	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	2	3	1.0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.7
01	KILLEYA-JONES,SAC	3-0	7	2.3	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-2	.000	0	0	0	0.0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.0
20	Calipari, Brad	2-0	3	1.5	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
	Team										12	15	27					4				
	Total.....	9	1800		243-544	.447	65-175	.371	148-215	.688	99	234	333	37.0	159	2	124	116	39	54	699	77.7
	Opponents.....	9	1800		252-570	.442	68-199	.342	110-159	.692	109	234	343	38.1	189	-	117	120	37	41	682	75.8

TEAM STATISTICS	UK	OPP
SCORING	699	682
Points per game	77.7	75.8
Scoring margin	+1.9	-
FIELD GOALS-ATT	243-544	252-570
Field goal pct	.447	.442
3 POINT FG-ATT	65-175	68-199
3-point FG pct	.371	.342
3-pt FG made per game	7.2	7.6
FREE THROWS-ATT	148-215	110-159
Free throw pct	.688	.692
F-Throws made per game	16.4	12.2
REBOUNDS	333	343
Rebounds per game	37.0	38.1
Rebounding margin	-1.1	-
ASSISTS	124	117
Assists per game	13.8	13.0
TURNOVERS	116	120
Turnovers per game	12.9	13.3
Turnover margin	+0.4	-
Assist/turnover ratio	1.1	1.0
STEALS	54	41
Steals per game	6.0	4.6
BLOCKS	39	37
Blocks per game	4.3	4.1
ATTENDANCE	97214	91357
Home games-Avg/Game	4-24304	2-16977
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	3-19134

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Totals
Kentucky	334	365	699
Opponents	316	366	682

	Date	Opponent		Score	Att.
1	11/15/16	vs #13/13 Michigan State	W	69-48	19812
	12/3/16	#11/9 UCLA	L	92-97	23976
4	12/17/16	vs #7/6 North Carolina	W	103-100	19298
	12/21/16	at #10/11 Louisville	L	70-73	22783
*	1/21/17	#24/24 SOUTH CAROLINA	W	85-69	24389
5	1/28/17	#2/1 KANSAS	L	73-79	24418
*	2/4/17	at #24/23 Florida	L	66-88	11171
*	2/25/17	#13/12 FLORIDA	W	76-66	24431
7	03/19/17	vs #19/19 Wichita State	W	65-62	18293

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All games

TEAM STATISTICS	UK	OPP
SCORING	3066	2566
Points per game	85.2	71.3
Scoring margin	+13.9	-
FIELD GOALS-ATT	1076-2268	923-2196
Field goal pct	.474	.420
3 POINT FG-ATT	250-714	223-730
3-point FG pct	.350	.305
3-pt FG made per game	6.9	6.2
FREE THROWS-ATT	664-945	497-735
Free throw pct	.703	.676
F-Throws made per game	18.4	13.8
REBOUNDS	1448	1259
Rebounds per game	40.2	35.0
Rebounding margin	+5.3	-
ASSISTS	551	398
Assists per game	15.3	11.1
TURNOVERS	428	515
Turnovers per game	11.9	14.3
Turnover margin	+2.4	-
Assist/turnover ratio	1.3	0.8
STEALS	217	172
Steals per game	6.0	4.8
BLOCKS	194	113
Blocks per game	5.4	3.1
WINNING STREAK	13	-
Home win streak	5	-
ATTENDANCE	398850	273537
Home games-Avg/Game	17-23462	10-13187
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	9-15741

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	OT	Totals
Kentucky	1476	1576	14	3066
Opponents	1161	1400	5	2566

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All games

Points	G	Pts	Pts/G
Monk, Malik	36	721	20.0
Fox, De'Aaron	34	549	16.1
Adebayo, Edrice	36	479	13.3
Briscoe, Isaiah	34	425	12.5
Willis, Derek	36	253	7.0
Gabriel, Wenyen	36	174	4.8
Hawkins, Dominique	36	157	4.4
Mulder, Mychal	30	151	5.0
Humphries, Isaac	36	93	2.6
Killeya-Jones, Sacha	15	40	2.7
Wynyard, Tai	15	11	0.7
Calipari, Brad	15	8	0.5

Scoring Average	G	Pts	Avg/G
Monk, Malik	36	721	20.0
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Humphries, Isaac	36	93	2.6
Wynyard, Tai	15	11	0.7
David, Jonny	7	5	0.7

FG Percentage	FG	Att	Pct
Wynyard, Tai	5	6	.833
Adebayo, Edrice	165	271	.609
Killeya-Jones, Sacha	17	29	.586
Humphries, Isaac	40	80	.500
David, Jonny	1	2	.500
Willis, Derek	92	188	.489
Fox, De'Aaron	196	413	.475
Briscoe, Isaiah	158	333	.474
Monk, Malik	239	531	.450
Mulder, Mychal	52	124	.419
Gabriel, Wenyen	60	148	.405
Hawkins, Dominique	49	129	.380

Field Goal Attempts	G	Att	Att/G
Monk, Malik	36	531	14.8
Fox, De'Aaron	34	413	12.1
Briscoe, Isaiah	34	333	9.8
Adebayo, Edrice	36	271	7.5
Willis, Derek	36	188	5.2

Field Goals Made	G	Made	Made/G
Monk, Malik	36	239	6.6
Fox, De'Aaron	34	196	5.8
Adebayo, Edrice	36	165	4.6
Briscoe, Isaiah	34	158	4.6
Willis, Derek	36	92	2.6

3-Point Percentage	3FG	Att	Pct
David, Jonny	1	1	1.000
Monk, Malik	97	247	.393
Willis, Derek	47	120	.392
Mulder, Mychal	35	93	.376
Gabriel, Wenyen	20	63	.317
Hawkins, Dominique	17	57	.298
Briscoe, Isaiah	16	57	.281
Fox, De'Aaron	15	64	.234
Calipari, Brad	2	12	.167

3-Point FG Attempts	G	Att	Att/G
Monk, Malik	36	247	6.9
Willis, Derek	36	120	3.3
Mulder, Mychal	30	93	3.1
Fox, De'Aaron	34	64	1.9
Gabriel, Wenyen	36	63	1.8

3-Point FG Made	G	Made	Made/G
Monk, Malik	36	97	2.7
Willis, Derek	36	47	1.3
Mulder, Mychal	30	35	1.2
Gabriel, Wenyen	36	20	0.6
Hawkins, Dominique	36	17	0.5

Free Throw Percent	FG	Att	Pct
Mulder, Mychal	12	13	.923
Hawkins, Dominique	42	50	.840
Monk, Malik	146	176	.830
Fox, De'Aaron	142	195	.728
Willis, Derek	22	32	.688
Adebayo, Edrice	149	230	.648
Briscoe, Isaiah	93	144	.646
Gabriel, Wenyen	34	55	.618
Humphries, Isaac	13	23	.565
David, Jonny	2	4	.500
Killeya-Jones, Sacha	6	15	.400
Calipari, Brad	2	5	.400

Free Throw Attempts	G	Att	Att/G
Adebayo, Edrice	36	230	6.4
Fox, De'Aaron	34	195	5.7
Monk, Malik	36	176	4.9
Briscoe, Isaiah	34	144	4.2
Gabriel, Wenyen	36	55	1.5

Free Throws Made	G	Made	Made/G
Adebayo, Edrice	36	149	4.1
Monk, Malik	36	146	4.1
Fox, De'Aaron	34	142	4.2
Briscoe, Isaiah	34	93	2.7
Hawkins, Dominique	36	42	1.2

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Rebounds	G	Reb	Reb/G
Adebayo, Edrice	36	293	8.1
Willis, Derek	36	191	5.3
Briscoe, Isaiah	34	184	5.4
Gabriel, Wenyen	36	182	5.1
Fox, De'Aaron	34	136	4.0

Rebound Average	G	Reb	Avg/G
Adebayo, Edrice	36	293	8.1
Briscoe, Isaiah	34	184	5.4
Willis, Derek	36	191	5.3
Gabriel, Wenyen	36	182	5.1
Fox, De'Aaron	34	136	4.0

Offensive Rebounds	G	No.	Avg/G
Adebayo, Edrice	36	115	3.2
Gabriel, Wenyen	36	60	1.7
Briscoe, Isaiah	34	49	1.4
Humphries, Isaac	36	48	1.3
Willis, Derek	36	37	1.0

Defensive Rebounds	G	No.	Avg/G
Adebayo, Edrice	36	178	4.9
Willis, Derek	36	154	4.3
Briscoe, Isaiah	34	135	4.0
Gabriel, Wenyen	36	122	3.4
Fox, De'Aaron	34	117	3.4

Fouls	G	No.	Per/G
Adebayo, Edrice	36	97	2.7
Gabriel, Wenyen	36	88	2.4
Briscoe, Isaiah	34	88	2.6
Fox, De'Aaron	34	84	2.5
Hawkins, Dominique	36	73	2.0

Foulouts	G	No.
Adebayo, Edrice	36	2
Briscoe, Isaiah	34	2
Gabriel, Wenyen	36	2
Fox, De'Aaron	34	2
Willis, Derek	36	1
Hawkins, Dominique	36	1
Humphries, Isaac	36	1

Assists	G	No.	Ast/G
Fox, De'Aaron	34	158	4.6
Briscoe, Isaiah	34	139	4.1
Monk, Malik	36	86	2.4
Hawkins, Dominique	36	64	1.8
Willis, Derek	36	28	0.8

Steals	G	No.	Stl/G
Fox, De'Aaron	34	49	1.4
Monk, Malik	36	35	1.0
Hawkins, Dominique	36	29	0.8
Briscoe, Isaiah	34	27	0.8
Willis, Derek	36	25	0.7
Adebayo, Edrice	36	25	0.7

Blocked Shots	G	No.	Blk/G
Adebayo, Edrice	36	55	1.5
Willis, Derek	36	38	1.1
Gabriel, Wenyen	36	33	0.9
Humphries, Isaac	36	18	0.5
Monk, Malik	36	16	0.4

Minutes	G	No.	Min/G
Monk, Malik	36	1156	32.1
Adebayo, Edrice	36	1074	29.8
Briscoe, Isaiah	34	1026	30.2
Fox, De'Aaron	34	1000	29.4
Willis, Derek	36	783	21.8

Turnovers	G	No.	TO/G
Briscoe, Isaiah	34	86	2.5
Fox, De'Aaron	34	85	2.5
Monk, Malik	36	74	2.1
Adebayo, Edrice	36	60	1.7
Gabriel, Wenyen	36	28	0.8

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Kentucky Overall/Conference Statistics (as of Mar 19, 2017)
All games

	Overall Statistics										Conference Statistics									
SUMMARY	gp-gs	min/g	fg%	3fg%	ft%	r/g	a/g	stl	blk	pts/g	gp-gs	min/g	fg%	3fg%	ft%	r/g	a/g	stl	blk	pts/g
Monk, Malik	36-35	32.1	.450	.393	.830	2.5	2.4	35	16	20.0	18-17	34.2	.444	.425	.844	2.6	2.5	21	8	21.2
Fox, De'Aaron	34-32	29.4	.475	.234	.728	4.0	4.6	49	7	16.1	16-14	27.4	.481	.276	.744	3.7	3.9	18	2	15.3
Adebayo, Edrice	36-36	29.8	.609	.000	.648	8.1	0.7	25	55	13.3	18-18	30.9	.667	.000	.675	7.4	0.4	14	29	13.9
Briscoe, Isaiah	34-34	30.2	.474	.281	.646	5.4	4.1	27	7	12.5	18-18	31.1	.441	.258	.603	6.5	4.8	10	2	11.7
Willis, Derek	36-13	21.8	.489	.392	.688	5.3	0.8	25	38	7.0	18-3	21.6	.479	.362	.583	5.4	0.6	9	13	6.6
Mulder, Mychal	30-2	10.9	.419	.376	.923	1.6	0.4	8	6	5.0	15-2	11.1	.396	.333	1.000	1.2	0.3	5	1	4.3
Gabriel, Wenyen	36-23	18.5	.405	.317	.618	5.1	0.7	11	33	4.8	18-15	20.3	.410	.415	.500	5.3	0.6	4	21	5.3
Hawkins, Dominique	36-4	19.2	.380	.298	.840	1.6	1.8	29	0	4.4	18-2	19.5	.375	.269	.800	1.5	1.5	15	0	4.2
Killeya-Jones, Sacha	15-0	6.4	.586	.000	.400	2.1	0.1	1	10	2.7	5-0	2.2	.333	.000	1.000	0.8	0.2	0	0	0.8
Humphries, Isaac	36-1	8.0	.500	.000	.565	2.8	0.2	6	18	2.6	18-1	6.8	.556	.000	.667	2.6	0.1	0	4	2.7
Wynyard, Tai	15-0	3.6	.833	.000	.333	0.9	0.1	1	3	0.7	8-0	4.3	1.000	.000	.500	0.5	0.0	1	2	0.4
David, Jonny	7-0	1.6	.500	1.000	.500	0.0	0.0	0	0	0.7	2-0	1.0	1.000	1.000	1.000	0.0	0.0	0	0	2.5
Calipari, Brad	15-0	3.0	.154	.167	.400	0.2	0.1	0	1	0.5	5-0	2.2	.000	.000	.000	0.2	0.0	0	0	0.0
Pulliam, Dillon	6-0	1.3	.000	.000	.000	0.2	0.2	0	0	0.0	2-0	1.0	.000	.000	.000	0.0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Totals	36		.474	.350	.703	40.2	15.3	217	194	85.2	18		.474	.364	.715	39.4	14.2	97	82	83.3
Opponent	36		.420	.305	.676	35.0	11.1	172	113	71.3	18		.438	.328	.649	33.4	11.2	83	59	71.9

	Overall Statistics								Conference Statistics							
SCORING	fg-fga	fg%	3fg-fga	3fg%	ft-fta	ft%	pts	pts/g	fg-fga	fg%	3fg-fga	3fg%	ft-fta	ft%	pts	pts/g
Monk, Malik	239-531	.450	97-247	.393	146-176	.830	721	20.0	119-268	.444	51-120	.425	92-109	.844	381	21.2
Fox, De'Aaron	196-413	.475	15-64	.234	142-195	.728	549	16.1	89-185	.481	8-29	.276	58-78	.744	244	15.3
Adebayo, Edrice	165-271	.609	0-0	.000	149-230	.648	479	13.3	86-129	.667	0-0	.000	79-117	.675	251	13.9
Briscoe, Isaiah	158-333	.474	16-57	.281	93-144	.646	425	12.5	79-179	.441	8-31	.258	44-73	.603	210	11.7
Willis, Derek	92-188	.489	47-120	.392	22-32	.688	253	7.0	45-94	.479	21-58	.362	7-12	.583	118	6.6
Mulder, Mychal	52-124	.419	35-93	.376	12-13	.923	151	5.0	21-53	.396	14-42	.333	9-9	1.000	65	4.3
Gabriel, Wenyen	60-148	.405	20-63	.317	34-55	.618	174	4.8	32-78	.410	17-41	.415	15-30	.500	96	5.3
Hawkins, Dominique	49-129	.380	17-57	.298	42-50	.840	157	4.4	24-64	.375	7-26	.269	20-25	.800	75	4.2
Killeya-Jones, Sacha	17-29	.586	0-0	.000	6-15	.400	40	2.7	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	4	0.8
Humphries, Isaac	40-80	.500	0-0	.000	13-23	.565	93	2.6	20-36	.556	0-0	.000	8-12	.667	48	2.7
Wynyard, Tai	5-6	.833	0-0	.000	1-3	.333	11	0.7	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	3	0.4
David, Jonny	1-2	.500	1-1	1.000	2-4	.500	5	0.7	1-1	1.000	1-1	1.000	2-2	1.000	5	2.5
Calipari, Brad	2-13	.154	2-12	.167	2-5	.400	8	0.5	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	0.0
Pulliam, Dillon	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0.0
Totals	1076-2268	.474	250-714	.350	664-945	.703	3066	85.2	518-1092	.474	127-349	.364	337-471	.715	1500	83.3
Opponent	923-2196	.420	223-730	.305	497-735	.676	2566	71.3	467-1065	.438	113-345	.328	248-382	.649	1295	71.9

	Overall Statistics									Conference Statistics								
TOTALS	o-reb	d-reb	total	pf	fo	a	to	a/to	hi pts	o-reb	d-reb	total	pf	fo	a	to	a/to	hi pts
Monk, Malik	11	79	90	65	0	86	74	1.2	47	5	42	47	30	0	45	42	1.1	37
Fox, De'Aaron	19	117	136	84	2	158	85	1.9	28	5	54	59	41	2	62	33	1.9	27
Adebayo, Edrice	115	178	293	97	2	25	60	0.4	25	46	87	133	49	1	8	31	0.3	25
Briscoe, Isaiah	49	135	184	88	2	139	86	1.6	23	35	82	117	49	2	86	51	1.7	23
Willis, Derek	37	154	191	69	1	28	26	1.1	18	20	78	98	35	0	10	15	0.7	16
Mulder, Mychal	16	31	47	27	0	12	11	1.1	13	4	14	18	16	0	5	8	0.6	12
Gabriel, Wenyen	60	122	182	88	2	26	28	0.9	23	26	70	96	49	2	10	12	0.8	23
Hawkins, Dominique	22	37	59	73	1	64	16	4.0	14	10	17	27	41	1	27	12	2.3	10
Killeya-Jones, Sacha	12	19	31	19	0	2	7	0.3	12	2	2	4	3	0	1	1	1.0	2
Humphries, Isaac	48	52	100	56	1	8	16	0.5	9	21	25	46	28	1	2	5	0.4	8
Wynyard, Tai	5	8	13	11	0	1	2	0.5	4	2	2	4	9	0	0	1	0.0	2
David, Jonny	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0.0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	5
Calipari, Brad	1	2	3	3	0	1	2	0.5	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0.0	0
Pulliam, Dillon	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0
Totals	449	999	1448	682	11	551	428	1.3	115	203	506	709	352	9	256	216	1.2	100
Opponent	377	882	1259	831	-	398	515	0.8	100	158	443	601	422	-	201	238	0.8	88

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				Total		3-Pointers		Free throws		Rebounds										
Opponent	Date	Score		fg-fga	pct	3fg-fga	pct	ft-fta	pct	off	def	tot	avg	pf	a	t/o	blk	stl	pts	avg
STEPHEN F. AUSTIN	11/11/16	87-64	W	31-62	.500	5-18	.278	20-30	.667	11	17	28	28.0	19	21	13	8	12	87	87.0
CANISIUS	11/13/16	93-69	W	31-61	.508	4-16	.250	27-39	.692	15	24	39	33.5	19	10	10	7	4	93	90.0
vs #13/13 Michigan State	11/15/16	69-48	W	23-60	.383	7-21	.333	16-20	.800	9	31	40	35.7	16	17	14	8	8	69	83.0
DUQUESNE	11/20/16	93-59	W	35-76	.461	7-26	.269	16-21	.762	16	33	49	39.0	17	19	11	10	11	93	85.5
CLEVELAND STATE	11/23/16	101-70	W	38-73	.521	9-24	.375	16-26	.615	16	31	47	40.6	18	25	13	6	6	101	88.6
UT MARTIN	11/25/16	111-76	W	41-74	.554	7-22	.318	22-29	.759	19	29	48	41.8	18	24	12	5	7	111	92.3
vs Arizona State	11/28/16	115-69	W	44-84	.524	11-28	.393	16-22	.727	20	39	59	44.3	16	33	9	9	7	115	95.6
#11/9 UCLA	12/3/16	92-97	L	33-80	.413	8-24	.333	18-27	.667	19	19	38	43.5	22	16	9	6	8	92	95.1
VALPO	12/7/16	87-63	W	33-71	.465	7-23	.304	14-24	.583	21	27	48	44.0	18	15	17	9	7	87	94.2
vs Hofstra	12/11/16	96-73	W	37-72	.514	8-23	.348	14-21	.667	12	29	41	43.7	27	20	7	8	4	96	94.4
vs #7/6 North Carolina	12/17/16	103-100	W	40-74	.541	10-18	.556	13-21	.619	15	24	39	43.3	20	19	10	2	4	103	95.2
at #10/11 Louisville	12/21/16	70-73	L	23-58	.397	5-22	.227	19-29	.655	11	25	36	42.7	20	10	13	4	7	70	93.1
at Ole Miss	12/29/16	99-76	W	37-74	.500	8-18	.444	17-24	.708	11	31	42	42.6	17	24	8	8	9	99	93.5
TEXAS A&M	1/3/17	100-58	W	33-63	.524	13-25	.520	21-26	.808	13	17	30	41.7	16	16	9	3	10	100	94.0
ARKANSAS	1/7/17	97-71	W	32-60	.533	5-19	.263	28-40	.700	15	29	44	41.9	20	13	9	5	3	97	94.2
at Vanderbilt	1/10/17	87-81	W	34-67	.507	1-9	.111	18-24	.750	10	30	40	41.8	23	8	6	1	2	87	93.8
AUBURN	1/14/17	92-72	W	32-56	.571	11-19	.579	17-32	.531	12	28	40	41.6	18	19	13	6	3	92	93.6
at Mississippi State	1/17/17	88-81	W	33-65	.508	7-18	.389	15-24	.625	13	25	38	41.4	24	16	16	6	5	88	93.3
#24/24 SOUTH CAROLINA	1/21/17	85-69	W	28-48	.583	8-20	.400	21-28	.750	8	24	32	40.9	16	17	17	5	6	85	92.9
at Tennessee	1/24/17	80-82	L	25-60	.417	6-24	.250	24-31	.774	8	32	40	40.9	20	14	14	7	4	80	92.2
#2/1 KANSAS	1/28/17	73-79	L	26-55	.473	8-20	.400	13-22	.591	9	26	35	40.6	17	14	17	4	5	73	91.3
GEORGIA	1/31/17	90-81	Wot	27-64	.422	9-21	.429	27-36	.750	17	28	45	40.8	22	14	14	6	7	90	91.3
at #24/23 Florida	2/4/17	66-88	L	23-61	.377	6-18	.333	14-23	.609	6	23	29	40.3	24	7	13	3	7	66	90.2
LSU	2/7/17	92-85	W	31-63	.492	9-25	.360	21-26	.808	14	26	40	40.3	17	16	14	2	8	92	90.2
at Alabama	2/11/17	67-58	W	27-62	.435	3-14	.214	10-18	.556	12	29	41	40.3	27	12	12	6	7	67	89.3
TENNESSEE	2/14/17	83-58	W	32-69	.464	11-25	.440	8-12	.667	10	33	43	40.4	17	17	7	6	6	83	89.1
at Georgia	02/18/17	82-77	W	26-61	.426	7-21	.333	23-28	.821	14	27	41	40.4	21	13	14	2	7	82	88.8
at Mizzou	2/21/17	72-62	W	24-52	.462	5-18	.278	19-28	.679	10	34	44	40.6	22	10	17	5	2	72	88.2
#13/12 FLORIDA	2/25/17	76-66	W	24-53	.453	6-14	.429	22-27	.815	12	36	48	40.8	13	13	16	2	3	76	87.8
VANDERBILT	02/28/17	73-67	W	24-55	.436	5-17	.294	20-26	.769	8	25	33	40.6	14	10	11	4	4	73	87.3
at Texas A&M	3/4/17	71-63	W	26-59	.441	7-24	.292	12-18	.667	10	29	39	40.5	21	17	6	5	4	71	86.8
vs Georgia	03/10/17	71-60	W	23-60	.383	5-15	.333	20-33	.606	13	29	42	40.6	22	9	10	6	6	71	86.3
vs Alabama	03/11/17	79-74	W	23-44	.523	6-14	.429	27-39	.692	7	21	28	40.2	20	10	13	2	7	79	86.1
vs Arkansas	03/12/17	82-65	W	27-56	.482	6-16	.375	22-25	.880	12	28	40	40.2	15	10	15	4	6	82	85.9
vs Northern Kentucky	03/17/17	79-70	W	27-61	.443	3-17	.176	22-28	.786	11	35	46	40.3	15	12	12	9	5	79	85.7
vs Wichita State	03/19/17	65-62	W	23-55	.418	7-18	.389	12-18	.667	10	26	36	40.2	11	11	7	5	6	65	85.2
Kentucky		3066		1076-2268	.474	250-714	.350	664-945	.703	449	999	1448	40.2	682	551	428	194	217	3066	85.2
Opponents		2566		923-2196	.420	223-730	.305	497-735	.676	377	882	1259	35.0	831	398	515	113	172	2566	71.3

Games played: 36
Points/game: 85.2
FG Pct: 47.4
3FG Pct: 35.0
FT Pct: 70.3

Rebounds/game: 40.2
Assists/game: 15.3
Turnovers/game: 11.9
Assist/turnover ratio: 1.3
Steals/game: 6.0
Blocks/game: 5.4

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				Total		3-Pointers		Free throws		Rebounds										
Opponent	Date	Score		fg-fga	pct	3fg-fga	pct	ft-fta	pct	off	def	tot	avg	pf	a	t/o	blk	stl	pts	avg
STEPHEN F. AUSTIN	11/11/16	87-64	W	23-52	.442	5-19	.263	13-19	.684	14	22	36	36.0	32	10	28	5	6	64	64.0
CANISIUS	11/13/16	93-69	W	26-62	.419	4-21	.190	13-20	.650	14	22	36	36.0	30	11	18	1	8	69	66.5
vs #13/13 Michigan State	11/15/16	69-48	W	20-61	.328	5-26	.192	3-9	.333	13	31	44	38.7	20	9	20	4	0	48	60.3
DUQUESNE	11/20/16	93-59	W	17-56	.304	5-25	.200	20-22	.909	7	25	32	37.0	17	7	18	1	7	59	60.0
CLEVELAND STATE	11/23/16	101-70	W	25-64	.391	6-27	.222	14-19	.737	11	25	36	36.8	27	7	19	1	5	70	62.0
UT MARTIN	11/25/16	111-76	W	27-66	.409	9-27	.333	13-20	.650	11	15	26	35.0	25	15	17	2	8	76	64.3
vs Arizona State	11/28/16	115-69	W	25-73	.342	8-26	.308	11-15	.733	11	22	33	34.7	21	15	13	4	4	69	65.0
#11/9 UCLA	12/3/16	92-97	L	35-66	.530	10-23	.435	17-21	.810	11	30	41	35.5	24	18	18	6	4	97	69.0
VALPO	12/7/16	87-63	W	23-67	.343	4-15	.267	13-19	.684	18	23	41	36.1	25	6	19	1	8	63	68.3
vs Hofstra	12/11/16	96-73	W	22-65	.338	6-22	.273	23-37	.622	19	26	45	37.0	20	12	14	1	1	73	68.8
vs #7/6 North Carolina	12/17/16	103-100	W	35-66	.530	9-17	.529	21-28	.750	10	25	35	36.8	22	18	9	5	4	100	71.6
at #10/11 Louisville	12/21/16	70-73	L	26-60	.433	6-14	.429	15-20	.750	12	28	40	37.1	23	10	14	5	4	73	71.8
at Ole Miss	12/29/16	99-76	W	27-72	.375	6-22	.273	16-17	.941	14	31	45	37.7	23	13	15	6	3	76	72.1
TEXAS A&M	1/3/17	100-58	W	21-47	.447	6-13	.462	10-17	.588	9	19	28	37.0	23	12	25	7	2	58	71.1
ARKANSAS	1/7/17	97-71	W	25-63	.397	4-16	.250	17-21	.810	9	20	29	36.5	31	11	8	3	3	71	71.1
at Vanderbilt	1/10/17	87-81	W	25-58	.431	8-29	.276	23-32	.719	5	29	34	36.3	20	10	7	1	2	81	71.7
AUBURN	1/14/17	92-72	W	29-62	.468	9-16	.563	5-15	.333	9	19	28	35.8	31	8	13	2	1	72	71.7
at Mississippi State	1/17/17	88-81	W	32-59	.542	5-17	.294	12-22	.545	9	23	32	35.6	28	10	19	3	10	81	72.2
#24/24 SOUTH CAROLINA	1/21/17	85-69	W	24-58	.414	5-20	.250	16-19	.842	11	16	27	35.2	26	11	13	1	7	69	72.1
at Tennessee	1/24/17	80-82	L	30-64	.469	5-10	.500	17-27	.630	7	32	39	35.3	22	18	9	4	8	82	72.6
#2/1 KANSAS	1/28/17	73-79	L	32-64	.500	5-19	.263	10-18	.556	10	24	34	35.3	15	9	12	2	9	79	72.9
GEORGIA	1/31/17	90-81	Wot	30-61	.492	6-10	.600	15-24	.625	7	25	32	35.1	28	15	17	4	5	81	73.2
at #24/23 Florida	2/4/17	66-88	L	30-62	.484	10-26	.385	18-29	.621	17	37	54	36.0	23	18	17	7	5	88	73.9
LSU	2/7/17	92-85	W	32-64	.500	10-23	.435	11-15	.733	8	18	26	35.5	22	13	14	1	6	85	74.3
at Alabama	2/11/17	67-58	W	23-51	.451	3-14	.214	9-26	.346	9	29	38	35.6	20	4	16	0	3	58	73.7
TENNESSEE	2/14/17	83-58	W	18-52	.346	3-16	.188	19-24	.792	6	29	35	35.6	15	7	13	3	6	58	73.1
at Georgia	02/18/17	82-77	W	28-55	.509	3-15	.200	18-24	.750	2	24	26	35.3	22	8	11	4	2	77	73.2
at Mizzou	2/21/17	72-62	W	22-60	.367	4-22	.182	14-23	.609	7	24	31	35.1	23	4	9	3	5	62	72.8
#13/12 FLORIDA	2/25/17	76-66	W	26-71	.366	10-30	.333	4-6	.667	11	19	30	34.9	22	12	6	2	6	66	72.6
VANDERBILT	02/28/17	73-67	W	22-49	.449	11-28	.393	12-16	.750	4	24	28	34.7	25	10	18	3	5	67	72.4
at Texas A&M	3/4/17	71-63	W	23-57	.404	5-18	.278	12-25	.480	14	25	39	34.8	18	17	8	5	4	63	72.1
vs Georgia	03/10/17	71-60	W	19-57	.333	5-16	.313	17-26	.654	11	31	42	35.1	22	9	13	1	2	60	71.7
vs Alabama	03/11/17	79-74	W	28-62	.452	3-14	.214	15-20	.750	12	21	33	35.0	28	10	12	3	4	74	71.8
vs Arkansas	03/12/17	82-65	W	23-55	.418	4-18	.222	15-20	.750	8	18	26	34.7	22	8	14	4	7	65	71.6
vs Northern Kentucky	03/17/17	79-70	W	26-73	.356	8-32	.250	10-11	.909	13	27	40	34.9	22	11	8	3	6	70	71.5
vs Wichita State	03/19/17	65-62	W	24-62	.387	8-24	.333	6-9	.667	14	24	38	35.0	14	12	11	5	2	62	71.3
Opponents		2566		923-2196	.420	223-730	.305	497-735	.676	377	882	1259	35.0	831	398	515	113	172	2566	71.3
Kentucky		3066		1076-2268	.474	250-714	.350	664-945	.703	449	999	1448	40.2	682	551	428	194	217	3066	85.2

Games played: 36
Points/game: 71.3
FG Pct: 42.0
3FG Pct: 30.5
FT Pct: 67.6

Rebounds/game: 35.0
Assists/game: 11.1
Turnovers/game: 14.3
Assist/turnover ratio: 0.8
Steals/game: 4.8
Blocks/game: 3.1

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Kentucky - TEAM GAME HIGHS

POINTS	115		vs Arizona State (11/28/16)
	111		UT MARTIN (11/25/16)
	103		vs #7/6 North Carolina (12/17/16)
	101		CLEVELAND STATE (11/23/16)
	100		TEXAS A&M (1/3/17)
FIELD GOALS MADE	44		vs Arizona State (11/28/16)
	41		UT MARTIN (11/25/16)
FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS	84		vs Arizona State (11/28/16)
	80		#11/9 UCLA (12/3/16)
FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE	.583	(28-48)	#24/24 SOUTH CAROLINA (1/21/17)
	.571	(32-56)	AUBURN (1/14/17)
3 PT FIELD GOALS MADE	13		TEXAS A&M (1/3/17)
	11		TENNESSEE (2/14/17)
	11		AUBURN (1/14/17)
	11		vs Arizona State (11/28/16)
3 PT FG ATTEMPTS	28		vs Arizona State (11/28/16)
	26		DUQUESNE (11/20/16)
3 PT FG PERCENTAGE	.579	(11-19)	AUBURN (1/14/17)
	.556	(10-18)	vs #7/6 North Carolina (12/17/16)
FREE THROWS MADE	28		ARKANSAS (1/7/17)
	27		vs Alabama (03/11/17)
	27		GEORGIA (1/31/17)
	27		CANISIUS (11/13/16)
FREE THROW ATTEMPTS	40		ARKANSAS (1/7/17)
	39		vs Alabama (03/11/17)
	39		CANISIUS (11/13/16)
FREE THROW PERCENTAGE	.880	(22-25)	vs Arkansas (03/12/17)
	.821	(23-28)	at Georgia (02/18/17)
REBOUNDS	59		vs Arizona State (11/28/16)
	49		DUQUESNE (11/20/16)
ASSISTS	33		vs Arizona State (11/28/16)
	25		CLEVELAND STATE (11/23/16)
STEALS	12		STEPHEN F. AUSTIN (11/11/16)
	11		DUQUESNE (11/20/16)
BLOCKED SHOTS	10		DUQUESNE (11/20/16)
	9		vs Northern Kentucky (03/17/17)
	9		VALPO (12/7/16)
	9		vs Arizona State (11/28/16)
TURNOVERS	17		at Mizzou (2/21/17)
	17		#2/1 KANSAS (1/28/17)
	17		#24/24 SOUTH CAROLINA (1/21/17)
	17		VALPO (12/7/16)
FOULS	27		at Alabama (2/11/17)
	27		vs Hofstra (12/11/16)

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POINTS	100		vs #7/6 North Carolina (12/17/16)
	97		#11/9 UCLA (12/3/16)
	88		at #24/23 Florida (2/4/17)
	85		LSU (2/7/17)
	82		at Tennessee (1/24/17)
FIELD GOALS MADE	35		vs #7/6 North Carolina (12/17/16)
	35		#11/9 UCLA (12/3/16)
FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS	73		vs Northern Kentucky (03/17/17)
	73		vs Arizona State (11/28/16)
FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE	.542	(32-59)	at Mississippi State (1/17/17)
	.530	(35-66)	vs #7/6 North Carolina (12/17/16)
	.530	(35-66)	#11/9 UCLA (12/3/16)
3 PT FIELD GOALS MADE	11		VANDERBILT (02/28/17)
	10		#13/12 FLORIDA (2/25/17)
	10		LSU (2/7/17)
	10		at #24/23 Florida (2/4/17)
	10		#11/9 UCLA (12/3/16)
3 PT FG ATTEMPTS	32		vs Northern Kentucky (03/17/17)
	30		#13/12 FLORIDA (2/25/17)
3 PT FG PERCENTAGE	.600	(6-10)	GEORGIA (1/31/17)
	.563	(9-16)	AUBURN (1/14/17)
FREE THROWS MADE	23		at Vanderbilt (1/10/17)
	23		vs Hofstra (12/11/16)
FREE THROW ATTEMPTS	37		vs Hofstra (12/11/16)
	32		at Vanderbilt (1/10/17)
FREE THROW PERCENTAGE	.941	(16-17)	at Ole Miss (12/29/16)
	.909	(20-22)	DUQUESNE (11/20/16)
	.909	(10-11)	vs Northern Kentucky (03/17/17)
REBOUNDS	54		at #24/23 Florida (2/4/17)
	45		at Ole Miss (12/29/16)
	45		vs Hofstra (12/11/16)
ASSISTS	18		at #24/23 Florida (2/4/17)
	18		at Tennessee (1/24/17)
	18		vs #7/6 North Carolina (12/17/16)
	18		#11/9 UCLA (12/3/16)
STEALS	10		at Mississippi State (1/17/17)
	9		#2/1 KANSAS (1/28/17)
BLOCKED SHOTS	7		at #24/23 Florida (2/4/17)
	7		TEXAS A&M (1/3/17)
TURNOVERS	28		STEPHEN F. AUSTIN (11/11/16)
	25		TEXAS A&M (1/3/17)
FOULS	32		STEPHEN F. AUSTIN (11/11/16)
	31		AUBURN (1/14/17)
	31		ARKANSAS (1/7/17)

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Kentucky - GAME LOWS

POINTS	65		vs Wichita State (03/19/17)
	66		at #24/23 Florida (2/4/17)
	67		at Alabama (2/11/17)
	69		vs #13/13 Michigan State (11/15/16)
	70		at #10/11 Louisville (12/21/16)
FIELD GOALS MADE	23		vs #13/13 Michigan State (11/15/16)
	23		at #10/11 Louisville (12/21/16)
	23		at #24/23 Florida (2/4/17)
	23		vs Georgia (03/10/17)
	23		vs Alabama (03/11/17)
	23		vs Wichita State (03/19/17)
FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS	44		vs Alabama (03/11/17)
	48		#24/24 SOUTH CAROLINA (1/21/17)
FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE	.377	(23-61)	at #24/23 Florida (2/4/17)
	.383	(23-60)	vs #13/13 Michigan State (11/15/16)
	.383	(23-60)	vs Georgia (03/10/17)
3 PT FIELD GOALS MADE	1		at Vanderbilt (1/10/17)
	3		at Alabama (2/11/17)
	3		vs Northern Kentucky (03/17/17)
3 PT FG ATTEMPTS	9		at Vanderbilt (1/10/17)
	14		at Alabama (2/11/17)
	14		#13/12 FLORIDA (2/25/17)
	14		vs Alabama (03/11/17)
3 PT FG PERCENTAGE	.111	(1-9)	at Vanderbilt (1/10/17)
	.176	(3-17)	vs Northern Kentucky (03/17/17)
FREE THROWS MADE	8		TENNESSEE (2/14/17)
	10		at Alabama (2/11/17)
FREE THROW ATTEMPTS	12		TENNESSEE (2/14/17)
	18		at Alabama (2/11/17)
	18		at Texas A&M (3/4/17)
	18		vs Wichita State (03/19/17)
FREE THROW PERCENTAGE	.531	(17-32)	AUBURN (1/14/17)
	.556	(10-18)	at Alabama (2/11/17)
REBOUNDS	28		STEPHEN F. AUSTIN (11/11/16)
	28		vs Alabama (03/11/17)
ASSISTS	7		at #24/23 Florida (2/4/17)
	8		at Vanderbilt (1/10/17)
STEALS	2		at Vanderbilt (1/10/17)
	2		at Mizzou (2/21/17)
BLOCKED SHOTS	1		at Vanderbilt (1/10/17)
	2		vs #7/6 North Carolina (12/17/16)
	2		LSU (2/7/17)
	2		at Georgia (02/18/17)
	2		#13/12 FLORIDA (2/25/17)
	2		vs Alabama (03/11/17)
TURNOVERS	6		at Vanderbilt (1/10/17)
	6		at Texas A&M (3/4/17)
FOULS	11		vs Wichita State (03/19/17)
	13		#13/12 FLORIDA (2/25/17)

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POINTS	48		vs #13/13 Michigan State (11/15/16)
	58		TEXAS A&M (1/3/17)
	58		at Alabama (2/11/17)
	58		TENNESSEE (2/14/17)
	59		DUQUESNE (11/20/16)
FIELD GOALS MADE	17		DUQUESNE (11/20/16)
	18		TENNESSEE (2/14/17)
FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS	47		TEXAS A&M (1/3/17)
	49		VANDERBILT (02/28/17)
FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE	.304	(17-56)	DUQUESNE (11/20/16)
	.328	(20-61)	vs #13/13 Michigan State (11/15/16)
3 PT FIELD GOALS MADE	3		at Alabama (2/11/17)
	3		TENNESSEE (2/14/17)
	3		at Georgia (02/18/17)
	3		vs Alabama (03/11/17)
3 PT FG ATTEMPTS	10		at Tennessee (1/24/17)
	10		GEORGIA (1/31/17)
3 PT FG PERCENTAGE	.182	(4-22)	at Mizzou (2/21/17)
	.188	(3-16)	TENNESSEE (2/14/17)
FREE THROWS MADE	3		vs #13/13 Michigan State (11/15/16)
	4		#13/12 FLORIDA (2/25/17)
FREE THROW ATTEMPTS	6		#13/12 FLORIDA (2/25/17)
	9		vs #13/13 Michigan State (11/15/16)
	9		vs Wichita State (03/19/17)
FREE THROW PERCENTAGE	.333	(3-9)	vs #13/13 Michigan State (11/15/16)
	.333	(5-15)	AUBURN (1/14/17)
REBOUNDS	26		UT MARTIN (11/25/16)
	26		LSU (2/7/17)
	26		at Georgia (02/18/17)
	26		vs Arkansas (03/12/17)
ASSISTS	4		at Alabama (2/11/17)
	4		at Mizzou (2/21/17)
STEALS	0		vs #13/13 Michigan State (11/15/16)
	1		vs Hofstra (12/11/16)
	1		AUBURN (1/14/17)
BLOCKED SHOTS	0		at Alabama (2/11/17)
	1		CANISIUS (11/13/16)
	1		DUQUESNE (11/20/16)
	1		CLEVELAND STATE (11/23/16)
	1		VALPO (12/7/16)
	1		vs Hofstra (12/11/16)
	1		at Vanderbilt (1/10/17)
	1		#24/24 SOUTH CAROLINA (1/21/17)
	1		LSU (2/7/17)
	1		vs Georgia (03/10/17)
TURNOVERS	6		#13/12 FLORIDA (2/25/17)
	7		at Vanderbilt (1/10/17)
FOULS	14		vs Wichita State (03/19/17)
	15		#2/1 KANSAS (1/28/17)
	15		TENNESSEE (2/14/17)

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Points	47		Monk, Malik vs #7/6 North Carolina (12/17/16)
	37		Monk, Malik vs GEORGIA (1/31/17)
	34		Monk, Malik at Ole Miss (12/29/16)
	33		Monk, Malik vs #13/12 FLORIDA (2/25/17)
	28		Fox, De'Aaron vs Alabama (03/11/17)
Field Goals Made	18		Monk, Malik vs #7/6 North Carolina (12/17/16)
	12		Adebayo, Edrice at Ole Miss (12/29/16)
Field Goal Att.	28		Monk, Malik vs #7/6 North Carolina (12/17/16)
	21		Monk, Malik vs VANDERBILT (02/28/17)
	21		Monk, Malik vs GEORGIA (1/31/17)
	21		Fox, De'Aaron vs #7/6 North Carolina (12/17/16)
FG Pct (min 5 made)	1.000	(5-5)	Gabriel, Wenyen at Mississippi State (1/17/17)
	.875	(7-8)	Adebayo, Edrice at Tennessee (1/24/17)
3-Point FG Made	8		Monk, Malik vs #7/6 North Carolina (12/17/16)
	7		Monk, Malik vs GEORGIA (1/31/17)
	7		MONK,MALIK vs #13/13 Michigan State (11/15/16)
3-Point FG Att.	13		Monk, Malik at Tennessee (1/24/17)
	12		Monk, Malik vs #7/6 North Carolina (12/17/16)
3-Pt FG Pct (min 2 made)	1.000	(3-3)	Gabriel, Wenyen at Mississippi State (1/17/17)
	1.000	(3-3)	Briscoe, Isaiah vs TEXAS A&M (1/3/17)
	1.000	(2-2)	Fox, De'Aaron at Tennessee (1/24/17)
	1.000	(2-2)	Briscoe, Isaiah vs AUBURN (1/14/17)
	1.000	(2-2)	Briscoe, Isaiah vs Arizona State (11/28/16)
Free Throws Made	11		Fox, De'Aaron vs Alabama (03/11/17)
	11		Briscoe, Isaiah vs GEORGIA (1/31/17)
Free Throw Att.	15		Fox, De'Aaron vs Alabama (03/11/17)
	15		Briscoe, Isaiah vs GEORGIA (1/31/17)
FT Pct (min 3 made)	1.000	(9-9)	Fox, De'Aaron vs CANISIUS (11/13/16)
	1.000	(7-7)	Fox, De'Aaron vs ARKANSAS (1/7/17)
	1.000	(6-6)	Monk, Malik vs Wichita State (03/19/17)
	1.000	(6-6)	Monk, Malik vs Arkansas (03/12/17)
	1.000	(6-6)	Briscoe, Isaiah at Ole Miss (12/29/16)
	1.000	(6-6)	Briscoe, Isaiah at #10/11 Louisville (12/21/16)
	1.000	(6-6)	Gabriel, Wenyen vs UT MARTIN (11/25/16)
	1.000	(6-6)	FOX,DE'AARON vs #13/13 Michigan State (11/15/16)
	1.000	(6-6)	Fox, De'Aaron vs STEPHEN F. AUSTIN (11/11/16)
	1.000	(5-5)	Fox, De'Aaron at Texas A&M (3/4/17)
	1.000	(5-5)	Mulder, Mychal vs AUBURN (1/14/17)
	1.000	(5-5)	Monk, Malik vs TEXAS A&M (1/3/17)
	1.000	(5-5)	FOX, De'Aaron vs Hofstra (12/11/16)
	1.000	(5-5)	Briscoe, Isaiah vs #13/13 Michigan State (11/15/16)
	1.000	(4-4)	Adebayo, Edrice at Alabama (2/11/17)
	1.000	(4-4)	Hawkins, Dominique at #24/23 Florida (2/4/17)
	1.000	(4-4)	Briscoe, Isaiah at Mississippi State (1/17/17)
	1.000	(4-4)	Monk, Malik vs AUBURN (1/14/17)
	1.000	(4-4)	Hawkins, Dominique vs UT MARTIN (11/25/16)
	1.000	(4-4)	Monk, Malik vs UT MARTIN (11/25/16)
	1.000	(4-4)	Adebayo, Edrice vs CLEVELAND STATE (11/23/16)
	1.000	(4-4)	Monk, Malik vs CANISIUS (11/13/16)
	1.000	(4-4)	Willis, Derek vs STEPHEN F. AUSTIN (11/11/16)
	1.000	(3-3)	Hawkins, Dominique vs #24/24 SOUTH CAROLINA (1/21/17)
	1.000	(3-3)	Monk, Malik at #10/11 Louisville (12/21/16)
Rebounds	18		Adebayo, Edrice vs Northern Kentucky (03/17/17)

	16	Gabriel, Wenyen vs AUBURN (1/14/17)
Assists	12	Fox, De'Aaron vs STEPHEN F. AUSTIN (11/11/16)
	11	Briscoe, Isaiah at Ole Miss (12/29/16)
	11	Fox, De'Aaron vs CLEVELAND STATE (11/23/16)
Steals	5	Monk, Malik vs #11/9 UCLA (12/3/16)
	4	Hawkins, Dominique vs Arkansas (03/12/17)
	4	Adebayo, Edrice at #24/23 Florida (2/4/17)
	4	Briscoe, Isaiah vs DUQUESNE (11/20/16)
Blocked Shots	4	Willis, Derek vs Georgia (03/10/17)
	4	Adebayo, Edrice vs #11/9 UCLA (12/3/16)
Turnovers	7	Briscoe, Isaiah vs #24/24 SOUTH CAROLINA (1/21/17)
	6	Fox, De'Aaron vs Northern Kentucky (03/17/17)
	6	Monk, Malik vs #13/12 FLORIDA (2/25/17)
	6	Briscoe, Isaiah at Mizzou (2/21/17)
	6	Briscoe, Isaiah vs GEORGIA (1/31/17)
Fouls	5	Willis, Derek vs Georgia (03/10/17)
	5	Briscoe, Isaiah at Mizzou (2/21/17)
	5	Hawkins, Dominique at Georgia (02/18/17)
	5	Briscoe, Isaiah at Georgia (02/18/17)
	5	Fox, De'Aaron vs TENNESSEE (2/14/17)
	5	Adebayo, Edrice at Alabama (2/11/17)
	5	Gabriel, Wenyen vs LSU (2/7/17)
	5	Gabriel, Wenyen at #24/23 Florida (2/4/17)
	5	Humphries, Isaac at Mississippi State (1/17/17)
	5	Fox, De'Aaron vs AUBURN (1/14/17)
	5	Adebayo, Edrice vs #7/6 North Carolina (12/17/16)
Minutes	45	Briscoe, Isaiah vs GEORGIA (1/31/17)
	44	Monk, Malik vs GEORGIA (1/31/17)
	39	Adebayo, Edrice vs Alabama (03/11/17)
	39	Monk, Malik vs #2/1 KANSAS (1/28/17)
	39	Briscoe, Isaiah at Vanderbilt (1/10/17)

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OPPONENT INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

Points	36		Frazier, J.J. at Georgia (02/18/17)
	34		Thornwell, Sindarius vs #24/24 SOUTH CAROLINA (1/21/17)
	34		Justin Jackson vs #7/6 North Carolina (12/17/16)
	31		Blakeney, Antonio vs LSU (2/7/17)
	28		Edwards, Rob vs CLEVELAND STATE (11/23/16)
Field Goals Made	12		Blakeney, Antonio vs LSU (2/7/17)
	12		Edwards, Rob vs CLEVELAND STATE (11/23/16)
Field Goal Att.	23		Thornwell, Sindarius vs #24/24 SOUTH CAROLINA (1/21/17)
	22		Frazier, J.J. at Georgia (02/18/17)
FG Pct (min 5 made)	1.000	(6-6)	Lucas, Landen vs #2/1 KANSAS (1/28/17)
	.833	(5-6)	Blanton, Temarcus vs #24/24 SOUTH CAROLINA (1/21/17)
3-Point FG Made	5		Allen, KeVaughn vs #13/12 FLORIDA (2/25/17)
	4		PHILLIPS at Mizzou (2/21/17)
	4		Blakeney, Antonio vs LSU (2/7/17)
	4		Justin Jackson vs #7/6 North Carolina (12/17/16)
3-Point FG Att.	11		Allen, KeVaughn vs #13/12 FLORIDA (2/25/17)
	10		FISHER-DAVIS, Matthe at Vanderbilt (1/10/17)
	10		Robertson, Kassius vs CANISIUS (11/13/16)
3-Pt FG Pct (min 2 made)	1.000	(2-2)	Wilridge,E'Torrion vs Georgia (03/10/17)
	1.000	(2-2)	WILLIS, Payton vs VANDERBILT (02/28/17)
	1.000	(2-2)	Harris, Jordan vs GEORGIA (1/31/17)
	1.000	(2-2)	Blanton, Temarcus vs #24/24 SOUTH CAROLINA (1/21/17)
Free Throws Made	14		Thornwell, Sindarius vs #24/24 SOUTH CAROLINA (1/21/17)
	12		Frazier, J.J. at Georgia (02/18/17)
Free Throw Att.	15		Frazier, J.J. at Georgia (02/18/17)
	15		Thornwell, Sindarius vs #24/24 SOUTH CAROLINA (1/21/17)
	15		Justin Jackson vs #7/6 North Carolina (12/17/16)
FT Pct (min 3 made)	1.000	(8-8)	PHILLIPS at Mizzou (2/21/17)
	1.000	(7-7)	WILLIAMS, Carson vs Northern Kentucky (03/17/17)
	1.000	(7-7)	Frazier, J.J. vs Georgia (03/10/17)
	1.000	(6-6)	Saiz,Sebastian at Ole Miss (12/29/16)
	1.000	(6-6)	ADEL, Deng at #10/11 Louisville (12/21/16)
	1.000	(6-6)	Tony Bradley vs #7/6 North Carolina (12/17/16)
	1.000	(5-5)	Hannahs, Dusty vs Arkansas (03/12/17)
	1.000	(5-5)	Schofield, Admiral vs TENNESSEE (2/14/17)
	1.000	(5-5)	Kingsley, Moses vs ARKANSAS (1/7/17)
	1.000	(5-5)	Brooks,Rasheed at Ole Miss (12/29/16)
	1.000	(4-4)	Barford, Jaylen vs Arkansas (03/12/17)
	1.000	(4-4)	KORNET, Luke vs VANDERBILT (02/28/17)
	1.000	(4-4)	Sampson, Brandon vs LSU (2/7/17)
	1.000	(4-4)	Barry, Canyon at #24/23 Florida (2/4/17)
	1.000	(4-4)	ROBERSON, Jeff at Vanderbilt (1/10/17)
	1.000	(4-4)	Thompson, Trey vs ARKANSAS (1/7/17)
	1.000	(4-4)	SPALDING, Ray at #10/11 Louisville (12/21/16)
	1.000	(4-4)	Peters, Alec vs VALPO (12/7/16)
	1.000	(4-4)	Welsh, Thomas vs #11/9 UCLA (12/3/16)
	1.000	(4-4)	Graham, Torian vs Arizona State (11/28/16)
	1.000	(4-4)	Fofana, Mike vs UT MARTIN (11/25/16)
	1.000	(4-4)	Mike, Isiaha vs DUQUESNE (11/20/16)
	1.000	(3-3)	Ingram, Dazon vs Alabama (03/11/17)
	1.000	(3-3)	KORNET, Luke at Vanderbilt (1/10/17)
Rebounds	15		Ogbeide, Derek vs Georgia (03/10/17)
	13		Williams, Robert at Texas A&M (3/4/17)

	13	Ogbeide, Derek vs GEORGIA (1/31/17)
	13	Saiz,Sebastian at Ole Miss (12/29/16)
	13	Leaf, TJ vs #11/9 UCLA (12/3/16)
Assists	10	Trocha-Morelos,Tonny at Texas A&M (3/4/17)
	9	Chiozza, Chris at #24/23 Florida (2/4/17)
Steals	4	Q Weatherspoon at Mississippi State (1/17/17)
	3	Frazier, J.J. vs GEORGIA (1/31/17)
	3	Williams, Grant at Tennessee (1/24/17)
	3	Brooks,Rasheed at Ole Miss (12/29/16)
	3	Adekoya, Jubril vs VALPO (12/7/16)
	3	Mike, Isiaha vs DUQUESNE (11/20/16)
	3	Reese, Isaiah vs CANISIUS (11/13/16)
Blocked Shots	4	Williams, Grant at Tennessee (1/24/17)
	4	Williams, Robert vs TEXAS A&M (1/3/17)
Turnovers	9	BRIDGES,MILES vs #13/13 Michigan State (11/15/16)
	7	Hogg, DJ vs TEXAS A&M (1/3/17)
	7	Davis, Tyler vs TEXAS A&M (1/3/17)
	7	Charles, Ty vs STEPHEN F. AUSTIN (11/11/16)
Fouls	5	MURRAY, Cole vs Northern Kentucky (03/17/17)
	5	FAULKNER, Mason vs Northern Kentucky (03/17/17)
	5	Collins, Corban vs Alabama (03/11/17)
	5	Ingram, Dazon vs Alabama (03/11/17)
	5	Ogbeide, Derek vs Georgia (03/10/17)
	5	Hampton, JC at Texas A&M (3/4/17)
	5	CRESSLER, Nolan vs VANDERBILT (02/28/17)
	5	WOODS at Mizzou (2/21/17)
	5	NIKKO at Mizzou (2/21/17)
	5	Ogbeide, Derek at Georgia (02/18/17)
	5	Epps, Aaron vs LSU (2/7/17)
	5	Hayes, Kevarrius at #24/23 Florida (2/4/17)
	5	Parker, Juwan vs GEORGIA (1/31/17)
	5	Frazier, J.J. vs GEORGIA (1/31/17)
	5	Lucas, Landen vs #2/1 KANSAS (1/28/17)
	5	Xavian Stapleton at Mississippi State (1/17/17)
	5	Schnider Herard at Mississippi State (1/17/17)
	5	Q Weatherspoon at Mississippi State (1/17/17)
	5	Wiley, Austin vs AUBURN (1/14/17)
	5	Gilder, Admon vs TEXAS A&M (1/3/17)
	5	Kennedy Meeks vs #7/6 North Carolina (12/17/16)
	5	Joel Berry II vs #7/6 North Carolina (12/17/16)
	5	PEMBERTON, Eli vs Hofstra (12/11/16)
	5	Welsh, Thomas vs #11/9 UCLA (12/3/16)
	5	Anigbogu, Ike vs #11/9 UCLA (12/3/16)
	5	Tshisumpa, Jethro vs Arizona State (11/28/16)
	5	Sloan, Derek vs CLEVELAND STATE (11/23/16)
	5	Clayborne, Evan vs CLEVELAND STATE (11/23/16)
	5	Huntley, Josh vs STEPHEN F. AUSTIN (11/11/16)
	5	Holyfield, TJ vs STEPHEN F. AUSTIN (11/11/16)

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Opponent	1st	2nd	Score	Mar	Total FG	FG Pct	3-Pointers	3FG Pct	Free Throws	FT Pct	Rebounds		Assist	T/Over	Block	Steal	Fouls
STEPHEN F. AUSTIN	48/32	39/32	87-64	+23	31-62/23-52	.500/.442	5-18/5-19	.278/.263	20-30/13-19	.667/.684	28/36	(8)	21/10	13/28	8/5	12/6	19/32
CANISIUS	44/35	49/34	93-69	+24	31-61/26-62	.508/.419	4-16/4-21	.250/.190	27-39/13-20	.692/.650	39/36	+3	10/11	10/18	7/1	4/8	19/30
#13/13 Michigan State	34/26	35/22	69-48	+21	23-60/20-61	.383/.328	7-21/5-26	.333/.192	16-20/3-9	.800/.333	40/44	(4)	17/9	14/20	8/4	8/0	16/20
DUQUESNE	50/23	43/36	93-59	+34	35-76/17-56	.461/.304	7-26/5-25	.269/.200	16-21/20-22	.762/.909	49/32	+17	19/7	11/18	10/1	11/7	17/17
CLEVELAND STATE	56/35	45/35	101-70	+31	38-73/25-64	.521/.391	9-24/6-27	.375/.222	16-26/14-19	.615/.737	47/36	+11	25/7	13/19	6/1	6/5	18/27
UT MARTIN	53/38	58/38	111-76	+35	41-74/27-66	.554/.409	7-22/9-27	.318/.333	22-29/13-20	.759/.650	48/26	+22	24/15	12/17	5/2	7/8	18/25
Arizona State	58/30	57/39	115-69	+46	44-84/25-73	.524/.342	11-28/8-26	.393/.308	16-22/11-15	.727/.733	59/33	+26	33/15	9/13	9/4	7/4	16/21
#11/9 UCLA	45/49	47/48	92-97	(5)	33-80/35-66	.413/.530	8-24/10-23	.333/.435	18-27/17-21	.667/.810	38/41	(3)	16/18	9/18	6/6	8/4	22/24
VALPO	45/24	42/39	87-63	+24	33-71/23-67	.465/.343	7-23/4-15	.304/.267	14-24/13-19	.583/.684	48/41	+7	15/6	17/19	9/1	7/8	18/25
Hofstra	48/33	48/40	96-73	+23	37-72/22-65	.514/.338	8-23/6-22	.348/.273	14-21/23-37	.667/.622	41/45	(4)	20/12	7/14	8/1	4/1	27/20
#7/6 North Carolina	56/51	47/49	103-100	+3	40-74/35-66	.541/.530	10-18/9-17	.556/.529	13-21/21-28	.619/.750	39/35	+4	19/18	10/9	2/5	4/4	20/22
#10/11 Louisville	40/39	30/34	70-73	(3)	23-58/26-60	.397/.433	5-22/6-14	.227/.429	19-29/15-20	.655/.750	36/40	(4)	10/10	13/14	4/5	7/4	20/23
Ole Miss	60/39	39/37	99-76	+23	37-74/27-72	.500/.375	8-18/6-22	.444/.273	17-24/16-17	.708/.941	42/45	(3)	24/13	8/15	8/6	9/3	17/23
TEXAS A&M	50/27	50/31	100-58	+42	33-63/21-47	.524/.447	13-25/6-13	.520/.462	21-26/10-17	.808/.588	30/28	+2	16/12	9/25	3/7	10/2	16/23
ARKANSAS	41/38	56/33	97-71	+26	32-60/25-63	.533/.397	5-19/4-16	.263/.250	28-40/17-21	.700/.810	44/29	+15	13/11	9/8	5/3	3/3	20/31
Vanderbilt	45/41	42/40	87-81	+6	34-67/25-58	.507/.431	1-9/8-29	.111/.276	18-24/23-32	.750/.719	40/34	+6	8/10	6/7	1/1	2/2	23/20
AUBURN	51/39	41/33	92-72	+20	32-56/29-62	.571/.468	11-19/9-16	.579/.563	17-32/5-15	.531/.333	40/28	+12	19/8	13/13	6/2	3/1	18/31
Mississippi State	46/34	42/47	88-81	+7	33-65/32-59	.508/.542	7-18/5-17	.389/.294	15-24/12-22	.625/.545	38/32	+6	16/10	16/19	6/3	5/10	24/28
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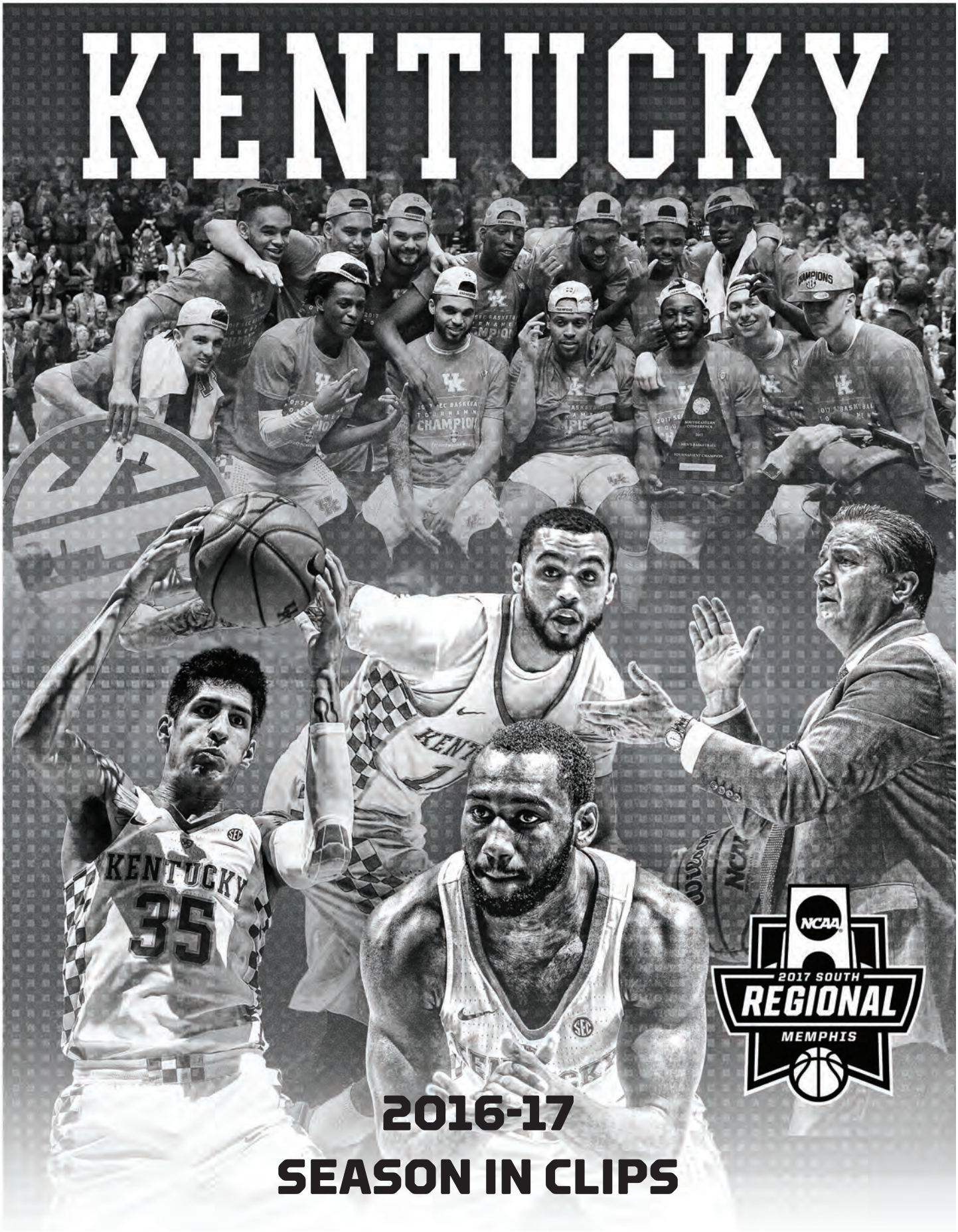

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Meet the Wildcats: Killeya-Jones eyes return to Phoenix

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Sacha Killeya-Jones dreamed of hoisting the Lombardi Trophy as the Super Bowl-winning quarterback over and over as a kid. He would play imaginary football games with his friend P.J. Stephens and that same dream unfolded perfectly each time.

As an eighth-grader, Killeya-Jones was competing in an All-American football game in Phoenix. As the starting quarterback and leader of the team, his dreams, while on a smaller scale, were beginning to come true.

But everything came to a screeching halt after about half the game when Killeya-Jones dropped back and was sacked, breaking his ankle in the process.

He entered high school standing at 6-feet tall and that Super Bowl dream still at the forefront of his mind. By his sophomore year though he was a tall, lanky kid standing at 6-5 and maybe 180 pounds. For a quarterback, that height/weight combination leads to more broken body parts than broken records.

"It was just a buildup, and eventually it hit a point where I was like, 'I'm 6-5, 180 playing football. I don't have a good offensive line. I'm going to get cracked in half playing back here,' " Killeya-Jones said in an exclusive interview with CoachCal.com. "So I was just like let me focus on basketball and try to make the best out of that."

Deciding to pass up on football was not an easy decision for Killeya-Jones. He sat down and talked about it with his parents, who never pushed him to give anything up. At the same time, he could tell his mother wasn't all too upset that he was dropping the rugged sport, especially after his continual growth.

It wasn't until two years after that football game in Phoenix that Killeya-Jones, a five-star forward from Chapel Hill, N.C., refocused his passions and made basketball his priority instead of the pigskin.

"Before, I played pickup and stuff like that," Killeya-Jones said. "I played on the JV team. I just kind of played for fun with my friends. Basketball season sophomore year I was like, 'This is what I want to do.' "

Now, with a new dream in mind, Killeya-Jones is doing everything he can to get back to Phoenix, home of the 2017 Final Four.

"We know the Final Four is in Phoenix this year," Killeya-Jones said. "We talk about going out there and taking care of business. But it's (summertime) right now. So, right now we have to focus on getting the plays right, getting used to playing with each other and we'll get to that eventually."

Students were allowed a 15-minute break during study hall at Woodberry Forest, a small boarding school located about 35 miles north of Charlottesville, Va., where Killeya-Jones attended as a freshman and sophomore. In the past, Killeya-Jones would spend that 15-minute break working on three- and five-step drops. But when he made basketball his focus as a sophomore, he would try to put up 100 shots during the break instead.

"As soon as I decided I was going to do basketball it was 100 percent basketball," he said.

Killeya-Jones' growth, both physically and in the game of basketball, continued from there. He shot up to about 6-7, 6-8 as a junior, and now stands as a versatile 6-10 forward who can be a nightmare all over the court for opposing defenses.

As Kentucky fans everywhere know all too well thanks to Willie Cauley-Stein, a wide receiver in high school, the football-to-basketball transition can work out well. Killeya-Jones credits his court vision and passing ability to his time as a quarterback, saying that helped him "see the game a little differently." It also helped him as a leader in tough, sometimes intense times.

"The results paid off quickly, and my versatility I think really helps me," Killeya-Jones said. "I create a lot of matchup problems. People saw that quickly. I'm playing against a bigger, slower guy I can take him out to the wing and stretch him out and go from there. Any smaller, skinnier players than me I can take them in the paint. I think versatility is my biggest thing."

