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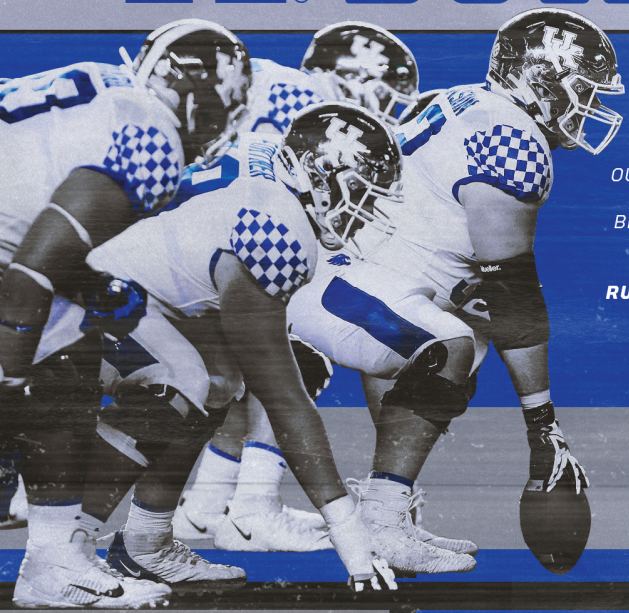
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DECEMBER 31, 2019





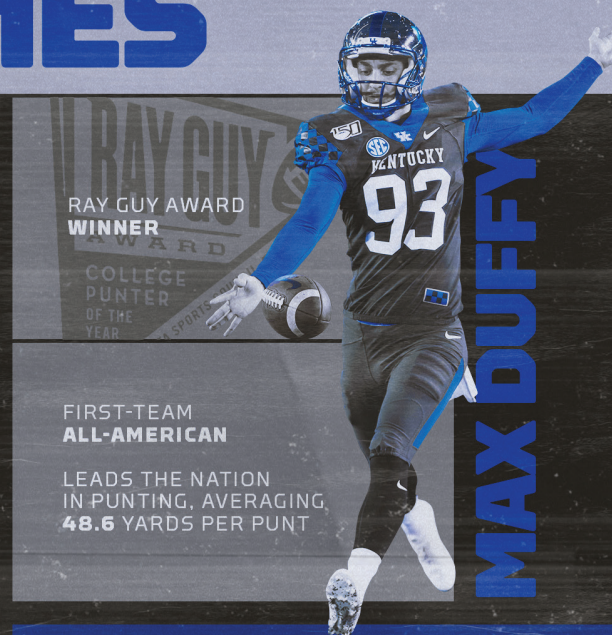
KENTUCKY
WILDCATS

UK FOUR STRAIGHT BOWL GAMES



UK'S OFFENSIVE LINE WAS ONE OF 10 SEMIFINALISTS FOR THE **JOE MOORE AWARD** GIVEN TO THE MOST OUTSTANDING OFFENSIVE LINE UNIT.

BEHIND THE BIG BLUE WALL, UK HAS PUT TOGETHER SINGLE-SEASON SCHOOL RECORDS WITH **3,293 RUSHING YARDS** AND **33 TDS**, ALONG WITH A SCHOOL-RECORD FOURTH CONSECUTIVE SEASON WITH A 1,000-YARD RUSHER.



RAY GUY AWARD WINNER

FIRST-TEAM ALL-AMERICAN

LEADS THE NATION IN PUNTING, AVERAGING **48.6 YARDS PER PUNT**

MAX DUFFEY

DEANDRE SQUARE
LEADS TEAM WITH 68 TACKLES



BEAT LOUISVILLE TO WIN THE ANNUAL GOVERNOR'S CUP

SECOND STRAIGHT SEASON.

UK ALLOWED JUST **14 POINTS** PER GAME DURING THE FINAL SEVEN GAMES OF THE SEASON.

FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE 1979, KENTUCKY KEPT EVERY REGULAR-SEASON OPPONENT UNDER **30 POINTS**.

UK ALSO HAS HELD THE OPPONENT TO **34 OR FEWER POINTS** IN 26 STRAIGHT GAMES, THE LONGEST ACTIVE STREAK IN THE NATION.



CALVIN TAYLOR JR.

AMONG SEC LEADERS IN QUARTBACK SACKS WITH **7.5** THIS SEASON



LYNN BOWDEN JR.

JUNIOR LYNN BOWDEN JR., THE **FIRST-TEAM ALL-AMERICAN** AND PAUL HORNUNG AWARD WINNER FOR THE NATION'S MOST VERSATILE PLAYER, HAS RUSHED FOR 1,235 YARDS (**1,136 IN HIS SEVEN STARTS AT QB**) AND IS AVERAGING **8.2 YARDS PER CARRY**, SECOND IN THE NATION AND ON PACE TO BREAK THE SCHOOL RECORD

COLLEGE FOOTBALL'S MOST VERSATILE PLAYER





KENTUCKY MEDIA ITINERARY

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26

Team departs for Orlando

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27

Time is TBA - Practice

Charlotte Latin School (9502 Providence Rd)

KENTUCKY QUICK FACTS

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, safeties

Derrick LeBlanc, defensive line

Vince Marrow, associate head coach/tight ends,
 recruiting coord.

John Schlarman, offensive line

Jon Sumrall, inside linebackers

Michael Smith, wide receivers

Brad White, defensive coordinator/outside
 linebackers

Quality Control:

Louie Matsakis
 Mark Perry
 Joe Scola
 Josh Estes-Waugh
 Walt Wells

Graduate Assistants:

Brayden Berezowitz (defense)
 Cameron Davis (defense)
 Evan McKissack (offense)
 Maxwell Smith (offense)
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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28

11:30 a.m. – Team outing to Charlotte

Motor Speedway

A highly unique and exciting experience for the teams. All participants will be given a three-lap ride-along. In addition, a look at the facilities, interactive displays and tire-changing competitions, and the head coaches will be presented with a special souvenir.

Time is TBA - Practice

Charlotte Latin School

6:00 – 7:30 p.m. - Team shopping spree at Belk (SouthPark Mall)

Team will have the opportunity to pick their own bowl gifts as they will visit the flagship Belk store in SouthPark.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

9:00 – 9:45 a.m. - Team visit to Second

Harvest Food Bank

Kentucky will spread holiday cheer by handing out food to those in need.

Time is TBA - Practice

Charlotte Latin School

7:45 – 9 p.m. - Players' reception at NASCAR Hall of Fame

Teams will enjoy dinner and a tour of the NASCAR Hall of Fame.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30

10:00 – 11:30 a.m. - Media Day presented by Fuel Pizza at the Charlotte Convention Center (501 S College St)

The official media function and last interview opportunities with head coaches and select players.

7:00 – 11 p.m. Belk Bowl Fan Central (EpiCentre)

The official fan party of the Belk Bowl, EpiCentre will be THE place to be the night before the game. In addition to the restaurants, bars, and other attractions, the main courtyard will host cheerleaders, marching bands, and mascots to get fans ready for the big game.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31

9:00 a.m. – Noon ET - Belk Bowl FanFest

A fan favorite, the Belk Bowl FanFest offers the perfect combination of family fun, great food and entertainment with live musical acts, interactive games, face painting, official bowl and school merchandise sales. Cheerleaders and pep bands are sure to stir school spirit.

Noon ET – UK vs. Virginia Tech – ESPN with Beth Mowins, Anthony Becht and Rocky Boiman – Radio: Chris Cotter, Mark Herzlich, Kelsey Riggs

MEDIA NOTES

- The Media Will Call is located at the Bank of America Stadium Main Ticket Office on Game Day.
- Distribution of credentials will be available at 9:00 a.m. Credentials and media parking passes may also be picked up prior to the game at the Charlotte Marriott City Center in the Media Hospitality Room or at Belk

Bowl events. Contact Frank Kay for additional information.

- There is sideline space for photographers in Bank of America Stadium, as well as a workroom off the field with limited space. A two line field restriction designation will be used, where the general media stays behind the 2nd line, while network telecast cameras can work the designated area in front of that line.
- ESPN will broadcast the game live. Absolutely NO live telecasts or transmissions from inside Bank of America Stadium beginning one half-hour prior to kick off until ESPN's broadcast is off the air. All feeds will be sent by ESPN. Highlights of the game action must be credited "ESPN."
- Coaches will be available post-game in the Bank of America Stadium Interview Room. A Multi-Box will be made available inside. Subject to change, the losing coach will come out first, followed by the winning coach, then game MVP. Players from both teams will be available in the elevator hallway around the corner from the locker rooms.

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A media hospitality room is located at the Charlotte Marriott City Center Hotel.

Light refreshments will be available.

Credentials, parking passes and all media information will be available daily. The media hospitality room is tentatively scheduled to be open from Saturday, December 28 to Tuesday, December 31.

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2019 GAME NOTES



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BELK BOWL • WEDNESDAY, DEC. 31 • NOON ET • ESPN CHARLOTTE, N.C. • BANK OF AMERICA STADIUM (75,412)

BELK BOUND: UK FACES VIRGINIA TECH IN CHARLOTTE

After rampaging through the final three weeks of the regular season Kentucky will play in a fourth-consecutive bowl game when it faces Virginia Tech in the Belk Bowl as Bank of America Stadium in Charlotte on New Year's Eve. The game is set for a noon ET kickoff and will air on ESPN.

The Cats rallied to win five of their final seven games after an onslaught of injuries at the quarterback position led to a 2-3 start to season and re-vamping of the offensive with Lynn Bowden Jr. as QB1. Three straight games of at least 400 yards rushing culminated in a school-record 517-yard rushing performance against Louisville in the finale.

Bowden's onslaught on defenses led to six 100-yard rushing games, the most rushing yards for a quarterback in school history, the most rushing yards (284) in a game by a SEC quarterback ever and the second-highest yards per carry (8.2) in FBS.

The UK defense also has shown stark improvement and continues to give the team a chance to win despite its inexperience on that side of the ball, particularly in the secondary. It has held six consecutive opponents to 305 total yards or less, the best such stretch since 1977, and finished fourth in FBS in passing defense.

KENTUCKY WILDCATS (7-5, 3-5 SEC)

8/31	TOLEDO [SECN]	W, 38-24
9/7	E. MICHIGAN [SECNA]	W, 38-17
9/14	#9/8 FLORIDA* [ESPN]	L, 21-29
9/21	at Mississippi State* [SECN]	L, 13-28
9/28	at South Carolina* [SECN]	L, 7-24
10/12	ARKANSAS* [SECN]	W, 24-20
10/19	#10/10 at Georgia* [ESPN]	L, 0-21
10/26	MISSOURI* [SECN]	W, 29-7
11/9	TENNESSEE* [SECN]	L, 13-17
11/16	at Vanderbilt* [SECN]	W, 38-14
11/23	TENNESSEE MARTIN [SECN]	W, 50-7
11/30	LOUISVILLE [SECN]	W, 45-13

Belk Bowl (Charlotte, N.C.)

12/31 vs. Virginia Tech [ESPN] Noon

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

VIRGINIA TECH HOKIES (8-4, 5-3 ACC)

8/31	at Boston College*	L, 28-35
9/7	OLD DOMINION	W, 31-17
9/14	FURMAN	W, 24-17
9/27	DUKE*	L, 10-45
10/5	at Miami*	W, 42-35
10/12	RHODE ISLAND	W, 34-17
10/19	NORTH CAROLINA*	W, 41-43 (6OT)
11/2	at Notre Dame	L, 20-21
11/9	WAKE FOREST*	W, 36-17
11/16	at Georgia Tech*	W, 45-0
11/23	PITTSBURGH*	W, 28-0
11/29	at Virginia*	L, 30-39

Belk Bowl (Charlotte, N.C.)

12/31 vs. Kentucky [ESPN] Noon

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

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KENTUCKY WILDCATS

Record: 7-5 (3-5 SEC)
 Ranking: AP - NR; Coaches - RV
 Coach: Mark Stoops (Iowa, '89)
 Record: 43-44 (7th season)
 at UK: same
 vs. VT: 0-0
 Last Game: W, 45-13, vs. Louisville (11/30/19)
 Series: UK leads 11-6-2

VIRGINIA TECH HOKIES

Record: 8-4 (5-3 ACC)
 Ranking: AP - NR; Coaches - RV
 Coach: Justin Fuente (Murray St., '99)
 Record: 59-42 (8th season)
 at VT: 33-19 (4th season)
 vs. UK: 0-0
 Last Game: L, 30-39, at Virginia, (11/29/19)
 Last Meeting: UK won, 14-7, in Lexington on 10/31/87

QUICK NOTES

- Kentucky is 7-5 on the season and 3-5 in SEC play.
- This will be UK's fourth consecutive bowl appearance.
- UK set new single-season records in rushing yards (3,293), rushing touchdowns (33) and yards per rushing attempt (6.4) in 2019.
- The Cats rushed for a single-season school-record 517 yards in a win over rival Louisville in the regular season finale. The total topped the previous record of 462, set one week earlier in a 50-7 victory over Tennessee Martin last week.
- UK ended the regular season leading the SEC and ranking fifth nationally in rushing yards per game with 274.4.
- UK scored 38-plus points in its last three regular-season games for the first time in school history.
- Kentucky has had five victories this season by at least 21 points, first time that has happened since 1951 (six wins by at least 21 points).
- UK rushed for more than 400 yards in three straight games to end the season, including breaking the school record for a single game in back-to-back weeks (517 vs. Louisville and 462 vs. UTM).
- A big reason for Kentucky's rushing success is the offensive line, aka the "Big Blue Wall." The o-line unit were semifinalists for the renowned Joe Moore Award, given to the nation's top offensive line.
- Junior athlete Lynn Bowden Jr. won the Paul Hornung Award, the first UK player to receive the award for the nation's most versatile player. He has been named first-team All-America by seven national selectors.
- Bowden Jr. was a wide receiver / punt returner / kickoff returner the first five games of the season, when the Kentucky QB corps was decimated by injuries. He offered to move to quarterback, a position he played in high school, and went on to lead UK to a 5-2 record in the last seven games.
- In seven starts at QB, Bowden recorded six 100-yard rushing games, averaging 121.7 yards per game on the ground (1,235 total rushing yards). In those seven games, he tallied 1,136 rushing yards, the most by a Wildcat over a seven-game span since Moe Williams in the 1995 season (1,238).
- Bowden leads the SEC and ranks eighth nationally in all-purpose yards, averaging 153 yards per game. He also ranks second in the nation in rush yards per carry (8.18).
- Bowden ranks fifth in school history in career all-purpose yards (4,407) with Sonny Collins (1972-75). He needs 267 more to tie Randall Cobb (2008-10) at No. 4 (4,674).

ABOUT THE GAME

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Channel 80 - Sirius; Channel 80 - XM

INTERNET RADIO • www.UKathletics.com

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SEC STANDINGS

EASTERN DIVISION

Team	SEC	Pct.	All	Pct.
Georgia	7-1	.875	11-2	.846
Florida	6-2	.750	10-2	.833
Tennessee	5-3	.625	7-5	.583
KENTUCKY	3-5	.375	7-5	.583
South Carolina	3-5	.375	4-8	.333
Missouri	3-5	.375	6-6	.500
Vanderbilt	1-7	.125	3-9	.250

WESTERN DIVISION

Team	SEC	Pct.	All	Pct.
LSU	8-0	1.000	13-0	1.000
Alabama	6-2	.750	10-2	.833
Auburn	5-3	.625	9-3	.750
Texas A&M	4-4	.500	7-5	.583
Miss. State	3-5	.375	6-6	.500
Ole Miss	2-6	.250	4-8	.333
Arkansas	0-8	.000	2-10	.167

SEC IN THE BOWLS

BELK BOWL - DECEMBER 31 KENTUCKY VS. VIRGINIA TECH NOON; ESPN

Dec. 27

Texas Bowl

Texas A&M vs. Oklahoma State
6:45 p.m.; ESPN

Dec. 28

CFP Semifinal - Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl

LSU vs. Oklahoma
4 p.m.; ESPN

Dec. 30

Music City Bowl

Mississippi State vs. Louisville
4 p.m.; ESPN

Orange Bowl

Florida vs. Virginia
8 p.m.; ESPN

Jan. 1

Outback Bowl

Auburn vs. Minnesota
1 p.m.; ESPN

Citrus Bowl

Alabama vs. Michigan
1 p.m.; ABC

Sugar Bowl

Georgia vs. Baylor
8:45 p.m.; ESPN

Jan. 2

TaxSlayer Gator Bowl

Tennessee vs. Indiana
7 p.m.; ESPN

All times ET

- Bowden is the only player in FBS to lead his team in both rushing and receiving yards this season.
- Earlier in the season, Bowden became the 30th Wildcat to reach 1,000 career receiving yards and he charted his 100th career reception vs. Florida, the 11th Wildcats to accomplish that feat.
- Junior punter Max Duffy was named the Ray Guy Award winner and earned first-team All-America honors by seven national selectors. He has been sensational this season, leading FBS in punting at 48.6 yards per kick.
- Duffy is the school's all-time leading punter at 46.47 yards per kick.
- With Duffy's punting and hustling coverage by the punt team, UK leads the nation with 45.13 net yards per punt.
- With a defensive unit made up of mostly underclassmen, only four seniors are in the two-deep, and despite losing all five of defensive backs from last season to graduation (three who currently play in the NFL), the Wildcats finished in the top 25 of total defense for the second year in a row.
- UK ranked 23rd in 2018 (337.9) and is 21st in 2019 (324.3) in yards allowed per game. This year's mark is the lowest since 1989 (320.3).
- Kentucky held five consecutive SEC opponents to 305 yards of total offense or less for the first time since 1977.
- UK has allowed 34 points or less in 26 straight games, the longest active streak in the nation. The 26 straight games at 34 points or less is the longest for Kentucky since a 45-game streak from 1976-80.
- UK kept every opponent below 30 points this season, first time the Wildcats have done that since 1979.
- UK allowed only seven touchdown passes all season, tied with Ohio State for the second-fewest in the nation.
- Since 2016, UK is 12-6 in games decided by seven points or less.
- The Cats have won nine consecutive non-conference games.
- Kentucky has won 31 games from 2016-19, the most in a four-season span since 1950-53, when Paul "Bear" Bryant was coach of the Cats.
- The Cats now are 17-8 over their past 25 games, UK's best 25-game stretch since going 17-7-1 during the 1976-78 seasons.
- UK has held five opponents without a touchdown in the first half this season, most since the 1993 defense held six opponents without a touchdown in the first half.
- Kentucky ranks fourth nationally in passing yards allowed per game.
- UK is tied for second in the FBS, and second in the SEC, in fewest plays from scrimmage of at least 40 yards allowed (six).
- UK is tied for first in the FBS, and tied for first in the SEC, in fewest passing plays of at least 40 yards allowed (two).
- Kentucky leads all of FBS in running plays of at least 20 yards (39).
- UK is one of just 22 FBS teams to have three players with a 100-yard rushing game this year.
- Defensive end Calvin Taylor Jr. has a team-high 7.5 sacks, which ranks tied for second in the SEC. His three forced fumbles also is the second-most in the league.
- From Mark Stoops' first season at Kentucky in 2013, the Wildcats either matched or exceeded the previous season's win total in six straight seasons, making them the only program in FBS to accomplish that feat. Inheriting a team that had won two games prior to his arrival, Stoops won two games in 2013, followed by 5, 5, 7, 7 and 10 wins in successive seasons.
- During Stoops' tenure the Wildcats have had eight different starting quarterbacks win a game.
- Kentucky is one of just 16 FBS schools to have at least 15 true freshmen appear in a game this season. The Cats played 17 true freshmen: Ryan Bryant, Cavon Butler, Jared Casey, Eli Cox, Tae Tae Crumes, M.J. Devonshire, Taj Dodson, Moses Douglass, Jalen Geiger, Isaiah Gibson, Amani Gilmore, DeMarcus Harris, K.D. McDaniel, Nik Ognenovic, Travis Tisdale, J.J. Weaver and Tra Wilkins).
- Stoops has 43 wins during his tenure, the third-most in school history. Stoops also has 32 wins at Kroger Field, tied with Jerry Claiborne (1982-89) for the second-most wins in the current stadium and just one behind Bear Bryant's record 33.



