

BOWL MEDIA GUIDE

KENTUCKY®

MIKE EDWARDS
SENIOR S
ALL-SEC

JOSH ALLEN
SENIOR LB
NATIONAL DEFENSIVE POY

MARK STOOPS
SEC COACH
OF THE YEAR

BUNCHY STALLINGS
SENIOR G
ALL-AMERICAN

BENNY SNELL JR
JUNIOR RB
ALL-AMERICAN



KENTUCKY



PENN STATE

JANUARY 1, 2019

ORLANDO, FLORIDA

CAMPING WORLD STADIUM





KENTUCKY
WILDCATS



BACK TO BACK TO BACK BOWL GAMES

2016 TaxSlayer BOWL

2017 HUGGINS AMERICAN
BOWL

2019 CANTUS BOWL
VRBO



BUNCHY
STALLINGS

9 WINS
IN 2018 SEASON
MOST REGULAR-SEASON
WINS SINCE 1977

FINISHED THE 2018
SEASON RANKED
16/15
IN THE NATIONAL POLLS

11 STRAIGHT WEEKS RANKED
NEW PROGRAM BEST



BEAT FLORIDA FOR THE
FIRST TIME SINCE 1986



BEAT LOUISVILLE TO WIN
THE ANNUAL
GOVERNOR'S CUP

LARGEST MARGIN OF
VICTORY IN SERIES HISTORY
(56-10)



COLLEGE FOOTBALL
PLAYOFF
FINAL RANKING

14

**MIKE
EDWARDS**

3x ALL-SEC

ONLY THE SECOND
DEFENSIVE BACK IN
UK HISTORY WITH
300 TACKLES

**BENNY
SNELL JR**



ALL-AMERICAN
3x **1,000-YARD** RUSHER
UK CAREER LEADER
IN TDs (**46**)
RANKS THIRD IN SEC
CAREER RUSHING TDs
UK RECORD 18 CAREER
100-YARD GAMES

★ **JOSH ALLEN** ★
**NATIONAL
DEFENSIVE
PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

BRONKO NAGURSKI AWARD WINNER
CHUCK BEDNARIK AWARD WINNER
RONNIE LOTT IMPACT TROPHY WINNER
SEC DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR
ALL-AMERICAN

LED THE SEC IN SACKS, TACKLES
FOR LOSS, AND FORCED
FUMBLES IN 2018

SET THE UK RECORD FOR
CAREER SACKS (**28.5**) AND
SINGLE-SEASON SACKS (**14**)





KENTUCKY MEDIA ITINERARY

(Note that practice times are TBA; all times Eastern; these events are open to the media unless noted otherwise)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26

Team departs for Orlando

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27

Time is TBA

Practice at West Orange High School
1625 Beulah Rd, Winter Garden, FL 34787
First 15 minutes of practice open to media, interviews after practice

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28

Time is TBA

Practice at West Orange High School; first 15 minutes open to media, interviews after practice

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29

9 a.m.

Media Event in the Rosen Plaza Hotel

KENTUCKY QUICK FACTS

Location: Lexington, Ky.
Founded: 1865
Enrollment: 30,000
Nickname: Wildcats
Colors: Blue (PMS 286) and White
Conference: Southeastern (Eastern Division)
Stadium: Kroger Field (61,000)
President: Dr. Eli Capilouto
Athletics Director: Mitch Barnhart
Faculty Representative: Joseph L. Fink III

COACHING STAFF

Assistant Coaches:

Steve Clinkscale, defensive backs

Eddie Gran, assistant head coach offense/
running backs

Darin Hinshaw, co-offensive coordinator,
QBs

Dean Hood, special teams coordinator, defensive
backs

Matt House, defensive coordinator/inside
linebackers

Derrick LeBlanc, defensive line

Vince Marrow, tight ends, recruiting coord.

John Schlarman, offensive line

Michael Smith, wide receivers

Brad White, outside linebackers

Graduate Assistant Coaches:

Michael Colosimo, offense

Evan McKissack, offense

Courtney Love, defense

Maxwell Smith, defense

Quality Control:

Josh Estes-Waugh, quality control

Tommy Mangino, quality control

Louie Matsakis, quality control

Josh Pruitt, quality control

Dillon Sanders, quality control

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9700 International Drive – Salons 9 & 10
Two players, OC Eddie Gran, DC Matt House

10:30 a.m.

Orlando Citrus Parade
Downtown Orlando

Time is TBA

Practice at West Orange High School; first 15 minutes open to media, interviews after practice

8-10 p.m.

*Citrus Bowl Player Outing
Main Event Entertainment
9101 International Dr #1032

*This event will be a b-roll opportunity for the media

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30

9-11 a.m.

*Day for Kids - Pairs children from FCS MVP families, Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Florida and the neighborhoods surrounding the stadium for a few hours of roller coasters, rides, go-carts and more at Fun Spot America

Fun Spot America Theme Park
5700 Fun Spot Way

*This event will be a b-roll opportunity for the media

6:45 p.m.

Walt Disney World Band/Cheer Performance
Magic Kingdom

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31

9 a.m.

News conference with Coach Stoops and Coach Franklin
Rosen Plaza Hotel - Salons 9 & 10

4:45 p.m.

Kentucky Pep Rally, Pointe Orlando
9109 International Drive

TUESDAY, JAN 1

7 a.m.

Stadium parking lots open

9 a.m.

Citrus Bowl FanFest, Tinker Field at Camping World Stadium, One Citrus Bowl Place

10 a.m.

Media will-call and media entrance opens, Camping World Stadium, near Gates C and D

10 a.m. - 1 hour after kickoff

Media Meal – Media dining area
A halftime snack will also be served in the press box and photo workroom

1 p.m.

73rd Annual Citrus Bowl
Kentucky vs. Penn State
Camping World Stadium
ABC - TV
ESPN - Radio
UK Sports Network - Radio

MEDIA NOTES

- Media members who have been approved may pickup their credentials at the media hotel during Bowl week
- NO** credentials will be mailed
- Credentials **NOT** picked up at Media Registration will be available on the day of the game at the credential distribution center at Camping World Stadium. Credential distribution will be located on the south end of the stadium by the east bus lot
- A photo ID will be required to pick up credentials at either location. Media members cannot pickup credentials for anyone other than themselves without obtaining prior authorization from an FCS staff member
- Media are encouraged to use the free media shuttle from the media hotel to the stadium on game day. The shuttle departs approximately 30-minute intervals between 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. from the parking lot just outside of Media Registration. Postgame shuttles will run from approximately 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. and will pick up outside of Gate D at the southwest corner of the stadium, which is also where the shuttle drops off
- There will be a media hospitality suite available at the Rosen Plaza Hotel (Suite 254) from 5 p.m. until 11 p.m. ET daily
- Kentucky will do a theme park visit at the Universal Orlando Resort Theme Parks - **Date and Time are TBA ...** Media members interested in covering team theme park visits can contact the Universal Orlando Resort Public Relations team through: Media Visits for Theme Park
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See stadium diagram on page 20



2018 GAME NOTES



VS.



TUESDAY, JAN. 1, 2019 • 1 P.M. ET • ABC ORLANDO, FLA. • CAMPING WORLD STADIUM (65,000)

KENTUCKY WILDCATS (9-3, 5-3 SEC)

9/1	CENTRAL MICHIGAN [ESPNU]	W, 35-20
9/8	at #25 Florida* [SECN]	W, 27-16
9/15	MURRAY STATE [SECN-A]	W, 48-10
9/22	#14 MISS. STATE* [ESPN2]	W, 28-7
9/29	SOUTH CAROLINA* [SECN]	W, 24-10
10/6	at Texas A&M* [ESPN]	L, 14-20 (OT)
10/20	VANDERBILT* [SECN]	W, 14-7
10/27	at Missouri* [SECN]	W, 15-14
11/3	#6 GEORGIA* [CBS]	L, 17-34
11/10	at Tennessee* [SECN]	L, 7-24
11/17	MIDDLE TENNESSEE [SECN-A]	W, 34-23
11/24	at Louisville [ESPN2]	W, 56-10

VRBO Citrus Bowl (Orlando, Fla.)
1/1/19 vs. #13 Penn State [ABC] 1 p.m.

All times ET; *SEC game; Home games in bold

PENN STATE NITTANY LIONS (9-3, 6-3 BIG TEN)

9/1	APPALACHIAN STATE	W, 45-38 (OT)
9/8	at Pittsburgh	W, 51-6
9/15	KENT STATE	W, 63-10
9/21	at Illinois*	W, 63-24
9/29	OHIO STATE*	L, 26-27
10/13	MICHIGAN STATE*	L, 17-21
10/20	at Indiana*	W, 33-28
10/27	IOWA*	W, 30-24
11/3	at Michigan*	L, 7-42
11/10	WISCONSIN*	W, 22-10
11/17	at Rutgers*	W, 20-7
11/24	MARYLAND*	W, 38-3

VRBO Citrus Bowl (Orlando, Fla.)
1/1/19 vs. #16 Kentucky [ABC] 1 p.m.

All times ET; *Big Ten game; Home games in bold

ABOUT THE GAME

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HASHTAG • #GETUP

KENTUCKY, PENN STATE RENEW ACQUAINTANCE 20 YEARS LATER

Twenty years after Kentucky last played in a New Year's Day bowl game the Wildcats will do so again, coincidentally against the same opponent from that game - Penn State University. The two nine-win teams will square off in the VRBO Citrus Bowl on Jan. 1, 2019 in Orlando, 20 years to the day after meeting in the 1999 Outback Bowl.

Owners of the best regular season in 41 years for UK, the Cats are appearing in their third straight bowl game under coach Mark Stoops and will face a Big Ten opponent for the second consecutive season. The Cats lost to Northwestern, 24-23, in last year's Music City Bowl when a last-minute two-point conversion failed.

The UK defense is led by national Defensive Player of the Year and first-team All-American Josh Allen, who has set a UK single-season record with 14.0 sacks to go along with 18.5 TFL this season. Allen is the most visible player on a unit stacked with seniors, including safeties Mike Edwards and Darius West, cornerbacks Derrick Baity Jr., Chris Westry and Lonnie Johnson Jr., lineman Adrian Middleton, linebacker Jordan Jones and more. Running back Benny Snell Jr., a 1,000-yard rusher, wide receiver Lynn Bowden, tight end C.J. Conrad and quarterback Terry Wilson have been key playmakers for the Wildcat offense.

VRBO CITRUS BOWL GAME CENTER - #GETUP

KENTUCKY WILDCATS
Record: 9-3 (5-3 SEC)
Ranking: AP - 16; Coaches - 15
Coach: Mark Stoops (Iowa, '89)
Record: 35-39 (6th season)
at UK: same
vs. PSU: 0-0
Last Game: W, 56-10, at Louisville (11/24)

Series: Penn State leads 3-2

PENN STATE NITTANY LIONS
Record: 9-3 (6-3 Big Ten)
Ranking: AP - 12; Coaches - 13
Coach: James Franklin (E. Strousburg, '95)
Record: 69-35 (8th season)
at PSU: 45-20
vs. UK: 3-0 (at Vanderbilt)
Last Game: W, 38-3, vs. Maryland (11/24)

Last Meeting: PSU won, 26-14, in Outback Bowl in Tampa (1/1/99)

QUICK NOTES

- Kentucky will make its first appearance in the VRBO Citrus Bowl and fourth-ever in New Year's Day.
- The game will be a rematch of the Outback Bowl following the 1998 season, when Penn State defeated Tim Couch-led Kentucky, 26-14, on Jan. 1, 1999.
- UK is 9-3, the most regular-season win since 1977 (10).
- The Cats have a chance to get 10 wins for the third time in school history, also 1950 and 1977.
- UK is bowl-eligible for the third straight season, the first time it has done that since going to five straight from 2006-2010.
- The Cats have won four games against eight-win teams and defeated six bowl eligible opponents.
- At 5-3, UK posted a winning record in the SEC for the first time since 1977.
- Coach Mark Stoops was named SEC Coach of the Year by the Associated Press, SEC Coaches and Athlon Sports. He is the first UK coach to win the award since Jerry Claiborne in 1983.
- Kentucky senior linebacker Josh Allen, senior offensive guard Bunchy Stallings and junior running back Benny Snell Jr. have been named All-Americans by various media outlets.
- Allen is on pace to leave his Wildcat career as one of the most decorated Kentucky athletes of all time. His lists of awards this season include: Bronko Nagurski Award, Chuck Bednarik Award, Ronnie Lott IMPACT Trophy, First-Team All-America by Walter Camp Football Foundation, Sports Illustrated, TheAthletic.com, ESPN, Associated Press, College Football News, Football Writers Association of America, Sporting News, USA Today, CBS, Athlon Sports and the American Football Coaches Association, along with being named SEC Defensive Player of the Year by both the AP, Coaches, and Athlon Sports.
- Snell's 1,305 rushing yards and 14 TDs are among the national leaders in both categories. He joined Herschel Walker as the only two players in SEC history to rush for at least 1,000 yards and 12 touchdowns in each of their first three seasons. He continued his onslaught on the UK record books this season and has broken or tied 13 school records during his career. He needs 107 yards to become the Wildcats' all-time leading rusher. He was named second-team All-America by Walter Camp Football Foundation, College Football News, USA Today, American Football Coaches Association and third-team All-America by AP and Athlon Sports.
- Stallings was responsible for only one-half quarterback sack all year. He totaled 170 blocks at the point of attack and had 55 knockdown blocks. His blocking efficiency helped Snell reach his third



SEC STANDINGS

EASTERN DIVISION

Team	SEC	Pct.	All	Pct.
Georgia	7-1	.875	11-2	.846
KENTUCKY	5-3	.625	9-3	.750
Florida	5-3	.625	9-3	.750
South Carolina	4-4	.500	7-5	.583
Missouri	4-4	.500	8-4	.667
Vanderbilt	3-5	.400	6-6	.500
Tennessee	2-6	.250	5-7	.417

WESTERN DIVISION

Team	SEC	Pct.	All	Pct.
Alabama	8-0	1.000	13-0	1.000
Texas A&M	5-3	.625	8-4	.667
LSU	5-3	.625	9-3	.750
Miss. State	4-4	.500	8-4	.667
Auburn	3-5	.400	7-5	.583
Ole Miss	1-7	.125	5-7	.417
Arkansas	0-8	.000	2-10	.167

SEC IN THE BOWLS

VRBO CITRUS BOWL - JAN. 1, 2019 KENTUCKY VS. PENN STATE 1 P.M.; ABC

Dec. 27

Texas Bowl (Houston)
Vanderbilt vs. Baylor

Dec. 28

Music City Bowl (Nashville)
Auburn vs. Purdue

Dec. 29

CFP Semifinal - Orange Bowl (Miami)
Alabama vs. Oklahoma

Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl (Atlanta)

Florida vs. Michigan

Belk Bowl (Charlotte)

South Carolina vs. Virginia

Dec. 31

Liberty Bowl (Memphis)
Missouri vs. Oklahoma State

TaxSlayer Gator Bowl (Jacksonville)

Texas A&M vs. NC State

Jan. 1

Outback Bowl (Tampa)
Mississippi State vs. Iowa

Fiesta Bowl (Glendale, Ariz.)

LSU vs. Central Florida

Sugar Bowl (New Orleans)

Georgia vs. Texas

All times ET

consecutive 1,000-yard season. He was a first-team All-America choice by AP and The Athletic and a second-team choice by Sports Illustrated, Athlon Sports and USA Today.

- UK tied for second in the SEC Eastern Division. Along with the 2016 season, it is the highest finish for the Wildcats since the league split into division in 1992.
- UK has at least four SEC wins in three straight seasons for the first time in school history.
- UK went .500 or better in the SEC for three straight seasons, first time that has been accomplished since 1953-56.
- UK has 13 SEC wins over the last three seasons, tying the school record for most conference victories over a three-year period.
- The current senior class (2015-18) has 28 total wins, the fourth-most since freshmen became eligible to play in 1972-73.
- The Cats ranks seventh nationally in scoring defense, allowing just 16.2 points per game. They also rank 23rd nationally and fourth in the SEC in total defense yards per game (332.2), 34th nationally in team passing efficiency defense (118.88 rating points), and 18th in pass yards allowed (181.3).
- UK has allowed 16.2 points per game this season, fewest since 1979 (13 points per game).
- UK has allowed more than 24 points in a game just one time this season.
- UK ranks 18th nationally and fourth in the SEC in red zone defense (0.765).
- Allen has been a huge reason for the defensive success. He ranks 11th in the nation and leads the SEC with 18.5 tackles for loss. His 14 quarterback sacks rank third nationally. Twelve of his 14 sacks have come in the second half, including eight in the fourth quarter. Five of his fourth-quarter sacks have been key plays in close games, including two sack/fumble/UK recovery plays on the opponent's final possession. He is tied for the NCAA lead in forced fumbles (five).
- Allen has set the school record for career sacks (28.5) and single-season sacks (14).
- Three-time All-SEC safety Mike Edwards has 10 career interceptions and ranks ninth nationally in career INTs among active players. His two career pick-sixes rank third among all active players. He also is just the second DB in school history to chart 300 or more career tackles.
- UK is one of just six teams in FBS to have a pair of 100-yard rushers in three separate games this season. The other schools to accomplish the feat include Mississippi State, Louisiana, Pittsburgh, Connecticut and Wyoming.
- Mark Stoops has 35 wins at Kentucky for sixth place in school history. In addition to SEC Coach of the Year, he is currently on the watch list for the Paul "Bear" Bryant Coach of the Year Award.
- The Wildcats have either matched or exceeded the previous season's win total in all six seasons of the Mark Stoops era (two wins in 2013, followed by 5, 5, 7, 7 and 9 this season). UK is the only school in the nation that has tied or improved its win total every year since 2013.
- Offensive line coach John Schlarman was a candidate for the Orange Bowl-FWAA Courage Award. Schlarman was diagnosed with cancer this summer and has not missed a practice or game while going through chemotherapy.
- The Wildcats got a great emotional boost when sophomore linebacker Josh Paschal returned to action in the Middle Tennessee game. Diagnosed with malignant melanoma on his right foot in July, Paschal recovered from three surgeries and continues to receive monthly immunotherapy treatments.
- Since 2016, UK has a 10-5 record in close games -- i.e., games decided by one possession (eight points or less). That's been a key factor in spurring the Wildcats to three-straight seasons of bowl eligibility.

SENIOR SALUTE

- Sixteen seniors will be playing their final game in the Citrus Bowl:

41	Josh Allen	OLB, 6-5, 260	Montclair, N.J.
64	George Asafo-Adjei	OT, 6-5, 315	West Chester, Ohio
8	Derrick Baity Jr.	CB, 6-3, 188	Tampa, Fla.
2	Dorian Baker	WR, 6-3, 205	Cleveland Heights, Ohio
33	David Bouvier	WR, 5-9, 168	Lexington, Ky.
95	Miles Butler	K, 5-9, 165	Paducah, Ky.
87	C.J. Conrad	TE, 6-5, 252	LaGrange, Ohio
98	Tymere Dubose	DT, 6-5, 315	Youngstown, Ohio
7	Mike Edwards	S, 6-0, 201	Cincinnati, Ohio
6	Lonnie Johnson Jr.	CB, 6-3, 206	Gary, Ind.
34	Jordan Jones	LB, 6-2, 218	Youngstown, Ohio
99	Adrian Middleton	DT, 6-3, 298	Bowling Green, Ky.
65	"Bunchy" Stallings	OG, 6-3, 305	McComb, Miss.
25	Darius West	S, 6-0, 210	Lima, Ohio
21	Chris Westry	CB, 6-4, 197	Orange Park, Fla.
42	Tristan Yeomans	LS, 6-2, 208	Waycross, Ga.



ALL-TIME BOWL RESULTS

Table listing all-time bowl results including Great Lakes Bowl (1947), Orange Bowl (1950), Sugar Bowl (1951), Cotton Bowl (1952), Peach Bowl (1976), Hall of Fame Bowl (1983), Hall of Fame Bowl (1984), Peach Bowl (1993), Outback Bowl (1999), HomePoint.com Music City Bowl (1999), Gaylord Hotels Music City Bowl (2006), Gaylord Hotels Music City Bowl (2007), AutoZone Liberty Bowl (2009), Gaylord Hotels Music City Bowl (2009), BBVA Compass Bowl (2011), TaxSlayer Bowl (2016), and Franklin Mortgage Music City Bowl (2017).

KENTUCKY IN THE POLLS

Table showing Kentucky's ranking in AP, Coaches, and BCS polls from Preseason to Week 15.

2018 OPPONENTS IN THE POLLS

Table showing 2018 opponents in the polls for Week 15 (Dec. 3), including Central Michigan, Florida, Murray State, Mississippi State, South Carolina, Texas A&M, Vanderbilt, Missouri, Georgia, Tennessee, Middle Tennessee, Louisville, and Penn State.

COMPARISON STATS

Comparison stats table between Kentucky and Penn State, listing various metrics like Record, Conference Record, Scoring/game, Total Offense/game, Rushing/game, Passing/game, Kickoff Returns (avg.), Punt Returns (avg.), Punting (avg.), Time of Possession, Third-Down Conv. (pct), Fourth-Down Conv. (pct), Points Allowed/game, Total Defense/game, Rushing Defense/game, and Passing Defense/game.

KENTUCKY IN BOWL GAMES

- List of Kentucky's bowl game appearances, including the Wildcats' 8-9 all-time record, the last appearance in the Franklin Mortgage Music City Bowl in 2017, and the 2006-2010 streak.

SCOUTING PENN STATE

- Scouting report on Penn State, mentioning their 9-3 season record, coach James Franklin, and key players like Trace McSorley and Miles Sanders.

SERIES VS. PENN STATE

- History of the series between Kentucky and Penn State, including their five meetings and the 2006-2007 streak.

CATS VS. THE BIG TEN

- Summary of Kentucky's record against current Big Ten members, noting a 28-37-4 all-time record.





KENTUCKY BY THE NUMBERS

	2018	Stoops
Record	9-3	35-39
SEC	5-3	17-31
West	1-1	2-10
East	4-2	15-21
Non-Conference	4-0	18-8
Home	6-1	26-17
Road	3-2	9-19
Neutral site	0-0	0-3
Night	5-1	17-18
Day	4-2	18-21
TV Games	9-3	32-39
CBS	0-1	0-4
ESPN	0-1	1-8
ESPN2	1-0	3-5
ESPN2	2-0	2-2
ESPN3	0-0	0-1
SEC Network	6-1	27-18
Fox Sports South	0-0	1-1
CBS Sports Network	0-0	1-0
UK scores on 1st possession	5-0	14-12
Opp scores on 1st possession	0-1	9-17
UK scores first	6-1	21-15
Opponent scores first	3-2	14-24
UK leads after 1st quarter	6-1	21-6
Opponent leads after 1stQ	1-2	7-26
Teams are tied after 1stQ	2-0	7-7
UK leads at halftime	5-0	23-4
Opponent leads at halftime	2-2	6-32
Teams are tied at halftime	2-1	6-3
UK leads after 3rd quarter	7-0	27-2
Opponent leads after 3rdQ	1-2	4-34
Teams are tied after 3rdQ	1-1	5-3
Game goes to overtime	0-1	1-2
Scoring less than 20 pts	2-3	4-23
Scoring 20+ points	7-0	26-16
Scoring 30+ points	4-0	19-7
Allowing less than 20 pts	7-0	20-2
Allowing 20+ points	2-2	10-29
Allowing 30+ points	0-1	5-26
UK has more total yards	8-1	26-4
Opp. has more total yds	1-2	9-35
UK has more rushing yards	9-0	29-6
Opp. has more rushing yards	0-3	6-33
UK has more passing yards	3-1	18-12
Opp. has more passing yards	6-2	17-25
Rushing for < 100 yds	1-3	4-15
Rushing for over 100 yards	8-0	28-23
Rushing for 200+ yards	6-0	24-7
Passing for 200+ yards	3-0	16-11
Passing for 300+ yards	1-0	6-4
UK has 100-yard rusher	6-0	23-10
Opp. has 100-yard rusher	0-2	9-27
No turnovers	2-1	8-8
One or two turnovers	6-1	23-25
3 or more turnovers	1-1	4-6
No takeaways	3-0	9-8
3 or more takeaways	1-0	9-4
UK has more penalties	1-2	11-14
Opp. has more penalties	6-1	19-22
Teams have equal penalties	2-0	5-3
UK has more TOP	7-0	23-12
Opp. has more TOP	2-3	11-27
UK defense scores	2-1	7-5
Opponent defense scores	1-0	5-7
UK returns KO/Punt for TD	1-0	2-0
Opp. returns KO/Punt for TD	0-0	0-4
Playing on natural grass	1-2	10-24
Playing on artificial surface	8-1	25-14
In blue uniforms	2-0	6-2
In white uniforms	2-1	3-6
In white unis/blue pants	1-1	5-14
In blue unis/white pants	3-0	13-4
In black uniforms	0-0	1-3
In blue uniforms/grey pants	0-0	1-3
In grey uniforms	1-0	3-3
In grey uniforms/blue pants	0-1	3-4

MILESTONES TO WATCH

- Junior RB **Benny Snell Jr.** has 3,729 career rushing yards and is second all-time on Kentucky's career rushing list. He needs 106 yards to tie Sonny Collins (3,835 from 1972-75) for first.
- Snell has 18 career 100-yard rushing games, which ties Sonny Collins (1972-75) for first on UK's list. He needs one more game to take sole possession.
- Snell ranks third on UK's career scoring list with 278 points. He needs 28 points to move past Lones Seiber (305) for second place.
- Senior WR **Dorian Baker** has 101 career receptions and is the 16th player to reach 100 for his UK career. He needs 25 to crack UK's career top 10 list.
- Baker has 1,148 career receiving yards, ranking 25th in school history. He needs 52 yards to tie Steve Johnson (1,200 from 2006-07) for 24th.
- Senior TE **C.J. Conrad** counts 12 touchdowns among his 79 career receptions, giving him a scoring grab once in every 6.58 catches. He needs six yards to be the 28th player to reach 1,000.
- Senior S **Mike Edwards** has 10 career interceptions. He's now tied for fourth with Larry Carter (1977-79), Buzz Burnam (1970-72) and Marcus McClinton (2004-08). One more pickoff would tie him for second in school history. He also ranks ninth among active players in career INT.
- Edwards has 313 career tackles. He is the 19th member of that exclusive club.
- Senior LB **Josh Allen** has 28.5 career sacks, UK's career record. He passed Oliver Barnett with a pair of sacks vs. Middle Tennessee.
- Allen has 14 sacks this season, surpassing the UK single-season record of 12 set by Dennis Johnson in 2001.
- Senior CB **Derrick Baity Jr.** has 25 career pass breakups and needs one more to match Leonard Burress (2000-03), Eric Kelly (1997-2000) and Van Hiles (1993-96) for third on UK's career list.

- Kentucky last faced a Big Ten opponent in 2017, falling 24-23 vs. Northwestern in the Franklin Mortgage Music City Bowl.
- UK's last win over a Big Ten team was in 2004 vs. Indiana, 51-32, in Lexington.

KENTUCKY-PENN STATE CONNECTIONS

- Neither team has a player who hails from the other state but there are a few connections.
- Freshman safety DeAndre Square and Penn State sophomore cornerback Donovan Johnson were teammates at Cass Technical High School in Detroit.
- Junior RB Benny Snell Jr., Penn State junior defensive tackle Antonio Shelton and sophomore long snapper Chris Stoll are all from Westerville, Ohio. Snell played at Westerville-Central, while Shelton was a standout at Westerville-North. Stoll played at St. Francis DeSales.
- PSU head coach James Franklin was the head coach at Vanderbilt from 2011-13. He went 3-0 vs. Kentucky with the Commodores.
- UK QBs coach Darin Hinshaw was wide receivers coach at Memphis from 2007-09, the same time PSU defensive coordinator and linebackers coach Brent Pry was the Tigers' defensive line coach.
- UK WRs coach Michael Smith and PSU OC/QBs coach Ricky Rahne coached together at Kansas State from 2009-10.
- UK DBs coach Steve Clinkscale was the cornerbacks coach at Illinois in 2012 under current co-DC/safeties coach Tim Banks, who was the Illini DC/secondary coach from 2012-15.

A KENTUCKY WIN WOULD...

- Improve Kentucky to 10-3, the best season mark since 1977 (10-1).
- Be just the third time in school history the Cats have won 10 regular season games (1977, 1950).
- Give UK 17 wins over the past two seasons, which would be the fourth-most in back-to-back seasons in program history: 20 (1949-50), 19 (1950-51 and 1976-77).
- Give the current senior class (2015-18) the most wins (29) in their career since the class from 2006-2009 won 30 total games.
- Give the Cats their ninth win in a bowl game and even their bowl record at 9-9 overall.

CATS RANKED IN NATIONAL POLLS, CFB PLAYOFF POLL

- Kentucky entered the national polls on Sept. 23 after defeating Mississippi State, the Cats' first appearance in the polls since the 2007 season.
- UK was ranked 11 consecutive weeks for the first time in program history. Previously, the 1977 team appeared in the polls 10 consecutive weeks from Oct. 3 through the final AP poll of the season on Jan. 3, 1978.
- The Cats ended the regular season No. 16 in the Associated Press poll and No. 15 in the coaches' poll.





TRACKING KENTUCKY'S OPPONENTS

Table with 4 columns: Opponent, UK vs. Opp, Opp. Record, Bowl Game. Lists opponents like Central Michigan, Florida, Murray State, etc.

- The Cats were ranked ninth in the first College Football Playoff poll released on Oct. 30 and remained in the top 18, ending at No. 14 in the final 2018 CFP rankings.

CATS VS. THE RANKED

- Kentucky has played 248 ranked teams in the Associated Press Poll in its history. The Cats are 43-200-5 in those games. UK went 2-1 vs. ranked teams this season with wins over No. 14 Mississippi State and No. 25 Florida.

SUNSHINE STATE CATS

Table listing 17 players returning to their home state for the Citrus Bowl, including Michael Nesbitt, Bryce Oliver, Jordan Wright, etc.

ALLEN WINS THREE NATIONAL DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARDS; EARNS FIRST-TEAM ALL-AMERICA HONORS AND SEC DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

- Senior Josh Allen will need to build a rather large trophy case to house the hardware he brought home in December. The linebacker was named the winner of three national Defensive Player of the Year awards in the Chuck Bednarik Award, the Bronko Nagurski Trophy and the Lott IMPACT Trophy.

100-YARD RUSHERS

Table with 4 columns: Player, 2018, Career, '18 Opponent. Lists Benny Snell Jr., A.J. Rose, Terry Wilson.

100-YARD RECEIVERS

Table with 4 columns: Player, 2018, Career, '18 Opponent. Lists Lynn Bowden Jr., C.J. Conrad.

INTERCEPTIONS

Table with 3 columns: Player, 2018, Career. Lists Darius West, Mike Edwards, Derrick Baity Jr., etc.

TRACKING SACK LEADERS

Table with 3 columns: Player, 2018, Career. Lists Josh Allen, Boogie Watson, Phil Hoskins, etc.

DOUBLE-FIGURE TACKLERS

Table with 3 columns: Player, 2018, Career. Lists Josh Allen, Kash Daniel, Mike Edwards, etc.



2018 STAT LEADERS

PASSING

UK	COMP-ATT-INT-YDS-TD
Terry Wilson	171-253-8-1768-11

RUSHING

UK	ATT-YDS-TD
Benny Snell Jr.	263-1305-14
Terry Wilson	125-518-4
A.J. Rose	67-433-5

RECEIVING

UK	REC-YDS-TD
Lynn Bowden Jr.	62-661-5
C.J. Conrad	29-297-3

TACKLES

UK	TACKLES
Josh Allen	84-18.5 TFL-14.0 Sacks-5 FF- 2 FR
Mike Edwards	77-9 TFL, 6 PBU, 2 INT, FF, FR
Darius West	76-3 INT, FR, TD
Kash Daniel	76-5.5 TFL

STAT SUPERLATIVES

Most Games Played (min. 30): Josh Allen (50), Derrick Baity Jr. (50), Mike Edwards (50), Chris Westry (50), C.J. Conrad (48), George Asafo-Adjei (47), Dorian Baker (43), Jordan Jones (42), Adrian Middleton (42), Blake Best (41), Sihiem King (40), Kash Daniel (38), Tavin Richardson (38), Benny Snell Jr. (38), Logan Stenberg (37), Tristan Yeomans (37), T.J. Carter (36), Darius West (35), Tymere Dubose (32), Jordan Griffin (32)

Most Games Started (min. 20): Mike Edwards (43), C.J. Conrad (41), Derrick Baity Jr. (41), Adrian Middleton (37), Chris Westry (34), Josh Allen (33), Dorian Baker (33), Jordan Jones (33), Benny Snell Jr. (26), Logan Stenberg (25), Tavin Richardson (24), Bunchy Stallings (24), Darius West (24)

Consecutive Games Started (min. 12): Mike Edwards (43), Adrian Middleton (37), Josh Allen (26), Benny Snell Jr. (25), Logan Stenberg (25), Bunchy Stallings (23), Drake Jackson (19), Jordan Jones (19), Lonnie Johnson Jr. (17)

Consecutive Games with a Tackle (min. 12): Mike Edwards (46), Jordan Jones (35), Darius West (26), Derrick Baity Jr. (25), Josh Allen (15)

Consecutive Games with a Reception (min. 5): Lynn Bowden Jr. (13)

WHERE ARE THE COACHES?

SIDELINE

- Mark Stoops, Head Coach
- Eddie Gran, HC Offense/RBs
- Matt House, Defensive Coordinator, ILBs
- Vince Marrow, Tight Ends
- John Schlarman, Offensive Line
- Michael Smith, Wide Receivers
- Steve Clinkscale, Defensive Backs
- Derrick LeBlanc, Defensive Line

PRESS BOX

- Darin Hinshaw, Co-OC/Quarterbacks
- Dean Hood, DBs, Special Teams
- Brad White, OLBS

2018 TEAM CAPTAINS

Six players were voted team captains by their peers on Friday, Aug. 31. They are Josh Allen, George Asafo-Adjei, C.J. Conrad, Kash Daniel, Mike Edwards and Benny Snell Jr. The four game captains for each game will be decided on a week-by-week basis. They are listed below.

Central Michigan	Josh Allen, George Asafo-Adjei, C.J. Conrad, Mike Edwards
Florida	Josh Allen, Kash Daniel, Mike Edwards, Benny Snell Jr.
Murray State	George Asafo-Adjei, C.J. Conrad, Kash Daniel, Benny Snell Jr.
Miss. State	Josh Allen, George Asafo-Adjei, C.J. Conrad, Mike Edwards
South Carolina	Josh Allen, Kash Daniel, Mike Edwards, Benny Snell Jr.
Texas A&M	George Asafo-Adjei, C.J. Conrad, Benny Snell Jr.
Vanderbilt	George Asafo-Adjei, C.J. Conrad, Kash Daniel, Benny Snell Jr.
Missouri	George Asafo-Adjei, C.J. Conrad, Mike Edwards, Josh Allen
Georgia	Josh Allen, Kash Daniel, Mike Edwards, Benny Snell Jr.
Tennessee	Josh Allen, George Asafo-Adjei, C.J. Conrad, Mike Edwards
Middle Tennessee	Josh Allen, George Asafo-Adjei, C.J. Conrad, Mike Edwards
Louisville	Josh Allen, Kash Daniel, Mike Edwards, Benny Snell Jr.

of America, Sporting News, USA Today, CBS, Athlon Sports and American Football Coaches Association.

- Allen has been a pass rush terror this season. With 28.5 career sacks and 14 sacks in 2018, he now holds UK's career and single-season records.
- His 11 career forced fumbles tie former Wildcat and current Chicago Bear Danny Trevathan for UK's career mark (forced fumbles stats available since 1988).
- He leads the team with 84 tackles and paces the SEC in sacks, tackles for loss (18.5) and forced fumbles (5). He also ranks among the NCAA leaders in sacks, TFL and forced fumbles.
- Twelve of his 14 sacks have come in the second half of games, including eight in the fourth quarter. In five of UK's nine wins this season, Allen had a sack in the fourth quarter that was crucial to the Wildcat victory.

SNELL AND STALLINGS EARN ALL-AMERICA AND ALL-SEC HONORS

- Junior running back Benny Snell Jr. garnered second-team All-America honors by Walter Camp, The Associated Press, CollegeFootballNews.com and the American Football Coaches Association. He was third-team by the AP and Athlon Sports.
- His 1,305 rushing yards and 14 TDs are among the national leaders in both categories. He joined Herschel Walker as the only two players in SEC history to rush for at least 1,000 yards and 12 touchdowns in each of his first three seasons. He continued his onslaught on the UK record books this season and has broken or tied 13 school records during his career. He needs 107 yards in the VRBO Citrus Bowl to become the Wildcats' all-time leading rusher.
- He was also a first-team All-SEC selection by the AP, Coaches, Athlon Sports and ESPN.
- Senior offensive guard Bunchy Stallings earned first-team All-America honors from the AP and TheAthletic.com and second-team All-America by Sports Illustrated, Athlon Sports and USA Today. He also was a first-team All-SEC selection by the AP, Coaches, Athlon Sports and ESPN.
- Stallings was responsible for only one-half quarterback sack all year. He totaled 170 blocks at the point of attack and had 55 knockdown blocks. His blocking efficiency helped Snell reach his third consecutive 1,000-yard season.

STOOPS NAMED SEC COACH OF THE YEAR

- Head coach Mark Stoops was named SEC Coach of the Year by the AP and Coaches, becoming the first UK coach to earn Coach of the Year honors since Jerry Claiborne in 1983.
- The Wildcats won nine regular-season games for the first time in 41 years, including six over bowl-eligible teams and four over squads that won eight or more.
- UK's 5-3 mark in SEC play also was the team's first winning league record since 1977.
- The Cats won at Florida, ending a three-decade-old dry spell against the Gators, and the recorded the most-lopsided win in the history of the Governor's Cup series against Louisville.
- Stoops was a semifinalist for the George Munger Coach of the Year and was on the watch list for the Paul "Bear" Bryant Coach of the Year.

CONRAD NAMED 2018 POP WARNER COLLEGE FOOTBALL AWARD WINNER

- Senior tight end C.J. Conrad was named the winner of the 2018 Pop Warner College Football Award, which recognizes a college graduating senior who has made a difference on the field, in the classroom and in his community, and serves as a role model to Pop Warner's young student-athletes.
- Prior to the 2018 season, Conrad created a program called "Tuesdays with C.J." where he visits the Kentucky Children's Hospital each Tuesday to hang out with the patients and brighten their day.





- Conrad was chosen to participate in a one-week service trip to the Dominican Republic in 2017 where he interacted with residents of impoverished communities, visited an orphanage, constructed park benches in a sugar cane village, distributed food to the hungry, visited a nursing home and spent time with special needs children at a local daycare.
- Conrad has also been a guest speaker at several local schools and organizations and in his hometown of LaGrange, Ohio, talking about leadership. Conrad's mission is to educate and help provide opportunities to young children from small towns like himself, the chance to succeed on and off the field by using the game of football.
- In the classroom, Conrad, a member of the 2017 SEC Academic Honor Roll and Dean's List, graduated on Dec. 14 with a degree in communications.

BUTLER, BEST EARN ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA

- Sparked by 4.0 grade-point averages, Kentucky senior kicker Miles Butler earned first-team Google Cloud Academic All-America honors and junior long snapper Blake Best was second-team Academic All-American by the College Sports Information Directors of America.
- Butler, a senior from Paducah, Ky., has graduated with a double major in finance and accounting. He is the team's second-leading scorer this season with 52 points, making five field goals and all 37 of his extra-point tries. His season was highlighted on Senior Day when he made 2-of-2 field goals in the win over Middle Tennessee, including a clutch 32-yarder with four minutes remaining in the game that gave the Wildcats a two-score lead.
- Best, a junior from Duluth, Ga., also graduated Friday with a double major in economics and finance. He has been a three-year starter as the long snapper for field goals and extra points, playing an important role in Butler's success this season and the record-setting career of former kicker Austin MacGinnis.
- In addition to this season's Academic All-America honors, Butler and Best have been regulars on the Southeastern Conference Academic Honor Roll and the UK Dean's List.
- This year marks the fifth time in school history that UK has had at least two members on the CoSIDA Academic All-America team, and the first time since 2015, when punter Landon Foster (first team) and offensive tackle Jordan Swindle (second team) made the squad.

ACADEMIC SUCCESS

- Kentucky has two players on its roster who earned their undergraduate degrees prior to the 2018 season in David Bouvier and Adrian Middleton.
- Eleven Wildcats (**George Asafo-Adjei, Dorian Baker, Blake Best, Miles Butler, C.J. Conrad, Tymere Dubose, Mike Edwards, Lonnie Johnson, Bunchy Stallings, Calvin Taylor, Darius West and Tristan Yeomans**) graduated on Dec. 14 with their undergraduate degrees.
- Several players have strong cumulative GPAs over their academic careers, including Brayden Berezowitz (4.0), Bryan Berezowitz (4.0), Blake Best (4.0), Miles Butler (4.0), Brett Slusher (3.881), Colin Goodfellow (3.78), Matthew Ruffolo (3.719), Donald Smith (3.69), Josh Paschal (3.579), David Bouvier (3.56), Mason Wolfe (3.553) and Terry Wilson (3.5).

PASCHAL OVERCOMES CANCER, RETURNS TO THE FIELD

- In an extremely emotional moment for everyone associated with Kentucky football, sophomore linebacker Josh Paschal returned to action against Middle Tennessee on Nov. 17.
- In July, Paschal was diagnosed with malignant melanoma on the bottom of his right foot. He underwent three surgeries, followed by ongoing monthly immunotherapy treatments.
- Paschal recovered sufficiently to play against Middle Tennessee. He started the game and saw occasional action throughout.
- In the second quarter, he made a tackle on a third down play that forced a punt. When his name was called as the tackler, the Kroger Field crowd gave him a roar of approval and rousing ovation.
- Teammate Kash Daniel offered this unique perspective of what Paschal means to the Cats: *"You ever like look at a living room and you look at one piece of furniture, like a carpet, and you're like, 'Wow, that really ties the room together.' That's what Josh does to this team, and Josh ties this team together. It's a funny way to put it, but seriously, that guy's the heartbeat of this team."*

IN OUR LAST GAME...

- Kentucky capped its best regular season in 41 years with a win over rival Louisville on the road, winning 56-10 at Cardinal Stadium on Nov. 24.
- It was the second straight win on the Cardinals' home field, during which the Cats have averaged 48.5 points per game.
- The 46-point margin of victory is the largest in the series' history.
- The offense rolled up 601 total yards, the most since 2016 (635 vs. Tennessee in 2016).
- The Cats rushed for 340 yards, the most of the season. Both A.J. Rose and Benny Snell Jr. reached the 100-yard mark, while Terry Wilson added 79. All three scored a touchdown on the ground.

CATS SCRATCHES

SENIOR • OL • GEORGE ASAFO-ADJEI

- Nickname is "Big George"
- Speaks English and Ghanaian

SENIOR • LB • JOSH ALLEN

- Played first three years of high school in Alabama before moving back to his hometown in N.J. his senior season
- First-team all-state wide receiver for Abbeville (Ala.) High School as a junior
- Moved to LB his senior year of high school ... Was just a two-star prospect at Montclair High School with the only offers coming from Monmouth and Hawaii
- Increased his size and body weight from 220 when he arrived on campus to 260
- Has a fraternal twin brother, Isaiah
- Josh's sister, Myisha Hines-Allen, played collegiate basketball at Louisville and currently is a forward for the WNBA's Washington Mystics
- He and the "other" Josh Allen (Wyoming QB) have become friends through social media ... there is a third Josh Allen who plays at Miami Ohio
- Has an 81.5-inch wing span (6'7 feet)

SENIOR • TE • C.J. CONRAD

- Comes from a family of athletes
- Brother, Austin, is currently a redshirt freshman defensive end at Ohio
- There will be at least one parent at each of their games during the season
- Sister, Mackenzie, played collegiate softball at Akron and Coastal Carolina
- Both parents (Lois and Mike) played collegiate basketball at Tiffin University
- Grew up working on his grandfather's dairy farm, helping milk over 600 Holstein cows during the summers

JUNIOR • LB • KASH DANIEL

- Father, Scott, was a former professional bass fisherman
- Is currently playing with two screws in his left hand

SOPHOMORE • P • MAX DUFFY

- Currently 25 years old, the oldest player on the team ... Turns 26 in April
- Second straight punter from Australia, following Matt Panton
- Had never played collegiate football before arriving at Kentucky

SENIOR • S • MIKE EDWARDS

- Wears a pink mouthpiece in memory of his aunt, Angie Evans, who passed away from breast cancer in 2013
- Wears No. 7 because he's a huge John Elway and Denver Broncos fan
- Nickname is the "Badger" because he is a fan of Tyrann Mathieu and has a blonde-dyed mohawk

SOPHOMORE • C • DRAKE JACKSON

- Family owns and operates a popular barbecue business in Kentucky

FRESHMAN • RB • CHRIS RODRIGUEZ JR.

- Turned 18 in September and is the youngest player on the team



CATS SCRATCHES CONTINUED

SOPHOMORE • RB • A.J. ROSE

- Earned an Eagle Scout, the highest achievement or rank attainable in the Boy Scouting program of the Boy Scouts of America
- Only four percent of Boy Scouts are granted this rank after a lengthy review process

JUNIOR • RB • BENNY SNELL JR.

- Snell family has a legacy of running backs
- His dad, Ben Snell Sr., starred as a running back at Ohio Northern and was drafted by the Baltimore Ravens then played in NFL Europe and the NFL
- His great uncle, Matt Snell, was a running back for the New York Jets from 1964-72
- Matt Snell rushed for 121 yards and a touchdown in the Jets' stunning 16-7 upset of the Baltimore Colts in Super Bowl III

SOPHOMORE • QB • TERRY WILSON

- Nickname is "Terry Touchdown"
- Has not cut his hair since the 8th grade

HONORING THE CATS

KENTUCKY

- * Reveal Suits National Team of the Week (9/10)

JOSH ALLEN

- * Bronko Nagurski winner
- * Chuck Bednarik Award winner
- * Ronnie Lott IMPACT Trophy winner
- * SEC Defensive Player of the Year (AP, Coaches, Athlon)
- * First-team All-America by Walter Camp Football Foundation, Sports Illustrated, TheAthletic.com, ESPN, Associated Press, College Football News, Football Writers Association of America, Sporting News, USA Today, CBS, American Football Coaches Association, Athlon Sports
- * First-Team All-SEC (AP, Coaches, Athlon, ESPN)
- * Dick Butkus Award finalist
- * Ted Hendricks Award finalist
- * Walter Camp Player of the Year finalist
- * Maxwell Award semifinalist
- * Lott Impact Trophy Player of the Week (9/29, 10/30)
- * SEC Defensive Player of the Week (9/10), (9/24), (10/1), (10/29)
- * Midseason All-America Team - ESPN, Sporting News
- * First-Team Preseason All-SEC (Coaches)
- * First-Team Preseason All-SEC (Street and Smith's)
- * Second-Team Preseason All-SEC (Media, Phil Steele, Lindy's)
- * Third-Team Defense Preseason All-SEC (Athlon Sports)

GEORGE ASAFO-ADJIE

- * SEC Offensive Lineman of the Week (10/1), (10/22)

DERRICK BAITY

- * Preseason Third-Team All-SEC (Lindy's)

BLAKE BEST

- * Second-Team Google Cloud Academic All-America (CoSIDA)

DAVID BOUVIER

- * Bursworth Trophy nominee
- * Google Cloud Academic All-District® (CoSIDA)



DORIAN BAKER

SENIOR | WIDE RECEIVER

CHART TOPPERS

KENTUCKY CAREER RECEIVING YARDAGE LEADERS

16.	Rafael Little (2004-07)	1,324
	James Whalen (1997-99)	1,324
18.	Rick Kestner (1963-65)	1,280
19.	Chris Matthews (2009-10)	1,279
20.	Ryan Timmons (2013-16)	1,254
21.	Derek Smith (1999-2001)	1,224
22.	Phil Logan (1987-90)	1,219
23.	Steve Mellinger (1951-53)	1,210
24.	Steve Johnson (2006-07)	1,200
25.	Dorian Baker (2014-Present)	1,148



DORIAN BAKER

SENIOR | WIDE RECEIVER

CHART TOPPERS

KENTUCKY CAREER RECEPTION LEADERS

7.	Dicky Lyons Jr. (2004, 06-08)	141
8.	La'Rod King (2009-12)	134
9.	Jacob Tamme (2004-07)	133
10.	Rafael Little (2004-07)	131
11.	Derek Homer (1997-2000)	129
12.	James Whalen (1997-99)	120
13.	Ryan Timmons (2013-16)	112
	Quentin McCord (1996, 1998-2000)	112
15.	Kevin Coleman (1995-98)	107
16.	Dorian Baker (2014-Present)	101

- Freshman back Kavosiey Smoke made his collegiate debut and ran for 45 yards on four carries, including a 37-yard score where he dragged a defender into the end zone.
- Wilson threw for a career-high three touchdowns as part of his 261-yard night.
- Receiver Lynn Bowden Jr. had six catches for 86 yards with a pair of scores.
- The defense shut out the Cardinals in the second half and allowed just 305 total yards.
- Josh Allen had a sack to extend his UK single-season record to 14 and career mark to 28.5.
- Louisville's 79 passing yards are the fewest for either team in the history of the Governor's Cup series.

CATS CAN COME FROM BEHIND, WIN AT THE WIRE

- Based in the Horse Capital of the World, everyone here knows a great horse is one that can come from behind or win at the wire. The Kentucky football team has had those characteristics under Coach Mark Stoops.
- Since the beginning of the 2016 season, UK has shown it can win at the wire with a 10-5 record (66.7 percent) in games decided by one possession -- i.e., eight points -- or less. UK was 4-1 in such games in 2016, 4-3 last year and 2-1 this season.
- The Wildcats also have been able to come from behind. Since Mark Stoops took over as head coach in 2013, UK has come from behind and won nine times when trailing by 10 or more points at some point of the game, including wins this season over Central Michigan (behind by 10) and Missouri (behind by 11). That's the most 10-point comebacks for any coach in school history, surpassing eight such games by Rich Brooks from 2003-09.





HONORING THE CATS IN 2018

LYNN BOWDEN JR.

- * Second-Team All-SEC All-Purpose (Coaches, Athlon)
* SEC Special Teams Player of the Week (10/29)
* Third-Team All-Purpose and Return Specialist Preseason All-SEC (Coaches)
* Third-Team All-Purpose Preseason All-SEC (Athlon Sports)

MILES BUTLER

- * Campbell Award semifinalist
* First-Team Google Cloud Academic All-America (CoSIDA)

C.J. CONRAD

- * Pop Warner National College Football Award winner
* SEC Community Service Team
* Third-Team Preseason All-SEC (Coaches)
* Third-Team Preseason All-SEC (Media)
* Second-Team Preseason All-SEC (Athlon Sports, Phil Steele, Lindy's)

MIKE EDWARDS

- * Second-Team All-SEC (AP)
* Third-Team All-SEC (Athlon)
* First-Team Preseason All-SEC (Coaches, Athlon Sports, Street and Smith's, Lindy's)
* Second-Team Preseason All-SEC (Media)

JOSH PASCHAL

- * SEC Co-Defensive Player of the Week (11/19)

BENNY SNELL JR.

- * Doak Walker Award semifinalist
* Maxwell Trophy semifinalist
* Second-Team All-America (Walter Camp Football Foundation, College Football News, USA Today, AFCA)
* Third-Team All-America (AP, Athlon)
* First-Team All-SEC (AP, Coaches, Athlon, ESPN)
* First-Team Preseason All-SEC (Coaches, Media, Athlon Sports, Phil Steele, Street and Smith's, Lindy's)
* CFPA National Performer of the Year nominee

DEANDRE SQUARE

- * SEC All-Freshman Team (Coaches)

BUNCHY STALLINGS

- * First-Team All-America (AP, The Athletic)
* Second-Team All-America (Sports Illustrated, USA Today, Athlon)
* First-Team All-SEC (AP, Coaches, Athlon, ESPN)
* Midseason All-America Team - ESPN
* SEC Offensive Lineman of the Week (9/10), (9/24)
* Third-Team Preseason All-SEC (Athlon Sports)

TERRY WILSON

- * Manning Award QB of the Week (9/13)
* Manning Award "Stars of the Week" (9/10)
* Davey O'Brien Award's Great 8 List (9/10)

COACH MARK STOOPS

- * SEC Coach of the Year (AP, Coaches, Athlon)
* Paul "Bear" Bryant Coach of the Year candidate
* George Munger Collegiate Coach of the Year semifinalist

DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR MATT HOUSE

- * Broyles Award candidate

OFFENSIVE LINE COACH JOHN SCHLARMAN

- * Orange Bowl-FWAA Courage Award candidate

OFFENSIVE LINE

- * Joe Moore Award candidate

EDDIE GRAN RUSHING HISTORY

Table with 4 columns: SEASON, SCHOOL, TEAM RUSHING YDS/GM, 1000-YARD RUSHER. Lists Eddie Gran's rushing stats from 1995 to 2018 and the 1000-yard rusher for each season.

CATS TIE/IMPROVE WIN TOTAL

- UK is the only school in the nation that has tied or improved its win total in each of the last six seasons:
• 2012: two wins
• 2013: two wins (first season under Coach Mark Stoops)
• 2014: five wins
• 2015: five wins
• 2016: seven wins
• 2017: seven wins
• 2018: nine wins

OFFENSE NOTES

- "Balance" has been the hallmark of the Kentucky offense under Eddie Gran, UK assistant head coach for offense.
• The Wildcats have rushed for more than 2,000 yards and passed for more than 2,000 yards in 2016 and '17, the first time in school history that UK has done so in back-to-back seasons. UK needs 22 passing yards in the bowl game to go 2,000/2,000 in three straight years.

BIG PLAYS SPUR KENTUCKY OFFENSE

- Before the season, UK assistant head coach for offense Eddie Gran noted the need for more big plays, and to this point, the Wildcats have done just that.
• In the 2017 season, UK had 11 offensive touchdown plays of at least 20 yards in length. This year, the Cats have struck for 19

TDs of at least 20 yards.

- When you move the benchmark to 25-yard touchdowns, the contrast increases significantly. In 2017, UK had just four touchdown plays of at least 25 yards in length. In 2018, the Cats have 13 TDs of 25+ yards.

REACHING THE CENTURY MARK, TIMES THREE

- UK is one of just six teams in FBS to have a pair of 100-yard rushers in three separate games this season.
• Against Florida, Benny Snell Jr. (175) and Terry Wilson (105) each topped the century mark, while Snell (125) and A.J. Rose (104) did so against Central Michigan. In the regular season finale Rose (112) and Snell (100) teamed up to do it again.
• The other schools to accomplish the feat include Mississippi State, Louisiana, Pittsburgh, Connecticut and Wyoming.

Quarterbacks

- Starting the season, quarterbacks coach Darin Hinshaw had a big challenge, as no quarterback on the roster had thrown a pass in a major-college game.
• Junior-college transfer Terry Wilson (sophomore eligibility) won the starting job and has started every game this season, completing 65.8 percent of his passes for 1,768 yards and 11 touchdowns. He's also dangerous as a runner with 518 yards and four





TDs. Wilson, who redshirted as a freshman at Oregon, threw for 2,133 yards and 26 touchdowns last season in juco.

- Wilson was the “Manning Quarterback of the Week” after accounting for 256 yards total offense and three touchdowns (one rushing, two passing) in the win at Florida.
- Sophomore Gunnar Hoak has seen action in four games. He saw his first UK action vs. Central Michigan, entering the game in the second quarter and directing a touchdown drive just before halftime, capped by his 24-yard TD toss to David Bouvier. He also threw a touchdown pass in the win over Murray State.
- The quarterbacks were forced to replace Stephen Johnson, a tenacious leader who posted a 14-10 record as the primary QB and led UK to two bowl games in the last two seasons.

Most Rushing Yards By Quarterback, Single Season, School History

909	Mike Fanuzzi (1974)
771	Derrick Ramsey (1976)
618	Derrick Ramsey (1977)
518	Terry Wilson (2018)

- Among Power Five schools, Terry Wilson & Benny Snell Jr., have the third-most combined rushing yards for a quarterback/running back duo (1,823)

 - 1,946 Trace McSorley/Miles Sanders, Penn State
 - 1,823 Terry Wilson/Benny Snell, Kentucky**
 - 1,703 TaQuon Marshall/Tobias Oliver, Georgia Tech

PART OF THE GRAN-D DESIGN

- Since taking over the Kentucky running game upon his arrival in 2016, Eddie Gran has fashioned the Cats into one of the more physical and prolific rushing attacks not only in the SEC, but in the country. The Cats averaged 234.2 rushing yards per game in 2016, Gran’s first in Lexington and then 161.7 yards per game last season. Those numbers are significant in that only twice in the previous 20 seasons had a UK offense rushed for more than 162 yards per game (2015 and 2009) and not for more than 200 per game since 1993 (210.5).
- Gran has mentored the likes of Benny Snell Jr. and Stanley “Boom” Williams at Kentucky, Chris Thompson, Devonta Freeman and James Wilder Jr. (Florida State), Montario Hardesty (Tennessee), Carnell Williams, Ronnie Brown, Kenny Irons and Rudi Johnson (Auburn) and Deuce McAllister (Ole Miss). During his 23 seasons as a running backs coach he’s spent 20 of those against top-shelf competition in the SEC and Atlantic Coast



MIKE EDWARDS
SENIOR | DEFENSIVE BACK

CHART TOPPERS

KENTUCKY CAREER INTERCEPTION LEADERS

1.	Darryl Bishop (1971-73)	14
2.	Wilbur Jamerson (1947-50)	11
	Tony Mayes (1983-86)	11
4.	Mike Edwards (2015-Present)	10
	Larry Carter (1977-79)	10
	Buzz Burnam (1970-72)	10
	Marcus McClinton (2004-08)	10

Conference, making the numbers even more impressive.

- Some of the more compelling stats from Gran’s 23 seasons at Ole Miss (1995-98), Auburn (1999-2008), Tennessee (2009), Florida State (2010-12), Cincinnati (2013-15) and Kentucky:
- 18 seasons averaging at least 150.0 rushing yards per game
- 11 seasons averaging at least 172.0 rushing yards per game
- 11 individual 1,000-yard rushers, including Benny Snell Jr. this season
- Nine seasons with a running back who scored at least 10 rushing touchdowns
- Four seasons averaging at least 200.0 rushing yards per game
- Only once has his running attack averaged less than 100.0 yards per game
- Only twice has his running attack averaged less than 125.0 yards per game

Running Backs

- The UK backfield is headlined by Benny Snell Jr.
- Snell is averaging 108.8 yards per game, which is second in the SEC and 15th in the nation.
- Snell (125 yards) and sophomore A.J. Rose (104) each surpassed the century mark and scored two touchdowns vs. Central Michigan.
- Rose led the Cats with 112 rushing yards against rival Louisville, his second 100-yard game. It was a career-high performance for Rose, who scored from 75 yards away. Rose has run for 433 yards this season with five touchdowns and is averaging 6.5 yards per carry.
- Snell (175) and QB Terry Wilson (105) each surpassed the century mark at Florida, giving UK back -to-back games with 100-yard rushers for the first time since 1979.
- Snell is the first player in school history to rush for 1,000 yards in three seasons. He is

already second in school history with 3,729 career yards and owns the school record for rushing TDs and total touchdowns with 46.

Tight Ends

- The tight end position is highlighted by All-SEC tight end C.J. Conrad. He is second on the team this season with 29 receptions. He has now totaled 79 receptions for 994 yards and 12 TDs in his UK career.
- Conrad is joined by junior Justin Rigg (6-6, 257), who is an excellent blocker and is also a pass-catching threat.

CONRAD AMONG TOP UK TIGHT ENDS

- Senior tight end C.J. Conrad has proven to be one of the most dangerous players at his position in the country and continues to move up the UK career charts in his final season.
- Conrad needs six yards to become the 28th Wildcat to chart 1,000 career receiving yards.

Career Receptions-to-TD Ratio

1.	Aaron Boone (2001-02)	3.69:1
2.	Howard Schnellenberger (1952-55)	4:1
3.	Steve Meilinger (1951-53)	4.41:1
4.	Al Bruno (1948-50)	4.73:1
5.	Stevie Johnson (2006-07)	5.14:1
6.	Lance Mickelson (1997-98)	5.33:1
	C.J. Conrad (2015-present)	6.58:1

Most Career Receiving TD’s by Tight End

1.	James Whalen (1997-99)	13
2.	C.J. Conrad (2015-present)	12
3.	Jacob Tamme (2004-07)	11
4.	Derek Smith (1999-2001)	9

Most Career Receiving Yards by Tight End

1.	Jacob Tamme (2004-07)	1,417
2.	James Whalen (1997-99)	1,324
3.	Derek Smith (1999-2001)	1,224
4.	C.J. Conrad (2015-present)	994





JOSH ALLEN
SENIOR | LINEBACKER

CHART TOPPERS

KENTUCKY CAREER QUARTERBACK SACKS

1. Josh Allen (2015-Present)	28.5
2. Oliver Barnett (1986-89)	26
3. Alvin "Bud" Dupree (2011-14)	23.5
4. Dennis Johnson (1998-2001)	19
5. Jeremy Jarmon (2006-08)	17.5



JOSH ALLEN
SENIOR | LINEBACKER

CHART TOPPERS

KENTUCKY CAREER TACKLES FOR LOSS (SINCE 1977)

1. Oliver Barnett (1986-89)	43
2. Josh Allen (2015-Present)	38
3. Bud Dupree (2011-14)	37
Vincent Burns (2002-04)	37
Marlon McCree (1997-2002)	37

- 5. Jim Campbell (1978-81) 793
- 6. Mark Wheeler (1983-86) 735

Wide Receivers

- The Kentucky wide receivers were younger this season after the departure of four key contributors, but a pair of veterans and several gifted youngsters give UK the ability to have a capable receiving corps.
- It was bad news at the time, of course, but senior Dorian Baker's season-ending injury in August, 2017, has enabled him to return for a fifth year. Baker has caught 101 passes for 1,148 yards and six touchdowns during his career.
- Sophomore Lynn Bowden leads the team with 62 catches, ranking sixth in the SEC in receptions per game. He has been on a roll lately, with 32 receptions in the past five games. He has a pair of career-long 54-yard scoring strikes, on the road at Florida and Texas A&M.

- Bowden's 62 receptions are the most for a Wildcat since Randall Cobb snagged 84 in 2010.
- Bowden's 13 catches vs. Missouri tie for the second-most catches in a single game in school history.

Most Receptions By A Sophomore, School History

- 66 - Derek Abney (2001)
- 62 - Lynn Bowden Jr. (2018)**
- 59 - Anthony White (1997)
- 55 - Dorian Baker (2015)

Most Receiving Yards By A Sophomore, School History

- 822 - Dicky Lyons, Jr. (2006)
- 741 - Derek Abney (2001)
- 716 - Derek Smith (2000)
- 694 - Garrett Johnson (2015)
- 661 - Lynn Bowden Jr. (2018)**
- 608 - Dorian Baker (2015)

BOWDEN CATCHING THE MOST

- Sophomore WR Lynn Bowden currently has 62 receptions, while the team has completed a total of 185 passes. That means Bowden has accounted for 33.5 percent of the team's receptions.
- Among seasons with at least 100 completed passes, Bowden would have the third-highest percentage of team receptions in school history.

Highest Percentage Of Total Team Receptions, Single Season (Min. 100 Comp.)

1. 41.7 Felix Wilson, 1978 (43 receptions of 103 completions)
2. 36.2 Rick Kestner, 1964 (42 receptions of 116 completions)
3. **33.5 Lynn Bowden, 2018 (62 receptions of 185 completions)**

- David Bouvier, a fifth-year senior who had caught only one pass entering this season, has emerged as a clutch receiver. Averaging 13.7 per catch, he had key TD receptions in the wins over Central Michigan and Florida, then had two vital catches on the game-winning drive at Missouri.
- Sophomore receivers Josh Ali and Isaiah Epps have caught 10 and eight passes, respectively.

Offensive Line

SCHLARMAN NOMINATED FOR ORANGE BOWL-FWAA COURAGE AWARD

- John Schlarman was a nominee for the 2018 Capital One Orange Bowl-FWAA Courage Award. Schlarman was diagnosed with an undisclosed cancer this summer and has coached through chemotherapy treatments. He has not missed a practice or game this season.
- Schlarman was a four-year starter with the Wildcats from 1994-97.
- Schlarman is in his sixth season at Kentucky. His O-line boasts four returning starters who have helped Benny Snell Jr., become the first player in school history with 1,000 rushing yards in three consecutive seasons.
- The winner of the award will be included in festivities during Capital One Orange Bowl week and receive his trophy at an on-field presentation.

UK OFFENSIVE LINE RECOGNIZED BY JOE MOORE AWARD

- The offensive line was on the midseason honor roll for the Joe Moore Award.
- The Wildcats' running game is averaging 201.3 yards per game. Junior running back Benny Snell Jr. continues to rewrite the record book and now sits second on UK's all-time rushing list with 3,729 yards. This



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season, he has rushed for 1,305 yards and 14 touchdowns for a 108.8 yards-per-game average (15th nationally).

SPECIAL TEAMS NOTES

- Special teams coordinator Dean Hood brings a wealth of knowledge to the program as he is in his 31st year of college coaching.
- Special teams played a huge role in the win at Missouri. Darius West blocked a field in the first quarter. In the fourth quarter, then Lynn Bowden's 67-yard punt return for a touchdown sparked UK's comeback win. It was Bowden's first collegiate punt return.
- Senior kicker Miles Butler has made 5 of 9 field goals this season and all 37 extra points.
- True freshman Chance Poore was named the starting kicker for the Missouri, Georgia and Tennessee games. He made 2-of-4 field goal attempts and all three extra-point tries in three games. He was the No. 1 punter/kicker in the 2018 class by ProKicker.com.
- For the second-consecutive season, UK has an Australian transplant handling the punting duties. Max Duffy has done very well, ranking fifth in the SEC and 13th nationally with a 44.8-yard average. Nearly half of his punts, 25 of 51, have been within the opponent 20-yard line, yet he also has only two touchbacks. He arrived in the United States as an early enrollee in January and used the off-season to learn American football rules, how to say "ya'll" and how to put on his pads correctly. Another Aussie, Matt Panton, was UK's punter in 2017. Duffy was on the watch list for the Ray Guy Award given annually to the nation's top punter.
- Hood's special teams blocked three kicks in 2017, two of which were crucial plays in Wildcat wins. UK special teams did not allow any blocked kicks nor allow a punt or kickoff return for a touchdown.
- Junior Grant McKinniss, the starting punter in 2016, handles the kickoff duties and has 31 touchbacks on the season.
- Senior Tristan Yeomans returns to handle the long snapping for punts, while junior Blake

Best is the snapper for field goals and PATs.

- The kickoff return specialist, Lynn Bowden Jr., set UK records last season for most kickoff returns in a season (37), game (7 vs. Louisville) and most kickoff yards in a season (869). His 869 kickoff return yards ranked eighth most in SEC history. He is averaging 22.5 yards per return this season.
- Bowden returned a 67-yard punt for a TD vs. Missouri, his first punt return of his career.
- Senior David Bouvier has also been handling punt returns and is averaging 5.8 per return.

DUFFY IS SPECIAL

- First-year punter Max Duffy has been sensational this season, setting two school records and remaining on pace to set a third.
- The Australian punter is averaging 44.8 yards per punt, which ranks 13th nationally and fifth in the SEC. If he continues on this pace he has a chance to set the UK single-season record for best average yards per punt. He has already met the minimum number requirement of 30 punts:

45.58 - Glenn Pakulak (2002)
45.23 - Tim Masthay (2008)
***44.78 - Max Duffy (2018)**
44.61 - Paul Calhoun (1984)
44.50 - Glenn Pakulak (2001)
(*through 11 games)

- Duffy's incredible effort at Texas A&M on Oct. 6 set two school records after he punted 10 times for 487 yards, an average of 48.7 yards per kick:

Best Average Per Punt in Game (min. 8)

48.70 - Max Duffy (vs. Texas A&M, Oct. 6, 2018)
48.38 - Landon Foster (vs. Arkansas, Oct. 13, 2012)
47.25 - Matt Panton (vs. E. Michigan, Sept. 30, 2017)

Best Average Per Punt in Game (min. 10)

48.70 - Max Duffy (vs. Texas A&M, Oct. 6, 2018)
42.90 - Dave Hardt (vs. Georgia, Oct. 25, 1969)
42.40 - Ryan Tydlacka (vs. LSU, Oct. 1, 2011)

DEFENSE NOTES

HOUSE NOMINATED FOR 2018 BROYLES AWARD

- Defensive coordinator Matt House was one of the 53 nominees for the 2018 Broyles Award, which honors college football's top assistant coaches.
- House, who is in his third season at UK and second as defensive coordinator, directs a UK defense that ranks seventh nationally in scoring defense, allowing just 16.2 points per game. The defense also ranks 22nd nationally and fourth in the SEC in total defense yards per game (332.2), 17th in

passing yards allowed (181.3) and 33rd nationally in team passing efficiency defense (118.88 rating points).

- UK has allowed 16.2 points per game this season, best since the 1979 defense allowed 13 points per contest.

Linebackers

- First-year outside linebackers coach Brad White inherited one of the nation's top pass rushers, Josh Allen, when he came on board in the spring.
- Allen has been a force on the outside, improving his numbers each season even as he sees more and more attention from opponents. The senior could have left for the NFL Draft but decided to come back for his final year, giving the Cats one of scariest pass rushers in the country.
- Allen has had a sensational senior season, totaling a team-high 84 tackles, 18.5 for loss, 14.0 sacks, has caused five fumbles and six quarterback hurries.
- Weakside linebacker Jordan Jones has 68 tackles, including 5.5 for loss, and had four pass breakups vs. Murray State. He missed four games last season due to injury but is looking to return to his 2016 form when he totaled 109 tackles and earned All-SEC honors.
- Sophomore Jamar "Boogie" Watson has seen action in 11 games this season and has five tackles for loss, all of which have been sacks.
- Junior middle linebacker Kash Daniel is the successor to the graduated Courtney Love after a two-year apprenticeship. Daniel has 76 tackles, including a career-high 11 in wins over Central Michigan, Florida and Vanderbilt.
- Seeing reserve action at the inside linebacker posts are redshirt freshman Jamin Davis (nine tackles, one interception) and true freshmen DeAndre Square (29 tackles, 2.5 TFL, 1 FF) and Chris Oats (24 tackles, 3.0 TFL, FF, FR).
- Oats made his first career start at Texas A&M, notching his first career sack in the process.
- Oats forced and recovered a fumble on the same play at Tennessee.
- Square was named to the SEC All-Freshman team after leading all UK freshmen with 29 total tackles, including at least one in 11 of the Cats' 12 games. The 6-foot-1, 205-pound outside backer tallied 2.5 tackles for loss, forced a fumble, broke up a pass and logged three quarterback hurries as the primary backup to senior Jordan Jones.

Secondary

- Coach Steve Clinkscale is in his third season as the secondary coach and is joined by Dean Hood, who is sliding from linebackers to work with the defensive backs. The pair has nine experienced players to utilize, which gives UK one of the deepest units in the SEC at cornerback and safety.



- UK opponents have completed only 58.4 percent of their passes this season and the Wildcats rank 33rd in the nation in pass efficiency defense.
- Senior safety Mike Edwards has earned a reputation as one of the league's top defensive backs. The three-time All-SEC selection flirted with declaring for the NFL Draft a year early but returned for 2018.
- Edwards has 10 career interceptions, fourth in school history, and two picks this season. Edwards has 313 career tackles. He is the 19th player overall and just the second defensive back in school history to accomplish that feat.

Most Career INTs Among Active SEC Players

10	Mike Edwards, Kentucky
8	Mark McLaurin, Mississippi State
8	Greedy Williams, LSU

Most Career Passes Defended Among Active SEC Players

33	Mike Edwards, Kentucky
31	Derrick Baity, Kentucky
30	Deandre Baker, Georgia

- Senior Darius West has six pass breakups and three interceptions.
- West is third on the team in tackles with 76 and had a game-tying 40-yard fumble return for a touchdown in the closing minutes of regulation at Texas A&M. He also had an interception in that game.
- Sophomore Davonte Robinson is a backup safety. He has 37 tackles this season and, on the final play of the game, returned a fumble 30 yards for a touchdown at Florida. He had a career-high tackles in back-to-back games with seven vs. Vanderbilt and nine vs. Georgia.
- Seniors Derrick Baity Jr. and Chris Westry are back together for a final season as two of the most experienced players in the SEC. The two have played in 98 combined games with 74 starts and snatched nine interceptions. Both players have more than 100 career tackles and at least 13 pass breakups. Baity was named SEC co-Defensive Player of the Week after having a hand in three turnovers in the second half of the Cats' 23-13 road win at South Carolina last season.
- Junior Jordan Griffin has been a luxury for the Cats the past two seasons, a player capable of starting who gave the defense four legitimate SEC cornerbacks against offenses increasingly deploying more receivers. Griffin has three pass breakups this season.
- Junior college transfer Lonnie Johnson Jr. showed big-time playmaking ability at cornerback in his first season at UK with 41 total tackles, 3.0 tackles for loss, 1.0 sack and five pass breakups. He also blocked an extra point against Eastern Kentucky and started the final five games of the season. With a year of experience he is considered an important

piece of the defensive puzzle in 2018.

- Freshman Tyrell Ajian has seen action as a sixth DB and had a crucial interception and pass breakup in the win over Mississippi State.

Defensive Line

- In his second season on the UK staff defensive line, coach Derrick LeBlanc likes what he sees this season. Despite not having a senior starter in 2017, the Cats held six opponents to less than 100 yards rushing, the first time a UK defense had done that since 1949.
- UK has played eight down linemen so far this season, the best depth the Wildcats have had on the front line in many years.
- Senior Adrian Middleton is in his third season as the starting defensive tackle. He has 77 tackles, including 12.0 for loss, during his career.
- Junior T.J. Carter really came on the second half of the 2017 season with three tackles for loss and three sacks over the final five games of the regular season. The defensive end started 12 games and recorded 18.0 tackles to go along with the tackles for loss and sacks. He also had two quarterback hurries and a pass breakup.
- The towering presence on the UK defensive line is Calvin Taylor Jr., who stands 6-foot-9. The junior earned his first start against Northwestern in the Music City Bowl. This season, he has 22 tackles and five for loss, including a sack.
- Senior Tymere Dubose is part of the Youngstown-Lexington pipeline. He is having the best season of his career as a senior, totaling 11 tackles, including 1.5 for loss.
- Sophomore nose guard Quinton Bohanna opened some eyes in 2017 as a true freshman, stepping in and playing very well without having any collegiate experience. The 340-pounder has been even better this season and has 17 tackles. He forced and recovered a game-changing, fourth quarter fumble in this season's win over Vanderbilt. He added a sack in the win over Middle Tennessee.
- Junior Phil Hoskins and sophomore Kordell Looney provide much-needed depth on the interior of the line. Hoskins has sacks on the road at Florida and Texas A&M and has 21 total tackles.

DEPTH CHARGE IN THE D-LINE

- A key factor of the Kentucky defense this season has been the improved depth in the down lineman positions – nose guard, tackle and end -- in UK's 3-4 defense.
- Eight Wildcats have seen significant action this season in the D-Line – nose guards Quinton Bohanna, Tymere Dubose and Marquan McCall; tackles Adrian Middleton and Phil Hoskins; and ends Calvin Taylor, Kordell Looney and T.J. Carter. A year ago,

UK used fewer players and the starters played significantly more snaps.

- The ability to keep a fresher rotation in the game is paying off significantly. This year's D-Line has combined for 21.5 tackles for loss, including 9.0 quarterback sacks, to this point of the season. For the entire season last year, the interior linemen had 11 TFL and five sacks.

LIVING ON THE EDGE

- Kentucky pass rushing aficionado Josh Allen has taken up residence in opposing quarterbacks' minds for several years but now has a young protege who is looking to be the Cats' next great edge rusher.
- Allen has 28.5 sacks and 38.0 tackles for loss in 49 career games. He also has forced 11 fumbles, picked off a pass and registered 12 quarterback hurries. His 11 forced fumbles ties the UK career record shared with Danny Trevathan (2008-11).
- This season, Allen has totaled 84 tackles, 18.5 tackles for loss, 14.0 sacks, six QB hurries, five forced fumbles, four pass break-ups and two fumbles recovered. He leads the SEC and is 11th nationally in TFL per game.
- He leads the SEC with 14.0 sacks, which is good for third nationally.
- His five forced fumbles is tied for the national lead. His two fumble recoveries is tied for the most in the SEC and 21st-most nationally.
- Allen is just the only FBS player since 2000 to have at least 56 tackles, 14.5 tackles for loss, 10 sacks, five passes defended and five forced fumbles.

BETTER LATE THAN NEVER

- Josh Allen's sacks this season have set the tone for the defense.
- Twelve of Allen's 14 sacks have come in the second half, including eight in the fourth quarter and four in the third.
- Of the opponents' 14 offensive drives in which Josh Allen has registered a sack, the opponents have had a total of 81 plays run for 211 yards of total offense, just 2.6 yards per play. Those 14 drives resulted in zero points scored, eight punts, and four turnovers. Here's a breakdown:
 - > vs. Central Michigan: 3 plays, -4 yards, punt
 - > at Florida: 3 plays, 24 yards, turnover (fumble) returned for a touchdown
 - > vs. Mississippi State: 3 plays, -4 yards, punt
 - > vs. South Carolina: 3 plays, 0 yards, punt
 - > vs. South Carolina: 20 plays, 71 yards, turnover (interception)
 - > vs. South Carolina: 8 plays, 27 yards, turnover on downs
 - > vs. Vanderbilt: 7 plays, 17 yards, punt
 - > vs. Vanderbilt: 6 plays, 30 yards, turnover (fumble)
 - > at Missouri: 3 plays, -6 yards, punt
 - > at Missouri: 3 plays, -2 yards, punt
 - > at Tennessee: 3 plays, -8 yards, punt



> vs. MTSU: 4 plays, 2 yards, turnover on downs
 >vs. MTSU: 11 plays, 54 yards, turnover on downs
 >at Louisville: 4 plays, 10 yards, punt

BENNY IN THE RECORD BOOKS

Throughout his career, Benny Snell Jr. has continued to etch his name into the Kentucky record books. Here's a snapshot of his records in each of his four seasons:

FRESHMAN:

- In 2016, earned All-SEC Freshman honors after rushing a team-high 186 times for 1,091 yards and 13 touchdowns, averaging 5.9 yards per carry
- The 1,091 rushing yards is a school record for most rushing yards by a freshman, besting Moe Williams who had 928 rushing yards as a freshman in 1993
- Had 13 rushing touchdowns, breaking Randall Cobb (2008)'s record for most rushing TDs by a UK freshman (7) and most total touchdowns (9)
- Had the most rushing TDs in a single season (13) since Artose Pinner had 13 in 2002
- With 152 yards against Austin Peay, he eclipsed 100 yards on the ground for the fifth time, setting the school's freshman record for most 100-yard rushing games in a season
- First UK player with a rushing touchdown in three consecutive games since Derrick Locke in 2010 and first freshman with a rushing touchdown in three consecutive games since Randall Cobb in 2008
- First freshman in school history to have 100 rushing yards and a rushing touchdown in three consecutive games
- His career-high 192 yards rushing vs. Mizzou set a school record for most rushing yards by a freshman in a single game ... Previous high was Derick Logan's 186 yards against Mississippi State on Nov. 9, 1996
- The 192 rushing yards tied for the ninth most in a single game in school history and the most since Rafael Little rushed for 198 yards vs. Vanderbilt on Nov. 12, 2005
- His 38 carries vs. Mizzou were the most since Derick Logan had 41 attempts vs. Mississippi State in 1996
- His five rushing TDs in the first four games of 2016 were the most by a UK player in his first four games of his freshman season in school history
- Had one of the best rushing touchdown-to-carry ratios by any Kentucky player since rushing TDs were tracked at UK beginning in 1949 (min. 100 career carries)
- Finished ninth in the SEC in total rushing yards per game (83.9)

SOPHOMORE:

- In 2017, earned All-SEC First Team honors after totaling 1,333 total rushing yards and 19 TDs



BENNY SNELL JR.
 JUNIOR | RUNNING BACK

CHART TOPPERS

KENTUCKY CAREER 100-YARD RUSHING GAMES

1. Benny Snell Jr. (2016-Present)	18
Sonny Collins (1972-75)	18
3. Rafael Little (2004-07)	13
Moe Williams (1993-95)	13
5. Stanley "Boom" Williams (2014-16)	11
Artose Pinner (1999-2002)	11
7. George Adams (1981-84)	10



BENNY SNELL JR.
 JUNIOR | RUNNING BACK

CHART TOPPERS

KENTUCKY CAREER RUSHING ATTEMPTS

1. Sonny Collins (1972-75)	777
2. Benny Snell Jr. (2016-Present)	711
3. George Adams (1981-84)	638
4. Moe Williams (1993-95)	618
5. Rafael Little (2004-07)	580
6. Mark Higgs (1984-87)	532
7. Derrick Locke (2007-10)	518



BENNY SNELL JR.
 JUNIOR | RUNNING BACK

CHART TOPPERS

KENTUCKY CAREER RUSHING LEADERS

1. Sonny Collins (1972-75)	3,835
2. Benny Snell Jr. (2016-Present)	3,729
3. Moe Williams (1993-95)	3,333
4. Rafael Little (2004-07)	2,996
5. Mark Higgs (1984-87)	2,892
6. George Adams (1981-84)	2,648
7. Derrick Locke (2007-10)	2,618
8. Stanley "Boom" Williams (2014-16)	2,511
9. Artose Pinner (1999-2002)	2,105
10. Marc Logan (1983-86)	1,769





BENNY SNELL JR.
JUNIOR | RUNNING BACK

CHART TOPPERS

KENTUCKY CAREER RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS

1. Benny Snell Jr. (2016-Present)	46
2. Moe Williams (1993-95)	26
Sonny Collins (1972-75)	26
4. Mark Higgs (1984-87)	25
George Adams (1981-84)	25
Derrick Ramsey (1975-77)	25

- Set the UK career record for rushing TDs (32)
- Became the first player in school history to rush for 1,000 yards in consecutive seasons
- Set the school record for most rushing yards by a sophomore
- Became just the third player in SEC history to have at least 1,000 rushing yards and at least 13 rushing touchdowns in both his freshman and sophomore seasons, joining Herschel Walker (Georgia, 1980-1981) and Knowshon Moreno (Georgia, 2007-2008)
- Set school record for most total touchdowns in a season in 2017 (19), most rushing touchdowns in a season (19) and most points in a season (116)
- Had seven 100-yard games (tied for second in school history)
- Finished third in the SEC in total rushing yards and rushing yards per game (102.5)



BENNY SNELL JR.
JUNIOR | RUNNING BACK

CHART TOPPERS

KENTUCKY CAREER SCORING LEADERS

1. Austin MacGinnis (2014-17)	359
2. Lones Selber (2006-09)	305
3. Benny Snell Jr. (2016-Present)	276
4. Joey Worley (1984-87)	246
5. Seth Hanson (1997-98, 2000-01)	232
6. Taylor Begley (2002-05)	226
Randal Cobb (2008-10)	226
8. Craig Yeast (1995-98)	192
9. Craig McIntosh (2009-12)	174
10. Doug Pelfrey (1990-92)	167

- JUNIOR (Career charts on page 39):**
- Second in the SEC and ranks 11th nationally in total rushing yards (1,305)
 - Second in the SEC and ranks 15th nationally in rushing yards per game (108.8)
 - Second in the SEC and ranks 13th nationally in rushing TDs (14)
 - Third in the SEC and 40th nationally in all-purpose yards per game (117.5)
 - Second in the SEC and 21st nationally in total TDs (14)
 - Ranks second on UK's career rushing list with 3,729 yards
 - Only the fifth player in SEC history to reach 2,400 career yards prior to his junior season
 - School record for career rushing touchdowns and career total touchdowns with 46
 - Ranks third on UK's career scoring list with 278 points
 - Ranks second on UK's career rushing attempts list with 711
 - Has 18 100-yard games in his career which is tied with Sonny Collins for the most in school history ... Six already this season
 - Kentucky is 15-3 when Snell rushes for at least 100 yards
 - Players in SEC history with at least 1,000 rushing yards and 12 rushing touchdowns in each of their first three seasons: Herschel Walker, Benny Snell Jr.



BENNY SNELL JR.
JUNIOR | RUNNING BACK

CHART TOPPERS

KENTUCKY CAREER TOUCHDOWNS SCORED

1. Benny Snell Jr. (2016-Present)	46
2. Randal Cobb (2008-10)	37
3. Craig Yeast (1995-98)	32
4. Moe Williams (1993-95)	27
George Adams (1981-84)	27
Rodger Bird (1963-65)	27
Derrick Locke (2007-10)	27

Most Career Rushing TDs Among All Active FBS Players

66	Devin Singletary, Florida Atlantic
55	Myles Gaskin, Washington
46	Benny Snell Jr., Kentucky
45	Nick Fitzgerald, Miss. State

Most Career Rushing Yards Among Active FBS non-Seniors

4,289	Devin Singletary (Jr.), Florida Atlantic
3,966	Jonathan Taylor (So.), Wisconsin
3,729	Benny Snell Jr. (Jr.), Kentucky
3,539	Justice Hill (Jr.), Oklahoma State





KENTUCKY IN OVERTIME GAMES

Date	Opponent	Home/Away	Number of Overtimes	Final Score
Oct. 4, 1997	Alabama	Home	1	W, 40-34
Sept. 2, 2000	Louisville	Away	1	L, 40-34
Nov. 1, 2003	Arkansas	Home	7 (NCAA record)	L, 71-63
Oct. 13, 2007	LSU	Home	3	W, 43-37
Nov. 24, 2007	Tennessee	Home	4	L, 52-50
Nov. 28, 2009	Tennessee	Home	1	L, 30-24
Sept. 15, 2012	Western Kentucky	Home	1	L, 32-31
Sept. 13, 2014	Florida	Away	3	L, 36-30
Oct. 3, 2015	Eastern Kentucky	Home	1	W, 34-27
Oct. 6, 2018	Texas A&M	Away	1	L, 20-14

Most Career Points Per Game Among All Active

FBS Non-Kickers

10.6	Devin Singletary, Florida Atlantic
8.8	Zach Abey, Navy
8.4	Nathan Rourke, Ohio
7.9	Travis Etienne, Clemson
7.3	Benny Snell Jr., Kentucky

Most Career Rushing Touchdowns Prior To Senior Season, SEC History

49	Herschel Walker, Georgia (1980-1982)
46	Benny Snell, Kentucky (2016-present)
43	Tim Tebow, Florida (2006-2008)
42	Derrick Henry, Alabama (2013-2015)
42	Mark Ingram, Alabama (2008-2010)
41	Darren McFadden, Arkansas (2005-2007)

#SNELLYEAH

- Benny Snell Jr., has earned a reputation as one of the nation's fiercest runners, flashing the speed to take it the house but also an ability and willingness to run through defenders for the touch yardage that moves the chains. The proof is in the YAC (yards after contact):
- Snell accumulated 897 rushing yards after contact in his his first two seasons, which includes yardage lost on negative rush plays.
- The total ranked eighth nationally in 2017 according to *Pro Football Focus*.
- Snell leads all returning SEC running backs with 44 missed tackles forced on his rushing attempts, 14 more than Alabama's Damien Harris and Mississippi State's Aeris Williams.
- Snell was a semifinalist for the Doak Walker Award for the nation's top running back and the Maxwell Award for the College Player of the Year.

QUICKEST TO 3,000

- Benny Snell Jr., has 3,729 career rushing yards through 36 career games with at least one rushing attempt. He's the quickest player in school history to reach 3,000 career rushing yards. Moe Williams reached 3,000 career rushing yards in his 32nd game with a rushing attempt and Sonny Collins reached 3,000 career rushing yards in his 33rd game with a rushing attempt.

- He's the fifth SEC player since 2000 to reach 3,000 career rushing yards within their first 30 career games with a rushing attempt.

Fewest Career Games With A Rushing Attempt To Reach 3,000 Career Rushing Yards, SEC Players (Since 2000)

- 26 Leonard Fournette, LSU (2014-2016)
- 27 Darren McFadden, Arkansas (2005-2007)
- 29 Benny Snell Jr., Kentucky (2016-18)**
- 29 Nick Chubb, Georgia (2014-2016)
- 29 Todd Gurley, Georgia (2012-2014)

Fewest Career Games With A Rushing Attempt To Reach 40 Career Rushing Touchdowns, SEC History

- 28 Herschel Walker, Georgia (1980-1982)
- 29 Benny Snell, Kentucky (2016-present)**

DOUBLE DIPPING

- Heading into the 2018 season there are only seven schools in FBS/Division I that maintain at least two straight seasons of playing in a bowl game and the basketball program earning a bid to the NCAA men's basketball tournament. Kentucky has done so in consecutive years after making the TaxSlayer Bowl and Franklin American Mortgage Music City Bowl:

West Virginia - 4
Miami (Fla.) - 3
Michigan - 3
KENTUCKY - 2
Florida State - 2
Kansas State - 2
Virginia Tech - 2

SNAP TO IT

- Kentucky entered the season without any quarterback on its roster having ever stepped on the playing field during a game, as none of the Cats' top four projected quarterbacks have taken an FBS snap. Furthermore, this is the first time since 2000 that the Cats open a season without a quarterback having thrown a single pass.
- The Cats are one of the few programs in the country in that position this season, with Minnesota and Nebraska also opening the year without any experience. For Kentucky,

returnees Danny Clark, Gunnar Hoak and Walker Wood all watched the 2017 season, while signee Terry Wilson came from junior college after a redshirt season at Oregon. Nebraska will have a transfer with FBS experience on its roster but he is sitting out as a transfer, while Minnesota has only freshmen and redshirt freshmen.

COMEBACK CATS

The Cats' never-say-die attitude and dedication to mental toughness has shined in recent seasons, including the 2018 season opener vs. Central Michigan when they erased a 17-7 deficit on the way to a 35-20 victory and a 14-3 fourth quarter deficit at Missouri. Since 2014, UK has more wins than any SEC program when trailing by at least 10 points at some point during the game.

9 - KENTUCKY

7 - South Carolina, Tennessee

HELLO, I'M NEW HERE

Although Kentucky is one of the more experienced teams in the country this season a new wave of talent is on the way, with 29 players making their Wildcat debut in the 2018.

- Offense: TE Brendan Bates, WR Brayden Berezowitz, QB Danny Clark, WR Allen Dailey Jr., OL Sebastien Dolcine, OL Austin Dotson, WR Akeem Hayes, QB Gunnar Hoak, OL Darian Kinnard, OT E.J. Price, RB Christopher Rodriguez Jr., TE/FB Drew Schlegel, WR Brett Slusher, WR Ahmad Wagner, OT Naasir Watkins and QB Terry Wilson.
- Defense: S Tyrell Ajian, DB Jamari Brown, S Yusuf Corker, LB Jamin Davis, CB Stanley Garner, DL Davoan Hawkins, DL Marquan McCall, CB Michael Nesbitt, LB Chris Oats, LB DeAndre Square, LB Jordan Wright
- Special Teams: P Max Duffy, K Chance Poore

EARNED NOT GIVEN

- A trio of Wildcats earned the ultimate sign of respect from the coaching staff, being rewarded with full scholarships after arriving in Lexington as walk-ons. Senior wide receiver David Bouvier, senior kicker Miles Butler and junior running back Zach Johnson all were placed on scholarship in a team meeting during training camp, sending teammates into a frenzy of happiness.
- Bouvier (Lexington, Ky.) is a local product who has shown an aptitude for special teams and caught a nine-yard pass in the 2016 TaxSlayerBowl. The 5-foot-9, 168-pounder is a three-time member of the SEC Academic Honor Roll and three-time Dean's List honoree. He caught a scoring pass in each of the Cats' first two games of 2018.
- Butler (Paducah, Ky.) has the most playing experience of the three, having handled



CATS IN THE PROS

A total of 10 former Kentucky Wildcats are currently on National Football League rosters, with three additional players in the CFL. Here is the list, along with their years at UK:

- Arizona Cardinals #98 Corey Peters, DT (2006-09)
Baltimore Ravens #90 Za'Darius Smith, OLB (2013-14)
Chicago Bears #59 Danny Trevathan, LB (2008-11)
Green Bay Packers #18 Randall Cobb, WR (2008-10)
New Orleans Saints #75 Larry Warford, G (2009-12)
New York Jets #54 Avery Williamson, LB (2010-13) #64 Jon Toth, C (2013-16)
Pittsburgh Steelers #48 Bud Dupree, OLB (2011-14) #41 Farrington Huguenin, LB (2012-15)
Tennessee Titans #59 Wesley Woodyard, LB (2004-07)



CATS IN THE CFL

- Cory 'C.J.' Johnson, DT (2014-15) Winnipeg Blue Bombers
Micah Johnson, LB (2006-09) - 2018 Grey Cup Champion Calgary Stampeders
Chris Matthews, WR (2009-10) - 2018 Grey Cup Champion Calgary Stampeders

punt duties during the Vanderbilt game last season, when he averaged 38.7 yards on three kicks, with all three punts being placed within the 20-yard line. In 2015, he made all four of his field goal attempts and 11 of 12 PATs. His career long field goal is 46 yards. The 5-foot-9, 165-pounder has been named to the Dean's List for seven semesters and earned SEC Academic Honor Roll for 2015-17. Johnson (Cincinnati, Ohio) is in his third season with the program after opting to walk on out of Colerain High School. The 5-foot-10, 185-pound back saw action in eight games last season on special teams and returned a pair of kickoffs for 35 yards.

HERE, THERE, EVERYWHERE

- While most college football programs recruit regionally, Kentucky has expanded its reach as far west as Colorado, east to New Jersey, north to Michigan and south to Florida. Furthermore, the Cats have a second punter/kicker in as many years from Australia, tapping into the ranks of young men who have a history with Australian rules football.
The Cats' geographic roster breaks down in 17 different states and Australia: Ohio (28), Kentucky (27), Florida (19), Georgia (11), Maryland (3), Oklahoma (3), Tennessee (3),

Alabama (3), Louisiana (2), Michigan (2), Colorado (1), Indiana (1), Mississippi (1), New Jersey (1), North Carolina (1), Virginia (1), South Carolina (1) and Australia (1).

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

- UK's uniform preparers have a little extra work to do this season and a little less space with which to do it. The Cats have 10 players whose names have 'Jr.' in it, two that are hyphenated and three that could stump even the top finishers in the National Spelling Bee.
The 10 players who are a 'Jr.' include: Derrick Baity Jr., Lynn Bowden Jr., Allen Dailey Jr., Christopher Rodriguez Jr., Cedrick Dort Jr., Lonnie Johnson Jr., E.J. Price (Edward Junior), Benny Snell Jr., Calvin Taylor Jr., and Clevan Thomas Jr.
The Cats also have Abule Abadi-Fitzgerald, who has 16 characters in his last name, as well as George Asafo-Adjei and three Berezowitz brothers (Brayden, Bryan and Zac).



ROSE IS AN EAGLE

- Junior RB A.J. Rose earned an Eagle Scout, the highest achievement or rank attainable in the Boy Scouting program of the Boy Scouts of America
Only four percent of Boy Scouts are granted this rank after a lengthy review process
Other Notable Eagle Scouts
>> Neil Armstrong - Astronaut
>> Gerald R. Ford - first Eagle Scout to serve as President
>> Peter McLoughlin - President of the Seattle Seahawks
>> Steven Spielberg - Filmmaker
>> Sam Walton - Founder of Wal-Mart
>> Reed Timmer - Famous storm chaser

HANGING WITH THE HOME-IES

- When Kentucky broke through under former coach Rich Brooks from 2006-09 it was done in large part because of a home-grown nucleus led by quarterback Andre' Woodson (Radcliff), wide receiver Keenan Burton (Louisville), tight end Jacob Tamme (Danville), defensive tackle Corey Peters (Louisville) and others.
It's notable that the team once again has a strong group of young men from the Commonwealth.
The offensive line that has paved the way for 201.3 rushing yards per game is coached by home-grown John Schlarman and piloted by center Drake Jackson (Versailles). One of the team's leading tackler is Kash Daniel (Paintsville) and the game-clinching defensive score vs. Florida came from Davonte Robinson (Lexington).

THE STREAK IS BROKEN ...

On Sept. 8, Kentucky ended a 31-game drought against the Florida Gators.



COUCH NAMED TO COLLEGE FOOTBALL HOF BALLOT

Former Kentucky quarterback Tim Couch has been named to the 2019 ballot for induction into the College Football Hall of Fame, the National Football Foundation (NFF) & College Hall of Fame announced. Couch is one of 76 players and six coaches from the Football Bowl Subdivision and 100 players and 32 coaches from the divisional ranks.

- A storied name of the Kentucky program, Couch, was the team's quarterback from 1996-98. After giving up his senior season of eligibility, he was drafted as the No. 1 pick by Cleveland in the 1999 NFL Draft. In 1998, the junior quarterback was named a first-team All-American and consensus Southeastern Conference Player of the Year. Couch completed 400 of 553 passes for 4,275 yards and 36 touchdowns and led the nation in pass completions while ranked second in completion percentage, passing yardage and touchdown passes, and fourth in total offense. After guiding the Wildcats to the Outback Bowl, UK's first New Year's Day bowl appearance in 47 years, Couch finished fourth in Heisman Trophy balloting. He was also a finalist for the Davey O'Brien National Quarterback Award as a junior and sophomore. His breakout sophomore campaign featured 363 of 547 passes completed for 3,884 yards and 37 touchdowns while leading the nation in pass attempts, completions, yardage, and completion percentage. Also during his sophomore year, Couch earned second-team All-SEC honors and finished ninth in Heisman voting. He played in seven games as a true freshman, with two starts. Career wise, Couch completed 795 passes on 1,184 attempts for 8,435 yards and 74 touchdowns. The legend ended his career with seven NCAA records, 14 SEC records, and 26 school records.
- The announcement of the 2019 Class will be made Monday, Jan. 7, 2019, in Santa Clara, Calif. The city is serving as the host for the CFP National Championship, which will be played later that day at Levi's Stadium.

- Was UK's first win in Gainesville since 1979 and first time UK has defeated a ranked UF team in Gainesville.
- Was UK's first win over a ranked Florida team since 1976, when UF was ranked No. 15.
- Moved the Cats to 2-0 for the second straight season and fourth time in the past five years.
- Won SEC opener for the second year in a row, first time that has been accomplished since 2006-07.
- Won SEC road opener for the second year in a row, first time that has been accomplished since 1983-84.
- Was Kentucky's first win over a ranked opponent since winning at No. 11 Louisville in 2016.
- Was UK's first win over a ranked SEC opponent since No. 25 Missouri in 2015.
- Was UK's first road win over a ranked SEC opponent since 1998 at No. 21 LSU.
- Was UK's largest margin of victory in a road win vs. a ranked SEC opponent (11 points) since October 15th, 1977 at LSU (20 points)
- The 16 points scored by Florida was the second-lowest total for the Gators in the series since 1986. The Gators scored 14 in 2015 in a 14-9 win in Lexington.
- Kentucky was the first school to rush for at least 300 yards against Florida since 2002 (Miami (FL), September 7, 2002).
- Benny Snell Jr. was the fourth SEC player since 2000 to rush for 175+ yards at Florida (Travis Stephens, Marcus Lattimore, Trent Richardson).
- Terry Wilson is the only player since 2000 to have at least 150 passing yards and 100 rushing yards in a single game against Florida.
- Game balls were awarded to offensive line coach John Schlarman, who is battling serious illness, and sophomore defensive end

Josh Paschal, who is currently out of action while receiving treatment for a malignant melanoma on his foot.

- Kentucky earned Reveal Suits National Team of the Week as selected by the Football Writers Association of America.

UK ADEPT AT HOLDING THIRD-QUARTER LEADS

- Kentucky has won 44 of its past 46 games when staked to a lead at the end of the third quarter, dating back to a 2008 loss vs. South Carolina.
- UK is 27-2 in the Mark Stoops era when holding a third-quarter lead. The only losses were in 2016 vs. Georgia and 2017 vs. Florida. The Cats avenged the 2017 Florida defeat in 2018 by ending a 31-game losing streak to the Gators.



THREE WILDCATS DO SERVICE WORK IN ETHIOPIA

- In May of 2018, three Wildcats, offensive tackle George Asafo-Adjei, offensive guard Bunchy Stallings and long snapper Tristan Yeomans, were chosen by the athletic department to participate in a service/educational trip to the Ethiopia. During the week-long trip, they interacted with residents of impoverished communities, visited and helped paint a preschool, constructed wooden shoe-shining boxes, delivered blankets to widows.
- UK has taken football student-athletes to Ethiopia on a service trip since 2011. Due to the state department's travel ban to Ethiopia in 2017, the Cats visited the Dominican Republic.
 - 2011: Stuart Hines, Danny Trevathan
 - 2012: Mike Benton, Matt Smith, Larry Warford
 - 2013: Kevin Mitchell, Jonathan George, Avery Williamson
 - 2014: Alvin "Bud" Dupree, Landon Foster, Braylon Heard
 - 2015: Austin MacGinnis, Marcus McWilson, Alex Montgomery
 - 2016: Greg Hart, De'Niro Laster, Courtney Love
 - *2017: Jordan Bonner, C.J. Conrad, Denzil Ware (Dominican Republic)
 - 2018: George Asafo-Adjei, Bunchy Stallings, Tristan Yeomans



ELEVEN-YEAR OLD LUKE KLAUSING SIGNS WITH UK FOOTBALL

- Head coach Mark Stoops announced the signing of 11-year-old wide receiver Luke Klausing of St. Agnes Catholic School in Louisville, Kentucky to a national letter of intent on Aug. 1.
- Klausing was named the newest member the Kentucky football team during an inspirational Team IMPACT Signing Day celebration at Kroger Field. The event was sponsored by Vertex Pharmaceuticals.
- Klausing is one of 30,000 patients in the United States living courageously with cystic fibrosis (CF), a disease predominantly diagnosed in children by the age of 2. He was diagnosed at five days old. By sponsoring Signing Days of children with CF, Vertex Pharmaceuticals helps spread awareness for the disease—and the life-long, positive effects Team IMPACT has on these children.
- Team IMPACT is a national nonprofit that connects children facing serious and chronic illnesses with local college athletic teams, forming lifelong bonds and life-changing outcomes. Through the support of Vertex Pharmaceuticals, children who have CF, like Luke sign with local college athletic teams and become an official member of the team to support the child’s physical, social and

emotional needs. By being a part of the Kentucky Football program, Luke will attend Wildcats practices, games, team dinners, events and more.

- His bio is located in the Player Bio section of the game notes.

KENTUCKY’S YOUNGSTOWN BOYS

- As a neighbor of Pittsburgh, a.k.a. Steel City USA, Youngstown, Ohio has a reputation as a blue collar community defined by hard work and relationships forged over generations that are stronger than steel. Kentucky’s football program is, in many ways, defined by that bond as it creates a southern alumni club from Youngstown, the hometown of head coach Mark Stoops and several other key members of the program. Below is a list of staffers and players from Youngstown, Ohio:

Mark Stoops - Head Coach (Cardinal Mooney)

Vince Marrow - Recruiting Coord./Tight Ends (Cardinal Mooney)

Steve Clinkscale - Defensive Backs (Chaney)

Frank Buffano - Director of Operations (Cardinal Mooney)

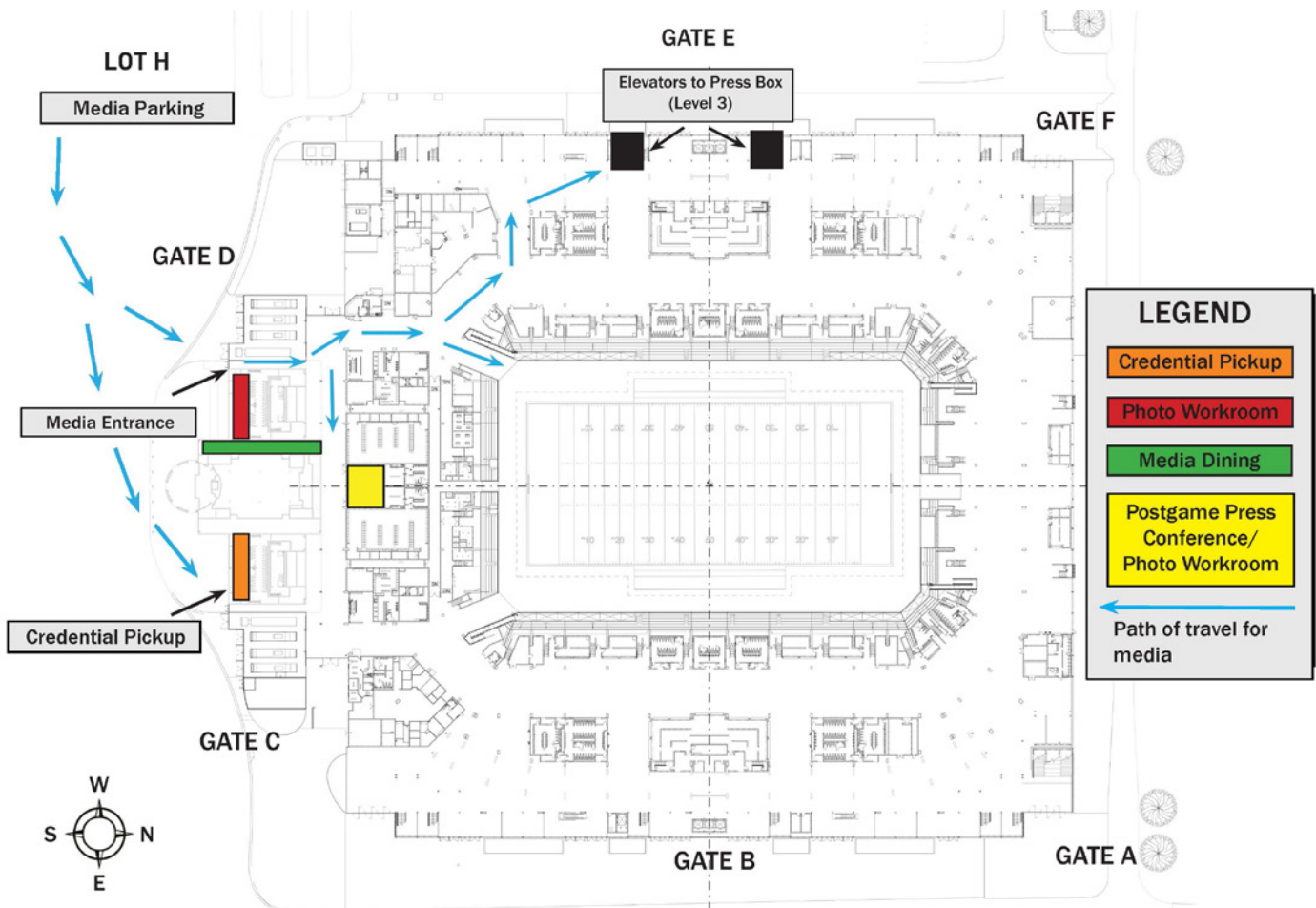
Lynn Bowden Jr. - Wide Receiver (Warren Harding)

Jordan Jones - Linebacker (Cardinal Mooney)

Tymere Dubose - Defensive Tackle (Youngstown Christian)

DID YOU KNOW?

- This is the 128th season of intercollegiate football for Kentucky.
- A picture of longevity, UK Equipment Manager **Tom Kalinowski** is in his 41st season in that role. A group of former players, staff members and current UK coaches pitched in during the summer of 2017 to surprise him with a new Ford Escape. Kalinowski worked his 500th consecutive game vs. Middle Tennessee.
- The Kentucky cheerleaders have won an unprecedented 23 national cheerleading championships, including 19 of the last 23, at the annual Universal Cheerleaders Association championships.
- Kentucky is one of only 10 schools that have won an NCAA men’s basketball championship while also having a claim on a national championship in football.
- UK is one of only seven universities in the U.S. that have programs in agriculture, engineering, law, medicine and pharmacy on a single campus.





WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME ...

