

1979-80 KENTUCKY VARSITY BASKETBALL STATISTICS (35 GAMES) — FINAL

Player	G-St	Min.	Fg-Fga	Pct.	Ft-Fga	Pct.	Reb-Ave.	A	Pf-D	Pts.	Ave.	TO
MACY	35-35	1182	218-415	52.5	104-114	91.2	85- 2.4	163	52-0	540	15.4	60
BOWIE	34-33	886	165-311	53.1	110-144	76.4	276- 8.1	26	110-8	440	12.9	80
COWAN	35-35	892	168-318	52.8	100-141	70.9	201- 5.7	31	101-5	436	12.5	78
WILLIAMS	35-33	858	100-190	52.6	64- 75	85.3	185- 5.3	26	106-8	264	7.4	63
SHIDLER	35- 8	631	89-180	49.4	40- 50	80.0	46- 1.3	59	57-1	218	6.2	54
HORD	35- 2	677	78-166	47.0	49- 64	76.6	37- 2.5	37	66-2	205	5.9	55
MINNIEFIELD	34-18	691	68-142	47.9	35- 49	71.4	70- 2.1	126	82-3	171	5.0	75
HURT	35- 1	475	52- 86	60.5	32- 52	61.5	87- 2.5	14	74-2	136	3.9	22
VERDERBER	23- 1	374	37- 71	52.1	28- 38	73.7	74- 2.2	12	54-2	102	3.0	30
HEITZ	24- 0	108	6- 22	27.3	18- 33	54.6	20- 0.8	3	13-0	30	1.3	7
LANTER	17- 0	55	5- 13	38.5	3- 8	37.5	9- 0.5	8	12-0	13	0.8	9
GETTELFINGER	12- 0	26	5- 7	71.4	2- 3	66.7	3- 0.3	4	3-0	12	1.0	3
ANDERSON	11- 9	282	47-101	46.5	24- 31	77.4	13- 1.1	29	25-1	118	10.7	25
TEAM												
KENTUCKY TOTALS	35		1038-2022	51.3	609-802	75.9	1265-36.1	538	755-32	2685	76.7	564
OPPONENT TOTALS	35		880-1971	44.7	563-794	70.9	1052-30.1	440	753-33	2323	66.4	551

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BLOCKED SHOTS—STEALS: Kentucky 125-216, Opp 77-242. Bowie 73-12, Macy 2-58, Cowan 27-31, Minniefield 2-34, Shidler 3-30, Williams 8-18, Hord 3-15, Hurt 6-13, Verderber 0-6, Heitz 0-1, Gettelfinger 0-1, Lanter 0-2, Anderson 1-4.

SEASON RECORD — 1979-80

ALL GAMES: WON 29, LOST 6—SEC ONLY: WON 15, LOST 3

Opponent	Site	UK	Opp.	Crowd
Duke	(N1)	76*	82	8,939
Bradley	(N2)	79	58	3,000
Alaska	(N2)	97	68	3,000
Iona	(N2)	57	50	3,750
Baylor	(H)	80	46	23,493
South Carolina	(H)	126	81	23,428
Kansas	(A)	57	56	15,700
Indiana	(H)	69	58	23,789
Georgia	(N3)	95	52	15,700
California	(UKIT)	78	60	23,768
Purdue	(UKIT)	61	60	23,768
Notre Dame	(N4)	86	80	16,613
Auburn	(H)	67	65	23,425
Tennessee	(A)	47	49	12,700
Mississippi	(A)	79	73	8,728
Alabama	(H)	64	78	23,425
Florida	(H)	76	63	5,381
Vanderbilt	(H)	106	90	23,425
Mississippi State	(A)	89	67	9,513
Georgia	(H)	56*	49	23,441
Louisiana State	(H)	60	65	23,491
Auburn	(A)	64	62	9,271
Tennessee	(H)	83	75	23,513
Mississippi	(H)	86	72	23,425
Alabama	(A)	72	63	15,000
Florida	(H)	95	70	23,375
Vanderbilt	(A)	91	73	15,626
Nevada Las Vegas	(H)	74	69	6,380
Mississippi State	(H)	71	65	23,425
Louisiana State	(A)	76*	74	13,937
Auburn	(N5-SEC)	69	61	13,429
Mississippi	(N5-SEC)	69	67	13,482
Louisiana State	(N5-SEC)	78	80	8,400
Florida State	(N6-NCAA)	97	78	12,100
Duke	(H-NCAA)	54	55	23,320

Home Attendance—352,511

*—Overtime

N1—Springfield, Mass.; N2-Anchorage, Alaska; N3-Atlanta, Ga.; N4-Louisville, Ky.; N5-Birmingham, Al.; N6-Bowling Green, Ky.

ORIGIN OF "WILDCATS" NICKNAME

Kentucky's athletic teams are known to sports fans as the Wildcats. This first and only nickname borne by University varsities had its origin in 1909 in a speech made by Commandant C. H. "Chubby" Baker, then head of the military department of old State College. Speaking to a chapel audience of students on the showing of the Kentucky football team in defeating Illinois six to two, the Commandant declared "they fought like Wildcats." The tag was popularized by word of mouth and by the press with the result that it has since become synonymous with all major Kentucky athletic teams.