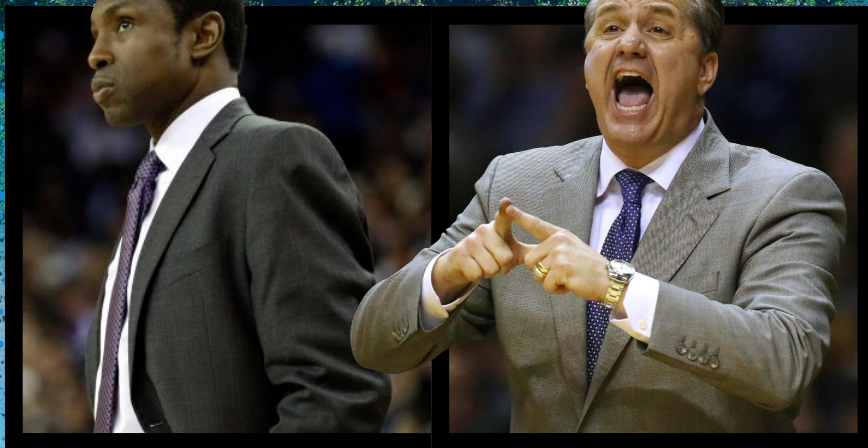


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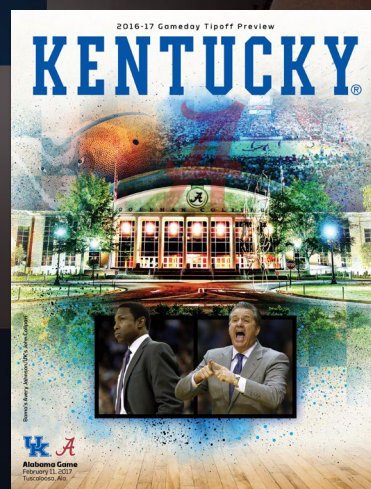
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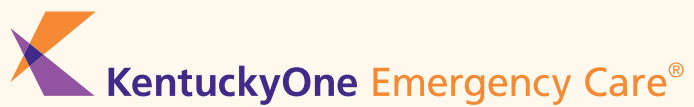
2016-17 Basketball Schedule

 Clarion Lexington, Ky. Exhibition W, 108-51	Sunday October 30	 North Carolina Las Vegas, Nev. W, 103-100	Saturday December 17	 Florida Gainesville, Fla. 88-66, L	Saturday February 4
	Game Recap		Game Recap		Game Recap
 Asbury Lexington, Ky. Exhibition W, 156-63	Sunday November 6	 Louisville Louisville, Ky. W, 73-70	Wednesday December 21	 LSU Lexington, Ky. W, 92-85	Tuesday February 7
	Game Recap		Game Recap		Game Recap
 Stephen F. Austin Lexington, Ky. W, 87-64	Friday November 11	 Ole Miss Oxford, Miss. W, 99-76	Thursday December 29	 Alabama Tuscaloosa, Ala. 1 p.m.	Saturday February 11
	Game Recap		Game Recap		Game Recap
 Canisius Lexington, Ky. W, 93-69	Sunday November 13	 Texas A&M Lexington, Ky. W, 100-58	Tuesday January 3	 Tennessee Lexington, Ky. 7 p.m.	Tuesday February 14
	Game Recap		Game Recap		Game Recap
 Michigan State New York, N.Y. W, 69-48	Tuesday November 15	 Arkansas Lexington, Ky. W, 97-71	Saturday January 7	 Georgia Athens, Ga. TBA	Saturday February 18
	Game Recap		Game Recap		Game Recap
 Duquesne Lexington, Ky. W, 93-59	Sunday November 20	 Vanderbilt Nashville, Tenn. W, 87-81	Tuesday January 10	 Missouri Columbia, Mo. 9 p.m.	Tuesday February 21
	Game Recap		Game Recap		Game Recap
 Cleveland State Lexington, Ky. W, 101-70	Wednesday November 23	 Auburn Lexington, Ky. W, 92-72	Saturday January 14	 Florida Lexington, Ky. 2 p.m.	Saturday February 25
	Game Recap		Game Recap		Game Recap
 UT Martin Lexington, Ky. W, 111-76	Friday November 25	 Mississippi State Starkville, Miss. W, 88-81	Tuesday January 17	 Vanderbilt Lexington, Ky. 9 p.m.	Tuesday February 28
	Game Recap		Game Recap		Game Recap
 Arizona State Paradise Island, Bahamas W, 115-69	Monday November 28	 South Carolina Lexington, Ky. W, 85-69	Saturday January 21	 Texas A&M College Station, Texas Noon	Saturday March 4
	Game Recap		Game Recap		Game Recap
 UCLA Lexington, Ky. 97-92, L	Saturday December 3	 Tennessee Knoxville, Tenn. 82-80, L	Tuesday January 24	 SEC Tournament Nashville, Tenn. Bridgestone Arena TBA	Wed.-Sun. March 8-12
	Game Recap		Game Recap		Game Recap
 Valparaiso Lexington, Ky. W, 87-63	Wednesday December 7	 Kansas Lexington, Ky. 79-73, L	Saturday January 28	 NCAA Tournament Final Four® Phoenix, Ariz. TBA	March-April 14-3
	Game Recap		Game Recap		Game Recap
 Hofstra Brooklyn, N.Y. W, 96-73	Sunday December 11	 Georgia Lexington, Ky. W, 90-81 (10T)	Tuesday January 31		
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2016-17 Final SEC Standings