KENTUCKY

SCORED 40 POINTS: 56 AT LOUISVILLE, NOV. 24, 2018

SCORED 50 POINTS: 56 AT LOUISVILLE, NOV. 24, 2018

Scored 60 points: 62 vs. New Mexico State, Sept. 17, 2016

Scored 70 points: 77 vs. Texas El-Paso, Sept. 7, 2002

Scored 80 points: 83 vs. North Dakota, Nov. 18, 1950

Shut Out an Opponent: vs. Miami (42-0), Sept. 5, 2009

SHUT OUT AN OPPONENT IN THE 2ND HALF: AT LOUISVILLE, NOV. 24, 2018

SCORED ON FIRST SERIES: TD, AT LOUISVILLE, NOV. 24, 2018

Scored on first play from scrimmage of game: at Louisville, Nov. 26, 2016

SCORED A TD ON FIRST SERIES: AT LOUISVILLE, NOV. 24, 2018

HAD 25 FIRST DOWNS: 29 AT LOUISVILLE, NOV. 24, 2018

Had 30 First Downs: 30 vs. Mississippi State, Oct. 25, 2015

HAD 250 YARDS RUSHING: 340 AT LOUISVILLE, NOV. 24, 2018

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Had 400 yards rushing: 443 vs. Tennessee, Nov. 13, 2016

Had below 50 yards rushing: 48 vs. Florida, Sept. 28, 2013

Had 300 yards passing: 352 at Louisville, Nov. 26, 2016

Had 400 yards passing: 401 vs. Mississippi State, Oct. 25, 2014

HAD BELOW 50 YARDS PASSING: 18 VS. VANDERBILT, OCT. 20, 2018

Had 300 yards rushing and passing: (381/311) vs. New Mexico State, Sept. 17, 2016

HAD 500 YARDS TOTAL OFFENSE: 601 AT LOUISVILLE, NOV. 24, 2018

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HAD BELOW 200 YARDS TOTAL OFFENSE: 178 AT TEXAS A&M, OCT. 6, 2018

HELD OPP. BELOW 100 YARDS RUSHING: 99, VS. MIDDLE TENNESSEE, NOV. 17, 2018

Held opp. below 50 yards rushing: 13 vs. Eastern Michigan, Sept. 30, 2017

HELD OPP. BELOW 100 YARDS PASSING: 79 AT LOUISVILLE, NOV. 24, 2018

Held opp. below 50 yards passing: 27 vs. Austin Peay, Nov. 19, 2016

Held opponent below 200 yards total offense: 139 vs. Vanderbilt, Sept. 27, 2014

Held opp. below 100 yards total offense: 91 vs. Vanderbilt, Nov. 16, 1996

Recorded a safety: at Mississippi State, Nov. 24, 2013

Recorded zero penalties: vs. Auburn, Oct. 17, 2009

HAD A PLAYER WITH 30 RUSH ATTEMPTS: 32 BY BENNY SNELL VS. VANDERBILT, OCT. 20, 2018

HAD A PLAYER RUSH FOR 100 YARDS: A.J. ROSE (112) BENNY SNELL (100) AT LOUISVILLE, NOV. 24, 2018

HAD 2 PLAYERS RUSH FOR 100 YARDS: A.J. ROSE (112) BENNY SNELL (100) AT LOUISVILLE, NOV. 24, 2018

Had 2 players rush for 175 yards or more: Benny Snell (192) and Boom Williams (182) vs. Missouri, Oct. 29, 2016

HAD 2 PLAYERS RUSH FOR 100 YARDS OR MORE IN CONSECUTIVE GAMES: BENNY SNELL AND A.J. ROSE VS. CENTRAL MICHIGAN (SEPT. 1, 2018); SNELL AND TERRY WILSON AT FLORIDA (SEPT. 8, 2018).

HAD A PLAYER RUSH FOR 100 YARDS IN CONSECUTIVE GAMES: BENNY SNELL (116 VS. MIDDLE TENNESSEE, 11/17/18, AND 100 AT LOUISVILLE, 11/24/18)

Had a player rush for 100 yards in four consecutive games: Derrick Locke, 2010

Had a true freshman rush for 100 yards: 152 by Benny Snell vs. Austin Peay, Nov. 19, 2016

Had a player rush for 200 yards: 211, Benny Snell vs. Louisville, Nov. 25, 2017

Had 4 players with 50+ yards rushing in the same game: 5 vs. Tennessee, Nov. 12, 2016

HAD A PLAYER WITH 3 RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS: 3 BY BENNY SNELL VS. MISSISSIPPI STATE, SEPT. 22, 2018

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Had a player with 50 pass attempts: 60 by Maxwell Smith, vs. WKU, Sept. 15, 2012

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Had a player with 30 pass completions: 37 by Maxwell Smith, vs. WKU, Sept. 15, 2012

Had a player with 300 passing yards: 338 by Stephen Johnson at Louisville, Nov. 26, 2016

Had 2 players pass for 100 yards: Maxwell Smith (109), Jalen Whitlow (105) vs. Louisville, Sept. 14, 2013

HAD A PLAYER WITH 3 OR MORE TOUCHDOWNS PASSES: 3 BY TERRY WILSON AT LOUISVILLE, NOV. 24, 2018

Had a player with 2 passing touchdowns and 2 rushing touchdowns: Patrick Towles, vs. Mississippi State, Oct. 25, 2014

HAD A PLAYER WITH 10+ RECEPTIONS: 13 BY LYNN BOWDEN JR. AT MISSOURI, OCT. 27, 2018

HAD A PLAYER WITH 100 YARDS RECEIVING: 166 BY LYNN BOWDEN JR. AT MISSOURI, OCT. 27, 2018

Had a player with consecutive 100-yard receiving games: Jeff Badet, 2 (10/22-10/29/16)

Had 2 players with 100 yards receiving: 116 by Matt Roark and 102 by La'Rod King, vs. Ole Miss, Nov. 5, 2011

Had a player with 3 touchdown receptions: 3 by C.J. Conrad vs. New Mexico State, Sept. 17, 2016

Had a player with 100 rushing and 100 receiving yards in the same game: Rafael Little (132 rushing, 114 receiving) vs. Vanderbilt, Nov. 11, 2006

HAD A 100-YARD PASSER AND A 100-YARD RUSHER IN THE SAME GAME: TERRY WILSON (151 PASSING YARDS, 105 RUSHING) VS. FLORIDA, SEPT. 22, 2018

Had a 100-yard rusher and a 100-yard receiver in the same game: Benny Snell (117 rush), Garrett Johnson (111 receiving), vs. Missouri, Oct. 7, 2017

Had a player score a TD by rushing and receiving in the same game: Boom Williams vs. Missouri, Oct. 29, 2016

Had a player throw a TD pass and score a rushing and receiving TD in the same game: Randall Cobb vs. Auburn, Oct. 9, 2010

Had a player throw at least two TD passes and score a rushing TD in consecutive games: Patrick Towles in 2015

Had a player throw a TD pass, score a receiving TD and score on a punt return for a TD in the same game: Randall Cobb vs. WKU, Sept. 11, 2010

Had a player return a kickoff for a TD: Derrick Locke (100 yards) vs. Louisville, Sept. 19, 2009

HAD A PLAYER RETURN A PUNT FOR A TD: LYNN BOWDEN JR. (67 YARDS) AT MISSOURI, OCT. 27, 2018

HAD A PLAYER RETURN AN INTERCEPTION FOR A TD: MIKE EDWARDS, 66 YARDS, VS. MIDDLE TENNESSEE, NOV. 17, 2018

HAD A PLAYER RECOVER/RETURN A FUMBLE FOR A TD: DARIUS WEST, AT TEXAS A&M (40 YARDS), SEPT. 8, 2018

Had two defensive TDs in the same game: Mike Douglas (fumble) and Fred Tiller (interception) vs. Louisville, Nov. 29, 2014

HAD A PLAYER RECOVER TWO FUMBLES IN ONE GAME: JOSH ALLEN VS. GEORGIA, NOV. 3, 2018

Had a player block a punt: Josh Paschal vs. Eastern Michigan, Sept. 30, 2017

HAD A PLAYER BLOCK A FIELD GOAL: DARIUS WEST AT MISSOURI, OCT. 27, 2018

Had a player block a PAT: Lonnie Johnson Jr. vs. Eastern Kentucky, Sept. 9, 2017

Had a player return a blocked FG for a TD: David Jones (57 yards) vs. Vanderbilt, Nov. 15, 2008

Had a player return a blocked punt for a TD: Andrew Hopewell (6 yards), vs. Arkansas, Nov. 1, 2006

Had a player score a TD on a fake field goal: Joe Mansour (25 yards), vs. Florida, Sept. 28, 2013

Had a field goal of 50 yards or more: Austin MacGinnis (53 yards) vs. Missouri, Oct. 7, 2017

PLAYED AN OVERTIME GAME: AT TEXAS A&M, OCT. 6, 2018 - (L, 14-20)

Won an overtime game: vs. ECU, Oct. 3, 2015 - (W, 34-27)

WON A GAME ON THE LAST PLAY OF REGULATION AS TIME EXPIRED: 15-14 AT MISSOURI, OCT. 27, 2018 (2-YARD TD PASS)

OPPONENT

Scored 40 points: 44 by Louisville, Nov. 25, 2017

Scored 50 points: 52 by Tennessee, Oct. 31, 2015

SCORED 10 OR LESS POINTS: 10 BY LOUISVILLE, NOV. 24, 2018

Shut Out Kentucky: 0-40 by Vanderbilt, Nov. 3, 2012

SHUT OUT KENTUCKY IN 2ND HALF: BY SOUTH CAROLINA, SEPT. 29, 2018

RUSHED FOR 300 YARDS: 331 BY GEORGIA, NOV. 3, 2018

Passed for 300 yards: 308 by Vanderbilt, Nov. 11, 2017

Had 500 yards of total offense: 562 by Louisville, Nov. 25, 2017

Recorded a safety: Louisville, Aug. 31, 2008

Blocked a Kentucky punt: Southern Miss, Sept. 3, 2016

Blocked a Kentucky field goal: Florida, Sept. 25, 2010

Blocked a Kentucky PAT: at Vanderbilt, Nov. 16, 2013

Had a player with 30 rush attempts: 32, Justin Jackson (Northwestern), Dec. 29, 2017

HAD A PLAYER WITH 100 YARDS RUSHING: 156, D'ANDRE SWIFT, 115 ELIJAH HOLIFIELD (GEORGIA), NOV. 3, 2018

Had a player with 200 yards rushing: 252 by Anthony Dixon (MSU), Oct. 31, 2009

HAD TWO PLAYERS WITH 100 YARDS RUSHING: 156, D'ANDRE SWIFT, 115, ELIJAH HOLIFIELD (GEORGIA), NOV. 3, 2018

Had a player with 40 pass attempts: 43 by Kyle Shurmur (Vanderbilt, Nov. 11, 2017)

Had a player with 25 pass completions: 30 by Kyle Shurmur (Vanderbilt, Nov. 11, 2017)

Had a player with 300 yards passing: 308 by Kyle Shurmur (Vanderbilt, Nov. 11, 2017)

Had two players with 100 yards passing: 183 by Aaron Murray and 189 by Hutson Mason (Georgia), Nov. 23, 2013

Had a player with 10 pass receptions: 10, Ryan Markush (EKU), Sept. 9, 2017

Had a player with 100 yards receiving: 129, Emanuel Hall (Missouri), Oct. 7, 2017

Had a player with 200 yards receiving: 216 by Demarcus Robinson (Florida), Sept. 13, 2014

Had two players with 100 yards receiving: 111, Korey Robertson and 103, Quez Watkins (Southern Miss), Sept. 2, 2017

Had a player return a kickoff for a TD: Evan Berry (UT), 100 yards, Oct. 31, 2015

Had a player return a punt for a TD: Cameron Sutton (UT), 84 yards, Oct. 31, 2015

Had a player return a blocked FG for a TD: Neiko Thorpe (69 yards) vs. Auburn, Oct. 17, 2009

Had a player return a blocked punt for a TD: Chris Rainey (23 yards) vs. Florida, Sept. 26, 2009

Had a player return an interception for a TD: Kyle Queiro (Northwestern), 26 yards, Dec. 29, 2017

HAD A PLAYER RETURN A FUMBLE FOR A TD: DEVONNI REED (CENTRAL MICHIGAN), 20 YARDS, SEPT. 1, 2018



HEAD COACH MARK STOOPS / SIXTH SEASON / IOWA, 1989



**2018
SEC Coach of
the Year
by AP, Coaches
and Athlon**

Mark Stoops likes to challenge his team to do things that have never been done at the University of Kentucky, or, haven't been done in a long time. His Wildcats are responding nicely to that challenge.

Kentucky enters the VRBO Citrus Bowl with a 9-3 record, UK's most regular-season wins in 41 years. And, UK's 5-3 Southeastern Conference record is the first winning league mark in 41 years.

Among the highlights of the season was a win at Florida, the Wildcats' first victory over the Gators in 31 years, resulting in UK being named the National Team of the Week by the Football Writers Association of America. UK's 56-10 win at in-state rival Louisville in the regular-season finale is the largest margin of victory in the history of the Governor's Cup series.

Stoops has been well-recognized for Kentucky's breakthrough season, as he was named SEC Coach of the Year by the league coaches, Athlon Sports and The Associated Press. As this program went to press, he also was on watch lists for two National Coach of the Year honors.

The 2018 season also continued a remarkable trend – since Stoops took over as coach of the Cats in 2013, UK is the only school in the nation that has tied or improved its win total in each of the last six seasons.

That steady progression has culminated in multiple achievements:

- From 2016-18, UK has won at least seven games and finished at least .500 in the Southeastern Conference each season. It's the first time UK has won seven games and finished at least .500 in the league in three consecutive seasons since 1949-51.
- The Wildcats placed second in the SEC Eastern Division in 2016 and 2018, the team's best finishes since the league split into divisions in 1992.
- UK's 2016-17-18 bowl appearances are only the third time in school history that the Cats have advanced to a bowl in at least three consecutive seasons.
- UK has won three road games in both 2017 and '18. It's the first time UK has won three road games in back-to-back seasons since 1949-50.

The methodical advancement made by Stoops' teams is a reflection of the coach's rock-steady work ethic, tireless recruiting, and ability to adapt.

Stoops' ability to adjust when necessary shone its brightest at the beginning of the 2016 season. After losing the first two games of the schedule, and seeing his starting quarterback out for the season with an injury, and seeing his defense struggle in the early stages, Stoops didn't retreat. The Wildcat coach chose determination over despair and went back to work, revising the offense for a new QB while becoming more involved in helping coach the defense.

The results? The Wildcats went 7-3 in the last 10 regular-season games, topped by a



STOOPS AND CO. MAKING A HIT IN RECRUITING

In just five seasons at the helm of the Kentucky football program, head coach Mark Stoops and his staff have been making noise on the recruiting trail. Kentucky's five classes under Stoops have ranked in the top 50 by all four major recruiting services. Below is a look at UK's recruiting success under Stoops and Co.

Outlet	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Rivals	#29	#17	#35	#29	#26	#30
ESPN	#36	#20	#43	#34	#30	#36
247Sports	#41	#23	#38	#34	#29	#38
Scout.com	#38	#21	#45	#39	#35	#44

win at No. 11-ranked Louisville. Stoops was named 2016 SEC Coach of the Year runner-up by Athlon Sports. That was the beginning of a turnaround which resulted in three straight bowl games and has culminated in today's VRBO Citrus Bowl tilt – UK's first New Year's Day bowl game in 20 years.

Stoops came to Kentucky from Florida State, where he was defensive coordinator from 2010-12. He inherited a unit ranked 108th in the nation in total defense and turned it into one of the nation's best. In the 2012 season, the Seminoles were second in the nation in total defense, allowing 254.1 yards per game, and sixth nationally in scoring defense at 14.7 points per game. Playing well against the run and the pass, FSU was third in the country in rushing defense and led the nation in pass defense. FSU led the ACC in seven defensive categories. Stoops also coached the defensive backs under head coach Jimbo Fisher.

Eight Seminoles on defense earned 2012 All-ACC honors, including four first-team selections, highlighted by one of the nation's top defensive end duos in Bjoern Werner and Cornelius Carradine, who combined for 24 sacks and 31 tackles for loss. Werner was a finalist for the 2012 Bronko Nagurski Award as the National Defensive Player of the Year and was among the national leaders in sacks with 13. Stoops also coached cornerback Ronald Darby to ACC Defensive Rookie of the Year.

The Seminoles' prowess was a continuation of the 2011 season, when Stoops' defenders led the nation in fewest yards allowed per carry (2.3), ranked fourth in the nation in total defense (275 yards per game), second in rushing defense (82.7 ypg), fourth in scoring defense (15.1 points per game), and eighth in tackles for loss (8.6 per game) and quarterback sacks (3.1 per game). FSU led the ACC in eight defensive categories.

Stoops overhauled the Florida State defense in 2010, his first season as defensive coordinator. The Seminoles gave up 19.6 points per game, third-best in the ACC and 20th nationally. FSU ranked 42nd nationally in total defense that season; in contrast, the team was 108th nationally in total defense and 94th in scoring defense in 2009, the year before Stoops' arrival. FSU improved its overall defense by more

than 80 yards per game, primarily by limiting opponents to 75 fewer rushing yards per game. The Seminoles ranked third in the nation in quarterback sacks and were 21st in tackles for loss. In the secondary, Stoops coached Xavier Rhodes to ACC Defensive Rookie of the Year honors and National Defensive Freshman of the Year accolades.

During Stoops' three seasons, FSU went 10-4, 9-4 and 12-2, including wins over South Carolina in the 2010 Chick-fil-A Bowl, Notre Dame in the 2011 Champs Sports Bowl and Northern Illinois in the 2013 Orange Bowl.

Stoops was defensive coordinator and DBs coach at Arizona from 2004-09, working for his brother, Mike, who was head coach of the Wildcats. During Mark's time there, Arizona's records improved steadily, going 3-8, 3-8, 6-6, 5-7, 8-5 and 8-5. The Wildcats advanced to the Las Vegas Bowl and Holiday Bowl during the last two years. Mark and Mike are also brothers of Bob Stoops, retired in 2017 after 18 years as the Sooners' head coach. The eldest Stoops brother, Ron Jr., is special teams coordinator at Youngstown State.

Stoops inherited an Arizona unit that was 109th in the nation in total defense and 107th in scoring defense in 2003, the year before he arrived. By the end of his term at Arizona, the Wildcats ranked in the nation's top 25 in total defense his final two seasons and ranked as high as 33rd in scoring defense.

Prior to Arizona, Stoops coached the defensive backs three years at Miami (Fla.). The 2001 national champion Hurricanes led the nation in pass efficiency defense, scoring defense and turnover margin. That team also established a school record with 27 interceptions and 45 total takeaways.

Stoops' 2002 secondary led the nation in pass defense and pass efficiency defense. Despite having to replace all four starters in the defensive backfield, the 2003 team led the nation in pass defense. In his three seasons, Miami went 35-3, including the 12-0 Rose Bowl title campaign, plus appearances in the Fiesta and Orange bowls. Ten Miami defensive backs who played at least one season under Stoops were eventually selected in the National Football League draft – seven in the first round.

Most Wins By A Head Coach, School History

- 60 Paul "Bear" Bryant (1946-1953)
- 47 Fran Curci (1973-1981)
- 41 Jerry Claiborne (1982-1989)
- 41 Blanton Collier (1954-1961)
- 39 Rich Brooks (2003-2009)
- 35 Mark Stoops (2013-Present)**
- 32 Harry Gamage (1927-1933)
- 26 Bill Curry (1990-1996)

Most Wins By A Head Coach At Kroger Field

- 32 Jerry Claiborne (1982-1989)
- 29 Fran Curci (1973-1981)
- 26 Mark Stoops (2013-Present)**
- 25 Rich Brooks (2003-2009)
- 21 Bill Curry (1990-1996)

STOOPS VS. ALL OPPONENTS

Opponent	Record
Alabama	0-2
Alabama State	1-0
Auburn	0-1
Austin Peay	1-0
Central Michigan	1-0
Charlotte	1-0
Eastern Kentucky	2-0
Eastern Michigan	1-0
Florida	1-5
Georgia	0-6
Georgia Tech	0-1
Louisiana-Lafayette	1-0
Louisiana-Monroe	1-0
Louisville	2-4
LSU	0-1
Miami (Ohio)	1-0
Middle Tennessee	1-0
Mississippi State	2-4
Missouri	4-2
Murray State	1-0
New Mexico State	1-0
Northwestern	0-1
Ohio	1-0
Ole Miss	0-1
South Carolina	5-1
Southern Miss	1-1
Tennessee	1-5
Tennessee-Martin	1-0
Texas A&M	0-1
Vanderbilt	4-2
Western Kentucky	0-1
Totals:	35-39

Stoops got his first experience in leading a defense as co-defensive coordinator at Houston in the 2000 season. He coached the secondary at Wyoming from 1997-99 and the Cowboys notched three straight winning seasons. A highlight of his time there was a school-record 24 interceptions in the '97 season. His first full-time coaching job was in 1996 at South Florida, helping USF in the start-up of its program before the Bulls had their first kickoff in '97.

Stoops has recruited and developed numerous outstanding defensive backs, many of whom went on to National Football League careers. Among the notables are Antoine Cason and Michael Johnson at Arizona, Miami's Philip





ELEVEN FIRST ROUND DRAFT PICKS  COACHED BY MARK STOOPS SINCE 2001



WHO WANTS TO BE NEXT?

										
PHILLIP BUCHANON 2002 17 TH OVERALL	ED REED 2002 24 TH OVERALL	MIKE RUMPH 2002 27 TH OVERALL	SEAN TAYLOR 2004 5 TH OVERALL	ANTREL ROLLE 2005 8 TH OVERALL	KELLY JENNINGS 2006 31 ST OVERALL	BRANDON MERIWEATHER 2007 24 TH OVERALL	ANTOINE CASON 2008 27 TH OVERALL	BJOERN WERNER 2013 24 TH OVERALL	XAVIER RHODES 2013 25 TH OVERALL	BUD DUPREE 2015 22 ND OVERALL

THE MARK STOOPS COACHING FILE

Year	School	Position	W-L	Bowl
1990	Iowa	Graduate Assistant	8-4	Rose
1991	Iowa	Graduate Assistant	10-1-1	Holiday
1992-95	Nordonia HS	Defensive Backs		
1996	South Florida	Defensive Backs	0-0	
1997	Wyoming	Defensive Backs	7-6	
1998	Wyoming	Defensive Backs	8-3	
1999	Wyoming	Defensive Backs	7-4	
2000	Houston	Co-Defensive Coord., Safeties	3-8	
2001	Miami (Fla.)	Defensive Backs	12-0	Rose
2002	Miami (Fla.)	Defensive Backs	12-1	Fiesta
2003	Miami (Fla.)	Defensive Backs	11-2	Orange
2004	Arizona	Defensive Coordinator, DBs	3-8	
2005	Arizona	Defensive Coordinator, DBs	3-8	
2006	Arizona	Defensive Coordinator, DBs	6-6	
2007	Arizona	Defensive Coordinator, DBs	5-7	
2008	Arizona	Defensive Coordinator, DBs	8-5	Las Vegas
2009	Arizona	Defensive Coordinator, DBs	8-5	Holiday
2010	Florida State	Defensive Coordinator, DBs	10-4	Chick-fil-A
2011	Florida State	Defensive Coordinator, DBs	9-4	Champs Sports
2012	Florida State	Defensive Coordinator, DBs	12-2	Orange
2013	Kentucky	Head Coach	2-10	
2014	Kentucky	Head Coach	5-7	
2015	Kentucky	Head Coach	5-7	
2016	Kentucky	Head Coach	7-6	TaxSlayer
2017	Kentucky	Head Coach	7-6	Music City
2018	Kentucky	Head Coach	9-3	Citrus

Buchanan, Kelly Jennings, Brandon Meriweather, Ed Reed, Antrel Rolle, Mike Rumph and Sean Taylor and Wyoming's Brian Lee.

Stoops was raised in Youngstown, Ohio. As did brothers Bob and Mike, Mark played in the secondary at the University of Iowa for Hall of Fame coach Hayden Fry. He participated in four bowl games as a player. Fry hired Stoops as a graduate assistant coach at Iowa in the 1990 and '91 seasons. The Hawkeyes won the 1990 Big Ten title and played in the Rose Bowl, duplicating feats Stoops also achieved as a player. Stoops went on to coach four years in high school before entering the collegiate ranks.

Mark and his wife, Chantel, have two sons, Will and Zack.



ASSISTANT COACHES



STEVE CLINKSCALE DEFENSIVE BACKS

Clinkscale's senior-laden secondary has led UK to a No. 33 national ranking in pass efficiency defense. Solid coverage also helped Josh Allen set his quarterback sack records by providing time to get to the passer. Safety Mike Edwards earned All-SEC honors for the third year in a row and became one of the leading pass interceptors in UK history.

2001-06	Ashland	Defensive Backs
2007	Ashland	Linebackers
2008	Western Carolina	Defensive Backs
2009	Toledo	Cornerbacks
2010-11	Toledo	Special Teams Coordinator, Cornerbacks
2012	Illinois	Cornerbacks
2013-14	Cincinnati	Defensive Backs
2015	Cincinnati	Co-Defensive Coordinator, Defensive Backs
2016-present	Kentucky	Defensive Backs



Eddie Gran



EDDIE GRAN ASSISTANT HEAD COACH FOR OFFENSE/RUNNING BACKS

If UK gets 22 passing yards in the bowl game, the Wildcats will have reached 2,000 rushing yards and 2,000 passing yards all three seasons under Gran, first time in school history that has been accomplished. Gran guided Benny Snell to his third-consecutive 1,000-yard season and second-team All-America honors.

1987-88	California Lutheran	Wide Receivers
1989	Southeast Missouri	Running Backs
1989	East Carolina	Graduate Assistant
1990-91	Miami (Fla.)	Graduate Assistant
1992-93	Cincinnati	Wide Receivers
1994	Idaho State	Wide Receivers
1995-98	Ole Miss	Special Teams Coordinator, Running Backs
1999-2008	Auburn	Special Teams Coordinator, Running Backs
2009	Tennessee	Special Teams Coordinator, Running Backs
2010-12	Florida State	Associate Head Coach, Offensive Coordinator, Running Backs
2013-15	Cincinnati	Offensive Coordinator, Running Backs
2016-present	Kentucky	Assistant Head Coach for Offense, Running Backs



DEAN HOOD SPECIAL TEAMS COORDINATOR/ DEFENSIVE BACKS

Hood's senior-laden secondary has led UK to a No. 33 national ranking in pass efficiency defense. Safety Mike Edwards earned All-SEC honors for the third year in a row and became one of the leading pass interceptors in UK history. Over the last two seasons, UK has blocked four opponent kicks, three of which have been crucial plays in Wildcat wins.

1987-88	Fairmont (W.Va.)	Secondary Coach
1989	Colgate	Assistant Secondary Coach
1990-93	Glenville State (W.Va.)	Defensive Coordinator/Assistant Head Coach
1994-96	Eastern Kentucky	Secondary Coach
1997-98	Eastern Kentucky	Defensive Coordinator/ Secondary Coach
1999-2000	Ohio	Secondary Coach
2001-07	Wake Forest	Defensive Coordinator/Secondary Coach
2008-15	Eastern Kentucky	Head Coach
2016	Charlotte	Assistant Head Coach/Special Teams Coordinator/Tight Ends
2017	Kentucky	Special Teams Coord./Outside Linebackers
2018-present	Kentucky	Special Teams Coord./Defensive Backs



Matt House



MATT HOUSE DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR/ INSIDE LINEBACKERS

UK has allowed 16.2 points per game this season -- eighth in the nation in that category and UK's best scoring defense since the 1979 team allowed 13 points per game. UK also ranks in the nation's top 25 in total defense, red-zone defense and fewest first downs allowed. House earned a nomination for the Frank Broyles Award, which goes to the nation's top assistant coach.

2001-02	Michigan State	Graduate Assistant, Secondary
2003-04	North Carolina	Defensive Assistant
2005	Gardner-Webb	Defensive Line
2006-07	Buffalo	Defensive Backs, Recruiting Coordinator
2008	Carolina Panthers	Special Teams Assistant, Strength and Conditioning Assistant
2009-11	St. Louis Rams	Quality Control, Def. Assistant Linebackers
2012	Pittsburgh	Secondary
2013-14	Pittsburgh	Defensive Coordinator
2015	Florida International	Defensive Coordinator, Linebackers
2016	Kentucky	Special Teams Coord, Inside Linebackers
2017-present	Kentucky	Defensive Coordinator, Inside Linebackers



2018 GAME NOTES



DARIN HINSHAW CO-OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR/ QUARTERBACKS

Entering the season without a quarterback who had thrown a pass in a major-college game, Hinshaw developed Terry Wilson into a QB who has completed 67.6 percent of his passes while rushing for 518 yards. Hinshaw has worked with Eddie Gran on an offense that is nearing 2,000 rushing yards and 2,000 passing yards in three consecutive seasons.

1999	Central Florida	Graduate Assistant
2000	Central Florida	Quarterbacks
2001-02	Middle Tennessee	Running Backs
2003-05	Middle Tennessee	Co-Offensive Coordinator
2006	Georgia Southern	Offensive Coordinator, Quarterbacks
2007-09	Memphis	Wide Receivers
2010-11	Tennessee	Quarterbacks
2012	Tennessee	Wide Receivers
2013-15	Cincinnati	Passing Game Coordinator, Quarterbacks
2016-present	Kentucky	Co-Offensive Coordinator, Quarterbacks



DERRICK LeBLANC DEFENSIVE LINE

LeBlanc's maturing defensive line has totaled 21.5 tackles for loss and nine quarterbacks sacks this season, well up from a year ago. They have been the front of a defense that has allowed 16.2 points per game, UK's best defensive performance since the 1979 team gave up 13 points per game.

2000	LSU	Defensive Graduate Assistant/ Defensive Line
2001-04	Henderson State	Defensive Line
2005	Arkansas Tech	Defensive Line
2006-07	Missouri State	Defensive Line
2008-11	LSU	Assistant Strength & Conditioning Coord.
2012	Wyoming	Defensive Line
2013-14	Southern Miss	Defensive Line
2016	North Texas	Defensive Line
2017-present	Kentucky	Defensive Line



VINCE MARROW TIGHT ENDS/ RECRUITING COORDINATOR

Under Marrow's guidance, C.J. Conrad is completing his career as one of the best tight ends in Kentucky history. Conrad has caught 79 passes for 994 yards and 12 TDs as a Wildcat. Conrad's blocking also has been a key factor in Benny Snell's third straight 1,000-yard season.

2005-06	Berlin (NFL Europe)	Tackles, Tight Ends
2006-07	Rhein (NFL Europe)	Tackles, Tight Ends
2008	Toledo	Tight Ends
2009	Holland HS	Head Coach
2010	Omaha (United Football League)	Tight Ends
2011-12	Nebraska	Graduate Assistant / Tight Ends
2013	Kentucky	Tight Ends
2014-present	Kentucky	Tight Ends, Recruiting Coordinator



JOHN SCHLARMAN OFFENSIVE LINE

Despite the loss of starting left tackle Landon Young in August, Schlarmann's line paved the way for Benny Snell to rush for a third straight 1,000-yard season. Senior guard Bunchy Stallings earned first-team All-America and All-SEC honors. UK was on the Joe Moore Award midseason watch list for the nation's best offensive line.

1998-99	Bourbon County HS	Defensive Line
2000-01	Kentucky	Graduate Assistant / Offensive Line
2002	Kentucky	Graduate Assistant / Tight Ends, Offensive Line
2003-04	Campbell County HS	Head Coach
2005-06	Newport HS	Head Coach
2007-09	Troy	Offensive Line
2010-12	Troy	Offensive Line, Running Game Coordinator
2013-present	Kentucky	Offensive Line



MICHAEL SMITH WIDE RECEIVERS

In Smith's first year at Kentucky, he helped develop Lynn Bowden into one of the best wide receivers in the SEC. Bowden has caught 62 passes this season, only four away from the UK record for most receptions by a sophomore. Also a dangerous kick returner, Bowden has received second-team All-SEC honors as an all-purpose player.

1993	Kansas State	Student Assistant
1995-96	Kansas State	Graduate Assistant
1997-2005	Kansas State	Running Backs
2006	Rice	Running Backs
2007	Arizona	Running Backs
2008	Arizona	Inside Wide Receivers
2009-12	Kansas State	Wide Receivers
2013-17	Arkansas	Wide Receivers
2018-present	Kentucky	Wide Receivers



BRAD WHITE OUTSIDE LINEBACKERS

In his first year at UK, White's NFL experience and Josh Allen's talent and work ethic combined for Allen to have one of the greatest seasons in UK history. Allen won National Defensive Player of the Year honors and an overlooked facet of the UK defense has been the development of Boogie Watson at the other OLB.

2007-08	Wake Forest	Defensive Graduate Assistant
2009	Murray State	Safeties
2010-11	Air Force	Inside Linebackers
2012-13	Indianapolis (NFL)	Defensive Quality Control
2014	Indianapolis (NFL)	Assistant Linebackers
2015-17	Indianapolis (NFL)	Outside Linebackers
2018-present	Kentucky	Outside Linebackers



KENTUCKY 35, CENTRAL MICHIGAN 20

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**SEPT. 1, 2018 • LEXINGTON, KY
KROGER FIELD (49,138)**



Looking ripe for an upset because it kept coughing up the football, Kentucky eventually tightened its grip on it as well as Central Michigan.

The Wildcats' depth on both sides of the ball also helped them avoid a potential disaster.

A.J. Rose and Benny Snell, Jr. each rushed for two touchdowns, Gunnar Hoak came off the bench to throw the go-ahead TD pass and Kentucky overcame four first-half turnovers to beat Central Michigan 35-20 in its season opener.

For a while the upset-minded Chippewas seemed poised to make the Wildcats their third Power Five victim in as many

seasons by building a 17-7, second-quarter lead and scoring all their points off two interceptions and two fumbles. Kentucky rallied with two TDs over the final four minutes of the half, including Hoak's 24-yard scoring pass to David Bouvier for a 21-20 edge with 14 seconds remaining.

Kentucky shut out CMU from there, limiting the Mid-American Conference team to 97 second-half yards while outgaining them 427-255 overall to improve to 7-0 in the series.

The Wildcats' offense in particular used strength in numbers to overcome those self-inflicted setbacks.

Snell had TD runs of 52 and 11 yards to finish with 125 yards rushing on 20 attempts. Rose, a sophomore, rushed for TDs of 55 and 4 yards on the way to 104 on eight carries and his first career 100-yard game as Kentucky dominated the ground game 299-118.

Hoak meanwhile demonstrated why it's good to have an able backup with a gutsy bailout after starter Terry Wilson left the game with a shoulder injury sustained while throwing his second interception. The sophomore led Kentucky 71 yards in 41 seconds and hit Bouvier down the middle for his first career TD that shifted momentum for good.

Stoops sidestepped a question about using both QBs next week at Florida but stressed the importance of having them ready after seeing it pay off when Kentucky needed it.

SCORING SUMMARY

Central Michigan	3	17	0	0	-	20
Kentucky	7	14	7	7	-	35

- 1st 03:16 CMU - ARMSTRONG, M. 26 yd field goal, 7-41 2:57 3 - 0
01:20 UK - Asim Rose 55 yd run (Miles Butler kick), 4-76 1:49 3 - 7
- 2nd 05:51 CMU - GWILLY, K. 4 yd run (ARMSTRONG, M. kick), 14-80 7:03 10 - 7
05:33 CMU - REED, Devonni 20 yd fumble rec (ARMSTRONG, M. kick) 17 - 7
04:00 UK - Benny Snell 52 yd run (Miles Butler kick), 6-76 1:24 17 - 14
01:01 CMU - ARMSTRONG, M. 22 yd field goal, 4-6 0:28 20 - 14
00:14 UK - David Bouvier 24 yd pass from Gunnar Hoak (Miles Butler kick), 6-71 0:41 20 - 12
- 3rd 04:01 UK - Benny Snell 11 yd run (Miles Butler kick), 3-40 1:16 20 - 28
- 4th 14:53 UK - Asim Rose 4 yd run (Miles Butler kick), 6-58 2:10 20 - 35

TEAM STATISTICS

	CMU	UK
First Downs	11	27
Rush Att./Net Rush	39/118	43/299
Passing C/A/I	17/27/0	15/27/2
Offensive Plays	66	70
Total Offense	255	427
Fumbles/Lost	1/0	5/2
Penalties/Yards	12/106	3/40
Punts/Average	9/46.7	4/50.0
Third-Down Conv.	6 of 18	7 of 13
Time of Possession	31:52	28:08

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING (ATT.-YD.-TD)

CMU - Poljan 16-47, Ward 11-36, Gwilly 10-26-1
UK - Snell 20-125-2, Rose 8-104-2

PASSING (COMP-ATT-INT-YARDS-TD)

CMU - 17-27-0-137-0
UK - Wilson 11-18-2-78-0, Hoak 4-9-0-50-1

RECEIVING (REC-YARDS-TD)

CMU - Cole 4-51, Childress 2-23, Gwilly 2-16, Sabbagh 2-11, Raimann 2-11, Cossou 2-10
UK - Bowden 5-17, Bouvier 3-48, Conrad 3-9

TACKLES

CMU - Reed 14, Apsey 7
UK - Daniel 11, Allen 10

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KENTUCKY 27, #25 FLORIDA 16

**SEPT. 8, 2018 • GAINESVILLE, FLA.
BEN HILL GRIFFIN STADIUM (80,651)**



Benny Snell, Jr. rushed for 175 yards as Kentucky ended a 31-year losing streak against Florida, topping the Gators 27-16 in Gainesville.

Quarterback Terry Wilson completed 11 of 16 passes for 151 yards and a pair of touchdowns, while also rushing for 105 yards and a score.

The win was Kentucky's first over Florida since 1986, and the Cats' first win in Gainesville since 1979.

After the Kentucky defense forced Florida to punt on the opening possession of the game, the Wildcats got on the board. The Cats covered 91 yards in nine plays, capped by a 29-yard touchdown pass from Wilson to David Bouvier. Miles Butler nailed the point after and Kentucky led 7-0 with 5:07 left in the first quarter.

Florida answered with a scoring drive of its own, but the UK defense kept the Gators out of the end zone. Florida was on the UK three-yard line, but a sack by Phil Hoskins and a third-down stop forced the Gators to attempt a 29-yard field goal, which Evan McPherson converted, cutting the UK lead to 7-3.

After Kentucky was forced to punt, Florida went 63 yards in just four plays, scoring on an 18-yard pass from Feleipe Franks to Moral Stephens, giving the Gators a 10-7 lead.

Kentucky would get into Florida territory twice more in the first half, but both drives ended in turnovers. The Cats defense would hold on both occasions, and the Gators held a 10-7 halftime lead.

The Cats took the second-half kickoff and put together an impressive scoring drive. Leaning on Snell, Kentucky drove 90 yards in 10 plays, with Snell covering 36 of those yards. Wilson had a pair of big plays in the drive, with a 19-yard run on third down, and the drive capper, a 24-yard designed run for a touchdown. Butler's PAT was good and Kentucky led 14-10 with 9:49 left in the third quarter.

After a Florida punt, Kentucky struck again. This time, the Cats went 78 yards in just five plays, with Wilson connecting with Lynn Bowden, Jr. for a 54-yard touchdown. The PAT was good and Kentucky led 21-10 with 4:11 left in the third quarter.

Late in the fourth quarter, Franks hit Freddie Swain with a touchdown pass to cut Kentucky's lead to 21-16, after a two-point conversion failed.

The scoring ended when Davonte Robinson recovered a fumble and returned it 30 yards for a score on the game's final play.

SCORING SUMMARY

Kentucky	7	0	14	6	-	27
Florida	0	10	0	6	-	16

- 1st 05:07 UK - David Bouvier 29 yd pass from Terry Wilson (Miles Butler kick), 9-91 4:33 7 - 0
- 2nd 14:03 UF - McPherson, E. 29 yd field goal, 11-69 6:00 7 - 3
08:27 UF - Stephens, M. 18 yd pass from Franks, F. (McPherson, E. kick), 4-63 2:08 7 - 10
- 3rd 09:49 UK - Terry Wilson 24 yd run (Miles Butler kick), 10-90 5:06 14 - 10
04:11 UK - Lynn Bowden 54 yd pass from Terry Wilson (Miles Butler kick), 5-78 2:24 21 - 10
- 4th 03:34 UF - Swain, F. 4 yd pass from Franks, F. (Franks, F. pass failed), 15-99 5:22 21 - 16
00:00 UK - D. Robinson 30 yd fumble recovery 27 - 16

TEAM STATISTICS

	UK	UF
First Downs	20	24
Rush Att./Net Rush	41/303	29/128
Passing C/A/I	11/16/1	17/38/1
Offensive Plays	57	67
Total Offense	454	360
Fumbles/Lost	1/1	2/1
Penalties/Yards	12/114	6/55
Punts/Average	4/39.2	3/36.3
Third-Down Conv.	9 of 13	7 of 13
Time of Possession	31:10	28:50

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING (ATT.-YD.-TD)

UK - Snell 27-175, Wilson 10-105-1, Rose 4-23
UF - Franks 11-44, Perine 4-34, Scarlett 7-25, Davis 4-15, Toney 2-10

PASSING (COMP-ATT-INT-YARDS-TD)

UK - Wilson 11-16-1-151-2
UF - Franks 17-38-1-232-2

RECEIVING (REC-YARDS-TD)

UK - Bowden 4-79-1, Bouvier 2-43-1, Snell 2-8, Conrad 2-3, Richardson 1-18
UF - Swain 3-30-1, Toney 2-35, Scarlett 2-34, Jefferson 2-31, Davis 2-25, Cleveland 2-21

TACKLES

UK - Daniel 11, West 8, Edwards 6, Jones 6
UF - Jackson 9, Joseph 8, Stiner 8, Gardner 8





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KENTUCKY 48, MURRAY STATE 10

SEPT. 15, 2018 • LEXINGTON, KY KROGER FIELD (48,217)



Kentucky football coach Mark Stoops wasn't worried about his team overlooking Murray State following a 27-16 win at Florida.

Despite a slow start, the Wildcats (3-0) outscored the Racers 31-7 in the second half and rolled to a 48-10 victory Saturday. Murray had trouble stopping Kentucky quarterback Terry Wilson, who threw for 163 yards and rushed for 80 more to keep the Wildcats perfect on the season.

Coming off an 11-point victory over the Gators that ended a 31-game losing streak in their Southeastern Conference opener, the Wildcats (3-0) showed no signs of a letdown and

overwhelmed the Racers from start to finish. Leading 17-3 at the break, Kentucky pulled way in the second half.

Traditionally the Wildcats have struggled against FCS opponents and needed overtime to fend off Ohio Valley Conference member Eastern Kentucky in a 34-27 win in 2015. The task was much easier this time for Kentucky.

Paced by Wilson, the Wildcats used a balanced offense to defeat the Racers, amassing 528 yards of offense, including 245 on the ground. Wilson targeted nine different receivers, mainly Lynn Bowden, Jr., who caught eight passes for 89 yards. Wilson and backup Gunnar Hoak threw for 240 yards and one touchdown.

Benny Snell, Jr. collected 75 yards on 15 carries and added a score. In limited action in the second half, Snell had just four carries as A.J. Rose and Sihiem King collected a bulk of the carries in the second half.

In a surprise trick play, Snell completed a shovel pass to Wilson, who then handed the ball off to Zy'Aire Hughes for a 49-yard score to end the third quarter. Snell's block downfield created a wide-open path to the end zone for Hughes in his first career touchdown.

Murray avoided the shutout on Gabriele Vicente's 29-yard field goal at the end of the first half. Racers quarterback Drew Anderson completed 15-of-32 passes for 118 yards. Backup signal caller Preston Rice scored Murray's lone touchdown with a 21-yard run with 30 seconds remaining.

Overall, Stoops was pleased with the win and likes the where his team stands following the first three weeks of the regular season.

SCORING SUMMARY

Murray State	0	3	0	7	-	10
Kentucky	7	10	17	14	-	48

- 1st 11:09 UK - Terry Wilson 42 yd run (Miles Butler kick), 8-91 3:51 0 - 7
- 2nd 11:29 UK - Miles Butler 40 yd field goal, 7-16 3:22 0 - 10
- 01:43 UK - Benny Snell 7 yd run (Miles Butler kick), 14-64 6:47 0 - 17
- 00:00 MUR - VICENTE, Gabrie 29 yd field goal, 8-64 1:43 3 - 17
- 3rd 07:19 UK - Miles Butler 38 yd field goal, 16-56 6:42 3 - 20
- 03:07 UK - Asim Rose 3 yd run (Miles Butler kick), 7-72 2:46 3 - 27
- 00:05 UK - Zy'Aire Hughes 49 yd pass from Benny Snell (Miles Butler kick), 3-56 1:26 3 - 34
- 4th 10:16 UK - Allen Dailey 23 yd pass from Gunnar Hoak (Miles Butler kick), 4-80 1:53 3 - 41
- 03:38 UK - Danny Clark 2 yd run (Miles Butler kick), 8-55 3:59 3 - 48
- 00:30 MUR - RICE, Preston 21 yd run (VICENTE, Gabrie kick), 9-75 3:08 10 - 48

TEAM STATISTICS

	MUR	UK
First Downs	17	28
Rush Att./Net Rush	21/122	43/245
Passing C/A/I	20/41/1	24/31/0
Offensive Plays	62	74
Total Offense	302	528
Fumbles/Lost	1/0	2/0
Penalties/Yards	8/60	7/67
Punts/Average	5/39.8	1/54.0
Third-Down Conv.	9 of 16	6 of 12
Time of Possession	24:05	35:55

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING (ATT.-YD.-TD)

UK - Wilson 13-80, Snell 15-75, Rodriguez 2-43, King 6-26, Rose 5-19, Clark 1-2
MUR - Castille 8-58, Penick 7-27, Rice 2-25, Nichols 3-7, Anderson 1-1, Feggins 0-4

PASSING (COMP-ATT-INT-YARDS-TD)

UK - Wilson 19-25-0-163-0, Hoak 4-5-0-77-1, Snell 1-1-0-43-1
MUR - Anderson 15-32-0-118-0, Bentley 4-6-1-25-0, Rice 1-3-0-37-0

RECEIVING (REC-YARDS-TD)

UK - Bowden 8-89, Baker 4-25, Conrad 3-24, Thomas 2-51, Dailey 2-38
MUR - Honeycutt 4-76, Hayes 4-35, Gray 3-14

TACKLES

UK - Edwards 5, Baity 4, West 4, Davis 4, Allen 4
MUR - Sanford 7, Koclanakis 7, Catis 7

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KENTUCKY 28, MISSISSIPPI STATE 7

SEPT. 22, 2018 • LEXINGTON, KY KROGER FIELD (60,037)



Benny Snell, Jr. rushed for four touchdowns to break a Kentucky career record, including two in the fourth quarter, and the Wildcats held No. 14 Mississippi State to 56 yards rushing for a 28-7 upset Saturday night.

After Tyrell Ajian's 35-yard interception return to the Bulldogs 36, Snell broke left and down the left sideline for his third score with 8 minutes remaining to break Randall Cobb's previous mark of 37 total touchdowns.

The junior wasn't done and added a 23-yard TD run on the next possession for 21-point cushion the Wildcats (4-0, 2-0 Southeastern Conference) preserved for their second win over

a ranked school this month. Kentucky beat then-No. 25 Florida two weeks ago to break a 31-game losing streak to the Gators.

Snell also had TD runs of 1 and 2 yards to finish with 165 on 25 carries, his 15th career 100-yard game. His four rushing TDs also matched a school record he shares with Don Phelps. Kentucky rushed for 229 overall and outgained the Bulldogs 300-201 under a steady drizzle.

MSU (3-1, 0-1) was held nearly 256 rushing yards below its SEC-leading average of 311.7 coming in. The Bulldogs only managed Nick Fitzgerald's 1-yard TD run midway through the second quarter.

SCORING SUMMARY

Mississippi State	0	7	0	0	-	7
Kentucky	0	7	7	14	-	28

- 2nd 08:42 MS - Nick Fitzgerald 1 yd run (Jace Christmann kick), 15-80 8:17 7 - 0
- 00:50 UK - Benny Snell 2 yd run (Miles Butler kick), 6-47 1:25 7 - 7
- 3rd 06:03 UK - Benny Snell 1 yd run (Miles Butler kick), 11-92 5:35 7 - 14
- 4th 08:00 UK - Benny Snell 36 yd run (Miles Butler kick), 1-36 0:09 7 - 21
- 03:45 UK - Benny Snell 23 yd run (Miles Butler kick), 5-40 2:54 7 - 28

TEAM STATISTICS

	MSU	UK
First Downs	11	18
Rush Att./Net Rush	28/56	47/229
Passing C/A/I	16-32-1	8-14-1
Offensive Plays	60	61
Total Offense	201	300
Fumbles/Lost	0/0	0/0
Penalties/Yards	16/139	5/42
Punts/Average	8/37.6	5/39.6
Third-Down Conv.	7 of 17	3 of 10
Time of Possession	29:03	30:57

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING (ATT.-YD.-TD)

UK - Snell 25-165-4, Rose 9-47-0, Wilson 11-18-0
MSU - Williams 8-22-0, Fitzgerald 16-20-2, Hill 4-14-0

PASSING (COMP-ATT-INT-YARDS-TD)

UK - Wilson 8-14-1-71-0
MSU - Fitzgerald 16-32-1-145-0

RECEIVING (REC-YARDS-TD)

UK - Bowden 3-15, Conrad 2-22, Baker 1-23, Ali 1-6, Richardson 1-5
MSU - Mitchel 6-65, Hill 3-19, Guidry 2-36, Johnson 2-13, Williams 2-4, Williams 1-8

TACKLES

UK - West 9, Jones 8, Daniel 7, Edwards 6, Allen 6
MSU - Thompson 7, Abram 6, Dantzler 6, Simmons 6, Sweat 6, McLaurin 6





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KENTUCKY 24, SOUTH CAROLINA 10

**SEPT. 29, 2018 • LEXINGTON, KY
KROGER FIELD (63,081)**



For one half, No. 17 Kentucky's offense showed the intensity that helped earn its first Top 25 in nearly 11 years. When things sputtered afterward against South Carolina, the Wildcats' defense rose to the challenge with clutch plays to ensure their new-found status ended on a high note.

Their strong start was certainly critical, too.

Benny Snell, Jr. ran for 99 yards and one of Kentucky's three consecutive first-half touchdowns and the Wildcats held on for a 24-10 victory over South Carolina on Saturday night.

Kentucky (5-0, 3-0 Southeastern Conference) quashed initial concerns about a letdown following their first ranking

since November 2007 by scoring on four straight drives to lead 24-3 at halftime. The Wildcats ended up needing that cushion to offset a scoreless second half and Jake Bentley's 58-yard, third quarter TD pass to Deebo Samuel that kept the Gamecocks (2-2, 1-2) within striking distance.

Mike Edwards' interception with 3:47 remaining snuffed one chance by the Gamecocks before they turned the ball over on downs in the final minute. Those defensive stands sealed Kentucky's fifth consecutive series win and continued its best SEC start since 1977.

The Wildcats registered four turnovers, including interceptions by Derrick Baity, Darius West and Edwards. They scored 10 points off a fumble and interception before West and Edwards picked off Bentley and preserved a second consecutive SEC win by double digits.

And it's still a work in progress.

Snell's rushing yardage on 28 carries also made him the third Wildcat to break 3,000 in a career. His 4-yard score with 4:53 remaining in the second quarter extended his TD record to 40. Quarterback Terry Wilson and A.J. Rose ran for TDs from 1 and 24 yards as Kentucky edged South Carolina 327-321 in yardage.

SCORING SUMMARY

South Carolina	3	0	7	0	-	10
Kentucky	3	21	0	0	-	24

- 1st 10:06 UK - Miles Butler 29 yd field goal, 4-4 2:00 0 - 3
05:07 SC - Parker White 29 yd field goal, 13-72 4:55 3 - 3
- 2nd 14:21 UK - Terry Wilson 1 yd run (Miles Butler kick), 11-75 5:46 3 - 10
09:15 UK - Asim Rose 24 yd run (Miles Butler kick), 7-80 3:16 3 - 17
04:53 UK - Benny Snell 4 yd run (Miles Butler kick), 6-61 3:23 3 - 24
- 3rd 07:37 SC - Deebo Samuel 58 yd pass from Jake Bentley (Parker White kick), 4-75 1:44 10 - 24

TEAM STATISTICS

	USC	UK
First Downs	20	19
Rush Att./Net Rush	35/128	46/195
Passing C/A/I	17/34/3	13/20/1
Offensive Plays	69	66
Total Offense	321	327
Fumbles/Lost	3/1	0/0
Penalties/Yards	11/94	11/115
Punts/Average	3/56.3	4/47.5
Third-Down Conv.	5 of 15	3 of 11
Time of Possession	25:16	34:44

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING (ATT.-YD.-TD)

UK - Snell 28-99-1, Wilson 9-59-1, Rose 7-38-1
USC - Dowdle 13-44, Bentley 8-37, Turner 5-33, Denson 7-32, Scarnecchia 2-(-18)

PASSING (COMP-ATT-INT-YARDS-TD)

UK - Wilson 13-20-1-132-0
USC - Bentley 12-28-3-148-1, Scarnecchia 4-6-0-45-0

RECEIVING (REC-YARDS-TD)

UK - Bowden 4-18, Conrad 3-31, Baker 2-29, Bouvier 1-21, Snell 1-14, Epps 1-11, Ali 1-8
USC - Smith 4-40, Edwards 3-25, Samuel 2-61, Dowdle 2-29, Vann 2-20, Turner 2-12, Pollard 2-6

TACKLES

UK - West 9, Allen 8, Edwards 5, Daniel 5, Jones 5
USC - Nixon 8, Brunson 8, Montac 7, Sterling 6

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TEXAS A&M 20, KENTUCKY 14 (OT)

**OCT. 6, 2018 • COLLEGE STATION, TX
KYLE FIELD (99,829)**



Despite a valiant effort by its defense, No. 13 Kentucky suffered its first loss of the season, falling 20-14 to Texas A&M in overtime at Kyle Field.

The Wildcats' offense struggled all night against a stout Aggies' defense. Kentucky managed just 178 yards of total offense, with star running back Benny Snell, Jr. held to a season-low 60 yards rushing. Quarterback Terry Wilson passed for 108 yards and a touchdown in the game.

But it was the defense that allowed Kentucky to stay close. Darius West had a huge game with 10 tackles, an interception and a fumble recovery for a 40-yard touchdown that tied the game late in regulation. Mike Edwards had nine tackles, including three

tackles for loss.

The game was scoreless until late in the first quarter, when Kentucky got the scoring going. Wilson connected with Lynn Bowden, Jr. on a 54-yard touchdown toss/pass and Miles Butler's extra point gave the Cats a 7-0 lead with 1:10 left in the period. That would be the score after one quarter of play.

It stayed that way until just before halftime, when Texas A&M drove 70 yards in 13 plays, finishing with a three-yard touchdown pass from Kellen Mond to Quartney Davis, tying the game at 7-7 with 1:14 to go in the half. The game would be tied at that score at the break.

Neither team scored in the third quarter, but in the fourth period, momentum seemed to shift in Kentucky's favor. An interception by West gave Kentucky the ball near midfield, setting the Cats up for a potential go-ahead score. But Kentucky went three-and-out, and Rashad Hall returned the ensuing punt to the Kentucky 46, giving A&M the momentum back.

The Aggies took immediate advantage, with the help of a lucky bounce. On the second play after the punt return, Mond's pass, intended for Camron Buckley, glanced off of Buckley's hands and into the arms of Jace Sternberger, who took it 46 yards for a touchdown, giving A&M a 14-7 lead with 10:13 to play in the game.

Inside the final five minutes of regulation, A&M appeared to be ready to put the game away. On a third down and one, Derrick Baity, Jr. forced a Mond fumble, which was recovered by West, who returned it 40 yards for a touchdown. Butler's PAT tied the game at 14-14 with 4:17 to play in regulation.

The teams would be tied 14-14 at the end of regulation, forcing overtime. Kentucky's offensive possession stalled, and Butler's 43-yard field goal hit the crossbar, coming up just short. A&M would need just four plays to score, capped by a Trayveon Williams 10-yard touchdown run to win the game.

SCORING SUMMARY

Kentucky	7	0	0	7	0	-	14
TAMU	0	7	0	7	6	-	20

- 1st 01:10 UK - Lynn Bowden 54 yd pass from Terry Wilson (Miles Butler kick), 5-68 2:22 7 - 0
- 2nd 01:14 TAMU - Quartney Davis 3 yd pass from Kellen Mond (Seth Small kick), 13-70 4:43 7 - 7
- 4th 10:13 TAMU - J. Sternberger 46 yd pass from Kellen Mond (Seth Small kick), 2-48 0:54 7 - 14
04:17 UK - Darius West 40 yd fumble recovery (Miles Butler kick) 14 - 14
- OT 15:00 TAMU - T. Williams 10 yd run, 4-25 0:00 14 - 20

TEAM STATISTICS

	UK	TAMU
First Downs	8	21
Rush Att./Net Rush	30/70	45/164
Passing C/A/I	13/20/0	18/30/1
Offensive Plays	50	75
Total Offense	178	390
Fumbles/Lost	3/0	3/1
Penalties/Yards	8/52	6/25
Punts/Average	10/48.7	5/59.6
Third-Down Conv.	2 of 13	7 of 17
Time of Possession	34:58	34:58

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING (ATT.-YD.-TD)

UK - Snell 13-60-0, Rose 3-6-0, Wilson 14-4-0
TAMU - Williams 24-138-1, Corbin 4-22-0, Mond 16-15-0

PASSING (COMP-ATT-INT-YARDS-TD)

UK - Wilson 13-20-0-108-1
TAMU - Mond 18-29-1-226-2

RECEIVING (REC-YARDS-TD)

UK - Snell 4-18, Bowden 3-55, Conrad 3-25, Ali 1-5, Rose 1-3, Baker 1-2
TAMU - Williams 6-72, Sternberger 5-95, Davis 3-24, Rogers 2-13, Corbin 1-15, Buckley 1-7

TACKLES

UK - West 10, Edwards 9, Square 6, Baity 5
TAMU - Wilson 12, Alaka 6, Keke 5, Durham 5





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KENTUCKY 14, VANDERBILT 7

**OCT. 20, 2018 • LEXINGTON, KY
KROGER FIELD (54,269)**



Kentucky's hope of winning with style coming out of an off week quickly evolved into doing whatever it could to get past Vanderbilt.

The No. 14 Wildcats eventually succeeded behind the reliable combination of running back Benny Snell, Jr. and a fierce, opportunistic defense that wouldn't break.

Snell rushed for 169 yards, including the go-ahead 7-yard run with 8:04 remaining that helped Kentucky pull away for a 14-7 victory over Vanderbilt.

The Wildcats clinched bowl eligibility for a third consecutive season and stayed in contention in the East division with their third straight victory over the Commodores (3-5, 0-4). But it took nose guard Quinton Bohanna to force Jamauri Wakefield's fourth-down fumble that he recovered at the 20 midway through the fourth quarter to jump-start Kentucky from game-long inconsistency.

Snell took control from there, rushing 10 times for 74 yards on the drive that ended with his ninth TD run. The junior rushed 32 times for his 16th career 100-yard game on a blustery night that Kentucky had to work hard to outgain Vanderbilt 298-284.

The SEC's rushing leader also factored big in Kentucky's game-tying scoring drive by carrying eight times for 39 yards, including a 3-yard run to the Commodores' 5. Quarterback Terry Wilson capped it with a short TD pass to Lynn Bowden on the next play, but Snell set the tone.

Bohanna's play was one of four forced four fumbles with two recoveries, the second by Mike Edwards with 1:04 left that sealed the outcome. The Wildcats also recorded four sacks.

"We pride ourselves on being the best team out there and making big plays," said linebacker Josh Allen, who had two sacks among eight tackles.

Vanderbilt played without leading rusher Ke'Shawn Vaughn, who did not make the trip after getting hurt last week against Florida. The Commodores converted a first-quarter takeaway into Kyle Shurmur's 29-yard TD pass to C.J. Bolar, but that was their only lead as they rushed for just 68 yards.

Vanderbilt coach Derek Mason said his decision to go for the first down instead of kicking a field goal in the fourth quarter was based on an earlier missed kick.

SCORING SUMMARY

Vanderbilt	7	0	0	0	-	7
Kentucky	0	7	0	7	-	14

1st 06:54 VANDY - C.J. Bolar 29 yd pass from Kyle Shurmur (Ryley Guay kick), 6-44 3:31 7 - 0
2nd 06:28 UK - Lynn Bowden 5 yd pass from Terry Wilson (Miles Butler kick), 11-48 5:31 7 - 7
4th 08:04 UK - Benny Snell 7 yd run (Miles Butler kick), 12-80 5:39 7 - 14

TEAM STATISTICS

	VANDY	UK
First Downs	12	17
Rush Att./Net Rush	31/112	53/280
Passing C/A/I	15/23/0	3/9/0
Offensive Plays	54	62
Total Offense	284	298
Fumbles/Lost	4/2	3/2
Penalties/Yards	5/25	4/35
Punts/Average	7/41.1	5/43.0
Third-Down Conv.	4 of 13	7 of 13
Time of Possession	28:53	31:07

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING (ATT.-YD.-TD)

UK - Snell 32-169-1, Wilson 12-91, Rose 5-17, Bowden 2-5
Vandy - Wakefield 19-74, Marlow 2-17, Crawford 2-5, Blasingame 3-3, Lipscomb 1-(1), Shurmur 4-(-34), Reagan 0-4

PASSING (COMP-ATT-INT-YARDS-TD)

UK - Wilson 3-9-0-18-1
Vandy - Shurmur 15-23-0-216-1

RECEIVING (REC-YARDS-TD)

UK - Bowden 3-18-1
Vandy - Lipscomb 5-28, Pinkney 3-44, Blasingame 3-40, Bolar 2-78-1, Tennyson 1-20, Wakefield 1-6

TACKLES

UK - Daniel 10, Edwards 9, Allen 8, D. Robinson 7
Vandy - Griffin 18, Wiley 11, Moore 7

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KENTUCKY 15, MISSOURI 14

**OCT. 27, 2018 • COLUMBIA, MO.
MEMORIAL STADIUM (53,397)**



Terry Wilson threw a 2-yard touchdown pass to C.J. Conrad on the final play to give No. 12 Kentucky a 15-14 victory over Missouri.

Kentucky took over on its own 19 with 1:24 left. With 4 seconds left, Wilson threw toward Ahmad Wagner in the back left corner of the end zone. Wagner caught the ball out of bounds, but Missouri cornerback DeMarkus Acy was called for pass interference, giving Kentucky an untimed down that it turned into the winning score.

Lynn Bowden Jr. returned a punt 67 yards for a touchdown with 5:18 left to pull the Wildcats (7-1, 5-1 Southeastern

Conference) to 14-9.

Kentucky held Missouri without a first down on eight second-half possessions.

Wilson, who was replaced by backup Gunnar Hoak for part of the second half, completed 22 of 31 passes for 267 yards. Bowden had 13 catches for 166 yards. Benny Snell, who entered the game as the nation's fourth-leading rusher, gained just 67 yards on 19 carries.

Missouri opened a 14-3 halftime lead with two 10-play touchdown drives. Damarea Crockett scored on a 2-yard run early in the second quarter, and Larry Rountree added a 1-yard TD run just before halftime.

Missouri's Drew Lock completed 15 of 27 passes for 165 yards.

Kentucky appeared to have squandered its last chance to get back in the game when A.J. Rose was stuffed on a fourth-and-goal run from the 2-yard line with 7:31 left. It was the third failed fourth-down conversion of the game for the Wildcats. But a few minutes later, Bowden returned the punt for a touchdown and the comeback was on.

SCORING SUMMARY

Kentucky	3	0	0	12	-	15
Missouri	0	14	0	7	-	14

1st 11:12 UK - Chance Poore 31 yd field goal, 7-62 3:48 3 - 0
2nd 14:01 MU - Crockett, Damar 2 yd run (McCann, Tucker kick), 10-73 4:00 3 - 7
00:49 MU - Rountree, Larry 1 yd run (McCann, Tucker kick), 10-51 3:15 3 - 14
4th 05:18 UK - Lynn Bowden 67 yd punt return (Lynn Bowden pass failed) 9 - 14
00:00 UK - C.J. Conrad 2 yd pass from Terry Wilson, 8-81 1:24 15 - 14

TEAM STATISTICS

	UK	MIZZOU
First Downs	21	13
Rush Att./Net Rush	35/112	35/113
Passing C/A/I	25/39/1	15/27/0
Offensive Plays	74	62
Total Offense	385	249
Fumbles/Lost	0/0	2/0
Penalties/Yards	5/31	8/69
Punts/Average	5/35.4	9/48.4
Third-Down Conv.	3 of 14	5 of 16
Time of Possession	31:52	28:08

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING (ATT.-YD.-TD)

UK - Snell 19-67, Wilson 10-11, Rose 5-11, Clark 1-2
Mizzou - Crockett 11-46-1, Rountree 14-45-1, Badie 5-14, Knox 1-(-7), Lock 4-(-14)

PASSING (COMP-ATT-INT-YARDS-TD)

UK - Wilson 22-31-1-267-1, Hoak 3-8-0-27-0
Mizzou - Lock 15-27-0-165-0

RECEIVING (REC-YARDS-TD)

UK - Bowden 13-166, Bouvier 2-43, Snell 2-28, Ali 2-22, Conrad 2-12-1, Richardson 2-8, Baker 1-8, Rigg 1-7
Missouri - Johnson 4-71, Crockett 3-20, Knox 3-12, Okwuegbunam 2-20, Scott 1-32, Badie 1-9, Scales 1-1

TACKLES

UK - Allen 11, Jones 10, West 8
Missouri - Garrett 14, Hall 7, Gillespie 6

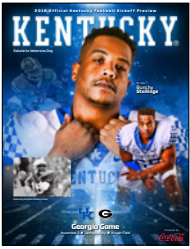




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#6 GEORGIA 34, KENTUCKY 17

**NOV. 3, 2018 • LEXINGTON, KY
KROGER FIELD (63,543)**



Terry Wilson connected on 23 of 29 passes for 226 yards and a touchdown, but the 11th-ranked Kentucky Wildcats fell to sixth-ranked Georgia 34-17 at Kroger Field.

Georgia got on the board first, using a 65-yard punt return by Mecole Hardman to get great field position at the Kentucky 23 yard line. From there, the Bulldogs needed just four plays to get in the end zone. Quarterback Jake Fromm hit Isaac Nauta on a four-yard touchdown pass, and Rodrigo Blankenship added the extra point to give Georgia a 7-0 lead.

After the teams traded punts, UK drove into Georgia territory, but after catching a Wilson pass, C.J. Conrad fumbled, halting the drive at the Georgia 33 yard line. After a Kentucky penalty, Georgia

drove to the UK 26 yard line before Fromm fumbled a high snap, and UK's Josh Allen recovered at the UK 34, ending the Georgia drive. The first quarter ended with UGA leading 7-0.

At the beginning of the second quarter, Kentucky mounted its best drive of the game, to that point, taking the ball inside the Georgia 10 yard line, but a penalty and a sack forced the Cats into a 34-yard field goal attempt by Chance Poore. The kick was good, and Kentucky cut the deficit to 7-3 with 8:23 left in the half.

Georgia would answer on the ensuing drive, going 75 yards in 14 plays, culminating with a 20-yard touchdown rush from D'Andre Swift. Blankenship's extra point was good, and the Bulldogs took a 14-3 lead with 2:28 left in the first half.

UGA appeared to be ready to add to its lead late in the half, but Fromm fumbled at the UK 29 yard line, and Allen recovered again, thwarting the threat. Georgia led 14-3 at the break.

On the first drive of the second half, Georgia marched 78 yards in nine plays, ending with an Elijah Holyfield four-yard touchdown run. Blankenship connected on the PAT, giving the Bulldogs a 21-3 lead with 10:20 left in the third quarter.

After a Kentucky punt, Swift struck again, this time carrying 83 yards for the touchdown. Blankenship's PAT gave Georgia a 28-3 lead with 7:56 left in the third quarter.

The Cats would not go away, turning the next possession into a scoring drive. Kentucky covered 75 yards in nine plays, ending with a Benny Snell, Jr. touchdown, the 42nd of his career. Poore's PAT was good, and Kentucky cut the Georgia lead to 28-10 with 3:45 left in the third quarter. On that rush, Snell eclipsed the 1,000-yard rushing mark this season, becoming the first running back in school history to accomplish that feat.

Georgia led 28-10 after three quarters, and the Bulldogs added a field goal early in the fourth quarter to lead 31-10. But Kentucky went on another scoring drive, covering 75 yards in just seven plays and 2:43, ending with a spectacular 31-yard touchdown catch by A.J. Rose. Poore's PAT cut the Georgia lead to 31-17 with 9:01 remaining in the game.

The Bulldogs would add a field goal to provide the final margin of victory.

SCORING SUMMARY

Georgia	7	7	14	6	-	34
Kentucky	0	3	7	7	-	17

- 1st 10:37 UGA - Isaac Nauta 4 yd pass from Jake Fromm (R. Blankenship kick), 4-23 2:04 7 - 0
- 2nd 08:23 UK - Chance Poore 34 yd field goal, 15-50 7:57 7 - 3
- 02:28 UGA - D'Andre Swift 20 yd run (R. Blankenship kick), 14-75 5:55 14 - 3
- 3rd 10:20 UGA - E. Holyfield 4 yd run (R. Blankenship kick), 9-78 4:36 21 - 3
- 07:56 UGA - D'Andre Swift 83 yd run (R. Blankenship kick), 2-85 0:53 28 - 3
- 03:45 UK - Benny Snell 9 yd run (Chance Poore kick), 9-75 4:11 28 - 10
- 4th 11:44 UGA - R. Blankenship 23 yd field goal, 13-57 6:55 31 - 10
- 09:01 UK - Asim Rose 31 yd pass from Terry Wilson (Chance Poore kick), 7-75 2:43 31 - 17
- 03:32 UGA - R. Blankenship 38 yd field goal, 10-54 5:29 34 - 17

TEAM STATISTICS

	UGA	UK
First Downs	25	21
Rush Att./Net Rush	50/331	35/84
Passing C/A/I	14/20/0	23/29/1
Offensive Plays	113	226
Total Offense	444	310
Fumbles/Lost	2/2	2/2
Penalties/Yards	4/45	6/64
Punts/Average	1/55.0	4/48.5
Third-Down Conv.	7 of 12	7 of 13
Time of Possession	31:25	28:35

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING (ATT.-YD.-TD)

UK - Snell 20-73-1, Wilson 12-12, Bowden 1-0, Rose 2-(1)
UGA - Swift 16-156-2, Holyfield 18-115-1, Stanley 1-34, Fields 6-26, Herrien 2-7, Fromm 4-2

PASSING (COMP-ATT-INT-YARDS-TD)

UK - Wilson 23-29-0-226-1 UGA - Fromm 14-20-0-113-1

RECEIVING (REC-YARDS-TD)

UK - Bowden 6-52, Rose 4-59-1, Conrad 3-22, Bouvier 3-15, Epps 2-29, Richardson 2-26, Hughes 1-14
UGA - Holloman 4-39, Ridley 3-37, Swift 3-18, Godwin 2-12

TACKLES

UK - Edwards 11, Robinson 9, Jones 9, Baity 6 UGA - Rice 8, Ledbetter 6, LeCounte 5

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TENNESSEE 24, KENTUCKY 7

**NOV. 10, 2018 • KNOXVILLE, TENN.
NEYLAND STADIUM (95,258)**



Benny Snell, Jr. rushed for 81 yards and caught a career-high six passes, but No. 12 Kentucky was upset by Tennessee, 24-7 at Neyland Stadium.

Terry Wilson completed 21 of his 34 passes for 172 yards and a touchdown, with an interception. Lynn Bowden, Jr. caught six passes for 57 yards in the game.

On defense, Mike Edwards had a team-high six tackles, while adding a pair of pass breakups. Josh Allen recorded his 11th sack of the season, giving him 25.5 for his career, just a half-sack behind Oliver Barnett for the UK school record. Allen needs just 3.5 sacks to crack the SEC's career sack leaders list.

Tennessee got on the board first in Saturday's contest, after driving 55 yards in eight plays. But the Kentucky defense stood tall, holding the Vols to a 19-yard Brent Cimaglia field goal which was good, giving Tennessee a 3-0 lead with 5:09 left in the first quarter. That would be the score after one period.

In the second quarter, Kentucky had a 15-play drive, but the Wildcats did not score. Freshman Chance Poore, attempting his first career field goal from beyond 50 yards, missed wide right from 51 yards out, keeping the score 3-0 with 12:49 to go in the half.

After the teams exchanged punts, Tennessee got into the end zone at the end of a six-play, 81-yard drive. Tim Jordan capped the drive with a three-yard touchdown run, and Cimaglia's PAT was good, giving Tennessee a 10-0 lead with 2:05 left in the half.

The Cats went three-and-out on the ensuing drive, and Tennessee got the ball back with 1:00 left in the half. The Vols got into UK territory, and on the final play of the half, quarterback Jarrett Guarantano connected with Marquez Calloway on a 39-yard Hail Mary touchdown pass. The PAT made it 17-0 Vols at the half.

Tennessee added a touchdown in the third quarter to go up 24-0 before Kentucky was able to get on the board. The Wildcats did so on a five-play, 60-yard drive that ended with a 19-yard Wilson touchdown pass to tight end C.J. Conrad. Poore's extra point was good, and Kentucky cut the lead to 24-7, which would be the score after three quarters.

In the fourth quarter, Kentucky drove into Tennessee territory before the drive stalled. Poore tried a 30-yard field goal that was blocked. But the Cats got the ball back when freshman linebacker Chris Oats forced and recovered a fumble with 10:04 left in the game. But the Cats were unable to cash in on the turnover, giving the ball back on a Wilson fumble.

SCORING SUMMARY

Kentucky	0	0	7	0	-	7
Tennessee	3	14	7	0	-	24

- 1st 05:09 UT - Cimaglia,B. 19 yd field goal, 8-55 3:25 0 - 3
- 2nd 02:05 UT - Jordan,T. 3 yd run (Cimaglia,B. kick), 6-81 2:48 0 - 10
- 00:00 UT - Callaway,M. 39 yd pass from Guarantano,J. (Cimaglia,B. kick), 5-72 1:00 0 - 17
- 3rd 07:49 UT - Wood-Anderson 2 yd pass from Guarantano,J. (Cimaglia,B. kick), 8-85 4:14 0 - 24
- 01:56 UK - C.J. Conrad 19 yd pass from Terry Wilson (Chance Poore kick), 5-60 2:04 7 - 24

TEAM STATISTICS

	UK	UT
First Downs	19	16
Rush Att./Net Rush	35/77	40/215
Passing C/A/I	23/38/2	12/20/0
Offensive Plays	73	60
Total Offense	262	412
Fumbles/Lost	1/1	2/2
Penalties/Yards	3/20	4/30
Punts/Average	7/46.0	7/38.4
Third-Down Conv.	6 of 17	4 of 12
Time of Possession	29:50	30:10

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING (ATT.-YD.-TD)

UK - Snell 20-86, Rose 2-9, Bowden 2-1, Wilson 10-(6)
UT - Chandler 16-89, Jordan 15-63-1, Murphy 1-59, Fils-Aime 2-6, London 1-3, Guarantano 3-0

PASSING (COMP-ATT-INT-YARDS-TD)

UK - Wilson 21-34-1-172-1, Hoak 2-4-1-13-0
UT - Guarantano 12-20-0-197-2

RECEIVING (REC-YARDS-TD)

UK - Bowden 6-57, Snell 6-25, Richardson 4-37, Bouvier 3-19, Conrad 2-39-1, Rose 1-4, Epps 1-4
UT - Wood-Anderson 4-18-1, Callaway 2-56-1, Jordan 2-41, Murphy 1-38, Palmer 1-25, Jennings 1-11, Wolf 1-8

TACKLES

UK - Edwards 6, West, 6, Allen 6, Square 5, Jones 5
UT - Bituli 8, Taylor 7, Abernathy 7, Phillips 6, Johnson Jr. 5





KENTUCKY 34, MIDDLE TENNESSEE 23

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**NOV. 17, 2018 • LEXINGTON, KY
KROGER FIELD (47, 535)**



Benny Snell, Jr. rushed 26 times for 116 yards and a pair of touchdowns, and Kentucky won its eighth game of the season, topping Middle Tennessee 34-23 at Kroger Field.

It was the fifth time this season that Snell has rushed for at least 100 yards, and the 17th such game in his UK career. Snell's two touchdowns give him 44 for his career, the second-most rushing touchdowns of any player in SEC history prior to his senior year. Only former Georgia Heisman Trophy winner Herschel Walker had more career touchdowns prior to his senior season (49). The eight wins in a season is the most since Kentucky won eight times in 1984.

Josh Allen had two sacks, breaking a pair of school records in the process. Allen set UK's career record for sacks with 26.5, while also breaking the UK single-season record with 13. Allen registered a career-high 15 tackles in the game.

UK got on the board first, when Mike Edwards picked off a Brent Stockstill pass and returned it 66 yards for a score, the second of Edwards' career. Miles Butler converted the PAT and UK led 7-0 with 13:33 left in the first quarter.

After Edwards caused a MT fumble, which was recovered by Davonte Robinson, UK drove 50 yards in eight plays. Snell finished the drive with a seven-yard TD run and Butler's PAT gave the Cats a 14-0 lead with 8:36 still remaining in the first quarter.

UK added to its lead with 10-play, 34-yard drive that ended with a 38-yard Butler field goal, giving the Cats a 17-0 lead with 1:35 still left in the first period.

Middle Tennessee scored early in the second quarter to cut Kentucky's lead to 17-7 with 11:20 left in the first half. UK quickly answered with an 11-yard Terry Wilson touchdown pass to C.J. Conrad in the back of the end zone.

Late in the first half, MT added a 33-yard Holt field goal to make it 24-10 with 1:04 left in the half.

In the third, Snell got his second touchdown of the game, this one from six yards out, giving UK a 31-10 lead with 10:30 left in the third quarter.

Middle Tennessee cut into the lead later with a Ty Lee 10-yard touchdown catch. The PAT missed, and the Cats led 31-16 with 4:32 left in the quarter.

Early in the fourth, the Blue Raiders struck again, mounting an 11-play, 65-yard drive that ended with Stockstill's third touchdown pass of the game, this one to Patrick Smith from five yards out. Holt's PAT was good, and UK's lead was cut to 31-23 with 13:18 to go.

UK extended its lead with 4:01 left in the game on a 32-yard Butler field goal, giving the Cats a 34-23 advantage.

SCORING SUMMARY

Middle Tennessee	0	10	6	7	-	23
Kentucky	17	7	7	3	-	34

- 1st 13:33 UK - Mike Edwards 66 yd interception return (Miles Butler kick) 0 - 7
- 08:36 UK - Benny Snell Jr. 7 yd run (Miles Butler kick), 8-50 3:33 0 - 14
- 01:35 UK - Miles Butler 38 yd field goal, 10-34 5:13 0 - 17
- 2nd 11:20 MT - MOBLEY, Chaton 6 yd pass from STOCKSTILL, B. (HOLT, Crews kick), 11-94 5:15 7 - 17
- 08:40 UK - C.J. Conrad 11 yd pass from Terry Wilson (Miles Butler kick), 5-75 2:33 7 - 24
- 01:04 MT - HOLT, Crews 33 yd field goal, 5-19 1:26 10 - 24
- 3rd 10:30 UK - Benny Snell Jr. 6 yd run (Miles Butler kick), 9-83 4:25 10 - 31
- 04:32 MT - LEE, Ty 10 yd pass from STOCKSTILL, B. (HOLT, Crews kick failed), 11-99 5:58 16 - 31
- 4th 13:18 MT - SMITH, Patrick 5 yd pass from STOCKSTILL, B. (HOLT, Crews kick), 11-65 5:03 23 - 31
- 04:01 UK - Miles Butler 32 yd field goal, 10-47 5:31 23 - 34

TEAM STATISTICS

	MT	UK
First Downs	26	15
Rush Att./Net Rush	38/170	40/203
Passing C/A/I	30/33/1	10/14/0
Offensive Plays	71	54
Total Offense	463	324
Fumbles/Lost	2/1	2/0
Penalties/Yards	6/52	6/51
Punts/Average	2/32.0	2/31.5
Third-Down Conv.	4 of 12	4 of 10
Time of Possession	33:22	26:38

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING (ATT.-YD.-TD)

UK - Snell 26-116-2, Rose 7-48, Wilson 5-27, Bowden 1-12
MT - Mobley 19-145, West 5-25, Dobson 1-3, Thomas 1-3, Stockstill 12-(6)

PASSING (COMP-ATT-INT-YARDS-TD)

UK - Wilson 10-14-0-121-1
MT - Stockstill 30-33-1-293-3

RECEIVING (REC-YARDS-TD)

UK - Conrad 4-51-1, Epps 3-24, Rigg 1-29, Bowden 1-9, Richardson 1-8
MT - Lee 7-85, Thomas 7-31, Smith 6-38, Mobley 5-62, Dobson 2-46, Casey 1-11, West 1-11, Upton 1-9

TACKLES

UK - Allen 15, Edwards 12, Daniel 8, West 8
MT - Bush 12, Blankenship 10

KENTUCKY 56, LOUISVILLE 10

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**NOV. 24, 2018 • LOUISVILLE, KY
CARDINAL STADIUM (49,988)**



With room to run and time to throw against Louisville, Kentucky quarterback Terry Wilson had it easy in living up to his nickname as "Terry Touchdown."

Wilson accounted for 340 yards and four touchdowns, Benny Snell, Jr. rushed for two scores and the No. 17 Wildcats blew out archrival Louisville 56-10 in the Governor's Cup.

The Wildcats (9-3) scored TDs on all five first-half drives and never trailed in posting their first nine-win regular season since 1977, scoring TDs on all five first-half drives. Wilson's 3-yard scoring run provided a 14-0 lead before he tossed TD passes of 28 and 13 yards to Lynn Bowden, Jr. for a 35-10 cushion late in the second quarter. The sophomore transfer threw a 32-yard TD to Josh Ali in the third to make it 42-10.

Wilson completed 17 of 23 passes for 261 yards and rushed for 79 in his biggest game with Kentucky. Snell rushed for TDs of 7 and 24 yards and 100 yards; A.J. Rose ran for 122 with a 75-yard score; and Kavosiey Smoke had a 37-yard TD run as Kentucky posted its most lopsided series win over the Cardinals (2-10) since '98 (68-34).

The Wildcats outgained Louisville 601-305, a season high with Wilson doing much of his damage by halftime.

"It was huge for us," said Wilson, who was named the game's Most Valuable Player. "It was a mindset for us that we need to go out there and show everybody how explosive we are as an offense. We just came out humming, ready to go. Ready to make plays. I thought it was contagious."

Malik Cunningham's 75-yard TD run brought Louisville to 14-7, but the Cardinals lost their ninth in a row and allowed 50 points for the seventh time this season. They failed to beat a Power Five conference school.

SCORING SUMMARY

Kentucky	14	21	0	21	-	56
Louisville	7	3	0	0	-	10

- 1st 09:03 UK - Benny Snell 7 yd run (Miles Butler kick), 8-53 4:05 7 - 0
- 02:05 UK - Terry Wilson 3 yd run (Miles Butler kick), 9-84 4:16 14 - 0
- 01:50 LOU - Cunningham, Mal 75 yd run (Creque, Bla. kick), 1-75 0:15 14 - 7
- 2nd 13:03 UK - Benny Snell 24 yd run (Miles Butler kick), 7-77 3:47 21 - 7
- 08:51 LOU - Creque, Bla. 32 yd field goal, 9-60 4:12 21 - 10
- 04:08 UK - Lynn Bowden 28 yd pass from Terry Wilson (Miles Butler kick), 8-75 4:43 28 - 10
- 00:31 UK - Lynn Bowden 13 yd pass from Terry Wilson (Miles Butler kick), 7-67 1:35 35 - 10
- 4th 14:04 UK - Josh Ali 32 yd pass from Terry Wilson (Miles Butler kick), 9-57 4:04 42 - 10
- 11:09 UK - Asim Rose 75 yd run (Miles Butler kick), 2-73 1:17 49 - 10
- 04:40 UK - Kavosiey Smoke 37 yd run (Miles Butler kick), 4-45 2:21 56 - 10

TEAM STATISTICS

	UK	UOFL
First Downs	29	10
Rush Att./Net Rush	46/340	30/226
Passing C/A/I	17/24/2	8/16/0
Offensive Plays	70	46
Total Offense	601	305
Fumbles/Lost	0/0	0/0
Penalties/Yards	6/63	12/134
Punts/Average	0/0	6/39.0
Third-Down Conv.	4 of 8	2 of 11
Time of Possession	33:57	26:03

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING (ATT.-YD.-TD)

UK - Rose 10-112-1, Snell 18-100-2, Wilson 10-79-1, Smoke 4-45-1, Bowden 2-7
UoFl - Cunningham 5-89-2, Smith 13-76, Wilson 2-34, Hall 6-31

PASSING (COMP-ATT-INT-YARDS-TD)

UK - Wilson 17-23-1-261-3, Bowden 0-1-1-0-0
UoFl - McCormack 3-8-0-15-0, Cunningham 5-8-0-64-0

RECEIVING (REC-YARDS-TD)

UK - Bowden 6-86-2, Ali 3-59-1, Conrad 2-59, Baker 2-21, Rose 2-16, Bouvier 1-16, Rigg 1-4
UoFl - Smith 2-31, Dawkins 2-24, Crum 1-9, Fitzpatrick 1-8, Hall 1-4, Peete 1-3

TACKLES

UK - Daniel 8, Oats 5, Allen 4, Jones 4
UoFl - Smith 8, Pass 7, Avery 7, Caban 7





2018 GAME-BY-GAME STARTERS

OFFENSIVE STARTERS

	TE/WR	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	WR	WR/TE	WR	RB	QB
vs. Central Mich.	Conrad	Watkins	Stenberg	Jackson	Stallings	Asafo-Adjei	Baker	Bowden	Richardson	Snell	Wilson
at Florida	Conrad	Price	Stenberg	Jackson	Stallings	Asafo-Adjei	Baker	Bowden	Richardson	Snell	Wilson
vs. Murray State	Conrad	Price	Stenberg	Jackson	Stallings	Asafo-Adjei	Baker	Bowden	Richardson	Snell	Wilson
vs. Miss. State	Conrad	Price	Stenberg	Jackson	Stallings	Asafo-Adjei	Baker	Bowden	Richardson	Snell	Wilson
vs. South Carolina	Conrad	Price	Stenberg	Jackson	Stallings	Asafo-Adjei	Baker	Bowden	Richardson	Snell	Wilson
at Texas A&M	Bouvier	Price	Stenberg	Jackson	Stallings	Asafo-Adjei	Baker	Bowden	Richardson	Snell	Wilson
vs. Vanderbilt	Conrad	Price	Stenberg	Jackson	Stallings	Asafo-Adjei	Baker	Bowden	Richardson	Snell	Wilson
at Missouri	Conrad	Price	Stenberg	Jackson	Stallings	Asafo-Adjei	Baker	Bowden	Richardson	Snell	Wilson
vs. Georgia	Conrad	Price	Stenberg	Jackson	Stallings	Asafo-Adjei	Epps	Bowden	Richardson	Snell	Wilson
at Tennessee	Conrad	Price	Stenberg	Jackson	Stallings	Asafo-Adjei	Epps	Bowden	Richardson	Snell	Wilson
vs. Middle Tenn.	Conrad	Kinnard	Stenberg	Jackson	Stallings	Asafo-Adjei	Baker	Rigg	Bouvier	Snell	Wilson
at Louisville	Conrad	Price	Stenberg	Jackson	Stallings	Kinnard	Bowden	Rigg	Richardson	Snell	Wilson

DEFENSIVE STARTERS

	OLB	DE	NG/NICK	DT	SLB/NICK	WLB	MLB	CB	SS	FS	CB
vs. Central Mich.	Allen	Carter	Griffin	Middleton	Watson	J. Jones	Ka. Daniel	Baity	Edwards	West	L. Johnson
at Florida	Allen	Carter	Bohanna	Middleton	Griffin	J. Jones	Ka. Daniel	Baity	Edwards	West	L. Johnson
vs. Murray State	Allen	Carter	Dubose	Middleton	Griffin	J. Jones	Ka. Daniel	Baity	Edwards	West	L. Johnson
vs. Miss. State	Allen	Carter	Dubose	Middleton	Watson	J. Jones	Ka. Daniel	Baity	Edwards	West	L. Johnson
vs. South Carolina	Allen	Taylor	Dubose	Middleton	Griffin	J. Jones	Ka. Daniel	Baity	Edwards	West	L. Johnson
at Texas A&M	Allen	Taylor	Dubose	Middleton	Watson	J. Jones	Oats	Baity	Edwards	West	L. Johnson
vs. Vanderbilt	Allen	Taylor	Dubose	Middleton	Watson	J. Jones	Ka. Daniel	Baity	Edwards	West	L. Johnson
at Missouri	Allen	Taylor	Bohanna	Middleton	Watson	J. Jones	Ka. Daniel	Baity	Edwards	West	L. Johnson
vs. Georgia	Allen	Taylor	Bohanna	Middleton	D. Robinson	J. Jones	Ka. Daniel	Westry	Edwards	West	L. Johnson
at Tennessee	Allen	Taylor	Bohanna	Middleton	Watson	J. Jones	Ka. Daniel	Baity	Edwards	D. Robinson	L. Johnson
vs. Middle Tenn.	Allen	Taylor	Bohanna	Middleton	Paschal	J. Jones	Ka. Daniel	Baity	Edwards	West	L. Johnson
at Louisville	Allen	Taylor	Bohanna	Middleton	Watson	J. Jones	Ka. Daniel	Baity	Edwards	West	L. Johnson



2018 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Table with 9 columns: Game, Score, First Downs, Time of Possession, Rushing (No-Yds-TD), Passing (Cmp-Att-Int-Yds-TD), Total Offense (Plays-Yds-TD), 3rd Down Conversions, Fumbles-Lost. Rows include games like vs. Central Michigan, at Florida, vs. Murray State, vs. Mississippi State, vs. South Carolina, at Texas A&M, vs. Vanderbilt, at Missouri, vs. Georgia, at Tennessee, vs. Middle Tennessee, and at Louisville.

GAME-BY GAME RUSHING

Table with 8 columns: (No-Yds-TD), Clark, Hoak, King, Rose, Rodriguez, Snell, Wilson. Rows list rushing statistics for various games.

GAME-BY GAME RECEIVING

Table with 14 columns: (Rec-Yds-TD), Ali, Baker, Bouvier, Bowden, Conrad, Dailey, Epps, Hayes, Hughes, Richardson, Rigg, Snell, Thomas. Rows list receiving statistics for various games.



GAME-BY-GAME PASSING

(Cmp-Att-Int-Yds-TD)	Hoak	Wilson
vs. Central Michigan	4-9-0-50-1	11-18-2-78-0
at Florida	0-0-0-0-0	11-16-1-151-2
vs. Murray State	4-5-0-77-1	19-25-0-163-0
vs. Mississippi St.	0-0-0-0-0	8-14-1-71-0
vs. South Carolina	0-0-0-0-0	13-20-1-132-0
at Texas A&M	0-0-0-0-0	13-20-0-108-1
vs. Vanderbilt	0-0-0-0-0	3-9-0-18-1
at Missouri	3-8-0-27-0	22-31-1-267-1
vs. Georgia	0-0-0-0-0	23-29-0-226-1
at Tennessee	2-4-1-13-0	21-34-1-172-1
vs. Middle Tenn.	0-0-0-0-0	10-14-0-121-1
at Louisville	0-0-0-0-0	17-23-1-261-3

GAME-BY-GAME PUNTING

(No-Yds-Avg-LG-In20)	Duffy
vs. Central Michigan	4-200-50.0-54-2
at Florida	4-157-39.2-43-2
vs. Murray State	1-54-54.0-54-1
vs. Mississippi State	5-221-44.2-49-2
vs. South Carolina	4-190-47.5-52-4
at Texas A&M	10-487-48.7-63-3
vs. Vanderbilt	5-215-43.0-51-2
at Missouri	5-177-35.4-44-2
vs. Georgia	4-194-48.5-56-3
at Tennessee	7-322-46.0-56-4
vs. Middle Tennessee	2-67-33.5-47-0
at Louisville	-

GAME-BY-GAME FIELD GOALS

FG Made (Miss)	Butler	Poore
vs. Central Michigan	-	-
at Florida	-	-
vs. Murray State	40, 38	-
vs. Mississippi State	(36)	-
vs. South Carolina	29, (43)	-
at Texas A&M	(43)	-
vs. Vanderbilt	(39)	-
at Missouri	-	31
vs. Georgia	-	34
at Tennessee	-	(51, 30)
vs. Middle Tennessee	38, 32	-
at Louisville	-	-

GAME-BY-GAME DEFENSIVE LINE (Tackles-Tackles-For-Loss-Sacks)

Game	Allen	Bohanna	Carter	Ke. Daniel	Dubose	Hoskins	Looney	McCall	Middleton	Taylor
vs. Central Mich.	10-3-0-1	2-0-0	2-0-0	1-0-0	3-1-1	3-0-0	3-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0	3-0-0
at Florida	5-0-5-1.0	0-0-0	2-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	2-1-1	1-0-0	0-0-0	1-1-0	0-0-0
vs. Murray State	4-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	3-0-0	2-0-0	2-0-0	0-0-0	3-1.5-1	0-0-0	1-0-0
vs. Miss. State	6-2-1	0-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0	2-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0	2-1-1
vs. South Carolina	8-4-3	2-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0	3-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	2-0-0
at Texas A&M	4-0-0	2-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	4-1-1	2-0-0	0-0-0	1-0.5-0	1-0-0
vs. Vanderbilt	8-2-2	0-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0	1-0.5-0	2-0.5-0	3-0-0	1-0-0	1-1-1	1-0-0
at Missouri	11-2-2	2-1-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0
vs. Georgia	3-0-0	3-0.5-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0	1-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0	1-1-0
at Tennessee	6-1-1	1-0-0	4-2-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	3-2-0
vs. Middle Tenn.	15-2-2	3-1-1	1-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	2-1-1	1-1-0	0-0-0	2-1-1	4-0-0
at Louisville	4-1-1	1-1-0	1-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0	1-0-0	1-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0	1-1-0

GAME-BY-GAME LINEBACKERS (Tackles-Tackles-For-Loss-Sacks-Pass Breakups)

Game	Ka. Daniel	Davis	Jones	Oats	Square	Watson	Wright
vs. Central Mich.	11-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	8-1.5-1-0	0-0-0-0	3-0-0-0	6-0-0-1	0-0-0-0
at Florida	11-0.5-0-0	0-0-0-0	6-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	2-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	0-0-0-0
vs. Murray State	3-1.0-0-0	4-0-0-1	2-0-0-4	1-0-0-0	2-0.5-1-0	0-0-0-0	3-0-0-1
vs. Miss. State	7-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	8-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	4-1-1-0	0-0-0-0
vs. South Carolina	5-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	5-1.0-0-0	4-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	2-1.0-1.0-1	0-0-0-0
at Texas A&M	4-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	2-1-1-0	4-1.5-1.0-0	6-0-0-0	4-1.0-1.0-0	0-0-0-0
vs. Vanderbilt	11-2.0-0-0	0-0-0-0	5-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	2-0-0-0	2-1.0-1.0-0	0-0-0-0
at Missouri	3-0-0-1	0-0-0-0	10-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	2-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0
vs. Georgia	4-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	9-0.5-0-0	3-0.5-0-0	1-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0
at Tennessee	2-1-0-0	1-0-0-0	5-0-0-0	4-0-0-0	5-1-0-0	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0
vs. Middle Tenn.	8-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	4-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	2-1-0-0	1-1-1-0	0-0-0-0
at Louisville	8-3-0-0	1-0-0-0	4-2-0-0	5-1-1-0	3-0-0-0	2-0-0-0	1-0-0-0

GAME-BY-GAME DEFENSIVE BACKS (Tackles-Pass Breakups-Int.)

Game	Ajian	Baity	Corker	Edwards	Griffin	L. Johnson	Z. Johnson	Nesbitt	Robinson	West	Westry
vs. Central Mich.	0-0-0	2-0-0	2-0-0	2-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0	2-0-0	0-0-0	3-0-0	7-0-0	1-0-0
at Florida	0-0-0	3-2-0	0-0-0	6-1-0	4-0-0	3-1-0	1-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0	8-0-1	1-0-0
vs. Murray State	2-0-0	4-0-0	1-0-0	5-0-0	1-1-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0	1-1-0	4-1-0	2-0-0
vs. Miss. State	0-1-1	3-1-1	0-0-0	6-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	2-0-0	0-0-0	3-1-0	9-2-0	1-0-0
vs. South Carolina	0-0-0	3-0-1	1-0-0	5-0-1	1-1-0	3-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	9-2-1	1-0-0
at Texas A&M	1-1-0	5-2-0	1-0-0	9-0-0	3-0-0	3-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0	10-0-1	2-0-0
vs. Vanderbilt	0-0-0	0-1-0	0-0-0	9-1-0	0-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	7-1-0	3-0-0	1-0-0
at Missouri	0-0-0	3-1-0	0-0-0	4-1-0	1-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0	8-1-0	2-0-0
vs. Georgia	1-0-0	6-0-0	0-0-0	11-1-0	1-0-0	4-1-0	0-0-0	1-0-0	9-0-0	2-0-0	5-0-0
at Tennessee	3-0-0	2-0-0	0-0-0	6-0-0	0-0-0	1-1-0	1-0-0	0-0-0	4-1-0	6-0-0	0-1-0
vs. Middle Tenn.	0-0-0	3-0-0	0-0-0	12-0-1	0-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	5-0-0	8-0-0	2-0-0
at Louisville	1-1-0	1-1-0	2-0-0	2-0-0	1-1-0	1-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0	2-0-0	2-0-0	0-0-0





2018 MISCELLANEOUS STATISTICS

TURNOVERS

Opponent	FORCED BY KENTUCKY					FORCED BY OPPONENT			
	Fum	Int	Tot	Margin	UK Pts Off	Fum	Int	Tot	Opp Pts Off
vs. Central Michigan	0	0	0	-4	0	2	2	4	20
at Florida	1	1	2	0	6	1	1	2	0
vs. Murray State	0	1	1	+1	7	0	0	0	0
vs. Mississippi State	0	1	1	0	7	0	1	1	0
vs. South Carolina	1	3	4	+3	10	0	1	1	0
at Texas A&M	1	1	2	+2	7	0	0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt	2	0	2	0	7	2	0	2	7
at Missouri	0	0	0	-1	0	0	1	1	0
vs. Georgia	2	0	2	0	3	2	0	0	0
at Tennessee	2	0	2	-1	0	1	2	3	0
vs. Middle Tennessee	1	1	2	+2	14	0	0	0	0
at Louisville	0	0	0	-2	0	0	2	2	0
TOTALS	10	8	18	-	61	8	10	18	27

KENTUCKY BIG PLAYS

Opponent	RUSHING					PASSING				SPECIAL TEAMS	
	15+	20+	30+	40+	50+	20+	30+	40+	50+	Block	Return for TD
vs. Central Michigan	2	2	2	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
at Florida	5	4	1	1	0	2	1	1	1	0	0
vs. Murray State	5	3	1	1	0	6	2	2	0	0	0
vs. Mississippi State	4	3	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
vs. South Carolina	4	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
at Texas A&M	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Missouri	1	0	0	0	0	4	2	2	0	1	1
vs. Georgia	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
at Tennessee	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Middle Tennessee	3	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
at Louisville	4	4	3	2	1	6	3	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	34	22	10	6	3	28	10	6	2	1	2

OPPONENT BIG PLAYS

Opponent	RUSHING					PASSING				SPECIAL TEAMS	
	15+	20+	30+	40+	50+	20+	30+	40+	50+	Block	Return for TD
vs. Central Michigan	1	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	1
at Florida	2	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
vs. Murray State	3	2	1	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	0
vs. Mississippi State	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
vs. South Carolina	3	1	0	0	0	2	1	1	1	0	0
at Texas A&M	5	1	0	0	0	2	2	1	0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	1	0	0	0
at Missouri	1	1	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia	6	4	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
at Tennessee	3	3	1	1	1	4	3	0	0	0	0
vs. Middle Tennessee	6	4	1	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0
at Louisville	4	3	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	34	20	8	3	3	28	15	3	1	0	1

DRIVE CHART STATISTICS

Opponent	No.	Avg Plays	Avg Yds	Avg Time	For TD	Avg Plays	Avg Yds	Avg Time
vs. Central Michigan	15	4.6	28.4	1:52	5	5.0	64.2	1:28
at Florida	9	6.3	50.4	3:28	3	8.0	86.3	4:01
vs. Murray State	10	7.4	52.8	3:25	6	7.3	69.6	3:27
vs. Mississippi State	12	5.0	25.0	2:34	4	5.7	53.7	2:28
vs. South Carolina	12	5.5	27.2	2:54	3	8.0	72.0	4:08
at Texas A&M	12	4.1	14.8	2:05	1	5.0	68.0	2:22
vs. Vanderbilt	12	5.1	24.8	2:35	2	11.5	64.0	5:35
at Missouri	12	6.2	32.1	2:39	1	8.0	81.0	1:24
vs. Georgia	10	6.4	31.0	2:51	2	8.0	75.0	3:27
at Tennessee	13	5.6	20.2	2:18	1	5.0	60.0	2:04
vs. Middle Tennessee	10	5.4	32.4	2:39	3	7.3	69.3	3:30
at Louisville	11	6.3	54.6	3:05	8	6.7	66.3	3:16





2018 EXPLOSIVE PLAYS

RUNS 15+

Rodriguez, 16 yards
 Rodriguez, 27 yards
(2 rush for 43 yards, 21.5 avg., 0 TD)
 Rose, 55 yards*
 Rose, 24 yards*
 Rose, 31 yards
 Rose, 75 yards*
(4 rush for 185 yards, 46.2 avg., 3 TD)
 Smoke, 37 yards
(1 rush for 37 yards, 37.0 avg., 1 TD)
 Snell, 52 yards*
 Snell, 44 yards
 Snell, 20 yards
 Snell, 17 yards
 Snell, 22 yards
 Snell, 20 yards
 Snell, 18 yards
 Snell, 36 yards*
 Snell, 23 yards*
 Snell, 16 yards
 Snell, 15 yards
 Snell, 22 yards
 Snell, 15 yards
 Snell, 19 yards
 Snell, 17 yards
 Snell, 24 yards*
(16 rush for 380 yards, 23.7 avg., 4 TD)
 Wilson, 31 yards
 Wilson, 19 yards
 Wilson, 24 yards*
 Wilson, 42 yards*
 Wilson, 21 yards
 Wilson, 16 yards
 Wilson, 15 yards
 Wilson, 22 yards
 Wilson, 23 yards
 Wilson, 19 yards
 Wilson, 36 yards
 Wilson, 40 yards
(12 rush for 308 yards, 25.6 avg., 2 TD)
Total: 35 rush for 953 yards, 27.2 avg, 9 TD

RECEIVING 20+

Ali, 20 yards
 Ali, 32 yards*
(2 rec. for 52 yards, 26.0 avg., 1 TD)
 Baker, 21 yards
 Baker, 23 yards
 Baker, 20 yards
(3 rec. for 64 yards, 21.3 avg., 0 TD)
 Bouvier, 24 yards*
 Bouvier, 29 yards*
 Bouvier, 21 yards
 Bouvier, 27 yards
(4 rec. for 101 yards, 25.2 avg., 2 TD)
 Bowden, 54 yards*
 Bowden, 25 yards
 Bowden, 24 yards
 Bowden, 20 yards
 Bowden, 54 yards*
 Bowden, 45 yards
 Bowden, 43 yards
 Bowden, 32 yards
 Bowden, 28 yards*
(9 rec. for 325 yards, 36.1 avg., 3 TD)

Conrad, 23 yards
 Conrad, 27 yards
 Conrad, 32 yards
(3 rec. for 82 yards, 27.3 avg., 0 TD)
 Dailey, 23 yards*
(1 rec. for 23 yards, 23.0 avg., 1 TD)
 Hughes, 49 yards*
(1 rec. for 49 yards, 49.0 avg., 1 TD)
 Richardson, 20 yards
(1 rec. for 20 yards, 20.0 avg., 0 TD)
 Riggs, 29 yards
(1 rec. for 29 yards, 29.0 avg., 0 TD)
 Rose, 31 yards*
(1 rec. for 31 yards, 31.0 avg., 0 TD)
 Snell, 28 yards
(1 rec. for 28 yards, 28.0 avg., 0 TD)
 Thomas, 40 yards
(1 rec. for 40 yards, 40.0 avg., 0 TD)
Total: 28 rec. for 844 yards, 30.1 avg., 7 TD)

KICK RETURNS 30+

Bowden, 42 yards
 Bowden, 36 yards
(2 return for 78 yards, 39.0 avg.)
Total: 2 return for 78 yards, 39.0 avg, 0 TD

PUNT RETURNS 20+

Bouvier, 21 yards
(1 return for 21 yards, 21.0 avg.)
 Bowden, 67 yards
(1 return for 67 yards, 67.0 avg., 1 TD)
Total: 2 return for 88 yards, 44.0 avg., 1 TD

DEFENSIVE RETURNS 20+

Edwards, 66 yards*
(1 return for 66 yards, 66.0 avg.)
 D. Robinson, 20 yards*
(1 return for 20 yards, 20.0 avg.)
 D. West, 40 yards*
(1 return for 40 yards, 40.0 avg.)
Total: 3 returns for 126 yards, 42.0 avg., 3 TD

Total: 70 plays for 2089 yards, 29.8 avg.

** denotes a touchdown scoring play*

UK LONG PLAYS (20+) BY THE NUMBERS

20+ Plays By Yards	No.	TD
100+	0	0
90-99	0	0
80-89	0	0
70-79	1	1
60-69	2	2
50-59	3	4
40-49	9	3
30-39	11	5
20-29	31	8
TOTAL	57	23

20+ Plays By Type	No.	TD
Rushing	23	10
Passing	27	9
Punt returns	2	1
Kick returns (30+)	2	0
Interceptions	1	1
Fumble returns	2	2
TOTAL	57	23

OPPONENT BIG PLAYS

Total:
 Run (15+) 34 for 886 yds
 Receiving (20+) 28 for 862 yds
 Kick Returns (30+) 0 for 0 yds
 Punt Returns (20+) 3 for 133 yds
 Defensive Returns (20+) 2 for 56 yds
TOTAL: 67 for 1937 yards (28.9 avg.)



2018 SCORING DRIVE ANALYSIS

GAME-BY-GAME SCORING DRIVES

Table with columns: Game, Plays/Yards, Time (Poss.), Qtr./Clock, Res., Scoring Play. Lists game-by-game scoring drives for various opponents.

GAME-BY-GAME TD DRIVES

Table with columns: Yds, TD, Drive, Poss. Time, TDs, Plays, TDs. Shows TD drive statistics by yardage and time of game.

GAME OPENING DRIVES

Table with columns: Game, KENTUCKY (Res/Pts, Yds), OPPONENT (Res/Pts, Yds). Shows game opening drive statistics.

2ND HALF OPENING DRIVES

Table with columns: Game, KENTUCKY (Res/Pts, Yds), OPPONENT (Res/Pts, Yds). Shows 2nd half opening drive statistics.

DRIVE ANALYSIS

Table with columns: Game, Total Drive, TD, FG, MFG, P, TO, 4DN. Shows drive analysis statistics by game.