Which is why Coach Cal's positionless basketball pitch is so appealing.

"I think it gives you a lot more freedom and you're not pegged into just sitting on the block or going to set a ball screen every single play," Killeya-Jones said. "It really gives you a lot of creative freedom on the floor."

Following his sophomore year, he transferred from Woodberry Forest to Virginia Episcopal School for his final two years, an even smaller boarding school located in rural Lynchburg, Va. Being away from home for four years in high school can be difficult. But for Killeya-Jones, it was an opportunity to learn how to do things independently, which is part of the reason why he ultimately chose to go to Kentucky despite being just a five-minute bus ride from the Dean Dome on the campus of North Carolina.

"I didn't really want to be that close to home," he said. "I think being kind of far helps, but at the same time my parents can still come to (Kentucky) games and everything.

"Boarding school wise you get used to living on your own, doing your own laundry, fending for yourself, stuff like that. You don't go home to your parents every day. You get used to living away from home, and it's really helped me just being here and living day-to-day life by myself."

At Virginia Episcopal, the big man's game continued to advance even further and he won a state championship as a senior, in addition to a pair of AAU national championships.

The next goal, obviously, is to continue those winning ways at Kentucky.

"I think that would be incredible to do: Win one in AAU, win in high school, win in college and then win at the next level after that," Killeya-Jones said. "I think that would be crazy to do and that's really all of our goal coming in is to win a national championship. And that's all the Big Blue Nation talks about is strive for nine, go get number nine, and that's what we want to do."

At Kentucky, Killeya-Jones will be the latest lanky forward who went through a major growth spurt in high school to end up playing for head coach John Calipari, joining the likes of Anthony Davis and Cauley-Stein, who happened to be a wide receiver in high school.

"(Coach Cal has) had a lot of tall, lanky, athletic bigs that run the floor and play kind of similar to how I play," Killeya-Jones said. "Coming here, I looked at a lot of those guys and I don't want to model my game after one individual player, but take bits and pieces from each one of them."

Just three years after making basketball his primary focus, Killeya-Jones skyrocketed up the recruiting rankings as his game grew and more scouts became familiar with his abilities.

"Every time you see your name slowly creeping up (the rankings) it gives you a lot of confidence," Killeya-Jones said. "You're like, 'Sweet, I just moved up 25 spots,' but then you're like, 'I want to move up another 25.' So you go out there and you work even harder and play harder just so you know you can keep getting noticed."

Despite his top-25 ranking, Killeya-Jones is the lowest ranked signee in Kentucky's top-ranked class. He promises his low ranking (relatively speaking, of course) doesn't put a chip on his shoulder, but said it can provide a bit of motivation to show what he's really made of.

"I mean, a ranking can't really save you when the light goes on," he said. "Everybody is on the same court playing with the same shoes on and everything. You go out

there and I'm just going to fight anybody who comes in front of me. If they're ranked higher than me it's not a chip on my shoulder, but it's an incentive to go out there and prove why I'm better than them."

Killeya-Jones compares UK's current roster to that of an all-star game. In pickup games and practices where they're all on the court together the intensity is ratcheted up to new heights. For Killeya-Jones, the expectations are simple: To go out and give his best. That may sound a bit cliché in the grand scheme of things, but it's a mature goal for someone who has only been playing the game as his main focus for a few years.

He describes pressure as the feeling to live up to high expectations that others have placed on you. He adds that he loves pressure and it was one of the appealing things about playing at Kentucky.

Now five years after that All-America football game in Phoenix the goal for Killeya-Jones, and the rest of the 2016-17 Wildcats, is to meet the high expectations and pressure that come from not only the Big Blue Nation, but within themselves.

"We come in all with the same mindset: We came here to win," he said. "We came here to work hard. We've all been doing that. Even in pickup, it's a really competitive atmosphere. We're all really close off the court, but on the court when we're playing against each other it's really competitive. When we get on the court together it's going to be something special. I think we all have the same mindset that we're going for a national championship. That's the goal. Anything short of that is a failure, really."

Meet the Wildcats: Give De'Aaron Fox a challenge and watch him thrive

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De'Aaron Fox loves to compete. When he steps onto the basketball court and gets between the lines, the friendships end. Once the game is over, all is well and good, but he is not going to lose one bit of an edge when he's on the court.

Want to play him in a video game? You may want to duck and cover if you happen to beat him. Ask his older brother.

He doesn't play football, but if you challenge him on the gridiron and say you can stop him, he'll do his best Jerry Rice impersonation and burn you. The video from Chris Paul's camp this summer that circulated around social media prove as much.

Fox thrives when challenged, and at Kentucky there will be plenty of them in front of him. The first of which will be to try to bring a ninth championship banner to the Bluegrass.

"My goal is to win a national championship, and I feel like it's not far-fetched," Fox said in an exclusive interview with CoachCal.com. "I feel like we have every piece to do it. … I feel like we can win a SEC championship, take all that momentum and try to win a national championship – try to bring No. 9 to Kentucky."

That competitive spirit has been with the 6-foot-3 point guard since he was a kid growing up in Texas. He would compete with his brother, who's about five-and-a-half years older than De'Aaron, in everything.

At Kentucky, that competitive spirit will serve him well, especially at a guard position that features other talented players like Isaiah Briscoe, Malik Monk and Dominique Hawkins, among others.

At the age of 12, Fox realized he may have something special in him. Just a sixth-grader, his team advanced to the final four in division I nationals. It was at that time that he began to emerge on the scene.

Even in the early pick-up games at Kentucky where he's been going against a seasoned sophomore with a grown man's body in Briscoe, as well as Monk, who is one of the most athletic incoming freshmen in the country, Fox has seen his game grow.

"I just came back from Chris Paul's camp and it was not – it was 10 times easier to guard all the other guards," he said. "I can see the difference already."

For some point guards, having Briscoe return could have been a deterrent. For Fox, it was a blessing. Not only does he realize going against Briscoe in practice each day will help him, he knows can learn from Briscoe's style of play as he tries to continue to mold and improve his own.

Fox also isn't worried about sharing guard duties with Briscoe and others after seeing how successful John Wall and Eric Bledsoe were together in 2009-10, as well as last year's triumvirate of Briscoe, Ulis and Jamal Murray.

"I feel like (Isaiah's) one of the best guards in the country this year, without a doubt," Fox said. "It was tough for him to get in the league so I know it's not going to be easy for me or anybody else.

"What I can learn from Isaiah is just how he moves. I'm more of a sprinter. He's not as fast as me going this way (straight line), but laterally, he's crazy laterally. And just his quick twitches. He can go from 15 miles per hour to 25 real quick, and then back down to 15. He just changes speeds really well."

After committing to the Cats just before the 2015-16 season began, Fox, a vocal player by nature, watched every UK game intently. He watched how Ulis ran the team, communicating throughout and putting his teammates in the best position to succeed.

"I followed (how Ulis coached on the floor) specifically too just because Tyler, he didn't stop talking on the court," Fox said. "… I talk a lot on the court. Some people are not gonna like it, but you have to be that annoying guy on the court who just keeps talking.

"High school wise, I've been a leader. I was the leader since I was a freshman so I had to get used to it."

A student of the game, Fox doesn't go out much, instead calling himself more of a "stay-in" type of person. Instead of going out, he watches basketball games and highlights and plays video games. At home he would set up two TVs next to each other. One would be hooked up to his PlayStation 4, the other would have the basketball game on.

When you ask him who his favorite player is, "Russell Westbrook" comes out nearly before you can finish the question. But it's not just Westbrook, it's essentially all the top guards.

He likes the way Damian Lillard finds ways to put the ball in the basket despite not being the tallest guy. He watches Paul, who impresses him with how he runs his team, scores and distributes while being just 6-feet tall. He watches the way Rajon Rondo passes the ball and loves John Wall's game.

"(John's) a speed demon just the way Russell is, just the way I am," Fox said. "I feel like our games kind of match together so I feel like that's why I watch – I actually watch a lot of his film. He's top five in assists the last three years so he's doing something right. I just want to take some parts of his game and put it into mine."

All the studying that Fox does is for a purpose. He too wants to be an NBA point guard one day, so why not try to take what the best in the world do and apply it to your own game?

"Guys say they don't watch the NBA, but I mean, you're trying to get to the NBA so you want to learn the system and learn what other guys are doing to be successful in the league," Fox said. "I watch a lot of basketball."

The No. 1 or No. 2 ranked point guard in the country coming out of high school depending on which recruiting service you prefer, Fox is certainly on the right track to accomplish his dreams. As the point guard

for a John Calipari-coached team, Fox is following in the footsteps of other legendary floor generals.

There was Derrick Rose, the 2008 No. 1 pick; Tyreke Evans, the 2010 NBA Rookie of the Year; Wall, the 2010 No. 1 pick; Brandon Knight, who led his team to the 2011 Final Four; Marquis Teague, who won a national championship in 2012; Andrew Harrison, who led his team to back-to-back Final Fours; and Ulis, a consensus First Team All-American in 2016.

"I like pressure, but I just try not to feel it," Fox said. "You'll feel it in a close game, but other than that I don't really feel pressure. I'm just coming in and being me.

"I feel like no one's expectations are greater than mine. I'll never let anyone's (expectations) exceed mine. No matter what anyone expects from me I feel like I can be higher than that. I'll never let anyone's expectations get to me."

In his first three weeks on campus he gained five to six pounds as he works to get stronger and put more muscle on his long, lean frame. He's also working in the gym on becoming a more consistent jump shooter.

Coach Cal nicknamed him "The General" prior to his arrival due to each of the players in the 2016 class wanting to play "and go to war" with him. A central figure in Kentucky's top-ranked class, Fox can't help but smile when Calipari touts the group as perhaps the best class of his career.

"I mean, he's had top-two recruiting classes every year he's been here," Fox said. "His first groups were great. He won a national championship with a lot of freshmen. He went to the Final Four two times in a row with a lot of freshmen. For him to say we're probably his best class, now we just have to live up to it."

Consider it a challenge.

Meet the Wildcats: With Brad Calipari, it's like father, like son

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Long before John Calipari's Hall of Fame coaching career began, he, like so many of the players he now molds, was chasing the same dream he helps his kids reach: to play basketball for a living.

He would get shots up every day in the gym. At night, Calipari would jimmy open one of the doors to the high school across the street from his home in Pennsylvania and squeeze through a pair of chained doors.

Inside he worked on every aspect of his game into the wee hours of the morning. He worked on his ball handling, his shooting, his conditioning – everything.

Ultimately it led to a roster spot at UNC Wilmington, and later Division II Clarion University.

"I'm always in the gym, just like my dad was when he was younger," Brad said in an exclusive interview with CoachCal.com. "Whether it's running and conditioning, shooting, ball-handling, that type of stuff. Out there in Memorial (Coliseum) they have ramps that I'll run up. I've run them as late as 1 in the morning. I've been in the gym until 2, 3, 4 o'clock in the morning some nights. … When I sneak out I'm not sneaking out to go to a party or someone else's house, it's usually to come here."

Like father, like son – though the latter, fair or unfair, comes with the full baggage of expectations and cynical eye.

Growing up as the son of the head men's basketball coach at a school like Kentucky seems like it would be a nice gig. Coach Cal is considered royalty in Kentucky. As head coach of college basketball's winningest program, he can do no wrong when things are going well. He's arguably the most popular person in the state, one of the most visible figures in college athletics and is beloved by the legion of Big Blue Nation fans everywhere.

In reality, being the coach's son is rarely easy – regardless of the sport, school or circumstance. Many people associate a coach's son with entitlement. The way they see it, a coach's son has it easy.

Brad can attest to that. He's already heard it from opposing fans and UK fans alike. As Brad went through middle school and entered high school, he realized that, for as many doors that were opened for him for being the son of John Calipari, there were just as many that were closed to him. Some things his friends could do, he could not.

"It wasn't too difficult, but I had to learn quicker what I could and couldn't do," Brad said. "So, it just kind of made me mature at a younger age.

"I can't say the same things (other) people say, do the same things other people do. Everything is under a microscope with myself and everyone else at Kentucky. Everything is kind of focused in on you."

Wanting to make his own name for himself, Brad transferred from Lexington Christian Academy to finish his high school career elsewhere where his last name wouldn't precede him to the degree it does in Lexington.

He ultimately chose the MacDuffie School, a boarding school located just outside Amherst, Massachusetts, the same town where his dad got his collegiate head coaching start at UMass.

It was there Brad could enjoy the grind of just playing basketball. It was there Brad Calipari could just be Brad the basketball player.

"It was kind of nice to have a couple years where I didn't really have to hear anything," Brad said. "I got to focus more on myself and my game."

At the MacDuffie School he competed against some of the top players in the country in the New England Preparatory School Athletic Council, which is one of the top prep school conferences in the nation.

"It forced me to improve myself – quicker, stronger, faster, all the guys are more talented," he said. "You have to work around that or become that."

Brad did the latter by transforming his body to more closely resemble that of a Division I athlete. He now looks back at the pictures and videos of his young, undeveloped body when his dad first took the Kentucky job in April 2009 and jokes about what advice he'd give himself.

"He shouldn't have eaten so much when he was younger," he said, laughing.

The transformation of his body wasn't easy, as he had to break old habits that had long been established. Learning to eat healthier and be disciplined in his workouts wasn't the only thing he learned while away from home. Brad also learned plenty about himself and his upbringing.

By living away from home, he was able to gain a different perspective on how he was raised and what he stands for, something that may not have occurred had he not pushed himself and moved away from Lexington's microscope.

"I can be living on my own and support myself and independent and still respect others and keep my character," Brad said. "It kind of made me realize they raised me the right way."

As his high school career began drawing to an end, the next step – and what it may be – began getting closer and closer to the forefront of his mind. He had interest from other schools such as East Tennessee State and Liberty, but Kentucky remained an idea that he kept close to the vest.

As he went back and forth on the decision, he wrote out the pros and cons of each school. He asked himself what was best for him and what each school provided that he was looking for. Ultimately, Kentucky made the most sense.

Now he is planning on studying business and pre-marketing, just like his dad did in college.

"After I had been praying about it and talking with my family about it I just thought

it would be the best spot for me because my relationship with the coaches is like family, really," Brad said. "All the players are good. Strength coach, conditioning, all that, trainers – it's all elite, top of the line."

His decision fulfilled a prophecy his dad had made during that introductory press conference some seven-plus years earlier.

"We already have a commitment from a 12-year-old. Stand up 12-year-old," Coach Cal said that day while looking over at Brad who stood up in front of the crowd.

Of course Coach Cal saw the clip a couple months after Brad had committed to Kentucky and made sure to remind his son.

"I started dying laughing," Brad said of the video clip having previously forgotten about the exchange. "And then of course my dad being my dad, 'I was right. Blah, blah, this-that. I'm always right.' Stuff like that.

The commitment only exacerbated those on the outside criticizing him and thinking he has gotten to where he is based solely on his name.

Brad, to his credit, isn't worried about what those people think.

"He's not going to be any different on me than he will the other guys," Brad said of his father. "I think he'll treat me with the same respect, coach me the same, give me the same opportunity. It's just all going to come down to what I do with the opportunity I'm given.

"I'm more worried about where I am myself and bettering myself each day, each workout, what I do, how I work my game, what else I can add to it, just that type of stuff. I'm 100 percent confident in myself that I can do what everyone else is telling me that I can't. … I feel like I've worked as hard as I can and I'm going to continue working as hard as I can to get to the spot that I want to be at."

For now, that spot is a playing career. He watches plenty of film on his favorite player, Kyle Korver, studying his footwork and how he comes off screens. He also watches tape of Steve Nash, among others, and how he handles the ball, the moves he makes and how he takes care of it.

But similar to his dad, Brad also wants to one day get into the coaching world, calling it the plan B to his plan A, "but at the same time it's also a plan A because at the end of the day that's what I really want to do."

Now that he's finally on his father's roster, his goal is to help his dad win his second national title, and in the process learn the ropes of what it takes to be a head coach. He also wouldn't mind proving to folks how hard he's worked to get here.

Like father, like son indeed.

"(I want) to show people that I can hold my own in this spot at this level, I can contribute and not take away from the team, whatever it is," Brad said. "And that I'm really – bottom line, I'm built for it."

Meet the Wildcats: Malik Monk plays basketball with eye to be the best

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Malik Monk has a swagger about him. He knows who he is and he knows how hard he's worked to get to this stage in his career.

Perhaps most of all, he knows how hard he needs to work to get to where he wants to go and become who he wants to be.

You see, Monk doesn't want to just make it to the NBA. He wants much more than that.

"I want to be the best," he said in an exclusive interview with CoachCal.com.

And he doesn't really care who steps in front of him on the court in his pursuit to reach that dream. When Monk is playing basketball the blinders are put on, he has not outside distractions and he's ready to prove his worth.

Growing up, Monk has always had to battle for respect. He's the youngest of his four brothers. His three brothers on his dad side are just slightly older than him, and while they didn't play basketball often they did compete frequently. His brother on his mom's side, Marcus, is 30 years old and was a star football player at the University of Arkansas, and also played basketball for the Razorbacks. With the age gap being what it was, he couldn't play basketball with him.

"When I was born I was just getting pushed around and stuff like that," Monk said. "I didn't like it so now I gotta do that to somebody else."

So he has.

In high school he averaged 28.6 points, 7.5 rebounds and 4.4 assists per game as a high school senior, and set a single-game school record with 53 points.

Monk was ranked either the No. 1 or No. 2 shooting guard in the country by all four major recruiting services. He was a top-10 prospect, regardless of position, in the Recruiting Services Consensus Index. But now, that's all thrown out the window.

"I don't pay attention to anything," Monk said of recruiting rankings. "Just whoever steps in front of me I'm just trying to … show them I'm the best.

"I'm just focused from the beginning, from the get-go. Trying to be focused and focus on the game plan and do what I gotta do to help the team win."

Monk led his high school, Bentonville, to the state championship game in 2016 and was tabbed co-MVP, along with now teammate De'Aaron Fox, at this summer's Jordan Brand Classic game. He has elite athleticism and speed, and figures to be one of the most electrifying players in all of college basketball this season.

With that said, he doesn't plan on resting on his laurels. He knows the college game is another step up in competition and he will need to raise his own game in turn.

"You gotta be (serious), because if you're not – like I said, you're on the collegiate level now you're gonna get exposed by anything," Monk said. "Any little detail or anything you do wrong is going to be on TV and somebody can find it out in film and expose you on it. You gotta be focused and sharp the whole game."

Monk believes and functions the same way in practice as he does in games. Especially with a team as talented as the Wildcats are this year, Monk believes a level of urgency is always required. Players must be detailed, sharp and focused, he says. They also must be confident.

"Confidence is the key. If you don't have confidence – self-confidence for sure – I don't think you can do anything," Monk said. "If you don't have confidence in yourself you might as well just stay in the house or something because you don't want to do anything. If you don't have any confidence to do it it's not going to work."

His collegiate recruitment came largely down to Kentucky and Arkansas. Ultimately, Malik chose Kentucky because of how comfortable he felt there. The decision, as expected, drew some criticism from those who wanted him to stay closer to home, but his hometowns of Lepanto and Bentonville supported him.

"There was no pressure for me, but they thought it was pressure," Malik said. "I heard it like every day. I was just playing basketball wherever I go and I just picked what was best for me.

"I just blocked it out. I didn't pay attention to it that much. And my brother and my mom took care of a lot of other negative stuff. But I really didn't even hear that much unless I was at a game."

Monk says every step of his process to get to this point in his journey has helped him – the good and the bad. One of the keys in his recruitment, he said, was Coach Cal telling him what he didn't want to hear.

"Coach Cal just tells you the truth with anything," Monk said. "When he came in to recruit me he just told me the truth. 'If you aren't ready for it just don't come and don't

waste our time or your time.' So that really just stood out to me. He was blunt and told the truth.

"A couple coaches did it that recruited me, but Coach Cal was way more blunt than them. And just some colleges are going to tell you what they want you to hear, then when you get there it's totally different. Personally, before the coaches even come I know they'll tell me something I want to hear. But when Coach Cal came I was surprised because he told me something I didn't want to hear and players did not want to hear. That really set it off from the beginning."

Monk's athleticism has drawn comparisons to former Coach Cal guards Derrick Rose and John Wall, as well as one of Monk's favorite players, Russell Westbrook. In early-season practices and pick-up games he's used his speed to blow by defenders and get to the rack where he can finish a variety of ways, including by putting defenders on a poster.

One of the first things Coach Cal sees in Monk, though, is his potential as a defender.

Last season, Calipari similarly challenged Isaiah Briscoe by saying he thought Briscoe could be the best defender in the country. In high school, Briscoe said he played "honest defense," another way of saying he would play defense and then take a few trips off. As the season progressed at Kentucky, Briscoe would prove Calipari right.

Now, that challenge is in front of Monk, who is already an extremely gifted offensive player who won the 3-point contest and finished second in the dunk contest at the McDonald's All America Game in the spring. Like Briscoe, Monk said he didn't play much defense in high school. Now, Monk said becoming an, "elite defender" is what he is working on the most this preseason.

"Since Coach Cal started talking to me about it I'm trying to focus on that more," Monk said of his defense. "I'm trying to be the best defender in the world. Everything."

To try something you've never really done before and immediately set your standards to become "elite" or the best in the world at it seems ambitious. But that's Monk. That's how he's wired, and that's how he plans on playing at Kentucky.

"You want to be the best," Monk said. "It's pointless if you're not the best or try to be the best. Being the best is fun."

Meet the Wildcats: Gabriel comes to Kentucky welcoming defensive challenges

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Defense isn't what often leads the highlights. It's certainly not the most glamorous aspect of basketball. It's a necessary part of the game a player must do, but it's not necessarily one they must enjoy.
In high school, many of the game's elite players don't even hardly need to play defense. They are so good offensively that it's far from considered a priority. Wenyen Gabriel, to the contrary, views his defense as a badge of honor. It's part of how he earns his time on the court and it's one of the reasons he's at Kentucky today.

As a freshman on a team widely picked to be ranked inside the top five in the country thanks in part to a top-ranked recruiting class, Gabriel knows he will have an opportunity to earn minutes with his defense.

"I definitely take pride in it," Gabriel said in an exclusive interview with CoachCal.com. "That's how I earn my way onto the court. I kind of feel like that's part of my identity when I'm on the court, when I play."

Game-winning shot or game-winning block? Gabriel is taking the block, preferably around the rim ala LeBron James in game seven of the 2016 NBA Finals.

While others look for the offensive glory and all that it entails, Gabriel wants to be the guy shutting them down. He wants to be the guy getting the tough assignments. Part of his rise to becoming a consensus five-star prospect includes his defensive prowess, as well as his unrelenting motor.

"My high motor is what they speak about, my length, my athleticism," Gabriel said. "Just being able to keep going all the time."

Two summers ago, Gabriel stood at 6-foot-8 and wasn't near the prospect he is today. His way onto the court was simple: outwork everyone.

"I was trying to figure out how I was going to get on the floor and one thing you have to do is get rebounds, and that's how you can get rebounds: You have to go after it," Gabriel said. "And I play defense. I wanted to play. I really, really felt like I deserved to be on the court so it kind of picked up and it became part of my identity as a player."

A 6-10 "wing-guard," as Kentucky head coach John Calipari likes to call him, Gabriel comes to the Bluegrass from Manchester, New Hampshire, where – like many other Calipari pupils – he brings a wealth of versatility.

To Gabriel, his versatility is one of the ways in which he's different. It means he can "touch on every part of the game," and when he plays that becomes apparent. A fluid player with great energy on the court, Gabriel isn't afraid to mix it up in the paint or stretch defenses with his outside shot. It's what made Coach Cal's "positionless basketball" pitch so appealing.

"I can shoot the ball well, I can defend all positions, I'm comfortable playing any position," Gabriel said. "And I've been developing my ball handling, always been working on that. It's kind of putting all the pieces together now, trying to incorporate it into my game. It's one of the reasons why I came here to Kentucky."

New Hampshire doesn't have nearly the number of top prospects as New York, Massachusetts and other neighboring states in the New England area, so Gabriel wasn't sure where he'd stack up on the traveling AAU circuit. But after seeing and playing against them, he quickly realized he belonged.

"I just started working really hard and that's where I kind of built my identity and I grew a little bit too," Gabriel said. "And the way my team plays, we all play really good, team basketball. It kind of helped me shine there."

It was only about a year ago that Gabriel's ranking was barely inside the top 100 by many recruiting services, and even unranked by others. Gabriel entered high school at 6-1. He was near 6-5 by the end of his sophomore year and 6-7 in his first junior season.

Following a sensational summer of play, Gabriel skyrocketed up the charts and closed out his high school career as the No. 13 player in the country, according to the Recruiting Services Consensus Index.

"It was a big confidence booster," Gabriel said of his move up the rankings. "(It gave me) more confidence in my ability and I started playing even better. My team was doing really well so we were just focusing on winning, so that was really good when I focus on winning like that. That's when you don't worry about anything else."

In his final year of high school at Wilbraham & Monson Academy, Gabriel played a number of positions. He was one of the primary ball handlers and shot the ball plenty. He'd defend the opposing team's five, but would then turn around and bring the ball up the court on offense.

At Kentucky, he won't be asked to do as much. Instead, Coach Cal will look for Gabriel to be the best version of himself – as he does with each of his players. Fortunately for Calipari, Gabriel's best version includes him being a defensive menace and taking on any and all assignments that come his way.

When he's assigned a player to defend

and that player asks for the ball, Gabriel takes it as a sign of disrespect and focuses on letting him know he's not getting anything off of him.

"It's kind of just like a competitor thing," he said.

Gabriel joins a team at UK that is expected to be a dynamic defensive unit. He says he believes Coach Cal will expect "no one" to be able to score against Kentucky, and that's OK with him.

"If they can't score on you it means you're not really going to lose that game," Gabriel said.

With so much talent on the roster, each of the Wildcats will be pushed to get better, Gabriel said. It's one of the aspects of the game that he loves the most, and it's another reason he chose to come to Kentucky over some of the other blueblood programs in the sport.

"That's, obviously, one of the things I really love about basketball," Gabriel said. "Every day I leave and I know that I got better. That's what I really like about Kentucky.

"I can still be myself, play defense, rebound, and just make shots and play off the other players. Play off De'Aaron (Fox), Malik (Monk), things like that."

And the defensive challenges Gabriel faces in practice each day should only enhance his forte as the real games draw near.

"Those (defensive) challenges are good," Gabriel said. "I've done a lot of those in my career and it's kind of like when that's your job right there you take a lot of pride in that.

"I'm always ready for the challenge."

Meet the Wildcats: Adebayo uses passion, team-first approach on the basketball court

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At 6-foot-10 and a chiseled 255 pounds it's easy to understand why. His body is mature beyond his years, so much so that Adebayo has been mistaken for a 27-year-old before. His broad shoulders look like they could carry a boulder. His biceps appear to be the products of a professional weight-lifting career.

And then there's the talk that always seems to follow him.

There's the story of how he earned his nickname, "Bam," from flipping over a coffee table as a toddler while watching the Flintstones with his mother. There are the countless tales of him dominating games by simply overmatching his opponents with his body and aggression.

Even his new head coach, John Calipari, believes he could break a basket or two in a game at Rupp Arena, a notion Adebayo merely shrugs at as if it would be no big deal – perhaps even inevitable.

His firm handshake only gives credence to any and all of the stories told.

One would naturally expect a personality to match the no-nonsense image Adebayo has unquestionably built, but when he comes into the room with a smile on his face and a carefree air about him everything begins to change. He sits down in a director's chair that suddenly – and comically – doesn't seem so tall anymore, and that no-nonsense image quickly begins to disappear.

That's when you ask him a few throwaway questions just to get him warmed up and comfortable before you get down to business and he throws you the biggest curveball of all.

Who's your favorite musical artist?

"Katy Perry," he says matter-of-factly.

That's when it hits you that there's more than meets the eye with Adebayo.

"I mean, they just see a big dude that's 6-10 and they think he's listening to all the hip-hop and stuff like that," Adebayo said. "I just listen to my Katy Perry.

"It's just her mood toward her music. She's always happy and perky. So, I mean, I like to be happy. Might as well listen to happy music."

While looks can be deceiving, Adebayo's on-court presence and effectiveness is anything but. What you see is what you get and what you see is what Coach Cal likes to call, "A beast."

He registered his first dunk in the summer prior to entering seventh grade. Though Kentucky's frontcourt struggled a year ago, Adebayo was looked at even then by many as someone who could step in and contribute immediately as a high school senior.

A consensus five-star prospect and the No. 8 player in the country, per the Recruiting Services Consensus Index, Adebayo was the Gatorade State Player of the Year for North Carolina and a McDonald's All America Game Morgan Wootten Player of the Year finalist, given to the nation's top player.

A rebounding and dunking machine, Adebayo dominated the high school basketball scene, but was often critiqued for not having faced the toughest of competition. With that in mind, the competitor in him decided to transfer from Northside High School to High Point Christian Academy three hours away from his hometown of Little Washington, North Carolina, to face a stiffer test on the court.

"It was pretty much to get more competition, and it was a Christian school and they were based off high academics," Adebayo said. "(I transferred) because of that and to get in touch with Jesus."

The move also helped Adebayo adjust to being away from his mother, who he is very close to. At first, it was difficult for him to be away from home, just as it is for most kids when they first leave. But knowing he would be much further away from home one year later when he went to Kentucky, Adebayo gained perspective.

"It helped a lot because now I can do stuff on my own," he said. "I wash my clothes on my own, I go to class on my own, the whole nine yards."

At HPCA, Adebayo proved he wasn't putting up major numbers just because of the competition. As a senior, he led the Cougars to the state title game, averaging 18.9 points and 13.0 rebounds per game. In the process, he earned an invitation to the three most prestigious high school all-star games, the McDonald's All America Game, Jordan Brand Classic and Nike Hoop Summit, though he would ultimately decline his invitation to the latter to focus more on his school work.

"I'm passionate about school work because I don't like getting bad grades," Adebayo said. "It makes me feel bad. Getting bad grades is not something I want to do, and being bad on the court is not something (I want to do)."

While Adebayo's athleticism immediately pops out, it's perhaps his "high motor" that is his greatest quality.

"I guess you could say it comes from passion," Adebayo said of his unrelenting motor. "If nobody else can get it done you might as well be the person to."

For Adebayo, passion is as important a part of the game of basketball as anything. His favorite big man to watch is Kevin Garnett because of his passion for the game. He says his mother, his biggest basketball influence, taught him to always do the best he can and be a hard worker.

"Being passionate about basketball can change people's lives," Adebayo said.

On the court, his passion for the game and for winning has earned him high grades at every level. Calipari said he wants Adebayo to lead the country in rebounding this year. It's an ambitious goal, but one the freshman would surely love to accomplish.

"None of us like backing down from a challenge," he said.

But for him it's all about the team first.

After a big high school game in which he only put up modest numbers but his team came away with the victory, Adebayo

was one of the happiest guys on the team afterward.

"We came out with a W," he said. "That's like me having two points in the national title game and we win. I'm not mad about it. I got a ring. That's how I thought about it. I wasn't too worried about stats."

A situation such as the two platoons of the 2014-15 season where each player sacrificed individual statistics for team victories would have been right up Adebayo's alley.

"If I'm averaging five points and we're like the team with Devin Booker and them that went 38-0," he said, "I have no problem.

"I just want to win. It doesn't really matter."

That much was apparent before he was even technically on the team. When he visited Rupp Arena on March 5 last season for Kentucky's regular-season finale against LSU, he could be seen standing and cheering on his future teammates constantly. Afterward, he said he wanted to get out on the court and play if called upon.

"Rupp is just a good place to be," he said. "It's people that actually care about basketball and seeing basketball. "It's my future home so I had to cheer my boys on and hope for success."

Adebayo will help bring a more physical presence to the paint alongside sophomore Isaac Humphries and freshmen Wenyen Gabriel, Sacha Killeya-Jones and Tai Wynyard.

With Adebayo's ability to handle the ball, crash the boards and bring energy to the floor, it's no wonder he's already been pegged as a preseason first team All-Southeastern Conference talent, as well as the preseason SEC Player of the Year.

But Adebayo isn't concerned about the accolades. His team goal is to "win a national title," and his individual goal is to "be a part of winning a national title."

"(I'm) a good teammate, a loyal teammate," he said. "I like to play with the guys and have fun, but we all have passion so I guess I'm just another chip to the (team)."

Adebayo is a big guy with an even bigger smile. He can be intimidating on the court as a physical presence with other worldly athleticism. It is there that what you see is what you get, but off the court he's a lighthearted, friendly teenager.

Prior to each game, Adebayo listens to his music and jokes around with his teammates. Katy Perry, however, doesn't make his pregame playlist. Instead, he listens to fast-paced music that gets him hyped, which is normal, but he closes it out, once again, on a surprising note.

"I play one Whitney Houston song ("I Will Always Love You")," he said, "and after that I'm good."

Like Tyler Ulis before him, Kentucky's Calipari tabs Isaiah Briscoe to lead and 'that inspires me'

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LEXINGTON, Ky. — It's a powerful thing when John Calipari taps you on the shoulder and says, "You're the man now." Ask Tyler Ulis how that simple statement unleashed him last season.

But with Ulis and so many others gone, Kentucky's coach has anointed a new leader for the 2016-17 Wildcats: Isaiah Briscoe. Like Ulis, the 6-foot-3 New Jersey native hopes to step from the shadow of a crowded backcourt and take charge as a sophomore.

"(Calipari) trusts me with his team, and that gets me up, that gets me going," Briscoe said. "When he says things like that — I'm trying to find a way to put it — that inspires me to be a better player. That inspires me to go out and work on my jumper. Because he's putting the team in my hands; why not give him what he wants?

"You could say it empowers me. Now I'm that guy. It changes my whole way of thinking."

The last time Calipari pushed this button, it worked out pretty well.

One day after Kentucky lost in the 2015 Final Four, before he even knew that seven players would bolt for the NBA, he reached out to the only difference-maker he was certain would return. Calipari told Ulis it was his turn, his time, his team.

Ulis responded to that challenge with a record-breaking, All-American sophomore season so impressive that a 5-foot-9 point guard got picked 34th overall in the 2016 draft. With Ulis, Jamal Murray, Skal Labissiere and Alex Poythress all now in NBA training camps – and transfers Marcus Lee (California) and Charles Matthews (Michigan) at new schools – Calipari didn't have many options in his hunt for the next leader.

But Briscoe turned out to be a perfect choice.

"Some guys, they pee themselves," Calipari said. "This guy? "He's on a mission."

Briscoe enjoyed a solid freshman season, averaging 9.6 points, 5.3 rebounds, 3.1 assists and playing a lot of really good defense, but it was hard to shine with Ulis and Murray putting on an offensive clinic every night. For the first time in his career, the former McDonald's All-American learned to take a backseat.

There will be none of that this season, even with 5-star freshman guards De'Aaron Fox and Malik Monk — both projected first-round picks — repopulating the backcourt with elite talent. Calipari nipped that in the bud this spring.

"You don't take a backseat to those two. You're as good as anybody, physically, mentally," he told Briscoe, about whom Calipari adds: "He's got a killer in him. You win with guys like him."

With that vote of total confidence from his coach, Briscoe embraced the new role and ran with it. He led offseason workouts, sent group texts to the team about where to be and when — which was often pre-dawn or post-midnight — and offered advice, solicited or not, to Kentucky's six new freshmen.

"I just took on the challenge," Briscoe said. "Seeing everything (Ulis) did last year with us, what I learned from him and watched him do, I'm just trying to do the same thing. I'm just trying to show him that he left the team in good hands with me."

So far, the reviews are glowing.

Redshirt freshman forward Tai Wynyard said Briscoe is "putting us on his shoulders." Sophomore center Isaac Humphries called him a "great role model for the new guys." Senior guard Mychal Mulder said Briscoe's attitude is "contagious and something people are drawn to."

Many expect freshman Bam Adebayo, a 6-10, 260-pound behemoth who might turn out to be the No. 1 overall pick in the next draft, to become the star of these Wildcats. But he's taking his cues from Briscoe.

"In the weight room, on the court, he's always active, always talking, always in a good mood," Adebayo said. "When you're happy, your team's going to be happy. When you come in slouching, your team's going to be slouching. So it's kind of like we feed off his energy."

To be fair, Briscoe's mission isn't strictly altruistic. There's something pretty big in this for him — he hopes. He wanted to join Ulis and the others in the last draft and took advantage of a new rule that allowed him to work out for several teams before making that decision.

The feedback was unanimous: Go back to school and work on your game.

"He knows where he wants to go, and I feel like he got the taste of it this summer," senior forward Derek Willis said. "The thing that people were skeptical on was his shooting ability, but now he's hitting shots."

A good shooter in high school, Briscoe inexplicably made just 13.5 percent of his 3-point attempts and 43.9 percent of his free throws last season at Kentucky. He still

can't pinpoint what went wrong — "It was so weird" — but he's been busy trying to fix it.

"He's really improved his shooting," Calipari said. "I think part of it is going to be if he has the ball a little bit more (Briscoe was a point guard until last season), he shoots it better probably off the bounce than he does catching and shooting it, because he's not really played that way before, which probably affected him last year.

"The good news for him is he was so bad last year, if he shoots 30 percent (from 3-point range) and 67 from the foul line, he's a lottery pick."

It's a powerful thing when Calipari tells his players something like that. Or that he wants them to lead. It can change everything.

"You know what?" Briscoe said. "I didn't run from it. I embraced it."

'This Is It:' Willis, Hawkins Working to Finish in Style

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The cheers are loud in Rupp Arena.

They're just a bit louder when a Kentucky-born Wildcat is the one drawing them.

"It's definitely different because I feel like every time I went in the game fans just gave me a standing ovation or something like that," Richmond, Kentucky, native Dominique Hawkins said. "Every time I do anything good – if I just made one shot the fans go nuts."

Outside Rupp, the crowds always follow UK basketball players.

They follow the Bluegrass-bred ones just a little more closely.

"When we go out in public as a team, like we're all together, obviously people are going to be clapping for you or they'll say something like, 'Good luck this season,' " Mt. Washington, Kentucky, native Derek Willis said, "but I feel like for me and Dominique, we always get pulled aside or something. There's always that one person that's going to pull us aside and is like, 'Hey, as a Kentucky native to native, we really appreciate what you're doing, what you do for the team and how hard you play.' "

As unique as the experience of playing basketball at Kentucky might be, it's just a little different for the select few players who grow up in the state and play for its flagship university. Hawkins and Willis are thankful they get to experience it. In fact, it drives them.

"For me, that's why—I play for the fans because when they're out there cheering you on it makes me play hard," Willis said.

Willis and Hawkins are entering their senior season, though. Their days experiencing…all of this, for lack of a better term, are numbered.

"This is it," Willis said. "Just try to make the most of it now."

Neither Willis nor Hawkins came to UK thinking they'd coast through four years, soaking up the adulation and playing occasional mop-up minutes. Rather, they planned to contribute. Both have, though taking divergent paths.

Hawkins didn't wait long to make an impact, surprising many when John Calipari summoned him from the bench in an early-season Champions Classic game against Michigan State during his freshman season. He would then go on to play a crucial role in UK's run to the national championship game that year, taking on difficult defensive assignments against the likes of Louisville's Russ Smith and Michigan's Nik Stauskas.

Willis, meanwhile, had to bide his time.

Through two seasons, Willis played just 114 minutes in a Kentucky uniform. That changed quickly with UK strapped for frontcourt depth in 2015-16, but Willis was still only a complementary player early in Southeastern Conference play, and by January had topped 20 minutes in only the season opener.

It was then that Willis broke out.

He had a double-double in a loss at Auburn and – save for a three-game absence due to injury – Willis didn't look back. He emerged as an indispensable third scoring option alongside Tyler Ulis and Jamal Murray, stretching the floor with his deadeye outside shooting. Thanks in large part to Willis, UK found its rhythm and swept the SEC regular-season and tournament titles.

"I didn't play those first two years and I just didn't know where I stood," Willis said. "Once I got there and kind of got into the flow of the game, your instincts kind of take over. It all just kind of comes to you."

Willis finally got his opportunity because he put in the work. He acknowledged his deficits, admitted to himself he wasn't doing everything he could to address them and did his best to change that.

It took a unique sense of self-awareness to do what he did. He's showing it again in the lead-up to his senior year.

"Just be a more sound defender," Willis said. "On the court, be more vocal. I think that was the issue with me last year. It was like, yeah, this kid can really help us out offensively, but when we come down on the defensive end, he's giving up baskets. So that's just where I've taken initiative to get stronger and be just a better, more confident defender."

Defense, meanwhile, has always been Hawkins' calling card. It's what got him on the floor as a freshman and what positioned him to play extended minutes again as a junior after he took a backseat on a historically deep UK team as a sophomore. Unfortunately, he was prevented by doing so consistently.

"He's been unlucky with some injuries when he had his chance and all of a sudden he gets hurt," John Calipari said.

First it was a preseason hand injury that kept him out around a month. Then it was an ankle injury suffered just days after the best game of his career against Louisville. He returned after missing another four weeks, but never rediscovered the form he showed against UK's archrival.

Fortunately for Hawkins, he has one more (hopefully injury-free) season ahead of him.

"I feel like if I stay healthy this season I'm going to have a good season," Hawkins said. "As long as I'm able to keep on having confidence in myself I know that I'll have a good season. I'll be able to knock down shots and guard my tail off."

The other role both Hawkins and Willis will play is of the leadership variety. With another talented crop of freshmen on campus, it's on the two seniors to show them the ropes.

"I kind of got hit with that right in the start of the summer," Willis said. "People were asking me questions, everything about UK. I kind of got thrown into that already."

It's only natural for newcomers to go to veterans for guidance, but it caught Hawkins off guard at first.

"It's really insane to think about that," Hawkins said. "You have guys coming in and looking up to you and asking you questions about things. I really didn't realize that this was going to be happening when I was going to be a senior. Now that I notice that this is happening I feel like I need to be able to be there for the guys, be able to lead them to the right situation, be able to tell them what to do and show them what to do on the court."

It's a responsibility Willis and Hawkins take seriously. Kentucky is in their blood, after all.

"It means a lot more to me now that I'm a senior," Willis said. "It's the end of the road."

Posterized: Kentucky walk-on serves as prop in Malik Monk's first freak show

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LEXINGTON, Ky. — They'd all heard the hype, seen the highlight videos, watched

Malik Monk reach the finals of the McDonald's All-American dunk contest. But just in case any of his new Kentucky teammates still were skeptical of his freakish athleticism, poor Dillon Pulliam unwittingly helped erase all doubt during the team's first pickup game together this summer.

"Oh no," the walk-on guard says upon first mention of that fateful day. "I already know what this is about. It was bad."

As teammates tell it — and Pulliam is still searching for the filthy rat who first let this story slip — Monk caught a pass on the left wing and blew by fellow 5-star freshman Wenyen Gabriel.

"Yeah, that's my fault," Gabriel said. "I kind of let that go, because I knew he was going to dunk it and it was too late."

Not in the plucky Pulliam's mind. Hey, he and Monk are both 6-foot-3 guards, so it's not some crazy mismatch, right? Right? Pulliam rotated over as Monk drove baseline and took flight.

"It was good help," Monk said, grinning, "but it was late."

Undeterred by the inevitability of what was about to happen, Pulliam jumped with him. By all accounts, Monk launched from well outside the paint and was eye-level with the rim when he met the challenger.

"I don't know why he did that to himself," said Brad Calipari, a fellow walk-on and the coach's son.

"I was like, 'Don't jump, don't jump,' but he went for it, for some reason," said Jonny David, another walk-on with better sense.

"It was definitely in slow motion," said Gabriel, who doesn't seem terribly broken up about his role in putting Pulliam on a poster.

"It was one of the biggest poster dunks I've ever seen in my life," said forward Tai Wynyard. "He jumped from outside the box and just kind of cocked it back and punched it on his head. It was crazy."

That's the closest thing you'll get to a detailed description of the aerial assault — which, sadly, no one captured on video — because if you ask anyone else on the team, they answer mostly in head shakes, uproarious laughter or sad faces that reflect empathy for the victim.

"I didn't realize we were talking about that," freshman forward Sacha Killeya-Jones said. "But yeah, he really dunked on — I'm not going to say who he dunked on."

Cat's out of the bag, bud.

"Yeah, he dunked on Dillon pretty bad. It was really bad," he continued. "I've never been dunked on like that. I don't know how you move on from that."

With a sheepish smile and, believe it or not, the tiniest bit of pride. Pulliam figures he ought to at least get some credit for trying — "No, no, it's stupidity," David argues — and he rests easier knowing he won't be the last person to end up on the business end of a Monk dunk.

But that doesn't mean he escaped without a little psychological damage.

"I don't like remembering it," he said. "So next time he drives down, I might try to just slide out of the way or something."

There are still plenty of kinks Kentucky coach John Calipari wants to work out of Monk's game. He's a streaky shooter who can just as easily brick 8 consecutive 3-pointers as swish that many in a row. He gets such ridiculous elevation on his jumper, Calipari said, that Monk always believes he's open, leading to some bad shot selection.

But if you're predicting the Wildcats' leading scorer in 2016-17, the smart money is on the new kid from Lepanto, Ark., who patterns his game after explosive NBA star Russell Westbrook. And whatever you do, don't jump with him.

"If he's ahead (on the fast break), give it to him," Calipari said. "If you don't give it to him, you're coming out. Because he can just — you know."

Dillon Pulliam does.

Wildcats hope offseason workouts breed championship success

By Metz Camfield | Oct. 3, 2016

It's 5 a.m. and freshman forward Sacha Killeya-Jones isn't quite ready to wake up yet.

For Killeya-Jones – and many other Wildcats, freshmen and seniors alike – each morning represents a tug-of-war between that annoying alarm clock and getting up and embracing the grind of offseason workouts.

Ten minutes later the alarm goes off again. Just a little more sleep. Five minutes later it rings once more. Almost ready, just a little more sleep. It's now three minutes until 5:30 and Killeya-Jones is still fighting the now increasingly frequent alarms.

"I set like eight alarms because I've always been bad at getting up," Killeya-Jones said.

He's not the only one.

"(I set) like six (alarms)," fellow freshman Brad Calipari said. "I'll get so nervous that I'm not going to wake up, so I just set them over and over again."

The workout of fighting the alarm clock serves as a primer for what they're about to face with strength and conditioning coach Rob Harris.

The team gets in vans to head across campus to Nutter Field House at 5:30 in the morning. There, they run for an hour before lifting for an hour. Occasionally, running in the sandpit will precede running on the turf, a "miserable" experience, as Calipari describes it.

After eating breakfast and a bit of downtime, they head off to class. It's a brutal way to start the day, especially in the summertime, but the hard work has many benefits in addition to getting in better shape, including the growth of team chemistry, a fundamental, cornerstone piece to any championship team.

"When you're doing the hard workouts and everything at 6 in the morning, the only people you look to are the person to your left and your right," Killeya-Jones said. "That's your teammates and that's who's going to be at war with you during the season."

The workouts have already paid dividends physically.

Sophomore forward Isaac Humphries is noticeably trimmer. The Australian native has lost around 15 pounds since the start of his freshman year and has replaced body fat this summer with muscle.

"(I feel) a lot quicker and lighter," he said. "I feel a lot more comfortable and confident to be able to do the things that are expected of a Kentucky basketball player, just with the athleticism side of things and stuff like that. Just a lot more comfortable."

Killeya-Jones, on the other hand, is trying to add weight. In mid-September he tweeted a video of himself on a scale weighing in at 236 pounds, a 12-pound increase from his listed weight in the preseason prospectus.

Wenyen Gabriel has also worked to add weight and muscle to his frame to allow him to both dish out and absorb the blows that come with playing at the collegiate level. Similarly, freshmen guards Malik Monk and De'Aaron Fox have both gotten stronger in their upper bodies, allowing them to finish better through contact as they drive to the basket.

"They're better," head coach John Calipari said. "Wenyen's way better. Wenyen's got bumps in his legs. He's got a ways to go but he's gotten stronger."

The workouts are a bear, but they're being welcomed by each player on the team because of a collective desire to raise a ninth championship banner into the Rupp Arena rafters.

"Sometimes I'm tired, but we gotta do this if we want to be great," Killeya-Jones said of the workouts. "We want to do the best we can. Nobody's ever complaining about it. We're all really grateful that we

have this opportunity to work out and be in the best situation possible and have coaches and trainers and everybody around us to help us get better. We're taking full advantage of it."

In addition to each of the aforementioned benefits, the arduous offseason workout program should also help the Wildcats as they look to replace a whopping seven players from last year's team. Those seven Wildcats played more than 69 percent of UK's total minutes, accounted for nearly 76 percent of UK's scoring and 70 percent of its rebounding.

To say Kentucky has to replace a lot of its production would be quite the understatement.

Together, Tyler Ulis and Jamal Murray averaged 37.4 points, 8.2 rebounds, 9.2 assists and 2.4 steals per game. They each averaged over 35 minutes per game, with Ulis nearly logging over 37 minutes per game in Southeastern Conference action.

Kentucky does, however, return one huge piece from last year's team in sophomore guard Isaiah Briscoe, to whom Calipari has handed the keys. Briscoe, despite his sophomore standing, is UK's leading returner in many major statistical categories, including minutes, scoring and rebounding. In the frontcourt, Kentucky returns only Humphries as someone who played primarily in the paint. There's also forward Derek Willis, who will be Kentucky's top returning 3-point shooter.

Part of the reason the Wildcats carry such high expectations this season, despite losing so much from last year's 27-9 team, is the belief in Kentucky's top-rated freshman class and frontcourt additions.

CBS college basketball insider Jon Rothstein pegged freshman Edrice "Bam" Adebayo as his SEC Player of the Year, and one-third of his 15 impact SEC freshmen were UK rookies.

As is the case every year – and as is the case with every team in the country – Kentucky will enter the season attempting to win every game it plays. After winning its 47th SEC regular season championship and its 29th SEC Tournament title last year, UK will attempt to bring home Nos. 48 and 30, respectively this season.

"Obviously, the end goal is to win that last game in March," Mychal Mulder said, "but coming to Kentucky we have a lot of people behind us that want us to win and succeed."

It's hard to see the big picture at 5:30 in the morning lunging and sprinting through a cold sand pit or lifting weights prior to the sunrise. The grind of a long season begins with one annoying alarm clock ring after another. But the end goal is to have one game buzzer sound and confetti rain down.

"My goal is to win a national championship, and I feel like it's not farfetched," Fox said. "I feel like we have every piece to do it. … I feel like we can win a SEC championship, take all that momentum and try to win a national championship – try to bring No. 9 to Kentucky."

Humphries' transformation leads to higher expectations

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Isaac Humphries doesn't like using the word "hype," mainly because he doesn't believe in it.

That's probably a good thing because the native of Sydney, Australia, is getting plenty of it this offseason after trimming down his body fat and bulking up the rest of his body. The expectations surrounding Humphries have now grown to heights unheard of during his freshman campaign.

"That just fuels my determination," Humphries said. "I was already so determined to do well and to prove everyone wrong kind of – well not wrong, but to prove to everyone that I did belong on the court. Having it out there just makes it even better because now I can go and they'll say, 'Oh, he's right.' "

It doesn't take long to notice the physical differences in Humphries from a year ago. At 7-feet tall he's hard not to notice as is, but the slimmed down Humphries now has a real presence to him. On the court in practice, he gets up and down the floor much more quickly and more fluidly.

"My friend sent me a picture the other day of me about this time because I was wearing this shirt that we wore last year on this day," Humphries said on the day of preseason interviews. "I just look so different. It's so weird."

Humphries' physical transformation isn't the only thing. Mentally, his approach to the game appears to be a total departure from a year ago when he was a 17-year-old who had bypassed his senior year of high school to reclassify and play a year early on one of college basketball's biggest stages.

"The crazy thing is he'll still be one of the youngest players in college basketball (this season)," head coach John Calipari said. "So basically he's a freshman. He got an extra year last year because of his age."

Already the big man has played through great highs and great lows in his collegiate career. On Feb. 20 at Texas A&M he went through both after coming off the bench to score six points and grab a career-high 12 rebounds, but was also charged with a technical foul after spiking the ball late in overtime.

That experience gained from Humphries has been invaluable already this preseason. He knows better of what Coach Cal is asking of him and he's able to share that wisdom to his younger teammates, even if Calipari would like him to do that in a more vocal manner.

"Really intelligent player, intelligent person," Calipari said. "He's not saying a whole lot right now. We need him to talk more, but the thing he is becoming is he's becoming confident, little more self-assured. I can't help you with that. You either demonstrate performance on the court (or you don't). He's got to build confidence where his teammates want to throw him the ball. I can't just say, 'Have confidence in him, throw him the ball.' Well, it doesn't work that way. So, he's doing that himself. That's why you look at him out there and you say, 'Wow.' "

"I learned a lot last season," Humphries said. "The system, how everything works, what to expect, the pressure and stuff like that, how to handle myself on and off the court. I think just to not get down on things I did wrong and stuff like that, and just have confidence no matter what. I think confidence is such a big thing in college basketball, or basketball in general."

With the lost weight and better conditioning Humphries is also able to play much more above the rim than he did one year ago. When he first arrived on campus Calipari compared Humphries to former UK forward Josh Harrellson, who until his senior year played almost exclusively below the rim. Humphries was the same way in high school and last season, but that has changed in a big way already this year.

"He's in great shape," Coach Cal said. "… Like, he does not lay any balls in. He's trying to dunk every ball. He's physically able to run."

Asked how a game would go between 2015-16 Isaac Humphries and present day Isaac Humphries, the big man said it wouldn't even be a contest.

"Oh my god. I think I'd run a little bit and then fall over," Humphries said. "I think I'd just kill last year's Isaac for sure. Six feet under."

With all the praise an adulation Humphries has gotten this offseason and preseason from a variety of sources, there is now a level of expectation for the young Aussie who played just an average of 9.1 minutes in each of the 23 games he got in.

He says the praise he's gotten from his Hall of Fame head coach has reassured him that his hard work both on and off the court isn't going unnoticed. But as Coach Cal so often likes to tell his players, only the

players can build their own confidence and that's done through demonstrated performance, which Humphries echoes.

"In the pickup games and practices I've been so determined to do really well," Humphries said. "Every game that I do well in everything I do just adds more confidence to me. I'm just laughing from then on. I just feel like I'm unstoppable at some points because you just get in that groove and get that confidence and you just go, really."

Add it all together and it's easy to see why Humphries is getting so much hype. And the reason he doesn't like the word lends one to believe he's well equipped to handle all that he gets.

"I feel like you are who you are and whatever is around there doesn't really have anything to do with it," Humphries said. "Having everyone know about it is good. But at the end of the day I'm just going to go out and play really hard and prove to everyone that what he's saying is right."

Mystery Man: Wynyard Eager to Take Floor

By Guy Ramsey | Cat Scratches | Oct. 4, 2016

Perhaps no Kentucky basketball player in recent memory has been more of an unknown than Tai Wynyard.

The New Zealander doesn't have the massive backlog of YouTube mixtapes of a typical John Calipari recruit. He didn't play high-school ball in the United States and certainly didn't take in the prep all-star circuit before enrolling.

That's left fans to wonder what the Kiwi is all about, latching on any morsel of information, namely his predisposition for chopping wood as the son of a world-champion lumberjack.

"It's kind of cool," Wynyard said. "They don't know what to expect and that's pretty fun to be able to be in that position."

Wynyard arrived on campus as a mid-year enrollee in December of last season. His imposing 6-foot-10 frame led many to wonder whether he might immediately add some much-needed bulk to the thin UK frontcourt, but he instead redshirted. Needless to say, sitting out has only added to the anticipation as he prepares to play in his first game as a Wildcat.

"It's going to be a really cool experience, being able to come in and play after watching everyone play for so long," Wynyard said. "It'll be pretty cool. It's just been a little tease for me. It's right there. I could just go and grab it."

Though the last 10 months haven't always been easy, enrolling early was the right decision for Wynyard.

"Joining a team midseason was really tough for me," Wynyard said. "Coming into a team that's already established, I missed out on summer and stuff like that. It was pretty hard. It was pretty cool now this year because I already know everything."

Not only has Wynyard already settled in as a college student and adjusted to practices under John Calipari, his game has also taken leaps forward, as you'd expect with the competition he faces every day.

"I've definitely improved a lot since I've been here," Wynyard said. "Everything. My conditioning has gone up. My strength has gone up and my finishing around the hoop has been stronger. My rebounding. Everything you can think of has gone up a little bit."

The goal for Wynyard is now to translate that improvement into playing time and production. To get there, his coach said he still does have work ahead.

"I still think he's a little behind physically, conditioning," Calipari said. "Until you break that it's really hard to break through, because you're behind the action, which means you're late to balls, which means shots get blocked. Being in great condition. That's what Isaac (Humphries) has done, and that's what Tai has to do."

Calipari invoking the example of a native of New Zealand's neighbor and rival, Australia, has to add some motivation for Wynyard, and the conditioning message is one he has taken to heart.

"I just really need to push myself and get into the best shape that I can be in so that I can be on the court for as long as I can be," Wynyard said.

When he's on the court, Wynyard can definitely tell fans what to expect.

"I can provide this team with hard work and dedication," Wynyard said. "You put me on that court, I'm going to get every rebound I can get and fight for everything."

Words only do so much to clear up the mystery though. It's going to take stepping between the lines for fans to really know Wynyard.

"I'm really excited to be able to show the people how I play and what type of player I am. They've already seen little highlight videos, which doesn't really show me at all because it was so long ago. I'm just excited to get into it."

Hawkins seeks redemption in senior year

By Metz Camfield | CoachCal.com | Oct. 4, 2016

Dominique Hawkins was having the best preseason of his Kentucky career last year. He was hitting shots, playing with confidence and locking down defensively. He was playing so well that he had worked his way into the rotation.

Then it all came crashing down. On Oct. 5, 2015, it was announced Hawkins had broken his right hand at practice and would miss approximately one month's time.

"At that point I was just so frustrated, to be honest," Hawkins said. "I knew I was going to be able to come back in four to five weeks, and I told myself when I come back just get in the gym and get ready because you're going to get an opportunity to play this year because we weren't really guard heavy at the time."

After returning to the court, Hawkins wasn't the same player as he was prior to the injury. He made just three of his first 14 shot attempts in the first nine games he played.

Then the Louisville game happened.

The Kentucky-Louisville game is always one of the biggest games on the schedule both for the players and the fans. For a Kentucky native like Hawkins, it's even more important. Hawkins came off the bench and shined against the rival Cardinals, playing every bit the way he looked in the preseason by knocking down three of his four 3-point attempts to highlight a career-high 13 points.

But then Hawkins suffered a high ankle sprain the very next game, Kentucky's Southeastern Conference opener against Ole Miss, after just three minutes of action.

"I never had a big-time injury like that," Hawkins said. "I always sprained my ankle or something little and be back in one week. I had a high sprained ankle and they said five weeks. I was like, 'There's no way. I can come back in two weeks.' I probably rushed it a little bit, but I'm glad that I was able to get the opportunity to still play."

It was a season filled with what head coach John Calipari called "buzzard's luck."

"He's been unlucky with some injuries when he had his chance and all of a sudden he gets hurt," Calipari said. "So let's hope he stays healthy."

Hawkins enters his senior year with redemption on his mind and in his eyes. He's healthy again and feeling great about his game. In practice he's facing some of the fastest players he will face all season with freshmen De'Aaron Fox and Malik Monk putting his defensive prowess to the test.

"Being able to guard people like that is making me better, and also making them better as an offensive player," Hawkins said in regards to the freshmen duo. "As we play pickup games each and every day, everybody is getting even better I feel like, and

we learn more about each other, on the court and off the court."

And while Fox and Monk may be coming to Kentucky as two of the highest rated guards in the country, Calipari does not want Hawkins to concede an inch to either of them.

"Dom should be mentally ahead of these guys," Coach Cal said. "Now, maybe physically, maybe their basketball skill, some of these guys, may be a little bit better than him. But mentally, physically, no. No, they shouldn't be."

With that in mind, Hawkins will also be entering this redemptive season with a chip on his shoulder. He has shown flashes of his potential in the past. As a freshman he was inserted into UK's rotation during its improbable NCAA Tournament run, earning particular praise for his defensive work against Michigan sharpshooter Nik Stauskas in the Elite Eight. As a junior he was building a buzz in the preseason and then shined against Louisville before injuries quickly followed both instances.

"Definitely have to play with a chip on my shoulder because I know the guys coming in are great," Hawkins said. "I have to play with these guys and prove that I can play with them. In practice I'm showing Coach Cal I'm probably as good as these guys, if not better. I know I have to have fight for playing time and that's what I'm trying to do."

Hawkins worked hard on his shooting during the offseason, saying he felt like his confidence dropped after the high ankle sprain from the Ole Miss game at the start of the conference schedule.

Over the summer he traveled to China in conjunction with Reach USA where he played with eight other student-athletes from schools around the country. Being the only player from a power-five conference, Hawkins was relied upon as a leader and averaged 8.8 points, 3.4 rebounds, 3.2 assists and 2.6 steals per game.

More of a quiet guy on the floor, Hawkins enjoys leading by example. Back on campus working with the newcomers, he's worked with the freshmen to show them the importance of defense, among other things.

"I feel like the biggest strengths I can bring is probably defense and leadership," Hawkins said. "Being a defensive player – at Kentucky I've been known as a great defensive player. I've guarded tremendous players since I've been here. I just need to let the other guys like the freshmen know that defense is key to win games. I remember my sophomore year when we were going undefeated our defense was incredible. That's what got us there."

Hawkins enters his final year having played in a team-high 83 games. He knows more consistent performances in games and practice will lead to more consistent minutes. With his health back and demonstrated performances in his past, he believes his final year can be his best.

"My confidence I feel like is sky high right now," Hawkins said. "I've been in the gym a lot. I've been shooting the ball well, getting to the rack and shooting floaters. That's probably when I'm at my best. And I've been playing great defense on these guys. Hopefully it will carry on into the season."

Pulliam combines two passions for one cause

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Dillon Pulliam had a different summer than the rest of his Kentucky Wildcat teammates.

Like his teammates, the redshirt sophomore walk-on played basketball over the summer, worked out and fine-tuned his game. But he also traveled to Belize, a small country similar in size to Massachusetts that borders Guatemala and Mexico in Central America, for a mission trip.

"We went down there, it was about 10 players – seven of them were other college players," Pulliam said. "So we went down there, played four or five games and then after the games we would share our testimony and give a little devotional to the other team, and tell them about Christ, our life and stuff like that. It was definitely a great experience and I learned a lot from it."

The trip was in conjunction with the group Sports Reach, which is the same group that senior guard Dominique Hawkins traveled with to China earlier in the summer. On the trip, Pulliam gained a greater appreciation of what he has in his own life, such as simply having clean, running water.

It was not only Pulliam's first time being out of the country for an extended period of time, it was also his first mission trip. Originally, the Cynthiana, Kentucky, native was planning on going on one next summer, but found out about this opportunity three weeks before the departure date and said he felt he was called to go.

"We saw incredible things, but then really sad things," Pulliam said. "It just taught me to be thankful for what I have and to appreciate life every day."

And he already has plans on going on another mission trip next summer.

"It was a great experience," Pulliam said. "I'm going to try to go next summer whether it be to China or Belize again, or another country. It was fun, especially being able to combine basketball with it. That was really cool for me because that was two things I love."

Pulliam is involved with the Christian Student Fellowship group on campus at Kentucky. He's in a small group with CSF that former Kentucky guard Jarrod Polson leads that meets Wednesday nights, and also tries to attend their synergy every Thursday when practices or workouts don't conflict with it.

Pulliam says he's not the most vocal person about his faith, but tries instead to demonstrate it by how he lives his life.

"I grew up in a church home and I committed to Christ in like the seventh grade," Pulliam said. "Like anyone else, I've had my ups and downs, but I feel like I've always tried to stay strong in my faith. Especially when I came to UK I was able to be a part of CSF and I feel like that's really helped me to grow as a Christian and as a person. Last year we had a small group that Jarrod and Gabe (Measner) and a few other guys led. We did that every week. That was one thing that really helped me to grow because we would read the Word and we also would be encouraged to study outside of the group and learn about stuff on our own."

In Kentucky, the love and passion for Wildcat basketball is often compared to religion. Pulliam knows all about that after having grown up in the Commonwealth. And after redshirting last season, per NCAA rules after transferring from Division III Transylvania University, Pulliam cannot wait to finally put on the blue and white Kentucky uniform for the first time this season.

The 6-foot-3 guard averaged 4.8 points and 3.4 rebounds per game in his freshman season for the Pioneers. Last year, Pulliam could not dress out at home games, nor could he travel with the team on road games. It was a tough pill to swallow at the time, but will only make the upcoming year sweeter.

"It was definitely difficult because on the road games you feel like you're almost not a part of the team because everybody's gone and you're on campus by yourself," Pulliam said. "I feel like it really helped me to grow a lot, but this year I'm definitely looking forward to getting the chance to play and travel and put on the Kentucky jersey, something I've dreamed of.

"Representing the state that I grew up in, that I love, is definitely a blessing. I know whenever I go back home people always

tell me good job, keep up the good work and that they're cheering for me. They're proud of me to represent Harrison County, Cynthiana, the state of Kentucky, all that."

Newcomers Bring Unique Gifts to Backcourt

By Guy Ramsey | Cat Scratches | Oct. 5, 2016

Malik Monk is a student of basketball, working hard to understand the ins and outs of the game he loves.

But when it comes to picturing what a Kentucky fast break will look like this season, he sees things in very simple terms.

"Pass, pass, pass, lob, dunk," Monk said.

No complicated Xs and Os are needed for a Wildcat team that projects to be athletic even by the lofty standards of a typical John Calipari team, led by dynamic freshman guards Monk and De'Aaron Fox. In fact, Monk says not even dribbles are necessary when the Cats are running.

"We don't need any," Monk said. "Rebound – (Isaiah) Briscoe might get the rebound – Fox running, pass it up to me, I'm running to the corner, Fox passes it up to me and I just throw it up. Somebody will catch it."

The exact recipe might vary from break to break, but likely not one basic tenet, the same tenet John Calipari applied to an open-floor terror he coached when UK won the national championship in 2012.

"Malik maybe played like Michael (Kidd-Gilchrist), which is if he's ahead, give it to him," Calipari said. "If you don't give it to him, you're coming out."

Fox is similarly exceptional in his physical gifts, specifically his otherworldly speed. That makes UK even more dangerous on the break, but only if the 6-foot-3 point guard uses it.

"His pace of game is too casual at times," Calipari said. "Like, my thing is, there are times he can look as fast as John Wall. John Wall knew that was his number one weapon and he used it all the time. Probably too much. De'Aaron hasn't figured out that should be his number one weapon. It's a weapon he'll use every once in a while, but it's really hard to run that fast all the time."

Of course, the usefulness of that weapon isn't limited to the fast break. That's why Coach Cal sees so much potential for this group to do half-court damage with the dribble-drive.

"It fits the way I play, Isaiah plays, Dom (Hawkins) plays, Malik plays. We all get most of our stuff off the dribble," Fox said. "That's what we've done since we've been in middle school. I think the dribble-drive the way Cal teaches it, it helps all of us. And it doesn't matter the position we're in. You're almost pretty much doing the same thing at all three positions, so it just helps us all."

Regardless of the offense UK runs, Fox will have the unenviable task of following Tyler Ulis in leading it from the point-guard position.

"He was extremely consistent," Fox said. "What people saw was the way he led the team at 5-(foot)-9. People didn't think that he was going to be able to do it and he did an extremely good job at it. That's one thing I want to take away from him. Just being able to run a team like that, not too many people have that skill."

The good news is Fox won't have to carry the load all by himself. In addition to Monk, Fox has Briscoe, the sophomore who played off the ball last season after starring in high school at the point.

