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# 2016-17 Basketball Schedule

 <b>Clarion</b> Lexington, Ky. Exhibition   W, 108-51	Sunday October <b>30</b>	 <b>North Carolina</b> Las Vegas, Nev. CBS Sports Classic   5:45 p.m.	Saturday December <b>17</b>	 <b>Florida</b> Gainesville, Fla. TBA	Saturday February <b>4</b>
Game Recap					
 <b>Asbury</b> Lexington, Ky. Exhibition   W, 156-63	Sunday November <b>6</b>	 <b>Louisville</b> Louisville, Ky. 7 p.m.	Wednesday December <b>21</b>	 <b>LSU</b> Lexington, Ky. 7 p.m.	Tuesday February <b>7</b>
Game Recap					
 <b>Stephen F. Austin</b> Lexington, Ky. W, 87-64	Friday November <b>11</b>	 <b>Ole Miss</b> Oxford, Miss. 8 p.m.	Thursday December <b>29</b>	 <b>Alabama</b> Tuscaloosa, Ala. 1 p.m.	Saturday February <b>11</b>
Game Recap					
 <b>Canisius</b> Lexington, Ky. W, 93-69	Sunday November <b>13</b>	 <b>Texas A&amp;M</b> Lexington, Ky. 9 p.m.	Tuesday January <b>3</b>	 <b>Tennessee</b> Lexington, Ky. 7 p.m.	Tuesday February <b>14</b>
Game Recap					
 <b>Michigan State</b> New York, N.Y. W, 69-48	Tuesday November <b>15</b>	 <b>Arkansas</b> Lexington, Ky. 8:30 p.m.	Saturday January <b>7</b>	 <b>Georgia</b> Athens, Ga. TBA	Saturday February <b>18</b>
Game Recap					
 <b>Duquesne</b> Lexington, Ky. W, 93-59	Sunday November <b>20</b>	 <b>Vanderbilt</b> Nashville, Tenn. 7 p.m.	Tuesday January <b>10</b>	 <b>Missouri</b> Columbia, Mo. 9 p.m.	Tuesday February <b>21</b>
Game Recap					
 <b>Cleveland State</b> Lexington, Ky. Bluegrass Showcase   1 p.m.	Wednesday November <b>23</b>	 <b>Auburn</b> Lexington, Ky. 4 p.m.	Saturday January <b>14</b>	 <b>Florida</b> Lexington, Ky. 2 p.m.	Saturday February <b>25</b>
 <b>UT Martin</b> Lexington, Ky. Bluegrass Showcase   7 p.m.	Friday November <b>25</b>	 <b>Mississippi State</b> Starkville, Miss. 7 p.m.	Tuesday January <b>17</b>	 <b>Vanderbilt</b> Lexington, Ky. 9 p.m.	Tuesday February <b>28</b>
 <b>Arizona State</b> Paradise Island, Bahamas Atlantis Showcase   7 p.m.	Monday November <b>28</b>	 <b>South Carolina</b> Lexington, Ky. TBA	Saturday January <b>21</b>	 <b>Texas A&amp;M</b> College Station, Texas Noon	Saturday March <b>4</b>
 <b>UCLA</b> Lexington, Ky. 12:30 p.m.	Saturday December <b>3</b>	 <b>Tennessee</b> Knoxville, Tenn. 9 p.m.	Tuesday January <b>24</b>	 <b>SEC Tournament</b> Nashville, Tenn. Bridgestone Arena   TBA	Wed.-Sun. March <b>8-12</b>
 <b>Valparaiso</b> Lexington, Ky. 8 p.m.	Wednesday December <b>7</b>	 <b>Kansas</b> Lexington, Ky. SEC/Big 12 Challenge   6 p.m.	Saturday January <b>28</b>	 <b>NCAA Tournament</b> Final Four® Phoenix, Ariz.   TBA	March-April <b>14-3</b>
 <b>Hofstra</b> Brooklyn, N.Y. Barclays Center   3 p.m.	Sunday December <b>11</b>	 <b>Georgia</b> Lexington, Ky. 9 p.m.	Tuesday January <b>31</b>		





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### 2016-17 SEC Standings

Team	SEC	Overall	Home	Road
Florida	0-0	4-0	0-0	0-0
<b>Kentucky</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>4-0</b>	<b>3-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>
South Carolina	0-0	4-0	4-0	0-0
Auburn	0-0	3-0	3-0	0-0
Arkansas	0-0	3-0	3-0	0-0
LSU	0-0	3-0	3-0	0-0
Ole Miss	0-0	4-1	2-0	0-0
Georgia	0-0	3-1	2-0	0-1
Mississippi State	0-0	3-1	1-0	0-0
Texas A&M	0-0	2-1	2-1	0-0
Alabama	0-0	2-2	2-1	0-0
Missouri	0-0	2-2	1-0	0-0
Vanderbilt	0-0	2-2	2-1	0-0
Tennessee	0-0	1-2	1-1	0-0

### Scoring

Player-Team.....	PPG
Deandre Burnett, MISS.....	23.6
Sindarius Thornwell, USC.....	20.8
Yante Maten, UGA.....	20.8
J.J. Frazier, UGA.....	18.8
Quinnndary Weatherspoon, MSU.....	18.8

### Rebounding

Player-Team.....	RPG
Sebastian Saiz, MISS.....	10.8
Jeff Roberson, VANDY.....	8.8
Yante Maten, UGA.....	8.5
John Egbunu, UF.....	8.5
Juwan Parker, UGA.....	7.8

### Assists

Player-Team.....	APG
<b>De'Aaron Fox, UK.....</b>	<b>6.8</b>
I.J. Ready, MSU.....	5.0
Skylar Mays, LSU.....	5.0
Dazon Ingram, ALA.....	4.8
Admon Gilder, TAMU.....	4.7

### Steals

Player-Team.....	SPG
Daryl Macon, ARK.....	2.3
Jared Harper, AUB.....	2.3
Quinnndary Weatherspoon, MSU.....	2.0
KeVaughn Allen, UF.....	2.0
Chris Chiozza, UF.....	2.0

### Blocks

Player-Team.....	BPG
Moses Kingsley, ARK.....	5.3
Kearrius Hayes, UF.....	2.8
Robert Williams, TAMU.....	2.7
Kyle Alexander, UT.....	2.3
Duop Reath, LSU.....	2.3

## Around the Country

### 2016-17 Associated Press Rankings

As of Nov. 21, 2016 (week 3)

	Team	Record	Points
<b>1</b>	<b>Kentucky (42)</b>	<b>4-0</b>	<b>1,592</b>
2	Villanova (21)	5-0	1,561
3	Indiana (2)	3-0	1,443
4	North Carolina	4-0	1,399
5	Kansas	2-1	1,374
6	Duke	4-1	1,337
7	Virginia	3-0	1,198
8	Arizona	3-0	1,129
9	Xavier	5-0	1,099
10	Louisville	3-0	947
11	Gonzaga	3-0	872
12	Creighton	4-0	770
13	Oregon	2-1	748
14	UCLA	4-0	735
15	Saint Mary's	3-0	703
16	Wisconsin	2-1	666
17	Purdue	2-1	613
18	Syracuse	3-0	610
19	West Virginia	3-0	474
20	Baylor	3-0	371
21	Iowa State	3-0	319
22	Texas	3-0	251
23	Rhode Island	4-1	217
24	Michigan State	2-2	183
25	Michigan	4-0	89
25	Florida State	4-0	89





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## Gameday Preview

**M**ost of the time after standout performances, Kentucky head coach John Calipari will be the first person to serve a slice of humble pie. It could be after a standout performance by his team or from an individual player. Either way, Coach Cal will acknowledge the strong play before offering a caveat for improvement.

That's what made Tuesday seem like a role reversal of sorts between Calipari and star freshman guard De'Aaron Fox.

"I feel like I've run the team pretty well," Fox said. "My assist numbers are up, I haven't turned the ball over too much. One thing I know I haven't done well is shooting the ball. My percentage is pretty bad. I've shot free throws well, but I'm not shooting the ball from the field well. Just something to work on."

In fairness, Fox is accurate in his assessment, but he's also probably shortchanging himself as to just how well he's played over the course of his first four collegiate games leading the No. 1 team in the country. His shooting percentage may be low (37.8 percent), but he's still third on the team in scoring at 15.3 points per game thanks to his ability to get to the foul line.

Calipari isn't one to take a player out due to missed shots, and Fox's current shooting woes aren't high on his list of fears.

"If you remember last year Tyler Ulis was shooting like 22 percent from the 3-point line. He wasn't making any shots," Coach Cal said. "I don't worry about guys like him. You have to get in the gym. Part of it is, you got to take game shots. You can't take tip-toe shots. You can't take casual shots. He's the least of our worries."

Heading into Wednesday's afternoon tilt with Cleveland State at Rupp Arena (1 ET on SEC Network), Fox is averaging 15.3 points, 4.8 rebounds, 6.8 assists and 1.8 steals per game. He's also playing a team-high 30.8 minutes per contest and has an assist-to-turnover ratio of 3.0.

And yet, when Fox watches himself on film he doesn't see the same player who's al-



**Despite his impressive numbers and play, UK guard De'Aaron Fox spoke plenty Tuesday about his areas for improvement. (photo by Chris Reynolds)**

ready been named Southeastern Conference Freshman of the Week once this season, has hit double digits in scoring each game and has led the team in assists every game.

"Just a young kid who doesn't really

know what he's doing but is trying to make it look like he knows what he's doing," Fox said of his self-evaluation.

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There has been a learning curve – as there is for everyone – for Fox as he transitions from high school basketball, where he was named the Gatorade High School Player of the Year in Texas, to college. Part of that learning curve has been using his speed to its full potential.

As one of the fastest players Calipari has ever coached in his Hall of Fame career, Coach Cal wants Fox to use his speed as often as possible, and has been pleased with the progress he's seen, saying Fox has made "great strides" and is "playing way faster."

There's also getting adjusted to that whole playing at Kentucky thing.

"So every day you practice, how do you get better? How do you push yourself? Who are you pushing yourself against?" Coach Cal said. "Then all of a sudden you come to Kentucky, and they know if your hair's up or if your hair's down. They're watching you. They're tweeting you."

Offensively, Fox said he doesn't pay attention to his shooting percentages, noting that many of his shots have been in and out and that more work in the gym will eventually yield more positive results.

He said he's also working on his communication on the court, adding that sometimes when he's running it can be hard to do because he's using a breath that can cause him to get tired quicker. Calipari said he would like to see Fox shoot more floaters in the lane. He's also working on finishing around the basket as well as his backcourt mate Isaiah Briscoe.

It all seems like a lot for a player who's had one of the best starts to the season among any freshmen in the country.

"I'm still trying to learn how to run a team," Fox said. "I mean, I haven't even turned 19 yet. It's been difficult to run a team with people who are much older than me, but I think the respect level is there so they listen to what I say, I listen to them, and it's honestly made it easier."

Defensively, Calipari said Fox is one of five players on his team with the most defen-

**Fox is averaging 15.3 points, 4.8 rebounds, 6.8 assists and 1.8 steals per game.**  
(photo by Chet White, UK Athletics)

sive confidence. His quickness, Coach Cal said following UK's win over Duquesne on Sunday, makes him one of the best on-ball defenders in the country. His team-high seven steals agree with that assessment.