KENTUCKY AND SEC RECORDS

CAREER RECEIVING YARDAGE LEADERS

#	Player	Years	Rec	Yards	Avg	TD
1.	Craig Yeast	1995-98	208	2,899	13.9	28
2.	Keenan Burton	2003-07	189	2,376	12.6	25
3.	Derek Abney	2000-03	197	2,339	11.9	18
4.	Garrett Johnson	2014-17	155	2,089	13.5	11
5.	Dicky Lyons Jr.	2004, 2006-08	141	1,752	12.4	18
6.	Quentin McCord	1996, 1998-2000	112	1,743	15.6	15
7.	La'Rod King	2009-12	134	1,706	12.7	17
8.	Randall Cobb	2008-10	144	1,661	11.5	13
9.	Anthony White	1996-99	194	1,520	7.8	8
10.	Felix Wilson	1977-79	90	1,508	16.8	10
11.	Tom Hutchinson	1960-62	94	1,483	15.7	9
12.	Kevin Coleman	1995-98	107	1,428	13.3	13
13.	Larry Seiple	1964-66	72	1,422	19.8	10
14.	Jacob Tamme	2004-07	133	1,417	10.6	11
15.	Jeff Badet	2013, 2015-16	82	1,385	16.9	7
16.	Rafael Little	2004-07	131	1,324	10.1	5
17.	James Whalen	1997-99	120	1,324	11.0	13
18.	Rick Kestner	1963-65	82	1,280	15.6	10
19.	Chris Matthews	2009-10	93	1,279	13.9	12
20.	Ryan Timmons	2013-16	112	1,254	11.2	5
21.	Derek Smith	1999-2001	89	1,224	13.8	9
22.	Phil Logan	1987-90	83	1,219	14.7	7
23.	Steve Meilinger	1951-53	75	1,210	16.1	17
24.	Steve Johnson	2006-07	72	1,200	16.6	14
25.	Dorian Baker	2014-present	101	1,148	11.7	6
26.	Javess Blue	2013-14	72	1,111	15.4	9
27.	Derek Homer	1997-2000	129	1,052	8.2	2
27.	Demarco Robinson	2011-14	86	1,028	12.0	3
--	C.J. Conrad	2015-present	79	994	12.6	12

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS

#	Player	Years	Att	YARDS	Avg.	TD
1.	Sonny Collins	1972-75	777	3,835	4.9	26
2.	Benny Snell Jr.	2016-present	711	3,729	5.2	46
3.	Moe Williams	1993-95	618	3,333	5.4	26
4.	Rafael Little	2004-07	580	2,996	5.2	16
5.	Mark Higgs	1984-87	532	2,892	5.4	25
6.	George Adams	1981-84	638	2,648	4.2	25
7.	Derrick Locke	2007-10	518	2,618	5.1	22
8.	S. "Boom" Williams	2014-16	366	2,511	6.9	18
9.	Artose Pinner	1999-2002	438	2,105	4.8	17
10.	Marc Logan	1983-86	389	1,769	4.5	11
11.	Derrick Ramsey	1975-77	446	1,764	3.9	25
12.	Anthony White	1996-99	364	1,758	4.8	11
13.	Jojo Kemp	2013-16	338	1,709	5.1	19
14.	Rodger Bird	1963-65	397	1,699	4.2	21
15.	Derek Homer	1997-2000	353	1,689	4.8	11
16.	Ivy Joe Hunter	1985-88	361	1,687	4.7	19
17.	Bill Leskovar	1949-51	324	1,664	5.1	9
18.	Steve Campassi	1972-75	370	1,609	4.3	8
19.	Raymond Sanders	2010-13	340	1,542	4.5	11
20.	Al Baker	1986-90	378	1,534	4.1	15
21.	Mike Fanuzzi	1971-74	344	1,484	4.3	16
22.	Bobby Cravens	1956-58	323	1,448	4.5	6
23.	Tony Dixon	2004, 2006-08	345	1,388	4.0	16
24.	Alfred Rawls	1988-89	286	1,370	4.8	16
25.	Randy Brooks	1976-80	358	1,314	3.7	6
26.	Randall Cobb	2008-10	228	1,313	5.8	22
27.	Don Phelps	1946-49	295	1,297	4.4	15
28.	Chris Hill	1975-78	260	1,264	4.9	4
29.	Rod Stewart	1975-78	268	1,250	4.7	9
30.	Doug Kotar	1971-73	293	1,167	3.9	5
31.	Damon Hood	1991-94	281	1,144	4.1	9

CAREER RUSHING ATTEMPTS

#	Player	Years	Yards	Att
1.	Sonny Collins	1972-75	3,835	777
2.	Benny Snell Jr.	2016-present	3,729	711
3.	George Adams	1981-84	2,648	638

4.	Moe Williams	1993-95	3,333	618
5.	Rafael Little	2004-07	2,996	580
6.	Mark Higgs	1984-97	2,892	532

CAREER AVERAGE PER RUSHING ATTEMPT (MIN. 200)

#	Player	Years	Average per rush
1.	Boom Williams	2014-16	6.91 (366/2511)
2.	Randall Cobb	2008-10	5.76 (228/1313)
3.	Mark Higgs	1984-87	5.43 (532/2892)
4.	Moe Williams	1993-95	5.39 (618/3333)
5.	Benny Snell Jr.	2016-present	5.24 (711/3729)
6.	Rafael Little	2004-07	5.17(580/2996),

CAREER TOUCHDOWNS SCORED

#	Player	Years	TDs
1.	Benny Snell Jr.	2016-present	46
2.	Randall Cobb	2008-10	37
3.	Craig Yeast	1995-98	32
3.	Moe Williams	1993-95	27
	George Adams	1981-84	
	Rodger Bird	1963-65	
	Derrick Locke	2007-10	

CAREER RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS LEADERS

#	Player	Years	TDs
1.	Benny Snell Jr.	2016-present	46
2.	Sonny Collins	1972-1975	26
	Moe Williams	1993-1995	26
4.	Derrick Ramsey	1975-1977	25
	George Adams	1981-1984	25
	Mark Higgs	1984-1987	25
7.	Derrick Locke	2007-2010	22
	Randall Cobb	2008-2010	22
9.	Rodger Bird	1963-1965	21
10.	Ivy Joe Hunter	1985-1988	19
	Jojo Kemp	2013-16	19
12.	Dicky Lyons, Sr.	1966-1968	18
	Boom Williams	2014-16	18
14.	Artose Pinner	1999-2002	17

CAREER SCORING LEADERS

#	Player	Years	TD/FG	PAT	Pts
1.	Austin MacGinnis	2014-17	0/72	143	359
2.	Lones Seiber	2006-09	0/49	158	305
3.	Benny Snell Jr.	2016-present	46/0	1	278
4.	Joey Worley	1984-87	0/57	75	246
5.	Seth Hanson	1997-98, 2000-01	0/35	127	232
6.	Taylor Begley	2002-05	0/36	118	226
	Randall Cobb	2008-10	37/0	2	226
8.	Craig Yeast	1995-98	32/0	0	192
9.	Craig McIntosh	2009-12	0/31	81	174
10.	Doug Pelfrey	1990-92	0/34	65	167

CAREER 100-YARD RUSHING GAMES

#	Player	Years	Games
1.	Sonny Collins	1972-75	18
	Benny Snell Jr.	2016-present	18
3.	Rafael Little	2004-07	13
	Moe Williams	1993-95	13
5.	"Boom" Williams	2014-16	11
	Artose Pinner	1999-2002	11

CAREER QB SACKS

#	Player	Years	Sacks
1.	Josh Allen	2015-present	28.5
2.	Oliver Barnett	1986-89	26
3.	Alvin "Bud" Dupree	2011-14	23.5
4.	Dennis Johnson	1998-2001	19
5.	Jeremy Jarmon	2006-08	17.5





KENTUCKY AND SEC RECORDS

CAREER TACKLES FOR LOSS (SINCE 1977)

Table with 4 columns: #, Player, Years, TFLs. Lists top 7 players including Oliver Barnett and Josh Allen.

CAREER TOTAL TACKLES

Table with 4 columns: #, wPlayer, Years, Tackles. Lists top 5 players including Jim Kovach and Chris Chenault.

* 300-tackle club

CAREER INTERCEPTIONS

Table with 4 columns: #, Player, Years, Interceptions. Lists top 4 players including Darryl Bishop and Mike Edwards.

SEC CAREER SACKS

Table with 4 columns: #, Sacks, Player, Years. Lists top 10 players including Derrick Thomas and Billy Jackson.

SEC CAREER RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS LEADERS

Table with 4 columns: #, TDs, Player, Years. Lists top 20 players including Tim Tebow and Benny Snell Jr.

SEC CAREER RUSHING YARDS GAINED

Table with 4 columns: #, Yards, Player, Years. Lists top 20 players including Herschel Walker and Nick Chubb.

*—NCAA record for three years

UK SINGLE-SEASON RECORDS

MOST QUARTERBACK SACKS, SEASON

Table with 4 columns: #, Sacks, Player, Year. Lists top 5 players including Josh Allen and Dennis Johnson.

MOST 100-YARD RUSHING GAMES, SEASON

Table with 4 columns: #, Games, Player, Year. Lists top 9 players including Artose Pinner and Benny Snell Jr.

MOST TACKLES FOR LOSS, SEASON (SINCE 1977)

Table with 4 columns: #, TFLs, Player, Year. Lists top 9 players including Art Still and Josh Allen.

MOST RUSH ATTEMPTS, SEASON

Table with 4 columns: #, Attempts, Player, Year. Lists top 6 players including Moe Williams and Artose Pinner.



KENTUCKY AND SEC RECORDS

MOST RUSHING YARDS, SEASON

1. 1600 Moe Williams (294 att.), 1995
2. 1414 Artose Pinner (283 att.), 2002
3. 1333 Benny Snell Jr. (262 att.), 2017
4. **1305 Benny Snell (263 att.), 2018**
5. 1278 Mark Higgs (193 att.), 1987
6. 1213 Sonny Collins (224 att.), 1973
7. 1170 Stanley "Boom" Williams (171), 2016
8. 1150 Sonny Collins (248), 1975

MOST TOUCHDOWNS RUSHING, SEASON

1. 19 Benny Snell Jr., 2017
2. 17 Moe Williams, 1995
3. **14 Benny Snell Jr., 2018**
4. 13 Benny Snell Jr., 2016
- 13 Artose Pinner, 2002
- 13 George Adams, 1984
- 13 Derrick Ramsey, 1977
- 13 Sonny Collins, 1973

MOST TOUCHDOWNS SCORED, SEASON

1. 19 Benny Snell Jr., 2017
2. 17 Moe Williams, 1995
3. 15 Randall Cobb, 2009
- 15 Artose Pinner, 2002
- 15 Craig Yeast, 1998
- **14 Benny Snell Jr., 2018**



ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

- 94* Abule Abadi-Fitzgerald, DT, Fr-RS, Lakeland, Fla.
23* Tyrell Ajian, S, Fr-RS, Mansfield, Ohio
84 B.J. Alexander, WR, Fr-HS, Miami Gardens, Fla.
82 Josh Ali, WR, So-1L, Hollywood, Fla.
41 Josh Allen, OLB, Sr-3L, Montclair, N.J.
64 George Asafo-Adjei, OT, Sr-3L, West Chester, Ohio
8* Derrick Baity Jr., CB, Sr-3L, Tampa, Fla.
2 Dorian Baker, WR, Sr-3L, Cleveland Heights, Ohio
39 Elijah Barnett, OLB, Jr-Sq, Lexington, Ky.
80 Brenden Bates, TE, Fr-HS, Cincinnati, Ohio
37* Tyler Beisner, WR, Fr-HS, Goshen, Ky.
23* Brayden Berezowitz, WR, Jr-Sq, Lexington, Ky.
27* Bryan Berezowitz, WR, Jr-Sq, Lexington, Ky.
29* Zac Berezowitz, WR, Fr-HS Lexington, Ky.
53 Blake Best, LS, Jr-2L, Duluth, Ga.
95* Quinton Bohanna, NG, So-1L, Cordova, Tenn.
33 David Bouvier, WR, Sr-Sq, Lexington, Ky.
1 Lynn Bowden Jr., WR, So-1L, Youngstown, Ohio
35* Immanuel Bowie, DB, Fr-HS, Lexington, Ky.
32* Jamari Brown, DB, 6-1, Sunrise, Fla.
95* Miles Butler, K, Sr-1L, Paducah, Ky.
90 T.J. Carter, DE, Jr-2L, Mableton, Ga.
87 C.J. Conrad, TE, Sr-3L, LaGrange, Ohio
29* Yusuf Corker, S, Fr-RS, McDonough, Ga.
62 Tyler Couch, OL, Fr-HS, Paintsville, Ky.
48 Will Crum, WR, Fr-HS, Louisville, Ky.
35* John Daido, WR, So-Sq, Vienna, Va.
89 Allen Dailey Jr., WR, Fr-HS, Pinson, Ala.
56 Kash Daniel, LB, Jr-2L, Paintsville, Ky.
20* Kengera Daniel, DE, Sr-3L, Raleigh, N.C.
44 Jamin Davis, LB, Fr-RS, Ludowici, Ga.
27* Cedrick Dort Jr., DB, So-1L, Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.
61 Austin Dotson, OT, Fr-RS, Belfry, Ky. (Belfry)
98 Tymere Dubose DT, Sr-3L, Youngstown, Ohio
93* Max Duffy, P, So-TR, Perth, Australia
31* Darren Edmond, WR, Fr-HS, Norman, Okla.
7 Mike Edwards, S, Sr-3L, Cincinnati, Ohio
81 Isaiah Epps, WR, So-1L, Jenks, Okla.
79 Luke Fortner, OT, So-1L, Sylvania, Ohio
86* Brandon Frazier, DE. 6-2, New Orleans, La.
37* Stanley Garner, CB, Fr-HS, Parkway, Fla.
94* Colin Goodfellow, P, So-Sq, Cleveland, Ohio
3* Jordan Griffin, S, Jr-2L, Riverdale, Ga.
69 Collin Hartmann, DE, Fr-HS, Somerset, Ky.
55 Davoan Hawkins, DL, Fr-HS, Lauderhill, Fla.
19 Akeem Hayes, WR, Fr-HS, Hollywood, Fla.
36* Patrick Henschen, TE, So-Sq, Newport, Ky.
40 Jackson High, LB, So-Sq, Union, Ky.
12* Gunnar Hoak, QB, So-Sq, Dublin, Ohio
68 Kenneth Horsey, OL, Fr-HS, Sanford, Fla.
92 Phil Hoskins, DL, Jr-1L, Toledo, Ohio
13 Zy'Aire Hughes, WR, So-1L, Paducah, Ky.
52 Drake Jackson, C, So-1L, Versailles, Ky.
6 Lonnie Johnson Jr., CB, Sr-1L, Gary, Ind.
28 Zach Johnson, RB, Jr-1L, Cincinnati, Ohio
34 Jordan Jones, LB, Sr-3L, Youngstown, Ohio
58 Alex King, OLB, Fr-RS, Mason, Ohio
5 Sihiem King, RB, Sr-3L, Colquitt, Ga.
70 Darian Kinnard, OL, Fr-HS, Knoxville, Tenn.
47 Harold Lacy, LB, So-TR, Memphis, Tenn.
15* Kolbe Langhi, QB, Fr-HS, Hopkinsville, Ky.

NUMERICAL ROSTER

- 1 Lynn Bowden Jr. WR 6-1 195 So-1L Youngstown, Ohio (Warren Harding)
2 Dorian Baker WR 6-3 205 Sr-3L Cleveland Heights, Ohio (Cleveland Heights)
3* Terry Wilson QB 6-3 205 So-JC Oklahoma City, Okla. (Garden City CC/Oregon/Del City)
3* Jordan Griffin S 6-0 194 Jr-2L Riverdale, Ga. (Jonesboro)
4 Joshua Paschal DL 6-3 278 So-1L Olney, Md. (Our Lady of Good Counsel)
5 Sihiem King RB 5-9 172 Sr-3L Colquitt, Ga. (Colquitt County)
6 Lonnie Johnson Jr. CB 6-3 206 Sr-1L Gary, Ind. (Garden City CC/Gary West Side)
7 Mike Edwards S 6-0 201 Sr-3L Cincinnati, Ohio (Winton Woods)
8 Derrick Baity Jr. CB 6-3 188 Sr-3L Tampa, Fla. (H.B. Plant)
9 Davonte Robinson S 6-2 200 So-1L Lexington, Ky. (Henry Clay)
10 Asim "A.J." Rose RB 6-1 208 So-1L Cleveland, Ohio (Garfield Heights)
11 Tavin Richardson WR 6-3 207 Jr-2L Greer, S.C. (Byrnes)
12* Gunnar Hoak QB 6-4 206 So-Sq Dublin, Ohio (Dublin Coffman)
12* Chance Poore K 6-2 210 Fr-HS Anderson, S.C. (Westside)
13 Zy'Aire Hughes WR 6-1 182 So-1L Paducah, Ky. (McCracken County)
14 Ahmad Wagner WR 6-5 238 Jr-TR Huber Heights, Ohio (Iowa/Wayne)
15* Kolbe Langhi QB 6-4 209 Fr-HS Hopkinsville, Ky. (Christian County)
15* Jordan Wright OLB 6-5 236 Fr-RS Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (Dillard)
17 Walker Wood QB 6-0 190 Fr-RS Lexington, Ky. (Lafayette)
18 Clevan Thomas Jr. WR 5-11 207 So-1L Miami, Fla. (Charles W. Flanagan)
19 Akeem Hayes WR 5-8 153 Fr-HS Hollywood, Fla. (Chaminade-Madonna)
20* Kengera Daniel DE 6-5 235 Sr-3L Raleigh, N.C. (Millbrook)
20* Kavosiey Smoke RB 5-9 219 Fr-HS Wetumpka, Ala. (Wetumpka)
21 Chris Westry CB 6-4 197 Sr-3L Orange Park, Fla. (Oakleaf)
22 Chris Oats LB 6-3 228 Fr-HS Cincinnati, Ohio (Winton Woods)
23* Brayden Berezowitz WR 5-9 180 Jr-Sq Lexington, Ky. (Henry Clay)
23* Tyrell Ajian S 6-0 187 Fr-RS Mansfield, Ohio (Madison Comprehensive)
24 Christopher Rodriguez Jr. RB 5-11 218 Fr-HS McDonough, Ga. (Ola)
25* Brett Slusher WR 6-2 193 Jr-Sq Fort Mitchell, Ky. (Beechwood)
25* Darius West S 6-0 210 Sr-3L Lima, Ohio (Central Catholic)
26* Benny Snell Jr. RB 5-11 223 Jr-2L Westerville, Ohio (Westerville Central)
26* Michael Nesbitt DB 6-0 196 Fr-RS Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (Boyd Anderson)
27* Cedrick Dort Jr. DB 5-11 176 So-1L Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. (Dwyer)
27* Bryan Berezowitz WR 5-9 180 Jr-Sq Lexington, Ky. (Henry Clay)
28 Zach Johnson RB 5-10 185 Jr-1L Cincinnati, Ohio (Colerain)
29* Zac Berezowitz WR 5-11 180 Fr-HS Lexington, Ky. (Henry Clay)
29* Yusuf Corker S 6-0 185 Fr-RS McDonough, Ga. (Woodland)
30* Domonique Williams CB 5-10 184 Jr-JC Knoxville, Tenn. (Highland CC/Fulton)
30* Donald Smith RB 5-6 170 So-Sq Harrodsburg, Ky. (Mercer County)
31* Darren Edmond WR 5-11 184 Fr-HS Norman, Okla. (Paul Laurence Dunbar - KY)
31* Jamar Watson OLB 6-3 234 So-1L Forestville, Md. (Bishop McNamara)
32* Jamari Brown DB 6-1 187 Fr-HS Sunrise, Fla. (Blanche Ely)
32* Tyler Markray RB 5-10 214 Fr-HS West Bloomfield, Mich. (Walled Lake Central)
33 David Bouvier WR 5-9 168 Sr-Sq Lexington, Ky. (Lexington Catholic)
34 Jordan Jones LB 6-2 218 Sr-3L Youngstown, Ohio (Cardinal Mooney)
35* Immanuel Bowie DB 5-9 167 Fr-HS Lexington, Ky. (Tatescreek)
35* John Daido WR 6-5 213 So-Sq Vienna, Va. (Oakton)
36 Patrick Henschen TE 6-6 228 So-Sq Newport, Ky. (Newport Central Catholic)
37* Tyler Beisner WR 5-9 142 Fr-HS Goshen, Ky. (North Oldham)
37* Stanley Garner CB 6-1 171 Fr-HS Parkway, Fla. (Dillard)
38 William Nalty LB 6-0 228 So-Sq Metairie, La. (Metairie Park Country Day)
39 Elijah Barnett LB 6-3 238 Jr-Sq Lexington, Ky. (Henry Clay)
40 Jackson High LB 5-11 238 So-Sq Union, Ky. (Ryle)
41 Josh Allen OLB 6-5 260 Sr-3L Montclair, N.J. (Montclair)
42 Tristan Yeomans LS 6-2 208 Sr-2L Waycross, Ga. (Ware County/New Mexico Military)
43 DeAndre Square LB 6-1 208 Fr-HS Detroit, Mich. (Cass Tech)
44 Jamin Davis LB 6-4 224 Fr-RS Ludowici, Ga. (Long County)
45 Jaylen Scott DB 5-10 200 So-TR Clarksville, Tenn. (Kenwood/ASA College Miami)
46 Drew Schlegel TE/FB 5-11 218 Jr-Sq Parker, Colo. (Regis Jesuit)
47 Harold Lacy LB 6-2 225 So-TR Memphis, Tenn. (Middle Tennessee/Cordova)
48 Will Crum WR 6-6 195 Fr-HS Louisville, Ky. (St. Xavier)
49 Shawn Lawson DE 6-3 220 Fr-HS Jonesboro, Ga. (Jonesboro)
50 Marquan McCall DL 6-3 368 Fr-HS Detroit, Mich. (Oak Park)
52 Drake Jackson C 6-2 303 So-1L Versailles, Ky. (Woodford County)
53 Blake Best LS 6-1 220 Jr-2L Duluth, Ga. (Peachtree Ridge)





49	Shawn Lawson, DE, Fr-HS, Jonesboro, Ga.	55	Davano Hawkins	DL	6-2	271	Fr-HS	Lauderhill, Fla. (Chaminade-Madonna)
78	Nick Lewis, OT, Fr-HS, Jacksonville, Fla.	56	Kash Daniel	LB	6-1	242	Jr-2L	Paintsville, Ky. (Paintsville)
59	Kordell Looney, DT, So-1L, Springfield, Ohio	58	Alex King	OLB	6-3	236	Fr-RS	Mason, Ohio (William Mason)
93*	Jerquavion Mahone, DL, Fr-HS, Jordan City, Ga.	59	Kordell Looney	DT	6-3	297	So-1L	Springfield, Ohio (Springfield)
32*	Tyler Markray, RB, Fr-HS, West Bloomfield, Mich.	60	Quintin Wilson	C	6-1	311	Fr-HS	Cincinnati, Ohio (Turpin)
50	Marquan McCall DL, 6-3, Detroit, Mich.	61	Austin Dotson	OT	6-6	322	Fr-RS	Belfry, Ky. (Belfry)
86*	Grant McKinniss, P, Jr-1L, Findlay, Ohio	62	Tyler Couch	OL	6-1	243	Fr-HS	Paintsville, Ky. (Paintsville)
99	Adrian Middleton, DT, Sr-3L, Bowling Green, Ky.	63	Sam Turner	OL	6-10	310	Fr-HS	Hazard, Ky. (Perry County Central)
38	William Nalty, LB, So-Sq, Metairie, La.	64	George Asafo-Adjei	OT	6-5	315	Sr-3L	West Chester, Ohio (Lakota West)
73	Matthew Napier, OT, Fr-HS, Nicholasville, Ky.	65	"Bunchy" Stallings	OG	6-3	305	Sr-2L	McComb, Miss. (Spain Park)
26*	Michael Nesbitt, DB, Fr-RS, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	66	Naasir Watkins	OL	6-5	318	Fr-RS	Laurel, Md. (Our Lady of Good Counsel)
22	Chris Oats, LB, Fr-HS, Cincinnati, Ohio	67	Landon Young	OT	6-7	305	Jr-2L	Lexington, Ky. (Lafayette)
85	Bryce Oliver, WR, Fr-HS, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	68	Kenneth Horsey	OL	6-3	332	Fr-HS	Sanford, Fla. (Sanford Seminole)
4	Joshua Paschal, DL, So-1L, Olney, Md.	69	Collin Hartmann	DL	6-4	265	Fr-HS	Somerset, Ky. (Somerset)
12*	Chance Poore, K, Fr-HS, Anderson, S.C.	70	Darian Kinnard	OL	6-5	357	Fr-HS	Knoxville, Tenn. (St. Ignatius - Ohio)
72	E.J. Price, OL, So-TR, Lawrenceville, Ga.	71	Logan Stenberg	OG	6-6	320	Jr-2L	Madison, Ala. (James Clemens)
11	Tavin Richardson, WR, Jr-2L Greer, S.C.	72	E.J. Price	OL	6-6	305	So-TR	Lawrenceville, Ga. (USC/Archer)
83	Justin Rigg, TE, Jr-2L, Springboro, Ohio	73	Matthew Napier	OL	6-6	329	Fr-HS	Nicholasville, Ky. (East Jessamine)
9	Davonte Robinson, S, So-1L, Lexington, Ky.	77	Mason Wolfe	OT	6-6	315	Jr-1L	Henderson, Ky. (Henderson County)
24	Christopher Rodriguez Jr., RB, Fr-HS, McDonough, Ga.	78	Nick Lewis	OT	6-9	350	Fr-HS	Jacksonville, Fla. (The Bolles School)
10	Asim "A.J." Rose, RB, So-1L, Cleveland, Ohio	79	Luke Fortner	OT	6-6	293	So-1L	Sylvania, Ohio (Sylvania Northview)
96	Matt Ruffolo, K, So-Sq, Centerville, Ohio	80	Brendan Bates	TE	6-4	240	Fr-HS	Cincinnati, Ohio (Archbishop Moeller)
46	Drew Schlegel, TE/FB, Jr-Sq, Parker, Colo.	81	Isaiah Epps	WR	6-2	181	So-1L	Jenks, Okla. (Jenks)
45	Jaylen Scott, DB, So-TR, Clarksville, Tenn.	82	Josh Ali	WR	6-0	181	So-1L	Hollywood, Fla. (Chaminade-Madonna)
25*	Brett Slusher, WR, Jr-Sq, Fort Mitchell, Ky.	83	Justin Rigg	TE	6-6	257	Jr-2L	Springboro, Ohio (Springboro)
30*	Donald Smith, RB, So-Sq, Harrodsburg, Ky.	84	B.J. Alexander	WR	6-3	178	Fr-HS	Miami Gardens, Fla. (Chaminade-Madonna)
20*	Kavosiey Smoke, RB, Fr-HS, Wetumpka, Ala.	85	Bryce Oliver	WR	6-1	209	Fr-HS	Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (Dillard)
26*	Benny Snell Jr., RB, Jr-2L, Westerville, Ohio	86*	Brandon Frazier	DE	6-2	243	Fr-RS	New Orleans, La. (Jackson State/John Ehret)
43	DeAndre Square, LB, Fr-HS, Detroit, Mich.	86*	Grant McKinniss	P	6-1	200	Jr-1L	Findlay, Ohio (Findlay)
65	"Bunchy" Stallings, OG, Sr-2L, McComb, Miss.	87	C.J. Conrad	TE	6-5	252	Sr-3L	LaGrange, Ohio (Keystone)
71	Logan Stenberg, OG, Jr-2L, Madison, Ala.	88	Keaton Upshaw	TE	6-5	234	Fr-HS	Lima, Ohio (Lima Senior)
91	Calvin Taylor Jr., DE, Jr-1L, Augusta, Ga.	89	Allen Dailey Jr.	WR	6-2	202	Fr-HS	Pinson, Ala. (Pinson Valley)
18	Clevan Thomas Jr., WR, So-1L, Miami, Fla.	90	T.J. Carter	DE	6-4	265	Jr-2L	Mableton, Ga. (Whitefield Academy)
63	Sam Turner, OT, Fr-HS, Hazard, Ky.	91	Calvin Taylor Jr.	DE	6-9	300	Jr-1L	Augusta, Ga. (Augusta Christian)
88	Keaton Upshaw, TE, Fr-HS, Lima, Ohio	92	Phil Hoskins	DL	6-5	306	Jr-1L	Toledo, Ohio (Highland CC/Whitmer)
14	Ahmad Wagner, WR, Jr-TR, Huber Heights, Ohio	93*	Max Duffy	P	6-1	194	So-TR	Perth, Australia (Curtin Univ./Kent Street)
66	Naasir Watkins, OL, Fr-RS, Laurel, Md.	93*	Jerquavion Mahone	DL	6-3	308	Fr-HS	Jordan City, Ga. (Manchester)
31*	Jamar Watson, OLB, So-1L, Forestville, Md.	94*	Colin Goodfellow	P	6-2	218	So-Sq	Cleveland, Ohio (St. Ignatius)
25*	Darius West, S, Sr-3L, Lima, Ohio	94*	Abule Abadi-Fitzgerald	DT	6-6	281	Fr-RS	Lakeland, Fla. (Victory Christian Academy)
21	Chris Westry, CB, Sr-3L, Orange Park, Fla.	95*	Quinton Bohanna	NG	6-4	340	So-1L	Cordova, Tenn. (Cordova)
97	Chris Whittaker, OLB, Fr-RS, Hollywood, Fla.	95*	Miles Butler	K	5-9	165	Sr-1L	Paducah, Ky. (Tilghman)
30*	Domonique Williams, CB, Jr-JC, Knoxville, Tenn.	96	Matt Ruffolo	K	5-11	215	So-Sq	Centerville, Ohio (Archbishop Alter)
3*	Terry Wilson, QB, So-JC, Oklahoma City, Okla.	97	Chris Whittaker	OLB	6-3	227	Fr-RS	Hollywood, Fla. (Chaminade-Madonna)
60	Quintin Wilson, C, Fr-HS, Cincinnati, Ohio	98	Tymere Dubose	DT	6-5	315	Sr-3L	Youngstown, Ohio (Youngstown Christian)
77	Mason Wolfe, OT, Jr-1L, Henderson, Ky.	99	Adrian Middleton	DT	6-3	298	Sr-3L	Bowling Green, Ky. (South Warren)
17	Walker Wood, QB, Fr-RS, Lexington, Ky.							
15*	Jordan Wright, OLB, Fr-RS, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.							
42	Tristan Yeomans, LS, Sr-2L, Waycross, Ga.							
67	Landon Young, OT, Jr-2L, Lexington, Ky.							

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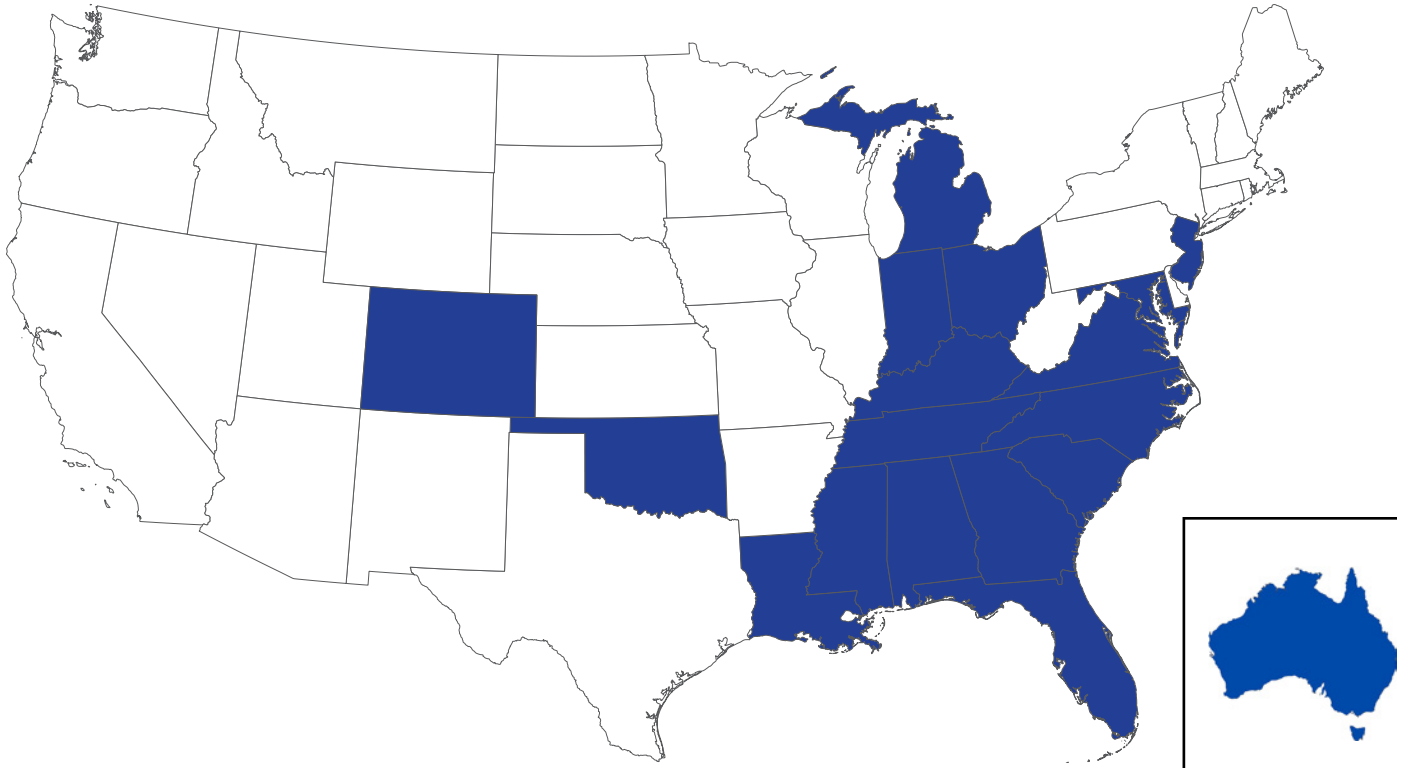
Abule (ah-BOO-lay) Abadi (ah-BODY) Fitzgerald
 George Asafo (ah-SAH-fo)-Adjei (ad-JAY)
 Tyrell Ajan (a-jun)
 Derrick Baity (same as "batey")
 David Bouvier (Boo-VEE-ay)
 Lynn Bowden (BO-den – long "o" sound)
 Bryan, Brayden and Zac Berezowitz: Berezowitz
 (BREZ-o-wits)
 Yusuf (YOU-suf) Corker
 John Daido (DAY-doe)
 Kengera (ken-JAIR-uh) Daniel
 Jamin (JAY-min) Davis
 Tymere Dohose (du-BOSE)

Davano (day-VEE-on) Hawkins
 Patrick Henschen (HEN-chen)
 Zy'Aire (ZY-air) Hughes
 Sihiem (sah-HEEM) King
 Jerquavion (jer-QUAY-vee-on) Mahone
 Tavin (TAY-vin) Richardson
 Drew Schlegel (SHLAY-gul)
 Kavosiey (kah-VAH-see-ay) Smoke
 Clevan (clee-VAN – like the van you drive) Thomas
 Naasir (nah-SEER) Watkins
 Tristan Yeomans (YO-mans)



CATS ON THE MAP

The 2018 football roster is comprised of 17 different states and Australia



Alabama (3)

Madison	Logan Stenberg
Pinson	Allen Dailey
Wetumpka	Kavosiey Smoke

Colorado (1)

Parker	Drew Schlegel
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Florida (17)

Fort Lauderdale	Michael Nesbitt
	Bryce Oliver
	Jordan Wright
Hollywood	Josh Ali
	Akeem Hayes
	Chris Whittaker
Jacksonville	Nick Lewis
Lakeland	Abule Abadi-Fitzgerald
Lauderhill	Davoan Hawkins
Miami	Clevan Thomas Jr.
Miami Gardens	B.J. Alexander
Orange Park	Chris Westry
Palm Beach	Cedrick Dort Jr.
Parkway	Stanley Garner
Sanford	Kenneth Horsey
Sunrise	Jamari Brown
Tampa	Derrick Baity

Georgia (11)

Augusta	Calvin Taylor Jr.
Colquitt	Sihiem King
Duluth	Blake Best
Jordan City	Jerquavion Mahone
Lawrenceville	E.J. Price
Ludowici	Jamin Davis
Mableton	T.J. Carter
Riverdale	Jordan Griffin
McDonough	Yusuf Corker

Christopher Rodriguez Jr.	
Waycross	Tristan Yeomans

Indiana (1)

Gary	Lonnie Johnson Jr.
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Kentucky (27)

Belfry	Austin Dotson
Bowling Green	Adrian Middleton
Fort Mitchell	Brett Slusher
Harrodsburg	Donald Smith
Hazard	Sam Turner
Henderson	Mason Wolfe
Hopkinsville	Kolbe Langhi
Lexington	Elijah Barnett
	Brayden Berezowitz
	Bryan Berezowitz
	Zac Berezowitz
	David Bouvier
	Immanuel Bowie
	Davonte Robinson
	Will Roden
	Walker Wood
	Landon Young
Louisville	Will Crum
Newport	Patrick Henschen
Nicholasville	Matthew Napier
Paducah	Miles Butler
	Zy'Aire Hughes
Paintsville	Tyler Couch
	Kash Daniel
Somerset	Collin Hartman
Union	Jackson High
Versailles	Drake Jackson
	William Nalty

Louisiana (2)

Metairie	William Nalty
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New Orleans	Brandon Frazier
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Maryland (3)

Forestville	Jamar "Boogie" Watson
Laurel	Naasir Watkins
Olney	Josh Paschal

Michigan (3)

Detroit	Marquan McCall
	DeAndre Square
West Bloomfield	Tyler Markray

Mississippi (1)

McComb	Jervontius "Bunchy" Stallings
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New Jersey (1)

Montclair	Josh Allen
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North Carolina (1)

Raleigh	Kengera Daniel
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Ohio (26)

Cincinnati	Brenden Bates
	Mike Edwards
	Colin Goodfellow
	Zach Johnson
	Chris Oats
	Quintin Wilson
Centerville	Matt Ruffolo
Cleveland	Asim "A.J." Rose
Cleveland Heights	Dorian Baker
Dublin	Gunnar Hoak
Findlay	Grant McKinniss
Huber Heights	Ahmad Wagner
LaGrange	C.J. Conrad
Lima	Keaton Upshaw
	Darius West

Mansfield	Tyrell Ajian
Mason	Alex King
Springfield	Kordell Looney
Springsboro	Justin Rigg
Sylvania	Luke Fortner
Toledo	Phil Hoskins
West Chester	George Asafo-Adjei
Westerville	Benny Snell Jr.
Youngstown	Lynn Bowden Jr.
	Tymere Dubose
	Jordan Jones

Virginia (1)

Vienna	John Daido
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Oklahoma (3)

Jenks	Isaiah Epps
Norman	Darren Edmond
Oklahoma City	Terry Wilson

South Carolina (2)

Anderson	Chance Poore
Greer	Tavin Richardson

Tennessee (3)

Cordova	Quinton Bohanna
Knoxville	Darian Kinnard
	Domonique Williams

AUSTRALIA (1)

Perth	Max Duffy
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2018 PLAYER BIOGRAPHIES

Breakdown by Class

Seniors (18)

Josh Allen
George Asafo-Adjei
Derrick Baity
Dorian Baker
David Bouvier
Miles Butler
C.J. Conrad
Kengera Daniel
Tymere Dubose
Mike Edwards
Lonnie Johnson Jr.
Jordan Jones
Sihiem King
Adrian Middleton
Bunchy Stallings
Darius West
Chris Westry
Tristan Yeomans

Juniors (21)

Elijah Barnett
Brayden Berezowitz
Bryan Berezowitz
Blake Best
T.J. Carter
Kash Daniel
Jordan Griffen
Phil Hoskins
Zach Johnson
Grant McKinniss
Tavin Richardson
Justin Rigg
Drew Schlegel
Brett Slusher
Benny Snell Jr.
Logan Stenberg
Calvin Taylor Jr.
Ahmad Wagner
Domonique Williams
Mason Wolfe
Landon Young

Sophomores (27)

Josh Ali
Quinton Bohanna
Lynn Bowden Jr.
John Daido
Cedrick Dort Jr.
Max Duffy
Isaiah Epps
Luke Fortner
Colin Goodfellow
Patrick Henschen
Jackson High
Gunnar Hoak
Zy'Aire Hughes
Drake Jackson
Kordell Looney
William Nalty
Joshua Paschal
E.J. Price
Davonte Robinson

Will Roden
Asim "A.J." Rose
Matt Ruffolo
Jaylen Scott
Donald Smith
Clevan Thomas Jr.
Jamar "Boogie" Watson
Terry Wilson

r-Freshmen (12)

Abule Abadi-Fitzgerald
Tyrell Ajian
Yusuf Corker
Jamin Davis
Austin Dotson
Brandon Frazier
Alex King
Michael Nesbitt
Naasir Watkins
Chris Whittaker
Walker Wood
Jordan Wright

Freshmen (30)

B.J. Alexander
Brenden Bates
Tyler Beisner
Zac Berezowitz
Immanuel Bowie
Jamari Brown
Tyler Couch
Will Crum
Allen Dailey Jr.
Darren Edmond
Stanley Garner
Davoan Hawkins
Akeem Hayes
Kenneth Horsey
Darian Kinnard
Kolbe Langhi
Nick Lewis
Jerquavion Mahone
Tyler Markray
Marquan McCall
Matthew Napier
Chris Oats
Bryce Oliver
Chance Poore
Chris Rodriguez Jr.
Kavosiey Smoke
DeAndre Square
Sam Turner
Keaton Upshaw
Quinton Wilson



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ABULE
**ABADI-
FITZGERALD**
DEFENSIVE TACKLE

6-6 • 281 • Freshman-RS
Lakeland, Fla. (Victory Christian Academy)

2018 - r-Freshman

- Practiced with the team

2017 - Freshman

- Redshirt season

High School

- Recorded 39 tackles, including nine TFL, two sacks and 13 quarterback hurries in 2016 for coach Tommy Lewis at Victory Christian Academy
- Also had two forced fumbles, a fumble recovery and an interception
- Named second-team All-Polk County by the *Lakeland Ledger* and Florida AP All-State Class 2A honorable mention as a senior in helping the Storm finish 13-2 overall
- Member of the 2014 State Championship team
- Named to the Southeast Super-Region Team by the National Christian School Athletic Association
- Transferred to Victory Christian in 2016 after playing at Dade Christian
- Also a star player on the basketball court and competed in the shot put, discus and 400 meters
- School-record holder and back-to-back regional champion in the shot put
- Named second-team All-Dade as a junior
- Averaging 23.0 points and 13.0 rebounds as a senior, compiling over 1,400 career points
- Chose Kentucky over Florida, Florida Atlantic and Florida International

Personal

- Name is pronounced "Abule (ah-BOO-lay) Abadi (ah-BODY)"
- Originally from Yenagoa, Nigeria
- Moved to Florida at the age of 12
- Son of Steve and Teri Fitzgerald
- Major is communications

Abule Says

- His nickname is "A.B." or "A-Bizzle"
- He chose Kentucky because it's a great place with good people who care about you and want to make you great
- One word to describe him on the field is "Lion"
- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to be a successful businessman
- What he most looks forward to this season is getting better as a player and as a student



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MARVIN "B.J."
ALEXANDER
WIDE RECEIVER

6-2 • 175 • Freshman-HS
Miami Gardens, Fla. (Chaminade-Madonna)

2018 - Freshman

- Redshirt season

High School

- One of the nation's top-100 wide receivers by Rivals.com and a national top-125 wideout by 247sports
- Helped lead Chaminade-Madonna Prep to the Florida Class AAA state championship, winning its last 10 games en route to an 11-2 record
- As a senior, caught 37 passes for 585 yards and eight touchdowns ... Named first-team All-County
- Coached by Dameon Jones
- Chose Kentucky over Wisconsin, Syracuse, Central Florida and others
- Teammates with fellow signees Davoan Hawkins and Akeem Hayes
- Rejoined former high school teammates Josh Ali and Chris Whittaker at UK

Personal

- Born in Miami, Florida
- Son of Marvin Alexander Sr., Paula Alexander and Natasha Alexander
- Major is family science

B.J. Says

- His nickname is "B.J."
- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to be a college football coach
- The most influential person in his life is his father because he showed him what hard work looks like
- The one trip he would like to take in his lifetime is a trip to Hawaii



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TYRELL
AJIAN

SAFETY

6-0 • 187 • Freshman-RS
Mansfield, Ohio (Madison Comprehensive)

2018 - r-Freshman

- Has seen action in all 12 games and has nine tackles, three PBUs and one INT
- Made his first career interception and also had a pass breakup in Kentucky's 28-7 win over Mississippi State
- With MSU threatening to tie the game early in the fourth quarter, his third-down pass breakup forced a punt
- On the next possession, with MSU again threatening to tie, he intercepted a pass and returned it 35 yards
- His long return set up a touchdown run on the next play, giving UK a two-TD lead
- Recorded two tackles vs. Murray State, his first career action

2017 - Freshman

- Redshirt season

High School

- Combination athlete in high school, playing defensive back, wide receiver and quarterback
- Four-star prospect by 247Sports, Rivals and ESPN
- Rivals ranks him the No. 10 overall prospect in the state of Ohio and the No. 23 athlete in the class of 2017
- ESPN has him as the No. 8 safety in the country
- Four-year letter winner and three-year starter for Coach Jamie Masi at Madison Comprehensive
- First-team OCC All-Conference and honorable mention second-team All-Northwest Ohio in 2016 after averaging 9.0 tackles per game
- Nominated for the 2017 U.S. Army All-American Bowl
- Had three interceptions and 54 tackles as a junior, along with 783 receiving yards, 551 rushing yards and 19 touchdowns
- OCC Offensive Player of the Year and first-team Offense All-Northwest Ohio in 2015
- Also excelled on the basketball court, becoming a member of Madison's 1,000-point club during his senior season
- Chose Kentucky over Michigan, Michigan State, and West Virginia

Personal

- Name is pronounced "Ajan (a-jun)"
- Born in Ashland, Ohio
- Son of Nikki Ajan and Burton Hester
- Major is undecided

Tyrell Says

- His nickname is "Ty"
- He chose Kentucky because it felt like home

- One word to describe him on the field is "playmaker"
- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to be a pharmacologist
- His passion in life is to impact other people's lives

AJIAN'S 2018 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FC	PBU	Int.	QBH
vs. Central Mich.	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at Florida	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Murray State	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0
vs. Miss. State	0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1-35	0
vs. South Carolina	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at TAMU	1	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0
at Missouri	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at Tennessee	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. MTSU	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at Louisville	1	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0
Totals	9	0-0	0-0	0	3	1-35	0

AJIAN'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 3, at Tennessee, Nov 10, 2018
 Interceptions: 1, vs Mississippi State, Set 22, 2018 (1-35)
 PBU: 1, three times, last at Louisville, Nov 25, 2018



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JOSH
ALI

WIDE RECEIVER

6-0 • 181 • Sophomore -1L
Hollywood, Fla. (Chaminade-Madonna)

2018 - Sophomore

- Has 10 catches for 115 yards this season
- Caught a season-high three passes and his first collegiate TD with a season-long 32-yard reception at Louisville
- Caught two passes for 22 yards in the win at Missouri

2017 - Freshman

- Saw action in nine games
- Caught three passes for 25 yards

High School

- Three-star prospect by all major recruiting services
- Scout.com ranks him the No. 32 wide receiver in the talent-rich state of Florida
- Scout says "He glides and moves effortlessly when navigating the open field and does a good job of sticking his foot in the dirt when getting into his breaks and making cuts, and really keeps defenders on their toes by not giving away his route"
- Four-year starter and letter winner for Coach Dameon Jones at Chaminade
- Caught 43 passes for 805 yards and five receiving TDs in 2016 in helping lead the Lions to a 10-5

- overall record and an appearance in the Class 3A state championship game
- Named first-team All-County and All-State
- Also had one kickoff return for a touchdown
- Hauled in 56 passes for 896 yards and 15 scores as a junior at University School in Ft. Lauderdale
- High school teammate of fellow 2017 signee Chris Whittaker
- Chose Kentucky over Central Florida and Utah

Personal

- Born in Miami, Fla.
- Son of Katrina Gray and Faheem Ali
- Dad, Faheem, was a wide receiver at Louisiana Tech
- Major is community and leadership development

Josh Says

- He chose Kentucky to put UK Football on the map
- One word to describe him on the field is "Smooth"
- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to be a real estate agent
- The one thing he likes most about football is the brotherhood
- His passion in life is to be the best person he can be

ALI'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
2017	WR	10-0	3	25	8.3	0	14
2018	WR	11-0	10	115	11.5	1	32
Totals		20-0	13	140	10.8	1	32

ALI'S 2018 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. Central Michigan	1	14	0	14
at Florida	0	0	0	0
vs. Murray State	1	1	0	1
vs. Miss. State	1	6	0	6
vs. South Carolina	1	8	0	8
at TAMU	1	5	0	5
vs. Vanderbilt	0	0	0	0
at Missouri	2	22	0	13
vs. Georgia	0	0	0	0
at Tennessee	0	0	0	0
vs. MTSU		DNP		
at Louisville	3	59	1	32
Totals	10	115	1	32

ALI'S 2017 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
at Southern Miss	0	0	0	0
vs. E. Michigan	0	0	0	0
vs. Missouri	0	0	0	0
at Miss. State	1	6	0	6
vs. Tennessee	0	0	0	0
vs. Ole Miss	1	14	0	14
at Vanderbilt	0	0	0	0
at Georgia	0	0	0	0
vs. Northwestern	1	5	0	5
Totals	3	25	0	14



ALI'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Receptions: 3, at Louisville, Nov 24, 2018
 Receiving yards: 59, at Louisville, Nov 24, 2018 (3 receptions)
 Long reception: 32, at Louisville, Nov 24, 2018



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JOSH
ALLEN

LINEBACKER

6-5 • 260 • Senior-3L
 Montclair, N.J. (Montclair)

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- 🏆 *Bronko Nagurski Award, National Defensive Player of the Year*
- 🏆 *Chuck Bednarik Award, National Defensive Player of the Year*
- 🏆 *Ronnie Lott IMPACT Trophy, National Defensive Player of the Year*
- 🏆 *Jack Lambert Award, National Linebacker of the Year*
- 🏆 *Birmingham Monday Morning Quarterback Club SEC Lineman of the Year*
- 🏆 *Consensus All-American*
- 🏆 *First-Team All-America (Walter Camp Football Foundation, Sports Illustrated, TheAthletic.com, ESPN, Associated Press, College Football News, Football Writers Association of America, Sporting News, USA Today, CBS, American Football Coaches Association, Athlon)*
- 🏆 *SEC Defensive Player of the Year (AP, Coaches, Athlon, ESPN)*
- 🏆 *First-Team All-SEC (AP, Coaches, Athlon, ESPN)*
- 🏆 *Butkus Award Finalist*
- 🏆 *Walter Camp Player of the Year Finalist*
- 🏆 *Ted Hendricks Award Finalist*
- 🏆 *Maxwell Award Semifinalist*
- 🏆 *Walter Camp National Defensive Player of the Week (10/28)*
- 🏆 *Four-time SEC Defensive Lineman of the Week (9/10, 9/24, 10/1, 10/29)*
- 🏆 *Midseason All-American (CBS Sports, ESPN.com, Sporting News, AP, The Athletic and Pro Football Focus)*
- 🏆 *Three-time Lott IMPACT Player of the Week (Week 5, 9 and 12)*
- 🏆 *Reese's Senior Bowl Watch List*
- 🏆 *First-Team Preseason All-SEC (Coaches, Street & Smith's)*
- 🏆 *Second-Team Preseason All-SEC (Media, Phil Steele, Lindy's)*
- 🏆 *Third-Team Defense Preseason All-SEC (Athlon Sports)*

2018 - Senior (Team Captain)

- Leads the SEC with 14 quarterback sacks, 18.5 tackles for loss, and five forced fumbles
- Second in the nation in fumbles forced, third in sacks and 11th in TFL
- Holds UK's single-season sacks record with 14
- Holds UK's career sacks record with 28.5
- Needs half a sack to break into the SEC's top 10 for

career sacks

- Twelve of his 14 sacks have been in the second half, four in the third quarter and eight in the fourth quarter
- UK has not allowed a point this season on all 14 opponent possessions that he has a sack
- Also has a team-high 84 total tackles, six QB hurries, four pass breakups and two fumble recoveries this season
- Has 38 tackles for loss which ranks second on UK's career list ... Would need six more to tie Oliver Barnett as the leader with 43
- Helped lead UK to its best regular-season record in 41 years, since the 1977 team went 10-1
- Has forced 11 fumbles, tying Danny Trevathan for the UK career record (forced fumble stats available since 1988)
- Had a career-high 15 tackles, including a pair of quarterback sacks for -12 yards vs. MTSU
- First-Team Mid-Season All-America by The Associated Press, ESPN.com, Pro Football Focus and The Athletic
- Four-time SEC Defensive Player of the Week this season, including two wins he clinched with a sack, fumble, and UK recovery on the final possession
- Finalist for the Butkus Award (National Linebacker of the Year), Chuck Bednarik Award (nation's top defensive player) and the Nagurski Award (nation's best defensive player)
- Current semifinalist for the Walter Camp Football Foundation Player of the Year and the Lott IMPACT Trophy as National Defensive Player of the Year
- Has been named Lott IMPACT Trophy Player of the Week three times, the first player to win the POW award three times since Manti Te'o of Notre Dame in 2012
- Named Walter Camp Football Foundation National Defensive Player of the Week after charting a then career-best 11 tackles (nine solo), including a pair of quarterback sacks both of which caused fumbles, in the win over Missouri
- Has been named SEC Defensive Player of the Week four times this season after wins over Florida, Mississippi State, South Carolina and Missouri
- Had three tackles and a pair of fumble recoveries in the Georgia game, the first two recoveries of his career
- Had eight tackles, four tackles for loss (-19), including a career-best three quarterback sacks (-17), one fumble caused and one quarterback hurry in the win over South Carolina
- First UK player with three sacks in an SEC game since Marlon McCree vs. South Carolina in 1998
- First UK player with four tackles for loss in any game since Marlon McCree vs. Florida in 1998
- Totaled six tackles, two tackles for loss, a quarterback sack, a pass breakup and a QB hurry in the win over No. 14 Mississippi State
- Had five tackles, 1.5 tackles for loss, one QB sack, one fumble caused, one pass breakup and one quarterback hurry in the win at No. 25 Florida
- His QB sack on the game's final play caused a fumble that UK returned for a touchdown, clinching the win for the Wildcats ... Also had a key pass breakup on a two-point conversion in the fourth quarter

2017 - Junior

- AP All-SEC Second Team
- Phil Steele All-SEC Third Team

- Butkus Award Semifinalist
- AP Midseason Second-Team All-American
- Sports Illustrated Midseason Second-Team All-American
- First-team Midseason All-SEC by The All-American
- Played and started in all 13 games
- On the season, had 65 tackles (fourth on the team), a team-high 9.5 tackles for loss, a team-high 7.0 sacks, a team-high four QB hurries, 3 PBUs, two forced fumbles and one interception
- Ranked tied for eighth in the SEC and 36th nationally in sacks per game (0.58)
- Got his first career interception at No. 7 Georgia, returning it 14 yards
- Has totaled 19.5 career TFL, 14.5 career sacks

2016 - Sophomore

- Played in all 13 games with nine starts
- Ended the season as UK's seventh-leading tackler with 62
- Led the team and tied for 12th in the SEC in sacks with 7.0
- Third on the team in tackles for loss with 8.5 for 49 yards
- Recorded seven or more tackles in four games, while he had a tackle for loss in nine of Kentucky's 13 games
- Forced four fumbles, leading the SEC in that category
- Made his first career start at Florida

2015 - Freshman

- Played in all 12 games as a reserve linebacker and contributor on special teams
- Had four tackles, including 1.5 tackles for a loss and half a sack

High School

- Explosive prospect led the state of New Jersey in quarterback sacks
- First-team all-state as a senior by MSGvarsity.com
- Also a wide receiver, had 23 receptions for 500 yards and five touchdowns his senior season at Montclair, including an 80-yard grab
- Coached by John Fiore
- As a defensive end, he had 75 total tackles with 21 tackles for loss plus 22.5 sacks
- Also had six passes defended and one fumble recovery
- Helped Montclair claim its third-straight North Jersey Section 1, Group 5 Championship in 2014
- Named All-Super Essex Conference first-team defense in 2014
- Played first three years of high school in Alabama before moving back to his hometown his senior season
- First-team all-state wide receiver for Abbeville (Ala.) High School as a junior
- Chose Kentucky over Buffalo and Monmouth

Personal

- Born in Cumberland County, Va.
- Has a son, Wesley DeVon Allen
- Son of Kim Allen and Robert Allen
- Josh's sister, Myisha Hines-Allen, played collegiate basketball at Louisville and currently is a forward for the WNBA's Washington Mystics
- An uncle, Gregory Hines, played college basketball at Hampton and went on to a 12-year pro career
- Major is communications



Community Cats

- Participated in an event with the Special Olympics after practice and was a volunteer at the Indian Summer Camp for children's cancer survivors (2015)

Josh Says

- He chose Kentucky because he wanted to be a piece of the puzzle in making UK great
Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to be a sports analyst
If he had to choose one player to be stranded on an island with he would choose Jordan Jones because he would find a way to get them rescued and provide entertainment
His non-sports talent is cooking

ALLEN'S CAREER STATISTICS

Table with columns: Year, Pos., G-GS, TklS, Sacks-Yds., TFL-Yds., Int., FF/FR, PBU, QBH. Rows for 2015-2018 and Totals.

ALLEN'S 2018 GAME-BY-GAME

Table with columns: Opponent, TklS, Sacks, TFL-Y, FF/FR, PBU, QBH, Int.-Yds. Rows for various opponents and Totals.

ALLEN'S 2017 GAME-BY-GAME

Table with columns: Opponent, TklS, Sacks, TFL-Y, FF, PBU, QBH, Int.-Yds. Rows for various opponents and Totals.

ALLEN'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 15, vs Middle Tennessee, Nov 17, 2018 (8-7)
Sacks: 3.0, vs South Carolina, Sept 29, 2018
Tackles for loss: 4.0, vs South Carolina, Sept 29, 2018
Fumbles forced: 2, vs Missouri, Oct 28, 2018 (9-2)
Fumbles recovered: 2, vs Georgia, Nov 3, 2018
Quarterback Hurries: 2, at Southern Miss, Sept 2, 2017 (2.0-9)
Pass breakups: 2, at Mississippi State, Oct 21, 2017
Interceptions: 1, at Georgia, Nov 18, 2017 (1-14)



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GEORGE ASAFO-ADJEI

OFFENSIVE TACKLE

6-5 • 315 • Senior-3L
West Chester, Ohio (Lakota West)

SEC Offensive Lineman of the Week (10/1, 10/22)

2018 - Senior (Team Captain)

- Starter at right tackle
Earned SEC Offensive Lineman of the Week after grading at 90 percent in UK's 24-10 win over South Carolina ... Had two knockdown blocks and 19 blocks at the point of attack .. Had no missed assignments and did not allow a quarterback sack or pressure ... Also had a key block to help spring A.J. Rose's 24-yard touchdown run
Named SEC Offensive Lineman of the Week for the second time after grading at 89 percent in the win over Vanderbilt ... Had three knockdown blocks and 23 blocks at the point of attack ... Played every offensive snap without an assignment error; also did not have any penalties or allow any quarterback sacks or pressures ... Helped Benny Snell Jr., rush for 169 yards, including a key block on Snell's game-winning seven-yard touchdown run

2017 - Junior

- Saw action in all 13 games with eight starting assignments at right tackle
Blocked for All-SEC running back, Benny Snell Jr., the first player in school history to rush for 1,000 yards in consecutive seasons

2016 - Sophomore

- Saw action in 12 of 13 games
An integral part of the offensive line who were named semifinalists for the Joe Moore Award which recognizes the nation's Most Outstanding Offensive Line
Blocking for Boom Williams and Benny Snell, UK was the only team in the SEC with two 1,000-yard rushers

2015 - Freshman

- Played in 11 of UK's 12 games, making the first three starts of the year at right tackle
Was praised by the coaching staff for his talent, strength and development throughout the year
Helped UK to 435 yards in his collegiate debut, a win over UL Lafayette to open the year

- Graduated a semester early and enrolled at Kentucky in January of 2015

High School

- Two-year starter on the offensive line and also played some on the defensive line at Lakota West High School in West Chester, Ohio for head coach Larry Cox
Four-star prospect by 247sports.com and three-star player by Scout, Rivals and ESPN
Scout ranked him the 27th-best offensive guard in the class of 2015 and the second best in the state of Ohio
Rivals and 247Sports.com ranked him the No. 21 overall prospect in the state of Ohio
Was a 2014 All-Ohio first-team selection
First-team All-Southwest Ohio in 2013 and 2014
Also first-team Greater Miami Conference
Participated in the Semper Fidelis All-American Bowl in January 2015 after being named a Semper Fidelis All-American
Named the Anthony Munoz Foundation Offensive Lineman of the Year in 2014
Blocking helped guide Lakota West to the Elite 8 of the state playoffs as a senior, the best finish in school history
His pass protection helped the team shatter the school's single-season passing record in 2014
Wrestled in high school one season, winning several varsity meets
Chose Kentucky over Louisville, Florida, Ohio State and Nebraska

Personal

- Last name pronounced "ah-SAH-fo ah-JAY"
Nickname is "Big George"
Son of Kate Boadi
Born in the Bronx, N.Y.
Graduated in December with a degree in community and leadership development

Community Cats

- Participated in a one-week service/educational trip to Ethiopia in May of 2018 where he interacted with residents of impoverished communities, visited and helped paint a preschool, constructed wooden shoe-shining boxes, and delivered blankets to widows
Visited with sick children at Wolfson Children's Hospital at the TaxSlayer Bowl in Jacksonville, Fla. (2016)
Stayed after practice to spend time with the Special Olympics (2015)

George Says

- His nickname is "Big George"
He came to Kentucky because he wanted to play with this group of guys and change the program
Other than playing in the NFL, his dream is to coach kids
The one thing he likes most about football is how it brings a group of guys that don't know each other together and builds relationships like no other
Most people don't know that he speaks two languages (English and Ghanaian)



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DERRICK
BAITY JR.

CORNERBACK

6-3 • 188 • Senior-3L
Tampa, Fla. (H.B. Plant)

- Third-Team Preseason All-SEC (Lindy's)
- Reese's Senior Bowl

2018 - Senior

- Has 35 tackles and a team-high six PBU
- Charted a season-high six tackles vs. Georgia along with 0.5 TFL and a QBH
- Had five tackles, 1.0 TFL, one forced fumble and a PBU at Texas A&M ... His forced fumble in the fourth quarter was recovered and return for a TD by Darius West, forcing OT
- Had three tackles and a PBU in the win at Missouri
- Recorded three tackles and an interception in the win over South Carolina
- Also had three tackles and PBU in the win over Mississippi State
- Had two pass breakups in the win at Florida

2017 - Junior

- Started in 12 of 13 games
- Had 49 tackles, sixth on the team
- Two interceptions (South Carolina and Vandy) and a team-high nine PBUs
- Had six tackles and a career-high three pass breakups vs. Missouri
- Responsible for three defensive takeaways in the second half of Kentucky's 23-13 win at South Carolina, including a pair of tackles on 4th-and-1 and a pass interception
- Name SEC Co-Defensive Player of the Week for his play at USC
- Led the Wildcats with eight tackles at USC
- Had eight tackles and one fumble recovery vs. ECU ... The fumble recovery was Baity's first of his career

2016 - Sophomore

- Started in all 13 games
- Tied for the team lead with three interceptions (UF, NMSU and UT)
- Second on the team with seven PBUs
- Totaled 42 tackles, ninth on the team
- Had four tackles in the win over Mississippi State, adding a tackle for loss and a pass breakup
- Had a career-high seven tackles in the win over Vanderbilt, topping his previous best of five, which he most recently did against South Carolina
- Registered his first career INT at Florida
- Recorded five tackles vs. South Carolina, adding two pass breakups and one quarterback hurry

2015 - Freshman

- Played in all 12 games, starting the final four
- Finished with 19 tackles, including a tackle for a loss, breaking up two passes

- Had four tackles at Mississippi State and Tennessee, including a tackle for a loss at MSU
- Broke up two passes vs. Louisville, adding two tackles

High School

- First-team all-state as a senior
- Three-star prospect by ESPN, which ranked him as one of the top 200 players in the talent-rich state of Florida and 83rd-best cornerback in the nation
- Florida High School Athletic Association 8A All-State First-Team Defense
- Had 66 tackles his senior season with three tackles for loss, six interceptions (three returned for touchdowns) and three fumbles recovered
- Had three interceptions, returning one for a TD, as a junior with one fumble recovery and 40 tackles
- All-around athlete that also played wide receiver and had success his senior season with 33 receptions for 730 yards and 12 touchdowns, including a season-best 77-yard reception.
- Three-year letterman and two-year starter
- Member of the school's Student Advisory Council and English Honor Society and served in the school's mentor program
- Chose Kentucky after offers from Indiana, Iowa State, Louisville, Minnesota, South Florida, Syracuse, UCF and Wisconsin

Personal

- Name pronounced same as "Batey"
- Born in Tampa
- Son of Tasha Moore and Derrick Baity Sr.
- Has a son, Derrick Baity III or "Champ" and a daughter, Trinity
- A cousin of former Kentucky quarterback Shane Boyd and former UK receiver Aaron Boyd
- Major is community and leadership development

Community Catsby

- Spent time with MLK Youth Leadership participants at a local church (2016)
- Stayed after practice to spend time with the Special Olympics (2015)

Derrick Says

- His nickname is "D.B."
- His pregame routine consists of running one lap around the field
- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to be a child/family therapist
- Best advice he's ever received is "stay in your own lane"
- One word to describe him on the field is "champ"

BAITY'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tackles	TFL-Yds.	Int.	FC/FR	QBH	PBU
2015	CB	12-4	19	1.0-1	0-0	0	0	2
2016	CB	13-13	42	2.0-5	3-10	0	1	7
2017	CB	13-12	49	0.5-1	2-48	1/1	0	9
2018	CB	12-11	35	1.5-2	1-(-3)	1/0	1	7
Totals		50-40	145	5.5-9	6-55	2/1	2	25

BAITY'S 2018 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FC/FR	QBH	PBU	Int.-Yds
vs. Central Mich.*	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at Florida*	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	2	0
vs. Murray State*	4	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Miss. State*	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	1	0
vs. USC*	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	1-(-3)
at TAMU*	5	0-0	1.0-2	1/0	0	1	0
vs. Vanderbilt*	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	1	0
at Missouri*	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	1	0
vs. Georgia	6	0-0	0.5-0	0/0	1	0	0
at Tennessee*	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. MTSU*	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at Louisville*	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	1	0
Totals	34	0-0	1.5-2	1/0	1	6	1-(-3)

BAITY'S 2017 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FC/FR	PBU	Int.-Yds
at Southern Miss *	4	0-0	0.5-1	0/0	0	0
vs. ECU*	8	0-0	0-0	0/1	0	0
at South Carolina*	8	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	1-3
vs. Florida*	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. E. Michigan	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	2	0
vs. Missouri*	6	0-0	0-0	0/0	3	0
at Miss. State*	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. Tennessee*	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. Ole Miss*	5	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
at Vanderbilt*	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	1-45
at Georgia*	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. Louisville*	2	0-0	0-0	1/0	0	0
vs. Northwestern*	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	4	0
Totals	49	0-0	0.5-1	1/1	9	2-48

BAITY'S 2016 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FC	QBH	PBU	Int.
vs. Southern Miss *	5	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at Florida *	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	1
vs. New Mexico St. *	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1
vs. South Carolina *	5	0-0	0-0	0	1	2	0
at Alabama *	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt *	7	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Miss. State *	4	0-0	1.0-2	0	0	1	0
at Missouri *	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia *	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0
at Tennessee *	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1
vs. Austin Peay *	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0
at Louisville *	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia Tech *	5	0-0	1.0-3	0	0	1	0
Totals	42	0-0	2.0-5	0	1	7	3

BAITY'S 2015 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FC	PBU	Int.
vs. UL Lafayette	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
at South Carolina	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
vs. Florida	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
vs. Missouri	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
vs. Eastern Kentucky	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0





BAITY'S 2015 GAME-BY-GAME

vs. Auburn	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
at Mississippi State	4	1-1	0-0	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
at Georgia	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
at Vanderbilt	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
vs. Charlotte	0	0-0	1-1	0	0	0
vs. Louisville	2	0-0	0-0	0	2	0
Totals	19	0-0	1-1	0	2	0

BAITY'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 8, twice, last at South Carolina, Sept 16, 2017 (6-2)
Tackles for loss: 1.0, four times, last at TAMU, Oct 6, 2018
Pass breakups: 4, vs Northwestern, Dec 29, 2017
QBH: 1, twice, last vs Georgia, Nov 3, 2018
Interceptions: 1, six times, last vs South Carolina, Sept 29, 2018 (-3)
Fumble forced: 1, twice, last at TAMU, Oct 6, 2018
Fumble recovery: 1, vs. ECU, Sept. 10, 2017



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DORIAN BAKER

WIDE RECEIVER

6-3 • 205 • Senior-3L
 Cleveland Heights, Ohio
 (Cleveland Heights)

2018 - Senior

- One of 28 members of UK's 1,000-yard receiving club ... Now has 1,148 career receiving yards, ranking No. 25 ... Needs 52 more to move up to No. 24 with Stevie Johnson (1,200 from 2006-07)
- Had two catches at Louisville, becoming the 16th player with at least 100 receptions in a career
- Caught a crucial 23-yard pass in the second quarter vs. Mississippi State on the Bulldogs' 2-yard line, setting up a Benny Snell TD on the next play

2017 - Senior

- Missed the season with an ankle injury

2016 - Junior

- Missed three games early dealing with a preseason hamstring injury
- Returned to action vs. Vanderbilt
- Had one catch at Louisville for a 35-yard touchdown, his first scoring grab of the season
- Made his first receptions of the season at Missouri, finishing with four catches for 48 yards
- Became the 27th player in Kentucky history (and the fourth on the 2016 team) to surpass 1,000 receiving yards in his career, and now has 1,015 yards as a Wildcat
- Caught two passes for 38 yards, including a 20-yard touchdown catch in the TaxSlayer Bowl vs. Georgia Tech

2015 - Sophomore

- Started all 12 games and led the team in catches (55) and touchdowns (three), collecting 608 yards, including a team season-long 53 yard catch
- A team-leading 26 of his catches came as first-down grabs
- Had at least three catches in 11 of 12 games
- Had a strong outing in a win over Missouri, with five catches for 51 yards and his first TD of the year
- Following week was credited as sparking a UK comeback win over ECU with a career-high eight catches for 86 yards and two touchdowns
- Had seven catches at Mississippi State and Vanderbilt

2014 - Freshman

- Played in 10 games, starting three
- Totaled 19 receptions for 199 yards and one touchdown
- Caught two passes in the win over Ohio, an eight-yard TD catch along with a 33-yarder that was his season long
- Caught four passes for 37 yards at Florida

High School

- A four-star prospect according to Rivals who is a mixture of size and speed at wide receiver
- Rivals ranked him the 16th-best prospect in the state of Ohio and 42nd-best WR in the nation
- Had 24 receptions as a senior for 573 yards and six touchdowns
- Averaged 23.9 yards per reception his senior year, including a season-long reception of 66 yards
- Helped lead his team to the state playoffs two of his last three seasons, including the school's first-ever playoff win his senior season
- Four-year letterman and three-year starter
- Coached by Jeff Rotsky
- His recruiting finalists included Indiana, Minnesota, Pittsburgh, Illinois and Vanderbilt
- Honor-roll student

Personal

- Born in Cleveland, Ohio
- Son of Melanie Mathis and Rinaldo Baker
- A cousin, Larry Kennedy, played at Florida
- Graduated in December with a degree in community and leadership development

Community Cats

- Stayed after practice to spend time with the Special Olympics (2015)

Dorian Says

- His nickname is "DB2"
- If he had to be stranded on an island with a teammate he would chose C.J. Conrad because they are both from Cleveland
- One word to describe him on the field is "passionate"
- His favorite meal is steak and crab legs
- His sports hero is Usain Bolt

BAKER'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
2014	WR	10-3	19	199	10.5	1	33
2015	WR	13-13	55	608	11.1	3	53
2016	WR	10-8	14	208	14.9	2	35
2018	WR	11-9	13	133	10.2	0	23
Totals		43-33	101	1,148	11.4	6	53

BAKER'S 2018 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. Central Mich.*	1	21	0	21
at Florida*	0	0	0	0
vs. Murray State*	4	25	0	12
vs. Miss. State*	1	23	0	23
vs. South Carolina*	2	29	0	20
at TAMU*	1	2	0	2
vs. Vanderbilt*	0	0	0	0
at Missouri*	1	8	0	8
vs. Georgia	1	4	0	4
at Tennessee		DNP		
vs. MTSU*	0	0	0	0
at Louisville	2	21	0	16
Totals	13	133	0	23

BAKER'S 2016 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. Southern Miss		DNP - Injured		
at Florida	0	0	0	0
vs. New Mexico St. *	0	0	0	0
vs. South Carolina		DNP - Injured		
at Alabama		DNP - Injured		
vs. Vanderbilt	0	0	0	0
vs. Miss. State *	0	0	0	0
at Missouri *	4	48	0	31
vs. Georgia *	3	42	0	24
at Tennessee *	3	35	0	16
vs. Austin Peay *	1	10	0	10
at Louisville *	1	35	1	35
vs. Georgia Tech *	2	38	1	20
Totals	14	208	2	35

BAKER'S 2015 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. UL Lafayette	3	50	0	2
at South Carolina	4	51	0	20
vs. Florida	4	38	0	20
vs. Missouri	5	51	1	25
vs. Eastern Kentucky	8	86	2	32
vs. Auburn	6	66	0	20
at Mississippi State	7	56	0	14
vs. Tennessee	5	43	0	13
at Georgia	3	31	0	19
at Vanderbilt	7	42	0	19
vs. Charlotte	0	0	0	0
vs. Louisville	3	94	0	53
Totals	55	608	3	53

**BAKER'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS**

Receptions: 8, Eastern Kentucky, Oct 03, 2015
 Receiving yards: 94, Louisville, Nov 28, 2015 (3 receptions)
 Receiving TDs: 2, Eastern Kentucky, Oct 03, 2015
 Long reception: 53, Louisville, Nov 28, 2015
 All-purpose yards: 94, Louisville, Nov 28, 2015

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ELIJAH
BARNETT

LINEBACKER

6-3 • 238 • Junior-SQ
 Lexington, Ky. (Henry Clay)

2018 - Junior

- Practiced with the team

2017 - Sophomore

- Practiced with the team

2016 - r-Freshman

- Practiced with the team

2015 - Freshman

- Redshirt season

High School

- Two-year starter at DE for Coach Sam Simpson
- Totaled 37.5 tackles, including 14 tackles for loss and 7.5 sacks as a senior at Henry Clay
- Forced two fumbles in helping lead the Blue Devils to a 7-3 record in his senior year
- Named Defensive Lineman of the Year and earned team's academic award three straight seasons
- Was a first-team all-city selection by the *Herald-Leader*
- Member of the JROTC as a Cadet First Lieutenant
- Earned the JROTC's Presidential Physical Fitness Award and two National Fitness awards
- Chose Kentucky over offers from Lindsey Wilson and Union College

Personal

- Born in Santa Clara, Calif.
- Son of Oliver and Tia Barnett
- Dad, Oliver, played at UK from 1986 to 1989 and finished as the Cats' all-time sacks leader, a record that stood until Nov. 17, 2018 when Josh Allen broke it
- Oliver went on to play in the NFL from 1990-95 for the Atlanta Falcons, Buffalo Bills and San Francisco 49ers
- Major is communications

Elijah Says

- His nickname is "EB"
- When he's not on the field, he enjoys drawing
- He came to Kentucky because it's a family legacy
- His sports hero is his dad because he taught him everything he knows and he is the G.O.A.T.
- The last time he was starstruck was when he met Tim Couch

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BRENDEN
BATES

TIGHT END

6-4 • 240 • Freshman-HS
 Cincinnati, Ohio (Archbishop Moeller)

2018 - Freshman

- Redshirt season

High School

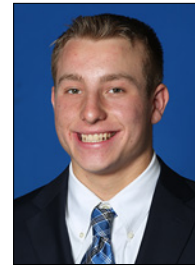
- One of the nation's top-20 tight ends by Rivals
- Noted for his receiving ability, a difficult skill to find among tight ends in the high school ranks
- Caught 17 passes for 305 yards with 11 touchdowns as a senior at Archbishop Moeller in Cincinnati
- Totaled 250 yards receiving on 14 catches with five scores as a junior
- Two-time first-team All-Greater Catholic League selection
- Accepted an invitation to the 2018 Team USA Under-19 National Team for International Bowl IX
- Coached by John Rodenberg
- Also three-year letter winner in track in the 200-meters and discus throw and was a power forward/center for two seasons on the basketball team
- Was a member of the Improv Club
- Received offers from the Southeastern Conference, Big Ten, Big 12 and Atlantic Coast Conference, including schools such as Vanderbilt, Indiana, Iowa, Minnesota, West Virginia, Louisville and Pittsburgh

Personal

- Born in Cincinnati Ohio
- Son of Doug and Kelly Bates
- Comes from a family of athletes as father played football at Indiana, mother played volleyball at Morehead State, brother, Doug, is currently a tight end at Cincinnati, and grandfather, Gene Neff, played basketball at Kentucky under Coach Adolph Rupp from 1951-52
- Major is marketing

Brenden Says

- His nickname is "Batesy Boy"
- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to be a fireman
- The most influential person in his life is his father because he made him into the person he is today
- His favorite quote he likes to live by is "it's not how hard you get hit, but it's about how hard you can get hit and keep moving forward"
- He is really good at doing the worm

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BRAYDEN
BEREZOWITZ

WIDE RECEIVER

5-9 • 180 • Junior-SQ
 Lexington, Ky.
 (Henry Clay)

2018 - Junior

- Practiced with the team

2017 - Sophomore

- Practiced with the team
- Named to the Fall SEC Academic Honor Roll
- Dean's List (Fall 2017)

2016 - Freshman

- Practiced with the team
- Dean's List (Fall 2016, Spring 2017)

High School

- Played wide receiver and strong safety at Henry Clay High School for Coach Sam Simpson
- Had 25 catches for 316 yards and two touchdowns as a senior
- Also had 7.5 tackles for loss as a strong safety
- Excelled in the classroom with a 4.0 unweighted and 4.8 weighted grade point average
- Member of the National Honor Society and National Society of High School Scholars
- Named Student of the Month and Scholastic Ball Report Athlete of the Week at Henry Clay

Personal

- Born in Austin, Texas
- Son of Dan and Jane Berezowitz
- Dad and grandfather played quarterback at Wisconsin-Whitewater
- Double major in finance and management

Brayden Says

- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to be a coach
- His favorite movie is *Remember the Titans*
- If he had a hashtag to describe himself it would be #Grind
- The last time he was starstruck was when he met Chris Carter and Larry Fitzgerald in middle school
- Wears No. 23 because it's LeBron James' number



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BRYAN
BEREZOWITZ

WIDE RECEIVER

5-9 • 180 • Junior-SQ
Lexington, Ky.
(Henry Clay)

2018 - Junior

- Practiced with the team

2017 - Sophomore

- Practiced with the team
- Named to the Fall SEC Academic Honor Roll
- Dean's List (Fall 2017)

2016 - Freshman

- Practiced with the team
- Dean's List (Fall 2016, Spring 2017)

High School

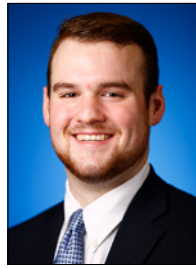
- Played wide receiver and defensive back at Henry Clay High School for Coach Sam Simpson
- Had 21 catches for 297 yards as a senior
- Also had 65 tackles and three interceptions
- Excelled in the classroom with a 4.0 unweighted and 4.8 weighted grade point average
- Member of the National Honor Society and National Society of High School Scholars
- Named Student of the Month and Scholastic Athlete of the Week at Henry Clay

Personal

- Born in Austin, Texas
- Son of Dan and Jane Berezowitz
- Dad and grandfather played quarterback at Wisconsin-Whitewater
- Double major in finance and management

Bryan Says

- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to coach football or work in the front office of a team
- His sports heroes are LeBron James and Eric Decker
- If he had a hashtag to describe himself it would be #GoToWork
- The last time he was starstruck was when he met Tony Romo
- His favorite movie is *The Blind Side*



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BLAKE
BEST

LONG SNAPPER

6-1 • 220 • Junior-2L
Duluth, Ga. (Peachtree Ridge)

🏆 *Second-Team 2018 Google Cloud Academic All-American®*

🏆 *2018 Google Cloud Academic All-District® Football Team*

2018 - Junior

- Has started in all 12 games as the long snapper for field goals and PATS
- Perfect on all snaps (7 field goals, 40 extra points)

2017 - Sophomore

- Started in 13 games as the long snapper for field goals and PATS
- Perfect on all snaps (13 field goals, 32 extra points)
- Named to the Fall SEC Academic Honor Roll
- Dean's List (Fall 2017)

2016 - r-Freshman

- Started in 13 games as the long snapper for field goals and PATS
- Perfect on all snaps (19 field goals, 45 extra points)
- Integral part of setting up kicker Austin MacGinnis to hit two game-winning field goals (51-yarder vs. Mississippi State and a 47-yarder at No. 11 Louisville)
- Named to the Fall SEC Academic Honor Roll
- Dean's List (Spring 2016, Fall 2016, Spring 2017)

2015 - Freshman

- Redshirt season
- Dean's List (Fall 2015)

High School

- Three-year starter at long snapper and offensive line, helping the Lions chart a 7-4 record in his senior season
- Also was a two-year letter winner in baseball at Peachtree Ridge
- Earned a National Merit Scholarship to Kentucky
- Named to the All-Academic first team in 2014 with a 4.1 grade point average
- Founder of MENToring, a mentoring group for freshman student-athletes
- Also a member of the Student-Athlete Leadership Team at PRHS
- Coached by Mark Fleetwood
- Applied only to Kentucky but had interest from Clemson, Southern Methodist and Princeton

Personal

- Born in Dallas, Texas
- Son of Tom and Lynne Best
- Tom played football at Princeton from 1985-88, while uncle, Paul Gunsallus, played baseball at

Louisiana Tech and his brother, Billy Best, played baseball at Greater Gwinnett College

- Graduated in December with a double major in economics and finance with a perfect 4.0 GPA

Community Cats

- Stayed after practice to spend time with the Special Olympics (2015)

Blake Says

- He chose Kentucky because his mom is an alumna and it was a great opportunity to play for a great school
- One word to describe him on the field is "consistent"
- He couldn't live without his dogs and family
- His favorite part of game day is running out of the tunnel
- His sports hero is any long snapper because they are living his dream



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QUINTON
BOHANNA

NOSE GUARD

6-4 • 340 • Sophomore-1L
Cordova, Tenn. (Cordova)

2018 - Sophomore

- Six starts in 11 games played
- Has 17 tackles, 1.0 sack, 4.0 TFL, one forced fumble and one fumble recovery this season
- Got his first career sack in the win over MTSU
- Started in the Florida game before leaving early with an ankle injury
- Did not play vs. Murray State with injury

2017 - Freshman

- Played in 12 of 13 games, starting the last five at nose guard
- Totaled 14 tackles and one PBU

High School

- Three-star prospect by all the major recruiting services
- Ranks as the No. 45 defensive tackle in the 2017 class
- Rivals says "His explosive power is impressive, as are his first couple of steps. He gets off the ball with the kind of quickness you rarely see in an interior defensive lineman of his size, at his age, and he is very fast in pursuit"
- A three-time member of the Tennessee Sports Writers Association Class 6A All-State team
- Named 2016 American Family Insurance All-USA Tennessee Football First-Team Defense
- Picked for the Autozone Liberty Bowl High School All-Star game
- 2016 Class 6A Mr. Football finalist
- Had an impressive 91 tackles (52 solo) his senior season with 24 tackles for loss and 19 sacks in helping lead Cordova to a 12-2 overall record and an appearance in the TSSAA 6A semifinals



- Had 79 tackles and 12 sacks as a junior
- Coached by Anthony Jones
- Chose Kentucky after offers from Ole Miss, Louisville and Memphis

Personal

- Born in Memphis, Tenn.
- Son of Estella Bohanna and Courtney Harris
- Brother, Joseph Bohanna, played football at Lincoln University while an uncle, Brian Ingram, played at Tennessee and went on to play for the New England Patriots and the San Diego Chargers
- Major is pre-information communication technology

Quinton Says

- His nickname is "Big Bo"
- He chose Kentucky because it was a great fit and it felt like family
- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to take care of his mom and grandmother
- His favorite movie is *Blue Hill Avenue*
- Most people don't know that he is also a good basketball player

BOHANNA'S CAREER STATISTICS									
Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tackles	Sacks-Yds.	TFL-Yds.	FF	FR	PBU	QBH
2017	NG	12-5	14	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0
2018	NG	11-6	17	1.0-8	4.0-16	1	1	0	0
Totals		22-10	31	1.0-8	4.0-16	1	1	1	0

BOHANNA'S 2018 GAME-BY-GAME									
Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FC/FR	QBH	Int.	PBU		
vs. Central Mich.	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Florida*	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Murray State		DNP	(Injury)						
vs. Miss. State	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. South Carolina	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at TAMU	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt	1	0-0	1.0-1	1/1	0	0	0	0	0
at Missouri*	2	0-0	1.0-4	0/0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia*	3	0-0	0.5-1	0/0	0	0	0	0	0
at Tennessee*	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. MTSU*	3	1.0-8	1.0-8	0/0	0	0	0	0	0
at Louisville*	1	0-0	1.0-2	0/0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	17	1.0-8	4.0-16	1/1	0	0	0	0	0

BOHANNA'S 2017 GAME-BY-GAME									
Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FC	QBH	Int.	PBU		
at Southern Miss	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. EKV	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Florida	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. E. Michigan	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Miss. State	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Ole Miss*	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Vanderbilt*	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Georgia*	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Louisville*	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	1
vs. Northwestern*	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	14	0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0	0	1

BOHANNA'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 3, four times, last vs Georgia, Nov 3, 2018 (1-2)
Sacks: 1.0, vs Middle Tennessee, Nov 17, 2018 (8 yards)
TFL: 1.0, 4x, last at Louisville, Nov 24, 2018 (2 yards)
PBU: 1, vs Louisville, Nov 25, 2017
Forced Fumble: 1, vs Vanderbilt, Oct 20, 2018
Fumble Recovery: 1, vs Vanderbilt, Oct 20, 2018



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DAVID BOUVIER

WIDE RECEIVER

5-9 • 168 • Senior-SQ
 Lexington, Ky. (Lexington Catholic)

2018 Google Cloud Academic All-District® Football Team

2018 - Senior

- Third on the team in receiving yards (205) and fourth in catches (15)
- Third on the team with two receiving TDs
- Had back-to-back crucial catches on UK's 81-yard final drive in the fourth quarter to help the Cats defeat Missouri, 15-14
- Earned his first career start at Texas A&M
- Caught a 29-yard touchdown pass in the first quarter at Florida, his second TD in as many games
- Scored his first collegiate touchdown on a 24-yard pass from Gunnar Hoak just before halftime vs. Central Michigan ... Finished the day with three snags for 48 yards and a TD, all career bests
- Earned a full scholarship from Coach Stoops in fall camp
- Was a nominee for the Burlsworth Trophy which is given to the most outstanding football player who began his career as a walk-on and has shown outstanding performance on the field

2017 - Junior

- Played in four games on special teams
- Named to SEC Academic Honor Roll
- Dean's List (Fall 2017)

2016 - Sophomore

- Saw action in the win over Austin Peay
- Named to SEC Academic Honor Roll
- Dean's List (Fall 2016)
- Caught a nine-yard pass in the TaxSlayer Bowl

2015 - r-Freshman

- Practiced with the team
- Named to SEC Academic Honor Roll

2014 - Freshman

- Redshirt season
- Dean's List (Fall 2014)

High School

- Played for Bill Letton at Lexington Catholic HS, where he helped lead the Knights to a combined 33-9 record in his three seasons as a starter

- Knights' all-time leader in receptions and receiving yards after compiling an impressive 3,156 yards on 215 catches
- First-team all-city as a junior after catching 78 passes for 1,138 yards and 11 touchdowns
- Helped the Knights win three region championships
- 2014 National Guard Border Bowl Kentucky All-Star
- Also was an all-state track performer as a senior, finishing fourth in the 400 meter dash, 10th in the 200 meters and sixth in the 4x400 relay
- Honor-roll student and member of the Beta Club, Service Club and Spanish Honor Society

Personal

- Born in Lexington, Ky.
- Name is pronounced "BOO-vee-ay (long "a" sound)
- Son of Joe and Jeanne Bouvier
- Graduated in May of 2018 with a two degrees - marketing and management - and a minor in communications ... Currently working on another degree in kinesiology

Community Cats

- Volunteered at Big Brothers/Big Sisters Bowl for Kids' Sake, bowling and spending time with the children with cancer (2015)
- Stayed after practice to spend time with the Special Olympics (2015)
- Volunteered at the Indian Summer Camp for children's cancer survivors (2015)

David Says

- His nickname is "Bouv"
- He chose Kentucky because it was his dream school
- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to be a pro baseball player
- If he had a hashtag to describe himself it would be #Baller
- The last time he was starstruck was the last time he saw Coach Stoops

BOUVIER'S CAREER STATISTICS							
Year	Pos.	G-GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
2015	WR	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2016	WR	2-0	1	9	0	9.0	9
2017	WR	4-0	0	0	0	0	0
2018	WR	12-2	15	205	13.7	2	29
Totals		18-2	16	214	13.4	2	29

BOUVIER'S CAREER STATS					
Year	PR	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
2018	10	52	5.2	0	21
Totals	10	52	5.2	0	21

BOUVIER'S 2018 GAME-BY-GAME						
Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	PR	Yds	TD
vs. CMU	3	48	1	4	41	0
at Florida	2	43	1	0	0	0
vs. MSU	0	0	0	1	2	0
vs. MSST	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. USC	1	21	0	1	7	0
at TAMU*	0	0	0	2	1	0





BOUVIERS'S 2018 GAME-BY-GAME

Table with columns for opponent, Att, Yds, TD, Rec, Yds, TD, KR, Yds, TD, Pass Att./Comp/Yds

BOUVIER'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Receptions: 3, three times, last at Tennessee, Nov 10, 2018
Receiving yards: 48, vs Central Michigan, Sept 1, 2018 (3 receptions)
Receiving TDs: 1, twice, last at Florida, Sept 8, 2018 (2 receptions)
Punt Returns: 4 vs Central Michigan, Sept 1, 2018
Punt Return Yards: 41 vs Central Michigan, Sept 1, 2018 (4 returns)
Long reception: 29, at Florida, Sept 8, 2018
All-purpose yards: 89, vs Central Michigan, Sept 1, 2018



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LYNN BOWDEN JR.

WIDE RECEIVER

6-1 • 195 • Sophomore-1L
Youngstown, Ohio (Warren Harding)

- Second-Team All-SEC All-Purpose Performer (Coaches, Athlon)
Third-Team Offense & Run Specialist Preseason All-SEC (Coaches)
Third-Team All-Purpose Preseason All-SEC (Athlon Sports)
Paul Hornung Award Preseason Watch List

2018 - Sophomore

- Ranks sixth in the SEC in receptions per game (5.2) and fifth in kick return average (22.5)
Leads the team in catches (62), receiving yards (661) and TD catches (5)
Has 62 receptions this season, most for a Wildcat since Randall Cobb had 84 in 2010
Has the second-most receptions by a sophomore in school history
Has returned 20 kickoffs for an average of 22.5 yards
Caught six balls for 86 yards and a career-high two touchdowns at Louisville
Named SEC Special Teams Player of the Week after setting career highs with 13 catches for 166 yards in Kentucky's 15-14 win at Missouri ... the 13 receptions tied for the second-most in school history ... His 166 receiving yards is ninth-best in school history and most for a Wildcat since 2010 ... Caught two passes on UK's game-winning drive late in the fourth quarter ... Also had a 67-yard punt return for a touchdown ... Totaled a career-high 229 all-purpose yards against the Tigers
Made all three of UK's pass receptions in the win over Vanderbilt
Caught three passes for 55 yards and one touchdown at Texas A&M ... His 54-yard TD reception in the first quarter tied his career long, which came

earlier this year at Florida

- Hauled in a 54-yard bomb for a third-quarter touchdown at Florida, his first career TD

2017 - Freshman

- Coaches' All-SEC Freshman Team
Played in all 13 games
Caught 17 passes for 210 yards
Set the UK freshman records for most kickoff returns in a season (37), game (7 vs. Louisville on Nov. 25) and most kickoff yards in a season (869)
His seven kick returns vs. Louisville ranks tied for fifth in the SEC history books for most kickoff returns in a game
His 37 kick returns in 2017 ranks seventh in the SEC for most kickoff returns in a season
His 869 kickoff return yards ranks eighth for most yards returned in SEC history
Averaged 23.5 yards per kick return
The former quarterback completed 3-of-4 pass attempts for 92 yards
Had a career-high 192 all-purpose yards in the win over Vanderbilt
Had a 93-yard kickoff return against the 'Dores, UK's longest since 2009, to set up a touchdown
Also caught three passes for a career-high 79 yards ... All three receptions were good for first downs, two of which came on touchdown drives
Named SEC Freshman of the Week (Oct. 9) after leading UK with 128 all-purpose yards in the Wildcats' 40-34 win over Missouri
Caught three passes for 49 yards vs. the Tigers ... All three catches went for first downs on UK scoring drives
In the fourth quarter, he caught a pass in the flat and apparently was tackled for no gain when he broke the tackle, zig-zagged all the way across the field, and broke another tackle before finally being stopped for a 20-yard gain

High School

- Considered to be one of the most dynamic playmakers in the country
A four-star prospect by all the major recruiting services
Ranked one of the top 100 players in the 2017 class by ESPN and Scout
Ranked as the nation's No. 5 athlete by 247Sports
Scout lists him as the No. 60 overall prospect in the class
Drawing comparisons to former UK athlete Randall Cobb as he played quarterback in high school but can also play wide receiver and several other positions on offense and special teams
Ended his senior season throwing for 1,366 yards, rushing for 2,277 yards and accounting for 57 total TDs
Named the 2016 Division II Offensive Player of the Year, the Northeast Ohio Inland District Offensive Player of the Year and Trumbull County Player of the Year
Runner-up for Mr. Football in Ohio
Named the 2017 Male Athlete of the Year by The Vindicator
Helped lead the Raiders to an 11-2 overall record and a trip to the Division II Regional Championship
Owns or shares 16 school records and is Ohio's sixth all-time rusher with 7,387 yards and 10th in rushing touchdowns with 91
Also excelled in basketball, averaging 24.0 points, 6.0 rebounds and 7.0 assists per game as a senior

- Named to the Special Mention team in Division I by the Ohio Associated Press
Picked Kentucky after offers from Penn State, Indiana, Michigan State, Michigan and Nebraska

Personal

- Name is pronounced "Bowden (BO-den)"
Son of Melissa Phillips and Lynn Bowden Sr.
Has a son, Lynn Bowden III
Major is community leadership and development

Lynn Says

- His nickname is "Six"
He chose Kentucky because he felt it was the right place with a great coaching staff and the most comfortable place for himself and his family
When he's not on the field he enjoys playing basketball
One word to describe him on the field is "calm"
Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to manage his own business

BOWDEN'S CAREER STATISTICS

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BOWDEN'S CAREER STATISTICS

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BOWDEN'S 2018 GAME-BY-GAME

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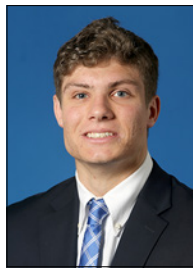
BOWDEN'S 2017 GAME-BY-GAME

at Miss. St.	1	-1	0	3	38	0	5	112	0	0/0/0
vs. UT	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	123	0	1/1/36
vs. UM	2	3	0	2	22	0	6	108	0	1/1/32
at Vandy	2	0	0	3	79	0	2	113	0	0/0/0
at Georgia	0	0	0	2	3	0	3	69	0	0/0/0
vs. UofL	1	7	0	0	0	0	7	110	0	0/0/0
vs. NW	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	62	0	0/0/0
Totals	12	37	0	17	210	0	37	869	0	3/4/92

BOWDEN'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Rush attempts: 3, at South Carolina, Sept 16, 2017
Rush yards: 13, vs Florida, Sept 23, 2017 (2 carries)
Rush TDs: n/a
Long rush: 9, vs Florida, Sept 23, 2017
Receptions: 13, at Missouri, Oct 27, 2018
Receiving yards: 166, at Missouri, Oct 27, 2018 (13 receptions)
Receiving TDs: 2, 3x, last at Louisville, Nov 24, 2018
Long reception: 54, twice, last at Texas A&M, Oct 7, 2018
All-purpose yards: 229, at Missouri, Oct 27, 2018
Kick returns: 6, vs Ole Miss, Nov 4, 2017
Kick return yards: 123, vs Tennessee, Oct 28, 2017
Long kick return: 93, at Vanderbilt, Nov 11, 2017
Kick return TD: 1, at Missouri, Oct 27, 2018

- If he could learn to do anything he would learn to fix computers
- He chose to play football at Kentucky because he fell in love with it the very first day



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MILES BUTLER

KICKER

5-9 • 165 • Senior-1L
 Paducah, Ky. (Tilghman)

- **First-team 2018 Google Cloud Academic All-American Football Team**
- **2018 Google Cloud Academic All-District® Football Team**

2018 - Senior

- Team's second-leading scorer with 52 points, making five field goals and all 37 of his extra-points
- Has hit 48 of 49 PATs in his career, including a streak of 47 in a row, dating back to 2015
- Has hit 5 of 9 FGs this season, 9 of 13 in his career and two in a row
- Hit a career-high eight PATs at Louisville
- Earned a full scholarship in the 2018 fall camp
- Was a semifinalist for the prestigious 2018 Campbell Award which recognizes the nation's best football scholar-athlete

2017 - Junior

- Handled punting duties in the Vanderbilt game with three punts for a 38.7 average and all three inside the 20 yard line
- Named to SEC Academic Honor Roll
- Dean's List (Fall 2017)

2016 - Sophomore

- Practiced with the team
- Named to SEC Academic Honor Roll
- Dean's List (Spring 2016, Fall 2016, Spring 2017)

2015 - r-Freshman

- In relief of an injured Austin MacGinnis, he stepped up with his first four career field goals, including a long of 46
- Kicked off in five games and made 11 PATs
- First career action came in kickoff duty vs. Eastern Kentucky, also making 4-of-5 PAT attempts
- Also served in kickoff duty vs. Auburn and Georgia
- Was 7-for-7 in PAT attempts in UK's win over Charlotte, connecting on 3-of-3 field goal attempts, including his career long of 46
- Made a 20-yard field goal vs. Louisville
- Named to SEC Academic Honor Roll
- Dean's List (Spring 2015, Fall 2015)

2014 - Freshman

- Redshirt season
- Dean's List (Fall 2014)

High School

- Three-year starter at Paducah Tilghman under Coach Randy Wyatt, who played at Kentucky in the 1990s
- Finished his career as a kicker with 212 points, the most in school history
- Holds school records for longest field goal (49 yards), most field goals made in a season (13) and a career (26)
- Ranks fourth in the state for field goals made in a season and is fifth in field goals made in a career
- Two-time all-conference selection
- Also a starter in soccer and a pitcher/utility player in baseball
- Named Mr. Tilghman, and was selected as the *Paducah Sun* Teen of the Year for 2013-14
- Graduated as Tilghman's salutatorian with a 4.0+ grade point average
- Member of the National Honor Society, Beta Club and Student Council

Personal

- Born in Paducah, Ky.
- Son of Dr. Danny and Lori Butler
- Completed an internship for class credit over the summer in Washington D.C. with an insurance firm
- Graduated in December with a BBA in finance and a BS in accounting with a minor in economics
- Holds a perfect 4.0 GPA

Community Cats

- Stayed after practice to spend time with the Special Olympics (2015)
- Served food to homeless people for Lighthouse Ministries (2015)
- Volunteered at the Indian Summer Camp for children's cancer survivors (2015)
- Participated in food packing and delivery for God's Pantry (2015)

Miles Says

- His nickname is "Money Man"
- One word to describe him on the field is "focused"
- His life's theme song is "Don't Worry, Be Happy" by Bobby McFerrin
- When he's not playing football he enjoys playing ping-pong and cooking
- His favorite part of the game is when the crowd gets loud

BUTLER'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Punts	Avg.	Long	I-20	FG	PAT	Points	Long FG
2015					4-4	11-12	23	46
2017	3	38.7	45	3	0	0	0	0
2018					5-9	37-37	52	40
Totals	3	38.7	45	3	9-13	48-49	75	46

BUTLER'S FIELD GOALS BY DISTANCE

Year	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	Total	Long
2015	0-0	2-2	1-1	1-1	0-1	4-4	46
2018	0-0	1-1	3-5	1-3	0-0	5-9	0
Totals	0-0	3-3	4-6	2-4	0-1	9-13	46



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JAMARI BROWN

DEFENSIVE BACK

6-1 • 187 • Freshman-HS
 Sunrise, Fla. (Blanche Ely)

2018 - Freshman

- Redshirt season

High School

- Tall cornerback received offers from every Power 5 conference in the nation
- One of the nation's top-100 cornerbacks according to the 247 Sports composite ranking
- Missed time with injuries during his senior season but still had an interception, eight pass breakups, a fumble recovery and returned a kickoff for a touchdown
- Also saw playing time as a wide receiver
- Coached by Calvin Davis
- His numerous offers included, among others, Auburn, Mississippi State, South Carolina, Illinois, Oregon, Louisville, North Carolina State and Pittsburgh

Personal

- Born in Fort Lauderdale, Florida
- Son of LaKiesha Owens
- Major is sociology

Jamari Says

- His nickname is "Mario"
- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to work with computers





BUTLER'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Points scored: 16, vs Charlotte, Nov 21, 2015
Kick PATs: 8, at Louisville, Nov 24, 2018
Points by kicking: 16, vs Charlotte, Nov 21, 2015
Field goals made: 3, vs vs Charlotte, Nov 21, 2015
Field goal attempts: 3, vs Charlotte, Nov 21, 2015
Longest field goal: 46, vs Charlotte, Nov 21, 2015
Kickoffs: 11, vs Charlotte, Nov 21, 2015 (661 yards)
Touchbacks: 2, vs Charlotte, Nov 21, 2015



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T.J. CARTER

DEFENSIVE END

6-4 • 265 • Junior-2L
 Mableton, Ga.
 (Whitefield Academy)

2018 - Junior

- Has 13 tackles, 1.5 TFL, three QBH and two pass breakups in 12 games
- Totaled two tackles, one pass breakup and one QB hurry in the win at Florida

2017 - Sophomore

- Started in 12 of 13 games
- Totaled 18 tackles, 3.0 TFL, 3.0 sacks, 3 QBH and one PBU
- Had a career-high four tackles, including his first career sack for a loss of 11 yards vs. Tennessee
- Had a sack and a QBH in the win at Vanderbilt
- Recorded two tackles in the season opener at Southern Miss, vs. ECU and at Mississippi State

2016 - Freshman

- Saw action in 11 games
- Recorded a career-high three tackles vs. Austin Peay

High School

- Earned first-team All-South Region 6-A and first-team All-Cobb County honors as a senior playing defensive end and offensive tackle at Whitefield Academy
- Four-year letter winner and three-year starter
- Totaled 68 tackles, including 10 for loss as a senior
- Also charted six sacks and 18 quarterback hurries
- Was the Wolfpack's sack leader as a sophomore and junior
- Named Defensive Player of the Game vs. Walker after recording six tackles for loss and a sack in addition to four pancake blocks on the offensive line as a junior
- Coached by Quinn Gray
- Chose UK over Memphis, Samford and Wyoming

Personal

- Born in Atlanta, Ga.
- Son of Jacqueline and Jerald Carter
- Major is information communication technology

T.J. Says

- One word to describe him on the field is "intense"
- His favorite movie is Star Wars
- His sports heroes are LeBron James and Reggie White
- Most people don't know that he used to be involved in the sport of fencing
- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to be a video game tester

CARTER'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tackles	TFL-Yds.	Sacks-Yds.	FC	QBH	PBU
2016	DE	11-0	11	0.5-0	0-0	0	0	1
2017	DE	13-12	18	3.0-17	3.0-17	0	2	1
2018	DE	12-4	13	1.5-3	0-0	0	3	2
Totals		36-16	42	5.0-20	3.0-17	0	5	4

CARTER'S 2018 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FC	QBH	PBU
vs. Central Mich.*	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
at Florida*	2	0-0	0-0	0	1	1
vs. Murray State*	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
vs. Miss. State*	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
vs. South Carolina	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
at TAMU	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt	1	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
at Missouri	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
at Tennessee	4	0-0	1.5-3	0	1	0
vs. MTSU	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	1
at Louisville	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Totals	13	0-0	1.5-3	0	3	2

CARTER'S 2017 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FC	QBH	PBU
at Southern Miss*	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
vs. ECU*	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
at South Carolina*	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1
vs. Florida*	0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
vs. E. Michigan*	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
vs. Missouri*	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
at Miss. State*	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee*	4	1.0-11	1.0-11	0	0	0
vs. Ole Miss*	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
at Vanderbilt*	1	1.0-3	1.0-3	0	1	0
at Georgia*	1	1.0-3	1.0-3	0	0	0
vs. Louisville*	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
vs. Northwestern	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Totals	18	3.0-17	3.0-17	0	2	1

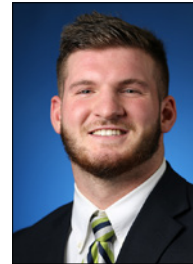
CARTER'S 2016 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FC	QBH	PBU
vs. Southern Miss	DNP					
at Florida	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
vs. New Mexico St.	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
vs. South Carolina	DNP					
at Alabama	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
vs. Mississippi State	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0

at Missouri	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
at Tennessee	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
vs. Austin Peay	3	0-0	0.5-0	0	0	0
at Louisville	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia Tech	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	1
Totals	11	0-0	0.5-0	0	0	1

CARTER'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 4, twice, last at Tennessee, Nov 10, 2018
Sacks: 1.0, three times, last vs Georgia, Nov 18, 2018
TFLs: 1.5, at Tennessee, Nov 18, 2018
PBU: 1, three times, last at Florida, Sept 8, 2018
QBH: 1, five times, last at Tennessee, Nov 10, 2018



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C.J. CONRAD

TIGHT END

6-5 • 252 • Senior-3L
 LaGrange, Ohio (Keystone)

- Pop Warner National College Player of the Year
- SEC Community Service Team
- John Mackey Tight End of the Week HM (10/2)
- Mackey Award Watch List
- 2018 Allstate AFCA Good Works Team nominee
- Wuerffel Trophy Watch List
- Second-Team Offense Preseason All-SEC (Phil Steele, Athlon Sports, Lindy's)
- Third-Team Preseason All-SEC (Media)
- Third-Team Preseason All-SEC (Coaches)

2018 - Senior (Team Captain)

- Has totaled 29 catches for 237 yards and three TDs
- Now has 994 career receiving yards and needs just six more to become the 28th player to reach 1,000 yards receiving
- Posted season highs on Senior Day vs. MTSU with four catches for 51 yards, including an 11-yard TD catch
- With 13 career TDs catches, ties James Whalen for the most TD receptions by a tight end in UK history, one behind James Whalen (13 from 1997-99)
- Had two catches for 12 yards, including the two-yard game-winning touchdown on the final play in the win over Missouri
- Had a season-high three catches for 31 yards in the win over South Carolina, earning him John Mackey Tight End of the Week honorable mention
- Caught two passes for 22 yards in UK's win over Mississippi State
- Made his fourth-straight start in a season opener ... The last Wildcat to start four straight season openers was cornerback Trevard Lindley in 2006-09
- Named the winner of the Pop Warner National College Football Award which recognizes a college graduating senior who has made a difference on the field, in the classroom and in his community, and serves as a role model to Pop Warner's young student-athletes





2017 - Junior

- Phil Steele All-SEC Third Team
- John Mackey Award Watch List
- Coaches' Preseason All-SEC Third Team
- Fall SEC Academic Honor Roll
- Dean's List (Fall 2017)
- Started in 10 of 11 games played
- Suffered a season-ending foot injury in the Georgia game ... Had surgery on Nov. 21
- Was second on the team in receiving yards with 286 yards on 16 catches ... Averaged 17.9 yards per catch (2nd on the team)
- Had a season-high five catches for 75 yards and a score vs. Ole Miss
- Had a receiving TD in the UK's first two games, becoming the first UK tight end with a receiving touchdown in consecutive games since Jacob Tamme on Nov. 24 and Dec. 31, 2007

2016 - Sophomore

- Started in 11 of 13 games played
- Fourth on the team in receiving with 19 catches for 262 yards and four TDs
- Had a career day vs. New Mexico State, catching five passes for a career-high 133 yards
- Also had a career-long 72-yard receiving TD
- First UK player with three receiving touchdowns in a game since Dicky Lyons, Jr. vs. Florida on Oct. 20, 2007
- First UK tight end with 100 receiving yards in a game since Jacob Tamme vs. Tennessee on Nov. 24, 2007
- His 133 receiving yards are the third-most receiving yards by a tight end in school history and most in a game since James Whalen had 151 vs. Georgia in 1999
- The 133 receiving yards are the 10th-most by a player at Kroger Field and second-most by a tight end in Kroger Field history
- Named the John Mackey Tight End of the Week after the New Mexico State game
- Named to the John Mackey Award Midseason Award Watch List (nation's top tight end)
- Named to the SEC Academic Honor Roll