"People are always going to be on their heels," Fox said. "You never know what we're going to do. Just playing with him and Isaiah, we got guards that can really create for each other. We can all create for ourselves and I feel like it's going to be hard to stop all three of us. If you're stopping all three of us, your defense is just elite. I don't feel like many people in the country can stop all three of us."

And even if they can, Coach Cal doesn't want it to matter. With a roster full of guards Calipari termed "maulers," he expects to field a team that breads its butter on defense.

"Let's be a team that, alright even if we don't shoot it well or we don't execute well we can still win the game," Calipari said. "That's what I think we'll do with this team. I told Tony Barbee, I said, 'Maybe back to my UMass, which was about 70 percent defense.' "

That might not excite some players, but don't count Fox among them. He knows what good defense can lead to.

"The strength of this backcourt group is defensively we're able to get up under people," Fox said. "We're going to have a lot of fast breaks."

You already know what happens then.

"Pass, pass, pass, lob, dunk."

Ball to the De'Aaron Fox aims to be Calipari's fastest (and best) point guard

By Kyle Tucker | SEC Country | Oct. 6, 2016

LEXINGTON, Ky. – John Wall was a blur at Kentucky. To use coach John Calipari's favorite phrase, Wall was the gold standard of speed for a point guard. In a blink, he zoomed from 5-star recruit to college All-American to No. 1 draft pick to NBA All-Star.

So buckle up for this one, Kentucky fans: "I think I'm faster than John," freshman point guard De'Aaron Fox said. Which answers another question: Nope, he's not intimidated by the prospect of replacing Calipari's latest All-American point guard, Tyler Ulis, either.

"I know it's going to be tough, but it's nothing that can't be done," said Fox, a consensus top-10 recruit and projected NBA lottery pick. "He left a huge hole in the program. I'm just trying to fill it, trying to do even more than he did."

All Ulis did was break Wall's single-season school record for assists last season. But Fox is the kind of guy who probably has that number (246) scribbled on a scrap of paper and tucked away in his locker. A goal, not an albatross.

It's hardly unfounded confidence for the 6-foot-3 McDonald's All-American who scored 30-plus points 20 times as a high school senior. When Fox was finished flying up and down the floor during Sunday night's on-campus combine in front of about 90 NBA scouts and a national-TV audience, more than a few jaws dropped.

"He is a world-class athlete," ESPN analyst and former Virginia Tech coach Seth Greenberg told SEC Country on Monday, after seeing Fox at three different UK practices. "His ability to start and stop, change directions and get to top speed is incredible."

Sound familiar? Greenberg said he hesitates to compare recruits and college players to established stars in the NBA, but in the case of Fox and Wall, it doesn't strike him as terribly inappropriate.

"He's explosive in the open floor, he's got a ridiculous burst. If you compare where they're at in college, he has a lot of the traits and attributes that John Wall had. There's no doubt about it," said Greenberg, who then tantalized Wildcats fans: "I think Fox shoots it a little better than John at this stage, with better range."

But that might not even be the most exciting thing about Kentucky's newest prized point guard. When his teammates were asked to name the best defender on the roster, Fox's name came up almost as often as established stoppers Isaiah Briscoe and Dominique Hawkins.

Calipari said Fox can "maul people" defensively. That, even more than his elite speed and playmaking ability, jumped out at Greenberg, too.

"He is as good on the ball as any player I've seen – his hands are as quick and active

as any player I've seen – in a long time," the analyst said. "He just takes you out. I don't know if they keep deflections, but he'll set a record for deflections at Kentucky. He's got hands, great reach, terrific anticipation and instinct, and he's got a mindset defensively to disrupt."

Yeah, but back to the important stuff: Is he really faster than John Wall? Calipari thinks they're in the same neighborhood, although Fox is still learning to maximize his unusual athleticism. Even the swiftest stars sometimes need a push.

"I saw De'Aaron Fox make a play in transition, shoot it, miss the layup, grab it and dunk it. What? Like, and that's your guard – point guard," Calipari said. But … "His pace of game is too casual at times. There are times he can look as fast as John Wall. John Wall knew that was his No. 1 weapon and he used it all the time, probably too much.

"De'Aaron hasn't figured out that should be his No. 1 weapon. It's a weapon he'll use every once in a while."

Those comments from Calipari came a month ago, however, during a preseason round-table interview with local reporters. Several practices and plenty of prodding later, Fox sure looked willing to go warp speed Sunday night.

Whether blowing by Briscoe for a basket or buzzing ahead on a fast break, he was practicing what Calipari has been preaching: "Just get it and go," Fox said. "We're not waiting for anybody."

As if his coach has made him repeat it in the mirror – What is my most valuable trait? What is my most valuable trait? What is my most valuable trait? – Fox now has it ready to recite on command.

"It's my speed," he said. "Speed it something you really can't teach. I don't think many people know how to defend speed. We're extremely athletic, really at every single position, every spot, so we're going to get out and run and it's going to be an exciting game to watch."

Whether he'll play faster than Wall or better than Ulis, or lead Kentucky to a Final Four as the starting point guard (which neither Wall nor Ulis did) remains to be seen. The pursuit of those three things could come with quite a bit of pressure. But not for Fox.

Among his many gifts, Greenberg said, "I like that he plays with a smile on his face. He plays with a genuine enthusiasm and love of the game, and you can see it. That's really important. The pressure of being at Kentucky and the expectation, that grind, will not suffocate him. I think he will embrace the grind, and that's the key."

Calipari has chosen new assistant to share UK's 'special story' with recruits

By Ben Roberts | Lexington Herald-Leader | Oct. 13, 2016

These days, Joel Justus goes into high school gyms and players' homes wearing University of Kentucky gear, recruiting on behalf of arguably the most powerful program in college basketball.

It wasn't too long ago that he was on the other side of such conversations.

Before coming to UK two years ago as the program's new director of analytics, Justus spent the previous six seasons as a high school basketball coach in North Carolina and Virginia.

He hosted college coaches for open gyms at his school, and he spoke Thursday of the circus that goes along with a visit from a big-name coach like his boss, John Calipari.

"I've told him, 'Cal, man, you're a big deal when you walk in someone's house or you walk in someone's school, it's a big, big deal,'" Justus said. "You've got kids that don't even know where the gym is at a high school, and they're finding out where the gym is. They're poking their head around and looking in. It's funny."

One of Justus' primary roles moving forward will be to make sure the players Calipari is coming to see on such visits have the full picture of the coach they're about to meet and the program he represents.

Calipari announced last month that Justus had been elevated to the role of assistant coach after spending the previous two seasons in a support role. The new job title means, among other things, that Justus will be representing Kentucky on the recruiting trail, something he was doing over the summer on a temporary basis.

It was in those past few months that Calipari noticed Justus could be a major asset to UK's program as a recruiter, especially with younger players still years away from starting their college careers. Calipari noted that — with UK basically recruiting a brand new team every year — his coaching staff hasn't always had time to build relationships with the younger prospects.

"Putting Joel in a position to really attack and establish us with some young kids — at least have our presence known with young kids — I thought was important," he said.

At this point, pretty much any recruit worthy of a UK scholarship offer knows of the program's success under Calipari, both in terms of victories and NBA Draft picks. But the lack of communication during those recruits' early years allows other programs to paint a picture of UK or Calipari that might not be totally true.

UK officials have noticed an increase in negative recruiting against them over the past couple of years, and they're looking at proactive ways to combat that.

"What we are trying to do is get out and create the narrative before it's written by someone else," Justus said. "Because we have a special story to tell. And Cal wants to make sure that we are the first ones to tell that story. That we don't have to then come in and take the eraser and erase chapters of stories that are not true, partially true, cloudy.

"We're able to come in and create the message."

That's what Justus has been doing since the start of the fall recruiting period on Sept. 9. He estimated Thursday that he had seen about 20 prospective recruits in that time, many of them underclassmen who UK would like to build relationships with early in their high school careers and then monitor for possible scholarship offers down the road.

"Here, we're looking for the right fit," he said. "The right person who wants to come in and embraces the type of player that comes to Kentucky."

Justus, who spent four seasons as an assistant coach at Elon University before becoming a high school head coach, said Thursday that he wouldn't have been ready for his new role when he first came to UK two years ago. "There's no way I could have done it — not at Kentucky," he said.

He talked about learning something new from Calipari every day in the two years since, and praised John Robic, Kenny Payne, Tony Barbee and former UK assistant Barry Rohrssen for their guidance during that time.

There are some obvious benefits to recruiting at a school like UK, Justus said, but it also has its unique challenges, especially when you're trying to build the bulk of a roster from scratch every year.

"Recruiting is about relationships, and I think if you're a genuine, trustworthy person, you can recruit at a lot of places," he said. "But it takes a little bit of a study guide … to do it here."

Bam Adebayo not trying to be next Cousins, Davis or Towns

By Mark Story | Lexington Herald-Leader | Oct. 13, 2016

For a guy about to test himself against one of college basketball's more exacting standards, Bam Adebayo seems unperturbed.

"There's always been pressure with me," the Kentucky freshman big man says, "because I've always wanted to be the best I can be."

For all that's been written about the line of exceptional John Calipari point guards — Derrick Rose, Tyreke Evans, John Wall, Brandon Knight and Tyler Ulis are nothing to sneeze at — since Cal became a Cat a different position has, arguably, become the signature of the UK program.

Under Calipari, the Wildcats have had a whopping eight post players drafted by the NBA (that doesn't count power forwards Patrick Patterson, Terrence Jones and Julius Randle).

UK's had six big men — DeMarcus Cousins, Anthony Davis, Nerlens Noel, Willie Cauley-Stein, Karl-Anthony Towns, Skal Labissiere — taken in the first round.

It's had five post players — Cousins, Davis, Noel, Towns, Cauley-Stein — chosen in the NBA draft lottery.

There have been three — Cousins, Davis, Cauley-Stein — first-team Associated Press All-Americans.

Two NBA All-Stars (Davis and Cousins).

Two Olympic gold medalists (Davis and Cousins).

And one Wooden Award winner (Davis).

Coming off a rare season when Calipari and UK could never establish a consistent low-post presence, the hope is that Adebayo — a chiseled 6-foot-10, 260-pounder — can return the Kentucky post position to elite status.

Before an overflow crowd of reporters inside Memorial Coliseum for Thursday's annual UK Media Day, Calipari sounded confident Adebayo would do just that.

"He's just getting better every day," Calipari said. "His footwork, he's still learning. He still fades some. But he's skilled. He can pass. He flies up and down the court, flies. Literally, we can go boom, bing, lob, dunk, and it's him. He may have rebounded the ball, (and you're) like what? He's fast."

A native of Newark, N.J., who grew up in Little Washington, N.C., Adebayo surprised many when he picked Kentucky over North Carolina State, which had long been thought his recruiting favorite.

In Calipari's pitch, Adebayo says the Kentucky coach challenged him — and he liked it. "He was telling me (at Kentucky) you don't get promised anything," Adebayo said. "He told me you have to earn everything you have. ... I've never liked anything given to me. I like to earn everything."

Last season at the High Point Christian Academy in North Carolina, Adebayo averaged 18.9 points and 13 rebounds. A McDonald's All-American, he was ranked as the No. 5 Class of 2016 prospect entering college basketball by ESPN.

Interestingly, ESPN analyst Seth Greenberg, the former Virginia Tech head coach, says the best comparison for Adebayo in terms of a former Kentucky player is power forward Patrick Patterson — from the two years he spent playing for Billy Gillispie, not the season (2009-10) he spent with Calipari.

Said Greenberg: "Patterson is a good (comparison). ... You think of Patrick Patterson, you've got to remember, it wasn't till his junior year he started to make some threes ... But (the first two seasons at UK) he ran, he played around the basket. He closed off. He rebounded. He had a big, physical body. ..."

In early UK practices, returning Kentucky center Isaac Humphries, the 7-foot, 255-pound Australian, has had a chance to test Adebayo.

"He's playing really well," Humphries said. "He surprises me every day. I think he's, like, the strongest person I've ever had to play against."

Dominique Hawkins, the Wildcats senior guard, says Adebayo's game is best described by "power, athletic, jumper."

Adebayo says he's working to add more. "I'm working on my whole arsenal," he says. "I don't want to be one-dimensional."

Calipari says Adebayo's development is "going to be a process. Just like it was for any of our big guys that bought it. Karl (Towns), and you saw guys, and as the season went on, they just got better and better and better."

For what it's worth, Adebayo says the pressure that will drive him this season has nothing to do with trying to prove worthy of the position once held by star-caliber names such as Cousins, Davis, Towns.

"The pressure I feel, it's not because of them," Adebayo said. "It's because of me wanting to be the best player I can be."

Calipari sells what recruits are buying

By Tim Sullivan | Courier-Journal | Oct. 13, 2016

LEXINGTON, Ky. – In one breath, John Calipari says he is aging in dog years. Then he exhales, backpedals, and proclaims that his players are keeping him young.

The University of Kentucky's basketball coach has a tendency to speak out of both sides of his mouth, sometimes simultaneously, and a knack for making this seem entirely natural. Aware that he is prone to repeat himself, Coach Cal asked a media audience Thursday to indulge him by acting as if they were hearing his stories for the first time.

Then he repeated himself on purpose, pounding familiar talking points as if with a ball-peen hammer, pitching a product already craved by his customers and selling a vision sure to resonate with recruits. Now starting his eighth season at UK, Calipari's methods are easily caricatured, but his success will be extremely difficult to duplicate. There may be a better pitchman somewhere, but Coach Cal's spellbinding skills make Professor Harold Hill look like Willy Loman.

"DeMarcus (Cousins') mom calls me in tears after he'd been drafted by the Sacramento Kings," Calipari recalled. "Tears. So I think something is wrong. "Is everything OK, Ms. Cousins? What happened? Is there something I can do?' "

The story is a setup, of course, another personal anecdote carefully crafted for public consumption consistent with Calipari's core message. And it serves that purpose to perfection.

As Calipari continues, Cousins' mother explains that her tears are of joy about the new house she has just occupied-- the rug on the floor, the furniture, the view of the ninth green.

"The ninth green?" Calipari replies. "You're on a golf course?"

"Yeah, Coach."

"Do you golf?"

"No, I don't."

"Well, why would you move on a golf course?"

Here, Calipari voice rises theatrically to deliver the punch line.

"Because I can."

In assigning higher priority to getting his players drafted than to winning championships, Calipari knows he is slightly out of step with some of his blue-blooded constituents. Yet he also knows what buttons to push with elite prospects and that his success in signing them has elevated a program that has long fancied itself as basketball's Mount Olympus.

Inasmuch as the ability to attract great players is not only compatible with winning championships, but a prerequisite in Division I basketball, Calipari needn't apologize for his stated positions. Yet even though he understands that revisiting the topic is bound to bring blowback, he keeps plowing ahead as if determined to persuade the last holdout.

"Generational poverty, most of us don't know what that means," he said. "But.these kids, not all of them, but a lot of them, this is the opportunity for their family, and I don't take it lightly. People will say to you,

'He doesn't care about winning. He doesn't care about national titles. All he wants to do is get players drafted.'

"If you want to pin that on me, I'll take it. We all know it's not true because we've won more games than any team in the country the last seven years, we've been to more Final Fours than any team in the country. We won one national title, probably should have won three or four, but we won a national title. In our league, we've done what we've done every year.

"I'm happy with what's happening on the basketball court, but I'm more happy about what's happening for these kids. If my team won a national title and no one got drafted, I'd be disappointed."

He knows how that will play in some places – "Oh, that will just rifle through our state," he said – but he proceeds.

"I would," he repeated, "be disappointed."

The odds against such a scenario are astronomical. In his first seven seasons at UK, Calipari has coached 28 NBA draft picks, 21 of them first rounders and 11 of them top-10 selections. He pegs the total value of their contracts at $2 billion.

If you're trying to close a deal, those are pretty strong selling points.

Iron sharpens iron: Cats refining games, roles each day in practice

By Metz Camfield | CoachCal.com | Oct. 13, 2016

Over the past seven years Kentucky basketball has won more games than any other program in college basketball. In that stretch it has won one national championship, been to four Final Fours and had 28 players selected in the NBA Draft.

There are a number of ways to attribute this success Kentucky has enjoyed in the John Calipari era. One of which is that Kentucky's players are competing against some of the best players in the country day in and day out in practice.

"That's what playing against good players does, and instead of it being 12 times a year in games – we may have 35, 36 games, but you're playing 12 to 15 against guys that are really going to be guys in that league that challenge you. The other (games) are not with players as good as you unless you're in a practice and every day you're facing someone who's just as good as you," Calipari said Thursday at UK's annual Media Day.

"That's how you get better. That's why we are doing this at Kentucky. That's why it's happening. It's that they get better because they compete, and that's what they want. If you don't want that, they don't come here. They go other places."

It's why, among other reasons, Coach Cal so often likes to tell people that Kentucky isn't for everybody. The attention and scrutiny from playing on the biggest stage in all of college basketball can be too much for some.

But the opportunity to get better every single day in practice because two players are competing against each other with the same end goal in mind is why there have been so many success stories not only at Kentucky, but in their NBA careers after Kentucky.

Freshman forward Sacha Killeya-Jones said that was a pivotal reason why he ultimately chose to come to Kentucky.

"That was a big part of me choosing here," he said. "I knew that it was going to be great guys. I knew it was going to be a crazy recruiting class, and even the guys coming back. Best bigs in the country. Why wouldn't you want to play against Bam (Adebayo), Wenyen (Gabriel), Isaac (Humphries) and Tai (Wynyard) every day in practice? That's how you get better. Iron sharpens iron. You play against the best you get better."

And Killeya-Jones has already gotten noticeably better.

During Sunday night's televised practice in front of some 90 NBA personnel, it was Killeya-Jones who was often singled out as the surprise of the practice. It wasn't that they didn't think he was a good player, it was just how much he had improved already.

Calipari echoed those sentiments Thursday.

"Look, I knew Sacha was good. I wouldn't have him here if I didn't think he was good, but I didn't know he was this good," Coach Cal said. "So now he's finally pushing through knees. He's not trying to say I can't go. He's staying up with the pack. He's now been challenged by other really good players.

"Sacha by that, going against these guys every day, we've got guys looking at me going, Coach, he's really good. Skilled, 6-(foot)-10, blocking shots."

The competitive spirit that Killeya-Jones had to have to come to Kentucky is the same attitude that each player on the UK roster possesses. It's why they all came and it's why the practices have been physical and intense. Exactly how Coach Cal likes them.

"See, you don't come here to say I want to be the only guy on the floor," Calipari said. "You come here to say you walk into practice and know you're going to get pushed. I'm going to get challenged every day in practice. If I don't bring it, I'm going to get dunked on, and I'm going to look bad. So I have to come every day ready."

Seniors Dominique Hawkins and Derek Willis are entering their fourth year of that. Hawkins admits he "wasn't confident at all offensively" as a freshman. Now it's not only him that's confident in his own shot and ability to make something happen, his teammates are telling him to shoot it as well.

Willis said his mind moved "1,000 miles per hour" when he first arrived at Kentucky. Through his time at Kentucky he's guarded everyone from Julius Randle and Willie Cauley-Stein, to the Harrison twins, Trey Lyles and even Devin Booker.

Now, they both take the court with their own confidence built through demonstrated performance, as well as the confidence of everyone around them.

"Can you imagine who they played against for four years in practice? How much better they got. How much more confident they are," Calipari said of the two Kentucky natives. "How about all of us, when you put them in the game, you don't have any anxiety. None of you do. I don't. The fans don't."

Calipari was quick to point out this current team won't be the team it is until February rolls around, and he said that's the case for everyone on the team. As the season rolls on the players' skillsets and roles will continue to become more refined.

What's most promising is that the refining won't come once or twice a month or even once or twice a week, as it is for many teams. Instead, it will come each day at practice.

"You don't come here if you want to shoot all the balls and be the face and be the only guy. You don't come here," Calipari said. "You come here to be the best version of yourself and play against other really good guys and be around other really good people, and then they learn from each other."

Don't blink or you might miss Kentucky's basketball team this season

By Kyle Tucker | SEC Country | Oct. 15, 2016

LEXINGTON, Ky. — This time of year, John Calipari's standard line about his latest reloaded roster is that he still has no idea exactly how the team will play. But entering the 2016-17 season, Kentucky's coach and players already seem to agree on at least

their general style.

"Fast," said guard Isaiah Briscoe. "Quick," said forward Tai Wynyard. "Speed," said wing Wenyen Gabriel.

"We're not going to stop," forward Sacha Killeya-Jones said. "We're going to maul the ball on defense, get up and down the court in transition, Bam (Adebayo) is going to dunk a lot. It's going to be a fun team to watch."

SEC Country asked every player at Kentucky's media day on Thursday to describe how these Wildcats will play in a sentence and every answer was nearly identical — save a few individual flourishes.

"I think it'll blow people's minds," center Isaac Humphries said.

But why?

"That's another sentence," Humphries continued. "Come on. Why? Because we're all very talented this year again, we're super quick again, and everyone has an IQ. It all just kind of works together. I feel like we're just a very well-oiled machine already, and it's kind of scary to me where we're going to go."

It doesn't scare Calipari. It excites him. He's whistling on the way to work again, imagining the possibilities with a roster full of long, athletic players who can run the floor. The likely starting backcourt of Briscoe, De'Aaron Fox and Malik Monk is about as turbo-charged as it gets.

Five-star forwards Adebayo, Killeya-Jones and Gabriel are all nimble big men, as is senior Derek Willis.

"We should be a fast team. Our bigs are fast. Our guards are fast," Calipari said. The 6-foot-10, 260-pound Adebayo "flies up and down the court. Flies. Literally, we can go boom, bing, lob, dunk, and it's him."

Per usual, the Wildcats coach then went on to list everything his team still doesn't know, all the advanced plays he hasn't even begun to install. They couldn't tell you what pick-and-roll defense means, Calipari says. They couldn't execute an out-of-bounds play to save their lives right now.

He joked that for the jump ball, he just hoped they would know to gather around the circle. But ...

"If you're 10,000 feet looking down," Calipari said, "I would say we're going to be a mauling, helping, rotating, shot-blocking team. Probably picks the ball up at half court because we can. On offense, a team that tries to score within three seconds and, if not, is doing something to attack the rim or throw it to the post. If that's not there, probably some sort of pick-and-roll or give it to somebody who can jump this high (raising his hand) or get a jump shot off if you can't get something easy.

"At 10,000 feet, I'm going to say that's what it would look like."

In other words, fairly fast and formidable. In still other words, Calipari said he would be "disappointed if in February this isn't the best defensive team." Because it is built to smother. So in a sentence, how will these Wildcats play?

"One word would be great," Fox said. "Style-wise? Fast, definitely. Defensively, just try to speed up the game, make the ballhandler feel uncomfortable, make him play outside of what he wants to do. And then offensively, once we grab a defensive rebound, we're gone."

The most freakish athlete on Calipari's roster may surprise you

By Mark Story | Lexington Herald-Leader | Oct. 15, 2016

When the NBA scouts descended on Lexington last weekend for what has become the annual University of Kentucky preseason "combine," one question was settled.

It is clear who the best athlete on John Calipari's 2016-17 roster is.

Dominique Hawkins battled for a rebound in Kentucky's 2016 NCAA Tournament round of 32 loss to Indiana.

According to results of physical testing from the UK combine reported on DraftExpress.com, one player had the best no-step vertical leap (37 inches), best maximum vertical leap (44.5 inches) and best 185-pound bench press (16 repetitions).

That same player also tied for third in the three-quarters-court sprint (3.18 seconds).

What may surprise some is the identity of the UK player who lit up last weekend's athletic testing: Senior guard Dominique Hawkins.

At Kentucky Media Day Thursday, I asked the former Madison Central star if he thought UK fans realized he is the best athlete in the Wildcats' men's basketball program?

"I don't know," Hawkins said. "I guess if they look at the stats numbers (from the combine), they realize it."

Hawkins' performance in the 2016 UK combine was no fluke. He matched exactly what he did in 2015 except for the the bench press — where he went from 15 reps last year to 16.

"I really didn't know I was that strong until I actually did the test," Hawkins said. "Once I got done, I was shocked myself when I saw I did that."

In assessing the 2016 UK combine, DraftExpress wrote that Hawkins is "one of the most freakish athletes in college basketball. ... Hawkins' 44.5 in maximum vertical leap puts him on par with the best marks ever produced at the NBA Draft Combine."

For all his athleticism, Hawkins has scored only 115 points combined in his first three seasons of college basketball.

After leading Madison Central to the 2013 Sweet Sixteen championship, Hawkins could have gone to a lot of places other than UK. At many of those places, he would have been a three-year starter, maybe a 1,000-points career scorer.

He accepted the challenge of Kentucky "because I wanted to play for championships," the 6-foot, 191-pound guard said.

Even on a roster stocked annually with Calipari's usual collection of McDonald's All-Americans, Hawkins has had some signature moments at UK.

During Kentucky's run to the 2014 NCAA championship game, Hawkins was the Cats' backcourt defensive stopper, assigned to harass star guards such as Louisville's Russ Smith and Michigan's Nik Stauskas.

Last season, Hawkins was a hero of Kentucky's two-point victory over archrival U of L, making three three-pointers and scoring a career-high 13 points, including UK's final five.

An ankle sprain in the Cats' subsequent contest with Mississippi kept Hawkins from having the chance to build on his breakthrough performance vs. Louisville.

One person not surprised that Hawkins performed so well on tests of athleticism is Madison Central head man Allen Feldhaus Jr.

In high school, "Dom had sort of another gear, where he would get in the air in the lane against taller players and he could keep elevating," Feldhaus Jr. said.

During Hawkins' senior year, Madison Central was playing at Trinity. Madison Central ran its "Arizona" play — a ball reversal with a back screen leading to a lob pass to Hawkins.

"On the bench, when we saw the pass, we were like 'That's too high. Nobody could get that,'" Feldhaus Jr. recalled.

Hawkins soared, caught the ball with one hand and directed it emphatically through the rim with a cuff dunk.

"Even the Trinity cheering section went wild," Feldhaus Jr. said.

Once his UK days end, Hawkins envisions continuing his basketball career.

"I definitely would love to go overseas and play," he said. "Anything involved in basketball, I would love to do."

Many look at a guy with the physical build and quantifiable athleticism of

Hawkins and envision him trying a different sport. In his senior year at Madison Central, Hawkins ran for over 1,100 yards as a football running back. He looks like a prototypical SEC defensive back.

Has Mark Stoops ever inquired if Hawkins might be interested in using his fifth year of college eligibility in Commonwealth Stadium?

"He never has said anything before," Hawkins said.

For now, Hawkins is hoping he can stay healthy as a UK senior and get an opportunity to show more of his athleticism in his final season of Wildcats hoops.

"I'm just blessed to have the abilities God gave me," the best athlete in the Kentucky basketball program says.

Mulder bouncing into a role

By Metz Camfield | CoachCal.com | Oct. 27, 2016

There's been something just a little different with Kentucky senior guard Mychal Mulder this summer and preseason. The question is, what is it?

Well, to put it simply, Mulder has a bit more bounce in his step – and in his game – these days.

"I feel good," Mulder said Thursday at the Joe Craft Center. "We've been working hard in the offseason, had a lot of time to progress. So I've been feeling good."

Mulder worked on his game, shot and body, among other things, over the offseason and said he's currently up to 190 pounds. The results of all that hard work have been obvious, and he'll get his first opportunity to show it against an outside opponent on Sunday night against Clarion in Kentucky's first of two exhibition games at Rupp Arena.

Mulder has always been known as a good shooter, but didn't get to show that off much last season. He averaged just 3.8 minutes per game and attempted just a dozen 3-point shots the entire season (making two). This preseason has been a different story.

"I'll tell you who has been playing well," Kentucky head coach John Calipari said. "Mychal Mulder has been shooting the pee out of the ball.

"He's making every shot right now. If you leave him open, and it's driving me crazy because we don't like to give up 3s, but he's making them."

A native of Windsor, Ontario, Mulder played his first two years at Vincennes University, a junior college located in western Indiana. There, he was a junior-college All-American as a sophomore where he averaged 15.7 points and 6.4 rebounds per game and hit 46.3 percent of his 3-point field goals.

After a year of Division I basketball under his belt at Kentucky, Mulder has looked like a different player in practices and workouts.

"That's usually what happens," Calipari said. "I don't care – part of it is playing here, the lights and all of the stuff that goes with here kind of gets you on your heels. Then you're in everybody's Super Bowl, which puts you on your heels. Then all of a sudden you start questioning and it usually takes those kids a year."

Mulder agreed.

"I think experience definitely helped," he said. "Just having a year under my belt in Coach Cal's system, understanding what's expected of me on offense as well as on defense. And I feel like along with that, just having confidence really just comes from being comfortable on the floor and understanding what's expected of you."

Mulder was one of the headlines of the Blue-White Game, especially during the early going. The 6-foot-4 guard finished second in scoring for the White Team with 18 points, but more impressive were his shooting figures. Mulder connected on 7 of his 13 field-goal attempts, including 4 of 5 from 3-point range. No other player for either team hit even three 3-pointers. Mulder also grabbed eight rebounds, including a game-high tying four offensive boards.

"I'm still growing as a whole basketball player, but shooting the ball I've become a whole lot more confident since last year," Mulder said. "I've been focusing on getting more consistent and just being ready to catch and shoot. So I feel pretty confident."

And then there's Mulder's athleticism, which has a tendency to get overlooked due to his outside shooting and the many other elite athletes Kentucky boasts on its roster this season.

In preparation of Kentucky's open practice in front of nearly 90 NBA personnel on Oct. 9, Mulder registered a 44-inch maximum vertical, the second highest on the team behind senior guard Dominique Hawkins, who had a 44.5-inch maximum vertical. His lane agility time of 10.18 seconds was the fastest mark on the team, and his three-quarter court sprint (3.15 seconds) was second on the team behind Malik Monk (3.12).

"When he goes up for rebounds – I don't know what his vertical is, but I'm sure it's up there," fellow senior Derek Willis said of Mulder. "He goes after balls, he's really quick, he's probably one of the quickest people on our team. And then again you can't leave him open. I feel like his athleticism does get overlooked though."

The shooting and the athleticism are great and welcomed, but Willis said what he likes most about Mulder's game is the effort he brings to the floor.

"Mike's been doing real good," Willis said. "I think in the scrimmage he played really well. We practiced at Rupp Arena (Sunday after the Women's Clinic) and he was doing real well, knocking down shots. The thing I like about Mike though is that he plays really hard. You can respect that about anyone. But he's been doing really well though."

Kentucky's Malik Monk not defined by Arkansas roots

By Myron Medcalf | ESPN | Nov. 1, 2016

LEXINGTON, Ky.-- Before his slams in Kentucky's Blue-White scrimmage in late October went viral, Malik Monk nearly dunked a high lob from Dominique Hawkins during an offseason pickup game at the Joe Craft Center.

He had flushed other alley-oops. But Hawkins threw the one Monk missed near the top of the backboard.

And Monk, ranked ninth in the 2016 incoming class by ESPN.com, still got a hand on it.

Folks in the gym gasped or oohed because they knew Monk-- and Monk alone -- had a chance to finish.

"I think I always was able to jump higher than everybody," Monk said. "Yeah, it's crazy. Since I can remember back, I was jumping higher than everybody."

This season, the athletic wing will take Jamal Murray's slot as Kentucky's offensive catalyst. The state of Arkansas' first top-10 prospect since ESPN's database began in 2007 could lead the nation's most talented recruiting class in scoring and highlights. Monk is strong and graceful. He can hit the 3-ball, and he's a problem for opponents on a fast break.

"I remember there was this one time where he drove from the left side and he, like, shifted his body midair and got to the other side of the rim, and I don't know how he laid it in, but he, like, shifted his body a crazy way and he laid the ball in on the other side of the glass," said Jake Scoggins, an Arkansas State freshman and Monk's former AAU teammate with the Arkansas Wings.

And Monk should be at Arkansas, if you believe the disgruntled members of the Razorbacks' fan base who urged the Lepanto, Arkansas, native to boost a program with one NCAA tournament appearance since 2008.

Despite the pleas for Monk to stay home, he felt free to make his own choice, he said.

His brother, Marcus Monk, the state's Mr. Basketball in 2004, picked Arkansas, where he excelled as a wide receiver with the Razorbacks. Both he and Monk's mother, Jackie Monk, tried to protect the teenager from the nastiness of recruiting.

"We weren't expecting [Arkansas fans] to love that he was going to another school, especially Kentucky," Marcus Monk said.

The state of Arkansas is full of prideful fans who expect their best talents to stay home, because that has been the trend. Both Barry Switzer and Jerry Jones played for the Razorbacks. Torii Hunter, who did not attend college before his MLB career commenced, built the Torii Hunter Baseball Complex for Arkansas-Pine Bluff's baseball team. Sidney Moncrief led Arkansas to the Final Four in 1978. Corliss Williamson carried the Razorbacks to the national championship in 1994.

During the 2014-15 season, Little Rock native Bobby Portis earned SEC Player of the Year honors at Arkansas, where he led the program to the NCAA tournament for the first time in seven years before securing a slot in the first round of the 2015 NBA draft.

Monk bucked that trend (like former Wildcats star and Little Rock native Archie Goodwin) and picked Kentucky prior to his senior prep season. That's when everything changed.

He had always heard boos from opposing crowds as a standout at Bentonville High School in Bentonville, Arkansas. But the tone grew dark after his commitment to the Wildcats.

Jackie Monk worried about her son's safety. He complained when she asked him to stay home at night. She told him to stay off social media.

"We kept him secluded," she said. "I was afraid of him being out."

She also held her tongue when fans spewed their anger toward her son. She wanted to scorch the frustrated Twitter users who swore at her son or called him a traitor. It all seemed unfair for a timid person like Monk, who tweeted a thank-you note to his supporters after he made "the toughest decision I have made in my life."

"It was hurtful because they didn't know him as a kid," Jackie Monk said. "I shook my head, of course. I wanted to explode as a parent. Every time he caught the ball when he ran up the court, they'd yell 'Marcus Monk! Marcus Monk!' to taunt him. They booed. We told him, 'Let me and your brother handle it. Let us handle the criticism.'"

Arkansas fans aimed a chunk of their frustration at Marcus Monk, who led the Razorbacks in receiving yards (962) and touchdowns (11) during the 2006 football season. He played 10 games with the Arkansas basketball squad in the 2004-05 campaign and eight more in the 2008-09 season.

After bouncing between a few NFL practice squads and playing pro basketball in Germany, he returned to Arkansas and accepted a graduate assistant position with Mike Anderson's team for the 2013-14 season.

Many Razorbacks fans expected the former Arkansas standout to lead his brother to his alma mater.

But Marcus Monk refused to influence his decision. Sure, he had played at Arkansas and enjoyed his experience. He told Malik Monk, however, to do what he desired. He'd give his support either way.

His little brother had to consider his career, he told him.

"I always would tell him when it comes to him picking a school, he has to pick what he feels is the best situation to help him achieve his long-term goal, and that's the only thing that matters," Marcus Monk said. "I told him you don't have to go to a school because I went there. ... I would've loved to see him [at Arkansas] if it would've been the best thing for him, but I think he made the best decision."

Added Malik Monk: "Him and my mom kept most everybody off of me."

In Arkansas, Monk earned the "savior" tag once Anderson began to recruit him during his freshman season. The Razorbacks needed Monk. That was the attitude as the early signing period approached.

To them, Monk's choice felt like betrayal.

According to popular local radio host Mike Irwin, Monk lost respect throughout a state that will never forgive his choice.

"He hasn't seen pressure like he's going to see now," Irwin said on air after Monk committed. "He's nobody. He will become nobody to most Razorbacks fans. ... Not only is it an insult that it happened, but he went to the one place that is just unacceptable, which is 'I'm a one-and-done.' OK. Stand up two years ago and announce that you're a one-and-done. Do that because you better move because, look, I know how this stuff works. I've seen it."

Irwin's "you better move" comment preceded a story about his brother-in-law, who picked Baylor football over Arkansas and couldn't find a job for three years once he came home. But his tale represented the anger some Razorbacks fans felt.

Within the backlash, former Arkansas star and eight-year NBA veteran Ronnie Brewer tweeted his support for Monk and disappointment with the fan base.

It's unfair to place all Arkansas fans in the same pool of disappointment. Monk said an abundance of local supporters congratulated him.

But any fan base would hate to see a player of Monk's caliber go. He's a combo guard who could earn all-conference honors in the SEC before he transitions to the next level, likely next summer. He's the best athlete on one of the nation's most athletic rosters. And he's as physically gifted as any player in the country.

"With his extreme athleticism and shotmaking, he makes a lot of difficult shots," Kentucky freshman point guard De'Aaron Fox said. "In transition, it's extremely hard to stop him."

Kentucky attracts players like Monk because Calipari's record of producing NBA athletes is unmatched. Since his arrival in 2009, 21 Kentucky players have secured first-round slots in the NBA draft.

Most programs offered Monk a starring role. Calipari issued a challenge.

The alphas accustomed to the constant shower of adoration appreciate a Kentucky pitch that promises a dogfight for minutes and a collective failure if they can't subdue their egos. That's the key to Kentucky's Avengers-like recruiting classes.

That's the mission that lured Monk.

"My thing with Malik is, you must respect each shot because you're probably gonna be like Jamal [Murray] and take the most shots on our team," Calipari said. "So you must respect that and let the other guys know on this team that you know. So shot selection and other things like that, he's learning and getting better."

The young man who lagged on the defensive end in high school has evolved into the team's "best off-the-ball defender," per Calipari.

"He was truthful with Malik," said Jackie Monk, who was amazed by her son's defensive intensity when she watched a recent Kentucky practice. "He let him know if you're not physically or mentally ready, don't come. He's listening and paying attention. [Calipari] won't let him be lazy."

Monk speaks with his game. He's demonstrative on the court but quiet and reserved off the floor. He doesn't trust early or easily.

His high school friends said he avoided trouble. Monk said he never had a choice. His mother told him to consider his tomorrows before he made key choices. Teenage girls and parties seemed like distractions, so

he avoided them. He preferred to join relatives and friends on the pastures of Lepanto and Bentonville, where he'd go mudding, hunting and fishing.

"With the work he's put in, he deserves to be where he's at," said Scoggins, Monk's AAU teammate. "He's a self-made guy. He's a great teammate."

That's how he soared and earned the right to pick his collegiate destination. Although many Arkansas fans assume their favorite school was locked into a two-team race, Monk said Oregon, Kansas, Arkansas and Kentucky were all in the running for his talents.

The day he committed to the Wildcats, Monk said he felt a unique tie to Kentucky. So he and his brother called Kentucky assistant Kenny Payne and told him the five-star recruit would play in Lexington this season.

On Jan. 7, Arkansas will face Kentucky in Lexington in the only scheduled matchup between the two schools. Monk won't return to Arkansas this year. But Anderson, the coach who recruited him hard for years, will see the prized recruit he couldn't sign. And that night, some Razorbacks fans will mourn the loss of the best in-state product in years.

"Malik is a really good kid," Anderson said. "Make sure you put that in there."

A good kid who made the best decision for him, his family and his future.

Kentucky's Fox draws comparisons to John Wall

By Myron Medcalf | ESPN | Nov. 1, 2016

LEXINGTON, Ky.-- De'Aaron Fox emerges from the locker room with the sleepy, heavy-eyed gaze of a teenager who woke up 10 minutes ago. He yawns, rolls his head and stares at the ceiling of the Joe Craft Center as if he's never heard of 10 a.m.

He's long but lean, still a few months from adding 15 pounds to a frame that will be enhanced by weight training and the meals prepped by the private chef at Kentucky's Wildcat Coal Lodge housing complex.

Once the offseason pickup game begins, he's spry, bouncy and determined.

And fast. Faster than everyone in the gym.

One moment he's on the left side of the practice floor. Then, the elusive point guard who will lead Kentucky's talented fleet in 2016-17 teleports to the rim and scores. On a later possession, he twirls his finger, and his teammates rotate as he creates a crease in the defense and finds Brad Calipari, a walk-on and John Calipari's son, in the right corner for an open 3-pointer.

It's his show. It's his team.

It's not difficult to see how the 6-foot-3 freshman's frame, length, will, burst and speed remind those around the program of a legend and NBA point guard who came to Lexington in 2009 with the same size and traits.

"[He's a] very talented kid, can pass the ball, shoot the ball," said three-time NBA All-Star and Washington Wizards point guard John Wall. "I actually saw him play in Houston last season when we played the Rockets."

It's one thing for fans in barbershops and bars to suggest a freshman stud reminds them of a professional star who once led the Wildcats to the Elite Eight before securing the No. 1 slot in the 2010 NBA draft. But Wall's acknowledgement of the conversation only enhances the credibility of the comparison and enlarges the spotlight Fox will play under this season.

"I mean, being compared to someone like him, it's a huge honor," Fox said. "I see similarities, but I still feel like we play differently. With speed and athleticism, I think we're really similar. ... I feel like he handles the ball better, and I feel like I shoot the ball better."

This year, Fox will replace Tyler Ulis-- a second-round pick by the Phoenix Suns in the 2016 NBA draft-- as Kentucky's point guard.

Kentucky point guards become rock stars when they excel: Ask Wall, Ulis, Marquis Teague and Brandon Knight. They also become the subject of a Big Blue Nation social media onslaught if they fail to play like lottery picks.

Ask Andrew Harrison.

Fox understands the stakes. He does not, however, only aim to emulate Wall. He hopes to learn from him.

The duo connected after Wall tweeted about the Katy, Texas, native's highlight reel last year.

Since then, they've formed a relationship, one nurtured through biweekly text messages.

"He says, 'Just stay up, you're young, you're a freshman so never get down on yourself,'" Fox said.

In recent months, Wall-- Calipari's first point guard at Kentucky-- has advised the freshman, No. 9 on Chad Ford's Big Board for 2017 NBA draft prospects, to prepare for the coach's tutelage and, at times, his wrath.

"He told me to just go in really open-minded," Fox said. "He told me Coach [Calipari] is gonna get on me a lot so go in and be ready to be criticized."

And scrutinized.

Fox now plays point guard at Kentucky, a program that's reached the Final Four in four of the last six seasons. The current Wildcats enter the season as the No. 2 team in the AP poll and the SEC favorite.

Fox said the praise doesn't worry him.

"I don't really see it as pressure," Fox said. "At the end of the day, we're just going out and playing basketball."

Those who know Fox doubt he'll crumble.

In 2012, he scored 50 points in a win during the third game of his freshman season at Cypress Lakes High School in Katy, Texas. As colleges began to call and inquire about Fox, Cypress Lakes coach Emmanuel Olatunbosun worried about his young star.

He warned Fox about the deluge that would soon arrive. The colleges that would visit. The reporters who would request interviews.

Fox told Olatunbosun he did not fear the crush. Yeah, right, Olatunbosun thought.

"He looks at me and says, 'Coach, I'm not gonna change,'" Olatunbosun said.

Three days later, Fox hit the game-winner in another victory.

He could become the aggressor in pressing moments for his high school team. But he also understood his role as a maestro and leader. If he dominated each possession (he could) he risked alienating his teammates. So on the court he was the hero and the sidekick. In practice, Fox would often defer to teammates. He'd pass on open layups to put other players in a position to score.

Olatunbosun asked Fox why he played that way in practice. Why didn't he dominate? Why didn't he slash and score and dunk the way he did in games? Fox told him he had to make other players feel confident. If he took over, they might feel insignificant, he said.

"Two other kids on that team got scholarships (Devin Anderson at NAIA Friends University and Josh Nebo at St. Francis, Pennsylvania)," Olatunbosun said. "I would say that had a lot to do with him. He wouldn't score in practice. Ultimately, it was the right thing to do. He would not ball hog. He knew when to go and when not to go."

That's the next starting point guard for Calipari, a coach who recruited six of the top 40 assists leaders in the NBA last season. But Fox will face grown men in the SEC and throughout college basketball, a leap for any freshman, even a projected lottery pick.

Like those who played with his talented predecessors, however, Fox's teammates (many underclassmen), trust his leadership.

That's significant for a young team.

"He plays a lot like John Wall," Kentucky freshman Bam Adebayo said. "He's just left-handed. There you go. Little John Wall."

Calipari said Fox is a "special" athlete, but he can't imagine any player, including Fox, outrunning Wall, perhaps the fastest player in the NBA.

Fox and Wall do share an ability to see the game in slow motion even as they pace across the court like an auctioneer mumbles, the coach said. Calipari wants Fox to mimic Wall, who used his speed to attack opponents.

"Everyone says he's as fast as John Wall," Calipari said before pausing. "Stop. See, John Wall used his speed as a weapon. And it was his No. 1 weapon. Wasn't just a weapon, it was the weapon that he used to beat you. De'Aaron doesn't see himself that way and I'm trying to get him to just fly, man. Go at people, try to get to that rim and then, if it's not there, let's play."

Few will want to play Fox and a roster full of matchup problems.

His performance at point guard, however, will impact a unit with the promise to become the nation's most powerful offense, more probable if the Wildcats can shoot and execute against the zone schemes they'll see often in 2016-17.

Fair or not, the comparisons to Wall will persist all season. Fox's skills and capabilities, coupled with Wall's compliments, suggest they're not crazy.

"I think he's more of a scoring guard than I was," Wall said. "I'm really excited to see what he's going to do this season."

Calipari's Blue-print propels Kentucky to the forefront of college basketball

By Jerry Tipton | Lexington Herald Leader| Nov. 6, 2016

As John Calipari explained it, he became a transformational figure in college basketball by mere happenstance. One epiphany followed another until — poof! — Kentucky was blazing a trail.

"Organic" is what Calipari calls the process that led him to re-invent Kentucky basketball on a foundation of freshmen. By now, the merry-go-round is familiar: Calipari starts anew and meshes an effective unit out of alpha individuals; Kentucky contends for a national championship; many of those players enter the next spring's NBA Draft; the process repeats itself the next year.

Before arriving at UK in 2009, Calipari had experience with so-called one-and-done players at Memphis: most notably Derrick Rose and Tyreke Evans. He expected his first star freshman at UK, John Wall, to follow that example.

Of course, Wall did play one college season. The surprise was that three other freshmen — DeMarcus Cousins, Eric Bledsoe and Daniel Orton — did the same. Junior Patrick Patterson, who only played for Calipari in that 2009-10 season, also entered the draft.

"I started thinking, 'Oh my gosh, what just happened?'" Calipari said.

At that draft, he watched player after player, family after family, realize their basketball dreams. Perhaps flushed with this supernova of success, he memorably called it "the biggest day in the history of Kentucky's program."

Recalling his controversial comment that night in New York City, Calipari subtly amended that statement. "When I said it was one of the biggest moments in the history of the program and everybody got mad, they look back now and say, 'Well, he's probably right,'" he said.

Any doubts about this Blue-print for basketball success disappeared when the second one-and-done Kentucky team advanced to the 2011 Final Four.

"It became, wait a minute, we can do this," Calipari said. "It doesn't hurt the program (or) the university."

At the time Cousins had no idea he was part of a new way of building a college basketball program.

"I didn't think it would turn into this," he said. "We were just young kids who loved to play basketball. Who grew up together. ...Who enjoyed playing in this atmosphere. But no clue that it would turn into what it's turned into. Never in a million years did I think this would happen."

Final Four appearances came in 2011, 2012, 2014 and 2015. A national championship in 2012. So far, 18 freshmen drafted in the first round.

Traditionally, freshmen needed time to adapt to college basketball. They needed to be protected. Then-North Carolina coach Dean Smith famously refused Sports Illustrated's request to put a freshman named Michael Jordan on its cover.

Two former UK stars — Tayshaun Prince and Chuck Hayes — said they were not ready to assume lead roles as freshmen.

"I wasn't," Hayes said. "Not at all. It took a lot of growing pains, and I didn't find my way until probably my sophomore year."

Times have changed. Top prospects compete against each other regularly on the AAU circuit. Playing in front of college coaches and NBA scouts, they've grown accustomed to pressure. Their college careers, especially at Kentucky, embody the famous Groucho Marx entrance in the movie "Animal Crackers": Hello, I must be going.

"It's a different landscape now," Alabama Coach Avery Johnson said. "When I was a freshman in college, the NBA wasn't even in the forefront of my brain. I was trying to pass a trigonometry class."

There's another factor to explain why Kentucky's dependence on freshmen works.

"Because he's not getting just any type of freshmen," Willie Cauley-Stein said. "He's going after the best freshmen."

It also helps that the best older players leave college basketball before completing their eligibility.

"They're not going against those juniors and seniors that I was going against," Prince said, "And those guys were, like, 'Now, you're going to learn.' It's a different game now."

Of course, critics attacked Kentucky's dependence on so-called one-and-done players. They said it mocks the idea of a college education. Calipari likes to point out that UK's team grade-point average is regularly above 3.0, that 14 of his players have graduated and that "lifetime scholarships" enable any one-and-done player to return in the future and earn a degree.

Envy fuels the criticism, Cousins said.

"They hate it because they want the same thing," he said. "That's what they're trying to do. They're trying to figure out a formula just like it. They can't. So they hate it."

Tennessee Coach Rick Barnes, a longtime friend of Calipari, subscribes to the envy theory.

"There's not anybody in the country that wouldn't go about it that way if they could do it," he said.

Duke, most notably, has done just that. Counting transfer Rodney Hood, six Blue Devils who played one season for the program have been drafted since 2014.

There have been eight one-and-done players from Duke since the 2010 NBA Draft. Kansas has had seven one-and-done players in that time.

"Kentucky, Duke and Kansas have separated themselves in embracing this philosophy," ESPN analyst Seth Greenberg said. "He (Calipari) was the architect of it. There's no doubt about it."

Duke, which once refused to retire a jersey because the player had not graduated, does not acknowledge following Kentucky's lead.

Calipari has noticed a difference in how Kentucky and Duke are perceived. Questions surround renegade UK. Quiet acquiescence greets Duke.

"Every one of you," Calipari said to a table full of reporters at the Southeastern Conference Media Day, "as soon as Duke

did it, it was OK.

"That's fine for me because here's what they proved: Duke, North Carolina, Kansas. You can be about these kids, and it'd be OK. And it's not going to hurt you as a coach. It's not going to hurt your program. So I'm happy it happened."

What also seems to make Calipari happy is to be on the cutting edge of change. Tellingly, when he's praised Dean Smith, he invariably points out how innovative the North Carolina coaching icon was.

"He is, most of the time, ahead of the curve," Greenberg said of Calipari. "He's not afraid to be ahead of the curve. He's not afraid to be different. But when you decide to be different, you're going to face ridicule. He deals with it."

Calipari breathes life into a famous statement by Georges Danton, a leading figure in the French revolution: de l'audace, encore de l'audace, et toujours de l'audace (audacity, more audacity and ever more audacity).

His signature dribble-drive offense is an example of Calipari's audacity. Already a national figure at Memphis, he learned this new offense at a sit-down with a junior-college coach, Vance Wallberg.

"Vance, almost embarrassed, described his offense," Gary Parrish of CBSSports.com wrote in an email message. "And Cal was intrigued. Next thing you know, this future Hall of Fame coach who'd already been to a Final Four is traveling to a junior college to watch Vance run practices. ...I always thought that was interesting and a great example of how Cal is always open to new ideas and willing to try new things."

More than once this preseason, Calipari has told audiences of his ever-forward thinking.

"I'm trying to figure out where all this stuff is going," he said, "and I look at it and say, what is next? And how do we become first? And let everyone else keep chasing. And that's my approach."

That approach has been unfolding the last seven years, said Joe DeGregorio, who coached Calipari at Clarion. "If you look around the country, there are a few people trying to catch up to one-and-done," he said. "Because they finally opened up their eyes and realized John's got the jump on them."

Willis, Hawkins say individual sacarfices worth it to play for UK

By Mark Story | Lexington Herald Leader| Nov. 6, 2016

When a reporter asked John Calipari at Kentucky men's basketball media day about UK's homegrown senior duo Dominique Hawkins and Derek Willis, the Wildcats coach replied with a question.

"Can you imagine who they played against for four years in practice?" Calipari asked.

Dominique Hawkins rifled in one of the three three-pointers he hit for Kentucky in last season's 75-73 win over archrival Louisville. Derek Willis drained a three-pointer with 1:01 left in overtime to put Kentucky ahead of Texas A&M in what became an 82-77 UK victory in the 2016 SEC Tournament finals. Dominique Hawkins rifled in one of the three three-pointers he hit for Kentucky in last season's 75-73 win over archrival Louisville. Derek Willis drained a three-pointer with 1:01 left in overtime to put Kentucky ahead of Texas A&M in what became an 82-77 UK victory in the 2016 SEC Tournament finals.
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Hawkins, the former Madison Central star, and former Bullitt East standout Willis have practiced against 11 ex-Cats who opened the 2016-17 season on NBA rosters.

The chance to wear the magic word "Kentucky" across their chests involved a tradeoff for Hawkins and Willis.

A prototypical "stretch four" as a 6-foot-9 forward with a deft three-point touch, Willis not only could have been a three-year starter at many other power-five conference schools. He likely could have been a star at some.

Freakishly athletic, a dogged defender and the possessor of more offensive game than he's shown at UK, Hawkins, too, could have been a three-year starter and, likely, a 1,000-points scorer at many Division I programs.

Instead, through three years at Kentucky, Willis has played 710 minutes and scored 288 points. Hawkins has logged 695 minutes and has 115 points. Tyler Ulis, last season's star Wildcats guard, played 1,287 minutes and scored 606 points last year alone.

Troy Barr, who coached Willis in high school, says the Bullitt East coaching staff had long discussions with the forward at the time he chose UK over Purdue, Indiana and Louisville, to make sure Willis understood what he would face at UK.

"Derek's had his frustrations," Barr said. "I haven't talked to Dominique, but I'm sure he has, too. Any kids as talented as those two are going to get frustrated when they aren't playing."

Hawkins, who earned his UK scholarship offer while leading Madison Central to the 2013 Sweet Sixteen title, says he has thought about how his career might be different had he chosen another school.

"I think about it, but I didn't want that," he says. "When I came in here, I wanted to be able to win championships. Whatever role Coach Cal is going to give me, that's what I'm going to stick with."

The two Kentucky seniors have each had signature moments.

Midway through his junior season, Willis used old-fashioned production to wrest away a starting spot. Given minutes, he produced two double-doubles plus a 25-point game. Willis also hit a stone-cold three-pointer with 1:01 left in overtime that put UK ahead to stay in its SEC Tournament finals win over Texas A&M.

"I've told Derek since high school, guys who rebound are guys who play," Barr said. "Last year, I think he took that to heart."

As a true freshman in 2013-14, Hawkins became Kentucky's backcourt defensive stopper as the Wildcats, a No. 8 seed, made a run to the NCAA Tournament finals. "I felt like I was dreaming the whole time," he says.

Last year as a junior, Hawkins hit three three-pointers and scored 13 points — including UK's last five — to help the Wildcats survive archrival Louisville, 75-73. However, an ankle injury denied him a chance to build on his breakout.

Now, as seniors, the two Kentucky products have one final chance to be part of an NCAA title team — and to carve out meaningful roles on another stacked roster.

Willis says he has added 17 pounds of muscle in a bid to improve his defense. "I noticed when I added all that weight, I wasn't getting pushed around as much down low," Willis said. "I felt better able to push back on people."

Healthy after an injury-plagued junior year, Hawkins is feeling good about 2016-17, too.

Not long ago, Allen Feldhaus Jr., who coached Hawkins at Madison Central, texted the UK guard to ask how things were going in practice.

"You have to understand, with Dominique, he never says anything about how he's doing," says Feldhaus Jr. "(This time), he wrote back 'I think I'll be the first guard off the bench if not start.' That told me he's feeling really good about how he's playing."

Fun-loving Adebayo hopes to solve UK's post problem

By Myron Medcalf | ESPN | Nov. 7, 2016

LEXINGTON, Ky.-- Edrice "Bam" Adebayo's reputation matters. He's a star now.

That's why the new, 6-foot-10, 260-pound Kentucky Wildcats big man seems sheepish when asked to reveal his favorite song by the pop star he admires. There's nothing tough about Katy Perry.

"Hmmm, that's a tough one," said Adebayo, as he considered his favorite Perry songs. " 'Last Friday Night.' ... I just heard a song, and I just liked Katy Perry ever since. I became a little fan of Katy Perry. I'm not that die-hard, but it's like, when you're in a good mood because her music is always [upbeat]. I got it on shuffle."

The freshman's surprising affinity for the California pop star isn't the only quirk of his ebullient personality. And it all starts with his name.

One crushing handshake from Adebayo proves his nickname fits. His mother, Marilyn Blount, called him "Bam" after a 1-year-old Adebayo flipped a coffee table while watching "The Flintstones."

His talent and brawn carried him to the top of the recruiting rankings and NBA draft boards. His eclectic nature, however, made him the gravitational force who has already captured the heart of Big Blue Nation as the team's new big man and even bigger personality.

"They were all open arms with everybody," Adebayo said of his attraction to Kentucky. "If you come in here, you're coming here to get business done. It's not just to joke around. ... I love to joke."

After his teammates made an appearance at John Calipari's charity softball game in August, where fans sought selfies with him, Adebayo smiled and stared at former Kentucky star Nerlens Noel.

Noel saw him and froze, too.

Adebayo leaned and held his arms out, still grinning. Noel did the same before the two embraced like old friends in the middle of the ballpark.

"What's up, man?!" Noel yelled.

The gregarious big man attracts attention, not only because of his size but because of his lighthearted demeanor. Basketball is serious for Adebayo. Life outside of basketball? Not so much.

It wasn't always that way. He was a shy kid in his hometown of Little Washington, North Carolina. Adebayo shrunk in crowds and preferred to say less. He'd joke with his mom and close friends. The rest of the world rarely saw that side of the imposing center, though.

Then, he decided to change and open up to outsiders as he traveled the country as an emerging talent on the national AAU scene. Maybe he'd use his basketball gifts to come out of his shell.

"As I started getting better and I had to go places and meet new people, there were times where you just couldn't' keep to yourself," he said. "You had to speak to people."

By the time he left Northside High School in Pinetown, North Carolina, before his senior season to enroll at High Point Christian Academy in High Point, North Carolina, 200 miles from his hometown to face better competition, the "mama's boy" had enlarged his social circle by talking up anyone he met. He used the same tactic to make new friends at High Point.

"He's not a tough guy to spot out when you get there," said Ben Robertson, Adebayo's high school teammate at High Point and a freshman guard at Bucknell. "He handled it really well. He knew everybody's name."

Adebayo led his team to the state title game during his senior season. He excelled off the court, too. The honor-roll student and McDonald's All American who averaged 18.9 points and 13 rebounds per game as a senior at High Point also joined the school's poetry club that year.

And he urged his teammates to accept his wide-ranging musical palette.

They'd all spend hours together listening to Adebayo's diverse playlists and wisecracks about everyone in the room.

"He's a happy guy," Robertson said.

He brought his easygoing ways to Lexington, where he will crack jokes off the floor and embarrasses opponents when he's on the court.

He enters the season as the No. 5 freshman in college basketball's incoming class, per RecruitingNation. The young man who dunked for the first time in sixth grade is a projected lottery pick on nearly every mock draft board.

He made 65 percent of his shots inside the arc as a senior. He can post up like a traditional big man. He can also put the ball on the floor and play in space.

"A motor, somebody who just doesn't give up on plays," Adebayo said of his playing style. "It's just always been me. I've just never liked giving up on anything. It's a bunch of us. We got our dogs on the team. Just like, the other dude in front of you, it's personal. You take everything personal when you're on the court."

Added Kentucky guard Malik Monk: "He's a dog, too. It's crazy. Having the presence of Bam down there, knowing if you get beat off the dribble somebody is back there to block it or if you get stuck in the air on offense, you can just throw it up, he'll catch it. Then if he's posting up, [opponents] can't help down because if you help down, he's gonna kick it out and we've got shooters. He just spaces the floor way more."

Kentucky lacked that big-bodied athlete last season. Calipari had Karl-Anthony Towns in 2015 and Julius Randle in 2014. Without a mobile, physical center to stop him, Indiana's Thomas Bryant scored 19 points (6-for-6 inside the arc) during Indiana's second-round victory over Kentucky in the NCAA tournament.

That shouldn't be a problem this season with Adebayo on the roster. The freshman says he admires Randle's "aggression and passion" and hopes to emulate some of the outstanding bigs Kentucky has produced under Calipari.

"[The Kentucky coaches] really want to see kids succeed," Adebayo said. "You can't go wrong with how they do things here. You look on the wall and it's a lot of [players] that fulfilled their dreams and I'm just trying to be the next."

Adebayo nursed an ankle injury throughout the summer and only recently returned to practice at full speed. He's still getting in shape, Calipari said. But he scored 13 points, grabbed 14 rebounds and blocked a shots in last week's exhibition win over Clarion.

"Bam is a beast," Calipari said.

And a jokester.

Earlier this year, Adebayo roamed Kentucky's basketball offices.

Calipari spotted his young big man as he passed by his office at the Joe Craft Center.

"Then there's this kid Bam," Calipari joked. "He's just awful. He can't play."

Adebayo entered the coach's office wearing his wide smirk.

"Why'd I get recruited if I can't play?" Adebayo playfully asked.

Calipari continued, "I don't know if he can play basketball but man he's got a great smile."

A few years ago, Adebayo rarely revealed that humorous, jovial side. Now, he's the strongman in the paint who could lead Kentucky to its second national title under Calipari. And by the end of the season, he might be the most popular player on campus.

"You just gotta hang around people that are really outgoing," Adebayo said, "and you'll end up, before you know it, you'll be an outgoing person."

Or, as Katy Perry might say, a firework.

UK's Wynyard fighting for minutes

By Jon Hale | Courier Journal | Nov. 7, 2016

LEXINGTON, Ky. – With Kentucky's regular season opener less than a week

away, UK coach John Calipari has issued a challenge to the big men on his roster.

There was no shortage of highlights in Kentucky's 156-63 exhibition mauling of NAIA Asbury on Sunday night, but Calipari chose to highlight the performance of freshman forward Bam Adebayo, who totaled nine points and six rebounds in 15 minutes.

"How about Bam's energy?" Calipari said. "Was that crazy? Like, his motor? Well, if he plays with that kind of motor and he can do it for a long time in the game, you better play that way or I can't take his minutes and give them to you, whoever you are. … And then he's going to play every minute he can play."

That challenge may have been primarily directed at sophomore 7-footer Isaac Humphries and freshman forward Sacha Killeya-Jones, but for redshirt freshman forward Tai Wynyard the competition for post minutes is already in danger of cutting him out of the rotation.

Asked how many players he would be comfortable playing in his primary rotation after the exhibition win, Calipari said "eight or nine."

With Adebayo, guards Isaiah Briscoe, De'Aaron Fox and Malik Monk and swingmen Derek Willis and Wenyen Gabriel likely guaranteed a spot in the rotation bench minutes are already becoming scarce for some Wildcats. Seniors Dominique Hawkins and Mychal Mulder are competing for the fourth guard spot and Humphries and Killeya-Jones appear well ahead of Wynyard in the competition to support Adebayo.

Still, Wynyard, who was the last scholarship player off the bench against Asbury, is concentrated on doing what he can to earn a larger role.

"We're playing against a lot of good big men on the team: Bam, Sacha, Isaac and all them," Wynyard said. "We have really long, tall guards and everything like that with Derek and Wenyen. So I'm just trying to get better myself and just push myself as hard as I can go."

After entering the game at the 4:17 mark in the first half, the 6-foot-10, 254-pound Wynyard dominated a diminutive Asbury lineup with eight points and four rebounds before halftime. He returned to the court for the final 7:15 of the second half and while his results were not as positive as his first-half appearance he finished the game with 10 points and four rebounds in 11 minutes.

Wynyard played both of Kentucky's exhibitions with a transparent mask after suffering a facial fracture in a preseason workout.

He is hopeful the Asbury game marked the final time he would have to wear the mask – "It's just like a big brick in your face," he said – but is not focused on any setbacks from the injury.

"Obviously, injuries set everyone back, but I don't let that get in front of me," Wynyard said. "It is what it is, and I'm just going to keep working."

Asked how much he expected to play this season, Wynyard promised he would just "go with the flow," but he made it clear he thinks he could help the team if called upon.

Wynyard arrived at UK from New Zealand before the 2016 spring semester and after watching from the sideline while he redshirted for the final four months of the season he was eager to finally make an impact in his first Rupp Arena action during UK's two preseason exhibitions.

Now the task is earning minutes when the games actually count.

"I really need to focus on everything for my game," Wynyard said. "To be able to be quicker, run for longer, shoot better, even get stronger."

Mulder found himself in a similar situation as Wynyard last season with a spot toward the end of the bench and no guarantee of any playing time on UK's stacked roster.

Asked what advice he might give Wynyard about approaching the season, Mulder said he thinks the redshirt freshman already knows how to respond but he has been impressed with Wynyard's progress all the same.

"The kid fights hard, man," Mulder said. "He's an ox down there. Really uses his body to his advantage, his strength to his advantage. Real fighter. He's got grit."

It's that grit Wynyard thinks could help Kentucky if he earns the chance to play this season.

"I just fight for everything," Wynyard said. "So if it's a last-second game I'll be on there and I'll be getting that rebound, that last bucket. I'll put it back in. That's kind of what I do. … Back home we call it 'chur.' It's really a big word for our kind of culture. It's like we put our minds to everything and work hard."

Mychal Mulder's dunk sends teammates into crazed celebration as the senior fights for spot in Kentucky backcourt

By Joe Mussatto| SEC Country | Nov. 7, 2016

LEXINGTON, Ky. — De'Aaron Fox almost rushed onto the court. Isaiah Briscoe did.

The whole Kentucky bench erupted into a towel-spinning craze as Mychal Mulder skied above an Asbury defender who should've thought better than to contest a malicious jam in a 96-point game with under a minute left.

There were dozens of dunks in Kentucky's 156-63 exhibition joy ride, but on a team where freshmen are usually featured, the senior Mulder had the best.

"There's no doubt," Fox said. "Mike's dunked on people in practice. I'm not going to say who. Y'all are going to ask but I'm not going to tell you who he's dunked on."

But the lopsided exhibition season has ended and now Mulder will be fighting for a spot in coach John Calipari's rotation. Calipari said Sunday night that he's looking at using eight to nine guys on a nightly basis.

Mulder and Dominique Hawkins, another senior guard, will be looking to join Briscoe, Fox and freshman Malik Monk as regulars in the backcourt.

Little to none can be taken from a 93-point exhibition win, but Mulder's stat line jumped out. He scored 20 points with 11 rebounds and was 4-9 on 3-pointers in just 19 minutes.

"We see it in practice every day," Fox said of Mulder. "He torches us when we play three guards, against him and Dom or something. He be killing us in practice sometimes. It was good to see him do it in a game."

Mulder said he was used to the made 3s. It was the dunk he said was most exciting. The senior said he went all last season without a dunk at Rupp Arena. Sunday night's probably won't be his last this year.

But now it's about Mulder logging meaningful minutes when Kentucky's regular season begins at 7 p.m. Friday against Stephen F. Austin, a team that has reached the NCAA tournament the past three seasons.

"You just gotta know what's expected of you," Mulder said. "What your role is for the team and how you can help the team win. When you're doing that it's kind of hard not to play."

Forward Derek Willis focusing on defense for No. 2 Kentucky

By Gary B. Graves | AP Nov. 10,2016

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Breaking out as an offensive contributor has spurred Kentucky forward Derek Willis to want to have the same impact on the defensive end.

Lost in the shuffle for two years behind a parade of future NBA draft picks, the 6-foot-9 Willis earned his way into Kentucky's rotation as a junior and finally showed the

talent that coach John Calipari had insisted was always there.

Willis is a projected starter as the second-ranked Wildcats open Friday night against Stephen F. Austin with another roster of young talent. The confidence in his shooting during the preseason — along with a willingness to fight for rebounds — figures to make him a part of Calipari's developing rotations.