Fox may downplay it and look for ways to improve, but Calipari was there to take

the other angle.

"There are things that he does that I can't teach," Coach Cal said. "He's special. He is. How he plays on the ball, how he plays in pick-and-roll defense, I mean, wow. It's not like we have taught that a whole lot; he just gets after it."





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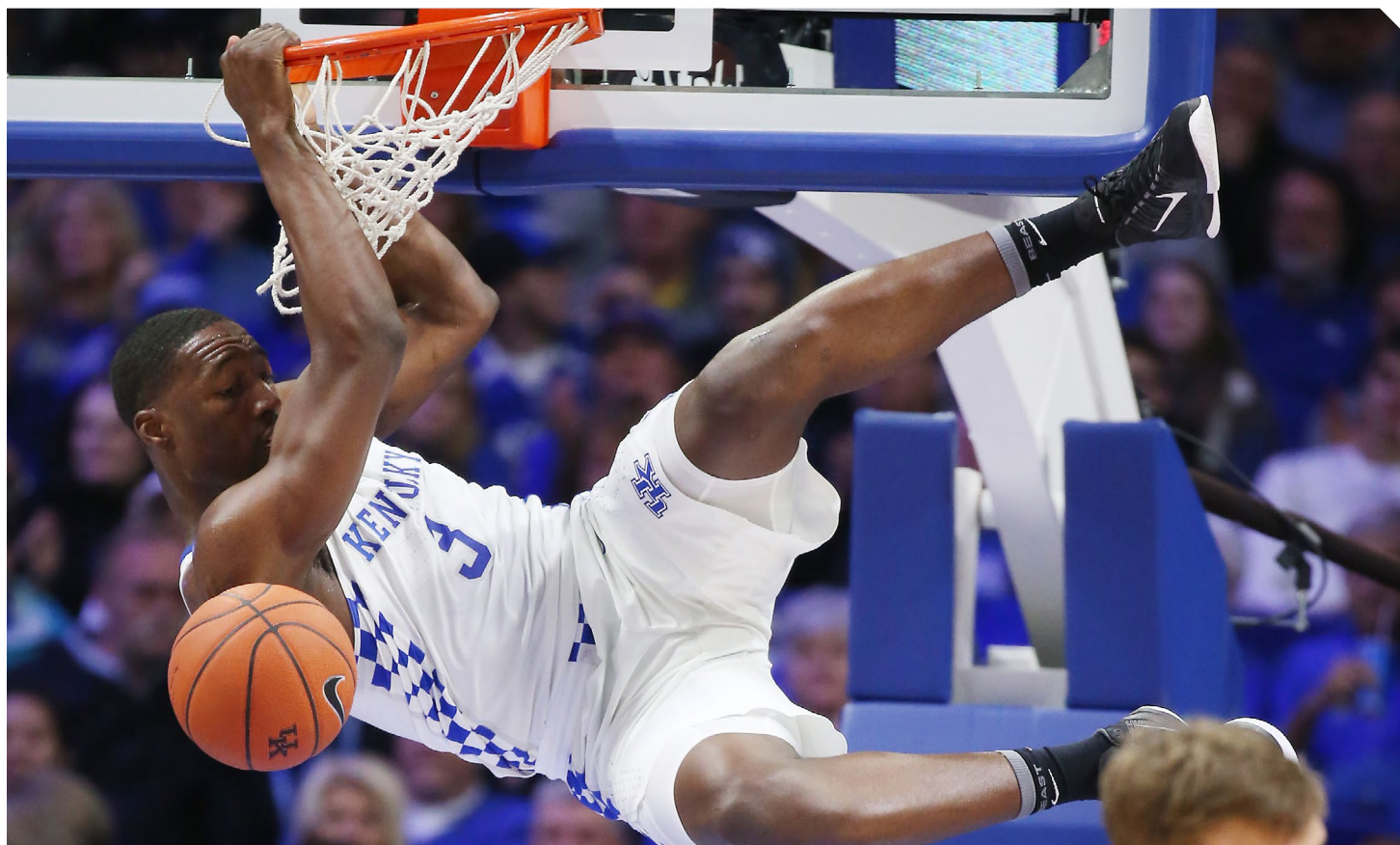


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# 2016-17 Kentucky Wildcats Statistics

No.	Player	GP-S	Min.	Avg.	TOTAL		3-PT		FT-FTA	Pct	REBOUNDS											
					FG-FGA	Pct	3FT-FTA	Pct			Off	Def	Total	Avg.	PF	PO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg.
13	Briscoe, Isaiah	4-4	115	28.8	27-52	.519	1-7	.143	17-22	.773	2	11	13	3.3	6	0	10	9	2	6	72	18.0
05	Monk, Malik	4-4	104	26.0	23-54	.426	12-31	.387	5-5	1.000	1	11	12	3.0	8	0	4	7	3	2	63	15.8
00	Fox, De'Aaron	4-4	123	30.8	17-45	.378	1-9	.111	26-29	.897	4	15	19	4.8	8	0	27	9	1	7	61	15.3
03	Adebayo, Edrice	4-4	92	23.0	11-21	.524	0-0	.000	15-26	.577	11	14	25	6.3	12	0	4	7	7	3	37	9.3
32	Gabriel, Wenyen	4-1	81	20.3	10-17	.588	1-6	.167	4-5	.800	8	9	17	4.3	10	0	2	1	2	5	25	6.3
11	Mulder, Mychal	4-0	32	8.0	9-18	.500	6-14	.429	0-0	.000	3	1	4	1.0	3	0	1	1	2	1	24	6.0
35	Willis, Derek	4-3	78	19.5	7-14	.500	2-8	.250	6-6	1.000	1	11	12	3.0	5	0	6	2	8	3	22	5.5
15	Humphries, Isaac	4-0	49	12.3	8-17	.471	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	9	11	20	5.0	6	0	2	3	4	5	17	4.3
01	Killeya-Jones, Sach	4-0	33	8.3	4-8	.500	0-0	.000	1-6	.167	3	7	10	2.5	4	0	0	3	4	0	9	2.3
25	Hawkins, Dominique	4-0	65	16.3	3-11	.273	0-5	.000	2-4	.500	4	2	6	1.5	7	0	10	1	0	3	8	2.0
14	Wynyard, Tai	4-0	10	2.5	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	3	3	0.8	2	0	0	1	0	0	2	0.5
20	Calipari, Brad	4-0	10	2.5	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	2-3	.667	0	1	1	0.3	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0.5
10	David, Jonny	2-0	4	2.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-2	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0.0
30	Pulliam, Dillon	2-0	4	2.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	0.5	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0.0
Team											5	8	13	3.3	0			0			0	
Total		4	800		120-259	.463	23-81	.284	79-110	.718	51	105	156	39.0	71	0	67	48	33	35	342	85.5
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					FG-FGA	Pct	3FT-FTA	Pct			Off	Def	Total	Avg.	PF	PO	A	TO	Blk	Stl		
03	Rob Edwards	3-3	91	30.3	16-38	42.1	8-18	44.4	11-13	84.6	4	4	8	2.7	10	0	3	13	0	2	51	17.0
20	Bobby Word	3-3	99	33.0	15-35	42.9	9-22	40.9	6-8	75.0	6	6	12	4.0	6	0	2	5	2	3	45	15.0
05	Jibri Blount	3-3	77	25.7	10-28	35.7	1-9	11.1	4-4	100.0	8	9	17	5.7	8	0	5	6	2	3	25	8.3
12	Kasheem Thomas	3-3	93	31.0	8-21	38.1	5-11	45.5	2-4	50.0	1	12	13	4.3	8	0	19	7	0	1	23	7.7
00	Derek Sloan	3-3	51	17.0	10-14	71.4	0-0	-	2-3	66.7	5	8	13	4.3	8	0	1	0	2	1	22	7.3
23	Jamarcus Hairston	3-0	54	18.0	5-12	41.7	3-7	42.9	3-5	60.0	4	5	9	3.0	5	0	2	4	1	1	16	5.3
01	Kenny Carpenter	3-0-	44	14.7	4-11	36.4	1-3	33.3	2-3	66.7	0	1	1	0.3	3	0	2	4	1	2	11	3.7
55	Daniel Levitt	3-0	27	9.0	3-13	23.1	2-12	16.7	1-3	33.3	3	0	3	1.0	3	0	0	0	0	1	9	3.0
04	Anthony Wright	3-0	17	5.7	3-5	60.0	0-0	-	1-3	33.3	3	3	6	2.0	3	0	2	2	0	0	7	2.3
22	Evan Clayborne	3-0	55	18.3	2-2	100.0	0-0	-	0-2	0.0	2	4	6	2.0	8	0	2	1	2	3	4	1.3
21	Tim Hasbargen	2-0	4	2.0	0-0	-	0-0	-	2-2	100.0	0	1	1	0.5	0	-	0	0	0	0	2	1.0
13	Nelson Maxwell	3-0	14	4.7	0-1	0.0	0-1	0.0	0-0	-	0	0	0	0.0	3	0	0	2	0	0	0	0.0
	Total	3	3	626	76-180	42.2	29-83	34.9	34-50	68.0	36	58	94	31.3	65	0	38	44	10	17	215	71.7
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2016-17 **Kentucky Wildcats**

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown
0	De'Aaron Fox	G	6-3	187	Fr.	Houston, TX
1	Sacha Killeya-Jones	F	6-10	230	Fr.	Chapel Hill, NC
3	Edrice Adebayo	F	6-10	260	Fr.	Washington, NC
5	Malik Monk	G	6-3	200	Fr.	Lepanto, AR
10	Jonny David	G	6-2	183	So.	Pittsburgh, PA
11	Mychal Mulder	G	6-4	185	Sr.	Windsor, ON
13	Isaiah Briscoe	G	6-3	210	So.	Newark, NJ
14	Tai Wynyard	F	6-10	254	Fr.	Auckland, New Zealand
15	Isaac Humphries	F	7-0	255	So.	Sydney, NSW
20	Brad Calipari	G	6-0	178	Fr.	Franklin Lakes, NJ
25	Dominique Hawkins	G	6-0	191	Sr.	Richmond, KY
30	Dillon Pulliam	G	6-3	195	So.	Cynthiana, KY
32	Wenyen Gabriel	F	6-9	213	Fr.	Manchester, NH
35	Derek Willis	F	6-9	228	Sr.	Mount Washington, KY

**Coaching Staff****Head Coach:** John Calipari**Associate Head Coach:** Kenny Payne**Assistant Coaches:** Tony Barbee,  
John Robic, Joel Justus**Quick Facts****Location:** Lexington, Ky.**Founded:** 1865**Enrollment:** 28,928**Conference:** SEC



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2016-17 **Cleveland State Vikings**

##	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown
0	Derek Sloan	F	Jr.	6-6	225	Moreland Hills, Ohio
1	Kenny Carpenter	G	Jr.	6-5	180	Detroit, Mich.
2	Gavin Peppers	G	Jr.	6-2	190	Brookeville, Md.
3	Rob Edwards	G	So.	6-4	200	Detroit, Mich.
4	Anthony Wright	G/F	Jr.	6-7	200	Harrisburg, Pa.
5	Jibri Blount	F	So.	6-7	220	Pittsburgh, Pa.
11	Terrell Hales	G	Jr.	6-4	190	Detroit, Mich.
12	Kasheem Thomas	G	Fr.	6-0	165	Chateauguay, Quebec, Canada
13	Nelson Maxwell	G	So.	6-0	170	Orange Village, Ohio
20	Bobby Word	G	Jr.	6-4	180	Lancaster, Texas
21	Tim Hasbargen	G	Jr.	6-4	200	Munich, Germany
22	Evan Claybourne	F	Fr.	6-8	240	Dayton, Ohio
23	Jamarcus Hairston	F	Jr.	6-8	230	Danville, Va.
33	Demonte Flannigan	F	Sr.	6-7	240	Richmond Heights, Ohio
35	Ravonn Posey	C	Sr.	6-8	275	Milwaukee, Wis.
41	Andy Lucien	F	Fr.	6-7	190	North Olmsted, Ohio
55	Daniel Levitt	G	So.	6-1	170	Montreal, Quebec, Canada

**Coaching Staff****Head Coach:** Gary Waters**Assistant Coaches:**

Larry DeSimpelare,  
Jermaine Henderson,  
Cornelius Jackson

**Quick Facts****Location:** Cleveland, Ohio**Founded:** 1964**Enrollment:** 17,323**Conference:** Horizon





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## EDRICE "BAM" ADEBAYO

Forward | 6-10 | 260 | Fr.