Team	SEC	Overall	Home	Road
Florida	9-2	19-5	6-1	6-2
Kentucky	9-2	19-5	12-2	3-3
South Carolina	9-2	19-5	13-2	5-2
Alabama	7-4	14-9	8-3	4-4
Arkansas	6-5	17-7	12-3	3-4
Tennessee	6-5	14-10	9-3	5-4
Auburn	5-6	16-8	9-3	5-3
Mississippi State	5-6	14-9	9-4	2-4
Ole Miss	5-6	14-10	9-5	3-4
Texas A&M	5-6	13-10	9-4	2-4
Vanderbilt	5-6	12-12	7-5	4-4
Georgia	4-7	13-11	9-4	3-6
LSU	1-10	9-14	7-6	1-6
Missouri	1-10	6-17	5-8	0-6

Scoring

Player-Team.....	PPG
Malik Monk, UK.....	21.9
Yante Maten, UGA	19.7
Sindarius Thornwell, USC.....	19.4
Quinnndary Weatherspoon, MSU.....	17.3
Deandre Burnett, MISS	16.5

Rebounding

Player-Team.....	RPG
Sebastian Saiz, MISS.....	11.6
Craig Victor II, LSU.....	7.6
Moses Kingsley, ARK	7.6
Jeff Roberson, VANDY	7.5
Sindarius Thornwell, USC.....	7.3

Assists

Player-Team.....	APG
De'Aaron Fox, UK.....	5.5
Kasey Hill, UF	4.9
Terrence Phillips, MIZZOU.....	4.8
I.J. Ready, MSU.....	4.7
Isaiah Briscoe, UK.....	4.4

Steals

Player-Team.....	SPG
Sindarius Thornwell, USC.....	2.2
J.J. Frazier, UGA	2.0
Admon Gilder, TAMU.....	2.0
Kasey Hill, UF	1.9
PJ Dozier, USC	1.8

Blocks

Player-Team.....	BPG
Moses Kingsley, ARK	2.5
Robert Williams, TAMU	2.5
Aric Holman, MSU.....	2.2
Grant Williams, UT	1.9
Luke Kornet, VANDY	1.8

Around the Country

2016-17 Associated Press Rankings

As of Feb. 6, 2017 (week 14)

	Team	Record	Points
1	Gonzaga (59)	24-0	1,619
2	Villanova (6)	22-2	1,565
3	Kansas	20-3	1,446
4	Louisville	19-4	1,411
5	Oregon	21-3	1,263
6	Baylor	20-3	1,255
7	Wisconsin	20-3	1,232
8	North Carolina	21-4	1,145
9	Arizona	21-3	1,136
10	UCLA	21-3	1,115
11	Cincinnati	21-2	876
12	Virginia	17-5	875
13	West Virginia	18-5	861
14	Florida State	20-4	839
15	Kentucky	18-5	741
16	Purdue	19-5	537
17	Florida	18-5	530
18	Duke	18-5	514
19	South Carolina	19-4	493
20	Saint Mary's	21-2	468
21	Maryland	20-3	326
22	Butler	18-5	285
23	Creighton	20-4	207
24	Xavier	17-6	144
25	SMU	20-4	107



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The Kentucky basketball team was rolling. It was No. 1 in the country and had one of the five most efficient offenses and defenses in the country.

Then, over time, the Wildcats' defense began to slip, their offense began to stall and Ws were replaced with Ls.

First, it was a two-point setback at Tennessee. That was followed by a six-point home loss to Kansas. After an overtime victory over Georgia in which Malik Monk netted the second-highest freshman point total in program history, the Wildcats were blown out at Florida by 22.

Now it's about putting all the pieces back together, and head coach John Calipari likes the path that his team is on.