"I feel like I really know my role, and there are things I still need to work on," said Willis, who averaged career bests of 7.7 points, 4.0 rebounds and 18.6 minutes with 11 starts last season. "Once I figure this out, I'll help this team out even more than I have."

Willis seems self-assured enough to turn heads in practice with intense play and even offer a suggestion to Calipari.

Calipari recalled a moment when Willis reminded him of something he wasn't doing in the zone offense, a point the coach acknowledged before changing the play and thanking him.

"Last year, he would never have done that," Calipari said. "That just shows you he's maturing, that he's able to trust enough that he can give a suggestion and know it's not going to be thrown (back) at me."

Having established himself as a perimeter threat — he ranked third on the team with 53 3-pointers on 44 percent shooting — the Mt. Washington, Kentucky, native appears comfortable inside. He's going harder at the rim on both ends and contesting shots more along with diving for loose balls.

"He's coming in and just fighting for everything," 6-10 redshirt freshman forward Tai Wynyard said.

Willis' growing confidence has been most evident in the way he has challenged defenders and shooters and given them a hard look after a physical play.

"That's how I've needed to play," Willis said, referring to a summer of studying video of his play. "I can stretch the court, but rebounding and just playing defense and making sure my guy doesn't score more than me is important."

Willis' focus on defense is important as Calipari teaches the finer points of that aspect to on frontcourt newcomers Bam Adebayo and Sacha Killeya-Jones — both 6-10— and 6-9 Wenyen Gabriel. After lacking a physical post game last season , Calipari has made that a point this season and is depending on veterans such as Willis to set the tone.

Wynyard praised the senior's mental preparation, which might be even more critical with a season-opening stretch of three games in five days, including Tuesday's matchup against No. 12 Michigan State in New York City. As Kentucky's freshmen learn to play together and prepare for the first of many marquee non-conference games, they will look to Willis, fellow senior Dominique Hawkins and sophomore guard Isaiah Briscoe for guidance.

All have embraced the responsibility with Willis in particular pulling teammates together for huddles. He sees that as a natural role for a veteran, especially since he has personal examples to draw from.

"Even last year, I could see that role developing for me," Willis said. "So now, wherever I'm needed, I'm talking."

UK looks to play fast, but forging a team identity takes time

By Jerry Tipton| Lexington Herald- Leader | Nov. 10,2016

With Kentucky opening the season Friday against Stephen F. Austin, it seemed a tad early to ask about a team identity.

But that subject came up at Thursday's let's-get-the-season-started news conference.

"Usually that's organic because we're so young," UK Coach John Calipari said when asked if he had determined a team identity. That seems even more true for a team that he said will probably see five freshmen play significant minutes.

"A new team every year, you're guessing early," Calipari said. "And then it kind of organically rolls into what it should be.

"We should be a great defensive team. We're not right now. We should be a great shot-blocking team. We're not right now."

Isaiah Briscoe, the team leader, spoke definitively about one aspect of Kentucky's likely identity this season.

"Speed," he said. "I think that's us." Kentucky showed plenty of speed in its two exhibition games, especially the 156-63 rout of Asbury. "It was a conditioning session, essentially," Isaac Humphries said of that 93-point victory.

By contrast, Stephen F. Austin's experience in playing in the last three NCAA Tournaments promises a more capable opponent for opening night. Calipari suggested the Lumberjacks will "come in here with the idea they're beating a young team."

Kentucky's challenging non-conference schedule — three games in the season's first five days, games against Michigan State, UCLA, Kansas, North Carolina and Louisville — led Calipari to say, "We probably over-scheduled. ... It's going to be rough."

Several players figure to get playing time as the season unfolds. Calipari spoke of a nine-man rotation. He said he may go with the hot hand at power forward, where freshman Sacha Killeya-Jones and Humphries compete for playing time. Derek Willis and Wenyen Gabriel could get time at either forward spot.

"I think it's going to be game by game," Calipari said of the who-plays-when decisions he expects.

Bam Adebayo and Humphries may split time at center or play at the same time. Perhaps in preparation for the latter, Humphries has gotten practice time at power forward.

"That's different for me ... ," Humphries said. "I'm very comfortable at (center) because I played that my whole life, and all of last year. Learning (power forward) makes me a little more versatile."

Humphries spoke of he and Adebayo being interchangeable. When one plays center, the other can play power forward.

The difference, and therefore the biggest adjustment, is playing away from the basket more at power forward. After a summer of working on his face-the-basket game, Humphries said he is comfortable on offense at power forward.

The other end of the court may hold the key to how much Adebayo and Humphries play together. The power forward must defend smaller, quicker opponents.

"Can they guard the guys they have to guard?" Calipari said. "I think they can."

The contrast with last season seems striking. A host of UK players seem capable of providing productive play around the basket: Adebayo, Humphries, Killeya-Jones and Tai Wynyard could get a look.

That possible congestion led Calipari to preemptively try to defuse any early grumbling. At a recent meeting with UK's "bigs," Calipari said he told each how he had improved.

"You can't let the first two or three games (be a source of discontent)," he said. "How many minutes I give you or who shoots more.

"It doesn't matter right now. You're getting better. Stay on that path."

Briscoe 'Inspired' by Leadership Role, Cal's Trust

By Guy Ramsey| UK Athletics| Nov. 10, 2016

Isaiah Briscoe spells out perfectly logical reasoning why John Calipari turned to him to be the featured team leader in his sophomore season.

"Last year I started," Briscoe said. "I was the only returning starter, so coming up this

year it only makes sense."

The thing is, the idea of a leader making sense matters little when it comes to taking the reins of a team expected to contend for the national championship. The candidate has to be willing to take on the responsibility and able to earn the respect and trust of his teammates and coaches.

Good thing for UK Briscoe has that covered.

"I took on the challenge, I embraced the role and here we are," Briscoe said.

Where UK is, is on the doorstep of a new season with a new and improved Briscoe. As the Wildcats – ranked No. 2/4 in the major preseason polls – prepare for a matchup Friday at 7 p.m. with Stephen F. Austin – a team that's reached the NCAA Tournament in three straight years – Briscoe is rewarding Calipari for the trust he's placed in him.

"I think being a leader pushed me to be a better person every day," Briscoe said. "And that's on and off the court trying to help these guys out with whatever they need. Overall, that's just been—I've been inspired by being a leader, so I've just been trying to become a better player."

In two exhibitions, Briscoe certainly looked the part, both as a leader and as a player.

No player on the floor is more vocal, with Briscoe making sure his younger teammates – especially freshman backcourt mates De'Aaron Fox and Malik Monk – are doing the right things. Briscoe hasn't been forcing a thing on offense, showcasing his improved shot – he's 7 of 11 from the field and 7 of 10 at the line in the two tune-ups – and feeding his teammates to the tune of 18 total assists.

"I'm in a better state of mind, I think," Briscoe said. "I feel confident, a lot more confident on the court. I'm just getting comfortable. Me and Coach's relationship is a lot better. I know what he wants from me. I know what he wants from the team and the more I talk, the less he has to talk in practice. I think that he enjoys that."

Briscoe is quick to point out that relationship was good last year, saying only that it wasn't at the level of, say, Tyler Ulis' relationship with Calipari or the one Briscoe shares with him now. Once again, that makes sense.

"First year is always hard for these kids because they have their way of doing something," Calipari said. "It got them here and they think, 'I can be this way and go where I'm trying to go.' In most cases you can't. This thing is about developing great habits. A lot times guys will fight you as they have to develop good habits. They want to be sneaky and – you can't."

There's no being sneaky for Briscoe now that every move he makes counts.

"You got people on the team looking up to me since I'm a leader," Briscoe said. "I gotta lead by example. I gotta work hard, let them know that nothing's easy, I'm not just trying to coast or anything like that. I just gotta know that it starts with me."

Briscoe had a productive freshman season, but he was always a complementary piece. Now, there's no telling how his statistics will stack up with the 9.6 points, 5.3 rebounds and 3.1 assists he averaged last year, but Briscoe will have improved by leaps and bounds regardless.

"One, he's owning his own game," Calipari said. "Like, he's in that gym, he's working on his shooting, he knows that's what he's got to do. I love the fact that he's competitive in what he does. I was just on a phone call today saying, 'He never guarded until he went to Kentucky. He didn't guard anybody. I watched him, we played against him.' So you look at him now. He's transformed who he is."

Nice words, but Calipari saved his highest praise for Briscoe for last.

"I'll tell you what," Calipari said. "If I'm in a foxhole, that's who I want beside me."

That's where Briscoe will be all season: at the right hand of his coach.

Kentucky's stud freshmaen show they can turn it up against the likes of Michigan State

By Mike DeCourcy| SportingNews| Nov. 15, 2016

NEW YORK — The story Kentucky coach John Calipari told about his star freshmen guards, De'Aaron Fox and Malik Monk, after they made their Madison Square Garden debut was typically funny. Almost too funny.

After Monk scored 23 points and hit 7 of 11 from 3-point range in a 69-48 victory over Michigan State, on a day when his performance at shootaround indicated he should play well, Calipari said it was a lesson for both guards to see how great work habits can pay off with a great performance.

"Getting him and De'Aaron to not be casual — they think they're getting ready for an AAU game," Calipari said. "They're hungry. They need a hot dog right before the game. 'Can I get something to eat?' What are you talking about? So these guys play casual, they practice casual, and that's what we've got to teach them. You've got to create a habit of really getting after it."

This time of year at Kentucky always is an education. The Wildcats again are blessed with an abundance of extraordinary freshman, which means they are highly rated in preseason polls and will be handsomely rewarded on draft day but there'll need to be a whole lot of progress if this team's season is going to end — like in 2011, 2012, 2014 and 2015 — in the Final Four.

To be fair, though, as sophomore guard Isaiah Briscoe reminded us, "It's tough to play in the Garden your third game as a freshman."

The Wildcats and Spartans opened the Champions Classic doubleheader at Madison Square Garden, and both teams will play a flood of elite opponents before entering their respective leagues. Briscoe believes UK's kids can handle it.

"They're not ordinary freshmen. They pick up things fast, they listen," Briscoe said. "They know how to play basketball. I'm comfortable with them out on the court."

A team so reliant on freshmen is going to have questions about how it develops. There were a few that arose on Tuesday night.

What will the offense become? Yes, the Wildcats beat Michigan State easily. But several components of the promised attack were not involved in this game. Not even remotely. Senior Derek Willis, a stretch-4 type of forward, did not attempt a shot in the first half and had only one for the game. Center Bam Adebayo, the expected post presence there to draw defenders to the interior so the guards have room to shoot, was 2 of 3 from the field.

Of the team's 11 first-half baskets, both Isaiah Briscoe and Malik Monk had five apiece. The starting guards scored 19 of the team's 23 field goals.

Monk was phenomenal, firing 3-pointers as though he'd been shooting in the Garden his entire life. But Kentucky is going to want to be more varied on offense, and it might not be until they are challenged more sternly than this that Calipari discovers the best design for this particular team.

Remember, he has rearranged the attack of several previous Kentucky teams as the season advanced — at least one time as late as March. We may not know for a while how he'll best deploy this talented group. But Calipari was thrilled the team turned over the ball only 14 times in game that moved quickly, at least three of which he figured were offensive fouls.

How deep will they go? Calipari used nine players in the first half, eight for serious minutes. It would seem tempting to find moments for a player with Sacha Killeya-Jones' physical possibilities, but he will have to fight

hard to get into this rotation.

As it was, Calipari had sophomore Isaac Humphries back up Adebayo, freshman Wenyen Gabriel to provide a defense-first complement to Willis and senior Dominique Hawkins to spell starting guards Isaiah Briscoe, De'Aaron Fox and Malik Monk and do his defensive demon deal.

It's not nearly the sort of depth UK had in 2015, when the Wildcats won 38 consecutive games, but having so many players was the source of a challenge or two.

Is there room to improve on D? For a group of primarily freshmen playing their third game, the Wildcats executed absurdly well at the defensive end. Michigan State freshman Miles Bridges showed how spectacular he could be, but Calipari and his staff recognized he was the only player who'd looked like an option in last Friday's loss to Arizona and decided he would not be allowed to beat the Wildcats.

They switched often when he was involved in crosses, and they bet Bridges would not be comfortable yet asserting the freedom to attack the mismatches. When he did get the ball in dangerous positions and there was the opportunity for a double-team, they clamped on him and forced him to abandon the ball.

"The way we played," Calipari said, "we made it difficult for him to just play basketball."

MSU shot less than 32.8 percent from the field, and only 5 of 26 from 3-point range. No Spartan player scored in double figures. This Kentucky team will need to be great defensively as its offense develops. That seems likely.

"We did play crazy defense today," Briscoe said.

Isaiah Briscoe's better than you thought, isn't he? With the arrival of 5-star, top-10, one-and-done guards Fox and Monk, it was hard not to wonder exactly how Briscoe would fit into the operation. Mainly because Fox was going to be the primary point guard and Monk is a natural shooter and scorer.

Briscoe shot 13.5 percent from 3-point range last year. What would he do?

In this game, the answer turned out to be: pretty much whatever he wants. Briscoe scored 10 of his 21 points in the first half by taking off into the break, by outsmarting younger defenders, by playing acrobatically around the rim. With 9:38 left in the game, Briscoe found himself isolated at the mid-post against MSU's Matt McQuaid, and a convincing pump-fake got the defender into the air for a foul, a banked-in jumper and a 3-point play that put UK ahead by 16.

Briscoe is the glue that binds the Kentucky backcourt together. More than half of UK's minutes in the first half were consumed by freshmen, and that figure should grow as that group becomes better and more confident with experience. There will not be a championship without Briscoe, though only a sophomore, serving as a stabilizing veteran.

Briscoe said it was not a difficult decision to return as a sophomore, because he expected a special team. And he needed to improve, the kind of improvement he showed in this game.

"He came in last year with Tyler Ulis, and he was a great leader. And now Isaiah has that role," Monk said. "He's just teaching us what we have to do in practice, what we have to do in games. He's been through a lot, and he's guiding us through."

'Crazy defense' the difference in UK's win over Michigan State

By Jerry Tipton| Lexington Herald-Leader| Nov. 15, 2016

NEW YORK- Kentucky made only 38.3 percent of its shots and handily defeated No. 13 Michigan State on Tuesday night.

"We did play crazy defense," Isaiah Briscoe said in agreeing with a reporter's question in the postgame news conference.

In the handshake after the game, Michigan State Coach Tom Izzo attributed his team's 69-48 loss to Kentucky's defense.

"'Your defense was better than us this game,'" UK Coach John Calipari said Izzo told him. "And that's what it was."

Michigan State made just 32.8 percent of its shots. That included 5-for-26 shooting from three-point range.

The Spartans struggled to establish scoring in the paint as reflected by shooting only nine free throws.

"We looked like a team that was an AAU team," Izzo said. "Just went one-on-one."

Izzo credited Kentucky's defense. "I do think that is one of his better defensive teams," he said. "They did a very good job."

Happy homecoming

Briscoe, who grew up in Newark, N.J., enjoyed a homecoming. He scored 21 points for a second straight game.

"It feels good," he said. "A lot of my fan base is from New York. It feels good to be in front of my fans and play well."

Calipari pointed out how Briscoe is a different player than the fans saw on the high school level.

"Everybody who watched him in high school can't believe he defends and rebounds like he does," the UK coach said.

As he had in the preseason, Briscoe credited the increased comfort that comes with experience for his improved play as a sophomore.

"I know how to play the game better," he said. "As far as college basketball and getting easy buckets when I'm tired, subbing myself out, making the right plays and not using as much energy. That all comes with experience. ...

"I just feel like a totally different player."

'He's fine'

For the second time in three games, foul trouble limited Bam Adebayo's minutes and contributions. Rather than the reaching fouls that led to Adebayo playing only 15 minutes in the opener against Stephen F. Austin, this time the problems came on the offensive end.

Adebayo picked up three fouls with Kentucky in possession of the ball: two shoves while trying to establish post position and a charge.

Adebayo scored six points, grabbed five rebounds and committed five turnovers in 26 minutes.

Calipari dismissed the notion of being concerned with his freshman big man in the early stages of transitioning to college basketball.

"He's fine," Calipari said. "He made free throws (two of three). He dunked balls. He defended five positions."

Do better

Calipari's pregame concern about rebounding never materialized. Michigan State out-rebounded Kentucky 44-40. The Spartans had 13 offensive rebounds.

But State scored only eight second-chance points, and had two second-chance baskets through the first 25-plus minutes.

State's supposed muscle made little difference in terms of getting to the foul line. The Spartans did not shoot a free throw until only 2:02 remained in the first half, and shot only four before intermission.

"Still got out-rebounded," Calipari said when listing how Kentucky must aim to improve.

Through three games, opponents have out-rebounded Kentucky 116-107.

Calipari also pointed out another area in need of attention. "Our pick-and-roll defense still stinks," he said. "They were going right down the middle for layups."

Kudos for Gabriel

The scoring and flash of fellow freshmen Malik Monk and De'Aaron Fox overshadowed a busy stat line for Wenyen Gabriel.

Gabriel had four points, six rebounds, two assists, three steals and no turnovers in 24 minutes.

"I thought Wenyen was great," Calipari volunteered. "High motor. Hands on balls. Tipping balls."

Depth charge

Before the game, Michigan State Coach Tom Izzo used Kentucky to put his team's depth in perspective.

"We're going to have depth, but how good that depth is is always the key," Izzo said on Monday. "We have depth until you look at Duke and Kentucky and see real depth."

Michigan State's reserves outscored Kentucky's 26-7.

'I love pressure'

Michigan State's Nick Ward validated the promise Izzo saw in the opening-game loss to Arizona.

"We're going to be able to go to him," Izzo said.

Ward, a 6-foot-8 freshman, had eight points and six rebounds in 15 minutes against UK.

"I love pressure," he said before the game. "I love the bright lights."

Family motivates Kentucky's Gabriel to play his hardest: 'We came here with nothing'

By Jerry Tipton| Lexington Herald-Leader| Nov. 18, 2016

At this ultra-early stage, Kentucky freshman Wenyen Gabriel fits the classic role of a sixth man: Improve the lineup with that first substitution.

Gabriel provided a telling boost during Kentucky's first three games. Judging from the reaction of coaches on both sides, he succeeded in improving UK's performance.

Wenyen Gabriel has come off the bench in all three of UK's games this season but is averaging 19.7 minutes per game.

"I'm watching to see what we need," he said of the time he spends on the bench as the games begin. "If we're missing out on rebounds, I'm going to try to go in the game and get rebounds. If we need to pick up the intensity on the defensive end, I'm going to try pick up the intensity. If (UK needs) scoring, I try to get to the basket and score."

In Kentucky's victory over Michigan State on Tuesday, Gabriel was a one-man smorgasbord of contributions: four points, six rebounds, two assists, three steals and a block.

This led associate coach Kenny Payne, who substituted for UK head coach John Calipari at a Friday news conference, to salute "the major strides" Gabriel has made since arriving on campus this summer.

"We are a defensive team historically with Coach Cal's teams," Payne said. "Defense is a premium here. This kid has learned. The kid has picked up. He still makes mistakes, but he's trying. His energy and effort is really, really good."

In current sporting parlance, Gabriel has a good "motor," which Payne attributed to "being in shape. Playing with energy. Being active with your hands and active with your feet. Keeping your feet moving. Helping and stunting off the ball.

"A lot of it is a will to fight, and he has that."

When asked what drove him to play hard, Gabriel cited his family's story of perseverance. He was born in Sudan. Then the family moved to Egypt for about two years before moving to New Hampshire. "We came here with nothing," he said in answering the question about personal motivation.

Gabriel embraced the role of providing energy. Starting the game on the floor or coming off the floor didn't matter, he said.

"I think that's how I found my way on the floor," he said, "and how I'm earning more minutes. I'll continue to do that."

Gabriel described his preparation as beginning well before he reports to the scorer's table, before the opening tip-off.

"I warm up really hard," he said. "In the shoot-around, I go really hard. I'm just ready for when my moment when I go in the game."

Gabriel said he's growing more comfortable on the college level. The game in New York was a thrill.

"A lot of my family was there, which is one of the big things for me," he said. "Just having fun. Like that whole New York stage is a big thing for me. I really appreciated that."

Looking ahead, Gabriel wants to continue to get better. Of course, as a multi-faceted contributor, he wants to be versatile in his improvement.

"Work on my offensive game a little more," he said. "Try to find out where I fit in there.

"But defensively, be more alert on the defensive end. There's more things I can do."

Adebayo 'making strides' as UK seeks balance

By Fletcher Page| Courier-Journal| Nov. 21, 2016

LEXINGTON, Ky. – When a flagrant foul sent Isaiah Briscoe crashing to the floor during UK's win over Duquesne on Sunday, Bam Adebayo was quick to lunge into the gathering mob to make sure there wasn't any further interaction.

It's nice to have a 6-10, 260-pound teammate nicknamed "Beast" in these moments.

"That's my brother," Adebayo said. "I've got to have my brother's back."

The relationship between Adebayo and Kentucky basketball's guards is on increasingly good terms these days. With Briscoe, Malik Monk and De'Aaron Fox rightfully hogging the shots and the spotlight early this season, John Calipari made a move to distribute production into the paint for the sake of balance on offense.

Following the Wildcats win over Michigan State in New York last week, Calipari told his guards they couldn't take open shots during portions of practice. They had to pass it to Adebayo and UK's post players first.

"I appreciate it very much," Adebayo said. "Thanks to Coach Cal."

Adebayo took only 12 percent of Kentucky's shots through the first three games of the season. Against Duquesne, he scored 12 points on 5 of 8 shooting and hit 2 of 3 free throws. He also had eight rebounds, two blocks, two steals and an assist.

"It was great," Calipari said. "He's making strides. He's getting better every day. Making his free throws, he's rebounding in traffic, he's coming up with balls. He's still got a ways to go, but he's getting better."

Adebayo was whistled for four fouls, played only 15 minutes and scored five points in the season-opener against Stephen F. Austin. In the three games since, he's averaged 26 minutes, hit 10 of 20 shots from the field and 12 of his 19 free throws.

"Just working to get my position right and how my body should be when they're throwing me the ball," Adebayo said, noting that he works with assistant Kenny Payne sometimes before and after practice.

His activity on defense and in rebounding is rivaled only by fellow freshman Wenyen Gabriel, according to Monk.

"It is super weird," Monk said. "That's even better for us because we don't have to work that hard. That's crazy to have two bigs be at the top level every day at practice."

Combining Adebayo's self awareness about avoiding foul trouble and focus on rebounding and defense and the guards keying in to include him on offense, Kentucky could evolve into a balanced threat to compete for a national title.

"Bam is really flipping another gear, playing at a higher level, and he's really understanding what's expected of him down there and he's doing great," UK senior guard Mychal Mulder said. "It's really exciting to see him take such big strides in such little time."

Adebayo 'Getting Closer and Closer' to Dominant Form

By Guy Ramsey| UK Athletics| Nov. 21,2016

Impressive as Kentucky was in three blowouts to start the season, Bam Adebayo

was somewhat of a forgotten man – well, as forgotten as a 6-foot-10, 260-pound athletic specimen can be.

With a dynamic backcourt doing the lion's share of the damage, Adebayo – due to foul trouble and a lack of touches – had been quiet. That's a big reason why John Calipari directed his guards to force-feed the post in practice this week.

"Just making the guards throw it in," Adebayo said. "Even though they have open shots, they still have to throw it in."

Adebayo certainly wasn't complaining about the policy.

"You know I'm fine with it," Adebayo said, flashing a big grin.

The effort continued on Sunday evening, with Adebayo and his fellow big men seeing the ball early and often as UK (4-0) coasted to a 93-59 victory over Duquesne. Adebayo took advantage in scoring 12 points and showing off a couple pretty post moves, including jump hooks with both hands.

"It's great," Calipari said. "He's getting better every day. Making his free throws. He's rebounding in traffic. He's coming up with balls. He's still got a ways to go but he's getting better."

Effort has never been a problem for the tireless Adebayo, who has been limited by fouls in two of UK's four games. A good number of those fouls have come on the offensive end, specifically when he jockeys for position against smaller defenders. He's having to adjust in that situation, abandoning his mentality of trying to force his man all the way under the basket.

"Now, the adjustment for him is to just catch the ball," associate head coach Kenny Payne said. "If you just catch the ball, you're going to be a problem to guard, so just catch it. You've done a good job of fighting for position. You don't have to get the ball right under the basket. Just catch it and make it a strong move."

Payne is working closely with Adebayo, as he does with all of UK's bigs. That's not always fun for Adebayo, but Payne's track record is beyond reproach.

"Fifty dunks with a medicine ball," Adebayo said. "We've run—he makes us run suicides one day. He's just hard on us. He has his ways and it's working for us. So I'm not complaining."

Complaining about the medicine-ball exercise would be understandable. Dunking with a basketball is a breeze for Adebayo, but doing it repeatedly with a 15-pound object is another story. The first time he did, Adebayo almost didn't make it out of his dorm the next morning.

"I was kind of sore," Adebayo said. "I really didn't want to get out of bed, but we all gotta go to class. I had to be in class."

The pain is starting to pay off though. And one of the teammates that's been passing Adebayo the ball sees an even bigger game in his future.

"Like Cal said before, I was getting ready for my breakout game and it happened against Michigan State," Malik Monk said. "I think Bam's is coming up because he feels more comfortable in the post. We're passing him the ball more. I think it's coming close."

Coach Cal agrees.

"I thought Bam was outstanding," Calipari said. "He's getting closer and closer."

For this Kentucky basketball team, sharing is fueling success

By John Clay| Hearld Leader| Nov. 23,2016

This being Thanksgiving, the theme for the day is sharing.

Of all the impressive things through five games in this early season about this No. 1-ranked Kentucky basketball team, surely unselfishness has to rank near the top of the list. Surely sharing is one big reason for John Calipari to give thanks.

Look at the stat sheet. In the season-opening win over Stephen F. Austin, Kentucky was credited with 21 assists on 31 made field goals. In the Champions Classic mauling of Michigan State at Madison Square Garden, the Cats had 17 assists on 23 made field goals. In the late-night Sunday night romp over Duquesne, the Cats totaled 19 assists on 35 made field goals.

Wednesday, in its pre-Thanksgiving matinee road race past Cleveland State, 101-70, Kentucky was credited with 25 assists on its 38 made field goals. Last year's Kentucky team reached the 25-assist mark once all season, and that was in the regular-season finale when the Cats racked up 26 assists in the win over LSU. And, remember, that team had Tyler Ulis.

This team has De'Aaron Fox, the stylish point guard from Texas who arrived on campus with the innate ability to share the rock. Through five games, Fox has 38 assists. Twice now he's hit double figures. He was credited with 12 assists against Stephen F. Austin. His stat line showed 11 on Wednesday.

Here's the thing: Fox isn't alone. Wenyen Gabriel, a forward, had six assists Wednesday. Isaiah Briscoe, the sophomore guard who did not play Wednesday because of a back ailment, had five assists against Duquesne. An overlooked stat in the win over Michigan State was Derek Willis' three assists in 16 minutes. Malik Monk, Fox's freshman running mate at guard, had four assists Wednesday.

There was a play early Wednesday when Monk stole the ball in the backcourt and took off toward the rim. He could have taken it all the way to the rim and scored. Instead, sensing Fox coming on the wing, Monk threw the ball off the backboard. Fox caught it and slammed it. "I knew where he was," Monk said afterward. "I knew he would be there."

They all seem to know where the other one is going to be, which has to be an unusual trait for a team that features so many new and young players.

"Everybody on the team can score," said Gabriel, who scored 10 points and grabbed 10 rebounds for his first collegiate double-double. "A lot of times you feel comfortable passing the ball knowing that your teammate can score. A lot of us come from different high schools where we had to shoot more basketballs. It's kind of fun to be able to pass the basketball, to share. It relieves pressure from all of us."

Surely that is a contributing factor to Monk's hot start. In high school and AAU basketball, Monk was known as a streaky shooter, one who could go from cold to very hot back to cold again. To this point, we haven't seen that. Over his last three games, the Arkansas native has made 13 of 25 three-point shots. Wednesday, he matched his 23-point performance last week against Michigan State.

"Playing with other good players is great," he said. "A lot of pressure is taken off me. They try to focus in on them more than they do me and that just leaves me open. Or they focus in on them more than they do me and we just share the ball and play good basketball."

And, so far, that's something to be thankful for.

UK guards a lesson in chemistry

By Tim Sullivan | Courier Journal| Nov. 23,2016

LEXINGTON, Ky. – Malik Monk tossed the ball toward the basket as if he were releasing a dove. He swung his right arm in the general direction of the rim and let the ball go with an upraised palm.

As a field-goal attempt, it was aimless. But as a pass, it was precise. Less than four minutes into Kentucky's 101-70 thumping of Cleveland State Wednesday afternoon, Monk made a mid-court steal and an improbable assist. He flipped the ball off the backboard and into the leaping grip of fellow freshman De'Aaron Fox for a slam dunk of contest caliber.

Perhaps you have seen the replay.

Surely, you will have an opportunity to see some encores.

Less than two weeks into their college careers, Monk and Fox have demonstrated rare talents and a mutual understanding that borders on the telepathic. They play like two guards who have been working in tandem for five years rather than five games and at so high a level as to reinforce Kentucky's No. 1 national ranking.

"We're just feeding off each other," Monk said. "He knows where I'm at; I know where he's at. It's weird to be freshmen like that. . .It's crazy."

At a school that has become the NBA's de facto waiting room, Monk and Fox arguably represent an upgrade over Tyler Ulis and Jamal Murray – probably the best college backcourt of last season. In the absence of the injured Isaiah Briscoe, Monk had 23 points and four assists Wednesday; Fox 16 points and 11 assists.

"If the NBA had a different rule, they'd probably be in there right now," Cleveland State coach Gary Waters said. "They're pretty good basketball players."

Let the record show that Monk and Fox are extremely good basketball players, but the most striking thing about them against Cleveland State was not their individual abilities or statistics, but their chemistry. If Monk's off-the-glass pass to Fox was the day's most spectacular development, Fox repaid his teammate's generosity by assisting on five of Monk's eight field goals.

"My chemistry with Malik is like way up here," Fox said, raising his hand above his head. ". . .Honestly, it's just playing together in practice, just trying to get a feel for each other, trying to feel what each other (is) going to do. I know what Malik is going to do like the back of my hand. He knows what I am going to do.

"It makes us extremely better."

Fox is from Houston; Monk from Lepanto, Arkansas, but like so many of today's elite recruits, they arrived on campus already acquainted. The two players started for opposing teams in the March McDonald's All-American game in Chicago and had previously crossed paths on the AAU circuit.

"We played each other once," Fox said. "My team won by like 20, but he kept shooting it. I guarded him the whole game, but he had a good game."

True?

"They were way better than us," Monk conceded. "(But) He didn't tell you I had 30 that game."

The former rivals attained a more symbiotic relationship through pickup games and practices, gaining a feel for the other's moves and an ability to communicate through instinctive anticipation. Fox is the prototypical point guard; Monk the volume-shooting scorer, but neither of the two players is one-dimensional.

"I expected (Fox) to shoot the ball better than he is right now. . ." UK coach John Calipari said Wednesday. "But his ability to find people and make the right play – WOO!

"I thought Malik was outstanding. Malik has a chance of being special. When I put him at point guard, I told him at the end, you played like a shooting guard would play point. If you want to be a point, you've got to play like a point guard. But I thought defensively, I mean, he stays in front, he's quick, he's chasing. He didn't break down."

Like so many of the players who pass through Calipari's program, neither Fox nor Monk is a finished product as a freshman. Both figure to better when they start drawing NBA paychecks, probably next season. It remains to be seen, though, whether the two players can adapt to new teammates as well as they have to each other.

"I can't read minds," De'Aaron Fox said. "But it's just a feel where I feel he's about to do this and it ends up happening."

'The Woodz' made Kentucky basketball's Malik Monk, who wears Lepanto, Ark., roots like badge of honor

By: Kyle Tucker| SEC Country | Nov. 28, 2016

PARADISE ISLAND, Bahamas – All Malik Monk has to do to realize how far he's come is slip a University of Kentucky basketball jersey over his head.

"It's crazy," he said. "Every time I look in the mirror or I step on the court and see Kentucky, I'm like, 'Wow, I made it. I made it here.' "

All Monk has to do to remember where he's come from is slide that jersey off, as he did after the No. 1-ranked Wildcats' practice here in the Bahamas on Sunday afternoon, and look down at the tattoo across his chest.

It's a sprawling scene in ink of the neighborhood park in Monk's hometown of Lepanto, Ark. – population 1,893 – where he learned about basketball, toughness and life during hours-long games against grown men. The water tower in the distance creeps up Monk's right shoulder. The goal he taught himself to dunk on covers his left pectoral muscle.

Just under his collarbone, in huge lettering, a neighborhood nickname: The WOODZ.

Monk is preparing to play Arizona State here at the Atlantis resort, where he's been treated like a king – like the McDonald's All-American, Kentucky's leading scorer and projected NBA lottery pick that he is. But he's thinking of the guys back home, like Lil' Shane, who have a big game of their own.

"They're probably playing right now. Sunday, we hoopin'. Every Sunday in the park," Monk said. "They're my guys. They're imagining they're me playing here, but they're playing there. I know they're watching every game of mine, so I'm just trying to make it for them, too.

"Because I got an opportunity, I moved away. If I didn't move, I'd probably be in their situation. But I got away – got away quick as I can."

Which is not to say Monk thinks badly of his hometown. Quite the opposite. In fact, he was mad when his mother moved them five hours away after his freshman year in high school to be with his older brother (and father figure) Marcus in Bentonville, Ark., just outside of Fayetteville.

"I hated to move," Malik said. "If it wasn't for Lepanto, I wouldn't be the person I am today."

But Marcus, who played football and basketball at the University of Arkansas before a brief overseas career, was back at his alma mater getting a master's degree in business. Malik's mother and big brother believed there would be better basketball competition and less trouble for him there.

"In a small town, it's a lot of bad you could do," Malik said. "Not much good."

His grandfather, several uncles, aunts and cousins still live in that little town, though, as do the friends with whom he learned to not only play basketball but also hunt, fish and ride four-wheelers in the enchanting, wide-open wilderness. Monk has come to love fashion as he's gotten older and realized he's about to be very wealthy, but he still considers himself a country boy at heart.

The coolest thing in his closet, as far as he's concerned, is a pair of white camouflage sweats – the high-fashion kind his basketball idol, Russell Westbrook, might wear – because it combines his old life and new. He misses the old and doesn't ever want to forget those roots, which is why he proudly wears them across his chest.

He went to The Woodz alone every day and leaped as high and hard as he could.

"A week, week and a half passed, and I finally did it," Monk said. "I was out there by myself celebrating, happy. Nobody seen it, but I got it. That's probably my best memory. It was raining and I was running around cheesing like I won a championship. After that, it was on."

De'Aaron Fox puts up second triple-double in Kentucky basketball history

By: Kyle Tucker| SEC Country| Nov. 28, 2016

PARADISE ISLAND, Bahamas – Here's what jumps out about De'Aaron Fox's triple-double against Arizona State on Monday night: How in the world was that only the second such stat line in Kentucky basketball's rich history?

No program has won more games. Only UCLA has won more national titles. And yet, until the Wildcats' freshman point guard went for 14 points, 11 rebounds and 10 assists against the Sun Devils, there had been only one UK player ever to record a triple-double.

Move over Chris Mills, whose 19 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists on Dec. 27, 1988 against Austin Peay stood all alone in the program's record book for a long, long time.

"That's ridiculous, just how hard it is for guys to get triple-doubles," said Fox, who made it look rather easy by achieving the feat in just his seventh college game. "The players that have come through here all the years they won (eight) national championships. Even the years (John Calipari) has been here and the players he's had, it's just because of how hard it is.

"And I did it. I can't do anything but thank my teammates, my coaches and God."

Five players in Calipari's first seven seasons came tantalizingly close to a triple-double. John Wall needed two more assists against Mississippi State in 2010. Anthony Davis needed two more blocks against St. John's in 2011. Nerlens Noel needed three more blocks (or four more steals) on his stat-stuffing day against Texas A&M in 2013.

Willie Cauley-Stein came up one block and two boards shy of a triple-double against Providence in 2013 and 5-foot-9 point guard Tyler Ulis, remarkably, got enough rebounds but was two assists away against Auburn back in January.

"There's a lot of stuff that you thought – like a No. 1 pick in the draft – you would've thought Kentucky has had it," Calipari said. After none before him, Kentucky has had three No. 1 picks since 2010: Wall, Davis and Karl-Anthony Towns. Now, finally, the program's second triple-double. "A lot of times it was players sharing and it just didn't happen. But it's happened for these guys."

It happened on a night when top-ranked Kentucky absolutely wrecked Arizona State, 115-69, at the Atlantis resort in the Bahamas. The Sun Devils' coach is Bobby Hurley, who was a star point guard himself at Duke in the early 1990s. He was well aware of Fox's historic output.

"He was on his way to that at halftime," Hurley said. "We pointed that out, that we had nine defensive rebounds at halftime and I think he had eight. He's just a really talented guy, really runs their team extremely well. I'm a big fan of his. I think he's obviously got a really high ceiling, both this season and beyond."

Fox has scored in double figures in all seven games at Kentucky and has recorded double-digit assists already three times, but this was his first time grabbing more than seven rebounds in a game.

"They've been telling me to play harder. I've been lackadaisical. Like (Calipari) says, I'm always casual," Fox said. "When the ball went up, especially in the first half, I just went to the defensive glass every time and it worked out for me. I just gotta listen to him and play with more effort. That's something I can do on a regular basis."

Which makes him – and by extension the Wildcats – rather scary. Hurley said his team was "shell-shocked" and "demoralized" by Kentucky's effort Monday. Fox led that charge, although he nearly missed out on the triple-double.

Sitting on nine assists as the clock ticked down, he drove for a layup instead of lobbing to Bam Adebayo on one possession. "He kind of looked at me like, 'Yo, get the last assists so you can come out,' " Fox said. "Guys knew. Guys shot some shots. Some of them rolled out."

Mychal Mulder and Malik Monk both missed 3-pointers that would've done the trick. The pro-Cats crowd in the ballroom-turned-arena grew restless. But finally Monk hit the clinching, contested three for Fox's 10th assist (and a 39-point lead) with 4:44 to go.

"He got me my triple-double," Fox said. "My mom told me to tell him thanks."

Fox now has 53 assists, an average of 7.6 per game, which is way ahead of Ulis' pace through seven games last year. At this same point, on his way to setting a single-season school record, Ulis only had 35 assists. That's some history Fox knows.

But what about Chris Mills? He looked blankly toward Calipari for a little help on the postgame podium when asked about his predecessor in history, and the coach rolled his eyes, underscoring just how long it's been and how rare it is at Kentucky for anyone to record a triple-double.

"I don't" know who Mills is, Fox said sheepishly. "I don't. That was what? That was 9 years before I was born. Almost 10 years."

ESPN analyst: Kentucky freshman backcourt Malik Monk, De'Aaron Fox best ever

By: Matt Scott| SEC Country|Nov. 29, 2016

Look out, Jalen Rose and Jimmy King. Or Kentucky's own John Wall and Eric Bledsoe. An ESPN analyst says this year's Kentucky freshman backcourt of Malik Monk and De'Aaron Fox is the best… ever.

Dino Gaudio of ESPN said as such about the dynamic duo after Monday's 115-69 beatdown of Arizona State. The comments, which were first published by Kevin Flaherty of CatsPause.com, were certainly glowing.

"The thing that I really like about these two guards: I really think De'Aaron Fox and Malik Monk are the best pair of freshman guards to come into college basketball ever. I think, ever," Gaudio said. "Now, we know that they had John Wall and Bledsoe.

But I talked to a Kentucky assistant … they feel these guys might be better than Wall and Bledsoe were. But De'Aaron Fox and Monk have such chemistry together. We see the triple-double out of De'Aaron Fox tonight. Boy, this is a special basketball player."

The former Army, Loyola (Md.) and Wake Forest coach, who took over after the death of Skip Prosser in 2007, is not alone in his high praise for the top-ranked Wildcats (7-0).

Fox is a 6-foot-3 guard from Houston, and Monk is 6 foot 3 and from Lepanto, Ark. Fox is averaging 15.3 points, 5.7 rebounds and 7.6 assists for John Calipari's Wildcats. Monk is averaging a team-high 19.3 points, 2.9 rebounds and 2.7 assists per game.

Fox had the program's second triple-double in the game (maybe), and combined with Isaiah Briscoe on Monday night, the guards had 47 points, 21 assists, 18 rebounds and six steals.

Kentucky continues its schedule on Saturday against UCLA and another freshman standout in Lonzo Ball.

In 2009-10, Wall and Bledsoe combined to average 28.0 points, 7.4 rebounds and 9.4 assists per game. In 1991-92 at Michigan, Rose and King combined to average 27.0 points, 71 rebounds and 6.5 assists for coach Steve Fisher on the famed Fab Five team that reached the finals of the NCAA Tournament.

Cats Must Learn Lessons to Erase Sting of UCLA Loss

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Kentucky mounted a furious late rally to turn a comfortable UCLA lead into a one-

possession game in the waning seconds.

The deficit proved too large, though, and the Wildcats fell in a battle of college basketball bluebloods.

Of course John Calipari was coaching with every ounce of his energy. But as soon as the final buzzer sounded, he was looking ahead.

"I wish we would have come back and won," Coach Cal said. "I would have liked to learn from that lesson a little bit more. But sometimes you need to get hit on the chin, especially at home."

There's no disputing that's exactly what happened, as the No. 11 Bruins (9-0) built an 11-point lead with 30 seconds remaining. UK's near-comeback made the final score of 97-92 look a little better than it otherwise would have, but the fact remains that the top-ranked Cats (7-1) were exploited on defense.

That started behind the arc, where UCLA did what it normally does and made open shots. The Bruins were 10 of 23 from 3-point range.

"We gave up 10 3s and I'm guessing six of them we left a shooter," Calipari said. "All we talked about for two days is the one way they're going to beat us is bouncing it, they're not beating us shooting standing 3s."

UK, meanwhile, shot just 33.3 percent from 3-point range and 41.3 percent overall, but still managed a solid 1.1 points per possession. That serves to illuminate where UK's issues truly were.

"Discipline and us being selfish were really the main things on defense," said Malik Monk, who scored 24 points. "Our offense was fine. We do that. We know offense is going to come, but defensive focus is every night and we didn't have it tonight."

UCLA took full advantage of that behind dynamic freshman point guard Lonzo Ball (14 points, seven assists and six rebounds) and hot-shooting senior Isaac Hamilton (19 points). However, it was freshman big man TJ Leaf and his 17 points and 13 rebounds that ultimately doomed top-ranked UK (7-1) in Calipari's mind.

"I mean, what Leaf did, basically dominated the game," Calipari said. "We had no one, unless I was going to go big lineup, which we haven't done a whole lot, which shows me maybe we have to be prepared for that."

That's one lesson in a game (and day) full of them. That started even before tipoff.

"I decided not to have a shootaround," Calipari said. "I'm not making an excuse. That was my choice. Now that I see the result, I would have had a shootaround this morning. I just felt maybe they were mature enough to do this. I'm learning about this team."

UK would fall into a 4-0 hole, forcing Calipari to call timeout. The Cats bounced back to claim a first-half lead that grew to as large as nine points, but the Bruins then had a bounce-back of their own with a 23-6 run spanning the end of the first half and start of the second.

"We let them out-battle us," Calipari said. "We didn't have the energy that they had. Now they got to figure out why. I talked two days about, 'You have to figure out what makes you go, because every game we play is someone's Super Bowl, every game. May not be fair, but you're here, and that's how it is.' We had some guys I don't think were ready to start the game. They just weren't. Or their team was more ready than our team.

Through seven games, UK looked like a buzz saw. The Wildcats had demolished each of their first seven opponents by 21 points or more – a first at UK since 1947-48 – in claiming the No. 1 spot in both polls. Particularly after an incredible performance in the Bahamas against Arizona State, people were ready to anoint the Cats as an early favorite for the national championship entering the UCLA game.

Instead, UK got brought back down to earth by a UCLA team with national-title dreams of its own. That, if the Cats respond properly, offers an opportunity.

"Because we never got down like this or anything like that before," Monk said. "Seeing this is great for us."

The chances of UK making it through a grueling December schedule unscathed were slim. Though Saturday was an upset, Calipari always figured a moment like this would come sooner or later. Now, as the Cats look ahead to the next four weeks that feature games against North Carolina and Louisville and the start of Southeastern Conference play, it's time to buckle down.

"That's why you play a season," Calipari said. "The great thing about college basketball is you'd like to learn from close wins, but sometimes it doesn't work that way, you got to learn from a loss. That's what we'll try to do."

UCLA beats UK at its own game, teaches lessons

By: Eric Crawford | WDRB | Dec. 3, 2016

LEXINGTON, Ky. (WDRB) — Final exams are still a little more than a week away at the University of Kentucky, but the young Wildcats got a bonus lesson just before fall semester courses wrap up on Saturday.

On a big-stage, at home against tradition-rich UCLA in front of a primed crowd in renovated Rupp Arena and a national CBS audience, the No. 1-ranked Wildcats failed to fire in the way they have the past three games, losing 97-92 to the No. 11 Bruins, ending a 42-game home-court winning streak.

Understand this — losses at home are not to be taken lightly when you're a UK team, especially a No. 1-ranked UK team. The Wildcats, as the No. 1-ranked team in the Associated Press poll, were 53-1 in Rupp Arena prior to Saturday's loss. They are 124-5 in the building under coach John Calipari. They've been undefeated here in five of Calipari's seven seasons, and hadn't lost here in two seasons.

Now, also understand this: Kentucky wasn't terrible. It wasn't really good. But offensively, if it doesn't miss 12 of the 30 dunks and layups it attempted in the game, it wins narrowly. Certainly, UK didn't look as good as it has against lesser competition, and its defense, against one of the nation's top offensive units, needed work.

But UCLA is good. UCLA was a top-five looking team on Saturday. UCLA looked better than I thought it was. And it's fair to say, UCLA was better than UK thought it was.

UCLA is the best shooting team in the nation. UCLA is one of a handful of teams in the nation that can probably match Kentucky playing at its preferred pace. It's in the top five in the nation in offensive efficiency.

Bruins' coach Steve Alford reminded his players of all these things before the game.

"We talked about, 'Don't go in and jab around the ring to see if you belong. You're 8-0. You're playing well. Trust that you belong,'" Alford said. "That was the key thing that guys did from the tip. . . . If you can run with this team, you can run with anybody. We thought it would be a track meet. It was. We made shots, and if we can make shots in this environment against a team like this, it's very encouraging."

The game's key sequences came at the end of the first half and beginning of the second.

Kentucky led by nine points after 10 minutes and led for most of the first half, until UCLA tied the game with 2:40 left in the half. Up one and playing for one shot out of a timeout, Lonzo Ball rose up for a three with four seconds left in the half to put UCLA up 49-45 at the half.

To start the second, UCLA went on a quick 11-2 run to claim a 13-point lead, and that provided a key test for Kentucky.

The Wildcats haven't faced that kind of deficit this season — especially not at home. It's a different kind of pressure, especially for UK's freshmen. You go from an absolute demolition of Arizona State, as

impressive a performance — even against a mediocre opponent — as anyone has turned in all season, to ascending to the AP's No. 1 ranking. You've got people — present company included — talking about you as being as talented as a Kentucky team that jumped out of the gate 38-0 two seasons ago.

Praise is poison, sometimes, and while I don't know that it was the main culprit for UK on Saturday, it did play a part.

"We don't worry about anybody," said freshman Malik Monk, who led Kentucky with 24 points on 10 of 18 shooting. "We never worry about anybody. And that's what beat us today. . . . We didn't fight. They were hitting us in the mouth and we were not hitting back. But now we've seen it, we'll see it on film, and learn from it. Like Cal said, we needed a game like this to see where we are for real. I think we'll learn real fast. The lesson was to be focused, and be focused on defense."

The problem was a little more detailed than not fighting back. Calipari said he didn't like the way his team stopped passing the ball when it fell behind. The Wildcats had scored better than 100 points in three straight games by averaging just over 27 assists per contest. Against UCLA, the Wildcats had just 16 — 9 of those from point guard De'Aaron Fox.

Behind that was likely the natural instinct for good players to try to take over when things get tough. Sophomore guard Isaiah Briscoe three times drove baseline and stepped out of bounds in the second half. He got angry at some foul calls and lost his composure briefly. It's understandable, but something you can't have from a player who is supposed to be leading your team.

Still, the Wildcats got 80 shots in the game. They scored 92 points. They attempted 30 layups or dunks. That's generally enough to win.

The biggest culprit in the loss was UK's defense. But UCLA has made many teams look bad defensively. The Bruins shot better than 55 percent on the season, and shot 53 percent in Rupp Arena.

T.J. Leaf, as Calipari put it, "killed us." The 6-10 freshman scored on fadeaways and drives to the rim. He made 7 of 12 shots and grabbed 13 rebounds to go with 5 assists.

"You've got to give UCLA credit for how they played and what they did," Calipari said. "Leaf basically dominated the game. . . . Straight line drives, rebounds, making shots. We left him a couple times. He played. They also played to their strengths. Now, we turned them over a bunch, got a lot more shots than they did. But when we had our chance down seven, turnover, dunk, give up a three, all within 13 seconds. It's all discipline."

Calipari was particularly disappointed in the defensive discipline. The one defensive key for his team going into the game was to stay out on three-point shooters, to not allow UCLA to catch and shoot. The Bruins got good looks from three-point range, and made 10 of 23 from beyond the arc.

"This is a lesson for us," Calipari said. "We didn't have the energy. I had to call a timeout a minute into the game. I mean, just wasn't the same team. How about this one? We had 16 assists. Why didn't we pass it today? Because it was national television, it's my time? We all look bad. There are great lessons out of this. I wish we would have come back and won. I would have liked to learn from that lesson a little bit more. But sometimes you need to get hit on the chin, especially at home."

The Wildcats got 20 points from Fox, on 8-for-20 shooting. They got 18 points and 13 rebounds from Bam Adebayo, and 12 points from Briscoe, who went 0-5 from three-point range. Derek Willis added 11 points and four rebounds in 22 minutes. Willis needed to be more aggressive looking for his shot, but in his defense, he was up all night with an illness.

Calipari said several players had been under the weather, and because of that he chose not to have a pregame walk-through. Maybe that contributed to the loss. If it did, Calipari wouldn't say so.

The loss wasn't the end of the world, even if at Kentucky, every loss seems like it.

"We put it aside already," Monk said a half hour after the game. "We're not even worried about the game. We're worried about Wednesday (when the Wildcats return to action against Valparaiso)."

UCLA, meanwhile, at 9-0, beat UK for a second straight year when the Wildcats were ranked No. 1. Both victories came on Dec. 3, in fact. UCLA also became the first program to beat a No. 1-ranked UK team in consecutive seasons. The Bruins beat Kentucky at its own game, playing up-tempo. They had six players score in double figures (led by Isaac Hamilton with 19) and outrebounded Kentucky 41-38.

"The thing I'm most pleased with is that we came in here with a certain identity and we left here with the same identity- we just did it against the No. 1 team in the county," Alford said. "This was by far the best team that we've played. To know that we've established an identity of six guys in double figures again, that's been our identity. We probably had too many turnovers tonight. That's a lot more than what we normally have, but that's a credit to Kentucky's defense. I think our guys will learn from that. We had some silly turnovers that hurt us as well. We came in a high-scoring team that shared the ball and put six guys in double figures. To do that in this building against this team, that's very encouraging."

For Kentucky, there's no reason to be discouraged, even if there is room for disappointment. The Wildcats kept battling, even closed to within three points in the final 30 seconds.

"I have to give credit to (UCLA)," he said. "To come into this building. It's 12:30, 9:30 their time, to come in and do what they did to us, and they manhandled us, they physically manhandled us. You don't see that very often, especially in this building. . . . The great thing about college basketball is you'd like to learn from close wins, but sometimes it doesn't work that way, you got to learn from a loss. That's what we'll try to do."

Getting back to basics

By: Metz Camfield | CoachCal.com | Dec. 6, 2016

There are 24 hours in a day and there are 24 hours to get over a loss if you're on the Kentucky basketball team.

That's the rule John Calipari has implemented not only for his young players, but also for himself. Following Saturday's loss to UCLA, his team's first defeat of the season and just his fifth ever at Rupp Arena as the UK head coach, Calipari said he mourned for 24 hours.

"I'll sit in my chair and tell everybody to leave me alone, watch a little TV, watch one of my Alaska shows, watch one of the war stories, get inspired," Calipari said. "I have the dogs – I let the dogs come around me; no one else. The dogs can sit with me."

In reality, Calipari spent much of the remainder of Saturday not watching his favorite TV shows, but instead watching the game he was just coaching. Some of the Wildcats' mistakes were obvious, such as the lack of passing and defensive lapses, while others needed a second and third look.

In a 31-game regular season, a single loss hasn't and won't set the Wildcats (7-1) too far back, especially against the team now ranked second in the nation. Lessons were learned against the Bruins – plenty of them – and now Kentucky is working on getting back to the basics before facing it's next opponent, Valparaiso (7-1), on Wednesday.

"We had film session on Sunday and we watched, we practiced (Monday) and they're fine," Coach Cal said. "Look, it is a process. For 24 hours, I mourn and then I'm

good. Let's go."

Calipari said after the loss to UCLA he skipped a few things in practice, including the pregame shootaround, that he thought his team had moved past in their on-going progression.

"I got away from a lot of stuff because I got like, 'These guys are better than I thought,' " Coach Cal said. "No, they're not. Anytime I've ever thought that about a team, they know we took an L and we need to get back to where we were. Sometimes you take two Ls to get them back to where they need to be."

On Sunday and Monday, it was back to the basics.

"We know exactly what we did wrong," sophomore forward Isaac Humphries said Tuesday. "We know exactly how to fix it. We've been working really hard yesterday and today we'll work hard again. So I think tomorrow we'll be fine."

As one can expect after allowing 97 points, the most ever in the Calipari era at Kentucky, there was an uptick in the defensive intensity and aggression in the practices.

"We really went hard yesterday because, again, effort was a big issue (in) the UCLA game," Humphries said. "So we just got back into playing really hard and going at each other."

The attitude of the Wildcats remains the same: confident.

After beating its first seven opponents by an average of 30.6 points per game, senior forward Derek Willis said then-No. 1 Kentucky got a bit complacent. He wasn't the only one who felt that way. Wenyen Gabriel said the loss to UCLA will ultimately help the Cats get a better feel for what they need to do in order to be successful.

Humphries harkened back to what Hall of Fame center Yao Ming told him a few years ago about learning from defeats.

"He said if you win and win and win, you don't really—no one cares about the little things that are going wrong," Humphries said. "It's only (when) you lose that you'll understand that's not working and you'll learn from those mistakes."

A major point of emphasis after the UCLA loss is how Kentucky will defend the four-spot. UCLA freshman forward TJ Leaf "dominated" Kentucky to the tune of 17 points and 13 rebounds. The performance was such that Coach Cal said afterward that he may change his future lineup to include another big man.

The two players that likely affects the most are Gabriel and Willis. Gabriel has started four of the past five games for UK, but was limited to 17 minutes after a few defensive lapses against Leaf and the Bruins. Willis played 22 minutes but grabbed just four rebounds to Gabriel's eight.

"Like try to stay in front of the guy," said Calipari when asked what Gabriel and Willis need to do defensively. "When he drives, try to be somewhere in the vicinity in front of him so he's not driving and shooting a straight-line layup. Probably that's the very first thing, and after that we can work on some other stuff."

The work Kentucky has put in Sunday, Monday and Tuesday will be on display Wednesday against a Valparaiso team that is receiving votes in both the Associated Press Top 25 and the USA Today Coaches' Poll. Coincidentally, the Crusaders are led by Alec Peters, an All-America candidate who will challenge Kentucky at that very same four-spot.

The 24-hour rule is long over and past for UK. Now it's about putting in the work to not have to go through it again.

"It is a process," Coach Cal said. "I get like you: We should win every single game that we play, we should go 82-0, win every game by – then I wake up and I'm like, 'What am I thinking? Let's go. Let's just get back to work and get better.' "

Hawkins helps set tone for UK on defense in dominating win over Valparaiso

By: Keith Taylor | Northern Kentucky Tribune | Dec. 8, 2016

John Calipari knows he can rely on Dominique Hawkins to come through when his team needs a lift defensively. The Kentucky senior did just that Wednesday night as the sixth-ranked Wildcats rolled to an 87-63 rout of Valparaiso.

"Dom was great," Calipari said. "Dom got in and just changed the whole complexion (of the game), because of how he defended on the ball. He kind of disputed what they were doing offensively. Their point guard got those two fouls right away and then got a third (foul) because of how we played."

Hawkins gave Kentucky the boost it needed following a 97-92 loss to second-ranked UCLA last Saturday, ending the Wildcats' 43-game home winning streak.

"I know my role," said Hawkins, who knocked down a pair of 3-pointers and scored six points and dished out four assists against the Crusaders. "I come in the game, I'm able to bring energy and if I'm open, I take an open shot."

Hawkins and the Wildcats used a 21-0 spurt in the first half to build a dominating 25-4 lead on their way to improving to 35-7 under Calipari in bounce-back games after a loss during his tenure at Kentucky. Hawkins said the Wildcats "basically tied into our defense" during the decisive spree, the biggest run of the season for Calipari's squad.

"We got really focused," Hawkins said. "Coach (Calipari) was telling us the whole week after the UCLA game we needed to be more focused on our defense, disturbing the ball-handler and making sure they make tough shots."

Hawkins added the run was "all energy" and the focus was centered on stopping Crusaders' star Alec Peters, the second-leading scorer in the nation, who came into the contest averaging 25.3 points per game. Peters finished with 23 points and scored 16 of those in the second half with the game out of reach.

"We were pressuring the ball, making it hard for them to run the play and when (Alec) Peters got it we were trapping him and making other players have to play," Hawkins said.

Derek Willis, Hawkins' classmate, agreed and said "without a doubt" Hawkins provided the rest of the team a boost they needed on the defensive end of the court.

"He's an unbelievable defender," Willis said. "He brings energy, pressures the ball full court and he played great. He hits his threes tonight, made shots and he overall played really well."

While Hawkins' defense has never been a concern for Calipari, the senior guard is starting to knock down his 3-point shoot after missing his first seven attempts from long range to open the season. Hawkins has since made 4-8 shots from long range, including the two he made against the Crusaders. Hawkins hopes he's starting to turn the proverbial corner on the offensive end of the court.

"I just hope to God I continue to hit shots for our team," he said.

Even when his shots aren't falling, Hawkins remains consistent on defense, a trait he's maintained in his four seasons with the Wildcats.

"I never thought about that, but I probably should put that in my mindset to think that way," he said. "I just get in and just really start playing. I feel like I have more confidence than I ever did this year to be able to shoot the ball, so I'm going up and just letting it go."

The team will get a brief break for finals next week, but then the focus will all be basketball for the Wildcats until spring semester begins next month.

"Three-a-days — it's going to be tough for (the freshmen)," he said. "You wake up, you eat breakfast, then go right to the gym. Take a nap, go back to the gym, then eat

dinner. Come back, back to the gym. It's a lot for the first couple of days, but they'll get used to it and it'll be fine."

Although Calipari said he will include free time during the Christmas break, Hawkins said "you'll be too tired at all" to play video games.

"The video game that we usually play is Mario Kart or something," Hawkins said. "We'll have like two races and then, like, all right, let's take a nap. Because we know that we're going to be too tired for the next practice."

Isaiah Briscoe straight up: 'I'm the leader'

By: Fletcher Page | Courier-Journal | Dec. 10, 2016

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Isaiah Briscoe is where to begin for a check of Kentucky basketball's pulse.

The sophomore guard is as honest about that as everybody else in the program.

"I'm the leader of this team," he said twice to separate questions on Friday.

The method might seem fragile — for one player to mean so much — but that's where the No. 7 Wildcats, with four freshmen joining Briscoe in the starting lineup, are in their progression. Briscoe has scored in double-figures each of in the seven games he's played (he missed two due to injury), and his 16.3 scoring average is second-best on the team. More importantly, he's developed into the voice that controls the movements that transcend the stat sheet.

"I think I make everybody more comfortable on the court just by talking," Briscoe said.

That was never more apparent than in the loss to UCLA last week. Briscoe didn't execute well — he missed 10 shots, all five 3-pointers attempted, and had three turnovers.

To check the pulse, coach John Calipari called Briscoe into his office. The conversation wasn't dominated by talk of missed shots.

"I didn't see the energy," Calipari told him. "You weren't yourself."

In previous games, and even when he was sidelined, Briscoe was the guy talking in huddles during timeouts and offering quick blasts of negative feedback or positive reinforcement. He even critiqued referees and mumbled things when he spilled into photographers on the baseline.

For some reason, and he said he's not sure why, Briscoe wasn't as vocal against UCLA.

"That was kind of weird," Briscoe said. "There will be days like that. I'm not trying to have days like that."

Briscoe reasserted himself in practice between the loss and the Valparaiso win Wednesday. He scrimmaged on a team opposite De'Aaron Fox to help reignite a competitive, all-or-nothing atmosphere.

Against Valpo, Briscoe was "was all over the place," according to assistant coach Joel Justus. "He was engaged in the huddles, he was engaged in pregame, and that's Isaiah at his best."

With the beat back in rhythm, Calipari had another message.

"That needs to be you every game, and that needs to be you in practice," Calipari said.

Calipari couldn't talk to Briscoe like that last season. The relationship, well documented by now, wasn't adversarial. But there were still first-year stubborn habits and an immature outlook that took time and trust to fully wash away. Now Calipari can call Briscoe out. And Briscoe can offer suggestions in return. That's why senior guard Mychal Mulder has gotten more playing time. Briscoe was and is his advocate.

They room together on the road and Briscoe lobbied Calipari to give Mulder more playing time. Calipari has expressed disappointment in Mulder's defense. Briscoe says he has the answers because the two have the right connection.

"I think (Mulder) likes the message better when it comes from me rather to coach," Briscoe said.

Calipari took Briscoe's advice. He committed to a rotation against Valparaiso that included Mulder, who posted nine points and seven rebounds after not playing in the loss to UCLA.

"We're going to need (Mulder). I think we're going to need a lot of people on this team," Briscoe said. "I don't want to leave anybody behind."

All the evidence backs up Briscoe's claim - he is the Cats' constable. For everything that he represents and influences, Briscoe is Kentucky's key.

"I think the biggest thing for him is when he comes in and he's got that big smile and he's laughing and he's talking and touching and bringing that competitive spirit to practice, that's when we're at our best," Justus said. "And then also when he does it in the games, that's when we're at our best."

Briscoe's energy sets the tone for Kentucky

By: Metz Camfield | CoachCal.com | Dec. 9, 2016

One year ago, it was Kentucky guard Tyler Ulis who every player turned to when needed. Ulis was the unquestioned leader, and it was clear that the Wildcats needed his presence on the court each game.

Fast forward to the present season, and sophomore guard Isaiah Briscoe, who learned plenty under Ulis' guidance, has that role for the Wildcats. If No. 6/7 Kentucky (8-1) is to accomplish the things it wants, Briscoe is likely to play a major factor in that.

"This group is working hard and it's contagious with them," said UK assistant coach Joel Justus, who filled in for Coach Cal on Friday. "They love to be in the gym and have a tremendous thirst for that. I think that goes back to Isaiah Briscoe and his leadership with this group, and I think that is something that we're trying to continue to get him to drag us. For us to be our best, he needs to continue to be that guy. Cal has said that and hats off to him for doing that."

When mulling over the decision to come back to school or keep his name in the NBA Draft, being the leader of the team was an attractive option for Briscoe. A five-star prospect coming out of Roselle Catholic just outside Newark, New Jersey, being a leader was all Briscoe knew coming into college.

After a strong freshman campaign, Briscoe could have gone pro. Instead, he now has a leadership role on the team and has seen his performance and numbers get a big-time boost.

Briscoe averaged 9.6 points, 5.3 rebounds and 3.1 assists in 32.2 minutes per game as a freshman. As a sophomore, the 6-foot-3 bulldog of a guard is playing fewer minutes at 28.3 per contest, but is putting up 16.3 points, 3.1 rebounds and 3.1 assists per game. Not to mention he's raised his free-throw average from 46.0 percent as a freshman to 71.1 percent as a sophomore.

"He makes a difference when he's on the floor," freshman guard De'Aaron Fox said of his backcourt mate. "Not only scoring, but as a guard, he rebounds. Defensively, he's the best guard in the country. Offensively, he just talks us through things so when he's on the floor you just feel how different it is."

Part of Briscoe's duties as the team leader is to bring energy to the court every game and practice. In the two games he missed with a "butt bruise," Briscoe was constantly standing up and cheering on his teammates, or giving them instruction when they came to the bench.

"The biggest thing for him is when he comes in and he's got that big smile and he's laughing and talking and touching and bringing that competitive spirit to practice," Justus said. "That's when we're at our best."

Briscoe agrees.

"If I'm bringing energy," he said, "they

look at me and follow along."

In UK's lone loss of the season to UCLA, that energy was lacking. After the game, Calipari called Briscoe into his office and asked what was up.

"He just told me like, 'What happened today? You weren't yourself. I didn't see the energy or anything like that,' " Briscoe recalled of his conversation with Coach Cal. "Me, being the leader of the team, I had to accept it. I told him, 'Yeah, I didn't bring energy.' I felt like that one was on me."

In the practices following the UCLA loss leading up to the Valparaiso practice, Calipari pitted Briscoe against Fox to raise the competitive juices in the gym. The difference in the practices carried over to the Wildcats' next game against Valparaiso.

Kentucky went on a 21-0 first-half run against the Crusaders to take a commanding 25-4 lead and led by at least 18 points for the remainder of the game. A big part of the Wildcats' boost in energy, Justus said, was thanks to Briscoe.

"He was tremendous," Justus said. "... He was engaged in the huddles, he was engaged in pregame, and that's Isaiah at his best. As someone who's on the same team as him, it's great to see. I was happy. It was great to have him being his best. That was a lot of fun, and Zay was a big reason why we were who we were the other night."

Up next for Kentucky is a neutral-site game Sunday (3 p.m. ET on ESPN) at the Barclays Center in Brooklyn, New York, against Hofstra (6-4).

One game after facing Valpo's Alec Peters, the second-leading scorer in the country, UK now faces the top rebounder in the country in Hofstra's 6-9 junior center Rokas Gustys. Gustys is pulling down 13.5 rebounds per game for the Pride to go with his 9.3 rebounds per game. The native of Lithuania has already logged two 20-rebound games this season, giving him eight in his career. Hofstra also ranks 45th nationally in 3-point field goal percentage, knocking down 39.2 percent of its shots from distance.

"It's going to be a good game for us," Justus said. "Obviously, they have a group that has some experience and youth that can take advantage of some of our weaknesses, but I also think what we can do can take advantage of some of their weaknesses. We go against the team with the leading rebounder this game and last game the second-leading scorer in the country. I think it gets our guys' attention when you can throw those numbers out."

Though he, personally, doesn't figure to be going against Gustys very often on Sunday, Briscoe, and his energy, specifically, will once again be a key for Kentucky if it's going to come out on top.

"I'm cool with that," Briscoe said. "I don't think anybody wouldn't be cool with that. ... It's a lot on my plate, but I asked to eat. This is what it comes with. I'll take care of it."

John Calipari says he's worried, and he might be telling the truth

By: John Clay | Lexington Herald-Leader | Dec. 11, 2016

BROOKLYN-- The game was over. Kentucky had eased past Hofstra 96-73 at the Barclays Center. As the two coaches shook hands, Hofstra's Joe Mihalich told John Calipari he wouldn't be surprised to see Kentucky win it all come March.