2015 - Freshman

- Led all SEC freshman tight ends with 15 catches for 149 yards and one touchdown
- Named Third-Team Athlon Sports Freshman All-America
- Tabbed to the SEC All-Freshman Team by the league coaches, the first tight end honored for UK since 2010
- Was on the John Mackey Award Midseason Watch List, given to the nation's best tight end — one of just two freshman tight ends on the list
- Played in all 12 games with nine starts
- Earned consistent praise from the coaching staff for his service in run blocking in the first three games of the year, before breaking out with his first three career catches for 55 yards and a TD in the win over No. 23 Missouri
- Graduated a semester early and enrolled at Kentucky in January of 2015
- Named to the SEC Academic Honor Roll

High School

- A four-star prospect by Scout, Rivals and 247Sports.com and three-star player by ESPN

- Considered by all four services to be one of the best tight end prospects in the nation
- Helped lead his team to a conference championship in 2013, the first for the school since 1971
- In 2014, Keystone went 8-2 and qualified for the Division IV playoffs for the first time in school history
- Lettered all four years and on top of playing tight end also played free safety, defensive end and split end his freshman and sophomore seasons
- Started varsity midway through his freshman season and ended his career with 180 catches for 2,436 yards, 32 receiving touchdowns and two punt returns for a touchdown
- Senior season ended with 55 receptions for 752 yards, 10 receiving touchdowns, one rushing touchdown and one punt return for a TD
- Included in those stats was an impressive performance in the school's first-ever playoff game, making nine catches for 114 yards and one touchdown, adding 12 tackles and two sacks on defense
- On the defensive side, he had 170 career tackles and six interceptions
- Participated in the 2014 Columbus Nike Football Training Camp and won the MVP award for the tight ends and receivers group
- Earned an invitation to Nike's exclusive The Opening 2014
- Was awarded the annual Lorain County Golden Helmet Award, which is presented to the county's top senior football player
- Only the second player in school history to earn the award, with the last coming in 1972
- Was named 2014 All-Ohio second team, and the 2014 All-Northeast Lakes District, All-Lorain County and All-Patriot Athletic Conference first teams
- Named the PAC's Offensive Player of the Year and earned a PAC Scholar-Athlete Award
- All-Ohio special mention his junior season and All-Ohio third team his sophomore season
- A four-year varsity letterman in basketball, helping the team to the conference championship his freshman season and earning several all-county, all-conference and all-district honors
- Honor roll student that was named to the scholar-athlete list every season, keeping a 3.5 GPA or higher
- Chose Kentucky over Ole Miss, Illinois, Indiana, Arkansas and Duke

Personal

- Born in Fairview, Ohio
- Son of Mike and Lois Conrad who both played basketball at Tiffin University
- Brother, Austin, is currently a sophomore defensive end at Ohio
- Sister, Mackenzie, played collegiate softball at Akron and Coastal Carolina
- Graduated in December with a degree in communications

Community Cats

- Participated in a one-week service/educational trip to the Dominican Republic in May of 2017 where he interacted with residents of impoverished communities, visited an orphanage, constructed park benches in a sugar cane village, distributed food to the hungry and visited a nursing home and a daycare for special needs children

- Created a weekly program called "Tuesdays with C.J." where he visits with sick children each Tuesday morning to lift their spirits
- Volunteer speaker at a local elementary school (2015)
- Stayed after practice to spend time with the Special Olympics (2015)

C.J. Says

- His nickname is "Mini Gronk"
- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to be the agent of Rob Gronkowski
- One word to describe him on the field is "aggressive"
- When he's not playing football, he loves to fish and play golf
- His life's theme song is "All I Do is Win" by DJ Khaled

CONRAD'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
2015	TE	12-9	15	149	9.9	1	28
2016	TE	13-11	19	262	13.9	4	72
2017	TE	11-10	16	286	17.9	4	59
2018	TE	12-11	29	297	10.2	3	32
Totals		48-41	79	994	12.6	12	72

CONRAD'S 2018 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. Central Mich. *	3	9	0	5
at Florida*	2	3	0	2
vs. Murray State*	3	24	0	13
vs. Miss. State*	2	22	0	23
vs. South Carolina*	3	31	0	17
at TAMU	3	25	0	16
vs. Vanderbilt*	0	0	0	0
at Missouri*	2	12	1	10
vs. Georgia*	3	22	0	9
at Tennessee*	2	39	1	20
vs. MTSU*	4	51	1	17
at Louisville*	2	59	0	32
Totals	29	994	3	23

CONRAD'S 2017 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
at Southern Miss *	3	97	1	59
vs. ECU*	2	28	1	23
at South Carolina*	2	36	0	20
vs. Florida*	2	34	1	23
vs. E. Michigan	0	0	0	0
vs. Missouri*	0	0	0	0
at Miss. State*	0	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee*	0	0	0	0
vs. Ole Miss*	5	75	1	46
at Vanderbilt*	1	9	0	9
at Georgia*	1	7	0	7
vs. Louisville		DNP	(Injury)	
vs. Northwestern		DNP	(Injury)	
Totals	16	286	4	59





CONRAD'S 2016 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. Southern Miss *	1	5	0	5
at Florida	0	0	0	0
vs. New Mexico St.	5	133	3	72
vs. South Carolina *	1	8	0	8
at Alabama *	2	10	0	8
vs. Vanderbilt *	3	13	0	7
vs. Miss. State *	1	26	0	26
at Missouri *	0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia *	0	0	0	0
at Tennessee *	1	22	0	22
vs. Austin Peay *	1	14	1	14
at Louisville *	1	17	0	17
vs. Georgia Tech *	3	14	0	5
Totals	19	262	4	72

CONRAD'S 2015 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. UL Lafayette	0	0	0	0
at South Carolina	0	0	0	0
vs. Florida	0	0	0	0
vs. Missouri	3	55	1	28
vs. Eastern Kentucky	0	0	0	0
vs. Auburn	3	22	0	11
at Mississippi State	6	56	0	22
vs. Tennessee	1	6	0	6
at Georgia	0	0	0	0
at Vanderbilt	1	8	0	8
vs. Charlotte	1	2	0	2
vs. Louisville	0	0	0	0
Totals	15	149	1	28

CONRAD'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Receptions: 6, at Mississippi State, Oct 24, 2015
Receiving yards: 133, New Mexico State, Sept 17, 2016 (5 receptions)
Receiving TDs: 3, New Mexico State, Sept 17, 2016
Long reception: 72, New Mexico State, Sept 17, 2016
All-purpose yards: 133, New Mexico State, Sept 17, 2016



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YUSUF CORKER II

SAFETY

6-0 • 185 • Freshman-RS
McDonough, Ga. (Woodland)

2018 - r-Freshman

- Has seen action in all 12 games and has seven total tackles

2017 - Freshman

- Redshirt season

High School

- Four-star defensive back and receiver at Woodland High School in Stockbridge, Ga., where he was coached by Steve Davenport
- The nation's No. 26 cornerback by ESPN and Scout
- Named an ESPN Top 150 player
- The No. 1 cornerback in Georgia by Scout.com
- A four-year starter who totaled 105 tackles, 82 solo, with 15 interceptions and two forced fumbles in his career
- As a senior, made 40 tackles, including 23 solo, along with five interceptions, two fumble recoveries and two blocked punts
- Offensively, had 20 receptions for 447 yards and four touchdowns for a 23.0 yards per reception average
- Helped lead his team to a 10-3 overall record and the 4-5A playoffs as a senior, earning him first-team All-State honors
- Two-time member of the *Atlanta Journal Constitution's* All-Metro Team
- Named to the AJC's All-State Defensive Team as senior and was a first-team All-County selection by the *Henry Herald*
- Also a two-year letterwinner in track and field in the 200 and 400-meters
- Chose Kentucky over Tennessee and Michigan State

Personal

- Name is pronounced "Yusuf (YOU-suf)"
- Born in Atlanta, Ga.
- Son of Robin Meadows-Ragin and Yusuf Corker
- Uncle, Anthony Mitchell, played college football at Tuskegee and went on to spend nine seasons in the NFL, while cousin, Raymond Sanders, was a running back at UK from 2010-13
- Major is economics

Yusuf Says

- His nickname is "Deuce"
- He chose Kentucky because it was the best fit
- One word to describe him on the field is "ballhawk"
- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to be a pediatric surgeon
- His sports hero is Richard Sherman because he's a ballhawk, too

CORKER'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tkls	Int.-Yds.	Sacks	TFL-Y	FC/FR	QBH	PBU
2018	S	11-0	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
Totals		12-0	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0

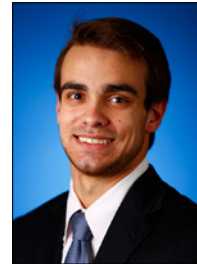
CORKER'S 2018 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FC	PBU	Int.	QBH
vs. Central Mich.	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0
at Florida	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0
vs. Murray State	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0
vs. Miss. State	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0
vs. South Carolina	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0
at TAMU	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0
vs. Vanderbilt	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0
at Missouri	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0
vs. Georgia	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0
at Tennessee	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0

vs. MTSU	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0
at Louisville	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0
Totals	7	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0

CORKER'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 2, twice, last at Louisville, Nov 14, 2018



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JOHN DAIDO

WIDE RECEIVER

6-5 • 213 • Sophomore-SQ
Vienna, Va. (Oakton)

2018 - Sophomore

- Practiced with the team

2017 - Freshman

- Practiced with the team

High School

- Three-year starter at wide receiver and tight end at Oakton High School in Vienna, Va.
- Totaled 34 catches for 635 yards and four touchdowns as a senior and 25 catches for 450 yards and two scores during his junior season
- Named All-District in 2016
- Coached by Jason Rowley
- Four-year letter winner on the lacrosse team where he was named All-State, All-Region and All-District
- Led Oakton to the 2017 6A State Lacrosse Championship title
- Chose Kentucky over Syracuse, Ole Miss and NC State after scholarship offers to play lacrosse on the Division I level

Personal

- Born in Herndon, Va.
- Son of David and Lisa Daido
- Father played football at Western Kentucky from 1983-86
- Major is political science

Jon Says

- His nickname is "Johnny"
- He chose Kentucky because it's a great place to be
- One word to describe him on the field is "athletic"
- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to be in the CIA
- Most people don't know he speaks fluent Russian



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ALLEN DAILEY JR.
WIDE RECEIVER

6-3 • 195 • Freshman-HS
 Pinson, Ala. (Pinson Valley)

2017 - Freshman

- Has seen action in all 12 games, mostly on special teams
- Made his first collegiate catches, two receptions for 38 yards and a touchdown vs. Murray State

High School

- Three-star prospect by all the major recruiting services
- No. 178 overall wide receiver and No. 36 overall prospect in the state of Alabama by 247sports
- Caught 80 passes for 1,441 yards and 23 receiving touchdowns as a senior in helping Pinson Valley finish 15-0 and win the 2017 Class 6A championship over Wetumpka
- His 23 receiving touchdowns tied for second in Alabama High School Athletic Association single-season history
- His 1,441 receiving yards also ranks among the state's top-10 single seasons in AHSAA history
- Added his 24th touchdown of the season was on an interception return
- Named to the 2017 AL.com Super All-State Football Team
- Earned Class 6A first-team All-State honors by the Alabama Sports Writers Association
- Coached by Patrick Nix
- Caught 33 passes for 445 yards and three touchdowns as a junior
- Also an excellent basketball player
- Chose UK over Louisville, UAB and Arkansas State
- Goes by the first name "Allen" instead of his given name "LiAllen"

Personal

- Born in Fort Lauderdale, Florida
- Son of Allen and Marilyn Dailey
- Major is undecided

Allen Says

- His nickname is "Dee"
- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to be a sports analyst
- If he could learn to do anything he would learn to sing and dance
- The most influential person in his life is his mother because she's his biggest fan

DAILEY'S 2018 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. Central Mich.	0	0	0	0
at Florida	0	0	0	0
vs. Murray State	2	38	1	23

vs. Miss. State	0	0	0	0
vs. South Carolina	0	0	0	0
at Texas A&M	0	0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt	0	0	0	0
at Missouri	0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia	0	0	0	0
at Tennessee	0	0	0	0
vs. MTSU	0	0	0	0
at Louisville	0	0	0	0
Totals	2	38	1	23

DAILEY'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Receptions: 2, vs Murray State, Sept 15, 2018
 Receiving yards: 38, vs Murray State, Sept 15, 2018 (2 receptions)
 Receiving TDs: 1, vs Murray State, Sept 15, 2018
 Long reception: 23, vs Murray State, Sept 15, 2018



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KASH DANIEL
LINEBACKER

6-1 • 242 • Junior-2L
 Paintsville, Ky. (Paintsville)

2018 - Junior (Team Captain)

- Tied for third on the team in total tackles (76)
- Ranks tied for 24th in the SEC in tackles per game (6.3)
- Second on the team with five quarterback hurries
- Is playing with a broken left hand sustained against Vanderbilt ... Had surgery on Oct. 22 to insert two screws
- Has double-digit tackles in three games (Central Michigan, Florida and Vanderbilt)
- Led the Wildcat defense against Louisville with eight tackles and a career-high three tackles for loss
- Had a career-high tying 11 tackles at Florida and vs. Central Michigan

2017 - Sophomore

- Played in all 13 games
- Totaled seven tackles
- Rushed six yards on a fake punt to give the Wildcats a first down during a crucial part of the fourth quarter vs. Missouri ... The first down led to a 53-yard field goal by Austin MacGinnis, the eventual game winner
- Had two tackles in the win at South Carolina

2016 - Freshman

- Saw action in all 13 games, mostly on special teams, and recorded 19 tackles
- Had a career-high seven tackles vs. Austin Peay
- Graduated high school a semester early and enrolled at Kentucky in January of 2016

High School

- U.S. Army All-American, named a team captain for the West squad, and helped the West win the game, 37-9
- Named Kentucky's Mr. Football and Kentucky Gatorade Player of the Year
- Named first-team all-state by the *Courier-Journal* and the Associated Press
- A 2015 *Herald-Leader* "Class of the Commonwealth" honoree
- Winner of the Paul Hornung Award, honoring the top player in the state
- A two-way star as a quarterback and linebacker at Paintsville, helping the Tigers compile a 13-1 record and advance to the Class 1A semifinals
- Rushed and passed for 2,245 combined yards (1,319 passing) and a 36 combined touchdowns as a senior (22 rushing TDs)
- Defensively in 2015, he had 158 tackles, four fumble recoveries and four interceptions, returning a pair for touchdowns
- Coached by Joe Chirico
- Rated as a three-star recruit by all major recruiting services
- Also lettered in baseball and basketball at Paintsville
- Picked UK over Michigan, Louisville, Marshall, Ohio, Purdue, South Carolina and Illinois

Personal

- Son of Scott Daniel and Lela Layne
- Dad, Scott, was a former professional bass fisherman
- Dad played baseball and basketball at East Tennessee State
- Mother, Lela, was inducted into Betsy Layne High School Hall of Fame for basketball
- Major is communications

Community Cats

- Visited with sick children at Wolfson Children's Hospital at the TaxSlayer Bowl in Jacksonville, Fla. (2016)

Kash Says

- He chose to play at Kentucky because he wanted to play for Coach Stoops and play in the SEC
- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to be a federal officer
- When he's not playing football he loves to bass fish
- His life's theme song is "Hells Bells" by AC/DC
- The best advice he's ever received is "no matter what, don't quit"

KA. DANIEL'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tackles	TFL-Yds.	Sacks-Yds.	FR	QBH	PBU
2016	LB	13-0	19	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
2017	LB	13-0	7	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
2018	LB	12-11	76	5.5-15	0-0	0	5	1
Totals		38-11	102	5.5-15	0-0	0	5	1

KA. DANIEL'S 2018 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FF/FR	QBH	PBU
vs. Central Mich.*	11	0-0	0-0	0/0	2	0
at Florida*	11	0-0	0.5-1	0/0	1	0
vs. Murray State*	3	0-0	1.0-2	0/0	1	0
vs. Miss. State*	7	0-0	0-0	0/0	1	0





KA. DANIEL'S 2018 GAME-BY-GAME

Table with columns for Opponent, Tackles, Sacks, TFL-Y, FF/FC, QBH, Int. Rows include vs. South Carolina*, at TAMU, vs. Vanderbilt*, at Missouri*, vs. Georgia*, at Tennessee*, vs. MTSU*, at Louisville*, and Totals.

KA. DANIEL'S 2017 GAME-BY-GAME

Table with columns for Opponent, Tackles, Sacks, TFL-Y, FF/FC, QBH, Int. Rows include at Southern Miss, vs. EKU, at South Carolina, vs. Florida, vs. E. Michigan, vs. Missouri, at Miss. State, vs. Tennessee, vs. Ole Miss, at Vanderbilt, at Georgia, vs. Louisville, vs. Northwestern, and Totals.

KA. DANIEL'S 2016 GAME-BY-GAME

Table with columns for Opponent, Tackles, Sacks, TFL-Y, FC, QBH, Int. Rows include vs. Southern Miss, at Florida, vs. New Mexico St., vs. South Carolina, at Alabama, vs. Vanderbilt, vs. Mississippi State, at Missouri, vs. Georgia, at Tennessee, vs. Austin Peay, at Louisville, vs. Georgia Tech, and Totals.

KA. DANIEL'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 11, twice, last at Florida, Sept 8, 2018 (4-7)
TFLs: 3.0, at Louisville, Nov 24, 2018 (6 yards)
QBH: 2, vs Central Michigan, Sept 1, 2018 (5-6)
PBU: 1, vs Missouri, Oct 27, 2018



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KENGERA DANIEL

LINEBACKER

6-5 • 235 • Senior-3L
Raleigh, N.C. (Millbrook)

2018 - Senior

- Recorded a career-high three tackles vs. Murray State

2017 - Junior

- Played in 12 games
Totaled six tackles
Got his first career sack vs. E. Michigan for a loss of 10 yards
Had a career-best two tackles in the opener at Southern Miss

2016 - Sophomore

- Played in 11 games
Made a crucial tackle in the win over Vanderbilt, stopping Ralph Webb on 4th-and-1 at the UK 37

2015 - Freshman

- Played in three games, finishing with one tackle vs. Charlotte
Graduated a semester early and enrolled at Kentucky in January of 2015

High School

- Defensive end prospect only began playing football in high school
Battled injuries in high school that limited his stats but still posted 65 tackles and 19 sacks in 2014
Had 13 sacks and one interception in limited time in 2013
A three-star recruit by all four major recruiting databases
Scout ranked him the fourth-best defensive end prospect in the state of North Carolina, while Rivals, 247Sports.com and ESPN all ranked him a top-25 player in the state of North Carolina
Versatile athlete played defensive end, linebacker, tight end and fullback in high school
Two-year letterman who helped his team break the school's single-season sack record in 2014
Guided Millbrook to finish second in the conference and advance to the quarterfinals of the state playoffs
Best career game came against Heritage High School when he had 12 solo tackles, including five tackles for loss and two sacks
Coached by Clarence Inscore
All-around athlete also lettered two years in basketball at center/power forward
Honor-roll student
Was very active outside of athletics, working with an outreach club in high school that spent time over at a local middle school tutoring
Chose Kentucky over Louisville, NC State, Virginia and Alabama

Personal

- Name is pronounced "ken-JAIR-ah" (jair like hair with a "j" sound)
Son of Gerald and Kenyatta Daniel
Name is combination of his mom and dad's name
Major is health promotions with a minor in communications

Community Cats

- Stayed after practice to spend time with the Special Olympics (2015)

Kengera Says

- His nickname is "K.G."
He chose Kentucky because he saw the opportunity to reach his goals on and off the field
Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to be a coach or exercise scientist
His favorite thing about football is the feeling that comes with making a big play
Most people don't know he was in the chorus in high school

KEN. DANIEL'S CAREER STATISTICS

Table with columns: Year, Pos., G-GS, Tackles, Sacks-Yds, TFL-Yds, FC, FR, PBU. Rows include 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, and Totals.

KEN. DANIEL'S 2018 GAME-BY-GAME

Table with columns: Opponent, Tackles, Sacks, TFL-Y, FC, QBH, Int. Rows include vs. Central Mich., at Florida, vs. Murray State, and Totals.

KEN. DANIEL'S 2017 GAME-BY-GAME

Table with columns: Opponent, Tackles, Sacks, TFL-Y, FC, QBH, Int. Rows include at Southern Miss, vs. EKU, at South Carolina, vs. Florida, vs. E. Michigan, vs. Missouri, at Miss. State, vs. Tennessee, vs. Ole Miss, at Vanderbilt, at Georgia, vs. Louisville, vs. Northwestern, and Totals.

KEN. DANIEL'S 2016 GAME-BY-GAME

Table with columns: Opponent, Tackles, Sacks, TFL-Y, FC, QBH, Int. Rows include vs. Southern Miss, at Florida, vs. New Mexico St., vs. South Carolina.



KEN. DANIEL'S 2016 GAME-BY-GAME

at Alabama	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
vs. Mississippi State	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
at Missouri	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
at Tennessee	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
vs. Austin Peay	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
at Louisville	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia Tech	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Totals	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0

KEN. DANIEL'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 3, vs Murray State, Sept 15, 2018 (2-1)
Tackles for loss: 1.0, vs E. Michigan, Sept 30, 2017 (1.0-10)
Sacks: 1.0, vs E. Michigan, Sept 30, 2017 (1.0-10)



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JAMIN DAVIS

LINEBACKER

6-4 • 224 • Freshman-RS
 Ludowici, Ga. (Long County)

2018 - Freshman-RS

- Has seen action in all 12 games and has nine tackles and an interception
- Made a career-high four tackles and claimed his first career interception and added a pass breakup vs. Murray State

2017 - Freshman

- Redshirt season
- Graduated a semester early and enrolled at Kentucky in January of 2017
- Totaled a team-high eight tackles, including 1.0 TFL, in the spring game last season for the White team

High School

- Considered one of the nation's top 50 outside linebackers by 247Sports
- Has been clocked running a 4.65 40-yard dash, and has a 38-inch vertical leap
- Finished his senior season with 126 tackles, with an impressive 89 solo tackles
- Averaged 14.0 tackles per contest (nine games)
- Also had four tackles for loss, a sack, a hurry and a fumble recovery which he returned to the opponent's three-yard line
- Forced two fumbles and blocked both a punt and a field goal
- Offensively, he had 11 carries for 50 yards, along with 12 receptions for 151 yards and three scores
- Had 131 tackles as a junior and 45 tackles as a sophomore, totaling 302 career tackles in his prep career
- Just the second player in Long County High School history to sign with a Division I football program

- A four-year letter winner and three-year starter at Long County for coach Eric McNair
- Named Class AAA All-State honorable mention by the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*
- Three-time All-Region II selection, earning first-team honors in 2015 and 2016
- Chose UK over Louisville, Georgia Tech, Purdue and N.C. State

Personal

- Born in Honolulu, Hawaii
- Son of Tanga Davis and James Davis
- Father, James, played football at Bethune-Cookman, while a cousin, Attiyah Henderson, played football at San Diego State
- Major is community and leadership development

Jamin Says

- His nickname is "Shadow"
- He chose Kentucky because it felt like home
- His sports hero is LaDanian Tomlinson because he always put his team first
- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to be a mechanical engineer
- His favorite part of game day is putting on his uniform because he feels like a knight putting on his armor

DAVIS' CAREER STATISTICS

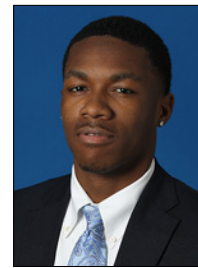
Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tackles	Sacks-Yds.	TFL-Yds.	FC/FR	INT	PBU
2018	LB	12-0	9	0	0	0	1-18	1
Totals		12-0	9	0	0	0	1-18	1

DAVIS' 2018 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FC/FR	QBH	Int.
vs. Central Mich.	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
at Florida	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. Murray State	4	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	1-18
vs. Miss. State	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. South Carolina	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
at Texas A&M	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
at Missouri	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. Georgia	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
at Tennessee	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. MTSU	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
at Louisville	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
Totals	8	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	1-18

DAVIS' SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 4, vs Murray State, Sept 15, 2018 (2-2)
Interceptions: 1, vs Murray State, Sept 15, 2018
PBUs: 1, vs Murray State, Sept 15, 2018



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CEDRICK DORT JR.

CORNERBACK

5-11 • 176 • Sophomore-1L
 Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. (Dwyer)

2018 - Sophomore

- Redshirt season

2017 - Freshman

- Has played in nine games
- Totaled six tackles
- Graduated a semester early and enrolled at Kentucky in January of 2017

High School

- Rated a three-star recruit by 247sports, ESPN and Scout as the No. 42 cornerback in the 2017 class
- As a senior, named first-team All-Area by the Palm Beach Post and first-team All-County by the Sun Sentinel after recording 40 tackles, 14 pass breakups and six interceptions, returning one for a touchdown
- Played a key role in helping Dwyer finish 10-1 overall in 2016 with its second-straight appearance in the Class 7A regional semifinals
- Did not allow a TD pass, a first down pass or a pass over five yards during the regular season
- Did not miss a tackle all season and battled against six receivers who were expected to sign Division I scholarships
- Named one of ESPN 106.3's top seniors in Palm Beach County and the Treasure Coast
- Was All-Area honorable mention in 2015 after helping lead the Panthers to an 11-2 overall record, a district championship title and a berth in the 7A regional semifinal
- Helped Dwyer shut out two opponents and held six others to 14 points or less
- A three-year letter winner in basketball as a combo guard
- Has a huge upside as he played only two years of high school football
- Coached by Jack Daniels
- Chose UK over Wisconsin, Virginia Tech, Minnesota, Colorado and USF

Personal

- Born in Palm Beach, Fla.
- Son of Clevette Wiggins and Cedrick Dort Sr.
- Major is community and Leadership development

Cedrick Says

- His nickname is "Young Boy"
- He chose Kentucky to help change the program
- One word to describe him on the field is "smart"
- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to be a sports agent
- Most people don't know he's a snare drummer





DORT'S 2017 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FC/FR	PBU	Int.-Yds
at Southern Miss	0	0-0	0.0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. E. Michigan	0	0-0	0.0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. Missouri	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
at Miss. State	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. Tennessee	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. Ole Miss	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
at Georgia	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. Louisville	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. Northwestern	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
Totals	6	0-0	0.0	0/0	0	0-0

DORTS'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 2, twice, last vs Northwestern, Dec 29, 2017



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AUSTIN DOTSON

OFFENSIVE TACKLE

6-6 • 322 • Freshman-RS
Belfry, Ky. (Belfry)

2018 - r-Freshman

- Saw action in seven games

2017 - Freshman

- Redshirt season

High School

- A three-star prospect by ESPN and 247Sports
- Ranks as the No. 2 offensive tackle in the Commonwealth by ESPN
- A three-year starter for Coach Phillip Haywood, who said, "He's a very physical blocker. He's one of these guys who would really get after you and stay after you until the whistle blows. And if we score a touchdown, he'd be the first one down there in the end zone patting the guy on the back or tossing him in the air. He just loves playing on the line"
- Named to *The Courier-Journal's* 2016 All-State Football Team as a first-team selection after being a second-team member as a junior
- Also named to the AP All-State First Team
- Member of four straight championship teams (2013-16)
- Played right tackle on a massive offensive line that helped the Pirates finish 14-1 as a senior and average 347.1 rushing yards and 44.1 points per game
- Helped Belfry win its sixth overall, including fourth straight Class 3-A State championship with a 52-31 win over Central in 2016
- Member of the Kentucky squad in the Best of the Bluegrass All-Star Game
- Also a four-year letterwinner in baseball as a pitcher and first baseman

- Chose Kentucky over Charlotte, Eastern Kentucky, Florida Atlantic and Marshall

Personal

- Born in Pikeville, Ky.
- Son of Sherry and Derrick Dotson
- Major is sociology

Austin Says

- His nickname is "Big A"
- He chose Kentucky because it's home and it feels like home
- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to be a physical therapist
- When he's not on the field, he enjoys fishing, hunting and eating with friends



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TYMERE DUBOSE

DEFENSIVE TACKLE

6-5 • 315 • Senior-3L
Youngstown, Ohio
(Youngstown Christian)

2018 - Senior

- Has 11 tackles, 1.5 TFL and one QBH this season
- Earned his first career start in the win over South Carolina
- Registered his first career sack vs Central Michigan in the season opener

2017 - Junior

- Played in six games, totaling four tackles and 1.5 TFL

2016 - Sophomore

- Played in 11 games, with a season-high three tackles vs. New Mexico State

2015 - r-Freshman

- Played in four games with one tackle at Miss. State

2014 - Freshman

- Redshirt season

High School

- A three-star recruit by Rivals, Scout, 247sports.com and ESPN
- Ranked as the 40th-best player in the state of Ohio and 33rd-best strongside defensive end in the nation by Rivals
- Considered the 46th-best defensive end in nation by Scout
- Big, physical player that played on the defensive line and at tight end in high school
- Second-team Division VII All-Ohio in 2013 by The Associated Press
- Coached by Brian Marrow
- Also was a star basketball player in high school
- Picked Kentucky after offers from Michigan State and West Virginia

Personal

- Born in Youngstown, Ohio
- Name is pronounced "du-BOSE"
- Son of Kambria Brown
- Graduated in December with a degree in community and leadership development

Community Cats

- A frequent volunteer as a bell ringer for the Salvation Army (2014)
- Assisted with God's Pantry (2014)
- Stayed after practice to spend time with the Special Olympics (2015)

Tymere Says

- His favorite meal is tacos
- One word to describe him on the field is "relentless"
- His favorite movie is *Scarface*
- He couldn't live without his family
- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to play in the NBA

DUBOSE'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Yds.	PBU	FR/FC	QBH
2015	DT	4-0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0
2016	DT	11-0	6	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0
2017	DT	6-0	4	0-0	1.5-3	0	0/0	0
2018	DT	11-3	11	0.5-4	1.5-5	0	0/0	1
Totals		32-3	22	3.5-4	3.0-8	0	0/0	1

DUBOSE'S 2018 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FC/FR	PBU	QBH
vs. Central Mich.	3	1.0-4	1.0-4	0/0	0	0
at Florida	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. Murray State	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	1
vs. Miss. State	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. South Carolina*	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
at TAMU*	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt	1	0-0	0.5-1	0/0	0	0
at Missouri	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. Georgia	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
at Tennessee	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. MTSU			DNP			
at Louisville	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
Totals	11	0.5-4	1.5-5	0/0	0	1

DUBOSE'S 2017 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FC/FR	PBU	Int.-Yds
vs. E. Michigan	1	0-0	0.0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. Ole Miss	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
at Georgia	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. Louisville	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. Northwestern	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
Totals	4	0-0	1.5-3	0/0	0	0-0

DUBOSE'S 2016 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FC	QBH	Int.
vs. Southern Miss			DNP			
at Florida	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
vs. New Mexico St.	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0





DUBOSE'S 2016 GAME-BY-GAME						
vs. South Carolina	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
at Alabama	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
vs. Mississippi State			DNP			
at Missouri	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
at Tennessee	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
vs. Austin Peay	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
at Louisville	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia Tech	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Totals	6	0-0	0-0	0	0	0

DUBOSE'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS
Tackles: 3, three times, last vs Central Michigan, Sept 1, 2018 (0-3)
Sacks: 1.0 vs Central Michigan, Sept 1, 2018 (1.0-4)
Tackles for loss: 1.5, vs Northwestern, Dec 29 (1.5-3)
QBH: 1, vs Murray State, Sept 15, 2018



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MAX DUFFY

PUNTER

6-1 • 194 • Sophomore-TR
Perth, Australia (Curtin/Kent Street)

- Ray Guy Award Watch List
- Ray's 8 Player of the Week nominee (Week 5 and Week 11)

2018 - Sophomore

- Ranks sixth in the SEC and 13th nationally in punting yards per game (44.8)
- Did not punt in the Louisville game, tying the Governor's Cup record for fewest punts set by Louisville in 2017
- Punted a season-high 10 times for 487 yards (48.7 average) at Texas A&M ... The 48.7 average set the school records for best average per punt in a game (min. 8 and min. 10) ... Three punts were inside the opponent 20-yard line ... Had a long punt of 63 yards
- Punted four times against South Carolina for a 47.5-yard average, with all four punts inside the opponent 20-yard line
- South Carolina's average starting field position after his punts was its own 14-yard line
- South Carolina did not score on any of its possessions after Duffy's pinning punts
- Outstanding in his first game as a Wildcat against Central Michigan, punting four times for a 50-yard average ... Landed two inside the 20-yard-line and the team's net punting average was 49.8 yards per punt

Australia

- Australian punter who is rated as the No. 1 punting prospect in the class of 2018 by Ray Guy's ProKicker.com

- Averaged 48 yards per punt with an average hangtime of 4.42 seconds, according to ProKicker
- Grew up playing basketball and soccer, he switched to Australian football at age 15
- Played for Fremantle in the Australian Football League
- Worked with Prokick Australia under the guidance of coaches Nathan Chapman and John Smith
- Will be the second year in a row that an Aussie punter will be on the Wildcat roster, following in the footsteps of former punter Matt Panton
- Will have three years of eligibility

Personal

- Born in Perth, Australia
- Son of John and Julie Duffy
- Currently 25 years old, the oldest player on the team ... Will be 26 in April
- Major is psychology

Max Says

- He chose Kentucky because of the opportunity to play in an elite environment
- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to be a head coach in the Australian Football League
- The biggest difference he's seen between America and Australia is the language barrier and how most people can't understand him
- The most influential person in his life is his father because he pushes him to be the best and has taught him good morals and values
- His favorite quote he likes to live by is "the standard you walk past is the standard you accept"

DUFFY'S CAREER STATISTICS									
Year	G	Punts	Yds.	Avg.	TBs	FC	Inside 20	Long	50+
2018	12	51	2284	44.8	2	13	25	63	15
Totals	12	51	2284	44.8	2	13	25	63	15

DUFFY'S 2018 GAME-BY-GAME					
Opponent	Punts	Yds.	Avg.	Long	Inside 20
vs. Central Mich.*	4	200	50.0	54	2
at Florida*	4	157	39.2	43	2
vs. Murray State*	1	54	54.0	54	1
vs. Miss. State*	5	221	44.2	49	2
vs. South Carolina*	4	190	47.5	52	4
at TAMU*	10	487	48.7	63	3
vs. Vanderbilt*	5	215	43.0	51	2
at Missouri*	5	177	35.4	44	2
vs. Georgia*	4	194	48.5	56	3
at Tennessee*	7	322	46.0	56	4
vs. MTSU*	2	67	33.5	47	0
at Louisville*	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	51	2284	44.8	63	25

DUFFY'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS
Punts: 10, at TAMU, at Oct 6, 2018
Punt Yards: 487 at TAMU, at Oct 6, 2018
Single-game Avg: 54.0, vs Murray State, Sept 15, 2018 (1)
Long: 63, at TAMU, at Oct 6, 2018



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MIKE EDWARDS

SAFETY

6-0 • 200 • Senior-3L
Cincinnati, Ohio (Winton Woods)

- Second-Team All-SEC by AP
- Third-Team All-SEC by Athlon
- Thorpe Award Watch List
- Bronko Nagurski Trophy Watch List
- Reese's Senior Bowl
- First-Team Preseason All-SEC (Coaches, Athlon Sports, Phil Steele, Street and Smith's, Lindy's)
- Second-Team Preseason All-SEC (Media)

2018 - Senior (Team Captain)

- Has started in 43 consecutive games
- Has 313 career tackles and is just the 19th player in school history with 300 or more tackles, including just the second DB (Darryl Bishop, 1971-73)
- Ranks second on the team in tackles (76), TFLs (9.0), PBUs (6) and INTs (2)
- Opened the scoring with a 66-yard interception return for a touchdown on the first defensive possession of the MTSU game ... UK first interception return for a TD since Marcus McWilson vs. Mississippi State in 2016 and longest INT return for a TD since Josh Forrest's 81-yarder vs. Louisville in 2015
- Has 10 pickoffs in his career, tying Larry Carter (1977-79), Buzz Burnam (1970-72) and Marcus McClinton (2004-08) for fourth place in UK history ... Needs one more to move up to No. 2 with Wilbur Jamerson (1947-50) and Tony Mayes (1983-96) with 11
- Just the sixth player in school history with at least two INT returns for a TD ... also had one in 2015
- Had a season-high 12 tackles vs. MTSU, his second double-figure game of the season and 11th of his career ... Had 11 tackles vs. Georgia
- Had a career-high three TFL at Texas A&M
- Got his first interception of the season, ninth of his career in the win over South Carolina
- Charted six tackles and one PBU at No. 25 Florida and had six tackles in the win over No. 14 Mississippi State

2017 - Junior (Team Captain)

- Phil Steele All-SEC First Team
- Jim Thorpe Preseason Watch List
- Started in all 13 games
- Has 236 career tackles and needs 64 more to become the 19th player in school history with 300 or more tackles and just the second DB
- Led the team and ranked tied for ninth in the SEC in tackles per game with 7.5
- Had a team-high four INTs and seven PBUs
- Just the fourth player in school history to lead the team in both interceptions and tackles in the same season, joining Darryl Bishop in 1972, Quentus Cumby in 2002 and Danny Trevathan in 2011





- Ranked 38th nationally and was third in the SEC in total interceptions (4)
- Ranked tied for 11th in the SEC in passes defended (.83 per game)
- Had five double-figure tackle games
- Had 11 tackles and his first career QBH vs. Ole Miss
- Recorded 10 tackles, one sack and 1.5 tackles for loss in the win over Tennessee
- His end zone interception on the game's final play clinched the win over Eastern Michigan
- Sealed UK's win over ECU with a late interception in the fourth quarter
- Athlon Sports Preseason All-SEC Second Team
- Preseason All-SEC Third Team (Media)
- Preseason All-SEC Third Team (Coaches)

2016 - Sophomore

- Started in all 13 games
- Named second-team AP All-SEC and third-team by Athlon and Phil Steele
- Led all SEC defensive backs in tackles with 100
- Second on the team and seventh in the SEC in tackles per game with 7.7
- Had a team-high tying three interceptions
- Had two interceptions of Heisman Trophy winner Lamar Jackson in the win over No. 11 Louisville, tying the record for most pickoffs in a Governor's Cup game ... Also tied the record for most Governor's Cup interceptions in a career
- Named SEC Co-Defensive Player of the Week after his performance vs. Louisville
- Also had an interception vs. Austin Peay
- Tied for 10th in the SEC in total passes defended with 11
- Had 5.5 tackles for loss
- Had 10 or more tackles in four games
- Had a career-high 13 tackles against Georgia

2015 - r-Freshman

- Had a strong finish to his redshirt freshman campaign, playing in all 12 games and starting the final five of the year
- Had 39 tackles, including two tackles for a loss
- Added an interception, broke up two passes and forced a fumble
- Had at least three tackles in his final six games, including seven tackles at Mississippi State and six at Georgia and Vanderbilt
- Forced a fumble at Vandy and picked off his first career pass vs. Charlotte
- Had a strong eight-tackle game vs. Tennessee, including his first career tackle for a loss
- After his 20-yard interception return for a TD vs. Charlotte, was named SEC Freshman of the Week

2014 - Freshman

- Redshirt season

High School

- A four-star prospect by Rivals and Scout, three-star prospect by 247Sports.com and ESPN
- Ranked as the 14th-best prospect in the state of Ohio and 25th-best safety in the nation by Rivals and Scout ranked him the 29th best cornerback in the nation and 256th-best prospect in the country
- Great senior season with seven interceptions, two fumble recoveries and 46 tackles to go along with 13.7 yards per punt return including three for touchdowns

- Had two interceptions in his team's first-round playoff game in 2013, helping the squad advance to the second round
- Named first-team Division II All-Ohio as a defensive back
- Coached by Andre Parker
- Four-sport athlete in high school
- Also a guard on the basketball team and a shortstop in baseball
- In track and field he was on the 4x100- and 4x400-meter relays and competed in the high jump
- Chose UK over Louisville, Missouri, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Nebraska and Vanderbilt

Personal

- Born in Cincinnati
- Son of Terri and Mike Edwards Jr.
- Wears a pink mouthpiece in memory of his aunt, Angie Evans, who passed away from breast cancer in 2013
- Graduated in December with a degree in family sciences with a minor in criminology

Community Cats

- Stayed after practice to spend time with the Special Olympics (2015)

Mike Says

- His nickname is "The Badger"
- He chose UK because it felt like home more than any other school
- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to be a CSI agent
- He chose his jersey number because it's his favorite number and because of John Elway and Tyrann Mathieu
- His life's theme song is "Three Little Birds" by Bob Marley

EDWARDS' CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tkls	Int.-Yds.	Sacks	TFL-Y	FC/FR	QBH	PBU
2015	S	12-5	39	1-20	0-0	2.0-4	1/0	0	2
2016	S	13-13	100	3-46	0.5-4	5.5-14	0/0	0	8
2017	S	13-13	97	4-1	1.0-13	4.0-20	0/0	1	7
2018	S	12-12	77	2-79	0-0	9.0-25	1/1	1	6
Totals		49-42	313	10-146	1.5-17	20.5-63	2/1	2	23

EDWARDS' 2018 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FC/FR	PBU	Int.	QBH
vs. Central Mich. *	2	0-0	0.5-1	0/0	0	0-0	0
at Florida*	6	0-0	0-0	0/0	1	0-0	0
vs. Murray State*	5	0-0	1.0-5	0/0	0	0-0	1
vs. Miss. State*	6	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0-0	0
vs. USC*	5	0-0	1.0-2	0/0	0	1-13	0
at TAMU*	9	0-0	3.0-5	0/0	0	0-0	0
vs. Vanderbilt*	9	0-0	0-0	0/1	1	0-0	0
at Missouri*	4	0-0	1.0-7	0/0	1	0-0	0
vs. Georgia*	11	0-0	0-0	0/0	1	0-0	0
at Tennessee*	6	0-0	0.5-1	0/0	2	0-0	0
vs. MTSU*	12	0-0	2.0-4	1/0	0	1-66	0
at Louisville*	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
Totals	77	0-0	9.0-25	1/1	6	2-79	1

EDWARDS' 2017 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FC	PBU	Int.	QBH
at Southern Miss *	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0
vs. ECU*	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	1-0	0
at South Carolina*	7	0-0	0-0	0	0	1-1	0
vs. Florida*	11	0-0	0-0	0	1	0-0	0
vs. E. Michigan*	8	0-0	0-0	0	2	1-0	0
vs. Missouri*	11	0-0	0-0	0	1	0-0	0
vs. Miss. State*	11	0-0	1.0-1	0	1	0-0	0
vs. Tennessee*	10	1.0-13	1.5-15	0	0	0-0	0
vs. Ole Miss*	11	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	1
at Vanderbilt*	5	0-0	1.0-3	0	0	1-0	0
at Georgia*	4	0-0	0-0	0	1	0-0	0
vs. Louisville*	6	0-0	0.5-1	0	0	0-0	0
vs. Northwestern*	7	0-0	0-0	0	1	0-0	0
Totals	97	1.5-17	3.5-19	0	7	4-1	1

EDWARDS' 2016 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FC	PBU	Int.
vs. Southern Miss *	9	0-0	1.0-2	0	1	0
at Florida *	6	0-0	0	0	1	0
vs. New Mexico St. *	12	0-0	1.0-4	0	3	0
vs. South Carolina *	4	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
at Alabama *	12	0-0	0-0	0	2	0
vs. Vanderbilt *	8	0-0	1.0-1	0	0	0
vs. Mississippi State *	3	0-0	1.0-1	0	0	0
at Missouri *	6	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia *	13	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
at Tennessee *	12	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
vs. Austin Peay *	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	1
at Louisville *	6	0.5-4	0.5-4	0	0	2
vs. Georgia Tech *	7	0-0	1.0-2	0	0	0
Totals	100	0.5-4	5.5-14	0	8	3

EDWARDS' 2015 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FC	PBU	Int.
vs. UL Lafayette	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
at South Carolina	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
vs. Florida	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
vs. Missouri	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
vs. Eastern Kentucky	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
vs. Auburn	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
at Mississippi State	7	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
vs. Tennessee	8	0-0	1-3	0	0	0
at Georgia	6	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
at Vanderbilt	6	0-0	0-0	1	1	0
vs. Charlotte	3	0-0	1-1	0	0	1
vs. Louisville	6	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Totals	39	0-0	2-4	1	2	1

EDWARDS' SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 13, vs Georgia, Nov 5, 2016 (4-9)
Tackles for loss: 2.0, vs Middle Tennessee, Nov 17, 2018 (4)
Sacks: 1.0, vs. Tennessee, Oct. 28, 2017 (1.0-13)
Fumbles forced: 1, twice, vs Middle Tennessee, Nov 17, 2018
Fumbles recovered: 1, vs Vanderbilt, Oct 20, 2018
Pass breakups: 3, vs New Mexico State, Sept 17, 2016
Touchdowns: 1, twice, last vs Middle Tennessee, Nov 17, 2018
All-purpose yards: 46, vs Austin Peay, Nov 19, 2016
Interceptions: 2, at Louisville, Nov 26, 2016
Long interception return: 66, s Middle Tennessee, Nov 17, 2018



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ISAIAH
EPPS

WIDE RECEIVER

6-2 • 181 • Sophomore-1L
Jenks, Okla. (Jenks)**2018 - Sophomore**

- Has played in all 12 games with two starts
- Has eight catches for 76 yards

2017 - Freshman

- Played in all 13 games
- Totaled four catches for 55 yards
- Had a career-best two catches for 31 yards vs. Ole Miss
- One of seven true freshmen to see action in the season opener at Southern Miss

High School

- A big, talented wide receiver who had a breakout senior season for Coach Allan Trimble at Jenks
- Set a Jenks receiving record with 1,209 yards in 2016 with 59 catches and 12 touchdowns, along with 10 rushes for 76 yards and a score
- Helped lead the Trojans to an 11-1 overall record with their only loss coming in the 6AI semifinal playoff game
- Earned District 6A-1 Offensive Player of the Year
- Named third-team All-State by The Oklahoman
- Rivals listed him as a three-star wide receiver and ranked him as the 21st-best wide receiver in Oklahoma
- Also lettered in basketball (2014-16) and track & field (2015) at Jenks
- Excelled in the classroom, earning a spot on the Principal's Honor Roll
- Chose Kentucky over offers from Tulsa, Southern Methodist, Illinois, Western Michigan

Personal

- Born in Tulsa, Okla.
- Son of Michael and LaQuisha Epps
- Older brother, Carson, was a receiver at Iowa State and cousin, Denver Johnson, currently is a junior wide receiver for the Cyclones
- Major is psychology

Isaiah Says

- His nickname is "Zay"
- When he's not on the field he enjoys playing golf and frisbee golf
- His favorite part of game day is running out of the tunnel and seeing all the fans
- His passions in life are playing football and volunteering
- One word to describe him on the field is "relentless"

EPPS' CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
2017	WR	13-0	4	55	13.8	0	28
2018	WR	12-2	8	76	9.5	0	18
Totals		25-2	12	131	10.9	0	28

EPPS' 2018 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. Central Mich.	0	0	0	0
at Florida	0	0	0	0
vs. Murray State	1	8	0	8
vs. Miss. State	0	0	0	0
vs. South Carolina	1	11	0	11
at TAMU	0	0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt	0	0	0	0
at Missouri	0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia*	2	29	0	18
at Tennessee*	1	4	0	4
vs. MTSU*	3	24	0	14
at Louisville	0	0	0	0
Totals	5	52	0	18

EPPS' 2017 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
at Southern Miss	1	6	0	6
vs. EKU	0	0	0	0
at South Carolina	0	0	0	0
vs. Florida	0	0	0	0
vs. E. Michigan	1	18	0	18
vs. Missouri	0	0	0	0
at Miss. State	0	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee	0	0	0	0
vs. Ole Miss	2	31	0	28
at Vanderbilt	0	0	0	0
at Georgia	0	0	0	0
vs. Louisville	0	0	0	0
vs. Northwestern	0	0	0	0
Totals	4	55	0	28

EPPS' SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Receptions: 3, vs Middle Tennessee, Nov 17, 2018
Receiving yards: 31, vs Ole Miss, Nov 4, 2017 (2 receptions)
Receiving TDs: n/a
Long reception: 28, vs Ole Miss, Nov 4, 2017



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LUKE
FORTNER

OFFENSIVE GUARD

6-6 • 293 • Sophomore-1L
Sylvania, Ohio
(Sylvania Northview)**2018 - Sophomore**

- Has seen action in 11 games

2017 - r-Freshman

- Saw action in eight games
- Blocked for All-SEC running back, Benny Snell Jr., the first player in school history to rush for 1,000 yards in consecutive seasons
- Named to SEC Academic Honor Roll

2016 - Freshman

- Redshirt season
- Dean's List (Fall 2016, Spring 2017)
- SEC First-year Academic Honor Roll (2016-17)

High School

- A three-star offensive tackle by ESPN, Rivals and 247sports
- Rated as the 69th best offensive lineman nationally and the 36th best prospect in Ohio by 247sports
- Also played guard and center
- Four-year starter for Coach Doug Downing
- Named team captain as a senior
- Scout says, "Physical player - does a great job of getting and maintaining leverage once engaged with defender. Majority of the time plays under control and balanced, showing the ability to beat a defender on own. Played tackle and center in high school. We feel he's got the raw talent to work with but a year in a college system will help him with his footwork and learning more about pass protection. Solid pick up for the Wildcats as Fortner is a player who will benefit from a season or two in the college game"
- Earned third-team All-Ohio for Division II
- Named second-team All-Northwest Ohio in 2014 and 2015
- Dual-sport athlete as he also was a center on the Northview basketball team
- Honor-roll student and member of the National Honor Society
- Earned President's Education Award
- Chose UK over Akron, Cincinnati, Marshall, Maryland, Toledo and Western Michigan

Personal

- Born in Cleveland, Ohio
- Son of John and Nancy Fortner
- Uncle, Don Svec, played football at Youngstown State
- Major is mechanical engineering

Community Cats

- Volunteer for Habitat for Humanity (2016)



Luke Says

- He chose Kentucky because he loved the atmosphere
- Most people don't know that he played soccer until the eighth grade
- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to be a football coach
- His sports hero is Joe Thomas because he's consistent and good at what he does
- If he had to be stranded on an island with a teammate he would choose Drake Jackson



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STANLEY
GARNER

CORNERBACK

6-1 • 171 • Freshman-HS
Parkway, Fla. (Dillard)

2018 - Freshman

- Redshirt season

High School

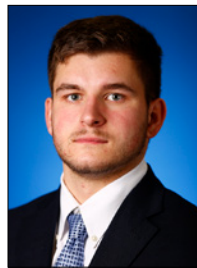
- Four-star recruit by Rivals.com, which evaluates him as the No. 35 cornerback in the nation
- All-Broward County selection
- Was invited to play in the prestigious Broward County vs. Dade County All-Star Game, but was unable to participate because of his enrollment at UK
- Was a standout two-way player, as he also played wide receiver on offense
- Coached by Rick Hemingway at Dillard High School
- Helped lead Dillard to the district championship
- Rejoins former Dillard teammate Jordan Wright at Kentucky
- Teammates with fellow signee Bryce Oliver
- Entertained dozens of Division I offers, from every Power 5 conference, including Auburn, Clemson, Florida, Florida State, Louisville, Miami (Fla.), Michigan and many others

Personal

- Born in Parkway, Fla.
- Son of Margaret Pegues
- Majoring in communications

Stanley Says

- His nickname is "Sniper Gang"
- He chose Kentucky because he felt it was the best fit
- One word to describe him on the field is "mysterious"
- The most influential person in his life is his mother because she is a single parent and she has worked hard to raise four boys
- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to make music/beats



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COLIN
GOODFELLOW

PUNTER

6-2 • 218 • Sophomore-SQ
Cleveland, Ohio
(St. Ignatius)

2018 - Sophomore

- Practiced with the team

2017 - Freshman

- Practiced with the team
- Dean's List (Fall 2017)

High School

- Three-year letter winner and starter at punter for St. Ignatius in Cleveland
- Averaged 41.1 yards per punt as a senior, helping the Wildcats finish 13-2
- Kept nine punts inside the 20-yard line and allowed only three touchbacks
- Also handled kickoffs, sending 61-of-87 to the end zone
- Named to Cleveland.com's 2016 all-star football team
- Was a two-time first-team All-County and two-time All-State selection
- Coached by Chuck Kyle
- Also a two-year letter winner as a guard on the basketball team
- Member of the National Honor Society
- 1st Honors (2016 and 2015), 2nd Honors (2014 and 2013)
- Chose Kentucky over Penn State and Pittsburgh

Personal

- Born in Cleveland, Ohio.
- Son of Kathy and Don
- Father, Don, played basketball at Case Western
- Sister, Christina, played soccer at Duquesne
- Major is pre-nursing

Colin Says

- His nickname is "Goody"
- He chose Kentucky because it would allow him to study nursing and play football
- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to be a certified registered nurse anesthetist
- The most influential person in his life is his mother because she influenced him to follow his dream of being in a medical career while pursuing football
- His one guilty pleasure is eating meals in bed



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JORDAN
GRIFFIN

SAFETY

6-0 • 194 • Junior-2L
Riverdale, Ga.
(Jonesboro)

2018 - Junior

- Has totaled 12 tackles and three PBUs in 11 games this season
- Did not see action vs. Miss. State with injury

2017 - Sophomore

- Played in all 13 games with one start
- Had 22 tackles, three PBUs and one INT
- Got his first career interception in the win over Vanderbilt
- Charted a career-high six tackles vs. Missouri with one PBU
- Had two tackles and a PBU in the opener at Southern Miss ... Also had two tackles at South Carolina and vs. Eastern Michigan
- Earned his first career start vs. Eastern Michigan
- Fall SEC Academic Honor Roll

2016 - Freshman

- Saw action in eight games, totaling six tackles
- SEC First-year Academic Honor Roll (2016-17)

High School

- A four-star prospect by Rivals, which rated him as the 15th best cornerback in the nation and the 16th best prospect in talent-laden Georgia, 191st nationally
- ESPN tabbed him as the 23rd corner in the nation and the 34th best player in Georgia
- Ranked by 247sports as a three-star recruit, as the nation's No. 37 cornerback and the 32nd best prospect in Georgia
- Scout ranked him as a three-star prospect and the 46th best cornerback overall, third-best in Georgia
- Named First-team All-State by the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*
- At corner, he totaled 18 tackles and three interceptions in helping lead the Cardinals to the regional championship title ... Also forced one fumble and had one fumble recovery
- An excellent wide receiver as he caught 68 passes for 1,008 yards and 11 touchdowns in helped lead the Cardinals to an 11-2 overall record as a senior
- Also played basketball, winning back-to-back state titles, and ran track
- Excelled in the classroom and was a member of the National Honor Society, Future Business Leaders of America and the Beta Club
- Chose UK over Auburn, Clemson and Stanford

Personal

- Born in Riverdale, Calif.
- Son of Judy and Lawrence Griffin
- Brother, Jason, played football at Fort Valley State



- Major is community and leadership development
- Representative for UK Football's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC)

Jordan Says

- His nickname is "J.G."
- He chose Kentucky because it was the best place for him to pursue his dreams
- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to be a college coach
- His sports heroes are his dad, brother and high school coach because they have taught him everything he knows
- One word to describe him on the field is "electrifying"

GRIFFIN'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tackles	TFL-Y	Int.-Yds.	PBU	FR	FC	QBH
2016	DB	8-0	6	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
2017	DB	13-1	22	0-0	1-2	3	0	0	0
2018	DB	11-4	12	0-0	0-0	3	0	0	0
Totals		32-5	40	0-0	1-2	6	0	0	0

GRIFFIN'S 2018 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FR	FC	PBU	Int.
vs. Central Mich.*	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at Florida*	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Murray State*	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0
vs. Miss. State		DNP	(Injury)				
vs. South Carolina*	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0
at TAMU	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at Missouri	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at Tennessee	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. MTSU	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at Louisville	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0
Totals	12	0-0	0.0	0	0	3	0

GRIFFIN'S 2017 GAME-BY-GAME

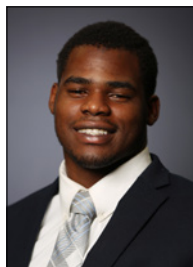
Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FR	FC	PBU	Int.
at Southern Miss.	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0
vs. ECU	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at South Carolina	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Florida	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. E. Michigan*	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Missouri	6	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0
at Miss. State	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Ole Miss	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	-
at Vanderbilt	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1-2
at Georgia	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Louisville	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Northwestern	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Totals	22	0-0	0.0	0	0	3	1-2

GRIFFIN'S 2016 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FR	FC	PBU	Int.
vs. New Mexico St.	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at Alabama	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Miss. State	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at Missouri	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at Tennessee	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Austin Peay	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at Louisville	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia Tech	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Totals	6	0-0	0.0	0	0	0	0

GRIFFIN'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 6, vs Missouri, Oct 7, 2016 (5-1)
Pass breakups: 1, five times, last vs South Carolina, Sept 29, 2018
Interceptions: 1, at Vanderbilt, Nov 11, 2017



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DAVOAN HAWKINS

DEFENSIVE LINEMAN

**6-2 • 271 • Freshman-HS
 Lauderhill, Fla. (Chaminade-Madonna)**

2018 - Freshman

- Redshirt season

High School

- Another recruit from the pipeline of Chaminade-Madonna to Kentucky
- Coached by Dameon Jones
- Rejoins former high school teammates Josh Ali and Chris Whittaker at UK
- Teammates with fellow signees B.J. Alexander Jr. and Akeem Hayes
- Played both offense (guard) and defense
- Team won the 3A state championship in 2017, the school's first football state title since 2005
- On defense registered 65 total tackles, 21 tackles for loss and 12 sacks as a senior
- Three-time first-team All-County selection
- Student ambassador
- Rated a three-star prospect by 247Sports, Rivals and ESPN
- Chose Kentucky over Miami and Oklahoma

Personal

- Name is pronounced Davoan (day-VEE-on)
- Born in Lauderhill, Florida
- Son of Sherria Hicks and Earnest Hawkins
- Major is undecided

Davoan Says

- His nickname is "Day Day"
- He chose Kentucky because he wanted to help change the program
- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to make music

- His hobbies outside of football are rapping, writing songs and dancing
- He has 14 siblings



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AKEEM HAYES

WIDE RECEIVER

**5-8 • 153 • Freshman-HS
 Hollywood, Fla. (Chaminade-Madonna)**

2018 - Freshman

- Redshirt season

High School

- Part of a pipeline from Chaminade-Madonna to Kentucky that includes 2017 signees Chris Whittaker and Josh Ali
- Teammates with fellow signees Davoan Hawkins and B.J. Alexander Jr.
- Rated as a three-star recruit by 247Sports, Rivals and ESPN
- Caught 25 passes for 401 yards and six touchdowns as a senior at Chaminade-Madonna, which won Florida's 3A state championship, the school's first football state title since 2005
- Hauled in a 44-yard touchdown pass in the title game
- Coached by Dameon Jones
- Caught 35 passes for 750 yards and six touchdowns as a junior
- Chose Kentucky over Louisville

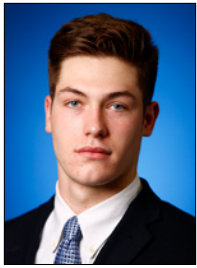
Personal

- Born in Hollywood, Florida
- Son of Otis Blocker
- Cousin of WR Antonio Brown (Pittsburgh Steelers) and WR Marquise Brown (Oklahoma Sooners)
- Major is undecided

Akeem Says

- His nickname is "Keemey"
- He chose Kentucky because he loved the environment
- Most people would be surprised to know he's only been playing wide receiver for three years
- The most influential person in his life is his brother, Bernerd Scott, the most humble person he's ever known
- He collects prayers





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PATRICK HENSCHEN

TIGHT END

6-6 • 228 • Sophomore-SQ
Newport, Ky.
(Newport Central Catholic)

2018 - Sophomore

- Practiced with the team

2017 - Freshman

- Practiced with the team

High School

- Four-year letter winner at quarterback for Newport Central Catholic in Newport, Ky.
- Coached by Dan Wagner
- Also lettered as a senior for the Thoroughbreds' basketball team
- Chose Kentucky over Cincinnati

Personal

- Born in Cincinnati, Ohio
- Son of Roger and Jamie Henschen
- Major is pre-communications

Patrick Says

- His nickname is "Pat"
- He chose Kentucky because he loves Lexington and the Big Blue Nation
- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to work in sales and business management
- The most influential person in Patrick's life is his grandpa because he taught him hard work and his grandpa said he will always be proud of him
- One thing most people would be shocked to know is that he doesn't eat anything that swims



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JACKSON HIGH

LINEBACKER

5-11 • 238 • Sophomore-SQ
Union, Ky.
(Ryle)

2018 - Sophomore

- Practiced with the team

2017 - Freshman

- Practiced with the team

High School

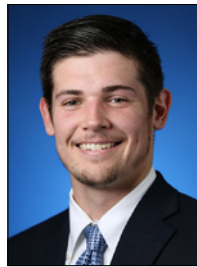
- Three-year letter winner at linebacker for Coach Mike Engler at Ryle High School
- As a senior, recorded 111 tackles (74 solo), six tackles for loss, three sacks, three quarterback hurries and one fumble recovery for a score
- Named second team All-State by the AP
- As a junior, led the team with 77 tackles, three sacks, two forced fumbles, two fumble recoveries, four quarterback hurries and one fumble recovery for a TD in helping the Raiders go 10-0 during the regular season for the first time in school history
- Two-time U.S.A. National Football Team selection as a linebacker
- Recorded nine tackles, including four TFL in a win over the IFAF World Team in 2015
- In 2016, had five tackles and one TFL in a win over Canada in the International Bowl
- Football University "Top Gun" selection
- Invited to Nike Football 'The Opening' regionals
- Member of the Raider Council, FBLA, Chess Club and Honor Roll
- Chose Kentucky over Valparaiso and Morehead State

Personal

- Born in Louisville, Ky.
- Son of Jason and Kendall High
- Major is pre-computer science

Jackson Says

- His nickname is "Jack"
- He chose Kentucky because it's a great place to be
- The thing he most loves about football is the family that comes along with playing
- When he's not on the field, he enjoys fishing and playing basketball
- His favorite part of game day is winning



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GUNNAR HOAK

QUARTERBACK

6-4 • 206 • Sophomore-SQ
Dublin, Ohio (Dublin Coffman)

2018 - Sophomore

- Has seen action in five games this season
- Was 3-of-8 for 27 yards in the win over Missouri
- Entered late in the second quarter against Central Michigan for his first collegiate action
- Drove the Wildcats to a touchdown on his first possession, capped by a 24-yard scoring strike to David Bouvier ... Finished the day 4-of-9 for 50 yards
- Completed 4 of 5 passes for 77 yards and a touchdown vs. Murray State, the second TD pass of his career

2017 - r-Freshman

- Practiced with the team

2016 - Freshman

- Redshirt season
- Graduated a semester early and enrolled at Kentucky in January of 2016
- Connected on 4-of-5 passes in the 2016 Blue/White Spring Game for 57 yards and one score

High School

- Tabbed by ESPN as a four-star prospect, ranking No. 14 among quarterbacks nationally and No. 12 among prospects in Ohio
- All-Central District Division I special mention in 2015
- Ranked by Rivals and 247sports as a three-star prospect, as the No. 37 pro-style quarterback in the nation and as the 36th best prospect in Ohio
- Had 1,798 yards through the air and 14 touchdowns with only six interceptions during his senior season
- Was named Central District Player of the Year as a junior
- Threw for 2,584 yards with 30 touchdowns and just three interceptions as a junior, leading the Shamrocks to an 11-1 record
- Coached by Mark Crabtree at Dublin Coffman, which has produced seven Division I QBs since 2003
- Choose UK over Bowling Green, Buffalo, Cincinnati, Kent State, Syracuse and Toledo

Personal

- Born in Columbus, Ohio
- Son of Frank and Holly Hoak
- Dad, Frank, uncle Fred Pagac and cousin, Fred Pagac Jr., played football at Ohio State
- Fred Pagac Sr., is the former linebackers coach for the Denver Broncos
- Major is agricultural economics

Gunnar Says

- One word to describe him on the field is "poised"
- His sports hero is Peyton Manning because he's the greatest quarterback of all time
- Most people don't know Gunnar is his real name
- Other than playing football he also enjoys playing basketball and golfing
- His favorite meal is pizza

HOAK'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Rush	Yds	TD	Comp.	Att.	Int.	Pct.	Yds.	TD	Long
2018	5-0	0	0	0	13	26	1	50.0	167	2	40
Totals	5-0	0	0	0	13	26	1	50.0	167	2	40

HOAK'S 2018 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Comp-Att-Int.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rush	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. Central Mich.	4-9-0	50	1	24	0	0	0	0
vs. Murray State	4-5-0	77	1	40	0	0	0	0
at Missouri	3-8-0	27	0	28	0	0	0	0
at Tennessee	2-4-1	13	0	8	0	0	0	0
at Louisville	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	13-26-1	167	2	40	0	0	0	0

HOAK'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Pass attempts: 9, vs Central Michigan, Sept 1, 2018
Pass completions: 4, twice, last vs Murray State, Sept 15, 2018
Pass yards: 77 vs Murray State, Sept 15, 2018
Pass TDs: 1, twice, last vs Murray State, Sept 15, 2018
Long pass: 40, vs Murray State, Sept 15, 2018
Total offense plays: 9, vs Central Michigan, Sept 1, 2018 (9 pass)
Total offense yards: 77, vs Murray State, Sept 15, 2018



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KENNETH HORSEY

OFFENSIVE LINEMAN

6-3 • 332 • Freshman-HS
Sanford, Fla. (Sanford Seminole)

2018 - Freshman

- Redshirt season

High School

- Rated a three-star recruit by 247Sports and Rivals
- Ranked as the No. 58 offensive guard in the nation
- Recruited primarily as an offensive guard
- Helped lead his team to a 9-3 record and district championship as a senior
- Coached by Don Stark
- Also a two-year letter winner in the shot put
- Excelled in the classroom as he touted a 3.6 GPA and scored 1220 on his SAT
- Chose Kentucky over Mississippi State, South Florida and Central Florida

Personal

- Born in Orlando, Florida
- Son of Shari and Ken Horsey
- Major is pre-management

Kenneth Says

- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to be a football coach
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he participated in martial arts for 14 years and had open-heart surgery in April of 2018
- His guilty pleasure is watching "Scandal"
- He chose to play football at Kentucky because he loved the place, the coaches and the SEC



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PHIL HOSKINS

DEFENSIVE TACKLE

6-5 • 306 • Junior-1L
Toledo, Ohio (Whitmer/Highland CC)

2018 - Junior

- Has 21 tackles, 3.5 TFL, 3.0 sacks and one QBH in 12 games this season
- Charted a career-high four tackles with one QB sack at Texas A&M
- Totaled two tackles and a sack for a loss of nine yards in the win over Florida

2017 - Sophomore

- Played in seven games and totaled two tackles

Junior College

- Was a three-star recruit by all of the major recruiting services out of Highland Community College (Kansas)
- Ranked 17th overall and the No. 5 defensive tackle by 247Sports, while ESPN ranked him the top 300 2016 redshirt season
- Had 25 tackles his freshman season at Highland with eight TFL and four sacks in playing multiple positions along the defensive line

High School

- Named Three Rivers Athletic Conference (TRAC) All-Conference honorable mention as a senior in 2014 at Whitmer, playing for coach Jerry Bell
- Totaled 63 tackles, eight sacks and two forced fumbles as a senior
- Has a wing span of 84 inches
- Chose Kentucky over Arkansas, Baylor, Mississippi State and Oklahoma State

Personal

- Born in Toledo, Ohio
- Son of Alicia Evans and Anthony Hoskins
- Major is community, leadership and development

Phil Says

- His nickname is "Big Phil"
- He chose Kentucky because he felt something special that he didn't feel anywhere else
- His pre-game routine consists of praying and visualizing himself making plays
- If he had a hashtag to describe himself it would be #rosegrownoutofthepavement
- His sports heroes are Reggie White and Lawrence Taylor because they were physical and dominant

HOSKINS' CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tackles	TFL-Yds.	Sacks-Yds.	FC	FR	QBH
2017	DT	7-0	2	0-0	0-0	0	1	1
2018	DT	12-0	21	3.5-25	3.0-24	1	0	1
Totals	DT	19-0	23	3.5-25	3.0-24	1	1	2

HOSKINS' 2018 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH
vs. Central Mich.	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Florida	2	1.0-9	1.0-9	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Murray State	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Miss. State	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. South Carolina	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at TAMU	4	1.0-7	1.0-7	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt	2	0.5-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
at Missouri	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Tennessee	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. MTSU	2	1.0-8	1.0-8	0	1	0	0	0
at Louisville	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	21	3.5-25	3.0-24	0	1	0	0	1

HOSKINS' 2017 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH
vs. E. Mich.	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Missouri	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0	0
vs. Ole Miss	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Vanderbilt	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
at Georgia	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Louisville	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Northwestern	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0	1

HOSKINS' SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 4, at Texas A&M, Oct 6, 2018 (2-2)
Sacks: 1.0, 3x, last vs MTSU, Nov 17, 2018 (8 yards)
TFL: 1.0, 3x, last vs MTSU, Nov 17, 2018 (8 yards)
QBH: 1, twice, last vs Vanderbilt, Oct 20, 2018
Forced Fumble: 1, vs MTSU, Nov 17, 2018
Fumble Recovery: 1 vs Missouri, Oct 7, 2017



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ZYAIRE HUGHES

WIDE RECEIVER

6-1 • 182 • Sophomore-1L
Paducah, Ky.
(McCracken County)

2018 - Sophomore

- Has seen action in seven games this season
- Against Murray State, scored a touchdown on a pass play after receiving a lateral ... it was the first time he had touched the ball in college ... the play went for 43 yards; he was credited with 49 receiving yards after receiving the lateral behind the line of scrimmage
- Switched to wide receiver after playing cornerback last season

2017 - r-Freshman

- Played in seven games with one tackle as a corner

2016 - Freshman

- Redshirt season

High School

- A three-star recruit by all the major recruiting services
- Can play multiple positions after seeing time at running back, quarterback, wide receiver and defensive back in high school
- Concluded his prep career with an outstanding 4,914 passing yards with 46 touchdowns, 2,779 rushing yards with 53 touchdowns and 1,128 receiving yards on 89 receptions for another 10 scores
- After playing quarterback and receiver most of his high school career, he moved to running back his senior season and was named the 2015 Purchase Area Player of the Year by the *Paducah Sun*





- Compiled 1,170 rushing yards, 374 receiving yards and combined for 21 touchdowns in helping lead the Mustangs to a 10-3 record and a berth in the KHSAA Class 6A playoffs
- Earned 2015 All-State honorable mention by the *Courier-Journal*
- Fifth-highest scorer in the state as a senior, accounting for 128 points (17 TD runs, four receiving and one 2-point conversion)
- Completed 172 of 294 passes for 2,446 yards and 23 scores with just eight interceptions as a sophomore quarterback
- Also ran 116 times for 634 yards and 16 touchdowns
- Coached by Shawn Jackson at McCracken County
- Played his freshman season at Lone Oak before the McCracken County schools consolidated
- For the Purple Flash, he was 81 of 130 passing for 1,253 yards and 14 scores in just five games
- In addition, he ran 61 times for 390 yards and nine TDs
- Chose Kentucky over Louisville and Purdue

Personal

- Nickname is "Fish" (given the nickname by his cousins when he was younger)
- Pronounced ZY-air
- Born in Paducah, Ky.
- Son of Sheila Hughes-Rouse
- Major is family science with a minor in criminology

Community Cats

- Volunteered as a Salvation Army bell ringer (2016)

Zy'Aire Says

- He chose UK because he's loyal to his state
- One word to describe him on the field is "patient"
- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to be the President of the United States
- Most people don't know that he was born with his umbilical cord wrapped around his neck and the doctors brought him back to life

HUGHES' CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	TKs	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
2017	DB	7-0	1	0	0	0	0	0
2018	WR	7-0	0	1	63	63.0	1	14
Totals		14-0	1	1	63	63.0	1	14

HUGHES' 2018 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. Murray State	0	49	1	49
vs. Vanderbilt	0	0	0	0
at Missouri	0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia	1	14	0	14
at Tennessee	0	0	0	0
vs. MTSU	0	0	0	0
at Louisville	0	0	0	0
Totals	1	63	1	14

HUGHES' 2017 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FR	FC	PBU	Int.
at Southern Miss.	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at South Carolina	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Florida	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0

vs. Missouri	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at Miss. State	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Ole Miss	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Totals	1	0-0	0.0	0	0	0	0

HUGHES' SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Receptions: 1, vs Georgia, Nov 3, 2018
Receiving yards: 49, vs Murray State, Sept 15, 2018
Receiving TDs: 1, vs Murray State, Sept 15, 2018
Long Reception: 14, s Georgia, Nov 3, 2018
Tackles: 1, vs Tennessee, Oct 28, 2017 (1-0)



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DRAKE JACKSON

CENTER

6-2 • 303 • Sophomore-1L
 Versailles, Ky. (Woodford County)

2018 - Sophomore

- Has started in 19 straight games at center

2017 - r-Freshman

- Played in 10 games and earned the starting center spot for the final seven games of the season
- Blocked for All-SEC running back, Benny Snell Jr., the first player in school history to rush for 1,000 yards in consecutive seasons

2016 - Freshman

- Redshirt season
- Graduated high school a semester early and enrolled at Kentucky in January of 2016

High School

- U.S. Army All-American, named a team captain for the West squad
- Helped the West win the game, 37-9
- Two-time first-team all-state selection by the *Courier-Journal* and the Associated Press
- A 2015 *Herald-Leader* "Class of Commonwealth" honoree
- A four-star prospect by all four major recruiting services who is tabbed by Scout as the nation's top center recruit
- Invited to Nike's The Opening – the most prestigious football recruiting camp of the 2015 summer – and the Rivals 100 Five-Star Challenge
- The nation's second-best center, according to 247sports, which also ranks him as the second-best prospect in the state and the 140th best in the nation
- Ranked as the second-best center and the second-best prospect in the state by Rivals after recording 163 pancake blocks as a senior
- ESPN ranked him the third-best center and No. 2 overall in the state ... Rated by Scout as the 83rd best prospect in the nation

- Coached by former UK All-SEC defensive end Dennis Johnson
- The four-year letter winner picked UK over Alabama, Florida, Mississippi State, Ohio State, Penn State, South Carolina, Tennessee and LSU

Personal

- Born in Lexington
- Son of Brian and Candy Jackson
- Brian played football at Purdue
- Major is agricultural economics

Drake Says

- He chose UK because he wanted to do something special for the school he grew up rooting for
- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to be a high school or college coach
- One word to describe him is "cerebral"
- His favorite part of game day is the bus ride to the stadium with his brothers
- Most people don't know that if he wasn't playing football he would be an astronaut



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LONNIE JOHNSON JR.

CORNERBACK

6-3 • 206 • Senior-1L
 Gary, Ind. (Garden City CC/Gary West Side)

Reese's Senior Bowl Watch List

2018 - Senior

- Has started in 17 straight games
- Has totaled 19 tackles, three PBUs and a forced fumble
- Had a season-high four tackles and PBU vs. Georgia
- Totaled three tackles and a PBU in the win at UF
- Also had three tackles in the win over USC

2017 - Junior

- Played in all 13 games, earning a starting spot in the last five
- Totaled 41 tackles, 3.0 TFL, 1.0 sacks, five PBU and two blocked kicks
- Charted a career-high seven tackles vs. Louisville
- Earned his first career start vs. Ole Miss, charting five tackles, a TFL and a PBU
- Had six tackles along with a blocked field goal in the win over Missouri
- Also had a blocked extra point vs. Eastern Kentucky
- Had three tackles and his first career sack in the win over Tennessee

Junior College

- Rated by 247sports as a four-star prospect, the No. 2 safety and No. 43 overall player in the junior college ranks
- Sat out the 2016 season to concentrate on academics
- In 2015, selected second-team All-Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference after totaling





- 35 tackles, including 28 solo at Garden City Community College (Kan.)
- Also recorded five interceptions and had one fumble recovery
- Coached by Jeff Sims
- Chose UK over Georgia and West Virginia

High School

- Totalled 66 tackles, two interceptions, two blocked field goals and a blocked punt, while catching 40 passes for 772 yards and 14 touchdowns at West Side
- Also had 253 rushing yards on 22 carries with five TDs
- An extremely talented athlete who also excelled at track and field, helping Gary West Side win the 2014 state championship with individual titles in the long jump and 4x100 relay

Personal

- Born in Gary, Ind.
- Son of Nora and Lonnie Johnson
- Graduated in December with a degree in community and leadership development

Lonnie Says

- His nickname is "Lotto"
- One word to describe him on the field is "determined"
- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to be a sports analyst
- What he most looks forward to this season is winning
- Favorite movie is *Love and Basketball*

JOHNSON'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tackles	TFL-Y	Int.-Yds.	PBU	FC	FR	Blks
2017	DB	13-5	41	3.0-13	0-0	5	0	0	2
2018	DB	12-12	19	0-0	0-0	3	1	0	0
Totals		25-17	60	3.0-13	0-0	8	1	0	2

JOHNSON'S 2018 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FC	FR	PBU	Int.	Blks
vs. Central Mich.*	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Florida*	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0	0
vs. Murray State*	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Miss. State*	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. South Carolina*	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at TAMU*	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt*	1	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0
at Missouri*	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia*	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0	0
at Tennessee*	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0	0
vs. MTSU*	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Louisville*	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	19	0-0	0-0	0	1	3	0	0

JOHNSON'S 2017 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FR	FC	PBU	Int.	Blks
at Southern Miss.	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. EKU	4	0-0	1.0-2	0	0	1	0	1
at South Carolina	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Florida	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. E. Michigan	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0	0

vs. Missouri	6	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
at Miss. State	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee	3	1.0-10	1.0-10	0	0	1	0	0
vs. Ole Miss*	5	0-0	1.0-1	0	0	1	0	0
at Vanderbilt*	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Georgia*	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0	0
vs. Louisville*	7	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Northwestern*	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	41	1.0-10	3.0-13	0	0	5	0	2

JOHNSON'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 7, vs. Louisville, Nov 25, 2017 (5-2)
 Tackles for loss: 1.5, vs. EKU, Sept 9, 2017
 Sacks: 1.0, vs. Tennessee, Oct 28, 2017 (1.0-10)
 Blocks: 1, twice, last vs. Missouri, Oct 9, 2017 (punt)
 PBU: 1, 8x, last vs. Tennessee, Nov 10, 2018



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ZACH JOHNSON

RUNNING BACK

5-10 • 185 • Junior-1L
 Cincinnati, Ohio (Colerain)

2018- Junior

- Has seven tackles in 12 games on special teams, most of them highlight-reel worthy
- Earned a full scholarship in the 2018 fall camp

2017- Sophomore

- Saw action in eight games on special teams
- Had two kick returns for 35 yards

2016- Freshman

- Practiced with the team

High School

- A two-year starter and three-year letter winner at Colerain for head coach Tom Bolden
- Helped the Cardinals compile a 44-8 overall record and four conference championships in his four seasons, including a 12-2 record as a senior
- Averaged 8.0 yards per carry
- Ran for 142 yards and a TD as a junior
- Named first-team All-Conference as a senior
- Honor-roll student
- Chose UK over Georgetown University, Navy and Army

Personal

- Born in Cincinnati, Ohio
- Son of Aubrey Johnson and the late Cindy Johnson
- Major is kinesiology

Zach Says

- He chose Kentucky because he wanted to help change the culture
- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to be a physical therapist

- His favorite part of game day is walking out of the tunnel
- If he had a hashtag to describe himself it would be #work
- His sports hero is Marshawn Lynch because of his work ethic

JOHNSON'S KOR CAREER STATISTICS

Year	KOR	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
2017	2	35	17.5	0	20
Totals	2	35	17.5	0	20

JOHNSON'S 2018 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Att.	Yds.	TD	Rec.	Yds.	TD	KR	Yds	TD	Tkls
vs. Central Mich.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
at Florida	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
vs. Murray State	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Miss. State	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
vs. USC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
at TAMU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Missouri	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Tennessee	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
vs. MTSU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Louisville	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7

JOHNSON'S 2017 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Att.	Yds.	TD	Rec.	Yds.	TD	KR	Yds	TD
vs. E. Michigan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Miss. State	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	15	0
vs. Tennessee	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Ole Miss	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Vanderbilt	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Georgia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Louisville	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Northwestern	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	20	0
Totals	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	35	0

JOHNSON'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Kick returns: 1, twice, last vs. Northwestern, Dec 29, 2017
 Kick return yards: 20 vs. Northwestern, Dec 29, 2017
 Long kick return: vs. Northwestern, Dec 29, 2017
 Tackles: 2 vs. Central Michigan, Sept 1, 2018





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JORDAN JONES

LINEBACKER

6-2 • 218 • Senior-3L
Youngstown, Ohio (Cardinal Mooney)

Reese's Senior Bowl Watch List

2018 - Senior

- Playing with a broken right hand sustained in the Missouri game
- Tied for fourth in PBUs (4), tied for third in TFLs (5.0) and fifth in tackles (68)
- Forced and recovered a fumble in the first quarter against South Carolina, setting up a UK field goal
- Had eight tackles in the win over No. 14 Mississippi State, including one quarterback hurry
- Had a career-best four pass breakups vs. Murray State
- Has 10 or more tackles in six career games, including a season-high 10 at Missouri

2017 - Junior

- Bednarik Award Watch List
- Bronko Nagurski Trophy Watch List
- Played in nine games with eight starting assignments
- Totaled 64 tackles, 7.5 TFL (third on the team), 2.0 sacks, 3 QBH, 1 PBU and 1 FF
- Returned to action at Mississippi State on Oct. 21 after missing four games with an injured shoulder
- Had seven tackles, including one for loss, and had a quarterback hurry in his return
- Led all players with 13 tackles in the win over Tennessee, adding one sack and two tackles for loss ... His 13 tackles were a season high and the most in his career in a SEC game
- Earned Co-SEC Defensive Player of the Week for this play against the Vols
- Recorded eight tackles, a career-high 3.0 TFL and 1.0 sacks in the Ole Miss game
- Athlon Sports Preseason All-SEC First Team
- Athlon Sports Preseason All-America Third Team
- Preseason All-SEC Third Team (Media)
- Preseason All-SEC Second Team (Coaches)
- Southern Pigskin All-SEC Preseason First Team

2016 - Sophomore

- Named All-SEC Second Team by the AP, the league coaches and Phil Steele
- Led the team and ranked third in the SEC in tackles per game with 8.4 (109 total)
- Led the SEC and ranked 16th nationally in solo tackles per game (5.7)
- Led the team with nine quarterback hurries
- Led the team and ranked sixth in the SEC in tackles for loss with 15.5
- Had a 10-tackle game at Louisville, his fourth double-digit game of the season (Southern Miss, Mississippi State, Georgia and Louisville)
- Saw limited action at Tennessee with back spasms

- Recorded a career-high 2.5 TFL vs. Georgia
- In his first career start vs. Southern Miss, finished with a career-high 19 tackles, including 13 solo ... Added two tackles for loss, one sack and a quarterback hurry
- The 19 tackles were the most by a UK player since Cory Johnson had 19 tackles in 2015 against ECU
- Led UK with eight tackles, adding 0.5 tackles for loss and a pass breakup vs. South Carolina
- Had a career-high three quarterback hurries at Alabama

2015 - Freshman

- Played in eight games, with 10 tackles, including one fumble recovery
- Graduated a semester early and enrolled at Kentucky in January of 2015

High School

- A four-star prospect by Scout and three-star recruit by 247Sports.com, ESPN and Rivals
- A top-20 player in the state of Ohio by 247Sports.com and ESPN
- Ranked as one of the top 40 best outside linebackers in the class by all four databases
- Strong senior season with 185 tackles, including 10 sacks, five fumbles forced and four fumbles recovered
- Was named to Big 22 Class of 2014, which honors the best 22 players in the states of Ohio and Pennsylvania
- Named first-team All-Ohio Division IV as a junior and senior
- Was 2014 Division IV Defensive Player of the Year
- Started at linebacker and tailback in his two years at Cardinal Mooney
- Head coach was P.J. Fecko
- Played his freshman and sophomore seasons at Reynoldsburg HS in Columbus, Ohio, starting at running back both years
- Also ran track two years at Reynoldsburg, competing in the 100- and 400-meter dashes
- Played three years of basketball as a PF
- Picked Kentucky after considering Miami (Fla.), Michigan State and Oklahoma

Personal

- Born in Columbus, Ohio
- Son of Robert Jones and Vanessa Lang
- Robert played defensive end at Ohio State during his collegiate days
- Major is community and leadership development

Community Cats

- Spent time with MLK Youth Leadership participants at a local church (2016)
- Stayed after practice to spend time with the Special Olympics (2015)

Jordan Says

- He wears No. 34 because he had that number in high school and it turned out to be his lucky number
- His favorite part of game day is entertaining the fans
- If he had a hashtag to describe himself it would be #gohard
- The one thing he loves most about football is that it's his go-to sport for stress
- When he's not on the field he enjoys watching "Jersey Shore"

JONES' CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Tackles	TFL-Yds.	Sacks-Yds.	PD	FF	FR	QBH
2015	8-0	10	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0
2016	13-13	109	15.5-65	4.0-35	4	1	0	9
2017	9-8	64	7.5-19	2.0-11	1	1	0	3
2018	12-12	68	5.5-32	1.5-18	4	1	1	2
Totals	42-33	251	28.5-116	7.5-64	9	3	2	14

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH
vs. Central Mich *	8	1.5-8	0.5-5	0	0	0	0	0
at Florida*	6	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Murray State*	2	0-0	0-0	4	0	0	0	1
vs. Miss. State*	6	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
vs. South Carolina*	5	1.0-4	0-0	0	1	1	0	0
at TAMU*	2	1.0-13	1.0-13	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt*	5	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Missouri*	10	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia*	9	0.5-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Tennessee*	5	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. MTSU*	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Louisville*	4	2.0-6	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	68	5.5-32	1.5-18	4	1	1	0	2

JONES' 2017 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH
at Southern Miss *	5	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. ECU	8	0.5-2	0-0	1	1	0	0	1
at South Carolina	(Injury)	DNP						
vs. Florida	(Injury)	DNP						
vs. E. Michigan	(Injury)	DNP						
vs. Missouri	(Injury)	DNP						
at Miss. State*	7	1.0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
vs. Tennessee*	13	2.0-4	1.0-3	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Ole Miss*	8	3.0-11	1.0-8	0	0	0	0	0
at Vanderbilt*	5	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Georgia*	5	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Louisville*	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Northwestern*	9	1.0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
Totals	64	7.5-19	2.0-11	1	1	0	0	3

JONES' 2016 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH
vs. Southern Miss *	19	2.0-13	1.0-10	0	0	0	0	1
at Florida *	9	1-1	0-0	1	0	0	0	0
vs. New Mexico St.*	7	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
vs. USC *	8	0.5-1	0-0	1	0	0	0	0
at Alabama *	8	1.0-1	0	0	0	0	0	3
vs. Vanderbilt *	5	1.0-7	1.0-7	0	0	0	0	2
vs. Miss. State *	11	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
at Missouri *	4	2.0-5	0-0	1	0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia *	10	2.5-9	0-0	1	1	0	0	0
at Tennessee *	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
vs. Austin Peay *	8	2.0-10	1.0-6	0	0	0	0	0
at Louisville *	10	2.0-15	1.0-12	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia Tech *	9	1.5-3	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	109	15.5-65	4.0-35	4	1	0	0	9



JONES' 2015 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	FF	FR	Int.	QBH
vs. UL Lafayette	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at South Carolina			DNP				
vs. Florida	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Missouri	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Eastern Kentucky	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Auburn			DNP				
at Mississippi State			DNP				
vs. Tennessee	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at Georgia	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at Vanderbilt	1	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0
vs. Charlotte			DNP				
vs. Louisville	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Totals	10	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0

JONES' SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 19, Southern Miss, Sept 3, 2016 (13-6)
Sacks: 1.0, seven times, last at Texas A&M, Oct 6, 2018 (13 yards)
Tackles for loss: 3.0, vs Ole Miss, Nov 4, 2017 (11 yards)
Fumbles forced: 1, three times, last vs South Carolina, Sept 29, 2018
Fumbles recovered: 1, twice, last vs South Carolina, Sept 29, 2018
QB Hurries: 3, at Alabama, Oct 1, 2016
PBU: 4, vs Murray State, Sept 15, 2018



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ALEX KING

LINEBACKER

**6-3 • 236 • Freshman-RS
Mason, Ohio (William Mason)**

2018 - r-Freshman

- Has seen action in eight games

2017 - Freshman

- Redshirt season

High School

- Known as one of the most explosive pass rushers off the edge in the Midwest
- A three-star prospect by all four major recruiting services
- Rivals.com ranks King as the No. 19 prospect from Ohio, while Scout.com ranks him as the No. 2 defensive end from Ohio
- Second in tackles with 40, including six sacks
- Also had one forced fumble and one fumble recovery
- Ranked third overall in sacks in the Greater Miami Conference which earned him a first-team All-Southwest Ohio and first-team All-GMC selection, his third-straight All-GMC first-team honor
- Scout's scouting report says, "(King) is a great athlete who runs well and chases down quarterbacks and ball carriers with his speed. Gets off the ball well, has the agility to change direction and in with finesse as a pass rusher. Can

still get stronger and improve his general pass rush technique, but athletically, he has the goods"

- Head coach was Brian Castner
- Helped lead Mason to a 7-5 overall record and the second round of the Division 1 playoffs in 2016
- Nominee for the 2017 U.S. Army All-American Bowl
- Also a talented basketball player and shot-putter on the track team
- Picked Kentucky after considering Michigan, Michigan State, Tennessee and Wisconsin

Personal

- Born in Atlanta, Ga.
- Son of Andrea and Aaron King
- Mom, Andrea, ran track at Bowling Green
- Major is family science

Alex Says

- He chose Kentucky because it was close to home and because of the coaches love of defense
- One word to describe him on the field is "monster"
- His sports hero is Von Miller because he plays so hard
- Most people don't know he started playing football after he saw pictures of his mom on a youth league football team when she was young



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SIHIEM KING

RUNNING BACK

**5-9 • 172 • Senior-3L
Colquitt, Ga. (Colquitt County)**

2018 - Senior

- Has seen action in two games
- Had six carries for 32 yards in the season opener vs. Central Michigan
- Also had six carries for 26 yards vs. Murray State

2017 - Junior

- Saw action in all 13 games
- Rushed 79 times for 364 yards and two scores
- Rushed 15 times for 69 yards and a career-high two touchdowns in the win over Vanderbilt
- Ran for 64 yards on five carries vs. Florida ... Also caught a pass for a career-high 24-yard gain

2016 - Sophomore

- Played in all 13 games, serving as one of UK's primary kickoff returners
- Rushed 11 times for 81 yards and one score
- Had a season-high six rushes for 75 yards and a TD at Tennessee
- Returned 10 kicks for 213 yards (21.3)
- Six of his kickoff returns came in the win at Louisville as he totaled 118 yards
- Caught two passes for 14 yards at Alabama

2015 - Freshman

- Played in all 12 games as a true freshman, serving as UK's primary kickoff returner

- Returned 23 kicks for 498 yards, a 21.7-yard average, including a 48 yard return
- Rushed 11 times for 127 yards, including a 62-yard touchdown run
- Caught four passes out of the backfield
- In UK's win over Charlotte, had a 62-yard TD rush as part of a five-carry, 91-yard game

High School

- Swift running back was the Georgia Offensive Player of the Year as selected by the Georgia Sports Writers Association
- A three-star prospect by Rivals and ESPN
- Impressive senior stats featured 279 rushes for 2,090 yards in 15 games, scoring 37 TDs and totaling 11 100-yard rushing performances
- Averaged 139.3 yards per game while leading Colquitt HS to a 15-0 record and the Class AAAAAA state championship
- Rushed for 1,439 yards and 17 TDs as a junior
- Three-year career stats feature 601 carries for 3,781 yards and 55 TDs
- Has an ability to be a threat in the passing game, totaling 94 catches for 796 yards and four TDs
- Played on defense as a freshman
- Coached by Rush Propst
- Three-year letterman in basketball and track
- Chose Kentucky over West Virginia, Wake Forest, Washington State and Middle Tennessee

Personal

- Name pronounced "sah-HEEM"
- His nickname is "Sifi"
- Born in Moultrie, Ga.
- Son of Ann King and Ronald Bell
- Has a daughter, Skylar
- Brother, B.J. Howard, played football at North Carolina Tech, while brother, Tevin King, played at Louisiana Tech
- Major is community and leadership development

Community Cats

- Stayed after practice to spend time with the Special Olympics (2015)

Sihiem Says

- His nickname is "Sifi"
- He chose Kentucky because he wanted to be part of changing the program
- He chose No. 22 because it's a family tradition as both brothers also wore No. 22
- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to be a college coach
- Most people don't know that he writes left-handed

KING'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2015	12-0	11	127	11.5	1	62	4	6	1.5	0	6
2016	13-0	11	81	7.4	1	24	3	14	4.7	0	11
2017	13-0	79	364	4.6	2	30	15	86	5.7	0	24
2018	2-0	12	58	4.8	0	11	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	40-0	107	604	5.6	4	62	22	106	4.8	0	24

KING'S KOR CAREER STATISTICS

Year	KOR	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
2015	23	498	21.7	0	48
2016	10	213	21.3	0	27





KING'S KOR CAREER STATISTICS

Table with 6 columns: Year, Att., Yds., TD, Rec., Yds. Totals: 37, 818, 22.1, 0, 48

KING'S 2018 GAME-BY-GAME

Table with 7 columns: Opponent, Att., Yds., TD, Long, Rec., Yds., TD. Totals: 12, 58, 0, 11, 0, 0, 0

KING'S 2017 GAME-BY-GAME

Table with 9 columns: Opponent, Att., Yds., TD, Rec., Yds., TD, KR, Yds., TD. Totals: 79, 364, 2, 15, 86, 0, 3, 91, 0

KING'S 2016 GAME-BY-GAME

Table with 9 columns: Opponent, Att., Yds., TD, Rec., Yds., TD, KR, Yds., TD. Totals: 11, 81, 1, 3, 14, 0, 10, 213, 0

KING'S 2015 GAME-BY-GAME

Table with 9 columns: Opponent, Att., Yds., TD, Rec., Yds., TD, KR, Yds., TD. Totals: 3, 31, 0, 1, 4, 0, 2, 31, 0

Table with 11 columns: Game, Att., Yds., TD, Rec., Yds., TD, KR, Yds., TD. Totals: 11, 127, 1, 4, 6, 0, 23, 498, 0

KING'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Rush attempts: 15, at Vanderbilt, Nov 11, 2017
Rush yards: 91, vs Charlotte, Nov 21, 2015 (5 carries)
Rush TDs: 2, at Vanderbilt, Nov 11, 2017
Long rush: 62, vs Charlotte, Nov 21, 2015
Receptions: 3, twice, last vs Northwestern, Dec 29, 2017
Receiving yards: 24, vs Florida, Sept 23, 2017
Long reception: 24, vs Florida, Sept 23, 2017
All-purpose yards: 118, at Louisville, Nov 26, 2016
Kick returns: 6, at Louisville, Nov 26, 2016
Kick return yards: 118, at Louisville, Nov 26, 2016 (6 returns)
Long kick return: 48, vs. Missouri, Sept 26, 2015



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DARIAN KINNARD

OFFENSIVE LINEMAN

6-5 • 357 • Freshman-HS
Knoxville, Tenn. (St. Ignatius - Ohio)

2018 - Freshman

- Has played in eight games, starting the last two at left tackle
Helped lead a Kentucky offensive line that blocked for numerous season highs in UK's 56-10 win at Louisville ... UK set season highs with 56 points, 601 yards total offense, 29 first downs and 340 rushing yards ... Graded at 84 percent ... Had no penalties or missed assignments and did not allow any quarterback sacks ... Credited with 16 blocks at the point of attack, including three long touchdown runs - Benny Snell's 24-yard TD, A.J. Rose's 75-yard untouched TD dash, and Kavosiey Smoke's 37-yard TD

High School

- Rated the 101st best player in the country and No. 16 offensive tackle as a four-star recruit by 247Sports
Rated a four-star by ESPN and a three-star by Rivals
Rivals rated him the No. 21 recruit in prospect-laden Ohio
247Sports rated him one of the Top 20 offensive tackles in the country
Played at the powerhouse St. Ignatius program in Cleveland, which has won 11 state championships and three national championships under the direction of legendary coach Chuck Kyle
Massive player at 6-foot-5, 357 pounds
Selected to play in the U.S. Army All-American game
All-State honoree in Ohio
Was the first offensive lineman to join Kentucky's 2018 recruiting class
Chose Kentucky over Penn State, UCLA and Tennessee

Personal

- Born in Youngstown, Ohio
Son of Mandy Headrick
Major is kinesiology

Darian Says

- His nickname is "Dai Dai"
Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to be a physical therapist
If he could learn to do one thing it would be to speak Chinese or Japanese
He chose to play football at Kentucky because of the possibilities it provided
Most people don't know that he is related to Dolly Parton



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NICK LEWIS

OFFENSIVE TACKLE

6-9 • 367 • Freshman-HS
Jacksonville, Fla. (The Bolles School)

2018 - Freshman

- Redshirt season

High School

- Three-star prospect by all the major recruiting services
No. 53 offensive tackle nationally and the 111th-ranked prospect in the state of Florida by 247sports
Helped the Bolles Bulldogs finish 8-4 in 2017 under first-year head coach Wayne Belger
In 2016, under long-time head coach Corky Rogers, the Bulldogs went undefeated in the regular season and advanced to the state championship game
Named first-team All-State and All-District
Member of the Black Student Union
Also played power forward and center on the basketball team
Held 22 scholarship offers before ultimately choosing UK over Washington State

Personal

- Born in Jacksonville, Florida
Son of Earl and Yashika Lewis
Major is undecided

Nick Says

- His nickname is "Big Nick"
He's also a talented basketball player
If he could trade places with Coach Stoops for one day he would let the offensive line run the ball
His favorite quote he likes to live by is "there has never been a person who gave his all and regretted it"
He chose to play football at Kentucky because it had a great atmosphere and it's a great program





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KORDELL
LOONEY

DEFENSIVE TACKLE

6-3 • 297 • Sophomore-1L
Springfield, Ohio
(Springfield)

2018 - Sophomore

- Has totaled 15 tackles, two QBHs and a PBU in 12 games this season
- Had a career-high tying three tackles three times this season the last in the win over Vanderbilt

2017 - Freshman - RS

- Played in 11 games, totaling 10 tackles
- Charted a career-high three tackles along with a tackle for loss vs. Louisville
- Had two tackles in the season opener vs. Southern Miss and at Mississippi State

High School

- A three-star recruit who was rated the No. 57 defensive tackle nationally and No. 42 player in Ohio by 247sports
- Rated No. 36 by Rivals
- Totaled 93 tackles and seven sacks in just two seasons of varsity football
- Didn't start playing varsity football until his junior year of high school
- Two-time first-team All-Greater Western Ohio Conference honoree
- Second-team AP Southwest All-District as a senior
- Blue-Grey All-American Bowl Watch List
- Two-sport athlete at Springfield as he also played basketball
- Coached by Maurice Douglass
- Chose UK over Louisville, Illinois and Pittsburgh

Personal

- Born in Springfield, Ohio
- Son of La'Rese Watkins, Rudolph Looney and Debra Stout
- Major is sociology

Kordeell Says

- His nickname is "Loon"
- He chose Kentucky because he loves the people, the school and the coaching staff
- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to be an accountant
- One word to describe him on the field is "hungry"
- His favorite meal is chicken Alfredo

LOONEY'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tackles	TFL-Yds.	Sacks-Yds.	FC/FR	QBH	PBU
2017	DT	11-0	10	1.0-1	0.0-0	0	0	0
2018	DT	12-0	15	1.0-3	0.0-0	0	2	1
Totals	DT	23-0	25	2.0-4	0.0-0	0	2	1

LOONEY'S 2018 GAME-BY-GAME

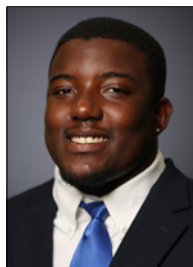
Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	PBU	QBH
vs. Central Mich.	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Florida	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
vs. Murray State	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0
vs. Miss. State	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
vs. South Carolina	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at TAMU	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Missouri	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Tennessee	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. MTSU	1	1.0-3	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Louisville	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	15	1.0-3	0-0	0	0	0	1	2

LOONEY'S 2017 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH
at Southern Miss	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. EKU			DNP					
at South Carolina	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Florida	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. E. Michigan	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Missouri	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Miss. State	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee			DNP					
vs. Ole Miss	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Vanderbilt	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Georgia	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Louisville	3	1.0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Northwestern	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	10	1.0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0

LOONEY'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 3, three times, last vs Vanderbilt, Oct 20, 2018 (0-3)
Tackles for loss: 1.0, twice, last vs MTSU, Nov 17, 2018 (3 yards)
QBH: 1, twice, last vs Mississippi State, Sept 22, 2018
PBU: 1, vs Murray State, Sept 15, 2018



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JERQUAVION
MAHONE

DEFENSIVE LINEMAN

6-3 • 308 • Freshman-HS
Jordan City, Ga. (Manchester)

2018 - Freshman

- Redshirt season

High School

- Late pickup for the early signing period out of Manchester High School in Georgia
- Late bloomer who burst onto the recruiting scene late
- Coached by Evan Hochstetler

- Four-year starter who played both offensive and defensive line
- Also a four-year letter winner in basketball, advancing to the state finals
- MaxPreps credited him with 64 tackles, 22.0 tackles for loss and 7.0 sacks as a senior
- Helped lead the Blue Devils to a regional championship
- Also credited with 31 tackles, 5.0 tackles for loss and 1.0 sack as a junior
- Chose Kentucky over Tennessee

Personal

- Name is pronounced "Jerquavion (jer-QUAY-vee-on) Mahone"
- Born in Columbus, Georgia
- Son of Kimberly Pollard
- Major is undecided

Jerquavion Says

- His nickname is "Qua"
- He's also a talented basketball player and loves to make music
- He chose to play football at Kentucky because the staff was loyal
- Most people would be shocked to know he likes to put syrup on his spaghetti
- If he could learn to do one thing it would be to play the piano



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MARQUAN
MCCALL

DEFENSIVE LINEMAN

6-3 • 368 • Freshman-HS
Detroit, Mich. (Oak Park)

2018 - Freshman

- Has seen action in eight games and has totaled five tackles, 1.5 TFL and a forced fumble
- Totaled three tackles, a quarterback sack, another one-half tackle for loss, and a forced fumble vs. Murray State
- His QB sack caused a fumble
- Combined on a one-yard tackle for loss in a series that ended with a punt

High School

- One of Kentucky's highest-rated recruits in the 2018 class
- A four-star recruit by 247Sports, Rivals and ESPN
- Rivals rated him the No. 4 offensive guard in the nation
- 247Sports also listed him as the No. 4 offensive guard in the nation, as well as the top player in Michigan and No. 135 overall player in the Class of 2018
- Named first-team All-State by the Detroit Free Press and the Associated Press
- Helped Oak Park reach the Division 2 regional final





- Can play both offensive and defensive line at the collegiate level as he also played defensive tackle and clogged up the middle of the defensive line
- All-State player and rated the No. 1 offensive guard in the Midwest
- Regarded as a tremendous technician on the offensive line
- Played for Greg Carter at Oak Park High School in Oak Park, Mich.
- Carter said "For a guy his size, 325 pounds, he's extremely quick and athletic and has great hands"
- Chose Kentucky over Michigan, Michigan State, Ole Miss, Penn State, Pitt, Wisconsin, Missouri and Minnesota

Personal

- Born in Detroit, Michigan
- Son of Marenthia McCall
- Major is undecided

Marquan Says

- His nickname is "Bully"
- He chose to play football at Kentucky because of the coaching staff's loyalty
- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to be a sign language interpreter
- If he could learn to do one thing it would be sign language
- The most influential person in his life is his grandmother because she's always positive and she keeps him on the right track

MCCALL'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Tackles	TFL-Yds.	Sacks-Yds.	PD	FF	FR	QBH
2018	8-0	5	1.5-2	1.0-1	0	1	0	1
Totals	8-0	5	1.5-2	1.0-1	0	1	0	1

MCCALL'S 2018 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH
at Florida	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Murray State	3	1.5-2	1.0-1	0	1	0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Missouri	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Tennessee	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. MTSU	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Louisville	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	5	1.5-2	1.0-1	0	1	0	0	0



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GRANT
McKINNISS

PUNTER

6-1 • 200 • Junior-1L
Findlay, Ohio
(Findlay)

2018 - Junior

- Handles kickoffs for the Wildcats
- Has charted 60 kickoffs for 3,679 yards and 31 touchbacks (61.3)

2017 - Sophomore

- Practiced with the team
- Named to SEC Academic Honor Roll

2016 - Freshman

- Was a nominee for the Ray Guy Award given to the nation's top punter
- Ranked third among SEC freshman punters, averaging 39.2 yards per punt on the season
- Had 10 punts inside the 20-yard line
- Boomed a career-long 61-yard punt in the second quarter at Alabama
- For the game at Alabama, averaged 44.7 yards on six punts, besting his previous high average of 43.4 versus Florida on Sept. 8
- SEC First-year Academic Honor Roll (2016-17)

High School

- A four-star recruit who is rated the nation's No. 4 punter according to Scout
- Earned Three Rivers Athletic Conference first-team honors as a placekicker four straight seasons and was a first-team selection as a punter three seasons in a row
- Two-time first-team All-Northwest Ohio honoree
- Converted 38 of 40 PAT kicks and 10 of 11 field goals, including a season-long 52-yarder as a senior
- Averaged 39.4 yards on punts and put 11 of 32 kicks inside the 20-yard line
- As a junior, averaged 40.8 yards on 41 punts, dropping 12 punts inside the 20-yard line
- Converted 40 of 42 PAT attempts and was 5-for-8 in FG attempts, including a school-record 53-yarder
- While kicking off in 2014, had 44 of his 60 kickoffs downed for touchbacks
- Earned second-team All-State honors as a junior, marking his second consecutive year honored
- Named MaxPreps 2012 Freshman All-American First Team
- Also earned third team All-Ohio Division I as a freshman
- For his career, connected on 148 of 159 PAT attempts and 29 field goals
- His 235 points ties him for the sixth-highest total for points by a kicker in the Ohio prep football record books
- One of the Elite 88 high school seniors selected to compete in the 10th annual Offense-Defense All-

- American Bowl and the 2016 Ohio High Football Coaches Association North-South All-Star Classic
- Also letter three seasons as a guard on the basketball team
- Chose Kentucky over Toledo, Clemson, Penn State, Purdue and Michigan State

Personal

- Born in Findlay, Ohio
- Son of Angie and Patrick McKinniss
- Major is psychology

Grant Says

- One word to describe him on the field is "determined"
- His sport hero is Kobe Bryant because he's a legend
- When he's not playing football he enjoys spending time with family and friends
- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to be a sports psychologist

McKINNISS' 2016 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Punts	Avg.	Long	Inside 20
vs. Southern Miss	4	36.8	45	2
at Florida	5	43.4	53	1
vs. New Mexico St.	3	41.7	48	0
vs. South Carolina	5	40.8	53	0
at Alabama	6	44.7	61	0
vs. Vanderbilt	5	36.2	44	2
vs. Mississippi State	3	34.3	37	1
at Missouri	5	35.8	41	0
vs. Georgia	7	40.0	59	1
at Tennessee	5	41.6	47	1
vs. Austin Peay	3	38.7	47	0
at Louisville	4	35.8	44	1
vs. Georgia Tech	3	34.0	37	1
Totals	58 (2273)	39.2	61	10

McKINNISS' SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Punts: 7, vs Georgia, Nov 5, 2016
Single-game Avg: 44.7, at Alabama, Oct 1, 2016
Long: 61, at Alabama, Oct 1, 2016
Kickoffs: 9, vs Murray State, Sept 15, 2018
Touchbacks: 8, vs Murray State, Sept 15, 2018



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ADRIAN
MIDDLETON

DEFENSIVE TACKLE

6-3 • 298 • Senior-3L
Bowling Green, Ky. (South Warren)