"The kids were great," Coach Cal said Friday when asked about his team's three-hour practice earlier in the week. "They know we gotta create some habits that we've gotten away from and they know that. We did what we have to do. I feel much better with the direction. When it takes you three weeks to get to a point, it's going to take you time to get out of it's because you're trying to create different habits, both offensively and defensively."

Some of the Wildcats' problems lately have been technical issues on both offense and defense. Other problems relate more to "energy, effort and enthusiasm."

After installing a reboot on Monday, Calipari was pleased with the first three-quarters of Tuesday's win over LSU. The No. 15/12 Wildcats (19-5, 9-2 Southeastern Conference) took a 25-point lead on the Tigers, were sharing the ball, dominating the boards and resembled the team that was cruising through much of its non-conference schedule.

But over the final eight minutes of the game, the Wildcats reverted to their more recent level of play and won by just seven points. While frustrating at the time, the dose of reality may actually be a blessing in disguise.

"I'll say this, and I said it to the team, the best thing to happen to us is LSU," Calipari said. "We were on track. We were going to beat them by 30 and then they make that run in the last seven, eight minutes. And if we had won by 30, possibly me would have looked at it and said, 'OK, now we're right'.



Coach Cal said Friday that he expects Alabama to crash the boards similar to what Florida did to UK. (photo by Chet White, UK Athletics)

We've got this right. And by them coming back on us, it showed me, we've got to, this ain't no – this is not going to work this way."

If the remaining three weeks of the regular season are anything like the past couple weeks, it will be one wild ride to Selection

Sunday on March 12. In addition to Kentucky's struggles, a number of other highly ranked teams have experienced bumps in

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the road. On Feb. 4 alone, six teams ranked in the Associated Press' top 10 – including Kentucky – went down with losses. That, too, hasn't been lost on Coach Cal.

"You're looking at teams all across the country trying to figure stuff out, and we're one of them," he said. "I love that I'm coaching this team. Where we are defensively I'm not happy with, but the last two days and even Monday's practice, where we were zeroed in on moving that ball on offense, they're responding."

Based on Friday's media opportunity, it sounds like Calipari is toying with the idea of using the bench as his ally even more than before. Noting that outside of the anomaly that was the 2014-15 season in which he platooned two groups, Coach Cal said that many of his best teams had shorter rotations.

Malik Monk, for one, told Calipari that if he isn't rebounding the ball he should come out. Other Wildcats weren't as forthcoming, but as Coach Cal continues to try to shore up his team's defense, a simple message resonates: defend and rebound or sit.

"You know, one of the things you do is just say if you really want to get better defensive-

ly, you play your best six defenders and that's it," Calipari said. "Don't play anybody else. Now, you're seeing teams across the country start doing that right now. Syracuse went to playing six guys. That's it. I'm playing six, and I'll play five if no one gets in foul trouble and you can all play 40 minutes and they've won seven in a row. ... So, we're not at that point yet, but again, if you're going in and you're breaking down or you can't fight or rebound, you just can't be in there. I've made it clear to the guys. We've got to get back to having a defensive presence and making it about defense."

Coach Cal's reboot will get its next challenge against Alabama on Saturday at 1 p.m. ET at Coleman Coliseum in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. The Tide (14-9, 7-4 SEC) are alone in fourth place in the league standings after winning at South Carolina in four overtimes on Tuesday.

One of the deepest teams in the country, Alabama has 10 active players averaging at least 12.6 minutes per game and eight scoring between 5.4 and 11.8 points per game.

"Their players are good," Coach Cal said on Monday's SEC Coaches' Teleconference, "but their team is really good."

And what Alabama perhaps does best is rebound. The Crimson Tide's plus-6.6 av-

erage rebounding margin is the best in the SEC. Freshman forward Braxton Key, who leads the team in scoring (11.8 ppg) and rebounding, is pulling down just 6.0 boards per game, but four other players are just behind him averaging between 4.0 and 5.7.

"It's our guards that got to stick their noses in there and go rebound," Calipari said. "This team is going to shoot it and send four guys to the rim. That's what they do. And if your guards don't rebound, it's going to be ugly."

After being outrebounded at Florida by 25, a record in the Calipari era, the Wildcats outrebounded LSU by 14 the very next game. Coach Cal said that he expects Alabama to employ a similar strategy as Florida and play with great energy and effort. And at the end of the day, win or lose, Saturday's game will show Calipari exactly where his team and this reboot is.

"We got a month to get this right," he said. "These guys are in a great frame of mind right now. It's going to be a really hard game for us to win down there the way they're playing and how hard they rebound the ball. It's exactly the medicine we need to say 'Where are we right now rebounding the ball?' Because you're going to find out, similar to what Florida did, shoot it and go get it."