"We've got a lot of things we've got to work out," replied the Kentucky coach.

If there were nits to pick Sunday, Calipari was in the mood to pick them. Yeah, sure, his sixth-ranked Cats had improved to 9-1 with a 23-point win. They shot 51.4 percent from the floor. Over the final four minutes of the first half and the opening four minutes of the second, they outscored Hofstra 26-3 to take control.

Big deal. The easy path is over. Sharp curves up ahead. There's North Carolina in Las Vegas on Saturday. There's Louisville at the Yum Center four days later. Then there's the SEC. Take a look at the schedule. Calipari knows. He knows something else.

"We're not playing the way we need to play," he said.

He also said this: "I'm worried"

Coach-speak, you say. Might this be the set-up for Camp Cal, that post-finals/Christmas break stretch when the 20-hour rule need not apply and the coach can all but lock his players into the Craft Center and force them do little else besides practice basketball, eat, sleep and practice more basketball?

"I'll give them a little time for video (games) and the phone," Cal said Sunday. "You don't do that, they're climbing the walls."

And yet, before you think this is a case of Calipari playing mind games, know that the coach has a point. Actually, he has several points.

Kentucky Coach John Calipari talks about his team's three-point shooting after Sunday's win over Hofstra.

For starters, Kentucky was outrebounded 45-41 Sunday. Sure, in Rokas Gustys, Hofstra boasted the nation's leading rebounder at 13.5 per game. Gustys grabbed eight boards Sunday and the Pride still outworked UK on the glass.

The Cats also committed 27 fouls. Hofstra shot 37 free throws. A pair of quick Pride guards, especially senior Deron Powers, had success slipping past Kentucky defenders to the basket to score or be fouled. Powers, a grad transfer who was on the Hampton team that played Kentucky in the 2015 NCAA Tournament, made nine of 11 free throws and scored 18 points.

Afterward, when Powers was asked to compare that Kentucky team with this Kentucky team, he sided with the 2015 version, the one that won 38 straight before losing in the Final Four. It had more depth, he said. ("More depth than these guys?" asked Mihalich.) And that 2015 team was taller, said Powers.

These Cats might be better offensively. When De'Aaron Fox is flying and Isaiah Briscoe is getting to the rim and Malik Monk is knocking down threes and Bam Adebayo is hitting those baby hooks around the basket, the Cats are going to score points.

Kentucky guards Isaiah Briscoe and Malik Monk talk about the team's 96-73 win over Hofstra.

"UCLA outscored us," said Calipari, referring to the Bruins' 97-92 win over the Cats at Rupp last week, as if you had forgotten that.

Plus, there will be a night, maybe two, when the offense isn't there. The shots won't fall. The fast break is slowed. Things just won't go Kentucky's way on that end of the floor.

"The guys in here that know me, I like to have a team shoot 32 percent and still win the game," he said. "We won by six and couldn't make a shot. Made one three. Made some free throws. Couldn't make a basket and we still won. That's when you know you have a good team."

You can bet that's part of what worries the head coach. He knows he has a good team that is playing well enough to win easily over inferior opponents. Is it playing well enough, however, to beat the teams it really has to beat to make good on the Hofstra coach's prediction?

You'd have to think Calipari believes no.

"He's not a Hall of Fame coach for nothing," Mihalich said. "He'll get it all worked out."

As Kentucky rolls, Calipari tries to rock Cats from danger to complacency

By: Jerry Tipton | Lexington Herald-Leader | Dec. 12, 2016

Perhaps playing them one at a time has its drawbacks. Maybe sometimes it's better

to see down-the-road consequences from that day's performance.

Kentucky Coach John Calipari suggested that his team's almost perfunctory superiority in Sunday's 23-point victory over Hofstra obscured big picture perspective.

So Isaiah Briscoe was surprised to hear that Hofstra had more rebounds than UK.

"I didn't know we were out-rebounded," Briscoe said.

Briscoe did not sound overly concerned. "We played a pretty good game," he said.

Of Hofstra's 45-41 rebounding advantage, Briscoe said, "Maybe we made more shots. Maybe we weren't missing as much."

True enough, Kentucky made 51.4 percent of its shots, so there were fewer available offensive rebounds for the Cats. But Hofstra grabbed 19 offensive rebounds, which was a season high for a UK opponent. Yes, Hofstra made only 33.8 percent of its shots, so there were more offensive rebounds to be had. But Michigan State and Duquesne shot a worst percentage against UK and got only 13 and seven offensive rebounds, respectively. The Spartans (41) and Dukes (39) missed almost as many shots as Hofstra (43).

Coincidentally, North Carolina, which plays Kentucky (9-1) on Saturday in Las Vegas, leads the nation in rebound margin (plus 14.8). The Tar Heels' 16.1 offensive rebounds per game is the fifth-highest average nationally, which might explain why Hofstra's rebounding concerned Calipari.

"The rebounding really bothered me," he said. "Because a bunch of them were perimeter shots, and our guys all just looked at the ball. And either they tipped it away or jumped over our backs or the ball went over our heads.

"And it's just frustrating because we're working on it. But it is what it is."

Calipari gave Derek Willis credit for being relatively more scrappy in the fight for rebounds.

"I thought Derek fought 50 percent better than he has been fighting," the UK coach said. "Yet, there were still balls he didn't get."

The forward position shared by Willis and Wenyen Gabriel continues to draw coaching attention from Calipari and his staff.

"We're going to have games that position is a tough position because they're going to play a power game against us," Calipari said.

North Carolina (10-1) might fit that description.

If that position is a problem against a power team, Kentucky must resort to a risky formula for winning: outscoring the opponent.

"We couldn't against UCLA," Calipari said. "They outscored us."

The loss to UCLA came five days after Calipari tried to temper enthusiasm by making similar we're-not-that-good statements following a blowout victory over Arizona State.

Each set of comments echoed a point Calipari makes in his new book, "Success Is the Only Option: The Art of Coaching Extreme Talent." Romping to victory should make players and teams more determined to improve. "Success should make them even more self-critical . . . ," Calipari says in the book. "If they're rolling, I'm usually taking the performance apart and finding anything I can to get them to focus on improvement."

In his postgame remarks Sunday, Calipari spoke more than once about players needing to play with more confidence. He mentioned freshman Sacha Killeya-Jones and sophomore Isaac Humphries in this regard.

"Sacha is way better," Calipari said. "He just gets in the game and he's not ready."

Humphries is also less effective in games, the UK coach said. "He plays so much better in practice than he does in games. I just don't understand it right now."

Malik Monk and De'Aaron Fox, who along with Briscoe form the driving force of the team, also seem to fall into the success-equals-more-self-criticism category.

Calipari again called for Monk to not rely solely on perimeter shooting and instead add authoritative drives to his game. Fox did not use his best attribute — his speed — to its fullest extent against Hofstra, Calipari said.

Although UK players spoke of complacency and underestimating UCLA after that loss, Briscoe sounded fully aware Sunday of the need to improve and the luxury of time to get it done.

When asked about winning a national championship, something Hofstra Coach Joe Mihalich mentioned as a possibility for UK, Briscoe recoiled.

"That's a long way from now," Briscoe said. "We're still at the beginning of the season. Guys are still getting better. We're still jelling as a team. And we just focus on getting better every day, and collectively as a team."

Calipari sounded a theme for the coming weeks and months: improvement individually and as a team.

"There's nothing on our shoulders now," he said. "We're not undefeated. We're not No. 1. C'mon. Just worry about getting better."

Wenyen Gabriel plays for the cousin he lost and the country he had to leave behind

By: Tyler Thompson | Kentucky Sports Radio | Dec. 15, 2016

Wenyen means "wipe your tears" in Dinka, the primary language in South Sudan; that's where Kentucky freshman forward Wenyen Gabriel's family is from. A year before he was born, Wenyen's parents had a daughter, their fourth child, who died in infancy. When Wenyen was born, his family named him such to wipe their tears away from tragedy and move on.

"Before I was born, I had a sister that passed away," Wenyen told KSR last week. "The doctor gave her the wrong medicine. We were in Africa, so it's not always that good with healthcare. So, my parents had me and as a child afterwards, to say 'wipe your tears.' It's kind of been unique to me because 'wipe your tears' — I feel like for my family, this is what I've always been trying to do for them."

Ten years later, Wenyen himself discovered the meaning behind those words. In 2007, his cousin and best friend Bol drowned in the Merrimack River near Manchester, New Hampshire after jumping off a bridge and swimming with some friends. Bol and Wenyen were as close as could be and the loss still resonates with him. In fact, he wears the number 32, his cousin's old jersey number, in Bol's honor.

"Every single day when I put it on, I think about him. I have symbols for him every day. But every time I see 32, that's the first thing I think about."

The first thing you notice about Wenyen is his smile, which may seem odd given all the hardships he's endured in life; however, his smile is the physical embodiment of his name — perseverance and optimism not in spite of, but because of, the darkest moments of his life.

Wenyen was born on March 26, 1997 in Khartoum in north Sudan. His family is from South Sudan but fled to Khartoum — enemy territory — during the second of two civil wars that tore apart Sudan for 50 years. Two weeks after Wenyen was born, the family "wiped their tears" and moved on — literally. They sold all of their belongings and fled to Cairo, Egypt, where they spent three years in a refugee camp. Wenyen's oldest brother Komot was six at the time and still remembers the upheaval.

"We needed to get out of the situation as quickly as possible mainly because there was a civil war going on. My dad couldn't make it with us, unfortunately, we didn't have enough money," Komot told me via

phone. "We were from the south, but we were living in enemy territory at that point. It just wasn't safe for us."

Wenyen's mother, Rebecca Gak, tried repeatedly to relocate her family through the United Nations' refugee resettlement program, but it wasn't until his father was able to join them in Cairo that their application was approved. The family was relocated to Manchester, New Hampshire in 1999 when Wenyen was almost three years old. Manchester has a large Sudanese population, but the transition was still extremely difficult, especially since no one in Wenyen's family spoke English.

"It was extremely tough, mainly for my parents," Komot, who was nine at the time, said. "Settling in a new culture, leaving a bunch of family behind, learning the language, learning the system. It showed that it was very difficult very early on, even with the help of the Catholic church in Manchester. They would send us a sister who would help us with the transition, but there's a language barrier there."

Naturally, as Komot and Wenyen's other older siblings Karima and Mabor went to school and learned the language and culture, their parents turned to them for help. Komot remembers this time very vividly.

"Our parents really relied on myself and my sister to go through the transition," Komot said. "Going grocery shopping, even driving to the gas station, the simplest things you would think are easy to do were a challenge for us."

As Wenyen grew older, he helped his mother study for tests to get her LNA (Licensed Nursing Assistant) license to be a nursing assistant.

"When she first got here, she was working a lot of factory jobs and stuff because education — it's hard to get a good job here. That was a big step up when she got her LNA license to be a licensed nursing assistant. I remember helping her out with that when I was younger. Ever since then, we've been doing a lot better."

Wenyen remembers the time he and his friends were horsing around and accidentally knocked a hole in the wall, and how his mother made him come with her to the Manchester housing authority to explain it; for most kids, that may seem like a punishment, but given the language barrier, it was a necessity.

"My mom, her English wasn't good and she said, 'You have to explain everything,' she was telling me. It was like I was translating for her, even when I was a little kid. So, we've always been helping each other out," Wenyen said.

Having your parents rely on you so much at a young age couldn't have been easy, but Komot said the role reversal gave he and his siblings a unique perspective on life.

"It was really good for us to be able to do that. We understood the world at an earlier stage in life. I think it was really helpful for us. It really built our character. You lose a little bit of your childhood, but at the same time, you really get a good understanding of what the world is like."

Wenyen and his cousin Bol were close; Komot called them "peas in a pod." Wenyen and Bol's families grew up together, starting in Sudan, then Egypt, and later in New Hampshire. Once Wenyen's mother settled the family in Manchester, Bol's mother followed. The two families were inseparable, spending all of their time together, especially the children.

"His mom is my mom's older sister so we obviously grew up together and did things together," Wenyen said of Bol. "Even at their house, Christmas, we always do those things together. When we grew up, he was one of my best friends."

This is not an easy topic, but Wenyen speaks of his late cousin with pride and longing.

"When he was about 10 or 11, he went to go swimming, they were jumping off the bridge at the river. And the current got him," Wenyen said quietly, staring at his lap. "I still wonder right now — he played basketball, he went to a different school than me because we lived a little far apart, but we never got a chance to play on the same team, and I just always wondered how that would have went."

Experiencing death at any age is difficult; for a ten-year-old, it's life-altering.

"I was a kid, too, and that's the first person I ever lost in my life," Wenyen said. "To have him be my best friend and cousin at the same time, it was really emotional. For the whole Sudanese community too. It was real tragic. I had never seen anything like that, so many grown people crying and it kind of felt like the end of the world. To move on from that, I feel like he's always there with me."

Bol wore the number 32, so Wenyen wears the number 32. According to his brother, Wenyen also carries a picture of himself and Bol from their youth basketball days with him at all times. They were kids; sports was how they bonded.

"My last memory of Bol was a day or two before he passed," Komot said. "We were playing in a park and we were just passing a football around. Me, Wenyen, Bol, my other brother Mabor. We were laughing and playing. I hold that memory close to me because it was in a good light. He went early, but I have a real good memory of him and I'll never lose that memory."

Losing Bol was hard for the entire family and the Sudanese community in Manchester, but Komot remembers most how difficult it was for Wenyen.

"That time was a tough time for all of us, but I think it hit Wenyen the most. He pretty much lost his other half at that stage in life. He had never lost anybody that close to him before. It was his first experience with death. It really touched home with him more than anybody. You can still see it in his eyes today."

After helping their parents acclimate to American culture, Wenyen, Komot, and their siblings did their best to pull their weight when it came to education. Komot paid his way through college at the University of New Hampshire. He lives in upstate New York now, where he works for a wine company. Wenyen's older sister, Karima, graduated from Boston College, where she got a full scholarship to play basketball. His other older brother, Mabor, attends the College of Coastal Georgia, where he also plays basketball. Wenyen's younger siblings just started prep school, and — you guessed it — also play basketball. After working so hard to get her children through school, Wenyen says his mother can finally ease up a bit.

Considering Wenyen has spent 16 of his 19 years in America, you might think his connection to his Sudanese background wouldn't be very strong; however, Wenyen says he feels a very strong pull to his homeland, including his relatives who are still there amid the chaos and conflict.

"A lot of my family is back at home. This is our first generation here and you have a strong connection back at home. My dad is back there right now and I have a lot of family members I haven't met yet. I feel like I have an obligation to go back one day."

As the eldest child in the family, Komot feels an obligation to keep his siblings interested and engaged in their background. He went back to South Sudan in 2011 to visit family amid what many are calling the Third Sudanese Civil War. He left Sudan at age six, but seeing that "virtually nothing has changed" upon his return broke his heart. It seems like every day, the news includes a story about the war in Sudan, and even though he only spent two weeks there as an infant, Wenyen feels a very strong pull to go back and help.

"To see what our country's going through now, the war hasn't really ended yet. They started a new tribal war and there's still conflict. The opportunity that was given to me, I want that to be for the

people back at home too. To start that, we need to fix that conflict. It's easy to think about back at home when you have so many things going wrong. I want to be part of that. I want to go back one day and help my nation."

Wenyen says he's reached out to other Sudanese basketball players, such as Louisville's Deng Adel. They met at an Adidas camp a few years back, and while they are technically "rivals" on the court, life is bigger than basketball.

"He called me the other day," Wenyen said. "It's all friendly. I think that Sudanese connection has really helped us out there. I think of him as a friend."

Wenyen and Komot talk a lot about South Sudan. Wenyen has the flag hanging in his room. Komot is beyond proud of his little brother for not only his interest, but investment, in his heritage.

"I respect Wenyen for that. All of my siblings are like that," Komot said. "Your heart is back home. It's not like we wanted to leave; we were forced to leave. It's not like we didn't like where we were; it was unsafe. We have culture and family that we are missing out on because of where we are. That's why you don't forget where you come from."

Right now, Wenyen is focusing on basketball, but even during our brief conversation, you could tell the wheels were turning on bigger, more important things in life.

"I see a good future coming because a lot more people like myself and younger Sudanese people, growing up in different places like Australia, London, all over the United States. If we all go back, we can make a difference."

"I can't even describe how proud of him I am," Komot said of his younger brother. "It's just his personality, it's his curiosity, it's his fear and being able to reach the hearts of people. He does it with humility. He's very humble."

"I know he's going to be a leader one day. He's going to be a great leader because of how compassionate he is. To lead people, you have to believe in those people. I think he believes in where he comes from, the people he comes from and I think one day he's going to do great things for our family and whatever he does. Even after basketball, when all's said and done, he has more things ahead."

At Kentucky, Wenyen's making a name for himself through his versatility and energy. He's got a ways to go in terms of strength, but there's no denying the 6'10" forward has tremendous upside, and if he continues to make big strides, he may not be at Kentucky past his freshman year. Going to the NBA would be another life-changing event for Wenyen and the Gabriel family, who was in the stands at Madison Square Garden last month to see Kentucky play Michigan State and the Barclays Center for the Hofstra game on Sunday.

"I feel like everything I do already represents them," Wenyen said. "At every game, they'll mention Manchester, New Hampshire or South Sudan. I'm always repping. You see Gabriel, my name, I'm representing my family."

A family that's survived, adapted, and, persevered; wiped the tears away countless times. According to Komot, that's the reason for Wenyen's wide smile: appreciation.

"We always look at the positives because it could be worse," Komot said. "People have gone through worse than we did. Who are we not to take advantage of the opportunities we have now when there are people over there suffering, wishing and praying they could be in the shoes we're in? No matter how bad it can be over here, we can't take the opportunities that we have for granted. We are very fortunate to be where we are today. That's why we're always smiling."

Kentucky needs Monk's cold blood to claim battle of blue bloods

By: Jerry Tipton | Lexington Herald-Leader | Dec. 17, 2016

Malik Monk wears No. 5 because on the fifth day of creation, God made the animals. North Carolina probably wished Monk had followed God's example on the seventh day and rested.

On this Saturday, Monk scored more points than any player in John Calipari's eight seasons as coach. His 47 points propelled Kentucky to a 103-100 victory over North Carolina.

No player has scored more against the Tar Heels since Dick Groat had 48 in 1952.

"It's not just that he had a bunch of baskets," UK Coach John Calipari said. "He made like daggers that gave us a chance."

Monk's biggest points were the final three. North Carolina, which led for less than four minutes total, relentlessly chewed at Kentucky's heels. Eventually UNC took a 100-98 lead on Justin Jackson's layup with 44.8 seconds left. It was the first time the Tar Heels had led since the 14:52 mark of the first half.

Monk answered. After hesitating, he hit a three-pointer over Isaiah Hicks from the left wing with 16.7 seconds left to regain the lead for UK.

Why hesitate after having made 17 of your previous 27 shots (seven of 11 from three-point range)?

"Coach Cal told me to drive," Monk said. "But I was hot …"

Calipari, who has repeatedly talked about the need for Monk to diversify his game by driving and drawing fouls, confessed that he ordered a drive.

"Because it was a two-point game and I'd rather him have gone to the rim and got fouled. …

"I said, 'Drive that ball, drive it!' And he shot a three, and it went in. I said, 'Great shot, kid.'"

After a Carolina miss, De'Aaron Fox made two free throws — banking in the second — to set the final score.

Monk had a royal performance in this battle of college basketball blue bloods. He broke the previous record for points by a player in the Calipari era: 35, which Jamal Murray scored against Florida last Feb. 6 and Terrence Jones scored against Auburn on Jan. 11, 2011.

Only six times previously had a Kentucky player scored as many as 47 points in a game, only once since 1970: Jodie Meeks' record 54-point game in 2009.

Earlier in the week, associate coach Kenny Payne put Monk's abilities in a historical context.

"He's naturally one of the most gifted basketball players that we've probably had here in a long time," Payne said.

The offense displayed by the two teams had rarely been duplicated. The 203 points were the most scored in a UK game since a 111-103 loss to VMI to open the 2008-09 season.

Despite Kentucky hitting an offensive jackpot, North Carolina did not submit meekly. That did not surprise Calipari, who said on Thursday, "They've been in close games, which tells you they're not afraid."

Led by Jackson, who scored 34 points, the Tar Heels closed within 93-91 with 3:47 left.

Monk — who else? — eased the tension by hitting a pull-up shot in the lane while closely guarded by Kenny Williams.

That Kentucky's guards led the way to a 10th victory in 11 games followed form.

"Their guards are amazing," ESPN analyst Jay Bilas said earlier in the week. "I can't remember a faster backcourt than those two. … Monk is one of the best pull-up jump shooters in the country."

Monk's 27 points in the first half equaled a record for a UK player in the eight seasons with Calipari as coach. Murray scored 27 points in the second half against Ohio State last season.

\ Monk could have broken the record. But

he made only one of two free throws with 4.7 seconds left, leaving him tied with Murray and UK ahead 56-51.

How did it feel to score so much? "Like a pickup game," Monk said.

From the beginning, Monk showed he had a hot hand. He scored eight of UK's first 10 points, and 15 of the first 21.

"I usually take the first shot of the game," Monk said. "And if I make it, I know I'll have a good game."

Like a blackjack player who keeps hitting 21, Monk could do little wrong in eclipsing his previous high for a game (26 versus UT Martin) in the opening half.

He made four of eight three-point shots, three of the treys coming inside the first six minutes.

Monk also gave Calipari more of what the UK coach had been asking for: drawing fouls. Monk, who came into the game averaging 2.3 free throw attempts, made three of four in the half, and took five overall, which equaled a career high.

Kentucky needed Monk to keep on keeping on. Led by Jackson, whose 20 first-half points were obscured by Monk, UNC trailed only by five at the break.

The Tar Heels trailed by as much as 12, but kept competing in a game that had no losers.

"If you watched that game, if you never liked basketball, you're going to start liking basketball," Calipari said. "Like, wow. 'If that's what it is, I'm going to start watching basketball."

Malik Monk sets UK record, wins thriller for Kentucky by disobeying John Calipari

By: Gary Parrish | CBS Sports | Dec. 17, 2016

LAS VEGAS-- There was a Kentucky game recently where, by John Calipari's estimation, Malik Monk went six minutes without touching the ball.

Six full and straight minutes.

"Well, that's on me," Calipari thought to himself. So the Kentucky coach decided to do something he's rarely done throughout his Hall of Fame career. He put in three plays designed with the sole purpose of ensuring Monk's teammates have no choice but to throw him the ball. One of the three plays is called "Chin." Kentucky ran it to open Saturday's game vs. North Carolina. The result was a long Monk jumper that rattled in. And that's how an all-time great performance got started.

"Malik's crazy," said Kentucky point guard De'Aaron Fox. "He had, I think, 47."

Yep.

Forty. Seven.

Including the game-winning dagger 3-pointer in a 103-100 victory over the Tar Heels here inside T-Mobile Arena in the nightcap of the CBS Sports Classic. And if there's a better regular-season game the rest of this season, I'll be surprised. And if there's been a better one in recent history, I don't remember it. Because this game had it ALL. Two big brands. Two top-10 teams. Two Hall of Fame coaches. Lots of future NBA players. A lead-change in the last 20 seconds. And a historically awesome performance from a bouncy phenom who disobeyed his coach to win it.

"Coach Cal told me to drive [on the game-winning possession]," Monk acknowledged. "But I was hot. So I didn't."

Hilarious.

"I said, 'Drive the ball! Drive the ball!' And he shot a three and it went in," Calipari said with a smile. "So I said, 'Great shot, kid. Way to shoot the ball.'"

It was just that kind of day for Monk.

He took 28 shots and made 18 of them -- none bigger than the transition 3-pointer, against Calipari's wishes, that was launched over Isaiah Hicks and swished with 16.7 seconds left. It gave the Wildcats the lead for good and Monk 47 points, which is more than all but four UK players have ever scored in a regular-season game.

Anthony Davis never got 47.

Neither did John Wall. Or Karl-Anthony Towns. Or DeMarcus Cousins. Or Michael Kidd-Gilchrist. Or Jamal Murray. Or Tony Delk. Or Tayshaun Prince. Or Jamal Mashburn. Or Rex Chapman. Or Ron Mercer. Or Sam Bowie. Or Kyle Macy. Or anybody not named Jodie Meeks, Dan Issel, Cliff Hagan or Bob Burrow.

"[Monk is] really good," said North Carolina coach Roy Williams, whose team shot 53.0 percent and lost. "I saw him put on a show at [the Nike Peach Jam in South Carolina] when he was a high school player. I thought he was a heckuva player. Loved him. Tried to recruit him and didn't feel like we were going to get him. But he put on a show. ... And [today] he just jumped up and made the three. ... I thought we made him work for it, but it's hard to say you feel good about your defense when the guy gets 47. You just have to congratulate him. That's pretty doggone good."

Make that pretty doggone great.

And it's the main reason Kentucky now has a signature win before it heads to Louisville this Wednesday to face Rick Pitino's 11th-ranked Cardinals. Assuming the Wildcats take the SEC by multiple games, which they should, this victory over North Carolina is one they'll use to make the case to the selection committee that they deserve a No. 1 seed in the NCAA Tournament on Selection Sunday.

But let's not get ahead of ourselves.

That's a topic for another day.

This day should be about this amazing performance and enjoyable game. Because college basketball doesn't always have those things, you know? Great as the sport can be, it often delivers clunkers on big stages.

But not this time.

Malik Monk was fantastic. And the game was tremendous.

"If you watched that game, even if you've never liked basketball, you're gonna start liking basketball after that," Calipari said in closing. "Like, 'Wow. If that's what basketball is, I'm gonna watch that.'"

Malik Monk proves he's ready to carry Kentucky

By: Jeff Goodman | ESPN | Dec. 17, 2016

There were concerns entering the season about whether Kentucky coach John Calipari had a go-to guy, someone who could take over a game, a bona fide star within this talented group.

Malik Monk answered that with an exclamation point on Saturday when he exploded for 47 points and knocked down 8 of 12 3-pointers-- something that Buddy Hield, Doug McDermott and Kevin Durant were never able to accomplish in their storied college careers.

Texas' Durant went for 37 on four separate occasions in his lone season in Austin back in 2006-07. Hield put up 46 in January against Kansas, and McDermott had 45 against Providence on senior night in 2014.

This performance came in just the 11th game of Monk's career, under the bright lights in Las Vegas, against a North Carolina team that many feel is a legitimate national-title contender.

No one was sure who it would be in Lexington. Bam Adebayo? De'Aaron Fox? Monk? Even maybe Isaiah Briscoe? It was unclear who would carry this young batch of Cats.

It'll be Monk.

The 6-foot-3 freshman was an enigma at times on the AAU circuit. He'd go for 40 one game, then go through the motions and finish with four points the next. Former Florida coach Billy Donovan said he thought Monk was the best player in the Class of 2016, but numerous other coaches-- who caught him on the wrong day-- maintained he was vastly overrated because he lacked the fire to be great. As it turns out, Monk just needed a coach to push him, to make

certain he came to play every single game and not look as though he were bored on occasion.

John Calipari was the answer.

At the end, the pride of Lepanto, Arkansas, chose to play in Lexington, spurning Mike Anderson and the home-state Razorbacks. It's difficult to argue with that decision after watching him explode in the 103-100 victory over North Carolina.

Calipari has gotten Monk to play with intensity and consistent effort each and every time out. That's one of Calipari's greatest attributes-- and Monk is the latest to respond. He has scored in double figures in all 11 of his college games thus far, but none of the previous 10 came close to what went down on Saturday in Las Vegas.

It might go down as the single greatest individual showing of the season-- and yes, I am well aware it's only Dec. 17.

But this doesn't happen often. The only Kentucky player in the past two decades to surpass 47 was Jodie Meeks' 54 back on Jan. 13, 2009. It was also the most points by an SEC freshman in the past 20 years. Monk tied Dan Issel for the sixth-most points in a game by a UK player. Issel did it in 1970. Monk also became the only player in the Calipari era to score more than 40 in a game.

Monk put on one of the most scintillating offensive displays college basketball has seen in a while. As good as he was back in mid-November when he hit 7 of 11 3s at Madison Square Garden in a convincing win over Michigan State, that was just an appetizer. This was like watching Hield from a year ago, McDermott his senior season at Creighton or even Durant in his lone season in Austin. Monk was raining 3s from all over the court and did it with efficiency. He was 18-of-28 from the field. There weren't many forced shots, and UNC defenders took turns-- without much success-- trying to slow him down.

Monk and his freshman backcourt mate, Fox, were sensational and carried the Cats to a win that answered any questions that might have lingered after the home loss to UCLA a few weeks ago. Sure, this remains a Kentucky team that can be perimeter-shot-challenged at times. Briscoe is a subpar shooter from deep. The same can be said for Fox.

Kentucky needs Monk to make shots.

Calipari is still imploring Monk to drive to the basket because, frankly, he can get there almost whenever he wants. He has a rare combination of skill and athleticism where he can drill 3s and also get what he wants when he drives to the hoop.

But NBA executives are torn on Monk.

Some say he's a lock to go in the upper half of the NBA lottery. One even recently told me he'd select Monk with the No. 1 overall pick. But others are concerned about a 2-guard who is 6 feet 3, and they say he'll go in the bottom portion of the lottery because of his lack of size.

Calipari will continue to push Monk to be more aggressive driving to the basket and will beg him to defend with more urgency.

But Calipari has found his superstar on this team. And college basketball has found one, too.

Oh, by the way, De'Aaron Fox also had a huge game against North Carolina

By: Kyle Tucker | SEC Country | Dec. 18, 2016

LAS VEGAS – John Calipari was gushing Saturday night about how special Malik Monk is, and rightfully so after he dropped 47 points and the game-winning 3-pointer on North Carolina, but the Kentucky basketball coach paused that praise for an important reminder.

"De'Aaron Fox is special," Calipari said, knowing his other elite freshman guard might get overlooked in the hysteria of an historic performance by Monk.

How often does a teenager produce 24 points, 10 assists, 4 rebounds, 2 steals and just 2 turnovers in a thrilling win over a top-10 team, as Fox did against the Tar Heels, and that's not the headline – or really even a major talking point? He gets it, though.

"I felt like I played pretty well," Fox said, but when Calipari at one point tried to sub him in for Monk while the latter was hot, "I was like, 'You all still want me to take him out?' And they changed it."

That says something about Fox worth noting, which the stat sheet confirms: He's more than willing to share and let the players around him shine. He was driving when Monk came open on the left wing for the go-ahead three with 22 seconds left Saturday, and Fox happily dished it.

"When someone's hot like that, you just keep giving them the ball," he said.

While Fox had a career high in points against the Tar Heels – including two free throws with three seconds left in a 103-100 victory – he also led the team in assists for the ninth time this season and recorded his team-high fourth double-double.

He is now averaging 15.9 points, 7.2 assists, 5.3 rebounds, 2.3 turnovers and 1.7 steals per game. And although it's still early, Fox continues to threaten Tyler Ulis' single-season school record of 246 assists. Fox has 79 dimes through his first 11 college games compared to 61 at this same point for Ulis as a sophomore last year.

Interestingly, Calipari would actually like him to be just a little more selfish at times.

"I got on him because he wouldn't shoot the ball. I mean, I literally screamed across the floor, pointed and jumped and stomped. 'You better shoot the (ball)!' " the coach said. "He had three shots he passed up and he dribbled baseline. What are you doing? And if you don't make them all and you miss them all on national television, you'll be in the gym tonight. Neither one is bad.

"You figure it out, but you've got to shoot the shots that we create for each other."

So Fox, who is seventh nationally (second among freshmen) in assists per game, followed orders and took a career-high 21 shots against North Carolina. He did not miss them all.

He hit nine, plus 6 of 7 free throws, in arguably his best performance of the season. That's saying something, considering he hung a triple-double on Arizona State and went for 20 points and 9 assists against UCLA.

In other words: It's clear now that Monk is a bona fide superstar, but Fox has been nothing short of spectacular himself.

Cats thank Monk, but hope teammates can deserve gratitude in future games

By: Jerry Tipton | Lexington Herald-Leader | Dec. 18, 2016

LAS VEGAS-- After Kentucky's 103-100 victory over North Carolina on Saturday, John Calipari found a way to give thanks to Malik Monk.

"I made two players in our locker room stand up and come up and hug him because he saved them. ... ," Calipari said.

Then, Calipari added the kicker.

"Now," he said, "I hope there is a point where he's got to go hug one of them for something he's done that they covered his back."

Message: Kentucky can't be Kentucky if dependent on a historic performance by one player. Calipari's goal of each player improving, and therefore Kentucky improving, will continue after a victory over the Tar Heels that pulsated with clutch plays and fearless resolve.

Calipari refused to say what players hugged Monk, whose 47 points were the most by a UK player since Jodie Meeks had 54 in 2009.

But a good guess would be Wenyen

Gabriel and Derek Willis, who continue to struggle defensively.

"What's happened to us is people are exploiting individual players on my team," Calipari said. He didn't name names.

"We've got to figure it out as a staff: How are we going to do this?" he said. "They're exploiting one, two, and three players. The minute they go in, they go right at them. Every team is doing the same thing. We're working really hard with those guys to try to get them to be able to just, how about this one, stay in front of a guy with your hand up. You don't have to take it from him. Just be in front of him and have your hand up so he can't just shoot a jump shot."

Calipari said much the same thing earlier this season when asked how he'd like Gabriel and Willis to begin improving as defenders. Stay in front of your man, he said.

Justin Jackson scored 34 points for North Carolina. He was guarded at times by Gabriel and Willis as well as Isaiah Briscoe.

"He knew, as soon as he saw Isaiah was on him, he said, 'Okay, we'll take him inside,'" the UK coach said. "The minute I put one of those other guys on him, he took him outside. And Roy (Williams, the UNC coach) kept going back at him, just like I kept going at Malik. And that's what it became."

Calipari did name names when pointing out how other UK players can improve.

Big man Bam Adebayo, who fouled out in 19 minutes, must see the wisdom in the old saying about discretion being the better part of valor.

"Bam has to understand you can't go near people," Calipari said. "Like when they're driving in and they're going to have a layup, then give them the lay-up. I keep telling them, this isn't football. That is not a touchdown. We may score in four seconds. Give them the layup."

Calipari did not spare Monk when pointing out how players can improve. The UK coach asked how many rebounds Monk had. Zero was the answer.

"Now, he puts his head on the rim, and not the top of his head, it's his chin," Calipari said. "And you don't get a rebound?"

Calipari called again for Monk to get to the foul line more.

"Get to the line 10 times a game," Calipari said. "Why? Because you can. Are they going to play him to shoot jump shots? Yeah. What if they switch and there is a big guy on him, you have to shoot a jump shot? Can't guard you. Get there (to the free-throw line)."

Calipari welcomed how Kentucky answered the rebounding challenge presented by North Carolina. UK won the boards 39-35, marking the first time this season the Tar Heels had been out-rebounded.

"I can't believe it," Calipari said. "Never thought it would happen."

UK also got the competitive test it wanted. "This game was what a game should be," Calipari said. "They make a play, you better make one. They miss a shot, you better come up with one, and you can't panic. You've got to do your stuff."

Another such test may come Wednesday when Kentucky plays at No. 11 Louisville. But Calipari said he was thinking longer term.

"I'm glad we won," he said. "But if we had lost that game, I'd be saying it's Dec. 17, and this is who we are on Dec. 17 against a really good team. Good enough to beat them. Good enough to lose to them. That's who we are.

"Now my thing is: Where are we going to be one month from now? Now we've got another war in three or four days after we traveled half a country away to go back home and play Louisville on the road, which is going to be another war."

Mt. Washington sings praises of UK's Willis

By: Fletcher Page | Courier-Journal | Dec. 18, 2016

LEXINGTON, Ky. – High school basketball coach and city councilman Troy Barr tries to stop by the Dairy Queen in Mount Washington at least once a week.

That's where Barr's father and other old timers from the town 20 miles south of Louisville sit for a while and discuss the important topics of the day.

"They're always talking about the Willis kid at Kentucky," Barr said. "That's really unique for a small town like us."

That's Derek Willis, the senior forward for the Kentucky basketball team. For the folks in Mount Washington, some rooting for the Wildcats to beat Louisville Wednesday and to go on to win a ninth national championship, where there's a Willis, there's a way.

That catchy line is the hook for a song written by retired postman Tom Greenwell. It includes the Dairy Queen and starts like this:

If you come down to Mt. Washington you will hear the people say

We're mighty proud of our native son, where there's a Willis there's a way.

At the Dairy Queen the tales are spun, telling how he'll save the day

He's paid he's dues, he didn't sing the blues, he's earned the chance to play

If you ask them, can the game be won, they'll all stand up and say

With our native son from Mt. Washington, where there's a Willis, there's a way"

Greenwell, who has called Mount Washington home for three decades, sent a video of himself singing the song via Twitter to Willis on his birthday in June. Willis wrote back: "this is amazing and makes me proud to be a part of such a great community."

Willis was born and raised in Louisville and attended Male High School as a freshman. He then moved with his parents to Mount Washington, where Barr and Bullitt East High School were building a powerful basketball team.

In Willis, the Chargers added a 6-foot-8 sophomore who could dribble, pass and shoot. Nobody knew who he was. Barr had never heard of him, but he knew immediately he had a special player in the making. Barr called an assistant at his alma mater Eastern Kentucky to come watch Willis practice. The coach showed up, watched for five minutes, stood up and walked out.

"He said, 'We can't touch him.' I knew we had something then," Barr said.

Soon, John Calipari and Rick Pitino showed up to watch. Willis averaged around 18 points and nine rebounds a game in his junior and senior seasons and chose Kentucky over the Cardinals, Indiana and Purdue.

"When you dream of playing basketball growing up, you dream of playing for Kentucky," Barr said. "I guess if you can't fulfill that dream, if you get to coach, having one of your players go there is probably the next best thing, and I've enjoyed the process of him maturing as he's been there."

In Mount Washington, there's a Becky Mckinley Avenue, named for a former Bullitt East girl's basketball player who won Miss Kentucky Basketball in 1992. She, too, chose the Wildcats. And soon, Willis might have a street named for him, too.

There's talk around town of naming a road, "Willis Way," a nod to both Willis's accomplishment and the support he receives from the community.

Willis says he feels the love and speaks about kids following his lead as if he understands the responsibility that comes with being a famed "native son of Mount Washington."

"Yeah, just be patient, stay with what you feel good about," said Willis, who in October said he learned from and moved past an offseason public intoxication arrest. "I've stuck with basketball. At times, it's difficult and you just push through it and deal with adversity and you get to where you want. Hopefully people from back home can recognize the stuff that I did to get to where I'm at and hopefully pursue their dreams as well."

Greenwell has recognized and continues to brag about Willis. He also designed a t-shirt this summer with the phrase "Where There's a Willis There's a Way" on the front and a symbol he said represents the Native American "healing hand" spinning a basketball on the back, a nod to Willis's linage.

He had 100 printed and has given away or sold (at no profit) around 50 of them. Greenwell met Willis's father Del and tried to give him a shirt. Del already had one.

"I think he's done well," Greenwell said. "You can see his effort there. Did you see him slide across the floor (against Arizona State)? I like some of his moves, and he's confident when he's shooting his 3-pointers."

Willis and Kentucky go for the fifth-straight victory over Louisville at the KFC Yum! Center on Wednesday. The Cardinals have a player from Bullitt East, freshman walk-on guard Tyler Sharpe, too. Barr hopes the best for both players, but it's Willis and the Wildcats, he says, that he hopes have their way.

"It seems like any time we get a kid come to Bullitt East now, if it looks like he's going to be tall the first comparison now is Derek Willis," Barr said. "Or they'll say, 'He can shoot outside like Derek Willis.' I think it's great for our community. It's great for our school. We have a lot of UK fans in town, so to have a kid from Mount Washington on that team is really special."

Cats Get a Lesson in Discipline in Rivalry Loss

By: Guy Ramsey | UKathletics.com | Dec. 21, 2016

Many a family Christmas gathering in the Bluegrass will be spent breaking down Kentucky's loss to Louisville in the annual showdown between the in-state rivals.

Some Wildcat fans will bemoan their team's missed free throws down the stretch. Others will point to Malik Monk's cold shooting night as the reason why UK's four-game winning streak in the series was snapped.

John Calipari has a much simpler explanation.

"The biggest thing tonight is we didn't have discipline," Calipari said.

That lack of discipline, to Calipari, was to blame for easy baskets given up on defense, as well as poor shots taken and missed instead of driving to the basket or feeding Bam Adebayo. The result was a 73-70 defeat in which a UK rally couldn't quite overcome a six-point UofL lead in the final two minutes.

"We had some mental errors toward the beginning of the game, and then we missed a big rebound at the end of the game where they made a layup," De'Aaron Fox said, referencing Jaylen Johnson's put-back with 16 seconds left. "We had some small things that turned out to be big problems at the end."

No one knows better than Coach Cal that the margin between victory and defeat is slim at this level, particularly on the road. His young team, on the other hand, is just beginning to learn that.

"On the 21st of December we're not good enough to go on an opponent's court that's a top-10 team and win," Calipari said. "We're not. They're better than us right now. December 21st. And that's what we wanted to see."

Calipari will never brush off a loss. Neither will his team. They're too competitive for that. Christmas, Calipari said, will be better for the No. 10/11 Cardinals (11-1) than the No. 6/5 Cats (10-2) because of that, but it was going to be back to work after the break regardless of Wednesday night's outcome.

"It was good for us to have a game like this," Fox said. "First true road game. There's not too many environments like this in the country, especially with this rivalry we have. We probably won't go into another arena like this one, even in the tournament. It was good. I'm not going to say it was a good loss for us, but it was good to have this game as our first road game."

Playing in the KFC Yum! Center in front of a raucous crowd eager to see its team end a losing streak against its rival was always going to be difficult, but it was a challenge Calipari was eager to see his team face. Every experience like this one serves as a progress report for the Cats with which Calipari shapes his approach to coaching his team.

"It's a tough environment," Calipari said. "This is – they have to go through these kind of growing pains, and then I've gotta be able to see what I have to do as a coach. Unless you're doing this kind of stuff – the North Carolina game, the Michigan State game, the Kansas game coming up, the game at Mississippi coming up. Those are – that's why we do this. And we're playing young guys and it's hard. It's hard."

Because of UK's youth, it was Calipari who took the blame for the lack of discipline that felled the Cats rather than casting blame on his team.

"Because if they're playing this way, I've accepted it," Calipari said. "That's why it's my fault. And I told them then, in there,

'When we tell you to do something and you don't do it, you're coming out. So if I tell you how we're playing, if you break down defensively and do your own thing, you're out.' It's the easiest way. Bench is my friend."

UK might not face a team quite the caliber of UofL in an environment as intense as Wednesday's, but there are plenty of stiff challenges ahead. The Cats are going to take what they learned in a loss and move on.

"We're not ready to go on an opponent's court that's a top-10 team and win," Calipari said. "We're just not. And thank God it's December 21st. I've got a lot of time."

Adebayo goes through ups and downs against Louisville

By: Metz Camfield | CoachCal.com | Dec. 22, 2016

Players typically go through ups and downs throughout the course of a college basketball season. It's not as common for players to go through such a wide range during a single game.

Kentucky freshman Bam Adebayo had such a game against Louisville on Wednesday.

The 6-foot-10 forward from Little Washington, North Carolina, nearly posted a double-double with 11 points on 5-of-6 shooting and pulled down nine rebounds, including a team-high four offensive rebounds.

His performance was so strong that one of Calipari's biggest frustrations after the 73-70 loss was that Adebayo's teammates didn't get him the ball more.

"I mean, Bam should have been getting the ball," Calipari said. "We're talking step-back, cross-over, jacked-up (shots).

"I talked about it at halftime. If you saw we came out and tried to go to him."

Among the highlights of the game for Kentucky were a pair of highlight-reel crams by Adebayo over Louisville forward Anas Mahmoud. One with two hands and the second with just one hand.

"Coming into the game, we knew that he was going to overpower their bigs, so we were trying to get it to him," freshman point guard De'Aaron Fox said. "When we

did, he did what he had to do. He dunked on people left and right."

At the end of the game though, Adebayo struggled at the foul line, hitting just one of his six attempts – all of which came in the final 7:18 of game action.

"I'm disappointed for him because he missed free throws, because he's been shooting so well," Calipari said. "These guys are 18, 19 years old. Stuff happens."

Adebayo's misses at the foul line came as a surprise. As Calipari said, the big man has been shooting well at the line after a slow start.

He opened the year with a 3-for-7 performance at the free-throw line against Stephen F. Austin. During that game, with a big lead, Calipari had Adebayo go to the line to shoot technical foul shots for the Wildcats. With no else around him, Adebayo missed both shots.

"I had him shoot the technicals," Calipari said after the win over SFA. "Why did I have him shoot the technicals? Basketball bennies. Just let him build his own confidence. And if he misses, good. Now what are you going to do? You going to cry or are you going to figure out how to make some free throws?"

To his credit, the hard-working Adebayo did the latter and put in the extra time. Go to a Kentucky basketball practice and the man you will frequently see staying late to work on his foul shot is Adebayo.

The next game, against Canisius, Adebayo went 8 for 13 at the line. He followed that with back-to-back 2-for-3 efforts and a perfect 4 for 4 against Cleveland State. Against UCLA he hit 10 of his 13 free-throw attempts. In the eight games following UK's season opener, Adebayo was nearly a 71-percent free-throw shooter.

Perhaps the moment was too big Wednesday. Perhaps the shots just happened to rim out on this particular night and there's nothing more to it. Nobody knows at this point, but the hostile environment at the KFC Yum! Center on Wednesday night surely didn't do Adebayo or any of the other Wildcats any favors.

"I'm telling ya, it's December 21st, we start four freshmen and a sophomore," Coach Cal said. "We're not ready to go on an opponent's court that's a top-10 team and win. We're just not."

UK's De'Aaron Fox focused 'two plays ahead'

By: Fletcher Page | Courier-Journal | Dec. 28, 2016

MEMPHIS – De'Aaron Fox has a projector and big screen, perfect for playing video games in his room on Kentucky's campus.

When the freshman point guard doesn't have basketball practice or class, he grabs food, usually at Chipotle or Qdoba because those are the quickest trips, and heads back to what is for now his home.

"I have it to where I really don't need to leave my room," he said "For me, I don't like to party, I don't like to be around a lot of people."

The national player of the year candidate has a headset and microphone so he can play the latest NBA and NFL games online against friends on campus and from his native Houston, and he's spent hours playing all the versions of Call of Duty, of the fast-paced first-person shooter genre.

His favorites, though, are strategy-based games where the reward takes an investment of time and thought and calculation.

"Stealth-like games where you have to think more and you have to craft stuff," he said. "Not games that you can go in, shoot everybody and walk out. Games where you have to make a plan."

That's Fox's life away from the basketball court. And sometimes the way he describes video games mimics his mentality on the court. He's averaging 16.3 points, 6.8 assists and 5.0 rebounds per game, and he directly influences the outcome of a team-high 26.5 percent of UK's possessions.

"I just want to see two plays ahead and try to put the ball on the money for some players and defensively just lock in," he said.

"I like to make decisions. I like to help other people. When times get tough, I've never been one to fold. I've always been one to make it through whatever problems I've had."

Ask Fox about his first (and almost certainly his last) season at Kentucky, and he'll tell you he's struggling. While he's a dynamic force on drives to the basket, it bothers him that he's shooting 15 percent on 3-pointers (4-for-26) and 73 percent at the free-throw line.

"It's shots I know I can make and shots I should make that I'm missing," he said.

It helps that his mom, Lorraine, was one of the best free-throw shooters in Arkansas-Little Rock history. After every game, she texts her son, first with positive comments and then with what he needs to work on. His dad, Aaron, and 24-year-old brother, Quentin, both great athletes in their own rights, do the same.

Mom knows best.

"She always told me to make my free throws," De'Aaron Fox said. "I know when she played they didn't have a 3-point line, so she had a good mid-range game. They pressed, and she was always on top of the press and active. She always tells me to play with energy."

Plan B was accounting. Fox has always been good at math and he liked numbers, so he took a college-level finance/economics course in high school.

"It was tough. That's not really in my plans now," he said. "I'm just trying to focus on Plan A."

His original plan is working out. NBAdraft.net has Fox projected as the No. 4 overall pick in the 2017 NBA draft, and Draftexpress.com ranks him 10th.

Still, Fox is enrolled in communications classes to help him better speak to and understand people in group settings. He takes math courses for properly balancing his future finances and interpreting percentages.

It's all "stuff that I know I'm going to need that I'm taking right now," he said.

"It is important to me and my parents. It's something I want to finish, even if I go to the NBA and play 20 years. I want to get a degree."

Sometimes after practices, Fox slips out to nearby Insomnia Cookie for a treat. He really misses Whataburger, a "Texas thing," he calls it. If he's only at Kentucky for one more semester, he figures he followed the plan as best he could.

"I'm kind of happy go lucky, move to my own rhythm, he said. "I'm stuck in my own world."

Briscoe joins UK triple-double club - with a little help from Willis

By: Mark Story | Lexington Herald-Leader | Dec. 29, 2016

OXFORD, MISS.-- First, it seemed inevitable Isaiah Briscoe was going to get the third triple-double in Kentucky Wildcats men's basketball history Thursday night.

By the first TV timeout of the second half of No. 8 Kentucky's 99-76 blowout victory at Mississippi, the 6-foot-3, 210-pound sophomore from Newark, N.J., already had 11 points, nine rebounds and nine assists.

Briscoe had 15:39 of game time remaining to add his name to Chris Mills and De'Aaron Fox as the only UK men to attain double figures in three major statistical categories in the same game.

Sure thing, right?

Well ...

At the next TV timeout (11:49), Briscoe was holding firm at nine rebounds, nine assists.

For the game's penultimate TV stoppage (7:06), it was still nine boards, nine dimes for Briscoe.

By the last TV timeout of the game (3:53), Briscoe was still stuck on nine and nine.

Just as the thought of what a shame it was going to be for a player to be so close to a triple-double for so long and not get it was taking hold — or that some Bahamian scorekeeping was going to be necessary — Briscoe's UK teammates came through for him.

Malik Monk (34 points, 11-of-16 shooting, 5-of-7 treys) took a Briscoe pass, bounced once, and splashed a three-pointer from the right corner with 3:25 left to give his teammate what had been an elusive 10th assist.

There was 2:45 left when Derek Willis got fouled while converting a putback.

Before the UK forward shot his free throw, he and Briscoe apparently had a quick on-court chat.

"I needed one more rebound," Briscoe related afterwards. "(Willis) was like 'You need one more rebound?' I said 'Yeah.' He said 'Got you.'

With Briscoe stationed in UK's first rebounding slot to the left of the basket, Willis appeared to miss left intentionally.

Briscoe got the board, and with it the triple-double.

Just like that, a school that had had one triple-double — Chris Mills with 19 points, 10 rebounds, 10 assists versus Austin Peay on Dec. 27, 1988 — had its second one in seven games.

Briscoe finished with 19 points, 11 assists and 10 rebounds and joined Fox — 14 points, 11 rebounds and, with the help of a questionable scoring decision in the Bahamas, 10 assists — in the UK triple-double club.

"I give credit to my teammates for putting me in the position I was in," Briscoe said.

Mississippi Coach Andy Kennedy saluted the achievement.

"They're not easy to get," Kennedy said of triple-doubles. "(Briscoe) is a tenacious competitor."

A crowd of 9,026 at The Pavilion at Ole Miss that included actors Morgan Freeman and Ashley Judd saw another breathtaking display of open-court basketball from Kentucky (11-2, 1-0 SEC) in the first half.

Coming off the dispiriting loss at Louisville, the Cats blitzed Ole Miss (9-4, 0-1) by taking a 60-39 halftime lead with a highlight reel of spectacular feats.

Which was the best?

A.) Fox's baseline drive and reverse layup at 12:48;

B.) The Monk coast-to-coast in which he went behind the back to elude a defender, got in the lane, hung, absorbed contact and hit a 6-footer while being fouled at 9:31;

C.) Willis' hit-ahead pass that led Monk perfectly for 6-footer in transition at 6:31;

D.) The Willis baseball-style outlet that hit Monk for a wide-open, transition trey at 3:33;

E). Any of Bam Adebayo's five first-half, alley-oop dunks, most off assists from Briscoe — who clearly absorbed Calipari's post-Louisville message about getting Adebayo (career-high 25 points on 12-of-19 shooting) more touches.

Answer: B.

Other than noting that Calipari's aforementioned demand has gotten through, we didn't learn much about the Cats on Thursday night. Mississippi allowed the game to become a track meet and there aren't five (10?) teams in the country who can succeed against UK that way.

It will wait for another night to see whether Kentucky can win a tough road game against a team that, as Louisville did, can get the Cats into a grind-it-out situation where half-court execution is required.

Still, we did get the second-half tension of whether Briscoe was going to get his triple-double.

The UK guard said he was not getting nervous as the clock dwindled with his rebound and assist lines stuck at nine.

"No, because ultimately I just want to win," Briscoe said. "The triple-double was fine. I'll take it."

Thanks to Willis' deliberately errant free throw, Briscoe got it.

"Shout-out to Derek, for real," a smiling Briscoe said.

Kentucky is scoring faster than ever

By: John Gasaway | ESPN.com | Dec. 29, 2016

Coming into this season we thought we'd seen everything from John Calipari and Kentucky. But this group of Wildcats is doing things Lexington has never seen before-- at a speed Lexington has never seen before.

Malik Monk, De'Aaron Fox, Bam Adebayo, Isaiah Briscoe & Co. are the viscounts of velocity.

Of course, scoring faster is just another way of saying you put more points on the board. Thursday night's warp-speed 99-76 slashing and thrashing of Ole Miss in Oxford was merely the latest example of this dynamic. During the telecast, ESPN's Jay Bilas said his neck was getting sore from watching UK rocket down the court again and again.

True, things slowed down a bit in the second half at The Pavilion, but the overall trend here is clear. This is the fastest-pace UK team yet under Calipari. The Wildcats are averaging a lightning-fast 79 possessions per 40 minutes so far this season. Keep in mind this is the same team that averaged a mere 67 trips per regulation contest in SEC play last season.

Not only is Kentucky playing faster, Calipari's guys are also squeezing more points out of each trip down the floor. In the first half against the Rebels, UK scored 60 points. That was partly a reflection of an incredibly fast pace (45 possessions), but averaging 1.33 points per trip will win you a title at any speed.

Monk, of course, is a nightmare waiting to happen for any opposing defense. Louisville held the freshman in check, but that success might prove difficult for other opponents to replicate.

With his pure speed, range as a shooter and his ability to take the ball all the way to the rim, Monk is able to feast on just about any size or type of defender. Add to that the fact that we're talking about a player (still, barely) in the December of his freshman season, and you get some sense of what Monk might be able to show us by the time March rolls around.

Incredibly, Monk has competition from his teammates for the honor of "most impressive showing on offense." I speak not in terms of box-score performance, for no Wildcat could hope to match Monk's 47-point game against North Carolina. But if you want to make a powerful basketball statement, saying "I dunked repeatedly on perhaps the best defense in the country" will get my attention. Adebayo can make that claim after he slammed the ball home with recurring and pointed ferocity against Louisville.

In other words, Kentucky's excellence on offense is based on more than just one individual. In fact, when Monk tried to go hero-ball in the second half against the Cardinals, that's when the Wildcats' offense looked most stagnant.

At its best, this UK offense is a testament to the power of sheer volume. Calipari's teams have always excelled at offensive rebounding, and now the coach has married that ability with players such as Fox, Monk and Briscoe who also take outstanding care of the ball.

When incredible-shooting teams like UCLA and Villanova suffer off nights, they'll be in trouble. But Kentucky is "merely" (ha) a very good shooting offense. The Wildcats succeed simply by recording more shots. When you try to score every few seconds,

there's no time for a turnover. Throw in Adebayo crashing the offensive glass to clean up any misses, and you have one powerful attack.

If Kentucky keeps beating opposing defenses down the floor like this, we'll need to track a new stat. I want to know how many times the ball hits the floor after a made basket by a Wildcats opponent: UK has shown it can take that ball out of the net and still score in transition.

Speaking of stats, I can show you any number of them proving that this offense is excellent in terms of efficiency, shot volume, production-- you name it. But the bottom line is Kentucky's offense needs to be seen to be understood.

Just make sure you don't blink. Above all, this Wildcats' offense is fast.

Briscoe a star among UK's stars

By: Fletcher Page | Courier-Journal | Dec. 30, 2016

OXFORD, Miss. – How are you going to get overshadowed if you score 34 points and set a school record?

What if you had a career-high 25 and a bunch of dunks?

This is Kentucky against the Southeastern Conference, but really, this is Kentucky against Kentucky, for the headline and highlight and the college basketball world.

And after the Wildcats lost to their rival Louisville last week-- in a contest about toughness, physicality and making plays in winning time where UK failed- one performance was better than all the great performances in a 99-76 win over Ole Miss on Thursday.

Isaiah Briscoe had the third triple-double in school history-- the second this season and the first that was legit after De'Aaron Fox admitted he only had nine assists against Arizona State last month.

Sure, there were plenty of other reasons why Kentucky demolished Ole Miss on its brand-new home court.

Malik Monk had the No. 1 play on SportsCenter's Top Ten – he took three dribbles to get upcourt, one that went behind his back, drew a foul and hit a one-handed trick-shot lay-up. He also took only 16 shots to score 34 points, the most a UK freshman has ever posted in an SEC road contest. He tied a career-high with six rebounds and made it to the free-throw line four times-- all the things coach John Calipari has pleaded with him to accomplish.

Still, not quite top billing.

Bam Adebayo posted a career-high 25 points, fueled by eight dunks and blossoming post moves. He's scored in double figures 10 straight games and, for a player that plays with his shoes loosely tied, looks like the total package.

Still, not the main attraction.

In Thursday's 99-76 win at Ole Miss, Briscoe was best in show. He had 19 points, 11 assists, 10 rebounds.

I mean, that was the best performance of the bunch, right? Kenpom.com rated Monk as the game's MVP. He entered averaging an SEC-best 21.4 points per game and scored more than 20 points for the eighth time this season.

"He's always been a fantastic athlete, his ability to make shots and create shots and elevate and get separation, he's got the complete package offensively," Ole Miss coach Andy Kennedy said.

So, yeah, Monk is special.

And it seemed like Adebayo was the one who opened up everything else for everybody else. Briscoe kept finding his way into the lane against the Rebels zone and Adebayo kept sneaking in on the baseline, left wide open for easy lobs.

Remember, eight dunks. High-percentage. Really high. At this point, Adebayo seems the perfect fit for Monk, Briscoe and De'Aaron Fox, all trying to get out and score as fast as possible. Adebayo runs the floor, he catches tough passes, he takes his time, he muscles his way, he gets his points, he's getting better, he never complains about touches, and now he's getting more touches.

"If he continues to play like this, we got not choice but to give him the ball," Briscoe said.

For nearly 30 minutes at Ole Miss, Kentucky was near perfect. The last 10 went meh and sent John Calipari to recall lines about AAU habits and a lack of discipline.

That's where Briscoe comes in and that's why his triple-double won the day. Sure, the stats look pretty. And the milestone means a lot. But Briscoe being active and engaged and firing back at Calipari in huddles is what this team needs to make it. If Kentucky is going to the Final Four, Briscoe's experience and toughness and want-to will keep it all together and take it where it wants to go.

When the Wildcats lost to UCLA, Briscoe missed all five 3-pointers he tried. He had three turnovers to three assists. He even yawned while on the court. What?

Nope. That didn't work. That won't work.

When the Wildcats lost to Louisville, Briscoe had a 14 percent possessions used rating (his second-lowest of the season). He hit only 1 of his 5 shots. He wasn't involved nearly enough.

Nope. Didn't work.

Here at Ole Miss, he was so involved, a trainer gave him gummy bears on the sideline during the second half. He needed all the glycogen he could get. A staffer offered him a Gatorade in the post-game press conference, and even though he acted like he didn't need it, he kept it anyway. Because he did need it. Because he put in that much work in a brilliant all-around performance.

When Fox went to the bench in foul trouble, Briscoe picked up the lead guard responsibilities in stride. He played 36 minutes and had 11 assists to only two turnovers.

In this game, Monk didn't take many bad shots. Adebayo didn't get into foul trouble. Kentucky could have won this game by 40 because Fox had a resilient seven points and seven assists. Because Derek Willis came off the bench to snag nine rebounds. Because Ole Miss tried to play Kentucky's game and ended up shooting 37.5 percent and committed 15 turnovers.

Because for whatever reason, the Wildcats seems to play much better when Briscoe is playing much better.

There's a more-complete feeling on the court when he's producing and talking and pointing and leading.

"He's a tenacious competitor," Kennedy said. "I know Cal wants him to take on that leadership role, and he certainly responded."

Bam Adebayo is the big man John Calipari needs, and the Wildcats' coach knows it

By: Kyle Tucker | SEC Country | Dec. 30, 2016

OXFORD, Miss. – Kentucky basketball last season had All-American Tyler Ulis at point guard, top-10 pick Jamal Murray at shooting guard and bulldog Isaiah Briscoe alongside them both to form arguably the best backcourt in America. But the Wildcats got bounced in the first weekend of the NCAA Tournament. Why?

"If you don't have a post presence, your team is a fraud," coach John Calipari said Thursday night, after freshman forward Bam Adebayo had a career-high 25 points in a blowout win at Ole Miss. "Because there is going to be a game when you miss shots and you're going to lose. When you're trying to win six in a row at the end of the year and you don't have a post player, I'm sorry, it's not going to happen."

Unlike last year, when Skal Labissiere turned out to be a project that was never completed, eighth-ranked Kentucky (11-2,

1-0 SEC) has a post player this year. Adebayo, the 6-foot-10, 260-pound projected lottery pick, is starting to hit his stride.

He's shot 63.7 percent the last five games and Calipari has commanded his latest loaded backcourt – McDonald's All-Americans De'Aaron Fox, Malik Monk and Briscoe – to get him the ball.

"In practice, in the scrimmages, we have segments where the ball's got to touch Bam's hands first, before anybody shoots the ball. We gotta play through Bam," Briscoe said. "And if he continues to play like this, we got no choice but to give him the ball. He had a great game today, and that's big for us going down low."

Adebayo began fully flexing his muscles in the paint during Kentucky's loss at Louisville last week, and he was an even more unstoppable force against the Rebels. His previous career highs were 18 points, 12 shot attempts and 7 made baskets, but he went for 25 points on 19 shots and 12 makes Thursday.

That included a dazzling array of high-difficulty, hammer-dropping dunks.

"I'm just glad I have a great group of guys that get me the ball," Adebayo said. "They believe in me to score. Every team needs a post presence, so that's a big emphasis. Instead of focusing on just all guards, we need to focus on the post, too.

"We were building together. In practice, they were throwing me the ball and it's just building up my confidence and trust in my teammates."

Adebayo has averaged 13.5 points, 7.7 rebounds and 1.8 blocks in his first 13 college games, but Calipari has said all along he believes the big man is capable of a season-long growth like previous Kentucky big men Anthony Davis and Karl-Anthony Towns. Both got better seemingly every day and became No. 1 overall NBA draft picks.

The Wildcats also won a national title with Davis and went 38-1 with Towns.

"When Bam is isolated down there and you let him get low-post touches, obviously they're going to be a tough matchup," Ole Miss coach Andy Kennedy said. "It's a huge difference."

No one understands that better than Calipari, who need only look at last season's national champion, Villanova. Those Wildcats had several more notable pieces than 6-11, 245-pound forward Daniel Ochefu, but maybe none more important.

"The biggest reason they won is that big kid," Calipari said. "If they didn't have that big kid, they had no chance of winning. That's what set them apart: they had perimeter guys that could play and they had the big guy."

Now Kentucky has a big guy again, and it is learning how to use him.

Is Tai Wynyard the backup big man the Wildcats need?

By: Kyle Tucker | SEC Country | Jan. 2, 2017

LEXINGTON, Ky. – Tai Wynyard was not nearly as surprised by his early appearance against Ole Miss last week as many Kentucky basketball fans were. Despite having played just 20 minutes all season previously, the redshirt freshman forward had been practicing well and drawing praise from coach John Calipari.

"That's kind of what started it off. I was just rebounding every ball. I'd come down, get an offensive rebound and put it back in. Just things like that, a lot of fighting and diving on the floor," Wynyard said. "That's really all (Calipari) is trying to push for, the willingness to dive on the floor and get every loose ball, every rebound."

And so it was that the 6-foot-10, 254-pound New Zealand native was the first big man off the bench against the Rebels – not sophomore 7-footer Isaac Humphries or 6-10 McDonald's All-American Sacha Killeya-Jones – subbing in for star Bam Adebayo with 14:50 to go in the first half. He played just two minutes, with no rebounds or points, but Wynyard's appearance made a statement.

"I tried Tai today because the backup, I just have not been satisfied with the way he's playing, whether it's Isaac or Sacha," Calipari said after the game. "So I gave (Wynyard) a chance. I probably should have given him another chance, but he went in and did OK. He hasn't played much, but we've got to get somebody else to play the way Bam is playing.

"Maybe not doing the dunks and all the stuff he is doing, but somebody that can hold his own defensively, that can rebound balls and that can make a shot next to the basket. We just haven't been getting that."

Adebayo is averaging 13.5 points, 7.7 rebounds and 1.8 blocked shots – and he's only getting better. The 6-10 freshman poured in a career-high 25 points against Ole Miss. But both Humphries and Killeya-Jones have alternately been pushed around or looked lost far too often.

Those two have combined for an average of 6.8 points and 6.4 rebounds. So Wynyard's sudden emergence is no accident.

"It's a message," assistant coach Tony Barbee said. "It's no secret that we've got to get our other big guys to catch up to the level that Bam is. Obviously not everybody is going to be Bam physically, but it's not so much what Bam does physically. It's what he does mentally to approach the game every day. He's a wrecking ball on the basketball court, offensively and defensively.

"Tai is one of those guys. He plays that same way. Now it's up to Tai to catch up to what we're trying to do scheme-wise, offensively and defensively, so he's not behind on the floor and hurts us in that way. Because we he does give us is another physical guy like Bam who throws his body around and goes after rebounds."

In just 22 minutes this season, Wynyard has 8 points, 9 rebounds, 1 block and an assist. Can he do more with a bigger role? And is his suddenly elevated status more than a motivational ploy for the team's other big men?

"I always know if you work hard, you're going to get a chance, so I just kept pushing myself," Wynyard said. "Bam, obviously he can't play the whole game, so you really do need a backup and someone that's going to fight for rebounding. If you put someone in that doesn't want to fight, you're going to miss out on all those rebounds that Bam gets."

Willis, Gabriel Working ot Earn Trust, Lock Down 4 Spot

By: Guy Ramsey | UKathletics.com | Jan. 2, 2017

There's no question about the position where John Calipari sees the most room for improvement on his team.

It's the four spot, where Derek Willis and Wenyen Gabriel are splitting time almost exactly evenly.

The rest of the rotation is pretty well set. In the backcourt, De'Aaron Fox, Malik Monk and Isaiah Briscoe have things locked down, with Dominique Hawkins and Mychal Mulder backing them up. In the post, Bam Adebayo is emerging as a dominant force.

Of course, each player can grow individually and Adebayo could use a more clear-cut backup, but it's with Willis and Gabriel that Coach Cal is spending much of his time and energy.

"We're being a little more specific in how we're playing things," Calipari said on the first SEC Coaches' Teleconference of the season. "The biggest word with those two is the word trust. Your teammates have to trust that you're going to do the job you're supposed to do. And if they can't trust you, it's hard to keep you on the floor."

Just as Willis – a senior – and Gabriel – a freshman – are different in age and experience, so too are they different in their path to earning that trust.