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, 1984), Peach Bowl (1993), Outback Bowl (1999), HomePoint.com Music City Bowl (1999), Gaylord Hotels Music City Bowl (2006, 2007), AutoZone Liberty Bowl (2009), BBVA Compass Bowl (2011), TaxSlayer Bowl (2016), Franklin Mortgage Music City Bowl (2017), and VRBO Citrus Bowl (2019).

COMPARISON STATS

Comparison stats table between Kentucky and Virginia Tech, listing metrics such as Record, Conference Record, Scoring/game, Total Offense/game, Rushing/game, Passing/game, Kickoff Returns, Punt Returns, Punting, Time of Possession, Third-Down Conv., Fourth-Down Conv., Points Allowed/game, Total Defense/game, Rushing Defense/game, and Passing Defense/game.

SENIOR SALUTE

- Eleven players will be playing their final regular season game on Saturday: Jordan Griffin (S, 6-0, 194, Riverdale, Georgia), Ahmad Wagner (WR, 6-5, 237, Huber Heights, Ohio), Elijah Barnett (OLB, 6-3, 234, Lexington, Kentucky), Blake Best (LS, 6-1, 221, Duluth, Georgia), Kash Daniel (LB, 6-1, 226, Paintsville, Kentucky), Logan Stenberg (OG, 6-6, 321, Madison, Alabama), Mason Wolfe (OT, 6-6, 323, Henderson, Kentucky), T.J. Carter (DE, 6-4, 287, Mableton, Georgia), Calvin Taylor Jr. (DE, 6-9, 311, Augusta, Georgia), Phil Hoskins (DT, 6-5, 310, Toledo, Ohio), Ben Logsdon (K, 6-4, 186, Louisville, Kentucky).

- Eight Wildcats graduated on December 20 and will wear a SEC Graduate patch in the bowl game. They are Elijah Barnett, Kash Daniel, Max Duffy, Luke Fortner, Jordan Griffin, Drake Jackson, Grant McKinniss and Landon Young. Also wearing the patch by having already earned their undergraduate degrees are: Blake Best, Logan Stenberg, Calvin Taylor Jr., Mason Wolfe as well as Troy transfer Sawyer Smith who graduated in July from Troy University. He is currently pursuing a master's degree at UK in sport leadership. Kicker Ben Logsdon graduated from Centre College in Danville, Kentucky last year with a degree in economics and finance and is currently working on a his MBA.

TEAM RUSHING, SEASON

Table showing team rushing statistics for the season, including Yards and Yards/Rush for the top 4 players, and Yards/Game for the top 5 players.

KENTUCKY IN BOWL GAMES

- The Wildcats own a 9-9 all-time record in bowl games. The last bowl appearance came in the VRBO Citrus Bowl in Orlandon on Jan. 1, 2019. The Cats defeated Penn State, 27-24. UK went to five consecutive bowls from 2006-2010. This is UK's first appearance in the Belk Bowl.

SCOUTING VIRGINIA TECH

- Virginia Tech is 8-4 on the season, including a 5-3 mark in Atlantic Coast Conference play. The Hokies' current streak of 27 consecutive seasons reaching a bowl game in the nation's longest active streak and third-longest in college football history behind Nebraska's 35-game streak (1969-2003) and Michigan's 33-year stretch (1975-2007). Head coach Justin Fuente is in his fourth season after arriving from Memphis where he revitalized that program and led it to bowl games each of his final two seasons. He also has a .625 winning percentage in ACC games since taking over at Tech. After a rough start that saw the Hokies lose their first two conference games, they rebounded in a big way and won five of their final six ACC contests. The defense posted back-to-back shutouts against Georgia Tech and Pitt in November. Like Kentucky, Virginia Tech uses a stable of runners to fuel a strong ground game, with Deshawn McCleave leading the way at 717 rushing yards and six touchdowns.





KENTUCKY BY THE NUMBERS

	2019	Stoops
Record	7-5	43-44
SEC	3-5	20-36
West	1-1	3-11
East	2-4	17-25
Non-Conference	4-0	23-8
Home	6-2	32-19
Road	1-3	10-22
Neutral site	0-0	1-3
Night	3-4	20-22
Day	4-1	23-22
TV Games	6-5	39-44
ABC	0-0	1-0
CBS	0-0	0-4
ESPN	0-2	1-10
ESPNU	0-0	3-5
ESPN2	0-0	2-2
ESPNNews	0-0	0-1
SEC Network	7-3	34-21
Fox Sports South	0-0	1-1
CBS Sports Network	0-0	1-0
August/September	2-3	20-11
October	2-1	12-12
November	3-1	10-19
UK scores on 1st possession	2-1	17-13
Opp scores on 1st possession	3-1	12-18
UK scores first	4-1	26-16
Opponent scores first	3-4	17-28
UK leads after 1st quarter	3-1	25-7
Opponent leads after 1stQ	3-3	10-29
Teams are tied after 1stQ	1-1	8-8
UK leads at halftime	5-2	29-6
Opponent leads at halftime	1-2	7-34
Teams are tied at halftime	1-1	7-4
UK leads after 3rd quarter	7-1	35-3
Opponent leads after 3rdQ	0-4	4-38
Teams are tied after 3rdQ	0-0	5-3
Game goes to overtime	0-0	1-2
Scoring less than 20 pts	0-4	4-27
Scoring 20+ points	7-1	34-17
Scoring 30+ points	5-0	24-7
Allowing less than 20 pts	5-1	25-3
Allowing 20+ points	2-4	13-33
Allowing 30+ points	0-0	5-26
UK has more total yards	7-1	33-5
Opp. has more total yds	0-4	10-39
UK has more rushing yards	6-2	36-8
Opp. has more rushing yards	1-3	7-36
UK has more passing yards	2-1	20-13
Opp. has more passing yards	5-4	23-29
Rushing for < 100 yds	0-0	4-15
Rushing for over 100 yards	7-5	36-28
Rushing for 200+ yards	6-1	30-8
Passing for 200+ yards	1-2	17-13
Passing for 300+ yards	0-0	6-4
UK has 100-yard rusher	5-2	29-12
Opp. has 100-yard rusher	2-3	11-30
No turnovers	1-0	10-8
One or two turnovers	6-3	29-28
3 or more turnovers	0-1	4-7
No takeaways	1-1	10-9
3 or more takeaways	1-0	10-4
UK has more penalties	3-2	14-16
Opp. has more penalties	4-2	23-24
Teams have equal penalties	0-1	6-4
UK has more TOP	5-2	29-14
Opp. has more TOP	2-3	13-30
UK defense scores	1-0	8-5
Opponent defense scores	1-1	6-8
UK returns KO/Punt for TD	0-0	3-0
Opp. returns KO/Punt for TD	0-0	0-4
Playing on natural grass	0-3	11-27
Playing on artificial surface	7-2	32-16
In blue uniforms	2-1	8-3
In white uniforms	1-2	5-8
In white unis/blue pants	0-1	5-15
In blue unis/white pants	2-0	15-4
In black uniforms	0-0	1-3
In blue uniforms/grey pants	1-0	2-3
In grey uniforms	1-0	4-3
In grey uniforms/blue pants	0-1	3-5

MILESTONES TO WATCH

- **Junior athlete Lynn Bowden Jr.**, ranks fifth in school history in career all-purpose yards (4,407) with Sonny Collins (1972-75). He needs 267 more to tie Randall Cobb (2008-10) at No. 4 (4,674).
 - Bowden is just the ninth player in school history to rush for 1,000 yards in a season, joining former UK running back legends Benny Snell Jr., Boom Williams, Rafael Little, Artose Pinner, Moe Williams, Mark Higgs, George Adams and Sonny Collins. He is the first UK quarterback to rush for 1,000 yards in a single season.
 - With 1,235 total rushing yards this season he ranks sixth on UK's all-time single-season list. He needs 53 yards to tie Mark Higgs (1987) for fifth.
 - Bowden recently became the 38th player to reach 1,000 career rushing yards. He now has 1,297 and sits at No. 27. He needs 16 yards to advance.
 - Bowden has 1,136 rushing yards as a quarterback this season, breaking Mike Fanuzzi's record of 909 set in 1974.
 - Bowden Jr. has 114 career receptions and is the 17th Wildcat player to catch at least 100 passes in his career. He ranks 13th on the school's all-time list and needs 17 more to break into UK's top 10 list and tie Rafael Little at No. 10 with 131 (2004-07).
 - Bowden became the 30th player in school history to reach 1,000 career receiving in the season opener and now has 1,303 in his career. He needs 22 more to move past James Whalen (1997-99) into 17th place on all-time UK list.
 - Bowden has returned two punts for a touchdown in his career, both coming during the 2018 season. With one more return to the house he would join Dicky Lyons Sr. (1966-68) and Larry Carter (1976-79) in a tie for second on the career list with three punt return touchdowns. Derek Abney (2000-03) holds the school record with six.
 - Bowden has 1,608 kickoff return yards in his career, which ranks fourth on UK's all-time list. Derek Abney holds the record with 2,315. He needs 61 more to move up to No. 3 with Kio Sanford (1,669 - 1994-97).
 - Bowden is just the third player in school history to have at least 1,500 career kickoff return yards and 1,000 career receiving yards (Derek Abney and Keenan Burton).
 - Head coach **Mark Stoops** has 43 career victories at Kentucky, ranking him third on the school's all-time list. He needs four more wins to tie Fran Curci (1973-1981) at No. 2.
 - **Senior DE Calvin Taylor Jr.** has 7.5 sacks this season and needs 1.5 more to tie Jeremy Jarmon (2007) and Oliver Barnett (1988) at No. 5 on UK's single-season sacks list with 9.0.
- Quarterback Hendon Hooker has thrown for 11 touchdowns against just two interceptions while completing 62 percent of his passes.
 - Kicker Brian Johnson has been excellent, connecting on 16-of-20 field goal attempts this season.
 - Like UK's Max Duffy, Va. Tech punter Oscar Bradburn has been terrific, averaging 46.75 yards on 51 punts this season.
 - The Hokies' defense is 10th nationally in red zone defense and 14th in sacks per game.
 - Defensive back Caleb Farley is among the nation's leaders in pass breakups (12) and interceptions (four).

SERIES VS. VIRGINIA TECH

- UK leads the all-time series 11-6-2.
- The first meeting came in 1926, a 13-13 tie. The last meeting was a 14-7 Kentucky win in Lexington on Halloween in 1987.
- The Cats won seven straight from 1971 to 1978, including a 31-26 win in 1973 in the first game played in the new Commonwealth Stadium.
- Largest Kentucky win: 31, 38-7 in 1974.
- Largest Virginia Tech win: 26, twice, most recent in 1982 (29-3).
- Games decided by seven points or less: Kentucky leads 4-3-2
- One of Kentucky's nine 400-yard rushing games in its history came against Virginia Tech when the Cats piled up 441 yards on Sept. 14, 1974.

KENTUCKY-VIRGINIA TECH CONNECTIONS

- Kentucky does not have a player on its roster from Virginia.
- Virginia Tech does not have a player on its roster from Kentucky.
- Virginia Tech head coach Justin Fuente graduated from Murray State University in 1999.





TRACKING KENTUCKY'S OPPONENTS

Table with 5 columns: Opponent, UK vs. Opp, Opp. Record, Last Game, Next Game. Lists various opponents like Toledo, Eastern Michigan, Florida, etc.

- College Football Hall of Fame Coach Jerry Claiborne was head coach at both Virginia Tech (1961-70) and UK (1982-89)
Virginia Tech defensive coordinator Bud Foster also graduated from Murray State.

A UK WIN WOULD...

- Give Kentucky at least eight wins for the second consecutive season.
Give UK back-to-back wins in bowl games, including last season's VRBO Citrus Bowl.



BOW DOWN TO BOWDEN; WINNER OF PAUL HORNUNG AWARD

Junior athlete Lynn Bowden Jr. was named the winner of the 2019 Paul Hornung Award, which recognizes the most versatile player in college football.

- Played wide receiver / punt returner / kickoff returner the first five games of the season, then started at quarterback the last seven games.
Headed to the NFL as a wide receiver and kick returner.

100-YARD RUSHERS

Table with 4 columns: Player, 2019, Career, '19 Opponent. Lists Lynn Bowden Jr., A.J. Rose, Chris Rodriguez Jr., Terry Wilson.

100-YARD RECEIVERS

Table with 4 columns: Player, 2019, Career, '19 Opponent. Lists Lynn Bowden Jr.

INTERCEPTIONS

Table with 4 columns: Player, 2019, Career. Lists Jordan Griffin, Tyrell Ajian, Jamin Davis, etc.

TRACKING SACK LEADERS

Table with 4 columns: Player, 2019, Career. Lists Calvin Taylor Jr., Boogie Watson, Josh Paschal, etc.



2019 INJURY REPORT

WR Isaiah Epps - Out indefinitely - left foot fracture

DT Phil Hoskins - Out indefinitely - right knee

S Davonte Robinson - Out for the season - right quadriceps injury

QB Nik Scalzo - Out for the season - torn ACL in right knee

QB Terry Wilson - Out for the season - torn patellar tendon in left knee

STAT SUPERLATIVES

Most Games Played (min. 30): Blake Best (51), Kash Daniel (50), Logan Stenberg (50), T.J. Carter (49), Jordan Griffin (44), Justin Rigg (40), Calvin Taylor Jr. (39), Lynn Bowden Jr. (38), Grant McKinniss (38), Boogie Watson (37), Mason Wolfe (37), Quinton Bohanna (36), Kordell Looney (36), Landon Young (36), Josh Ali (33), Zach Johnson (33), A.J. Rose (32)

Most Games Started (min. 20): Logan Stenberg (38), Drake Jackson (32), T.J. Carter (27), Max Duffy (25), Lynn Bowden Jr. (24), Quinton Bohanna (23), Kash Daniel (22), Calvin Taylor Jr. (22)

Consecutive Games Started (min. 12): Logan Stenberg (38), Drake Jackson (32), Max Duffy (25), Quinton Bohanna (18), Lynn Bowden Jr. (14), Darian Kinnard (13), Josh Ali (12), Yusuf Corker (12), Luke Fortner (12), Josh Paschal (12), A.J. Rose (12), Calvin Taylor Jr. (12), Landon Young (12)

Consecutive Games with a Tackle (min. 12): DeAndre Square (20), T.J. Carter (16), Boogie Watson (15)

#LAFAMILIA

Kentucky football has several set of sons playing for fathers who were former Wildcats or who are currently working for UK Football:

- Senior OLB Elijah Barnett is the son of former Wildcat, Oliver Barnett (1986-89).
- Redshirt-freshman TE Brendan Bates is the grandson of former UK basketball player Gene Neff (1951-52).
- Sophomore WR Zac Berezowitz is the son of UK Football's chief of staff Dan Berezowitz. Identical twins Brayden and Bryan serve as a graduate assistant and student assistant in the football office, respectively.
- Sophomore center Tyler Couch is the son former Cat, the late Joey Couch (1988-91).
- Freshman DB Moses Douglass is the son of former Wildcat Maurice Douglass (1984-85).
- Sophomore WR Darren Edmond is the son of UK Football's director of performance Corey Edmond.
- Senior TE Drew Schlegel is the son of former Wildcat Mike Schlegel (1992-95).
- We have brothers, too. Walk-on defensive ends Richard and Alex Brascom of Louisville, Ky., are fraternal twins.

- Leads the SEC in all-purpose yardage, 153 yards per game (note that all-purpose yardage does not include Bowden's passing yardage as a quarterback)
- Even though he has been running the ball only seven games, he ranks second in the SEC in rushing yards and 20th nationally in rushing yards (1,235 yards)
- Second nationally in yards per carry (8.2), on pace to break Boom Williams' school record of 7.1 yards per carry
- Set single-season school record for most rushing yards by a quarterback
- Set single-season school record for most 100-yard rushing games by a QB (6)
- Caught 30 passes for 348 yards and one touchdown in his five games as wide receiver
- Averaging 25 yards per kickoff return and 13.2 yards on punt returns
- Three times this season on the Paul Hornung Award Honor Roll
- Three-time SEC Offensive Player of the Week
- First-Team Midseason All-America as an all-purpose player by Associated Press and ESPN
- Rushed for 284 yards and four touchdowns in Kentucky's Governor's Cup win over Louisville – breaking or tying six SEC and school records in the process, along with two Gov Cup records
 - > 284 yards broke the SEC and UK single-game records for most rushing yards by a QB
 - > Four TDs tied the school records for most TDs in a game and most rushing TDs in a game
 - > 12.9 yards per carry broke the single-game school record for most yards per attempt (min. 20 carries)
 - > Broke the UK single-season record for most rushing yards by a quarterback
 - > Also broke the Governor's Cup records for most rushing yards and most rushing TDs
 - > Named National Performer of the Week by the College Football Performance Awards
 - > SEC Offensive Player of the Week
 - > Earned the Howard Schnellenberger Award as MVP of the Governor's Cup game
 - > Manning Award National Quarterback of the Week
- Rushed for 204 yards and two touchdowns while also passing for 54 yards in win over Missouri
 - > SEC Co-Offensive Player of the Week
 - > Paul Hornung Award Honor Roll
 - > Manning Award "Star of the Week"
- In his first collegiate start at quarterback, he rushed for 196 yards and two touchdowns and also passed for 78 yards and a TD in leading the Wildcats to victory
 - > Manning Award National Quarterback of the Week
 - > SEC Co-Offensive Player of the Week
 - > Paul Hornung Award Honor Roll



DUFFY WINS 2019 RAY GUY AWARD

Junior punter Max Duffy was named the winner of the Ray Guy Award, presented annually to the nation's top punter. He is Kentucky's first Ray Guy Award winner in school history.

- Duffy leads the nation in punting at 48.6 yards per punt.
- With his distance and placement, Kentucky leads the nation in net punting with a 45.13-yard net average.
- Is UK's career punt leader with a 46.47-yard average.
- Only nine of Duffy's 47 punts have been returned (19 percent) and 24 of them have landed inside the 20-yard line (51 percent).
- He doesn't shy away from contact either. He has three career tackles, including an open-field



tackle – possibly saving a touchdown – on UT Martin’s Terry Williams, who already has two punt return TDs on the season.

BOWDEN, DUFFY, STENBERG EARN ALL-AMERICA HONORS

Juniors Lynn Bowden Jr. and Max Duffy, along with senior Logan Stenberg, have earned All-America honors by various outlets.

Bowden earned first-team honors by The Associated Press, AFCA FBS Coaches, Sporting News, The Athletic, ESPN, Sports Illustrated and CBS Sports.

Duffy was named First-Team All-American by the AP, Walter Camp, the nation’s oldest All-America team, the Football Writer’s Association, the AFCA FBS Coaches, ESPN, Sporting News and The Athletic. Duffy was a second-team All-America selection by Sports Illustrated and CBS Sports.