After a three-hour practice Wednesday, Coach Cal said he likes the direction of his team. (photo by Chet White, UK Athletics)

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					FG-FGA	Pct	3FT-FTA	Pct			Off	Def	Total	Avg.	PF	PO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg.	
05	Monk, Malik	24-24	758	31.6	182-372	.489	77-185	.416	85-103	.825	9	46	55	2.3	44	0	54	51	10	28	526	21.9	
00	Fox, De'Aaron	23-22	675	29.3	135-280	.482	8-44	.182	91-126	.722	10	90	100	4.3	52	1	126	54	4	37	369	16.0	
13	Briscoe, Isaiah	22-22	691	31.4	110-233	.472	14-40	.350	75-105	.714	33	81	114	5.2	56	0	96	57	3	19	309	14.0	
03	Adebayo, Edrice	24-24	661	27.5	106-175	.606	0-0	.000	96-158	.608	70	96	166	6.9	67	1	20	37	38	18	308	12.8	
35	Willis, Derek	24-6	479	20.0	61-126	.484	27-73	.370	18-24	.750	25	86	111	4.6	38	0	20	19	21	15	167	7.0	
32	Gabriel, Wenyen	24-18	502	20.9	55-117	.470	17-49	.347	27-45	.600	52	94	146	6.1	70	2	24	20	26	11	154	6.4	
11	Mulder, Mychal	18-0	207	11.5	39-87	.448	25-64	.391	9-9	1.000	13	18	31	1.7	16	0	7	7	4	6	112	6.2	
15	Humphries, Isaac	24-1	225	9.4	33-67	.493	0-0	.000	13-23	.565	44	43	87	3.6	48	1	8	13	18	6	79	3.3	
25	Hawkins, Dominique	24-3	416	17.3	24-73	.329	8-33	.242	22-25	.880	16	24	40	1.7	40	0	47	11	0	12	78	3.3	
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	
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	13-0	42	3.2	2-13	.154	2-12	.167	2-5	.400	1	2	3	0.2	3	0	1	2	1	0	8	0.6	
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											30	39	69	2.9	0			4			0		
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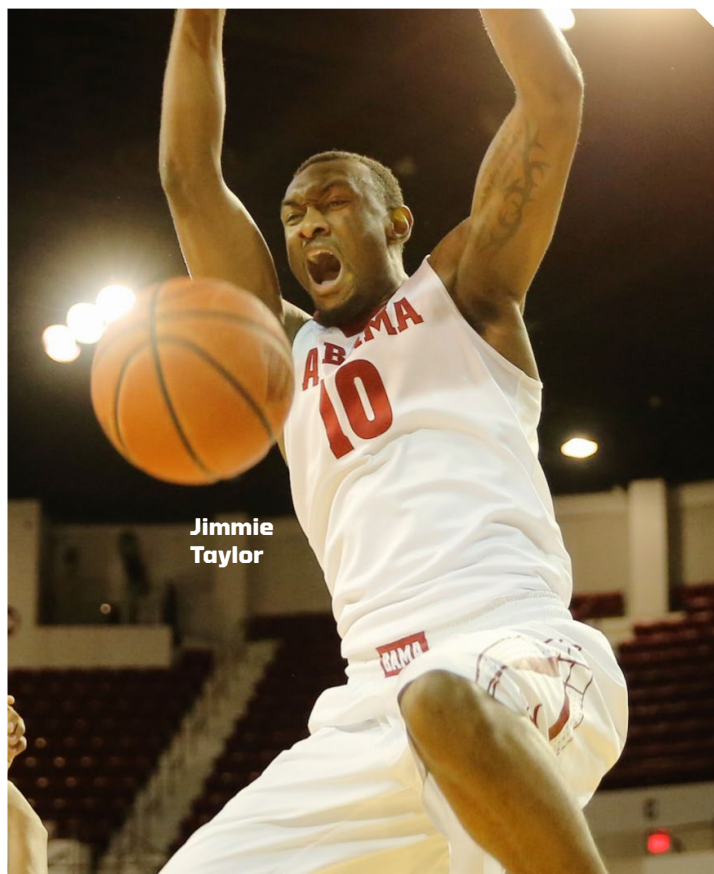
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25	Key, Braxton	23-19	649	28.2	90-208	.433	25-70	.357	67-107	.626	42	95	137	6.0	61	2	48	67	15	16	272	11.8
12	Ingram, Dazon	23-23	617	26.8	70-138	.507	13-28	.464	79-124	.637	21	85	106	4.6	57	1	82	64	7	27	232	10.1
01	Norris, Riley	23-18	631	27.4	70-177	.395	30-96	.313	36-47	.766	33	58	91	4.0	51	0	20	23	2	21	206	9.0
03	Collins, Corban	21-12	495	23.6	53-145	.366	32-92	.348	25-40	.625	6	39	45	2.1	37	0	31	19	0	13	163	7.8
05	Johnson Jr, Avery	23-6	456	19.8	60-170	.353	24-70	.343	22-28	.786	6	31	37	1.6	43	0	35	25	1	16	166	7.2
22	Davis, Ar'Mond	21-0	292	13.9	44-131	.336	23-78	.295	24-28	.857	4	29	33	1.6	14	0	3	14	2	9	135	6.4
35	Hall, Donta	23-15	451	19.6	55-84	.655	0-0	.000	24-43	.558	45	85	130	5.7	56	2	12	19	36	12	134	5.8
10	Taylor, Jimmie	23-8	421	18.3	51-83	.614	0-0	.000	22-44	.500	31	56	87	3.8	57	2	15	28	34	12	124	5.4
11	Hale, Shannon	19-1	240	12.6	24-75	.320	8-41	.195	31-44	.705	6	24	30	1.6	26	1	6	21	6	5	87	4.6
00	King, Nick	7-2	89	12.7	8-25	.320	3-13	.231	4-6	.667	3	17	20	2.9	3	0	3	7	2	5	23	3.3
21	Olaniyan, Bola	22-11	302	13.7	23-46	.500	0-0	.000	17-27	.630	53	68	121	5.5	48	1	10	33	1	16	63	2.9
02	Schaffer, Lawson	9-0	14	1.6	2-5	.400	2-4	.500	2-2	1.000	1	1	2	0.2	1	0	3	0	0	2	8	0.9
23	Austin, Brandon	5-0	38	7.6	1-15	.067	0-6	.000	1-3	.333	1	2	3	0.6	3	0	1	0	1	1	3	0.6
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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 **Alabama Crimson Tide**