A year ago, Willis' primary role was to

serve as a third scorer and floor-stretcher alongside Tyler Ulis and Jamal Murray. Now, as No. 6/6 UK (11-2, 1-0 Southeastern Conference) prepares for a home matchup with Texas A&M (8-4, 0-1 SEC) on Tuesday at 9 p.m., the Wildcats have plenty of scoring whether Willis is on or not.

For that reason, UK is looking for defense and rebounding from Willis as much as anything else. And on those counts, Willis is starting to find his way.

"Derek's gotten better," Calipari said. "His thing is, 'I'm focusing so much on defense and rebounding, I can't make a shot.' Because I thought he was better last game."

In spite of hitting just 1-of-4 3-pointers against Ole Miss, Willis was able to chip in with seven rebounds and a pair of blocks in UK's SEC-opening victory. For the season, Willis is just 13 of 39 (33.3 percent) from beyond the arc after shooting 53 of 120 (44.2 percent) overall and 35 of 70 (50 percent) in SEC games last season.

"I don't know; I think it's one of those things too where maybe I need to condition a little bit better," Willis said. "Maybe it's getting to my legs or something. I don't know, just hopefully playing at Rupp, a comfortable environment, I can get it going offensively. Hit a little more shots and go from there. But I do want to continue doing what I'm doing defensively with rebounding and all that."

Because Willis has taken steps forward in that regard, it's been he who has seen the lion's share of the minutes in close contests in spite of the fact that Gabriel has started seven of UK's last eight games.

"(Wenyen's) one of those guys that has to get better for us," assistant coach Tony Barbee said at a media availability before the A&M game. "Derek's gotta get better. Wenyen's gotta get better. Isaac's (Humphries) gotta get better. Tai's (Wynyard) gotta get better. Those guys have gotta step their games up. And Wenyen's had his moments, but he's a typical freshman. He's going to be up and down. You just expect more out of our freshmen."

Gabriel's effort has never been in question. Early in the season he drew rave reviews from opposing coaches for his nonstop motor, but channeling it in the right way hasn't come as easily. Making matters more complicated is the fact that Gabriel doesn't have the physical maturity of many of the players he's having to battle with.

"He's playing against some older, strong, veteran players, so he gets moved out of the way physically from time to time," Barbee said. "But for Wenyen, it's not (a matter of) a want to; he's got a motor that just won't stop, and sometimes physically he can't get to where he wants to be. But he's improving every single day. I mean, he's improved night and day from when he stepped on campus, so you project him out and he continues at this rate, he's going to be a fantastic player."

Gabriel will face a test in that regard against a physical Aggie bunch that ranks ninth nationally in offensive-rebounding percentage and fourth in average height, according to kenpom.com. Facing the likes of 6-foot-10, 270-pound Tyler Davis is a challenge for a true freshman, but it's what Gabriel signed up for when he signed with Kentucky. There's no better way to earn the trust of teammates than by overcoming it.

"The only way we can trust you is you're disciplined in your approach on both offense and defense and that you do your job," Calipari said. " 'What is my job? I'm going to do it. If I need help, my teammates are going to have my back.' We're just not there yet."

UK's Humphries working his way through slump

By: Fletcher Page | Courier-Journal | Jan. 6, 2017

LEXINGTON, Ky. – John Calipari has made little secret about his desire to find more production from 7-footer Isaac Humphries this season.

Humphries has been a frequent target of Calipari's vocal coaching style during games this season, and UK coaches have repeatedly noted freshman forward Bam Adebayo needs more support from the Wildcats' other big men.

After he was tabbed as a breakout candidate this summer and reported improved confidence upon returning to UK for his sophomore season, even Humphries has been surprised by his performance through the first 14 games.

"That's not how I planned it going, but we all have to face adversity at some point in our lives," Humphries said. "Just happened to be my time, and I've been dealing with that. I'm almost certain I'm out of that little slump."

With UK now two games into Southeastern Conference play, Humphries is averaging 3.8 points and 4.1 rebounds in 10.9 minutes per game.

In a seven-game stretch from Nov. 28 to Dec. 29, Humphries scored no more than three points in a game and grabbed more than three rebounds just one time. He did not convert a field goal in three of those seven games and was 4 for 13 (30.8 percent) from the field during the stretch.

After totaling two points and five rebounds in 20 minutes against North Carolina on Dec. 17, Humphries played just five minutes in the loss at Louisville and four minutes in the SEC-opening win at Ole Miss.

On Tuesday against Texas A&M, Humphries finally showed signs of emerging from his slump with eight points and six rebounds in 13 minutes. He converted 3 of 6 field-goal attempts and grabbed two offensive rebounds but was whistled for four fouls.

Calipari has seen that progress continue in practice this week.

"Isaac looked really good yesterday," Calipari said Friday. "Like, really good."

Much of the buzz surrounding Humphries this summer was attributed to his improved confidence and dedication to reaching the potential Calipari has seen in him, but the UK coach reminded reporters not every player is immediately prepared to keep up with the pace of progress demanded at Kentucky.

"And I got to call 'em in every once in a while and say, 'You know I love you, now. You know I'm about you,'" Calipari said in response to a question about Humphries and the other post players competing to backup Adebayo. "'If you can't take a coach who's for you personally, I don't know how to help you.' Now, doesn't mean I'm gonna tell you what you want to hear, and some of the guys I gotta tell 'em I believe in them more than they believe in themselves at times, and it shouldn't be that."

For the 7-foot, 255-pound Humphries, it is easy to see how his skillset could help the Wildcats.

At his best, Humphries sees himself as a player who can provide a physical rebounding and post-scoring threat who can stretch outside the paint to hit a face-up jumper on occasion. With Kentucky being outrebounded six times in 14 games, those attributes are many of the same ones needed to sure up any concerns about post depth behind Adebayo.

At Ole Miss, Calipari handed a surprise early cameo to redshirt freshman forward Tai Wynyard as the first post player off the bench in an attempt to examine a different option as Adebayo's backup. Humphries returned to the role against Texas A&M, but Wynyard did play a season-high four minutes in the second half against the Aggies.

Humphries acknowledged some motivation by Wynyard's increasing role, but said he thinks Wynyard deserved those minutes for the pogress he has made in practice. Humphries also said confirmed he has held several conversations with Calipari where the UK coach has reminded him about his

potential and "trusting the process" while he's worked through any early season struggles.

Calipari's coaching style can be hard to adapt to, but Humphries said he knows the yelling is in players' best interests.

"We all know he loves us and stuff like that, but at the end of the day you've got to get a job done," Humphries said. "That's why we're here."

Wildcats prove at Vanderbilt that they can win ugly

By: Kyle Tucker | SEC Country | Jan. 10, 2017

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – This Kentucky basketball team likes to gallop, not trot. It prefers to race by an opponent at such devastating speed that the wind whips the very breath from their lungs and suffocates all hope as they scream past. That's how these Wildcats win, or at least it was.

They'd opened SEC play by blasting Ole Miss, Texas A&M and Arkansas by an average margin of 30.3 points. They'd scored 94.2 points per game for the season, topped 100 points five times, beaten 12 of their first 13 victims by at least 20 – and the other victory was a dead sprint to the finish with North Carolina.

Then on Tuesday night at Vanderbilt, Kentucky's dizzying offense came to a whistle-screeching halt. There were 43 total fouls called, including 23 on the Wildcats, and 56 free throws shot, including 32 by the Commodores. There was little rhythm, even less running, and a team just barely above .500 somehow trailed sixth-ranked Kentucky by a single point with 1:36 remaining.

This was not how the Wildcats wanted to play, and yet: Kentucky 87, Vanderbilt 81.

"I knew it was going to be a tough game when we came out and the ref was calling easy fouls on De'Aaron (Fox) and Malik (Monk)," sophomore guard Isaiah Briscoe said of the Cats' two freshman stars, who played just six and nine minutes in the first half. "I just think today we showed people that not only are we a transition team, but we can play in the half-court also."

To weather the whirlwind of whistles in the first half, Kentucky (14-2, 4-0 SEC) fed big man Bam Adebayo in the paint, and he delivered 13 points before the break. Briscoe was a steadying force in both halves, going for 23 points, 7 rebounds and 5 assists.

And when Fox and Monk – who had two fouls apiece less than four minutes into the game – were unleashed in the second half, they more than made up for their earlier absence. They scored 27 of their combined 40 points after intermission, eight of those in the final 77 seconds.

"We need close close games. It's just important for us to show people that we can win these types of games," Fox said. "We're a young team, so people think if they can get us in a close game, we don't have the experience to be able to win games like that. But I think down the stretch, we executed all our plays.

"It's extremely important, just being able to show people even if we're not out and running, we can execute in the half-court."

Fox sank 11 of 17 shots from the field, hitting mid-range jump shots and high-difficulty driving layups with equal success. Briscoe hit 10 of 18 shots, putting defenders on roller skates to attack the rim. Adebayo either dunked or got fouled almost every time he touched it, and then sank 8 of 10 free throws.

Monk was, by his standards, a little off. But he rose to meet the moment when it mattered. On a night when so much of the game was ugly, Monk's floater in the lane with 32 seconds left was as pretty as they come.

That's why Kentucky coach John Calipari, annoyed as he was at plenty of self-inflicted errors Tuesday night, left Vanderbilt's Memorial Gym "really happy we won this game," he said. "I liked the way we rebounded and fought. Like I told these guys: You gotta enjoy the wins. I've been doing this for 30 years. Enjoy the wins. When we win a game, there's not relief for me. It's joy. I am happy, and it was a hard-fought game, which makes me even happier."

Oh, he had plenty of nits to pick after the victory. The defense wasn't good enough, the shot selection at times maddening, the senseless fouls, the lack of "empowerment" by a team starting four freshmen that is still too reliant on its coach in critical moments.

And yet: "Watching this team play, you have to have fun," Calipari said. "Like, wow, this is fun watching them, the stuff they're doing, as fast as they're playing and some unbelievable plays that they make."

Cats can make 3-pointers, but Calipari glad they don't have to

By: John Clay | Hearld-Leader | Jan. 11, 2017

Thank heaven Kentucky made a three-pointer early Tuesday night, with Malik Monk swishing one from the top of the key just 1:56 into the Cats' hard-fought 87-81 victory at Vanderbilt.

Had it not been for Monk's three-ball, as the clock ticked down to game's end, no doubt the history and statistical minded of the Big Blue Nation would have been thrown into a widespread panic over the possible ending of "the streak." You know, the streak of games in which Kentucky has made at least one three-point shot.

Thanks to that one solitary three, the streak now stands at 991.

And despite making just one of nine three-point shots, Kentucky won anyway.

"I told (the team) after the game, we were 1-for-9 from the three and I was ecstatic," UK Coach John Calipari said. "Because when you're 1-for-9 and you still win, it proves to your team you do not need to make threes to win."

It's true. Try this stat on for size: Since the 2008-09 season, including Tuesday night, Kentucky has had eight games in which it has made just one three-point shot. Kentucky won all eight of those games.

The key was not the number of threes Kentucky made, but the number of threes it attempted. Seeing that the three-ball wasn't falling, Calipari's club refrained from forcing shots from beyond the arc. The nine attempts were the fewest since UK was 2-for-9 in a win at Alabama last season.

Meanwhile, at the other end of the floor, Vanderbilt entered the night leading the SEC in three-point percentage at 40.3. Tuesday, Bryce Drew's Commodores jacked up 29 three-point attempts, but made just eight for 27.6 percent. And lost.

"Many teams in the country, if they're not making threes they've got no chance of winning," Calipari said. "We're not one of them."

The numbers are on his side. Kentucky is 193rd in the nation in three-pointers with 115. The Cats are 201st in three-point percentage at 34.2. And they are 14-2 overall and 4-0 in the SEC.

One reason the lack of three-pointers didn't damage the Cats' cause on Tuesday was how well UK shot the ball from two. Kentucky was 33-for-58 from inside the arc for 56.9 percent.

For the first time ever Kentucky won an SEC road game while shooting 11.1% or worse from 3-point range.

Isaiah Briscoe (23 points) and De'Aaron Fox (22) were particularly effective. Once again, Briscoe exhibited a crafty and uncanny talent for getting the ball to the rim. Seven of his 10 field goals came off drives to the hoop. And Fox showed encouraging signs of developing a devastating mid-range game.

Six of Fox's 11 field goals were jumpers from the lane or the wing. Over his last two games, the freshman has made 21 of 33 shots.

"He's really spending time in the gym right now," Calipari said. "He's really mastering his craft."

We know, of course, that the preseason questions about this Kentucky team concerned outside shooting. Did the Cats have enough perimeter power to keep defenses honest? Would opposing coaches draw up various zones to keep the long, athletic Cats from owning the paint, thereby forcing them to shoot from outside?

And yes, there will be games in which the Cats will have to make threes. That CBS Sports Classic matchup with North Carolina in Las Vegas was one of those games. Kentucky made 10 three-pointers that afternoon. Monk accounted for eight of those on the way to his 47 points. Kentucky won by three.

Remember, the Cats were 13-for-25 from beyond in the arc in last week's 100-58 thrashing of Texas A&M. Five of the threes belonged to Monk. Eight belonged to various other Cats.

So while Kentucky can make three-pointers, Tuesday proved it doesn't have to.

Wenyen Gabriel's career rebounding day a sign of progress

By: Kyle Tucker | SEC Country | Jan. 14, 2017

LEXINGTON, Ky. – Wenyen Gabriel is a stick figure in a basketball uniform. He's listed on Kentucky's roster as a 6-foot-9, 213-pound freshman forward. His legs look like wire hangers protruding up out of a pair of sneakers.

So here's a comparison for Gabriel that nobody could've seen coming before Saturday's game against Auburn: "Dennis Rodman," teammate Bam Adebayo said, referring to one of the greatest rebounders and most physical players in NBA history. "Nah, I'm playing. (But) Wenyen's a great player. He just had one of them massive games."

Indeed, Gabriel came out of nowhere to snag a career-high 16 rebounds in the Wildcats' 92-72 win over the Tigers at Rupp Arena. No Kentucky player had grabbed that many boards since Julius Randle during the 2013-14 season.

It matched the same number of rebounds Gabriel had managed in the previous four games combined.

"It felt good. It felt kind of like I'm going back to how I was," said the former 5-star recruit, "how I was playing in high school. My confidence is coming back and I'm about to start playing more aggressively."

Gabriel's final tally Saturday: 6 points, 16 rebounds, 2 blocks and a steal in 29 minutes. Coach John Calipari pointed out that if he'd not gone 0 for 4 at the free-throw line, he would've had just his second career double-double.

But he did hit his first two 3-pointers against Auburn and finished 2 of 3 beyond the arc. He'd made just 4 of 20 threes to start the season.

"Wenyen's playing so much better. He's taking major steps forward," senior guard Mychal Mulder said. "I'm excited to see the progression he's having in this game."

Gabriel, who averaged 5.4 points and 5.4 rebounds in his first 15 games, credits a couple of key things to his growth: First, learning to maneuver among grown men with his slender frame, and then earning some confidence in practice by performing at a higher level.

"Coming to play at Kentucky, SEC, college, it's a big difference, especially with my body type," he said. "Getting used to it, it took me kind of a while. I'm starting to get used to it now, maturing more, learning how to play, finding my role, and I think I'm just going forward from here."

His teammates – and Calipari, who has urged him to shoot every time he's open – also helped Gabriel begin to play fearlessly.

"They're always trying to help me out, give me the extra pass during practice. 'Knock that down.' And it worked today,' Gabriel said. "I think I'm building my confidence during practice."

When Gabriel is playing with his chest puffed out and not getting bullied on the block, he can be a game-changer for sixth-ranked Kentucky (15-2, 5-0 SEC), which outrebounded Auburn 40-28 thanks to him. While Gabriel won't soon be confused for Dennis Rodman physically, he does have the kind of boundless energy that defined The Worm's career.

"He has such a high motor and he never stops playing," Mulder said of Gabriel. "Shot goes up, he's fighting for that rebound. He takes a shot, he's ready to rebound his own miss. Not a lot of people are like that. That's something unique about him and something I admire about him a lot.

"When you see a guy playing with such a high energy level, it's not so much about talent at that point. It's all about fight. It's all about who wants the basketball more. You see that and it's kind of infectious."

Why have the Wildcats regressed? When will they snap out of it?

By: Kyle Tucker | SEC Country | Jan. 25, 2017

LEXINGTON, Ky. – John Calipari is a die-hard Pittsburgh Steelers fan. So what could make the Kentucky basketball coach quote Tom Brady just days after the New England Patriots quarterback denied his Steelers a trip to the Super Bowl?

This simple fact: Over the last five games, as his fourth-ranked Wildcats steadily devolved, guards Malik Monk and Isaiah Briscoe took 128 shots between them – making 58 of those – while forward Bam Adebayo got just 25 shots but made 21. That's 45.3 percent for the guards, 84 percent for the big man, yet they typically keep the ball and he rarely gets it.

"Tom Brady made a statement that these guys aren't listening to," Calipari said Tuesday night after watching Monk take 19 shots to get his 25 points in an 82-80 loss at Tennessee, where Adebayo went for 21 on just eight attempts. "Doing what's right for the team sometimes may not be right for you, but that's how you win. That's not getting through to some guys, and I told them after: 'You'll continue to lose.' I've done this 30 years. You cannot do this stuff that they're doing and win basketball games."

Like turn it over seven times against South Carolina, as Briscoe did Saturday. Or jack up 13 threes – and miss 10 – as Monk did Tuesday. Calipari didn't call them out by name, and there have certainly been other offenders, but it isn't hard to tell he's unhappy with Kentucky's previously stellar backcourt.

"You know what we usually look like? Pass, pass, pass, pass, in, out, drive, kick, go. You know what everybody's doing right now? Whoever has it holds it as long as they can," Calipari said. "We're just not playing how we were two weeks ago. Maybe we got arrogant."

Monk has averaged 15 shot attempts over the last five games and Briscoe has averaged 10. In the four games before point guard De'Aaron Fox tweaked his right ankle against the Gamecocks, he also averaged 15 shots. But Adebayo, who has become an unstoppable force in the paint, averaged just five field-goal attempts over the last five games.

"Bam at some point, I don't know if you saw me laugh, he walks over and says, 'You may want to tell them to throw me the ball,' " Calipari said after Tuesday's loss. "We wouldn't throw Bam the ball until at halftime I said, 'That's it. You either throw him the ball or you're coming out.' And it's not that we've got selfish guys. It's just that they're playing – just playing – versus, 'OK, what are we trying to do each trip down?' "

There's also the matter of defense. The Wildcats have allowed 80-plus points in three of the last five games and seen their defensive efficiency rating nosedive. An op-

posing player has scored at least 25 points in each of the last three games.

Tuesday it was Robert Hubbs III, a Tennessee senior who lit up Kentucky for the second-most points of his college career. Calipari said the Cats were too worried about who was going to take the next ill-advised shot to bother much with defending the Vols.

"But we're all freshmen. We may need to lose a few games in a row and then have them come to my office en masse and say, 'Coach, we surrender. Tell us what you want us to do, because we know we can't win now,' " he said. "I hate to lose, but sometimes it's good."

Here's the thing about that: Kentucky's next three games are against No. 2 Kansas, Georgia and at Florida. That's two good opponents, one great one and a series of chances for the Wildcats to lose their grip on a No. 1 seed in the NCAA Tournament. After an ugly couple of weeks, though, Calipari seems more concerned with what condition his team is in than what position it is in come March.

"We had 14 turnovers and 14 assists" against Tennessee, he said. "We were getting 30 assists, Now we're at 14. Next week it may be 7. I mean, we've got to pass the ball to each other. Then you're making it hard for the other team. We're doing it the opposite way: We're making it hard for us and making it easy for the other team."

Bam's Beginings: From humble orginins, Adebayo has grown into a star

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The single-wide trailer home at 76 Church Lane, the one with green paneling and black shutters and a small wooden porch out front, is the kind of place you find because people tell you where it is. A map of this part of eastern North Carolina is only mildly useful: Along a stretch of Highway 32 just around the corner, the town starts changing from door to door. A church with an address in Plymouth, a church in Pantego, then a meat farm in Pinetown, never mind that only two-tenths of a mile separates them. If the people around here felt a little dispossessed, they might not be blamed for it. But that narrow green box is surely there, cradled by a dense row of trees in the rear, and it was home enough for the people who lived in it.

Marilyn Blount cooked breakfast for her son every day before walking to her job as a cashier at the Acre Station Meat Farm up the road. Sometimes she'd come home so tired she went right to sleep. But the house stayed clean and the bills stayed paid and her son, Edrice Adebayo, known to everyone as "Bam" ever since he upended a table when he was 1, stayed happy and big. When Bam started playing neighborhood basketball on a portable rim in the street, he hardly knew how to catch. But he was huge—6' 6" by the time he was 13—and fast. And when he joined actual, organized teams, he blocked shots and rebounded and worked out the rest over time. He dunked on top prospects as an eighth-grader, averaged 30 points as a high school junior and became one of the country's most coveted recruits. He signed with Kentucky, another freshman expected to treat Lexington as a layover in transit to the NBA.

So Bam arrived in early June for summer school, moved into the dorm by his mother and his AAU coach and then began this next, most consequential bit of growing on his own. A few weeks later, that coach, Kevin Graves, returned for a visit. He brought something for Bam's room: An enlarged photo of 76 Church Lane, with that old basketball rim tipped over on the lawn in the foreground. Graves hung the picture on the wall. Near the bottom of the frame, there are 15 words engraved on a metal plate. They are the only directions Bam Adebayo needs: Never forget where you came from, and never lose sight of where you are going.

A great number of high-end talents enrolled in college basketball this year. Bam Adebayo may be the one with the end so high nobody can see it yet.

To date, the 6' 10", 260-pound freshman has done the expected for Kentucky: 13.5 points per game on 62.4% shooting, adding 6.9 rebounds and 1.7 blocks per night. He's scored in double-figures in all but three games, and heading into a showdown with Kansas on Saturday, he's on a five-game streak during which he's made 21 of 25 shots. Adebayo also has a chance to break Anthony Davis's single-season record for most dunks in the John Calipari era, with 62 to this point. (Davis had 92 in 2011–12.) He is the snarly presence that the Wildcats lacked last year, when Indiana bounced them in the NCAA tournament's Round of 32. "I think it's the difference in winning championship-quality games," Kentucky assistant coach Kenny Payne says. "In a perfect world, you'd rather have a guy that's skilled and physical. But at times you win with guys that will fight for the win. You want a guy that just can get it done, a guy who's not worried about his skills. You want a guy that will just fight—fight to get a rebound, fight to get a basket. It's just his will. You get a guy like that, he helps you win championships."

But the best way to contextualize how far Adebayo can go? Refer to how far he has come.

Consider present-day Bam's scouting report on seven-years-ago Bam, when those neighborhood friends initially coaxed him into street ball games. "I sucked," Adebayo says. "It was my first time picking up a basketball. I watched it on TV, but I never knew what to really do with it. I mean, I needed help with everything."

His size and potential earned him a spot on a local AAU team, which brought him to a camp where he caught the attention of Graves, who convinced Adebayo to join his Karolina Diamonds program for the next summer. Graves was struck by Adebayo's foot speed and how fluid his lateral movement was for an adolescent with such an outsize frame. He also was astonished by just how untrained Adebayo was. "When I say 'super raw,'" Graves says, "he wasn't a basketball player." Thus began the building of Bam Adebayo. Before he could learn about hook shots, he had to master basic footwork. In three-on-three drills, in three-man weaves, Adebayo traveled constantly. So Graves put his pupil through guard drills for years, thinking: If I make you do jab step drills and stutter drills, guess what? Your post moves are going to be easy.

In the macro view, Adebayo's growth to a potential first-round pick has been exponential. It felt more painstaking as it happened. Early on, Adebayo was only a cog on that AAU tam, which featured future Division I players like Dennis Smith Jr. (NC State), Seventh Woods (North Carolina) and Ty Graves, Kevin's son (Boston College before transferring to Saint Louis). Adebayo once missed four dunks during a single game in Memphis. Kevin Graves even drew up a backdoor lob play to get Adebayo a slam in that outing; after receiving a perfect pass, Adebayo flubbed the finish, looked to the bench and burst out laughing. In the eighth-grade AAU national championship game the following year, Adebayo's lone bucket was a dunk off a baseline pass on the ascendant big man prodigy of that moment, Thon Maker. "After that," Kevin Graves says, "he started dunking on anyone."

As he began high school, Adebayo says he became confident enough to establish performance parameters for himself, far beyond avoiding an extra step here or there. "I needed double-doubles, I needed 30-point games, I needed 40-point games," he says. "I was just setting goals for myself

that I knew I could achieve." He sprouted into a player who averaged 30 points and 20 rebounds as a junior for Northside High School in Pinetown, N.C., after which he transferred to High Point Christian Academy for his final season, seeking a higher level of competition than Class 1A clashes could offer. He also wanted to outrace any questions that his production was a byproduct of weak opposition. "I didn't want to leave," Adebayo says. "But I knew what I had to do." Adebayo played in events in Florida and Massachusetts, against teams featuring fellow future freshman stars like UCLA's Lonzo Ball and Duke's Jayson Tatum, and finished as a McDonald's All-American. "Now, nobody can say you're not dominating," Graves says. "When you got 25 points on Chino Hills, now y'all can shut up."

But the move to Kentucky meant Adebayo—and his burgeoning skills—would face his most significant challenges. So Graves called on a friend with some strong credentials: Rasheed Wallace, the former North Carolina standout and four-time NBA All-Star. Between the end of high school basketball season and the beginning of summer school in Lexington, Wallace drove to Greensboro a couple times a week to train Adebayo at the Brown YMCA. "He basically taught him for three months how to play against taller players," Graves says of Wallace. "In high school, Bam is 6' 10" playing against 6' 4" [players]. You get to Kentucky, everybody is 6' 10". Rasheed taught Bam all the leveraging moves to use against the taller guys."

Synergy Sports statistics show a player with a total of six jump shots launched all season, and 121 half-court attempts off post-ups or around the rim. A deeper dive hints at a wider array of skills lurking in Adebayo's arsenal. "He's so much more comfortable now having the ball in his hands two and three and four and five seconds, to where he's a basketball player, versus just a guy who's a dunker," Kentucky assistant Joel Justus says. Adebayo's proficiency in handling hard double-teams suggests Justus is correct; when Adebayo has passed out to spot-up shooters in those situations, Kentucky gets a respectable 1.188 points per possession, a figure in the 69th percentile nationally.

Coaches insist Adebayo's under-deployed jumper has come along, behind closed doors. With school out for the Martin Luther King holiday, Adebayo and Payne held a pre-practice workout. Payne had Adebayo take pick-and-pop midrange jumpers until he hit 20. Managers shouted out the big man's make-to-miss ratio with each attempt. Ultimately, Adebayo required 30 shots to get 20 makes, indicative of a touch that Kentucky hasn't so far needed (and that has been oddly lacking with Adebayo's 61.8% free throw shooting). "I can see him learning to be able to be a three-point shooter one day," Payne says.

Other glimpses of Adebayo's sprawling potential are more self-evident. Against Texas A&M on Jan. 3, Adebayo deflected a pass, collected the loose ball and finished with a Eurostep into a layup at the other end. But his most significant contribution is the attitude that has given the team's medical staff some unscheduled needlework practice. Sacha Killeya-Jones had never gotten stitches in his life before arriving in Lexington. The 6' 10" freshman has now required two sets—one to the forehead, one to the lip—thanks to Adebayo. "He's meaner than I thought," Justus says. "Everybody always talked about how nice he was. He's mean. He's a mean rebounder; he's an angry post finisher. And there's not one thing wrong with it. But he's nasty. And then he smiles after he does it. It's a beautiful thing when he's mean."

Or as star freshman guard Malik Monk puts it: "Every team is scared of him, I think."

This is somewhat amusing when you consider this fearsome presence occasionally calms his mind before games by listening to Whitney Houston's "I Will Always Love You." And as for being so nasty to the other boys . . . Well, now what would his mother think about that?

Before Adebayo moved to, as he puts it, "the backwoods of somewhere," he was a young boy in Newark, N.J., who knew to go inside once the streetlights came on. His parents met there, he was born there and he lived on South 17th Street, on the West Side. In Adebayo's recollection, he was spared the worst of what a child might see in a rougher corner of the city. A lot of violence, he says. "I had to stay in the house a lot because my Mom didn't want to see me on the news," Adebayo says. "I wasn't a bad child. She just didn't want me in the wrong place at the wrong time."

He was seven, he says, when Marilyn decided to flee. "She was like, I can't have my son grow up in this," Adebayo recalls. (Marilyn declined to be interviewed for this story. Bam's father, John Adebayo, remained in New Jersey and didn't play an active role in his upbringing.) They left for Marilyn's native North Carolina, staying with her sister until she could get on her feet. She secured both the cashier's job at the Acre Station Meat Farm and the green trailer on Church Lane and that is where a new life began. Adebayo remembers wondering at the quiet and all the trees. Best of all, he could stay outside after dark.

He knew his mom worked hard, making the short quarter-mile walk to the meat farm every day whether it was raining or snowing or sweltering outside. He could tell when she was tired, but he didn't say anything. He thought he had everything and it never occurred to him to feel otherwise. "She fought for us," Adebayo says. "She made it happen. She made it work. . . . Growing up in a trailer, you think everything you get is good. I always thought it was a gift from God, because some people are out here struggling and on the street. We had warmth. We had clothes. We had a roof over our head."

The best memories are the simple ones. Bam and Marilyn sat on that small porch—she in a chair, Bam on the wooden planks—and talked about everything. Marilyn cooked a family dinner every Sunday; if baked ziti or banana pudding was on the menu, Bam was giddy with anticipation hours before the food hit the plate. This was a small world that orbited around one boy. Marilyn always reserved enough money to take Bam school shopping. She didn't own a car but saved enough money to buy Bam a used Ford Explorer when he was old enough to drive. And not one basketball exploit went unrecognized inside that trailer. "If you scan from kitchen to the living area [and then] down the hall, all you saw was Bam," Graves says. "Like a trailer trophy museum." Everything from the medals and plaques Bam earned as a middle-schooler all the way through the gold shoe trophy he won as MVP of the 2015 Under Armour Elite 24 game that sat on the kitchen counter.

The place became a monument built by a mother for her son, and the person she hoped he'd become. "It was a trailer, but you know what? It was the quaintest trailer in the world," Graves says. "It was a trailer, but the lights were always paid. It was a trailer, but water was never cut off. It was a trailer, but Bam would always be able to put the cable on and watch North Carolina and Duke and UCLA play. You might have a big house, but it's raggedy. She had a humble house, but everything about it said responsible."

Bam Adebayo understood the message. He moved into Graves' home, three hours away in Greensboro, for his senior season at High Point Christian taking the spare bedroom. As Graves puts it: The new boarder was the type of kid that makes you feel like you don't have another kid in the house. Adebayo did his own laundry and kept his room clean. If Graves assigned chores,

Adebayo asked if he should vacuum or pull weeds. He played Lincoln Logs with Graves' 6-year-old daughter. Conscientious habits extended beyond the front door, too. When Adebayo committed to Kentucky on Mike & Mike in Nov. 2015, he wore the same suit Graves gave him as a seventh-grader. Adebayo skipped the Nike Hoops Summit game last April because it fell between two other showcase events and the travel was going to leave him without sufficient time to study for a chemistry exam.

Even while awash in the resources and spoils provided to players at places like Kentucky, Adebayo just seems aware. When he arrived at the Joe Craft Center for an interview, a staffer asked if Adebayo needed anything to drink. The freshman pivoted without a word, left the room and retrieved a Gatorade himself. Earlier this season, Adebayo noticed roommate Wenyen Gabriel, a fellow freshman, struggling and put in a request to Payne: KP, when I work out, can Wenyen come work out with me?

"Through recruiting, we talk about, this is going to be about you from the coaches' standpoint, but you have to be about everybody else," Justus says. "If you talk about [Bam's] upbringing, that's it to a 'T.' His mom did everything she could for him, and all he had to do was take care of business and be a great kid and be a great teammate."

The verve with which Adebayo approaches every day is, from his perspective, common sense. "I just bring energy, try to put myself in a good mood, because you're not going to get through practice if you're drowsy, don't feel like doing nothing," he says. "Then it's going to be a long practice and coach is going to be all over you."
But there's more to it than practicality. He thinks about how, just this past fall, he walked through a sea of fans camping out for Big Blue Madness and clamoring for his autograph. And he thinks about how he left life in a trailer in the backwoods of somewhere not too long before. "I'm grateful that it happened," Adebayo says. "It's got a place in my heart that I'll never forget."

A story from John Calipari about Bam Adebayo, before Kentucky played Auburn in mid-January: The Wildcats coach had gathered his team and apparently had addressed, multiple times, the progress the freshman big man had made. Calipari insisted he wasn't taking digs at the rest of the roster. But he says he asked the group one question: Who's the hardest worker in the gym?

"They all pointed to Bam," Calipari said. "And I said, 'There you go. My point is made.' That is why he is making strides that are just crazy."

Moving the narrative along a couple weeks later, Payne says Adebayo's rapid improvements are a function of his growing love for the work. Coaches saw a tired freshman and prodded him anyway—You got some more? What else you got?—and Adebayo smiled and laughed and tried to find some more. That work ethic, Payne says, puts Adebayo in the same category as the likes of Davis, Karl-Anthony Towns and Brandon Knight: Players who came to Kentucky and worked so hard that, eventually, the staff couldn't throw enough at them.

They all had their reasons. The next member of that select group has his. He's reminded of it when he wakes up in the morning and sees a picture of a green trailer on his wall. "She scuffled for me," Bam Adebayo says of his mother, "so now I'm scuffling for her."

Brothers in Arms: The rivalry that turned Malik Monk into Kentucky's next star

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LEXINGTON, Ky. — "OK, Malik, now you can take off your shirt."

This was supposed to be an off day for Kentucky freshman Malik Monk. Yet 16 hours after No. 4 Kentucky lost on the road to Tennessee, Monk was in an empty practice gym, looking right into the camera. The school's banners — eight of which commemorate NCAA Championships — hung in the background.

ESPN's College GameDay was in town to shoot footage ahead of Saturday's clash with a fellow blue blood, the top-ranked Kansas Jayhawks. But first, they needed to see his tattoos.

Monk is used to this. The projected top-10 pick in the 2017 NBA draft lifts his red Los Angeles Clippers T-shirt, revealing his inked-up torso. The words "The Woodz" sit atop a stunningly detailed depiction of the park he grew up playing at in his Northeast Arkansas hometown of Lepanto. The three basketball hoops, the picnic area, the old water tower — it is all there, spanning his entire chest. He has his older brother, Marcus, to thank for that.

"I have tons of tattoos," Marcus said. "He's always wanted some, and my mom would just tell him, 'You gotta wait until you're 18.' And I told him after he was bugging us and bugging us, 'Look, if you wait until you're 18, I'll even pay for your first one and hook you up with my guy who had done all mine.' "

Malik initially planned on getting one tattoo. He didn't like the pain, but those plans quickly changed because, as Marcus insisted, "They're addictive." His tattoos tell the story of the people and place that made him who he is – his family and Lepanto. That is where Marcus, who is 12 years older than Malik, grew up before becoming a star wide receiver at Arkansas and a two-sport professional athlete. Where Malik honed the basketball skills that have NBA scouts salivating.

Where Malik and Marcus formed their unbreakable bond.

Kentucky coach John Calipari wanted the game against Kansas to be played earlier in the season. He'd rather not take a break from conference play — an inconvenience made worse when Kansas came out with the win, 79-73. The fans at Rupp Arena didn't share the sentiment on Saturday night.

This wasn't just a top-4 matchup, it was a game between college basketball's two winningest programs. Kansas, though, was also coming off a loss and Lawrence police announced last week they are investigating the alleged rape of a 16-year-old girl at the team's dormitory.

Kentucky fans were ready to pounce. The school had a Guinness representative at the game, as the Rupp crowd went for the indoor crowd noise record — and got it, at 126.4 decibels. Boxing announcer Michael Buffer led the pre-game introductions, shouting "Let's get ready to rumble!" (He charges a fee for "rumble.") More than 30 NBA scouts and general managers were credentialed for this game.

Malik had scored in double figures every game this season. He needed 10 minutes to extend that streak, and for those 10 minutes, Kentucky cruised. It jumped out to a 12-point lead in the first half, and Malik finished with 12 points after hitting his first five shots. His scoring started with a runner over Devonte' Graham – the same shot he worked on with Marcus the day before.

Through Malik's furious early scoring output, Marcus watched from his third-row seat on the corner baseline. He'd applaud after Malik's 3-pointer that gave the Wildcats an eight-point lead, but never showed more emotion than a simple applause. Kansas closed out the first half on a 7-1 run and went into the locker room down 32-27. Marcus remained in his seat, stoically focusing on Malik.

There is a competitiveness that radiates from both Malik and Marcus — and it turned into a type of sibling rivalry as Malik grew older. Ask each of them who would win a game of one-on-one, and they'll unsurprisingly give different answers. In a

half-court game, Marcus — who like Malik is 6-foot-4, but with more bulk — contends that he'd be able to beat Malik.

"He likes to think he's better than me, but he knows he's not," Malik says, laughing.

They're tough on each other. Marcus always looks to be honest – at times, brutally. After Malik's 47-point game against North Carolina in December, Marcus was happy for his brother and Kentucky after the win, of course, but Malik failed to grab a single rebound.

Marcus made sure he heard about it.

"To me, when I think about what Marcus has done and their relationship, it's more than just a brother," Kentucky assistant coach Kenny Payne said. "It's a mentor, a father figure, a big brother, a friend. The relationship encompasses a lot of different aspects. You can see why they're so close, because Marcus is not just a 'yes' man. He's pushing the kid to be great."

Malik is sitting in a conference room with more reminders of the Wildcats' historic success hanging on the walls. His ESPN filming is done, but his phone has not stopped buzzing with a myriad of calls from numbers he doesn't recognize. Such is the life of a Kentucky basketball player, especially in the days before a big game. But when you mention his brother, the distractions disappear. He just smiles.

As far back as he can remember, Malik wanted to be like Marcus.

When Marcus was in 12th grade, Malik was just starting kindergarten. Still, there were times when his mother, Jacaynlene, had to hold a crying Malik back when Marcus was leaving the house.

Their earliest years together revolved around basketball. They would play outside on the old basketball goal at their street. When Marcus went to the park with his friends, Malik would often come along.

"He was always with his friends," Malik said. "My friends were always in the house, and I always wanted to be with the older guys so I could learn more stuff about basketball. I always wanted to be with him."

That was no different at Marcus' East Poinsett County High School basketball games. Jacaynlene frequently stopped Malik from running on the court during games.

"He was playing basketball in a game," Malik said, "and I wanted to go out there and play with him because he always played with me."

Lepanto is our foundation. Everybody supports each other and it's a lot of love that resonates from that place.

They lived in Lepanto, population of roughly 2,000, with their mother. But they weren't on their own. From aunts and uncles, to grandparents and cousins, there was always family around the Monk household. Malik and Marcus have different fathers. And while Malik keeps in touch with his father – they speak once a week — Jacaynlene and Marcus were the heart of his family life in Lepanto.

"Lepanto is our foundation. It's a lot of love in that small town and it's real close knit," Marcus said. "And every game, it's been somebody from Lepanto making it to each game. They drove long hours a lot of the time. … Everybody supports each other and it's a lot of love that resonates from that place.

"I've been around the world and my driver's license still says, 'Lepanto, Arkansas.'"

Marcus also starred in football and was Arkansas' Mr. Basketball his senior year. He left for college at Arkansas when Malik was 6 years old, but that old basketball goal remained on their street in Lepanto. It belonged to Malik now.

Malik would invite his neighborhood friends over every day to play on that hoop. They lowered the goal and held impromptu dunk contests. Eventually, when Malik was in the third grade, their dunk contests got so vicious that the basketball goal couldn't handle the mayhem.

He was dunking too hard.

"We'd break it," Malik said. "My mom went through like five basketball goals, and she'd get so mad at me because we used to lower the goal and break it."

By the summer after seventh grade, Malik was dunking in games.

On the eve of Kentucky's showdown with Kansas, Malik was back at the Joe Craft Center, Kentucky's practice facility. He stayed late to get off some shots and work on his runners, shooting over training pads that extended well above the rim.

Marcus, who now organizes events to help Arkansas high school athletes get seen by college coaches, was right there with him, walking Malik through the movements and giving him advice just as he has done for years. One day before the biggest regular-season game of his collegiate career, it was no different.

"He's been through everything I'm going through right now," Malik said. "He was one of the top recruits in basketball and football. He's been through all the media, all the trash talk, injuries, stuff like that. He just tells me to stay with the grind and keep everything between the family. Together, we'll be able to get along through it."

After knee injuries cut short his senior season at Arkansas, Marcus was selected in the seventh round of the 2008 NFL draft by the Chicago Bears. Chicago waived him late into training camp, and he signed with the Giants before getting waived again after a brief practice squad stint. In 2009, there was another short practice squad opportunity with the Panthers. But from that point on, Marcus turned his attention to basketball.

He just tells me to stay with the grind and keep everything between the family. Together, we'll be able to get along through it.

He spent the next two years training and worked with then-11-year-old Malik every day. From a young age, Marcus noticed how quick his brother was to absorb any and every piece of basketball guidance he offered. They'd go to the park, and he'd show Malik a drill or a move. The next day, Malik would be running the drills as well as Marcus had been.

When Marcus signed with the club Hertener Löwen in Germany, Malik's basketball life changed. He saw his brother's pursuit of a dream, and it only motivated him to work harder.

Marcus returned to a Malik that had blossomed into one of the top basketball prospects in the country. Before his 10th grade year, Malik's family moved to Bentonville, Ark., just 25 miles away from Marcus who was back in Fayetteville for graduate school. Malik had to say goodbye to the only town he knew and play at a new school.

"As far as his personality, initially, he was very quiet and reserved," Bentonville coach Jason McMahan said. "I knew that when you take a kid out of Lepanto and move him to our high school — which at the time was 4,000-something students just at the high school — that's a huge change for somebody like that."

The optics of the move were undeniable. While moving to Bentonville brought better opportunities for Jacaynlene and Malik, it also meant that Mike Anderson and the Razorbacks staff would be closer. With the ties Marcus had to the program (he was a graduate assistant during the 2013-14 season), many on the outside thought Arkansas had the best chance at securing Malik's commitment even with the nation's top programs also chasing him.

Arkansas was right there to the end, but when Malik chose Kentucky in November 2015, Razorbacks fans were furious. Whenever Malik stepped into a gym, he heard about it. But he had always been accustomed to the heckling. McMahan recalled how during Malik's junior year, opposing fans would boo Malik, but then

also do the "Hog Call," Arkansas' "Woo Pig Sooie" chant, during games to sway him towards Arkansas. After the commitment to Kentucky, fans would boo Malik and do the Hog Call to mock him.

"Nothing had really changed," McMahan said.

Though Marcus would have enjoyed seeing his brother play for the Razorbacks, he wanted what was best for his brother and became the one who safeguarded Malik from the negativity.

"He was the protector. My shield," Malik said. "Him and my mom were a shield. I really didn't get the worst of it because her and him took care of it. He took all the pressure away and had everything under control."

The final horn brings a hush over the record-setting crowd. Fans in Kentucky blue reach for their coats and quietly lumber toward the exits. After all that noise it seems almost too quiet.

After missing its first eight 3-pointers, Kansas made 5 of 11. An 11-0 run swung the game to the Jayhawks in the second half and gave Kentucky its first loss in a top-5 matchup at home since 1994.

Malik finished the game with 18 points. His lone second-half basket comes on a 3-pointer from the corner that cuts Kansas' lead to five. After the game, Calipari stressed that Kentucky can't win when Malik isn't shooting.

"We can't go eight minutes without him shooting the ball. Seven minutes," Calipari said. "We have enough stuff in our offense, whether it's [against] man or zone, for him to get shots off."

The Jayhawks had abandoned Bill Self's prototypical man defense and went with both a 2-3 zone and triangle-and-two. Monk never adjusted. He went 25 minutes between baskets and attempted just two shots — misses from 3 — in the first 14 minutes of the second half.

As talented of an offensive player as Malik is, he's still learning his position. He mostly played point guard until arriving in Lexington. He's still learning to be a part of the offense instead of the one running it. Against Kansas' zone, Malik predominately stayed tucked away in the corners. He hardly moved. While he won't see many zone defenses in the NBA, moving without the ball against any defense is a skill that he's still developing.

You don't worry about results because the game is imperfect. You'll have great nights. You'll have not-so-great nights. But you have to remain the same.

Marcus Monk

"The biggest thing is when you talk about being an elite basketball player, somebody can hand you something, and it's not taking six months to figure it out," Payne said. "When you're elite, you pick it up. He's never played off the ball, he's picked it up pretty fast. He'd never ran off screens and caught the ball and shot it. Well, he's pretty good at it."

Malik breaks his second-half scoring drought with 3:16 remaining in the game, hitting that corner 3 to bring the Wildcats within five points.

It draws a fist pump from Marcus, still watching from his seat.

Malik has a chance to get Kentucky within two with 1:46 left, but his 3-point attempt clanked off the rim.

After the final buzzer, Malik's family — his mother, brother and grandparents are all in attendance — stayed seated as the arena clears. McMahan, who made the trip from Bentonville to see his first game at Rupp Arena, waits, too. Marcus fidgeted in his seat.

Malik appears soon after the families were ushered toward a curtained-off waiting area. He's disappointed, clearly, but amicable. After all, there are pictures that need to be taken with all his guests.

A few photos later, the group separates and Malik headed toward the exit. Marcus is there by his side. Marcus brings Malik close and puts his arm around his little brother's shoulder. He can see the disappointment. They both hate to lose. So Marcus reminds Malik of the advice he's given him in the past.

"You can only control what you can control and your work ethic," Marcus says. "You don't worry about results because the game is imperfect. You'll have great nights. You'll have not-so-great nights. But you have to remain the same."

Positivity Leads to Unlikely Victory

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John Calipari has been around the block a time or two during his Hall-of-Fame career.

Through all that experience, he's come to know well his favorite kind of team.

To truly love coaching a team, Calipari doesn't need flash. He doesn't need top-level talent. What he needs is far simpler.

"The teams that I really enjoyed coaching will shoot 35 percent and still win a game," Coach Cal said. "Because they'll grind it, because they're tough mentally. They're tough. They'll come up with balls physically. They're not going to turn it over late. They're going to make all the plays they have to make late to win."

Tuesday night – for all the warts to be pointed out in Kentucky's performance, all the adversity faced – the Wildcats took their biggest step to date toward becoming that kind of team.

"This team, for the first time this year, did it," Calipari said. "We did it."

No. 8/6 UK (18-4, 8-1 Southeastern Conference) has looked better this season than it did in surviving overtime against Georgia (13-9, 4-5 SEC) for a 90-81 overtime victory. The Wildcats have at times overwhelmed with speed and athleticism and other times suffocated with pressure defense, but never before have they had a "refuse-to-lose" kind of game, one in which they had every reason to succumb to defeat but just wouldn't.

"We had a lot of toughness," Malik Monk said. "We had two guys sick and Mike (Mulder) out too. We showed a lot of toughness and just executed well and just listened to Cal."

The players missing were De'Aaron Fox, UK's point guard, and Sacha Killeya-Jones, as well as Mulder, who sat for the fourth straight game. Beset by illness, Kentucky's depth took another hit when Bam Adebayo picked up his second foul just four minutes into the game. That only served to exacerbate the situation, as UK was already down 12 points at that point en route to a 19-5 deficit at the 14:07 mark of the first half.

"We were good," Isaiah Briscoe said. "There was never a time in the huddle when we thought we were going to lose the game. We kept a positive attitude. Coach kept a positive attitude, which made us feel comfortable."

Calipari made a concerted effort to be more positive, part of his work to empower his team. Also falling into that category was an addition to UK's customary pregame notes written on a whiteboard, which normally are just statistical benchmarks. This time around, there was a less tangible team goal.

"More of you and less of me," Briscoe said.

With some further guidance from associate head coach Kenny Payne, Briscoe took the message to heart.

"Today, before the game KP said, 'At the free-throw line, every time somebody shoots a free throw, go over, talk to Coach and make sure everything's good. And control the team,' " Briscoe said. "And I did just that. It helped me with the flow of the game. I felt more comfortable on the court talking back and forth with Coach. I had to do what I had to do."

With Briscoe leading the way and using a zone defense, UK clawed to a halftime tie in spite of playing far from its best. In the second half, the Cats looked more like themselves. Briscoe did most of his damage in a near triple-double (23 points, 11 rebounds and eight assists) after the break. And perhaps just as importantly, Monk gave Briscoe the credit for his own second-half explosion.

"Really, Zay was more aggressive, way more aggressive than he was (in the first half), and I was just feeding off his energy," said Monk, who scored 30 of his 37 points in the second half and overtime. "(I was) feeding off everything he was doing and I was able to knock down the shots he gave me."

The biggest of those shots was the one that sent it to overtime. With 10.8 seconds left in a two-point game, Briscoe in-bounded the ball to Monk, who rose over a Bulldog defender in perfect defensive position to tie the game.

"It was great defense, the best you can play, but we ran that play a lot in practice, we work on it a lot every day and I was just able to knock down the shot," Monk said.

Before Monk hit the shot, it was Briscoe who spoke up in the huddle to reassure his teammates.

"I was just telling them we're still going to win," Briscoe said. "'We're down two, 10 seconds. Yo, it's fine. It's a lot of time on the clock.' Coach drew up the play. Just gotta stay positive."

That positive attitude was present for all 45 minutes on Tuesday night. And in the end, it paved the way for the toughness that allowed UK to grind out what was in many ways an unlikely victory. The Cats, even when there seemed to be plenty of cause for it, never panicked.

"That's because when things get tight, everybody looks at me as the leader and I kept a positive attitude and made sure everybody else around knew that we were still winning the game," Briscoe said. "It's early. Basketball's a game of runs. Every team is going to go on their run. We weren't expecting a 12-0 start, but we kept fighting, ended up winning in overtime."

Malik Monk hears a voice in the crowd, follows it to greatness against UGA

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LEXINGTON, Ky. – There were nearly 24,000 people at Rupp Arena on Tuesday night, but Malik Monk picked out the voice in that crowd shouting his name from the front row behind one of the baselines. His older brother, Marcus, got his attention right around the time Georgia's lead grew to 19-5 against shell-shocked Kentucky.

Whatever Marcus mouthed after getting his attention, Malik nodded back. He hadn't scored a point yet and didn't for almost 10 minutes to open the game. Then he went nuclear, pouring in 37 points in the final 35 minutes of a 90-81 overtime escape by the Wildcats.

So what the heck did big brother say to him?

"He just told me to attack," baby brother said. "I always spot him. I see him and he always tells me something. He knows me."

Indeed, on the last of Monk's five consecutive 3-pointers in the span of four minutes early in the second half, his brother yelped, "Bucket!" before it even left his hand. When Monk rose up for the long, tying 2-pointer in the left corner with a defender in his face and 8.7 seconds to go in regulation, Marcus called that one, too.

It's pretty clear where Malik gets his unshakable confidence.

"It was great defense. Best you could play," he said, grinning. "I knew I was going to make it."

He didn't miss much. Monk sank 7 of 11 threes and 10 of 12 free throws against Georgia. He scored 31 after halftime, including a pair of 3-pointers in overtime. He added 3 rebounds, 3 blocks, 3 steals and a single, spectacular assist: a lob to Bam Adebayo for a dagger of a dunk in the extra period.

"I don't know how we won, to be honest," coach John Calipari said, but he does. "The kid had 30 in the second half. I mean, come on."

It was Monk's 13th game with at least 20 points, his seventh with at least 25 (a Calipari-era record) and third with 30-plus. He usually knows when it's going to be one of those nights, but this time it took his brother and fellow guard Isaiah Briscoe seeing it. One night, two knowing nods.

"Zay figured that out," Monk said. "We made eye contact and that's what happened. He said he was going to get me the ball and he did a great job finding me. I really didn't say I was going (off), but every time he got me the ball and I was open, Cal told me to shoot, so I shot."

He and Briscoe, who had 23 points, 11 rebounds and 8 assists, carried Kentucky on a night when starting point guard De'Aaron Fox was a surprise scratch due to illness and Adebayo played just 22 of 45 minutes – only four in the first half – due to foul trouble.

With backups Mychal Mulder and Sacha Killeya-Jones also out sick, Kentucky was seriously short-handed, coming off consecutive losses to Tennessee and Kansas and in a big early hole against Georgia. Unlike his brother's voice, Monk said he didn't hear the fan who screamed at the Wildcats to "Wake up!" during a quiet moment at Rupp on Tuesday night.

"We showed a lot of toughness," Monk said, believing the comeback win might've been the start of something. "To show we have a lot of fight. I think it should be a turning point."

Monk played 44 minutes and Briscoe played all 45, and the Wildcats needed just about all of their combined 60 points to avoid the first three-game losing streak in Calipari's eight seasons here. So was it a breakthrough or a lucky break?

"The teams that I really enjoyed coaching will shoot 35 percent and still win a game," Calipari said. "Because they'll grind it. Because they're mentally tough. They'll come up with balls physically. They're not going to turn it over late. They're going to make all the plays late to win.

"This team, for the first time this year, did it. We did it."

'Maybe we have hit bottom' after Florida loss

By: Kyle Tucker | SEC Country | Feb. 4, 2017

GAINESVILLE, Fla. – It all must seem so sudden and shocking for Kentucky basketball fans, but coach John Calipari saw this collapse coming. He tried to warn his young team. Saturday night's bed-wetting at Florida was further evidence that they aren't listening.

"I knew after Tennessee we had an issue," Calipari remembers. "And I said, 'You're going to lose the next two or three if you don't change.' "

The 88-66 debacle against the Gators makes three losses in four games – it would be four L's in a row if not for Malik Monk's heave at the end of regulation against Georgia on Tuesday – and proved Calipari to be a prophet. But now the Wildcats need him to be a healer.

Starting with that loss in Knoxville on Jan. 24, Kentucky (18-5, 8-2 SEC) has nosedived all the way out of first place in the league standings. The Cats averaged 92.9 points per game and shot 49.9 percent in their first 19 games, back when they were dominating opponents. They gave up 71.7 points and allowed opponents to shoot just 41.4 percent.

In the last four games: 77.3 points for, 84.0 points against, 42.1 percent shooting by Kentucky and 48.6 percent by oppo-

nents. Everything has been a mess.

"We're not passing the ball, we're turning it over, we're making hard plays, we're making cheap plays," Caliapri said. "We just kind of got away and we've got to get it back. And at the end of the day, we know how they can play, because we've all seen it. Now we see them at their worst. Now it's a choice: Do you want to be at your worst or do you want to be at your best?"

At their best, the Wildcats are a collection of superior athletes moving at mind-boggling speed, disrupting on defense and fast-breaking on offense, suffocating on one end and sharing on the other. Kentucky had one four-game stretch early in the season when it produced 101 assists and just 45 turnovers. The last four games: 52 assists, 58 turnovers.

"Sometimes you've got to hit bottom. Maybe we have hit bottom, and maybe we haven't hit bottom," Calipari said. "I'll say it: I still love this team, think we've got a talented group. We've got to get back into what we have to do and be real specific with them and then hold them accountable. If they're playing defense like that, then they think that's acceptable, and that comes back to me."

To be fair, there have been some circumstances beyond the Cats' control. Point guard De'Aaron Fox turned an ankle three days before the Tennessee game and didn't look like his early-season self in losses to the Volunteers and Kansas. Then he got sick and missed the Georgia game.

Fox came off the bench Saturday at Florida and delivered 19 points in 25 minutes, but he was clearly a little off – no assists, three turnovers – and admitted afterward that it was "kind of difficult, legs kind of weren't under me."

Senior guard Mychal Mulder also returned Saturday after missing four games due to illness. Freshman forward Sacha Killeya-Jones missed the last two games with a bug, which has apparently afflicted other members of the team throughout the week.

"I think having guys out kind of got us a little screwed up," Calipari said. "We've got to go back and get in a groove of how we're playing. That's the first De'Aaron's played in six days. This is on me to figure out, and if that means changing lineups, if it means doing different things – I guess right now, with De'Aaron out, that has had an effect on us. We'll see."

Illness is no excuse for sophomore Isaiah Briscoe turning it over 10 times in the last two games or Derek Willis and Wenyen Gabriel reverting to "where it was in the beginning of the year," when both were unreliable at the four spot. Sickness didn't make big man Bam Adebayo shoot 7 for 17 in UK's last two losses.

If that sounds bleak, Calipari had a message for his despondent fan base.

"I'm not cracking. I've been doing this 30 years, so I'll go back to figuring out what I gotta do to coach them," he said. "The greatest thing is we've got a talented group and they're great kids. We've got no bad apples. We don't have any of that. We're not playing well right now. I'm coaching 17, 18-year-old kids. It's on me to figure this out."

Malik Monk on smiling in defeat: 'Winning is on my mind from the jump'

By: Jerry Tipton | Lexington Herald-Leader | Feb. 6, 2017

Freshman Malik Monk's smile on the bench late in Kentucky's loss at Florida on Saturday drew a rebuke from Coach John Calipari.

"I got on him," Calipari said on a Southeastern Conference teleconference Monday.

Calipari said Monk smiled in response to Florida students singing "Happy Birthday" to him. Monk turned 19 on Saturday.

"But I said to him, 'Do you understand you're at Kentucky,' Calipari said. "'That the camera is always on. The mic is always on.'

"And it was a lesson for him."

The lesson might continue, Calipari suggested.

"I'll probably put him out in front of the media . . . and let him explain himself," the UK coach said.

On cue, Monk was one of two UK players made available to the media later Monday. He said he was caught "off guard" by the Florida students singing "Happy Birthday."

"That's really the main reason I laughed," he said. ". . . It was a funny clever thing that the fans did."

Monk insisted that the smile should not be interpreted as not caring about winning or team success.

"Winning is on my mind from the jump," he said. "If anybody took that wrong, I'm sorry for that."

Assistant coach Tony Barbee, who substituted for Calipari at the regular day-before-the-game news conference (Kentucky plays LSU on Tuesday), vouched for Monk's desire for team success as well as individual acclaim.

When asked about some seeing Monk's wide smile as indicating he was not bothered by UK's 22-point defeat (second-largest margin of defeat in Calipari's eight seasons as coach), Barbee said, "We don't buy into that.

"We're around Malik every day and we know how much he cares about winning, and how much it means to him. He knows he didn't play his best on both ends of the floor. I can see where on your birthday, you're on the road an opposing students section sings you 'Happy Birthday' that could throw you off a little bit."

Earlier this season, Monk's AAU coach spoke of the player's desire to be responsible for winning.

"There is no game too big for Malik. Literally," said Ron Crawford, the coach of the Arkansas Wings. "He will take the last shot in the world championship if he needs to. And he wants that. When it's crunch time, he wants the ball."

It might seem Monk had already demonstrated his desire to win for Kentucky. In December, he hit the winning shot against North Carolina. He'd already scored 40-plus points.

And against Georgia last week, Monk hit a contested jumper in the final seconds to send the game into overtime.

If people questioning his desire to win hurt his feelings, Briscoe kept that to himself.

"Not really," he said. "People are going to think what they think. So I'm just looking past that."

Moments before the smile, Monk and teammate Isaiah Briscoe were unhappy, Calipari said he learned from speaking with assistant Joel Justus.

"They're going nuts about how bad they'd played," said Calipari, who added that Monk and Briscoe said things like, "I can't believe this" and "You and I are better than this" and "What the heck?" and "How did we let this (happen)?"

That's how Monk remembered the moments leading up to the singing of "Happy Birthday" and his smile.

"We couldn't believe how bad we played," he said. "We did everything wrong."

While surprised by the students' rendition of "Happy Birthday," Monk said he was not surprised by the negative reaction to a big smile in a crunching defeat.

"I knew it was going to be something because we're at Kentucky," he said. "And Cal told me that before. The cameras are always on us."

If Monk momentarily forgot about the unblinking camera, it didn't take long for Calipari to offer a reminder.

"As soon as we got to the locker room, Cal wanted to meet with us," Monk said.

Calipari's demeanor in this impromptu

meeting?

"For sure, he was mad," Monk said. "When he said the camera's always on us, and we lost by 20-something, that's two things like that. (Monk held out his open palms side by side). Of course, he was mad."

The Tweak 3.0? Nope, it's a 'reboot,' Calipari says

By: Kyle Tucker | SEC Country | Feb. 6, 2017

Don't call it another tweak. No, this time it's a "reboot" for Kentucky basketball, coach John Calipari said on his call-in radio show Monday night. He repeated that new buzzword several times.

"We rebooted today. I talked specifically to a couple players: 'Here's how I want you to play.' To make it simple for them," Calipari said on the show. "And the great news for all you fans: Today was good and there were a lot of players smiling."

The "tweak" became a thing in March of 2014, days before the SEC Tournament, after those Wildcats became the first team in 34 years to fall from preseason No. 1 to all the way out of the Associated Press Top 25 with nine regular-season losses. Calipari said then that he had a lightbulb moment and his tweak "changed everything."

He was right, as that Kentucky team caught fire and reached the NCAA title game as a No. 8 seed. Now, Cats fans are praying for a similar turnaround with this group. Like that 2014 team, which had six McDonald's All-American freshmen, this one (five 5-star freshmen) is supremely talented, too, but highly inexperienced.

Like that team, this one has slipped from No. 1 in the rankings to No. 15 after losing three of the last four games (and five overall). Kentucky's defense has slipped and its offense has bogged down, so Calipari knows an adjustment is in order. Just not a tweak.

"The tweak (in 2014) was: We weren't good all year! And I had to do something to get us going," he said. "But guess what with this team? We were good. We were good."

So, they just need to get back to that version of themselves — a reboot. Calipari said he gave the players off Sunday and he spent the whole day watching film to "really evaluate where this has gone the last three weeks and why." He met with the team for about an hour Monday morning before classes.

"The players aren't going to fix this themselves," Calipari said. "They need to be taught, coached."

The coach did have one warning for fans: If it took three weeks for the Wildcats to devolve into their current state, it might take just as long to fix it.

Kentucky Basketball: Isaiah Briscoe to the recuse again at Alabama

By: Kyle Tucker | SEC Country | Feb. 11, 2017

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. – Bam Adebayo fouled out with six minutes to go. De'Aaron Fox was struggling through one of the worst games of his career. Kentucky's offense was a mess and its resurgent defense was beginning to wilt.

The Wildcats' 18-point lead had shriveled to just seven with 4:49 to go Saturday at Alabama, where sophomore guard Isaiah Briscoe did not look like a hero in waiting. He'd made just 2 of 8 shots and none of his five free throws at that point. Naturally, he swooped in to save the day in a 67-58 victory.

Briscoe delivered a three-point play to silence a Coleman Coliseum crowd that had finally roared to life. And when the Crimson Tide swished a jumper on the other end, he came right back and did the same. After Alabama cut the deficit to six with 2:39 to go, Briscoe drove and scored through contact one more time.

"He's got a toughness to him," coach John Calipari said, "and he's got a fight."

There are plenty of imperfections in Briscoe's game – and Calipari immediately pointed out a few even after the win in Tuscaloosa – but whenever this young Kentucky team needs an unshakable leader late, he rises to meet that moment.

"He's our team leader and go-to guy, definitely at the end for big buckets," senior reserve Dominique Hawkins said. "Him and Malik (Monk), they're able to be clutch and hit those shots. Those two players want the ball in those moments."

Briscoe finished with 11 points, 11 rebounds and 4 assists Saturday. Even while the shots weren't falling, he was busy attacking the glass and contributing to a much-improved defense that held Alabama to 31.4 percent shooting through the first 27 minutes.

But when UK needed offense in those final five minutes, Briscoe wasn't afraid to be the guy.

"I'm just thinking to myself, 'Next play.' I know my free throws were terrible today, but I just kept playing and didn't let it bother me and made plays at the end," he said. "Coach trusts me with the ball late. I won't turn it over or anything like that. They were leaving me open and I was taking what they were giving me, and I was able to make big plays."

Briscoe is averaging 13.9 points, 5.4 rebounds and 4.3 assists this season, but his biggest impact comes in crunch time when a team starting four freshmen alongside him starts to unravel. He had a triple-double in the Cats' first road game at Ole Miss, went for 23, 7 and 5 in a scare at Vanderbilt and 23, 11 and 8 in an overtime win against Georgia.

He huddled the team on his own several times Saturday in those shaky moments.

"I honestly just talk defense," he said.

"With this team, I really don't worry about offense. We're so talented, everybody can score, everybody can get it off the dribble. It's just focusing on defense and talking and being able to come up with consecutive stops. I think that's big for us (so) I mainly just talk about defense and trying to get everybody to buy into the defense."

Don't sound the alarm on Kentucky just yet

By: Fletcher Page | Courier-Journal | Feb. 11, 2017

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. – Snapped out of sleep on the third floor of Hotel Capstone, John Calipari pushed a pillow into his face and didn't move again as the fire alarm rang out at 3.30 a.m. Saturday morning.

"If I smelled smoke I'd have jumped out the window and broke both legs and told my wife 'It's not all bad. I get to take the rest of the season off,'" Calipari said after Kentucky beat Alabama 67-58 later that afternoon.

The rest of the Wildcats' basketball team – coaches, players and staff – briefly evacuated the building. When the alarm went off again at 5 a.m., sophomore guard Isaiah Briscoe said, "I didn't wake up for the second one. I stayed in bed." And by the time the alarm rang out a third time at 7 a.m., the Wildcats were boarding a bus for a shootaround prior to the much-needed road victory.

Crimson Tide coach Avery Johnson wasn't making a play on the situation when he said, "those guys can score 90 points in their sleep," following the game. What he pointed out was, Alabama did what it needed to line up the upset by holding Kentucky to its second-lowest scoring total this season.

"I was thinking in my mind, 'Wow, this is the night to beat them,'" Johnson said. "... They weren't clicking on all cylinders. It's not like in the first half they were playing lights-out basketball.

"I thought if we held them to 65, 67 points we very well could win this game."

That's what everybody thinks about the Wildcats. Slow them down, stall them out, make them play defense longer and settle for jumpers on offense. That's what Florida did. And Kansas. And Tennessee. And Louisville.

Kentucky had to answer to that blueprint of its own demise. And against the Crimson Tide, against a team that upended South Carolina on the road earlier this week, Kentucky didn't lose.

"If you can't grind it out some games, your season's gonna end earlier than you want," Calipari said. "You gotta be able to grind."

The potential for letdown mounted. Malik Monk missed more shots than he made in the second half. And Bam Adebayo fouled out with six minutes to play. And De'Aaron Fox ... what has happened to the point guard that played so well November through early January? An ankle injury and the flu derailed Fox's historical track (he was on pace to break Tyler Ulis's school record for assists in a season), but he has to be better than 3-of-12 shooting and a seven-point performance.

"That means we got a lot of work to do," Calipari said.

Kentucky didn't lose because it defended more often than it didn't. And there's hope that Kentucky won't lose in the future because the offense showcased ball movement and patience more often than it didn't. Shots did not go in at the preferred rate, but Kentucky didn't lose.

"We're a talented team," Calipari said, "and if we start defending and we'll get our offense together ..."

Briscoe is the embodiment of what Calipari, who often says he loves to win a game when his team shoots 30-something percent, craves to coach. Briscoe scored only four points in the first 35 minutes Saturday and you surely wouldn't be the only person to admit to throwing up hands over missed easy lay-ups. But he stayed grinding and had 11 rebounds and four assists, and then he scored seven straight Kentucky points down the stretch so that his team would not lose.

"You know, 40 minutes of fight and just play basketball," Briscoe said.

Three weeks ago, the result at Tennessee wasn't as alarming as why the result happened. The Vols worked that blueprint, and Kentucky didn't have an answer. It took two more losses and two ugly wins, but it appears Kentucky received the message. A solid win here at Alabama showed the Wildcats what it takes to rip up other teams' plans and survive close and/or tough contests.