Stenberg, an offensive guard, was a second-team All-America choice by the FWAA.

This is the second straight season UK has had at least two All-Americans. Linebacker/defensive end Josh Allen was named a consensus First-Team All-American last season, while with Bunchy Stallings earned first-team honors from the AP and The Athletic. Running back Benny Snell Jr., and Stallings were also named second-team All-American.

OFFENSIVE LINE NAMED JOE MOORE AWARD SEMIFINALISTS

The Kentucky offensive line were semifinalists for the Joe Moore Award, recognizing the Most Outstanding Offensive Line Unit in college football.

- The offensive line has helped UK put together its fourth consecutive season of 2,000 or more rushing yards. The Wildcats have done this despite missing three departed starting linemen from a year ago, the school’s all-time leading rusher from last season, and this year’s top three quarterbacks are all injured – two are out for the season – and the current starting QB is a converted wide receiver.
- Four players have rushed for more than 500 yards this season in running back A.J. Rose, quarterback Lynn Bowden Jr., running back Kavosiey Smoke and running back Christopher Rodriguez Jr., including three with over 620 yards (Bowden, Rose, Smoke).
- The Wildcats’ running game is averaging 274.4 yards per game, tops in the SEC and fourth nationally.
- The UK offensive line boasts three returning starters in junior center Drake Jackson, senior left guard Logan Stenberg and redshirt junior left tackle Landon Young. Also seeing action is senior Mason Wolfe, junior Luke Fortner, sophomores Austin Dotson, Darian Kinnard and Naasir Watkins, along with redshirt freshmen Kenneth Horsey, Nick Lewis and Quintin Wilson.
- The O-Line is coached by former Wildcat John Schlarman who is in his seventh season at Kentucky. He was a four-year starter with the Wildcats from 1994-97.

PASCHAL NAMED TO INAUGURAL UPLIFTING ATHLETES RARE DISEASE CHAMPION TEAM; EARNS HONORABLE MENTION FOR MAYO CLINIC COMEBACK PLAYER OF THE YEAR; NOMINATED FOR CAPITAL ONE ORANGE BOWL-FWAA COURAGE AWARD

- Joshua Paschal, a sophomore outside linebacker, has made an inspiring return to the football field after overcoming a malignant melanoma that appeared on the bottom of his right foot just before training camp was to open in July of 2018. He underwent three surgeries and monthly immunotherapy treatments for more than a year before being cleared in August. His final treatment was Aug. 7, 2019. Because of his courageous comeback, he was named one of five members to the inaugural 2019 Uplifting Athletes Rare Disease Champion Team.
- Joining Paschal on the team are Kent State wide receiver Antwan Dixon, Davidson linebacker George Hatalowich, Syracuse offensive lineman Sam Heckel and Penn student assistant Anthony Lotti.
- He also earned Mayo Clinic Comeback Player of the Year Award Honorable Mention and is a nominee for the the Capital One Orange Bowl-FWAA Courage Award.
- Paschal battled back to return on a limited basis for the final three games of the 2018 season and has made an immediate impact this season as a starter. In 12 games this season, he has totaled 34 tackles, 9.5 tackles (second on the team), 3.5 sacks (third on the team), two fumbles, one pass breakup and one blocked kick in helping the Cats advance to their fourth straight bowl game.

BEST EARNS FIRST-TEAM COSIDA ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA

- Senior longsnapper Blake Best was named CoSIDA First-Team Academic All-America on Dec. 9. It is the second straight year he’s been recognized for his academic achievements.
- Best, a senior from Duluth, Georgia, serves as UK’s starting long snapper for the fourth straight

CATS SCRATCHES

SOPH • DT • ABULE ABADI-FITZGERALD

- Born in Yenagoa, Nigeria
- Moved to United States at age 12

r-FRESHMAN • TE • BRENDEN BATES

- Parents, Doug and Kelly, and brother, Doug, all played/play Division I-A sports
- Grandfather is former UK Basketball player Gene Neff

SENIOR • LB • ELIJAH 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

SENIOR • LB • KASH DANIEL

- Father, Scott, was a former professional bass fisherman
- Kash was a member of the 2019 UK Bass Fishing Team

FRESHMAN • DB • MOSES DOUGLASS

- Father, Maurice, was a defensive back at Kentucky from 1984-85 and went on to an 11-year career with the Chicago Bears and New York Giants

JUNIOR • P • MAX DUFFY

- Currently 26 years old, the oldest player on the team ... Turns 27 in April of 2020
- Second straight punter from Australia, following Matt Panton

r-FRESHMAN • OL • KENNETH HORSEY

- Had open-heart surgery in April of 2018
- Competed in martial arts for 14 years

JUNIOR • C • DRAKE JACKSON

- Family owns and operates a popular barbecue business in Kentucky

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
- UK associate athletics director for marketing, Nathan Schwake, recently named his baby girl AJ (Amory Juliet) Rose Schwake after him

SENIOR • TE • DREW SCHLEGEL

- Dad, Mike, was a tackle and a team captain at Kentucky from 1992-95
- Aspires to be an alpaca farmer

r-JUNIOR • OT • LANDON YOUNG

- Runner-up in both shotput and discus at 2013 USATF National Junior Olympics Track and Field Championships
- Won the 2016 state wrestling title



HONORING THE CATS IN 2019

Blake Best:

- * 2019 CoSIDA First-Team Academic All-America®
- * 2019 CoSIDA Academic All-District®
- * 2019 Burlsworth Trophy Nominee

Lynn Bowden Jr.:

- * Paul Hornung Award Winner
- * First-Team All-America, All-Purpose (Associated Press, ESPN.com, AFCA FBS Coaches, SI.com, CBS Sports, Sporting News)
- * First-Team All-SEC, All-Purpose (AP, Coaches)
- * Midseason First-Team All-American (AP)
- * Midseason All-American (ESPN, Sporting News)
- * CFP National Performer of the Week (12/2/19)
- * Manning Quarterback Player of the Week, Week 14 (12/4/19)
- * Manning Quarterback Player of the Week, Week Seven (10/17/19)
- * SEC Offensive Player of the Week (12/2/19)
- * SEC Offensive Player of the Week (10/28/19)
- * SEC Offensive Player of the Week (10/14/19)
- * Paul Hornung Award Honor Roll, Week Two (9/9/19)
- * Paul Hornung Award Honor Roll, Week Seven (10/14/19)
- * Paul Hornung Award Honor Roll, Week Seven (10/28/19)
- * Manning Award "Star of the Week" (12/2/19)
- * Manning Award "Star of the Week" (10/14/19)

Max Duffy:

- * Ray Guy Award Winner
- * First-Team All-America (Associated Press, FWAA, Walter Camp, AFCA Coaches, ESPN.com, Sporting News)
- * Second-Team All-America (SI.com, CBS Sports)
- * First-Team All-SEC, Punter (AP)
- * Second-Team All-SEC, Punter (Coaches)
- * Ray Guy Award Punter of the Week, Week 9
- * Ray Guy Award Punter of the Week, Week 5
- * Midseason Second-Team All-American (AP)
- * Midseason All-American (ESPN, Sporting News)

Drake Jackson:

- * First-Team All-SEC, Center (AP)
- * SEC Co-Offensive Lineman of the Week, Week 12 (11/18/19)

Josh Paschal:

- * 2019 Mayo Clinic Comeback Player of the Year Honorable Mention
- * Uplifting Athletes Rare Disease Champion Team

DeAndre Square:

- * National Defensive Team of the Week for the Toledo Game - (Pro Football Focus)

Logan Stenberg:

- * Second-Team All-America, Offensive Guard (FWAA)
- * First-Team All-SEC, Offensive Guard (AP)
- * Second-Team All-SEC, Offensive Guard (Coaches)

Calvin Taylor Jr.:

- * SEC Defensive Player of the Week (10/28/19)

Mason Wolfe

- * 2019 CoSIDA Academic All-District®

Landon Young:

- * SEC Offensive Lineman of the Week (9/9/19)
- * 2019 Allstate AFCA Good Works Team (Captain)
- * 2019 Wuerffel Trophy Nominee
- * SEC Community Service Team

season. He is perfect on all snaps in his Wildcat career and has carried that perfect mark in the classroom. Best graduated summa cum laude in December of 2018 with a double major in economics and finance with a perfect 4.0 grade point average. He is currently working on a master's degree in finance. Best was a second-team Academic All-American last season and is a seven-time member of the Dean's List. He also is a three-time member of the Southeastern Conference Academic Honor Roll.

- Senior offensive guard Mason Wolfe was named to the 2019 Academic All-District® Football Team, selected by CoSIDA.
- Wolfe, a native of Henderson, Kentucky, is a senior offensive guard. He has seen action in 36 career games, including all 12 this season. He graduated with a 3.623 GPA in May of 2019 with a bachelor's degree in sociology and a minor in criminology. He is currently working on a master's degree in sport leadership. Wolfe is a three-time member of the SEC Academic Honor Roll and was named to the First-Year SEC Honor Roll as a freshman in 2015. He also is a two-time member of the Dean's List.

YOUNG NAMED TO ALLSTATE AFCA NATIONAL GOOD WORKS TEAM; VOTED TEAM CAPTAIN; ALSO EARNS SPOT ON SEC COMMUNITY SERVICE TEAM

Junior offensive tackle has been selected to the 2019 Allstate AFCA (American Football Coaches Association) Good Works Team®, an annual award given to college football players for the impact they make off the field. Of the 22 Good Works Team members (11 from FBS), Young received the honor of being named Good Works Team® captain through fan voting that took place throughout the season at ESPN.com/Allstate.

- His numerous community service projects include volunteering at a local nursing home, speaking to youth organizations, volunteering at Habitat for Humanity and traveling to Ethiopia for a one-week service trip to help the people of Addis Abab and Korah
- The Allstate AFCA Good Works Team will be invited to the 2020 Allstate® Sugar Bowl® and will join Tebow and Allstate volunteers to give back to New Orleans through a special community service project. Allstate will recognize the team during the halftime show.
- Young is Kentucky's 15th player to be named to the Allstate AFCA Good Works Team and the school's first to be named Good Works Team® captain in the history of the program.
- Young was also recently named to the 2019 SEC Community Service Team.

FOUR WILDCATS EARN ALL-SEC HONORS

Kentucky's record-breaking athlete Lynn Bowden Jr. headlines four Wildcats who were named All-Southeastern Conference by the league's coaches or The Associated Press.

- Bowden was named the top all-purpose player in the league by both the AP and the league's coaches.
- Punter Max Duffy and offensive guard Logan Stenberg both were named first-team All-SEC by the AP but earned second-team honors by the SEC coaches.
- Center Drake Jackson and Stenberg also was recognized on the AP first team.
- It marked just the third time in school history and first since 1977, that four Wildcats earned first-team All-SEC by the AP. UK also had four in 1951 and 1977.

OFFENSE

- "Balance" has been the hallmark of the Kentucky offense under Eddie Gran, UK assistant head coach for offense. The Wildcats totaled more than 2,000 rushing yards and 2,000 passing yards in Gran's first three seasons. Prior to Gran's arrival, this had been accomplished in only two seasons total in school history.
- Only out of necessity because of injuries at quarterback did that change in 2019, as Gran was forced to completely revamp the offense a month into the season. All the Cats did was rush for a school-record 3,293 yards.
- The Cats have averaged at least 25.5 points per game in all four seasons, the first time in school history UK averaged at least 25.5 in four straight years.
- In the Gran era, UK has rushed for 11,031 yards, best four-year total since the 1970s, when Kentucky ran the ball almost exclusively.
- UK has had a 1,000-yard rusher in four straight seasons (Boom Williams, Benny Snell Jr., Lynn Bowden Jr.); prior to this, UK had never had 1,000-yard rushers in back-to-back seasons, let alone three or four straight seasons.
- Despite having starting quarterbacks who had never played in a major-college game in 2016 (Stephen Johnson) and 2018 (Terry Wilson), UK won 24 games over three seasons and went to three straight bowl games.



2019 TEAM CAPTAINS

Five players were voted team captains by their peers on Friday, Aug. 30. They are Lynn Bowden Jr., Kash Daniel, Josh Paschal, Logan Stenberg and Terry Wilson. The four game captains for each game will be decided on a week-by-week basis. They are listed below.

Table listing team captains for various schools: Toledo, Eastern Michigan, Florida, Miss. State, South Carolina, Arkansas, Georgia, Missouri, Tennessee, Vanderbilt, Tennessee Martin, Louisville.

- The Cats have had eight different starting quarterbacks win a game during coach Mark Stoops' tenure.
Two wide receivers (Garrett Johnson and Dorian Baker) and one tight end (C.J. Conrad) became 1,000-yard career receivers during the last three seasons.
UK has won 31 games in four seasons (2016-19), the most in school history since 1950-53.

Quarterbacks

- Junior Terry Wilson won the starting job at the start of the 2018 season and led the Wildcats to their first 10-win season since 1977.
Wilson played in two games in 2019 before suffering a season-ending torn patellar tendon in his left knee in the third quarter vs. Eastern Michigan.
Troy transfer Sawyer Smith stepped in for Wilson at the start of the fourth quarter vs. Eastern Michigan and completed 5 of 9 passes for 76 and two touchdowns.
After Smith sat out with injuries suffered in the South Carolina game, junior wide receiver Lynn Bowden Jr., who played quarterback in high school, made his first career start at QB against Arkansas on Oct. 12.
Smith played in all 13 games last season for Troy, starting the final seven games for coach Neal Brown.
Along with Smith, sophomore and Kentucky native Walker Wood (Lexington) and freshman signal caller Amani Gilmore (Amite, La.) back up Bowden.
True freshman Nik Scalzo (Fort Lauderdale, Fla.) is out for the season after suffering a torn ACL in preseason camp.

Running Backs

- The biggest question mark entering the 2019 season was who would succeed UK's all-time leading rusher and All-American Benny Snell Jr.?
Kentucky answered that question with its three-headed monster in junior A.J. Rose, and redshirt freshmen Christopher Rodriguez Jr. and Kavosiey Smoke.
With Bowden leading the way, UK has four players with at least 500 rushing yards (Bowden, Rose, Smoke and Rodriguez), including three with more than 600 (Bowden, Rose and Smoke).
Rose has earned the starting nod in all 12 games and has totaled 757 yards and six scores on 139 carries this season.
Smoke has proven to be a big-play threat with touchdown runs of 40 and 32 yards this season, as well as a career-long 70-yard run vs. Louisville.
Rodriguez has run for 515 yards on 65 carries and averages 7.9 yards per attempt.

CATS SCRATCHES CONTINUED

IF THE TEAM HAD A BAND:

Singers: Kash Daniel, Darren Edmond, Xavier Peters, Ahmad Wagner
Dancers: Abule Abadi-Fitzgerald, Brenden Bates (excellent worm)
Tap dancer: Boogie Watson
Drummer: Cedric Dort Jr.
Piano: Darren Edmond
Trombone: Shawn Lawson
Beat creators: Davoan Hawkins, Qua Mahone, Jaylen Scott

ON THE WATCH LISTS

Quinton Bohanna:
* Outland Trophy

Lynn Bowden Jr.:
* Hornung Award Winner
* Biletnikoff Award

Jared Casey:
* FWAA 2019 Freshman All-American Team and Shaun Alexander Freshman of the Year

Kash Daniel:
* Reese's Senior Bowl

Max Duffy:
* Ray Guy Award Winner

Jordan Griffin:
* Reese's Senior Bowl

Drake Jackson:
* Rimington Trophy

Josh Paschal:
* Mayo Clinic Comeback Player of the Year
* Capital One Orange Bowl-FWAA Courage Award - Honorable Mention

Logan Stenberg:
* Outland Trophy
* Reese's Senior Bowl

Calvin Taylor Jr.:
* Reese's Senior Bowl

Landon Young:
* Wuerffel Trophy

Mason Wolfe:
* Reese's Senior Bowl

Offensive Line:
* Joe Moore Award Semifinalists

WHERE ARE THE COACHES?

SIDELINE

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

PRESS BOX

Darin Hinshaw, Co-OC/Quarterbacks
Dean Hood, Safeties, Special Teams
Jon Sumrall, Inside Linebackers



- Bowden, Jr. (8.2) and Rodriguez, Jr. (7.9) both average at least 6.96 yards per carry. Kentucky is one of four FBS schools to have at least two players averaging at least 6.96 yards per carry (min. 50 att. each) (Central Florida, Louisiana, Oklahoma).
- Kentucky is fourth in the FBS, and leads the SEC, in rushing offense (274.4 yards per game).
- Kentucky rushed for a school-record 462 yards vs. UT Martin, the second consecutive game over the 400-yard mark and then shattered that mark a week later with 517 yards against Louisville.
- The 517 rushing yards are the most by any team in the nation vs. an FBS opponent this season.
- It marked just the first time in school history UK has rushed for 400-plus yards in consecutive games. There now have been just nine 400-yard games in school history, three this season.
 - **517 vs. Louisville, Nov. 30, 2019**
 - **462 vs. UT Martin, Nov. 23, 2019**
 - 446 vs. Tennessee Tech, Sept. 15, 1951
 - 443 vs. Tennessee, Nov. 12, 2016
 - 441 vs. Virginia Tech, Sept. 14, 1974
 - 416 vs. George Washington, Nov. 17, 1951
 - 409 vs. Vanderbilt, Nov. 7, 1953
 - **401 vs. Vanderbilt, Nov. 16, 2019**
 - 400 vs. Ohio, Oct. 3, 1987

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 work culminated this season with 274.4 rushing yards per game, ranking fourth nationally.
- The Cats averaged 234.2 rushing yards per game in 2016, Gran's first in Lexington, 161.7 yards per game in 2017 and 199.4 last year. 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 Conference, making the numbers even more impressive.
- Some of the more compelling stats from Gran's 24 seasons at Ole Miss (1995-98), Auburn (1999-2008), Tennessee (2009), Florida State (2010-12), Cincinnati (2013-15) and Kentucky:
 - > 20 seasons averaging at least 150.0 rushing yards per game
 - > 13 seasons averaging at least 172.0 rushing yards per game
 - > 13 individual 1,000-yard rushers
 - > Nine seasons with a RB who scored at least 10 rushing TDs
 - > Five 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
- In 2019, the Cats had four players - Lynn Bowden Jr., A.J. Rose, Christopher Rodriguez Jr. and Kavosiey Smoke all rush for at least 500 yards and five touchdowns.

Wide Receivers

- Wide receivers coach Michael Smith is in his second season with the Wildcats and is having to rely on a plethora of young talent as three of



WOODSON ELECTED TO UK ATHLETICS HOF

The University of Kentucky Athletics Hall of Fame Class of 2019 consisting of DeMarcus Cousins (men's basketball), Henri Junghanel (rifle), A'dia Mathies (women's basketball), Vic Nelson (cross country/track and field), Don Weber (cross country/track and field) and Andre' Woodson (football), were inducted during Hall of Fame Weekend, Sept. 13-14, in conjunction with the football home game vs. Florida.

Andre' Woodson, Football (2004-07)

Kentucky's Most Valuable Player in 2006 and '07, leading the Wildcats to a pair of eight-win seasons and victories in the Music City Bowls ... Also MVP of both bowl wins ... Led UK to six fourth-quarter/overtime come-from-behind wins as a junior and senior, including victories over No. 9 Louisville and No. 1 LSU ... Threw for 9,360 yards and 79 touchdowns in his career ... Magnificent senior season, completing 63 percent of his passes for 3,709 yards and 40 TDs ... Set NCAA record for most consecutive passes without an interception ... Set SEC record for most TD passes in a season (40) and lowest interception ratio in a career ... All totaled, set two NCAA records, four SEC records and three UK records.

the top four wideouts from last season are gone.