##	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown
0	Nick King	G/F	6-7	230	Jr.	Memphis, Tenn.
1	Riley Norris	G/F	6-7	203	Jr.	Albertville, Ala.
2	Lawson Schaffer	G	5-11	160	So.	Cullman, Ala.
3	Corban Collins	G	6-3	190	Gr.	High Point, N.C.
4	Daniel Giddens	F/C	6-11	235	So.	Mableton, Ga.
5	Avery Johnson, Jr.	G	5-11	187	So.	Houston, Texas
10	Jimmie Taylor	F	6-10	248	Sr.	Greensboro, Ala.
11	Shannon Hale	F	6-8	233	Sr.	Johnson City, Tenn.
12	Dazon Ingram	G	6-5	205	RFr.	Theodore, Ala.
22	Ar'mond Davis	G	6-6	190	Jr.	Tacoma, Wash.
23	Brandon Austin	G	6-5	197	So.	Montgomery, Ala.
25	Braxton Key	F	6-8	240	Fr.	Decatur, Ga.
35	Donta Hall	F	6-9	224	So.	Luverne, Ala.

**Coaching Staff****Head Coach:** Avery Johnson**Assistant Coaches:** John Pelphrey,
Bob Simon, Antoine Pettway**Quick Facts****Location:** Tuscaloosa, Ala.**Founded:** 1831**Enrollment:** 37,100**Conference:** SEC



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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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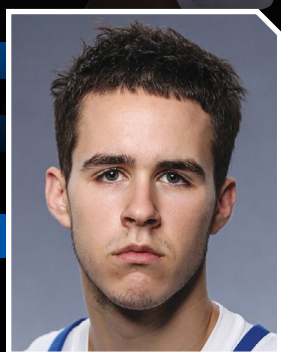
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BRAD CALIPARI

Guard | 6-0 | 178 | Fr.

#20



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Information on Brad

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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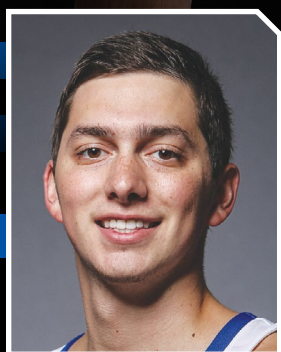
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JONNY DAVID

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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Guard | 6-3 | 187 | Fr.

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Information on De'Aaron

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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Forward | 6-9 | 213 | Fr.