"Every team in the country is having issues right now," Calipari said. "We just want to be better dealing with ours than they are at dealing with theirs."

Malik Monk finally crashes the glass against Tenneesee

By: Kyle Tucker | SEC Country | Feb. 14, 2017

LEXINGTON, Ky. – This was a different Malik Monk. Well, not completely different. He did hit four 3-pointers and score 20 points, both very normal occurrences for Kentucky's superstar freshman, in an 83-58 rout of Tennessee on Tuesday night.

But he also grabbed eight rebounds against the Volunteers, and that was altogether foreign for the 6-foot-3 guard. He'd managed just eight rebounds – total – in the previous five games. He'd recently gone 95 minutes of game clock between boards.

"My brother said just stay around the rim, roam, and a couple will drop to you. That's what happened," Monk said. "Just be around the rim. Every shot goes up, just be around it."

Seems simple enough. So where has he been all this time before? Funny story, that. Kentucky's increasingly frustrated coaching staff showed Monk during film study exactly where he'd been every time an opponent's shot went up.

"Trying to get a bucket," he admitted Tuesday night, grinning sheepishly. "Running to the opposite end."

And upon seeing that, facing it in front of his coaches and teammates, what did that behavior look like to Monk?

"Like I'm scared," he said. "Scared to rebound or scared to be in there. But I'm not, so I just had to prove that."

After all, there's no excuse for a guy whose vertical leap is more than 40 inches, who puts people on posters with his jaw-dropping, high-flying dunks, to go entire games – weeks! – without corralling a few caroms.

"Yeah, I should not be not getting rebounds," Monk said. "Coach says if don't rebound, we're not gonna win that much."

Coach John Calipari said Monk recently told him that if he didn't rebound and play defense to the level the staff expects, bench him. That seems unlikely, especially if he keeps this up. Confronting Monk with his bad habits, forcing him to watch the lazy plays right there on the screen, seems to have flipped a switch.

"They've been on him about it," said senior guard Dominique Hawkins, who figures that embarrassed Monk. "It probably, definitely did. But Malik is the type of guy that if he's not doing something right, he wants to do it. He wants to make up for his mistake and play the hardest that he can.

"(Tonight) is the best I've seen Malik attack the boards."

At halftime, according to one social media account, a fan congratulated Monk on his three rebounds. "I have four," he reportedly shot back with a smile, adding a high-five for the fan. In the second half, he ripped a rebound away from his own teammate, Derek Willis.

"I think (assistant Kenny Payne) told me to get 10 rebounds," Monk explained, and that's what I was trying to do."

He hadn't grabbed more than four rebounds in a game since last year, Dec. 29, in Kentucky's SEC opener against Ole Miss. He'd never snagged more than six in a game.

"He did good," Calipari said, staring at the unusual stat line. "He did good. He went after it. He was committed to it."

'Old Reliable' Hawkins Delivering for Cats

By: Guy Ramsey | UK Athletics | Feb. 14, 2017

Waiting his turn has become Dominique Hawkins' specialty.

Remarkable talent has surrounded Hawkins every day of his four years at Kentucky. But somehow, whenever his number is called, he's always ready.

How does he do it?

"I always just say that my time is coming," Hawkins said. "Everybody in my family always says, 'Be patient.' When you're a patient person, good things will come for you."

More and more often during his senior season, Hawkins' patience has been rewarded. The Richmond, Kentucky, native has played 454 minutes in 26 games in 2016-17 after playing just 695 in his first three seasons. He's poised to surpass his scoring total from his freshman, sophomore and junior seasons by the end of this year and has already upped his career assist total from 39 to 91.

Nothing about Hawkins' emergence surprises his coach.

"Because he is a fierce competitor, he's tough as nails, he will come up with-- any 50/50 ball, he's getting-- and offensively he's gotten better each year," John Calipari said.

His offensive improvement was on display Tuesday night as No. 13/11 UK (21-5, 11-2 Southeastern Conference) avenged a January defeat by downing visiting Tennessee (14-12, 6-7 SEC), 83-58. Hawkins had 10

points – including a pair of made 3s – four rebounds and two assists.

"We came out with great energy," Hawkins said. "Everybody played well together. We were moving the ball. I had many open shots and we remembered last game how we played (against Tennessee) and we didn't want to play that bad again."

No one had more energy than Hawkins in his 24 minutes and no one had a better plus/minus either – Hawkins was plus-24 on the evening. When he checked in at the 14:18 mark of the first half, Hawkins wasn't thinking about the fact that he had started the game on the bench for the 97th time in his 109 career games. He didn't carry anything away from the game onto the court.

All Hawkins did was focus on what he does.

"Definitely on the defensive end, my pressure on the ball and getting defensive rebounds and getting steals," Hawkins said. "And on the offensive end, driving, getting the other people involved, getting to my floater, hitting the open shot."

That's what makes Hawkins such a valuable piece on a young team that inevitably battles inconsistency: You always know what you're going to get.

"He's like old reliable," Calipari said. "You know you can go to him, he can play point guard, he can play off guard, if you want him to guard a big man he'll go rebound."

It hasn't been often that Hawkins has been a topic in postgame press conferences, but he's never minded. He does appreciate the recognition from his coach though.

"Coach Cal knows what my role is and I know what my role is as well," Hawkins said. "Being able to play for Coach Cal is an honor. He's a Hall of Fame coach and for him to say that is just great."

Hawkins is really never not smiling on camera and his sunny disposition always shines through. The player who surely could have gone to another school and been a full-time starter and maybe even a star couldn't be happier to be where he is.

"A lot of people tell me that, but Kentucky was always my go-to school and I'm so glad I came here," Hawkins said. "The four years I've been here have been a blessing for me. I wouldn't want to be at any other school other than here."

Hawkins doesn't yet know what the future holds for him, though he does anticipate pursuing a future in basketball. A green room invitation isn't in the cards on draft night like it will be for some of his teammates, but he's not envious.

In fact, he's grateful he has those teammates alongside him as he works to finish his career in style.

"It actually helps me a lot because I'm going against the best," Hawkins said. "I definitely want to play with the best players because that's the only way to make it to the national championship. If you have the best team, you're going to make it far into the NCAA Tournament. And that's what I want to do."

Fox Takes Turn Delivering in Clutch

By: Guy Ramsey | UK Athletics | Feb. 18, 2017

Malik Monk and Isaiah Briscoe have taken their turns delivering down the stretch for Kentucky.

Saturday was De'Aaron Fox's turn to show he can take over and get the job done when it matters most.

"I just want people to know I can step up in the big moments," Fox said. "Like I've said before, it's been different guys stepping up in those moments. Today it was me."

With Monk struggling to find his range, Briscoe on the bench with five fouls and J.J. Frazier starring for a Georgia team desperate for a quality win, Fox stepped up and made the final five minutes his own. Surviving a back-and-forth battle thanks to Fox's clutch play, No. 13/11 UK (22-5, 12-2 SEC) took down home-standing Georgia (15-12, 6-8 SEC), 82-77.

"And we go on the road and win a road game in our league," John Calipari said. "I'm ecstatic. I'd rather learn from a close win than a loss. So I'm going to go watch the tape and we'll try to fix some stuff."

Things looked fairly bleak for the Wildcats with a little less than five minutes to go. Pape Diatta had just hit a 3-pointer – just his sixth of the season – to give Georgia a 64-61 lead and Briscoe committed his fifth foul after grabbing an offensive rebound.

Not even Fox was shooting well at that point, so what was his solution? Attack, attack, attack.

First Fox stemmed the tide by drawing a foul and calmly draining two free throws. A minute later, his driving layup gave UK a 67-66 lead to answer another score by Frazier, who scored 36 points to nearly overcome the loss of star Georgia big man Yante Maten to an early-game knee injury.

"I had two points like (35) minutes into the game," Fox said. "I think we ran something, I got a bucket, and then I realized the plays they were calling they wanted to keep the ball in my hands, so I was like, even though I haven't been playing well in this game I have to do something. I just made plays in the big moments. I think that's what people are going to look at with this game."

Fox saved his best for the final 90 seconds.

After Frazier had given Georgia a 73-71 lead, Fox had another driving layup to tie with 1:12 left, which Frazier again answered. Next up, Fox created three straight foul-shooting opportunities and hit all six free throws.

"Fox did a great job penetrating," said Derek Willis, who delivered in his own way with seven points and 12 rebounds. "I mean, he did a lot of things that factored in the game. I think with the ball screens we set for him it was just like an open lane for him. I was open too. He had every option and he played well. He played great."

So, to recap, Fox scored 14 of his 16 points in the final five minutes. To make that even more impressive, Fox rebounded from back-to-back missed free throws with the Cats down two with 7:15 left to do it.

"I like the fact that De'Aaron missed two free throws and then came back and made eight in a row," Calipari said.

Calipari talked postgame about missed free throws leading to more missed free throws, so it speaks to Fox's mental toughness that he was able to recover.

"After that, I stepped up with confidence even when the crowd was getting loud," Fox said. "That kind of plays into the part where he says I'm so nonchalant and things like that. I'm not listening to the crowd. All that is, is me and the goal and I don't hear any of that."

In a Twist, Kentucky's Seniors Are the Ones Getting It Done

By: Ray Glier | New York Times | Feb. 23, 2017

ATLANTA — If Kentucky's fabulous freshmen would simply stick around for a while, there might not be much for the rest of college basketball to celebrate. Derek Willis, the team's senior forward, is certain of that.

The Wildcats, Willis said, would dominate the men's game as completely as Connecticut rules the women's version, if only more of their stars stayed to learn the game through their junior or even senior years — as he has — instead of opting for the N.B.A. draft as freshmen or sophomores.

"There's no way anyone would compete with us," Willis said.

But the reality of the game, not to mention Coach John Calipari's recruiting strategy, may be conspiring against Kentucky this season. While Calipari has sent 22 freshmen and sophomores to the N.B.A.

draft in the past seven years, each of them replaced by another splendid talent, this season's Wildcats seem weighed down by their inexperience.

Not even four months of practices and games under a Hall of Fame coach like Calipari have been enough time for them to learn the more nuanced parts of the game: court awareness, defensive communication and an upperclassman's relentlessness.

This is hardly an existential crisis: Kentucky (23-5, 13-2 Southeastern Conference) is ranked No. 11 this week in the Associated Press poll and cruising toward another N.C.A.A. tournament berth. But the Wildcats only narrowly beat Georgia, 82-77, on Saturday, even though the Bulldogs (15-12, 6-8) played most of the game without their best player, forward Yante Maten, who injured his right knee 93 seconds into the game. It was Kentucky's fourth consecutive win — a run that grew to five in a row with a rout of Missouri on Tuesday — but the fitful play of his young players again left Calipari exasperated.

"We've got four games left," he said Saturday. "We've got to figure this out."

On Saturday, at least, figuring it out meant relying on Willis and his fellow seniors Dominique Hawkins and Mychal Mulder, all reserves. The 6-foot-9 Willis had 12 rebounds in 30 minutes; most of that playing time was taken from the 6-9 freshman Wenyen Gabriel, who played only 10. Mulder, a 6-4 guard, played 14 minutes but made three of six 3-point attempts. Hawkins, a 6-0 guard, scored 9 points.

Willis said the most significant thing he could do to flatten the learning curve of the freshmen was to bring what he offered on Saturday: poise, effort and smart play in close games. De'Aaron Fox, a freshman guard, has picked up on it. Before a raucous crowd at Georgia, Fox made six of six free throws in the final 44 seconds to seal Kentucky's win.

"They don't get shaken," Fox said of the seniors. "They've been through this. They've been here four years. Just the way they are able to get on the court and listen to Cal and listen to what he is preaching and go out there and execute it.

"Half the time they don't even have to ask the question because they know what he wants."

Part of that is because they grew up around the program; unlike most of Calipari's prize recruits, Willis and Hawkins grew up in the state and have a zeal for the game that mirrors that of the Wildcats' hyperactive fan base.

"It's just a different thing," Willis said. "It means a lot more to us. We grew up around Kentucky basketball, just been fans of the sport. It's part of our role and what we bring to the team."

For now, the freshmen are still doing their best to merge their prodigious skills with the veterans' savvy. What does a teething freshman basketball player look like? There were examples throughout the second half of the Georgia game. Players crossing each other up on screens, leaving opponents free for shots; ball-watching and turned heads on defense; a lack of communication.

Willis, on the other hand, demonstrated the shrewdness of a senior. With 4 minutes 2 seconds to play and Kentucky trailing by a point, Hawkins shot a 3-pointer from the left corner. But Willis did not barge into the crowded lane; instead, he went to the baseline on the other side of the rim from where Hawkins shot the ball, knowing most missed shots from one corner bounce over the rim toward the other corner.

It was a veteran move, and, sure enough, the ball went right to him. Willis snatched it out of the air and laid it in to give Kentucky a 65-64 lead. Fox, who like several of his teammates is projected as a first-round N.B.A. pick this year, was among those who noticed.

"You've got to try to take in everything," he said of learning from his older teammates. "You can't push anything off. You've got to listen to everyone who is saying something to you, especially the coaches.

"I'm trying to get my game to mature a lot faster than normal."

Calipari, too, is grateful for his veterans' savvy. He knows from bitter Final Four experience — and a second-round exit from last year's tournament by a team that sent three players to the draft — that talent does not solve every problem. As another postseason beckons, he is asking his players to grow up on their own.

"They are responsible for their energy and their enthusiasm, their passion," said Calipari, whose record at Kentucky is 249-52. "I'm not responsible for that now. Instead of me saying every time, 'This is on me,' no, I'm stepping back. 'This is on you now. This is part of growing, putting on the big-man pants.' This is now what we've got to do."

Attack Mode: Monk's Second-Half Outburts Lifts UK

By: Guy Ramsey | UK Athletics | Feb. 25, 2017

Ice cold and already having tied his career high for turnovers in the first half, Malik Monk had already resigned to the fact that Saturday was not going to be his day.

"I thought I was going to be off the whole game because I wasn't making them in the first half," Monk said.

A three-point, five-turnover opening half was enough to make Monk think his funk was going to last all 40 minutes of a showdown with Florida for first place entering the final week of the Southeastern Conference regular season.

You'd think Monk would have learned not to ever count himself out.

"Yeah, I should (know better)," Monk said. "I really should. I just figured it out today."

That second half should convince him to think twice next time he questions himself.

In a season full of explosive performances, Monk had an outburst of unprecedented proportions with backcourt mate De'Aaron Fox sidelined with a knee injury. Leading No. 11/10 Kentucky (24-5, 14-2 SEC) to a 76-66 win over No. 13/12 Florida (23-6, 13-3 SEC), Monk scored 30 of his 33 points after halftime. His coach didn't know exactly how much Monk had gone off until postgame.

"Oh, he got 30 in a half?" John Calipari said. "No wonder when I got on him about a couple bad shots he looked at me like I was crazy. I didn't know he had 30 in a half."

Neither did the author of the performance, which was the highest-scoring half ever for a Calipari-coached player at Kentucky.

"I didn't know that until after the game," Monk said. "I was just playing. That's crazy."

It marked the fourth time this season Monk scored at least 30 points, making him the first Wildcat freshman to accomplish that feat, but he scored more each of the previous three times he did it. The way he did it this time, though, is what had Coach Cal so excited.

"What happened to Malik, we were on him to drive, to get fouled," Calipari said. "Don't drive to release and throw some crazy thing, just try to get fouled. … Florida's obviously a highly ranked team, they're tough physically, they had won nine in a row, they were confident. You're not going to beat them shooting 3s or fadeaways, you got to attack."

Attack Monk did.

He took seven 3s – making five of them – but Monk has attempted more 12 times this season. Only once, however, has Monk attempted more than the 11 free throws he did against the Gators on Saturday. He also committed only one turnover after halftime even though he and Bam Adebayo – who had 18 points and 15 rebounds – carried a

massive offensive load.

"I was way more patient in the second half than I was in the first half," Monk said. "And I was, like you said, getting to the lane."

When Monk drives as he did in front of a crowd of 24,431 in Rupp Arena on Saturday, he becomes even more difficult to defend.

"Malik Monk has an ability to get off anytime he wants," Florida head coach Mike White said. "He has incredible speed off the ball. They do a good job of setting screens, putting him in positions to be successful, and putting him in space. You have to crowd him. We were hanging all over him two or three times. Just hanging all over him. We were called for a couple of fouls, of course, fouling the jump shot. That's how aware you are of how good of a shooter he is. We're literally hanging on too much with contact.

"Then he has blow-by speed. He has an incredibly long first step and explosiveness. When he didn't score, he drew fouls on us. His 33 (points), if you add the amount of fouls that he drew – he was better even than 33."

In scoring 33, Monk outdid Florida's KeVaughn Allen, who had 24. The two Arkansas natives and friends played AAU ball together and still text every other day in Monk's estimation. Allen's North Little Rock team beat Monk's Bentonville twice in the state tournament and Allen again came out on top in Florida's 88-66 win over UK on Feb. 4, so this one felt good for Monk.

"Yeah, it was revenge," Monk said with a smile. "Sweet revenge."

Revenge isn't as important as the fight Monk and the Cats showed in taking down Florida. A trying first half might have caused them to fold, but UK battled back instead. And by the end of the game, Coach Cal was calling Monk over to the bench for a quick hug.

The message?

" 'That's how you play basketball,' " Monk recalled.

Still trying to figure out this UK team? You're not alone

By: Fletcher Page | Courier-Journal | Feb. 25, 2017

LEXINGTON, Ky. – Good luck If you're still trying to figure out what this Kentucky basketball team is, how far it can go and how exactly it will get there.

So is John Calipari.

"This is different here," Calipari said after Kentucky's 76-66 win against Florida. "I have a brand new team every year. So when you're trying to put that team together, sometimes it takes you the entire season to figure out how we should be playing."

A massive amount of negativity piled up when the Gators led the Wildcats by 12 in the first half Saturday at Rupp Arena.

The Wildcats will not win the Southeastern Conference. They're going to play the late-night game on Friday at the SEC tournament. They're going to lose in the opening weekend of the NCAA tournament. Again. What is this?

This wasn't really about the SEC. Kentucky doesn't hang those banners, and who keeps track of those titles? This was about national reputation and building into a team to be reckoned with in the coming weeks.

Florida came to town this weekend with a chance to claim the conference and become the team from the SEC with potentially the deepest reach in the Big Dance.

Up 12 early, the Gators were on track to become the third top 12 team to beat Kentucky on its home court this season. That would mean Kentucky wasn't good enough to get where its needs to go, either a constant smack of a low-hanging ceiling or a team not able to jump high enough to touch full potential.

In need of a respected win/performance, De'Aaron Fox was out (bruised left knee), Malik Monk was off (terrible shot selection) and Isaiah Briscoe already had two fouls.

Somehow, though, Kentucky survived that opening 20 minutes. Isaac Humphries hit a jumper. Dominique Hawkins scored and defended and jumped on the ground and led with a fearless glare. Derek Willis added a bucket and pulled in two-handed rebounds.

And just like that, Florida went from the team that initially looked physically stronger and mentally tougher to tied with Kentucky at 28 going into halftime.

Scrappy isn't always pretty, so doubt was permitted through the break. The score did give Calipari peace of mind, though. "That means you're fighting," he said. "That means you're giving yourself a chance to win."

You know what happened in the second half. Monk looked like the best scorer in the country. Bam Adebayo played like somebody is going to regret not drafting him in the lottery this summer. Briscoe kept his cool, and the senior trio made timely plays to push Kentucky into first place in the conference and perhaps into the conversation for a No. 2 seed in the tournament that really matters.

Is Kentucky the team that dominated Tennessee or the team that barely won at Missouri? Is Kentucky the first 13 minutes of the Florida win or the last 13 minutes of the Florida win?

The Gators led by eight before those last 13 minutes, and Kentucky won by 10.

"Wow, if they play that way, they're going to be fine," Calipari said of his team. "Now can we play? Can that be us?"

Crazy, but yeah, Calipari asked himself out loud the same question I just wrote. Fox will return sooner than later and Monk has shown us what he's capable of, scoring 33 points one game after reaching only 11. Adebayo has back-to-back 15-rebound performances and, hey, this sounds like a Final Four contender again.

You start typing out those stats and you forget that Kansas beat Kentucky. UCLA beat Kentucky. Louisville beat Kentucky. Florida beat Kentucky. But there's the North Carolina win and now this Florida performance is the most recent offering of information.

"If we're this team, I like what I'm seeing," Calipari said.

If ...

Cal said it. We're all still trying to figure Kentucky out.

The Key to Kentucky's Win Against Florida Happened Before They Took the Floor

By: Roger Groves | Forbes | Feb. 25, 2017

Only one college basketball team in America can be 23-5 on the season, 13-2 in a major conference, and everyone asks, "What's wrong with them".

The Kentucky Wildcats held that distinction going into Saturday's pivotal collision against Florida. For example, Kentucky beat Georgia, by the slim margin of 82-77. George played most of the game without its star – Yante Maten. The storyline could have been, "Wildcats persevere despite a spirited challenge." But after that game, the 10-point win against Missouri, and going into the Florida game, negativity was the dominant chatter.

Why the angst with one of the most successful programs in the history of college basketball?

Because Kentucky's coach John Calipari symbolizes the "one and done" freshmen-to-pro program. Most fans like the college game the way it is, and care more about preserving the game than the individuals who play it.

The Kentucky-Florida matchup pitted two teams vying for the standing lead in the SEC. Kentucky was ranked 11th, Florida 13th. Kentucky won impressively, 76-66. The quality of play should make any purist

proud.

But the real key to that win goes unnoticed. It was not the spectacular performance of freshman Malik Monk. Everyone watching can see that his 33 points, 30 in the second half was memorable. Everyone saw Bam Adebayo's muscularity with 18 points and 15 rebounds.

But few remember the Calipari's words before the game. Fewer will know the way he can become trusted by 18-year old superstars. Trust, I emphasize because only those with fatherly connectivity can rip away the superego of the teenager and get them beyond linear growth.

Another of Kentucky's future first round freshman, De'Aaron Fox put it most succinctly: "I'm trying to get my game to mature a lot faster than normal."

Notice the "I". There may not be an "I" in team. But that is an essential part of personal responsibility.

Not many coaches can have such a trusting mentoring role with those destined to be multimillionaires before age 20 to say these two things and get away with it:

"They [the players] are responsible for their energy and their enthusiasm, their passion,"

"I'm not responsible for that now. Instead of me saying every time, 'This is on me. No. I'm stepping back. This is on you now."

Not many coaches can say that without mico-mutinies.

Coach Cal concluded his sermon with, "This is part of growing, putting on the big-man pants. This is now what we've got to do."

Translated, that is what the players themselves have to do, despite their age, despite their immaturity, despite never having played this long into a season, against ever-higher competition with higher consequences than they ever experienced in high school.

In his postgame conference, Coach Cal did not restate the phrase "big-man pants". But he did emphasize a fact to evidence the mental apparel. In his words:

"Think about it, we shot 28 percent at halftime. 28 percent. We must have missed nine layups. And we're in a tie game. That means you're fighting."

When asked about Bam Adebayo impersonating De'Andre-Jordan, Calipari said, "He has a mentality of 'I'm going to fight for balls."

When asked for the key strategy in the win, Calipari said, "They won nine in a row. They're tough physically. You're not going to beat them shooting threes or fadeaways, you got to attack."

When asked about a possible rematch, Calipari said, "It's gonna' be a war."

You see the theme.

What we don't see is the relationships that evolve from the tense locker room, the tedious practices and awkward chats. We don't see how Calipari takes high school phenoms who had been accustomed to using 70 percent of their talent 50 percent of the time in high school, and inspiring them to max out their talent and maturity, as Fox put it, "a lot faster than normal."

Calipari and the players share the credit. But the key to Kentucky's win happened before they hit the floor.

How Kentucky PG De'Aaron Fox is teaching himself to think hoops at an NBA level

By: Reid Forgrave | Bleacher Report | Feb. 28, 2017

The first setting for the De'Aaron Fox origin story is where countless other basketball path-to-glory narratives began: the high school gym. Early in the morning. Long, lonely hours spent from a young age, with the ball bouncing and the sneakers squeaking.

Fox would show up at 6 a.m. His high school coach, Emmanuel Olatunbosun, would open the doors for him while the cross-country team stretched for its morning run.

Some mornings, Fox would practice the ball-handling now prominently displayed in flashy drives into the lane during Kentucky games. Some mornings, he'd run and lift, building his nearly unparalleled open-court speed and the strength and stamina to play 94 feet of smothering perimeter defense. Some mornings, he'd hoist up shot after shot, working to improve the jumper that one NBA front-office executive says is the only thing holding Fox back from the conversation for No. 1 overall pick.

That gym, at Cypress Lakes High outside of Houston, is where Fox created the athleticism and skills that have him starring in what some believe could be the best backcourt head coach John Calipari has ever had. It's the skill set the same exec says makes the 6'3", 19-year-old his "man crush" of the 2017 draft.

"He's really raw, but he's already figured out how to impact the game in multiple ways," the exec says. "Of anybody who is off the beaten path right now, he could end up as the best player in this draft. He's the one who has the most potential to do it."

The second setting for the De'Aaron Fox origin story is not as familiar from the stories that have preceded his.

It's very much his own and very much of his generation.

Walk into the Fox family home in suburban Houston. Go up the stairs and turn to the right. On the balcony, there's a 52-inch flat-screen television in the corner, then a second television on the ground. A computer sits on a desk. Against the wall is a couch.

This is where Fox developed his ability to read a basketball court and react, the court vision that talent evaluators believe could be elite even at the NBA level.

Beginning in fourth grade, Fox slept on that couch almost every night. He'd put his video game on pause—usually from the NBA 2K series—and lay down his head. And if he woke up in the middle of the night, he might pick the game right back up. It was here, in his family's game room, that he honed a crucial part of the skill set that will soon make him millions.

There's a stereotype out there of gamers that paints them as nerdy and out of touch, with their Doritos-crusted fingers and two-liters of Mountain Dew in their parents' basement. This image is dated.

We live in an age not of 8-bit Nintendo but of Call of Duty-like war simulators that are realistic enough to be used for military training. We live in an age where professional gaming is considered a legit sport that uses many of the same skills—hand-eye coordination, sure, but also stamina, concentration and multilevel thinking—as so-called "real" sports.

Just ask Fox's father. He swears his son's gaming habit has helped make him one of the top NBA prospects in the nation.

"He was one of those kids you didn't really have to teach much on the basketball court—show him something and he could learn," Aaron Fox says. "A lot of people don't believe me, but I tell everyone that that PlayStation helped him get where he is today.

"He'd play that PlayStation, and he could master it in no time. He learned pick-and-rolls. He learned how to roll off a ball screen. I tell kids if they want to learn something about basketball, go put it on pro mode on 2K and let them play."

His son is the proof. If Fox isn't on a basketball court, chances are he's connected to a video game console, which his older brother introduced him to at age three.

He's awesome at Madden. He slays at the UFC game, claiming a record of "300-something to 17" over his best high school friend. He's virtually unbeatable in NBA2K, despite the fact that he doesn't choose the Cavaliers or the Warriors—he picks the Thunder, because Russell Westbrook is his favorite player. (The only person

who has beaten him in 2K at Kentucky is former basketball player E.J. Floreal, but Fox is quick to point out that it was only once, and that Floreal got lucky.)

He destroys at Grand Theft Auto, and from his dorm room at Wildcat Coal Lodge, he still goes online and wrecks his high school teammates at Call of Duty 4: Modern Warfare.

For the game he claims to be unbeatable at—Dragon Ball Z, a fighting game based on the Japanese anime show—he recently threw out challenges on Twitter. Kentucky fans came at him, wanting bragging rights for beating their team's star point guard. Fox vanquished all comers in less than 60 seconds apiece.

You may ask, How many hours a day does he play? Four? More. Five? Close. Six? Probably about that.

Spending that much time in front of a TV screen might seem like a problem for an elite athlete who will soon have the fortunes of an NBA franchise resting on his shoulders. Not for Fox. What shines most about his game, along with his speed and his athleticism, is the way he sees plays unfold before him.

"He's one that runs fast, but his mind moves slow, and we're trying to teach that in everything we do," Calipari says. "We fly. But your mind can't move as fast as your feet or you're going to turn it over. So you gotta run fast and be able to process slower to see what's happening, because if you process slower, you can kind of see what's going to [happen].

"At the end of the day, [I don't know] if there's a better point guard in the country."

That's at the college level. Will he still be able to see the game that way when the difficulty is set to "pro mode" in the NBA? One NBA Eastern Conference exec says that's the big question. "The trick for that kid is when he learns how to slow down. It's such a counterintuitive thing. We talk push, push, push. But once it slows down for him, watch out.

"It slowed down for John Wall, and now he's a four-time All-Star."

The Wall comparison is one you'll hear a lot for Fox, whose college stats almost perfectly mirror what Wall did in his sole season at Kentucky in 2009-10. In 37 college games, Wall averaged 16.6 points, 6.5 assists, 4.3 rebounds and 1.8 steals. So far this season, Fox—who missed Saturday's game with a knee contusion but was back at practice Monday—is averaging 15.5 points, 5.3 assists, 4.2 rebounds and 1.5 steals.

Scouts see his style as similar, too: a hyper-speedy point guard who can slice to the rim and be a lockdown perimeter defender but struggles with his jump shot.

"He's just so unbelievably quick with the ball and just so quick on defense," a Western Conference scout says. "And I love how he sees the game."

There may be havoc on the court, but there's never havoc in Fox's multitasking mind. And as much as those hours in the gym, it's these hours in the gaming room that help his brain process like this.

Ask Fox how video games have made him a better basketball player, and he speaks about how he learned moves from playing NBA 2K that he incorporated into his game: the Allen Iverson crossover, the between-the-legs crossover size-up.

But video games are more than just a textbook to him. They're training for his mind.

Fox identifies an of-his-generation skill, which older folks mock as the paralyzingly short attention span of the ADHD generation, that video games develop: an ability to concentrate on several things at the same time and do them all well.

"You know how people say how scientists have proven that multitasking is impossible?" Fox asks. "I fight that. I don't think multitasking is impossible. With me at home, I had the TV on, then I had the TV on the floor—I'd watch TV and play the game.

"If an NBA or college game is on, watch that, or SpongeBob. And I'll be playing Call of Duty, 2K, Grand Theft Auto. Then I'll have a laptop or an iPad in my lap, and I'd be watching something on YouTube. And then I'd have my phone in my hand texting someone. And sometimes, I can be doing homework while I'm doing all of this."

Sound absurd? Maybe it is. But maybe there's something else going on. Maybe Fox really has, through all these hours juggling all these electronic devices, created a faster processor inside his head than yours or mine. That's the feeling you get when you watch him play basketball—when you watch him see the game unfold a couple of plays before everyone else catches up.

"Watch this," Fox says, sitting in the team's film room. "You're going to think I'm weird."

He removes the wireless headphones that had been in his ears. He switches the music to his phone speakers. It's an R&B song called "Without You," and it's loud. It hadn't even been noticeable that music was playing up to that point.

"Right now, I've actually been listening to music this whole interview," he says. Then he laughs.

"I don't think I've ever been doing one thing at a time. The only time I'm doing one thing at a time is when I'm playing basketball."

Fox's mother recalls a day shortly before his second birthday, when they went to his grandmother's house for Thanksgiving. His older brother by five years, Quentin, had already started playing basketball. De'Aaron saw one of those plastic pumpkin buckets left over from storing Halloween candy. To him, the orange sphere with black markings looked familiar. He carried the pumpkin around all day long, shooting it as if it were his older brother's basketball.

"It was just hilarious," Lorraine Fox says. "It was like, 'OK, son, that's not a basketball.'"

His parents met when they were at East Mississippi Junior College in Scooba, Mississippi. Aaron went on to play football at Fort Hays State University in Kansas, while Lorraine played basketball at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

Her own college days foreshadowed her son's basketball obsession. When she wasn't studying or at practice, she'd sit in her dorm room, watching college hoops or NBA games with her roommate. Fox's dad loved the game too, playing in every park-and-rec league he could as Fox was growing up.

It was clear from a young age that Fox was a natural.

As a quarterback for his youth football team, he knew to direct his teammates into position at the line of scrimmage: a pint-sized Peyton Manning. At age seven, his dad put him in a church basketball league, and at halftime of Fox's first game, he already had 30 points. His dad told him he wasn't allowed to shoot anymore in the second half. After the game, the league's organizer moved Fox up a level to play with nine- and 10-year-olds.

"When he was the best player on that team too, I knew we were on our way," Aaron says.

There are plenty more eye-popping milestones from there: When Fox first dunked in a game in eighth grade. When he averaged 25 points in summer league as an eighth-grader playing against high school kids. When he scored 50 points in his fifth varsity game—as a freshman. When he was named the Texas High School Player of the Year. And a McDonald's All-American. And the MVP of the Jordan Brand Classic.

But since the beginning, what's always stood out to coaches and recruiters was that powerful processor that seemed plucked straight from a video game console—the mind that seemed to understand basketball like a 10-year NBA veteran instead of a kid still in the early stages of

learning the game.

"What immediately jumped out to me as a coach was his willingness as a teammate to give of himself," says Tim Schumacher, Fox's AAU coach at Houston Hoops, an acclaimed Nike-affiliated youth basketball program. "As a young man, he understood the team he was playing on and that his role might have to change depending on the team. He accepted that and embraced that. And it showed a lot as a person."

Friends and family say Fox's basketball style reflects his personality off the court. It's unique and flashy but all predicated on helping the four teammates around him. He embraces the carefreeness of being a kid, not the ego-inflation of being a basketball phenom. Fitting in, following trends, falling in line—that's not Fox. He's his own man.

Go back to Fox's favorite NBA player: Westbrook. Picking LeBron or Steph or Michael would have been too easy, too cliche.

Or take his iPhone. It's filled with obscure hip-hop music: Henderson, Logic, Skizzy Mars, A Boogie wit da Hoodie. His favorite Kanye West album isn't Late Registration or Yeezus but instead the divisive, critically acclaimed 808s & Heartbreak.

Or his hair. It's one of the most unique hairstyles in college hoops. Some people call it a nappy fro, but Fox says it's more twisted than it is nappy. It's like his former Houston Hoops teammate Justise Winslow's hair, except Fox's is more spiky, almost like a video game character. He hasn't cut the top since his junior year of high school.

Or just his lifestyle. While other big-time college athletes party, Fox says he's content to stay in his dorm room, playing video games online with his high school friends.

"I just go to the beat of my own drum," he says.

The talk about being different leads Fox back to video games. His favorite video game. It's not NBA 2K; sometimes he needs a break from basketball. It's not Grand Theft Auto or Call of Duty, not Madden or UFC.

Instead, it's that fighting game based on the Japanese anime series, Dragon Ball Z.

Fox's Twitter bio is filled with references from the game. When he talks about it, his eyes light up. It's a story about Goku, who was sent from Planet Vegeta to destroy Earth. Goku is from a warrior race. Like Fox, Goku has an analytical mind. Like Fox, Goku studies others and quickly learns their weaknesses.

"As a fighter, he picks up on things so fast," Fox says. "Say you're doing a move. He'll be able to learn your move and counter it. And you're basically watching him grow up throughout the show and the game."

That's where Fox is in life right now: He's Goku, a talented and ambitious boy in the process of becoming a man.

But Fox wants to hang onto that youthful innocence, despite being on the cusp of fame and fortune.

In a way, that's what his obsession with video games represents: a way that Fox can remain grounded in who he is and not lose himself in whatever comes next.

There was a moment less than a year ago that Fox looks to when he thinks about staying true to himself—a moment when Fox was confronted with all the big questions: about mortality and kindness, doing what's right and searching for meaning in his life.

Fox and his parents were coming back from Portland. He had just played in the Nike Hoop Summit game, where the best high school players in the country had one final hurrah before heading off to college. A couple of weeks before, Kentucky, where he'd soon be heading for a presumed one-and-done season, had lost before the Sweet 16 for the first time since 2013.

Fox knew it would soon be on his shoulders to lead the Wildcats back to where fans believe they belong. For this high school kid, the stakes would soon be getting bigger with each passing year. In Portland, Fox had a pretty good game, scoring nine points and registering two steals while leading both teams with five assists.

He got off the plane at George Bush Intercontinental Airport in Houston when his dad's phone started ringing.

It was Fox's high school coach. Coach O's voice indicated something serious: Seth Barnett was in the hospital. Even though he was exhausted from the travel, Fox—whose parents used to bring him to homeless shelters when he was younger to teach him about the less fortunate—knew the right thing to do was go visit Seth.

The story of Seth Barnett and De'Aaron Fox goes like this: Seth went to Fox's high school. He had cerebral palsy. He went around the school in his wheelchair, accompanied by an aide. He used a DynaVox, a speech-generating machine, to speak.

As Fox was fielding scholarship offers from blueblood programs all over the country, he began to notice Seth. Seth was always wearing his student ID on a Kentucky Wildcats lanyard. Nearly every day, he was wearing a shirt from Big Blue Nation.

Fox spoke with Seth's aide, and she told him Seth's family was from Kentucky and were huge Wildcats fans. Fox went out of his way to say hi to Seth in school. They struck up as much of a friendship as you can have between two people who could hardly be in different life situations.

Last fall, when Calipari was coming to town to encourage Fox to play for him, Fox had an idea: He would invite Seth to his home when Calipari came by.

"It was Seth's dream come true," says Seth's mother, Carol Barnett. "He laughed a lot. He couldn't really talk, but he was laughing and smiling. And I just love De'Aaron for that. Most boys his age wouldn't have even considered doing that for Seth."

Calipari later stopped by Seth's classroom: "You keep working on De'Aaron for me," he joked.

Just months after Fox made this boy's wish come true, Coach O was on the phone with his father with bad news: Seth had pneumonia. He was in the hospital, on life support. He wasn't going to make it.

They drove straight to the hospital. Seth's family was in the room, crying. Fox had never been this close to the experience of death, but he felt called to be there. He doesn't remember exactly what was said, but Fox and his family stayed there for much of the day. Just being there, with Seth's family in their moment of grief, felt like the right thing to do.

Seth died a couple of days later. His body was taken back to Kentucky, where the family was from. He was buried in a UK tie, in a blue UK jacket, in a UK coffin.

It's hard for Seth's mother not to get emotional when she watches Kentucky play this year.

"I hope that De'Aaron remains compassionate throughout his career," she says. "My family and I will always be cheering him on."

On June 22, De'Aaron Fox will, in the eyes of many, become a man.

He will walk up to the podium and shake NBA Commissioner Adam Silver's hand, a newly minted 19-year-old millionaire with a professional basketball career ahead of him.

And yet Fox does not want to leave who he is behind him as he moves on to the life of fame and riches. He will still play video games with his high school friends. He'll still be watching SpongeBob SquarePants while he plays NBA 2K while he texts his friends while he fiddles with his iPad. He will still be the young man who his father proudly states "didn't grow up too fast."

And, he says, he will honor Seth's mother's wishes. He still remembers the lessons that he learned from Seth, a boy who came into his life and made Fox realize that the power of being a famous athlete can be used for good.

"It's always bigger than basketball," Fox

says. "This game can change a life. You see the smile on the kid's face—it literally can change that kid's whole life around. And it's kind of contagious. You see someone smiling like that, and you kind of want to be as happy as they are. That's what I got out of that experience with Seth."

Maybe that sounds like a lot of perspective on life for a 19-year-old. Or for someone who plays video games six hours a day. Or for a gym rat who hits the courts at 6 a.m. But this is the balance Fox manages: the kid, the gamer, the player, the person. He's a multitrack person with a multitrack mind.

"I've never let basketball change who I am off the court," he says. "I can have a bad game and be smiling two hours later. Basketball is basketball. I let life be separate. I want to make a living out of it, but at the end of the day, it's still just a game. Off the court, I'm still a kid."

With that, Fox pops his headphones back onto his ears and slinks into the locker room. It's a day off for Kentucky basketball, and there will certainly be plenty of video games later on in the evening, but before that he has work to put in on the court.

A kid can still be a kid, even as he's on the precipice of being a man.

Kentucky, riding eight-game win streak, rounding into NCAA Tournament form

By: Matt Norlander | CBS Sports | March 4, 2017

You could have concern over the slow start and bizarre 15-point deficit in the first half.

You could look at a 26-5 Kentucky team that's been on the wrong end of double-digit margins in three straight games, two of those at home, and think the Wildcats are out of sorts. This is Kentucky. It shouldn't be falling behind like this to average teams.

You could see Malik Monk's season-low six points (on 2-of-10 shooting) Saturday at mediocre Texas A&M and wonder why one of the most electric players in the sport is capable of going so cold.

Any of those reasons would be valid and warranted if you wanted to sell your Kentucky stock. Duke has been among the most unpredictable teams in college basketball this season, but if you think Kentucky in a lot of ways isn't that far behind, you'd be wrong. The Wildcats are bringing drama in almost every game they play, yes, but how about this perspective: Kentucky won on the road Saturday, beating the Aggies 71-63 and in doing so the Wildcats got their eighth straight win.

Did you have any idea UK was riding such a streak? Didn't seem like it, right?

This group lacks the dominant DNA so many expected it to have by this point in the season. Yet the wins keep coming. Here's more good news for UK fans: The last time Kentucky had a winning streak at least eight games long, it wasn't just eight—it was 38. That's right, the undefeated regular-season team of two years ago. John Calipari has gone a long time without this kind of run, but now that Kentucky has proven it can win after trailing big, there's no reason to think the Cats are that far off from Final Four form.

For Kentucky to start off so badly at A&M, then not only win but to win without any help from Monk, it's a great sign. I used to be of the belief that Monk would need to be consequential for Kentucky to win. Now, I'm not so sure. You can downplay the opponent from Saturday but you can't ignore that this happened in a road victory. It's the only time this season Monk didn't hit double figures. I'm willing to wager it will be the only game he ever has in a Kentucky uniform that he doesn't put at least 10 on the board.

Entering Saturday's game, Monk averaged 22.2 points on 48-percent shooting in Kentucky's 25 wins. In the team's five losses, Monk averages 18.8 points on 40-percent from the field. So the pattern shows that Kentucky fares better when Monk is clicking.

Saturday contradicts that. That's what's fascinating.

And here comes De'Aaron Fox, UK's killer closer. The Wildcats' most valuable player this season continues to be a pillar of reliability. He led the team with 19 points, 15 of them in the second half, and helped push UK right out of the break by putting up the squad's first eight points. Fox was good (hey, he's hitting 3s!), Isaiah Briscoe was an unsung hero and Bam Adebayo (13 points, eight rebounds) was efficient. Derek Willis always seems good for one or two "Kentucky kinda needed that" shots per game.

Overall, though Kentucky has its flaws--this could be a lot worse. And, oh yeah: The Cats locked up the regular-season SEC title all to themselves with this win.

Kentucky is flirting with some fire by putting itself so far behind. To deny that is to deny the earth is round. And, yes, the quality of competition in the SEC won't match up to second-weekend NCAA Tournament teams. UK will get punted from the bracket if it's down 14 in the Sweet 16 to a Florida State, Iowa State or Butler-type club. But if the belief was that Kentucky couldn't come back and win without Monk's firepower, that belief is now gone. Monk is important but he's not everything.

The Wildcats' resilience and resourcefulness-- not outright star power or 40-point outbursts-- is what can push this program back to another Final Four.

Calipari says Kentucky 'has learned to fight' but still in need of postseason tweaking

By: Jerry Tipton | Lexington Herald-Leader | March 6, 2017

The "tweak" is back. Kentucky surely hopes it has the same impact this year that it had in 2014.

UK Coach John Calipari spoke Monday of tweaks that can help his team entering the Southeastern Conference and NCAA tournaments. Three years ago, after a much-ballyhooed tweak, Kentucky went on a Final Four run after having lost four of its final seven regular-season games.

As for this Kentucky team, which begins SEC Tournament play Friday, Calipari said, "We're definitely not where we want to be. We've got a couple practice days here to get some stuff tweaked."

Calipari called for a "different mentality" going into the SEC Tournament and beyond.

"I'm in a great space right now," Calipari said. "So I want my players in the same frame and same mindset that I'm in."

While Kentucky continued a pattern of inconsistent play in the regular season's final three games, Calipari took solace in how the Cats ultimately beat Florida, Vanderbilt and Texas A&M despite falling behind early by 12, 19 and 15 points in those games, respectively.

"I'm loving the fact that the team has learned to fight," Calipari said. "That they stuck together when things looked bleak. And they just kept going and had a will to win, and all that stuff.

"But there's something that is not quite right that we have a few days to try to fix."

The three more recent games showed that Kentucky has learned to compete, value possessions and stay united in trying to execute a game plan, Calipari said.

"So we learned how we have to play for 40 minutes," he said. "We just haven't done it yet. We've done it for 20 minutes. That's why I say we have work to do now looking at it and saying, OK, where we are right now, we're going to tweak some stuff."

Other SEC coaches spoke of how consistency is an invaluable component for long-term success.

"It's huge," Florida Coach Mike White said. "Something we talk about a lot."

Tennessee Coach Rick Barnes suggested

that consistency can be more difficult to achieve in the postseason.

After noting how his team had grown during the season, Barnes said, "Now, they're going to learn something else: that postseason play is more difficult, probably, than they can imagine. So they have to realize it's about getting an edge and being razor-focused. And you better be on edge or it'll end real quickly."

On a separate teleconference earlier in the day, ESPN analyst Jay Bilas suggested that Kentucky could be consistent enough to win six games — and the national title — in the NCAA Tournament.

"Well, they can win six games," he said before adding, "I don't favor them to do it."

Perhaps as a helpful component to the mindset Calipari spoke of creating, Bilas said it was better not to think of the NCAA Tournament as requiring six victories against potentially better and better competition. Instead, think of it as a four-team tournament the first weekend, then another four-team tournament the second weekend and then, as the name makes obvious, the Final Four, he said.

"That makes it a little easier to wrap your head around," Bilas said. "It's not golf. You don't have to beat everybody."

Bilas said it was difficult to say if there was time for Kentucky or any team to develop consistency. But, if continued, the stark momentum changes in several UK games this season can make a deep run in the NCAA Tournament more difficult.

Rallying from 19 points down against Vanderbilt at home is one thing, Bilas said. "You know you can overcome that," he said.

"They've been down double-digit points in a number of games. And that's not a recipe for tournament success."

Bilas saw the SEC Tournament as a "pretty darn good barometer" for Kentucky achieving greater consistency in a neutral-site, postseason atmosphere.

Calipari, who is no fan of conference tournaments, acknowledged the SEC Tournament can serve a purpose.

"They matter to try to get you ready for where you want to do," he said. "Like I keep saying, this is not like if you lose, you die. That's next week."

Then Calipari laughed.

Monk gives thanks for awards, issues warning to future UK opponents

By: Jerry Tipton | Lexington Herald-Leader | March 7, 2017

With plenty of good news and a spot of bad news in recent days, Kentucky freshman Malik Monk mixed gratitude with a sobering message for opponents.

Monk expressed thanks for the avalanche of awards he received Monday and Tuesday. Among them were Southeastern Conference Player of the Year and Newcomer of the Year (media vote conducted by The Associated Press), freshman All-American (The Sporting News), Freshman of the Year and All-SEC first team (league coaches) and District IV Player of the Year (United States Basketball Writers Association).

"I really can't feel no kind of way but be happy," Monk said Tuesday, "and be blessed that God put me in the situation. Just listening to Coach (John Calipari) put me in that situation, too. So I'm just blessed to be here."

A moment later, Monk acknowledged that his 2-for-10 shooting and six-point performance at Texas A&M on Saturday was "just horrible." That was the first game all season he did not score 10 or more points.

Monk suggested that opponents in the SEC Tournament later this week and then the upcoming NCAA Tournament should take no comfort in his off game or Kentucky's inconsistent play this season.

"It's bad news for every team coming up," Monk said, "because I think our team is focused. We're coming in focused from the jump. So I think it's going to be a new team the whole tournament."

Even with the game at Texas A&M, Monk is on pace to become the first freshman to lead the SEC in scoring since Chris Jackson of LSU in 1988-89. He credited Calipari.

"Cal set me up well," Monk said. "He gives me the ball as much as I want. I'm just trying to execute off that because I'm getting the ball."

Monk was not the only person voted SEC Player of the Year. He won the media vote. Sindarius Thornwell of South Carolina won the vote of the league coaches.

When asked who was better, Monk said, "I'm not going to say nobody's better than me. I'm going to say I'm the best. He's a great player."

Monk's description of his season to date could fit the Kentucky team as well.

"I feel like, the overall year was pretty good," he said. "I had some ups and downs. I think I could have done better. But a new season is here. It's tournament time, so I need to focus in even more."

Monk accepted the premise that UK's pattern of falling behind early in games could be likened to skating on the edge, thus requiring greater attention to detail.

"For sure," he said. "SEC Tournament and (NCAA) tournament time, you always have to tighten stuff. Cal told me if we're down 15-2 . . . in the SEC Tournament or NCAA Tournament, we're not coming back."

Monk acknowledged his own inconsistencies. In UK's last seven games, he made 39 of 105 shots (37.1 percent).

Of course, opponents are more keenly aware of Monk's ability to be a difference maker, so he draws special defensive attention.

"They're sending two (defenders) at me every time," he said. "But they're sending two at Bam (Adebayo) every time. We're both getting annoyed with that."

Monk has had to balance being an X-factor, a player that UK coaches said had the greenest light on the team, with being aware of time-and-score considerations.

"I think being patient is the biggest key," Monk said.

Several times in speaking with reporters for about 10 minutes, Monk mentioned the word "focus" as an important element. He cited his poor preparation in some practices, shooting what he called "lazy layups" rather than "game shots." The latter meant practicing the shots that he'd take in games.

Monk all but assured reporters that he'd learned this lesson.

"I'm way more focused,' he said. "My focus is 10 times better than the focus coming into the season. Yes, sir."

Derek Willis thanks Big Blue Nation for being there for him

By: Kyle Tucker | SEC Country | March 9, 2017

EDITOR'S NOTE: Derek Willis is a 6-foot-9 senior forward at the University of Kentucky. A native of Bullitt County – just south of Louisville – he grew up in a family of Wildcats fans. After two seasons of almost no playing time at UK, Willis has scored 465 points, grabbed 281 rebounds, buried 91 3-pointers and blocked 51 shots the last two years. This week, as he prepared for the final postseason run of his career, he sat down with SEC Country's Kyle Tucker to craft a letter to Cats fans about what it has meant to be from this state and represent so many of its people while wearing a Kentucky uniform.

Dear Big Blue Nation,

Over the last four years, you've given me something that is difficult to describe, but I'm going to try because I want you to understand what a gift it is. I want you to know what it feels like when the crowd at Rupp Arena roars and you realize it's … for you.

It's euphoric. I would describe it as your

second heartbeat, in a weird way. Well, for me it is. When you dive on the floor, come up with a block or make some big play, you can feel the energy of the arena kind of encompass you, and it just makes you play that much harder. I'll never forget that feeling, like when you have your first little girlfriend and you're going to meet her and you get butterflies in your stomach.

I cannot thank you enough for that feeling. It saved my family full of Kentucky fans from ever having to root for their rival. Did you know I once dreamed of playing for the University of Louisville? Yeah, sorry about that. But after I got to know you, the BBN, everything changed.

I can remember visiting Rupp Arena the day Anthony Davis blocked John Henson's shot to beat North Carolina in 2011, and that might've been the loudest sound I've ever heard. I knew then that's what I wanted for my college experience: to go somewhere people cared that much. Turns out, the only place like that is Kentucky. Even if you've visited, though, you still can't fully grasp what it is to be a basketball player here until your first Big Blue Madness campout. Mine was in the fall of 2013, and that's when it hit me exactly how much this matters to the fans. Hundreds (thousands?) of you sleep in tents for days just to get a few pictures and autographs and free tickets to watch us practice.

We had to have golf-cart escorts to get to class, because the Wildcat Lodge was surrounded. That was the first big, "Oh, my God, these people are really out here doing this," moment. It was just crazy to me. I remember leaning out my window, FaceTiming my dad or one of my friends back home, showing them all the people. It was like a dream.

But then the doubt crept in. The year I signed with Kentucky, Coach Cal also brought in six McDonald's All-Americans. Before my sophomore year, he signed four more. While that made our team really, really good – we were NCAA runners-up my first season and went 38-1 my second – it made my role very, very small.

For the first time in my basketball career, I lost confidence. I began to see myself differently, started to wonder if I belonged on this big of a stage. After my sophomore year, I thought maybe I could scratch out 10 minutes a game by the end of my career. Back then, you believed in me more than I believed in myself. You erupted every time I touched the ball, as if you could will me into the rotation. I heard you. And I heard my dad, who always swore I could make it at Kentucky but never let me wallow. "Stick it out. Push through it," he told me. "I'm not helping you if I'm sitting here telling you the world owes you something."

So I kept struggling, stayed ready, and finally, about halfway through my junior season, I got my chance and broke through. I gave you real reasons to cheer, and did you ever. As proud as I am to have become an important part of this team the last two seasons, it sometimes feels like you are even prouder.

I know there's a special bond between Kentucky fans and homegrown players. I understand that some of you can't connect the same way with a McDonald's All-American from New York or Virginia or wherever else. I get the pride you feel in seeing someone a little less heralded and maybe a little more like yourself out there wearing that uniform.

"That's a Kentucky boy," you say. "That's someone who has lived life just like I've lived."

As my career comes to a close, I want you know that pride runs both ways. I'm so grateful to have been able to represent you and I cherish our connection. I feel it not just in the roar of game days but also in the quiet moments out in the community when you stop me and make me feel loved.

I've always tried to return the favor, but after Senior Night, I think I'll forever be in your debt. It would've been an unforgettable night even if I hadn't dropped down on one knee and asked my girl, Keely, to marry me before my final home game. That twist turned into the best moment of my life. After all the joy you've given me through the years, I couldn't imagine a better time or place to propose. And you didn't let me down. She finally got to feel that thing you have to experience to understand: 24,000 people wrapping their arms around you all at once.

Some might say that's a fairytale ending, but I know better. This is Kentucky basketball and only one ending will do. I came here to win our ninth national championship, and I'll do everything I can to deliver. Even that might not be enough to say thank you. But thank you.

Sincerely,
Derek Willis, UK Class of 2017

Briscoe shines the way as Kentucky wins SEC Tournament opener

By: Jerry Tipton | Lexington Herald-Leader | March 10, 2017

NASHVILLE- After Kentucky beat Georgia 71-60 in the Southeastern Conference Tournament on Friday, John Calipari paid Isaiah Briscoe what might be considered the ultimate compliment. The UK coach likened Briscoe's competitive spirit to that displayed last season by Tyler Ulis.

"He wants to win every time he plays, and he plays to win," Calipari said of Ulis. "Isaiah Briscoe is the same way."

Kentucky guard Isaiah Briscoe (13) drove against Georgia defenders Pape Diatta and E'Torrion Wilridge (13) during the first half Friday in Nashville.

In Briscoe's two Kentucky seasons, salutes to his contributions have been scarce, attention to his shooting struggles plentiful. Multiple examples of his anonymity came earlier this week when he was conspicuously absent from the announcements of all-this and all-that teams.

In a game featuring five all-league players, Briscoe took center stage and led Kentucky into Saturday's semifinals against Alabama, a 64-53 winner over South Carolina on Friday.

Briscoe scored 20 points, which marked his first game in double figures since Valentine's Day and the most he'd scored since getting 23 against Georgia on Jan. 31.

Fouls limited the playing time of De'Aaron Fox, another all-league (second-team) player. But he contributed 20 points. Bam Adebayo, another second-team all-league player, had a double-double (13 points and 10 rebounds). Derek Willis chipped in seven points and 11 rebounds.

What made Briscoe's production stand out — for a change — was it came in a game where the two X-factor players stayed in the shadows.

Kentucky guard Malik Monk, the SEC Player of the Year in a media vote, made only one of seven shots and scored two points.

Georgia guard J.J. Frazier, who made all-league teams selected by the media and coaches, made only four of 17 shots and scored 15 points.

Yante Maten, Georgia's other all-league player, made three of 11 shots and scored 12 points.

If the absence from all-league teams irked or inspired Briscoe, he wasn't saying.

"Well, that's fine," he said when asked. "That doesn't bother me. We're winning."

Of the laurels and hearty handshakes bestowed on Monk, Fox and Adebayo, Briscoe said, "I'm proud of them. I told all of them congratulations."

A reporter reminded Briscoe that Michael Jordan took inspiration from each and every snub, real or imagined.

"That's not me," Briscoe said. "I'm good. You know, I didn't make any of the

teams. It's all good. I'm here helping my team win. That's all that's important to me."

Kentucky snapped its streak of poor starts at three games, twice built first-half leads of 13 points and settled for a 32-25 halftime advantage.

Kentucky never trailed for almost 18 minutes of the first half (to be precise, 17:57) despite Monk and Fox being limited by fouls. Monk made only one shot in a two-point half, while Fox sat out the final 6:09 after picking up his second foul..

With UK's lead at 27-14, Frazier briefly came alive. His first basket, which came on a pull-up jumper, came with 4:16 left in the half.

When Frazier hit another pull-up jumper, then added a driving layup in transition (the only time he scored on his signature move), Kentucky called timeout to ponder a lead reduced to 28-22.

As in Athens, Ga., on Feb. 18, Kentucky sent a second defender at Frazier to get the ball out of his hands in the final seconds. Frazier beat the move by finding freshman Tyree Crump for a right-corner three-pointer with 10.2 seconds left. That brought Georgia within 30-25 (the smallest UK lead in more than 13 minutes).

But Briscoe answered with a pull-up jumper from 15 feet with less than two seconds on the clock.

Briscoe's first three-pointer since Feb. 7 helped Kentucky get off to a fast start in the second half. The shot was part of a 6-0 mini run.

Kentucky limited Georgia to one basket in the first eight-plus minutes of the second half.

In that time, UK expanded its lead to 47-30 at the second TV timeout. Briscoe led the way with authoritative drives while also handling point guard duties as fouls continued to lessen Fox's playing time.

"I'm just going to do whatever my team needs me to do to win," Briscoe said of his role. "I think that's who I am."

Whatever awards go — or don't go — Briscoe's way, Calipari sounded pleased with what the sophomore guard brings to Kentucky's team.

"These guys know, in a foxhole, dude is coming out fighting," Calipari said. "He ain't running. We're in this foxhole together. I know one guy is fighting, and it's him."

Words of praise from Calipari are nothing new for Briscoe. They fill the vacuum of outside recognition.

"I know what I bring to the team and I know my importance to the team," Briscoe said. "And Coach reminds me all the time. . . . He's just keeping me confident. He always has my back, and I have his."

His Kentucky teammates agree: Dominique Hawkins is one of the nation's best defenders

By: Joe Mussatto | SEC Country | March 11, 2017

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Kentucky locker room isn't the fairest setting to find out who college basketball's best defender is, but Wildcats senior Dominique Hawkins would be a likely choice in most places.

Ask his teammates and he's almost unanimous.

Senior forward Derek Willis: "I'd say he's probably the best on-ball defender in the conference without a doubt. I'd throw him in there with the nation."

Senior guard Mychal Mulder: "I'm saying with confidence that Dom's the best defensive guard in the country, and I've watched a lot of basketball around the country."

Freshman guard De'Aaron Fox on if he's seen a better defender than Hawkins: "I have yet to play against one in an actual game. We've actually talked about that (as a team). Think about the guys that Dom has guarded in the last four years, and I'm not even talking about in games. Just in practice."

Well, current teammates like Fox, Malik Monk and Isaiah Briscoe. Then there was Jamal Murray and Tyler Ulis. The year before was Devin Booker and the Harrison twins. Then James Young the year prior.

Some of college basketball's best scorers have helped shaped one of college basketball's best defenders.

"This year, man, he's special," Fox said. "He's a special defender."

Hawkins scored 7 points in 29 minutes Saturday afternoon in Kentucky's semifinal win against Alabama. He had 1 steal, 1 assist and zero rebounds. But the stat sheet can sometimes offer a blind look at what Hawkins brings.

He said his goal is to get in his opponent's head. He wants to pressure to the point where the ballhandler can't help but to push off. And when he does, Hawkins wins.

"It actually comes from my high school coach," Hawkins said of his defense. "I wasn't really expecting myself to play defense a lot."

Allen Feldhaus Jr. coached Hawkins at Madison Central High School in Richmond, Ky. Hawkins also played football there.

"He played defensive back so he knows what he's doing," Briscoe said.

Briscoe joined Willis and Mulder in saying Hawkins is the best or among the best defenders in the country. Unless the offensive player Hawkins is guarding happens to be Briscoe.

"I be killing Dom in practice," Briscoe said with a smile. "He'll let you know."

Hawkins' response?

"He doesn't kill me in practice. He gets lucky if he even gets a basket."

Homegrown seniors Dominique Hawkins, Derek Willis rise up to lead these young Cats

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. — As the confetti was still falling around him, Dominique Hawkins looked dazed. He'd just stepped off the stage after earning SEC All-Tournament honors, which floored the career backup, and was about to climb a ladder to cut down the net on Kentucky's third straight SEC Tournament title.

"Unbelievable. Unbelievable," he said of a career-high 14 points and 4 steals in the championship game against Arkansas. "I don't want it to be the game of my life. We got six more to go."

If the eighth-ranked Wildcats are to play that many more games and claim their ninth national championship over the next three weeks, their trio of star freshmen must play well. To that end, 18 points from De'Aaron Fox and 17 apiece from Bam Adebayo and Malik Monk on Sunday were positive signs.

But a funny thing happened during Kentucky's 82-65 trouncing of the Razorbacks: Hawkins and fellow homegrown senior Derek Willis actually felt like the two most important pieces. Or perhaps more accurately, like the glue holding all those other talented pieces together.

"They've both been here for four years with great teams," Monk said, "so they know what to expect and they help us to expect everything."

When Arkansas mounted an early challenge in a game that was physical and at times downright nasty, Hawkins and Willis made a dizzying array of plays — Hawkins scrambling for steals, Willis snaring key rebounds, both of them burying clutch 3-pointers. They each hit from deep to help extend a 3-point lead to a dozen over the final three minutes of the first half.

Willis finished with 5 points, 9 rebounds and 2 blocks Sunday and delivered 23 boards and 7 blocks over three games here in Nashville. But his contributions are less surprising than Hawkins'. The latter

has been a reliable and rugged defender all four years, but his stat sheet rarely impresses. That has changed in these final weeks of his last season.

"They know their college careers are coming to an end," Fox said. "We're just trying to match what they're bringing. Dom and Derek have been incredible. Dom has been a sparkplug off the bench (and) this tournament he proved that he deserves to be on the national stage."

An incredible thing happened Sunday: Kentucky played nearly the final three minutes of the first half — in a tight game — without a single freshman on the floor. That almost never happens, at least until the last seconds of a blowout, since coach John Calipari and his parade of one-and-dones came to town. And the lead grew by nine points with an all-veteran lineup.

"We're starting to build a bench that we can go to," Calipari said. "Late in the season, it's almost like you're waiting to put (Hawkins) in the game. Like something has to happen so you can hurry up and put him in. I'm just so happy. Here's a young man that waited his turn, and you know it's hard these days."

Hawkins, a former Kentucky Mr. Basketball who had to dazzle in the state tournament at Rupp Arena as a senior in high school to earn a late scholarship from Calipari, said he never lost faith that someday he'd play a major role. He averaged 8.6 minutes as a freshman, 7.1 as a sophomore and 9.2 as a junior. Now, he's averaging nearly 20 minutes a game.

"Coach has always told me to be patient, be patient, my time is coming. And I trust him," said Hawkins, who played 23, 29 and 27 minutes this week in the SEC Tournament. "Being in this program, I know if you start playing well, good things will happen for you."

Willis and Hawkins, as their coach keeps saying lately, are both playing the best basketball of their life down the stretch. Good things are happening for them — but also for Kentucky.

"Being in really tight situations and having to make plays, having done those things before, we feel comfortable doing that," Willis said. "None of the nerves get to us."

Of note: Each of the Wildcats' eight previous national championships required key contributions from at least one in-state player, most recently Darius Miller in 2012. This team has two guys who fit the bill.

"I know all the Kentucky fans would like me to have 12 Kentucky kids and win a national title," Calipari joked Sunday. "It's a little hard to do. If I could, I would, believe me."

Hawkins, Willis Vital to UK's Tourney Prospects

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Dominique Hawkins has been a Wildcat for four years now, but he's never lost his sense of wonder about playing for his favorite team and home-state school.

It was plain to see on his face as he stood on the podium during Kentucky's Southeastern Conference Tournament championship celebration and heard his named called as a member of the league's All-Tournament team.

"I really didn't think I was going to win," Hawkins said. "I thought another teammate probably would get it. But I'm beyond blessed to be able to be part of the All-Tournament Team."

Hawkins may have been the most surprised person in Bridgestone Arena at the news. In fact, he was showered with "MVP" chants late in UK's title-game victory over Arkansas. De'Aaron Fox would take top honors, but there was no missing Hawkins' fingerprints on the Cats' three victories in Nashville, Tennessee.

In his 79 minutes – the most he's ever played over a three-game stretch – Hawkins terrorized opponents and energized anyone in Kentucky colors, fans and teammates alike. He had seven steals and forced at least as many turnovers with his defensive pressure while showing off burgeoning confidence on the offensive end with 26 combined points.

"I'll reflect on it a little later," Hawkins said. "I'm still living the enjoyment of it. It's incredible. All the hard work and all the patience definitely paid off."

It took plenty of hard work for both Hawkins and fellow senior Derek Willis to reach this point, with both playing important roles as their careers approach an end. The two Kentuckians are acutely aware of the fact that their time is running short, particularly now that UK has been tabbed a No. 2 seed in the final NCAA Tournament for the pair.

"It's kind of like a little bittersweet feeling, I guess," Willis said. "Even like leaving the SEC Tournament we just won, it was kind of like, ah, this is my last SEC Tournament, whatever, last time I'll be here. I'm also looking forward to this weekend. I know it's going to be exciting and being in Indianapolis we're going to have an awesome crowd show up for us. I'm just looking forward to that too."

Hawkins and Willis have each seen 13 NCAA Tournament games, three played in Indianapolis. The venue this weekend – Bankers Life Fieldhouse – for a first-round matchup with No. 15 Northern Kentucky (24-10) on Friday will be different than previous games played in Lucas Oil Stadium, but the seniors' experience remains vital to UK's prospects.

"I feel like me and Dom definitely have the most experience with postseason play," Willis said. "That's just what's going to take us—that's how we've been prepared for this moment. We're just going to go from there. We'll be ready though."

The seniors' experience will be counterbalanced by a lack thereof from their freshman teammates. That's where a little leadership comes in.

"I feel like I can definitely give advice to them," Hawkins said. "The first game is always probably the most nervous game you probably play in. I remember my freshman year going in I was so nervous to play in the NCAA Tournament game. These guys are great athletes, have great skills and they'll be ready to play."

Willis and Hawkins plan to be ready too.

"This is all it is," Willis said. "You gotta come out, you gotta get the Ws and this is what we prepare for every year, this part of the season. You just gotta be desperate. Everything's going to be a dogfight and it's the last game for a lot of people, so it means a lot to us and I know me and Dom as seniors, we'll be prepared for it."

After playing what he agreed was the best game of his college career to this point, Hawkins isn't resting on his laurels. He also isn't discounting the possibility that he could top himself over the next three weeks.

"I got six more to go," Hawkins said. "Maybe I'll play another game like that."

Defense the Key if Cats are to Advance in NCAA Tournament

By: Metz Camfield | UKathletics.com | March 13, 2017

Kentucky got a tough draw in the NCAA Tournament with six teams in its region ranked in the latest Associated Press Top 25, and two more listed at the top of the others receiving votes category.