#3



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### Off the court with **EDRICE**

- **Parents:** Marilyn Blount and John Adebayo
- **Hometown:** Little Washington, N.C.
- **Major:** Undergraduate Studies

**Q:** What is the best part of playing basketball at UK?

**A:** The competition level. Going into practice thinking I have to be the best I can be or someone else will get ahead of me.

**Q:** What is a musician or type of music that people would be surprised you like?

**A:** Katy Perry – people are surprised by that. I like TGIF the best. When I'm in my room and have my speakers on, that's what I listen to.

**Q:** What is your favorite class that you taken in your brief time here or in high school?

**A:** I enjoy my small groups communications class. The professor is always energetic and we have fun in that class. It's a morning class, but she makes it fun for us.

**Q:** What age were you the first time you dunked?

**A:** I think it was the 6th grade. I was at a tournament and the opposing team was late so we were just messing around, and I dunked.

**Q:** What is the best part about being a UK basketball player?

**A:** The basketball. Getting suited up in blue with other great players.



### High School

Named a McDonald's All-American and participated in the Jordan Brand Classic game ... Tabbed to the second team of the All-USA Boys Basketball Team ... McDonald's All-American Game Morgan Wootten Player of the Year finalist ... Made the Naismith All-America Second Team ... Tabbed the North Carolina Gatorade Player of the Year ... Joins Kentucky out of High Point Christian Academy in High Point, North Carolina, where he averaged 18.9 points and 13.0 rebounds his senior season ... He led High Point Christian Academy to an appearance in the state title game ... Ranked in the top 10 by ESPN (No. 5) and Rivals (No. 7) ... Scout (No. 11) and 247Sports (No. 12) tabbed him as a top-15 prospect in the 2016 class ... Ranked No. 8 overall in the Recruiting Services Consensus Index ... Has USA Basketball experience and was named a MaxPreps All-American in 2013 ... An honor-roll student ... Also was a member of the poetry club ... Was a member of the Kids Hoops service project.



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## ISAIAH BRISCOE

Guard | 6-3 | 210 | So.

#13



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### Off the court with **ISAIAH**

- **Parents:** Henrietta Hemingway and George Briscoe
- **Hometown:** Newark, N.J.
- **Major:** Undergraduate Studies
- **Career High Points:** 20 (at UCLA 12/3/15)
- **Career High Rebounds:** 12 (vs. NJIT 11/14/15)
- **Career High Blocks:** 1 (five times)

**Q: Who in your life do you look up to the most?**

**A:** My parents. They are both hardworking, loving parents who always put us first. They made sure that we never wanted for anything and if we did, they tried their best to give it to us.

**Q: What's a sport that you've never tried, or maybe played since you were a little kid that you'd like to play?**

**A:** I haven't played football in a long time. I loved football. I wish I could go back and play. As a kid, I was a running back, but now I'd be a wide receiver.

**Q: First time you met Coach Cal in person, what did you think?**

**A:** I don't remember. I remember at Peach Jam he came and watched a couple of my games, but other than that, I can't recall the first time we met. My first impression of Coach is that he is crazy. I love him. He cares for his players, but he's crazy.

**Q: What is the most points you've ever scored in a basketball game?**

**A:** I scored 63 one night during my senior year of high school. That night everything was dropping.

**Q: What is the part of your game that you are most proud of?**

**A:** I'm most proud of my ball-handling skills.



### 2015-16 (Freshman)

Played in 34 games, with 33 starts ... Missed two games due to injury ... Earned SEC Freshman of the Week honors once ... Led all Kentucky guards in rebounding with 5.3 boards per game ... Scored in double figures in 18 games.

### Personal

Son of Henrietta Hemingway... Born April 13, 1996, in Newark, New Jersey ... Chose Kentucky over Arizona, Connecticut and St. John's ... Has two sisters, Iasia and Iesha, and a brother, George ... Sister Iasia played basketball at Syracuse ... Is a cousin of Cleveland Cavaliers' guard Kyrie Irving ... Picked No. 13 because it's a "bad-luck" number and he likes to be different ... Most memorable moment on the court is winning the 17U Peach Jam ... If he wasn't a player, he would be an agent ... His biggest influence in life are his parents ... Wanted to be a firefighter when he was growing up.





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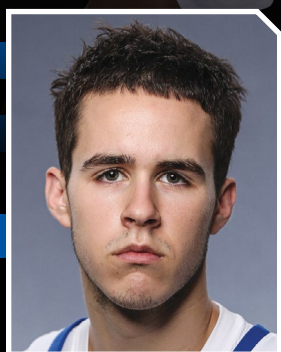
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## BRAD CALIPARI

Guard | 6-0 | 178 | Fr.

#20



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### Off the court with **BRAD**

- **Parents:** John and Ellen Calipari
- **Hometown:** Franklin Lakes, N.J.
- **Major:** Business – Marketing

**Q: What are your best memories from Christmas?**

**A:** When the chandelier fell down in our dining room. It just collapsed and fell from the ceiling. It was our first Christmas in Kentucky. We were all shocked, but we cleaned it up, put it to the side and continued with Christmas.

**Q: What is the single best part about being a UK player?**

**A:** Being able to get into the gym anytime I want. I love it. I can go to the gym any time of day or night. It's nice that it's always accessible.

**Q: What sport have you never tried, or have tried that you'd like to play again?**

**A:** I want to try bobsledding. It looks intense and fun.

**Q: If you can only follow one of your teammates on Snapchat, who would it be?**

**A:** That's a tough one. It would probably be De'Aaron. He's just funny. De'Aaron or Bam, they both do the same things. They're always together on the Snapchat. They are usually singing songs that they shouldn't be singing.

**Q: Who in your life do you most look up to and why?**

**A:** My parents because they've always led me in the right direction. They know what's best for me. They've been through a lot and share their wisdom.



### High School

Joined Kentucky after a productive final season at the MacDuffie School in Massachusetts ... The 6-foot guard 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 ... Was the MVP of the 2016 HoopHall Classic ... Chosen for the 2016 Kentucky Derby Festival Basketball Classic, where he scored nine points on three 3-pointers to go along with four rebounds ... In January, played against incoming UK signee Wenyen Gabriel and scored 17 points on five made 3-pointers, while leading his team to a 69-61 victory over Gabriel's squad ... Also played golf ... Earned academic honors for art, specializing in drawing.



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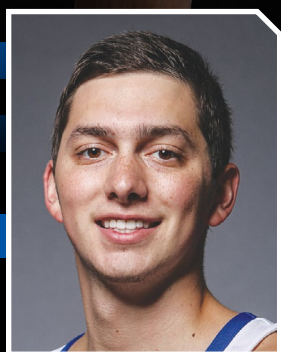
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## JONNY DAVID

Guard | 6-2 | 183 | So.

#10



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### Off the court with JONNY

- **Parents:** Joseph and Sandi David
- **Hometown:** Pittsburgh, Pa.
- **Major:** Kinesiology
- **Career High Points:** 2 (South Florida, 11/27/15)
- **Career High Rebounds:** 0
- **Career High Blocks:** 0

**Q: What are you most looking forward to about this season?**

**A:** Just like everyone else, I'm curious to see how we do. Will we mesh together in the preseason, when we go up against the top teams? I think it's going to be a fun year.

**Q: If you could only do one of these things, which would it be – drive down the lane and dunk on a fellow big man, or crossover a guard and hit a shot?**

**A:** I would dunk, because I don't dunk often.

**Q: What's your go-to TV show and why?**

**A:** I think my favorite show of all time is "That 70s Show." I've seen all the episodes. It's the same thing with "Friends," but I haven't seen "Friends" in a while.

**Q: Have you ever played Pokemon Go?**

**A:** I did. Me, Tai and Sacha played when it first came out. We wanted to see what it was about. Later, we found a way to cheat at the game. Basically, you can lay in bed and hit a button and play without going outside. The cheat button worked for awhile, then something happened and it quit working so we haven't been playing lately.

**Q: What was your reaction when you heard that fans camp out in tents for Big Blue Madness?**

**A:** I was shocked. I had heard about fans camping out and I knew it was going to happen. When you see it in person, though, it's totally different. We have the best fans in the country.



### 2015-16 (Freshman)

SEC First-Year Academic Honor Roll member ... Appeared in 11 games during his freshman campaign ... Played in a season-high two minutes in games against NJIT and Georgia ... Made his NCAA Tournament debut in UK's victory over Stony Brook in the first round ... Drained his only two free-throw attempts of the season in a win over South Florida.

### Personal

Son of Joseph and Sandi David ... Born Nov. 7, 1996, in Pittsburgh ... Father was a basketball letterwinner for the University of Pittsburgh ... Has two brothers, Justin and Jeremy, and a sister, Samantha ... Brother Justin plays basketball for South Florida ... Most memorable moment as a basketball player was hitting the game-winning shot on senior night to win the sectional championship ... Chose No. 10 because he has always worn it.





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DE'AARON  
**FOX**

Guard | 6-3 | 187 | Fr.

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## Off the court with **De'Aaron**

- **Parents:** Aaron Fox and Lorraine Harris-Fox
- **Hometown:** Houston, Texas
- **Major:** Undergraduate Studies

**Q: What's the best part about playing basketball UK?**

**A:** The people around you. These guys have been some of the top players in the country in their respective classes and we are all bonding together and having fun while we are playing.

**Q: In the classroom, what's a subject or class that sticks out to you?**

**A:** My team leadership class in high school. It was interesting to learn how to communicate with people and develop leadership skills.

**Q: How old were you when you first realized you were good at basketball?**

**A:** I was in sixth grade. We were at nationals and we lost in the final four. At that point, I realized I was around a lot of good people who would be playing this game a long time.