#32



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Information on Wenyen

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)

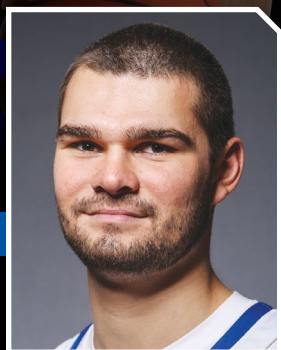
SEC Academic Honor Roll member ... Saw action in 27 games during an injury-plagued junior season ... Had career-highs in points, blocks, free throws, 3-point field goals and shooting percentage ... Averaged 2.3 points with a 2.2 assist-to-turnover ratio ... Missed seven games in January due to an ankle 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

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#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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SACHA KILLEYA-JONES

Forward | 6-10 | 230 | Fr.

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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.



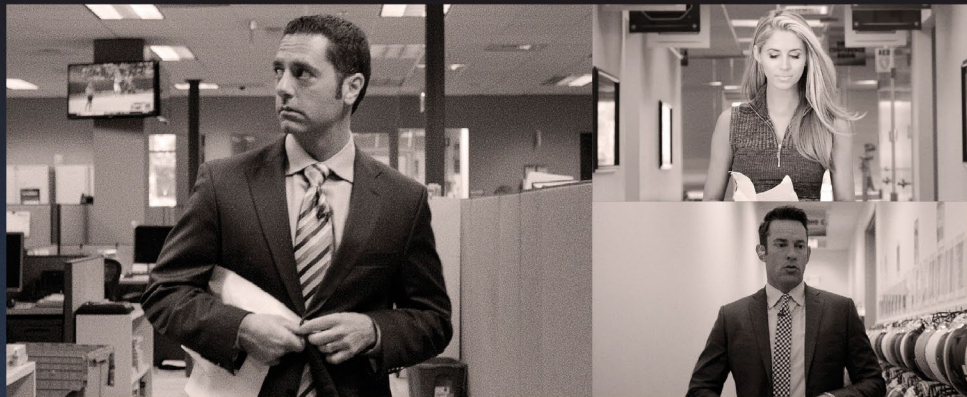
High School

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.

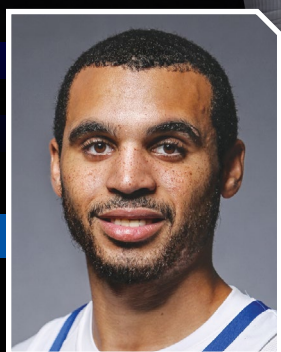
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MYCHAL MULDER

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.

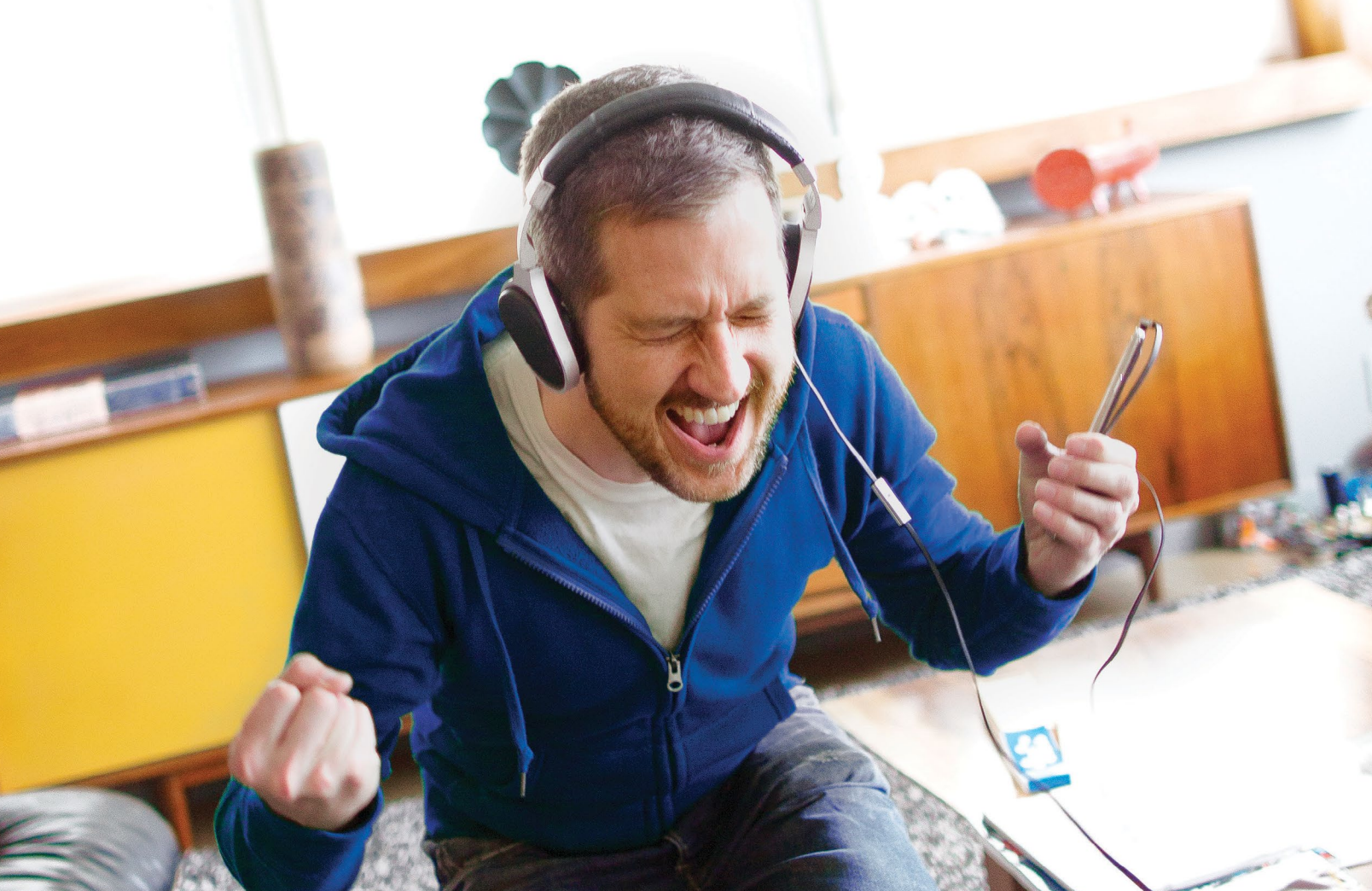
Q: If you could only do one of these things which would it be – drive down the lane and dunk on a fellow big man, or crossover a guard and hit a shot?