Among those six ranked teams is 10-seed Wichita State, the No. 8 team in the latest Ken Pomeroy rankings, which Kentucky could potentially face in the second round should both the Shockers and Wildcats win their first-round games.

In order for second-seeded Kentucky (29-5) to advance to that stage and beyond, it knows it must do one thing more than anything else.

"The whole key to us will be defense," Calipari said. "If we continue to guard, we'll have a nice little run. We'll see what happens. But that's where we're – our defense is what we are. And I don't worry about offense with this group because we're so – we're fast, we can shoot it, we can post it, play pick-and-roll, play against zone.

"Derek Willis stretches the defense. Wenyen (Gabriel) is playing better now. But if we don't defend, we'll lose real fast, like real fast. We guard and play with great energy and disrupt and do the things we've been doing, it should be a fun NCAA Tournament."

Early in the year, it was Kentucky's offense that stole the headlines and led UK up to a No. 1 national ranking for two weeks in November. The Wildcats were flying up and down the court as one of the fastest teams in the country, scoring more than 100 points in three straight games and 93-plus points in seven of eight games.

As the season progressed, teams refined how they played against Kentucky and began sending fewer players to the glass and more players back on defense following shots. As that happened, UK hit its much talked about rut, losing three of four games.

During the Wildcats' reboot, Kentucky improved upon its half-court offense and learned how to play grind-it-out basketball, making Calipari more confident with his offense because it was now much more multi-dimensional.

"We'll score just because of our talent, our speed, the ability to shoot the ball from different positions," Calipari said.

UK also improved on its defense with increased effort and desperation. The end result has seen a decline in opponents' points per possession, better work on the glass and tighter defense along the perimeter.

"The way we've been playing defense is the reason we've been winning," senior guard Dominique Hawkins said. "If we continue to do that we'll definitely advance."

Willis attributed UK's improved defense to a sense of urgency coming with the season winding down.

"You have to be desperate and it's the last time playing college basketball and you want to leave it all out on the court," Willis said.

Against 15th-seeded Northern Kentucky (24-10), the Wildcats will face a volume 3-point shooting team. The Norse scores more than 35 percent of their points off 3-pointers, which ranks 59th nationally, according to college basketball analytics guru Ken Pomeroy. NKU hit more than 36 percent of its 3-point attempts and nearly 52 percent of its 2-pointers.

After playing 21 games against conference opponents, who the coaches are much more familiar with having played against them every season, UK will now go back to scheming against unfamiliar opponents and doing so with limited time.

"We're going to talk as a staff," Calipari said. "Are there any defensive weaknesses that we have that they may try to exploit? And if they do, let's not surrender like we did last year. Let's not say, if these don't play well – these guys – we lose. We'll play five guards. We'll do – what do you do, how do we do this. And we'll probably discuss that and then we'll work on it a bit."

Coach Cal likes that his team now has "more bullets in the gun" with both how they attack teams offensively as well as defensively with zone looks and an improving press. But he was quick to say that whatever happens to UK the rest of the way will be based on how the Cats defend.

"The biggest thing is we got really good players," Coach Cal said. "If they defend, we'll have a chance in every game we play. If they will just come out and say, we're going to be the best defense. We'll score just because of our talent, our speed, the ability to shoot the ball from different positions."

Isaac Humphries helps late friend 'fulfill his dream'

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LEXINGTON, Ky. – Kentucky is 24-0 this season in games that Isaac Humphries sank a basket.

That includes the Southeastern Conference Tournament championship against Arkansas on Sunday, where the 7-foot, 255-pound sophomore from Australia logged eight minutes and scored two points.

That might not seem like much ("Isaac gave us something tonight for the first time (in a while)," John Calipari said after the game), but for weeks Humphries has played with a childhood friend in mind.

Humphries met Arran Bannatyne through basketball and the two played together for four years on the Australian junior circuit. As Humphries tells it, his friend, "always dreamed of playing for Kentucky."

Bannatyne took his own life earlier this year, according to Humphries.

Before a game two weeks ago, Humphries wrote "RIP ARRAN" on one shoe and "1997-2017" on the other.

"It was just a little way for me to somehow let him fulfill his dream even though he's not here," Humphries said.

Since then, Humphries has kept in touch with former teammates and people who knew Bannatyne in Australia. Discussions about taking nothing for granted and making the most of opportunities are common; and Humphries notes, the outcome could have been different.

"Don't be afraid to ask someone for help or don't feel that there's no one there for you," he said. "There were so many people there for him, but he only cared about other people. He never for one minute asked for help about himself."

Kentucky begins its quest for a ninth national title at the NCAA Tournament this week. But to Humphries, it means much more than that.

"It was just crazy how it all turned out, with me coming here and stuff like that," Humphries said. "He was so excited and so proud of me for coming here."

Calipari Is a Media Machine. But Don't Ask Him to Use a Computer.

By: Marc Tracy | New York Times | March 15, 2017

LEXINGTON, Ky. — John Calipari, residue from that morning's Ash Wednesday service smudged on his forehead, unbound his iPad's leather case and showed a visiting reporter its gleaming sky-blue desktop.

"It's never off," he said. "Because I don't know how to turn it off."

Calipari, 58, Kentucky's successful and controversial basketball coach, does not have a computer in his office overlooking the Wildcats' practice gym. He does not know how to post Facebook updates or messages on Twitter. He does not, he said, even use email.

Yet Calipari, whose résumé at Kentucky includes four Final Fours, a national championship and a No. 2 seed in this year's N.C.A.A. men's basketball tournament, is the driving force behind several powerful media platforms — including a Twitter account with more than a million followers, a website and a popular weekly podcast. Collectively, these serve as a permanent branding campaign, a public record of his thoughts and actions, and a rapid-response mechanism for one of the sports world's most in-demand and polarizing personalities.

"We're going to give out our message,"

Calipari said this month, "but they're also going to be able to see who I am, who my friends are, what I do, what I read — and it's not filtered through anybody."

Calipari has long sought to connect directly with fans and showcase his boisterous personality, said David R. Scott, the co-author of Calipari's 2009 book, "Bounce Back," and the founding editor of Calipari's website, CoachCal.com. In an earlier era, Scott said, those connections were forged in small-group interactions; he recalled that Calipari, while coaching at the University of Massachusetts, delivered pizza to students waiting in line before games.

New technology has allowed Calipari to do the same type of thing, only on a much grander scale.

"His major was marketing," said Scott, now a senior director in communications at ESPN, "and he's used it every day of his life."

The internet and social media have eliminated the costs of printing and distribution, making anyone a potential publisher. From political campaigns to corporations to celebrities, organizations or individuals that in the past depended on traditional media outlets for their messaging now communicate directly with voters, consumers and fans.

This autonomy is especially crucial for Calipari, who stands atop perhaps the most obsessed-over college sports program this side of Alabama football; who seeks a prominent public profile, at least partly to aid the all-important endeavor of recruiting; and who in the past, he acknowledges, has been fitted with the "black hat."

Notoriety and negative coverage have long trailed Calipari, a Hall of Fame coach known for his brash personality and disruptive methods, along with his teams' consistent success. The N.C.A.A. vacated his Final Four runs with two previous teams, UMass and Memphis, and it takes only a few keystrokes to find someone criticizing his embrace of the so-called "one-and-done" strategy — recruiting talented prospects who expressly aspire to enter the N.B.A. after a single season in college.

While in the past, Calipari said, he could not effectively combat reports or columns that cast him or his team in a bad light, that is no longer true.

"In the old days, you had to wait," said Calipari, describing how he would respond to slights or what he viewed as misinformation earlier in his career. "You can get on a day later on the radio, but it's too late. It's already singed in their mind."

Today — with the aid of full-time staff members in Kentucky's sports information and image operations, who transcribe and publish the thoughts and musings of the tech-illiterate coach — things are different. "Now," he said, "I can respond in 30 seconds."

Calipari does not eschew traditional media availabilities, and even cooperated on a forthcoming ESPN documentary about his career. But his own megaphone is a big one. Calipari's Twitter account has three times as many followers as the main one for Kentucky's basketball program. More than 500,000 people follow his Facebook feed, and a quarter-million track his posts on Instagram.

Then there is CoachCal.com. It is not — like some other coach websites — a sleepy venue for occasional videos and links to articles posted elsewhere. Instead, it is an up-to-the-minute source for news, with its own de facto beat writer, Metz Camfield, and a certain, if limited, amount of exclusive access. (While the site is branded with Calipari's image, it is owned by JMI Sports, Kentucky's multimedia rights holder.) The site also has a personal blog with Calipari's reflections on his team's progress, celebrations of mentors and, of course, rebuttals to criticism.

The newest addition to Calipari Inc. is Cal Cast — Calipari's podcast, a breakout by a major active coach. After only three months and 15 episodes, it has more than a million listens. Calipari has hosted fellow coaches, businessmen, basketball commentators and his good friend Drake. (His dream guest is another clamorous, technologically challenged one-man media machine; according to Calipari, President Trump told a journalist whom Calipari declined to identify that he was open to appearing on the program.)

All of these endeavors push a daily dose of the gospel according to Calipari. Wondering whether he truly cares about his players? A recent Instagram photograph showed the stat sheet that Calipari said he receives daily, detailing how his alumni are faring in the N.B.A. Want to know his philosophy? A "Recruiting Manifesto" emphasized Calipari's "players-first" approach (foreshadowing "Players First," one of two books Calipari has written with the writer Michael Sokolove in the past three years). Skeptical that he is following N.C.A.A. rules? A state-of-the-program rundown last year reminded readers that Calipari's squads have among the highest graduation success rates of top teams.

A case study in how Calipari can bypass the traditional news media came amid the firestorm that erupted after a 2014 Yahoo report that Duke Coach Mike Krzyzewski had used his perch as U.S.A. Basketball's head coach to recruit high school prospects. Syracuse Coach Jim Boeheim, then a Team U.S.A. assistant, said in response that Calipari had complained about the arrangement and added that Calipari's protests seemed disingenuous since he had coached the Dominican Republic's team — a job that might have helped secure the commitment of the star prospect Karl-Anthony Towns.

One day after Boeheim's comments ran on Syracuse.com, Calipari, after appearing to respond via a snarky Twitter post, took to CoachCal.com to tell the world that he had called Boeheim ("We are friends"); to praise Krzyzewski's stewardship of U.S.A. Basketball; and to say he did not "begrudge" any potential recruiting advantage.

Years later, Krzyzewski appeared as the guest on Cal Cast's second episode. Calipari gushed about Krzyzewski's triumphs with the national team, and the coaches bonded over their Catholic-influenced boyhoods and their affinity for legendary coaches. "Everybody's going to be stunned," Calipari said, "that we just talked for 30 minutes."

Was it benign sincerity? Did Calipari have ulterior motives for staying on the good sides of U.S.A. Basketball and Krzyzewski? Either or both might be true — this month, U.S.A. Basketball announced that Calipari would coach the 19-and-under national team. But Calipari's public stance was probably delivered more cleanly and persuasively than it would have been even through a sit-down with a friendly reporter.

"It enables him to put his version of the story out exactly the way he wants to, as sanitized or unfiltered as he cares to," said Bill Grueskin, a Columbia Journalism School professor.

Calipari's credibility is buttressed by all the things he publishes that have no obvious utility, whether it is a tribute to his family's late German shepherd or CoachCal.com's stream of updates on the team, written mostly by Camfield, a former Kentucky journalism major. Even the sponsor announcements Calipari reads during Cal Cast are disarmingly genuine, most of all the Blue Apron spots in which Calipari's wife, Ellen, describes some delicious meal she has just cooked for her husband.

Jerry Tipton, the longtime Lexington Herald-Leader basketball beat reporter, said that Calipari's platforms had an unavoidable bias. "Cal talks about 'no filters,' which is fine," Tipton said, "except it has

the biggest filter of all: Coach Cal."

But Calipari disputed this characterization. "It isn't filter," he said. "It's transparent."

"I'm not perfect, I'm a sinner — that's why I've got my ash on my head," Calipari said. But, he continued, "there were so many coaches in the old days that were painted with black hats, and there were guys painted with white hats that should have had black hats on."

"I'm not trying to write my legacy — someone else will write my legacy," he added. "But what I am is, I'm transparent, and you are not writing my legacy."

Adebayo like Anthony Davis and Karl-Anthony Towns, just like Calipari predicted

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INDIANAPOLIS – John Calipari made a bold preseason prediction about Kentucky's 6-foot-10, 260-pound freshman, Bam Adebayo: that his path would be similar to that of former stars Anthony Davis and Karl-Anthony Towns. You know, just a couple of No. 1 overall NBA draft picks.

Both Davis and Towns were 5-star recruits, like Adebayo, but where they started and finished their lone season in Lexington was worlds apart. That's what Calipari expected of Adebayo – a jump from good to great at some point – when he drew the heady comparison last summer.

"When you start hitting late January and February, you're going to say, 'Oh, my goodness,' " the Wildcats' coach said then. "Because he's a beast with skills … and he wants to win."

Reminded of that prediction Thursday, on the eve of second-seeded Kentucky's 2017 NCAA Tournament opener against 15th-seeded Northern Kentucky, Calipari grinned and nodded.

"Right," he said, as in, See, I told you so. "Now all of a sudden you're skilled with the ball and you're athletic and you can fly. That's not normal. There's only one in five years like that. We've been lucky at Kentucky because we've had (several)."

Like Davis and Towns, Adebayo has elevated his game to a new level just in time for postseason. He averaged a very respectable 12.9 points and 6.9 rebounds through his first 26 college games, but the Dwight Howard clone started slipping in NBA draft projections because scouts thought it odd such an impressive physical specimen didn't dominate the paint more.

The answer is simple to senior Derek Willis.

"Bam is such a vital component to our team that our coaches ask a lot of him," Willis said. "They're on him about blocking shots, they're on him about getting rebounds, they're on him about making certain post moves. 'Why you going this way and this way? You're so much more athletic than everybody; jump over them.' There's always something that they're harping on him about.

"It's just because they want him to get better, but Bam's been one of the best players I've ever seen come through here at just taking all the criticism and everything they're throwing at him and still playing through it and doing what he's asked to do."

When he was asked to demand the ball more offensively, he did. When he was prodded to crash the glass harder, he did. Piece by piece, Adebayo began putting his game together, and now he's averaged 14.3 points and 10.2 rebounds and shot 64 percent from the field over the last nine games.

In that span, he's produced four double-digit rebounding games after a 17-game drought without one.

"I just got more aggressive and just wanted the ball more," Adebayo explained. But don't ask him to put a finger on when it all clicked for him, "because I'm still trying to figure it out. I still don't have all the answers."

That's what makes Adebayo's recent surge so tantalizing for Kentucky fans and NBA franchises alike. Who knows how much higher he can go? He combined for 40 points and 30 rebounds in consecutive games in late February, an awakening Calipari forecast, and just went for 17 points and 9 rebounds in the SEC championship game.

"For the freshmen that come in here, it's such an overwhelming experience to start," sophomore 7-footer Isaac Humphries said. "I think they just have to find their ground, find their rhythm. It just kind of happens I the second half of the season. You just start to sprout, I guess."

Sound familiar? Davis was plenty good from Day 1, but after producing 11 double-doubles in his first 27 games at Kentucky, he went on a tear before the NCAA Tournament: six double-doubles in seven games. Then he turned the Big Dance into his personal playground, led the Cats to a national title and earned Final Four Most Outstanding Player honors.

Towns averaged a pretty pedestrian 8.8 points and 6.3 rebounds in his first 26 games at UK before hitting his stride: 12.5 points, 7.9 rebounds and 2.5 blocks in the eight games before the NCAA Tournament. Then he went off for 21 points and 11 boards in the first round and 25 points, 5 rebounds, 4 assists and 2 steals in the Elite Eight.

Calipari is fond of saying that if a team doesn't have a post presence in the postseason, it'll be exposed as a fraud.

"(Adebayo) has given us a post presence," the coach said Thursday. "Here's a guy that can guard five positions, he can make free throws, he can guard pick-and-roll, he can play in pick-and-roll (offensively), and he can space the court because he's skilled. Six-ten in there, a beast, head on the rim, and guard five positions? Value. I mean, that's a kid that goes in and has an impact."

Just as Calipari predicted, although even he grew impatient as the regular-season dwindled and Adebayo had not yet fully blossomed. It seemed the young big man needed to be reminded of his own strength.

"Coach always says if Bam doesn't rebound, we're going to lose. We hear that every day," said star guard Malik Monk, who knows what is driving Adebayo to fulfill his enormous potential: "His mom, for sure. His mom and us, because we all to win and get to the biggest stage, and he wants to do everything he can to get his mom what she wants, too."

Dominique Hawkins: The kid we were 'blessed' to have

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RICHMOND, Ky. — Karen Feldhaus watched in the rearview mirror, listened and stayed out of it.

There was bickering in the cramped backseat as Feldhaus shuttled four teenagers — two of her daughters and two of her husband's high school boys basketball players — in a Chevy Equinox.

One boy joked that Allie Feldhaus was ugly and that nobody would date her. She began to cry and the second boy, Dominique Hawkins, spoke up.

"Allie, are you crying? Allie, you're not ugly," he said. Later, Allie laughed on senior night when she wrote to the boy, "Remember when you tried to convince me I wasn't ugly?"

Hawkins led Madison Central High to the 2013 basketball state title and was named Kentucky Mr. Basketball. If he can help the Kentucky Wildcats to the NCAA Tournament title in the coming weeks, he'll join only Darius Miller and Darrell

Griffith to accomplish all three feats.

In the halls at Madison Central, though, talk of basketball quickly turns to what happened in that backseat.

"There's so many little stories like that," Karen Feldhaus said. "It's not just basketball. It's our family and our girls have been blessed to have him. We feel so honored. He's a special person."

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Maybe it's because Dominique Hawkins grew up 30 miles down the road from Rupp Arena. Maybe it's because he's a four-year player at a school renowned for one-and-done stars briefly passing through on the way to the NBA. Maybe it's because he comes off the bench and defends and hustles.

Maybe it's simply because he's Dominique Hawkins, all effort and no entitlement.

Whatever the reasons, there was a noticeably louder cheer from the Big Blue Nation in Nashville's Bridgestone Arena when Hawkins was named to the Southeastern Conference All-Tournament team after the Wildcats beat Arkansas for the title on Sunday.

"I'm telling you, he is one of the neatest," Kentucky coach John Calipari said. "He's a true leader. He's about everybody else. Such a kind heart."

Hawkins' performance during three wins in three days at the SEC tournament was straight from a routine conversation among the Feldhaus family.

Allen Feldhaus played for Adolph Rupp at Kentucky and became a legendary high school coach at Mason County. All three of his sons played NCAA Division I ball, Allen Jr. at Eastern Kentucky, Willie at Morehead State and Deron was one of four senior "Unforgettables" on Rick Pitino's 1991-92 team at Kentucky.

Allen Feldhaus Jr. said he knew Hawkins was a special player by the time Hawkins was in seventh grade. The coach at Madison Central, for 24 years in Richmond and 31 total, had Hawkins dress out for varsity games after Christmas of his eighth-grade year. He became the leading scorer as a freshman and the run to the 2013 state championship was the culmination of a legendary career.

While the stats and results were staggering — Hawkins set the Madison Central scoring record — Feldhaus Jr. said he understands why Hawkins has flown under the radar at Kentucky.

"You don't really appreciate Dominique the first time or the second time that you see him because he's not flamboyant or flashy," he said. "You just don't notice all the other little stuff. The way he guards, the way he gets on the floor for loose balls. You don't notice that or you don't appreciate that until you see him four or five times."

The annual wave of talented players coming to Kentucky has both limited opportunities and helped Hawkins maximize potential.

In 2013-14, when Hawkins was a freshman, the Wildcats' perimeter included James Young and Andrew and Aaron Harrison.

Then came Devin Booker and Tyler Ulis. And Jamal Murray, Isaiah Briscoe, Charles Matthews and Mychal Mulder. And De'Aaron Fox and Malik Monk. (Hawkins said Ulis challenged him the most in practice.)

"He's been working and practicing every day going against players like that," Fox said. "You know, you have nothing to do but get better. If you don't, they're going to bury you. He's shown us how to fight and keep up the defensive intensity."

Here and there, Hawkins made the most of his playing time. In the NCAA Tournament during his freshman season, Calipari put him in against Louisville in the Sweet 16 to guard star Russ Smith, and he successfully guarded Michigan's Nik Stauskas in the Elite Eight.

As a junior last season, Hawkins scored 13 points, then a career-high, in a close win against rival Louisville.

Those contributions made Hawkins a fan favorite. And John Pelphrey, former Kentucky Mr. Basketball and member of the "Unforgettables," points out, Hawkins gets the Bluegrass bump from the fan base.

"I think everybody in Kentucky loves that team," said Pelphrey, an assistant at Alabama. "They may love their own a little bit more. It's natural, human nature."

Injuries cost Hawkins a chance for more opportunities as a junior and at other times he didn't play because of the crowded backcourt or Calipari's decisions.

People in Madison County were vocal about that disappointment, said assistant principal and athletics director Brandon Fritz. They wanted Hawkins to play more, especially when the Harrison twins went through ups and downs on the court.

"Dominique told me one time, 'Those are my best friends on the team,'" said Fritz, an assistant coach to Feldhaus Jr. when Hawkins was in high school. "Not one time has he had a negative attitude. Not one time. He's never said a bad word about his teammates."

"He handled it a lot better than we did, I'll be honest with you," Feldhaus Jr. said.

This season, Hawkins is averaging career bests in points, rebounds, assists, steals, minutes, and 3-point and free-throw percentage.

"It's almost like you're waiting to put him in the game, like something has to happen so you can hurry up and put him in," Calipari said.

Teammates couldn't stop pulling Hawkins in different directions after he set a new career-high with 14 points and had four steals in the SEC Tournament championship game.

They wanted him to hold the trophy. They asked him to cut down the net ("I'm only cutting one piece off," he said). Briscoe rounded up a group in the locker room and grabbed a Gatorade bucket full of water to dump on Hawkins. There were too many reporters and television cameras around him to make the move, though.

At home in Richmond, tears welled up in Feldhaus Jr.'s eyes as he watched the game on television.

"I just couldn't help it," he said. "I was just so happy for him."

Hawkins allowed himself a moment and comment or two to reflect on his career and recent run of stellar play. Then he pushed it all forward. He's been to two Final Fours and won three SEC Tournaments. There's one thing left to accomplish.

"For me, to be able to win a national championship has been my dream," Hawkins said. "I've dreamed that since I was little."

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Feldhaus Jr. was in Frankfort when a call came to his cell phone in March 2013.

It was Orlando Antigua, then a Kentucky assistant, and he said, "Coach Cal wants you to bring Dominique to practice today."

Madison Central had won the state title three days prior.

Calipari watched two of Madison Central's four games in the Kentucky Sweet 16 after Antigua convinced him Hawkins was worth a look.

During the practice, Calipari occasionally pointed to Hawkins and his teammates, who also were invited, and said things like, "Look at these guys, they play hard," and "They came back from behind to win."

"He was just singing our praises," Feldhaus Jr. said.

After the final whistle, Calipari called Hawkins and Feldhaus Jr. into his office.

"You're good enough to play here," Calipari said. "We're going to offer you a scholarship, but you can't say anything yet."

Due to his height (roughly 6-foot) and

playing out of position for his AAU summer team, Hawkins didn't have many scholarship offers entering his senior season. Western Kentucky and Morehead State were recruiting him, and then schools from around the SEC – Tennessee, Alabama and South Carolina – expressed interest during the state-title run.

Butler coach Brad Stevens, now with the Boston Celtics, called Feldhaus a couple times in the spring and the recruitment became a curiosity for everybody around.

Fritz, then Feldhaus Jr.'s assistant, asked Hawkins one time which school he would pick.

"Coach, you know where I'm going," Hawkins replied.

"He just got that smile on his face," Fritz said.

The wait lasted a month, and then Calipari called and said Hawkins could go public with the news.

For the kid born in Louisville and raised in Richmond, who's first memory of Kentucky basketball was coach Tubby Smith hoisting the national title trophy, there was never a decision to make.

"It's different growing up as a Kentucky kid and then playing for the team," Hawkins said. "I feel like I've taken that all in. I'm just blessed to be able to be here and part of this team."

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Karen Feldhaus taught Hawkins and high school teammate Ken-Jah Bosley the rules to Chinese checkers.

The Madison Central basketball team was eating at O'Charley's during the region tournament in February 2012 when a tornado warning was issued. Feldhaus Jr. told his star juniors he'd give them a lift home before the weather made him change his mind.

He took them to his house instead, where he and Karen had a finished basement with a kitchen, bedroom and bathroom. Feldhaus Jr.'s basketball players were always down there. Friends of the Feldhaus daughters, who played basketball and cheered, were, too.

When the power went out, Karen Feldhaus lit candles and offered board games. During a round of Chinese checkers, Karen called out Hawkins for making the wrong move.

"Now, Mrs. Feldhaus, you know I wouldn't cheat you," he said.

"I can hear it now, just that slow country twang that he's got," Feldhaus Jr. said. "I can hear him clear as day."

Hawkins was the oldest of five raised by Denise Hawkins, but the truth is she looked after more than that. Dominique's father, Doug Farris, came to all of his games, Feldhaus Jr. said, but Denise, who also provided for other kids in the community, is who everyone credits for Hawkins' disposition.

"Denise is a very positive person, so I think that definitely helped out these four years he's been at UK, keeping his head up and his spirits up," Feldhaus Jr. said.

Hawkins understood that being the oldest brought responsibility. One time after a bad game by Hawkins as an eighth-grader, Fritz on the bus ride home if Hawkins was doing OK. Hawkins admitted his stomach hurt because he hadn't eaten since 11 that morning.

"I was yelling at him trying to get him to play," Fritz said. "Truth was, he was hungry and wouldn't tell anybody."

After that, Fritz and Feldhaus Jr. didn't give Hawkins or his teammates a choice. Trips to Subway became the favorite pregame spot for meals and the Feldhaus Jr. and Fritz's households swelled, sometimes by the half dozen, with players in need of a place to stay or hang out for a while.

Hawkins was special on the court and the football field and everyone wanted to ensure his talent stayed on track. It wasn't hard to help out a kid like him.

"He's never going to be the squeaky wheel that gets the grease," said Karen Feldhaus, a teacher and cheerleading coach at Madison Central. "He can get lost in the shuffle sometimes, but I think ultimately the type of person and the type of child he is prevails in the end."

It is hard for Feldhaus Jr. to believe Hawkins is already a senior at Kentucky. He recently sent Hawkins a text, told him to enjoy the last few weeks of his career and that he hoped it would go all the way to the Final Four.

Hawkins' response included: "It's been a blessing at UK the last four years, but without you, I would never have made it. Thank you for everything, Coach."

"I'm trying to congratulate him and he brings it back on somebody else," Feldhaus Jr. said. "That's Dominique. That's the kid we were very blessed to have."

Though Hawkins doesn't come by Madison Central High frequently anymore, he will always be in those hallways.

There are the state championship and Gatorade Player of the Year banners hanging in the gym. His Kentucky All-Stars uniform and Kentucky Mr. Basketball award are in a glass case. Above the string of doors exiting the building, there's one photo of Hawkins going up for a layup and another with the team next to the state title trophy.

Feldhaus Jr. points to those and smiles.

"We plan on having these up for a long time."

UK's Seen it All, Energy Key

By: Metz Camfield | CoachCal.com | March 16, 2017

INDIANAPOLIS – Everything that has happened during Kentucky's 2016-17 season, both bad and good, has in the end helped the Wildcats prepare for this moment.

The second-seeded Wildcats (29-5) take on 15th-seeded Northern Kentucky (24-10) on Friday at approximately 9:40 p.m. ET in the first round of the NCAA Tournament, and will do so having seen just about everything under the sun in a single season.

UK has played fast and grinded it out. It's played without its starting point guard, and it's played with its leading scorer putting up both 47 points and two points. It's played with four guards at times and with two players in the paint. It's had big leads and hung on at the end. It's dug itself into double-digit holes only to come back and win. It's lost three out of four and won 11 in a row.

But what should help this Kentucky team the most when it takes the court against the Norse late Friday evening is that the big stage of the Big Dance is no big deal.

"Every team we play is their Super Bowl against us," sophomore guard Isaiah Briscoe said. "We've always had a target on our backs. This is nothing new for us."

Northern Kentucky enters the tournament as the seventh team to ever qualify for the NCAA Tournament in their first year eligible after reclassifying to become a Division I program. The Norse earned their ticket by winning the Horizon League Tournament.

UK, which has faced NKU just one time previously in November of 2013, will come in as the overwhelming favorite. The Wildcats are 6-0 all-time in the first round of the NCAA Tournament as a No. 2 seed and 2 seeds have lost just eight times in tournament history, but half of those eight losses have come in the last five years.

"If you expect in this tournament, to try to bury somebody, it's hard. It's hard," Coach Cal said. "You're just trying to say let's play as well as we can play.

"Teams this year, many teams had house money against us, not supposed to win. They're not expected to win. We were expected to win. They're throwing balls,

shooting bank shots, hook shots, runners, ball's going in. Who is that guy? He just made three 3s. Those are his first three 3s of the season. That's his first, that kind of stuff.

"So, you've got to come in this, let's worry about us. Let's play with energy, knowing this team is good enough, Northern, to beat us. Let's be at our best and see what happens."

One of the most popular words during Thursday's media opportunity with the Cats was "energy."

At last week's Southeastern Conference Tournament in Nashville, UK played with great energy for much of the tournament. The result was three consecutive wins, including a 17-point thumping of Arkansas in the championship. With such a late tip for Friday's game, UK knows coming out with great energy, and avoiding the lethargy that could come from waiting around all day, will play a key role.

"Basketball is basketball," freshman guard Malik Monk said. "We get up, eat breakfast, go to shootaround. Same thing we do before an early game or anything like that. We just gotta be focused."

What worries Coach Cal, he said, is that Kentucky is the youngest team in the NCAA Tournament. During the Calipari era that note hasn't been all too uncommon.

The Wildcats have become older of late with the strong play of their three seniors. Derek Willis has started each of the past five games, Mychal Mulder is third on the team in 3-pointers made, and Dominique Hawkins was named to the SEC All-Tournament team after recording career highs in points (14) and steals (4) in the championship game Sunday.

Still, UK's top three scorers, Monk, De'Aaron Fox and Bam Adebayo, are freshmen. Its four leaders in minutes are the aforementioned trio and Briscoe. UK's leading rebounder and assist man are both freshmen as well.

"They've never been in this tournament setting," Calipari said. "You're trying to talk them through, but you can't. They have to feel it.

"We have veterans that I can go to, but we'll see. You don't know. I mean, that's what makes this tournament what it is. You don't know. You may think you know, but you do not know."

And so perhaps this UK team hasn't seen it all. It's gone through a number of trials and tribulations in what has been a successful season thus far, but the NCAA Tournament will be a new challenge for many of UK's brightest stars.

What Kentucky does know is that it can expect to see a Northern Kentucky team playing with a sense of nothing to lose, which is fine with the Cats.

"I think every team brings that extra energy when they play against Kentucky," Briscoe said. "They're going to come out hitting shots. They're going to be excited. But like I said, we're used to that. We're used to being the other team's Super Bowl. So, we're just going to come out and play how we play."

Calipari does it all, but keeps it simple for the Wildcats

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INDIANAPOLIS (WDRB)-- John Calipari, noted documentary subject, pitchman, podcaster, author, Tweeter and coach of the storied basketball team at the University of Kentucky, wishes to put your mind at ease.

He can, in fact, do it all.

On the eve of his No. 2-seeded Wildcats' meeting with No. 15 seed Northern Kentucky, Calipari was asked how he has time for it all? How did he add a podcast to his already busy schedule?

He was, you might suspect, glad you asked.

"It takes me about 30 minutes a week," Calipari said. "Does anybody know what a podcast is because I didn't know what it was? Never heard of a podcast. I only did it because no other coaches are doing it. That's my question. Any other coaches doing podcasts? No. Then I'm doing it. Now, we had friends of mine on. It's like two guys drinking coffee, and you're a fly on the wall. There's been over a million listens. Did you hear what I just said?

"People are like crazy out there," he went on. "We don't know that. There were a million listens to these podcasts. Will I do it again next year? I don't know. I'm hoping 20 other coaches do them so I can stop doing it. Then I don't have to do it. But right now, I'm like the only coach that does it."

See? Easy. If no other coach is doing it, he's going to try it, and watch the ripples. Listen for a Mike Krzyzewski Podcast on iTunes soon.

(This column will resume in a moment, after I tell you about Blue Apron . . .)

Calipari is more than a coach. He's an industry. His website, CoachCal.com, updates more in a week than most coaches' do in a season. He's written two books in the past three years.

It's easy to forget, sometimes, that he's a coach. Don't forget. And if you are tempted to forget, you'll hear the reminder. Usually from Calipari himself.

When reporters at Thursday's NCAA news conference asked Mychal Mulder what he knows about Friday's opponent, NKU, he said, "We haven't watched a whole lot of film. Talented team from what we have seen throughout the year. A team that we respect. They're in our state, and it's great to be able to play them in our first game of the tournament."

Dominique Hawkins chimed in, "Like Mike said, we didn't watch a lot of film on them, but we're definitely going to respect their guards. They've got great guards, athletic, can get to the rim. We're really excited to be able to play an in-state team."

So to sum up: Respect. Good guards. Northern Kentucky is in Kentucky. Good to go.

At this point, Calipari jumps in: "Can I just say something? We spend a lot of time on ourselves right now, and the stuff that they've watched has been personnel tape. We do all that stuff, and they'll watch 15-20 minutes of tape on everybody we play. So please don't take it as disrespect. That's just how we do this."

Let's be honest. Kentucky's players need to watch a bunch of NKU tape about as much as they need to watch La La Land before Saturday's NCAA Tournament game.

The Calipari way is this: I'm going to get the best players humanly possible. I'm going to get them to play as well as I possibly can. I might add a wrinkle or two for really good opponents, but probably not. Everyone is going to adjust to my team. I'm not going to adjust to them.

If it's good enough, he winds up in the Final Four. If it's really good enough, he wins a championship. About the only downside, you might note, is that he has to be really good, might even need more talent than others to make that happen. So? He has more talent, quite often. Maybe, you say, he'd have won another championship, maybe two, if he'd been a touch more conventional in preparation.

Oh, what? So now your'e a hater? How close has (fill in coach you respect here) gotten, and how often?

"I have watched the tape, OK?" Calipari goes on. "So the games that I've seen, (NKU's) tournament games, the UIC game, they run their stuff. They have a five-man that can shoot threes. Their guards are not afraid. They'll shoot threes. They'll fly up and down the court. They run good stuff in the half court. They space the court. Their pick-and-roll stuff is good. Their man-to-man is more of a let's make sure you're

going to take a tough shot, and we're going to rebound and run. They do play a 2-3 zone. I've seen a little bit of 1-3-1. Run good out-of-bounds plays on the baseline. John's done a good job. They've won 25 games. This is a legitimately good team."

In the tournament's first eight game, only one was a breather. Scores are close. Mid-majors are getting closer to majors, and tiny powers are threatening everyone with improved coaching, analytics, precision execution, great shooting, game management. Butler helped change the game.

"I'm not really watching games, but I'm hearing scores, two-point game, one-point game," Calipari said. "If you expect in this tournament, to try to bury somebody, it's hard. It's hard. You're just trying to say let's play as well as we can play. Teams this year, many teams had house money against us, not supposed to win. They're not expected to win. We were expected to win. They're throwing balls, shooting bank shots, hook shots, runners, ball's going in. Who is that guy? He just made three threes. Those are his first three threes of the season. That's his first, that kind of stuff. So you've got to come in this, let's worry about us. Let's play with energy, knowing this team is good enough, Northern, to beat us. Let's be at our best and see what happens."

Got it?

Calipari's occasional themes can be grating. Kentucky fans and the media who cover the Wildcats can recite the litany of phrases he uses over and over. But let's be honest. Every coach has a variation on those phrases. Calipari's just happen to dig a bit deeper, sometimes.

"You're going to hate me," he says, smiling into the camera for the trailer of the ESPN 30-for-30 documentary about him. "Because I'm going to come to your town and beat your team."

And, just maybe, talk about it on his podcast.

Calipari is more mindset than minutiae. He will get involved in X and O basketball. Often, he'll do basic things that other coaches resist doing. He is wedded to very little stylistically. But more than that, his exhortations to his team appeal to their emotions. He has talented players. He essentially is prodding them to embrace their own talent, to find more of it, use more of it.

"Get serious!" he yelled at Isaiah Briscoe and DeAaron Fox during Thursday's shootaround. "Make ten threes in a row. Let's go!"

Sometimes, he'll stare down a player and just scream, "Play!" or "Go!" or "Run!"

"You've just got to be prepared for what if this happens, what if that happens," Calipari said, but then cautioned, "You can't give that all to the players. I will not-- I refuse to overwhelm them with tape of the other team or more than what we do. We'll be prepared as coaches if we need to do stuff, but I want them to have fresh legs, fresh minds. They're not overwhelmed with video. Let's go play basketball. Thanks, everybody."

And he was out the door. On to the next thing you haven't thought of yet.

Calipari has a favorite player: his son, Brad

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INDIANAPOLIS — It was a brazen move, admitting to a possible NCAA violation right here in the city where college basketball's governing body is headquartered, but Kentucky coach John Calipari looked right into the cameras on Saturday and confessed: His wife has been doing one of the players' laundry for free.

The rogue athlete in question is walk-on freshman guard Brad Calipari, who now lives on campus in the Wildcat Lodge, "but he still brings his clothes over to his mom to wash," UK's coach said, grinning. "It's probably against the NCAA rules, but he does it."

Kidding aside, John Calipari shared an unusually tender side of himself on the eve of the Cats' second-round NCAA Tournament game against Wichita State. He lit up at a question about what it's been like to coach Brad, his only son and the youngest of his three children, for the first time.

"It's just nice being around him," the elder Calipari said. "Like when we travel. It was my birthday down at Alabama and I was feeling awful. I was in a room by myself. I call him, say, 'Hey, come on up here.' Why? 'Because I'm in a room by myself. Come on up.' Dad, please don't make me come up there!"

That's what a college freshman who is trying to impress friends, teammates and girls is supposed to say — 50-something dads in unfashionable jeans are so lame, after all — but in a more honest moment Saturday, Brad admitted he kind of loves this time together, too.

"He never really got the chance to coach me any time from when I was little to high school. Even when I would have workouts (at UK's facility), I would usually work out with the assistants because he was too busy doing other stuff, so I wouldn't really ask him," said Cal Junior, as star forward Bam Adebayo calls Brad. "But this year has been great, being under him and watching how he does things, how he coaches, everything he teaches these guys."

Walking on as the son of the most polarizing figure in college basketball comes with a downside or two, too. Every road game this season, the opposing student section had a healthy dose of harassment ready for both Brad and Dad.

The worst he heard? "Oh, man, something I can't say on camera," the son said. Not even a censored version? "Beep, beep, beep, beep."

John Calipari's wife, Ellen, joked in the preseason that when the vitriol turned on her little boy, she might have a hard time not physically assaulting the offender. So far, she has not beaten or strangled anyone.

"I would be more worried about my older sister," Brad said. "Erin would be ready to fight somebody. Her and (middle sibling) Megan both have been telling me stories about going to a bar to watch the game and hearing someone say something — and they'll say what they need to say back."

But John has taught Brad never to respond, and the latter has shown remarkable restraint. In fact, he usually plays along with the hecklers. Florida's were most creative, he said, and the "Calipari doesn't recycle" sign cracked him up.

"He's always told me I'm going to get it the worst because I'm his son. I expect it, so I have fun with it. No reason to get mad over it," Brad said. Not even the nasty ones. "Laugh at them. That's all you can do. It's pathetic. Sometimes you got grown men saying it. You're yelling at a kid."

John Calipari does plenty of yelling at kids himself, and he does not spare his son. Adebayo said there isn't a cold separation of father-son, coach-player roles — "You shouldn't have to disown your son on the court" — but sometimes Brad does get it worse than the players who don't share a last name with their coach.

"One day we were in practice and we were doing this lunge drill, and (John Calipari) was like, 'Everybody is athletic enough to do this drill except for Brad.' We all busted out laughing and Brad started smiling," Adebayo said. "I feel like it's a blessing for him, because a lot of kids have to go away from home, get away from their parents, but he comes right to college and gets to be with his dad more. Cal's going to be hard on him, but at least he gets to be around his dad and just have fun with his dad."

UK's 'shy' guy, Dominique Hawkins, comes out of his shell

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INDIANAPOLIS-- Over his first three seasons as a UK basketball player, Dominique Hawkins says he rarely talked to his fellow Wildcats.

The former Madison Central star was the final addition to Kentucky's ultra-hyped recruiting class of 2013, the one that had six McDonald's All-Americans.

Hawkins wasn't acquainted with any of those players before he came to college, and — already a self-described "shy" kid by nature — was a bit overwhelmed by what he was walking into.

"I didn't know anybody," Hawkins said, the smile that's seemingly always on his face getting a little bigger as he spoke. "Only Derek. And Derek don't talk much either."

Hawkins burst into laughter at the mention of Willis, the only other player in that 2013 class who wasn't a five-star recruit. Hawkins and Willis were both Kentuckians and knew each other from AAU ball. They became roommates once they got to UK. They bonded. Outside of team activities, they largely kept to themselves.

That's changed this season.

"I didn't really talk to my other teammates as much as I did this year," Hawkins said. "I'm more vocal off the court. I didn't usually talk to anybody, really, off the court. But to these guys — I'll just talk about anything with them."

Hawkins said this bunch is the "funnest" group he's been around as a Wildcat.

The fun started early, as soon as the freshman class got to campus.

Hawkins, speaking Saturday from his fourth NCAA Tournament, said many of UK's newcomers in the recent past have come in quiet, just like he did when he was fresh out of high school.

"This group came in not shy at all," Hawkins said, singling out De'Aaron Fox as the Wildcat who never shuts up. "I'm not a talkative person, but they turned me into one. I feel like I'm talking to them 24/7 when I'm around them. We're always goofing around with each other.

"Until it's game time. That's when we get serious."

This, of course, is Hawkins' final trip to the Big Dance. He's played on two Final Four teams — one that made it to the national championship game, another that was 38-0 going into the final weekend of the season — and he entered this tournament playing his best basketball as a Wildcat.

Hawkins was named to the SEC's all-tournament team last week. He's played at least 20 minutes in each of the Wildcats' four postseason games so far. And, as he has for much of his career, he's done all the "little things" that have helped drive UK to victories during that stretch.

Not coincidentally, he's also talking more on the court. In practice and in games. Sometimes that talk goes in John Calipari's direction.

"I will talk back if I have to," Hawkins said. "If I feel like I did something that he thought was wrong but I thought was right, I will talk back about that."

Hawkins "talking back" to Calipari? That would have been unthinkable four years ago.

The UK senior described it as part of the "growing experience" that all college kids go through during their time on campus.

Willis, still the closest Cat to Hawkins, has seen that growth first-hand.

He's said multiple times in the past few weeks — as their college careers come to a close — that he and Hawkins share similar personalities. That's part of the reason they've become so close during their time in Lexington.

"I think as the years have gone on, we've both come along and been a little bit more outgoing as we've grown," Willis said. "We've both grown up a lot."

Do Kentuckians bring something extra to UK team? 'It kind of ups the ante'

By: Jerry Tipton | lexington Herald-Leader | March 19, 2017

The last native Kentuckian to lead Kentucky in scoring? That would be Scott Padgett nearly 20 years ago (1998-99 to be exact).

You have to go back nearly 40 years to find the last native Kentuckian to lead a national championship-winning UK team in scoring (Jack Givens in 1977-78). Since then, leading scorers on title teams came from, ugh, Tennessee (Tony Delk in 1995-96), Georgia (Jeff Sheppard in 1997-98) and Chicago (Anthony Davis in 2011-12).

Former Cat Cameron Mills, shown here with the late Bill Keightley, tried to explain what it means to be a Kentuckian on a UK basketball team. "When you're from Kentucky, there's a much higher degree of thinking in terms of the good of the Commonwealth, the good of the university and the good of the program."

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With Dominique Hawkins and Derek Willis regular contributors this season, an obvious question comes to mind: Do Kentuckians bring something special, some hard-to-define intangible to a UK team? Or is basketball a meritocracy where talent, athleticism and desire rule? Birthplace has nothing to do with it.

"I don't know," said Isaiah Briscoe, who is from Newark, N.J. "I can't speak on that. I'm not from Kentucky."

This response did not surprise Willis, who is from Mount Washington.

"It's one of those things they're not really going to understand," he said of the non-Kentuckians on Kentucky's team. "Like I would not understand. 'Zay is from New Jersey. I don't understand some Jersey things."

Willis said he believed being from Kentucky makes a difference.

"It kind of ups the ante a little bit more," he said. "I feel there's a lot more pride that comes with it."

Anthony Epps, a native of Lebanon and the point guard on UK's 1996 national championship team, spoke of a passion that flows between fans and native-born players. Each sparks the other. "You just get a different emotion and vibe from the fans," he said.

This also happens with the UK's women's team, where his daughter, Makayla Epps, stars, he said.

Cameron Mills, a native of Lexington and a contributor on UK's 1998 national championship team, referenced the cliché about playing for the name on the front of the jersey as opposed to the name on the back.

"At some level, you're always playing for the name on the back of the jersey because you represent your family and yourself," he said. "But when you're from Kentucky, there's a much higher degree of thinking in terms of the good of the Commonwealth, the good of the university and the good of the program."

When asked how this kind of thinking impacts performance, Mills echoed Briscoe's comment. "To be honest, I don't know what the correlation is," he said. "I don't know if statistics even back it up.

"Honestly, I kind of hope it doesn't."

Ideally, the passion and pride that might drive a native Kentuckian does not

distinguish him from his UK teammates.

"I hope that's the case," Mills said. "That you really can't tell a difference."

Monk's Defense Takes Center Stage

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INDIANAPOLIS – All season Malik Monk has been known for his high-scoring games and propensity to hit big 3-point shots.

On Sunday, he did hit a big 3-pointer late, but he made his best play of the season blocking a 3-pointer.

"I was just timing his dribble," Monk said. "I knew he was going to shoot a 3 at some point. I was just timing it. As soon as he picked it up I timed his jump shot perfect and I was able to block it."

Leading by one point with 13 seconds left, Wichita State's leading scorer, 6-foot-8 forward Markis McDuffie, attempted the 3-pointer from the right wing. Monk, one of the best freshman scorers in Kentucky basketball history, was there to make the block, which he deemed the biggest defensive play of his entire career.

Derek Willis corralled the loose ball and handed it to Monk, who was then fouled. The Lepanto, Arkansas, native then hit both free throws with 10.6 seconds left to give UK a three-point lead, and freshman teammate Bam Adebayo sealed the 65-62 win with a block of his own on the final possession.

"That was probably my first (big defensive play late in a game)," Monk said. "Just played solid defense. We knew they were going to shoot the 3 because that's what they'd been doing the last five plays, and they got clean looks. But we couldn't let them have a clean look and we just played solid."

Monk, who entered the game with 95 3-pointers to his name, had just 14 blocks, or 0.4 blocks per game. Despite the low block totals, his teammates say they know the quick, uber-athletic guard is capable of shutting down opposing players at any time.

"We know Malik can play defense," senior guard Dominique Hawkins said. "We've seen it in practice all the time. For him to make that play, it lets everybody know that he actually plays defense and he made a big play for us. That's why we won that game at the end."

Three possessions earlier, it was Monk who had the ball along the left wing for the Cats with redshirt-freshman guard Landry Shamet defending him. Monk took one dribble to his left and then took it between his legs. When Shamet's hands went down, Monk's shot went up. Buckets.

"If I'd made none in that game I was still going to shoot that one," Monk said. "I'm a shooter. All my teammates have confidence in me that I'm going to make big-time plays, and that's what happened."

The shot was Monk's second made 3-pointer of the game, and just his fifth made 3 over the past six games as he's struggled with his shot since making five triples against Florida in late February.

Sunday's 3-pointer with 2:10 left in the game was eerily similar to the one he made late in the game on Dec. 17 against North Carolina, which also came from the left wing. Similar to the 3-pointer against the Tar Heels, this one also was an audible called by the freshman.

"We were supposed to throw the ball to Bam, but I saw his hand was down and I knew I was going to get a clean look off him," Monk said. "That's what happened."

Head coach John Calipari was just happy to see another 3-pointer drop for his dead-eyed rookie.

"It was great to have Malik back," Coach Cal said. "Haven't seen him for a while. He's on that path, still not all the way back, but he's on the path that we need him on."

As a high school senior, Monk appreciated Coach Cal's honesty while recruiting him. Calipari, as he does with every player he recruits, didn't promise Monk anything except that he would be pushed if he came to Kentucky.

One of the areas where Calipari wanted to push Monk was on the defensive end. The 6-3 freshman said he's worked the entire season on that end of the floor and the confidence he received from Coach Cal and his teammates helped him make the play.

And though it was Monk's block that was the biggest play he made Sunday, his teammates know the offensive explosion can come at any moment as well.

"I'm proud of him," Adebayo said. "I'm just thankful he's my teammate. You never know. One day he might go for 47. You just never know. He might get the green light and the rim just look like an ocean. When everything is going in for him, we're going to feed him the ball."

Kentucky's fresh approach to last-minute defense leads to Sweet 16

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INDIANAPOLIS — The third-best defensive play executed by Kentucky in the final minute of its NCAA Tournament victory over Wichita State was the work of senior guard Dominique Hawkins. He will get little credit for it elsewhere, because essentially he did nothing. Hawkins did not steal the ball, reject a shot or even force a miss. But doing nothing included not fouling. And not fouling was enormous.

The two best defensive plays of the final minute were the work of freshmen: guard Malik Monk and center Bam Adebayo. That is not how it is supposed to be in the NCAA Tournament, but that is how it has to be with the Kentucky Wildcats.

"I'm really proud of the guys. Hard game to play," coach John Calipari said from the press-conference platform following No. 2 seed Kentucky's 65-62 victory over the 10th-seeded Shockers. "These guys up here, they're young, but they have a will to win and play with courage and are skilled basketball players and great kids who share."

As Wichita State tried to conjure a game-tying 3-pointer in the final 10 seconds, Hawkins was defending Shockers point guard Landry Shamet, who had 20 points and nailed a 3-pointer that made this a one-possession game inside the final minute. With time nearly expired, Hawkins saw that Shamet was preparing to shoot, but Shamet executed a pump-fake that got Hawkins into the air — and Hawkins contorted his body so that he did not crash into Hawkins while landing.

So maybe it's wrong to say Hawkins did nothing.

"I was thinking he was going to pump-fake the whole time," Hawkins said. "As soon as he pump-faked, I jumped but tried to jump away from him so I wouldn't foul him. I jumped kind of backwards so he wouldn't lean into me.

"I had no idea Bam was beside me, but I'm so glad he was."

Adebayo executed the best defensive play of that sequence by surging forward as Shamet reloaded to shoot and swatting the Shockers into the offseason. He had to avoid Hawkins to get into the play, because colliding with him might have created a foul and it certainly would have impeded a block attempt. Even though he is 6-10, 260 pounds, Adebayo was nimble enough to get this done. It was Adebayo's 54th block. It would be a stretch to say this is a specialty, but he has become a presence.

"The ball came to my side," Adebayo said. "He pump-faked Dom, so I had to help my teammate. As soon as he went to jump, I blocked it."

This is a different sort of too-young Kentucky team than most of those that

preceded it during Calipari's tenure. This team is not as talented as 2012's, is not as volatile as 2014's, is not as tall as nearly any of them. But there's a toughness here that is underappreciated. These 'Cats have survived more battles than it seems all of their predecessors combined did. They get into these battles because of their limitations, but they escape them because of their resilience. They have won their past five two-possession/OT games and 13 games in a row overall.

"We don't have a go-to person down the stretch because we've got multiple guys that can get it done," gifted point guard De'Aaron Fox said. "If it's my turn, I do it. Malik hit a big 3 off the dribble, and he knocked down clutch free throws. Whoever's hands the ball ends up in, that's who does it."

They shared the collective responsibility of preventing the Shockers from scoring in the final 80 seconds after allowing a lead that stood at seven points with 4:09 left and five points with 2:10 left to dwindle all the way to a single point when Shamet, Wichita State's sublime redshirt freshman point guard, hit a 3-pointer with 55 seconds remaining.

After the Wildcats (31-5) attempted to cram two possessions into what remained of the game but misspent the first attempt on a baseline floater by Monk, Wichita worked 27 seconds toward what became a 3-point attempt from wing Markis McDuffie. It might not have been the primary option on the play, because McDuffie had missed four of his five shots from long range. That couldn't have eased the fears of any Kentucky fans as he rose to fire.

It was at that point that perhaps the unlikeliest of all Wildcats made the second-best defensive play of the final minute but perhaps the most important of all. Monk acknowledged afterward that college basketball has been different for him. "I never played defense before. Never had to play defense," he said.

Listed at 6-3 but seemingly a lot taller when he leaps, Monk rose in tandem with McDuffie and forced his hand onto the ball as it still was in the shooter's palm.

"I timed it perfectly," Monk said. "As soon as he picked it up, I knew he was going to shoot. I timed it well, and I jumped with him. I was able to get the block."

Wichita State is exactly the sort of maddening opponent that gave Kentucky trouble during the SEC regular season: well-coached, defense-oriented, guard-the-lane-like-it's-cash-money. If you think about it, there are many similarities between the Shockers' style and the way early Calipari teams functioned.

To an extent, Georgia did this three times to the Wildcats. But UK survived each of those games. They shot 41.8 percent but escaped the Shockers (31-5).

"We've been in games like this, and we've been able to close out," Fox said. "So I don't think it's a surprise we closed this one out. I feel like we could have played much better, but if you're not on you're a game, just do the little things.

"Everyone just expects us to score 90 points every game, and that's just not realistic."

Wichita State talked, Kentucky listened and the Wildcats advanced

By: Kyle Tucker | SEC Country | March 19, 2017

INDIANAPOLIS — Note to Kentucky's future NCAA Tournament opponents: Wait until after the game to talk. Wichita State on Sunday joined 2015 West Virginia on a dubious list of teams that filled up the Wildcats' pregame bulletin board, only to see their season end the next day.

Unlike the Mountaineers, who got run out of the building two years ago, the 10th-seeded Shockers at least made second-seeded Kentucky sweat this time. But in the end, the primary target of their talk — freshman star Bam Adebayo — delivered the kill shot, a last-second block, in a 65-62 victory that sent the Cats to the Sweet 16.

"We all saw everything that was said," UK point guard De'Aaron Fox said afterward, "and it lit a fire under us."

There was some general trash talk, with Wichita State forward Markis McDuffie saying before the game that he was "very tired of hearing about Kentucky" and guard Zach Bush calling the Cats a potential "notch on our belt" like recent Shockers upset victims Kansas, Arizona and Gonzaga. But the most pointed chatter was directed at Adebayo.

Wichita State forward Darral Willis Jr. said on Saturday that UK's 6-foot-10, 260-pound big man was "getting shut down." Adebayo instead recorded his second straight double-double and fifth in the last nine games: 13 points and 10 rebounds.

Shockers coach Gregg Marshall said on Saturday that he was going to throw a lot of bodies at Adebayo and "he's going to need to be in great shape." The agile forward played 31 minutes and had enough left in the tank to swat Landry Shamet's potential-tying 3-point try at the buzzer.

Shamet had scored 20 points and buried a series of big buckets late, and he'd pump-faked Dominique Hawkins off his feet, but Adebayo was there waiting when he finally rose up. Were he so inclined, Adebayo could've crowed about what was a fitting exclamation point. But he's more the quiet type.

"I just go out there and play basketball, man," the hero said. "Trash talking is not for me. I just stick with my teammates and we get things done. We fight, we play hard, we go out there and just play."

The rest of the Wildcats were less reserved in the afterglow of their highly satisfying victory — the second time in three years Kentucky has bounced a Wichita State team with 30-plus wins from the second round of the NCAA Tournament by way of a thrilling throwdown. The postgame locker room brings a green light to gab.

"I just kind of look at their team like they're the best 'little man,' if that makes sense," said senior Derek Willis, whose 9 points, 8 rebounds, 3 steals and a block might've been the most important contribution of his UK career. "Teams coming in saying stuff like that, from our past history, it's never a good idea. I think this was one of the more personal games that I've played in, other than maybe the (Louisville) rivalry games and back in high school.

"But it was fun. It got me in a better mindset."

Sophomore guard Isaiah Briscoe, who steadied the Wildcats early when the rest of their starters were struggling, is quite a talker himself. "But eventually you gotta play the game," he said. Star guard Malik Monk, who blocked the Shockers' 3-point try to go in front with 13 seconds left and sank two free throws with 10 ticks remaining, put it another way: "I wouldn't do that. Some people might feel comfortable doing that, but every team's going to have to step in the ring."

Reporters kept circling back to Adebayo in the postgame locker room, prodding and prodding for something that sounded like That showed them! But he wasn't having any of that. He grinned at every attempt and then deflected it.

He was more interested in the text message that had just popped up on his phone. Adebayo's mother wanted him to know she was proud and she loved him.

"Some people don't have mothers in this world. I feel sorry for them because they'll never learn what a mother's love feels like," he said, demolishing any imagery of the conquering giant he is. "I'm just blessed that I get to see mine almost every

day and just kiss her on the cheek. She might just kiss me on the cheek and say, 'You still got two more weeks.'"

Outside the arena, a Kentucky TV station (WMYT) actually captured Adebayo's mom saying a little more than that: "Oh, no, he didn't shut him down, did he? Bam went at him, too, didn't he? Oh, yes he did!"

So, maybe all that trash talk didn't motivate Adebayo — his teammates are skeptical — but it sure seemed to be fuel for everyone else involved.

"We heard what they were saying, specifically about Bam, saying, 'I hope he's in shape.' He looked like he was in pretty good shape to me," senior guard Mychal Mulder said. "They said they were going to shut him down. Last I checked, he came up with a double-double. No one in the country is going to shut him down.

"They did a lot of talking, but at the end of the day, they're going home and we'll be in Memphis."

That's the site of the South Regional semifinals, where Kentucky will play in its sixth Sweet 16 in the last eight seasons.

'I gotta jump': Bam, Hawkins, Calipari break down Wichita State's final shot

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INDIANAPOLIS-- Just like it did three years ago, Sunday's NCAA Tournament game between the Kentucky Wildcats and Wichita State Shockers came down to one last shot.

UK guard Malik Monk hit two free throws with 10.6 seconds left to give the Cats a 65-62 lead — and set what would ultimately be the final score — and the Shockers, with no timeouts left, took the ball out of bounds to set up the final play.

Wichita State's Conner Frankamp inbounded the ball to Landry Shamet, who had a game-high 20 points. De'Aaron Fox picked up Shamet deep in the backcourt and stayed with him all the way across halfcourt. Shamet dribbled in the direction of the Shockers' bench, and that's when 6-foot-7 forward Rashard Kelly set a screen on Fox. Dominique Hawkins took Shamet from there.

"There was a ball screen," Hawkins said. "Me and Fox — we switched, and I ended up guarding the ball at the end."

Hawkins, who has become known for his on-ball defense, hounded Shamet to the other side of the court and — without touching Shamet — made him take a jump-step backward as he dribbled. There were 2.5 seconds on the clock at that point, and the Wichita State guard was about 27 feet from the basket.

UK Coach John Calipari was asked afterward if he considered fouling in that situation.

"It entered my mind when they messed around with the ball, but I hadn't said anything," he said. "When it got down to four, five (seconds left), I'm thinking, 'We gotta foul.' Ten seconds is way too early, too many possessions left. I don't like it with that time, but these guys guarded it. We knew what we were doing, switching everything and playing high."

Shamet ducked back to his right and toward the basket, pump-faking as he moved.

Hawkins took the fake and left his feet, but he managed to jump straight up in the air — arms extended upward — controlling his body so that he wouldn't make any contact with Shamet, a 45-percent three-point shooter and 80-percent free-throw shooter.

That's where Bam Adebayo came in.

The UK big man had picked up Frankamp — the Shockers' most prolific three-point shooter — after a screen at the top of the key on Isaiah Briscoe, who had been defending him. Adebayo was moving with Frankamp toward the corner, but he had his eyes on Shamet and left his man to move toward the shooter when he saw him pump-fake Hawkins.

"I actually didn't know he was there," Hawkins said of Adebayo's help defense.

Adebayo left the floor a split-second after Shamet rose for the shot.

"He pump-faked. Dom jumped," Adebayo said. "So I was like, 'I gotta jump.' And I ended up with the game-winning block."

With 0.5 seconds on the clock, Adebayo's right hand made clean contact with the ball. By the time it came back down, the buzzer had sounded and UK had secured the 65-62 victory.

Hawkins actually jumped a second time — after his first one on the pump-fake — and was asked after the game — and before replays of the final play had been widely spread — who actually got the blocked shot at the end.

"I got a little bit of it," Hawkins said with a big grin. "Bam got most of it, but I got a little bit of it."

Kentucky is going to need its bench, and the backups delivered against Wichita State

By: Kyle Tucker | SEC Country | March 19, 2017

INDIANAPOLIS — Kentucky fans will remember the De'Aaron Fox dunks and the Malik Monk and Bam Adebayo blocks at the end of a thrilling, 65-62 win over Wichita State in the second round of the 2017 NCAA Tournament on Sunday. But there was a bizarre stretch in the first half that might serve the Wildcats well in the weekend ahead.

Kentucky trailed 6-4 at the first media timeout without 14:29 to go before intermission when, out of the huddle, coach John Calipari went with a series of odd lineups. First Fox with backups Dominique Hawkins, Mychal Mulder, Wenyen Gabriel and Isaac Humphries. Then Isaiah Briscoe and Derek Willis with Hawkins, Mulder and Humphries.

And a funny thing happened: The Wildcats surged ahead and stayed ahead in the nearly 10 minutes of second-string basketball.

"Our job as the bench is to come in and continue with the energy of the starters. The fact that we were able to do that means a lot," Humphries said. "We need to continue the energy and not be a downer for the team. It felt good to be able to go out there and stay in the game and be productive."

Mulder delivered a huge block at the rim. Gabriel and Humphries, who had all but disappeared lately, snared two rebounds apiece in short order. Then, when Briscoe, Mulder and Hawkins swished successive 3-pointers, Kentucky found itself with an improbable 17-11 lead. Thanks to clean basketball and a conservative whistle, the backups played one stretch of nearly six uninterrupted minutes.

By the time freshman stars Fox, Monk and Adebayo — who waited at the scorer's table for what seemed like an eternity — finally checked back in with 5:55 to go in the half, they had combined for just 21 minutes. Hawkins, Mulder and Humphries had combined for 29 at that point.

"I'm not going to lie. My body was not used to that," Humphries said. "I hadn't done that for a while, so I was a little winded by the end there. But it's just about fighting through it, like this is it, this is the end game, and if we don't win this, we're out. I just tried to fight through that fatigue and push through and do what I could."

He averaged just 4.1 minutes and less than a rebound over the previous nine games, while Mulder had played only 4minutes in Kentucky's NCAA Tournament opener two days earlier. If the Wildcats are to prolong this postseason run for another weekend, all the way to the Final Four in Phoenix, they'll need something from the bench.

Hawkins had been the only reliable sub recently, and he delivered again Sunday with all seven of his points — on 3-of-3 shooting — in that strange first-half stretch with most of the starters on the bench. Then came his usual lockdown defense in the second half.

"Dom just played outstanding," Calipari said. "Mychal Mulder made a huge three. I mean, it's nice that we've got veterans like Isaiah and those seniors playing."

Because the NCA Tournament is weird sometimes, and you never know when you might find yourself with a lineup full of reserves trying to hang tough against elite competition in a win-or-go-home situation. Kentucky has to feel better about its depth after Sunday.

"It's important, man," Mulder said. "These guys need to get a break once in a while. They do so much for our team, the starters, and we've gotta give them a break and have them trust that we can keep the momentum going."

To win the South, Kentucky must remain clutch on defense

By: Matt Norlander | CBS Sports | March 20, 2017

It's a tad strange but it feels like Kentucky basketball is actually underrated and zipping just a bit below the radar at this hour. Check your bracket, check your office or buddy pool. How many people are picking UK to get past the Sweet 16, let alone make the Final Four? If you're not located in the Bluegrass State it's not that many, right? Rare to see a Kentucky team seeded so highly be this disregarded.

And yet Kentucky's won 13 straight. That's far and away the longest win streak of anyone left in the NCAA Tournament. The second-seeded Wildcats are in the Sweet 16 for the sixth time under John Calipari. They beat Northern Kentucky 79-70 on Friday, then rolled in the mud with Wichita State on Sunday afternoon in Indianapolis, getting out with a 65-62 win -- one of the three most impressive victories I've seen from this team this season. UK got to the second weekend by doing what it needed to do: winning with consistent, and clutch, defense. Wichita State may well have pulled off the victory had Malik Monk not deftly made a block on Markis McDuffie during Wichita State's penultimate possession. Monk is not known for his defense, and this is a cat-like deflection. Impressive.

Then, of course, Bam Adebayo's rejection on Landry Shamet to close out the game. Notice that it's Dominique Hawkins who is guarding Shamet, then Adebayo drops over at the last second, leaving Conner Frankamp wide open. Shamet either doesn't (or can't) make the pass, and Adebayo ends the game. How often do you see games end on consecutive blocked shots from 3-point range? Speaks to Kentucky's identity of defense, which is the thing that can get the Wildcats out of this brutal South region.

UK's not been an elite defense team all season, but it looked elite on that end of the floor against a top-10 team in Wichita State. It was fitting that Adebayo ended that game; I wrote last week that he's the key to unlocking Kentucky's title hopes . His ability as a defender inside and out (how many big man are playing that kind of D in a pivotal game-ending sequence and coming with a help-block? It's crazy impressive) is downright vital to Kentucky's chances.

Kentucky held Northern Kentucky and Wichita State to 35.6 percent from the field. It averaged nine blocks per game and averaged 35 defensive rebounds the first weekend. Kentucky played in the defensive style that Calipari aspired to back in the preseason. Not surprising that UK stepped up the way it did. Cal gets his guys to perform in this tournament like few coaches can. The Wildcats have to keep their averages close to those clips going forward to get out of Memphis as the champ.

And now, here comes 3 seed UCLA, averaging a tournament-best 90.2 points per game. This is by far the most enticing game of the regional semifinals. We get the rematch factor, a bonus gift for college basketball fans. Two blue bloods meeting like this after UK did what it rarely does: lose a home game in non-conference play. And the game is in Memphis, where Calipari coached for almost a decade. Terrific storylines abound.

Even though UCLA is an offensive contraption built to break your spirit and gas you to empty, the Wildcats will beat the Bruins if they play defense as consistently on Friday as they did this past Sunday. That effort vs. Wichita State was good enough. The yin-yang of UK is that the team plays so fast on offense (top 15 in tempo) yet tries to mill you into bad shots on defense. UCLA won't be milled. The first game between UCLA and UK, on Dec. 3, featured 83 possessions. College basketball's average is 68. This game will hit at least 78.

So the challenge for Kentucky becomes playing shutdown defense at a faster rate. The Cats have held opponents to 30.5 3-point shooting this season, making them one of the best 3-point defenses in the country. UCLA shoots 40.6 percent from 3, top-three in college basketball. UCLA is also top-three in 2-point percentage. I'm not concerned with Kentucky's scoring against UCLA. The Wildcats will get their points. But stopping the 3 vs. UCLA will be critical, and then beyond that, if UNC awaits, the Wildcats will need to play a similar up-tempo style again to get out of the region.

After watching UK rally from big deficits, pull off 13 straight wins, get past a slugfest on Sunday and put together a line of defense that's looking as good as it has all season, you have to believe Kentucky, now an underdog, is as likely to win the South as any other team.

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ANOTHER TRIPLE-DOUBLE

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