**Q: What is the part of your game that you're most proud of?**

**A:** My speed. Speed is something you can't teach. I feel my speed is an advantage and is one thing that I hope is never taken away from me.

**Q: What is a sport that you have never played that you would like to try?**


**A:** Handball. I was watching the Olympics this year and handball looks like something I would really like to play.



## High School

Named to the All-USA Boys Basketball team as a first-team selection ... Also made the Naismith All-America First Team ... Naismith High School Player of the Year finalist ... Also a McDonald's All-American and participated in both the Jordan Brand Classic game and the Nike Hoop Summit ... Shared MVP honors at the Jordan Brand Classic with fellow UK signee Malik Monk after scoring a game-high 23 points on 8-of-16 shooting to go along with five rebounds ... Led Cypress Lakes (Katy, Texas) with a pair of back-to-back 40-point performances in the Texas high school state playoffs before falling in the regional finals ... During the regular season he scored 30 or more points in 20 games, 40 or more eight times and even hit the 50-point mark in February ... Tabbed the Texas Gatorade High School Player of the Year in 2016 ... Three-time all-region selection and twice was tabbed the district's most valuable player ... Named his district's newcomer of the year in 2013.





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## WENYEN GABRIEL

Forward | 6-9 | 213 | Fr.

#32



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### Off the court with **WENYEN**

- **Parents:** Rebecca Gak and Makuar Gob
- **Hometown:** Manchester, N.H.
- **Major:** Undergraduate Studies

**Q: What are your best memories from Christmas?**

**A:** When I was little, I remember I went to the store, and there were these monster trucks. I cried to get a monster truck, and my mom got me the biggest one. Unfortunately, I broke it the next day.

**Q: Who in your life do you most look up to?**

**A:** My mom. To endure the struggle that she's been through is impressive. We came from a war in South Sudan. She came to the United States and works by herself and takes care of six children.

**Q: What is the part of your game right now that you are the most proud of?**

**A:** My motor. I play hard. When I step on the floor, I know that I'm the hardest working player on the court and that means a lot to me.

**Q: What is a sport you've never tried that you'd like to play?**

**A:** I've tried a lot of sports but I've never played baseball. It would be fun to try swinging a bat.

**Q: What is the best part of playing basketball at UK?**

**A:** The competitiveness and playing against this level of talent every day.



### High School

Forward who averaged 22.0 points, 14.0 rebounds, 7.0 blocks and 6.3 assists at Wilbraham & Monson Academy in Wilbraham, Massachusetts, as a senior ... Made the Naismith All-America Third Team ... A two-time most valuable player for Wilbraham & Monson Academy ... Suited up for Mass Rivals on the AAU circuit ... A 1,000-point scorer in high school ... Participated in the Jordan Brand Classic game and was a member of the Nike Hoop Summit ... Ranked as high as No. 12 in the national rankings by Scout ... Rivals tabbed him at No. 13 overall and ESPN and 247Sports rated him as the No. 14 player in the 2016 class ... Ranked No. 8 overall in the Recruiting Services Consensus Index ... Named to the 2016 USA Junior National Select Team.



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## DOMINIQUE HAWKINS

Guard | 6-0 | 191 | Sr.

#25



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### Off the court with **DOMINIQUE**

- **Parents:** Denise Hawkins and Doug Farris
- **Hometown:** Richmond, Ky.
- **Major:** Communication
- **Career High Points:** 13 (vs. Louisville, 12/26/15)
- **Career High Rebounds:** 4 (two times)
- **Career High Blocks:** 1 (five times)

**Q:** What is the part of your game right now that you are the most proud of?

**A:** Defense. I definitely take pride in that. I take pride in shutting somebody down for a whole game.

**Q:** What is the best thing about being a UK player?

**A:** That you learn about each and everybody from all over the world. I never thought I'd be playing with somebody from Australia or New Zealand, but that's pretty neat. Also, everybody's just so different and you realize that we're not just basketball players, but we're actual human beings.

**Q:** What is a sport you never tried that you'd like to play?

**A:** Tennis. I've never played it before, but I've always wanted to try it. Tennis looks fun.

**Q:** What is a type of music that people would be surprised you listen to?

**A:** I like Maroon 5, everybody loves Adam Levine.

**Q:** What is your favorite class that you've taken at UK?

**A:** Probably, Communications 249. It's an interpersonal communications class that I found interesting. I thought it was fun learning various ways that people communicate on a daily basis such as picking up on non-verbal cues.



### 2015-16 (Junior)

SEC Academic Honor Roll member ... Saw action in 27 games during an injury-plagued junior season ... Had career-highs in points, blocks, free throws, 3-point field goals and shooting percentage ... Averaged 2.3 points with a 2.2 assist-to-turnover ratio ... Missed seven games in January due to an ankle sprain and also broke his hand during fall camp ... Had a career game in a win over rival No. 16/15 Louisville with career bests in points (13), 3-pointers (three) and minutes played (26) ... Prior to that game he had never made more than one 3-pointer in a game ... He became the first Kentucky native to score in double figures for the Wildcats against Louisville since Darius Miller did so in the 2012 Final Four ... Posted three points with three rebounds in the loss to Indiana in 14 minutes of action in the second round of the NCAA Tournament ... Played in 17 minutes of the NCAA Tournament win over Stony Brook ... Scored two points and hauled in a season-high four rebounds ... Scored seven points vs. Alabama in the SEC Tournament quarterfinals.



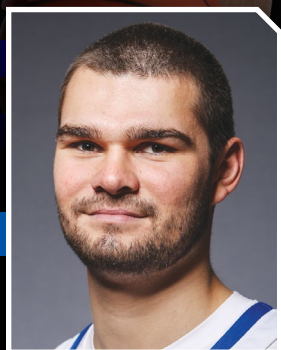
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# ISAAC HUMPHRIES

Forward | 7-0 | 255 | So.

#15



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## Off the court with ISAAC

- **Parents:** Michaela Humphries
- **Hometown:** Sydney, Australia
- **Major:** Communication
- **Career High Points:** 6 (at Texas A&M, 2/20/16)
- **Career High Rebounds:** 12 (at Texas A&M, 2/20/16)
- **Career High Blocks:** 4 (vs. Georgia, 2/9/16)

**Q: What is your go-to TV show and why?**

**A:** "Modern Family" because it's so funny. It really depicts a lot of modern families today. It's nothing like Australian culture, but a family is a family.

**Q: What's the most points you've ever scored in a basketball game?**

**A:** I scored 63 in a game when I was 15 years old. I averaged around 45 points per game that season.

**Q: When was the last time you cried tears of joy?**

**A:** Beating Spain at Worlds in 2014. We were down by 20 points at halftime. Playing for your country is a big deal and the winner would advance into the grand final match. We forced the game into overtime, and I got a steal and a dunk in the win. It was just a great moment.

**Q: What is one thing friends at home don't understand about Kentucky?**

**A:** Everything. Where do I begin. They don't understand the complete hype and the severity of how big basketball is in America.

**Q: What is a type of music that people would be surprised you listen to?**

**A:** People are more surprised that I don't listen to music. Beyonce is my favorite singer, but I don't really listen to music day in and day out.

**Q: What is your favorite class you've taken so far at UK, or in life?**

**A:** My music class in Australia. We did a cool thing where every week where we would perform for the class and that was fun.



## 2015-16 (Freshman)

SEC First-Year Academic Honor Roll member ... Appeared in 22 games his freshman season with one start ... Proved to be a valuable backup off the bench ... Played 10 or more minutes nine times ... Appeared in 12 straight games before a DNP to end the season ... Posted four points with three rebounds in the win at Florida ... Made his first career start at home vs. Alabama and produced four points, four rebounds, a block and an assist in 21 minutes ... Logged career highs in points (six) and rebounds (12) with two blocks in 20 critical minutes at Texas A&M ... Recorded three points, six rebounds and two blocks at home vs. Tennessee ... Swatted a career-high four shots in 14 minutes in the home victory vs. Georgia.



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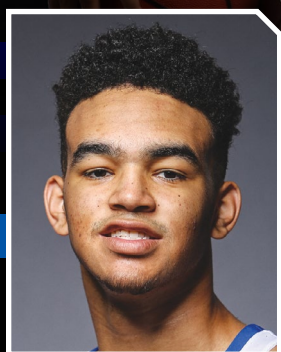
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# SACHA KILLEYA-JONES

Forward | 6-10 | 230 | Fr.

#1



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Information on Sacha

## Off the court with **SACHA**

- **Parents:** Ley Killeya-Jones and Reggie Jones
- **Hometown:** Chapel Hill, N.C.
- **Major:** Communication

**Q: Who in your life do you most look up to?**

**A:** My parents. They have been really supportive of me and everything I've done. They're great role models, and always tell me to be my own person.

**Q: What is the part of your game right now that you are the most proud of?**

**A:** Probably my versatility. Currently, I'm glad I'm getting a lot stronger and I'm going to be able to be more physical and be really imposing. It's going to be good for me at this level.

**Q: What is the single best part about being a UK player?**

**A:** I think just being on this team. We have tremendous talent and all the guys are so great and we all get along with each other. It's been a lot of fun. It's been a lot of hard work, too.

**Q: Before you were ever a UK recruit, what were your ideas about UK basketball?**

**A:** I knew Kentucky was the best of the best. I was committed to Virginia for a while. When I was committed to Virginia was the year Kentucky went 38-1. I was like, "They have to lose, somebody has to beat them." I remember the UK-Notre Dame game in the tournament that season. Virginia had lost to Michigan State the game before. The UK game was a nail-biter and I forget who hit the shot in the corner to beat Notre Dame in the Elite Eight, but I remember that game really vividly.

**Q: What sport have you never tried, or haven't played since you were a kid that you'd like to play?**

**A:** Baseball. I played wee baseball and it was fun.



## High School

Suited up as a McDonald's All-American in 2016 ... A double-double machine during his final season at Virginia Episcopal in Lynchburg, Virginia, posting 13 games with at least 20 points and at least 10 rebounds ... A two-time all-state selection ... Named the state's player of the year as a senior ... Hauled in conference player of the year and Super 64 MVP honors in his final campaign ... A 1,000-point scorer for Virginia Episcopal School ... A consensus top-10 forward in the class of 2016 ... Rivals, ESPN and 247Sports all ranked him No. 24 overall in their national rankings ... Scout tabbed him at No. 27.





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# MALIK MONK

Guard | 6-3 | 200 | Fr.

#5



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## Off the court with MALIK

- **Parents:** Jackie Monk and Michael Scales
- **Hometown:** Lepanto, Ark.
- **Major:** Undergraduate Studies

**Q:** What are your best memories from Christmas?

**A:** In fourth grade, I got a toy Hummer with a remote control. I loved it, but I broke it the first month and I was so mad at myself.

**Q:** What are the most points you've ever scored in a basketball game?

**A:** It was 60 and I was in 11th grade. It was a game that went into four overtimes.

**Q:** What are you looking forward to most about this season?

**A:** I'm looking forward to the travel. I enjoy traveling, and now I'm looking forward to seeing fans of the Big Blue Nation supporting us at every road game.