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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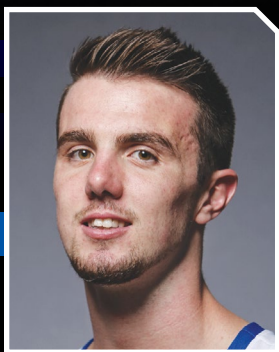
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DILLON PULLIAM

Guard | 6-3 | 195 | RSo.

#30



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Information on Dillon

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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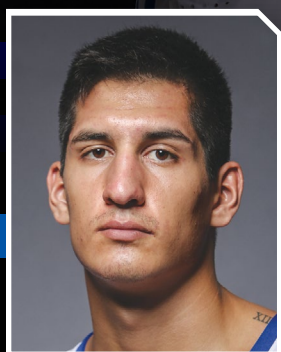


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DEREK WILLIS

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



Click Ball For More
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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New UK Baseball Stadium to Open for the 2019 Season

By Matt May
UK Media Relations

The University of Kentucky Athletics Department will begin construction on a new baseball stadium in February. Construction is expected to take 18-20 months, meaning the stadium will open in late fall 2018 in time for the 2019 UK baseball season.

"This is another step toward making the vision we have for our facilities a reality," UK Athletics Director Mitch Barnhart said. "We are excited to begin construction on the baseball stadium we've long worked to build and even more excited to give our program an incredible new facility as we pursue our goal of competing at the highest level in the strongest conference in America."

The cost of the stadium, which will give UK baseball a state-of-the-art home on par with its peers in the Southeastern Conference, will be \$49 million. The new stadium – which is yet to be named – will be located off Alumni Drive between the new Kentucky Football Training Facility and the Wendell and Vickie Bell Soccer Complex, adding to the cluster of UK Athletics facilities in the area.

"At the University of Kentucky, we have an athletics department – and a leader in Mitch Barnhart – deeply committed to success both on the field and in the classroom," said UK President Eli Capilouto. "As part of that commitment, they are making unprecedented investments that speak to the power

of partnership – from millions of dollars in academic scholarships to \$65 million toward the construction of the new Jacobs Science Building in the heart of our campus. Now, this further investment in athletics facilities and infrastructure planning will result in more recreational space and support for students as well as parking in a growing and vibrant area of our campus."

The news regarding plans for the stadium comes days after the UK Board of Trustees gave its final approval for the project to move forward. In June 2015, the Board of Trustees approved financing for the design of the stadium, which is nearing completion.

"We're extremely appreciative of the continued commitment of President Capilouto, Mitch Barnhart, the University of Kentucky, and our athletics department to our program," UK coach Nick Mingione said. "The new facility will be beneficial in a multitude of ways and we will continue to bring the right type of students into our family to play in this marvelous facility. There's a great deal of work to be done between now and the day our new stadium opens for our baseball program to reach the heights we all want it to, but we're certainly excited about what the future holds."