- Before moving to QB, UK's top target was Lynn Bowden Jr., with 30 catches for 348 yards and one touchdown.
- Helping fill the void of Bowden is junior Josh Ali who has 19 catches for 181 yards and two scores in 12 games.
- Former Iowa basketball player Ahmad Wagner has proven to be a difficult cover (see note below) and is third on the team in catches (15) and second in yards (254).
- Young playmakers such as sophomores Clevan Thomas Jr., (10 catches for 94 yards and a touchdown), Allen Dailey Jr., (seven catches for 75 yards) and redshirt freshman Bryce Oliver (six catches for 111 yards and one TD) are also in the mix.
- UK has been without the services of junior Isaiah Epps, who has been out since the summer with a foot fracture.

AHMAD FLAG-NER

- Kentucky's secret weapon on offense might just be the presence of senior Ahmad Wagner, a.k.a. "Ahmad Flag-ner" (h/t Curtis Burch). Wagner, a 6-foot-5, 238-pound receiver, is in his final year of eligibility after transferring from Iowa where he played three seasons on the basketball team.
- Wagner now has been targeted 46 times in his career, with 15 catches for 254 yards and 12 pass interference penalties drawn (one catch and PI occurred on the same play).
- It's interesting to note that, of his 26 possessions that had a



completion or pass interference, 18 of them eventually scored a touchdown or field goal.

	<u>Passes Thrown To</u>	<u>Reception</u>	<u>Pass Int.</u>	<u>Incomplete</u>
2018	4	0	3	1
2019	42	15	9*	19
Totals	46	15	12*	20

Tight Ends

- Justin Rigg and Keaton Upshaw have had the unenviable task of replacing four-year starter C.J. Conrad. The duo has given UK size and speed at the position and combined for 17 receptions for 190 yards during the regular season. They also should be praised for their blocking on the "Big Blue Wall" as Kentucky set new single-season records in rushing yards (3,293), rushing TDs (33) and yards per rushing attempt (6.4).
- Upshaw sat out last season due to a season-ending knee injury but has seven catches for 78 yards this season, including a touchdown catch vs. the Gators.
- Rigg has 10 catches for 112 yards in 12 games.
- Senior Drew Schlegel and redshirt freshman Brenden Bates also see action, primarily in blocking situations.
- Freshman Nik Ognenovic saw in two regular-season games and hauled in his first career reception against UT Martin.

Offensive Line

- Offensive line coach John Schlarman can be described in one word - tough. The 2018 Capital One Orange Bowl-FWAA Courage Award nominee was diagnosed with cholangiocarcinoma in July of 2018. Despite his health issues, he has coached through countless chemotherapy treatments and **has not missed one practice or game.**
- Schlarman was a four-year starter with the Wildcats from 1994-97. He is in his seventh season at UK.
- The O-line boasts three returning starters in center Drake Jackson, left guard Logan Stenberg and left tackle Landon Young who helped Benny Snell Jr., become the first player in school history with 1,000 rushing yards in three consecutive seasons.
- Young is in his second season as a starter, also the 2017 season. He sat out the entire 2018 season with a knee injury.
- The graduation of George Asafo-Adjei, selected in the seventh round of the NFL Draft by the N.Y. Giants, freed up the right tackle spot. Sophomore Darian Kinnard has handled the starting role in every game this season. Sophomore Naasir Watkins backs up both tackle positions.
- At left guard, three-year starter Logan Stenberg deciding to come back for his senior season was a big boost. He's backed up by redshirt freshman Kenneth Horsey. An interesting note about Horsey - he had open-heart surgery in April of 2018.
- Replacing 2018 First Team All-American and All-SEC performer Bunchy Stallings at right guard is junior Luke Fortner, who started every game at that spot. Senior Mason Wolfe is the backup.
- The center spot is locked up by junior Drake Jackson who has a current streak of 32 consecutive starts under his belt and was named All-SEC by the AP and earned co-SEC Offensive Lineman of the Week for his efforts in the road win over Vanderbilt on Nov. 16. Redshirt freshman Quintin Wilson is an additional option as well.

SPECIAL TEAMS

- Special teams coordinator Dean Hood will coach his final game at the Belk Bowl. Hood was recently named the head coach at FCS Murray State University in Murray, Kentucky. Hood is completing his 32nd

CATS IN THE PROS

A total of 15 former Kentucky Wildcats are currently on National Football League rosters, with two additional players in the CFL. Here is the list, along with their years at UK (as of Dec. 17):

Arizona Cardinals

Corey Peters, DT (2006-09) - Elected Team Captain

Chicago Bears

Danny Trevathan, LB (2008-11)

Green Bay Packers

Za'Darius Smith, OLB (2013-14) - Elected Team Captain

Dallas Cowboys

Randall Cobb, WR (2008-10)
Chris Westry, CB (2016-18)

Houston Texans

Lonnie Johnson Jr., CB (2017-18)

Jacksonville Jaguars

Josh Allen, DE/LB (2015-18)

New Orleans Saints

Larry Warford, G (2009-12)

New York Giants

George Asafo-Adjei, OT (2016-18)
Derrick Baity, DB (2015-18)

New York Jets

Avery Williamson, LB (2010-13)

Pittsburgh Steelers

Bud Dupree, OLB (2011-14)
Benny Snell, Jr., RB (2016-18)

Tampa Bay Buccaneers

Mike Edwards, S (2016-2019)

Tennessee Titans

Wesley Woodyard, LB (2004-07) - Elected Team Captain



OTHER CATS IN NFL ROLES

Chicago Bears, Assistant Dir. of Player Personnel

Champ Kelly, WR/DB (1998-2001)

San Francisco 49ers, Director of Player Engagement

Austin Moss, DE (2006-09)

Oakland Raiders, Pro Scout

Quentus Cumby, DB (1999-02)

CATS IN THE CFL

Micah Johnson, LB (2006-09)
Saskatchewan Roughriders

Chris Matthews, WR (2009-10)
Montreal Alouettes

- year of college coaching, his third at Kentucky.
- Replacing the production of 2018 senior kicker Miles Butler, has been redshirt freshman Chance Poore and junior Matt Ruffolo. Ruffolo is currently the start and has hit 3-of-4 field goal attempts and 14-of-16 extra points. Poore is 5-of-9 this season with a long of 46 and 24-of-26 extra points.
- Australian transplant and Ray Guy Award winner Max Duffy handles the punting duties for the second straight season. In 2019, he is averaging a nation-best 48.6 yards per punt. UK also leads the nation with a team net of 45.13 yards. The 26-year-old arrived in the United States as an early enrollee in January of 2018.
- Senior Grant McKinniss handles the kickoff duties and has 43 touchbacks so far this season.
- Senior Blake Best is the snapper for punts, field goals and PATs. He has handled FG/PATs the last three seasons and has added punt snaps this year.
- After Bowden moved to QB, handling punts and kickoff returns is Zach



Johnson (31.2 yards per kickoff return) and Josh Ali (6.0 yards per punt return) has taken care of punts.

DEFENSE

- Brad White, who joined the staff in 2018 as outside linebackers coach, is in his first season as the defensive coordinator. White was promoted after Matt House accepted the linebackers position with the Kansas City Chiefs in February of 2019.
- White had to do some significant rebuilding on defense as only four starters returned from 2018.
- The positions where a starter did not return were outside linebacker (Josh Allen), two cornerback spots (Derrick Baity and Lonnie Johnson Jr.), strong safety (Mike Edwards), free safety (Darius West), weakside linebacker (Jordan Jones) and defensive tackle (Adrian Middleton).
- Despite heavy personnel turnover, the Wildcats finished in the top 25 of total defense for the second year in a row.
- UK ranked 23rd in 2018 (337.9) and is 21st in 2019 (324.3) in yards per game allowed. This year's mark is the lowest since 1989 (320.3).
- UK kept every opponent below 30 points this season, first time the Wildcats have done that since 1979.
- UK is allowing just 18.4 points per game. In 2018, UK allowed 16.8 points per game, the best since the 1979 defense allowed 13 points per contest.
- UK has allowed 34 points or less in 26 straight games, the longest active streak in the nation. The 26 straight games at 34 points or less is the longest for Kentucky since a 45-game streak from 1976-80.
- UK has allowed just six plays from scrimmage of at least 40 yards
- UK has allowed just two passing plays of at least 40 yards
- UK allowed only seven touchdown passes all season, tied with Ohio State for the second-fewest in the nation.
- The Cats only allowed a total of three points in the first half of three straight SEC games (at Georgia, Missouri, Tennessee), the best mark since allowing a total of three points against three consecutive SEC opponents (Georgia, Vanderbilt, Florida) in 1988.
- 4th nationally in passing yards allowed (172.7), behind Clemson, Ohio State and Notre Dame
- 6th nationally in fourth down defense (.313)
- 13th nationally in scoring defense (18.4)
- 13th nationally in pass efficiency defense (112.63 rating points)
- 16th nationally in first downs allowed (205)
- 19th nationally in yards per pass (6.3)
- 21st nationally in total defense (324.3)
- 23rd in red zone defense (.767)
- 29th in time of possession (31:51)

Linebackers

- The biggest task on defense coming into 2019 was replacing outside linebacker Josh Allen, who was National Defensive Player of the Year and first-team All-American last season after compiling these impressive numbers in 2018 - team-high 88 tackles, 21 TFL, 17 sacks, 7 QBH, 5 FF, 4 QBH, 2 FR and 1 blocked kick.
- Junior outside linebackers Josh Paschal and Jamar "Boogie" Watson along with sophomore outside linebacker Jordan Wright have done a good job of narrowing that gap.
- Watson has 7.5 tackles for loss, 4.5 quarterback sacks and a team-high seven QB hurries.
- Paschal, who played in all 13 games as a true freshman in 2017, redshirted last season due to battling melanoma in his right foot. He has 7.5 tackles for loss and is sixth in total tackles with 31.
- Senior middle linebacker Kash Daniel is the team's leading returning tackler from 2018. He had 75 tackles last year along with 7.5 TFL and



COUCH NAMED TO COLLEGE FOOTBALL HOF BALLOT

Former Kentucky quarterback Tim Couch has been named to the ballot for induction into the College Football Hall of Fame, the National Football Foundation (NFF) & College Hall of Fame. Couch is one of 76 players and five coaches from the Football Bowl Subdivision and 101 players and 33 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 2020 Class will be made in January 2020 in the days leading up to the College Football Playoff (CFP) National Championship in New Orleans. The 2020 College Football Hall of Fame Class will officially be inducted during the 63rd NFF Annual Awards Dinner on Dec. 8, 2020, at the New York Hilton Midtown. They will also be honored at their respective schools with an NFF Hall of Fame On-Campus Salute, presented by Fidelity Investments, during the 2020 season.

five QBH, despite playing most of the season with a broken left hand. He's currently the team's No. 4 tackler with 45 and has added 4.0 TFL, an interception, three PBU and two QBH.

- Backing up Daniel is sophomore Chris Oats who has 37 tackles.
- Sophomore DeAndre Square has emerged as a big-play performer this season. He is currently UK's leading tackler with 61 and has 5.0 TFL, 1.5 sacks, one interception and three QBH.

Defensive Line

- Defensive line coach Derrick LeBlanc, a former defensive lineman at



Northwestern State known for his toughness, is in his third season at Kentucky. His line features seven returning letter winners, including two returning starters in nose guard Quinton Bohanna and 6-foot-9 defensive end/tackle Calvin Taylor Jr.

- Taylor leads the down linemen with 33 tackles, including 8.5 for loss and a SEC-leading 7.5 sacks. He was named SEC Defensive Lineman of the Week after notching two sacks in the win over Missouri.
• Bohanna has 17 tackles, three tackles for loss, including a sack.
• End T.J. Carter is having his best year as a senior with 21 tackles, including five for loss.
• Noseguard Marquan McCall (19 tackles, 4.0 TFL, one fumble recovery), end Kordell Looney (nine tackles), and tackle Abule Abad-Fitzgerald (four tackles) have provided quality depth.
• Youngsters Davoan Hawkins and Jerquavion Mahone each logged their first career sack in the regular season finale vs. Louisville.
• UK has missed the services of senior tackle Phil Hoskins, a fine pass rusher, who is out indefinitely because of a knee injury.

Secondary

- Coach Steve Clinkscale had one of the hardest jobs as he has had to replace five talented defensive backs, including all four starters, from 2018. Gone are safeties Mike Edwards, now with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, and Darius West as well as cornerbacks Derrick Baity, on the practice squad with the New York Giants, Lonnie Johnson Jr., now the Houston Texans' starting corner, and Chris Westry with the Dallas Cowboys. The five combined for 161 career starts, 853 tackles, 77 PBUs and 24 interceptions.
• Kentucky received a big blow in late July when junior and Lexington native Davonte Robinson suffered an injury to his right quadriceps muscle that required surgery and has forced him to miss the season. The safety played in all 13 games last season with three starting assignments. He showed big-play potential last season, charting 42 tackles (sixth on the team) and, on the final play of the game at Florida, returned a fumble 30 yards for a touchdown.
• At strong safety, Jordan Griffin, who has played in 44 career games with 14 starting assignments, is the lone senior in the secondary. In 11 games played this season, he has 25 tackles, 2.0 TFL/sack, and three PBUs. He leads the team in turnovers with four, two interceptions and two fumble recoveries. Griffin missed most of two games because of injury, with junior college transfer Quandre Mosely starting in his place. Mosely had an interception in his first start at Mississippi State.
• Sophomore Tyrell Ajian is involved in the nickel package. He has 17 tackles in 11 games with his first career INT coming against No. 9 Florida.
• Sophomore free safety Yusuf Corker, who saw action in eight games last season, is the team's second-leading tackler in 2019 with 67. He also has four PBUs and two fumble recoveries, including one for a touchdown.

He recorded a career-high 11 tackles at Georgia and made his first career interception at Vanderbilt.

- Junior college transfer Brandin Echols is the starter at one cornerback spot and has shined with 52 tackles (third on the team), a team-high nine PBUs and two forced fumbles. True freshmen M.J. Devonshire serves as his backup.
• The other cornerback starter is sophomore Cedric Dort Jr., who is backed up by redshirt freshman Jamari Brown. Brown is second on the team with seven pass breakups in 11 games played.

DOUBLE DIPPING

- There are only five schools in FBS/Division I that maintain at least three 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 three consecutive years after making the TaxSlayer Bowl, Franklin American Mortgage Music City Bowl and VRBO Citrus Bowl:

- Michigan - 4
KENTUCKY - 3
Florida State - 3
Kansas State - 3
Virginia Tech - 3

CATS TIE/IMPROVE WIN TOTAL SIX STRAIGHT SEASONS

UK is the only program in the country 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: ten wins
• 2019: seven wins

LIFT THEM UP



A unique partnership with Toyota Motor Manufacturing Kentucky (TMMK), the Kentucky College of Engineering and the Kentucky Children's Hospital brought special guests to the Cat Walk presented by Chevy this season.

A brand-new and specially built push cart vehicle provided a Kentucky Children's Hospital patient the chance to both accompany the Wildcats on the Cat Walk and attend a game at Kroger Field. A new patient was chosen by the Kentucky Children's Hospital each week to participate.

Offensive tackle and College of Engineering junior Luke Fortner (Sylvania, Ohio) and a team of TMMK engineers worked for months to

2020 SCHEDULE

Table with 3 columns: DATE, OPPONENT, LOCATION. Rows include Sept. 5 vs Eastern Michigan, Sept. 12 at Florida, Sept. 19 vs Kent State, Sept. 26 vs South Carolina, Oct. 3 at Auburn, Oct. 10 vs Eastern Illinois, Oct. 17 vs Vanderbilt, Oct. 24 at Missouri, Nov. 7 at Tennessee, Nov. 14 vs Mississippi State, Nov. 21 vs Georgia, Nov. 28 at Louisville.



KENTUCKY CAREER RECORDS

Receiving Yardage, Career

#	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.	Lynn Bowden Jr.	2017-present	114	1,303	11.4	6
19.	Rick Kestner	1963-65	82	1,280	15.6	10
20.	Chris Matthews	2009-10	93	1,279	13.9	12
21.	Ryan Timmons	2013-16	112	1,254	11.2	5
22.	Derek Smith	1999-2001	89	1,224	13.8	9
23.	Phil Logan	1987-90	83	1,219	14.7	7
24.	Steve Meilinger	1951-53	75	1,210	16.1	17
25.	Steve Johnson	2006-07	72	1,200	16.6	14
26.	Dorian Baker	2014-18	101	1,148	11.7	6
27.	Javess Blue	2013-14	72	1,111	15.4	9
28.	Derek Homer	1997-2000	129	1,052	8.2	2
29.	Demarco Robinson	2011-14	86	1,028	12.0	3
30.	C.J. Conrad	2015-18	80	1,015	12.7	12

Receptions, Career

#	Player	Years	Rec	Yards	Avg	TD
1.	Craig Yeast	1995-98	208	2,899	13.9	28
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All-Purpose Yardage, Career

#	Player	Years	Rush	Rec	PRET	KOR	Yards
1.	Derek Abney	2000-03	160	2339	1042	2315	5,856
2.	Rafael Little	2004-07	2996	1324	854	169	5,343
3.	Derrick Locke	2007-10	2618	883	8	1464	4,973
4.	Randall Cobb	2008-10	1313	1661	619	1081	4,674
5.	Lynn Bowden Jr.	2017-present	1,297	1303	199	1608	4,407
6.	Craig Yeast	1995-98	125	2899	211	1045	4,280
7.	Benny Snell Jr.	2016-18	3873	216	0	125	4,214
8.	Keenan Burton	2003-07	25	2376	90	1715	4,206
9.	Sonny Collins	1972-75	3835	105	0	183	4,123
10.	George Adams	1981-84	2648	609	0	823	4,080

Most Punt Return Touchdowns, Career

1.	6	Derek Abney, 2000-03
2.	3	Dicky Lyons Sr., 1966-68 Larry Carter, 1976-79
3.	2	Lynn Bowden Jr., 2017-present

Most Kickoff Return Yards, Career

1.	2315	Derek Abney (95 ret.), 2000-03
2.	1715	Keenan Burton (67 ret.), 2003-07
3.	1669	Kio Sanford (74 ret.), 1994-97
4.	1608	Lynn Bowden Jr. (70 ret.), 2017-present
5.	1560	Kurt Johnson (64 ret.), 1989-92
6.	1464	Derrick Locke (54 ret.), 2007-10

Most Kickoff Returns, Career

1.	95	Derek Abney, 2000-03
2.	74	Kio Sanford, 1994-97
	74	Kurt Johnson, 1989-92
4.	70	Lynn Bowden, Jr., 2017-present

Rushing Yardage, Career

#	Player	Years	Att	Yards	Avg.	TD
1.	Benny Snell Jr.	2016-18	737	3,873	5.3	48
2.	Sonny Collins	1972-75	777	3,835	4.9	26
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
	Lynn Bowden Jr.	2017-present	172	1,297	7.5	11
29.	Chris Hill	1975-78	260	1,264	4.9	4
30.	Rod Stewart	1975-78	268	1,250	4.7	9
31.	A.J. Rose	2017-present	225	1,236	5.5	11
32.	Doug Kotar	1971-73	293	1,167	3.9	5
33.	Damon Hood	1991-94	281	1,144	4.1	9
34.	Shawn Donigan	1978-82	264	1,120	4.2	4
35.	Roger Gann	1967-69	281	1,047	3.7	4
36.	Dicky Lyons	1966-68	328	1,042	3.2	18
37.	Tom Fillion	1951-53	208	1,017	4.9	8
38.	Terry Samuels	1990-93	247	1,012	4.1	5