2018 - Senior

- Has started in 37 consecutive contests
- Had two tackles and a sack in the Senior Day win vs. MTSU
- Had a sack for a loss of 15 yards in the win over Vanderbilt





- Charted a TFL in the win at Florida

2017 - Junior

- Started in all 13 games
- Totaled 25 tackles, 3.0 TFL, 1.0 sack, 1 PBU and 1 QBH
- Had five tackles vs. Eastern Michigan, including a career-best 2.0 TFL and a sack for a loss of 11 yards

2016 - Sophomore

- Played in all 13 games, earning a starting nod in the final 12 games of the season
- Fourth on the team in TFLs with 5.5 for 13 yards
- Recorded a career-high six tackles, including one TFL in the win over No. 11 Louisville
- Earned his first career starting spot at Florida and registered six tackles
- Had five tackles, including 1.5 TFL at Tennessee
- Totaled eight tackles in four games played last season

2015 - r-Freshman

- Played in four games, finishing with eight tackles
- Had four tackles vs. Charlotte

2014 - Freshman

- Redshirted

High School

- Three-star prospect by Rivals, Scout, 247Sports.com and ESPN
- Ranked the fourth-best player in the Commonwealth of Kentucky
- Considered the 55th-best defensive tackle in the nation by ESPN
- Max Preps 2013 Small Schools All-American First-Team Defense honoree
- First-team all-state as a senior by The Associated Press and the *Louisville Courier-Journal*
- Class of the Commonwealth selection by the *Lexington Herald-Leader*
- Had 67 total tackles as a senior, including an astounding 26 tackles for loss, with nine quarterback sacks
- Had two fumble recoveries, one for a touchdown
- Helped his team advance to the KHSAA state quarterfinals his junior and senior seasons
- Finished 11-2 his senior season
- Played in the 2014 Offense-Defense All-American Bowl
- Coached by Mark Nelson
- Chose Kentucky after scholarship offers from Louisville, Indiana and Missouri
- First player in the three-year history of the school to sign a scholarship with a Division I university

Personal

- Born in Bowling Green, Ky.
- Son of Audrey Middleton
- Graduated in May with a degree in media arts and studies a minor in digital media and design and is currently working on a second degree in art studio

Community Cats

- Stayed after practice to spend time with the Special Olympics (2015)

Adrian Says

- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to be a graphic artist
- His passion in life is learning new things

- He wears No. 99 because symmetry is the best
- When he's not on the field he enjoys studying film/playbook and his schoolwork, but also playing video games
- The best advice he's ever received is from his high school coach, Brandon Smith "find a way to get it done"

MIDDLETON'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tackles	TFL-Yds.	Sacks-Yds.	FC/R	QBH	PBU
2015	DT	4-0	8	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
2016	DT	13-12	35	5.5-13	0-0	0	0	0
2017	DT	13-13	25	3.0-15	1.0-11	0	1	1
2018	DT	12-12	9	3.5-20	2.0-17	0	0	0
Totals		42-37	77	12.0-48	3.0-28	0	1	1

MIDDLETON'S 2018 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH
vs. Central Mich.*	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Florida*	1	1.0-3	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Murray State*	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Miss. State*	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. South Carolina*	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at TAMU*	1	0.5-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt*	1	1.0-15	1.0-15	0	0	0	0	0
at Missouri*	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia*	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Tennessee*	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. MTSU*	2	1.0-2	1.0-2	0	0	0	0	0
at Louisville*	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	9	3.5-20	2.0-17	0	0	0	0	0

MIDDLETON'S 2017 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH
at Southern Miss *	5	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. EKU*	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at South Carolina*	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Florida*	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. E. Michigan*	5	2.0-13	1.0-11	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Missouri*	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Miss. State*	5	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee*	2	1.0-2	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Ole Miss*	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Vanderbilt*	0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0
at Georgia*	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Louisville*	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Northwestern*	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	25	3.0-15	1.0-11	1	0	0	0	0

MIDDLETON'S 2016 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Yds.	Sacks-Yds.	FC	FR	PBU	QBH
vs. Southern Miss	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at Florida *	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. New Mexico St. *	2	0.5-1	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. South Carolina *	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at Alabama *	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt *	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Miss. State *	3	0.5-6	0-0	0	0	0	0

at Missouri *	4	1.0-2	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia *	1	1.0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0
at Tennessee *	5	1.5-2	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Austin Peay *	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at Louisville *	6	1.0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia Tech *	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Totals	35	5.5-13	0-0	0	0	0	0

MIDDLETON'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 6, at Louisville, Nov 26, 2016 (3-3)
Tackles for loss: 2.0, vs E. Michigan, Sept 30, 2017
Sacks: 1.0, four times, last vs Middle Tennessee, Nov 17, 2018
PBU: 1, at Vanderbilt, Nov 11, 2017



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WILLIAM NALTY

LINEBACKER

6-0 • 228 • Sophomore-SQ
 Metairie, La. (Metairie Park Country Day)

2018 - Sophomore

- Practiced with the team

2017 - Freshman

- Practiced with the team

High School

- Three-year letterwinner and starter at linebacker for head coach Joe Chango at Metairie Park Country Day
- Totaled 63 tackles, including 10 sacks as a senior, helping the Cajuns compile a 9-4 overall record
- Also had one forced fumble and one fumble recovery
- Earned All-District honors
- Had 53 tackles and two forced fumbles as a junior
- Member of the United States Saddle Seat Team who captured the Gold Medal in the 2014 US Saddle Seat Equitation World Cup
- Also a member of the junior team from 2012-13
- Competed in his first equestrian show at the age of five
- Chose UK over North Carolina

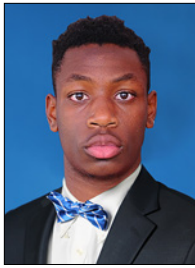
Personal

- Born in Metairie, La.
- Son of Donald J. Nalty Jr. (dad) and Holly (mom) and James Nichols (stepdad)
- Dad, Donald, played football at Tulane from 1982-86
- Major is pre-management

William Says

- His nickname is "Nalty"
- He chose Kentucky because it's a great area with great people
- When he's not on the field he enjoys riding horses and meeting new people
- His life's theme song is "Live Like You Were Dying" by Tim McGraw
- One word to describe him on the field is "persistent"





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MICHAEL NESBITT

CORNERBACK

6-0 • 196 • Freshman-RS
Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (Boyd Anderson)

2018 - r-Freshman

- Has seen action in 10 games with three tackles

2017 - Freshman

- Redshirt season

High School

- A three-star recruit by all the major recruiting databases
- ESPN ranks him the 43rd-best cornerback in the state of Florida
- ESPN scouting report says, "(Nesbitt) is a skilled athlete with upside given his room for continued physical development. Scheme versatile as he plays both safety and corner and is versed in most schemes"
- Rivals' Justin Rowland says, "Nesbitt is one of the top corners in Florida. He has a great combination of the right size, ball skills and athleticism and has demonstrated an ability to play press, man coverage. He has faced elite competition and matched up well with some of the state's top receivers"
- Coached by Quincy Woods
- Helped lead Boyd Anderson to a 7-3 record in 2016
- In eight games played, he had 80 tackles, two forced fumbles, 18 pass breakups and two interceptions, one returned 71 yards for a TD
- Named second-team All-County
- Also ran track at Boyd Anderson, competing in the 100m, 200m, long jump, and 4x100-meter relay
- Picked UK over Louisville, LSU and West Virginia

Personal

- Born in Pompano Beach, Fla.
- Son of Shirley Wilks
- Major is community and leadership development

Mike Says

- His nickname is "Mike"
- He chose Kentucky because it was a great fit and he liked the style of play and how the coaches could help him get better
- When he's not on the field he enjoys playing basketball with friends
- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to coach
- One word to describe him on the field is "energetic"



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CHRIS OATS

LINEBACKER

6-5 • 228 • Freshman-HS
Cincinnati, Ohio (Winton Woods)

2018 - Freshman

- Has 24 tackles, 3.0 TFL, 2.0 sacks, a forced fumble and a fumble recovery in 12 career games
- Posted a career-high five tackles and had his second quarterback sack of the season at Louisville
- Earned his first collegiate start at Texas A&M, charting his first collegiate sack in the second quarter ... Ended the game with four tackles, including 1.5 for loss
- Also had four tackles in the win over South Carolina
- Recorded his first career tackle in the win over No. 14 Mississippi State

High School

- Four-star linebacker by all the major recruiting services
- Ranked the No. 22 outside linebacker in the 2018 class by 247sports
- Led Winton Woods to a 13-2 overall record and an appearance in the Division II state championship game as a senior
- Coached by Andre Parker
- Named the Division II Defensive Player of the Year and first-team All-Ohio by the Ohio Prep Sportswriters Association
- Totaled 79 tackles during the regular season and in five playoff games, had 60 tackles, including three interceptions and two touchdowns
- Reunites with high school teammate Mike Edwards
- Also a four-year letter winner in basketball as a center
- Chose Kentucky over Ole Miss, Oklahoma, Michigan State and Ohio State

Personal

- Born in Cincinnati, Ohio
- Son of Kemberly Gamble
- Major is undecided

Chris Says

- His nickname is "Duece Duece"
- If he could trade places with Coach Stoops for one day he would help his mom retire
- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to be a sports analyst
- He chose to play football at Kentucky because it was the best fit and he believes the Wildcats are building something special
- The one TV show he can't miss is "SportsCenter"

OATS' CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tkls.	TFL-Yds.	Sacks-Yds.	Blks	FF/FR	QBH
2018	LB	12-1	24	3.0-11	2.0-9	0	1/1	0
Totals		12-1	24	3.0-11	2.0-9	0	1/1	0

OATS' 2018 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF/FR	Blks	Int.	QBH
vs. Central Mich.	0	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
at Florida	0	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Murray State	1	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Miss. State	1	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. South Carolina	4	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
at TAMU*	4	1.5-3	1.0-2	0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt	1	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
at Missouri	0	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia	3	0.5-1	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
at Tennessee	4	0-0	0-0	0	1/1	0	0	0
vs. MTSU	1	0-0	0-0	0	1/1	0	0	0
at Louisville	5	1.0-7	1.0-7	0	0/0	0	0	0
Totals	24	3.0-11	2.0-9	0	1/1	0	0	0

OATS' SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 5, at Louisville, Nov 24, 2018 (2-3)
TFLs: 1.5, at Texas A&M, Oct 6, 2018 (3 yards)
Sacks: 1.0, twice, last at Louisville, Nov 24, 2018 (7 yards)
Forced fumble: 1, at Tennessee, Nov 10, 2018
Fumble recovery: 1, at Tennessee, Nov 10, 2018



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BRYCE OLIVER

WIDE RECEIVER

6-1 • 209 • Freshman-HS
Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (Dillard)

2018 - Freshman

- Redshirt season

High School

- Dual-sport athlete, also a star basketball player
- Three-star prospect by all major recruiting services
- Helped lead the Panthers to a district championship in 2016, catching 76 passes for 1,112 yards and five touchdowns
- Coached by Lorenzo Davis
- Rejoins former teammate Jordan Wright at UK
- Teammates with fellow signee Stanley Garner
- Chose Kentucky over UCF and Louisville

Personal

- Born in Plantation, Florida
- Son of Theresa Oliver
- Major is undecided

Bryce Says

- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to be a physical therapist
- The celebrity he sometimes gets mistaken for is Russell Westbrook
- The most famous person he's ever met is Lil Wayne
- The last time he was moved to tears was when his father passed away
- The one place he would love to visit is Africa



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JOSHUA
PASCHAL
DEFENSIVE END

6-3 • 278 • Sophomore-1L
Olney, Md. (Our Lady of Good Counsel)

SEC co-Defensive Player of the Week

2018 - Sophomore

- Returned to action in Kentucky's 34-23 win over Middle Tennessee on Nov. 17
- Had two tackles and a TFL at Louisville
- In July, was diagnosed with malignant melanoma on the bottom of his right foot ... underwent three surgeries, followed by ongoing monthly immunotherapy treatments
- Recovered sufficiently to play against Middle Tennessee ... started the game and saw occasional action throughout
- In the second quarter, made a tackle on a third down play that forced a punt ... When his name was called as the tackler, the Kroger Field crowd gave him a rousing ovation while his teammates swarmed him with congratulations
- Named SEC co-Defensive Player of the Week (11/19)

2017 - Freshman

- Played in all 13 games with one start
- Earned his first career start vs. Northwestern in the Music City Bowl
- Totaled 17 tackles, 4.5 TFL, 3.5 sacks, 3 QBH and 1 blocked kick
- Recorded a career-high three tackles along with a sack in the win over Tennessee and Vanderbilt
- Named SEC Special Teams Player of the week for his game-changing blocked punt vs. EMU
- First UK player to block a punt since Josh Forrest vs. Alabama State in 2013
- With UK clinging to a 17-14 lead in the fourth quarter, Paschal deftly broke through the line and punter shield, also deducing the correct place and time to block a running rugby punt
- The blocked punt went for an 18-yard loss back to the EMU 12-yard line, setting up Benny Snell's 12-yard TD run on the next play
- On the play before the blocked punt, forced a third-down incomplection with a quarterback hurry
- Finished the EMU game with a tackle and a QB hurry, and shared a quarterback sack
- Athlon Sports Preseason SEC All-Freshman Third Team

Personal

- Born in Washington, D.C.
- Son of Clayton and LaTauna Paschal
- Older brother, Travaughn, was a linebacker for the Wildcats from 2011-14
- Major is family science with a minor in coaching

Josh Says

- He chose Kentucky because of the family environment
- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to own his own gym and be a personal trainer
- One word to describe him on the field is "relentless"
- The thing he's most looking forward to this season is playing against the best competition in the country and competing for a championship

PASCHAL'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tkls.	TFL-Yds.	Sacks-Yds.	Blks	FF/FR	QBH
2017	LB	13-1	17	4.5-26	3.5-23	1	0/0	3
2018	LB	2-1	3	1.0-2	0-0	0	0	0
Totals		15-2	20	5.5-28	3.5-23	1	0/0	3

PASCHAL'S 2018 GAME-BY-GAME

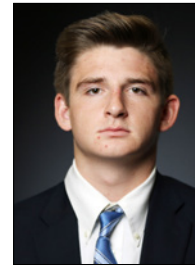
Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF/FR	Blks	Int.	QBH
vs. MTSU*	1	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
at Louisville	2	1.0-2	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
Totals	3	1.0-2	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0

PASCHAL'S 2017 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF/FR	Blks	Int.	QBH
at Southern Miss	1	1.0-3	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. E.KU	0	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
at South Carolina	1	0.5-2	0.5-2	0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Florida	1	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. E. Michigan	1	0.5-2	0.5-2	0	0/0	1	0	1
vs. Missouri	0	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
at Miss. State	2	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee	3	0.5-3	0.5-3	0	0/0	0	0	1
vs. Ole Miss	0	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
at Vanderbilt	3	1.0-7	1.0-7	0	0/0	0	0	0
at Georgia	0	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Louisville	2	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Northwestern*	3	1.0-9	1.0-9	0	0/0	0	0	1
Totals	17	4.5-26	3.5-23	0	0/0	1	0	3

PASCHAL'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 3, three times, last vs Northwestern, Dec 29, 2017
Sacks: 1.0, three times, last vs Northwestern, Dec 29, 2017
Tackles for loss: 1.0, three times, last vs Northwestern, Dec 29, 2017
QBH: 1, three times, last vs Northwestern, Dec 29, 2017
Blocks: 1, last vs Eastern Michigan, Sept 30, 2017 (punt)



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CHARLEY LEWIS
POORE III
KICKER

6-2 • 210 • Freshman-HS
Anderson, S.C. (Westside High School)

2018 - Freshman

- Has seen action in three games
- Saw his first collegiate action at Missouri
- Has hit 2 of 4 field goals

High School

- Rated as the No. 1 punter/kicker in the 2018 class by Prokicker.com
- Handled punts, field goals and kickoffs for the Rams
- Named South Carolina 5A Specialist of the Year after hitting 8 of 11 field goals and 26 of 27 PATs as a senior
- Prokicker.com's Rick Sang said "A very talented athlete who dominates his position and has shown great work ethic. He is already capable of launching NFL caliber kickoffs and punts"
- As a junior, converted 16 of 20 field goals with a long of 48, made all 44 extra-point attempts and had 63 percent of his kickoffs go for touchbacks
- Averaged 37.1 yards per punt in 2016 with 11 inside the 20-yard line
- Earned the top prospect award for 2017 at the Ray Guy Prokicker.com Kicking Camp
- Selected to play in the prestigious Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas game, pitting the top seniors from North and South Carolina against one another
- Member of two regional title teams coached by Scott Earley
- Also a lettered in soccer and tennis
- Picked Kentucky early and never really considered other offers

Personal

- Born in Anderson, S.C.
- Son of Lewis and Jodi Poore
- Major is undecided

Chance Says

- His nickname is "Chance"
- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to be a camera man
- The person who has most influenced him in life is his dad because he pushed him to be the man he is today
- His most memorable moment as a football player is hitting six field goals in one game

POORE'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	FG	Points	Long FG
2018	2-4	6	34
Totals	2-4	6	34



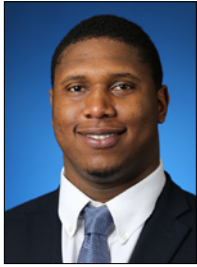


POORE'S FIELD GOALS BY DISTANCE

Year	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	Total	Long
2018	0-0	0-0	2-3	0-0	0-1	2-4	0
Totals	0-0	0-0	2-3	0-0	0-1	2-4	0

POORE'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Points scored: 3, twice, last vs Georgia, Nov 3, 2018
Points by kicking: 3, twice, last vs Georgia, Nov 3, 2018
Field goals made: 1, twice, last vs Georgia, Nov 3, 2018
Field goal attempts: 1, at Tennessee, Nov 10, 2018
Longest field goal: 34, vs Georgia, Nov 3, 2018
Consecutive FGs made: n/a



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E.J. PRICE

OFFENSIVE TACKLE

6-6 • 305 • Sophomore-TR
 Lawrenceville, Ga. (Southern Cal/Archer)

2018 - Sophomore

- Has played in 12 games with 10 starts
- Earned his first career start at Florida

2017 - r-Freshman

- Sat out due to NCAA transfer rules

2016 - Freshman

- Redshirt season at Southern California

High School

- A four-start commit coming out of Archer High in Lawrenceville (Ga.)
- Ranked the 84th-best overall prospect in the 2016 class and ranked as the eighth-best offensive tackle, according to 247Sports
- Was the 10th-best prospect coming out of the state of Georgia
- Made the 2015 Prep Star All-American Dream Team and USA Today All-Georgia first team as a senior
- Coached by Andy Dyer

Personal

- Born in Atlanta, Georgia
- Son of Ed Price and Schenik Allen
- Major is communications

E.J. Says

- Nickname is "E.J." which is abbreviated for Edward Junior
- He chose Kentucky because of the great opportunity and the family atmosphere
- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to own community centers in impoverished cities to help children who need tutoring, nutrition and positive influences
- His favorite saying is "it's not a have-to mentality, it's a get-to mentality"

- Most people would be shocked to know he is a big country music fan (thanks to teammate Austin Dotson)



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TAVIN RICHARDSON

WIDE RECEIVER

6-3 • 207 • Junior-2L
 Greer, S.C. (Byrnes)

2018 - Junior

- Has played in all 12 games with 10 starts
- Has 11 catches for 102 yards this season
- Had a season-high four catches for 37 yards at Tennessee

2017 - Sophomore

- Played in all 13 games with eight starting assignments
- Team's second-leading receiver with 27 catches for 371 yards and one TD
- Averaged 13.7 yards per catch
- Had a career- and team-high five catches for 89 yards vs. Northwestern in the Music City Bowl
- Caught a season-long 36-yard pass from Stephen Johnson on the game-winning drive in the fourth quarter vs. UT, making the catch while dragging his toe inbounds at the Vols' 5-yard line
- Scored his first collegiate touchdown on a seven-yard pass reception in the second quarter vs. Eastern Michigan
- Caught two passes for 29 yards in the win at South Carolina

Personal

- Name pronounced "TAY-vin"
- Born in Greer, S.C.
- Son of Latis Richardson and Kelvin Richardson
- Dad played football at Gardner Webb and brother played at East Carolina
- Major is community leadership and development

Community Cats

- Co-founder of a coat drive called "Coats for Kids" located in Greer, S.C., which helps collect coats for needy children
- Visited with sick children at Wolfson Children's Hospital at the TaxSlayer Bowl in Jacksonville, Fla. (2016)
- Stayed after practice to spend time with the Special Olympics (2015)

Tavin Says

- His nickname is "T-Rich"
- He chose Kentucky because of the atmosphere and it felt like home
- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to be a college coach
- His sport hero is his dad because he taught him everything he knows to get him to this point

- One thing most people don't know about him is that he can sing

RICHARDSON'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
2016	WR	13-5	9	160	17.8	0	41
2017	WR	13-8	27	371	13.7	1	37
2018	WR	12-10	11	102	9.3	0	20
Totals		38-23	47	633	13.5	1	41

RICHARDSON'S 2018 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. Central Mich.*	0	0	0	0
at Florida*	1	18	0	18
vs. Murray State*	0	0	0	0
vs. Miss. State*	1	5	0	5
vs. South Carolina*	0	0	0	0
at TAMU*	0	0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt*	0	0	0	0
at Missouri*	2	8	0	7
vs. Georgia*	2	26	0	15
at Tennessee*	4	37	0	20
vs. MTSU	1	8	0	8
at Louisville	0	0	0	0
Totals	11	102	0	20

RICHARDSON'S 2017 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
at Southern Miss	1	5	0	5
vs. ECU	2	10	0	14
at South Carolina	2	29	0	17
vs. Florida*	3	21	0	12
vs. E. Michigan*	1	7	1	7
vs. Missouri	1	27	0	27
at Miss. State	1	17	0	17
vs. Tennessee*	3	52	0	36
vs. Ole Miss*	2	30	0	23
at Vanderbilt*	0	0	0	0
at Georgia*	3	43	0	19
vs. Louisville*	3	41	0	16
vs. Northwestern*	5	89	0	37
Totals	27	371	1	37

RICHARDSON'S 2016 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. Southern Miss *	2	74	0	41
at Florida *	1	3	0	3
vs. New Mexico St.	0	0	0	0
vs. South Carolina *	1	19	9	19
at Alabama *	2	24	0	12
vs. Vanderbilt *	0	0	0	0
vs. Mississippi State	1	17	0	17
at Missouri	0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia	0	0	0	0
at Tennessee	1	17	0	17
vs. Austin Peay	0	0	0	0
at Louisville	1	6	0	6
vs. Georgia Tech	0	0	0	0





RICHARDSON'S 2016 GAME-BY-GAME

Totals	9	160	0	41
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RICHARDSON'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Receptions: 5, vs Northwestern, Dec 29, 2017
 Receiving yards: 89, vs Northwestern, Dec 29, 2017 (5 receptions)
 Touchdowns: 1, E. Michigan, Sept 30, 2017
 Long reception: 41, Southern Miss, Sept 3, 2016
 All-purpose yards: 89, vs Northwestern, Dec 29, 2017



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JUSTIN RIGG

TIGHT END

6-6 • 257 • Junior-2L
Springboro, Ohio
(Springboro)

2018 - Junior

- Has played in all 12 games with two starts and has four catches for 45 yards
- Earned his first career start vs. MTSU and had a 29-yard catch, the longest of his career
- Has two catches for 12 yards this season

2017 - Sophomore

- Played in all 13 games
- Caught three passes for 40 yards, including a career-high two catches for 34 yards vs. Northwestern in the Music City Bowl

2016 - Freshman

- Played in two games before suffering a rib injury during the third week of the season
- Returned to practice for the bowl game but did not see action
- SEC First-year Academic Honor Roll (2016-17)

High School

- A 3-star tight end who is rated the No. 47 tight end and No. 43 player in Ohio by 247sports
- Voted team captain his senior season and hauled in 35 catches for 394 yards and a touchdown
- Helped Springboro finish 11-3 and advance to the second round of the Division I, Region 2 playoffs
- Named Greater Western Ohio All-Conference
- Earned an invitation to the 2016 Ohio High Football Coaches Assoc. North-South All-Star Classic
- Coached by Ryan Wilhite
- Also a letter winner and team captain on the basketball team at Springboro, averaging 9.4 points and 8.0 rebounds per game as a senior
- Excelled in the classroom as he was a three-time Basketball Scholar Athlete and earned the United States Marine Corps' Distinguished Athlete Award
- Picked UK over Bowling Green, Cincinnati, West Virginia, Eastern Michigan, Miami (Ohio), Ohio, Pittsburgh, Toledo and Wake Forest

Personal

- Born in Dayton, Ohio

- Son of Jay and Robin Rigg
- Grandfather, Joe Miko, played football at Ohio, while brother, Jordan, is currently a redshirt senior on the offensive line at Miami (Ohio) and brother, Jake, played at Walsh University
- Major is agriculture economics

Justin Says

- His nickname is "Rigg"
- He chose Kentucky because of the education, the football and the relationships
- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to be a veterinarian
- One word to describe him on the field is "aggressive"
- He couldn't live without his dogs

RIGG'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
2016	TE	2-0	0	0	0	0	0
2017	TE	13-0	3	40	13.3	0	18
2018	TE	12-2	4	45	11.2	0	29
Totals		27-2	7	85	12.1	0	29

RIGG'S 2018 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. Central Michigan	0	0	0	0
at Florida	0	0	0	0
vs. Murray State	1	5	0	5
vs. Miss. State	0	0	0	0
vs. South Carolina	0	0	0	0
at TAMU	0	0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt	0	0	0	0
at Missouri	1	7	0	7
vs. Georgia	0	0	0	0
at Tennessee	0	0	0	0
vs. MTSU*	1	29	0	29
at Louisville*	1	4	0	4
Totals	4	45	0	29

RIGG'S 2017 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
at South Carolina	1	6	0	6
vs. Northwestern	2	34	0	18
Totals	3	40	0	18

RIGG'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Receptions: 2, vs Northwestern, Dec 29, 2017
 Receiving yards: 34, vs Northwestern, Dec 29, 2017 (2 receptions)
 Long reception: 29, vs Middle Tennessee, Nov 17, 2018



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DAVONTE ROBINSON

SAFETY

6-2 • 200 • Sophomore-1L
Lexington, Ky.
(Henry Clay)

2018 - Sophomore

- Has seen action in all 12 games with two starts
- Has 37 tackles, 3.0 TFL, four PBUs and two fumble recoveries this season
- Recorded a career-best nine tackles vs. Georgia, including a two-yard tackle for loss
- Totaled seven tackles with 1.0 TFL and one PBU in the win over Vanderbilt
- Had three tackles and a PBU in the win over No. 14 Mississippi State
- Recovered a Feleipe Franks fumble after he was sacked by Josh Allen and returned it 30 yards for a touchdown on the final play of the game at Florida sealing the win

2017 - r-Freshman

- Saw action in all 13 games
- Totaled 19 tackles, including a career-high five tackles in the win over Vanderbilt

2016 - Freshman

- Redshirt season

High School

- On top of being one of the best cornerbacks in the state as a senior, he also was a running back, using his speed to score seven touchdowns (four rushing, two receiving and one 91-yard kickoff return)
- As a junior he rushed for 492 yards on 35 carries and six touchdowns, while recording 32 tackles and two interceptions, including one for a touchdown on defense
- Led the team in tackles three straight seasons, including a team-high 100 tackles and one interception in 2015
- Named Defensive Player of the Year and first-team all-city by the *Lexington Herald-Leader* as a senior
- A 2015 *Herald-Leader* "Class of Commonwealth" honoree
- Helped the Blue Devils advance to the second round of the playoffs with a 7-5 record in 2015
- Four-year letterwinner in track, helping the Blue Devils win the 2015 and 2016 state title
- Class 3A state track champion in the 100 meters (10.85) as a sophomore
- Finished second in the state in 2015 in the 4x400 relay
- Winner of the 400-meter dash and second in the 100 meters at the 2015 Fayette County Public Schools Track and Field Championships
- Picked UK over Georgia, Louisville, Notre Dame and Ohio State

Personal





- Born in Lexington, Ky.
- Son of Laura Lancaster and Derek Robinson
- Grandfather, Tony Lancaster, played football at Murray State
- Major is kinesiology

Davonte Says

- His nickname is "D-Rob."
- He chose Kentucky because it's in his hometown and he bleeds blue
- One word to describe him on the field is "exciting"
- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to be a coach/trainer
- His sports hero is Deion Sanders

ROBINSON'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Tackles	TFL-Yds.	Sacks-Yds.	PD	FF	FR	QBH
2017	13-0	19	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
2018	12-2	37	3.0-5	0-0	4	0	2	0
Totals	25-2	56	3.0-5	0-0	4	0	2	0

ROBINSON'S 2018 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Yds.	Sacks	PBU	FR	FF	QBH
vs. Central Mich.	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at Florida	1	0-0	0-0	0	1-30	0	0
vs. Murray State	1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0
vs. Miss. State	3	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0
vs. South Carolina	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at TAMU	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt	7	1.0-1	0-0	1	0	0	0
at Missouri	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia*	9	1.0-2	0-0	0	0	0	0
at Tennessee*	4	1.0-2	0-0	1	0	0	0
vs. MTSU	5	0-0	0-0	0	1-0	0	0
at Louisville	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Totals	37	3.0-5	0-0	4	2-30	0	0

ROBINSON'S 2017 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Yds.	Sacks	PBU	FR	FF	QBH
at Southern Miss	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. ECU	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at South Carolina	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Florida	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. E. Michigan	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Missouri	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at Miss. State	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Ole Miss	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at Vanderbilt	5	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at Georgia	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Louisville	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Northwestern	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Totals	19	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0

ROBINSON'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 9, vs Georgia, Nov 3, 2018 (5-4)
TFL: 1.0, three times, last at Tennessee, Nov 10, 2018 (2)
Fumble Recovery: 1, twice, last vs MTSU, Nov 17, 2018 (0 yds)
TD: 1, at Florida, Sept 8, 2018 (FR)
PBU: 1, four times, last at Tennessee, Nov 10, 2018



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CHRISTOPHER RODRIGUEZ JR.

RUNNING BACK

5-11 • 218 • Freshman-HS
McDonough, Ga. (Ola)

2018 - Freshman

- Has seen action in three games
- Saw his first action vs. Murray State and bulldozed two carries for 43 yards

High School

- A three-star prospect by all the major recruiting services
- Played on both sides of the ball as a running back and strong safety
- Ran for 1,669 yards on 233 carries with 25 touchdowns as a senior
- Averaged 7.2 yards per carry
- Named Henry County Offensive Player of the Week in November after running for 236 yards and five touchdowns in a win over Union Grove
- Rushed for 1,401 yards and 15 touchdowns with eight separate games of 100-plus yards rushing as a sophomore
- Increased his numbers to 1,660 yards rushing and 26 touchdowns as a junior
- Earned All-State, All-Region and All-County honors
- Named the Ola 2015 Player of the Year by MaxPreps
- Coached by Jared Zito
- Also lettered in basketball and track
- Chose UK over offers from Ole Miss and Mississippi State

Personal

- Born in Riverdale, Georgia
- Son of Stephanie Thornton and Chris Rodriguez
- Doesn't turn 18 until Sept. 26 and is the youngest player on the team
- Major is undecided

Chris Says

- His nickname is "Chris"
- He chose to play football at Kentucky because of the great coaching staff and players
- The person who has most influenced him in life is his mom
- His favorite quote to live by is "if you don't stand for something, you'll fall for anything"
- His most memorable moment as a football player is making three tackles on one play

RODRIGUEZ'S CAREER STATISTICS

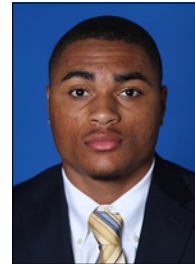
Year	G-GS	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2018	3-0	2	43	21.5	0	27	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	3-0	2	43	21.5	0	27	0	0	0	0	0

RODRIGUEZ'S 2018 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Att.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. Murray State	2	43	0	27	0	0	0	0
vs. MTSU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Louisville	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	2	43	0	27	0	0	0	0

RODRIGUEZ'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Rush attempts: 2, vs Murray State, Sept 15, 2018
Rush yards: 43 vs Murray State, Sept 15, 2018 (2 carries)
Long rush: 27, vs Murray State, Sept 15, 2018



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ASIM "A.J." ROSE

RUNNING BACK

6-1 • 208 • Sophomore-1L
Cleveland, Ohio
(Garfield Heights)

2018 - Sophomore

- For the season, has rushed 67 times for 433 yards and five touchdowns
- Third on the team in rushing behind RB Benny Snell Jr. and QB Terry Wilson
- Averaging 6.5 yards per carry
- Ran 10 times for 112 yards at Louisville, including a career-long 75-yard touchdown dash that is also the longest run by a Wildcat this season
- Caught four passes for 59 yards vs. Georgia, all career highs, including a 31-yard catch-and-run for his first collegiate receiving TD
- Rushed seven times for 38 yards, including an outstanding 24-yard touchdown run in the win over South Carolina
- Rushed a career-high tying nine times for 47 yards in the win over No. 14 Mississippi State
- Rushed eight times for a career-high 104 yards and career-high two touchdowns in the season opener vs. Central Michigan ... Had a career-long 55-yard run for a touchdown in the first quarter

2017 - r-Freshman

- Played in seven games, rushing 15 times for 37 yards
- Had a career-high nine carries for 26 yards at Mississippi State
- Was hampered by an ankle injury in fall camp
- Recorded his first carry in the ECU game

2016 - Freshman

- Redshirt season

High School

- A 3-star, versatile athlete who is rated the No. 34 athlete in Ohio by 247sports
- Stepped in for an injured teammate at quarterback and passed for 616 yards and 10 touchdowns, while running 94 times for 770 yards and 12 scores





- Earned an invitation to the 2016 Ohio High Football Coaches Association North-South All-Star Classic
- Named to the Northeast Ohio Conference All-Lake Division first team as a junior after leading his team to a conference championship and a Division II playoff appearance
- Picked UK over Indiana, Iowa and Minnesota

Personal

- Born in Raleigh, N.C.
- Son of Shauna Scott-Rose, Asim Rose Sr.
- Major is community and leadership development
- Earned an Eagle Scout in 2014, the highest achievement or rank attainable in the Boy Scouting program of the Boy Scouts of America
- Only four percent of Boy Scouts are granted this rank after a lengthy review process

A.J. Says

- He chose Kentucky because of the coaching staff, the academics and the campus
- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to be an undercover police officer or a coach
- If he had a hashtag to describe himself it would be #Run10
- His passions in life are playing football and being around family
- Most people don't know that he's an Eagle Scout

ROSE'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2017	7-0	15	37	2.5	0	9	1	1	1.0	0	1
2018	12-0	67	433	6.5	5	75	8	82	10.2	1	31
Totals	19-0	82	470	5.7	5	75	9	83	9.2	1	31

ROSE'S 2018 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Att.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. CMU	8	104	2	55	0	0	0	0
at Florida	4	23	0	31	0	0	0	0
vs. MSU	5	23	1	13	0	0	0	0
vs. MSST	9	49	0	14	0	0	0	0
vs. USC	7	44	1	24	0	0	0	0
at TAMU	3	6	0	6	1	3	0	3
vs. Vandy	5	17	0	7	0	0	0	0
at Mizzou	5	11	0	11	0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia	2	-1	0	3	4	59	1	31
at Tennessee	2	9	0	5	1	4	0	4
vs. MTSU	7	48	0	31	0	0	0	0
at UofL	10	112	1	75	2	16	0	9
Totals	57	358	4	55	6	66	1	31

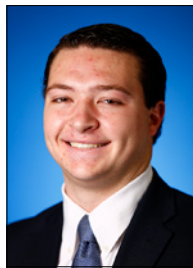
ROSE'S 2017 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Att.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long	KR	Yds	TD
at SM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	9	0
vs. EKU	1	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at USC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Florida											
vs. EMU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Missouri											
at Miss. St.	9	26	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. UT											
vs. Ole Miss											

at Vanderbilt	3	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Georgia											DNP
vs. Louisville											DNP
vs. NW	2	5	0	3	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
Totals	15	37	0	9	1	1	0	1	1	9	0

ROSE'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Rush attempts: 10, at Louisville, Nov 24, 2018
Rush yards: 112, at Louisville, Nov 24, 2018 (10 carries)
Long rush: 75, at Louisville, Nov 24, 2018
Rushing TDs: 2, vs Central Michigan, Sept 1, 2018
Receptions: 4, vs Georgia, Nov 3, 2018
Receiving yards: 59, vs Georgia, Nov 3, 2018
Long reception: 31, vs Georgia, Nov 3, 2018
All-purpose yards: 128, at Louisville, Nov 24, 2018
Kick returns: 1, at Southern Miss, Sept 2, 2017
Kick return yards: 9, at Southern Miss, Sept 2, 2017 (1 return)
Long kick return: 9, at Southern Miss, Sept 2, 2017



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MATT RUFFOLO

KICKER

5-11 • 215 • Sophomore-SQ
Centerville, Ohio
(Archbishop Alter)

2018 - Sophomore

- Practiced with the team

2017 - Freshman

- Practiced with the team
- Dean's List (Fall 2017)

High School

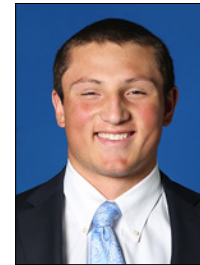
- Two-year starter and letter winner at kicker for Archbishop Alter
- Coached by Ed Domsitz
- Did not miss an extra point for two straight seasons (2016 and 2015)
- Ranks second all-time in Ohio for consecutive PATs made with 103
- Hit 4 of 5 field goals, 79 of 79 PATs, 73 of 85 kicks were touchbacks and averaged 40.0 yards per punt as a senior
- Helped the Knights finish as conference champs and state runner-up with a 13-1 record in 2016
- Named to the All-Greater Catholic League First Team and was named to the Miami Valley Football Coaches Association (MVFCA) All-Star Team
- Honorable mention Southwest Ohio
- Member of the National Honors Society, graduating with honors
- Member of the Student Council, Key Club, University Club and German Club
- Chose UK over Dayton, Ball State and Toledo

Personal

- Born in Dayton, Ohio
- Son of John and Susie Ruffolo
- Sister, Kara, played soccer at Loyola
- Brother, Michael, played football at Dayton
- Major is pre-finance

Matt Says

- His nickname is "Big Foot"
- He played soccer competitively until age 18
- Other than playing for the NFL he says his dream job is to be a CFO of a company
- Actor Mark Ruffalo, better known as The Hulk, is his fourth cousin
- His favorite place on Earth is Hawaii



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DREW SCHLEGEL

TIGHT END

5-11 • 218 • Junior-SQ
Parker, Colo.
(Regis Jesuit)

2018 - Junior

- Has seen action in 10 games and has totaled four tackles on special teams

2017 - Sophomore

- Practiced with the team
- Named to Fall SEC Academic Honor Roll

2016 - Freshman

- Practiced with the team
- Dean's List (Spring 2017)

High School

- Three-year starter and team captain at Regis Jesuit for Coach Mark Nolan
- Charted 115 tackles, including 83 solo tackles, 16 tackles for loss, five sacks, three interceptions and two defensive touchdowns as a senior
- Totaled 100 tackles in his junior season
- Also lettered two seasons as a back for the rugby team, leading the Raiders to a state championship his senior season
- Picked UK over Wyoming, Colorado State and San Diego for football and Army West Point for rugby

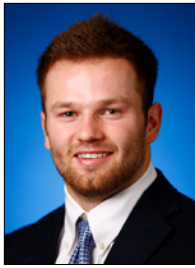
Personal

- Born in Conifer, Colo.
- Son of Mike and Angela Schlegel
- Mike was a tackle and team captain at Kentucky from 1992-95
- Majoring in pre-finance

Drew Says

- His nickname is "IC3"
- He chose Kentucky because his dad played at UK and his dream was to play for the Wildcats
- His sports hero is Isaiah Canaan because he's the greatest player of all time and he overcame adversity
- Other than playing for the NFL he says his dream job is to be a professional rugby player or boxer
- Most people don't know he likes to wear jean shorts





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BRETT
SLUSHER
WIDE RECEIVER

6-2 • 193 • Junior-SQ
Fort Mitchell, Ky. (Beechwood)

2018 - Junior

- Practiced with the team

2017 - Sophomore

- Practiced with the team
- Named to Fall SEC Academic Honor Roll
- Dean's List (Fall 2017)

2016 - Freshman

- Practiced with the team
- Dean's List (Fall 2016, Spring 2017)

High School

- Three-year starter at both wide receiver and linebacker at Beechwood High School
- Ended his illustrious prep career as the all-time leading receiver
- Made nearly 300 career tackles and recovered eight fumbles in his final three seasons at Beechwood
- Recorded 59 receptions for 1,150 yards and 20 touchdowns as a senior ... Also had 56 carries for 488 yards and 10 more TDs on the ground
- Defensively, he totaled 115 tackles as a senior, including 14.0 tackles per loss with four defensive touchdowns
- Helped Beechwood finish 13-2 in 2015 with a regional championship and an appearance in the state Class A title game
- Named District 1A Player of the Year by the NKFCFAA and *The Enquirer* Northern Kentucky
- Kentucky Mr. Football nominee in 2015
- Selected to Kentucky's Best of the Bluegrass All-Star game
- Named first-team All-State by the *Herald-Leader* and *Courier-Journal* on both sides of the ball in 2015
- Elected one of four team captains as a senior
- An excellent student who graduated with a 4.1 GPA
- Earned the prestigious "The Brian Williams That's My Boy Award" by the Greater Cincinnati Chapter of The National Football Foundation
- Also a NFF National High School Scholar-Athlete Top 25 Finalist
- Coached by Noel Rash
- A talented athlete who also excelled in baseball and track and field at Beechwood
- Four-year letter winner in baseball as a center fielder and pitcher who helped Beechwood win the 2016 and 2014 All "A" State titles
- Named first-team NKAC, first-team All-NKY Class A (Enquirer), first-team all-9th region, District 35 all-tournament team and honorable mention all-state
- Won the 2016 Class A 55m state championship in indoor track
- Named 2016 Greater Cincinnati Athlete of the Year

Personal

- Born in Fort Mitchell, Ky.
- Son of Brad and Shelli Slusher
- Comes from an athletic family as brother, Brandon, played baseball at Northern Kentucky, other brother, Brady, played football at Eastern Kentucky and grandfather, Wayne, played baseball and football at Michigan
- Double major in marketing and finance

Brett Says

- His nickname is "Slush"
- He chose Kentucky because he wanted to play for his home state
- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to own his own business or be a professional poker player
- One word to describe him on the field is "savage"
- His sports hero is Brett Favre, who he is named after



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DONALD
SMITH

RUNNING BACK

5-6 • 170 • Sophomore-SQ
Harrodsburg, Ky.
(Mercer County)

2018 - Sophomore

- Practiced with the team

2017 - Freshman

- Practiced with the team
- Dean's List (Fall 2017)

High School

- Four-year letter winner at Mercer County
- Coached by David Buchanan
- Two-time All-State selection as a defensive back
- Member of 2015 District Championship team
- Five-year letter winner in track and also played basketball
- Helped Mercer County win two team state championships in track, running the 4x100 relay
- Graduated with a 4.0 GPA, earning Academic All-State all four years of his prep career
- Member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Key Club, Beta Club, Music Club, Pep Club (President), and was a Youth Salute participant
- Chose Kentucky over Center College and Louisville

Personal

- Born in Lexington, Ky.
- Son of Donald and Colette Smith
- Father played football at Western Kentucky
- Major is pre-finance

Donald Says

- His nickname is "D"
- He chose Kentucky because he loved the atmosphere
- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to be a financial advisor

- One word to describe him on the field is "leader"
- He wears No. 30 because his dad wore it



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KAVOSIEY
SMOKE

RUNNING BACK

5-9 • 219 • Freshman-HS
Wetumpka, Ala. (Wetumpka)

2018 - Freshman

- Got his first collegiate carries at Louisville, rushing four times for 45 yards, including a 37-yard scoring dash

High School

- A three-star recruit by all the major recruiting services
- Ranked the 29th-best running back in the nation by Rivals
- Four-year starter for the Indians
- Selected to play in the 31st annual Alabama-Mississippi Football All-Star Classic
- Helped Wetumpka advance to the 6A Alabama state championship game for the first time in the school's 115-year history
- Finished his senior season with 1,508 rushing yards and 28 touchdowns
- Earned Class 6A second-team All-State honors by the Alabama Sports Writers Association
- Rushed for 1,300 yards and 23 scores as a junior for the Indians, who finished 8-3
- Chose UK over offers from South Carolina, Auburn, North Carolina, Georgia Tech, Missouri, Florida and Virginia Tech
- Also a four-year starter as a small forward/power forward on the basketball team
- Coached by Tim Perry

Personal

- Name is pronounced "Kavosiey (kah-VAH-see-ay) Smoke"
- Born in Montgomery, Alabama
- Son of Helen Smoke
- Major is undecided

Kavosiey Says

- His nickname is "Smoke"
- Most people don't know he's part Native American
- He chose to play football at Kentucky because it's a great program
- The most influential person in his life is his mother because she works hard to make sure her kids are taken care of
- The celebrity he sometimes gets mistaken for is Leonard Fournette



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**BENJAMIN
SNELL JR.**
RUNNING BACK
**5-11 • 223 • Junior-2L
Westerville, Ohio
(Westerville Central)**

>> SnellYeah.com <<

- 🏆 *Second-Team All-America (Walter Camp Football Foundation, College Football News, USA Today, American Football Coaches Association, Athlon)*
- 🏆 *Third-Team All-America (Associated Press)*
- 🏆 *First-Team All-SEC (AP, Coaches, Athlon, ESPN)*
- 🏆 *Doak Walker Award Semifinalist*
- 🏆 *Maxwell Award Semifinalist*
- 🏆 *Midseason All-America Team (CBS Sports; AP, The Athletic, second team)*
- 🏆 *Walter Camp Player of the Year Watch List*
- 🏆 *College Football Performance Awards - Player of the Year Watch List*
- 🏆 *College Football Performance Awards - Performer of the Week - Honorable Mention*
- 🏆 *2018 CFP National Performer of the Year Trophy Watch List*
- 🏆 *First-Team Preseason All-SEC (Coaches, Media, Athlon Sports, Phil Steele, Street and Smith's, Lindy's)*

2018 - Junior (Team Captain)

- Has rushed for 1,305 yards and 14 touchdowns
- Joins Herschel Walker as the only two players in SEC history to rush for at least 1,000 yards and 14 touchdowns in each of his first three seasons
- First player in school history with three 1,000-yard seasons
- Helped lead UK to a 9-3 record, the team's best regular season in 41 years, since the 1977 team went 10-1
- Broken or tied 13 school records
- Second in the SEC in rushing yardage and No. 11 nationally (sixth nationally among players from Power 5 schools)
- Second in the SEC and 15th nationally in rushing yards per game (108.8)
- Second in the SEC and 13th nationally in rushing TDs (14)
- Third in the SEC and 40th nationally in all-purpose yards per game (117.33)
- Although only a junior, is on track to break the UK career rushing record in just three seasons
- Ranks second on UK's all-time rushing list with 3,729 career rushing yards ... Needs 106 yards to tie UK's all-time rushing leader Sonny Collins (3,835 from 1972-75)
- Just the third player in UK history with 3,000 or more rushing yards, joining Sonny Collins and Moe Williams ... the 65th player in SEC history to join the 3,000-yard club
- Ranks third on UK's all-time scoring list with 278 points ... Needs 27 more to tie kicker Lones Seiber

who had 305 career points from 2006-09

- Is just the second non-kicker in school history to reach the 200-point club along with Randall Cobb
- Has 18 100-yard games which ties the school record with Sonny Collins (18 from 1972-75)
- Ranks tied for third in SEC history for career rushing TDs (46) with Kevin Faulk from LSU (1995-98) ... Needs three more to tie Georgia's Herschel Walker at No. 2 (49 from 1980-82)
- His 46 TDs rank second in SEC history for career TDs scored before senior season behind only Herschel Walker who has 49
- Fifth in SEC history in rushing yardage prior to a senior season
- Broke into the SEC's top 20 career rushing list and currently ranks No. 15 ... Needs 101 more yards to tie LSU's Leonard Fournette at No. 14 (3,830 from 2014-16)
- Ranks second in UK career rushing attempts with 711 carries ... Needs 66 more to tie Sonny Collins at No. 1 (777 from 1972-75)
- Recorded his 40th career TD in just 31 games, the second fastest to do so in SEC history
- Holds the school record for career total TDs and rushing TDs with 46
- Also holds the school record for points in a season (116 in '17), TDs in a season (19 in '17), rushing TDs in a season (19 in '17) and rushing yards by a sophomore (1,333 in '17)
- Had 169 yards in the win over Vanderbilt, the fifth-most ever by a Wildcat against the Commodores
- On UK's game-winning drive in the fourth quarter against VU, he gained 74 of the 80 yards ... The drive was capped by his own seven-yard scoring run
- Rushed 25 times for 165 yards and four touchdowns in the win over No. 14 Mississippi State, tying the school record for TDs in a game
- The 165 rushing yards tied the school record for most against a ranked SEC opponent, also Dicky Lyons Sr. 165 rushing yards vs. Tennessee in 1967
- First player in program history to have four touchdowns in a game twice in a career
- In the win over Florida, ran for 175 yards on 27 carries ... Became just the fourth player in the SEC since 2000 to rush for 175 or more yards at The Swamp, joining Travis Stephens, Marcus Lattimore and Trent Richardson ... It's the most rushing yards ever by a UK player against Florida
- First player in school history to rush for 1,000 yards in consecutive seasons ... Ran for 1,091 in 2016 and 1,333 in 2017
- Was a semifinalist for the Doak Walker Award for the nation's top running back and the Maxwell Award for the Collegiate Player of the Year

2017 - Sophomore

- Associated Press All-SEC First Team
- Coaches' All-SEC Second Team
- Phil Steele All-SEC Second Team
- Maxwell Award Watch List
- Doak Walker Award Watch List
- Started in all 13 games
- Led the team in carries (262), rushing yards (1,333), rushing TDs (19) and rushing yards per game (102.5)
- Ended the regular season leading the SEC in rushing yards (1,318) on a league-high 256 carries with an SEC-high 18 touchdowns

- Ranked third in the SEC in rushing yards per game (102.5), third in scoring (8.9), second in scoring TDs (8.9) and fifth in all-purpose yards (107.1)
- Ranked fifth nationally in rushing TDs (19), ninth in total TDs (19), 23rd in total points scored (114), 18th in scoring per game (8.9), 25th in rushing yards (1,333), and 26th in rushing yards per game (102.5)
- In the last five regular-season games, totaled 777 yards and 12 touchdowns on 123 carries (6.3 yards per carry) ... the only other SEC players to ever accomplish those numbers or better in a five-game span are LSU's Leonard Fournette and Auburn's Tre Mason
- Just the third player in SEC history to have at least 1,000 rushing yards and at least 13 rushing TDs in both his freshman and sophomore seasons, joining Herschel Walker (Georgia, 1980-1981) and Knowshon Moreno (Georgia, 2007-2008)
- Only the third player in SEC history to have at least 2,424 yards and at least 31 career rushing touchdowns before his junior season, joining Georgia's Herschel Walker and LSU's Leonard Fournette
- Only SEC player since 2000 to have at least 116 rushing yards and at least three rushing TDs in three consecutive games
- Had seven 100-yard games (tied for second in school history with Moe Williams)
- First player in school history with at least five 100-yard rushing games in back-to-back seasons
- First player in school history with 10 or more career 100-yard rushing games prior to his junior season
- Named SEC Co-Offensive Player of the Week by the league office and SEC Offensive Player of the Week by College Sports Madness for his play vs. Tennessee
- Athlon Sports Preseason All-SEC Third Team
- Preseason All-SEC Third Team (Coaches)

2016 - Freshman

- Football Writers Association of America (FWAA) Freshman All-American
- True Freshman All-American by ESPN and 247Sports
- Freshman All-SEC by the league coaches and Athlon Sports
- Second-team All-SEC pick by ProFootballFocus.com
- Two-time SEC Freshman of the Week
- Leading freshman scorer in the SEC with 78 points
- Set six UK freshman records, including most rushing TDs in a game (4), most rushing yards by a freshman (1,091), most rushing TDs by a freshman (13), most total TDs by a freshman (13), most 100-yard rushing games (5) and most rushing yards by a freshman in a single game (192)
- Finished the season with 1,091 rushing yards, a UK freshman record ... Moe Williams held the previous record with 928 yards in 1993
- The 1,091 rushing yards ranked sixth on the UK single-season rushing list
- First freshman in school history to top 1,000 yards rushing
- Had 13 rushing touchdowns (a UK freshman record) and tied for second-most in school history ... Moe Williams set the record with 17 rush TDs in 1995



- Had five 100-yard games which is the UK freshman record, breaking the previous record of four held by Chris Jones in 1979 and Moe Williams in 1993
- Tied for second in the SEC and ranked 30th nationally in rushing TDs (13)
- Second on the team and ninth in the SEC in rushing yards per game with 83.9
- Became the first UK player with a rushing touchdown in three consecutive games since Derrick Locke in 2010 (Missouri, Georgia, Tennessee) ... The first freshman to do so since Randall Cobb in 2008
- Became the first freshman in school history with 100 rushing yards and a rushing touchdown in three consecutive games
- First freshman with three consecutive 100-yard rushing games since Derick Logan on Oct. 26 – Nov. 9 – Nov. 16, 1996
- Averaged 10.9 yards per carry against Austin Peay, the best average for a Wildcat with at least 14 carries since Mark Higgs averaged 13.7 per attempt vs. Ole Miss in 1987
- Made his first career start vs. Georgia, rushing 21 times for 114 yards and two touchdowns
- His 192 yards rushing yards at Missouri set a school record for most rushing yards by a freshman in a single game ... The previous high was Derick Logan's 186 yards against Mississippi State on Nov. 9, 1996
- The 192 rushing yards tie for the ninth most in a single game in school history and the most since Rafael Little rushed for 198 yards vs. Vanderbilt on Nov. 12, 2005
- Had a career-high 38 carries at Missouri, the most since Derick Logan had 41 attempts vs. Mississippi State in 1996
- Led UK in rushing with 19 carries for 128 yards and one touchdown in the win over Mississippi State
- Rushed 20 times for 94 yards in the win over Vanderbilt ... On the last drive of the game, had 44 yards on eight carries
- Rushed a game-high 16 times for 73 yards and the game-winning TD in the win over South Carolina
- His four touchdowns vs. New Mexico State tied the school record for most rushing touchdowns in a single game, joining four previous Wildcats to reach that mark ... He is only the second freshman to do it, tying Don Phelps' four scores vs. Michigan State on Nov. 2, 1946

High School

- Three-star recruit who ranks in the top 50 running backs nationally by every major recruiting service
- Rated as the No. 41 running back nationally and No. 27 junior in Ohio by 247sports
- Rivals ranks him the No. 38 prospect in Ohio
- Helped lead Westerville Central to two Ohio Capital Conference titles, three straight Division I playoff appearances and an overall 35-6 record during his prep career
- Totaled 1,826 rushing yards, 264 yards receiving and 29 touchdowns as a senior
- Ran for 241 yards on 20 carries with three touchdowns in a single game
- Named OCC Cardinal Division Player of the Year and AP All-Central District Offensive POY
- Two-time first-team All-Central District and Division I All-Ohio

- Earned an invitation to the 2016 Ohio High Football Coaches Association North-South All-Star Classic
- Equally impressive his junior season when he compiled 2,077 rushing yards, 291 receiving yards and 28 touchdowns (26 rushing and two receiving)
- Coached by John Magistro
- Chose UK over Iowa, Cincinnati, Boston College, Toledo and West Virginia

Personal

- Born in Columbus, Ohio
- Son of April and Benjamin Snell
- Benjamin was a running back at Ohio Northern and was drafted by the Baltimore Ravens in 1998 ... His great uncle Matt Snell was a running back for the New York Jets, helping the Jets win the 1969 Super Bowl after rushing for 121 on 30 carries in the 16-7 upset of the Baltimore Colts
- Majoring in pre-media arts studies

Community Cats

- Volunteered to read books to elementary school students on two occasions (2016)

Benny Says

- His nickname is "Snell Ya Later"
- His favorite meal is peanut butter and jelly sandwiches with banana
- He chose Kentucky because he loves the atmosphere and the city of Lexington
- One word to describe him on the field is "learner"

SNELL'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2016	13-1	186	1,091	5.9	13	48	2	39	19.5	0	28
2017	13-13	262	1,333	5.1	19	71	10	72	7.2	0	22
2018	12-12	263	1,305	5.0	14	52	17	105	6.2	0	28
Totals	38-26	711	3,729	5.2	46	71	29	216	7.4	0	28

SNELL'S CAREER PASSING STATISTICS

Year	Comp.	Att.	Int.	Pct.	Yds.	TD	Long
2016	2	4	0	50.0	16	0	0
2017	0	2	0	00.0	0	0	0
2018	1	1	0	100.0	43	1	0
Totals	3	7	30	42.9	59	1	0

SNELL'S 2018 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Att.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. Central Mich.*	20	125	2	52	1	7	0	7
at Florida*	27	175	0	44	2	8	0	4
vs. Murray State*	15	75	1	17	0	0	0	0
vs. Miss. State*	25	165	4	36	0	0	0	0
vs. South Carolina*	28	99	1	16	1	14	0	14
at TAMU*	13	60	0	11	4	18	0	12
vs. Vanderbilt*	32	169	1	22	0	0	0	0
at Missouri*	19	67	0	15	2	28	0	28
vs. Georgia*	20	73	1	11	1	5	0	5
at Tennessee*	20	86	0	19	6	25	0	8
vs. MTSU*	26	116	2	17	0	0	0	0
at Louisville*	18	100	2	24	0	0	0	0
Totals	263	1305	14	52	17	105	0	28

SNELL'S 2017 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Att.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
at Southern Miss*	20	67	0	10	1	13	0	13
vs. EKV*	19	105	1	25	2	5	0	4
at South Carolina*	32	102	2	12	0	0	0	0
vs. Florida*	14	59	0	12	2	22	0	22
vs. E. Michigan*	21	75	1	12	0	0	0	0
vs. Missouri*	20	117	2	71	2	-2	0	1
at Miss. State*	7	18	0	5	1	14	0	14
vs. Tennessee*	27	180	3	48	0	0	0	0
vs. Ole Miss*	28	176	3	22	0	0	0	0
at Vanderbilt*	17	116	3	38	1	20	0	20
at Georgia*	22	94	1	12	0	0	0	0
vs. Louisville*	29	211	2	41	0	0	0	0
vs. Northwestern*	6	15	1	18	0	0	0	0
Totals	262	1,333	19	71	10	72	0	22

SNELL'S 2016 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Att.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. Southern Miss	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Florida	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. New Mexico St.	17	136	4	18	0	0	0	0
vs. South Carolina	16	73	1	14	0	0	0	0
at Alabama	8	38	0	17	0	0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt	20	94	0	12	0	0	0	0
vs. Mississippi State	19	128	1	34	0	0	0	0
at Missouri	38	192	2	32	0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia*	21	114	2	26	0	0	0	0
at Tennessee	15	79	0	27	0	0	0	0
vs. Austin Peay	14	152	2	48	0	0	0	0
at Louisville	11	51	1	18	1	28	0	28
vs. Georgia Tech	7	34	0	34	1	11	0	11
Totals	186	1,091	13	48	2	39	0	28

SNELL'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Rush attempts: 38, at Missouri, Oct 29, 2016
 Rush yards: 211, vs Louisville, Nov 25, 2017 (29 carries)
 Rush TDs: 4, twice, last vs Miss. State, Sept 22, 2018
 Long rush: 71, vs Missouri, Oct 7, 2017
 Receptions: 6, at Tennessee, Nov 10, 2018
 Receiving yards: 28, twice, last at Missouri, Oct 27, 2018
 Long reception: 28, twice, last at Missouri, Oct 27, 2018
 Total offense yards: 211, vs Louisville, Nov 25, 2017 (211 rush)
 All-purpose yards: 211, vs Louisville, Nov 25, 2017 (211 rush)
 Kick returns: 2, Tennessee, Nov 12, 2016
 Kick return yards: 35, Tennessee, Nov 12, 2016 (2 returns)
 Long kick return: 32, South Carolina, Sept 24, 2016





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DEANDRE
SQUARE

LINEBACKER

6-1 • 205 • Freshman-HS
Detroit, Mich. (Cass Tech)

Freshman All-SEC (Coaches)

2018 - Freshman

- Has 29 tackles, 2.5 TFL, three QBHs, one PBU and one force fumble in 12 career games
- Posted a career-high six tackles and QBH at TAMU
- Had a tackle and a QBH in the win over South Carolina
- Charted three tackles in his collegiate debut and has two tackles at Florida

High School

- A hard-hitting linebacker at powerhouse Cass Tech
- Rated a four-star player and No. 20 outside linebacker nationally
- Played both sides for head coach Thomas Wilcher
- Had 94 tackles, two interceptions and forced four fumbles to help Cass Tech advance to the Division 1 state semifinals as a senior
- Named first-team All-State by the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association and the Associated Press
- Played in the Offensive-Defense All-American Bowl in New Orleans, charting eight tackles
- Helped his team capture the Division I state title with a perfect 14-0 record in 2016, the first undefeated season in program history
- Won the 2014 and 2016 conference championship
- Coach Wilcher said, "He's fast, quick and tough and would do whatever was asked of him without question and then do it at a high level"
- Chose Kentucky after considering LSU, Michigan State, Purdue, Wisconsin and Cincinnati

Personal

- Born in Detroit
- Son of Florence Square and Tyrone Square
- Majoring in kinesiology

DeAndre Says

- His nickname is "D Square"
- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to be a coach or athletic trainer
- He chose Kentucky because it was the best place for him to play and he loved the atmosphere and the fans
- The most influential person in his life is his mother because he has seen how hard she has worked to provide for their family
- One word to describe him on the field is "fast"

SQUARE'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tackles	Sacks-Yds.	TFL-Yds.	FC/FR	QBH	PBU
2018	LB	12-0	29	0-0	2.5-4	1/0	3	1
Totals		12-0	29	0-0	2.5-4	1/0	3	1

SQUARE'S 2018 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH
vs. Central Mich.	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
at Florida	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Murray State	2	0.5-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0
vs. Miss. State	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. South Carolina	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
at TAMU	6	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
vs. Vanderbilt	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Missouri	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Tennessee	5	1.0-2	0-0	0	1	0	0	0
vs. MTSU	2	1.0-2	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Louisville	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	9	0
Totals	29	2.5-4	0-0	1	1	0	0	3

SQUARE'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 6, at Texas A&M, Oct 6, 2018 (2-4)
TFLs: 1.0, twice, last vs. Middle Tennessee, Nov 17, 2018 (2 yards)
PBUs: 1, vs Murray State, Sept 15, 2018
QBH: 1, three times, last at Texas A&M, Oct 6, 2018
Forced fumble: 1, at Tennessee, Nov 10, 2018



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JERVONTIUS "BUNCHY"
STALLINGS

OFFENSIVE GUARD

6-3 • 305 • Senior-2L
McComb, Miss. (Spain Park - Ala.)

- **First-Team All-America** (*Associated Press, The Athletic*)
- **Second-Team All-America** (*Sports Illustrated, USA Today*)
- **Third-Team All-America** (*Athlon*)
- **First-Team All-SEC** (*AP, Coaches, Athlon, ESPN*)
- **SEC Offensive Lineman of the Week** (9/10, 9/24)
- **Midseason All-America Team** (*ESPN; second team AP and The Athletic*)
- **Third-Team Preseason All-SEC** (*Athlon Sports*)

2018 - Senior

- Blocking for Benny Snell, who is No. 11 nationally in rushing yardage and No. 2 in the SEC
- Twice named SEC Offensive Lineman of the Week for his play in Kentucky's wins over Florida and Mississippi State
- Led a Kentucky offensive line that blocked for numerous season highs in UK's 56-10 win at Louisville ... UK set season highs with 56 points, 601 yards total offense, 29 first downs and 340 rushing yards ... Graded at 94 percent with five knockdown blocks ... Had no penalties or missed assignments and did not allow any quarterback

sacks or pressures ... Credited with 14 blocks at the point of attack, including Benny Snell's 24-yard touchdown run

- Graded at 93 percent in the 28-7 win over No. 14 Mississippi State, his second POW honor this season ... Had four knockdown blocks and 21 blocks at the point of attack ... Had no penalties or missed assignments and did not allow a quarterback sack
- Helped Benny Snell rush for 165 yards and a school record-tying four touchdown runs
- Contributed an effective block on all four of Snell's touchdown runs
- Named SEC Offensive Lineman of the Week for his play in the 27-16 win at No. 25 Florida
- Graded at 91 percent, with nine knockdown blocks ... Had no missed assignments or penalties and did not allow a quarterback sack or pressure
- Had 23 blocks at the point of attack as UK rushed for 303 yards, averaging 7.4 yards per attempt
- UK had two players rush for 100 yards at Florida, second game in a row that has been accomplished; first time UK has done that in 39 years

2017 - Junior

- Started in 12 of 13 games played
- Started four games at center and the final eight games at right guard
- Blocked for All-SEC running back, Benny Snell Jr., the first player in school history to rush for 1,000 yards in consecutive seasons

2016 - Sophomore

- An integral part the offensive line who were named semifinalists for the Joe Moore Award which recognizes the nation's Most Outstanding Offensive Line
- Blocking for Boom Williams and Benny Snell, UK was the only team in the SEC with two 1,000-yard rushers
- Saw action in 12 of 13 games, earning his first starting assignment at right guard for the Alabama game
- Started six consecutive contests before giving way to Ramsey Meyers on Senior Day ... Returned to the starting lineup vs. Louisville
- Has seen action in 15 career games with seven starts

2015 - r-Freshman

- Played in three games as a reserve on the offensive line and special teams

2014 - Freshman

- Redshirted

High School

- A three-star prospect by 247Sports.com
- 247Sports.com ranks him one of the top-20 offensive centers in the nation and a top-40 recruit in the state of Alabama
- Helped his team to the 6A Region 4 Championship as a senior
- Won the team's Coaches Award and Leadership Award
- Coached by Shawn Raney
- Started high school career at South Pike High School in Magnolia, Miss., before moving to Alabama





- Was a four-year starter in high school
- Has a unique recruiting story, as UK coaches were caught in a rare Alabama snowstorm, abandoned their car, and hiked the last mile to the school
- UK coaches and hundreds of students stayed overnight at the school
- Jervontius said the dedication of the UK coaches was a significant factor in his commitment
- Picked Kentucky over Mississippi State and Colorado
- Also played basketball and baseball
- Member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Personal

- His nickname is "Bunchy"
- Born in McComb, Miss.
- Son of Robert and the late Cynthia Stallings
- Robert Stallings played at Southern Miss and the NFL's St. Louis Cardinals
- Brother of Tre' Stallings, former offensive lineman at Ole Miss and the NFL's Kansas City Chiefs, who now works at the NCAA
- Graduated in December with a degree in community and leadership development

Community Cats

- Participated in a one-week service/educational trip to Ethiopia in May of 2018 where he interacted with residents of impoverished communities, visited and helped paint a preschool, constructed wooden shoe-shining boxes, and delivered blankets to widows
- Stayed after practice to spend time with the Special Olympics (2015)
- Spoke to a class at Dixie Elementary School (2015)
- Volunteered for Walk-A-Child to Kid Day (2014)

Bunchy Says

- He chose Kentucky because of the relationships he built with the coaching staff
- He wears No. 65 because his position coach, John Schlarman, wore it at UK and it challenges him to play above expectations and be great
- His sports heroes are his dad and brothers because they've been in the NFL and that's where he's trying to go



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LOGAN STENBERG

OFFENSIVE GUARD

6-6 • 320 • Junior-2L
Madison, Ala. (James Clemens)

2017 - Sophomore

- Started in all 14 games at left guard
- Blocked for All-SEC running back, Benny Snell Jr., the first player in school history to rush for 1,000 yards in consecutive seasons

2016 - r-Freshman

- An integral part of the offensive line who were named semifinalists for the Joe Moore Award which recognizes the nation's Most Outstanding Offensive Line
- Blocking for Boom Williams and Benny Snell, UK was the only team in the SEC with two 1,000-yard rushers
- Had 37 knockdown blocks and had only one missed assignment all season
- Allowed only one quarterback pressure all season
- Had a season-high eight knockdowns when UK rolled up 443 rushing yards at Tennessee, most in history for the Wildcats against an SEC opponent

2015 - Freshman

- Redshirt season
- First-Year SEC Academic Honor Roll

High School

- A three-star offensive line prospect by all four major recruiting services
- Scout ranks him the second-best offensive tackle in the state of Alabama
- ESPN lists Stenberg as the 42nd-best prospect in the state of Alabama and the 134th-best offensive tackle in the nation
- Behind his strong blocking his high school team rushed for nearly 2,000 yards last season while totaling over 3,300 yards of total offense
- Named second-team all-state in 2014 by Alabama Sports Writers Association
- Cleared the way for his running back to rush for over 1,300 yards in 2014 and earn first-team all-state honors by the Alabama Sports Writers Association
- Totaled 34 pancake blocks for the season
- Had two quarterback sacks and forced two fumbles on defense
- Played in the Alabama-Mississippi All-Star Game in 2014 and impressed there
- Four-year starter
- Coached by Wade Waldrop
- Chose Kentucky over offers from Southern Miss and Troy

Personal

- Born in Madison, Ala.
- Son of Kimberly Stenberg and David Stenberg
- Major is integrated strategic communications

Community Cats

- Stayed after practice to spend time with the Special Olympics (2015)

Logan Says

- His nickname is "Stenny"
- One word to describe him on the field is "nasty"
- His favorite part of game day is the Cat Walk
- He chose Kentucky because of Coach John Schlarman and for the opportunity to make UK great
- His favorite movie is *Forrest Gump*



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CALVIN TAYLOR JR.

DEFENSIVE END

6-9 • 300 • Junior-1L
Augusta, Ga. (Augusta Christian)

2018 - Junior

- Started last eight games at defensive end
- Had a season-high four tackles vs. Middle Tennessee and Georgia
- Had two tackles and PBU in the win over South Carolina
- Had two tackles and a sack in the win over No. 14 Mississippi State

2017 - Sophomore

- Played in 11 games, earning his first career start vs. Northwestern in the Music City Bowl
- Totaled 22 tackles, 1.0 TFL and 1 QBH
- Recorded three tackles and a sack vs. Northwestern
- Charted a career-high six tackles at Miss. State
- Had a QB hurry in the win over Missouri
- Recorded a career-high four tackles in the win over Southern Miss

2016 - r-Freshman

- Saw action in three games, making one tackle

2015 - Freshman

- Redshirt season

High School

- Three-year starter at Augusta (Ga.) Christian HS
- Played defensive end and left tackle on offense
- Named to the All-Central Savannah River Area team as a senior
- Senior year defensive stats featured 46 tackles, seven tackles for loss, two quarterback sacks and one fumble recovery
- Coached by Keith Walton
- Four-year letterman in basketball
- Team won state championship his junior year
- All-state and all-region in basketball
- Member of the Spanish Club and Quiz Bowl team

Personal

- Born in Orangeburg, S.C.
- Son of Deborah Nickens and Calvin Taylor Sr.
- Set to graduate in December with a degree in agricultural economics

Community Cats

- Stayed after practice to spend time with the Special Olympics (2015)

Calvin Says

- His favorite home-cooked meal is anything his mom cooks
- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to own a sports complex



- His favorite thing about football is how it gives you a chance to step outside your comfort zone
- The best advice he's ever received is "surround yourself with positive people"

TAYLOR'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tackles	TFL-Yds.	Sacks-Yds.	FC	FR	PBU
2016	DE	3-0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
2017	DE	11-1	22	1.0-2	1.0-2	0	0	0
2018	DE	12-8	22	5.0-15	1.0-10	0	1	1
Totals	DE	26-9	45	6.0-17	2.0-12	0	1	1

TAYLOR'S 2018 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH
vs. Central Mich.	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Florida	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Murray State	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Miss. State	2	1.0-10	1.0-10	0	0	0	0	0
vs. South Carolina*	2	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0
at TAMU*	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt*	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Missouri*	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia*	4	1.0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Tennessee*	3	2.0-3	0-0	0	0	1	0	0
vs. MTSU*	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Louisville*	1	1.0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	22	5.0-15	1.0-10	1	0	1	0	0

TAYLOR'S 2017 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH
at Southern Miss	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. EKU	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at South Carolina			DNP					
vs. Florida			DNP					
vs. E. Michigan	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Missouri	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
at Miss. State	6	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Ole Miss	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Vanderbilt	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Georgia	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Louisville	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Northwestern*	3	1.0-2	1.0-2	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	22	1.0-2	1.0-2	0	0	0	0	1

TAYLOR'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 6, at Mississippi State, Oct 21, 2017 (1-5)
Sacks: 1.0, 3x, last at Louisville, Nov 24, 2018 (1 yard)
TFLs: 1.0, twice, last vs Georgia, Nov 3, 2018 (1 yard)
QBH: 1, vs Missouri, Oct 7, 2017



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CLEVAN THOMAS JR.

WIDE RECEIVER

5-11 • 207 • Sophomore-1L
 Miami, Fla. (Charles W. Flanagan)

2018 - Sophomore

- Saw action in three games early
- Caught two passes for a career-high 51 yards vs. Murray State

2017 - Freshman

- Saw action in eight games
- One of seven true freshmen to see action in the opening game vs. Southern Miss and had his first career catch for four yards
- Graduated a semester early and enrolled at Kentucky in January of 2017

High School

- Three-star recruit who ranked as one of the nation's top 100 receivers by every major scouting service
- Contributed at several positions for the District 12-8A champions and regional semifinalist Falcons, playing defensive back, wide receiver and tight end
- Named to the Broward Football 8A-6A Offense First Team as a receiver
- Caught nine TD passes as a junior in helping lead the Falcons win the 2015 Class 8A state championship
- A three-year letter winner and starter for coach Stanford Samuels Jr.
- Father, Clevan Thomas, was a defensive back at Florida State in the 1990s
- Chose UK over Michigan, Louisville and Syracuse

Personal

- Born in Miami, Fla.
- Son of Yera and Clevan Thomas
- Major is community and leadership development

Clevan Says

- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to be in the FBI
- One word to describe him on the field is "physical"
- If he had a hashtag to describe himself it would be #GodFirst
- His sports hero is his dad, who he grew up watching and learning from
- Most people don't know he can draw

THOMAS' CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
2017	WR	8-0	1	4	4.0	0	4
2018	WR	3-0	3	63	21.0	0	40
Totals		11-0	4	67	16.8	0	40

THOMAS' 2018 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. Central Mich.	1	12	0	12
at Florida	0	0	0	0
vs. Murray State	2	51	0	40
Totals	3	63	0	40

THOMAS' 2017 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
at Southern Miss	1	4	0	4
vs. EKU	0	0	0	0
at South Carolina		DNP		
vs. Florida	0	0	0	0
vs. E. Michigan	0	0	0	0
vs. Missouri	0	0	0	0
at Miss. State	0	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee	0	0	0	0
vs. Ole Miss	0	0	0	0
at Vanderbilt		DNP		
at Georgia		DNP		
vs. Louisville		DNP		
vs. Northwestern		DNP		
Totals	1	4	0	4

THOMAS' SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Receptions: 2, vs. Murray State, Sept 15, 2018
Receiving yards: 51, vs. Murray State, Sept 15, 2018 (2 receptions)
Long reception: 40, vs. Murray State, Sept 15, 2018



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KEATON UPSHAW

TIGHT END

6-5 • 234 • Freshman-HS
 Lima, Ohio (Lima Senior)

2018 - Freshman

- Redshirt season

High School

- A three-star tight end in most of the major recruiting services
- Rated as the 25th-best tight end in the 2018 class
- A three-year starter who earned first-team All-Northwest Ohio District and second-team All-State honors by Three Rivers Athletic Conference after totaling 786 receiving yards on 46 catches with four touchdowns as a senior
- Also was a third-team Division II Ohio Prep Sportswriters Association (OPSWA) All-Ohio selection
- Caught 48 passes for 758 yards and four touchdowns as a junior, earning him a spot on the All-Northwest Ohio and TRAC first team
- Also named second-team All-Ohio
- Coached by Andre Griffin





- Also an excellent basketball player, lettering three seasons as a power forward
- Lettered one season in track & field, participating in the 4x400, 4x200 and the high jump
- Picked Kentucky over offers from Louisville, West Virginia, Pittsburgh, Cincinnati and Auburn

Personal

- Born in Lima, Ohio
- Son of Jessica Kahle
- Major is undecided

Keaton Says

- His nickname is "Keat"
- Besides football, he is also a talented bowler and corn hole player
- He chose to play football at Kentucky because he trusted the coaches and he wants to get better on and off the field
- The most influential person in his life is his mother because she pushes him everyday
- The celebrity he sometimes gets mistaken for is Clay Thompson



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AHMAD
WAGNER
WIDE RECEIVER

6-5 • 238 • Junior-TR
Huber Heights, Ohio (Iowa/Wayne)

2018 - Junior

- Has seen action in 10 games this season
- Has been the target for QB Terry Wilson four times and has drawn three defensive pass interference calls

Iowa (Basketball)

- Played the last three seasons (2015-18) on the basketball team at Iowa for head coach Fran McCaffery
- Saw action in 96 career games with 25 starting assignments
- Scored double figures in six games and led the team in steals eight times and blocked shots six times in three years
- Averaged 3.1 points and 2.6 rebounds per game, and shot at a 50 percent clip or better all three seasons
- Totaled 70 assists, 43 steals and 29 blocks in his three-year career
- Earned the team's Most Improved Player Award and the inaugural Kenny Arnold Hawkeye Spirit Award as a sophomore

High School

- Played just one season of football at Wayne High School for head coach Jay Minton
- In 15 games as a senior, compiled 1,028 yards on 58 catches with 17 touchdowns.

- Earned first-team all-conference, all-state, and all-division accolades and helped lead the Warriors to the state championship game
- Was a four-time team captain on the basketball team, averaging 15 points and 11 rebounds, while earning all-state and first-team all-conference and all-division honors as a senior
- Just as he did on the football field, helped lead Wayne to the Ohio Division I state championship game as senior
- Also played on the All-Ohio Red AAU squad and played overseas in Italy his sophomore year
- Also ran the anchor leg of the 4x100 relay team who placed fourth at the 2015 Ohio state track meet
- Excelled in the classroom by maintaining a GPA above 3.5

Personal

- Born in East Haven, Ohio
- Son of Lee and Teresa Wagner
- Comes from a family of athletes as his mother ran track and father played football at Jackson State ... Brother, Ameer, played football at Texas Southern
- Major is pre-communications
- Has two years of eligibility

Ahmad Says

- He chose to play football at Kentucky because he liked the coaches and his teammates
- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to be a coach or athletic director
- Most people would be surprised to know that he's a talented singer
- He's a closet country music fan



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NAASIR
WATKINS
OFFENSIVE TACKLE

6-5 • 318 • Freshman-RS
Laurel, Md. (Our Lady of Good Counsel)

2018 - r-Freshman

- Has seen action in 10 games and earned his first career start at left tackle in the season opener vs. Central Michigan
- Missed the Texas A&M game with injury

2017 - Freshman

- Redshirt season

High School

- A three-star offensive line prospect by all four major recruiting services
- Played tackle and tight end in high school as he possesses an uncommon level of athleticism for a high school lineman
- Ranks as the No. 19 recruit in the state of Maryland and the No. 92 overall offensive tackle in his class according to 247 Sports

- ESPN.com lists Watkins as 94th-best offensive tackle in the nation
- ESPN.com's scouting report says, "Watkins is a prospect with some raw ability and upside. Good height and bulk with a frame and build that can still be reworked some to carry and better maximize more mass. Displays good strength though room to improve and while good sized he still looks to have youthful type build"
- Earned second-team All-Sentinel by The Sentinel Newspapers
- Named second-team All-Conference defense by the Washington Catholic Athletic Conference (WCAC)
- Coached by Bill Milloy
- Chose Kentucky over offers from Baylor, Temple and Old Dominion
- High school teammate of fellow 2017 signee Josh Paschal

Personal

- Name pronounced "Naasir (nah-SEAR)"
- Born in Bowie, Md.
- Son of Michelle Owens and Kevin Watkins
- Father, Kevin, played football at Norfolk State, while an uncle, Bryan Watkins, played at Pitt and another uncle, Randal Henry, played at Navy
- Major is pre-economics

Naasir Says

- His nickname is "Nas"
- He chose Kentucky because of the hospitality and the competition
- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to teach football to children
- His passion in life is finding inner peace and happiness
- One word to describe him on the field is "woah"



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JAMAR "BOOGIE"
WATSON
LINEBACKER

6-3 • 234 • Sophomore-1L
Forestville, Md.
(Bishop McNamara)

2018 - Sophomore

- Second on the team behind Josh Allen in sacks with 5.0 ... Ranks 16th in the SEC
- Had a quarterback sack vs. Vanderbilt, becoming the first Wildcat with a sack in four straight games since Josh Allen began the 2017 season with a sack in the first six games
- In the win over South Carolina, had two tackles, a sack, a forced fumble and a PBU
- Recorded four tackles in the win over No. 14 Mississippi State, including a sack
- Did not see action vs. Murray State with injury
- Had a career-best six tackles and a pass breakup in his first career start vs. Central Michigan



2017 - r-Freshman

- Saw action in all 13 games, totaling seven tackles and 2.0 sacks
- Got his first career sack in the win over Tennessee
- Recorded a career-high three tackles and also had a sack in the Vanderbilt win
- Fall SEC Academic Honor Roll

2016 - Freshman

- Redshirt season
- SEC First-year Academic Honor Roll (2016-17)

High School

- A three-star recruit who ranks as a top 100 outside linebacker by Scout despite not playing football until his junior year of high school
- Dual sport athlete in basketball and football
- Came on the recruiting scene after a great junior season which saw him chart 74 tackles and a 75-yard interception return for a touchdown
- As a senior, he helped lead the Mustangs to the Washington Catholic Athletic Conference playoff berth for the first time in five years with 59 tackles, including five sacks and two interceptions, one he returned 68 yards for a touchdown
- Coached by Keith Goganious
- As standout basketball player, he also received several college scholarship offers after averaging 11.4 points during his junior year
- Earned back-to-back MVP honors at Bishop McNamara in basketball
- Chose UK after receiving football offers from Old Dominion, Miami (Ohio), Boston College, Hampton, Virginia and Rutgers

Personal

- Born in Alexandria, Va.
- Son of Bridgette and Jerry Watson
- Majoring in sociology with a minor in criminology

Jamar Says

- His nickname is "Boogie"
- He chose Kentucky because he wanted to compete in the SEC
- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to be a U.S. Marshal
- Most people don't know about him that he is great tap dancer

WATSON'S CAREER STATISTICS										
Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tkls	TFL-Yds.	Sacks-Yds.	FC/FR	PBU	QBH	INT	
2017	LB	13-0	7	2.0-14	2.0-14	1/0	1	0	0	
2018	LB	11-7	22	5.0-39	5.0-39	1/0	2	1	0	
Totals		24-7	29	7.0-53	7.0-53	2/0	3	1	0	

WATSON'S 2018 GAME-BY-GAME										
Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Yds.	Sacks-Yds.	FC	FR	Int.	PBU	QBH		
vs. CMU*	6	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0		
at Florida	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0		
vs. Murray St.		DNP	(Injury)							
vs. Miss. State*	4	1.0-7	1.0-7	0	0	0	0	0		
vs. USC*	2	1.0-7	1.0-7	1	0	0	1	0		
at TAMU*	4	1.0-5	1.0-5	0	0	0	0	1		
vs. Vanderbilt*	2	1.0-9	1.0-9	0	0	0	0	0		
at Missouri*	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0		
vs. Georgia	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0		

at Tennessee*	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0		
vs. MTSU	1	1.0-11	1.0-11	0	0	0	0	0		
at Louisville*	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0		
Totals	29	5.0-39	5.0-39	0	0	0	2	1		

WATSON'S 2017 GAME-BY-GAME										
Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Yds.	Sacks-Yds.	FC	FR	Int.	PBU	QBH		
at Southern Miss	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0		
vs. EKU	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0		
at South Carolina	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0		
vs. Florida	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0		
vs. E. Michigan	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0		
vs. Missouri	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0		
at Miss. State	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0		
vs. Tennessee	1	1.0-7	1.0-7	0	0	0	0	0		
vs. Ole Miss	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0		
at Vanderbilt	3	1.0-7	1.0-7	1	0	0	0	0		
at Georgia	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0		
vs. Louisville	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0		
vs. Northwestern	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0		
Totals	7	2.0-14	2.0-14	1	0	0	1	0		

WATSON'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS										
Tackles: 6, vs Central Michigan, Sept 1, 2018 (5-1)										
Sacks: 1.0, 7x, last vs Middle Tennessee, Nov 17, 2018 (1.0-11)										
TFLs: 1.0, 7x, last vs Middle Tennessee, Nov 17, 2018 (1.0-11)										
PBU: 1, three times, last vs South Carolina, Sept 29, 2018 (1.0-7)										
QBH: 1, at Texas A&M, Oct 6, 2018										
Forced fumble: 1, twice, last vs. South Carolina, Sept 29, 2018										



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DARIUS WEST

SAFETY

6-0 • 210 • Senior-3L
Lima, Ohio (Central Catholic)

Midseason All-America Team (The Athletic, second team)

2018 - Senior

- Third on the team in total tackles (76)
- Tied for sixth in the SEC and 31st nationally in total interceptions (3)
- Tied for 18th in the SEC in passes defended per game (0.75)
- Has a team-high three INTs and a team-high tying six PBUs
- Although only playing in the second half due to a targeting call in the Georgia game, tied for the team lead with six tackles at Tennessee, including one for loss
- Blocked a field-goal attempt in the first quarter at Missouri, the first blocked kick of his career and UK's first blocked kick of the season ... Also had eight tackles and a pass breakup
- Had a magnificent game at Texas A&M, scoring a touchdown on a 40-yard fumble return, grabbing

an interception, and leading the Wildcats with 10 tackles

- All three of his pickoffs have come in SEC games, Texas A&M, Florida and South Carolina
- Had a team-high nine tackles and picked off his second interception of the season, third of his career in the win over South Carolina ... Also had a career-high tying two pass breakups
- Led Kentucky with nine tackles, adding a career-high two pass breakups in the win over No. 14 Mississippi State
- Charted eight tackles and also picked off a pass in the fourth quarter at Florida

2017 - Junior

- Played in all 13 games with 12 starting assignments
- Ranked third on the team in tackles with 86
- Recorded 4.0 TFL which tied for fifth on the team
- Two forced fumbles
- Made his first career interception in the third quarter and returned it 21 yards vs. Florida
- Had a career-high tying 11 tackles in the Music City Bowl vs. Northwestern
- Also had 11 stops vs. EKU
- Had a game-high seven tackles at Georgia
- In addition to causing a fumble at Southern Miss, he also made seven tackles, including one for loss

2016 - Sophomore

- Missed the season due to a preseason knee injury

2015 - r-Freshman

- Played in 10 of 12 games as a reserve member of the secondary, also excelling on special teams
- Finished with 17 tackles, including a season-high seven in a win over Charlotte

2014 - Freshman

- Redshirt season

High School

- Four-star recruit by Rivals, Scout, 247Sports.com and ESPN
- Ranked as the No. 219 overall prospect in Rivals Top 250 and ninth-best in the state of Ohio
- ESPN ranked him the eighth-best player in the state of Ohio and the 18th-best cornerback in the nation
- ESPN also ranked him No. 248 on the ESPN Top 300
- Scout ranked him the No. 21 safety in the nation
- Played in only two games as a senior due to injury
- Had 47 tackles as a junior with five interceptions, two fumbles forced, one fumble recovery and one interception returned for a touchdown leading his team to the second round of the state tournament
- Earned all-conference honors while helping team win league championship
- Won the team's Sophomore Leadership Award
- Coached by Jerry Cooper
- Played forward on the basketball team and was a sprinter for the track team
- Picked Kentucky over Cincinnati, Illinois, Louisville, Michigan State, Minnesota, Penn State, Pittsburgh, Purdue, Vanderbilt, West Virginia and Wisconsin

Personal

- Born in Lima, Ohio
- Son of Yvonne Robinson and Doug West
- Has a son, Keon J. West
- Doug played college football at North Dakota State





- A cousin, William White, played 11 years in the NFL with Detroit, Kansas City and Atlanta
- Graduated in December with a degree in community and leadership development

Community Cats

- Backpack Program volunteer (2017)
- Stayed after practice to spend time with the Special Olympics (2015)

Darius Says

- Nickname is "Kendre"
- Most people don't know he has a son
- One word to describe him on the field is "energy"
- His sports hero is Kobe Bryant because he's the greatest of all time

WEST'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tackles	TFL-Y	Int.-Yds.	PBU	FR/FC	Blks
2015	S	10-0	17	0	0-0	0	0	0
2016	S			DNP	(Injury)			
2017	S	13-12	86	4.0-10	1-21	1	0/2	0
2018	S	12-11	76	1.0-2	3-51	6	1/0	1
Totals		35-23	179	5.0-12	4-72	6	1/2	1

WEST'S 2018 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FR/FC	PBU	Int.	Blks
vs. Central Mich.*	7	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at Florida*	8	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	1-15	0
vs. Murray State*	4	0-0	0-0	0/0	1	0	0
vs. Miss. State*	9	0-0	0-0	0/0	2	0	0
vs. South Carolina*	9	0-0	0-0	0/0	2	1-17	0
at TAMU*	10	0-0	0-0	1(40)/0	0	1-19	0
vs. Vanderbilt*	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at Missouri*	8	0-0	0-0	0/0	1	0	1
vs. Georgia*	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at Tennessee	6	0-0	1.0-2	0/0	0	0	0
vs. MTSU*	8	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at Louisville*	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
Totals	76	0-0	1.0-2	1/0	6	3-51	1

WEST'S 2017 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FC	PBU	Int.	QBH
at Southern Miss*	7	0-0	1.5-6	1	0	0	0
vs. EKU	11	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at South Carolina*	6	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Florida*	8	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0
vs. E. Michigan*	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Missouri*	5	0-0	0.5-1	1	0	0	0
at Miss. State*	9	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0
vs. Tennessee*	8	0-0	1.0-1	0	0	0	0
vs. Ole Miss*	5	0-0	0.5-1	0	0	0	0
at Vanderbilt*	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at Georgia*	7	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Louisville*	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Northwestern*	11	0.5-1	0-0	0	0	0	0
Totals	86	0.5-1	3.5-9	2	1	1	0

WEST'S 2015 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FC	PBU	Int.	QBH
vs. UL Lafayette	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at South Carolina	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Florida	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Missouri	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Eastern Kentucky	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Auburn	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at Mississippi State	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee			DNP - Injured				
at Georgia			DNP - Injured				
at Vanderbilt	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Charlotte	7	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Louisville	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Totals	17	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0

WEST'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 11, twice, last vs. Northwestern, Dec 29, 2017 (1)
Tackles for loss: 1.5, twice, last at Southern Miss, Sept 2, 2017
Fumbles forced: 1, twice, last vs. Missouri, Oct 7, 2017
Fumbles recovered: 1, at Texas A&M, Oct 6, 2018 (40 yards for a TD)
Interceptions: 1, four times, last at Texas A&M, Oct 6, 2018
Long interception return: 21, vs. Florida, Sept 23, 2017
Pass breakups: 2, twice, last vs. South Carolina, Sept 29, 2018
Blocks: 1, at Missouri, Oct 27, 2018 (FG)



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CHRIS WESTRY

CORNERBACK

6-4 • 197 • Senior-3L
 Orange Park, Fla. (Oakleaf)

2018 - Senior

- Has 18 tackles, a sack and one PBU in 12 games
- Got his first sack of the season in the Senior Day win over MTSU
- Recorded a season-high five tackles in his first starting assignment of the season vs. Georgia

2017 - Junior

- Saw action in all 13 games with eight starts
- Totaled 34 tackles with two PBUs
- Recorded a season-high five tackles at Mississippi State and again vs. Louisville
- Forced a fumble at Southern Miss

2016 - Sophomore

- Has three career interceptions after grabbing one in 2016 vs. Austin Peay
- Racked up a career-high seven tackles in the win over Mississippi State
- Had a career-best two PBUs vs. NMSU

2015 - Freshman

- Named Third-Team Athlon Sports Freshman All-America
- Tabbed to the SEC All-Freshman Team by the league coaches

- Started all 12 games at cornerback as a true freshman
- Broke up a team-leading eight passes, finishing with 36 tackles, 1.5 tackles for a loss, one sack and two interceptions, adding a QB hurry
- Picked off his first career pass to clinch UK's win at South Carolina, adding a key pass break-up, sack and QB hurry
- Was named SEC Freshman of the Week after his performance at South Carolina
- Broke up at least one pass in eight games
- Snapped Dak Prescott's streak of 289 passes without an interception at Mississippi State, keeping UK quarterback Andre' Woodson the SEC record-holder in that category

High School

- Three-star recruit by Rivals, Scout, 247Sports.com and ESPN
- Evaluated as a safety in high school, he also could play cornerback in college
- Scout ranks him the 17th-best safety in the state of Florida
- Had 34 total tackles his senior season with one interception and 12 passes defended
- Blocked two field goals his senior season
- Named *Times-Union's* 2014 All-First Coast honorable mention
- A Super 24 selection
- Three-year starter in the defensive backfield
- Helped team to the district championship as a senior
- Coached by Derek Chipoletti
- Two-year member of the track team
- Picked Kentucky over offers from Auburn, Florida, South Florida, UCF, FIU, Ohio and Charlotte

Personal

- Born in Orange Park, Fla.
- Son of Tera Horne and Samuel Westry
- Major is media arts studies with a minor in photography

Community Cats

- Stayed after practice to spend time with the Special Olympics (2015)

Chris Says

- His nickname is "Scotty Too Hotty"
- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to work for Google
- One word to describe him on the field is "determined"
- His favorite part of game day is running out of the tunnel because it's the beginning of something special
- Most people don't know has over 300 photographs covering a wall in his room of people he cares about in his life

WESTRY'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tkls	Int.-Yds.	Sacks	TFL	PBU	FR/FC	QBH
2015	CB	12-12	36	2-3	1.0-8	1.5-9	8	0/0	1
2016	CB	13-13	43	1-0	0.0	0.5-1	3	1/0	0
2017	CB	13-8	34	0-0	0-0	0.5-2	2	0/1	0
2018	CB	12-1	18	0-0	1.0-11	1.0-11	1	0/0	0
Totals		50-34	131	3-3	2.0-19	3.5-23	14	1/1	1





WESTRY'S 2018 GAME-BY-GAME							
Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FC/FR	PBU	Int.	QBH
vs. Central Mich.	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at Florida	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Murray State	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Miss. State	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. South Carolina	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at TAMU	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	9	0
vs. Vanderbilt	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at Missouri	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia*	5	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at Tennessee	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	1	0	0
vs. MTSU	2	1.0-11	1.0-11	0/0	0	0	0
at Louisville	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
Totals	18	1.0-11	1.0-11	0/0	1	0	0

WESTRY'S 2017 GAME-BY-GAME							
Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FC/FR	PBU	Int.	QBH
at Southern Miss *	2	0-0	0-0	1/0	0	0	0
vs. EKU*	4	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at South Carolina*	4	0-0	0-0	0/0	1	0	0
vs. Florida*	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. E. Michigan*	4	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Missouri*	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at Miss. State*	5	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee*	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Ole Miss	4	0-0	0.5-2	0/0	0	0	0
at Vanderbilt	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	1	0	0
at Georgia	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Louisville	5	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Northwestern	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
Totals	34	0-0	0.5-2	1/0	2	0	0

WESTRY'S 2016 GAME-BY-GAME							
Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FC/FR	PBU	Int.	QBH
vs. Southern Miss *	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at Florida *	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. New Mexico St. *	3	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	0
vs. South Carolina *	3	0-0	0.5-1	0	0	0	0
at Alabama *	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt *	5	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Miss. State *	7	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at Missouri *	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia *	2	0-0	0-0	0/1	0	0	0
at Tennessee *	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Austin Peay *	4	0-0	0-0	0	1	1-0	0
at Louisville *	6	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia Tech *	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Totals	43	0-0	0.5-1	0/1	3	1-0	0

WESTRY'S 2015 GAME-BY-GAME							
Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FC	PBU	Int.	
vs. UL Lafayette*	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at South Carolina*	2	1-8	1-8	0	1	1	1
vs. Florida*	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Missouri*	5	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0
vs. Eastern Ky.*	4	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0

vs. Auburn*	6	0-0	0.5-1	0	1	0	0
at Mississippi State*	3	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	1
vs. Tennessee*	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at Georgia*	5	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0
at Vanderbilt*	1	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0
vs. Charlotte*	1	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0
vs. Louisville*	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Totals	36	1.0-8	1.5-9	0	8	2	2

WESTRY'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS							
Tackles: 7, vs. Mississippi State, Oct 22, 2016							
Interceptions: 1, three times, last vs Austin Peay, Nov 19, 2016							
Long interception return: 3, at South Carolina, Sept 12, 2015							
Sacks: 1.0, twice, last vs Middle Tennessee, Nov 17, 2018 (11 yards)							
Tackles for loss: 1.0, at South Carolina, Sept 12, 2015 (1-0)							
Pass breakups: 2, twice, last vs New Mexico State, Sept 17, 2016							
Forced fumble: 1, at Southern Miss, Sept 2, 2017							



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CHRIS WHITTAKER

LINEBACKER

6-3 • 227 • Freshman-RS
Hollywood, Fla. (Chaminade-Madonna)

2018 - r-Freshman

- Practiced with the team

2017 - Freshman

- Redshirt season

High School

- A three-star recruit
- Scout lists him as the 12th-best defensive end in the state of Florida
- Listed as the 55th strongside defensive end in the nation and the 148th-best prospect in Florida in the 2017 class, according to 247Sports
- ESPN ranks him the 213th-best prospect in Florida and the 106th-best defensive end in the class of 2017
- ESPN scouting report says, "Whittaker has adequate length and overall size with limited upside to continue growth. Has good power and short area burst. Continued development of his strength will benefit. His high athletic ability gives him upside for quick development."
- Rivals' Justin Rowland says, "Whittaker is built like a traditional 4-3 defensive lineman in the making but his ability to stand up and rush off the edge is a testament to his athleticism. He's one of several players in this class who make Kentucky bigger on the edge and better at getting after the quarterback."
- Coached by Dameon Jones
- Helped Chaminade-Madonna to a 10-5 overall record and an appearance in the Class 3A state championship game

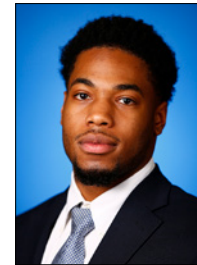
- Compiled 77 tackles, 10.5 sacks, 22 tackles for loss and two fumble recoveries during his senior campaign
- High school teammate of fellow 2017 signee Josh Ali
- Picked Kentucky over offers from Central Florida, Tennessee, South Carolina, Notre Dame, and Georgia

Personal

- Born in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.
- Son of Jewell McDonald
- Major is pre-communications

Chris Says

- His nickname is "Whitt"
- He chose Kentucky because it was a great opportunity
- The one thing he most looks forward to this season is walking out of the tunnel with his team and going to war
- If had a hashtag to describe himself it would be #DoitAll
- Most people don't know when he was four years old his mother saved him from drowning



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DOMONIQUE WILLIAMS

CORNERBACK

5-10 • 184 • Junior-JC
Knoxville, Tenn. (Highland CC/Fulton)

2018 - Junior

- Redshirt season

Junior College

- Played in 11 games in 2017 at Highland Community College (Kansas), recording 29 tackles, three interceptions and four PBUs
- Earned All-Conference Honorable Mention by the Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference (KJCCC)
- Totaled 52 tackles, three interceptions and 11 pass breakups in 2016
- Chose Kentucky over Iowa State and Colorado State
- Will have two years of eligibility remaining

High School

- A three-star prospect by 247Sports
- Before taking the junior college route, originally signed with Eastern Kentucky out of high school in 2015 when current special teams/outside linebackers coach Dean Hood was the head coach
- Coached by Aaron Arnold at Highland and Rob Black at Fulton
- Two-time all-state honoree at Fulton High School, helping the Falcons win three 4A state titles
- Scored 27 touchdowns as a wide receiver and kick returner, including 12 through the air, seven rushing and eight on kickoff or punt returns





Personal

- Born in Knoxville, Tenn.
- Son of Debbie Edwards and Larry Williams
- Cousin, Angel Williams, played basketball at Illinois, while another cousin, Darrel Williams, played basketball at Oklahoma State
- Major is communications

Dom Says

- His nickname is "Dom"
- He chose Kentucky because it was a great opportunity to play in the SEC, stay close to home and it felt like family
- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is start a youth league organization with all sports and a barber shop included
- His favorite quote he likes to live by is "God heard you, just be patient"
- The most influential person in his life is his mother because she is a single parent and she worked hard to raise him and his brother



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QUINTIN WILSON

CENTER

6-1 • 311 • Freshman-HS Cincinnati, Ohio (Turpin)

2018 - Freshman

- Redshirt season

High School

- Considered one of the top offensive line prospects in Ohio
- Rated as the nation's No. 5 center by Rivals and No. 9 center by 247sports in the Class of 2018
- A three-star prospect by all the major recruiting services
- Played three seasons at Walnut Hills High School before transferring to Turpin his senior season
- Earned first-team Division II OPSWA All-Ohio honors in 2017
- Coached by Kent McCullough at Turpin
- Excelled in the classroom, graduating cum laude and as a Ohio All-Academic First Team member
- Chose Kentucky over offers from Virginia, Boston College, Cincinnati, Minnesota and Duke

Personal

- Born in Cincinnati, Ohio
- Son of Terri and Lloyd Johnson
- Major is pre-management

Quinton Says

- His nickname is "Q"
- He chose to play football at Kentucky because it's a family environment
- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to be a sports executive
- The most influential person in his life is his mother because she's his rock

- Most people would be surprised to know he didn't start playing football until his freshman year of high school



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TERRY WILSON

QUARTERBACK

6-3 • 205 • Sophomore-JC Oklahoma City, Okla. (Garden City CC/Oregon/Del City)

- Manning Award Player of the Week (9/13)
- Manning Award "Stars of the Week" (9/10)
- Davey O'Brien Award's Great 8 List (9/10)

2018 - Sophomore

- Has completed at least 60 percent of his passes in 10 of 12 games this season
- Has thrown a touchdown pass in seven straight games
- Second on the team in rushing yards (518) and attempts (125)
- Among Power Five schools, Terry Wilson & Benny Snell Jr., have the third-most combined rushing yards for a quarterback/running back duo (1,823) *1,946 Trace McSorley/Miles Sanders, Penn State* *1,823 Terry Wilson/Benny Snell, Kentucky* *1,703 TaQuon Marshall/Tobias Oliver, Georgia Tech*
- Received the Howard Schnellenberger Award as the Most Valuable Player of the winning team in the Governor's Cup ... Completed 17 of 23 passes for 261 yards and a career-high three touchdown passes ... Rushed for 79 yards and a touchdown ... Had career highs with 340 yards total offense and four total touchdowns
- Became the first UK quarterback to win his first five career starts since Bill Ransdell in 1984
- Completed 79.3 percent of his passes vs. Georgia, the highest percentage for a UK quarterback with at least 25 attempts since Patrick Towles vs. Missouri in 2015 ... It was a UK quarterback's best completion percentage against a top-10 team since Mike Hartline vs. Auburn in 2010
- Completed at least 70 percent of his passes in consecutive SEC games (Missouri and Georgia), the first UK player to do so since Mike Hartline in 2010
- Had five SEC games with at least 65 percent completions, first UK quarterback to do so since Andre' Woodson in 2006
- Completed 66.3 percent of his passes in UK's four SEC road games, 67 of 101 ... the second-highest single-season completion percentage in SEC road games in school history ... record is 67.9 percent by Tim Couch in his 1998 SEC road games
- Set season highs by completing 22 of 31 passes for 267 yards in the win at Missouri ... Hit C.J. Conrad with a two-yard touchdown pass on the final play of the game
- In the win over South Carolina, completed 13 of 20 passes for 132 yards and rushed 9 times for 59 yards, including a one-yard touchdown run

- Earned Manning Award Player of the Week and was named to the Davey O'Brien Award's Great 8 list for his performance vs. No. 25 Florida
- Completed 11 of 16 passes for 151 yards and his first two UK touchdown passes in his first major-college road game, directing Kentucky to a 27-16 win at Florida ... Accounted for 256 yards and three touchdowns
- Rushed for 105 yards, his first 100-yard game as a Wildcat, becoming the first UK quarterback to break the century mark since Jalen Whitlow ran for 101 vs. Alabama State in 2013
- Also became the first UK quarterback to rush and throw for at least 100 yards since Whitlow vs. Alabama State in 2013
- Averaged 10.5 yards per rush vs. the Gators
- Led UK to an average of 8.0 yards per offensive play, most vs. an SEC opponent since 2010
- Against Central Michigan in the season opener, became the first player to start his first UK game at quarterback since Jared Lorenzen in 2000

Junior College

- Rated the No. 5 overall junior college player by ESPN
- Redshirted the 2016 season at Oregon
- Transferred to Garden City Community College in Garden City, Kansas for the 2017 season
- Completed 57.6 percent of his passes for 2,133 yards, 26 touchdowns and 11 interceptions while rushing for 518 yards and five touchdowns on 126 carries at Garden City
- Named the Jayhawk Offensive Player of the Year ... Finished the regular season second in the Jayhawk Conference in passing yards, first in touchdown passes and first in efficiency
- Ranked sixth in the nation in touchdown passes ... Garden City head coach Jeff Sims said "He's a dual-threat quarterback that's very intelligent, dynamic, fast. He's an accurate thrower"
- Chose UK over Florida and Nebraska

High School

- Completed 154 of 281 passes for 2,406 yards and 25 touchdowns as a senior at Del City High School to go along with 709 rushing yards (8.5 avg.) and 11 scores
- Threw for 2,856 yards and 24 TDs as a junior, accounting for 14.3 points a game
- Played in the Semper Fidelis All-American Bowl, where he led the West team by completing 10-19 passes for 111 yards and rushed for an additional 46 yards
- Also played in the Oklahoma Coaches Association All-State football game
- Named *The Oklahoman's* All-Midlands Region recipient and was chosen to PrepStar Super 30 listing of the state's top recruits
- Ranked as Oklahoma's No. 2 prospect in the state (*Tulsa World* and *The Oklahoman*) coming out of high school
- Two-time all-state honorable mention selection

Personal

- Born in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
- Son of Louise Wilson
- Major is community and leadership development
- Will have three years of eligibility remaining



Terry Says

- His nickname is "Terry Touchdown"
- He chose Kentucky because of the opportunity to play at a great place and in a great conference
- Most people would be surprised that he hasn't had a hair cut since the eighth grade
- The most influential person in his life is mother because she pushes him to be the best version of himself

WILSON'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Rush	Yds	TD	Comp.	Att.	Int.	Pct.	Yds.	TD	Long
2018	12-12	125	518	4	171	253	8	67.6	1768	11	54
Totals	12-12	125	518	4	171	253	8	67.6	1768	11	54

WILSON'S 2018 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Comp.-Att.-Int.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rush	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. CMU*	11-18-2	78	0	21	9	38	0	13
at Florida*	11-16-1	151	2	54	10	105	1	31
vs. Murray State*	19-25-0	163	0	25	13	80	1	42
vs. Miss. State*	8-14-0	71	0	23	11	18	0	12
vs. South Carolina*	13-20-1	132	0	21	9	59	1	16
at TAMU*	13-20-0	108	1	54	14	4	0	6
vs. Vanderbilt*	3-9-0	18	1	11	12	97	0	23
at Missouri*	22-31-1	267	1	45	10	11	0	9
vs. Georgia*	23-29-0	226	1	31	12	12	0	0
at Tennessee*	21-34-1	172	1	20	10	-6	0	19
vs. MTSU*	10-14-0	121	1	17	5	27	0	12
at Louisville*	17-23-1	261	3	32	10	79	1	40
Totals	171-253-8	1768	11	54	125	518	4	42