The baseball stadium is being relocated from its current site to accommodate the university's South Campus Master Plan. The move will allow for the development of additional student recreation spaces and a substantial expansion of parking spaces on

South Campus.

The stadium will feature permanent seating for nearly 2,500 fans with additional space on grass berms to accommodate a total of more than 4,000 fans for regular-season games. Beyond the outfield wall, temporary bleachers can be installed for NCAA Tournament games to bring the seating capacity to more than 7,000. Fan amenities also will include suites and a new club area.

The team areas will give Wildcat students and coaches everything they need to compete at a high level in a single location. The new stadium will feature a team lounge, locker room, training area, indoor hitting and pitching areas, and coaching offices, as well as a recruiting room. All spaces are either new to UK baseball or significantly larger than ones currently in use.

UK Athletics is working with Ross Tarrant Architects and HNTB to design and build the stadium, the same partners who recently completed the renovations of Commonwealth Stadium and the new Kentucky Football Training Facility.

The new stadium will replace Cliff Hagan Stadium, which has been home to UK baseball since its opening in 1969. Once the new stadium opens, Cliff Hagan Stadium will be demolished to make way for a new facility for UK's men's and women's tennis programs. Additionally, a new soccer practice field replacing the one located at the site of the new baseball stadium will be built at the current site of the club practice field off College Way.



■ **Devin Booker**

1 | G | 6-6 | 206
Phoenix Suns

GMS	PPG	RPG	APG
52	21.1	2.8	3.2

■ **Eric Bledsoe**

2 | G | 6-1 | 205
Phoenix Suns

GMS	PPG	RPG	APG
53	21.2	5.0	6.1

■ **Willie Cauley-Stein**

00 | C | 7-0 | 240
Sacramento Kings

GMS	PPG	RPG	APG
46	5.4	2.5	0.5

■ **Aaron Harrison**

9 | G | 6-6 | 210
Charlotte Hornets

GMS	PPG	RPG	APG
5	0.2	0.6	0.6

■ **DeMarcus Cousins**

15 | C | 6-11 | 270
Sacramento Kings

GMS	PPG	RPG	APG
51	27.9	10.7	4.7

■ **Anthony Davis**

23 | F/C | 6-11 | 253
New Orleans Pelicans

GMS	PPG	RPG	APG
49	27.6	12.1	2.2

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■ **Andrew Harrison**

5 | G | 6-6 | 213
Memphis Grizzlies

GMS	PPG	RPG	APG
52	6.3	2.0	3.0

■ **Brandon Knight**

11 | G | 6-3 | 195
Phoenix Suns

GMS	PPG	RPG	APG
50	11.3	2.3	2.4

■ **Terrence Jones**

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

GMS	PPG	RPG	APG
51	11.5	5.9	1.2

■ **Enes Kanter**

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

GMS	PPG	RPG	APG
47	14.4	6.7	1.0

■ **Skal Labissiere**

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

GMS	PPG	RPG	APG
7	2.9	1.7	0.0

■ **Michael Kidd-Gilchrist**

14 | F | 6-7 | 232
Charlotte Hornets

GMS	PPG	RPG	APG
52	9.2	7.4	1.4

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

GMS	PPG.	RPG.	APG
54	7.5	3.7	1.2

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

GMS	PPG.	RPG.	APG
26	8.1	4.9	1.0

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

GMS	PPG.	RPG.	APG
43	2.8	1.6	0.9

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

GMS	PPG.	RPG.	APG
24	8.9	2.3	1.5

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

GMS	PPG.	RPG.	APG
52	8.7	2.6	1.8

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

GMS	PPG.	RPG.	APG
40	7.2	5.4	1.4

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■ **Julius Randle**
30 | F | 6-9 | 250
Los Angeles Lakers
GMS PPG. RPG. APG
47 12.9 8.1 3.6

■ **Karl Anthony Towns**
32 | F/C | 7-0 | 244
Minnesota Timberwolves
GMS PPG. RPG. APG
53 23.5 11.9 2.9

■ **Tyler Ulis**
8 | G | 5-10 | 150
Phoenix Suns
GMS PPG. RPG. APG
33 2.9 0.7 1.0

■ **Rajon Rondo**
9 | G | 6-1 | 186
Chicago Bulls
GMS PPG. RPG. APG
44 6.5 5.3 6.6

■ **James Young**
13 | G/F | 6-6 | 215
Boston Celtics
GMS PPG. RPG. APG
16 1.6 0.9 0.3

■ **John Wall**
21 | G | 6-4 | 210
Washington Wizards
GMS PPG. RPG. APG
50 23.0 4.5 10.5

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Kentucky Traditions

Blue and White

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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Adolph 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

Dr. 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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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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