Avg. Per Rushing Attempt, Career (min. 200 attempts)

#	Player	Years	Average per rush
1.	Boom Williams	2014-16	6.91 (366/2511)
2.	Randall Cobb	2008-10	5.76 (228/1313)
3.	A.J. Rose	2017-present	5.49 (225/1236)
4.	Mark Higgs	1984-87	5.43 (532/2892)
5.	Moe Williams	1993-95	5.39 (618/3333)
6.	Benny Snell Jr.	2016-18	5.26 (737/3873)
7.	Rafael Little	2004-07	5.17 (580/2996)

Punting, Career (min. 75 punts)

1.	46.47	Max Duffy (2018-present); 107 punts, 4972 yards
2.	44.43	Glenn Pakulak (2000-02); 134 punts, 5954 yards
3.	42.59	Paul Calhoun (1981-84); 198 punts, 8432 yards

Most Career Wins By A Head Coach, School History

1.	60	Paul "Bear" Bryant (1946-1953)
2.	47	Fran Curci (1973-1981)
3.	43	Mark Stoops (2013-Present)
4.	41	Jerry Claiborne (1982-1989)
	41	Blanton Collier (1954-1961)
6.	39	Rich Brooks (2003-2009)

Most Career Home Wins By A Head Coach, School History

1.	33	Paul Bryant (1946-53)
2.	32	Jerry Claiborne (1982-89)
3.	32	Mark Stoops (2013-present)
4.	29	Fran Curci (1973-81)
	29	Blanton Collier (1954-61)



KENTUCKY SINGLE-SEASON RECORDS

Most Rushing Yardage, Single-Season

#	Yards	Player	Season
1.	1,600	Moe Williams	1995
2.	1,449	Benny Snell Jr.	2018
3.	1,414	Artose Pinner	2002
4.	1,333	Benny Snell Jr.	2017
5.	1,278	Mark Higgs	1987
6.	1,235	Lynn Bowden Jr.	2019
7.	1,213	Sonny Collins	1973

100-yard Rushing Games, Single-Season

#	Games	Player	Year
1.	8	Artose Pinner	2002
2.	7	Benny Snell Jr.	2018
	7	Benny Snell Jr.	2017
	7	Moe Williams	1995
5.	6	Lynn Bowden Jr.	2019
	6	Rafael Little	2007
	6	Mark Higgs	1987
	6	George Adams	1984
	6	Sonny Collins	1975
9.	5	Stanley "Boom" Williams	2015
	5	Benny Snell Jr.	2016

Highest Average Per Rush Attempt, Single-Season (min. 100)

#	Avg.	Player	Year
1.	8.18	Lynn Bowden Jr. (151/1235)	2019
2.	7.10	Stanley "Boom" Williams (121/855)	2015
3.	6.84	Stanley "Boom" Williams (171/1170)	2016
4.	6.62	Mark Higgs (193/1278)	1987
5.	6.28	Kavosiey Smoke (97/609)	2019
6.	6.02	Ivy Joe Hunter (103/621)	1986

Rushing Yards by a Quarterback, Single-Season

#	Player	Year	Yards
1.	Lynn Bowden Jr.	2019	1,136
2.	Mike Fanuzzi	1974	909
3.	Derrick Ramsey	1976	771
4.	Derrick Ramsey	1977	618

Most Quarterback Sacks, Single-Season

#	Player	Year	Sacks
1.	Josh Allen	2018	17.0
2.	Dennis Johnson	2001	12.0
3.	Chris Ward	1996	10.5
4.	Dean Wells	1992	10.0
5.	Jeremy Jarmon	2007	9.0
	Oliver Barnett	1988	9.0
-	Calvin Taylor Jr.	2019	7.5

Team Rushing Yardage, Single-Season

#	Yards	Year
1.	3,293	2019
2.	3,124	1974
3.	3,044	2016
4.	2,960	1976

Team Rushing Yards Per Attempt, Single-Season

#	Yards/Att.	Year (att./yards)
1.	6.38	2019 (518/3,293)
2.	5.43	2016 (560/3,044)
3.	4.94	1974 (632/3,124)

Team Rushing Yards Per Game, Single-Season

#	Yards/Game	Year
1.	284.0	1974
2.	274.4	2019
3.	269.1	1976
4.	241.9	1975
5.	239.8	1979
6.	234.2	2016

KENTUCKY SINGLE-GAME RECORDS

Most Rushing Yards, Individual, Single-Game

#	Yards	Player (Att.)	Opponent	Date
1.	299	Moe Williams (40)	S. Carolina	Sept. 23, 1995
2.	284	Lynn Bowden Jr. (22)	Louisville	Nov. 30, 2019
3.	272	Moe Williams (40)	Cincinnati	Nov. 11, 1995
4.	238	Moe Williams (35)	Miss. State	Oct. 28, 1995
	238	Ivy Joe Hunter (30)	Vanderbilt	Nov. 8, 1986
6.	229	Sonny Collins (19)	Miss. State	Oct. 6, 1973
7.	224	Artose Pinner (31)	Vanderbilt	Nov. 16, 2002
8.	211	Benny Snell Jr. (29)	Louisville	Nov. 25, 2017
9.	208	Mike Fanuzzi (17)	Miami (OH)	Oct. 5, 1974
10.	204	Lynn Bowden Jr. (21)	Missouri	Oct. 26, 2019

Most Rushing Yards, Team, Single-Game

#	Yards	Opponent	Date
1.	517	Louisville	Nov. 30, 2019
2.	462	Tennessee Martin	Nov. 23, 2019
3.	446	Tennessee Tech	Sept. 15, 1951
4.	443	Tennessee	Nov. 12, 2016
5.	441	Virginia Tech	Sept. 14, 1974
6.	416	George Washington	Nov. 17, 1951
7.	409	Vanderbilt	Nov. 7, 1953
8.	401	Vanderbilt	Nov. 16, 2019
9.	400	Ohio	Oct. 3, 1987

SEC RECORDS

Most Rushing Yards by Quarterback, Single-Season

#	Yards	Player	Season
1.	1,473	Cam Newton (Auburn)	2010
2.	1,410	Johnny Manziel (Texas A&M)	2012
3.	1,375	Nick Fitzgerald (Miss. State)	2016
4.	1,136	Lynn Bowden Jr. (Kentucky)	2019

Most Rushing Yards by Quarterback, Single-Game

#	Yards	Player	Date
1.	284	Lynn Bowden Jr. (Kentucky) vs. Louisville	Nov. 30, 2019
2.	258	Nick Fitzgerald (Miss. State) vs. Ole Miss	Nov. 26, 2016



design, test and manufacture the device through a project called “Lift Them Up.”

The vehicle made its first appearance at the Cat Walk before Kentucky’s season opener vs. Toledo.

The vehicle was inspired by themes of the design of the Kentucky Children’s Hospital. Hospital patients are asked to contribute to the vehicle’s constantly changing paint scheme by submitting drawings that could become new additions.

CATS IN THE NFL DRAFT

The 2019 NFL Draft was one for the history books as Kentucky saw five of its players, Josh Allen, Lonnie Johnson Jr., Mike Edwards, Benny Snell Jr., and George Asafo-Adjei selected. UK had a player chosen in each of the first four rounds, a UK first. The only other schools to accomplish that feat in this year’s draft were Alabama, Ohio State and Oklahoma.

- UK’s five draft picks were the most since eight players (James Ramsey, Jim Kovach, Kelly Kirchbaum, Rod Stewart, Bob Winkel, Robert Hawkins, Dan Fowler and David Stephens) were chosen in 1979
- Josh Allen, selected as the seventh overall pick by the Jacksonville Jaguars, was the 17th player in UK history selected in the first round.
- Allen was UK’s highest draft pick since Dewayne Robertson was selected as the fourth pick by the Jets in 2003.
- Allen was the 11th player in UK history chosen in the top 10 and the first since Dewayne Robertson was selected as the fourth pick by the Jets in 2003.
- Allen was the sixth player drafted under head coach Mark Stoops at Kentucky and the second first-round pick, joining Bud Dupree (Pittsburgh Steelers) in 2015.
- Since 2001, Coach Stoops has recruited and developed 12 first-round draft picks.
- Kentucky has had a linebacker drafted in five of the last six NFL drafts (2019 - Josh Allen, 2016 - Josh Forrest, 2015 - Bud Dupree, 2015 - Za’Darius Smith, 2014 - Avery Williamson).
- UK is the only school in the nation to have first-round picks in the 2019 NFL (Josh Allen, Mike Edwards, Lonnie Johnson Jr., Benny Snell Jr., George Asafo-Adjei), MLB (Zack Thompson), and NBA Draft (P.J. Washington, Tyler Herro and Keldon Johnson).

THREE FORMER WILDCATS NAMED NFL TEAM CAPTAINS

- Three former Kentucky players were elected season-long team captains by their respective NFL teams this season in LB Wesley Woodyard with the Tennessee Titans, DT Corey Peters with the Arizona Cardinals and LB Za’Darius Smith with the Green Bay Packers.
- Kentucky has the second-most team captains in the NFL along with Temple.
- Woodyard has been elected a captain every year of his NFL career, which dates back to 2008 with the Broncos.

School	NFL Players	Captains
USC	38	4 - Devon Kennard (Lions), Everson Griffen (Vikings), Sam Darnold (Jets), Jurrell Casey (Titans)
Kentucky	14	3 - Wesley Woodyard (Titans), Corey Peters (Cardinals), Za’Darius Smith (Packers)
Temple	18	3 - Dion Dawkins (Bills), Tahir Whitehead (Raiders), Tyler Matakevich (Steelers)
Houston	15	2 - Elandon Roberts (Patriots) Case Keenum (Redskins)
Colorado	15	2 - Mason Crosby (Packers) and Nate Solder (Giants)

ACADEMIC SUCCESS

- Kentucky currently has six players on its roster who have already earned their undergraduate degrees and are in graduate school or will work on a second degree. They are Blake Best (master’s degree in finance), Logan Stenberg (second degree in communication), Calvin Taylor Jr. (second degree in communication) and Mason Wolfe (master’s degree in sport leadership). Troy transfer Sawyer Smith graduated in July and is now pursuing a master’s degree at UK in sport leadership. Kicker Ben Logsdon graduated from Centre College in 2018 and is currently working on his MBA.

- Eight Wildcats graduated on December 20 - Elijah Barnett, Kash Daniel, Max Duffy, Luke Fortner, Jordan Griffin, Drake Jackson, Grant McKinnis and Landon Young.

- Several players have strong cumulative GPAs over their academic careers, including:

- Blake Best – 4.0
- Luke Fortner – 3.491
- Jordan Griffin – 3.495
- Josh Paschal – 3.493
- Brett Slusher – 3.793
- Clevan Thomas – 3.453
- Quintin Wilson – 3.735
- Mason Wolfe – 3.623

THREE WILDCATS TRAVEL TO ETHIOPIA FOR SERVICE TRIP

- In May of 2019, three Wildcats, defensive end Calvin Taylor Jr., offensive tackle Landon Young and linebacker Jamar “Boogie” Watson, were chosen by the athletic department to participate in a service/educational trip to the Ethiopia. During the week-long trip, they delivered essential nutrition, supplies, hope and love to families living in Korah, a slum made up of all the trash accumulated in Addis Ababa. With the care packages delivered, it could prevent them from digging for two weeks to a month; visited an orphanage with approximately 80 children; took teenagers from Korah to play arcade games and see the Avengers movie; paired with a feeding program that supplies meals to government schools in Cherkos, a poorer region in Addis Ababa. The program began as a result of kids fainting and lack of focus in the classroom due to malnutrition at home, often missing breakfast in the morning and at night only leaving them with one meal per day.
- 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 DR.

- 2011: Stuart Hines, Danny Trevathan
- 2012: Mikie 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
- 2019: Calvin Taylor Jr., Landon Young, Jamar “Boogie” Watson

ROSE IS AN EAGLE

- Senior 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

#BRINGIT

- #BringIt is UK's mantra for the 2019 season. It originated from the VRBO Citrus Bowl win over Penn State, when the Nittany Lions unsuccessfully tried a fourth-down fake punt on the game's first possession. Coach Mark Stoops was seen on the sideline shouting, "Bring it on!" The inspirational moment helped spark the Wildcats toward the upset victory.

COACHING CHANGES

- UK defensive coordinator, Matt House, was hired to be the linebackers coach for the Kansas City Chiefs in February of 2019. That move prompted head coach Mark Stoops to promote outside linebackers coach Brad White to defensive coordinator and hire a former Wildcat, Jon Sumrall, to coach the inside linebackers.

KENTUCKY'S YOUNGSTOWN BOYS

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)

DID YOU KNOW?

- Kentucky was the only school in the nation to have first-round picks in the 2019 NFL (Josh Allen), MLB (Zack Thompson), and NBA (PJ Washington, Tyler Herro, Keldon Johnson) drafts.
- This is the 129th season of intercollegiate football for Kentucky.
- Kentucky is in its seventh season under head coach **Mark Stoops**, who has energized the UK fan base with record-setting recruiting classes, facility upgrades and an influx in talent.
- A picture of longevity, UK Equipment Manager **Tom Kalinowski** is in his 42nd 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. He also was a student manager in 1974-77, giving him 46 years in UK football. He has worked more than 500 consecutive games.
- The Kentucky cheerleaders have won an unprecedented 24 national cheerleading championships, including 20 of the last 24, at the annual Universal Cheerleaders Association championships.
- UK 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.



KROGER FIELD

On game day, Kroger Field often becomes the third-largest city in Kentucky.



- Since its opening in 1973, Kentucky has played 301 games within the friendly confines of newly-named Kroger Field. UK has a 168-135-4 record (.554), 32-19 under Mark Stoops.
- UK set a new Kroger Field attendance record when 63,543 fans packed the stadium for the Nov. 3, 2018 game vs. No. 6 Georgia.
- Two of the top five crowds in Kroger Field history came in 2018.
- UK announced its first sellout since 2015 when 62,945 fans attended the Florida game on Sept. 23, 2017.
- Since the 1999 expansion, UK has averaged 62,382 fans per game and ranked in the nation's top 30 teams in attendance in 14 of the last 16 seasons.
- The playing surface is named C.M. Newton Grounds at Kroger Field in honor of the former UK Director of Athletics.

KROGER FIELD

Commonwealth Stadium was renamed to Kroger Field in May of 2017. The agreement--which is between Kroger and JMI Sports, UK's multimedia rights partner-- begins at approximately \$1.85 million annually with a term of up to 12 years. With the partnership, Kroger becomes the Official Fuel Partner of the University of Kentucky and the Official Grocery Partner of Move-In at UK while also providing additional engagement opportunities with UK students. Per the agreement, Kroger is also the Official Nutrition and Pharmacy Partner of UK Athletics. Kroger Field was transformed into a state-of-the-art facility after a \$126-million reinvention which was completed prior to the 2015

season. The project was handled by HNTB. The outside of the stadium underwent a dramatic external facelift, receiving a modern look, but one that remained uniquely Kentucky. Inside, the capacity of Kroger Field was reduced over the course of the two-year project to approximately 61,000, but the value of all remaining seats were increased, from the top of the upper deck to front-row seats at midfield. Concourses were revamped and widened throughout the stadium with improved concessions, restrooms and security. Players and coaches reaped the benefits of the new Kroger Field as well, as home-team facilities were built, and a multi-purpose recruiting room hosts future Wildcats on their on-campus visits.

FACTS AND FIGURES

Seating Capacity: 61,000, including the Commonwealth Suites. New bench-back seating has been installed in the South upper level of Kroger Field.

Playing Field: UK switched from natural grass to synthetic turf for the 2015 season. Other SEC schools with a turf surface are: Arkansas, Mississippi State, Missouri and Vanderbilt.

Video Boards: Video boards by Daktronics measuring at 39 by 79 feet, each, bring a total of 6,162 square feet of video capability. The video boards put UK among the nation's leaders in video square footage. The interior seating bowl also has LED ribbon boards.

Sound System: Sportsound system delivers pounding bass energy, smooth mid- and high-range frequencies, and high-impact entertainment. Components of the sound system include a main speaker cluster behind the end zone, under-balcony speakers and concourse speakers.

GAME DAY EXPERIENCES

The "Cat Walk" on Talbott Todd Way: With the unveiling of the new \$45 million Kentucky Football Training Facility in August of 2016, the headquarters of the program moved next door to Kroger Field. That means the Cat Walk presented by Chevy will still begin outside Gate 1 two hours and 15 minutes prior to kickoff, but the team proceeds past Gate 1 and between Kroger Field and Nutter Field House which has been dedicated to former Wildcat Talbott Todd (1963-65). Todd, who passed away from ALS in August of 2017, was an avid supporter of the program. From Talbott Todd Way the team will walk to the locker room in the Joe Craft Kentucky Football Training Facility.

Pregame concerts: The Kentucky Football Pregame Concert Series has returned for the 2018 season. Concerts will begin on the stage outside Gate 12 immediately following the Cat Walk and last until 30 minutes prior to kickoff. The Cat Walk takes place two hours and 15 minutes prior to kickoff.

Coca Cola Fan Zone: Fans of all ages, but especially the younger Wildcats, will enjoy playing at the Fan Zone located in Nutter Field House. It will have inflatable games, free posters, face tattoos and more, available two hours before kickoff.

Lift Them Up: A unique partnership with Toyota Motor Manufacturing Kentucky (TMMK), the Kentucky College of Engineering and the Kentucky Children's Hospital was launched in 2019 that brings special guests to the Cat Walk presented by Chevy this season as the Kentucky football team arrives at Kroger Field. A brand-new and specially built push cart vehicle provides a Kentucky Children's Hospital patient the chance to both accompany the Wildcats on the Cat Walk and attend a game at Kroger Field. A new patient is chosen by the Kentucky Children's Hospital each week to participate.

TOP ATTENDANCES FOR KROGER FIELD

1.	63,543	Georgia, 2018
2.	63,407	Auburn, 2015
3.	63,380	EKU, 2015
4.	63,081	South Carolina, 2018
5.	63,076	Florida, 2019



WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME ...