**Q:** What is one thing friends at home don't understand about Kentucky?

**A:** It's a business. You have to be on time with everything. You have to be on point with everything. The team revolves around the coach and not the players. You learn quickly that you're on their time now.

**Q:** What is the best Halloween costume you ever had?

**A:** I had a Jason suit when I was in fifth grade. I had the boots, his real face, the mask, and the machete. I was hiding around scaring people. Then another year, I had a full out Freddie suit with the mask.



## High School

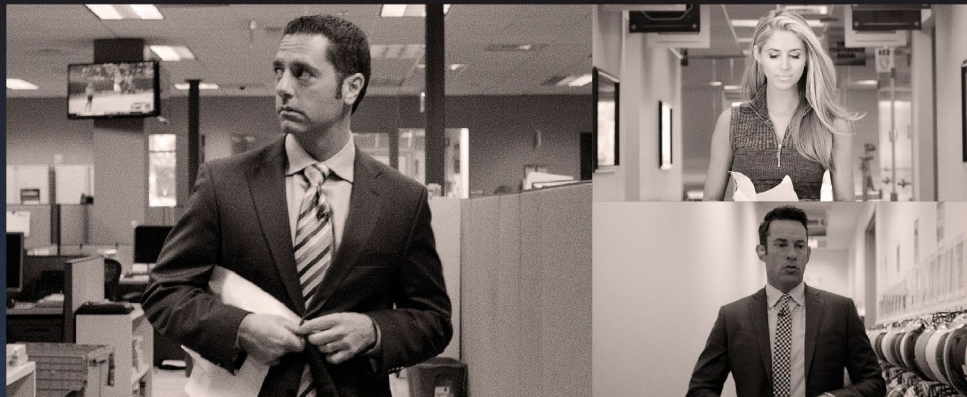
Made the All-USA Boys Basketball Second Team ... Tabbed to the Naismith All-America Second Team ... McDonald's All-American Game Morgan Wootten Player of the Year finalist ... Also a McDonald's All-American and Jordan Brand Classic game participant ... Shared MVP honors with fellow UK signee De'Aaron Fox at the Jordan Brand Classic after posting 22 points, five rebounds, three assists and three steals ... Won the McDonald's 3-point shooting contest and finished second in the dunk contest ... The 2016 Arkansas Gatorade Player of the Year in addition to earning the state's Mr. Basketball award ... An all-state player ... Considered the top shooting guard in the class and a consensus five-star prospect ... Ranked No. 9 overall by Rivals and ESPN ... 247Sports rated him as the No. 10 player overall and Scout tabbed him at No. 13 ... Ranked No. 9 overall in the Recruiting Services Consensus Index ... Averaged 28.6 points, 7.5 rebounds and 4.4 assists as a senior ... Season highlights include a single-game school scoring record with 53 points.



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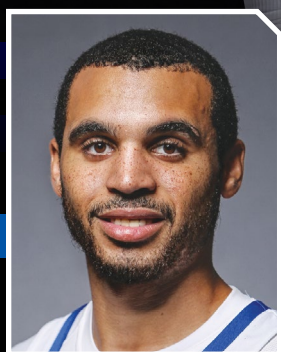
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## MYCHAL MULDER

Guard | 6-4 | 185 | Sr.

#11



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### Off the court with **MYCHAL**

- **Parents:** Randy Mulder and Jennifer Gignac
- **Hometown:** Windsor, Ontario
- **Major:** Communication
- **Career High Points:** 5 (at LSU, 1/5/16)
- **Career High Rebounds:** 8 (at LSU, 1/5/16)
- **Career High Blocks:** 0

**Q: Who in your life do you most look up to?**

**A:** My dad. He's a strong individual who's been through a lot in his life, and he's always overcome that adversity. Growing up, I always wanted to be like him. We have the same type of attitude, a chip on our shoulder, and he's taught me a lot about being a man and being a basketball player.

**Q: What is the single best part about being a UK player?**

**A:** I think it's the relationships that we build. We go through so much together, so many ups and downs. We have difficult days in the gym. We work so hard competing against each other, and after practice we're just so close friends. I have a lot of friends that have come through the program. Whether we lost them to the NBA or to other things, and we're still close. I think relationship building is important and during my time at UK, the ones I've built have been so special to me.

**Q: What is your favorite class you've taken either at UK or your school before that?**

**A:** I was really into the psychologies. I did general studies back at my old school, and I found it really interesting to think about how the mind works, and people's motivations and why they do the things they do. It's not something you think about, though, unless you're forced to.

**Q: If you could only do one of these things which would it be – drive down the lane and dunk on a fellow big man, or crossover a guard and hit a shot?**

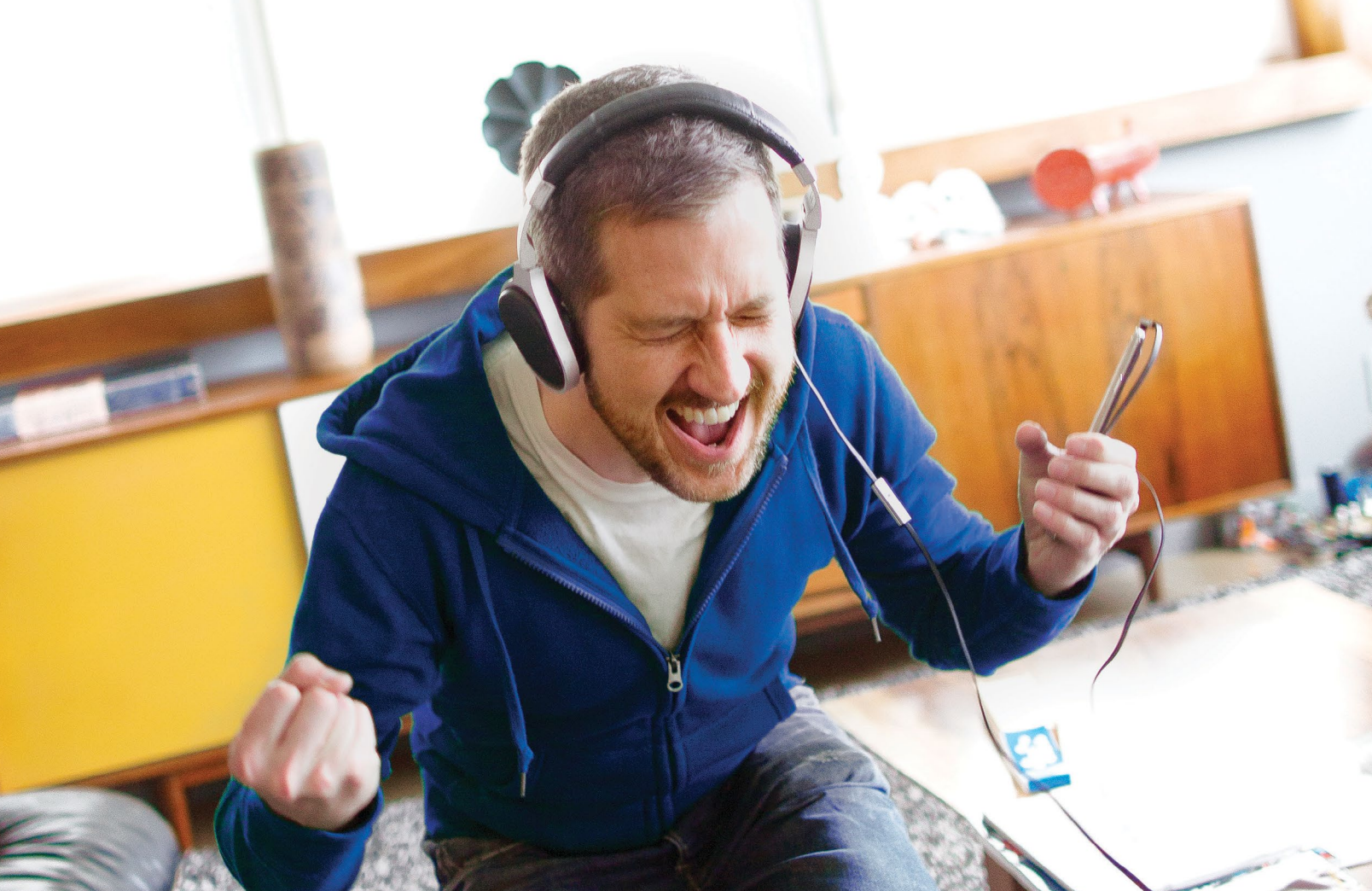
**A:** Drive down the lane and dunk on a big man. There's not many things that compare with the feeling when you rise on somebody and throw it down on them. It's just such an exhilarating experience, you feel powerful – you feel dominant, it's just an empowering feeling.



### 2015-16 (Junior)

Made an appearance in 24 games ... Logged 90 minutes with 12 points and 27 rebounds ... Grabbed three rebounds in seven minutes at Auburn ... Averaged 3.3 points and 4.0 rebounds during a three-game stretch from Jan. 5 to Jan. 12 ... Played 10 minutes in the win against Mississippi State, scoring two points ... Posted three points and four rebounds along with a made 3-pointer in 11 minutes at Alabama ... Recorded career highs in points (five), rebounds (eight) and minutes (14) on the road at LSU.

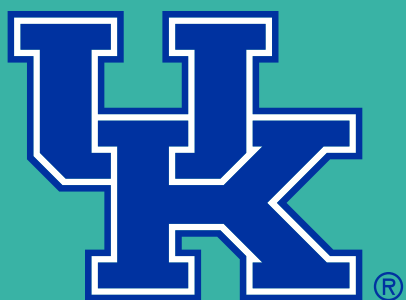




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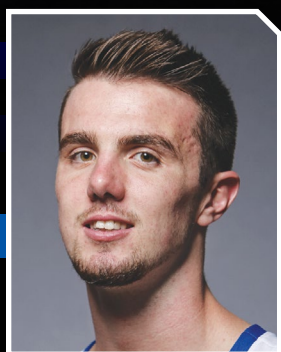


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## DILLON PULLIAM

Guard | 6-3 | 195 | RSo.

#30



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### Off the court with **DILLON**

- **Parents:** Bill and Debbie Pulliam
- **Hometown:** Cynthiana, Ky.
- **Major:** Computer Engineering

**Q: What is the part of your game right now that you are the most proud of?**

**A:** Probably either my work ethic or my shooting ability. I feel like this summer I really improved my body in terms of conditioning, agility and jumping ability.

**Q: If you can only follow one of your teammates on Snapchat, who would it be and why?**

**A:** I would probably go with De'Aaron because he's funny and he's always on Snapchat. I don't actually have a Snapchat account, but he would be a good guy to follow.

**Q: What is one thing friends at home don't understand about Kentucky?**

**A:** I don't think people understand all the work behind the scenes before the games. An example is all the practicing, the conditioning, the workouts, the long hours in the gym – just all the time we put in that isn't seen.

**Q: What is the best part of playing basketball at UK?**

**A:** The fans. I mean Big Blue Nation is crazy. 20,000-plus people in Rupp Arena for your games. That's something you dream of.

**Q: Have you ever played Pokemon Go?**

**A:** Yes, I do. I downloaded it. Some of my friends were playing, so I downloaded it over the summer. Since then I'm on it at least five times a day. I don't have as many Pokemons caught as some of these guys. They have an app that let's them cheat, and I actually play legit.