WILSON'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Pass attempts: 34, at Tennessee, Nov 10, 2018
 Pass completions: 23, vs Georgia, Nov 3, 2018
 Pass yards: 261, at Louisville, Nov 24, 2018
 Pass TDs: 3, at Louisville, Nov 24, 2018
 Long pass: 54, twice, last at Texas A&M, Oct 6, 2018
 Total offense plays: 44, at Tennessee, Nov 10, 2018 (10 rush, 34 pass)
 Total offense yards: 238, vs Georgia, Nov 3, 2018 (12 rush, 226 pass)
 Rush attempts: 14, at Texas A&M, Oct 6, 2018
 Rush yards: 105, at Florida, Sept 8, 2018 (10 carries)
 Long rush: 31, at Florida, Sept 8, 2018
 Consecutive completions: 10, vs Georgia, Nov 3, 2018



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MASON WOLFE

OFFENSIVE GUARD

6-6 • 315 • Junior-11
 Henderson, Ky. (Henderson County)

2018 - Junior

- Has seen action in 11 games

2017 - Sophomore

- Saw action in 11 games
- Named to SEC Academic Honor Roll

2016 - r-Freshman

- Saw action in two games
- Named to SEC Academic Honor Roll

2015 - Freshman

- Redshirt season
- First-Year SEC Academic Honor Roll

High School

- A three-star prospect by Rivals, Scout, 247sports.com and ESPN
- Helped his team to the state playoffs all four years of high school
- Scout ranked him the No. 1 offensive tackle in the state of Kentucky and sixth-best overall in KY
- Rivals ranks him the fifth-best player in the state
- His blocking helped Henderson County rush for 1,592 yards his senior season with 23 rushing TDs
- Helped the Colonels rush for 1,863 yards his junior season and 26 rushing touchdowns
- Named first-team all-state by The Associated Press and *Louisville Courier-Journal* in 2014
- A 2014 *Herald-Leader* Class of the Commonwealth honoree
- Three-year starter in the off. and def. lines
- Coached by Tony Lewis
- Picked Kentucky over California, Louisville, Missouri and Purdue

Personal

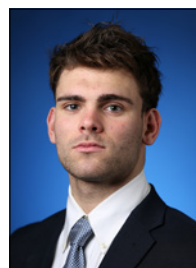
- Born in Evansville, Ind.
- Son of Ron and Julie Wolfe
- Major is sociology with a minor in criminology

Community Cats

- Stayed after practice to spend time with the Special Olympics (2015)

Mason Says

- His favorite meal is chicken and dumplings
- One word to describe him on the field is "smart"
- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to coach and teach
- His favorite movie is *The Longest Yard*
- When he's not playing football he enjoys boating and fishing



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WALKER WOOD

QUARTERBACK

6-0 • 190 • Freshman-RS
 Lexington, Ky. (Lafayette)

2018 - r-Freshman

- Practiced with the team

2017 - Freshman

- Redshirt season
- Graduated a semester early and enrolled at Kentucky in January of 2017

High School

- Three-star recruit by every major recruiting service
- Rated as the No. 24 dual-threat quarterback in the 2017 class by Rivals
- Completed 203 of 321 passes (63.2 percent) for 3,047 yards and 30 touchdowns in leading the Lafayette Generals to a 13-2 overall record and an appearance in the Class 6-A championship game for the second straight year
- Also rushed for 1,321 yards and 31 touchdowns and averaged 6.6 yards per carry
- Received the Paul Hornung Award, given by the Louisville Quarterback Club to the state's top player and was a first-team All-State selection by the *Courier-Journal*
- Lexington's Player of the Year by the *Herald-Leader*
- Earned All-USA Kentucky Football Offensive Player of the Year and First Team honors by USA Today
- Candidate for Kentucky's Mr. Football award
- Named third-team All-State by *The Courier-Journal* as a junior after totaling 43 touchdowns (22 rushing, 21 passing) and leading Lafayette to the Class 6-A state final
- Saw varsity action as a freshman and finished his career with 8,230 passing yards and 74 touchdowns, along with 4,199 rushing yards and 73 touchdowns
- Elected team captain as a junior and senior
- Four-year starter for coach Eric Shaw
- High school teammate of current UK offensive lineman Landon Young
- Chose UK over Louisville, Ohio and Wake Forest

Personal

- Born in Lexington, Ky.
- Son of Tom and Wesley Wood
- Major is agriculture economics

Walker Says

- His nickname is "Walk"
- He chose UK because he believes in what Coach Stoops has started and the culture he has created
- When he's not on the field he enjoys skateboarding
- His life's theme song is "Party in the U.S.A." by Miley Cyrus
- If he had a hashtag to describe himself it would be #TakeIt2TheLennieHouse



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JORDAN WRIGHT

LINEBACKER

6-5 • 236 • Freshman-RS
 Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (Dillard)

2018 - r-Freshman

- Has seen action in eight games, totaling four tackles
- Charted a career-high three tackles vs. Murray State, along with a pass breakup and QBH
- Also had a QBH in the win over Vanderbilt





2017 - Freshman

- Redshirt season

High School

- Dual-sport standout in football and basketball
- A three-star football recruit
- Rivals ranks him as the 25th-best defensive end and the 80th-best prospect in Florida, while 247Sports has him as the No. 28 weakside defensive end in the country and the No. 67 player in the state of Florida
- Is the 46th-best defensive end in the class of 2017 by ESPN who says, "Wright is a tall, lean defender with some good tools and upside, especially as pass rusher"
- Coached by Lorenzo Davis
- Compiled 25 sacks as a senior
- Doubled as a tight end in the red zone, catching six touchdowns, including a critical score against Boynton Beach in the District 15-6A three-team tiebreaker to lead Dillard to the district title
- Earned *Sun Sentinel's* All-Broward first-team defensive honors in helping the Panthers finish 6-4 overall
- As a shooting guard, was a back-to-back preseason Fab Five selection and was an All-County pick
- Led the Panthers' hoops team to a Class 6A state title as a junior
- Named Mr. Dillard High School
- Chose Kentucky over offers from Miami, Arkansas and Florida

Personal

- Born in Lauderdale, Fla.
- Son of Wanda Burns-Wright and Louis Wright
- Comes from an athletic family as older sister, Kayla, currently plays basketball at Nova Southeastern, while cousin, RaiQuan Gray, plays basketball at Florida State, and another cousin, Kenneth Ruff, plays football at Syracuse
- Majoring in community and leadership development

Jordan Says

- His nickname is "Jay Dub"
- He chose Kentucky because it was a perfect fit for himself and his family, and it felt like home
- His sports heroes are his parents because they push him to be the best he can be
- Other than play in the NFL, his dream job is to be a sports trainer
- One word to describe him on the field is "beast"

WRIGHT'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tackles	TFL-Y	Int.-Yds.	PBU	FF/FR	QBH
2018	LB	8-0	4	0-0	0	1	0	2
Totals		8-0	4	0	0	1	0	2

WRIGHT'S 2018 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FR/FC	PBU	Int.	QBH
vs. Murray State	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	1	0	1
vs. Miss. State	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. South Carolina	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at TAMU	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	1
at Missouri	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at Louisville	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
Totals	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	1	0	2

WRIGHT'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 3, vs Murray State, Sept 15, 2018
 Pass breakups: 1, vs Murray State, Sept 15, 2018
 QBHs: 1, twice, last vs Vanderbilt, Oct. 20, 2018



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TRISTAN YEOMANS

LONG SNAPPER

6-2 • 208 • Senior-2L
 Waycross, Ga. (Ware County/
 New Mexico Military Institute)

2018 - Senior

- Long snapper on punts and holder on field goals
- Perfect holds on all field goals (13)

2017 - Junior

- Long snapper on punts and holder on field goals
- Perfect holds on all field goals (28)

2016 - Sophomore

- Long snapper on punts and holder on field goals
- Perfect holds on all field goals (19)
- Integral part of setting up kicker Austin MacGinnis to hit two game-winning field goals (51-yarder vs. Mississippi State and a 47-yarder at No. 11 Louisville)

2015 - Freshman at New Mexico Military Institute

- Was a long snapper for the Broncos in three games
- Totaled four tackles on special teams
- Transferred to Kentucky following the fall semester

High School

- Four-year letter winner and three-year starter at Ware County
- Played multiple positions in high school, including quarterback, wide receiver, free safety and long snapper
- Caught 12 passes for 101 yards as senior, while also totaling eight tackles on defense
- Helped lead the Gators to an impressive 45-8 combined record during his four seasons, including three regional titles and an appearance in the state championship game in 2012
- Also a four-year letter winner in golf, earning all-region team honors as a senior
- Member of the National Honor Society with a 4.0 grade point average
- Coached by Franklin Stephens
- Chose Kentucky over Central Arkansas, Southeast Louisiana, Georgia Southern, Kennesaw State

Personal

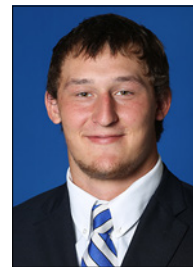
- Born in Waycross, Ga.
- Son of Tony and Suzanne Yeomans
- Tristan's father, Tony, played baseball at Armstrong Atlantic State
- Graduated in December with a degree in finance

Community Cats

- Participated in a one-week service/educational trip to Ethiopia in May of 2018 where he interacted with residents of impoverished communities, visited and helped paint a preschool, constructed wooden shoe-shining boxes, and delivered blankets to widows
- Volunteered for Read Across America event at Fayette Mall (2017)

Tristan Says

- Nickname is "Stan"
- He chose Kentucky because the coaches made him feel he was a part of something special
- One word to describe him on the field is determined
- His sports hero is Brett Favre because he brings swag on and off the field
- His favorite movie is *Law Abiding Citizen*



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LANDON YOUNG

OFFENSIVE TACKLE

6-7 • 305 • Junior-2L
 Lexington, Ky. (Lafayette)

2018 - Junior

- Suffered a left knee injury during practice on Aug. 24 that required surgery and has not seen action this season

2017 - Sophomore

- Played in all 13 games with six starting assignments at left tackle
- Helped running back Benny Snell Jr., become the first player in school history to rush for 1,000 yards in back-to-back seasons

2016 - Freshman

- An integral part of the offensive line who were named semifinalists for the Joe Moore Award which recognizes the nation's Most Outstanding Offensive Line
- As a team, UK averaged a school-record 5.4 yards per rushing attempt and tied the school record for most rushing touchdowns in a season with 30
- Blocking for Boom Williams and Benny Snell, UK was the only team in the SEC with two 1,000-yard rushers ... Snell broke or tied six school records
- Had 27 knockdown blocks
- SEC First-year Academic Honor Roll (2016-17)

High School

- A five-star recruit by Rivals and 247Sports
- No. 1 prospect in Kentucky and No. 12 overall prospect in the nation by 247Sports
- Named top offensive lineman in the U.S. Army All-American Game for the West squad who won, 37-9
- Helped Lafayette average 36.7 points per game and advance to the Class 6A state title game
- Two-time first-team all-state selection by the *Courier-Journal* and *The Associated Press*





- 2015 *Herald-Leader* "Class of Commonwealth" Six-year letterwinner in wrestling and four-year letter winner in track and field in the shot and discus
- Won the 2016 KHSAA state wrestling title, finished his senior year with a 19-0 record on the mat
- Ranked as the state's top wrestler at 285 after finishing fourth in the state as a junior
- Three-time Class 3-A track and field champion in the discus
- Won the 2015 state shot up title and finished second in 2016
- Named the 2014 Gatorade Kentucky Boys Track and Field Athlete of the Year
- 2013 USATF National Junior Olympics Track and Field Championships runner-up in both the shot put and discus
- Coached in football by Eric Shaw
- Member of the National Honor Society
- President of Lafayette's Future Farmers of America chapter and also a member of the Beta Club and Fellowship of Christian Athletes
- Chose UK over offers from Alabama and Auburn

Personal

- Born in Grayson County, Ky.
- Son of Angela and Randall Young
- Majoring in animal sciences with plans to become a veterinarian

Community Cats

- Volunteer for Read Across America event at Fayette Mall (2017)
- Guest speaker at Broadway Christian Church (2017)
- Guest speaker a local elementary school (2017)
- Visited a nursing home for a pre-Super Bowl party to give joy to the residents (2017)
- Volunteered for Read Across America event at Fayette Mall (2017)
- Habitat for Humanity volunteer (2016)

Landon Says

- He chose Kentucky because he wants to help start a legacy
- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to be a veterinarian
- His favorite movie is *O Brother, Where Art Thou?*
- Most people don't know that he's learning to play the banjo
- When he's not playing football he enjoys hunting, fishing and farming



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LUKE
KLAUSING

WIDE RECEIVER

4-7 HT • 72 LBS
Louisville, Ky. (St. Agnes)

Elementary School

- Five-star prospect by all the major recruiting services #probably
- Rated the top wide receiver in Kentucky by Rivals and 247Sports #probably

- Considered the best wide receiver to come out of the Commonwealth since Keenan Burton in 2006
- Multifaceted athlete who has scored on all three sides of the ball (receiving TD, PAT and INT for a TD)
- Totaled approximately 3,000 receiving yards on 300 catches with 30 TDs in his historic grade school football career #probably
- Also an excellent basketball and soccer player
- Diagnosed with cystic fibrosis at five days old
- Takes 40 pills daily and does breathing treatments three times a day
- Chose UK over all other Division I teams

Personal

- Born in Louisville, Ky.
- Son of Joey and Jessica Klausing
- Has one sister, Emma

Luke Says

- His nickname is "Beast Mode"
- He wears No. 18 in honor of his favorite player, former UK wide receiver Randall Cobb
- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to be a lawyer like his dad
- His favorite food is crab legs
- Loves to play Fortnite
- Widely popular Instagram account, @lukeklausing

The Automated ScoreBook
Kentucky Game Results (as of Nov 25, 2018)
All games

Date	Opponent		Score	Overall	Conference	Time	Attend
Sep 01, 2018	CENTRAL MICHIGAN	W	35-20	1-0	0-0	3:25	49138
* Sep 08, 2018	at #25 Florida	W	27-16	2-0	1-0	3:41	80651
Sep 15, 2018	MURRAY STATE	W	48-10	3-0	1-0	3:11	48217
* Sep 22, 2018	#14 MISSISSIPPI ST.	W	28-7	4-0	2-0	3:09	60037
* Sep 29, 2018	SOUTH CAROLINA	W	24-10	5-0	3-0	3:27	63081
* Oct 06, 2018	at TAMU	Lo	14-20	5-1	3-1	3:28	99829
* Oct 20, 2018	VANDERBILT	W	14-7	6-1	4-1	2:52	54269
* Oct 27, 2018	at Missouri	W	15-14	7-1	5-1	3:30	53397
* Nov 03, 2018	#6 GEORGIA	L	17-34	7-2	5-2	3:07	63543
* Nov 10, 2018	at Tennessee	L	7-24	7-3	5-3	3:12	95258
Nov 17, 2018	MIDDLE TENNESSEE	W	34-23	8-3	5-3	3:07	47535
Nov 24, 2018	at Louisville	W	56-10	9-3	5-3	3:13	49988

The Automated ScoreBook
Kentucky Overall Team Statistics (as of Nov 25, 2018)
All games

Team Statistics	UK	OPP
SCORING	319	195
Points Per Game	26.6	16.2
Points Off Turnovers	61	27
FIRST DOWNS	242	206
Rushing	130	93
Passing	91	92
Penalty	21	21
RUSHING YARDAGE	2416	1800
Yards gained rushing	2688	2163
Yards lost rushing	272	363
Rushing Attempts	494	421
Average Per Rush	4.9	4.3
Average Per Game	201.3	150.0
TDs Rushing	25	11
PASSING YARDAGE	1978	2176
Comp-Att-Int	185-281-10	199-341-8
Average Per Pass	7.0	6.4
Average Per Catch	10.7	10.9
Average Per Game	164.8	181.3
TDs Passing	14	12
TOTAL OFFENSE	4394	3976
Total Plays	775	762
Average Per Play	5.7	5.2
Average Per Game	366.2	331.3
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	24-518	22-390
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	13-130	18-235
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	8-180	10-57
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	21.6	17.7
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	10.0	13.1
INT RETURN AVERAGE	22.5	5.7
FUMBLES-LOST	19-8	22-10
PENALTIES-Yards	76-694	98-834
Average Per Game	57.8	69.5
PUNTS-Yards	51-2284	65-2828
Average Per Punt	44.8	43.5
Net punt average	39.4	38.7
KICKOFFS-Yards	60-3679	43-2681
Average Per Kick	61.3	62.3
Net kick average	41.9	39.8
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	30:40	29:20
3RD-DOWN Conversions	61/147	67/172
3rd-Down Pct	41%	39%
4TH-DOWN Conversions	9/15	6/17
4th-Down Pct	60%	35%
SACKS BY-Yards	32-232	24-161
MISC YARDS	9	0
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	43	24
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	7-13	10-15
ON-SIDE KICKS	0-0	0-0
RED-ZONE SCORES	(27-34) 79%	(26-34) 76%
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	(20-34) 59%	(16-34) 47%
PAT-ATTEMPTS	(40-40) 100%	(21-22) 95%
ATTENDANCE	385820	379123
Games/Avg Per Game	7/55117	5/75825
Neutral Site Games		0/0

Score by Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
Kentucky	65	90	66	98	0	319
Opponents	30	92	34	33	6	195

The Automated ScoreBook
Kentucky Overall Individual Statistics (as of Nov 25, 2018)
All games

Rushing	gp-gs	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Benny Snell Jr.	12-12	263	1340	35	1305	5.0	14	52	108.8
Terry Wilson	12-12	125	699	181	518	4.1	4	42	43.2
Asim Rose	12-0	67	463	30	433	6.5	5	75	36.1
Sihiem King	2-0	12	58	0	58	4.8	0	11	29.0
Kavosiey Smoke	1-0	4	45	0	45	11.2	1	37	45.0
Chris Rodriguez Jr.	3-0	2	43	0	43	21.5	0	27	14.3
Lynn Bowden Jr.	12-11	8	36	11	25	3.1	0	12	2.1
Danny Clark	2-0	2	4	0	4	2.0	1	2	2.0
Team	7-0	11	0	15	-15	-1.4	0	0	-2.1
Total	12	494	2688	272	2416	4.9	25	75	201.3
Opponents	12	421	2163	363	1800	4.3	11	83	150.0

Passing	gp-gs	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Terry Wilson	12-12	134.31	171-253-8	67.6	1768	11	54	147.3
Gunnar Hoak	5-0	121.65	13-26-1	50.0	167	2	40	33.4
Lynn Bowden Jr.	12-11	-200.00	0-1-1	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Benny Snell Jr.	12-12	791.20	1-1-0	100.0	43	1	0	3.6
Total	12	134.29	185-281-10	65.8	1978	14	54	164.8
Opponents	12	118.88	199-341-8	58.4	2176	12	58	181.3

Receiving	gp-gs	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Lynn Bowden Jr.	12-11	62	661	10.7	5	54	55.1
C.J. Conrad	12-11	29	297	10.2	3	32	24.8
Benny Snell Jr.	12-12	17	105	6.2	0	28	8.8
David Bouvier	12-2	15	205	13.7	2	29	17.1
Dorian Baker	11-9	13	133	10.2	0	23	12.1
Tavin Richardson	12-11	11	102	9.3	0	20	8.5
Josh Ali	11-0	10	115	11.5	1	32	10.5
Asim Rose	12-0	8	82	10.2	1	31	6.8
Isaiah Epps	12-2	8	76	9.5	0	18	6.3
Justin Rigg	12-2	4	45	11.2	0	29	3.8
Clevan Thomas Jr.	3-0	3	63	21.0	0	40	21.0
Allen Dailey Jr.	12-0	2	38	19.0	1	23	3.2
Zy'Aire Hughes	7-0	1	63	63.0	1	14	9.0
Akeem Hayes	1-0	1	-1	-1.0	0	0	-1.0
Terry Wilson	12-12	1	-6	-6.0	0	0	-0.5
Total	12	185	1978	10.7	14	54	164.8
Opponents	12	199	2176	10.9	12	58	181.3

Punt Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
David Bouvier	10	52	5.2	0	21
Lynn Bowden Jr.	3	78	26.0	1	67
Total	13	130	10.0	1	67
Opponents	18	235	13.1	0	65

Interceptions	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Darius West	3	51	17.0	0	19
Mike Edwards	2	79	39.5	1	66
Derrick Baity	1	-3	-3.0	0	0
Jamin Davis	1	18	18.0	0	18
Tyrell Ajian	1	35	35.0	0	35
Total	8	180	22.5	1	66
Opponents	10	57	5.7	0	36

Kick Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Lynn Bowden Jr.	23	518	22.5	0	42
Brenden Bates	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	24	518	21.6	0	42
Opponents	22	390	17.7	0	38

Fumble Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Darius West	1	40	40.0	1	40
Davonte Robinson	1	20	20.0	1	20
Total	2	60	30.0	2	40
Opponents	1	20	20.0	1	20

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Scoring	td	fg	PAT				dpx	saf	pts
			kick	rush	rcv	pass			
Benny Snell Jr.	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	84	
Miles Butler	-	5-9	37-37	-	-	-	-	52	
Asim Rose	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	36	
Lynn Bowden Jr.	6	-	-	-	-	0-1	-	36	
Terry Wilson	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	24	
C.J. Conrad	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	18	
David Bouvier	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	
Chance Poore	-	2-4	3-3	-	-	-	-	9	
Danny Clark	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	
Zy'Aire Hughes	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	
Allen Dailey Jr.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	
Kavosiey Smoke	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	
Josh Ali	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	
Mike Edwards	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	
Davonte Robinson	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	
Darius West	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	
Total	43	7-13	40-40	-	-	0-1	-	319	
Opponents	24	10-15	21-22	-	-	0-1	-	195	

Total Offense	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Terry Wilson	12	378	518	1768	2286	190.5
Benny Snell Jr.	12	264	1305	43	1348	112.3
Asim Rose	12	67	433	0	433	36.1
Gunnar Hoak	5	26	0	167	167	33.4
Sihiem King	2	12	58	0	58	29.0
Kavosiey Smoke	1	4	45	0	45	45.0
Chris Rodriguez Jr.	3	2	43	0	43	14.3
Lynn Bowden Jr.	12	9	25	0	25	2.1
Danny Clark	2	2	4	0	4	2.0
Team	7	11	-15	0	-15	-2.1
Total	12	775	2416	1978	4394	366.2
Opponents	12	762	1800	2176	3976	331.3

Field Goals	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Miles Butler	5-9	55.6	0-0	1-1	3-5	1-3	0-0	40	0
Chance Poore	2-4	50.0	0-0	0-0	2-3	0-0	0-1	34	1

Punting	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Max Duffy	51	2284	44.8	63	2	13	25	15	0
Total	51	2284	44.8	63	2	13	25	15	0
Opponents	65	2828	43.5	82	9	16	21	17	0

FG Sequence	Kentucky	Opponents
Central Michigan	-	(26),(22)
Florida	-	(29),36
Murray State	(40),(38)	(29)
#14 Mississippi St.	36	-
South Carolina	(29),43	(29),38
TAMU	43	40
Vanderbilt	39	31
Missouri	(31)	43
Georgia	(34)	(23),(38)
Tennessee	51,30	(19)
Middle Tennessee	(38),(32)	(33)
Louisville	-	(32)

Kickoffs	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	retn	net	ydln
Grant McKinniss	60	3679	61.3	31	0			
Total	60	3679	61.3	31	0	17.7	41.9	23
Opponents	43	2681	62.3	18	0	21.6	39.8	25

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.

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<u>All Purpose</u>	<u>g</u>	<u>rush</u>	<u>rcv</u>	<u>pr</u>	<u>kr</u>	<u>ir</u>	<u>total</u>	<u>avg/g</u>
Benny Snell Jr.	12	1305	105	0	0	0	1410	117.5
Lynn Bowden Jr.	12	25	661	78	518	0	1282	106.8
Asim Rose	12	433	82	0	0	0	515	42.9
Terry Wilson	12	518	-6	0	0	0	512	42.7
C.J. Conrad	12	0	297	0	0	0	297	24.8
David Bouvier	12	0	205	52	0	0	257	21.4
Dorian Baker	11	0	133	0	0	0	133	12.1
Josh Ali	11	0	115	0	0	0	115	10.5
Tavin Richardso	12	0	102	0	0	0	102	8.5
Mike Edwards	12	0	0	0	0	79	79	6.6
Isaiah Epps	12	0	76	0	0	0	76	6.3
Zy'Aire Hughes	7	0	63	0	0	0	63	9.0
Clevan Thomas	3	0	63	0	0	0	63	21.0
Sihiem King	2	58	0	0	0	0	58	29.0
Darius West	12	0	0	0	0	51	51	4.2
Kavosiey Smoke	1	45	0	0	0	0	45	45.0
Justin Rigg	12	0	45	0	0	0	45	3.8
Chris Rodriguez	3	43	0	0	0	0	43	14.3
Allen Dailey Jr.	12	0	38	0	0	0	38	3.2
Tyrell Ajian	12	0	0	0	0	35	35	2.9
Jamin Davis	12	0	0	0	0	18	18	1.5
Danny Clark	2	4	0	0	0	0	4	2.0
Akeem Hayes	1	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	-1.0
Derrick Baity	12	0	0	0	0	-3	-3	-0.2
Team	7	-15	0	0	0	0	-15	-2.1
Total	12	2416	1978	130	518	180	5222	435.2
Opponents	12	1800	2176	235	390	57	4658	388.2

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##	Defensive Leaders	gp-gs	Tackles				tfl/yds	Sacks		Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
			ua	a	tot			no-yds	int-yds	brup	qbh	rcv-yds	ff	kick	saf	
41	Josh Allen	12-12	52	32	84	18.5-102	14.0-91	.	4	6	2-0	5	.	.		
7	Mike Edwards	12-12	55	22	77	9.0-25	.	2-79	6	1	1-0	1	.	.		
56	Kash Daniel	12-11	37	39	76	5.5-15	.	.	1	5	.	.	.	.
25	Darius West	12-11	44	32	76	1.0-2	.	3-51	6	.	1-40	.	1	.		
34	Jordan Jones	12-12	31	37	68	5.5-32	1.5-18	.	4	2	1-0	1	.	.		
9	Davonte Robinson	12-2	24	13	37	3.0-5	.	.	4	.	2-20	.	.	.		
8	Derrick Baity	12-11	24	11	35	1.5-2	.	1--3	7	1	.	1	.	.		
43	DeAndre Square	12-0	12	17	29	2.5-4	.	.	1	3	.	1	.	.		
22	Chris Oats	12-1	15	9	24	3.0-11	2.0-9	.	.	.	1-0	1	.	.		
31	Jamar Watson	11-7	15	7	22	5.0-39	5.0-39	.	2	1	.	1	.	.		
91	Calvin Taylor Jr.	12-8	16	6	22	5.0-15	1.0-10	.	1	.	1-0	.	.	.		
92	Phil Hoskins	12-0	9	12	21	3.5-25	3.0-24	.	.	1	.	1	.	.		
6	Lonnie Johnson Jr.	12-12	14	5	19	.	.	.	3	.	.	1	.	.		
21	Chris Westry	12-1	16	2	18	1.0-11	1.0-11	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
9Q	Quinton Bohanna	11-6	8	9	17	4.0-16	1.0-8	.	.	.	1-0	1	.	.		
59	Kordell Looney	12-0	6	9	15	1.0-3	.	.	1	2	.	.	.	.
90	T.J. Carter	12-4	7	6	13	1.5-3	.	.	2	3	.	.	.	.
3G	Jordan Griffin	11-4	8	4	12	.	.	.	3	.	.	.	.	.
98	Tymere Dubose	11-5	3	8	11	1.5-5	0.5-4	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
23	Tyrell Ajian	12-0	5	4	9	.	.	1-35	3	.	.	.	.	.
44	Jamin Davis	12-0	6	3	9	.	.	1-18	1	.	.	.	.	.
99	Adrian Middleton	12-12	7	2	9	3.5-20	2.0-17	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
28	Zach Johnson	12-0	5	2	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
29	Yusuf Corker	12-0	3	4	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
50	Marquan Mccall	8-0	3	2	5	1.5-2	1.0-1	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
46	Drew Schlegel	10-0	3	1	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
20	Kengera Daniel	3-0	3	1	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
15	Jordan Wright	8-0	3	1	4	.	.	.	1	2	.	.	.	.
4	Joshua Paschal	2-1	2	1	3	1.0-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1	Lynn Bowden Jr.	12-11	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
2N	Michael Nesbitt	10-0	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
87	C.J. Conrad	12-11	1	2	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
83	Justin Rigg	12-2	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
71	Logan Stenberg	12-12	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
86	Grant McKinniss	12-0	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
64	George Asafo-Adjei	11-11	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
TM	Team	7-0	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
89	Allen Dailey Jr.	12-0	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
82	Josh Ali	11-0	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
11	Tavin Richardson	12-11	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
42	Tristan Yeomans	12-0	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
93	Max Duffy	11-0	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Total		12	450	308	758	78-339	32-232	8-180	51	28	10-60	15	1	.		
Opponents		12	440	374	814	72-266	24-161	10-57	31	18	8-20	12	1	.		

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	SEASON									CAREER								
Rushing	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Benny Snell Jr.	12	263	1340	35	1305	5.0	14	52	108.8	38	711	3824	95	3729	5.2	46	71	98.1
Terry Wilson	12	125	699	181	518	4.1	4	42	43.2	12	125	699	181	518	4.1	4	42	43.2
Asim Rose	12	67	463	30	433	6.5	5	75	36.1	19	82	506	36	470	5.7	5	75	24.7
Sihiem King	2	12	58	0	58	4.8	0	11	29.0	40	113	658	28	630	5.6	4	62	15.8
Kavosiey Smoke	1	4	45	0	45	11.2	1	37	45.0	1	4	45	0	45	11.2	1	37	45.0
Chris Rodriguez Jr.	3	2	43	0	43	21.5	0	27	14.3	3	2	43	0	43	21.5	0	27	14.3
Lynn Bowden Jr.	12	8	36	11	25	3.1	0	12	2.1	25	20	76	14	62	3.1	0	12	2.5
Danny Clark	2	2	4	0	4	2.0	1	2	2.0	3	2	4	0	4	2.0	1	2	1.3
Team	7	11	0	15	-15	-1.4	0	0	-2.1									
Total	12	494	2688	272	2416	4.9	25	75	201.3									
Opponents	12	421	2163	363	1800	4.3	11	83	150.0									
Passing	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g		
Terry Wilson	12	134.31	171-253-8	67.6	1768	11	54	147.3	12	134.31	171-253-8	67.6	1768	11	54	147.3		
Gunnar Hoak	5	121.65	13-26-1	50.0	167	2	40	33.4	5	121.65	13-26-1	50.0	167	2	40	33.4		
Benny Snell Jr.	12	791.20	1-1-0	100.0	43	1	0	3.6	38	160.80	3-7-0	42.9	59	1	0	1.6		
Lynn Bowden Jr.	12	-200.00	0-1-1	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	25	134.56	3-5-2	60.0	92	0	36	3.7		
Total	12	134.29	185-281-10	65.8	1978	14	54	164.8										
Opponents	12	118.88	199-341-8	58.4	2176	12	58	181.3										
Receiving	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g				
Lynn Bowden Jr.	12	62	661	10.7	5	54	55.1	25	79	871	11.0	5	54	34.8				
C.J. Conrad	12	29	297	10.2	3	32	24.8	48	79	994	12.6	12	72	20.7				
Benny Snell Jr.	12	17	105	6.2	0	28	8.8	38	29	216	7.4	0	28	5.7				
David Bouvier	12	15	205	13.7	2	29	17.1	18	16	214	13.4	2	29	11.9				
Dorian Baker	11	13	133	10.2	0	23	12.1	43	101	1148	11.4	6	53	26.7				
Tavin Richardson	12	11	102	9.3	0	20	8.5	38	47	633	13.5	1	41	16.7				
Josh Ali	11	10	115	11.5	1	32	10.5	20	13	140	10.8	1	32	7.0				
Asim Rose	12	8	82	10.2	1	31	6.8	19	9	83	9.2	1	31	4.4				
Isaiah Epps	12	8	76	9.5	0	18	6.3	25	12	131	10.9	0	28	5.2				
Justin Rigg	12	4	45	11.2	0	29	3.8	27	7	85	12.1	0	29	3.1				
Clevan Thomas Jr.	3	3	63	21.0	0	40	21.0	11	4	67	16.8	0	40	6.1				
Allen Dailey Jr.	12	2	38	19.0	1	23	3.2	12	2	38	19.0	1	23	3.2				
Zy'Aire Hughes	7	1	63	63.0	1	14	9.0	14	1	63	63.0	1	14	4.5				
Akeem Hayes	1	1	-1	-1.0	0	0	-1.0	1	1	-1	-1.0	0	0	-1.0				
Terry Wilson	12	1	-6	-6.0	0	0	-0.5	12	1	-6	-6.0	0	0	-0.5				
Total	12	185	1978	10.7	14	54	164.8											
Opponents	12	199	2176	10.9	12	58	181.3											
Total Offense	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g						
Terry Wilson	12	378	518	1768	2286	190.5	12	378	518	1768	2286	190.5						
Benny Snell Jr.	12	264	1305	43	1348	112.3	38	718	3729	59	3788	99.7						
Asim Rose	12	67	433	0	433	36.1	19	82	470	0	470	24.7						
Gunnar Hoak	5	26	0	167	167	33.4	5	26	0	167	167	33.4						
Sihiem King	2	12	58	0	58	29.0	40	113	630	0	630	15.8						
Kavosiey Smoke	1	4	45	0	45	45.0	1	4	45	0	45	45.0						
Chris Rodriguez Jr.	3	2	43	0	43	14.3	3	2	43	0	43	14.3						
Lynn Bowden Jr.	12	9	25	0	25	2.1	25	25	62	92	154	6.2						
Danny Clark	2	2	4	0	4	2.0	3	2	4	0	4	1.3						
Team	7	11	-15	0	-15	-2.1												
Total	12	775	2416	1978	4394	366.2												
Opponents	12	762	1800	2176	3976	331.3												

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Scoring	SEASON						CAREER											
	td	fg	kick	PAT			dxp	saf	pts	td	fg	kick	PAT			dxp	saf	pts
			rush	rcv	pass							rush	rcv	pass				
Benny Snell Jr.	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	84	46	-	-	0-1	1	-	-	-	278
Miles Butler	-	5-9	37-37	-	-	-	-	-	52	-	9-13	48-49	-	-	-	-	-	75
Asim Rose	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	36	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	36
Lynn Bowden Jr.	6	-	-	-	-	0-1	-	-	36	6	-	-	-	0-1	-	-	-	36
Terry Wilson	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24
C.J. Conrad	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18	12	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	74
David Bouvier	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Chance Poore	-	2-4	3-3	-	-	-	-	-	9	-	2-4	3-3	-	-	-	-	-	9
Davonte Robinson	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Darius West	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Allen Dailey Jr.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Mike Edwards	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Zy'Aire Hughes	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Josh Ali	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Kavosiey Smoke	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Danny Clark	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Total	43	7-13	40-40	-	-	0-1	-	-	319									
Opponents	24	10-15	21-22	-	-	0-1	-	-	195									

Punt Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
David Bouvier	10	52	5.2	0	21	10	52	5.2	0	21
Lynn Bowden Jr.	3	78	26.0	1	67	3	78	26.0	1	67
Total	13	130	10.0	1	67					
Opponents	18	235	13.1	0	65					

Kick Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Lynn Bowden Jr.	23	518	22.5	0	42	60	1387	23.1	0	93
Brenden Bates	1	0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	24	518	21.6	0	42					
Opponents	22	390	17.7	0	38					

Interceptions	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Darius West	3	51	17.0	0	19	4	72	18.0	0	21
Mike Edwards	2	79	39.5	1	66	10	146	14.6	2	66
Tyrell Ajjan	1	35	35.0	0	35	1	35	35.0	0	35
Derrick Baily	1	-3	-3.0	0	0	6	55	9.2	0	45
Jamin Davis	1	18	18.0	0	18	1	18	18.0	0	18
Total	8	180	22.5	1	66					
Opponents	10	57	5.7	0	36					

Fumble Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Darius West	1	40	40.0	1	40	1	40	40.0	1	40
Davonte Robinson	1	20	20.0	1	20	1	20	20.0	1	20
Total	2	60	30.0	2	40					
Opponents	1	20	20.0	1	20					

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All Purpose	SEASON								CAREER							
	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Benny Snell Jr.	12	1305	105	0	0	0	1410	117.5	38	3729	216	0	125	0	4070	107.1
Lynn Bowden Jr.	12	25	661	78	518	0	1282	106.8	25	62	871	78	1387	0	2398	95.9
Asim Rose	12	433	82	0	0	0	515	42.9	19	470	83	0	9	0	562	29.6
Terry Wilson	12	518	-6	0	0	0	512	42.7	12	518	-6	0	0	0	512	42.7
C.J. Conrad	12	0	297	0	0	0	297	24.8	48	0	994	0	0	0	994	20.7
David Bouvier	12	0	205	52	0	0	257	21.4	18	0	214	52	0	0	266	14.8
Dorian Baker	11	0	133	0	0	0	133	12.1	43	3	1148	0	0	0	1151	26.8
Josh Ali	11	0	115	0	0	0	115	10.5	20	0	140	0	0	0	140	7.0
Tavin Richardson	12	0	102	0	0	0	102	8.5	38	0	633	0	0	0	633	16.7
Mike Edwards	12	0	0	0	0	79	79	6.6	50	0	0	0	0	146	146	2.9
Isaiah Epps	12	0	76	0	0	0	76	6.3	25	0	131	0	0	0	131	5.2
Zy'Aire Hughes	7	0	63	0	0	0	63	9.0	14	0	63	0	0	0	63	4.5
Clevan Thomas J	3	0	63	0	0	0	63	21.0	11	0	67	0	0	0	67	6.1
Sihiem King	2	58	0	0	0	0	58	29.0	40	630	106	0	818	0	1554	38.8
Darius West	12	0	0	0	0	51	51	4.2	35	0	0	0	0	72	72	2.1
Justin Rigg	12	0	45	0	0	0	45	3.8	27	0	85	0	0	0	85	3.1
Kavosiey Smoke	1	45	0	0	0	0	45	45.0	1	45	0	0	0	0	45	45.0
Chris Rodriguez	3	43	0	0	0	0	43	14.3	3	43	0	0	0	0	43	14.3
Allen Dailey Jr.	12	0	38	0	0	0	38	3.2	12	0	38	0	0	0	38	3.2
Tyrell Ajian	12	0	0	0	0	35	35	2.9	12	0	0	0	0	35	35	2.9
Jamin Davis	12	0	0	0	0	18	18	1.5	12	0	0	0	0	18	18	1.5
Danny Clark	2	4	0	0	0	0	4	2.0	3	4	0	0	0	0	4	1.3
Akeem Hayes	1	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	-1.0	1	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	-1.0
Derrick Baity	12	0	0	0	0	-3	-3	-0.2	50	0	0	0	0	55	55	1.1
Team	7	-15	0	0	0	0	-15	-2.1								
Total	12	2416	1978	130	518	180	5222	435.2								
Opponents	12	1800	2176	235	390	57	4658	388.2								

Field Goals	att	good	long	blkd	att	good	long	blkd
Miles Butler	9	5	40	0	13	9	46	0
Chance Poore	4	2	34	1	4	2	34	1
Total	13	7	40	1				
Opponents	15	10	38	1				

Punting	no.	yds	avg	lg	blk	no.	yds	avg	lg	blk
Max Duffy	51	2284	44.8	63	0	51	2284	44.8	63	0
Total	51	2284	44.8	63	0					
Opponents	65	2828	43.5	82	0					

Kickoffs	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob
Grant McKinniss	60	3679	61.3	31	0	60	3679	61.3	31	0
Total	60	3679	61.3	31	0					
Opponents	43	2681	62.3	18	0					

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INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

Rushes	32	Benny Snell Jr. vs Vanderbilt (Oct 20, 2018)
Yards Rushing	175	Benny Snell Jr. at Florida (Sep 08, 2018)
TD Rushes	4	Benny Snell Jr. vs #14 Mississippi St. (Sep 22, 2018)
Long Rush	75	Asim Rose at Louisville (Nov 24, 2018)
Pass attempts	34	Terry Wilson at Tennessee (Nov 10, 2018)
Pass completions	23	Terry Wilson vs Georgia (Nov 03, 2018)
Yards Passing	267	Terry Wilson at Missouri (Oct 27, 2018)
TD Passes	3	Terry Wilson at Louisville (Nov 24, 2018)
Long Pass	54	Terry Wilson at Florida (Sep 08, 2018)
	54	Terry Wilson at TAMU (Oct 06, 2018)
Receptions	13	Lynn Bowden Jr. at Missouri (Oct 27, 2018)
Yards Receiving	166	Lynn Bowden Jr. at Missouri (Oct 27, 2018)
TD Receptions	2	Lynn Bowden Jr. at Louisville (Nov 24, 2018)
Long Reception	54	Lynn Bowden Jr. at Florida (Sep 08, 2018)
	54	Lynn Bowden Jr. at TAMU (Oct 06, 2018)
Field Goals	2	Miles Butler vs Murray State (Sep 15, 2018)
	2	Miles Butler vs Middle Tennessee (Nov 17, 2018)
Long Field Goal	40	Miles Butler vs Murray State (Sep 15, 2018)
Punts	10	Max Duffy at TAMU (Oct 06, 2018)
Punting Avg	54.0	Max Duffy vs Murray State (Sep 15, 2018)
Long Punt	63	Max Duffy at TAMU (Oct 06, 2018)
Punts inside 20	4	Max Duffy vs South Carolina (Sep 29, 2018)
	4	Max Duffy at Tennessee (Nov 10, 2018)
Long Punt Return	67	Lynn Bowden Jr. at Missouri (Oct 27, 2018)
Long Kickoff Return	42	Lynn Bowden Jr. vs South Carolina (Sep 29, 2018)
	42	Lynn Bowden Jr. at Louisville (Nov 24, 2018)
Tackles	15	Josh Allen vs Middle Tennessee (Nov 17, 2018)
Sacks	3.0	Josh Allen vs South Carolina (Sep 29, 2018)
Tackles For Loss	4.0	Josh Allen vs South Carolina (Sep 29, 2018)
Interceptions	1	Darius West at Florida (Sep 08, 2018)
	1	Jamin Davis vs Murray State (Sep 15, 2018)
	1	Tyrell Ajian vs #14 Mississippi St. (Sep 22, 2018)
	1	Mike Edwards vs South Carolina (Sep 29, 2018)
	1	Derrick Baity vs South Carolina (Sep 29, 2018)
	1	Darius West vs South Carolina (Sep 29, 2018)
	1	Darius West at TAMU (Oct 06, 2018)
	1	Mike Edwards vs Middle Tennessee (Nov 17, 2018)

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TEAM GAME HIGHS

Rushes	53	vs Vanderbilt (Oct 20, 2018)
Yards Rushing	340	at Louisville (Nov 24, 2018)
Yards Per Rush	7.4	at Louisville (Nov 24, 2018)
TD Rushes	5	at Louisville (Nov 24, 2018)
Pass attempts	39	at Missouri (Oct 27, 2018)
Pass completions	25	at Missouri (Oct 27, 2018)
Yards Passing	294	at Missouri (Oct 27, 2018)
Yards Per Pass	10.9	at Louisville (Nov 24, 2018)
TD Passes	3	at Louisville (Nov 24, 2018)
Total Plays	74	vs Murray State (Sep 15, 2018)
	74	at Missouri (Oct 27, 2018)
Total Offense	601	at Louisville (Nov 24, 2018)
Yards Per Play	8.6	at Louisville (Nov 24, 2018)
Points	56	at Louisville (Nov 24, 2018)
Sacks By	7	vs Middle Tennessee (Nov 17, 2018)
First Downs	29	at Louisville (Nov 24, 2018)
Penalties	12	at Florida (Sep 08, 2018)
Penalty Yards	115	vs South Carolina (Sep 29, 2018)
Turnovers	4	vs Central Michigan (Sep 01, 2018)
Interceptions By	3	vs South Carolina (Sep 29, 2018)
Punts	10	at TAMU (Oct 06, 2018)
Punting Avg	54.0	vs Murray State (Sep 15, 2018)
Long Punt	63	at TAMU (Oct 06, 2018)
Punts inside 20	4	vs South Carolina (Sep 29, 2018)
	4	at Tennessee (Nov 10, 2018)
Long Punt Return	67	at Missouri (Oct 27, 2018)

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OPPONENT INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

Rushes	24	T. Williams, at TAMU (Oct 06, 2018)
Yards Rushing	156	D'Andre Swift, vs Georgia (Nov 03, 2018)
TD Rushes	2	D'Andre Swift, vs Georgia (Nov 03, 2018)
Long Rush	83	D'Andre Swift, vs Georgia (Nov 03, 2018)
Pass attempts	38	Franks,F., at Florida (Sep 08, 2018)
Pass completions	30	STOCKSTILL, B., vs Middle Tennessee (Nov 17, 2018)
Yards Passing	293	STOCKSTILL, B., vs Middle Tennessee (Nov 17, 2018)
TD Passes	3	STOCKSTILL, B., vs Middle Tennessee (Nov 17, 2018)
Long Pass	58	Jake Bentley, vs South Carolina (Sep 29, 2018)
Receptions	7	LEE, Ty, vs Middle Tennessee (Nov 17, 2018)
	7	THOMAS, Tavares, vs Middle Tennessee (Nov 17, 2018)
Yards Receiving	95	J. Sternberger, at TAMU (Oct 06, 2018)
TD Receptions	1	Swain,F., at Florida (Sep 08, 2018)
	1	Stephens,M., at Florida (Sep 08, 2018)
	1	Deebo Samuel, vs South Carolina (Sep 29, 2018)
	1	Quartney Davis, at TAMU (Oct 06, 2018)
	1	J. Sternberger, at TAMU (Oct 06, 2018)
	1	C.J. Bolar, vs Vanderbilt (Oct 20, 2018)
	1	Isaac Nauta, vs Georgia (Nov 03, 2018)
	1	Callaway,M., at Tennessee (Nov 10, 2018)
	1	Wood-Anderson, at Tennessee (Nov 10, 2018)
	1	LEE, Ty, vs Middle Tennessee (Nov 17, 2018)
	1	SMITH, Patrick, vs Middle Tennessee (Nov 17, 2018)
	1	MOBLEY, Chaton, vs Middle Tennessee (Nov 17, 2018)
Long Reception	58	Deebo Samuel, vs South Carolina (Sep 29, 2018)
Field Goals	2	ARMSTRONG, M., vs Central Michigan (Sep 01, 2018)
	2	R. Blankenship, vs Georgia (Nov 03, 2018)
Long Field Goal	38	R. Blankenship, vs Georgia (Nov 03, 2018)
Punts	9	SHELDON, Jack, vs Central Michigan (Sep 01, 2018)
	9	Fatony, Corey, at Missouri (Oct 27, 2018)
Punting Avg	59.6	Braden Mann, at TAMU (Oct 06, 2018)
Long Punt	82	Braden Mann, at TAMU (Oct 06, 2018)
Punts inside 20	5	Fatony, Corey, at Missouri (Oct 27, 2018)
Long Punt Return	65	Mecole Hardman, vs Georgia (Nov 03, 2018)
Long Kickoff Return	38	Badie, Tyler, at Missouri (Oct 27, 2018)
Tackles	18	Jordan Griffin, vs Vanderbilt (Oct 20, 2018)
Sacks	4.0	Taylor,D., at Tennessee (Nov 10, 2018)
Tackles For Loss	4.0	Taylor,D., at Tennessee (Nov 10, 2018)
Interceptions	2	Osborne,M., at Tennessee (Nov 10, 2018)

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OPPONENT TEAM GAME HIGHS

Rushes	50	vs Georgia (Nov 03, 2018)
Yards Rushing	331	vs Georgia (Nov 03, 2018)
Yards Per Rush	7.5	at Louisville (Nov 24, 2018)
TD Rushes	3	vs Georgia (Nov 03, 2018)
Pass attempts	41	vs Murray State (Sep 15, 2018)
Pass completions	30	vs Middle Tennessee (Nov 17, 2018)
Yards Passing	293	vs Middle Tennessee (Nov 17, 2018)
Yards Per Pass	9.9	at Tennessee (Nov 10, 2018)
TD Passes	3	vs Middle Tennessee (Nov 17, 2018)
Total Plays	75	at TAMU (Oct 06, 2018)
Total Offense	463	vs Middle Tennessee (Nov 17, 2018)
Yards Per Play	6.9	at Tennessee (Nov 10, 2018)
Points	34	vs Georgia (Nov 03, 2018)
Sacks By	6	at TAMU (Oct 06, 2018)
First Downs	26	vs Middle Tennessee (Nov 17, 2018)
Penalties	16	vs #14 Mississippi St. (Sep 22, 2018)
Penalty Yards	139	vs #14 Mississippi St. (Sep 22, 2018)
Turnovers	4	vs South Carolina (Sep 29, 2018)
Interceptions By	2	vs Central Michigan (Sep 01, 2018)
	2	at Tennessee (Nov 10, 2018)
	2	at Louisville (Nov 24, 2018)
Punts	9	vs Central Michigan (Sep 01, 2018)
	9	at Missouri (Oct 27, 2018)
Punting Avg	59.6	at TAMU (Oct 06, 2018)
Long Punt	82	at TAMU (Oct 06, 2018)
Punts inside 20	5	at Missouri (Oct 27, 2018)
Long Punt Return	65	vs Georgia (Nov 03, 2018)

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TEAM STATISTICS

Date	Opponent	Rushing				Receiving				Passing				Kick Returns				Punt Returns				tot	
		no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	cmp-att-int	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	off	
Sep 01	CENTRAL MICHIGAN	43	299	4	55	15	128	1	24	15-27-2	128	1	24	5	102	0	23	4	41	0	21	427	
Sep 08	at Florida	41	303	1	44	11	151	2	54	11-16-1	151	2	54	2	33	0	19	0	0	0	0	454	
Sep 15	MURRAY STATE	43	245	4	42	24	283	2	40	24-31-0	283	2	40	2	9	0	9	1	2	0	2	528	
Sep 22	#14 MISSISSIPPI ST.	47	229	4	36	8	71	0	23	8-14-1	71	0	23	2	36	0	23	0	0	0	0	300	
Sep 29	SOUTH CAROLINA	46	195	3	24	13	132	0	21	13-20-1	132	0	21	1	42	0	42	1	7	0	7	327	
Oct 06	at TAMU	30	70	0	11	13	108	1	54	13-20-0	108	1	54	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	5	178	
Oct 20	VANDERBILT	53	280	1	23	3	18	1	11	3-9-0	18	1	11	2	47	0	28	1	1	0	1	298	
Oct 27	at Missouri	35	91	0	15	25	294	1	45	25-39-1	294	1	45	0	0	0	0	2	63	1	67	385	
Nov 03	GEORGIA	35	84	1	11	23	226	1	31	23-29-0	226	1	31	1	36	0	36	0	0	0	0	310	
Nov 10	at Tennessee	35	77	0	19	23	185	1	20	23-38-2	185	1	20	2	45	0	25	1	15	0	15	262	
Nov 17	MIDDLE TENNESSEE	40	203	2	36	10	121	1	29	10-14-0	121	1	29	4	86	0	27	0	0	0	0	324	
Nov 24	at Louisville	46	340	5	75	17	261	3	32	17-24-2	261	3	32	3	82	0	42	1	0	0	0	601	
Kentucky		494	2416	25	75	185	1978	14	54	185-281-10	1978	14	54	24	518	0	42	13	130	1	67	4394	
		421	1800	11	83	199	2176	12	58	199-341-8	2176	12	58	22	390	0	38	18	235	0	65	3976	

Games: 12 • Avg/rush: 4.9 • Avg/catch: 10.7 • Pass effic: 134.29 • KR avg: 21.6 • PR avg: 10.0 • All purpose avg/game: 435.2 • Total offense avg/gm: 366.2

Date	Opponent	Tackles			fll-yds	Sacks no-yds	Fumble		Pass Defense			blkd kick	PAT Attempts			off				
		ua	a	total			ff	fr-yds	int-yds	qbh	brup		kick	rush	rcv	saf	t/o	pts		
Sep 01	CENTRAL MICHIGAN	40	40	80	6.0-24	2.0-16	0	0-0	0-0	4	1	0	5-5	0	0	0	0	0	0	35
Sep 08	at Florida	29	30	59	4.0-19	2.0-14	1	1-20	1-15	4	6	0	3-3	0	0	0	0	6	27	
Sep 15	MURRAY STATE	28	24	52	4.0-9	1.0-1	1	0-0	1-18	6	11	0	6-6	0	0	0	7	48		
Sep 22	#14 MISSISSIPPI ST.	32	26	58	4.0-27	3.0-23	0	0-0	1-35	4	6	0	4-4	0	0	0	7	28		
Sep 29	SOUTH CAROLINA	39	22	61	7.0-32	4.0-24	3	1-0	3-27	2	5	0	3-3	0	0	0	10	24		
Oct 06	at TAMU	46	28	74	9.0-35	4.0-27	1	1-40	1-19	2	3	0	2-2	0	0	0	7	14		
Oct 20	VANDERBILT	31	30	61	8.0-44	4.0-37	3	2-0	0-0	3	4	0	2-2	0	0	0	7	14		
Oct 27	at Missouri	46	6	52	4.0-28	2.0-17	2	0-0	0-0	0	4	1	0-0	0	0	0	0	15		
Nov 03	GEORGIA	39	34	73	4.0-6	0.0-0	0	2-0	0-0	1	2	0	2-2	0	0	0	3	17		
Nov 10	at Tennessee	40	20	60	9.0-23	1.0-7	2	2-0	0-0	1	5	0	1-1	0	0	0	0	7		
Nov 17	MIDDLE TENNESSEE	50	26	76	11.0-61	7.0-52	2	1-0	1-66	0	1	0	4-4	0	0	0	14	34		
Nov 24	at Louisville	30	22	52	8.0-31	2.0-14	0	0-0	0-0	1	3	0	8-8	0	0	0	0	56		
Kentucky		450	308	758	78.0-339	32.0-232	15	10-60	8-180	28	51	1	40-40	0	0	0	61	319		
		440	374	814	72.0-266	24.0-161	12	8-20	10-57	18	31	1	21-22	0	0	0	27	195		

Date	Opponent	Punting										Field Goals			Kickoffs				
		no.	yds	avg	long	blkd	tb	fc	50+	i20	md-att	long	blkd	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	
Sep 01	CENTRAL MICHIGAN	4	200	50.0	54	0	0	0	3	2	0-0	0	0	6	383	63.8	1	0	
Sep 08	at Florida	4	157	39.2	43	0	0	1	0	2	0-0	0	0	4	260	65.0	2	0	
Sep 15	MURRAY STATE	1	54	54.0	54	0	0	0	1	1	2-2	40	0	9	582	64.7	8	0	
Sep 22	#14 MISSISSIPPI ST.	5	221	44.2	49	0	1	1	0	2	0-1	0	0	5	300	60.0	2	0	
Sep 29	SOUTH CAROLINA	4	190	47.5	52	0	0	1	2	4	1-2	29	0	5	257	51.4	1	0	
Oct 06	at TAMU	10	487	48.7	63	0	0	4	4	3	0-1	0	0	3	179	59.7	2	0	
Oct 20	VANDERBILT	5	215	43.0	51	0	0	1	1	2	0-1	0	0	3	161	53.7	1	0	
Oct 27	at Missouri	5	177	35.4	44	0	1	0	0	2	1-1	31	0	3	166	55.3	1	0	
Nov 03	GEORGIA	4	194	48.5	56	0	0	1	2	3	1-1	34	0	4	259	64.8	2	0	
Nov 10	at Tennessee	7	322	46.0	56	0	0	4	2	4	0-2	0	1	2	106	53.0	1	0	
Nov 17	MIDDLE TENNESSEE	2	67	33.5	47	0	0	0	0	0	2-2	38	0	7	445	63.6	3	0	
Nov 24	at Louisville	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	9	581	64.6	7	0	
Kentucky		51	2284	44.8	63	0	2	13	15	25	7-13	40	1	60	3679	61.3	31	0	
		65	2828	43.5	82	0	9	16	17	21	10-15	38	1	43	2681	62.3	18	0	

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Date	Opponent	Rushing				Receiving				Passing				Kick Returns				Punt Returns				tot off
		no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	cmp-att-int	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	
Sep 01	CENTRAL MICHIGAN	39	118	1	17	17	137	0	34	17-27-0	137	0	34	5	97	0	30	2	1	0	1	255
Sep 08	at Florida	29	118	0	21	17	232	2	30	17-38-1	232	2	30	2	47	0	28	1	25	0	25	350
Sep 15	MURRAY STATE	21	122	1	34	20	180	0	37	20-41-1	180	0	37	1	22	0	22	1	0	0	0	302
Sep 22	#14 MISSISSIPPI ST.	28	56	1	12	16	145	0	24	16-32-1	145	0	24	3	60	0	22	2	3	0	3	201
Sep 29	SOUTH CAROLINA	35	128	0	20	17	193	1	58	17-34-3	193	1	58	2	27	0	16	2	19	0	21	321
Oct 06	at TAMU	45	164	1	21	18	226	2	46	18-30-1	226	2	46	1	12	0	12	4	65	0	43	390
Oct 20	VANDERBILT	31	68	0	11	15	216	1	49	15-23-0	216	1	49	2	-2	0	0	2	19	0	11	284
Oct 27	at Missouri	35	84	2	20	15	165	0	32	15-27-0	165	0	32	1	38	0	38	1	16	0	16	249
Nov 03	GEORGIA	50	331	3	83	14	113	1	20	14-20-0	113	1	20	2	44	0	24	1	65	0	65	444
Nov 10	at Tennessee	40	215	1	59	12	197	2	39	12-20-0	197	2	39	1	7	0	7	1	18	0	18	412
Nov 17	MIDDLE TENNESSEE	38	170	0	35	30	293	3	34	30-33-1	293	3	34	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	4	463
Nov 24	at Louisville	30	226	1	75	8	79	0	20	8-16-0	79	0	20	2	38	0	20	0	0	0	0	305
Opponents		421	1800	11	83	199	2176	12	58	199-341-8	2176	12	58	22	390	0	38	18	235	0	65	3976
		494	2416	25	75	185	1978	14	54	185-281-10	1978	14	54	24	518	0	42	13	130	1	67	4394

Games: 12 • Avg/rush: 4.3 • Avg/catch: 10.9 • Pass effic: 118.88 • KR avg: 17.7 • PR avg: 13.1 • All purpose avg/game: 388.2 • Total offense avg/gm: 331.3

Date	Opponent	Tackles				Sacks no-yds	Fumble		Pass Defense			blkd kick	PAT Attempts			off			
		ua	a	total	tfl-yds		ff	fr-yds	int-yds	qbh	brup		kick	rush	rcv	saf	t/o	pts	
Sep 01	CENTRAL MICHIGAN	47	18	65	2.0-5	0.0-0	2	2-20	2-36	3	4	0	2-2	0	0	0	0	20	20
Sep 08	at Florida	17	64	81	3.0-5	0.0-0	1	1-0	1-0	0	2	0	1-1	0	0	0	0	0	16
Sep 15	MURRAY STATE	50	22	72	6.0-22	1.0-6	2	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	1-1	0	0	0	0	0	10
Sep 22	#14 MISSISSIPPI ST.	34	30	64	10.0-41	3.0-30	0	0-0	1-0	0	0	0	1-1	0	0	0	0	0	7
Sep 29	SOUTH CAROLINA	41	28	69	8.0-17	0.0-0	0	0-0	1-0	1	2	0	1-1	0	0	0	0	0	10
Oct 06	at TAMU	26	24	50	8.0-32	6.0-25	2	0-0	0-0	3	2	0	2-2	0	0	0	0	0	20
Oct 20	VANDERBILT	28	48	76	3.0-7	0.0-0	1	2-0	0-0	1	5	0	1-1	0	0	0	0	7	7
Oct 27	at Missouri	43	26	69	7.0-25	3.0-16	0	0-0	1--10	3	4	0	2-2	0	0	0	0	0	14
Nov 03	GEORGIA	38	28	66	5.0-37	4.0-33	2	2-0	0-0	3	1	0	4-4	0	0	0	0	0	34
Nov 10	at Tennessee	41	26	67	9.0-50	5.0-40	1	1-0	2-9	3	7	1	3-3	0	0	0	0	0	24
Nov 17	MIDDLE TENNESSEE	32	34	66	6.0-18	1.0-10	1	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	2-3	0	0	0	0	0	23
Nov 24	at Louisville	43	26	69	5.0-7	1.0-1	0	0-0	2-22	0	2	0	1-1	0	0	0	0	0	10
Opponents		440	374	814	72.0-266	24.0-161	12	8-20	10-57	18	31	1	21-22	0	0	0	0	27	195
		450	308	758	78.0-339	32.0-232	15	10-60	8-180	28	51	1	40-40	0	0	0	0	61	319

Date	Opponent	Punting										Field Goals			Kickoffs				
		no.	yds	avg	long	blkd	tb	fc	50+	i20	md-att	long	blkd	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	
Sep 01	CENTRAL MICHIGAN	9	420	46.7	64	0	1	0	3	3	2-2	26	0	5	298	59.6	0	0	
Sep 08	at Florida	3	109	36.3	49	0	1	1	0	1	1-2	29	0	4	262	65.5	2	0	
Sep 15	MURRAY STATE	5	199	39.8	55	0	0	0	1	1	1-1	29	0	2	95	47.5	0	0	
Sep 22	#14 MISSISSIPPI ST.	8	301	37.6	59	0	0	2	1	3	0-0	0	0	2	114	57.0	0	0	
Sep 29	SOUTH CAROLINA	3	155	51.7	66	0	1	1	1	0	1-2	29	0	3	194	64.7	1	0	
Oct 06	at TAMU	5	298	59.6	82	0	2	0	4	2	0-1	0	0	3	195	65.0	3	0	
Oct 20	VANDERBILT	7	288	41.1	60	0	3	2	1	2	0-1	0	0	2	116	58.0	0	0	
Oct 27	at Missouri	9	436	48.4	57	0	1	2	4	5	0-1	0	1	3	195	65.0	3	0	
Nov 03	GEORGIA	1	55	55.0	55	0	0	1	1	0	2-2	38	0	7	455	65.0	6	0	
Nov 10	at Tennessee	7	269	38.4	52	0	0	2	1	1	1-1	19	0	4	253	63.2	2	0	
Nov 17	MIDDLE TENNESSEE	2	64	32.0	34	0	0	1	0	1	1-1	33	0	5	306	61.2	1	0	
Nov 24	at Louisville	6	234	39.0	49	0	0	4	0	2	1-1	32	0	3	198	66.0	0	0	
Opponents		65	2828	43.5	82	0	9	16	17	21	10-15	38	1	43	2681	62.3	18	0	
		51	2284	44.8	63	0	2	13	15	25	7-13	40	1	60	3679	61.3	31	0	

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Kentucky Team Game-by-Game Comparison (as of Nov 25, 2018)
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Opponent	Score	First Downs				Pen	Rushing Number-Yards	Passing		Total Offense Plays-Yards	Return Yards	Turn- Overs
		Total	Rush	Pass	Comp-Att-Int			Yards				
CENTRAL MICHIGAN	35 - 20	27 / 11	15 / 7	8 / 3	4 / 1	43-299 / 39-118	15-27-2 / 17-27-0	128 / 137	70-427 / 66-255	143 / 154	4 / 0	
Florida	27 - 16	20 / 24	15 / 5	5 / 14	0 / 5	41-303 / 29-118	11-16-1 / 17-38-1	151 / 232	57-454 / 67-350	68 / 72	2 / 2	
MURRAY STATE	48 - 10	28 / 17	14 / 7	13 / 8	1 / 2	43-245 / 21-122	24-31-0 / 20-41-1	283 / 180	74-528 / 62-302	29 / 22	0 / 1	
#14 MISSISSIPPI ST.	28 - 7	18 / 11	11 / 5	3 / 6	4 / 0	47-229 / 28-56	8-14-1 / 16-32-1	71 / 145	61-300 / 60-201	71 / 63	1 / 1	
SOUTH CAROLINA	24 - 10	19 / 20	11 / 11	7 / 8	1 / 1	46-195 / 35-128	13-20-1 / 17-34-3	132 / 193	66-327 / 69-321	76 / 46	1 / 4	
TAMU	14 - 20	8 / 21	5 / 10	3 / 9	0 / 2	30-70 / 45-164	13-20-0 / 18-30-1	108 / 226	50-178 / 75-390	60 / 77	0 / 2	
VANDERBILT	14 - 7	17 / 12	15 / 4	2 / 7	0 / 1	53-280 / 31-68	3-9-0 / 15-23-0	18 / 216	62-298 / 54-284	48 / 17	2 / 2	
Missouri	15 - 14	21 / 13	5 / 3	13 / 7	3 / 3	35-91 / 35-84	25-39-1 / 15-27-0	294 / 165	74-385 / 62-249	63 / 44	1 / 0	
GEORGIA	17 - 34	21 / 25	8 / 16	11 / 6	2 / 3	35-84 / 50-331	23-29-0 / 14-20-0	226 / 113	64-310 / 70-444	36 / 109	2 / 2	
Tennessee	7 - 24	19 / 16	8 / 8	10 / 7	1 / 1	35-77 / 40-215	23-38-2 / 12-20-0	185 / 197	73-262 / 60-412	60 / 34	3 / 2	
MIDDLE TENNESSEE	34 - 23	15 / 26	10 / 10	5 / 14	0 / 2	40-203 / 38-170	10-14-0 / 30-33-1	121 / 293	54-324 / 71-463	152 / 4	0 / 2	
Louisville	56 - 10	29 / 10	13 / 7	11 / 3	5 / 0	46-340 / 30-226	17-24-2 / 8-16-0	261 / 79	70-601 / 46-305	82 / 60	2 / 0	
Totals	319 - 195	242 / 206	130 / 93	91 / 92	21 / 21	494-2416 / 421-1800	185-281-10 / 199-341-8	1978 / 2176	775-4394 / 762-3976	888 / 702	18 / 18	

Opponent	3rd Down Conversions	4th Down Conversions	Time of Possession	TOP Margin	Avg Yds/Rush	Avg Yds/Pass	Avg Yds/Play	Punting Number-Avg	Penalties Number-Yards	Sacks
CENTRAL MICHIGAN	7-13 / 6-18	0-1 / 0-1	28:08 / 31:52	-3:44	7.0 / 3.0	4.7 / 5.1	6.1 / 3.9	4-50.0 / 9-46.7	3-40 / 12-106	2 / 0
Florida	9-13 / 7-13	0-0 / 1-1	31:10 / 28:50	2:20	7.4 / 4.1	9.4 / 6.1	8.0 / 5.2	4-39.2 / 3-36.3	12-114 / 6-55	2 / 0
MURRAY STATE	6-12 / 9-16	3-3 / 0-2	35:55 / 24:05	11:50	5.7 / 5.8	9.1 / 4.4	7.1 / 4.9	1-54.0 / 5-39.8	7-67 / 8-60	1 / 1
#14 MISSISSIPPI ST.	3-10 / 7-17	1-1 / 0-1	30:57 / 29:03	1:54	4.9 / 2.0	5.1 / 4.5	4.9 / 3.3	5-44.2 / 8-37.6	5-42 / 16-139	3 / 3
SOUTH CAROLINA	3-11 / 5-15	1-1 / 2-3	34:44 / 25:16	9:28	4.2 / 3.7	6.6 / 5.7	5.0 / 4.7	4-47.5 / 3-51.7	11-115 / 11-94	4 / 0
TAMU	2-13 / 7-17	0-0 / 1-2	25:02 / 34:58	-9:56	2.3 / 3.6	5.4 / 7.5	3.6 / 5.2	10-48.7 / 5-59.6	8-52 / 6-25	4 / 6
VANDERBILT	7-13 / 4-13	0-0 / 0-1	31:07 / 28:53	2:14	5.3 / 2.2	2.0 / 9.4	4.8 / 5.3	5-43.0 / 7-41.1	4-35 / 5-25	4 / 0
Missouri	3-14 / 5-16	0-3 / 0-0	31:52 / 28:08	3:44	2.6 / 2.4	7.5 / 6.1	5.2 / 4.0	5-35.4 / 9-48.4	5-31 / 8-69	2 / 3
GEORGIA	7-13 / 7-12	0-1 / 0-0	28:35 / 31:25	-2:50	2.4 / 6.6	7.8 / 5.7	4.8 / 6.3	4-48.5 / 1-55.0	6-64 / 4-45	0 / 4
Tennessee	6-17 / 4-12	1-1 / 0-0	29:50 / 30:10	-0:20	2.2 / 5.4	4.9 / 9.9	3.6 / 6.9	7-46.0 / 7-38.4	3-20 / 4-30	1 / 5
MIDDLE TENNESSEE	4-10 / 4-12	0-1 / 2-4	26:38 / 33:22	-6:44	5.1 / 4.5	8.6 / 8.9	6.0 / 6.5	2-33.5 / 2-32.0	6-51 / 6-52	7 / 1
Louisville	4-8 / 2-11	3-3 / 0-2	33:57 / 26:03	7:54	7.4 / 7.5	10.9 / 4.9	8.6 / 6.6	0-0.0 / 6-39.0	6-63 / 12-134	2 / 1
Totals	61-147 / 67-172	9-15 / 6-17	367:55 / 352:05	15:50	4.9 / 4.3	7.0 / 6.4	5.7 / 5.2	51-44.8 / 65-43.5	76-694 / 98-834	32 / 24

Note: Game totals are displayed in the format TEAM/OPPONENT for each category

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3rd-Down Conversions

Date	Opponent	Score	Overall	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Overtime
Sep 01, 2018	CENTRAL MICHIGAN	W 35-20	7-13 53.8	2-4 50.0	1-2 50.0	1-3 33.3	3-4 75.0	
Sep 08, 2018	at Florida	W 27-16	9-13 69.2	2-2 100.0	3-4 75.0	3-3 100.0	1-4 25.0	
Sep 15, 2018	MURRAY STATE	W 48-10	6-12 50.0	1-2 50.0	3-5 60.0	2-4 50.0	0-1 0.0	
Sep 22, 2018	#14 MISSISSIPPI ST.	W 28-7	3-10 30.0	1-4 25.0	1-3 33.3	1-1 100.0	0-2 0.0	
Sep 29, 2018	SOUTH CAROLINA	W 24-10	3-11 27.3	1-3 33.3	2-2 100.0	0-4 0.0	0-2 0.0	
Oct 06, 2018	at TAMU	L 14-20	2-13 15.4	2-4 50.0	0-3 0.0	0-2 0.0	0-3 0.0	0-1 0.0
Oct 20, 2018	VANDERBILT	W 14-7	7-13 53.8	0-1 0.0	3-5 60.0	2-4 50.0	2-3 66.7	
Oct 27, 2018	at Missouri	W 15-14	3-14 21.4	0-2 0.0	0-3 0.0	1-4 25.0	2-5 40.0	
Nov 03, 2018	GEORGIA	L 17-34	7-13 53.8	2-4 50.0	3-5 60.0	0-1 0.0	2-3 66.7	
Nov 10, 2018	at Tennessee	L 7-24	6-17 35.3	2-4 50.0	1-5 20.0	2-4 50.0	1-4 25.0	
Nov 17, 2018	MIDDLE TENNESSEE	W 34-23	4-10 40.0	2-3 66.7	0-2 0.0	1-2 50.0	1-3 33.3	
Nov 24, 2018	at Louisville	W 56-10	4-8 50.0	2-2 100.0	0-1 0.0	1-3 33.3	1-2 50.0	
	Kentucky		61-147 41.5	17-35 48.6	17-40 42.5	14-35 40.0	13-36 36.1	0-1 0.0
	Opponents		67-172 39.0	17-39 43.6	19-46 41.3	13-39 33.3	18-48 37.5	0-0 0.0

4th-Down Conversions

Date	Opponent	Score	Overall	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Overtime
Sep 01, 2018	CENTRAL MICHIGAN	W 35-20	0-1 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-1 0.0	
Sep 08, 2018	at Florida	W 27-16	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	
Sep 15, 2018	MURRAY STATE	W 48-10	3-3 100.0	0-0 0.0	1-1 100.0	1-1 100.0	1-1 100.0	
Sep 22, 2018	#14 MISSISSIPPI ST.	W 28-7	1-1 100.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	1-1 100.0	
Sep 29, 2018	SOUTH CAROLINA	W 24-10	1-1 100.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	1-1 100.0	0-0 0.0	
Oct 06, 2018	at TAMU	L 14-20	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0
Oct 20, 2018	VANDERBILT	W 14-7	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	
Oct 27, 2018	at Missouri	W 15-14	0-3 0.0	0-1 0.0	0-1 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-1 0.0	
Nov 03, 2018	GEORGIA	L 17-34	0-1 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-1 0.0	
Nov 10, 2018	at Tennessee	L 7-24	1-1 100.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	1-1 100.0	
Nov 17, 2018	MIDDLE TENNESSEE	W 34-23	0-1 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-1 0.0	
Nov 24, 2018	at Louisville	W 56-10	3-3 100.0	0-0 0.0	1-1 100.0	1-1 100.0	1-1 100.0	
	Kentucky		9-15 60.0	0-1 0.0	2-3 66.7	3-3 100.0	4-8 50.0	0-0 0.0
	Opponents		6-17 35.3	0-0 0.0	2-4 50.0	1-1 100.0	3-12 25.0	0-0 0.0

Time of Possession

Date	Opponent	Score	Overall	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Overtime
Sep 01, 2018	CENTRAL MICHIGAN	W 35-20	28:08	7:31	4:47	7:02	8:48	
Sep 08, 2018	at Florida	W 27-16	31:10	4:33	9:25	8:48	8:24	
Sep 15, 2018	MURRAY STATE	W 48-10	35:55	8:30	10:09	10:54	6:22	
Sep 22, 2018	#14 MISSISSIPPI ST.	W 28-7	30:57	9:48	5:32	6:15	9:22	
Sep 29, 2018	SOUTH CAROLINA	W 24-10	34:44	8:51	10:11	9:42	6:00	
Oct 06, 2018	at TAMU	L 14-20	25:02	9:10	4:33	5:21	5:58	0:00
Oct 20, 2018	VANDERBILT	W 14-7	31:07	4:18	8:27	7:54	10:28	
Oct 27, 2018	at Missouri	W 15-14	31:52	8:08	7:02	8:30	8:12	
Nov 03, 2018	GEORGIA	L 17-34	28:35	10:10	7:58	5:42	4:45	
Nov 10, 2018	at Tennessee	L 7-24	29:50	10:01	7:04	6:20	6:25	
Nov 17, 2018	MIDDLE TENNESSEE	W 34-23	26:38	8:46	4:36	5:41	7:35	
Nov 24, 2018	at Louisville	W 56-10	33:57	10:11	8:15	10:02	5:29	
	Kentucky	Total	367:55	99:57	87:59	92:11	87:48	0:00
		Avg.	30:39	8:19	7:19	7:40	7:19	0:00
	Opponents	Total	352:05	80:03	92:01	87:49	92:12	0:00
		Avg.	29:20	6:40	7:40	7:19	7:41	0:00

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Kentucky Passing Game-by-Game (as of Nov 25, 2018)
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#3 Terry Wilson	Comp	Att	Int	Pct	Yards	TD	Long	Sacked	Effic
Central Michigan	11	18	2	61.1	78	0	21	0-0	75.29
Florida	11	16	1	68.8	151	2	54	0-0	176.77
Murray State	19	25	0	76.0	163	0	25	1-6	130.77
#14 Mississippi St.	8	14	1	57.1	71	0	23	3-30	85.46
South Carolina	13	20	1	65.0	132	0	21	0-0	110.44
TAMU	13	20	0	65.0	108	1	54	6-25	126.86
Vanderbilt	3	9	0	33.3	18	1	11	0-0	86.80
Missouri	22	31	1	71.0	267	1	45	3-16	147.51
Georgia	23	29	0	79.3	226	1	31	4-33	156.15
Tennessee	21	34	1	61.8	172	1	20	5-40	108.08
Middle Tennessee	10	14	0	71.4	121	1	29	1-10	167.60
Louisville	17	23	1	73.9	261	3	32	1-1	203.58
TOTALS	171	253	8	67.6	1768	11	54	24-161	134.31

#12 Gunnar Hoak	Comp	Att	Int	Pct	Yards	TD	Long	Sacked	Effic
Central Michigan	4	9	0	44.4	50	1	24	0-0	127.78
Murray State	4	5	0	80.0	77	1	40	0-0	275.36
Missouri	3	8	0	37.5	27	0	28	0-0	65.85
Tennessee	2	4	1	50.0	13	0	8	0-0	27.30
TOTALS	13	26	1	50.0	167	2	40	0-0	121.65

#26 Benny Snell	Comp	Att	Int	Pct	Yards	TD	Long	Sacked	Effic
Murray State	1	1	0	100.0	43	1	0	0-0	791.20
TOTALS	1	1	0	100.0	43	1	0	0-0	791.20

#1 Lynn Bowden Jr.	Comp	Att	Int	Pct	Yards	TD	Long	Sacked	Effic
Louisville	0	1	1	0.0	0	0	0	0-0	-200.00
TOTALS	0	1	1	0.0	0	0	0	0-0	-200.00

The Automated ScoreBook
Kentucky Red-Zone Results (as of Nov 25, 2018)
All games

Kentucky Inside Opponent Red-Zone

Date	Opponent	Score	Times In RZ	Times Scored	Total Pts	Rush TDs	Pass TDs	FGs Made	Failed to score inside RZ						
									FGA	Down	Int	Fumb	Half	Game	
Sep 01, 2018	CENTRAL MICHIGAN	W 35-20	2	2	14	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sep 08, 2018	at Florida	W 27-16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sep 15, 2018	MURRAY STATE	W 48-10	5	5	27	3	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sep 22, 2018	#14 MISSISSIPPI ST.	W 28-7	4	2	14	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Sep 29, 2018	SOUTH CAROLINA	W 24-10	4	3	17	2	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Oct 06, 2018	at TAMU	L 14-20	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Oct 20, 2018	VANDERBILT	W 14-7	2	2	14	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oct 27, 2018	at Missouri	W 15-14	3	2	9	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Nov 03, 2018	GEORGIA	L 17-34	2	2	10	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nov 10, 2018	at Tennessee	L 7-24	2	1	7	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Nov 17, 2018	MIDDLE TENNESSEE	W 34-23	5	5	27	3	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nov 24, 2018	at Louisville	W 56-10	4	3	21	3	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Totals			34	27	160	20	15	5	7	3	1	2	0	1	0
27 of 34 (79.4%)															

Opponents Inside Kentucky Red-Zone

Date	Opponent	Score	Times In RZ	Times Scored	Total Pts	Rush TDs	Pass TDs	FGs Made	Failed to score inside RZ						
									FGA	Down	Int	Fumb	Half	Game	
Sep 01, 2018	CENTRAL MICHIGAN	W 35-20	3	3	13	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sep 08, 2018	at Florida	W 27-16	4	3	16	2	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Sep 15, 2018	MURRAY STATE	W 48-10	2	1	3	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Sep 22, 2018	#14 MISSISSIPPI ST.	W 28-7	1	1	7	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sep 29, 2018	SOUTH CAROLINA	W 24-10	2	1	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Oct 06, 2018	at TAMU	L 14-20	3	2	13	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Oct 20, 2018	VANDERBILT	W 14-7	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Oct 27, 2018	at Missouri	W 15-14	2	2	14	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nov 03, 2018	GEORGIA	L 17-34	5	5	27	3	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nov 10, 2018	at Tennessee	L 7-24	3	3	17	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nov 17, 2018	MIDDLE TENNESSEE	W 34-23	5	4	23	3	0	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Nov 24, 2018	at Louisville	W 56-10	2	1	3	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Totals			34	26	139	16	8	8	10	3	3	1	1	0	0
26 of 34 (76.5%)															

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Kentucky All-Purpose Yards Game-by-Game (as of Nov 25, 2018)
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ALL-PURPOSE YARDS	Total	CMU	UF	MUR	MS	SC	TAMU	VANDY	MU	UGA	UT	MT	LOU
Benny Snell	1410	132	183	75	165	113	78	169	95	78	106	116	100
Lynn Bowden Jr.	1282	119	112	98	51	60	55	70	229	88	118	107	175
Asim Rose	515	104	23	19	47	38	9	17	11	58	13	48	128
Terry Wilson	512	38	105	74	18	59	4	91	11	12	-6	27	79
C.J. Conrad	297	9	3	24	22	31	25	-	12	22	39	51	59
David Bouvier	257	89	43	2	-	28	1	1	43	15	19	-	16
Dorian Baker	133	21	-	25	23	29	2	-	8	4	DNP	-	21
Josh Ali	115	14	-	1	6	8	5	-	22	-	-	DNP	59
T. Richardson	102	-	18	-	5	-	-	-	8	26	37	8	-
Mike Edwards	79	-	-	-	-	13	-	-	-	-	-	66	-
Isaiah Epps	76	-	-	8	-	11	-	-	-	29	4	24	-
Clevan Thomas	63	12	-	51	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Zy'Aire Hughes	63	DNP	DNP	49	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	-	14	-	-	-
Sihiem King	58	32	DNP	26	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Darius West	51	-	15	-	-	17	19	-	-	-	-	-	-
Justin Rigg	45	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	29	4
Kavosiey Smoke	45	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	45
Chris Rodriguez	43	DNP	DNP	43	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	-
Allen Dailey	38	-	-	38	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tyrell Ajian	35	-	-	-	35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jamin Davis	18	-	-	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Danny Clark	4	DNP	DNP	2	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	2	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Akeem Hayes	-1	DNP	DNP	-1	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Derrick Baity	-3	-	-	-	-	-3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Team	-15	-	-	-	-1	-1	-	-2	-	-	-8	-	-3

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Kentucky Total Tackles Game-by-Game (as of Nov 25, 2018)
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Total Tackles	UA-A	Total	CMU	UF	MUR	MS	SC	TAMU	VANDY	MU	UGA	UT	MT	LOU
Josh Allen	52-32	84	6-4	1-4	1-3	3-3	6-2	4-0	5-3	9-2	1-2	4-2	8-7	4-0
Mike Edwards	55-22	77	1-1	4-2	3-2	5-1	4-1	7-2	5-4	4-0	8-3	5-1	7-5	2-0
Kash Daniel	37-39	76	5-6	4-7	1-2	4-3	3-2	4-0	2-8	3-0	1-3	2-0	5-3	3-5
Darius West	44-32	76	4-3	5-3	3-1	4-5	5-4	4-6	1-2	7-1	1-1	5-1	3-5	2-0
Jordan Jones	31-37	68	2-6	1-5	1-1	2-6	2-3	2-0	3-2	9-1	2-7	2-3	3-1	2-2
D. Robinson	24-13	37	2-1	1-0	0-1	2-1	-	0-1	5-2	1-0	5-4	2-2	4-1	2-0
Derrick Baity	24-11	35	0-2	1-2	3-1	3-0	1-2	4-1	-	3-0	3-3	2-0	3-0	1-0
DeAndre Square	12-17	29	1-2	0-2	0-2	-	1-0	2-4	0-2	1-1	1-0	4-1	2-0	0-3
Chris Oats	15-9	24	-	-	0-1	1-0	2-2	2-2	1-0	-	2-1	4-0	1-0	2-3
Calvin Taylor	16-6	22	2-1	-	1-0	1-1	2-0	0-1	1-0	-	3-1	3-0	2-2	1-0
Jamar Watson	15-7	22	5-1	1-0	DNP	1-3	1-1	3-1	2-0	-	-	-	1-0	1-1
Phil Hoskins	9-12	21	1-2	2-0	0-2	-	0-3	2-2	0-2	1-0	1-0	-	2-0	0-1
Lonnie Johnson	14-5	19	1-0	0-3	-	-	3-0	3-0	1-0	1-0	2-2	1-0	1-0	1-0
Chris Westry	16-2	18	1-0	1-0	2-0	1-0	1-0	2-0	1-0	1-1	4-1	-	2-0	-
Quinton Bohanna	8-9	17	1-1	-	DNP	-	1-1	0-2	1-0	2-0	1-2	1-0	1-2	0-1
Kordell Looney	6-9	15	0-3	1-0	-	1-0	1-0	2-0	0-3	-	0-1	0-1	1-0	0-1
T.J. Carter	7-6	13	0-2	2-0	-	0-1	-	0-1	1-0	-	-	3-1	1-0	0-1
Jordan Griffin	8-4	12	-	2-2	1-0	DNP	0-1	2-1	-	1-0	1-0	-	-	1-0
Tymere Dubose	3-8	11	0-3	-	1-1	1-1	1-0	-	0-1	-	0-1	-	DNP	0-1
Tyrell Ajian	5-4	9	-	-	2-0	-	1-0	0-1	-	-	1-0	1-2	-	0-1
A. Middleton	7-2	9	0-1	1-0	-	1-0	-	0-1	1-0	1-0	1-0	-	2-0	-
Jamin Davis	6-3	9	1-0	-	2-2	1-0	1-0	-	-	-	-	0-1	-	1-0
Zach Johnson	5-2	7	2-0	1-0	-	1-1	1-0	-	-	-	-	0-1	-	-
Yusuf Corker	3-4	7	1-1	-	0-1	-	1-0	0-1	-	-	-	-	-	1-1
Marquan Mccall	3-2	5	DNP	-	2-1	DNP	DNP	DNP	0-1	-	-	-	-	1-0
Drew Schlegel	3-1	4	1-0	-	1-0	-	DNP	DNP	1-0	-	0-1	-	-	-
Kengera Daniel	3-1	4	1-0	-	2-1	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Jordan Wright	3-1	4	DNP	DNP	2-1	-	-	-	-	-	-	DNP	DNP	1-0
C.J. Conrad	1-2	3	-	-	-	-	-	1-0	-	-	0-1	0-1	-	-
Michael Nesbitt	2-1	3	-	DNP	0-1	-	-	-	DNP	-	1-0	-	-	1-0
Lynn Bowden Jr.	2-1	3	1-0	-	-	-	1-0	-	-	-	-	0-1	-	-
Joshua Paschal	2-1	3	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	1-0	1-1
Logan Stenberg	1-1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0-1	-	1-0
Justin Rigg	2-0	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-0	-	-	-	1-0
Tristan Yeomans	0-1	1	-	-	-	-	-	0-1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Josh Ali	1-0	1	-	1-0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	DNP	-
Grant McKinniss	1-0	1	1-0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
G. Asafo-Adjei	1-0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-0	-	-	-	DNP
T. Richardson	0-1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0-1	-	-
Allen Dailey	1-0	1	-	-	-	-	-	1-0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Team	1-0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-0	-	-
Max Duffy	1-0	1	-	-	-	-	-	1-0	-	-	-	-	-	DNP

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Kentucky Tackle For Loss Game-by-Game (as of Nov 25, 2018)
All games

TACKLES FOR LOSS	UA-A	Total	CMU	UF	MUR	MS	SC	TAMU	VANDY	MU	UGA	UT	MT	LOU
Josh Allen	18-1	18.5	3.0-11	1.5-6	-	2.0-10	4.0-19	-	2.0-13	2.0-17	-	1.0-7	2.0-12	1.0-7
Mike Edwards	8-2	9.0	0.5-1	-	1.0-5	-	1.0-2	3.0-5	-	1.0-7	-	0.5-1	2.0-4	-
Jordan Jones	4-3	5.5	1.5-8	-	-	-	1.0-4	1.0-13	-	-	0.5-1	-	-	1.5-6
Kash Daniel	3-5	5.5	-	0.5-1	1.0-2	-	-	-	1.0-3	-	-	1.0-3	-	2.0-6
Calvin Taylor	5-0	5.0	-	-	-	1.0-10	-	-	-	-	1.0-1	2.0-3	-	1.0-1
Jamar Watson	5-0	5.0	-	-	DNP	1.0-7	1.0-7	1.0-5	1.0-9	-	-	-	1.0-11	-
Quinton Bohanna	3-2	4.0	-	-	DNP	-	-	-	1.0-1	1.0-4	0.5-1	-	1.0-8	0.5-2
Phil Hoskins	3-1	3.5	-	1.0-9	-	-	-	1.0-7	0.5-1	-	-	-	1.0-8	-
A. Middleton	3-1	3.5	-	1.0-3	-	-	-	0.5-0	1.0-15	-	-	-	1.0-2	-
Chris Oats	2-2	3.0	-	-	-	-	-	1.5-3	-	-	0.5-1	-	-	1.0-7
D. Robinson	3-0	3.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.0-1	-	1.0-2	1.0-2	-	-
DeAndre Square	2-1	2.5	-	-	0.5-0	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.0-2	1.0-2	-
Derrick Baily	1-1	1.5	-	-	-	-	-	1.0-2	-	-	0.5-0	-	-	-
T.J. Carter	1-1	1.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.5-3	-	-
Marquan Mccall	1-1	1.5	DNP	-	1.5-2	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tymere Dubose	0-3	1.5	1.0-4	-	-	-	-	-	0.5-1	-	-	-	DNP	-
Kordell Looney	1-0	1.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.0-3	-
Joshua Paschal	1-0	1.0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	1.0-2
Chris Westry	1-0	1.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.0-11	-
Darius West	1-0	1.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.0-2	-	-

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Kentucky Fumbles Game-by-Game (as of Nov 25, 2018)
All games

FUMBLES	No-Lost	CMU	UF	MUR	MS	SC	TAMU	VANDY	MU	UGA	UT	MT	LOU
Terry Wilson	8-4	1-1	1-1	1-0	-	-	1-0	2-1	-	-	1-1	1-0	-
Lynn Bowden Jr.	4-2	2-1	-	-	-	-	-	1-1	-	-	-	1-0	-
Benny Snell	2-0	1-0	-	-	-	-	1-0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Asim Rose	2-1	-	-	-	-	-	1-0	-	-	1-1	-	-	-
Dorian Baker	1-0	-	-	1-0	-	-	-	-	-	-	DNP	-	-
David Bouvier	1-0	1-0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
C.J. Conrad	1-1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-1	-	-	-

FUMBLES FORCED	Number	CMU	UF	MUR	MS	SC	TAMU	VANDY	MU	UGA	UT	MT	LOU
Josh Allen	5	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	2	-	-	-	-
Chris Oats	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Phil Hoskins	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
DeAndre Square	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Derrick Baity	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lonnie Johnson	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Mike Edwards	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Marquan McCall	1	DNP	-	1	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jordan Jones	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jamar Watson	1	-	-	DNP	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Quinton Bohanna	1	-	-	DNP	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-

FUMBLES RECOVERED	Number	CMU	UF	MUR	MS	SC	TAMU	VANDY	MU	UGA	UT	MT	LOU
Josh Allen	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
D. Robinson	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Calvin Taylor	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Chris Oats	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Quinton Bohanna	1	-	-	DNP	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Jordan Jones	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mike Edwards	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Darius West	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-

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'Nothing ever comes easy.' That lesson has forged a potential UK superstar.

By Jen Smith

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In a multitude of minuscule ways, Josh Allen has been training his entire life to be an outside linebacker.

Rarely has there been a direct path, or a path of least resistance in front of him.

The Kentucky senior always has had to twist and turn, to contort his body to get around a 320-pound guy — whether real or metaphoric — standing in the way of his desired destination.

Allen, whose name is being mentioned among potential first-round NFL Draft picks next year, has had plenty of bypasses and bumps along the way.

Those detours led Allen to an elementary school assembly this spring where he talked to kids during special needs awareness week about working hard and being fine with being different.

"My message is you're going to have challenges, you've just got to make the best of it," Allen said this summer, brown eyes wide, smile slightly wider. "You've got to look for the good parts of everything. That's how I dealt with a lot of that stuff.

"Nothing ever comes easy."

It's a lesson Allen learned early as one of two twin boys in a house full of older sisters. Josh and his twin, Isaiah, formed quite the pesky, dynamic duo.

"My mom was a single parent with six kids in the house, working two jobs," Josh said of Kim Allen. "It was really hard at some points."

It was especially hard for Allen, who always has been a bit of a jokester. But those jokes often came out in fits and starts.

Allen stuttered for much of his childhood, still does, he said. "It's just not as much as I used to when I was younger."

Allen always had a quick wit, but his mouth sometimes betrayed him.

"He wanted to tell us stuff so bad that he didn't even take the time to say it," his mom said of the stuttering problem that landed Josh in special education classes growing up.

He made many friends in those classes, but he longed to make different friends,

to switch classrooms like the other kids at his school.

"I literally had a teacher telling my family that I wasn't capable," said Allen, who also has since been diagnosed with ADHD.

After so many years in the special education system in New Jersey, Allen wanted a change of scenery. He wanted to see if he could be like those kids he watched from his classroom window.

So after middle school, Allen decided to leave New Jersey and move in with relatives in Alabama to get a fresh start at Abbeville High School.

"I had to show people that I was capable of doing this, going to classes by myself, doing the workload, doing everything right," he said. "I had to prove myself."

'It's a day I'll never forget'

It was at Abbeville that Allen's football career almost ended. Three separate times.

The natural athlete decided he was going to avoid football in that small Alabama town and stick with basketball, like three of his older sisters, who all went on to play at the college level.

"I didn't want to play with those country kids," Allen said, laughing. "When I moved to Alabama, it's like I'm starting over. These are big country kids playing real football, so I was like, 'I'm not going to play.'"

Allen's uncle convinced the freshman to try out. As the linebacker now prepares to tell the story of the near-end of his football career, he takes a deep, cleansing breath.

"Very first practice," he started. "Oh my God. It's a day I'll never forget."

At the start of camp, Allen turned his back after a play and found that his cleats were no longer planted in grass.

"I'm walking back and some dude picks me up and body slams me on the ground," Allen said. "I tried to catch myself and messed my elbow up."

When he got to the locker room, Allen said he was jumped by a group of players.

"I'm crying," he recalled. "I get in the car with my aunt and I'm balling tears, crying. I went home and said, 'I'm done.'"

If Jill Barber is honest, she was OK with him being done.

"He was a lot smaller than he is now," his aunt said, noting that he was a

freshman playing against seniors who had been playing together and lifting weights together their entire lives.

Allen was the newcomer, and it's never easy being the newcomer.

"There were a couple of rough, rough, rough kids. I was really upset about some things," Barber said. "But my husband was like, 'Listen, he's playing football. That's what football's about.'"

Two days later, Allen returned to the practice field in time for a pursuit drill where the whole defense lines up to chase down a single ball carrier.

Guess who found the ball in his hands.

"Pow! I get hit. Seriously, so hard," Allen said, telling the story with arms flying as fast as words. "This is varsity and I'm a freshman. I get up on one knee and then, 'Bam!' They hit me again. So I just lay down there and they jump on top of me. I was hurt. I quit again."

Drowning out the voice in his head and the pain that had taken over his body, Allen found himself back on that football field again the next day.

He was the ball carrier for that drill every single day for a season.

And he didn't play a single snap in a game that year.

"He always kept at it even when it was hard," said Jill Barber, his aunt.

Allen went back the next year at least 3 inches taller and a little bit tougher.

"My sophomore year, I started varsity receiver," Allen said. "I had the best hands. I was slow as dirt, but I could catch."

Country cooking and mandated workouts helped him grow up and out a bit before his junior season, when he started to excel and accelerate a bit, too.

By the end of his time in Alabama, Allen was an all-state receiver with 1,150 yards and 11 touchdowns as a junior.

When Allen announced that he wanted to graduate from Montclair High School back in New Jersey, his aunt and uncle understood.

But it was hard to watch him go.

"I cried a lot when he left," Barber said. "He's always had a way of making me feel really, really special. He makes a lot of people feel special."

Diamond in the rough

While making the move from Alabama to New Jersey before his senior year was

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good for Allen, it wasn't great for his recruiting opportunities.

He fell through the recruiting service cracks. And he changed positions from wide receiver to defensive end when he arrived at Montclair High School for his senior season.

His high school coach, John Fiore, did everything he could to get Allen on the radar of nearby schools like Rutgers.

"Nobody would listen to any of us about him," Fiore said of Allen, who went on to lead the state in sacks that year and had a touchdown catch for the Mounties, who went undefeated and won a state title.

Any school would've been lucky to have him, said Fiore, who has helped develop top-level college talent at Montclair through the years.

"He's just a great kid. Forget about football. Awesome kid. Good character, does the right thing and he was the perfect mix living in Alabama for three years and growing up in Jersey here," Fiore said. "He's the kind of kid who can adapt to any type of environment."

Allen initially committed to Monmouth, a nearby FCS school that had shown him the most interest.

As that was happening, Kentucky had a commitment fall through, and good timing left the Cats with a scholarship available and in need of an outside linebacker.

"We started looking through the film and we liked what we saw" of Allen, said UK Coach Mark Stoops of the find, which ended in a former Cats assistant seeing Allen at his high school and then putting him on a plane to Lexington for a visit just a few hours later.

As Stoops sits in his office overlooking the practice fields at Kentucky, the coach recalls something he learned from Jimbo Fisher at Florida State.

"It's not always the first 15 in your class, sometimes it's the last one, two or three that make all the difference, the ones that nobody talks about and he's the perfect example," Stoops said of Allen.

A two-star who could turn into a superstar, potentially joining a mural on Stoops' office wall of first-round draft picks he has coached.

"Those are the stories that make every coach proud," Stoops continued. "That you find a diamond in the rough, that you find a kid, a humble, hard-working, tal-

ented young kid that nobody really knows about that you can potentially develop into a first-round draft pick."

Two-star to first round?

It was in that same office about a year ago that Allen sat across from Stoops. The player's life — already full of many detours and challenges — was about to get more complicated.

"I'm changing," Stoops recalled Allen saying. His girlfriend was pregnant and his son was coming in January.

"His mindset switched just then," Stoops said. "It's the truth. He sat right here. He told me that and I've seen it everyday since. ... I've seen a change since then."

Allen started watching elite pass rushers in the NFL, studying their tendencies, mimicking their moves. Last season, the junior led Kentucky in tackles for loss (9.5) and sacks (seven). He also had a team-best four quarterback hurries, three pass breakups, two forced fumbles and an interception.

"I had to step up," said Allen, whose son, Wesley, was born in January. "What I had done my sophomore year wasn't good enough for my junior year. I had to take another step. I was like, 'I've got to grow up, be more mature because I have to take care of a family now.'"

Allen knows he can be even better this season with a more sculpted body and a stronger frame, weighing in at 255 pounds.

Stoops is excited to see what the future holds for Allen, one of three players who will represent UK at Southeastern Conference Media Days on Monday in Atlanta.

"He's made drastic jumps; he's changed himself from an NFL player to a bona fide day one pick," Stoops said.

In a multitude of minuscule ways, Allen has been training for this season his whole life.

The lack of a direct path, the obstacles in his way have given Allen an edge, made him stronger.

"Things don't always come easy to him," Stoops said of the senior. "He has to work hard in school. He works his tail off at everything.

"Maybe other people put in half the effort and get better grades, but just appreciate it's not all easy for him. He's deserving everything he's getting now."

Kentucky football signs inspiring recruit - a boy with cystic fibrosis

By Fletcher Page

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Kentucky football signed a wide receiver from Louisville on Wednesday, a day before players report for training camp.

Luke Klausing didn't hold back confidence at a ceremony in front of family and future teammates.

The Wildcats will "definitely," beat Tennessee this season, Klausing said, and he's most looking forward to "beating Florida."

Klausing has yet to have media training, a UK spokesman joked, but he did catch his first touchdown pass and kicked field goals Wednesday at Kroger Field.

That's because Klausing is an 11-year-old living with cystic fibrosis, an inherited life-threatening disorder that damages the lungs and digestive system.

Klausing, one of an estimated 30,000 patients with the genetic disease in the United States, was diagnosed in 2007 when he was just six days old. He wakes up at 6 a.m. for hour-and-a-half treatment sessions every morning and takes roughly 40 medications throughout each day, his father Joey Klausing said. There's another round of treatment in the afternoon after school and another after football, basketball or soccer practice before bed.

"He's had about 4,000 days in a row," Joey Klausing said. "So that's why we're so devoted for a cure. We want to beat this thing so Luke and other kids don't have to deal with this throughout the rest of their lives."

In 2015, the Klausings and two other Louisville families with children with cystic fibrosis — the Foushees and Sweeneys — started Cure CF, a charity to help raise money and organize people and families affected by the disease.

The organization's first event, a pizza and craft beer dinner, raised \$60,000. And since then, Cure CF, which has no employees so 100 percent of proceeds go out, has raised more than \$1 million. The group pledged more than \$300,000 of a \$5 million project to help build a cystic fibrosis respiratory center at Norton Children's Hospital in Louisville.

"A lot of kids have to go to Indianapolis

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or Cincinnati for treatment," Joey Klausning said. "So we said, 'Why don't we start something here?'"

The family, Luke's mother Jessica Klausning said, remains positive about life and committed to the charity because of encouragement from the CF Foundation.

"They know what they're looking for in a cure," Jessica Klausning said. "They know the genes they're looking for."

Added Joey Klausning: "For a long time we didn't really have a light. You're just in the tunnel. But we can see where they're getting some gene therapy that's actually working. We're getting closer to a control. We're close to that."

Kentucky football, Jessica Klausning said, provides a break from the disease. Joey, from Louisville, and Jessica, a Maysville native, each grew up as UK fans. They fell in love on a football field while attending Centre College, where he played and she worked as a trainer.

They married and moved to Louisville, where he's an attorney and she's a nurse, and made trips to Lexington and around the south each Saturday to watch the Wildcats.

"It just became something we loved together, then loved as a family," Jessica Klausning said. "It's just kind of part of us. It's just kind of in our blood."

So, Luke Klausning inherited his passion for blue and white. The family, joined by sister Emma, have season tickets at Kroger Field and have watched Kentucky play at Vanderbilt, Louisville and the 2016 Taxslayer Bowl in Jacksonville.

"You still have to do the treatments, have to pack everything up," Joey Klausning said. "But it's nice to be able to get away and be immersed in the pep rallies, pre-game, the band playing, the Cat Walk."

That's why Luke and his family said they were excited when Team IMPACT, a national nonprofit that connects children facing serious and chronic illnesses with college athletic teams, approached with the idea of signing a letter-of-intent with Kentucky football.

This season, Luke will attend practices, games, dinners and events as a member of the Wildcats' team.

Kentucky players C.J. Conrad, George Asafo-Adjei, Zach Johnson, Lonnie Johnson Jr. and Walker Wood attended Luke's signing ceremony Wednesday and prac-

ticed with him after.

"I can't even imagine how I would feel if I was in his shoes," said Conrad, a senior tight end. "But we look up to him. He inspires me, seeing all the work he has to do every single day. He can't take a day off."

Kentucky's bye week this season — October 13 — is an important date for the Klausnings. That's when Cure CF will host the annual craft beer and pizza event in downtown Louisville, on Washington Street under the Second Street Bridge.

"Someone's dollar is going to be the one that gets the cure," Joey Klausning said. "It may be the millionth dollar that we get from (Kentucky booster) Joe Craft or it may be the single dollar that we get from you later today. It's going to be that one dollar that gets the cure, so every dollar adds up."

For once the topic isn't Darius West's health

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Darius West has to be thrilled that everyone is talking about things other than his health.

Ever since he arrived at Kentucky, and even before that, questions about his injury status and durability have loomed over him like a storm cloud that follows wherever he goes. West was able to answer a lot of those questions by staying healthy and on the field throughout the 2017 season, and now other topics are front and center.

"That feels good, man," West said of his current position, going into a season fully healthy and trying to build on the previous year. "It's a blessing I'm just thankful to the Lord to put in position to compete and still do what I love."

West told Cats Illustrated at last year's Media Day that he was anxious to play but had some obvious anxiety because of his injury past. Last week, he told Cats Illustrated that he was able to put those thoughts about yet another injury behind him after the win in Hattiesburg against Southern Miss.

"I put a lot of pressure on myself leading up to the season. The first game it definitely slowed down for me and less of a worry," West said.

So what else is everybody talking about?

Kentucky's senior-dominated secondary, whether the Wildcats' defensive backs can live up to their billing, how the group might benefit from an improved pass rush, and the list goes on.

As for West, the general consensus from those who cover the program and are around it was that he was fantastic at getting to the ball last year. He made plenty of plays in the box and played as fast as anyone on UK's defense. His coverage, at times, left something to be desired.

West agrees on all counts.

"I evaluated my season as average," West said. "First year back. I want to give myself no excuses. Last year there were a lot of things I know I can improve as far as pass defense. That's the main thing. I want to show I can be very elite in that category and becoming a great tackler. I don't want to miss tackles this year. And, you know, I guess just playing more aggressive, not getting blocked, not letting receivers block me."

West is one of several seniors in the secondary and it's not entirely clear whether he might be able to successfully petition for another year of eligibility following the 2018 season, but he isn't as experienced as some of the other players in the defensive backfield because of those earlier injuries.

But he did acknowledge the experience across the board and said the group has "no excuses" with so many seniors, pledging, "We're going to take it to the next level with that."

Dean Hood coached Kentucky's outside linebackers last season and he moves back to coach the safeties as a part of his responsibilities this fall.

"He's been great," West said. "He focuses more on details with the safety position and that will help us with technique. He's hard on us. He's not easy on us at all."

As for West's coverage, that part of his game that he agrees needs to improve the most, aside from continued reps and game time he believes one thing could help more than anything else.

"The most improved part of my game needs to be communication," West said. "That and leadership. I plan to show a lot of that."

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'He'd run over his own mother.' What drives UK's Benny Snell to play so hard?

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Benny Snell adores his mother.

"She is the love of my life," Kentucky's running back says of his mom, April. "My mom has been with me every step of the way."

So keep that in mind when Snell's high school coach describes "the zone" in which he's seen the running back get as a player with the ball in his hands and the end zone on his brain.

"When he's intense the way he is, I'm sure he'd run over his own mother," former Westerville Central Coach John Magistro said this week.

"I mean that in a nice way because I know his mom and have great love for his mom, but it's just a zone he gets into."

Magistro has been a high school coach for more than three decades. He's coached several NFL players. He's not comparing Snell in any way to any of those guys — although he might if you asked him to — except in Snell's ability to get in that place.

"Some can get into that zone, that intensity, but it wears off after the second quarter or the third quarter," Magistro said. "For Benny it never does."

If Snell doesn't get 3 or 4 yards on every carry, "it disturbs him to his core," the coach continued.

Magistro has seen it since Snell was a kid at Westerville Central, where he had 3,903 rushing yards, 537 receiving yards and 57 touchdowns in his final two seasons.

Magistro has seen it in the years since when the junior has amassed 2,424 yards and 32 touchdowns in leading Kentucky's ground game while becoming a first-team All-Southeastern Conference selection with his sights set on breaking the Cats' all-time rushing record.

His former head coach's favorite story about the running back, who once had 241 yards and three touchdowns in a game, is from a random practice.

Snell was going up against a scout team defender, who "had a wrestler's mentality" and neither of the players was going

to back down in a drill. The defender was probably 150 pounds in a sweat-soaked jersey, but he kept mixing it up with Snell, who was just plowing him down.

Coaches started to worry that someone would get hurt.

Magistro said to Snell: "Geez, Louise, are you going to keep running over him like that?"

The head coach told Snell to ease up a little. Snell still shook his head and said "no." It was probably even a "no, sir."

In a straightforward and earnest way, Snell replied: "Coach, that is the way I practice."

Magistro went back to the concerned coaches on the other side of the ball and said they needed a different plan or a different drill.

Stopping Benny Snell from being Benny Snell was like trying to stop a bullet train on its way down a mountain.

"Whatever I put my mind to, I'm going to do it," Snell said this week, "and that's how it is."

'A GOOD PRIDE'

There are players with more talent, more top-end speed and quicker first steps than Snell. Magistro knows all that. He had many coaches tell him as much during Snell's recruiting process.

"Everybody else thought he was a pinch too slow or a pinch too this or a pinch too that," Magistro said. "They found little things here and there."

Snell's dream was to be a "hometown hero" and play for Ohio State, but that didn't happen.

"I found myself at camps being the best one and still guys were getting the running back MVPs and all that, but I was the best one," Snell said confidently at SEC Media Days in July.

"I knew I was. So from then all the way until now, getting a low ranking as a running back, me not being productive, me being at Kentucky, I'll forever keep this chip on my shoulder and keep running hard."

The junior thinks about the slights, the knocks, the doubters before every practice and then every game. That extra 2 yards with linebackers attached to him at the hip? That's for one of those schools that didn't offer.

"It's something I think about all the time, but when I'm about to go out before

a game, I think about, 'OK, deep breath, now it's time to go,'" he said.

Lots of players have faced rejection from dream schools. That's not a new thing.

Few are able to channel that frustration the way Snell does.

"It gives him an edge," Magistro said. "He has that in the back of his mind every time he goes out on the field. ... It's truly amazing how he can set his mind to do things."

Cats running backs coach Eddie Gran calls it "a good pride" that drives Snell.

"He's got pride that he wants to be great," Gran said. "I think that in this game that's how you've got to play the game. He's just got that old-school mentality. He's going to give you everything he's got with every single play."

MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, TOO

Fans see it in the constantly churning legs of Snell, in his ability to push a pile of players twice his size forward, in his ability to find a hole after a snap in the wildcat formation.

But teammates and coaches see what sets Snell apart during the parts of football that others don't see.

"He's been inspiring to play in front of this last couple years," said tight end C.J. Conrad, who has facilitated more than his fair share of big Snell runs. "It seriously has been amazing. Our whole offensive line has a ton of respect for him because what you see on Saturdays is what you get Monday through Friday."

If you flip on tape of Snell, whether it's in the biggest game of the year or a random practice in the spring, "he's just full speed all the time," Gran said.

Added Stoops: "It's like that every day. Whether it's in the weight room, the training session in the summer, every practice, every scrimmage, he goes hard."

That's his gear, his mode, Snell said, echoing the same things he told Magistro on his high school practice field a few years ago.

"If you go your hardest at practice, then the game is much more easy," he said. "When the big runs and things come, this is just a normal thing to me."

So when he breaks through the line on a basic run play on a basic Wednesday in July, he makes sure to go 10 more yards. When he catches the ball in the middle

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of the field and doesn't see a defender around him, the play isn't over until he's gotten another first down.

"He's by far the best practice player I've ever been around," Magistro said, "and that says a lot because I've had some really good guys who have NFL careers."

It's likely Snell will have one of those, too, pretty soon. Then he can do something special for his mom, his motivation.

"She's helped me in every way," Benny said. "I know I need to go hard in my life so I can repay her."

Just hope she doesn't ever accidentally stand in his way.

'Kentucky across my chest' motivates in-state football players at UK

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Drake Jackson and Kash Daniel moved together in January 2016 from an athletic high to a place with low spirits.

The native Kentuckians were captains on the winning team at the U.S. Army All-American Bowl before sharing a dorm room as early enrollee football players at the University of Kentucky.

"It was just down everywhere," Jackson said. "Morale was low."

The Wildcats had lost to rival Louisville in late November, finishing one win shy of bowl eligibility and with a sixth consecutive losing record.

The feeling of unaccomplished goals would not last long.

Joined months later by fellow home-grown Army All-American Landon Young, the trio made a pact with ambitious intentions.

"When we all got together, we said this is what we're going to do and how we're going to do it," Daniel said. "We all envisioned ourselves being big-time playmakers for this program."

The plan worked.

With Young at offensive tackle, Jackson at center and Daniel manning an inside linebacker spot, the three Kentuckians are in line to be starters this season.

"We wanted to change everything," Young said. "We knew we had to bust our butts and we had to get on the field and make that change for ourselves because

we can't come here and tell somebody to change it. We've got to do it ourselves."

Young, a former standout at Lafayette High in Lexington, chose to stay home rather than play for finalists Alabama and Auburn. Woodford High star Jackson had offers from Alabama, Florida, Ohio State and others; Daniel, from Paintsville, could have gone to Michigan or Louisville.

Add in athlete Zy'Aire Hughes and defensive back Davonte Robinson and the Wildcats signed the top four players, according to 247Sports and Rivals, from the state of Kentucky in 2016.

Securing that caliber of talent in bulk from the state was a major victory for coach Mark Stoops and his staff.

"The state, you know, is always important to us, and it fluctuates, as I've said many times," Stoops said. "I think the quality is always very good. The quantity is not as many as other states, but there's always good top-of-the-line players."

The state's top recruit the previous year, Berea's Damien Harris, left for Alabama despite strong relationships (that remain to this day) with Stoops and coaches and players in Lexington. Nobody could fault Harris for joining the backfield in Tuscaloosa, but Jackson, a lifelong UK fan, said the loss was still deflating.

"When we were struggling, you may have been a die-hard Kentucky fan growing up, but you could say, 'I can't go there because it's not the best opportunity for me,'" he said.

Kentucky signed the top three in-state players in 2014. But Matt Elam, Drew Barker and Lloyd Tubman, for various reasons, didn't match hype and expectations with on-field production.

Last year, Kentucky did not sign a single in-state recruit. Louisville signed just one. The top-ranked players in the state in the past two cycles, offensive lineman Jedrick Wills (2017) and wide receiver Rondale Moore (2018), signed with Alabama and Purdue, respectively.

This explains the complicated task Stoops faces: recruits from Kentucky either aren't considered good enough for the Southeastern Conference and those who are often choose to go elsewhere.

But when it works out, like with Young, Jackson and Daniel, the payoff can be special.

"I think when you put a Kentucky kid out on this practice field, it means just a

tad more," Daniel said. "Just because it's our home state and we grew up here our whole lives and people expect us to do great things as Kentuckians. There's a bigger chip on the Kentucky kid's shoulders."

Dennis Johnson said he remembers that feeling.

He, along Tim Couch, Derek Homer and Jared Lorenzen, was one of four consecutive Mr. Kentucky Football award winners to sign with UK in the 1990s.

He could have gone to Miami, Notre Dame or Florida. But he didn't, he said, because he could get on the field quicker at Kentucky and his father advised to think about positioning himself for life after football.

Plus, Johnson said he felt responsible for his home-state school.

"You can always go somewhere and kind of add on to the legacy, but staying home and trying to help build it is a hard thing to do," Johnson said. "I was a very competitive person who was up for that challenge."

Now the high school football coach at Woodford County (where he coached Jackson after previously guiding Young and Wills at Lafayette), Johnson said he doesn't fault kids for leaving the state. Some aren't a fit at Kentucky and others want to venture out, but the former second-round NFL draft pick said professional scouts don't mind where a player is from.

"The NFL doesn't care where you go to college," he said.

That message resonates with Jackson. He says Kentucky is slowly taking reasons for recruits to dismiss an offer from the Wildcats off the table. The scoreboard, in his eyes, is the most important factor. Kentucky has made back-to-back bowl appearances and won seven games in each of the last two seasons.

"To all the in-state kids, I'm not going to say, 'you're from Kentucky, you've got to come here,'" Jackson said. "No, but if you're a fan and you do want to go to UK and the only reason you're thinking otherwise is because people say we can't win, we've flushed that down the toilet. That's gone."

Stoops has secured talent from Ohio, Florida and Georgia to bolster the roster. There are as many players from the Buckeye State (27) as there are from Kentucky. Eighteen formerly called Florida home and 11 are from Georgia.

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"We don't have to be the only ones saying we're Kentuckians," Daniel said. "When you sign a letter of intent you live in Lexington, you're a Kentucky resident, so this is your state, too."

Still, historically it has been difficult for Kentucky to be relevant without hitting recruiting home runs in the state. Couch was a No. 1 overall draft pick and Johnson led the SEC in sacks in 2001. The Rich Brooks era featured Andre Woodson, Jacob Tamme, Keenan Burton, Myron Pryor and Corey Peters, stars all from Kentucky.

That's a list of names Young, Daniel and Jackson aim to join this season.

"I wouldn't be able to feel the pride playing out here if I didn't have Kentucky across my chest," Young said. "This is the place I was born and raised, and it's the place I want to show out and tell the rest of the country about."

UK assistant coach undergoing chemo. 'He's been a warrior with this.'

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There are a lot of clichéd words like "warrior" bantered about in college athletics.

If they really do exist in sports, one walks the practice fields at Kentucky.

Offensive line coach John Schlarman, who has been battling a serious and undisclosed illness since before the start of fall camp, has been nothing short of a warrior, Coach Mark Stoops said Monday.

"At this point John has gone through two rounds of chemotherapy and is handling things with a very strong attitude and strong mindset and is getting the very best treatment he can and again just continue to pray for him," Stoops updated while previewing Saturday's season opener versus Central Michigan.

Schlarman, whom Stoops said has been responding "very well to the medicine," hasn't missed a day of work despite his diagnosis.

"Just walking over here just now, saw John walking out of the building with one of our other coaches to go for a little walk and get some exercise," the head coach said. "And last Friday he had chemotherapy all morning and he was at practice

in the afternoon. So, he's been a warrior with this. Again, we're just thinking and praying for him and his family."

The 43-year-old former Kentucky offensive line standout, who has been on Stoops' staff since the beginning, has motivated UK players and coaches. Attend a practice and you're unlikely to hear anyone complaining about a drill running too long or the heat and humidity.

"How can you be a player out there feeling sorry for yourself when you have a man that's just gone through five, six hours of chemo and is sitting out there on the practice field coaching the same way he does every day?" Stoops said. "That's pretty inspirational to me, and I would assume to the players as well."

The offensive line at UK has had to shoulder some difficult things already this season, first knowing that their position coach is battling an illness and then finding out over the weekend that starting left tackle Landon Young will miss the season after suffering a knee injury.

Stoops has been proud of how they've coped. It helps to have so many leaders in the group, which includes veterans like seniors Bunchy Stallings and George Asafo-Adjei as well as regulars like Logan Stenberg and center Drake Jackson.

"That room is very much player led," Stoops said. "We all know John is exceptional and I've gone in there and talked to them a bit. We have kept the group updated. What the plan is, what John is going through.

"They've been the first to know a lot of these things. Just tried to be up front and honest with them. John has a great relationship with them so I think they can certainly be inspired by the way John is handling this and the way he's going about his business."

UK has not changed Schlarman's recruiting load as of yet, but Stoops tries to be cautious about overloading him, encouraging the offensive line coach to go home and rest when possible like on Sunday night.

"He has great comfort in knowing that there are people here who can pick up the slack," Stoops said, noting that all of the offensive coaches are trying to help lighten the load for their friend. "All of our guys are kind of all hands on deck with our offensive staff. We all do understand

that there could be a situation where he may need time away. So, we're dealing with it day to day."

They're not in Kansas anymore: The journey from Kansas JUCOs to the Kentucky football team

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Not every player on Kentucky's roster was a desired high school recruit that was destined for division one football at a young age; instead, some players took a longer road.

That alternate road that many players try to avoid is junior college, a place where football careers can be made or broken. Some of the NFL's most talented players began their career in junior college, such as Aaron Rodgers, O.J. Simpson and Keyshawn Johnson, while other potential superstars never made it out.

Three Kentucky football players got to experience the challenges of junior college firsthand, and fortunately for them, they worked hard until their goal of playing at a division one school was achieved.

All had different experiences at their junior college, but in the end, they have said they are appreciative of the lessons they now use at UK.

TERRY WILSON

Kentucky has had success the last two seasons in starting a junior college transfer quarterback, and newcomer Terry Wilson is hoping he can continue that going into this season.

Wilson's stop in Lexington is his third during his college career. Wilson was originally an Oregon Duck before deciding to transfer to Garden City Community College in Garden City, Kansas.

Wilson spent only one year at a junior college, where he lit up the stat sheet to become FBS-relevant again. However, that one year was enough for Wilson.

"It's a tough experience," Wilson said at UK's Media Day. "You can get down on yourself sometimes but you just got to keep pushing, you got to keep going, do it."

One of the things that made being at Garden City tough was the practices, but it wasn't the screaming coaches or early practices that made it tough; it was the

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odors surrounding the field.

"We were in the middle of nowhere, it smelled like cow poop, it was bad," Wilson said. "Every practice, especially when that wind was blowing, you would get a whiff of it."

Another thing that highlighted Wilson's year at Garden City was his appearance on the popular Netflix show "Last Chance U."

Wilson and the Broncbusters were the opponents of Independence Community College on episode three of the show, and Garden City would go on to lose the game in a close battle.

UK fans and teammates enjoyed watching one of their future players throw deep passes and juke out defenders in the episode, but Wilson never watched it himself and still gets made fun of by his teammates for the loss.

"When I seen that I'm like, 'Bruh Terry, you just threw it up, you just threw it up like that and gave it to them like that?'" Benny Snell said of Wilson's performance. "We know it was all fun, though."

Between smelly practices and a loss that will never go away, Wilson is happy his junior college time is over, but happy of the lessons he learned in Kansas.

"I've learned a lot and once I've gotten here, I've been – things I've learned back then, I try to imply here," Wilson said.

LONNIE JOHNSON JR.

Wilson was not the only current Cat to attend Garden City Community College, as Lonnie Johnson Jr. spent two seasons playing for the Broncbusters and head coach Jeff Sims also.

Just like Wilson, Johnson Jr. also remembers the practices that smelled like cow poop, which made the tough days even tougher for the defensive back.

Johnson Jr.'s toughest year might have been in 2016, his sophomore season at Garden City, when he sat out the whole season to focus on academics. In 2015, Johnson Jr. showed major promise and earned a spot on the All-Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference Second Team.

Not playing football in 2016 made it difficult for Johnson Jr. to stay focused on his goals, so one of the things he started doing was find the 'quote of the day' to inspire him to stay focused.

"It was something to just motivate you

everyday to go class," Johnson Jr. said.

"That helped me get through it when I wasn't playing."

The quote of the day worked, as Johnson Jr. was able to raise his grades and earn a spot on Kentucky's roster for the 2017 season. He no longer does the quote of the day at Kentucky, but he still finds other ways to motivate himself in the classroom and on the field.

Similar to Wilson, Johnson Jr. is happy to be at UK and not in Kansas anymore, but he knows he would not be at UK if it weren't for his experience at Garden City.

"Without that opportunity, I wouldn't have the chance to be here where I'm at today," Johnson said. "I just thank coach Jeff Sims for that."

PHIL HOSKINS

Not all of Kentucky's junior college players came from Garden City, but they did all come from Kansas, where Phil Hoskins spent two years at Highland Community College.

Highland and Garden City actually share the same conference. Hoskins' Scotties actually played Garden City when Johnson Jr. played for the Broncbusters in 2015, with Garden City pulling off an eight-point win.

Both Hoskins and Johnson Jr. registered four tackles in the game while Hoskins added three sacks in the losing effort.

Playing football was about all that Hoskins did during his two years at Highland, as the town has a population of about 1,000 people.

"The JUCO I went to, we had two gas stations for 30 miles, that was all we got," Hoskins. "It's as fun as you make it."

Hoskins' version of fun included football, all day, every day.

"Sat in the dorms and played the game, we either played the game or we went to the little facility we had and did some extra working out just to pass the time by," Hoskins said.

Because the town had few options for entertainment, Hoskins was able to improve himself constantly and remain focused on his goal, of playing at a division one school.

Sometimes, players who go to community colleges in an urbanized area get distracted and lose sight of their goals, which is why Hoskins would recommend a

place like Highland for community college.

"If I were to recommend a junior college, I would say go to a more rural area like Mississippi or Kansas, somewhere like that," Hoskins said. "There's not too many distractions, more focus and work out there."

Hoskins also believes that junior college is the right route for a lot of high school prospects. Sure, he is happy it is over with and to be at UK like his teammates, but Hoskins believes he is a completely different player than he was first out of high school, and he is unsure he could have handled the pressures of division one athletics as a freshman.

"The junior college experience, it matures you, it makes you grow up," Hoskins said. "Being so far away from home, mom is not there, dad is not there, your family is not there, so you really have to be in tune with yourself and whatever your goal is, that's what you have to work towards to get where you're trying to be."

How Kentucky's new quarterback grew into the "Terry Touchdown" Legend

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The exact origin of the nickname is hazy.

But it is clear why classmates at Del City High School in Oklahoma first anointed Terry Wilson, Kentucky's new starting quarterback, as "Terry Touchdown."

"First ball he ever touched in a high school varsity game, we ran a counter read and he pulled the ball and went for a touchdown," said Nick Warehime, Wilson's former coach at Del City. "His first high school play in a real game, not a scrimmage. We kind of knew then that he had something different."

That play came in the 2013 season opener against East Central High School. Wilson opened his sophomore year splitting time at quarterback, but after starring in the 52-17 victory he took over the full-time job.

Wilson scored on an 81-yard read-option run early in the week-two game against Norman North. His first district game against Lawton MacArthur two weeks later featured two more rushing touchdowns and a passing touchdown to

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earn him The Oklahoman's High School Player of the Week award.

By the time he broke his collarbone in early October, Wilson had already accounted for seven scores.

Terry Touchdown had been born.

"The student section, they gave me that nickname and it really started clicking," Wilson said. "At first, I was like all right they're just joking around, but I started calling myself that. It's pretty cool. I like it."

Kentucky fans have waffled between using "Terry Touchdown" like Wilson's Twitter handle and "Touchdown Terry" — "Everybody gets it mixed up, so it really doesn't matter," Wilson said — but since he spurned reported interest from Nebraska and Florida to sign with Kentucky in December the hype has steadily grown for the two-time four-star recruit.

Ranked as the No. 6 dual-threat quarterback in the Class of 2016 by ESPN, Wilson originally committed to Nebraska in May 2015 but flipped his commitment to Oregon before signing day.

When Wilson committed to Oregon, Scott Frost was the Ducks' offensive coordinator, but he left Eugene for the head coaching job at Central Florida before Wilson signed. While Wilson redshirted in 2016, classmate Justin Herbert emerged as the Ducks' quarterback of the future and locked down the starting job in spring practice in 2017.

With Frost gone and prospects for playing time bleak until Herbert left, Wilson decided to transfer to Garden City Community College, where he completed 57.6 percent of his passes for 2,133 yards, 26 touchdowns and 11 interceptions and ran for 518 yards and five more touchdowns in one season to earn the Jayhawk Conference's Offensive Player of the Year award.

"My belief is you should gamble on yourself every single day," Warehime said. "If you think you're the guy, you're going to gamble on yourself. Terry is a guy like a lot of the great players — and I think Kentucky will see it and the fans will see it — he wants the football in his hands when the game is on the line."

With Frost moving to Nebraska, the Cornhuskers once again became a leading candidate for Wilson's commitment and when reports surfaced Wilson was planning to cancel a December visit to

Kentucky to travel to Nebraska instead, many assumed Wilson and Frost would finally connect at the college level.

A last-minute conversation with Kentucky coach Mark Stoops changed Wilson's mind though, and he followed through on the Kentucky visit as planned.

"I had a very direct conversation with him," Stoops said. "He was unbelievable. You saw the maturity in him. When he talked to me he said, 'I never really looked at it that way.' He said, 'I hear you coach.' I told him to think about a few things, and he called me back 40 minutes later and he said, 'Coach, I'm coming in. I'm coming in on this date. I don't care what anybody else says.'"

Warehime had followed the saga surrounding Wilson's official visit schedule closely, but given the caliber of other schools expressing interest he had one piece of advice after Wilson decided to visit Lexington. "I said, 'Don't commit on the trip,'" Warehime said.

Wilson didn't listen.

"Damn, he commits," Warehime said with a laugh. "I said, 'What's the deal?' He said, 'It felt right, Coach. They run a lot of the similar stuff that we run. They've got guys. I think it will be good for me.' I said, 'All right, then I'm with you.'"

Wilson's commitment represented a key win for Kentucky in a recruiting cycle that had been marred by the long courtship of four-star prep quarterback Jarren Williams, who twice decommitted from Kentucky before eventually signing with Miami. With fan-favorite Stephen Johnson graduating and backup quarterback Drew Barker leaving the program, there was a giant hole at quarterback on the roster.

Sophomore Gunnar Hoak was set to return but had not yet played in two seasons at UK. Two more quarterbacks — Danny Clark and Walker Wood — had redshirted in 2017 but were viewed as projects for the future.

The competition between Hoak and Wilson has remained close throughout the spring and summer, UK coaches have noted repeatedly, but Wilson's athleticism — and probably the nickname — made him an early favorite among fans in the race.

On Monday, Stoops named Wilson his starter for Saturday's season opener against Central Michigan.

"I've always had faith that if I work

hard big things are going to happen," Wilson said. "So this started back when I was at (junior college). When I did those six months at JUCO, I just always had to keep in my mind that I've got this chip on my shoulder wherever I end up at. Once I got here, I just kept that chip on my shoulder and worked hard and good things happened."

A catchy nickname will not be enough to keep Wilson in the job if his production fails to live up to the hype, but nonconference games against Central Michigan and Murray State sandwiched around a trip to Florida, where coach Dan Mullen is in his first year of a rebuilding project, should offer a chance for him to gain comfort on the job.

"I think he's ready for it," said Derek Rasmussen, an Oklahoma-based quarterbacks coach who has known Wilson since high school and worked with him at a private camp in Arizona this summer. "I think leaving Oregon and betting on himself and going back to the junior college route, I think he's ready."

Warehime, who still keeps in regular contact with Wilson, has the same advice for UK's new starter as he has since his days at Del City when opposing fans made sure to jump on any mistake with a chant of "overrated."

"Can't get too high, can't get too low," Warehime said. "Just got to stay level. He's a good kid. He played hard for us when he was in high school. He wanted to learn, and for us he was coachable. That was maybe one of the things that stood out the most.

"... He was going to be under the microscope all the time. In the classroom, out on the town, whatever it was. The kid was signing autographs when he was in high school."

Wilson's path from Del City to his Division I debut Saturday was nothing close to what he or Warehime envisioned in high school.

But with a starting job finally his, the legend of "Terry Touchdown" is poised to grow.

"I wouldn't believe (this would have been the path), but I give all glory to God, and sometimes you have to take different routes to get where you want to be," Wilson said. "I've always kept faith and kept working hard, not getting too high, just staying level."

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Kentucky's defense, led by Josh Allen, crucial to silencing The Swamp

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As per usual, the offense hogs the attention.

Recaps of Kentucky's season-starting victory over Central Michigan included hot takes on quarterback Terry Wilson's three turnovers, on backup Gunnar Hoak's star supporting turn, on the twin 100-yard rushing tandem of Benny Snell and A.J. Rose, on former walk-on David Bouvier's continued emergence. And the offense this, and the offense that. Yada, yada, yada.

Meanwhile, all but ignored in all that postgame analysis was an impressive factoid that, perhaps above all others, bodes well for the long, long journey that will be this Kentucky football season.

Josh Allen could not be blocked.

As numerical evidence, we present the glowing numbers on the stat sheet: Kentucky's outside linebacker recorded 10 tackles, six of them solo, three of them for a loss, and one a seven-yard sack. Oh, yeah, he was also credited with a quarterback hurry.

We hear you. Isn't that what Allen was supposed to do? After all the senior from the swamps of Jersey is considered UK's best defensive player, a preseason All-SEC selection who has transformed himself from a two-star prospect into a possible first-round NFL Draft pick?

Well, yes. The thing is, not every projected NFL pick plays like a projected pick his final season. The player gets caught peeking ahead. Senioritis sets in. Opponents start game-planning to limit the player's individual effectiveness. Call it a combination of factors.

For Kentucky's defense to take a necessary step forward, however, surely Allen needs to play up to his abilities. And, with Allen a force to be reckoned with, the UK "D" showed some early signs of doing just that in the win over Central Michigan.

First, we feel obligated to issue a pair of disclaimers. Central Michigan is not a Power Five school and the Chippewas were breaking in several new starters, including a new quarterback, on Saturday.

And we've been fooled a couple of times before into thinking Stoops' defense had turned the corner.

Still, Central Michigan's 255 total yards Saturday was the fewest against a UK defense since Charlotte managed just 233 on Nov. 21, 2015. (It was the sixth fewest of the Stoops era.) CMU's eight first downs were the fewest since Vanderbilt managed just eight in 2014.

And after Central Michigan scored 20 first-half points off those four UK turnovers, the Kentucky defense blanked the visitors in the second half. The Chips' possessions over the final two quarters: punt, punt, punt, punt, punt, turned the ball over on downs after being stopped on a fourth-and-six at the UK 28.

Next up, Florida. (You knew that.) At The Swamp. (Yikes.) Over its 19-game losing streak in Gainesville, the Kentucky defense has been demolished many a time on Florida Field — 73 points allowed in 1994; 65 in 1996; 51 in 1998; 59 in 2000; 63 in 2008 and 45 its last visit in 2016.

Steve Spurrier, who gleefully goosed the score during many of those demolition jobs, might no longer be on the Florida sideline, but new coach Dan Mullen is fully capable of re-starting the Florida offense. Mullen is 8-1 against UK. He has developed such quarterbacks as Alex Smith, Tim Tebow, Dak Prescott and Nick Fitzgerald.

Feleipe Franks, Mullen's current developmental project, threw for five touchdowns in the first half of Florida's 53-6 cakewalk through Charleston Southern last weekend. Franks threw just nine TD passes a year ago, the same season he was benched at the half of the Gators' eventual 28-27 win over the Cats at Kroger Field.

That's where Allen and his (un)friendly teammates come into play Saturday. If allowed time to throw, Franks is capable of executing Mullen's master plan. Put pressure on the quarterback, however, and good things can happen for the visitors.

And good things need to happen. When the Gators are rolling and the fans are rocking, The Swamp is a swirl of noise and heat and chaos that overwhelms opponents like a strong undertow. Kentucky knows. Been there, done that.

A silent Swamp is Saturday's objective, and for that to happen surely Kentucky's defense, led by Josh Allen, must play well.

Quarterback Terry Wilson makes history in Kentucky's win over Florida

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Tim Couch never did it. Jared Lorenzen didn't either. Same for Andre' Woodson, Dusty Bonner, Randall Cobb and Stephen Johnson.

But in just his second game for Kentucky, junior-college transfer Terry Wilson became the first Kentucky quarterback to beat Florida since 1986.

"Did you see him? Did you see what he was doing?" UK star running back Benny Snell said of Wilson. "The pocket was collapsing, he was running. He was running like 20 yards and it was supposed to be a sack. Man, Terry is so great. He makes this offense so much more deadlier. You can't predict what we're going to do. I'm proud of Terry, I'm proud of this offense."

Wilson completed 11 of 16 passes for 151 yards, two touchdowns and one interception, but it was his work on the ground that provided the biggest highlights against the Gators with 10 carries for 105 yards and one touchdown.

Multiple times Wilson kept plays that appeared to be sacks alive by scrambling away from pressure and gaining yards.

He scrambled to his right on his first touchdown pass before finding David Bouvier in the end zone. On the first drive of the second half, Wilson kept the ball on an option play and cut through the middle of the Florida defense for a 24-yard touchdown.

"Those (plays) are critical, to have a quarterback that's very dynamic like that," UK coach Mark Stoops said. "Your structure of your defense puts a lot of pressure on you. You've heard me talk about it when we play dual-threat guys. The fact that he can do that, as we progress and start throwing the ball more, it'll put more and more pressure on the defense.

"... He still has a lot of football ahead of him. He's going to get better every opportunity."

It wasn't all positive for Wilson.

Two turnovers in the second quarter — a fumble and interception — ended what could have been Kentucky scoring drives in Florida territory.

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But like he did in the opener against Central Michigan after three first-half turnovers, Wilson bounced back to lead two second-half scoring drives.

"I just feel like I got my feet under me," Wilson said. "I learned that I've got to have a white piece of paper and play the next play. Can't dwell on the last plays. Just play hard."

With just two Division I games under his belt and one road game, Wilson remains a work in progress.

But being able to say he is the first Kentucky quarterback in 31 years to beat Florida is quite the jump start to his career.

"I don't have any words for it," Wilson said. "It's just been a long journey to get here. This is the stuff I dreamed about as a kid."

'This one was for those guys.' **UK honors ailing coach, player** **after Florida win.**

By Jen Smith
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August wasn't kind to Kentucky.

The players and coaches learned that both a beloved assistant coach and a star sophomore were beginning separate battles with cancer.

The month ended with starting left tackle Landon Young suffering a season-ending knee injury in the final scrimmage of the preseason.

"It's truly been an emotional August for our program," said Mitch Barnhart, UK's athletics director in an area behind the stadium as players, coaches and staff celebrated following a 27-16 Kentucky upset of No. 25 Florida on Saturday night.

Even as the difficulties continue, September has provided moments of joy and healing.

In a victorious, joyous Kentucky locker room in the belly of Ben Hill Griffin Stadium, head coach Mark Stoops handed the game ball to offensive line coach John Schlarman, who is undergoing chemo for an undisclosed type of cancer.

"It was really a joyous occasion in there just now as I awarded John Schlarman the game ball for the way the offensive line blocked," Stoops said. "We rushed the ball for over 300 yards at Florida. That's a pretty good number."

Schlarman underwent a six-hour chemotherapy treatment on Tuesday morning and then coached his players in practice later in the day. It amazes Barnhart and everyone around the UK program.

"He's a strong man going through a lot and I'm grateful to be able to give him a ball," said Stoops, who is also giving one to sophomore defensive lineman Josh Paschal, who was diagnosed with a malignant melanoma, when the team returns.

Barnhart saw Schlarman coaching his players on Tuesday in the near 100-degree heat and then stay after on the field and meet with other players, too.

"It's an inspiration," Barnhart said. "If you think you're having a bad workout or a bad day, how about what he's doing? These kids recognize that. It's not lost on any of us."

Schlarman's offensive line helped UK rack up 303 yards on the ground and pass for another 151 yards. Quarterback Terry Wilson was never sacked.

The Cats, who beat Florida for the first time since 1986, averaged eight yards per play behind the line.

Benny Snell, who had 175 yards on 27 carries on Saturday, said the team is playing for Schlarman and Paschal.

"That's the world," Snell said. "That's the world right there. ... This one was for those guys. That fight, they're forever in our hearts. So us being able to come out with a victory and we have problems throughout the team, it just means the most. So we keep those guys in our heart. That win was for them."

Josh Paschal earns game ball **from Mark Stoops**

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Back at UK Media Day, Kentucky head coach Mark Stoops entered his press conference teary-eyed and choked up. Almost instantly, you knew the first few words out of his mouth were going to be heartbreaking.

He first announced starting defensive lineman Josh Paschal had been diagnosed with malignant melanoma in his foot. Stoops followed it up by saying offensive line coach John Schlarman was dealing with a "very serious" illness, that would

later be announced as cancer. Two punches to the gut, back-to-back.

We later found out the team breaks huddles with "JP on three" and they dedicate each practice and game performance to both Paschal and Schlarman.

On Saturday, the Cats gave them one heck of a dedication, and the team celebrated accordingly.

Following Kentucky's streak-ending victory over Florida, Stoops had the immediate opportunity to show his appreciation for Schlarman, giving him the game ball in the locker room.

Paschal wasn't able to be there to celebrate with his teammates, but he expressed his excitement on Twitter:

Today, Stoops finally found a way to celebrate with Paschal and show his appreciation, giving him a game ball at the team meeting:

The Kentucky head coach talked about both game balls in his weekly press conference this afternoon, calling it a "special moment."

"Josh will get his today. We have a team meeting this afternoon," he said. "John, it was a special moment, because as I was talking to the team there was a lot of people you could single out or lot of different groups. There was the defensive line, offensive line, Benny, Terry, a lot of guys played a good football game. But, the tone was set by the offensive line, I always include the tight ends in that."

The players recognize just how special it is for Schlarman to go through chemo treatments and still make it to practice each day without missing a step. It helps them overcome each of their adversities.

"With what John is going through, the way he's handling this, the way he's handling adversity in his life is something that we all respect and for his players to perform the way they did, and the way they care about him just says a lot. I just thought it was fitting to recognize John and all of our players really felt good about doing that. John is a special guy, very talented but also a great example of how you handle the adversity in your life," he said.

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Building a bully: How Kentucky became one of SEC's most physical teams

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You might want to be sitting down for this invaluable piece of football knowledge about to be laid on you.

In the SEC, bigger is better.

Who says so?

Nick Saban says so.

Former NFL general manager and Alabama radio analyst Phil Savage dropped that secret in his book "Fourth and Goal Every Day" with co-writer Ray Glier, about Crimson Tide football. Savage wrote: "So the first point to make about the philosophy in the Alabama football complex when it comes to recruiting is this: Big people beat up little people."

Knowing that is one thing. Identifying, recruiting and developing those big people into players who can play physical football at a high level is another thing entirely. And it's a thing that Kentucky might actually be on the verge of accomplishing.

"We were the more physical team," said UK coach Mark Stoops after his team's streak-snapping 27-16 win at Florida on Saturday night.

But don't just take Stoops' word for it.

"I think our physicality is going to be something this team — and we've talked about it constantly — they have to continue to work on," Florida coach Dan Mullen said afterward. "And it starts in practice."

"You have to be physical to win consistently in this league," Stoops said Monday. "I thought (Saturday) was a great example of that."

Others are noticing as well.

"Florida is going to be okay," wrote long-time SEC analyst Tony Barnhart for TMG College Sports. "They just got lined up and whooped by Kentucky the other night. Right now Kentucky looks like the second best team in the East. Georgia, Alabama, Auburn, LSU and Kentucky are the most physical football teams in the SEC."

So how does that happen? How does a Kentucky get mentioned with traditional conference powers Georgia, Alabama, Auburn and LSU when it comes to physical play in the nation's toughest league?

How do you build a bully?

"I think it's just a constant process since I've gotten here," said Stoops, who has preached physicality since he arrived in 2013. "Coach (Corey) Edmond and Mark Hill, our strength guys, do a wonderful job. And it's just about having that mentality. It takes time. And it takes recruitment and development."

"I've said that from day one. You recruit big, athletic-looking guys and you develop them into SEC offensive and defensive linemen. You're starting to see that."

It was noted in the preseason that the 2018 edition appeared to be a bigger, stronger version of Cats. "We look more like an SEC football team," observed athletics director Mitch Barnhart at UK's media day.

You want not just big guys, but big, athletic guys. In his book on Alabama, Savage says Saban values flexibility as much as size. "Indeed," he writes, "a member of Alabama's player personnel staff told me, 'If a player can't bend, Coach doesn't want him.'"

For Kentucky, we're not just talking on the line of scrimmage, either. Look at starting quarterback Terry Wilson, the junior college transfer who stands 6-foot-3, weighs a sturdy 205 pounds and, as he proved at The Swamp, can move. Against the Gators, Wilson rushed for 105 yards on 10 carries. His longest run was 31 yards. He scored on a 24-yard touchdown run.

"He makes this offense so much more deadly," Benny Snell, UK's star running back, said afterward. "You can't predict what he's going to do."

Of course, Snell had quite a night in Gainesville himself, rushing for 175 yards, his 14th career 100-yard rushing game at UK. And surely his bulldozer-type style sets a physical tone for his team.

"He's a dynamic back," Stoops said. "He gets very, very tough physical yards."

Still, to use another old football cliché — because it's true — you win up front, in the trenches. Kentucky controlled the line of scrimmage Saturday, gaining 303 yards on the ground while holding Florida to 128 as the Cats not only snapped a streak but made a statement. Muscle matters, as does mentality. Football remains a physical game.

He could barely put his pads on last spring. Now he's a weapon for Kentucky football.

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Even warming up is a bit peculiar for Max Duffy.

"It took a bit to figure out the clapping," laughed Duffy, Kentucky's first-year Australian punter, on the circular whole-team warm-ups done before each practice and games.

And don't get the sophomore punter started on the equipment.

"Going from kicking with nothing to kicking with pads and helmets takes some getting used to," Duffy said.

Just putting those things on his body properly was a complication when he first arrived in the spring.

"There's always questions about what goes where in the pants and what needs to go where when it's put on," smiled UK special teams coach Dean Hood, who asked the Cats' equipment managers to make sure they helped Duffy out.

The equipment gurus were happy to help, as were Duffy's teammates, including former Cats punter Matt Panton, who also grew up playing Australian rules football much like Duffy.

Panton helped Duffy get the pads right, teaching him how to shift them ever so slightly to make them more comfortable for punting purposes.

So much about punting is balance, Duffy explained. And pads and helmets throw that off, especially when players are learning how to do it wearing gear for the first time.

"With my technique, I kind of lean my head a little bit to the left," he said, leaning his head to the left. "And if I lean my head too much to the left, it hits my pad. So I had to get used to keeping my head a little straighter."

Unlike Panton, who kicked at Columbia University before graduating and playing his final season at UK, Duffy came straight to the college game from playing professionally for Fremantle in the Australian Football League before being cut.

There's no bulky equipment used there. And while there are groups there working with Aussie punters to prepare

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them for American football, their gear isn't exactly straight from Nike.

"They normally get secondhand stuff off eBay and try to make it work the best that they can," Duffy explained. "So most of us get these really big linebacker pads. It's not ideal for punting, but it's the equipment we've got."

It took awhile, but the 6-foot-1, 194-pound sophomore seems to have gotten it down. In UK's opener against Central Michigan, he punted four times for a 50-yard average, including placing two inside the 20-yard line.

Duffy stranded Florida inside its own 20-yard line twice in the upset at The Swamp, including his final one that meant the Gators started their final drive at their own 6-yard line.

That was another situation where his Australian rules background left him confused about what happened when teammates down the ball so close to the goal line.

"I thought it had gotten messed up," Duffy confided. "I was like, 'Ugh. I don't know the rules. Is that going to go back to the 20 or not?' So I wasn't sure if I should be happy."

He wasn't used much in the Murray State game, but Duffy's 45.7 yards per punt on his nine punts this season ranks fourth in the Southeastern Conference.

Coaches have been plenty happy with the 25-year-old punter, who is easily the oldest player on the team.

"Max is one of those guys that is very, very mature," Coach Mark Stoops said. "He just kind of goes about his business, does it in a very professional way."

There are plenty of adjustments — beyond the equipment — for Australian rules punters. All of them grew up kicking on playgrounds, so that's the easy part. But like so many others before him, Duffy has had to work on getting the ball off quickly from snap to foot.

And then there's the "total scheme" of it all, explained Hood, who has been working with Australian punters for a long time. UK has to teach them exactly where to launch the ball with each protection.

Duffy has worked hard to make sure he can execute every punt Kentucky needs him to, specifically attempting to master the booming, spiraling kicks out of the pocket.

"They do a great job over there teaching them the pocket punt, which for them is the most difficult because everything they do is on the move," Hood said. "That's what comes natural to them because that's what they've been doing since they were little bitty."

While some other Australian punters have been content to just pooch kick in those situations, Duffy has worked hard to get it right, his special teams coach said.

"It shows you how hard he's willing to work," Hood said. "He's a tireless worker and he wants to be great."

Duffy doesn't mind the work, and he's found the transition to college football in America — even the clapping part — fun.

"A small thing like punting, you can get too worked up at times and then it's a bit of a head battle," Duffy said. "I'm just trying to stay relaxed. I'm loving it and enjoying it over here. I'm going to keep having fun."

He's become a weapon already for unbeaten Kentucky, which faces No. 14 Mississippi State on Saturday at Kroger Field. The Cats punted seven times last year against the Bulldogs.

"He's been very, very helpful for us," Stoops said. "He's a confident player. He's talented, can punt the ball a lot of different ways. And he has a good feel for it for not playing much football."

Coach Stoops, UK football team to be honorary pallbearers for 4-year-old hit near stadium

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The University of Kentucky football team and Coach Mark Stoops will be honorary pallbearers at the funeral of a 4-year-old boy who was hit by a car during a football game last weekend, according to the boy's obituary.

Marco Shemwell died Monday after being struck by a car Saturday on Cooper Drive. The alleged driver of the car, Jacob Heil, 18, was charged with driving under the influence, according to police.

Members of the UK Police Department, UK Healthcare and the pediatric intensive care unit were also listed as honorary pallbearers in the obituary for Marco.

"Marco had a big personality and smile

that would light any room. His spirit was full of joy and captivated anyone that had the pleasure of knowing him," according to his obituary. "His love for life, family and Jesus was infectious."

Marco's obituary went on to say that he liked Legos, Batman, dance parties in the kitchen and Kentucky Football.

Visitation for Marco is scheduled from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Sunday at Calvary Christian Church in Winchester. Funeral services are scheduled for noon on Monday at the church. Scobee Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

Instead of flowers, the family is asking for donations to be made to Calvary Christian Church in Winchester, the Kentucky Organ Donor Association or the Kentucky Children's Hospital, according to the obituary.

In the obituary, Marco's family thanked "everyone for the overwhelming response of prayers, support and love during this difficult time."

Benny Snell shatters record, scores 4 touchdowns in win over MSU

**By Derek Terry
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Benny Snell took the handoff from quarterback Terry Wilson in the fourth quarter and burst through the left side of his offensive line. Nine seconds later, Snell became Kentucky's all-time leader in career touchdowns.

More importantly for Kentucky, Snell delivered four touchdowns and 165 yards in one of the most dominating performances by the Wildcats in recent memory. Kentucky, powered by Snell and a suffocating defense, defeated No. 14 Mississippi State 28-7 on Saturday night.

"He's Benny," head coach Mark Stoops said after the game. "He really is. He'll be the first one to credit the physicality of the offensive line but he has a determination about him and a toughness and vision. And he's Benny. He's done -- he doesn't surprise me because once again he's a dominant football player and he deserves the credit that he gets as well."

Snell continues to etch his name at the top of the Kentucky record books. He broke the all-time career touchdown rush-

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ing record as a sophomore while leading the Southeastern Conference in yards with 1,333. Already a back-to-back 1,000 yard rusher, Snell is well on his way to capturing yet another 1,000 yard season. Through four games, Snell has 540 yards. He's averaging over six yards per carry.

"It was a long time coming," Snell said of breaking Randall Cobb's record. "I'm very blessed. I want to just give a side note with that; my O-line, my tight ends, I'm nothing without them. Especially with the receivers blocking on the outside, they do such a great job getting movement and getting me to the end zone. Without them I'm nothing. But I'm very happy. I'm very happy I've got the record. That's just one down. We've got more to go."

Snell's performance should further cement his status as one of college football's best players. Mississippi State entered the game with the No. 11 ranked rushing defense. The Bulldogs were only allowing 85 yards per game in their first three games. Kentucky had surpassed that mark as a team by halftime.

Still, Snell took off in the second half. Three of his touchdowns came in the final 30 minutes with two of the touchdown runs coming in the fourth quarter. Offensive coordinator Eddie Gran said Snell running all over opponents is no surprise because he sees him in action every day. However, running for four touchdowns is nothing to downplay.

"You can contribute that to our offensive line," Gran said. "They did an unbelievable job. Guys downfield blocking and Benny being a great running back."

Kentucky's defensive players, which might have played their best game under Mark Stoops, love to watch from the sideline as Snell runs through defenses.

"Benny lives right across the street from me," senior linebacker Jordan Jones said. "He's from Ohio. That's my brother. When I see Benny turn up, it turns me up. It hypes me up. I love watching him play, man. He's a great player. Great."

Josh Allen unstoppable in UK's 28-7 win over MSU

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Josh Allen returned to Kentucky for his senior season to play in games like this.

The team's defense overall contained No. 14 Mississippi State's offense and held it to only 201 total yards and a score, but it was Allen who made all the difference for Kentucky's defense as he was seemingly unstoppable at getting pressure on the Bulldogs' quarterback Nick Fitzgerald.

"I came back for a reason," Allen said following the team's 28-7 win over MSU. "And this is the reason I came back, to get better and be a dominant player in the SEC — and in the country."

Allen's pressure had a visible impact throughout the game on the Mississippi State offense but it was in the second half when he and the defense truly dug in.

Following an interception thrown by Kentucky quarterback Terry Wilson, the Bulldogs' offense drove to Kentucky's 25-yard line to close out the third quarter. The start of the fourth quarter saw Allen take over. He got it started with a tackle for a loss on Fitzgerald on a designed run. Allen followed it up with another rush that left the Mississippi State offensive line with few options other than to hold on the play.

"I was trying to get me another," Allen said. "That's all I was thinking about. Because that was my first one, all game."

From there the Bulldogs' offense unraveled. The penalty left them facing 2nd and 14, then a big sack from Calvin Taylor made it 3rd and 34. A false start and an incompleting on 3rd and 39 followed for Mississippi State, resulting in a punt on what could have been the Bulldogs' best chance at tying the game.

That sequence was the highlight from Allen and the rest of the defense on a night where they accomplished quite a feat for Kentucky.

"He's a dynamic player," head coach Mark Stoops said. "He was very hard to block tonight."

The Bulldogs entered the game averaging 311.7 yards rushing per game, which ranked No. 5 nationally, and 587.7 yards of total offense. Kentucky held them to 56 yards on the ground and to 201 total

yards, with a majority of those coming on a 15 play, 80-yard scoring drive in the second quarter.

Allen said after the game that he knew from the first pass rush of the game that the Bulldogs offensive line wouldn't be able to stop him. He showed it throughout the night and led a truly dominant performance from the Kentucky defense.

"We knew we had them," Allen said. "We knew we were going to win that game. Defensively, we knew we were going to win. And we went out in the second half and showed them that we play real football here now. We're here. We want to let everybody know that we're not going nowhere."

Cats' incredible start shows Stoops' patience and persistence is paying off

By John Clay
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Less than 12 hours after her favorites had shut down Mississippi State, the Kentucky fan I ran into Sunday morning asked the most pertinent, albeit rhetorical question.

"How long have we waited to have a football team like this?" she said.

Well, let's see, the wait for a team finally ranked in the Associated Press college top 25, as the Cats are at No. 17 on Sunday, has been since 2007. The wait for a team that has started 2-0 in the SEC has lasted much longer, over four decades, in fact. Try 1977.

And yet, the early lesson of this Kentucky football season, and the lesson of Mark Stoops' six-year tenure as the UK football coach is that for some things you just have to keep the faith, and wait.

"I don't like getting into all these messages that I tell you about with the team or whatever," said Stoops on Saturday after his team's 28-7 squashing of the Bulldogs. "But I talked a lot about ... you reap what you sow and sooner or later you're going to get paid and you're going to benefit from that. And you don't know when."

Now is when.

Since he arrived in 2013, the former Florida State defensive coordinator has built his program slowly, steadily, one

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recruiting class at a time, one facility upgrade at a time, one developmental step at a time. In a microwave society, the win total has followed suit, from two in 2013, to five each in both 2014 and 2015, to seven each in 2016 and 2017.

From the final year of the Joker Phillips regime through the first three seasons under Stoops, Kentucky was 14-34 overall and 4-28 in the SEC. Over the last two seasons, plus the first four games of this campaign, UK is 18-12 overall and 10-8 in conference play.

True, impressive starts do not guarantee impressive seasons, even when that start includes snapping a 31-year losing streak to Florida by beating the 25th-ranked Gators in Gainesville, or besting 14th-ranked Mississippi State by three touchdowns before a raucous-in-the-rain home crowd. There are eight games to go, however. At least.

"We have another opportunity to prove it seven days from now," Stoops said Saturday.

And yet, there is enough talent, depth and physical presence to make you believe this is a team built not on the sand of a quick-fix solution, but on a hard-rock foundation that can stand the test of a long season. This is a team that lost its starting left tackle seven days before the opener and is still 11th nationally in rushing offense. This is a team that lost a starting defensive tackle before the start of training camp and is 11th nationally in total defense.

That's recruiting, followed by development. "We've got some dudes on this team," said tight end C.J. Conrad on a night when he made a catch he termed the best of his entire career — middle school, high school or college. "Those guys making plays out there are our best players."

Some of whom we've barely met. One of the more telling plays Saturday came with 8:09 left in the fourth quarter, UK up 14-7, when Mississippi State quarterback Nick Fitzgerald's pass overshot its target and landed in the arms of a UK safety named Tyrell Ajian.

Who's that? I would be lying if I didn't admit that same question was asked in the press box. The practically unknown redshirt freshman from Mansfield, Ohio, stepped in for the injured Jordan Griffin

to return his first career interception 35 yards and set up, on the very next snap, Benny Snell's 36-yard score. "We've just got a lot of guys who can make plays," said safety Mike Edwards.

The process of collecting and coaching and developing those guys might have taken longer than some would have liked, but patience is a virtue. So, too, is persistence. Kentucky's football season is far from over, but no one could have asked for a better start. No one.

"You've got to keep on working and keep on doing it," Stoops said Saturday, "and eventually you're going to get paid many times over."

Mark Stoops, Kentucky football silencing doubts one week at a time

**By Jon Hale
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Perhaps this is the one that will finally silence the doubters.

Despite winning its first three games, including a victory at a ranked Florida team to snap a 31-game losing streak in the series, Mark Stoops and the Kentucky program entered Saturday's game against No. 14 Mississippi State as double-digit underdogs.

The Bulldogs' vaunted rushing attack, which averaged more than 311 yards per game, was supposed to be too much for the upstart Wildcats. Mississippi State was supposed to be the marquee team that offered a reality check about the quality of Kentucky's hot start.

But as the final seconds wound down in what turned into a convincing 28-7 Kentucky win, the confidence of Stoops and his players that this Kentucky team was different than its predecessors was vindicated.

"I get tired of it," Stoops said. "We're knocking the dang doors down one at a time. Knock a door down every seven days is what we're trying to do, because one of you will come up with something."

"I don't want to hear anything about (stopping) this running quarterback. I don't want to hear anything about teeing it up for a home game and not playing good. What other doors do you guys got?"

Stoops is right: Each marquee moment in his rebuilding effort has been met with another question.

When Jojo Kemp asked, "Why not Kentucky? Why not us?" after a 2014 upset of South Carolina, the question was whether UK could reach a bowl game.

When the Wildcats broke through that barrier, it was whether they earn a marquee win. A 2016 upset of Lamar Jackson and Louisville answered that question, but the next set of doubts arrived shortly thereafter.

Could the Wildcats end the Florida streak? Could Kentucky win a bowl game? Could the team contend in the SEC East?

Stoops and company answered the first of those questions earlier this month, but that historic victory was not enough to convince even 50,000 fans to show up for the next game against FCS-foe Murray State. And until a late-week marketing blitz that included a flash sale of \$10 tickets in Eastern Kentucky, it appeared unlikely the crowd for the Mississippi State game would approach anything close to capacity.

But that push paid off with an announced crowd of 60,037, and even if the actual people in the stands on a rainy night did not quite reach that number, the fans at Kroger Field more than made up for any empty seats with its enthusiasm and effort.

"We need it like that," Stoops said. "That's what we do. That's what we play in the SEC, that's the environment we're supposed to play in. And it makes a difference. Because when they're loud and the offensive line can't hear the snap count like that, it's very hard to block Josh (Allen)."

It's that crowd that offers reason to hope the latest question answered will be the one that is looked back on as the moment Big Blue Nation fully bought into football again.

Because for whatever reason, Stoops' best wins had come on the road before Saturday. That's not the case anymore.

The home fans finally had their moment to feel how special not only winning, but dominating a ranked SEC foe could be.

"I saw this picture on ESPN: Everybody picked Mississippi State," senior linebacker Jordan Jones said. "Same when we played Florida, everybody picked Florida."

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We keep proving people wrong. I don't know what else we have to prove. We still have a long season to go, and we're not done yet."

As with the win at Florida, which looks better by the week thanks to the Gators' subsequent blowouts of Colorado State and Tennessee, this was not Kentucky winning with tricks, lucky breaks or last-second field goals.

This was Kentucky lining it up against one of the most physical teams in the SEC and beating it at its own game. It was Kentucky controlling both lines of scrimmage, riding another dominant performance from Snell and a vastly improved defense and avoiding the crippling mistakes that plagued Mississippi State throughout the night.

There will be a segment of pundits and fans that chooses to see the game as an indictment of Mississippi State instead of Kentucky proving itself, but there is no argument for keeping Stoops' team out of the top 25 anymore. The Wildcats debuted at No. 17 in the USA TODAY Amway Coaches Poll and the Associated Press poll.

And there is little reason to pick any other team in the SEC East as the best candidate to challenge Georgia for its preordained division title.

"We're here," senior linebacker Josh Allen said. "We want to let everybody know we're not going nowhere."

That's convenient. Because we've almost run out of reasons to doubt them.

Is the 'old Jordan Jones' back for UK? Yes, but with a bit of a twist.

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Jordan Jones might never lead Kentucky in tackles again like he did as a sophomore.

During that breakout season, the Cats linebacker stockpiled them, getting 109 tackles, including 15.5 for loss and four quarterback sacks.

He was all over the field, but he doesn't necessarily have to do that these days.

"Everybody's used to (Jones) being a tackling machine," Coach Mark Stoops

said on his radio show last week, "but our team's making more tackles, they're spread out."

And then there's the issue of Jones still coming back from shoulder surgery this offseason and then being limited in fall camp by other injuries.

There are signs that he's bouncing back, though, like the another eight-tackle game in the upset win over No. 14 Mississippi State on Saturday night, or the career-high four pass breakups in the victory the week before over Murray State.

"I just saw the old Jordan Jones back," fellow inside linebacker Kash Daniel said of the senior after that win over the Racers.

"The guy's been through a lot of ups and downs this offseason with the injuries and stuff like that, so to see him go out and do his thing last Saturday, to see the old Jordan Jones was really fun to see."

But it's not totally "the old Jordan Jones."

It's Jordan Jones with a twist.

"I'm glad I'm finally not getting penalties and stuff," said Jones, who became almost as well known for his discipline problems on the field as his tackle collection. "I'm playing the game how it's supposed to be played."

In his first interview in nearly a year, the 6-foot-2 Kentucky senior from Youngstown, Ohio, said he's working hard to put that part of himself in the rearview mirror.

Like the part that involved in a brawl on the field with Louisville players including quarterback Lamar Jackson as well as other issues like "undisciplined penalties," as his head coach dubbed them.

There were others, too, like a back-and-forth with Southern Miss fans on the road that included him spitting and cursing at them last season.

Jones hopes he's turned a corner on all of that.

"I just realized it wasn't only hurting me, but it was also hurting my teammates," Jones said after the victory over the Bulldogs at Kroger Field on Saturday. "Getting 15-yard penalties. You saw it today, Mississippi State kept getting like 15-yard penalties and kept helping us out. I just realized that it's not only hurting me, it's just hurting my team."

Jones still comes with boundless ener-

gy. He can still be seen having animated conversations with teammates and opposing players on a regular basis, but coaches seem optimistic that he has matured.

"He's doing some good things, he's been more disciplined," defensive coordinator Matt House said last week of Jones, who is fourth on the team in tackles this season with 24. "We certainly need him to continue to do that and improve even more."

With Jones missing so much of the spring and parts of the fall coming back from injuries, there wasn't a ton of time for UK's inside linebackers to develop the kind of communication and rapport they need to play effectively together.

But Jones made it easy, said Daniel, one of the few new starters on UK's defense.

"We had to get the chemistry part down real quick," Daniel said. "I love playing with Jordan. He brings that energy, brings that edge. Whenever I feel down, he always picks me up."

It's been a good mix in the middle for No. 17 Kentucky, which faces South Carolina at Kroger Field on Saturday night.

"I think they're working well together," Stoops said of Daniel and Jones. "The two of them together, I'm happy with."

As for Jones, he's just happy to be playing again.

"It was pretty tough having to get treatment and stuff everyday, getting down on myself just because I wasn't healthy, but I kept putting in work every day and then everything worked out for the best," the senior said.

Jones is working on himself in other ways, too.

"I just learned a lot from last year," he said. "I was a whole different person, a whole different player, too."

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UK's Jordan Jones 'learned a lot' from controversial junior season

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The start to Jordan Jones' 2018 season has been relatively quiet.

And that's good news for the Kentucky senior linebacker.

"Just playing for my team," Jones said after Kentucky's 28-7 win over Mississippi State. "I'm glad I'm finally not getting penalties and stuff. I'm playing the game how it's supposed to be played. I'm doing it for my boys."

This season there has been no video showing Jones spitting toward opposing fans from the UK bench or high-profile Twitter fight between a teammate and a former UK player over Jones' on-field antics or arguments with his own coach after a fight with a rival quarterback.

While Jones has not quite matched the form that saw him rank third in the SEC in tackles two years ago, he has been productive as part of an improved Kentucky defense instead of a freelancer running sideline to sideline to make up for teammates' deficiencies.

Against Mississippi State, Jones combined with fellow linebacker Kash Daniel for a fourth-down stop in the fourth quarter that essentially wrapped up the win for Kentucky.

"I've been here for four years, and finally, everybody is on the same page," Jones said. "It's just a great feeling."

On-field production has rarely been the question for Jones.

Instead, the same high-energy personality that spurs his best performances has too often resulted in poor decisions like the fight he helped spark with Louisville quarterback Lamar Jackson in the regular-season finale last season and the back-to-back personal foul penalties he was flagged for later in that game.

Speaking to reporters for the first time since those incidents, Jones pointed to his change in priorities without being prompted.

Asked to clarify how he has grown, Jones pointed to a conversation with UK coach Mark Stoops that made him realize

the error of his ways.

"I just realized it wasn't only hurting me, but it was hurting my teammates, getting 15-yard penalties," Jones said. "You saw it today. Mississippi State kept getting 15-yard penalties and just kept helping us out."

Mississippi State was penalized 16 times for 139 yards in Saturday night's game, including four unsportsmanlike conduct penalties.

For the most part, Jones and his Kentucky teammates were able to maintain their composure without retaliating.

"I don't want to throw attacks at (Mississippi State) about what was going on, but there's a point sometimes when you have to accept things for your team," said Stoops, speaking of his team in general and not Jones specifically. "It takes a stronger man and it takes a big person to swallow that bad pride and have good pride and do that for your team. There were many cases of that tonight."

Stoops elected to handle any punishment for Jones in the wake of the Louisville fight internally without suspending him for any part of the Wildcats' 2017 Music City Bowl appearance last December.

"There's parts of it with Jordan or any player that sometimes it's easy just to say the easy thing to do to save my reputation is just get rid of players, but that's not what I'm going to do," Stoops said at the time. "This is not about me and what people perceive me as. Just kicking kids to the curb or getting rid of them or dismissing them, that's the easy thing to do sometimes. The hard thing to do is continue to work with them and develop them and making them a very constructive piece of our program and society, because that's what I told them I would do when I recruited them."

"I know Jordan's background and where he comes from and the difficulties and the struggles that he's had. That doesn't make it an excuse, but it means something to me to not just kick him to the curb and continue to help him grow and become the young man I know he can be."

Thus far, that approach seems to have worked for Jones, who spent much of the offseason rehabbing from spring shoulder surgery.

Through four games Jones has totaled

24 tackles, 1.5 tackles for loss, four pass breakups and two quarterback hurries. He has yet to be flagged for a penalty this season.

"When I get mad, I just walk away now," Jones said. "My teammates will come up and grab me."

Neither Stoops or Jones has suggested the senior linebacker is perfect.

At one point Saturday cameras appeared to show Stoops yelling at Jones after he was forced to call a timeout. At another point, an official pulled Jones aside for a lecture after a heated exchange following a third-down tackle.

But a year removed from a junior season bookended by the spitting incident at Southern Miss and fight against Louisville, Jones appears to have made progress.

"I just learned a lot from last year," Jones said. "You guys know how it was last year. I'm a whole different person, a whole different player too, which is a good feeling."

Patience pays off for Mark Stoops at Kentucky

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A steady rain pelted the turf at Kroger Field on Saturday night as Kentucky's players waded through jubilant fans to the locker room after not just beating then-No. 14 Mississippi State 28-7, but beating up the Bulldogs physically.

Offensive tackle E.J. Price, his face soaked with a mixture of rain and sweat, summed up perfectly this whole "New Kentucky" mantra that has engulfed the Bluegrass and carried the Wildcats to their first 2-0 start in the SEC since 1977.

"That's how you dominate. That's who we are," Price barked. "You keep pounding until they quit."

Thanks to some patience -- a rarity these days in big-time college athletics -- by athletic director Mitch Barnhart and the Kentucky administration, not to mention coach Mark Stoops' steely determination to build this program from the inside out, the Wildcats are in a position to keep pounding with the kind of strength in both lines of scrimmage, depth and experience that this program has rarely sniffed over

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the past 40-plus years.

Not only did Kentucky rework Stoops' contract last year to where he would receive an automatic one-year extension for every season he wins seven games (with a \$250,000 raise) and a two-year extension for every season he wins 10 games, but Barnhart has made sure UK has become fully invested in football. The facilities have been upgraded significantly. The Wildcats have kept up in the staff arms race, and their recruiting budget has also increased.

"The administration here has been phenomenal, and it's not made me panic, cut corners or do things the wrong way like a lot of people do and shoot for the quick fixes because everybody gets a quick trigger by Year 3," said Stoops, who in his sixth season at Kentucky is tied with Auburn's Gus Malzahn as the second-longest tenured head coach in the SEC at the same school.

"I wasn't interested in this place if everybody thought it was going to be a quick fix because I knew it wasn't going to be. You don't turn Kentucky around by getting a few players and then all of a sudden win in this league. The people in charge have been extremely helpful in this process and have given me the support to do it the right way, and they've believed in what they've seen."

Stoops, the youngest of four brothers from the famed Stoops coaching family, has admittedly tired of hearing all of the reasons why you supposedly can't win consistently at Kentucky. He jokes that "we're knocking the dang doors down one at a time."

And for perspective on what kind of challenge Stoops faced when he arrived in 2013, the Wildcats' most recent winning record in the SEC came back in 1977 when Art Still was playing for Kentucky and Bear Bryant was still five years away from retiring as Alabama's head coach.

So, yes, it's a hard job. But Stoops in his grind-it-out, Youngstown, Ohio-bred way, is showing that it's not an impossible job.

"The guys are bigger and stronger, and you can see it," Kentucky senior tight end C.J. Conrad said. "All summer, I was looking at our team and thinking, 'We've got some dudes on this team.' You combine that with playing with that chip on your shoulder, and you're going to get results.

You see all of the guys who are making plays for us, and those are our best players, guys who've been around here for a while. It takes time."

With South Carolina coming to town on Saturday (7:30 p.m. ET on the SEC Network), it's yet another chance for Kentucky to prove that it may indeed be the most equipped team in the SEC East to unseat Georgia, which visits Kroger Field on Nov. 3. And that's not to suggest that Stoops or anybody on Kentucky's team is thinking about anything other than what's right in front of them. After all, the Wildcats have been on the cusp of breaking through and finishing with a winning record in the SEC each of the past two years only to fall short.

"We're built for this. We came back for a reason," said Kentucky pass-rushing whiz Josh Allen, one of a handful of seniors who returned to school after contemplating a jump to the NFL. "With coach Stoops, I love that guy. You look at what he's done around here and the way he's changed this program. I want to help him do that and help him be the coach he can be. We've got his back. We've got Kentucky's back. We've got everybody's back who believes in us, and we're going to keep pushing."

Stoops has been able to create depth, never an easy thing at Kentucky, and he has also stockpiled experience. Of the 22 starters in the Mississippi State game, 19 were in at least their third year with the program, including 12 seniors.

It's also no coincidence that so many Ohioans are playing key roles on this Kentucky team. Stoops, with his deep Youngstown roots, has been able to go into neighboring Ohio and sign talented players. Naturally, Ohio State and Michigan get most of the A-listers in that state, but Stoops has also won a few recruiting battles and has been especially adept at convincing those players who once might have gone to Wisconsin, Michigan State or somewhere else in the Big Ten to come play in the SEC at Kentucky.

Case in point: In the Mississippi State game, nine of Kentucky's 22 starters were from Ohio, including junior running back Benny Snell Jr., who rushed for 165 yards and four touchdowns in the win over a Bulldogs' team featuring multiple future pros in its defensive front. That's after

Snell rushed for 175 yards earlier this month in the win over Florida, which was the Wildcats' first over the Gators after 31 straight defeats.

"I can say that this team is different," said Snell, who rushed for 1,333 yards and 19 touchdowns as a sophomore. "We're going to run it down a team's throat over and over and over again until they're tired and can't take it. That's what we're good at, to keep pounding. In the third and fourth quarter, I'm under the pile and can hear the defense [breathing hard]. That's when you know that you've got 'em. They're tired."

"I'm proud of this offense. We can go against anybody, and I'm just speaking facts."

Equally impressive has been Kentucky's defensive prowess. The Wildcats are tied for seventh nationally in scoring defense (13.3 points per game) and are 11th nationally in total defense (279.5 yards per game). They're big and physical up front, and with Allen leaving a vapor trail when he comes off the edge, they also have what it takes to get after the opposing quarterback. Moreover, they have as many as five players in the secondary who have a real chance to play in the pros based on the feedback Stoops has received from NFL people.

"We know to win that it takes so many players in so many different areas," Stoops said. "You've got to have that depth. That's what we've been doing these last few years, building that and piecing it all together. Now we have some guys across the board with the talent that everybody else in this league has and the right kind of experience."

In the past, Stoops might have had a Bud Dupree or a Za'Darius Smith, both of whom are now in the NFL, but didn't have the other pieces around them. And as much as anything, Stoops has created a physical presence that has permeated a program that was once known for not being able to finish games.

It has been just the opposite this season. In two SEC games, the Wildcats have outscored Florida and Mississippi State by a combined 41-6 margin in the second half.

"You've got to put it all together, and the guys in this league are damn good, physical monsters, and you've got to be able to match up with them across the

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board," Stoops said. "We knew we were building toward that. You go through those ups and downs and go through trying to throw stuff against the wall when you're maybe trying to disguise some personnel. We're not having to do as much of that now."

The Wildcats enter the South Carolina game ranked No. 17 in the Associated Press poll, the first time they've been ranked in the AP poll since the 2007 season. The Wildcats climbed as high as No. 8 in the polls that season under Rich Brooks after beating eventual national champion LSU, but finished the season unranked after losing four of their last five games in the regular season. Kentucky has also beaten South Carolina four straight times, so forgive longtime UK fans if there's some uneasiness about getting too giddy about this 4-0 start.

Conrad said this team is far too mature and has come too far to get ahead of itself before the calendar even flips to October.

"It comes down to our leaders," Conrad said. "We have to stay grounded and absolutely will. We wanted this. We wanted to change this program, but we are far from done and are going to keep this thing going."

Kentucky football is already there. This is now about others believing

By Gentry Estes
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To hear Kentucky coach Mark Stoops tell it, there was no celebrating, no dancing in his team's locker room Saturday night.

"It's routine now," said Stoops, cracking an approving smile.

Kentucky football is 5-0 for only the second time in 34 years.

Routine? Hardly.

But the point was more that Stoops really likes this team, which has won five games by double-digit margins — three against SEC opponents — and is acting far from satisfied. Saturday's 24-10 victory over South Carolina never seemed in jeopardy despite UK's scoreless second half and relatively shaky finish. But multiple players, as if backing up Stoops' observation, bemoaned the performance.

"We celebrated," cornerback Derrick Baity said, "but I feel like it wasn't usual because we didn't play up to our standard."

Yes, Kentucky, the day has arrived where the Wildcats can find faults in a two-touchdown win over South Carolina.

That goes for the Wildcats themselves.

As for their supporters, that was a different matter.

Kentucky's fans turned out in force Saturday night. They were fired up. They impacted the game, and afterward collectively departed while chanting and cheering loudly.

Among those blue-clad masses, some wearing "Hei26man" shirts (Get it? Star running back Benny Snell wears No. 26), the University of Kentucky enjoyed an atmosphere before, during and after Saturday's game that felt kind of like, well, a football school.

For all the smirks and scoffs the football-school line would elicit throughout the rest of the Southeastern Conference, something has been happening here that is only beginning to be widely recognized, both by Kentucky's own fan base and college football at large.

"I mean, we know people are going to disrespect us, just being Kentucky," running back A.J. Rose said. "Now I hope we are waking a lot of people up and people are starting to see that this program is for real. We take football very serious here."

From recruiting to results, Stoops' progress with the Wildcats in recent years has often gone unnoticed or disbelieved, explained away by a weak SEC East, some flops in high-profile games and a lack of star power. The NFL hasn't drafted a Kentucky player since 2016 despite the program reaching two consecutive bowl games after a five-season absence.

The SEC's media picked UK among the bottom of the league again this season, despite Snell, an offensive line well-stocked in recruiting and a defense that had several NFL prospects choose to stay as seniors, thus extending the draft drought but greatly strengthening this team's leadership.

Few noticed, it seemed, that this roster had the pieces in place to be pretty good in 2018.

The talent level on the field has been improving, and it is obvious. What has largely been missing, however, is what

Kentucky got Saturday off the field: Overwhelming support.

Kentucky had only sold out this stadium twice in the past two seasons. In its past four games that featured sold-out crowds — Florida in 2017, Georgia in 2016 and Auburn and Louisville in 2015 — Kentucky lost.

The question of support isn't all on UK's fans. They've been let down plenty of times.

And that's what made Saturday night so significant, perhaps as much if not more than last week's demolition of Mississippi State.

How typical would it have felt for Kentucky to lose to South Carolina after last week's sterling performance and subsequent national ranking? Had that happened, it would have been so easy to dismiss the success so far this season — fans and foes alike — and reach a verdict: "Same old Kentucky."

But no. This isn't the same old Kentucky.

It's a hungry team that feels disrespected and doubted and is playing like it.

"Every week, people are going to doubt us," linebacker Jordan Jones said. "We're just here to come prove everyone wrong every single week."

There is much left to prove. That trip to Texas A&M next week looks treacherous, a November date with Georgia even more so.

But as Kentucky continues to prove college football wrong, Saturday felt like it was more about proving Big Blue Nation right. And while it might not yet be something to celebrate, the bandwagon for Kentucky football keeps growing larger — despite basketball season growing closer.

Superman has returned. He is wearing No. 41 for Kentucky.

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Mark Stoops has had some darned good edge pass rushers in his coaching days.

As Florida State defensive coordinator, Stoops had Bjoern Werner, the 2012 ACC Defensive Player of the Year. In Stoops' early days as Kentucky head coach, he had Bud Dupree and Za'Darius Smith, each of whom are still drawing NFL paychecks.

Yet after current UK outside linebacker/rush end Josh Allen decimated his third

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straight Southeastern Conference offense of 2018, Stoops said he's never coached an outside pass rusher that played better than Allen is now.

"I can't say that I have. I really can't," Stoops said. "He's a really dominant player."

No. 17 Kentucky whipped South Carolina 24-10 Saturday night before a sellout Kroger Field crowd of 63,081.

For UK (5-0, 3-0 SEC) it is the first time the Wildcats have won their first five games of a season since 2007. It was the fifth straight Cats victory over the Gamecocks, making South Carolina (2-2, 1-2 SEC) the only SEC program not named Vanderbilt that the Cats have beaten in five consecutive seasons.

Just as he did in UK's prior SEC victories over Florida and Mississippi State, Allen wreaked havoc in the Gamecocks' backfield.

The 6-foot-5, 260-pound product of Montclair, N.J., put up a gaudy stat line: Eight tackles, four tackles for loss, three quarterback sacks, one QB hurry and a forced fumble.

Allen's unrelenting pass rush helped harry South Carolina quarterback Jake Bentley into three costly interceptions.

"Josh Allen makes my job easy," said UK cornerback Derrick Baity, who had one of the three UK picks. "But that's Josh. He's a great, great player."

With the UK offense following a dominant first half (24-3 halftime lead) with a stagnant, penalty-filled second half, the Cats' defense was left to finish off the victory.

Allen rose to that challenge. With South Carolina in a must-pass situation throughout the second half, Allen seemed to get stronger and stronger.

Sack number two came in the midst of a 20-play South Carolina drive in the fourth quarter that chewed 7:41 off the clock and yielded no points.

Allen's final sack came against Gamecocks backup QB Michael Scarnecchia on South Carolina's next-to-last play from scrimmage in the game.

On the Gamecocks' final play, Allen settled for a QB hurry that forced Scarnecchia to throw incomplete.

"You get (Allen) in predictable pass, he's very hard to block," UK's Stoops understated. "He really disrupts things."

Allen is playing like a potential SEC Defensive Player of the Year. To use a basketball term, he is a "stat stuffer."

In UK's streak-busting victory at Florida, he had five tackles, 1.5 tackles for loss, a sack, a QB hurry and pass breakup and the game-clinching forced fumble.

Last week, as Kentucky throttled then-No. 14 Mississippi State, Allen had six tackles, two tackles for loss, one sack, one hurry and a pass breakup — in addition to inducing the rattled MSU offensive tackles into six false-start penalties.

South Carolina did not make it as easy on Allen as Mississippi State did. Unlike MSU, the Gamecocks usually helped their tackles with an additional blocker.

"They were chipping him, as they should," Stoops said. "They were putting a back on him and trying to take some shots to try to hit him in the ribs. Nothing illegal ... Just good, strong, chip blocks. He's going to get that."

For his part, Allen said he preferred his output vs. South Carolina to his stellar showing against Mississippi State.

"Definitely this week," Allen said. "Get the sacks rather than the pressure."

It turns out, the best player on the Kentucky offense and the best player on the UK defense enter games in a personal competition.

Wildcats' star Benny Snell says he and Allen compete to see if the running back will score more touchdowns in a game or the defender will record more sacks.

Snell scored a single TD vs. South Carolina. Allen's three sacks trumped that.

"He always tells me he's going to match me," Snell said. "He outmatched me today."

Kentucky has not had a defender so consistently dominant against SEC foes since Art Still during the 10-1 season of 1977.

On Saturday night, Allen became the first UK player to record three sacks in an SEC game since Marlon McCree vs. South Carolina in 1998 and the first Cats player with four tackles for loss in an SEC contest since McCree against Florida in '98.

"Big-time players make big-time plays in big-time games," Allen said. "That's what I live by."

If Josh Allen keeps this up, there's no telling where this magic-carpet ride of a football season may take Kentucky.

Josh Allen bringing to mind another UK defensive star from New Jersey

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Josh Allen is going to need a bigger trophy case.

UK's stellar outside linebacker/defensive end picked up his third SEC Defensive Player of the Week award on Monday after recording three sacks in the Cats' 24-10 takedown of South Carolina on Saturday night.

Remember, the college football season is just 5 weeks old.

Allen "is playing some incredible football," said UK Coach Mark Stoops on Monday, who then stopped himself from kicking the praise meter up a notch before settling for he's "playing as well as I've seen."

On the season, Allen has six sacks and 10.5 tackles for loss. He has 33 tackles overall, third on the team behind linebacker Kash Daniel and safety Darius West, who have 37 tackles each.

The week before, in UK's 28-7 win over Mississippi State, Allen was all but unblockable, chasing Bulldogs' quarterback Nick Fitzgerald afterward. Asked to compare the two performances, Allen said he preferred his South Carolina game. "I got some sacks in this one," he said.

This Kentucky football team is doing some things that haven't been done since the 1977 team went 10-1. The 2018 team is the first to start 3-0 in the SEC since that 1977 team. This 2018 team is the first to beat back-to-back ranked opponents since that 1977 team.

And that 1977 team was led by an outstanding defensive end from New Jersey named Art Still. Allen is from Montclair, N.J. Still is from Camden, N.J.

Still was a consensus All-American in 1977 who went on to play 12 seasons in the NFL — 1978-87 with the Kansas City Chiefs; 1988-89 with the Buffalo Bills. He made the Pro Bowl four times and is in the Kansas City Chiefs Hall of Fame.

So I'm not ready to put Allen in the Art Still category quite yet. Still might have been the greatest defensive player to ever pull on a Kentucky uniform. Instead, let's just say Josh Allen is starting to make it a conversation.

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'I like this vibe.' UK stars talk about unusual first meeting.

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What could turn out to be one of the most important relationships in Kentucky football history didn't even start on the football field.

It started at Memorial Coliseum during a volleyball match last winter.

That's the place where Benny Snell first met Terry Wilson, who was on a recruiting visit trying to decide where he would finish his college career after a season in junior college after transferring from Oregon.

"We were at the volleyball game when they played Nebraska; it was a tournament game, I think," Kentucky's quarterback recalled. "And I got introduced to Benny."

Snell remembers it well.

"If you come here, we're going to make it happen," Snell said he promised Wilson at the time. "I'm going to be beside you and give you the extra effort every trip. I'm that running back who's going to give you extra. We look back on that, on some brother stuff."

Wilson had a good feeling in his gut about Snell.

"I was like, 'All right. I like this vibe. I like this vibe,'" Wilson said. "He's stayed to his word. He does that. Every day he comes ready to work and ready to execute. That's Benny Snell."

It's a combination that has proven to be game, set, match for opposing defenses in the first five games this season against No. 13 Kentucky.

Snell and Wilson have combined for 939 yards and 11 touchdowns on the ground. Those numbers alone would make them the nation's No. 46 rushing offense right now, just ahead of Texas Christian (929 rush yards with eight scores).

"Me and Benny are close. That's my brother," Wilson said after a recent game. "He works so hard, he's passionate. I have to calm him down sometimes because he gets too riled up. He's awesome on film."

It's on film that Snell sees things from Wilson that the average football fan might not.

"The pocket will be collapsing or the

play will go straight downhill and he'll make something happen," Snell said of Wilson. "He'll make something out of nothing. ... I'm glad to be beside him every snap."

Preparing for them next to each other every snap is less fun apparently.

Texas A&M has the Southeastern Conference's top rushing defense this season, holding opponents to just 85 yards per game and five touchdowns.

But the Aggies will have a big test in Kentucky on Saturday because of Snell and Wilson, Coach Jimbo Fisher said Monday.

Of Kentucky's star runner, who just eclipsed 3,000 yards rushing in just his third season on campus, Fisher said: "He's just constantly moving the chains.

"He's strong and he's powerful and all of a sudden he breaks out. He's very patient. He finds space in places there aren't spaces or shouldn't be. It's going to be a huge challenge."

Snell has an innate ability to take a 1-yard run and turn it into an 8-yard run, the head coach said.

Fisher added: "Line does a great job, he finds holes, wiggles and then all a sudden, he's out there for 'boom,' big play."

Snell isn't the only explosive concern for the Aggies this weekend.

"The quarterback's dynamic, so you can't forget and totally commit there because he's so explosive in how he moves," Fisher said of Wilson.

If the defense doesn't keep leverage on UK's signal caller, he'll make it pay.

"He can run," Fisher said of UK's sophomore QB. "You get caught up in that run game and then they throw the deep ball over your head."

Explosive is a word used often to describe both players. When combined, they've become a nightmare for defensive coordinators five games into the season.

Snell and Wilson have combined for 17 runs of 15-plus yards already this season. There are 20 offenses nationally that still don't have that many runs of 15 or more yards.

Add in Wilson's passing prowess — he's thrown for 595 yards and two touchdowns through five games, connecting on 66.7 percent of his throws — and the explosive factor grows exponentially.

Each player has been the benefactor of the "pick your poison" defensive mindset.

For the most part, defenses have been forced to play UK straight up and not stack the box against Snell, offensive line coach John Schlarman said last week.

"That's a testament to Terry and how he's coming along," Schlarman said of Wilson, who is averaging 179 yards a game in total offense. "They really respect his game throwing and running, so you have to play honest."

The fact that Wilson brings that extra dimension to the offensive attack makes defenses "a little bit nervous because he could pull one and take it the distance," Schlarman said.

As Wilson becomes more comfortable with the offense and more bells and whistles are added, it could become even more interesting.

A fake toss from Snell to Wilson out of the wildcat formation against Mississippi State two weeks ago is one of several additions that Cats coaches hope will continue to confound defenses.

As he learns on the job, it's been a comfort for Wilson in his first handful of games to know Snell is beside him, just like he promised at that volleyball match when they met in December.

"He takes a lot of the load off my shoulders," Wilson said. "Not everything is on me. He does a great job. ... He's such a reliable back and when it's time for him to put the team on his back, he can do so."

How Josh Allen went from 2-star to potential first round pick

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When Josh Allen signed with Kentucky in February 2015, he was considered by just about everyone as a virtually meaningless late throw in to the Wildcats' 2015 recruiting class.

The third-lowest ranked prospect the Wildcats signed that year, Allen was viewed as at worst a late reach and at best, a sleeper who could potentially develop into a reliable backup as a senior.

After all, Allen was ranked as a 2-star prospect by the industry average 247Sports Composite, the No. 2,121 prospect nationally, barely a top-100 prospect

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at his position and a top-50 player in his own state.

Fast forward four years later and instead of seeing spot snaps, Allen has become a living, breathing nightmare for opposing offensive tackles, having not only transformed himself into one of the best defensive players in school history, but a projected first round pick in April's 2019 NFL Draft.

Recruiting, and more specifically recruiting rankings, are an inexact science but at Kentucky, it's happened more often than you think. In recent years, Bud Dupree, Avery Williamson, Randall Cobb, Danny Trevathan, Larry Warford, Wesley Woodyard, Jacob Tamme and Stevie Johnson all went from unheralded recruits to NFL starters and All-Pro caliber players.

Texas-San Antonio defensive lineman Marcus Davenport, the No. 14 overall pick of the New Orleans Saints in the 2018 NFL Draft, was also a former 2-star prospect. But just because what Allen has done isn't unprecedented doesn't mean it's any less special.

John Fiore, Allen's high school coach at Montclair High School in New Jersey, says recruiting is all about relationships and it's those relationships that led Allen to Kentucky but first to ... Monmouth?

How exactly does a potential future first round pick end up committing to Monmouth? Allen's journey to Kentucky began in Montclair with a three-year detour through Abbeville, Alabama.

"He was one of five kids living in a small apartment. That house wasn't big enough for everyone so his brother moved to Abbeville. Then, they swapped and Josh went to Alabama for three years," Fiore said. "When his older sisters went to college Josh's senior year, his mother gave him the option to come back and he did, which was probably one of the best decisions of his life."

It didn't take Fiore, who has helped produce over 60 FBS and FCS players over the last eight years at Montclair, long to realize he had something special.

"He was a wide receiver there. He didn't have any defensive film," Fiore said. "We made him a defensive end and before the end of our first scrimmage I was telling Boston College you gotta offer this kid. I think he had three sacks and an 80-yard touchdown at wideout."

Fiore says with Allen, it starts with his DNA. It's in his blood. His sister, Myisha

Hines-Allen, was a McDonald's All-American who went on to play at Louisville before becoming a second round pick of the Washington Mystics in the 2018 WNBA Draft last April. His uncles were also mid-major Division I basketball players.

"You knew he had the ability to be a special player based on genetics alone," Fiore said. "After that first scrimmage vs. Saint Joseph against Division I players he was just dominating with not even a month's training on how to be a defensive lineman."

Even still, there wasn't much interest from the homestate school Rutgers, who Fiore tried to convince Allen was a slam dunk.

"There's one Division I school in the state and if Rutgers doesn't offer, they think something is wrong with the kid. We have one school that can give out 25 scholarships a year. They can't all go to Rutgers," Fiore said. "These are the kinds of decisions that get people fired. It's not the 5-star, it's the kid in your own backyard where you don't listen."

So, Fiore used his connections at another in-state school further down the trough at Monmouth.

"Scott Lakatos was an (FCS) guy I had a good relationship with. He trusted me and they offered," Fiore said. "I took Josh down for his official and he verbalized. I told him, 'You're getting a steal,' all the while being honest with them that I was still trying to get him an FBS offer."

Enter Kentucky, where late decommitments from DaVon Hamilton (Ohio State) and Jason Strowbridge (North Carolina) had opened a spot for a defensive lineman in the Wildcats' 2015 class.

"I called Jim Matsakis at West Orange (N.J.), whose brother, Louie, was at Kentucky. He called up [then-defensive coordinator] DJ Eliot, they met Josh and he was on a plane at 1 o'clock and he's been a starters since Week 4 of his freshman year. Monmouth's loss was definitely Kentucky's gain."

Fiore is convinced that perception played a role in Allen's recruiting interest, or lack thereof. Allen wasn't ranked higher because he didn't have any offers and he didn't have any offers because he wasn't ranked higher.

"You gotta win the recruiting battle. If you're at the bottom of the conference, you've failed. You suck at recruiting," Fiore said. "Guys like Josh are what make you

a contender in the SEC. You're not going to beat Alabama or Ohio State on a 5-star but if you get a couple 2-star and 3-star guys like Josh, you're whole makeup is different and you're kicking everyone's ass. That's what you have to do."

Kicking ass is one way to describe the havoc that Allen has wreaked in opposing backfields this season, racking up 33 total tackles, 10.5 tackles for loss, 6.0 sacks, five quarterback hurries, two pass break-ups and two forced fumbles on his way to being named SEC Defensive Player of the Week three times already this season.

Allen's strip sack of Feleipe Franks sealed Kentucky's first win over Florida since 1986. He was virtually unblockable in a win over No. 14 Mississippi State and recorded career-highs of 4.0 tackles for loss and 3.0 sacks in Saturday's win over South Carolina as the No. 13/15 Wildcats moved to 5-0 for the first time since 2007.

According to UK's Corey Price, Allen is just the second player since 2000 to have at least 8.0 tackles, 4.0 tackles for loss, 3.0 sacks, and a forced fumble in an SEC win.

His career 20.5 sacks not only rank second in school history and is in range of Oliver Barnett's school record 26 but are more than all but one of the 96 weakside defensive ends ranked ahead of him in the 2015 class.

But none of that would have been possible if Allen hadn't made the decision last spring to return to Lexington for his senior season.

"Look at the special decision he made," Fiore said. "His family is not well off. He has a baby and he would have been drafted fourth or fifth [round]. He's going to graduate and how many more millions of dollars did he make himself by coming back?"

Allen's physical transformation, going from 210 pounds as a senior in high school to 260 pounds as a senior in college, has also taken his game to the next level.

"Here's what I've noticed by him staying. If you watch the Georgia game from last season, those big 300-pound tackles were eating him up a little bit," Fiore said. "He's stronger, he's a step quicker, he has a few more moves and he's dominating those kids now. The other thing is he's so much more multiple this year. He's defending the run and the pass. He's not just a pass rusher and it's helped Kentucky's defense."

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Fiore says Allen's special story wouldn't be possible without Allen first being a special person.

"He was always a worker and always wanted to please his coach," Fiore said. "Stars don't mean you're going to make it and not having stars doesn't mean you're not going to make it. We're proud as heck of him. We can point to him and say, 'If you do everything right and trust the process, this is what's going to happen.'"

Consistency, thy name is ... Big George? Senior sets standard for UK offensive line.

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Every Kentucky offensive lineman peeks around the corner into John Schlarman's office at some point during game weeks.

Sometimes they talk about classes or ask a technique question or want a more detailed scouting report on the next opponent.

The Cats' position coach likes to quiz them about their goals for the upcoming game. Most players will offer up something quantifiable: a number of knock-down blocks or a percentage they hope to grade out at on Sunday.

"He just says, 'Coach, I want to play consistent football,'" Schlarman said of the senior right tackle. "It's a great answer."

It's fitting because coaches and teammates argue that if consistency had a name it would be "Big George."

The 6-foot-5, 315-pound senior and former Lakota West (Ohio) High School standout has played 41 games in his UK career.

"He has immense respect from everybody because he's been a professional since he stepped on campus," sophomore center Drake Jackson said of Asafo-Adjei. "He's been a professional in the weight room, in the film room. He's someone who really had to work to learn the playbook, and he did."

A weight-room professional? What does that even look like?

It looks like Big George, teammates said.

Asafo-Adjei was Jackson's lifting partner when the center arrived on campus. "He taught me how to be a professional,"

Jackson offered.

That means doing every single lift the right way, doing every rep to its completion, making each rep have a purpose.

"It's easy for guys when there's just three people in the weight room, it's easy for guys to skip a rep," Jackson said.

"He showed me how to attack the weight room when you're tired, when it's 6 a.m. and you've already lifted three days in a row and Coach says, 'Line up, we're going to go run.' Stuff like that."

For that consistency, for that desire to always do the right thing the right way, Asafo-Adjei was voted a team captain by his teammates before the start of the season.

Jackson assured: "I'm sure he got a vote from everybody on the team to be a team captain."

That meant a lot to Asafo-Adjei.

"Just to know my teammates think that highly of me and they respect me means a lot," he said quietly. "It means the times I did speak up, they did listen. That means a lot."

Although Asafo-Adjei isn't a big talker publicly or in the media, the right tackle is a key voice in meetings and at practice.

"I'm pretty vocal with my team," he said. "Having other people see me as being vocal or not, I don't really care. I want to be real genuine to my teammates, and that's all I care about. I don't care about who sees it or what they think about it."

Asafo-Adjei doesn't even need to use his voice to get a point across.

"Just kind of leads by example, but he grabs somebody if he needs to, kind of straighten you out," Coach Mark Stoops joked of Asafo-Adjei on his coach's show Monday night. "I don't think anybody wants to mess with Big George, because he's a big, intimidating-looking guy."

Who does things the right way. The senior doesn't just say he wants to be consistent. He is consistent.

To Schlarman, consistent means no missed assignments, it means looking sturdy in pass protection and communicating with the players around you.

"It looks like hustling on and off the field, being a leader, congratulating guys when they score touchdowns," Schlarman continued his list. "Picking up a guy when you know he's down because something happened to him."

Consistency looks like Big George.

"He's become a model of consistency for us," his position coach continued. "That's awesome. I'm so proud of him. It's been four years for him to work his rear end off and get to that point. And he just continues to stick with it."

Consistency paid off Monday in the form of a Southeastern Conference Offensive Lineman of the Week award, the third in five weeks for a UK lineman.

It's an impressive group that has helped the No. 13 Cats become the No. 12 rushing offense in the country and the top in the league. Kentucky is tied for second in the conference in sacks allowed with just four.

This week at Texas A&M promises to be a game won and lost in the trenches. The Aggies are the best rushing defense in the conference, permitting just 85 yards a game.

Kentucky is going to need a big game from players like Big George, who had a key block to spring A.J. Rose's 24-yard touchdown run against South Carolina last week.

Asafo-Adjei doesn't care about the statistics, but they were pretty impressive last week.

The senior graded out at 90 percent with two knockdown blocks and 19 blocks at the point of attack. He had zero missed assignments and didn't allow a sack or pressure on Terry Wilson.

"You can't say enough good things about this kid," Stoops said. "He's just an incredible young man, the epitome of consistency, just always there, the players love him."

How does Josh Allen stack up with former Wildcat Bud Dupree?

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When you think of Kentucky football and the current 2018 season, two names immediately come to mind as key reasons for their massive success: Benny Snell and Josh Allen.

We've touched extensively on the star running back over the past several weeks here on KSR, dissecting his run at the Heisman, how he stacks up with other backs historically, and just what makes

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him so special. And I believe most would agree he absolutely deserves it.

With Allen, the Cats have one of the most dominant defensive forces in the nation, and a near-lock as a first-round pick when the 2019 NFL Draft rolls around. He's unstoppable, and the players, coaching staff, and fans know that.

But with so much attention on Snell, Allen may not get all the credit and attention he truly deserves as a superstar. Snell is shattering records and moving up all the charts, but Allen is doing the same thing on the other side of the football.

One guy in particular Allen has his eyes set on from a record standpoint is former Kentucky pass-rusher Bud Dupree, a player that shares a lot of similarities with the senior Wildcat both physically and statistically.

From a pure physical standpoint, Allen sits at 6-foot-5, 265 lbs., while Dupree came in at 6-foot-4, 264 lbs. in his last season at Kentucky. They were both deemed freak of natures on defense in college, terrors to any opposing offensive line.

Over the course of 34 career games, Allen has racked up 4.84 tackles, 0.60 sacks and 0.91 tackles for loss per game, while Dupree averaged 5.25 tackles, .54 sacks and .84 tackles for loss per game. This season alone, Allen has managed 33 tackles, six sacks, and 10.5 tackles for loss.

But they didn't come in as dominant threats or expected stars.

Dupree signed with Kentucky as a three-star tight end with just four scholarship offers, though he soon flipped over to the defense when Joker Phillips' coaching staff realized they needed more of a push on the defensive line.

In four years as a Wildcat, Dupree racked up 247 career tackles, 23.5 sacks, and 39.5 tackles for loss. He was one of the lone bright spots in that stretch between 2012 and 2013 where Kentucky finished with back-to-back 2-10 seasons. By 2014, he was one of the most dominant pass-rushers in the SEC, working his way up to first-round status in the NFL Draft. He was later selected by the Pittsburgh Steelers at No. 22 overall, where he has earned (and kept) his spot as the team's outside pass-rusher.

Josh Allen had an even worse recruiting profile, garnering only a two-star ranking as the No. 2030 overall prospect in

the class of 2015. He only held offers from Alabama A&M, Buffalo, Hawaii, Kansas, and Monmouth.

As a freshman, Allen played in just three games, managing just four tackles, 0.5 sacks, and 1.5 tackles for loss. Coming in as just a two-star, the coaching staff felt he was a diamond in the rough and was confident in him as a future piece, but he would need some time to fill out before he was asked to do much.

In year two, he blossomed into what coaches hoped, playing in all 13 games and racking up 62 tackles and seven sacks in the process. The rest is history, as he would add seven sacks and 10.5 tackles for loss to his total as a junior, where he easily would've been drafted had he decided to put his name in the draft.

With the help of three sacks on Saturday against South Carolina, Allen passed both Jeremy Jarmon and Dennis Johnson on the all-time sack leaderboard at Kentucky to reach 20.5 sacks. He's now just three sacks away from tying Dupree at No. 2 and four away from breaking the record. Oliver Barnett sits at No. 1 on the list at 26 career sacks, meaning Allen needs just six sacks in eight games to break the all-time record.

How he's doing what he's doing is the most fascinating aspect of it all, though. And it's why he edges out Dupree as a pure football player.

Against three solid defenses in Florida, Mississippi State, and South Carolina, Allen has left opposing offensive tackles trembling at the knees. He's drawing holds and false starts, sometimes still forcing sacks and tackles for loss on uncalled penalties. On Saturday, there was absolutely nothing South Carolina could do to even try slowing him down. Allen has confidence that on every single play, he can get to the quarterback, and in most situations he either makes the play or makes the quarterback uncomfortable in the pocket.

The Kentucky coaches and players can't stop raving about him in post-game media opportunities.

Head coach Mark Stoops can't name a better pass-rusher he's ever coached, even topping Dupree's career.

"I can't say that I have (coached a better pass-rusher). I really can't," Stoops said. "(Allen) is a really dominant player

and he's exceptional on his feet as well. Yeah, half the time I wonder why in the world I'm dropping him sometimes because he's not blockable. But he's dang good in coverage as well. He really disrupts things."

"Nobody in the country can block him. No matter who you got, you can't block Josh," safety Mike Edwards said following the Mississippi State victory two weeks ago.

Go down the list, and the quotes are endless. He's one of the most feared, yet respected pass-rushers in all of college football. South Carolina had to throw a gimmicky offense out there with only four down linemen and extra tight ends out wide to force Allen out in coverage. There's double-teaming star pass-rushers, and then there's being so terrified that you have to change your entire offensive scheme to avoid him entirely. That's what Allen adds to this defense, and it's second-to-none.

Bud Dupree was a riveting football player at Kentucky, and he gave us countless priceless moments. One of my favorite stadium atmospheres of all time was at the South Carolina game in 2014 when Dupree returned a pick-six to win the game. It brought Grove St. Party to life.

But to give credit where credit is due, Allen has slowly overtaken Dupree's throne as Kentucky's most dominant outside rusher over the last few decades, and he'll have the record to show for it in a game or two.

And by the end of the season, odds are pretty darn solid Allen will top Barnett's record and work his way into the top-15 of the NFL draft boards, if not higher.

Benny Snell said it best following the South Carolina game: "He does such a good job getting pressure on the quarterbacks, getting sacks. I couldn't imagine going against him in a game situation."

Snell Yeah: Why Kentucky's star feasts on slights like he does defenses

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It only takes two interstates and two hundred miles, tracking north and slightly east from Lexington, Kentucky, to find the

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people and place that built Benny Snell Jr. into this force of nature he is today: a 5-foot-11, 225-pound powder keg of angry running and unapologetic self-promotion that has dragged UK football, like so many defenders, into the spotlight with him.

The ingredients are all here, in this suburb of Columbus, home of the Ohio State Buckeyes. Benny's square-jawed, barrel-chested father, Ben Sr., looks like he hasn't skipped a day at the gym since playing at Ohio Northern and retiring from a professional football career that included the XFL, NFL Europe and a season on the Baltimore Ravens' practice squad. Benny's great uncle, Matt Snell, rushed for 121 yards and the only touchdown in Super Bowl III for Joe Namath's Jets.

So, yes, it's in the genes — Ben Sr.'s nickname on his XFL jersey was THORO, short for thoroughbred — but it's in the training, too. The son's youth football career was just cranking up as his father's playing days wound down, so Ben poured all of his newfound free time into teaching Benny the finer points of playing running back. First lesson: How to ignore your own pain and make the other guy feel it instead.

To stand at the bottom of Westerville's Hoover Dam and stare up at the 98 steps it takes to reach the top is to understand how Benny always seems to churn his legs just as hard, maybe harder, in the fourth quarter as in the first. Ben Sr. used to run the 108 steps at William McKinley's tomb in Canton as a kid and recreated that rigorous routine for his son in middle school: up and down five times, then 10, then 15, then 20, sometimes backward or carrying weights, always with the same ultimate goal.

"Finish strong" was Benny's marching order then, and it's his calling card now.

All of this helps explain the physical specimen he's become, but what about the edge with which he plays? Why does his movie-star smile vanish (besides those extravagant mouth guards) and a stone-cold killer appear when he straps on a helmet? His mother, April, who has been listening to Ben Sr. try to explain it for a while now, quietly slides an answer across the table.

This is the fuse that ignites him.

She's pulling out old photos and newspaper clippings of her two beloved Bens, when one jumps out from the

pile: There's 10-year-old Benny, wearing a replica Ohio State uniform, kneeling in front of that signature silver helmet, with a football tucked securely into the crook of his right arm. All of his childhood dreams are written right there across his chest, the block-lettered "BUCKEYES" and the No. 10, just like Heisman-winning Ohio State quarterback Troy Smith.

"Every kid wants to be the hometown hero," Snell Jr. told *The Athletic*. "And I want to say this: If Jim Tressel was still the coach, I feel like I would be. I'd be at Ohio State. I know how Jim rocked — Jim rocked hometown — but Urban Meyer came in, and everything was different."

And now, so is Benny's face, having flipped from grin to grimace as the conversation turns from his love of trash talk to a single snub that he can't — or at least won't — let go. This now 20-year-old man suddenly looks a lot like the boy half his age in that picture, the one who already had mastered a mean mug that says, "You want a piece of me?"

(Even way back then, no, they didn't. Opposing parents and coaches were so concerned about the baby-faced battering ram that they routinely stopped pee-wee games and demanded to see a birth certificate. The Snells kept a copy handy until they finally took mercy and moved him up to play against older boys.)

About four years ago, the way Benny sees it, Meyer essentially took that treasured photograph and all the hope it represented, balled it up and tossed it into the trash without so much as a second thought. But Snell can't stop thinking about it: The Ohio State University, whose iconic stadium is just 18 miles from Westerville Central High School where Benny bulldozed his way to almost 4,500 yards and 56 touchdowns in his final two seasons, didn't want him.

No matter how much good fortune has followed, the sting of that rejection remains.

"It's forever in my heart," Snell said even now, as he's rewriting Kentucky's record book, leading the SEC in rushing, basking in the glow of an undefeated start for the 13th-ranked Wildcats and mounting a dark horse Heisman campaign with the launch of his own website. What would be the best thing about getting invited to New York as a finalist for college football's most prestigious award? "To have a big, fat, 'I

told you so' to everybody — the doubters, the haters, Ohio State. I'll be able to look back and say, 'I told you so.' "

Just five games into his junior season at Kentucky, Snell could go ahead and say that. He was a Freshman All-American in 2016, first-team All-SEC as a sophomore in 2017 and now sits 10th in the Vegas odds to win the 2018 Heisman Trophy. He's already third in school history with 3,063 career rushing yards and just broke Randall Cobb's record with his 40th career touchdown.

The complete list of SEC players with more scores than Snell before their senior season is a short and decorated one: Herschel Walker (49), Tim Tebow (43), Derrick Henry (42), Mark Ingram (42) and Darren McFadden (41). That's four Heisman winners and one runner-up, McFadden, whose consolation prize was winning the Doak Walker Award for the nation's top running back — twice.

Imagine looking at the guy who is on pace to surpass all of those legends and saying, "Too slow." Those two words are all it took for Ohio State and other Big Ten powers to dismiss Snell as a recruit, his former coach at Westerville Central remembers.

"I've been quiet about that," John Magistro said. "Someone called me the other day from *The Washington Post*, and I've had Kentucky (media) people ask, 'Is it the Ohio State thing that bothers him most?' I played it off — it wasn't just Ohio State — but when it's in your backyard, yeah, that's what bothers him most.

"I couldn't get too mad at Ohio State with the recruits they had, but there were some other schools — I'm not going to mention names — that I was like, 'You guys aren't interested in Benny Snell, really?' Nope, too slow, they said. All of them: Too slow."

Magistro shakes his head at those words.

"Too slow?" he says, expelling that notion one more time. "I don't know if he'll ever run a 4.4. I don't have any idea what he runs. I don't care. Emmitt Smith didn't run a 4.4. But you just can't outwork him. That's what separates Benny from so many others."

Kentucky fans' goals for Snell are just as high as his own. (Mark Zerof / USA TODAY Sports)

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Magistro loves to tell the story of a spunky, 145-pound kid on the scout-team defense who was admirably, if foolishly, determined to challenge Snell in practice. Snell was equally resolved to run him down like roadkill each time they met, and did. The team's defensive coaches pleaded with Magistro for mercy until he finally asked Benny to ease up.

"He goes, 'Coach, that's how I practice,' and guess what? I went back and told my staff, 'That's how Benny practices,'" Magistro remembers. "I'd watch Benny drag him for five yards and worried every day that he was going to kill that poor kid. But I told our coaches, 'I'm not telling Benny Snell not to practice hard because he's got something special in him that I'm not taking away.' He practices harder than anyone I've ever seen."

When he's back home on breaks, Snell carries a bag packed with cleats, cones and a football everywhere he goes, just in case an old teammate calls and wants to work out. Westerville's athletic director, Andy Ey, displays an autographed magazine cover featuring Snell in the school's trophy case, but he's prouder of a July 4 text message on his phone from Benny.

While most of America was at a pool or parade, grilling out or setting off small explosives, Snell wanted to know if he could get into the weight room. "He is so intense," said Ey, who brought him the keys, "it almost scares you."

That isn't news to the defenses at Florida and Mississippi State, both of which committed a cardinal sin last month when it comes to Benny: underestimating him. The Gators and Bulldogs took pregame pot shots, said they either didn't know or weren't impressed by Snell, who consumes disrespect like a Super Mario mushroom.

He ran for 175 yards on Florida in Week 2, 165 and four touchdowns on Mississippi State in Week 4, chirping while he worked, and then posted Photoshopped pictures on social media of himself strong-arming an alligator and tucking a bulldog under his arm like a football.

"It surprises me," Snell said of the fact that opponents keep poking the bear. "If you want to talk this or that, you better come back it up, because I'm bringing all fire behind me."

With it, he's burning down old ideas

about what he and Kentucky football could be.

In addition to leading the SEC in rushing attempts (115), yards (639) and touchdowns (8), the supposedly plodding Snell has more runs of 20-plus yards than anyone else in the league in 2018. He's already busted a 52-yarder this year and broke a 71-yarder last season. The latter, because it flies right in the face of the biggest knock on his game, is Benny's favorite run so far in college (although he spoke to The Athletic before his video-game spin move for a touchdown last week against South Carolina).

"I always tried to tell the college coaches: There's a difference between your 40 time and your game speed. And in the game, ain't too many guys tracking his ass down," said Justin Pawcio, Snell's running back coach at Westerville Central and a former high school teammate of Ohio State legend Maurice Claret. "You can just tell when a guy is a thoroughbred. Look at their legs, and watch how they work."

But even with a front-row seat, even if they squinted, the Buckeyes apparently couldn't see it. To be fair, neither could conference rivals Michigan, Penn State or Michigan State — or really any other top-tier college program. If Kentucky hadn't hired Ohio natives Mark Stoops and Vince Marrow as head coach and ace recruiter three years earlier and correctly bet that scooping up OSU's leftovers in that state would be a sound strategy, the Wildcats might have missed on Snell, too.

Those who've evaluated him with anything other than a stopwatch remain as dumbfounded now as they were then.

"In my heart, I knew Benny was going to do what he's done," said Magistro, who coached former NFL and Ohio State star Joey Galloway in high school. "But then when some of these Division I recruiters who see a lot more players than you do are saying, 'Coach, we've got guys faster than him,' you start getting in your own head. Are they right and I'm wrong? You doubt yourself. Maybe there really are guys out there better than Benny Snell. But no, you finally watch him play at Kentucky and go, 'He is what I thought he was. He's for real.'"

That anyone ever thought otherwise makes Mike Bell so mad, he wants to

scream. So the Columbus youth league coach, a rabid Ohio State fan with a speaking style not unlike Cedric The Entertainer, screams. It's really just at the end of his sentences, for emphasis, and complements the exasperated flapping of his arms.

"How did he get out of here?" booms Bell, who claims to have identified greatness in Snell after seeing him dominate just one pee-wee practice. "I've been heated at my Buckeyes for years about this! You say he's not fast, but he stays in the end zone! Not too slow to be a scoring machine! And I know some fast dudes that ain't got one touchdown! Tell me what's fast for if you can't get it done? G-I-D, baby! Benny gets ... it ... done!"

The man has a point. Consider: Snell was ranked the 56th-best running back in the Class of 2016 and rated a three-star prospect (read: slightly above average) by the 247Sports Composite. The top nine running backs on that list — four- and five-star recruits who signed with Penn State, Alabama, Arkansas, Michigan, LSU, Georgia, Ohio State, Florida State and USC — have combined for 40 career rushing touchdowns. Same as Snell by himself.

And what became of the two four-star, top-10 backs that Meyer chose over Snell that year? One has just four carries this season for the Buckeyes, and the other transferred after rushing for 318 yards in two seasons at Ohio State. That hasn't slowed down the Meyer Machine, which just keeps adding the next big thing every signing day, from going 28-4 since Snell left for Lexington.

Ohio State is No. 3 in this week's polls, seemingly destined for another College Football Playoff appearance. So maybe Benny wouldn't have made much of a difference there. But he sure has at Kentucky.

The Wildcats, unranked for more than a decade, are now just 10 spots behind those Buckeyes and own an identical 5-0 record that has Big Blue Nation dreaming of its best season since 1977. It's fitting that the biggest surprise in college football is being driven by Snell and Josh Allen, a former two-star recruit who now leads the country in tackles for loss and the conference in sacks.

"When you get labeled as an athlete, you have to go out and prove to these schools that you're not what they say

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you are,” April Snell said. “Benny always thought, ‘Three-star? No, I’m a five-star.’ He’s brought a little confidence to this team, a little smack-talking, and even Josh would probably say, ‘I’m going to show these teams they miscalculated. I’m not a two-star.’ I think that’s a lot of players at Kentucky, a lot of guys with different backgrounds who want to show, ‘You missed on me. You missed on us.’ ”

The underdog angle has served Snell so well, so long — first it was a youth coach who wanted to move him to tight end (Ben Sr. turned in his equipment the same day), then a high school program that didn’t play freshmen on varsity and wouldn’t start a sophomore over two seniors, then the cold shoulder from Ohio State, and finally the notion that his college numbers weren’t that impressive because it’s just Kentucky — that it’s hard not to wonder: How will he maintain that edge now?

SnellYeah.com launched last week to help promote Benny for the Heisman and other national awards, and his list of doubters is suddenly shorter than the sad stack of Power 5 scholarship offers he had coming out of high school. “Snell Yeah” had humble beginnings, on a Kentucky fan’s poster during his freshman season, but Benny liked it so much he got the phrase tattooed in a massive font across his stomach.

“I was almost in tears,” he said. “That was my first recognition, my first sign, my first time anyone said, ‘Yeah, Benny!’ I was like, ‘Snell yeah? I can run with that.’ ”

His family plans to trademark the phrase. Ben Sr. knows exactly how valuable something like that could be. Remember Rod Smart, aka “He Hate Me,” the most famous player (even now) from the ill-fated XFL? Benny’s dad played with him on the Las Vegas Outlaws and takes credit for advising Smart to put that nickname on his jersey.

“I learned a lesson from that,” said Ben Sr., who now shares it with Benny Jr. “Now that you’ve made a name for yourself, it’s time to represent it. You can’t get in no trouble, gotta stand by your brand, make sure you sign all those autographs and take all those selfies — or Snellfies, as they call them now — and do all the things that build up who you are with the people.”

To that end, Benny has turned the most boring, function-over-fashion piece of equipment in football, the mouth guard, into something worth showing and talking about repeatedly on national TV. He has a whole collection of flamboyant options, but the one with a gold spinner that goes wheeeeeeeee! when he breathes has captivated a nation.

Snell is an aspiring rapper, too, and some of his older work — “Freshman Year Benny,” he says — is out there on the Internet. But he has a bunch of new stuff, which he might drop any day now, “and your mind is going to be blown.” The word Heisman might or might not be in one of the lyrics, he says with a grin.

Colleges’ lack of confidence in Snell only emboldened him and those close to him. (Kim Klement / USA TODAY Sports) This is all calculated, like speaking in the third person and declaring himself the league’s best running back at SEC Media Days in July. It’s an overcorrection, his high-volume answer to all those years no one seemed to know his name.

“We never even thought of the Heisman,” April Snell said, “but now his dad is like, ‘If they just say his name in the conversation, then we’ve won.’ So I guess we’ve won. All we wanted was that national recognition.”

It’s worth asking again then: Now that Benny Snell Jr. has arrived, how will he keep the edge that got him here?