KENTUCKY

Scored 40 points: 45 vs. Louisville, Nov. 30, 2019
Scored 50 points: 50 vs. UT Martin, Nov. 23, 2019
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 1ST HALF: VS. UT MARTIN, NOV. 23, 2019
SHUT OUT AN SEC OPPONENT IN THE 1ST HALF IN CONSECUTIVE GAMES: AT GEORGIA, OCT. 19, AND VS. MISSOURI, OCT. 26, 2019
GAME IS SCORELESS AT THE HALF: AT GEORGIA, OCT. 19, 2019
SHUT OUT AN OPPONENT IN THE 2ND HALF: VS. LOUISVILLE, NOV. 30, 2019
SCORED A TD ON FIRST SERIES: VS. LOUISVILLE, NOV. 30, 2019
Scored on first play from scrimmage of game: at Louisville, Nov. 26, 2016
HAD 25 FIRST DOWNS: 30 AT VANDERBILT, NOV. 16, 2019
HAD 30 FIRST DOWNS: 30 AT VANDERBILT, NOV. 16, 2019
HAD 250 YARDS RUSHING: 517 VS. LOUISVILLE, NOV. 30, 2019
HAD 300 YARDS RUSHING: 517 VS. LOUISVILLE, NOV. 30, 2019
HAD 400 YARDS RUSHING: 517 VS. LOUISVILLE, NOV. 30, 2019
HAD 500 YARDS RUSHING: 517 VS. LOUISVILLE, NOV. 30, 2019 (SCHOOL RECORD)
HAD CONSECUTIVE 400-YARD RUSHING GAMES: 401 AT VANDERBILT (11/16/19), 462 VS. UT MARTIN (11/23/19) AND 517 VS. LOUISVILLE (11/30/19)
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: 4 VS. LOUISVILLE, NOV. 30, 2019
Had 300 yards rushing and passing: (381/311) vs. New Mexico State, Sept. 17, 2016
HAD 500 YARDS TOTAL OFFENSE: 521 VS. LOUISVILLE, NOV. 30, 2019
Had 600 yards total offense: 601 at Louisville, Nov. 24, 2018
HAD BELOW 200 YARDS TOTAL OFFENSE: 177 AT GEORGIA, OCT. 19, 2019
HELD OPP. BELOW 100 YARDS RUSHING: -12, VS. UT MARTIN, NOV. 23, 2019
HELD OPP. BELOW 50 YARDS RUSHING: -12, VS. UT MARTIN, NOV. 23, 2019
HELD OPP. BELOW 100 YARDS PASSING: 35, AT GEORGIA, OCT. 19, 2019
HELD OPP. BELOW 100 YARDS PASSING: 35, AT GEORGIA, OCT. 19, 2019
HELD OPPONENT BELOW 200 YARDS TOTAL OFFENSE: 198 AT VANDERBILT, NOV. 16, 2019
Held opp. below 100 yards total offense: 91 vs. Vanderbilt, Nov. 16, 1996
RECORDED A SAFETY: VS. UT MARTIN, NOV. 23, 2019
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: LYNN BOWDEN JR. (284) AND CHRISTOPHER RODRIGUEZ JR. (125) VS. LOUISVILLE, NOV. 30, 2019
HAD TWO PLAYERS RUSH FOR 100 YARDS: LYNN BOWDEN JR. (284) AND CHRISTOPHER RODRIGUEZ JR. (125) VS. LOUISVILLE, NOV. 30, 2019
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: CHRISTOPHER RODRIGUEZ JR. AND LYNN BOWDEN JR. AT VANDERBILT (11/16/19); BOWDEN AND A.J. ROSE VS. UT MARTIN (11/23/19), BOWDEN AND RODRIGUEZ JR. VS. LOUISVILLE (11/30/19)
HAD A PLAYER RUSH FOR 100 YARDS IN CONSECUTIVE GAMES: LYNN BOWDEN JR. (110 AT VANDERBILT, 11/16/19, 129 VS. UT MARTIN, 11/23/19), 284 VS. LOUISVILLE (11/30/19)
HAD A PLAYER RUSH FOR 100 YARDS IN 3 CONSECUTIVE GAMES: LYNN BOWDEN JR. (2019)
HAD PLAYER RUSH FOR 100 YARDS IN FOUR CONSECUTIVE GAMES: LYNN BOWDEN JR. (2019)
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: 284 BY LYNN BOWDEN JR. VS. LOUISVILLE, NOV. 30, 2019
HAD 4 PLAYERS WITH 50+ YARDS RUSHING IN THE SAME GAME: 4 VS. UT MARTIN, NOV. 23, 2019
HAD A PLAYER WITH 3 RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS: 4 BY LYNN BOWDEN JR. VS. LOUISVILLE, NOV. 30, 2019
HAD A PLAYER WITH 3 RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS: 4 BY LYNN BOWDEN JR. VS. LOUISVILLE, NOV. 30, 2019
Had a player with 50 pass attempts: 60 by Maxwell Smith, vs. WKU, Sept. 15, 2012
Had a player with 60 pass attempts: 60 by Maxwell Smith, vs. WKU, Sept. 15, 2012
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: LYNN BOWDEN JR. (104 PASSING YARDS, 110 RUSHING) AT VANDERBILT, NOV. 16, 2019
HAD A 100-YARD RUSHER AND A 100-YARD RECEIVER IN THE SAME GAME: A.J. ROSE (105 RUSH), LYNN BOWDEN JR. (129 RECEIVING), AT MISS. STATE, SEPT. 21, 2019
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. (58 yards) vs. Penn State, Jan. 1, 2019 (Citrus Bowl)
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: YUSUF CORKER, VS. UT MARTIN (RECOVERED IN END ZONE), NOV. 23, 2019
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. TENNESSEE, NOV. 9, 2019
Had a player block a field goal: Josh Allen at Missouri, vs. Penn State, Jan. 1, 2019 (Citrus Bowl)
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: 7 BY UT MARTIN, NOV. 23, 2019
SHUT OUT KENTUCKY: 0-21 BY GEORGIA, OCT. 19, 2019
SHUT OUT KENTUCKY IN 2ND HALF: BY TENNESSEE, NOV. 9, 2019
Rushed for 300 yards: 331 by Georgia, Nov. 3, 2018
PASSED FOR 300 YARDS: 300 BY FLORIDA, SEPT. 14, 2019
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: VS. TENNESSEE, NOV. 9, 2019
Had a player with 30 rush attempts: 32, Justin Jackson (Northwestern), Dec. 29, 2017
HAD A PLAYER WITH 100 YARDS RUSHING: 142, JAVIAN HAWKINS (LOUISVILLE), NOV. 30, 2019
Had a player with 200 yards rushing: 252 by Anthony Dixon (MSU), Oct. 31, 2009
HAD TWO PLAYERS WITH 100 YARDS RUSHING: 107, TAVIEN FEASTER, 102, RICO DOWDLE (SOUTH CAROLINA), SEPT. 28, 2019
HAD A PLAYER WITH 40 PASS ATTEMPTS: 53 BY MIKE GLASS (E. MICHIGAN, SEPT. 7, 2019)
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: 174 BY FELEIPE FRANKS AND 126 BY KYLE TRASK (FLORIDA), SEPT. 14, 2019
Had a player with 10 pass receptions: 10, Ryan Markush (EKU), Sept. 9, 2017
HAD A PLAYER WITH 100 YARDS RECEIVING: 103, MARQUEZ CALLAWAY (TENNESSEE), NOV. 9, 2019
Had a player with 200 yards receiving: 216 by Demarcus Robinson (Florida), Sept. 13, 2014
Had two players with 100 yards receiving: 111, Corey 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: WILLIE GAY JR. (MISS. STATE), 52 YARDS, SEPT. 21, 2019
HAD A PLAYER RETURN A FUMBLE FOR A TD: ALLAN GEORGE (VANDERBILT), 67 YARDS, NOV. 16, 2019





2019 GAME-BY-GAME STARTERS

OFFENSIVE STARTERS

	TE/WR	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	WR	WR	WR	RB	QB
vs. Toledo	Rigg	Young	Stenberg	Jackson	Fortner	Kinnard	Ali	Wagner	Bowden Jr.	Rose	Wilson
vs. Eastern Mich.	Dailey Jr.	Young	Stenberg	Jackson	Fortner	Kinnard	Ali	Wagner	Bowden Jr.	Rose	Wilson
vs. Florida	Rigg	Young	Stenberg	Jackson	Fortner	Kinnard	Ali	Wagner	Bowden Jr.	Rose	Smith
at Miss. State	Rigg	Young	Stenberg	Jackson	Fortner	Kinnard	Ali	Wagner	Bowden Jr.	Rose	Smith
at South Carolina	Rigg	Young	Stenberg	Jackson	Fortner	Kinnard	Ali	Upshaw	Bowden Jr.	Rose	Smith
vs. Arkansas	Rigg	Young	Stenberg	Jackson	Fortner	Kinnard	Ali	Wagner	Thomas	Rose	Bowden Jr.
at Georgia	Rigg	Young	Stenberg	Jackson	Fortner	Kinnard	Ali	Wagner	Thomas	Rose	Bowden Jr.
vs. Missouri	Rigg	Young	Stenberg	Jackson	Fortner	Kinnard	Ali	Wagner	Thomas	Rose	Bowden Jr.
vs. Tennessee	Rigg	Young	Stenberg	Jackson	Fortner	Kinnard	Ali	Upshaw	Dailey Jr.	Rose	Bowden Jr.
at Vanderbilt	Rigg	Young	Stenberg	Jackson	Fortner	Kinnard	Ali	Wagner	Thomas	Rose	Bowden Jr.
vs. UT Martin	Rigg	Young	Stenberg	Jackson	Fortner	Kinnard	Ali	Wagner	Thomas	Rose	Bowden Jr.
vs. Louisville	Rigg	Young	Stenberg	Jackson	Fortner	Kinnard	Ali	Wagner	Thomas	Rose	Bowden Jr.

DEFENSIVE STARTERS

	DE	DE/OLB	NG	DT	SLB/NICK	WLB	MLB	CB	SS	FS	CB
vs. Toledo	Carter	Paschal	Bohanna	Taylor	Watson	Square	Daniel	Dort	Griffin	Corker	J. Brown
vs. Eastern Mich.	Carter	Paschal	Bohanna	Taylor	Watson	Square	Daniel	Dort	Griffin	Corker	J. Brown
vs. Florida	Carter	Paschal	Bohanna	Taylor	Griffin	Square	Daniel	Dort	Ajian	Corker	Echols
at Miss. State	Looney	Paschal	Bohanna	Taylor	Ajian	Square	Oats	Dort	Mosely	Corker	Echols
at South Carolina	Carter	Paschal	Bohanna	Taylor	Watson	Square	Daniel	Dort	Mosely	Corker	Echols
vs. Arkansas	Carter	Paschal	Bohanna	Taylor	Watson	Square	Daniel	Dort	Griffin	Corker	Echols
at Georgia	Carter	Paschal	Bohanna	Taylor	Watson	Square	Daniel	Dort	Griffin	Corker	Echols
vs. Missouri	Carter	Paschal	Bohanna	Taylor	Watson	Square	Oats	Dort	Griffin	Corker	Echols
vs. Tennessee	Carter	Paschal	Bohanna	Taylor	Watson	Square	Daniel	Brown	Griffin	Corker	Echols
at Vanderbilt	Carter	Paschal	Bohanna	Taylor	Watson	Square	Daniel	Dort	Griffin	Corker	Echols
vs. UT Martin	Carter	Paschal	Bohanna	Taylor	Watson	Davis	Daniel	Dort	Griffin	Corker	Echols
vs. Louisville	Carter	Paschal	Bohanna	Taylor	Watson	Square	Daniel	Dort	Griffin	Corker	Echols

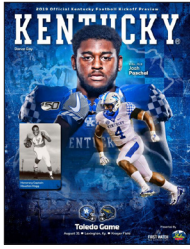


2019 GAME NOTES

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KENTUCKY 38, TOLEDO 24

AUG. 31, 2019 • LEXINGTON, KY
KROGER FIELD (54,610)



Terry Wilson threw two touchdown passes, Asim Rose and Kavosiey Smoke each ran for TDs and Kentucky overcame Toledo to pull away 38-24 in the season opener for both schools.

The Wildcats rallied twice against the Rockets to enter the break tied at 14 before taking control in the second half. A third-quarter fumble recovery led to Chance Poore's 46-yard, go-ahead field goal before Bryce Oliver's leaping grab of Wilson's 32-yard TD pass provided a 10-point lead.

Smoke's 40-yard TD run down the left side midway through the fourth made it 31-17. Kentucky then converted DeAndre Square's interception into Wilson's 2-yard TD pass to Josh Ali to clinch the first meeting between the schools.

Wilson completed 19 of 26 passes for 246 yards. Justin Rigg recovered Chris Rodriguez's goal-line fumble in the end zone for Kentucky's first TD and A.J. Rose (16 carries, 64 yards) ran for an 11-yard score. Smoke had 78 yards rushing on seven carries as the Wildcats outgained Toledo 422-347.

Toledo led twice on first-half TD runs of 5 yards by former Kentucky running back Bryant Koback and 21 by quarterback Mitchell Guadagni.

Guadagni left the game in third after his helmet was knocked off after being tackled by Chris Oats, who was ejected for targeting. Replacement Carter Bradley ran for a 7-yard TD with 1:02 remaining.

SCORING SUMMARY

Toledo	7	7	3	7	-	24
Kentucky	0	14	10	14	-	38

1st 12:15 TOLEDO - KOBACK, Bryant 5 yd run (DAVIS, Evan kick), 7-63 2:45 7 - 0
 2nd 14:55 UK - Justin Rigg 0 yd fumble recovery (Chance Poore kick), 14-97 6:42 7 - 7
 11:31 TOLEDO - GUADAGNI, M. 21 yd run (DAVIS, Evan kick), 7-75 3:24 14 - 7
 06:01 UK - Asim Rose 11 yd run (Chance Poore kick), 3-56 0:59 14 - 14
 3rd 11:33 UK - Chance Poore 46 yd field goal, 4-6 1:28 14 - 17
 07:17 UK - Bryce Oliver 32 yd pass from Terry Wilson (Chance Poore kick), 5-67 2:23 14 - 24
 03:07 TOLEDO - DAVIS, Evan 46 yd field goal, 5-33 1:58 17 - 24
 4th 08:26 UK - Kavosiey Smoke 40 yd run (Chance Poore kick), 7-92 1:51 17 - 31
 05:32 UK - Josh Ali 2 yd pass from Terry Wilson (Chance Poore kick), 5-33 2:09 17 - 38
 01:02 TOLEDO - BRADLEY, Carter 7 yd run (DAVIS, Evan kick), 6-41 1:22 24 - 38

TEAM STATISTICS

	TOLEDO	UK
First Downs	15	20
Rush Att./Net Rush	39/181	39/176
Passing C/A/I	11/25/1	19/26/0
Offensive Plays	64	65
Total Offense	347	422
Fumbles/Lost	1/1	4/2
Penalties/Yards	11/80	7/61
Punts/Average	8/42.4	6/54.0
Third-Down Conv.	7 of 16	3 of 11
Time of Possession	29:15	30:45

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING (ATT.-YD.-TD)

Toledo - Kocack, 15-73-1, Guadagni 14-73-1, Jones 2-24, Seymour 3-8, Bradley 5-3-1
UK - Smoke 7-78-1, Rose 16-64-1, Rodriguez 5-34, Wilson 9-1

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

Toledo - Bradley 4-13-1-44-0, Guadagni 7-12-0-122-0
UK - Wilson 19-26-0-246-2

RECEIVING (REC-YARDS-TD)

Toledo- Mitchell 3-59, McKinley-Lewis 3-53, Kovacks 2-18, Seymour 1-22, Rosi 1-17, Phillips 1(-3)
UK - Bowden 6-77, Wagner 3-57, Rose 3-36, Dailey 2-31, Upshaw 2-19, Oliver 1-32-1, Rodriguez 1-2, Ali 1-2

TACKLES

Toledo - Holt 10, Anderson 8, Fisher 7, Hines 6, Blue 6
UK - Square 11, Corker 7, Griffin 6, Wright 6, Oats 5

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KENTUCKY 38, EASTERN MICHIGAN 17

SEPT. 7, 2019 • LEXINGTON, KY
KROGER FIELD (55,240)



Backup quarterback Sawyer Smith threw two touchdown passes in relief of injured Terry Wilson, who rushed for a TD before hurting his left leg, and Kentucky rolled past Eastern Michigan 38-17 in Kroger Field.

Wilson's 2-yard TD run in the third quarter put the Wildcats up 24-3 before he was carted off later with the injury following a horse-collar tackle by EMU defensive lineman Turan Rush, who was flagged on a play with offsetting penalties. Wilson exited to cheers after teammates offered supportive handshakes.

Smith, a junior transfer from Troy, came in and hit Ahmad Wagner for a 54-yard touchdown and Lynn Bowden for the final 2-yard TD with 54 seconds remaining. Asim Rose and Kavosiey Smoke rushed for TDs of 8 and 32 yards, respectively, in a game the Wildcats led throughout.

Kentucky outgained the Eagles (1-1) 461-386, including a 239-49 rushing edge. But the Wildcats committed seven penalties for 84 yards, several of which snuffed first-half chances to put the game out of reach.

Eagles quarterback Mike Glass III threw TD passes of 26 and 7 yards and completed 34 of 53 attempts for 337 yards.

SCORING SUMMARY

Eastern Michigan	0	3	7	7	-	17
Kentucky	14	3	7	14	-	38

1st 06:56 UK - Asim Rose 8 yd run (Chance Poore kick), 3-26 1:13 0 - 7
 02:09 UK - Kavosiey Smoke 32 yd run (Chance Poore kick), 6-90 2:10 0 - 14
 2nd 07:43 UK - Chance Poore 40 yd field goal, 4--11 0:37 0 - 17
 01:52 EMU - RYLAND, Chad 24 yd field goal, 10-62 3:05 3 - 17
 3rd 05:01 UK - Terry Wilson 2 yd run (Chance Poore kick), 15-94 7:47 3 - 24
 02:15 EMU - LATU, Line 26 yd pass from GLASS, Mike (RYLAND, Chad kick), 5-75 2:46 10 - 24
 4th 14:20 UK - Ahmad Wagner 54 yd pass from Sawyer Smith (Chance Poore kick), 5-72 2:45 10 - 31
 10:41 EMU - CANNON, Bryson 7 yd pass from GLASS, Mike (RYLAND, Chad kick), 12-75 3:39 17 - 31
 00:54 UK - Lynn Bowden 2 yd pass from Sawyer Smith (Chance Poore kick), 7-41 2:57 17 - 38

TEAM STATISTICS

	EMU	UK
First Downs	24	26
Rush Att./Net Rush	22/49	39/239
Passing C/A/I	34/53/2	20/36/0
Offensive Plays	75	75
Total Offense	386	461
Fumbles/Lost	1/0	2/1
Penalties/Yards	5/46	7/84
Punts/Average	4/43.5	3/43.3
Third-Down Conv.	6 of 14	9 of 14
Time of Possession	26:59	33:01

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING (ATT.-YD.-TD)

EMU - Glass 10-35, Vann 8-9, Turner 3-5, Hutchinson 1-0
UK - Smoke 11-92-1, Rose 17-82-1, Wilson 8-43-1, Bowden 2-17, Smith 1-5

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

EMU - Glass 34-53-2-2
UK - Wilson 14-26-0-114-0, Smith 5-9-76-2, Bowden 1-1-32

RECEIVING (REC-YARDS-TD)

EMU - Sexton 7-54, Williams 6-54, Jackson 5-71, Latu 4-49, Drummond 3-40, Cannon 3-20-1, Beydoun 2-24, Vann 2-13, Oakes 2-12
UK - Bowden 7-54-1, Rose 4-12, Wagner 3-71-1, Upshaw 2-19, Wilson 1-32, Dailey 1-14, Ali 1-11, Rigg 1-9

TACKLES

EMU - Calhoun 10, Hoying 9, Myrick 7
UK - Echols 7, Corker 7, Square 5, Daniel 5, Paschal 5



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NO. 9 FLORIDA 29 , KENTUCKY 21

SEPT. 14, 2019 • LEXINGTON, KY
KROGER FIELD (63,076)



In his first start at quarterback for Kentucky, Sawyer Smith passed for 251 yards and two touchdowns, but the Cats suffered their first loss of the season, falling to No. 8 Florida 29-21 at Kroger Field.

The game was evenly played throughout before the Gators put it away late. Florida had 438 yards of total offense, while Kentucky had 407. The Cats had 27 first downs, compared to just 21 for the Gators.