### 2015-16 (Sophomore)

SEC First-Year Academic Honor Roll member ... Did not play due to NCAA transfer rules. Transferred from Transylvania University after the 2014-15 season.

### High School

A graduate of Harrison County High School, Pulliam was a five-year member of the varsity basketball team ... During his career, he made the All-10th Region Team three times, was named the district tournament MVP and was a member of the school's 1,000-point club ... Pulliam finished his career at Harrison County fifth in career scoring, third in career 3-point field goals and set a school record for most 3-point field goals made in a game with nine ... An honor-roll student, he was his high school's valedictorian ... Was a member of the BETA Club.



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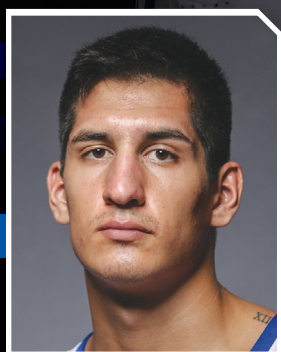
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## DEREK WILLIS

Forward | 6-9 | 228 | Sr.

#35



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### Off the court with **DEREK**

- **Parents:** Trudy and Del Willis
- **Hometown:** Mount Washington, Ky.
- **Major:** Communication
- **Career High Points:** 25 (vs. Tennessee, 2/18/16)
- **Career High Rebounds:** 12 (two times)
- **Career High Blocks:** 4 (two times)

**Q:** How do you guys manage your days as basketball players? Is it hard to manage it now, considering the schedule the players have to keep?

**A:** Yes, you stay busy. I wake up at 7 a.m. every day, and go to class until noon. Then I've got practice and workouts. I usually don't get finished until about 7 or 8 p.m.

**Q:** What is your go-to TV show, and why do you like that show?

**A:** I just finished watching "Stranger Things" on Netflix. It's sci-fi based and directed with an 80s type of theme. It's got this Knight Rider type music to it. I enjoyed it a lot and binge watched all the episodes.

**Q:** What was your best Halloween Costume?

**A:** I was Batman. I was young, but my mom told me this story that I couldn't go to the store with her unless I wore my Batman costume. They walked me around Walmart with this costume on. I guess that was my favorite Halloween costume.

**Q:** First time you dunked, how old were you and what was the setup?

**A:** I think the first time I dunked was in eighth grade, but in a game I think it was my freshman year. At the time, I was playing junior varsity and I was going to Louisville Male. We were playing some team and had a breakaway. Someone kicked it out to me, and I barely dunked it – but I was like, 'Oh my gosh – I can't believe I just did that.'

**Q:** What is your favorite class that you've taken at UK?

**A:** Probably Communications 101 because it's the intro to communication classes. You get the whole accumulation of everything like the big ideas and a lot of interesting stuff you can learn with it.



### 2015-16 (Junior)

Enjoyed a breakout season during his junior campaign where he saw action in 32 games and made 11 starts ... Averaged 7.7 points and 4.0 rebounds per game ... Hit 53 3-pointers on the season, which ranked third on the team ... His 44.2 field-goal percentage from behind the arc was tops on the team ... Led the SEC in 3-point field-goal percentage in conference play with a 50.0-percent clip ... Scored 18 points and hauled in a team-high 12 rebounds in a win over Missouri ... The 18-point, 12-rebound effort was the first for a Kentucky native in an SEC game since 1991.





## TAI WYNYARD

Forward | 6-10 | 254 | RFr.

#14



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Information on Tai

### Off the court with **TAI**

- **Parents:** Jason and Karmyn Wynyard
- **Hometown:** Auckland, New Zealand
- **Major:** Undergraduate Studies

**Q:** What is the part of your game right now that you are the most proud of?

**A:** Rebounding. I'm grabbing every rebound right now. I've been working on boxing out and other techniques.

**Q:** Now that you've got a year under your belt, what is the single best part about being a UK player?

**A:** Being able to have fun with what you do. Being able to work hard with some of the best players in the world is a lot of fun.

**Q:** Before you were ever a UK recruit, what were your ideas about UK basketball?

**A:** I didn't have any idea about it until someone said Google Coach Cal. He's a really big deal over here, but I honestly knew nothing about UK or any actual colleges.

**Q:** What sport have you never tried, or maybe haven't tried in several years that you'd like to try again?

**A:** Wood chopping. I tried it again a little while ago. Maybe after I finish basketball I can go back to wood chopping or being a lumberjack. It would be a lot of fun.

**Q:** What are some of the traditions that you observe for Christmas, that Americans don't?

**A:** It's all much the same. It's just not as big back home. I mean it's big, but just not as big as compared to over here. Everyone's crazy about Christmas in the United States.



### 2015-16 (Freshman)

Midyear enrollee who joined the Wildcats on Dec. 17 ... Became eligible for the Ohio State game on Dec. 18 ... Did not play in any games in 2015-16 and ended up redshirting ... Played for the New Zealand National Team in the 3-on-3 World Championships for a second straight year.

### High School

Graduated from Rangitoto College in Auckland, New Zealand ... Became the youngest player ever to make the New Zealand National Team when he was named to the team at 16 years old ... Named the most valuable player of the FIBA 3-on-3 World Championships after leading New Zealand to a gold medal ... Tabbed the MVP of his high school nationals in New Zealand after leading his team to the high school national championship ... Member of the World Team that defeated USA Basketball in the 2015 Nike Hoop Summit.



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## Wildcats End Fall on High Note

By Deb Moore  
UK Media Relations

Coming off a 13th-place finish at the 2016 NCAA Championships, the Kentucky men's golf team entered the fall season with lofty goals. The team returned four starters off its NCAA tournament squad and welcomed a bevy of talent for the upcoming season. UK did not disappoint in its four fall tournaments. Head coach Brian Craig's squad posted three top-five finishes and had seven individual top-10 finishes to add to the team success.

Kentucky began the fall slate with a third-place showing at the Wolf Run Intercollegiate. All five starters and two individual performers all placed within the top 25 on the individual standings board. Senior Stephen Stallings and junior Cooper Musselman led the Cats with ties for 11th place. It was a good start for more incredible performances throughout the fall season to come.

All-American Chip McDaniel began his

torrid pace with a third-place showing in UK's next tournament, the Bearcat Invitational. McDaniel also charted a third-round low of 67 – the lowest round of any UK player during fall competition. It marked the first of three-straight top-10 finishes to cap the fall season for the Manchester, Kentucky native.

Musselman enjoyed a career performance at the Kenny Perry Invitational in UK's third event. The Louisville, Kentucky, native charted his first-ever top-five finish behind a final round of 68. Musselman was joined in the top 10 by sophomore Fred Allen Meyer and McDaniel who both finished in a tie for eighth. UK's final round of 285, its lowest of the fall season, helped the Cats push into the top five on the team standings' board.

Kentucky saved its best golf for its final tournament as the Wildcats earned a second-place finish as a team at the Steelwood Intercollegiate. UK had rounds of 287-289-286 in its most consistent performance of the season. McDaniel led the way for the individual finishers with a third-place show-

ing with rounds of 72-70-68 and a 6-under par combined score. Musselman had his second-straight top-10 finish as he placed in a tie for seventh. Sophomore Lukas Euler also fared well with a tie for 17th, which included an opening round of 69.

Craig's team saw eight total golfers compete during the fall. As a team, UK averaged a 73.72 stroke average. McDaniel and Musselman lead the way in that category with averages of 71.50 and 72.00, respectively. UK put together 14 total top-20 finishes with Musselman pacing the Cats with a top-20 finish in all four events.

The Wildcats will look to continue to build on their fall performances for an even better spring season. UK will play in five tournaments before the SEC Championships in April, and then it will be time for another run in the NCAA Tournament. Kentucky has its sights set on a return trip to the NCAA Championships which is being held at the Rich Harvest Farms course in Sugar Grove, Illinois beginning May 26.





■ **Devin Booker**  
1 | G | 6-6 | 206  
Phoenix Suns  
GMS PPG. RPG. APG  
13 19.2 2.8 2.5

■ **DeMarcus Cousins**  
15 | C | 6-11 | 270  
Sacramento Kings  
GMS PPG. RPG. APG  
14 26.9 9.6 3.5

■ **Eric Bledsoe**  
2 | G | 6-1 | 205  
Phoenix Suns  
GMS PPG. RPG. APG  
14 17.4 5.5 5.0

■ **Willie Cauley-Stein**  
00 | C | 7-0 | 240  
Sacramento Kings  
GMS PPG. RPG. APG  
12 4.9 1.8 0.3

■ **Aaron Harrison**  
9 | G | 6-6 | 210  
Charlotte Hornets  
GMS PPG. RPG. APG  
1 0.0 1.0 1.0

■ **Anthony Davis**  
23 | F/C | 6-11 | 253  
New Orleans Pelicans  
GMS PPG. RPG. APG  
13 31.7 11.3 2.0

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■ **Andrew Harrison**

5 | G | 6-6 | 213  
Memphis Grizzlies

GMS	PPG	RPG	APG
12	6.3	2.0	3.0

■ **Brandon Knight**

11 | G | 6-3 | 195  
Phoenix Suns

GMS	PPG	RPG	APG
14	13.1	2.6	3.2

■ **Terrence Jones**

9 | F | 6-9 | 255  
New Orleans Pelicans

GMS	PPG	RPG	APG
13	10.2	5.6	1.5

■ **Enes Kanter**

11 | C | 6-11 | 245  
Oklahoma City Thunder

GMS	PPG	RPG	APG
14	12.2	6.3	0.5

■ **Skal Labissiere**

3 | F/C | 6-11 | 225  
Sacramento Kings

GMS	PPG	RPG	APG
1	8.0	3.0	0.0

■ **Michael Kidd-Gilchrist**

14 | F | 6-7 | 232  
Charlotte Hornets

GMS	PPG	RPG	APG
11	8.5	8.1	1.1



■ **Trey Lyles**  
41 | F | 6-10 | 234  
Utah Jazz

GMS	PPG.	RPG.	APG
15	8.7	4.5	1.2

■ **Nerlens Noel**  
4 | F/C | 6-11 | 228  
Philadelphia 76ers

GMS	PPG.	RPG.	APG
out with injury			

■ **DeAndre Liggins**  
14 | G/F | 6-6 | 209  
Cleveland Cavaliers

GMS	PPG.	RPG.	APG
6	2.0	1.6	1.0

■ **Jodie Meeks**  
20 | G | 6-4 | 210  
Orlando Magic

GMS	PPG.	RPG.	APG
3	2.0	0.0	0.0

■ **Jamal Murray**  
27 | G | 6-4 | 207  
Denver Nuggets

GMS	PPG.	RPG.	APG
13	7.8	2.0	2.1

■ **Patrick Patterson**  
54 | F | 6-9 | 235  
Toronto Raptors

GMS	PPG.	RPG.	APG
13	6.1	5.5	2.0

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■ **Julius Randle**  
30 | F | 6-9 | 250  
Los Angeles Lakers