“I’m using how late people are” to appreciating him, he said. “It’s so late. Now it’s all coming, this attention. But where have y’all been? And I’m not even done yet. We’re not done yet. We’re going to win way more games, so I’ve got way more to show. The world hasn’t even seen me, this team, what we’ve got.”

For all of its early success, Kentucky is an underdog again this weekend, at Texas A&M, where Snell will face the SEC’s top-ranked run defense and try to outduel Aggies running back Trayveon Williams, who is hot on his heels in pursuit of the league’s rushing title.

By kickoff, Snell will have convinced himself that none of the 100,000-some fans at Kyle Field have ever heard of him and that it’s time to put them on notice. He has a lot of practice with that. Four years ago, as his parents tell it, Ohio State’s coaching staff really didn’t know

who he was at a recruiting camp in Columbus — just a number, one of several running backs there to compete, so go stand over there.

When they visited Kentucky for a similar camp and the coaches called Benny and his parents by their names and treated them like family, Snell knew he’d found a new dream school. In the three hours it took the family to drive back home that day, Benny banished the Buckeyes to the part of his brain where he stores every perceived slight as fuel.

“I’m so happy that I ended up here and not Ohio State,” he says today. “I wanted to be there so bad, but this is what was meant for me. This was my destiny, at Kentucky, for sure. I’m just so happy with everything. I got my chance here, and it all happened so fast, and it’s still going right now. I’m living my dream.”

Meet the true freshman who will start against Texas A&M while Kash Daniel sits

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Every player has a welcome to college or a welcome to the Southeastern Conference moment.

For true freshman linebacker Chris Oats it was last week in the second half against South Carolina.

“As soon as Kash got ejected, my eyes got big,” the four-star player from Cincinnati said of the targeting ejection that ousted starting middle linebacker Kash Daniel, whom Oats backs up.

But a deep breath and a pep talk from outside linebacker Josh Allen helped him calm down a bit and settle into his newly expanded role.

What did Allen say to him?

“I’m capable,” Oats recalled, “he’s seen it the whole summer going against the ones, against our offense, so he knows I can get it done.”

Oats will be going up against a different set of first-teamers on Saturday as the new starting middle linebacker for Kentucky.

The 6-foot-5, 228-pound freshman will start in place of Daniel at Texas A&M while the junior finishes the rest of the mandated first-half suspension from the

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South Carolina penalty. Daniel is the most vocal leader on the UK defense, and with 37 tackles, is tied for the most for the Cats this season.

On Monday, Oats learned he'd be the starter with redshirt freshman Jamin Davis as his backup for the first half.

"Big step, but I believe in myself and Kash believes in me, so knowing he believes in me is big confidence for me," Oats said on Wednesday night after practice. "I've just got to go out and execute."

Has Daniel been pushing Oats extra hard this week, making sure he's ready to be the vocal leader of the defense, setting the defensive line and organizing the pressures?

"It's not just this week, it's been every day this whole season," Oats said. "He's just been like a big brother to me, helping me."

The freshman linebacker earned this starting spot in practice, defensive coordinator Matt House said of Oats, whom he said is long, physical and "really smart for a freshman.

"He had a good week of practice last week, and then in the game it showed," House said of Oats, who had four of his six career tackles against the Gamecocks. "He was physical in the game. The atmosphere wasn't too big for him and I thought he made some plays."

Oats, who comes from the same high school (Winton Woods) as UK safety Mike Edwards, had 79 tackles as a senior last season along with three interceptions and two touchdowns.

The platoon system is back. See why it's working to perfection for UK football.

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Derrick LeBlanc has an unenviable task. Each Saturday, he has to convince seven or eight guys — most taller than 6-foot-3 and weighing more than 300 pounds — to wait patiently for their turn.

Somehow, some way, Kentucky's defensive line coach has made it work.

"Y'all put your trust in me we're going to do big things," junior defensive end Calvin Taylor remembered LeBlanc promising when he arrived last season. "First

year, we maybe had some guys didn't buy in, but this year we've really bought in and we're really close-knit now."

It's never easy to convince seven or eight large linemen to put their individual statistics aside and be willing to rotate in and out regularly with the players at their shared position, but it's a process that's working for the Cats this season.

"We've all bought in," said junior Phil Hoskins, who hasn't started a game yet on the defensive line, but leads that group in tackles with 10, including a sack and tackle for loss.

"When it's game day, everybody's like, 'Oh, Coach, let me in. Let me in.' But we do love the little break. It keeps us fresh, keeps our legs fresh so we can go harder when we get back out there."

Kentucky's defensive line coach has convinced that group that they're stronger together than they are as individuals, that they can scan the stat sheet on Sunday afternoon looking at their own numbers, but that they really need to focus on what the group did the game before.

"The biggest stat is a win, right?" defensive coordinator Matt House said. "And the more you win, the more guys see the results. You look at what you're able to do in rush defense when you're fresh and the guys have bought into that up front."

LeBlanc confessed that "it's not always easy. "Most teams don't play seven guys like we do," he said. "We try to reward them for their work."

So if you've noticed a fair amount of three-and-outs from Kentucky's defense — UK is getting them 41.8 percent of the time this season versus 24.3 percent of the time last season — it might've come thanks to a hungry push from defensive linemen.

"When you get a three-and-out, you get to go back in," explained Taylor, another non-starter, who is second among interior defensive linemen in tackles with eight, including his own sack and tackle for loss. "When you get a three-and-out, the same group's up. If they get four plays, then we switch. It's all fun."

Taylor then uses a phrase that might cause many UK basketball fans to twitch.

"It's a platoon system," he said. "That's what we've bought into. ... I want to see everybody win. That's the mindset we've bought into."

That plan seems to be working.

The eight different interior defensive linemen who have played this season have combined for 47 tackles, 5.5 tackles for loss, 3.5 sacks, four quarterback hurries, three pass breakups and a forced fumble.

With at least seven regular-season games left to play, that group would need just four more tackles for loss and 1.5 sacks to measure up to the defensive line totals for all of last season.

That's all been with a limited starting nose guard in Quinton Bohanna, who has been slowed by an ankle injury early this season, and without likely starter Josh Paschal.

"The strength of that group is the group," Coach Mark Stoops said of the defensive line before the South Carolina game. "There's a bunch of guys playing and they're all playing well."

"They've been unselfish; they're playing hard. It's nice to have that rotation and continue to rotate guys through. ... Guys are just buying into their role."

On the Monday after the South Carolina game, Stoops joked that he might have bragged about that position group a little too much. There were flashes of players being undisciplined and not sticking to their assignments.

"If they start to do too much then there's breakdowns," he said. "There was some of that in this game. That's not for a lack of effort and good intentions and all that. They have great minds and great hearts and want to make plays, but they're too anxious at times."

Kentucky's coaches hope to show those issues to a mostly veteran group and get the problems cleaned up in time for the trip to Texas A&M where the No. 13 Cats will face a dual-threat quarterback in Kellen Mond and the SEC's second-leading rusher in Trayveon Williams.

Meet Josh Allen, Kentucky's dominant defensive playmaker
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The Kentucky Wildcats have been one of college football's most pleasant surprises in 2018, getting out to a 5-1 start and asserting themselves as a genuine threat

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in the SEC East.

One of the biggest reasons for that success wears No. 41 and strikes fear into the hearts of opposing blockers and quarterbacks alike.

A versatile, dominant playmaker, Josh Allen has gone from recruiting afterthought to one-man wrecking ball, establishing himself as one of the best defensive prospects in the 2019 NFL draft class.

Allen recently spoke exclusively with Draft Wire about his unique gridiron journey, why Khalil Mack's dominant performance against Ohio State was a pivotal moment in his football career, how much he loves whipping up some quality BBQ and more.

JM: How would you describe your skill set?

JA: I feel like I'm a versatile guy. I can play on or off the ball. I'm a quick-twitch linebacker. I have good hand placement. I feel comfortable dropping in coverage. I played a lot in coverage last year. This year, my coaches have asked me to rush the quarterback more often. I've put everything on tape. I don't really drop that much anymore but when I do, I feel good about playing man-to-man. I love getting after the quarterback. I love working that speed-and-rip move off the edge. I have a little inside move as well. I'm still working on my game so I can mix things up more effectively.

JM: You were the 47th-ranked player in New Jersey coming out of high school. You couldn't even get a scholarship in-state. Now, you're one of the most disruptive defenders in the nation.

JA: It's been a long journey up until this point. I'm just loving everything that life is throwing at me. Things don't always start as you hoped they would. It's about what you make of it and how you finish. If you just keep working like I do, anything is possible. I'm still working like I did back in high school. I haven't done anything yet, I haven't accomplished anything. I'm working to get where I need to be. I'm not there yet. I'm trying to motivate people to come with me. We're all in this together.

JM: You've been utilized in a hybrid role, but some might feel your best fit going forward will be to play off the ball. What's your opinion?

JA: I believe I'm a versatile linebacker. I can play both. Whoever gets me one day, I'll play whatever they need me to play. On or off the ball, it doesn't matter to me. I'll play safety or corner if they ask me to (laughs). I just wanna do my part to make the team better.

JM: Do you think the word "position" is becoming a thing of the past? We just talked about you playing multiple linebacker positions. You were a 230-pound defensive end in high school. Do we have to pigeonhole players into one spot?

JA: You're absolutely right. The game is changing right before our eyes. There's a lot of big guys that can really move nowadays. You don't have to be a big guy that can just stop the run anymore. We can cover tight ends and be versatile. In high school, we play both offense and defense. I feel like at my position, we can move around more. I can run. Put me at defensive end and I'll get after the quarterback. I can play inside linebacker. I'm just here to play my role.

JM: Playing linebacker comes with so many responsibilities. What are you most comfortable with about playing the position?

JA: I really enjoy rushing off the edge. I like putting a good pass rush together. I love getting the opportunity to go up against a guy one-on-one. I usually get that chance. I believe I can win that battle every time. That's what I enjoy most about playing outside linebacker, the opportunity to rush off the edge.

JM: Walk me through making a play, beginning to end. I'm talking about processing information, coming downhill, everything.

JA: It's all about reading your keys. We study this all week. We're constantly talking about it in our meetings. We're always analyzing our next opponent. I like to study my opponent. Whether that's the left or right tackle, I want to know about them. I want to inform myself about their strengths and weaknesses. I can just key in on that. If I'm doing a job reading the offense, I can tell when they're bluffing. If they're acting like it's a run but I know it's a pass, I can adjust my stance accordingly. As soon as I see the snap, I just wanna make a play. I'm ready to hit something. I

wanna be a play maker and make something happen for my team so we can get the ball back to our offense.

JM: Which players did you enjoy watching while growing up?

JA: I didn't even play defense until I got into my senior year in high school. I had really just gotten into it. I remember watching Khalil Mack play against Ohio State. He was just an absolute beast. I thought to myself, that looks fun (laughs). That game and his performance was an eye-opener for myself. I never played defense before that. I was better as a receiver at a young age. When I moved to Jersey, they asked me to play defensive end. I'll do whatever it takes. I started watching more Khalil Mack and Von Miller. It just motivated me to get to where I am now. I idolize those guys.

JM: Can you believe the Raiders traded Khalil Mack?

JA: I mean, it's a business. They made a business move. I guess they made a smart decision for themselves. I know the [Chicago] Bears are thrilled to have him. I guess it worked out for both parties.

JM: Why do you think it was a smart decision for the Raiders?

JA: He's a great player. They probably felt like they needed something else. I don't know. I'm not in that situation. I'm just going off what everybody else sees. They got two first-round picks out of it and the Bears got one of the best defensive players in the NFL. I guess they're both happy with the outcome.

JM: You grew up playing receiver. Do you feel that your background playing offense gives you an advantage as a defender?

JA: Yes, I do. I have great feet because of my background as a receiver. Growing up, I was constantly working on my feet. My feet are good because I was always working those receiver drills. I have good ball skills as well. When the ball is in the air, I believe I can make a play. I'm trying to go up and go get it. It's the little things like that.

JM: I've heard you particularly enjoy cooking.

JA: I mess around in the kitchen a little bit.

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JM: What's your specialty?

JA: I love to BBQ. Let me throw some hamburgers and hot dogs on the grill. I have a few secret sauces I like to cook up. I can cook a good steak.

JM: I love me some good BBQ. I'm curious to get your thoughts on some of the new NFL rules. Leading with the helmet, landing on the quarterback with your body weight and so on.

JA: It is what it is. I guess they're trying to look out for the safety of the players. I think their hearts are in the right place. It's all about player safety nowadays. It comes with the job. I have to learn how to tackle again. If I get to the league, I won't make that mistake. I'll learn how to play within the rules. I don't want any flags (laughs).

JM: What does it mean to be a Kentucky Wildcat?

JA: It means everything. This is the only team that gave me a chance. They had my back, so I have their back until the end. We're a brotherhood. We're on the come up right now. We wanna shock the world. We believe we can play with any team in the country. If you see us on the schedule, be prepared for a battle. We're taking things one game at a time. I feel like this team is special.

JM: What can fans expect from Josh Allen and the Wildcats for the rest of the 2018 season?

JA: The fans can expect me to be what I've always been; a guy that plays with his heart on his sleeve. I'm a guy that's always out to make plays. I'm a leader both on and off the field. I enjoy being a leader to my teammates. If we're not doing well, I'm the guy who's gonna start that discussion off the field. I'm never gonna settle for less than what we deserve or what I know we're capable of. I'm here to compete every play.

C.J. Conrad's UK Children's Hospital visits are 'bigger than football'

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The kids Kentucky tight end C.J. Conrad

sees each week during his Tuesday visits to the UK Children's Hospital have noticed the Wildcat football team's success.

But even there Conrad cannot escape the most frequent question directed his way.

"Why don't you get the ball more?"

Conrad said with a laugh. "I've heard that one before once or twice."

With a light academic schedule this semester before he graduates in December, Conrad wanted to follow in the footsteps of former teammate Courtney Love in making an impact in the Lexington community.

Like Love, winner of the 2017 Danny Wuerffel Trophy, which goes to college football's top community servant, Conrad wanted to work with children. Freddie Maggard, UK's new director of player development, suggested visiting the Children's Hospital where UK coach Mark Stoops and his wife, Chantel, helped raise \$300,000 for recent renovations.

"It helps me a lot," Conrad said. "Tuesday is a heavy workload for practice. This is kind of like our work day, and this starts my day off really well. To come here and just get away from football for a second, see these kids, see what they're going through, it really helps me get through the week. What I consider a tough day, these kids have it much harder and to put a smile on their face is everything I want to do."

Conrad has been making the visits to the hospital without the spotlight for close to two months now, but reporters were invited along for the ride this week as two UK cheerleaders and the Wildcat mascot joined him for a mini-parade through one wing in honor of homecoming week.

Scratch, the mascot, was met with screams by some frightened children, but Conrad, a team captain for the No. 17-ranked Wildcats, received a much warmer welcome from both the young patients and their parents.

"Life is bigger than football," Conrad said. "Big game this week and we're super excited, but this isn't going to mess up my routine of coming here every Tuesday. ... Just to bring a smile to their faces is what I'm all here for."

C.J. Conrad celebrates with UK fans after Kentucky's win over Florida. C.J. Conrad celebrates with UK fans after Kentucky's win over Florida. (Photo: John Raoux, AP)

Conrad hopes to pass along the tradition of helping in the community to a younger teammate like Love did for him after his Kentucky career ends in December, but he plans to carry a version of the "Tuesdays with C.J." program to whatever NFL city he calls home next year with an eye on creating his own charitable foundation one day.

Whenever his playing days end, Conrad envisions his next career involving working with children, but both his individual and UK's team success makes it unlikely that happens anytime soon.

And even if UK's offense doesn't find more catches for Conrad in the second half, it seems unlikely his new fans at the Children's Hospital will care.

"I make sure I let them know (how the team is doing)," Conrad said. "Did you watch the game this week? They're excited and you can see every week, 'You guys are good.'"

Just like Khalil Mack, Josh Allen embraces his 2-star label

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Josh Allen answers the phone out of breath.

Kentucky is on a bye, and Allen is scheduled for yet another interview. He's getting used to that. A 6-foot-5, 260-pound senior edge rusher, Allen ranks within the top 10 nationally for sacks (6) and tackles for loss (10.5) per game. He's the standout defensive player on a Kentucky team off to a 5-1 start, its best in over a decade.

PFF College grades Allen as a 90 for the season (second-best nationally among edge defenders), and Allen is projected as a first round draft pick in the 2019 NFL Draft. He's a true superstar on a Kentucky campus where that distinction usually belongs to one-and-done basketball standouts.

But back to him being winded.

Despite the fact Kentucky is on a bye and despite the fact Allen no longer has something prove, Allen is running extra after practice.

It's a two-star mentality.

"I'm just really thankful (Kentucky) gave me a chance and a scholarship," Allen told 247Sports. "I can't thank them

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more than I have. I'm doing everything I can to get Kentucky back on track to be a football school."

A likely All-American who's less than a year away from millionaire status, Allen's path is atypical from your usual SEC standout. Allen readily advertises that on his Instagram and Twitter profile, where the label "two-star" is there for the world to see like a scarlet letter.

Some people like to leave formerly unflattering tags behind. Allen wants to be a beacon of hope for others in a similar situation.

"I do that for not just myself but all the other guys out there who feel like they're overlooked, who don't have the stars behind their names and think they're not good enough," Allen said. "I was overlooked coming out of high school, too. But the sky is the limit when you work hard and grind."

Every two-star or unranked player who transforms into a future star has a story of why.

Some were injured or didn't have enough film to impress coaches (like 2017 Arizona Cardinals first rounder Haason Reddick, who missed his high school senior year with a broken leg). Some experienced prodigious growth spurts late in high school or in college, transforming already intriguing athletic traits into special ones (Carson Wentz, who weighed 155 pounds as a high school sophomore). Some players switched positions and thrived (Pro Bowl OT Lane Johnson, a high school QB).

Allen combines all of those scenarios and more.

"It was stressful," Allen said.

Allen earned all-state honors as wide receiver in 2013 at Abbeville High School, a 2A program in Alabama. But he moved home to New Jersey for his senior season, meaning his recruitment would all but start again at Montclair High School; so would his football schooling.

Montclair head coach John Fiore saw Allen's 6-foot-4, 210-pound frame and instantly thought defensive end. Fiore had led Montclair to back-to-back state titles, sending DEs to places like Ohio State and Rutgers in the process. Allen's frame set up perfectly to be his next Division I project. He was long, strong and coachable. After seeing Allen practice with the defense a few times, Fiore called up a

recruiting service and said, "You've got to get down here. I've got a kid who can play anywhere in the country."

That's the same message Fiore attempted to sell recruiters for months.

"I fought with every coach who walked in our building, and we average over 100 Division I and II teams who walk in our building a year," Fiore said. "But nobody wanted to pull the trigger because Rutgers didn't offer."

Recruiting is often sold as a science of evaluation and measurements, but for many schools the identification process on a wide scale is simple. If the large in-state school offers a player in your region, he's worth a look. That never happened for Allen because the Scarlet Knights didn't think Allen would fit.

Kyle Flood's staff saw a skinny 210-pound defender who they didn't think could jump to 270 pounds and play with his hand on the ground in the Big Ten.

"There's some good friends of mine on that staff, and I literally stood on their table in their defensive room telling them they're a bunch of idiots that are about to get fired because you don't take kids like this," Fiore said.

Rutgers fired Flood in November. Chris Ash's staff didn't offer Allen either upon arrival.

With only a year of defensive film and without the in-state power's seal of approval, Allen struggled to establish a foothold despite a 22.5-sack senior season. Monmouth offered, and Allen prepared to play Division II football.

Then a coincidence altered Allen's future and Kentucky's.

A staffer at Kentucky had a brother in Montclair's league, and he'd seen Allen dominate that season. Once relayed to him, the Wildcat staffer called then-defensive coordinator D.J. Elliott and said, "There's a no-brainer here." Kentucky called Fiore the Thursday before National Signing Day to set up a visit. They flew in Friday morning, by 10 a.m. they'd met Allen's mom. By Friday at 1 p.m., Allen flew to Kentucky for an official visit. By Sunday, Allen committed to the Wildcats.

"The rest is history," Fiore said.

A few days into 2015 fall camp, Fiore received a call from Elliott. Fiore had fielded this type of call before. His former player had screwed up or done something

wrong early in his college career, and the school that signed him wanted to consult.

But when Fiore picked up the phone, Elliott sounded buoyant.

"On behalf of the University of Kentucky, we'd like to thank you for Josh Allen," Elliott said. "Josh Allen is the best kid we've ever gotten."

Allen, in only a few weeks, drew compliments from the cafeteria staff, the academic staff and almost everyone in between. Kentucky, a program that came only a few days away from missing on Allen completely, knew instantly it had a special talent.

Polite with a two-star demeanor, it's easy to understand why the Wildcats were so enamored. Despite one of the most difficult transitions of anyone in Kentucky's 2015 class, Allen prospered. He entered as skinny defender with less than a year of experience playing defense, yet he scratched out a role in all 12 games as a special teams contributor.

Allen's progression as a defender is easy to track. These are the weights he's played each season at: 210 (2015), 230 (2016), 230 (2017), 260 (2018). Allen put on 20 pounds between his freshman and sophomore seasons to endure the SEC's physicality. With the NFL in sight between his junior and senior seasons, Allen added 30 pounds to shed the label of a speed rusher who couldn't bang from down to down.

With weight gains came additional speed work as Allen fought to maintain the explosiveness that made him so effective at a smaller size. After four years, Allen said he's faster now with the added muscle than he was before arriving in Lexington. Allen, as many former two-stars are, is single-minded in his workout routines. Pass rush moves are his favorite. Before his senior year in high school, Allen had zero experience with pass rushing. Now, he sharpens his go-to moves between almost every practice segment.

When Allen arrived at Kentucky, he did not know what a field and boundary defense meant. He just knew his job was to hit someone. That changed quickly, too. Allen's spent his freshman year evening absorbing his playbook.

It's worked.

Allen totaled 1.5 tackles for loss as a freshman, 8.5 as a sophomore and 10.5

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as a junior. This year, he's a mid-season All-American and on pace for 21 tackles for loss in the regular season.

"I kept a chip on my shoulder," Allen said. "I knew I'd get there one day. Everything I wanted to do when I got here, I did it. That was one of the goals of mine I'm working toward, to be a first-team All-American. I'm not going to stop until I get it."

Twitter can connect people of all creeds, and sometimes it brings like-minded individuals together. That's the case with Allen and Chicago Bears All-Pro Khalil Mack.

Like Allen, Mack rated as a two-star player out of high school with his only offer coming from Buffalo. Like Allen, Mack was overlooked because of unlikely circumstances. While Allen switched positions and schools, Mack flipped sports, jumping from basketball to football as a senior following an injury in 11th grade that threatened his athletic future.

All two-stars have their path, and Mack and Allen's are now intertwined after connecting on Twitter and later talking on the phone. Allen, who often watches Mack film, plans to work out with the NFL's highest paid defender this offseason.

"He told me my game is further than his was in college," Allen said. "That motivated me right there. But to get where he's at and eventually be better than him is the goal."

Come next April, Allen is likely to hear his name called in the first round. At this point, it's probably worth pointing out that Allen shares a name with Buffalo Bills QB Josh Allen, who went No. 7 overall in the 2018 NFL Draft. Allen hopes to go higher than that Josh Allen, mostly so he can get his name back in Google — "Everybody types my name in and they all tell me they see a white homie in Buffalo."

But on draft night that'll be far from the point for Allen.

He came to Kentucky with the goal of repaying the Wildcats for taking a chance on him. With Kentucky on pace for its first double-digit-win season since 1977, Allen's done that already. He wants more. When Allen finishes his career, he wants his story to be a beacon for two-star athletes everywhere.

"I want other teams to be like, 'Josh was slept on, so maybe I can take a

chance on another guy,'" Allen said. "You just might hit gold."

Kentucky football's defense is among the nation's stingiest

**By Tim Sullivan
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When the winds had subsided, and the goalposts stopped shaking, and shivering fans fled Kroger Field in search of shelter Saturday night, there was warmth to be found in facts.

Kentucky's 14-7 victory over Vanderbilt meant the Wildcats were 6-1, bowl eligible for the third straight year, and still tied for first place in the Southeastern Conference's Saban-free East division.

And — get this — UK now is the second stingiest scoring defense in the entire Football Bowl Subdivision, behind Fresno State. Not Alabama, not Clemson, not even Purdue — has held that line more consistently. Nobody in Power Five college football can match Kentucky's 12.85 points allowed per game.

Imagine that. Then recognize it as reality.

"We're in the SEC," linebacker Josh Allen said. "Every team has a good defense, no matter who you play. ... If we want to win games, we've got to play like that week-in and week-out, keep this level of intensity going, peak higher I guess.

"... As long as they score a touchdown (on offense), we know we can hold a team to zero points."

Because Kentucky's offense is dangerously imbalanced — Terry Wilson threw for just 18 yards Saturday night — its success is predicated on a ball-control attack featuring the formidable Benny Snell and a defense that gives ground as if there were oil underneath.

Allen is its star, a pass-rushing dynamo capable of defending passes downfield, but the unit's effectiveness reflects a broad-based and newfound ensemble approach. Some of the same guys who yielded 42 and 44 points in Kentucky's last two regular-season games of 2017 have shown significant improvement.

Collectively, there is no comparison. Not since 1977 has Kentucky held its first five SEC opponents to 60 points. Not since 1955 has UK held each of its first seven opponents to 20 points or fewer.

"A majority of the guys had the option of leaving, to go to the draft, but we all decided to come back and make big plays and be one of the best defenses in the country," Allen said. "The best defenses in the country make plays like that. It's second nature. We're supposed to do that."

Though Kentucky's first four plays from scrimmage would produce two lost fumbles Saturday night, testing the endurance and the elasticity of a unit forced to spend too much time on the field, Vanderbilt scored only when cornerback Lonnie Johnson lost his footing on a 29-yard touchdown pass.

The Commodores totaled just 12 first downs, averaged 2.2 yards per rushing play, and sustained no drive longer than eight plays. Following their first-quarter touchdown, their next five possessions ended with punts and totaled only 17 scrimmage plays.

"We said that to the defense today, going into the game, that every yard and every point was personal," UK coach Mark Stoops said. "It means something to us. We're trying to do our best to shut them out, hold them as best we can."

Senior cornerback Derrick Baity, who has played on Kentucky defenses that were far more pliable, described a change in tone that has taken hold this season.

"No one's sitting around waiting for the next man to make a play," he said. "No one's buying a ticket for the game (and watching). Everyone's all-in. No one's waiting on Josh Allen, Darius West to make a play. They're going to make a play themselves."

Middle linebacker Kash Daniel, who led Kentucky with 11 tackles Saturday night and met reporters with a new cast on his left hand, detected a different attitude as his teammates prepared for the season.

"From spring ball to winter workouts to summer, guys were committed to getting better each and every day, and honing their craft and being the best version of (themselves)," he said. "A year ago, you had certain guys working extra. This year, it's everybody."

This is the kind of thing that happens as a team evolves from respectable to ambitious, when players can see possibilities that had not existed previously, when a group of guys grows up to discover they are able to compete at a higher level.

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"We want this as bad as we want to breathe almost," Daniel said. "That's how good of a defense we want to be. If we don't come out and play like that every week, we won't get the respect we want."

Respect is earned. Kentucky's defense deserves plenty.

Lynn Bowden was clutch for the Cats. 'I wasn't going home with an L.'

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Lynn Bowden knew he was going to have a big day before the sun started to rise on Saturday morning.

"I just woke up very early, 6 or 7 o'clock, take my normal shower and just something today felt like we needed to shock the world," the sophomore wide receiver said.

That must've been some kind of shower.

Bowden woke up a struggling Kentucky offense with a career night of 166 yards receiving on 13 catches, and he had a punt return for a touchdown that helped spark the No. 12 Cats to the 15-14 victory at Missouri.

As UK's offense had slogged through two quarters, the halftime locker room felt tight. Bowden found running back Benny Snell.

"Lynn was real close to me saying that he's got me," the junior said. "He said, 'I've got you, I've got you.' And I was like, 'I know.' Everything came together."

Bowden repeated similar things to his UK teammates as they got back on the field at Memorial Stadium.

"When I came out at halftime, I said, 'I'm going to put you boys on my back. I just need y'all to bear with me,'" Bowden recalled. "We're going to do this thing."

Everywhere he went, Bowden was like a calming force, even getting in Coach Mark Stoops' ear, too.

The sophomore had noticed openings on the punt return that he couldn't stop thinking about them. Normally the backup on punt return, he knew it was his time.

"He told me, 'I'm going in on punt return,'" Stoops recalled. "I said 'Go do your thing.' He went in on the punt return, got an unbelievable block and scored."

With five minutes to go, Bowden took

his first-ever college punt return 67 yards for a touchdown that put UK within striking distance.

Stoops has coached for a long time. He knows every player on offense wants the ball in his hands at big moments. But there was something different about Bowden on Saturday.

"There's some times there's just a sheer desire in that guy's eyes that he's going to do it," Stoops said. "That's what he had today. He's just an unbelievable competitor and made tough plays all night."

"No environment is too big for him. He's not afraid of anything. He's not perfect but he's going to go play. What he did was special."

Bowden was quietly confident after the victory, too.

"I wasn't going home with an 'L,'" he said. "We couldn't go home with (a loss). We couldn't do it. We've come too far. We've prepared too hard. We've got a chip on our shoulder."

The Miracle at Missouri: How a special Kentucky team saved its best for last

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Nothing had worked right all night. Nothing much, anyway.

Kentucky had switched quarterbacks and back again; thrown short, thrown long; gone for it on fourth-and-short twice and failed; tried trick plays and predictable plays. Nothing worked until it had to work. And then it worked perfectly.

"That," said UK offensive coordinator Eddie Gran afterward, "is one of the greatest drives I've been a part of in my coaching career."

When the unbelievable became the believable Saturday at Memorial Stadium and Kentucky won the football game on the final play — the way so many Kentucky teams have lost games; think Florida and Chris Doering in 1993; think LSU's Bluegrass Miracle in 2002 — you had to stop and ask yourself how did Kentucky beat Missouri 15-14?

"They rose to the occasion," said Gran.

Lynn Bowden rose to the occasion, the sophomore wide receiver who caught 13

passes for a career-high 166 yards, but who made the biggest play of the game by telling the coaching staff he wanted to return a punt. And he did, returning it 67 yards for the touchdown that changed the game, pulling UK back to within 14-9 with 5:18 left in what before that seemed to be a lost cause.

"I told Coach, 'I'm feeling it,'" said Bowden.

David Bouvier rose to the occasion. That final drive, the one Gran spoke of, UK took over at its own 19-yard line, still down five points. Third-and-five at the 24, Bouvier made a terrific catch of a Terry Wilson pass for a 16-yard gain and a first down at the 40.

Next play, Bouvier slipped into an open seam. Wilson hit Bouvier with a strike for 27 yards and a first down at the Missouri 33.

Three plays later, Gran rose to the occasion. A 13-yard pass to Josh Ali took the ball to the Missouri 20. Then Wilson was sacked for a 7-yard loss. UK used its final timeout with eight seconds left. With the ball at the Missouri 27, the home team went into a prevent defense.

Gran went into his bag of tricks, electing not to throw the ball into the end zone, but to have the outside receivers clear out for Bowden, open underneath, who grabbed the pass and scooted down the sideline until he stepped out of bounds at the Missouri 10-yard line with four seconds left.

"We practiced that in fall camp," Gran said. "It was a great job by our kids adjusting and doing what they needed to do, Terry, Lynn, I think it was Tavin (Richardson) out there. It was absolutely perfect."

If that gave UK a final shot, a pass interference penalty in the end zone against Missouri the very next play gave the Cats one more final shot. An untimed down. The ball at the 2-yard line. Do-or-die. One play. Missouri called timeout.

"We were thinking about switching it and possibly running the ball," said tight end C.J. Conrad. "I was like, 'No. I'm winning this game for this team.'"

"There was 0.0 percent chance we were running the ball on that play," said Gran. "We knew they were bringing the house."

Missouri did blitz right up the middle. Wilson stayed firm. Conrad broke his route inside to the left. Tight end and quarterback were on the same page. Pass

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was perfect. Catch was perfect. And in an imperfect game for an offense that has struggled so much over the past three games, the call was executed perfectly.

"Unbelievable," said Terry Wilson.

And, oh yes, the quarterback rose to the occasion. It was a week in which Wilson was questioned and challenged, his head coach saying UK would play "several" quarterbacks on Saturday. And the Cats did, starting Wilson, but subbing in Danny Clark (one play) and then Gunnar Hoak for three series, before going back to Wilson when it counted.

"It's just a mindset," said Wilson, after completing 22 of 31 passes for 267 yards and a score, when asked if he was bothered by everything. "I'm a team guy."

And now, after the Missouri Miracle, this is a Kentucky football team that will play Georgia on Saturday at Kroger Field for the SEC East title.

Said Bowden, "We've got to put on a show."

Kentucky Has Gone from SEC Doormat to Doorstep of the College Football Playoff

By Kerry Miller

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It took a questionable pass interference call from an out-of-position official, an untimed down and a perfect pass from a quarterback who had been benched earlier in the half, but No. 12 Kentucky's improbable quest for a spot in the College Football Playoff lives on after its 15-14 comeback win over Missouri.

Benny Snell Jr. has been sensational at running back for the Wildcats this season, but this was not his day. He finished with just 67 rushing yards. As a result, Kentucky scored three points in the first 54 minutes. It looked like the dream season had come to an end when the offense got stuffed on a fourth-down attempt at the Missouri 3 midway through the fourth quarter.

As has become the norm in SEC play, though, elite defense kept the Wildcats in a game the offense had no business winning.

Missouri got the ball eight times in the second half and did not register a single first down.

Let me say that again: Missouri—which scored at least 29 points and gained at least 393 yards against every non-Alabama opponent it had faced this season—didn't get a single first down in the final 30 minutes against Kentucky. This defense is for real.

It was three-and-out after three-and-out until Lynn Bowden Jr. took one of those punts to the house, bringing the Wildcats back to within striking distance.

Then the unlikeliest CFP contender snatched victory from the jaws of defeat in the unlikeliest way: Terry Wilson went 6-of-6 through the air in a game-winning touchdown drive that—after a first-play sack—covered 88 yards in barely a minute.

That's the same Terry Wilson who was 3-of-9 in the entire game against Vanderbilt last week. It's the same quarterback who had yet to throw for more than 163 yards in a game this season. And yes, it's the same dude who got yanked after Kentucky's first drive of the second half, only to return in the fourth quarter when it became abundantly clear that Gunnar Hoak wasn't doing any better.

The odds of Wilson orchestrating that season-saving drive were slim to none, but his success was a microcosm of this entire fall for Big Blue Nation.

Perhaps we should have realized back in Week 2 that something special was brewing. (Or should we call it "distilling" since it's Kentucky?) That's when the Wildcats won a road game over Florida, snapping a 31-year losing streak against the Gators.

Kentucky didn't just win that game, either. The Wildcats dominated the battle in the trenches and manhandled a team that had beaten them by at least 30 points in six of the previous 10 meetings.

Soon-to-be first-round draft pick Josh Allen and the rest of the Cats have been flexing their muscles on defense ever since. No opponent has scored more than 20 points against the Wildcats, and half of their opponents have been held to 10 points or fewer.

Quite the remarkable turnaround from just one season ago.

Kentucky allowed at least 20 points in each of its final 10 games last year. Missouri—which scored 14 points and had 249 yards of total offense on Saturday—more than doubled both of those marks

against yesteryear's Wildcats, scoring 34 points with 568 yards. Their defense was a doormat over the latter half of the season.

Yet, here we are—with the season's first College Football Playoff rankings just over the horizon—wondering if 7-1 Kentucky might be able to win a gigantic home game against Georgia next week and secure the SEC East title.

Who can honestly say they saw that coming?

In most years, football in Lexington is just a distraction until the real attraction begins. Kentucky is arguably the most successful program in college basketball history, but the football program hasn't won eight games in a season since 2007, hasn't won nine games since 1984 and hasn't won an outright conference championship since 1950.

With a defense like this, though, this team just might mess around and win it all.

It's beyond unlikely. The Wildcats need to beat Georgia next week just for the right to face Alabama (or LSU) in the SEC Championship Game. And they need to beat that team to get into the playoff, at which point they would need to win two more games against the likes of Clemson, Notre Dame or Oklahoma.

But heaven knows we've seen Alabama and LSU win national championships with impenetrable D, a Heisman-caliber running back and a mediocre-at-best quarterback.

Why not UK?

How Mark Stoops put UK football in a position previous coaches could not

By John Clay

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Bill Curry couldn't do it. Hal Mumme couldn't do it. Guy Morriss couldn't do it. Rich Brooks couldn't do it. Joker Phillips couldn't do it.

So how did Mark Stoops do it?

That's a relevant question three days before Stoops' Kentucky Wildcats play Kirby Smart's Georgia Bulldogs on Saturday at Kroger Field for the right to represent the SEC East in the league championship game Dec. 1 in Atlanta.

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How has the current Kentucky head football coach succeeded where previous UK coaches had failed since the SEC first expanded in 1992 and put the Wildcats in position for a chance to play for the league title?

No other UK coach has come close. In fact, since Fran Curci's 1977 team went 6-0 in conference play, no other Kentucky coach had produced a winning SEC record until that dramatic 15-14 victory at Missouri last Saturday clinched the Cats' fifth league win with two games to play.

To understand how Stoops got Kentucky to this point, however, you have to focus on something he said Monday when talking about star outside linebacker Josh Allen.

"This is a developmental sport," said the coach.

It's an echo of what the former Florida State defensive coordinator said when he first took the Kentucky job six years ago. Job one, he said, was to recruit good players. Job two, he added, was to develop those players.

To accomplish the first goal, Stoops made a smart hire, luring his friend Vince Marrow away from another friend, Bo Pellini, at Nebraska to become UK's recruiting coordinator. And Marrow executed a Kentucky recruiting strategy often suggested but rarely practiced: Recruit Ohio.

Look at the current roster. Star running back Benny Snell is from Westerville, Ohio. Lynn Bowden, whose 67-yard punt return for a touchdown helped turn the Missouri game around, is from Stoops' hometown of Youngstown. So is Jordan Jones. Darius West is from Lima. Mike Edwards is from Cincinnati. A.J. Rose is from Cleveland. Dorian Baker is from Cleveland Heights. C.J. Conrad is from LaGrange. Phil Hoskins is from Toledo. All are major contributors to a 7-1 team ranked 11th in the nation.

Recruiting talent is one thing. Developing talent is another. And in a program without tradition, that relies on finding prospects others miss or reject. That doesn't happen overnight. Case in point is a UK defense that has jumped from 92nd in yards allowed last year to 10th this season.

Mark Stoops knows how to coach defense. He proved that at Arizona and then Florida State. It takes more than schemes, however. It takes coaching, talent, desire, pride and experience for a defense to

mesh into the unit that held Missouri, with an NFL-ready quarterback, without a first down in the second half Saturday.

He has made good hires, too. Eddie Gran would not win a fan popularity contest right now, but the offensive coordinator has provided the physical play/strong running game Stoops wants. On the other side of the ball, coordinator Matt House is the unsung hero of the defense's success.

Facilities help. Yes, Kentucky's recruiting has benefited from the recent stadium renovation and the nearly-new Joe Craft Football Training Facility. But Stoops played a major role there, too, lobbying and fund-raising to get the upgrades his predecessors wanted but could never get.

You can argue Stoops has caught other breaks, as well. Yes, Florida is not the Florida of old. Tennessee remains down. Steve Spurrier isn't walking through that door at South Carolina. After back-to-back SEC title game trips, Missouri has returned to mediocrity.

Thing is, some of those doors have opened before. Yet Kentucky teams were never quite able to walk through them and find themselves in the position this one finds itself in now, a win away from playing for the championship of the nation's toughest college football conference.

That's a spot many longtime Kentucky football fans never thought they would see in their lifetime. So no matter what happens Saturday against Georgia, they have Mark Stoops to thank.

Ahmad Wagner could be red zone threat moving forward

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When Kentucky needed a touchdown to beat Missouri, the Wildcats targeted an unlikely receiver. Quarterback Terry Wilson threw a jump ball to Ahmad Wagner, a junior who had not recorded a catch in his career, to potentially steal a victory.

Wagner caught the pass but was out of bounds. However, one of the officials threw a flag for pass interference, giving Kentucky one last shot to win. Wilson connected with C.J. Conrad for an unlikely 15-14 win.

"What a great opportunity (for Wag-

ner)," offensive coordinator Eddie Gran said. "You got your big guy right there and he made a great catch. Unbelievable catch, almost got his footwork in and helped in terms of, maybe if you don't catch that ball, you might not get the flag because the guy was all over him. It was awesome."

No other receiver on Kentucky's roster has Wagner's size. At 6-foot-7 and nearly 240 pounds, Wagner can high-point the ball better than anyone else on the team. After spending the past three seasons playing basketball at the University of Iowa, Wagner has spent this year adjusting to college football. He got his opportunity on the final drive of the game against the Tigers and was targeted once.

Since Wagner is still raw from not playing football since high school, it's possible his size could allow him to become a red zone target the remainder of the season.

"Right now our biggest thing is we package some things for him," wide receivers coach Michael Smith said. "The funny thing, when you're doing this a long time, like Coach Gran, myself and the guys on the offensive staff, you say 'hey, probably about game six we're going to start getting this guy where he's going to be ready to do things to help us win football games. That's how it's been the last couple of weeks when you talk about Ahmad. He's starting to do some things, not only in practice, but again he did some things in the game that showed he's ready to compete in the SEC."

Wagner, who wasn't surprised that his number was called in the closing seconds, said the biggest adjustment on returning to college football is the knowledge he lost out on from being away from the game. Picking up on different plays and his route running are two areas he's working to improve.

Smith said Wagner needs to continue to work on his route running to see more playing time, but with a passing game that has been struggling, it wouldn't be surprising to see Wagner earn more opportunities in future games.

"It's different for a guy that big to be able to get in and out of breaks, which I think he's worked on and has done a pretty good job," Smith said. "But when you're behind a guy that has the experience that Tavin (Richardson) has, I think Josh Ali is one of those guys that could be special

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in this program. Ahmad's the same way. He just has to continue to work and keep grinding. When his opportunity comes, like it came the other night, showcase."

Wagner said he's going to continue to work on all aspects of his game in order to see the field more.

"God put me in this position so I'm going to take the most advantage of it," Wagner said. "Everyday I'm working on whatever it is, whether it be my route running, my catching, anything I can to show the coaches I'm ready to play at any moment."

How Kentucky raided Big Ten territory to rise to national prominence

By Dan Wetzel

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Mark Stoops had never been to the University of Kentucky when he accepted the job as its head football coach in late 2012. Never been to Lexington. Never been to campus.

He didn't care. If nothing else, he knew one indisputable fact.

"Kids want to play in the SEC," Stoops told Yahoo Sports back in 2013 on National Signing Day, his first with the Wildcats.

And that included, Stoops was certain, the kids in the talent-rich state of Ohio, where Stoops grew up as part of a legendary football family.

Ron Stoops Sr. was a longtime defensive coordinator at Cardinal Mooney High School in Youngstown. His four sons went into the family business, including Bob (former head coach at Oklahoma), Mike (former head coach at Arizona) and Ron Jr. (currently an assistant at Youngstown State and a longtime area high school coach).

Mark Stoops' plan (or part of it) was somewhat simple: Sell the chance to play in the SEC to Ohio recruits that otherwise would sign with Big Ten clubs.

"We are going to focus on Ohio, there is no question," Stoops said in 2013.

Now the country is focusing on Kentucky.

The Wildcats are 7-1 and ranked ninth in the initial College Football Playoff rankings. They host No. 6 Georgia in a game that should determine the SEC East. It is the biggest game in years in Lexington, where the football revival has been

stunning. The 'Cats haven't won the SEC outright since 1950 ... when Bear Bryant was their coach.

As to Stoops' plan, Kentucky's roster features 27 players from Ohio.

That includes stars such as running back Benny Snell Jr. (Westerville), linebackers Jordan Jones (Youngstown) and Chris Oats (Cincinnati), tight end C.J. Conrad (LaGrange), wide receivers Lynn Bowden Jr. (Youngstown) and Dorian Baker (Cleveland Heights), safeties Darius West (Lima) and Mike Edwards (Cincinnati) and offensive lineman George Asafo-Adjei (West Chester).

"When you think about the players on that roster from that state," Georgia coach Kirby Smart marveled this week, "it's amazing."

It's not that Kentucky coaches hadn't tried to mine Ohio in the past. Lexington is just 80 miles south of Cincinnati, after all.

It's just it never tried this hard, especially outside of Cincy. When looking for out-of-state recruits, the old adage in the SEC is that "planes don't fly north." The conference focuses on Southern talent, namely in Atlanta and across Florida.

The issue for historically second- or third-tier programs such as Kentucky is they're left with scraps after the powerhouse schools load up. Stoops hasn't abandoned the South by any means; there are 16 Floridians on the roster. It's just that considering the ties he enjoys in Ohio, this made sense.

To help, he quickly hired tight ends coach and recruiting coordinator Vince Marrow, who grew up with him in Youngstown.

Together they've helped Big Blue hit pay dirt.

Stoops figured he wouldn't win too many battles for five-stars against Ohio State or even Michigan, Penn State and Notre Dame, which does especially well with Catholic school products.

That didn't matter. There's a lot of really good players in Ohio. It averages about 15 players that are four-star recruits or better per rivals.com. Then there are 60-70 more three-star prospects who attract major college attention. Ohio, Western Pennsylvania and the metro regions of Chicago and Detroit have fueled the Big Ten for generations.

Against the rest of the Big Ten, whose campuses often sit further away than

Lexington, it was game on. Plus, other than the occasional run at an elite five-star talent, it's fairly rare for any other SEC school to work the Midwest. That was the edge. UK and UK alone was flying the league banner.

Stoops also caught a bit of good timing. He arrived one year after Urban Meyer took over at Ohio State and brought a national focus to recruiting. It's certainly worked for the Buckeyes, who remain a powerhouse. And they still get almost any in-state recruit they want. It's just that they want fewer and fewer each year.

How Kentucky football has managed the new redshirt rule this season

By Jon Hale

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With three regular-season contests and a bowl game left, Kentucky football has entered the latest phase of college football's new redshirt rule.

Any player with a redshirt season remaining who has not played yet this season could play in the four remaining games and keep that year of eligibility.

But don't expect many from that group to be key contributors down the stretch for Kentucky.

"I don't think there's anybody that's sitting out there that you haven't seen at this point," UK coach Mark Stoops said. "If they could help us win, they've been in there."

Perhaps the lone exception to that statement is sophomore defensive end Josh Paschal, who has yet to play this season as he underwent treatments for a malignant melanoma but has returned to practice on a limited basis in recent weeks.

"I think he's got some stages to go through," defensive line coach Derrick LeBlanc said of Paschal last week. "He's got to figure it out. When you have those kind of procedures, you have to kind of get back to football. We're grooming him in, we're getting him reps here and there. Whenever he feels like he's ready to play, we'll certainly give him an opportunity to do so."

Like most college football staffs, Kentucky coaches have been learning as they

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go how the new redshirt rule, which allows players to appear in up to four games and still redshirt, affects their team.

Several programs have lost players to transfer just before they would have spent a year of eligibility by playing in game No. 5 (see Clemson quarterback Kelly Bryant for the most notable example), and while Kentucky has yet to fall victim to that side effect of the rule, three upperclassmen rotation players (senior running back Sihiem King, senior outside linebacker Kengera Daniel and sophomore wide receiver Clevan Thomas) decided to sit out the second half to preserve a redshirt. Junior offensive tackle Landon Young and sophomore corner back Cedrick Dort are also in line for redshirt seasons since they have not played yet.

Here's a look at where Kentucky's freshmen stand in relation to the redshirt rule: Played in more than four games

Inside linebackers Chris Oats and DeAndre Square and wide receiver Allen Dailey have appeared in every game this season, serving as special teams starters. Oats also started one game at middle linebacker in place of the suspended Kash Daniel. Both linebackers have served as the primary backups at their positions this season. Dailey caught two passes for 38 yards and a touchdown in the blowout win over FCS Murray State.

Nose guard Marquan McCall and offensive tackle Darian Kinnard joined the trio above in passing the redshirt threshold last week against Georgia, appearing in their fifth game. McCall has totaled four tackles, including 1.5 tackles for loss and one sack. Kinnard was in on both touchdown drives against Vanderbilt in October. Both players were originally forced into action by injuries to older players ahead of them on the depth chart but have developed into key backups in recent weeks.

Have played but redshirt still on the table

Freshman Chance Poore took over the field-goal kicking duties at Missouri and has now appeared in two games, making both of his field-goal attempts. Kentucky coaches could still hold him out of two of the final four games to preserve his redshirt, but they would need to return extra-point duties to senior kicker Miles Butler in order to gauge whether Poore was needed to kick field goals in a game or not.

Tight end Brenden Bates, defensive end Davoan Hawkins, wide receiver Akeem Hayes, running back Chris Rodriguez and defensive backs Jamari Brown and Stanley Garner each played in the Murray State win and retain three available games before losing their redshirt. Of that group, Rodriguez, who would be the third-string running back with King redshirting, is the most likely freshman to play a role in the final three regular seasons games. Hayes has been sidelined with an injury.

Awaiting debut

Running back Kavosiey Smoke; linebacker Ashtan Pierre; offensive linemen Quintin Wilson, Kenneth Horsey and Nick Lewis; wide receivers B.J. Alexander and Bryce Oliver; tight end Keaton Upshaw and defensive lineman Jerquavion Mahone are the scholarship freshmen who have yet to appear in a game. Upshaw was sidelined by an injury early in the season. Stoops announced Pierre would not play this season after enrolling later than his classmates due to an academic issue.

It would be a surprise to see any of this group play in the regular season barring a blowout against Middle Tennessee when Kentucky does not have the restrictions on the size of its travel roster, but three weeks of December practices would open the door for them to contribute in the bowl game.

He was a high school star in Lexington. Now he's stepping up for UK.

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There is nothing flashy about Davonte Robinson's recent uptick in playing time for Kentucky.

The sophomore safety has simply done what he was asked, filled as many roles on the field as he could and worked harder than he had been before.

"We just felt like it was time to get him on the field for significant snaps," Coach Mark Stoops said recently of the 6-foot-2 sophomore defensive back. "We needed to throw him out there in pressure situations and I really loved the way he played."

And when the former Henry Clay star got his opportunities, he seized them.

Robinson had been playing well on special teams, which coaches noted early this season, then they moved him into a hybrid linebacker/safety spot where he was in mostly on third downs.

More and more, Robinson started showing up on game film and practice film.

"You saw him be tough, you saw him be physical," defensive backs coach Steve Clinkscale said after the Vanderbilt win. "They tried to block him a few times and he's a bigger guy, really strong. Then you saw his speed and athleticism, so he could close in and make some plays in the box."

That uptick in playing time has equaled increased production. Robinson has had 17 of his 26 tackles in the last three weeks, including both of his tackles for loss. The redshirt sophomore is seventh on the team in tackles this season.

Against Georgia on Saturday, he had a career-best nine tackles, including a tackle for loss. For his efforts, he earned defensive player of the game from the Kentucky coaches.

"I'm excited about him," Stoops said of Robinson, who played some free safety early in the season, then moved to the hybrid spot mostly. "He's getting more and more opportunities and making the most of it and doing a good job."

The opportunities are going to go way up this week at Tennessee while Kentucky (7-2, 5-2 Southeastern Conference) plays the first half without senior free safety Darius West, who was called for a targeting foul versus Georgia. It means Robinson will step in and take those snaps as well as some at other spots of need.

Losing West for a half isn't ideal, but Stoops likes what Robinson has shown in his expanded role.

"Certainly we want Darius in there all the time," Stoops said of West, who leads the Cats in tackles with 60, as well as a team-high three interceptions. "He's a leader and plays extremely tough."

"But when opportunities like that arrive, it is interesting to see how those guys are going to step in. I anticipate (Robinson will) play very well."

It's a moment Robinson has been preparing for since he arrived on campus from Henry Clay. He's been trying to do even more behind the scenes as his role has expanded.

"I've been working harder, getting in

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the film room, watching film," he said, noting that more snaps has been a little bit more pressure, before adding: "I was just excited to get in the game with the guys."

How Kentucky's Josh Allen became NFL draft's fastest-rising prospect

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Several times a day, the buzz above Josh Allen's head would captivate his attention.

It started with the bell, then the footsteps, followed by laughter and the warbled sound of several simultaneous conversations. Then, just like that, it would disappear, like a two-minute cocktail party that could be heard overhead, but never seen. Students were switching classrooms between class periods at Rand Elementary in Montclair, N.J., and it was a painful reminder of Allen's segregated loneliness. From the basement of the school building, Allen longed to be amid that bustling burst of interaction.

It sounded like so much fun; at once a rush and a release, albeit a brief one, from the pressure of the school day. But for the small handful of kids placed in Rand's special education program, the basement - cordoned off from the rest of the school population -- was where they spent the majority of their seven-hour school day.

Allen received an IEP (Individualized Education Program) for speech therapy, but eventually overcame it and assimilated into the regular classroom setting.

Overcoming, it turns out, has become his lifelong habit.

From the stutter that has now all but disappeared to an underlying case of ADHD which wasn't formally diagnosed until many years later, the Kentucky outside linebacker has made a routine of outperforming expectations. Nobody saw a future college player when he was a weak, skinny high school freshman who admits to being intimidated by the competition. Nobody saw a future high NFL draft pick when he was overlooked and dismissed as a two-star recruit who came within weeks of signing with an FCS school as his only scholarship offer.

And certainly, not after 40 years of

Kentucky football futility -- in which the program averaged just two conference wins per season -- did anyone see a resurgence. But here Kentucky is, having already secured its first winning SEC season in four decades, standing at No. 12 in the national polls, a resurrection led by the least likeliest of candidates -- a cult hero around campus no longer hidden away from the rest of the student body.

Where he once recoiled from reading aloud in a classroom, fearful of his stutter being mocked, Allen now volunteers to speak to school children. Where he not once but three times quit football as a frustrated high school freshman, he persevered to earn all-state honors just two years later.

Success for first-round picks is all about meeting the highest of expectations. But when NFL clubs conduct their deep-dive research on Allen ahead of next April's draft, they'll discover a player whose arrival as an elite draft prospect hasn't been marked so much by meeting expectations when they're high.

For Allen, it's been more about raising them when they're low.

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The children in the special ed program at Rand Elementary enjoyed brief moments each day outside the basement -- lunch, recess and, of course, after-school activities like sports -- but isolation was rough on self-esteem. Although Jason Simon was 2 years older than Allen, he remained in special ed classes for a year after his classmate returned to the school's regular population.

"That was a motivator for me," said Simon, now a linebacker at Monroe College in New York. "Nobody wanted to be down there, because everyone knew what that basement was for. When Josh went into regular classes, that showed me you could get out of the basement, that you didn't always have to be in a special class. That pushed me to work harder."

Still close friends today, they both look back on those classes positively from an educational standpoint. A lot of creative learning went on, and it came at the individualized pace that special education strives to provide.

"They would try to get me all the way through the alphabet, just saying letters, without a stutter," Allen said. "We would

play speech games, too. I worked hard at it, and it was the best thing for me."

Problems were overcome.

Strides were made.

Triumphs happened.

But basement isolation created a social divide in the student body that persisted even after Allen returned to a regular classroom. At best, Allen said, the perception was that he was different. At worst, it was that he was inferior.

"You were just looked at differently," Allen said. "Some kids would shut down socially. I saw it happen a couple times."

It's an aspect of special education that challenges schools to be as inclusive as possible for students with special needs, while still recognizing the reality that mainstreaming them in a regular class setting might not be the proper or most effective way to educate them.

Allen's feelings about being separated largely mirror what his mother, Kim, felt when she first saw her son's classroom environment. She and the school agreed he needed specialized help and she knew he was receiving it, but she wasn't initially aware that he would be separated. Her assumption, instead, was that a teaching assistant would be helping her son in regular classes. Complicating the situation was that Josh's fraternal twin, Isaiah, who also stuttered but had less of a problem than his brother, had not been placed in special education.

"I didn't like that situation," Kim said. "I didn't think twins should be separated like that. I realized I needed to be more active in the PTA, more active with my child."

The youngest age at which Allen can recall being teased for his stuttering is in the first grade. The insults weren't clever or sophisticated, but kids reacted to it in perhaps the only way kids at such a young age know how: they parroted.

"If he would say something and stutter, kids would repeat what he said right back to him with a stutter," Simon said. "He didn't want them to show them that it hurt him. But I knew. I could see from his facial expression. His mood would change, because any other time, he was always smiling."

Allen's mother found that he would often get overly anxious to get his point across in a conversation. He especially had trouble with words that began with "s" and "sh", and when he slowed his thought

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process and relaxed, she said, his speech was fine. At school, however, he didn't like reading out loud in front of other kids when asked to by a teacher. Humor served as his defense mechanism with other children; his demeanor was kind, but his self-image was fragile.

"Plus, I was ugly," Allen said. "So, I got clowned on a lot. But I decided if people were going to clown me, I would clown them right back. So, I was always joking. I wasn't going to fight them. I was just going to give it back to them -- that's how I fought it."

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Sitting at a conference table in Kentucky's Joe Craft Football Training Facility, Allen delves into an entirely different layer of his developmental challenge, one that took far longer to beat because it took far longer to recognize. But first, he demonstrates with each of five objects within immediate reach -- a water bottle, a cell phone, a pen, a notebook and a laptop -- and quickly touches each with alternating hands.

"I was always touching stuff, playing with stuff, fidgeting with my hands," Allen said. "If I didn't have schoolwork in front of me, I couldn't sit still. Deep down, I thought I might have ADHD."

His informal diagnosis was correct, but it wouldn't be confirmed until Kentucky had him tested as a freshman in 2015.

By the time Allen entered the sixth grade at Mount Hebron Middle School, now known as Buzz Aldrin Middle School (the famous astronaut is from there), his speech had vastly improved and he was well-liked among classmates. Jenn Kosuda assisted kids with special needs as a second teacher in a regular classroom environment -- exactly the setting Kim Allen had wanted for her son at Rand -- with an emphasis on organizational skills and study skills. Kosuda remembers Allen flourishing.

"She was a pivotal part of my life around that time," Allen said.

Still, he was a ball of energy who had trouble staying on task. His uncle, Gregory Hines, was a security officer at Mount Hebron -- he had transferred in from another school just as Allen entered the sixth grade -- and helped keep an eye on his nephew. ADHD made schoolwork difficult for Allen even into high school, but unlike

a stutter that could be easily identified and monitored, ADHD can cloak itself in presumptions that its sufferers merely need to outgrow a youthful hyperactive nature. It did so with Allen.

"It was a team effort to stay on top of him. It was pretty bad at that time," Hines said. "If I caught him running the halls, I would put a stop to it. But he had the resources and support of family and teachers, and he could do the schoolwork. He was a smart kid. He couldn't always keep his mind on the work, but he could do the work. He proved that."

Montclair High offensive line coach Eugene Kline recalls a road trip for a game against St. Mark's High School in Wilmington, Del., sitting one row in front of Allen on a two-and-a-half-hour bus ride home.

"He did not shut up from the minute his butt hit the seat until we got all the way back to Montclair," Kline said with a laugh. "It's late at night, we'd just played a game. He's sitting behind me the entire ride. I turned around and said, 'Josh, you've got to be tired, bro. Take a nap.'"

Following his formal ADHD diagnosis at UK, Allen received an Adderall prescription that finally helped his concentration issues subside. These days, he only takes one if he needs a long period of concentration.

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By the time Allen graduated from Mount Hebron, he sought a breakaway. Living with four sisters had worn on him enough to serve as a secondary motivation, but more than that, he'd grown weary of the special-needs label and wanted a fresh academic start at a new school.

The time had come to transform once again, and this time, a different school in Montclair wouldn't do. Allen convinced his mother to allow him to move 1,000 miles from home and live with his aunt and uncle in Abbeville, Ala.

"I wanted to prove I could do the work somewhere else," he said.

Allen spent three years at Abbeville High, but it only took about three days to learn that he'd have to prove his toughness much more emphatically than his classwork. Intimidated by what his uncle, James Barber, called "Alabama football mystique," Allen was a skinny wide receiver whose family had made its athletic mark in basketball. Three of his sisters

played college hoops, including one, Myisha Hines-Allen, who currently is a rookie forward for the WNBA's Washington Mystics; and uncle Greg was a fifth-round pick of the Golden State Warriors out of Hampton University in 1983.

Football wasn't even really his game, and he'd moved to a place where it was played on a different level. Allen recalls weighing around 130 pounds when he first took the football field for practice as a ninth-grader. Once again, like so many years before when his stutter drew ridicule, he found himself at a disadvantage.

"They were all pretty physically developed athletes," he said. "I wasn't."

Allen got the harsh new-kid-in-school treatment from teammates who initially tried to make him quit. When players could select their foes in one-on-one hitting drills, Allen got picked every time. Even in the locker room, he'd get pushed around in what Barber described as "customary initiation."

One day in practice, he was picked up from behind and slammed to the turf, resulting in a wrist injury that still bothers him some to this day. Then came another eye-opener: the allowance for corporal punishment in public schools under Alabama state law.

"If you got an F, that's two licks. If you got a D, that's one lick. I get to practice one day and the coach is walking around with a paddle holding everybody's report cards," Allen said. "I got five licks -- two Fs and a D. All anyone was wearing -- sweatpants. I was about to cry."

Three times, he quit the team. But with a mix of persistence and encouragement from his aunt and uncle, he stuck with the sport. As a sophomore, he hit a growth spurt and developed into a 6-foot-4, speedy receiver with a muscular 200-pound frame by the time he was a junior. Two years after teammates had nearly run him out of the sport, he was a 1,000-yard receiver and a first-team all-state selection.

Allen returned to Montclair for his senior year, and his old friends could hardly believe the physical change. Coach John Fiore saw much more than a wide receiver in Allen, and made him a two-way starter for the Mounties in 2014.

"We put his hand on the ground and told him he was going to rush the passer, and three months later, he's got 22.5

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sacks to lead the whole state," Fiore said. "But colleges had no idea he could pass rush because he'd been in Alabama playing receiver."

Fiore tried desperately to convince Rutgers to offer Allen, but the Scarlet Knights had no interest. Only Monmouth University in West Long Branch, N.J., thought enough of Allen to offer a scholarship, and he was committed -- until UK came in with a late offer of its own.

The two were certainly a match from an underdog standpoint - Allen an unknown recruit with only Monmouth as an alternative, and Kentucky having spent four decades barely treading water in the SEC standings. They've emerged together this fall with Allen's cresting draft stock and the Wildcats enjoying their best season since 1977.

The day Kentucky sent an assistant to Montclair High to secure the commitment, Rutgers was on campus, as well, recruiting one of the school's juniors. When the Rutgers recruiter asked Fiore why Kentucky was there, Fiore told him, "They know an NFL player when they see one."

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In late spring of 2017, Allen's girlfriend, Kaitlyn Brooke, informed him the two were going to be parents, and the rising pass rusher wanted UK coach Mark Stoops to know yet another new version of Allen would be forthcoming. Stoops already considered Allen one of Kentucky's hardest-working and most responsible players; there was no turnaround needed. But Allen nevertheless resolved to take his game to another level for his unborn son's sake.

"He told me that day, 'It's on, coach. You don't have to worry about me. I'm a changed man,'" Stoops said. "Most fathers connect more when the baby is born. He didn't wait for that. He started preparing for it the minute he knew about the pregnancy."

Allen began hanging around the office of UK strength coach Mark Hill, himself a father of two, for lengthy talks about what he should expect. He accompanied Brooke to prenatal checkups, and teammates began noticing a more serious, more mature Allen. All the while, two crucial events loomed with concurrent anticipation: the baby's due date and the deadline for col-

lege underclassmen to declare early draft eligibility. Both were to arrive in January.

"If I was feeling heavy or getting tired, I just thought about him and pushed myself to work out harder," said Allen of his unborn son, Wesley DeVon. "He was my motivation every day, and he wasn't even here yet. He wasn't even a baby bump yet."

Allen logged seven sacks as a junior and was thought to be a likely mid-round draft pick, based on feedback from NFL evaluators who spoke to Stoops. Mid-round money is a temptation that can weigh heavily on an expectant father. But on Jan. 8, five days after Wesley's birth, Allen announced a choice that many draft prospects in the same position wouldn't have made: He would return to Kentucky for his senior season.

"He showed unbelievable maturity in his decision with that. We talked about it for a long time on many occasions," Stoops said. "He believed in himself to get into position not just for draft money, but for life-changing money. It helped us, it helped him. Ultimately he bet on himself and his team."

He resolved to add 20 pounds to a frame that NFL scouts considered too light for first-round consideration, and did so with help from a regimented nutrition program that had to work around a seafood allergy. He also embraced a burgeoning leadership role that has resonated through a vastly improved UK defense that currently ranks 15th in the nation at 311.8 yards allowed per game.

A few days after the birth, Allen brought Wesley to the UK football weight room, a diaper bag on his shoulder, to show him off to Hill. Father and son have been largely inseparable since, and the physical resemblance between them is striking. NFL scouts will find reasons to nitpick Allen's on-field game, like they do with any draft prospect, but they won't have any concerns with his off-field priorities. The bio of Allen's Instagram page simply reads, "Father to Wesley DeVon Allen."

"Some guys want to go out and party after games," Hill said. "Josh will say, 'Coach, I'm going to go change some diapers.' He knows what he wants out of all this."

He knows what he'd want for Wesley, too.

If his pride and joy were to develop the

same need for special education that he had as a child, Allen's answer will land on a single issue that impacts every need in the special ed spectrum: socialization.

"Schools have the best intentions, but the isolation is the worst part of it," Allen said. "If he needs extra help, I would hope someone could give it to him without taking him out of regular classes. Not isolating, I think, is more helpful."

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A large, white projection screen rolls down the wall in Kentucky's meeting room for linebackers, at the touch of a button under Brad White's thumb, and the lights dim for the show. Kentucky's new outside linebackers coach zeroes in, with a green laser pointer, on perhaps the hottest name in all of college football among NFL scouts.

Play after play, White keeps coming back to the same point about Josh Allen: the Wildcats' star sack artist is a completely different player than he was a year ago.

The first half dozen plays White chooses in a 15-minute montage of Allen's senior footage have a curious commonality: no pass plays. He will get around to why Allen is one of the elite pass rushers in college football, but he begins with what really has scouts talking.

He begins, of course, with what's changed.

"From a run-game standpoint, he's gotten really strong with his hands. He'd always been a good pass rusher and could always win with speed. Now he can win with the added weight and strength," White said, reversing the film back to replay a snap in which Allen stuffed Mississippi State QB Nick Fitzgerald near the goal line. "He didn't necessarily do that in the past. Now he can control tight ends and tackles. He can control his primary gap, tear off the blocker, then go make a play in another gap."

White was an ideal fit to oversee Allen's senior campaign at UK.

A month after the Indianapolis Colts fired Chuck Pagano a year ago, Stoops plucked White from Pagano's former staff. White was a Colts defensive quality control assistant in 2013, when Robert Mathis led the NFL in sacks with 19.5, and was promoted to outside linebackers coach beginning in 2015, where he

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oversaw Mathis' final two NFL seasons. Allen couldn't have been happier to work under a new coach who came straight from the NFL and worked with one of the league's elite pass rushers. But rushing the passer isn't where White's demands of Allen began. He outlined a list of things he would have considered weaknesses in Allen's game had he been evaluating him for the Colts:

- 1) He was too soft in setting the edge against the run.
- 2) His path to the quarterback needed a better speed-to-power transition.
- 3) He needed to master an inside move as a pass rusher.

Allen made significant strides in all three areas, turning himself into a player White can hardly recognize against tape from his junior year. In 2017 he finished with seven sacks; this year after nine games, he ranks No. 2 in the nation with 10.

Senior Bowl executive director Jim Nagy, himself a former NFL scout, believes Allen would likely have merited a third-round pick had he entered the 2018 NFL Draft after his junior season. Nagy calls him one of the most improved college players in the nation and sees Allen "squarely in the late first-(round) conversation" for 2019.

"The knock on him was that he played with too much finesse. He would jump around blocks and played like a bulk-deficient player," Nagy said. "Now he's a different guy."

From stutterer to speaker, from quitter to star.

From dismissed recruit to future draft prize.

From boy, to man, to father.

Allen will have plenty more to prove when he hits an NFL field next May as a wide-eyed minicamp rookie. But if his physical ability comes up short, his ability to adjust shouldn't be doubted.

After all, outcomes are his specialty

Senior Send Off: The highs, lows and legacies

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Saturday's game between Kentucky and MTSU will not be one of the more

highly anticipated games of the season for many in the Big Blue Nation, in part because of the opponent but mostly because of the outcome of the last two games.

Nonetheless, there's still a lot to play for.

Kentucky still has a chance to land in a marquee bowl, such as the Citrus or Outback, and finish with nine wins. Just as important, it's Senior Day for a lot of Wildcats who won't play at Kroger Field again.

As Cats Illustrated's publisher, here's my Senior Send Off, part salute and part reflection. The best, worst and everything in between. Every scholarship player going into their final game in Lexington will be featured.

WR Dorian Baker

Baker was suspended for Kentucky's game against Tennessee so his career in Lexington is coming to an end in a less than ideal way. It's been a tough year for the senior, who has been trying to bounce back from an injury that sidelined him in 2017. Baker has blocked well for the Wildcats but has not been a factor in the passing game during his senior season.

Low Points: Baker has had a number of high profile drops during his career at Kentucky, a recent disciplinary suspension, and of course that missed 2017 season because of the injury. He has sometimes been an easy target for criticism from fans and pundits who have taken issue with his demeanor or play.

High Points: Baker has been one of the best blocking receivers at Kentucky in quite some time. The 2015 season was Baker's best. That year he had 55 receptions for 608 yards and three touchdowns. But Baker's biggest plays as a receiver were impressive touchdown receptions in games against Louisville and Georgia Tech at the end of the 2016 season, along with his game winning touchdown against ECU.

CB Lonnie Johnson

Lonnie Johnson's long and winding road to Kentucky took him from Ohio State verbal commitment to Iowa State signee, JUCO prospect and finally a Wildcat. He only had two years to play two seasons of college football, and he has made the most of his time, becoming a big contributor and seizing a starting

position in his first season, carrying that through today.

Low Points: In the middle part of this season Johnson surrendered three touchdown receptions in three games, against South Carolina, A&M and Vanderbilt. His toughest game overall came against Ole Miss in 2017, when the Rebel passing attack torched the UK secondary in a narrow win.

High Points: In the middle-late part of the 2017 season, Johnson's first with Kentucky, he took Chris Westry's starting cornerback job, which he had held on lock for more than two years. Johnson is widely recognized as playing with an "edge" and an impressive intensity level from snap to snap. He has also made some plays on special teams. Over the first month of 2018, Johnson was outstanding. He has rebounded to improve the last couple of weeks.

S Mike Edwards

Mike Edwards is proof that stars really do sometimes matter. The four-star Cincinnati (Ohio) Winton Woods prospect turned Wildcat has been a huge part of Kentucky's on the field improvement the last four years. Most around the program could tell early in Edwards' career that he was one of the most versatile, well-balanced players on the entire roster. And he's been asked to do a lot.

Low Points: There isn't much to critique. As with any player who sees the field as much as Edwards over a four year playing career, there will be some down games. His tackling grades were low last season. But Edwards doesn't have many low points. He's gone about his business respectably and has brought the same effort week to week and year to year.

High Points: Mike Edwards picked off Louisville Heisman trophy winning quarterback Lamar Jackson twice in the Cats' improbable win against the Cardinals back in 2016, the biggest upset of the entire college football season based on the Vegas betting lines at kickoff. Besides that, it's difficult to pinpoint any singular moments for Edwards' career because he has been such a model of consistency.

CB Derrick Baity

Derrick Baity was a late cornerback addition for Kentucky during the 2015

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recruiting class, when the Wildcats had several decommitments. So he was largely an afterthought. But he's not one anymore. Now NFL scouts are talking about him as a possible draft pick, so he's done well for himself over the past year.

Low Points: Baity had a brutal start to the 2017 season, allowing touchdowns in three of Kentucky's first four games and a cumulative NFL passer grade of about 135 in those contests. His junior season was largely a struggle, and he told Cats Illustrated before 2018 that he had eliminated some "distractions," and that appears to have worked.

High Points: It took a while for everyone to come around on Derrick Baity as Kentucky's best cornerback because of the way Chris Westry's career started, but that gradual recognition is certainly a high point. The 2018 season has been far and away Baity's best. In terms of yards per snap or yards per attempt allowed, on targets going his direction, Baity has been one of the best cornerbacks in college football this year. He hasn't allowed a single touchdown reception all season.

CB Chris Westry

Westry, like Baity, was a late corner addition in that '15 class. He was an Auburn commit and the Tigers effectively traded him for Jeremiah Dinson, who had been committed to Kentucky. Off the charts with 6-foot-4 size, Westry made an immediate impact for Kentucky.

Low Points: The overall fact that Westry did not become the first round pick that a lot of Kentucky fans had convinced themselves that he could become. That's not to say his football career is over by any stretch of the imagination, but he has become, unfortunately, a regular object of criticism when some things go wrong.

High Points: His freshman season. Westry was a third team freshman All-American and named to the SEC's all-freshman team after a stellar inaugural season that exceeded all expectations. It was a strong performance against South Carolina's Pharoah Cooper in UK's second straight win over the Gamecocks that really put Westry on the map. But the reality is actually more complex. While the "hype" was off the charts in Westry's freshman season, according to Pro Foot-

ball Focus, his grades improved from 2015 to 2016 and then from 2016 to 2017.

S Darius West

West could actually petition the NCAA for an extra year of eligibility because of injury issues that derailed not only one season at Kentucky, but two. The former four-star safety earned playing time early at Kentucky and has come on very strong as he has put the injuries behind him.

Low Points: The injuries. That's easy. But West also had more than his share of coverage struggles in 2017 and he would be the first to tell you that, even as he established himself as strong against the run.

High Points: The 2018 season has been, by far, West's best. He knew what he needed to improve on from last season (coverage, and in particular communication before and during the play) and has done exactly that. He has been one of Kentucky's best players and has gone from a run-stopping specialist to a game-changer who is more well-rounded.

WR David Bouvier

The Lexington Catholic native has been a great feel-good story for Kentucky. Along with Zach Johnson and Miles Butler, he was put on scholarship before the 2018 season after spending the entirety of his Kentucky career, to that point, as a walk-on.

Low Points: This is tough to say because he was out of the spotlight for so much of his Kentucky career, but aside from the grind of being a walk-on working for respect and opportunity it may have been the overall passing game struggles during 2018. That's not at Bouvier's feet.

High Points: While Bouvier's overall numbers in 2018 have been modest, he has been a consistent strength for the offense when the ball has gone his way. He made crucial plays against Missouri in Kentucky's comeback victory a couple of weeks ago and in the Swamp against Florida he made a great play breaking off his route when he got to the sideline and breaking for the end zone, allowing Terry Wilson to find him for a crucial touchdown reception.

LB Jordan Jones

Mark Stoops and Vince Marrow's Youngstown connection helped bring

Jordan Jones from that part of Ohio to Lexington, Ky., even though he had some other impressive offers to choose from. It's been a bumpy road with plenty of personal fouls and headaches along the way, but Mark Stoops' patience has been rewarded with a quality senior season that has been remarkably uneventful, in a good way, by Jones' earlier standard.

Low Points: The Louisville game in 2017. Jones, Denzil Ware and others were involved in a rather embarrassing spat with the Cardinals during Lamar Jackson's romp over the Wildcats at Kroger Field. Jones wasn't the one who threw the trash can, but he was right in the middle of the scrum and that capped a season of regression following an outstanding sophomore campaign.

High Points: There are two: 2016, and this year. But this year less for the quality of play than the redemption and character restoration. Jones was one of the SEC's best linebackers as a sophomore, when he came to be recognized as a heat seeking missile on almost every play. He was as active and played as fast as any Kentucky linebacker that one could call into memory. Before this year Mark Stoops actually took significant criticism for how he handled Jones' antics and acting out, but he wanted to show loyalty to someone who needed it and this year Jones has pretty much kept his emotions in check on the field. He hasn't been as productive as he was as a sophomore (and his absence against Tennessee that year really showed you how valuable he was), but he's been as steady as ever, and part of a really good unit.

LB Josh Allen

Allen was a Rivals.com three-star recruit (though he likes to advertise the two stars he started with from other networks) when he committed to Kentucky. He was first from the South, then from New Jersey, and didn't even have a true position at first. But his development has led to one of Kentucky football's best seasons in a long time. One could make the case Allen has been the No. 1 reason for the Wildcats' historic successes this year.

Low Points: The second half of 2017 was a tough time for Allen. He had started the season with seven sacks in the first half of the year, but he didn't have any

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sacks or tackles for loss in the Cats' final seven games. That led to questions about his durability and ability to sustain a high level of play.

High Points: 2018. And maybe the low point, last year, was necessary fuel for the fire that has powered one of the great individual success stories in Kentucky football history. Josh Allen has developed into one of the nation's premier defensive players, and maybe the best edge defender in the sport. He has dominated most opponents that have taken him on, notably Mississippi State (when he drew flag after flag) and Florida among others.

OT George Asafo-Adjei

Ohio State was showing some interest in Asafo-Adjei towards the end of his recruitment so he arrived at Kentucky with hype. It was, and is, impossible to look at Asafo-Adjei and not marvel at the kind of physical specimen he is. He's someone who has played since his freshman year.

Low Points: Early in Asafo-Adjei's career he bounced around to different positions on Kentucky's offensive line. That lack of positional consistency was reflected in his consistency on the field.

High Points: 2018 has been Asafo-Adjei's high point. He has developed into, arguably, Kentucky's best and most consistent offensive lineman week to week, or close to it. That's saying something for someone who used to make some blunders. Over the past couple of years he has given up the journeyman tag and has taken ownership of the right tackle position. His departure will leave some uncertainty there. He's won two SEC Offensive Lineman of the Week awards this year.

OG Bunchy Stallings

Stallings' recruitment ended with Neal Brown and John Schlarman trudging through the snow and spending the night in less than ideal conditions to make the final pitch for Stallings, a Deep South mauler who has been an integral part of UK's offensive line success over the past three years.

Low Points: 2017 was not Stallings' best year at Kentucky. His mother passed away and that would be the low point for anyone in their college years. That same year was the Stallings-at-center experiment, which did not end well. He

moved to guard, a more natural position, and that was a good shift for everyone involved. Late this year he was ejected for making contact with an official, although there were no shortage of opinions on how that sequence played out.

High Points: The first half of 2018 is when Stallings really came into his own. He earned national acclaim and multiple SEC Offensive Lineman of the Week honors, especially after one of the all-time great Kentucky pancakes in the Swamp against the Gators. When Kentucky was winning some of the biggest games in modern program history, Stallings was a big reason for that.

TE C.J. Conrad

Conrad arrived at Kentucky as a four-star prospect and he has been one of the program's leaders and most important players for most of the last four years. He has shown flashes of ability as a receiver but has largely accepted the role of a blue collar blocking type as the program has worked to establish a power identity.

Low Points: Conrad has been so steady and dependable this is difficult to pinpoint, but he missed some games at the end of 2017, which was ultimately fixed by surgery for a Lisfranc injury.

High Points: Conrad has had a knack for making life miserable for Missouri fans. Some of his best games have come against the Tigers. But his signature moment was his touchdown reception on the sideline in the endzone, as he ran out of bounds, on an untimed down. That play gave Kentucky a 15-14 win and afterwards he could be seen running over to celebrate with his family in the visitor section. As a senior, it was a nice reward for someone who has demonstrated selfless leadership and a willingness to sacrifice for the team ever since he got to Kentucky.

NT Tymere Dubose

Tymere Dubose was in the doghouse at one point. For quite some time, actually. But he's someone who has battled back from injuries, some immaturity and perspective issues, and has stuck around to finish at Kentucky in a different place than it once seemed he might be in. And that, regardless of stats or games started, is a success story.

Low Points: Before Dubose's junior season there was an internal question as to whether he even had a future with Kentucky. Academic questions were hanging over him like a black cloud. So Dubose, for all his obvious talent which has been recognized since he committed as a three-star prospect, didn't get started as a difference-maker until his junior season.

High Points: Dubose had a strong performance in Kentucky's narrow loss to Northwestern in last year's Music City Bowl and, thus, he entered 2018 as an obvious rotation player at the nose. He has played consistently this year. At the start of the season he was especially important because Quinton Bohanna was nursing injury issues. During that time Dubose more than held his own as Kentucky's defense got off to its best start in decades.

DT Adrian Middleton

For the past two or three years, every offseason, hopes have been high for Middleton. For a Kentucky defensive line that has not seen significant improvement until this year, or parts of this year, Middleton was often the player fans pinned a lot of their hopes on. He never developed into a star, but he has been a mainstay in Kentucky's rotation on a defensive line that has finally started to make some strides.

Low Points: While Middleton has remained a consistent contributor for Kentucky he has not had the breakout that many have hoped for. His seven tackles in 10 games this year, as a senior, would be a career low and follow a combined 60 tackles as a sophomore and junior.

High Points: Middleton did plenty of good things for Kentucky in 2016 and 2017, when he was one of the top performers on a defensive line that sometimes struggled. Things might have been much worse without him.

K Miles Butler

Miles Butler holds the distinction of being the primary backup to Austin MacGinnis, the greatest kicker in the history of the Kentucky football program. In that role he was constantly preparing in the case he might be called upon, but he was rarely actually used. This year has been a different story.

Low Points: Losing the starting kick-

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ing competition after briefly winning it, following all that hard work, had to be a punch in the gut.

High Points: Winning the starting kicking job before the start of the 2018 season had to be a high point for Butler, as was being put on scholarship before the season. Butler started the season with a couple of consecutive makes.

Josh Allen breaks Kentucky football sacks record against MTSU

By Jon Hale
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UK outside linebacker Josh Allen can add a couple of pieces of history to his growing list of accolades.

With a fourth-quarter sack against Middle Tennessee on Saturday, Allen passed former Wildcat Oliver Barnett for the program's career sacks record (26.5) and tied Dennis Johnson for the team's single-season sacks record. He later broke the single-season record (13) with a sack on Middle Tennessee's final drive.

The first sack came on a 4th-and-1 play at the UK 32-yard line with Middle Tennessee threatening to tie the game.

"It was one of my goals when I decided to come back, to break all the records that I could," Allen said recently. "... But that's not on my mind right now. ... If I don't get a sack the rest of the season, as long as we keep winning I'm fine with it."

The career sacks record comes with the interesting side note that Barnett's son, Elijah, is a junior walk-on linebacker on the team and one of Allen's teammates.

"My dad is fine with it, I'm fine with it," Elijah told the Courier Journal. "Josh is like a brother to me, so for me it stays in the family."

Allen remains humble even as UK's new all-time sack master

By Warren Taylor
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Clinging 31-23 with the ball facing a fourth-and-inches at their own 41-yard line, Kentucky opted to run a QB sneak with Terry Wilson that the Middle Tennes-

see Blue Raiders' defense stonewalled, giving the underdogs a chance to tie the game with prime field position to boot.

The Blue Raiders fought off a 2-yard loss on first down and battled their way to a fourth-and-short. MTSU quarterback Brent Stockstill drew back to pass and was immediately smashed for a sack by a UK defender.

Of course, that UK defender wore No. 41 and not only did the sack save the day, but it earned senior linebacker Josh Allen a place in the UK record book.

Allen entered the game trailing Oliver Barnett's all-time mark of 26 by a single sack; he got 1.5, both in the fourth quarter, breaking his season tally to eight in the final quarter alone.

The New Jersey product also broke Dennis Johnson's season mark with his exploits in the opposing backfield.

Allen's performance this season has been otherworldly, and even Kentucky head coach Mark Stoops, who has coached brand name players on the defensive wide of, has never seen anything like it.

"But just the way he impacts the game being a big guy, he's really remarkable," Stoops praised before adding, "He's so unselfish."

Stoops words were not an example of "coach speak" either; Allen's words after the game proves his humble demeanor.

"All the hard work that's been put in this season, I can't thank the defensive linemen enough for doing their jobs and allowing me to have unique opportunities to make plays like that. I commend everybody in the secondary," he said.

Allen also had kind words to say about UK's outside linebacker coach, Brad White.

"He furthered my game in many different aspects, pass rushing wise...I knew I had to listen to him and pay attention to the details," Allen said.

White also had advice for Allen on fatherhood since the two have children right about the same age.

Teammate Kash Daniel also testified to Allen's high character.

"People don't understand how hard that kid works. That guy is a workhorse. He's a relatively new father, some of ya'll might now, but I can imagine it being kind of hard and then him even putting the

extra time to his son and then finding extra time to come out and do something extra in practice every day. That guy literally has his family to provide for, and he's out here playing his you-know-what off," Daniel said.

Coach Stoops said that the record wasn't even on Allen's mind during the game and that he was focused on the team getting the win.

"He wanted the record, but not at the expense of our defense and what we're doing and game planning," Stoops said.

And in typical Allen fashion, he did not sound convinced his record will last long.

"All the guys that are coming back--and in the future--my record probably won't stand."

Faith, family, teammates helped UK player find his way back on field after cancer battle

By Jen Smith
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After the fans had stopped cheering and the band had stopped playing, there was Josh Paschal still signing autograph after autograph.

He signed everything that was put in front of him for a long time after Kentucky's 34-23 victory over Middle Tennessee at Kroger Field on Saturday.

It was the least he could do.

"The fans have supported me through everything and to be able to give back a little bit of what I can at that moment was just great," he said with a smile. "They lifted me up through all of this and gave me so many prayers and blessings."

The sophomore defender needed all of them as he spent his season battling cancer. He pointed out what he thought was a blister on the bottom of his foot to the UK training staff this summer.

Doctors removed the spot. When Paschal was going back in for a follow up, expecting to get the OK to start walking again soon, he was told another procedure was necessary, and that it was a malignant melanoma.

His mom and sister wrote scriptures and put them on the wall of his bedroom. That helped him get through the shock and worry.

"It was a lot of healing scriptures, too," Paschal said. "So whenever I felt down about it, I just looked up to my wall and

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just get my power from God.”

It was that faith that got him through the worst of it. Paschal was baptized with a teammate this summer, just before he got the diagnosis.

“I felt like that was just God testing my faith,” Paschal said. “Just my faith and believing in God’s plan for me and not being so selfish with my plan and thinking everything should go my way. I just trusted in God.”

He leaned on his family, his teammates and coaches. Like everyone else, Paschal said he felt inspired watching offensive line coach John Schlarman out on the field every day at practice “so juiced up and energetic” despite his own battle with cancer and ongoing chemotherapy treatments.

Paschal’s treatment involves immunotherapy taken intravenously every four weeks. He’ll continue to get that through August, but said he’s 100 percent healthy with a good prognosis.

Once his foot healed from the three different procedures, Paschal was determined to get back on the field to finish out a special season with his Kentucky teammates.

The sophomore did that on Saturday in the win over Middle Tennessee. He was announced as a starter at outside linebacker. He recorded one tackle on a key third-down stop and heard the Kroger Field crowd roar around him.

“It meant a lot to me just because of where I was a couple months ago,” he smiled.

It might have meant more to his coaches and teammates to see Paschal back out there on the field with them.

“That was the highlight of my year, seeing JP out there doing his thing,” middle linebacker Kash Daniel said. “It’s unbelievable.”

Those outside the program knew the story, but they didn’t see the little hurdles that Paschal had to get over to get to this place. But Daniel never saw it drag the sophomore down.

“He’s always so positive about coming back, coming back,” the junior said. “There’s never a negative day that he had. That tells me something. The kid has a great attitude. ... Josh is an unbelievable guy. I’m honored to be his teammate.”

And even though Paschal had spent the spring working at defensive line after a freshman season at outside linebacker,

UK decided to keep him at linebacker for this game. It was a spot he knew and was comfortable with, and the Cats were shorthanded at that spot as well.

“We gave him the start just because we thought it was right and it was good,” Coach Mark Stoops said. “It was inspiring to the team and fun, and we got off to a really good start.”

Looking over and seeing Paschal back meant everything to his teammates, safety Mike Edwards said.

“He’s a tough person on the field, off the field, so that’s definitely fun seeing him go out there and make plays after what he went through, that’s big.”

‘I do it all for him’: UK’s Josh Allen motivated by infant son

**By Jon Hale
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It’s Halloween and first-round NFL draft prospect Josh Allen has just finished practice with the Kentucky football team.

But instead of finding a party near campus like many of his classmates will be doing, Allen is more concerned with a different way of celebrating the holiday.

His 10-month-old son Wesley has dressed up like Woody, the popular “Toy Story” character voiced by Tom Hanks, for his first Halloween. Allen’s girlfriend Kaitlyn has just sent him the photos.

“I’ll be posting something when I leave here,” Allen joked with reporters. “You all be tuned.”

It’s a glimpse into the part of Allen’s life that is not apparent when you see him overpower an offensive tackle to force his way into the backfield and strip the ball from a quarterback’s hand as he tackles him to the ground.

But Wesley was at the forefront of Allen’s mind when he pondered whether to leave Kentucky for the NFL draft after his junior year or return to the Southeastern Conference for one final season.

“It changed everything once he came,” Allen said. “... Everything I do affects him now.”

The five days between Wesley’s birth on Jan. 3 and Allen’s announcement on Jan. 8 were filled with texts and calls from friends and family asking Allen whether he would enter the draft.

Allen chose to unplug in order to enjoy the time with his newborn son, knowing the football decision would still be there when he came back.

“Him being here made the decision for me,” Allen said. “I couldn’t leave him.”

Knowing he would return to school and not have to worry yet about starting the next phase of his life possibly alone in the city of whatever NFL team drafted him, Allen set out to make sure the decision would not backfire for himself or Wesley.

Building his body, resume

Five months earlier, Allen had started his junior season on a high note, totaling 6.5 sacks in his first six games, building buzz as a possible first-round selection. But his wiry athletic frame was not able to stand up to the season-long grind of SEC football, and he recorded just one-half sack in his final seven games as opponents began to send extra blockers to stop him.

To improve that draft stock and lock in a first-round projection, Allen knew he needed to gain weight and responded by adding close to 30 pounds of muscle in the offseason. Four years after arriving at Kentucky listed at 6-foot-5, 210 pounds, the New Jersey native entered his senior season at 260 pounds.

Shortly after Allen decided to return to Kentucky, UK coach Mark Stoops took a step to ensure his faith in the Kentucky coaching staff would be rewarded by hiring former Indianapolis Colts outside linebackers coach Brad White as the team’s newly created 10th full-time assistant to coach Allen’s position.

The NFL-level coaching and added muscle have paid off with 65 tackles, 15.5 tackles for loss and 11 sacks through 10 games.

“I did expect him to come back and be a dominant player,” Stoops said. “I truly knew in my heart that he was a first-round draft pick. I don’t think there’s any question about that now. But I knew that going into the year, the talent that he had and the ability that he had. So now the only question is how high, because he moved himself way up, just by the way that he’s playing.”

Allen ranks second in the country in sacks and 13th nationally in tackles for loss. He is one of five finalists for the Bronko Nagurski Trophy, which goes to college football’s best defensive player, and on Saturday moved into first place on

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UK's career and single-season sacks list.

ESPN NFL draft analyst Mel Kiper Jr. ranks Allen as the No. 9 prospect and top outside linebacker in the 2019 draft class.

"I haven't watched everybody, but I'd like to see people play better than him, just across the board," Stoops said. "I'd like to see who's playing better defensive football at any position, because he's a dominant player and doing everything for us."

UK star outside linebacker Josh Allen poses with son, Wesley, at the UK training facility

The right call

For Allen, the individual accolades, including a promotional billboard displaying him and teammates that UK paid for in Times Square in New York City, have vindicated his decision to return to school.

But it's Wesley he thinks of when considering how much that decision has paid off for his future.

"I've always known Josh to be the laughing, giggly, cut-up type, but I guess it taught him priorities and responsibilities," UK linebacker Kash Daniel said. "... It's just awesome seeing how good of a football player he is, but also how good of a dad he is.

"The coaches teach us these life lessons all the time, say in 20 years when you come back, you have a kid, this and that. He's living that right now and he's doing an unbelievable job. I'm more proud of him for being a great father than a great football player, because every kid needs a great dad and Josh is one of them."

When Allen ran onto the field for Kentucky's senior day festivities before his final home game against Middle Tennessee on Saturday, he was met by a large group of family, including sister and former Louisville women's basketball star Myisha Hines-Allen.

It was Wesley, though, whom Allen made sure to find so he could hold him as the band played "My Old Kentucky Home."

"He's probably not going to remember it, but he's going to see the pictures and just know his dad did something special," Allen said. "I just want him to be there with me because you never know. He might end up doing a record like that and I'm going to be out there with him. It's just going to bring back memories."

Allen is well on his way to creating new

memories in the NFL. Delaying the draft for a year while improving his craft and being with his son will almost certainly pay off with a first-round selection in April.

And Wesley will be there to see it, just like he was in the locker room Saturday after his father's record-setting performance.

"I do it all for him," Allen said. "Everything I do, I do for him. Just him being there, I have to play for something more than me."

Kentucky football rolls to Governor's Cup blowout of Louisville

By Jon Hale

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Sometimes the conventional wisdom is correct.

Kentucky clinched its first nine-win regular season since 1977 while Louisville's disastrous 2-10 season ended with a 56-10 UK rout to return the Governor's Cup trophy to Lexington on Saturday.

UK had entered the game as a 16.5-point favorite, and a Courier Journal poll of 46 local reporters covering both programs returned a unanimous slate of predictions for a Kentucky win.

The Wildcats' 46-point margin of victory was the largest in the rivalry since Kentucky won 73-0 in 1922. UK's 56 points were the third-most scored by Kentucky in the series' 31 games.

Louisville became the first Power 5 conference team to surrender at least 50 points in five consecutive games.

Kentucky wasted no time taking control of the game, forcing a Louisville three-and-out on the opening drive then marching 53 yards on eight plays for a 7-yard touchdown run from junior running back Benny Snell. Both sequences were aided by Louisville penalties: a hold that negated a first-down run on the Cards' drive and a facemask that added 15 yards and a first down for Kentucky after wide receiver Lynn Bowden was stopped three yards behind the line of scrimmage.

Penalties continued to plague Louisville for much of the night with the Cards totaling 11 flags for 129 yards.

Both teams were flagged for multiple personal fouls and unsportsmanlike

conduct penalties. UK backup offensive lineman Luke Fortner was ejected in the fourth quarter for a personal foul. Louisville defensive back P.J. Mbanasor was ejected for targeting in the second quarter.

Kentucky scored a touchdown on each of its first five drives.

Wilson gave the Wildcats a 14-0 lead with a 3-yard touchdown run on Kentucky's second drive. The rare Louisville highlight followed with a 75-yard touchdown run from quarterback Malik Cunningham before the Wildcats regained control with a 24-yard Snell touchdown for a 21-7 lead early in the second quarter.

UK put the game out of reach in the final five minutes of the second quarter with touchdown passes from Wilson to sophomore Bowden, who finished the game with six catches for 86 yards and two scores. Bowden's first touchdown came on a busted coverage from Louisville when Wilson eluded pressure in the backfield to discover him standing alone in the end zone with no Louisville defender within 10 yards.

Louisville's only other score came on a 32-yard Blanton Creque field goal in the second quarter.

The margin could have been even greater if not for Kentucky interceptions in Louisville territory on the Wildcats' first two drives of the third quarter.

Louisville was unable to build any momentum to climb back into the game after Cunningham was sidelined with an injury on Louisville's third play of the second half.

Walk-on quarterback Sean McCormack was sacked on his first play after replacing Cunningham. Louisville managed just 5 yards on his second drive, and the Cards' best subsequent chance for a big play ended with a dropped pass from wide receiver Tutu Atwell on what would have been a 64-yard touchdown pass from McCormack in the fourth quarter.

Wilson completed 17 of 23 passes for 261 yards, three touchdowns and one interception while gaining 79 yards and another score on 10 carries. Snell (100) and backup running back A.J. Rose (112) both topped the 100-yard rushing plateau, and freshman Kavosiey Smoke tallied a 37-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter in his first career appearance.

Kentucky's win all but clinched a spot in the Citrus Bowl, which has first pick of

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the available SEC teams after the New Year's Six bowls are filled. Louisville's loss means the school can begin its coaching search in earnest with Purdue coach Jeff Brohm, the early favorite for the job, doing his best to deflect attention from his name after the Boilermakers' bowl-clinching win over Indiana earlier Saturday.

The victory earned another \$250,000 bonus for Kentucky coach Mark Stoops, who receives that payment for each victory in a season starting at No. 7. He has now netted \$750,000 in bonuses this season and will earn another for Kentucky's bowl berth with the amount dependent on the size of the bowl's payout.

Terry Wilson showed Saturday that he is Kentucky football's future

By John Clay
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Terry Wilson is the future of Kentucky football.

Bold statement? Absolutely. Correct statement? Maybe. Given the way UK's quarterback played in the Cats' 56-10 drilling of Louisville at Cardinal Stadium in Saturday's regular-season finale, plus the expected makeup of the team by the time 2019 rolls around? Probably.

The sophomore from Oklahoma completed 17 of 23 passes for 261 yards and three touchdowns, with one interception on Saturday. He ran the football 10 times for 79 yards and another score.

He found a wide, wide open Lynn Bowden in the end zone for a 28-yard touchdown. He hit Bowden over the middle with a 13-yard touchdown. And he found Josh Ali for a 32-yard fourth-quarter score. On the night, Wilson completed passes of 27, 32, 32, 27 and 32 yards. He also ripped off a 40-yard run.

And afterward, Wilson posed with former UK All-American and former U of L coach Howard Schnellenberger to accept the award as the Governor's Cup Most Valuable Player.

"Your best game as a Wildcat?," a media member asked Wilson in the post-game press conference.

"Yes," he said. "I think so."

This was the Wilson we thought we would see after Kentucky's 27-16 Septem-

ber victory at Florida snapped a 31-game losing streak to the Gators. Wilson completed 11 of 16 passes for 151 yards and two scores. He rushed for 105 yards and another touchdown. Afterward, I wrote Wilson was the difference-maker Kentucky needed.

I got ahead of myself. It was just Wilson's second start of the season. For first-year Division I starting quarterbacks, the ups and downs are bound to come. And come they did. From late September through mid-October, Wilson struggled, especially in the 20-14 overtime loss at Texas A&M.

By the time UK visited Missouri on Oct. 27, head coach Mark Stoops made good on his promise to play multiple quarterbacks by inserting backup Gunnar Hoak for a trio of series. It was Wilson who returned in the end, however, directing that late scoring drive that produced a dramatic 15-14 victory.

From then on, you could see Wilson improve almost by the snap. Over UK's final five games, the quarterback completed 93 of 131 passes for 1,047 yards and seven touchdowns with three interceptions. His completion percentage was 71 percentage.

"He got back to his self, like he was in the first couple of weeks (of the season)," Bowden said of Wilson on Saturday. "That's the Terry I like to see."

That's the Terry Touchdown UK fans hope to see not only in the upcoming bowl game but in his junior season, as well. Think about it.

A Kentucky defense that finished the regular season seventh nationally in average points allowed will lose Josh Allen, Mike Edwards, Jordan Jones, Derrick Baity, Darius West, Lonnie Johnson, Adrian Middleton, Chris Westry and Tymere Dubose. The offense will lose Dorian Baker, David Bouvier, George Asafo-Adjei, Bunchy Stallings and C.J. Conrad.

Benny Snell will be gone, as well. UK's junior running back claims to have not yet made a final decision about the 2019 NFL Draft, but every indication points to the Cats' offensive bell cow taking a crack at getting paid for his play.

That means Wilson and Bowden are likely to be the focal points of the Kentucky offense next season. As a sophomore, Bowden finished the regular season with 62 catches for 661 yards and five

scores. But the wide receiver needs someone to get him the ball, and that would be Wilson.

As he showed Saturday, however, Wilson can do more than that. True, Louisville's defense, much like the U of L program, is a white-hot mess. Still, Wilson carried out what he needed to do, running with abandon and throwing with accuracy.

Asked what he thought of Wilson's play, Conrad replied, "Wow. He was slinging that thing. ... He's just getting more and more confident. You saw that tonight."

We should see it next season, as well. Terry Wilson's junior season. You know, the future.

Josh Allen's award speaks to Mark Stoops' shrewd hiring of assistant

By Jon Clay
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It was a Big Monday for Josh Allen.

First, Kentucky's star outside linebacker was named the SEC Defensive Player of the Year by the Associated Press. Then Monday night, Allen won the Bronko Nagurski Award from the Charlotte Touchdown Club for being the nation's top defensive player.

Mark Stoops was there for the presentation, and the UK coach brought along a couple of coaches who played large roles in Allen's development. One was defensive coordinator Matt House. The other was outside linebackers coach Brad White.

Surely one of the keys to Kentucky's defensive surge in 2018 was the shrewd hiring of White. When a new NCAA rule allowed football programs to add a 10th full-time assistant, Stoops hired White, who had played at Wake Forest when current UK assistant Dean Hood was the Deacons' defensive coordinator.

More than that, White had spent the previous six years on the defensive staff of the Indianapolis Colts. First as a quality control assistant and then an assistant linebackers coach, White worked his way up the ranks to become outside linebackers coach from 2015 through 2017.

White worked under Colts head coach Chuck Pagano. In 2001, when Paga-

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no followed University of Miami head coach Butch Davis to the NFL's Cleveland Browns, Davis' successor, Larry Coker, hired Mark Stoops to be his secondary coach. When Pagano was fired as the Colts' head coach after last season, Stoops hired White.

Though the two had not worked together previously, Stoops like White's NFL experience and his reputation for being a terrific technician and teacher. The UK coach felt White could help Allen get to the next level in his development. And the assistant coach did just that.

First, Allen worked in the off-season to put on an extra 20 pounds. He carried that weight throughout the season and finished with an SEC-best 14 sacks. He also recorded 18.5 tackles for loss. According to Pro Football Focus, which named Allen to its All-American team, the UK linebacker was the best edge rusher in the nation. Allen is also PFF's pick to win the Butkus Award for the nation's best linebacker.

And surely the job Stoops, House and White did in developing Allen played in a role in Louisville Moore four-star defensive end JJ Weaver committing to UK last Friday. Weaver is ranked the No. 13 weakside defensive end nationally by Rivals.

Oh yeah, Stoops was also named SEC Coach of the Year by the AP on Monday. Another recruiting plus.

C.J. Conrad hailed as role model and winner of Pop Warner award

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Kentucky tight end C.J. Conrad was named the winner of the 2018 Pop Warner National College Football Award, which is presented to a graduating senior each season who makes a difference in the classroom, the community and on the field and serves as a role model to young athletes.

Conrad is UK's second-leading receiver with 29 catches for 297 yards and three touchdowns, including the game-winning catch over Missouri as time ran out on the clock earlier this season.

In the award announcement, Conrad was hailed as the "epitome" of Pop War-

ner's "fundamental values of sportsmanship, academics and community service." Since 1929, Pop Warner has been one of the nation's most recognizable youth football organizations.

Pop Warner specifically praised Conrad's "Tuesday's with C.J." program in which he visits Kentucky Children's Hospital each week to hang out with patients and spend time with their families.

"We are honored to have C.J. come to the hospital and take his time just to see patients," Kentucky Children's Hospital Child Life Coordinator Jennifer Williams said in the press release. "I had a mom tell me her daughter didn't want to get out of bed for two days until she heard C.J. was coming and she walked down the hall to meet him. Not only does his visit brighten their day but it provides them with motivation to continue to get better and we couldn't do that ourselves. As doctors, nurses and staff, we can only do so much. C.J. coming in is an inspiration to our children, an inspiration to our staff and we all get excited for his visits. What makes it even more special is that he does this out of the kindness of his heart."

"This starts my day off really well, get away from football for a little while, see these kids, see what they're going through really helps me get through the week, what I consider a tough day," Conrad said earlier this season about his weekly hospital visits.

"These kids have it much harder and to put a smile on their face is everything I want to do."

Conrad, a member of the 2017 SEC Academic Honor Roll and Dean's List, is on track to graduate Dec. 14 with a degree in communications, according to the release.

How siblings from New Jersey altered trajectory of two Kentucky programs

By Jen Smith and Mark Story
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Louisville and Kentucky fans likely don't agree on much.

But after the stunning careers of UK senior linebacker Josh Allen and his sister Myisha Hines-Allen, a former star forward on the Cardinals' women's basketball team, the fan bases likely can agree to be

grateful for the siblings from New Jersey.

"It's neat to see: Two siblings, one can help one school do great and the other can help the other school do great. That just doesn't happen," Louisville Coach Jeff Walz said earlier this week as the fifth-ranked Cards prepare to take on No. 17 Kentucky on Sunday.

Hines-Allen, who graduated last season and was picked No. 19 by Washington Mystics in the 2018 WNBA Draft, was just the second player in Louisville history with 2,000 career points and 1,000 career rebounds.

Last season, Hines-Allen helped lead the Cardinals to a 36-3 record and a spot in the Final Four.

Josh Allen, Myisha's younger brother, has picked up multiple national defensive player of the year honors this week, and is projected as a first-round NFL Draft pick in 2019.

One thing Walz always notices is that the siblings from Montclair, N.J., "have the same legs.

"Myisha's leg strength was remarkable," he continued, "and I watch Josh out there playing, it's something else."

On Friday, the 6-foot-5, 260-pound outside linebacker announced that he will play in the Citrus Bowl against Penn State on Jan. 1 in Orlando.

Allen has been on a tear this season for Kentucky with an SEC-best 14 quarterback sacks, 18.5 tackles for loss and five forced fumbles to go with his team-high 84 total tackles. He broke the Kentucky single-season and career sacks record (28.5) already this season.

"It's been exciting for both fan bases to be able to sit there and have Myisha Hines-Allen do what she did for us in women's basketball by getting us to a Final Four," Walz added. "And then you've got her brother, Josh, has helped (UK) have, arguably, the best football season in many years."

Kentucky's Allen wins his third national top defensive player award of week

By Jen Smith
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Josh Allen might be a bit jet-lagged.

The Kentucky senior linebacker's hand might hurt from all of the handshaking.

KENTUCKY FOOTBALL CLIPPINGS

And trophy lifting.

Allen picked up his third national defensive player of the year honor late Sunday night on the West Coast when he was presented with the Lott Impact Trophy at the Pacific Club in Newport Beach, Calif.

Allen was one of four finalists for the Lott Impact Trophy handed out for college football's defensive player of the year along with Washington linebacker Ben Burr-Kirven, Clemson defensive lineman Christian Wilkins and Duke linebacker Ben Humphreys.

The award named for Hall of Famer Ronnie Lott takes into account several things in selecting its winner, including integrity, maturity, performance, academics, community and tenacity.

Previous winners of the award have included Jabrill Peppers of Michigan, Manti Te'o of Notre Dame, Luke Kuechly of Boston College, J.J. Watt of Wisconsin and Glenn Dorsey of LSU.

The senior linebacker and consensus Defensive Player of the Year in the Southeastern Conference has racked up several awards in the past week, including the Chuck Bednarik Award and the Bronko Nagurski Trophy, both also given to the nation's top defensive player.

Allen also was a semifinalist for the Walter Camp Player of the Year award.

The 6-foot-5, 260-pound linebacker, has been difficult for opponents to contain this season with an SEC-best 14 quarterback sacks, 18.5 tackles for loss and five forced fumbles to go with his team-high 84 total tackles. He broke the UK single-season and career sacks record (28.5) this season.

It has been nice to see Allen rewarded for making the decision to come back for his senior season, Coach Mark Stoops said last week. The senior announced Friday that he's planning to play in the upcoming Citrus Bowl.

"Just talking to a couple pro scouts today and they're using him as a reference to other juniors across the country because — I don't want to put a dollar figure on it — but an absolutely significant the difference between him coming out a year ago and coming out now," Stoops said.

"And he's a great example for players also with the way once he decided, he never looked back. ... He went to work and went through his process of getting

ready to play and preparing himself for the season and for each game. That's why he is in those awards shows and why he is representative of some of the greatest players in college football this year because they go about things the right way."

The additional lift of Allen winning all of these awards has been great for the program as a whole, for which Stoops is grateful.

"To win the awards that he is winning, that exposure helps you, helps the program," the head coach said. "But more personally it's gratifying to share that with him and see what he's gone through.

"He's been very gracious and very humble and he's handled himself very well."



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UK ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE



KENTUCKY HAS TWO PLAYERS ON ITS ROSTER WHO ALREADY HAVE EARNED THEIR UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES IN **DAVID BOUVIER** (PICTURED ABOVE) AND **ADRIAN MIDDLETON** (PICTURED LEFT)



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