The Gators got on the board first, when Feleipe Franks connected with Freddie Swain on a 15-yard touchdown pass, giving them a 7-0 lead with 6:27 left in the first quarter.

Early in the second, UK evened the score when Smith connected with Ahmad Wagner on a spectacular, acrobatic 26-yard TD score.

On UF's next possession, Franks was sacked by Kordell Looney, who forced a fumble that was recovered by UK's Taj Dodson at the UK 46 yard line. From there, the Cats drove and eventually took the lead on a one-yard TD run by Smith with 7:46 left in the first half.

Florida's next drive appeared to be one that would tie the game. However, the Gators' march stalled inside Kentucky territory, and McPherson's 27-yard field goal attempt missed to the right, keeping the score 14-7. That would be the score at halftime.

On the first drive of the second half, Kentucky appeared ready to stretch its lead until Smith was intercepted by Shawn Davis, who returned the pick to the Kentucky 21-yard line. The Gators got to the UK 12-yard line before a penalty backed them up. Eventually, McPherson convert, a 32-yard field goal attempt, cutting Kentucky's lead to 14-10.

U K had the answer, marching 75 yards in just six plays, culminating with a 13-yard touchdown pass from Smith to Keaton Upshaw, the first of Upshaw's career. Poore's PAT gave the Cats a 21-10 lead with 5:39 to play in the third quarter. The key play in the drive was an athletic catch by Wagner for 21 yards, which was compounded by a 15-yard penalty on the Gators.

Florida, with backup Kyle Trask playing QB in place of the injured Franks, proceeded to march 62 yards in six plays, and cut into Kentucky's lead when Lamical Perine scored on an eight-yard run. Florida's two-point conversion try was no good, and the Gators trailed 21-16 with 12:41 to play.

After a Smith interception, Florida would re-take the lead with a four-play, 66-yard scoring drive, capped by Trask's four-yard touchdown run. The two-point try failed again, and the Gators led 22-21 with 4:11 to play.

That set the stage for Kentucky's final drive, when the Cats drove deep into Florida territory with less than a minute to play. With 58 seconds left in the game, Poore tried a 35-yard field goal, but missed right.

On Florida's next possession, as the Gators were running out the clock, Josh Hammond broke free and scampered 76 yards for a touchdown to put the game away.

SCORING SUMMARY

Florida	7	0	3	19	-	29
Kentucky	0	14	7	0	-	21

- 1st 06:27 UF - F. Swain 15 yd pass from F. Franks (E. Mcpherson kick), 8-31 5:03 7 - 0
- 2nd 14:16 UK - Ahmad Wagner 26 yd pass from Sawyer Smith (Chance Poore kick), 12-79 7:05 7 - 7
- 07:46 UK - Sawyer Smith 1 yd run (Chance Poore kick), 11-54 5:57 7 - 14
- 3rd 07:50 UF - E. Mcpherson 32 yd field goal, 4-6 2:02 10 - 14
- 05:39 UK - Keaton Upshaw 13 yd pass from Sawyer Smith (Chance Poore kick), 6-75 2:11 10 - 21
- 4th 12:41 UF - L. Perine 8 yd run (K. Trask pass failed), 6-62 2:15 16 - 21
- 04:11 UF - K. Trask 4 yd run (K. Trask rush failed), 4-66 1:54 22 - 21
- 00:33 UF - J. Hammond 76 yd run (E. Mcpherson kick), 3-80 0:21 29 - 21

TEAM STATISTICS

	UF	UK
First Downs	21	26
Rush Att./Net Rush	27/138	41/140
Passing C/A/I	21/30/1	23/35/3
Offensive Plays	57	76
Total Offense	438	407
Fumbles/Lost	1/1	1/1
Penalties/Yards	7/78	9/79
Punts/Average	1/44.0	2/54.5
Third-Down Conv.	4 of 8	8 of 15
Time of Possession	25:05	34:55

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING (ATT.-YD.-TD)

Florida - Hammond 1-76-1, Perine 14-27-1, Franks 8-23, Pierce 2-8, Trask 1-4-1
UK - Smoke 16-81, Rose 14-46, Smith 9-12-1, Bowden 21-1

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

Florida - Franks 12-17-1-174-1, Trask 9-13-0-126-0 UK - Smith 23-25-3-267-2

RECEIVING (REC-YARDS-TD)

Florida - Jefferson 7-93, Pitts 4-63, Swain 4-57-1, Perine 3-23, Grimes 2-50, Hammond 1-14
UK - Bowden 7-70, Rigg 5-50, Wagner 3-70-1, Ali 2-28, Rose 2-18, Upshaw 1-13-1, Schlegel 1-2, Dailey 1-8

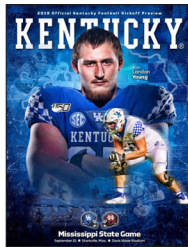
TACKLES

Florida - Reese 16, Miller 7, Greenard 6 UK - Daniel 10, Echols 7, Square 6

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MISSISSIPPI STATE 28 , KENTUCKY 13

SEPT. 21, 2019 • STARKVILLE, MISS.
DAVIS WADE STADIUM (54,556)



Lynn Bowden Jr. caught seven passes for 129 yards, and A.J. Rose carried nine times for 105 yards, but Kentucky lost at Mississippi State 28-13 on Saturday at Davis Wade Stadium.

Quarterback Sawyer Smith connected on 15 of 41 passing for 232 yards, but no touchdowns. Josh Ali caught a career-high five passes for 61 yards in the game.

Kentucky got the ball to begin the game and after Rose earned a first down on the ground, Smith was intercepted by Willie Gay, who returned the pick 52 yards for a touchdown. Jace Christmann added the PAT and the Bulldogs grabbed a 7-0 lead just 1:25 into the game.

After the teams exchanged punts, Kentucky mounted its first big drive of the game. The Cats went 10 plays, covering 58 yards, and UK got on the board when Chance Poore nailed a 40-yard field goal, cutting the MSU lead to 7-3 with 2:49 remaining in the first quarter. That would be the score after the first 15 minutes of play.

MSU had the answer, marching 75 yards in nine plays, capped by a Kylin Hill nine-yard touchdown rush early in the second quarter. The PAT was good, and the Bulldogs led 14-3 with 13:24 left in the first half.

After another Kentucky punt, MSU drove 80 yards in 10 plays and Hill scored again, this time from two yards out. Christmann's extra point made it 21-3 with 4:45 left in the first half.

Late in the first half, MSU appeared to be ready to add to the lead, but Quandre Moseley intercepted the first pass of his UK career and returned it 39 yards to the MSU 49 yard line with 48 seconds left in the half. But the Cats settled for a 47-yard field goal try that Poore missed to the left, and the teams went to the locker room with the Bulldogs leading 21-3.

Mississippi State took the second half kickoff and immediately drove into Kentucky territory. But Brandin Echols, who led Kentucky with 10 tackles on the day, forced a fumble, which was recovered by UK's Jamari Brown at the UK 20. The Cats took advantage of the turnover, going 80 yards in 11 plays, finishing with a Kavosiey Smoke two-yard touchdown rush. Poore's PAT made it 21-10 MSU with 5:30 left in the third quarter.

After MSU was forced to punt, Kentucky mounted another drive, getting deep inside Bulldog territory early in the fourth quarter. But the Cats could not punch it in, and Poore missed a 26-yard field goal with 12:15 to play.

Kentucky's final points of the game came later in the fourth quarter when Matt Ruffolo attempted, and made, his first career field goal. The 29-yarder cut the MSU lead to 21-13, but the Bulldogs added a late touchdown to provide the final margin of victory.

SCORING SUMMARY

Kentucky	3	0	7	3	-	13
Mississippi State	7	14	0	7	-	28

- 1st 13:35 MS - Willie Gay Jr. 52 yd interception return (Jace Christmann kick) 0 - 7
- 02:49 UK - Chance Poore 40 yd field goal, 10-58 4:22 3 - 7
- 2nd 13:24 MS - Kylin Hill 12 yd run (Jace Christmann kick), 9-75 4:25 3 - 14
- 04:45 MS - Kylin Hill 2 yd run (Jace Christmann kick), 10-80 5:51 3 - 21
- 3rd 05:30 UK - Kavosiey Smoke 2 yd run (Chance Poore kick), 11-80 3:40 10 - 21
- 4th 04:39 UK - Matt Ruffolo 29 yd field goal, 11-55 4:32 13 - 21
- 01:39 MS - Kylin Hill 1 yd run (Jace Christmann kick), 6-75 3:00 13 - 28

TEAM STATISTICS

	UK	MS
First Downs	21	22
Rush Att./Net Rush	28/154	40/241
Passing C/A/I	15/42/1	17/22/1
Offensive Plays	70	62
Total Offense	386	421
Fumbles/Lost	1/0	1/1
Penalties/Yards	5/40	5/45
Punts/Average	3/51.3	3/49.0
Third-Down Conv.	1 of 12	6 of 10
Time of Possession	26:54	33:06

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING (ATT.-YD.-TD)

UK - Rose 9-105, Bowden 3-37, Smoke 10-25-1, Team 1-(-)5, Smith 5-(-)8
MS - Shrader 11-125, Hill 26-120-3, Dear 1-0

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

UK - Smith 15-41-1-232-0; Bowden 0-1-0-0-0
MS - Shrader 17-22-1-180-0

RECEIVING (REC-YARDS-TD)

UK - Bowden 7-129, Ali 5-61, Upshaw 1-19, Wagner 1-15, Thomas 1-8
MS - Mitchell 4-36, Green 3-20, Zuber 3-16, Thomas 2-46, Dear 2-28, Payton 2-14, Williams 1-20

TACKLES

UK - Echols 10, Square 9, Corker 7
MS - Morgan 9, Landrews 7, Thompson 7





2019 GAME NOTES

5 SOUTH CAROLINA 24 , KENTUCKY 7 SEPT. 28, 2019 • COLUMBIA, S.C. WILLIAMS-BRICE STADIUM (80,828)



Christopher Rodriguez Jr. rushed for a career-high 65 yards and his first career touchdown, but Kentucky lost at South Carolina 24-7 at Williams-Brice Stadium.

Kentucky had its struggles on offense all night. Other than Rodriguez, one of the bright spots was Lynn Bowden Jr. who was seemingly all over the field. Bowden had six carries for 44 yards, caught three passes for 18 yards, completed both of his passes for seven yards and returned three kickoffs for 84 yards in the game.

On defense, Jamar Watson led the way with a pair of sacks, while Yusuf Corker had nine tackles and Chris Oats had eight.

South Carolina took the opening kickoff and marched 75 yards in 11 plays, culminating with a Tavien Feaster two-yard touchdown rush. Parker White added the point after and the Gamecocks grabbed a 7-0 lead with 11:09 remaining in the first period.

Kentucky got a first down on its first possession before Sawyer Smith was intercepted near midfield. But the Cats' defense held, forcing a punt. Kentucky punted on its next possession, but the Cats got a break when the punt hit a South Carolina player and was recovered by Brett Slusher at the Gamecock 39. However, the Cats could not convert, giving the ball back to South Carolina.

The teams would then exchange punts near the end of the first quarter, which would end with South Carolina leading 7-0.

Early in the second quarter, South Carolina drove deep into Kentucky territory, but the UK defense stood tall again, forcing a 26-yard field goal that White converted, giving the Gamecocks a 10-0 lead with 11:43 left in the first half. Neither team would score for the rest of the half, and South Carolina took a 10-point lead into the break.

Kentucky received the second-half kickoff, but the Cats turned the ball over, and South Carolina struck immediately, with a 30-yard touchdown rush from Rico Dowdle. The PAT gave the Gamecocks a 17-0 lead with 13:59 left in the third quarter. The Gamecocks added a fourth-quarter touchdown to lead 24-0 before Rodriguez's late touchdown got the Cats on the board.

SCORING SUMMARY

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

- 1st 11:09 SC - Tavien Feaster 2 yd run (Parker White kick), 11-75 3:51 0 - 7
- 2nd 11:43 SC - Parker White 26 yd field goal, 10-62 4:39 0 - 10
- 3rd 13:59 SC - Rico Dowdle 30 yd run (Parker White kick), 1-30 0:07 0 - 17
- 4th 07:48 SC - Tavien Feaster 19 yd run (Parker White kick), 7-85 3:30 0 - 24
- 02:32 UK - Chris Rodriguez 2 yd run (Matt Ruffolo kick), 5-84 2:00 7 - 24

TEAM STATISTICS

	UK	SC
First Downs	9	21
Rush Att./Net Rush	28/115	46/247
Passing C/A/I	13/34/1	15/27/0
Offensive Plays	62	73
Total Offense	212	387
Fumbles/Lost	2/1	2/1
Penalties/Yards	4/20	5/40
Punts/Average	9/51.1	9/51.2
Third-Down Conv.	2 of 15	5 of 15
Time of Possession	26:10	33:50

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING (ATT.-YD.-TD)

UK - Rodriguez 6-65-1, Bowden 6-44, Rose 10-33, Smoke 2-7, Smith 4-(-34)
SC - Feaster 15-107-2, Dowdle 15-102-1, Denson 10-41, Hlilinski 5-(-1)

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

UK - Smith 11-32-1-90-0, Bowden 2-2-0-7-0
SC - Kilinski 15-27-0-140-0

RECEIVING (REC-YARDS-TD)

UK - Ali 30-18, Bowden 30-18, Wagner 2-35, Dailey 2-8, Rose 1-11, Rigg 1-5, Thomas 3-8
SC - Edwards 6-37, Smith 2-30, Dawkins 2-19, Feaster 2-12, Dowdle 1-23, Vann 1-15, Legette 1-4

TACKLES

UK - Corker 9, Oats 8, Taylor 7, Carter 6
SC - Jones 7, Mukuamu 6, Three with 5

6 KENTUCKY 24, ARKANSAS 20 OCT. 12, 2019 • LEXINGTON, KY. KROGER FIELD (57,060)



Lynn Bowden Jr. accounted for three touchdowns in his first start at quarterback, including the go-ahead 24-yard scoring run with 6:53 remaining, to rally Kentucky past Arkansas 24-20 to end a three-game losing streak.

Emotions ran high for the entirety of Jared Lorenzen Day at Kroger Field. Lorenzen's family and teammates were on the field for a pregame ceremony and Wilson led the crowd in 22 seconds of noise in lieu of a moment of silence. The evening ended just as Lorenzen would have wanted: with a dramatic 24-20 win over Arkansas in comeback fashion on the strength of a total team effort.

The Wildcats' top receiver took first-team snaps during the bye while banged-up Sawyer Smith recovered and was announced as the starter before the game. Trailing 13-0, the junior led Kentucky back from a sluggish offensive start with a 3-yard run late in the first half before eventually seizing the lead with a 10-yard TD pass to Clevan Thomas late in the third.

Bowden then directed a 75-yard drive ending with his second TD run and sealed the close victory with a 51-yard run in the final minutes. He finished with a career-best 196 yards rushing on 24 carries and completed 7 of 11 passes for 78 yards.

A.J. Rose added 90 yards rushing on 16 carries as the Wildcats outrushed the Razorbacks (2-4, 0-3) 330-183 and outgained them 418-305 overall.

Rakeem Boyd rushed for 134 yards and two touchdowns, including a 74-yard TD run on the game's second play, as Arkansas took a 13-0 lead. His 2-yard TD put the Razorbacks ahead 20-17 but they ended up losing their 14th consecutive SEC game and third close contest in a row.

"Well, really proud that we got win for in Jared's memory and for his family," Stoops said. "And proud of our team by the way they played and hopefully they kept him in the back of their mind because that's how Jared played. He really laid it on the line for his team each and every week and I was proud of our group tonight in his memory."

SCORING SUMMARY

Arkansas	7	6	0	7	-	20
Kentucky	0	7	10	24	-	24

- 1st 14:18 AR - Rakeem Boyd 74 yd run (Connor Limpert kick), 2-75 0:42 7 - 0
- 2nd 14:57 AR - Connor Limpert 28 yd field goal, 8-22 1:50 10 - 0
- 05:48 AR - Connor Limpert 44 yd field goal, 10-45 3:58 13 - 0
- 00:55 UK - Lynn Bowden 3 yd run (Matt Ruffolo kick), 10-75 4:53 13 - 7
- 3rd 09:02 UK - Matt Ruffolo 50 yd field goal, 13-45 5:52 13 - 10
- 01:50 UK - Clevan Thomas 10 yd pass from Lynn Bowden (Matt Ruffolo kick), 6-48 3:16 13 - 17
- 4th 10:35 AR - Rakeem Boyd 2 yd run (Connor Limpert kick), 3-29 0:52 20 - 17
- 06:53 UK - Lynn Bowden 24 yd run (Matt Ruffolo kick), 6-75 3:42 20 - 24

TEAM STATISTICS

	ARK	UK
First Downs	16	21
Rush Att./Net Rush	30/183	54/330
Passing C/A/I	12/27/0	8/12/0
Offensive Plays	57	66
Total Offense	305	418
Fumbles/Lost	1/0	2/1
Penalties/Yards	5/39	7/44
Punts/Average	4/44.2	3/44.3
Third-Down Conv.	6 of 13	7 of 14
Time of Possession	22:49	37:11

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING (ATT.-YD.-TD)

ARK - Boyd 15-134-2, Whaley 9-42, Burk 1-11, Starkel 1-(-9)
UK - Bowden 24-196-2, Rose 16-90, Smoke 11-45, Hayes 1-2

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

ARK - Starkel 7-19-0-41-0, Hicks 5-8-0-81-0
UK - Bowden 7-11-0-78-1, Rose 1-1-0-10-0

RECEIVING (REC-YARDS-TD)

ARK - O'Grady 4-44, Woods, 3-18, Burks 2-25, Knox 2-24, Morris 1-11
UK - Rigg 2-43, Ali 2-13, Thomas 2-10-1, Dailey 1-14, Oliver 1-8

TACKLES

ARK - Foucha 11, Harris 10, Pool 10
UK - Corker 9, Square 5, Daniel 5, Mosely 5, Griffin 4



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NO. 10 GEORGIA 21 , KENTUCKY 0

**OCT. 19, 2019 • ATHENS, GA.
SANFORD STADIUM (92,746)**



Playing in a downpour that created a slick playing surface, Kentucky fell to No. 10 Georgia 21-0 at Sanford Stadium.

Lynn Bowden Jr. rushed for 99 yards in the slippery conditions, while Asim Rose rushed for 37 yards. Bowden, playing quarterback once again in place of the injured Sawyer Smith, completed just two passes in the game for 15 yards through the air.

The Kentucky defense more than held its own against the powerful Georgia offense. The Bulldogs had just 270 yards of total offense in the game, including just 35 yards passing. Yusuf Corker led the Cats with 11 tackles, while DeAndre Square had nine and Chris Oats, playing for the injured Kash Daniel, had seven stops.

Kentucky was shut out for the first time since Nov. 12, 2012, a stretch of 83 games in which the Cats had scored.

The teams were unable to mount much offense in the first quarter. Each team had three possessions in the period, with each possession ending with a punt.

After each team punted to start the second quarter, Georgia had possession and elected to go for it on fourth down and one from the 50 yard line. But the Kentucky defense stood tall, forcing a turnover on downs and giving the Cats the ball in good field position. But Kentucky was unable to convert, and the Cats punted once again.

The teams would go scoreless in the first half, with neither team seriously threatening to score. Georgia had six first downs in the first half to Kentucky's two. The Bulldogs out-gained the Cats 123-52 in total yards in the first half, with all of Kentucky's yards coming on the ground.