GMS	PPG.	RPG.	APG
14	14.1	8.3	3.8

■ **Karl Anthony Towns**  
32 | F/C | 7-0 | 244  
Minnesota Timberwolves

GMS	PPG.	RPG.	APG
12	21.8	8.5	2.3

■ **Rajon Rondo**  
9 | G | 6-1 | 186  
Chicago Bulls

GMS	PPG.	RPG.	APG
12	7.4	6.2	7.0

■ **Tyler Ulis**  
8 | G | 5-10 | 150  
Phoenix Suns

GMS	PPG.	RPG.	APG
7	4.1	1.0	2.2

■ **James Young**  
13 | G/F | 6-6 | 215  
Boston Celtics

GMS	PPG.	RPG.	APG
9	1.6	1.1	0.3

■ **John Wall**  
21 | G | 6-4 | 210  
Washington Wizards

GMS	PPG.	RPG.	APG
10	24.0	4.0	8.3

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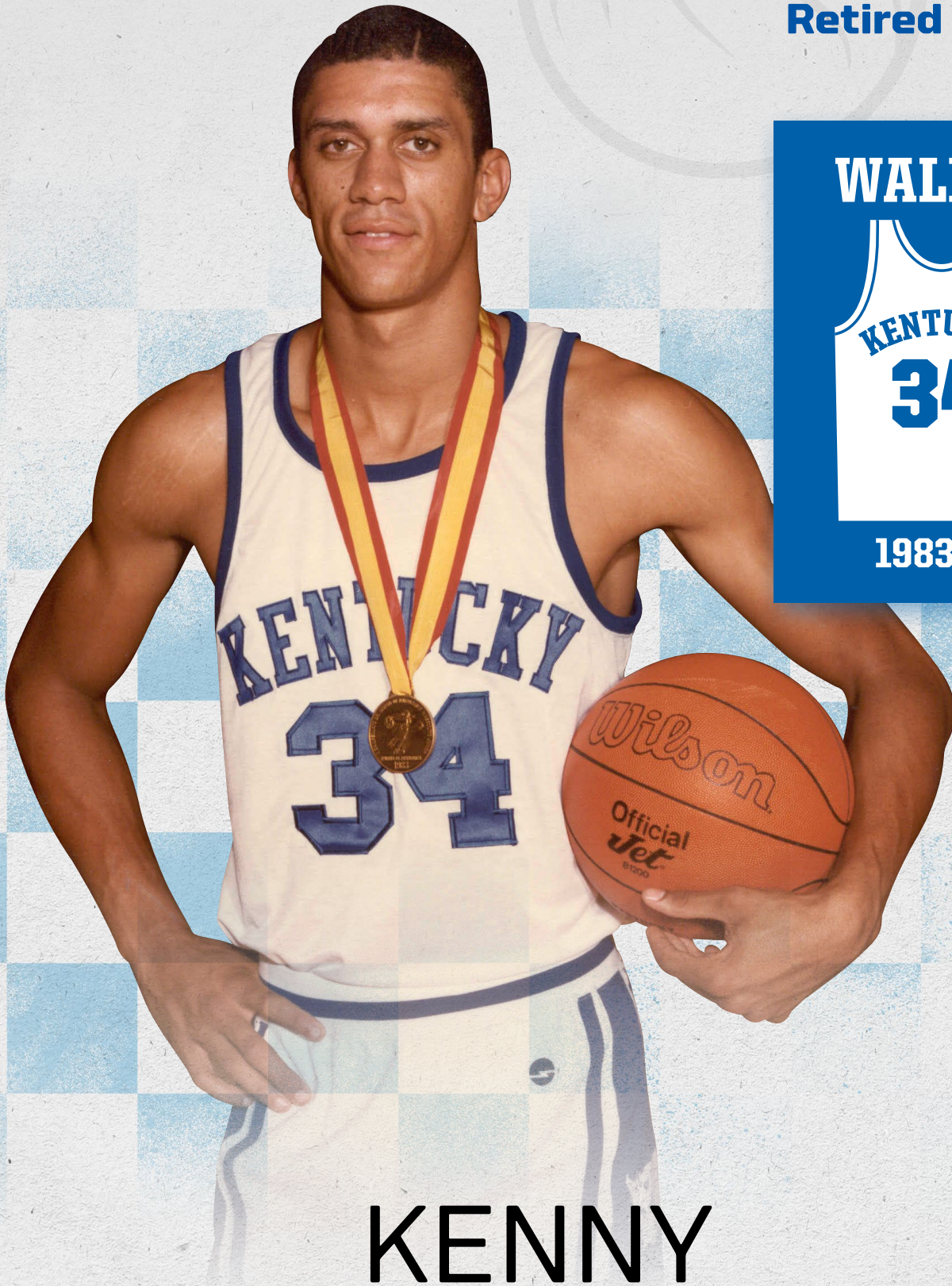


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The University of Kentucky adopted blue and white as its official colors in 1892. UK students had first decided on blue and light yellow before the Kentucky-Centre football game Dec. 19, 1891. The yellow was soon dropped from the combination and replaced by white.

The particular Kentucky shade of blue, close to royal blue, was determined without ceremony. After settling on the base colors, a student posed the logical question, "What color blue?" Letterman Richard Stoll looked down at his necktie and raised it to the air. The vote was unanimous.

### Wildcats Nickname

The official nickname for the University of Kentucky's athletics teams is "Wildcats." The nickname became synonymous with UK shortly after a 6-2 football victory over Illinois on Oct. 9, 1909, on the road.

Commandant Carbusier, then head of the military department at old State University (UK), told a group of students in a chapel service following the game that the Kentucky football team had "fought like wildcats."

Later the name Wildcats became more and more popular among UK followers as well as with members of the media. As a result, the nickname was adopted by the University.

### UK Dance Team

The University of Kentucky Dance Team helps generate excitement and enthusiasm at Wildcat athletics events. Under the tutelage of Dawn Duncan Walters and assistant coach Andrea Masters, the dance team includes both Blue and White squads. The team won its first national championship at the 2005 national competition sponsored by the United Spirit Association. It backed that up with a second-place finish in 2006 and took home third at the 2007 championships. The 2010 squad placed fifth in the Pom Division at UDA 2010 Nationals.

### Fan-tastic!

The Kentucky cheerleaders, band and dance team combine to entertain the nation's largest and most loyal fan base in college basketball. Sure, Ashley Judd, Tommy Lasorda, Muhammad Ali and Backstreet Boy Kevin Richardson steal the attention, but those Big Blue stars are just a few of the Cat fans in attendance at UK games. It's each and every one of the many Kentucky fans who deserve the credit for helping the Wildcats lead the nation in attendance 22 times since Rupp Arena opened in 1976-77, including 14 of the last 15 years.



And the tremendous fan base is not limited to just Lexington. Each year, Kentucky fans flock to Freedom Hall in Louisville, to fill the arena with more than 20,000 fans for an annual "home" game.

The Southeastern Conference Tournament? Well, it might as well be called the Kentucky Invitational. March Madness? Nearly the same result.

The nation's largest media contingent follows the Cats from start to finish simply because of the fans' incessant appetite for information on their Wildcats.

### Trademark Swoosh

Only the best wear Nike. Kentucky not only wears Nike, but is under an all-school contract with the athletic apparel company. In 1997,

UK signed the contract with the popular makers of the trademark swoosh. Thanks to Nike's extensive research and product development, UK student-athletes stay on the cutting edge of quality and style with all of their gear.

All 22 sports use Nike shoes and equipment, and over the course of the contract, the Wildcats will receive millions of dollars worth of clothing, equipment and cash. The men's basketball team has been recognized by the apparel company as a "Nike Elite" team.

While clothing adorned with "Kentucky" was already popular throughout the nation, thanks to Nike and its international marketing reach, Kentucky's blue and white can now be found worldwide.



## Kentucky Traditions

### Cawood's Court

Prior to the UK-Louisville game on Dec. 29, 2001, the court at Rupp Arena was named "Cawood's Court" in honor of Cawood Ledford, the beloved "Voice of the Wildcats" for 39 years (1953-92). Ledford passed away in September 2001, after a long battle with cancer.

The ceremonies included the unveiling of a logo courtside, not far from where Ledford called the action. Also included in the ceremony were donations by two area businesses to the Cawood Ledford Scholarship Fund, established in 1992 to assist former student-athletes in obtaining their degrees.

### The Wildcat

The Wildcat mascot originated during the 1976-77 academic year at UK. Gary Tanner was the original Wildcat, dancing and entertaining thousands of UK fans at Commonwealth Stadium and Rupp Arena during athletics events.

A few years later, he was joined by another Cat — walking on stilts — who made his appearance during UK's twin tower era of Melvin Turpin and Sam Bowie.

Today, both the Wildcat and his sidekick, Scratch, attend each football and basketball game, several academic functions and generally serve as friendly ambassadors for the University.

### Scratch

Scratch joined the cheerleading squad in the mid '90s in conjunction with the UK Kids' Club, but today he has become almost as recognizable as the Wildcat.

The lovable face of UK Athletics garnered national attention after being named to the 2003 Capital One Mascot All-America team, an honor he earned again in 2004.

Kentucky Home," is sung as the home crowd bids farewell.

### UK Cheerleaders

Rooting on the Wildcats every game are the award-winning UK Cheerleaders.

Under the direction of adviser T. Lynn Williamson and coach Jomo Thompson, the UK Cheerleaders have become the model cheerleading squad in the nation. Since 1985, UK has earned the Universal Cheer Association national championship an impressive 18 times. The squad has been runner-up five times.

### UK Pep Band

With more than 100 members, the University of Kentucky pep band is one of the largest in the

nation. Clad in its recognizable blue and white outfits, the pep band is directed by Scott-Lee Atchison. Performing at both home football and basketball games, the UK pep band has been named by Southern Living as one of the "top 10 bands in the South."

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## ARENA

**A**dolph Rupp was synonymous with winning. As coach of Kentucky, he was a pioneer in the Wildcats' fast-break offense while becoming the winningest coach the game had ever seen.

The site that now serves as a tribute to his outstanding coaching accomplishments – Rupp Arena – has become one of the most recognizable gymnasiums in the world while serving as home to college basketball's most storied program.

Now in its 41st season as the Kentucky Wildcats' home court, the facility has seen UK win nearly 90 percent of its home games since it was opened in 1976.

Long considered the mecca of college basketball, Rupp Arena received a \$16 million upgrade over the 2014-15 and 2015-16 seasons that has enhanced the fan experience and once again made it one of the premier venues in all of college basketball. The most notable updates include:

- State-of-the-art Daktronics center-hung video board
- 15mm ribbon boards
- Replaced 16mm LED corner video boards with 6mm LED video boards to produce HD quality image
- L Acoustic Line Array audio speaker system
- Total sanding and repainting of the floor to reflect UK's updated branding and logo
- New basketball goals and new shot clocks
- Added press box seating to the east side of the arena
- Replaced LED scorer's table with 6mm version and moved the old 10mm scorer's table to the opposite side of the floor for radio broadcast seating
- Replaced static ad panels in lower four corners of the arena with LED ad panels

Following the 2012 season, the Wildcats received a \$3.1 million renovation to their

locker room. Funded with private donations, the facility features the actual floor from the 2012 championship game. It has its own kitchen and dining area, as well as hot and cold tubs inlaid with the UK logo. There is also a recruiting room that is available to all 22 sports at the University of Kentucky.

Since the fall of 1976, the arena in downtown Lexington has served as home to four national championship teams at Kentucky. Six others have advanced to the Final Four. Thirteen seasons have witnessed the Cats go unbeaten at home.

It has played host to more than 600 UK games, more than 30 KHSAA Sweet Sixteens, a number of NBA exhibitions, 12 Men's NCAA Tournaments, three Southeastern Conference Tournaments and two Ohio Valley Conference Tournaments.

A new floor was installed in 2001. With so many unforgettable moments, the old floor still maintained a value to hoop fans across the Bluegrass and beyond. Therefore, officials made pieces of the relic available for public sale, with proceeds going to the UK Basketball Museum, the KHSAA and to help offset the costs of the new playing floor. Thanks to an auction of additional sections, like coaching boxes and lettered end zones, the old floor generated more than \$250,000. Midcourt of the old floor rests in the main entrance of the Lexington Center.

When assembled, the court lies 118 feet below the ceiling and is made of a high-grade northern maple. The floor can be removed and an ice rink can be constructed for ice shows or hockey games thanks to a \$2.5 million renovation during the summer of 1996.

But the playing surface is just one aspect of the impressive home of the Cats. Situated in downtown Lexington, Rupp Arena has played host to several premier basketball events. In March of 1985, all roads led to Lexington for the NCAA Final Four as Villanova shocked Georgetown in a memorable finale.

In 1986, Rupp played host to both the

SEC Tournament and the NCAA Women's Final Four. On numerous other occasions, the arena has served as one stop en route to the NCAA title game. Starting in 2016, Rupp Arena will host three straight NCAA women's regional rounds.

An awesome structure in sight and scope, the arena is divided into two seating areas. The lower level features 10,000 cushioned theater seats. The upper level has 13,000 seats on epoxy-coated metal bleachers. The latter can be visually isolated to provide more natural setting for small shows.

Built by the city of Lexington, the arena is the major portion of the \$53 million Lexington Center complex, which includes an expanded convention-exhibition hall, a 50-store tri-level enclosed shopping mall and a Hyatt Regency Hotel.

In January 2001, the Wildcats began utilizing a new lights-out introduction, featuring a video presentation and indoor fireworks.

### Rupp Arena Facts

**Capacity:** 23,000  
**UK's record:** 54-64 (.895)  
**Most Wins in a Season:** 19 (2014-15)  
**Longest Winning Streak:**  
 54 (11/13/09 to 12/1/12)

### Packed to the Rafters

- Kentucky has led the nation in average home attendance in 18 of the last 21 seasons
- Since Rupp Arena opened for the 1976-77 season, UK has ranked either first or second in average attendance every season
- The Wildcats led the nation in average home attendance during the 2015-16 season with an average of 23,361 fans
- UK has averaged more than 23,000 fans per game in six of John Calipari's seven seasons at Kentucky



## Eli Capilouto

**D**r. Eli Capilouto became the 12th President of the University of Kentucky on July 1, 2011. Under his leadership, the \$3.5 billion flagship and land grant research university has gained significant momentum in fulfilling its multi-faceted mission of teaching, research, service and health care.

To embolden the institution's enduring legacy, Dr. Capilouto has led a process to enrich UK's academic experience by increasing institutional investments in student financial aid, developing the Lewis Honors College, expanding Living-Learning Communities, and rebuilding academic and community spaces. Because of his priorities, the University has enrolled nearly 400 National Merit, National Achievement and National Hispanic Scholars in the last several years – tripling the number of incoming Scholars and putting UK in the Top 10 public institutions enrolling these students.

Under Dr. Capilouto's leadership, the University of Kentucky is undergoing a significant physical transformation of its academic, research, residential, health care and community spaces. Through partnership, increased philanthropy and effective financial management, UK is self-financing the vast majority of its more than \$1.9 billion infrastructure development.

Over the last five years, the University has completed, initiated or authorized construction on: 14 new residence halls; several dining facilities, including the 1,000-seat facility known as "the 90;" a \$65 million renovated and expanded Gatton College of Business and Economics supported by donors and private philanthropy; a new \$110 Academic Science Building financed, in part, through a \$65 million partnership with UK Athletics; and a \$120 million revitalized Commonwealth Stadium funded with Athletics revenue; a renovated and expanded Nutter Training Center financed by philanthropy; a \$201 million renovation and expansion of the Student Center; \$150 million to continue the fit-out of Chandler Hospital; a new home for the School of Art and Visual Studies; a new \$265 million multi-disciplinary health sciences research facility in partnership with the state; and the renewal of the College of Law in partnership with donors and the state.

Research at the University of Kentucky is a dynamic enterprise encompassing a full spectrum of academic inquiry, including the humanities, social sciences, traditional scholarship and emerging technologies. UK's research faculty, staff and students are establishing UK as one of the nation's most prolific



public research universities in the nation. In 2013, UK's Markey Cancer Center was designated as a National Cancer Center by the National Cancer Institute; placing UK among an elite group of 22 research universities with the triple crown of federal research awards: NCI-designation, the Clinical and Translational Sciences Award and a federally supported Alzheimer's Disease Center.

Essential to the service mission of the University of Kentucky is the advanced patient care and outreach provided by UK HealthCare. As the flagship academic-medical center in the region, UK serves patients through a network of health care professionals around the Commonwealth while providing acute, sub-specialty medical care at UK Chandler Hospital. In 2013, UK HealthCare was distinguished as a Top Performer by the Joint

Commission, the largest medical accreditation body in the nation, and won a Rising Star Award from the University Health System Consortium.

A native of Montgomery, Alabama, Dr. Capilouto previously served as Provost of the University of Alabama-Birmingham (UAB) and Dean of the UAB School of Public Health -- a period of remarkable growth and transformation at one of the leading academic and health sciences institutions in the South.

Dr. Capilouto holds several undergraduate and graduate degrees from schools within the University of Alabama system, and a Doctorate in Health Policy and Management from Harvard University. He and his wife, Dr. Mary Lynne Capilouto (D.M.D.) a former Dean of the UAB School of Dentistry, have one daughter.



In 1903, the greatest tradition in the history of college basketball was born when the first UK men's basketball team took to the court. From buzzer-beaters to the "Comeback Cats," the Big Blue Nation has witnessed many memorable moments, including eight National Championships, over the past century. These shared experiences are what bind the BBN to one another. We know you have been there to witness greatness and we want you to share your stories with us.

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## Mitch Barnhart

Athletics Director of the University of Kentucky

### Impact.

It's a word that can have a meaning of stark suddenness, as when a streaking meteor slams into an object in outer space. Or, as in the case of University of Kentucky Athletics Director Mitch Barnhart, impact comes as the result of a stream of accomplishments and service that grows steadily through the test of time.

Now in his 15th year at UK, Barnhart's influence is felt not only in Wildcat athletics, but in conference and national forums as well.

Already having served on numerous committees and boards for the NCAA and the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA), Barnhart's national leadership will continue to expand as a new member of the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Committee, which brings responsibility for selecting, seeding and bracketing teams, along with administration of the NCAA's highest-profile event.

With his extensive previous experience on the NCAA Division I Council, as chair of the NCAA Competition Oversight Committee and as a member of the NCAA Division I Baseball Committee, in addition to several other leadership groups, Barnhart is well-suited for his latest task.

On a league level, Barnhart has been active in Southeastern Conference projects. Of recent note is his work with the SEC Compliance Committee and the SEC Network Content Committee, which helped the highly successful launch of the largest new cable channel in television history.

Barnhart's acumen and achievements are being recognized. In 2015, he was named NCAA Division I Athletics Director of the Year, one of four Division I ADs selected for the honor, at the annual NACDA convention.

Barnhart also was one of four finalists for the Athletics Director of the Year as chosen by the SportsBusiness Journal and he received the Sports Business Award from the Bluegrass Sports Commission.

It is no coincidence that Barnhart's multiple accolades came in the same year as the completion of his 15 by 15 by 15 Plan, an ambitious blueprint set in 2008 in which Kentucky would rank in the nation's top 15 athletic programs and win 15 conference or national championships by 2015. At the same



time, Barnhart set a goal of a 3.0 composite grade-point average for UK student-athletes and an even greater commitment to community service by Wildcat athletes and staff. All of the goals presented bold, unprecedented challenges for UK Athletics.

The academic goal was first achieved in the spring semester of 2010 and has an active streak of eight consecutive 3.0 semesters, hitting a peak in spring 2014 with a school-record 3.218 composite GPA. Community service has risen to more than 4,000 hours annually and includes outreach to the Lexington area, the Commonwealth of Kentucky and as far away as Ethiopia.

The Directors' Cup objective was reached a year early when UK checked in at a school-record No. 11 in the 2013-14 national all-sports standings. Kentucky has a current streak of five straight top-30 finishes in the Directors' Cup, including four of the top five rankings in school history.

The final goal was reached when UK men's basketball claimed the 2015 SEC Tournament title, the 15th championship won by Wildcat athletes since 2008.

Not content with reaching one set of goals, Barnhart has initiated a new objective – Elite 1-3-5. The aim is for each UK team to be No. 1 by winning a conference or national championship, continue a department-wide 3.0 GPA and rank in the top 5 of the Directors' Cup standings by 2022.

The impact of Barnhart is recognized

by the award-winning Cats. In her acceptance speech for the SEC Community Service Leader Award, golfer Megan Moir acknowledged the inspiration provided by the UK athletic director.

"I would like to thank Mr. Barnhart for the opportunity and the privilege of being a student-athlete at the University of Kentucky," Moir said. "I have so much respect for you and you have shown me what it means to be a true servant-leader."

The team and individual accolades didn't happen overnight and they haven't occurred by accident, either. They have been the result of a steady, methodical process which Barnhart implemented upon his arrival at Kentucky in 2002.

Barnhart began by providing funds for full coaching staffs and scholarship allotments for all 22 UK sports.

Next, Barnhart directed the construction of new facilities, including the Joe Craft Center; new stadiums for track and field, softball and soccer; the UK Golf House; and the Wildcat Coal Lodge dormitory. Commonwealth Stadium had major renovations completed in 2015 and a new football practice/support complex opened in 2016. A new baseball stadium and indoor tennis facility are on the drawing board. All totaled, he has completed or is in the process of more than \$300 million of facility construction.

Additional milestones have occurred under Barnhart's guidance. UK athletes have set records for graduation rates and maintained a perfect mark in the 12-year history of the NCAA Academic Progress Rate.

Barnhart arrived at UK from Oregon State, where he served four successful years (1998-2002) as athletics director. Before OSU, he worked in athletics administration posts at Tennessee (1986-98), Southern Methodist University (1983-86), Oregon (1983) and San Diego State (1982-83).

A native of Kansas City, Kan., he earned his bachelor's degree from Ottawa University (Kansas) in 1981 and a master's in sports administration from Ohio University.

Barnhart's family includes his wife, Connie; three children, Blaire, Scott, and Kirby Willoughby; Kirby's husband, McKenzie, and a grandson, Cooper.





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