Kentucky took the second half kickoff and immediately marched into Georgia territory, largely on the legs of Bowden. The Cats got inside the Georgia 30, but were stifled by a key holding penalty on a third down and were forced to punt.

After the teams exchanged punts again, Georgia broke the scoring drought with a 39-yard rushing touchdown from D'Andre Swift. Rodrigo Blankenship added the PAT to give the Bulldogs a 7-0 lead with 6:20 remaining in the third quarter.

On its next possession, facing a third down and four, Bowden fumbled and Georgia took over at the Kentucky 31. And once again, the Bulldogs took advantage, as Brien Herrien scored on an eight-yard run. Blankenship's PAT was good, and Georgia led 14-0 with 1:54 left in the third period.

On the ensuing kickoff, Kentucky got a 58-yard kickoff return from Zach Johnson, giving the Cats the ball at the Georgia 40. The Cats would drive into the Georgia red zone as the third quarter came to a close. But as the final stanza began, Kentucky was not able to convert on fourth and goal from the eight yard line as Bowden's pass intended for Josh Ali was incomplete.

UGA added another Swift touchdown later in the fourth quarter to close the scoring.

SCORING SUMMARY

Kentucky	0	0	0	0	-	0
Georgia	0	0	14	7	-	21

3rd 06:20 UGA - D'Andre Swift 39 yd run (Rodrigo Blankenship kick), 1-39 0:11 0 - 7

01:54 UGA - Brian Herrien 8 yd run (Rodrigo Blankenship kick), 5-31 2:36 0 - 14

4th 06:24 UGA - D'Andre Swift 3 yd run (Rodrigo Blankenship kick), 13-92 8:18 0 - 21

TEAM STATISTICS

	UK	UGA
First Downs	9	14
Rush Att./Net Rush	35/160	43/235
Passing C/A/I	2/16/0	9/12/0
Offensive Plays	51	55
Total Offense	177	270
Fumbles/Lost	0/0	1/1
Penalties/Yards	7/60	4/33
Punts/Average	7/40.1	6/52.8
Third-Down Conv.	3 of 13	3 of 12
Time of Possession	26:32	33:28

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING (ATT.-YD.-TD)

UK - Bowden 17-99, Rose 9-37, Rodriguez 6-19, Smoke 1-5
UGA - Swift 21-179-2, Herrien 13-60-1, White 1-3, Fromm 5-2

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

UK - Bowden 2-15-0-17-0, Ali 0-1-0-0-0
UGA - Fromm 9-12-0-35-0

RECEIVING (REC-YARDS-TD)

UK - Oliver 1-9, Thomas 1-88
UGA - Pickens 4-35, Cook 2-3, Herrien 1-3, Robertson 1-1

TACKLES

UK - Corker 11, Square 9, Oats 7
UGA - Dean 6, Walker 6, LeCounte 6 Crowder 2

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KENTUCKY 29, MISSOURI

**OCT. 19, 2019 • ATHENS, GA.
SANFORD STADIUM (92,746)**



Lynn Bowden Jr. is hard to stop on a dry turf. He proved to be even harder to slow down in a steady downpour.

The Kentucky junior converted quarterback rushed for 204 yards and two touchdowns to lead the Wildcats to a 29-7 win over Missouri.

The two teams combined for seven fumbles and four lost miscues in a steady rain that didn't seem to bother Bowden. Going into the second bye week of the season, the Wildcats moved within two wins of bowl eligibility with four games remaining. Kentucky has won five straight over the Tigers.

Making his third consecutive start in the absence of injured starter Sawyer Smith, Bowden was nearly unstoppable. Sparked by Bowden, the Wildcats rushed for 297 yards. Bowden has rushed for 499 yards and four touchdowns since taking over as the team's starting quarterback.

Bowden threw a career-best 44-yard strike to Bryce Oliver that led to a 1-yard touchdown run by Kavosiey Smoke, giving the Wildcats a 6-0 lead. Bowden also contributed to the drive with an 18-yard run.

Smith replaced Bowden for three plays in the second quarter, but returned and rushed for a first down on a fourth-down play that led to a 20-yard score by A.J. Rose. On the next series, Bowden ripped off a 46-yard run that led to a 43-yard field goal by Chance Poore for a 15-0 lead.

A Missouri fumble resulted in a 10-yard touchdown run by Bowden with 10 seconds remaining in the first half, giving the Wildcats a 22-0 advantage at the break.

Clemson transfer Kelly Bryant threw for 130 yards, including a 74-yard touchdown pass to Tyler Badie to open the second half for Missouri (5-3, 2-2). Backup quarterback Taylor Powell replaced Bryant in the third quarter and threw for 34 yards.

SCORING SUMMARY

Missouri	0	0	7	0	-	7
Kentucky	0	22	0	7	-	29

2nd 12:27 UK - Kavosiey Smoke 1 yd run (Matt Ruffolo kick failed), 7-86 3:38 0 - 6

06:03 UK - Asim Rose 20 yd run (Matt Ruffolo kick failed), 7-45 4:05 0 - 12

00:44 UK - Chance Poore 43 yd field goal, 7-55 3:44 0 - 15

00:10 UK - Lynn Bowden 10 yd run (Chance Poore kick), 1-20 0:12 0 - 22

3rd 12:40 MU - Badie, Tyler 74 yd pass from Bryant, Kelly (McCann, Tucker kick), 3-72 0:45 7 - 22

4th 11:25 UK - Lynn Bowden 33 yd run (Chance Poore kick), 9-83 4:24 7 - 29

TEAM STATISTICS

	MU	UK
First Downs	14	15
Rush Att./Net Rush	24/125	48/297
Passing C/A/I	14/29/0	4/8/0
Offensive Plays	63	56
Total Offense	289	360
Fumbles/Lost	5/2	2/2
Penalties/Yards	8/75	4/48
Punts/Average	6/43.7	5/52.4
Third-Down Conv.	4 of 14	3 of 12
Time of Possession	26:41	33:19

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING (ATT.-YD.-TD)

UK - Bowden 21-204-2, Rose 15-51-1, Duffy 1-26, Rodriguez 6-13, Smoke 3-8-1, Thomas 2-(-)5
MU - Rountree 15-58, Badie 6-31, Downing 4-27, Powell 1-13, Bryant 8-(-)4

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

UK - Bowden 3-7-0-54-0, Smith 1-1-0-9-0
MU - Bryan 10-19-0-130-1, Powell 4-10-0-34-0

RECEIVING (REC-YARDS-TD)

UK - Oliver 1-44, Thomas 1-9, Ali 1-9, Wagner 1-1
MU - Nance 3-23, Downing 3-11, Badie 2-82-1, Scott 2-7, Gicino 1-7, Johnson 1-10, Knox 1-8, Rountree 1-6

TACKLES

UK - Oats 8, Square 7, Corker 6
MU - Bolton 12, Elliott 6, Oliver 6, Nicholson 6





2019 GAME NOTES

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TENNESSEE 17, KENTUCKY 13

NOV. 9, 2019 • LEXINGTON, KY.
KROGER FIELD (56,760)



Lynn Bowden Jr. rushed for 114 yards, but the Kentucky quarterback was stopped on a fourth-and-goal inside the final two minutes of the game as Kentucky fell to Tennessee 17-13 at Kroger Field.

Christopher Rodriguez Jr. had a career-high 81 yards rushing, as the Cats ran for 302 yards in the game. But the Cats could not get much done through the air, as Bowden completed just four passes for 25 yards. Conversely, Tennessee had 213 yards passing and just 83 yards on the ground.

Kentucky took the opening kickoff and marched down the field on the legs of Bowden and Asim Rose. The Cats used 17 plays to cover 75 yards, eventually punching it in on a two-yard rush from Rose to break the ice. Chance Poore's extra point was good, and the Cats grabbed a 7-0 lead with 4:42 left in the first quarter. On the drive, Bowden carried seven times for 42 yards, while Rose rushed six times for 12 yards. The drive took 10:18, which was the longest drive for UK all season.

UT's first possession was a three-and-out, then on fourth down, UT punter Paxton Brooks dropped the snap and eventually had his punt blocked by UK's Josh Paschal. Kentucky's Drew Schlegel recovered, and the Cats were again in business.

UK took over on the Tennessee 24, and needed only two plays to score again. This time, it was Kavosiey Smoke rushing it in from 22 yards out to extend the lead. Poore's PAT was blocked and the Cats held a 13-0 advantage with 2:28 left in the first period.

Tennessee got on the board in the second quarter after an 11-play, 71-yard drive, culminating with a 26-yard field goal from Brent Cimaglia, cutting the UK lead to 13-3 with 9:19 left in the first half. Neither team would score for the remainder of the half and the Cats would take a 13-3 lead into the break.

In the second half, Tennessee took the opening kickoff and, as Kentucky did in the first half, marched 75 yards for a touchdown. For the Vols, it was backup quarterback Jarrett Guarantano connecting with Marquee Calloway on a 17-yard touchdown pass with 12:03 left in the third quarter. Cimaglia's PAT was good and Kentucky's lead was cut to 13-10.

After UK was forced to punt on its next possession, the Vols put together another scoring drive, this one covering 68 yards in seven plays and ending with a 12-yard touchdown pass from Guarantano to Josh Palmer. Cimaglia's point after was good, and the Vols led 17-13 with 6:28 to play in the third quarter. That would be the score after three periods.

Midway through the fourth quarter, Tennessee had possession near midfield when Kentucky's Marquan McCall recovered a Tennessee fumble at the UT 45. From there, the Cats drove inside the UT 10, eventually getting to the UT one yard line. But on third down, Rodriguez rushed for a one-yard loss. Then on fourth down, Bowden ran around right end but was held out of the end zone, and UT took over at the two yard line with 1:17 left. From there, the Vols would run out the clock.

SCORING SUMMARY

Tennessee	0	3	14	0	-	17
Kentucky	13	0	0	0	-	13

- 1st 04:42 UK - A.J. Rose 2 yd run (Chance Poore kick), 17-75 10:18 0 - 7
- 02:28 UK - Kavosiey Smoke 22 yd run (Chance Poore kick blockd), 2-24 0:46 0 - 13
- 2nd 09:19 UT - Cimaglia,B. 26 yd field goal, 11-71 4:53 3 - 13
- 3rd 12:03 UT - Callaway,M. 17 yd pass from Guarantano,J. (Cimaglia,B. kick), 7-75 2:57 10 - 13
- 06:28 UT - Palmer,J. 12 yd pass from Guarantano,J. (Cimaglia,B. kick), 7-68 3:26 17 - 13

TEAM STATISTICS

	UT	UK
First Downs	13	21
Rush Att./Net Rush	21/83	64/302
Passing C/A/I	14/25/0	4/7/1
Offensive Plays	46	71
Total Offense	296	327
Fumbles/Lost	4/1	0/0
Penalties/Yards	6/56	4/29
Punts/Average	4/35.2	3/46.3
Third-Down Conv.	5 of 11	7 of 15
Time of Possession	18:23	41:37

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING (ATT.-YD.-TD)

UK - Bowden 26-114, Rodriguez 12-81, Smoke 8-58-1, Rose 16-44-1, Ali 1-3, Smith 1-2
UT - Guarantano 6-30, Chandler 7-28, Maurer 3-18, Jordan 3-9, Gray 1-0

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

UK - Bowden 4-7-1-25-0
UT - Maurer 7-16-0-98-0, Guarantano 7-8-0-115-2, Jennings 0-1-0-0-0

RECEIVING (REC-YARDS-TD)

UK - Ali 1-12, Thomas 1-8, Rigg 1-5, Rose 1-0
UT - Callaway 4-103-1, Palmer 4-55-1, Jennings 3-49, Wood-Anderson 1-6, Keyton 1-3, Chandler 1(-3)

TACKLES

UK - Griffin 4, Brown 3, Daniel 3, Taylor 3, Echols 3
UT - Bituli 19, Warrior 8, To'o To'o 8

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KENTUCKY 38, VANDERBILT 14

NOV. 16, 2019 • NASHVILLE, TENN.
VANDERBILT STADIUM (23,288)



Kentucky rushed for a season-high 401 yards and kept its bowl hopes alive with a 38-14 win over Vanderbilt.

Lynn Bowden Jr. and Christopher Rodriguez Jr. both rushed for over 100 yards for the Wildcats.

Rodriguez led the way, rushing for 129 yards and two touchdowns against the Commodores. Bowden, in his fifth game at quarterback since moving over from wide receiver, added 110 yards rushing and one TD.

Kavosiey Smoke rushed for 95 yards and one TD for the Wildcats in a matchup.

The Wildcats scored 35 consecutive points after falling behind by 11 points early in the game.

It was the largest margin of victory in the series since 2001.

Kentucky rambled for 529 yards in total offense and nearly doubled Vanderbilt in time of possession.

VU scored two touchdowns in 45 seconds to take a 14-3 lead in the first quarter.

Ke'Shawn Vaughn scored on a 5-yard run with 5:21 left in the first quarter and two plays from scrimmage later cornerback Allan George raced to the end zone on a 67-yard fumble return to extend the Commodores' early lead.

SCORING SUMMARY

Kentucky	3	21	14	0	-	38
Vanderbilt	14	0	0	0	-	14

- 1st 09:48 UK - Chance Poore 32 yd field goal, 5-30 2:48
- 05:21 VANDY - Ke'Shawn Vaughn 5 yd run (Ryley Guay kick), 8-75 4:27
- 04:36 VANDY - Allan George 67 yd fumble recovery (Ryley Guay kick)
- 2nd 14:14 UK - Kavosiey Smoke 3 yd run (Chance Poore kick), 11-75 5:22
- 08:07 UK - Chris Rodriguez 22 yd run (Chance Poore kick), 9-82 4:20
- 00:11 UK - Josh Ali 14 yd pass from Lynn Bowden (Chance Poore kick), 13-75 6:55
- 3rd 11:54 UK - Lynn Bowden 2 yd run (Chance Poore kick), 6-75 3:06
- 03:51 UK - Chris Rodriguez 27 yd run (Chance Poore kick), 11-72 6:52

TEAM STATISTICS

	UK	VANDY
First Downs	30	14
Rush Att./Net Rush	57/401	25/140
Passing C/A/I	15/11/0	24/11/1
Offensive Plays	72	49
Total Offense	528	230
Fumbles/Lost	2/1	2/0
Penalties/Yards	11/91	5/42
Punts/Average	1/35.0	3/38.7
Third-Down Conv.	8 of 11	3 of 9
Time of Possession	38:39	21:21

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING (ATT.-YD.-TD)

UK - Rodriguez 15-129-2, Bowden 17-110-1, Smoke 15-95-1, Rose 4-67, Wood 2-12, Tisdale 1(-3), Smith 1(-8)
Vandy - Vaughn 12-58-1, Brooks 6-51, Neal 4-25, Lipscomb 1-22, Pryor 1-4

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

UK - Bowden 8-10-0-104-1, Smith 2-4-0-16-0, Wood 1-1-0-7-0
Vandy - Neal 10-19-1-74-0, Walters 0-4-0-0-0, Johnson 1-1-0-16-0

RECEIVING (REC-YARDS-TD)

UK - Ali 3-27-1, Thomas 2-45, Oliver 2-18, Smoke 1-28, Upshaw 1-8, Hayes 1-5, Wagner 1(-40)
Vandy - Lipscomb 4-12, Vaughn 3-25, Bresnahan 2-32, Johnson 2-21

TACKLES

UK - Davis 6, Weaver 5, Ajan 3, Square 3, Griffin 3
Vandy - Moore 13, Harris 7, Odeyingbo 6





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KENTUCKY 50, UT MARTIN 7

NOV. 23, 2019 • LEXINGTON, KY.
KROGER FIELD (41,495)



Lynn Bowden Jr. rushed for 129 yards and two touchdowns to lead Kentucky to a 50-7 win over UT Martin.

Bowden eclipsed the 100-yard plateau for the fifth time this season as the Wildcats shattered a single-game school record with 462 yards rushing. Kentucky has rushed for 863 yards in the past two games.

Kentucky finished with 479 total yards, became bowl eligible for the fourth straight season and can improve its postseason status in the regular-season finale against Louisville next Saturday.

Bowden made his sixth consecutive start at quarterback and guided the Wildcats to four victories during that span.

Bowden didn't attempt his first carry until the second quarter and used a 58-yard run to set up his own 2-yard TD burst to give the Wildcats a 22-0 lead with 5:36 remaining in the first half. Bowden finished with 89 yards rushing and two touchdowns in the opening half.

Asim Rose added 105 yards on six carries with one touchdown for Kentucky. Overall, six running backs rushed for 40 yards or more and Travis Tisdale and Tyler Markray each scored their first career touchdowns - both coming in the fourth quarter.

The FCS Skyhawks scored their lone touchdown on Jaimiee Bowe's 6-yard run with 11 minutes remaining in the game.

On the first play from scrimmage, UT Martin center Austin Newsom snapped the ball over quarterback John Bachus III's head, leading to an intentional grounding call and a safety for the Wildcats. On the Skyhawks' next series, Yusuf Corker recovered a bad snap in the end zone, giving the hosts a 9-0 lead 2:08 into the contest. The Wildcats scored 16 points in four plays to open the game.

SCORING SUMMARY

UT Martin	0	0	0	0	-	7
Kentucky	16	13	7	14	-	50

- 1st 14:52 UK - Team safety 0 - 2
- 12:52 UK - Yusuf Corker 0 yd fumble recovery (Chance Poore kick) 0 - 9
- 10:33 UK - Asim Rose 63 yd run (Chance Poore kick), 1-63 0:11 0 - 16
- 2nd 05:36 UK - Lynn Bowden Jr. 2 yd run (Chance Poore kick failed), 5-75 3:25 0 - 22
- 01:45 UK - Lynn Bowden Jr. 9 yd run (Matt Ruffolo kick), 5-53 2:46 0 - 29
- 3rd 00:14 UK - Chris Rodriguez Jr. 2 yd run (Matt Ruffolo kick), 10-89 5:28 0 - 36
- 4th 11:07 UTM - Bowe, Jaimiee 6 yd run (Courtright, Rya kick), 12-74 4:01 7 - 36
- 09:01 UK - Travis Tisdale 1 yd run (Matt Ruffolo kick), 5-60 1:59 7 - 43
- 04:21 UK - Tyler Markray 45 yd run (Matt Ruffolo kick), 4-70 2:02 7 - 50

TEAM STATISTICS

	UTM	UK
First Downs	14	16
Rush Att./Net Rush	32/-12	45/462
Passing C/A/I	22/38-1	2-11/1
Offensive Plays	70	56
Total Offense	204	479
Fumbles/Lost	4/2	2/1
Penalties/Yards	4/45	2/25
Punts/Average	8/36.5	3/57.7
Third-Down Conv.	6 of 17	3 of 9
Time of Possession	30:54	29:06

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING (ATT.-YD.-TD)

UK - Bowden 11-129-2, Rose 6-105-1, Tisdale 4-60-1, Markray 2-52-1, Rodriguez 6-49-1, Smoke 11-40, Smith 2-20, Wood 1-10
UTM - Bowe 11-29-1, Wallace 7-23, Young 1-3, Dowell 1-3, Winn 2-1, Odom 1-(-1), Bachus - 7 (-51)

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

UK - Bowden 1-6-1-9-0, Smith 0-3-0-0-0, Wood 1-2-8-0
UTM - Bachus 17-30-1-157, Winn 5-8-0-59-0

RECEIVING (REC-YARDS-TD)

UK - Wagner 1-9, Ognenovic 1-8
UTM - Williams 8-74, Bowe 4-14, Dowell 3-41, Wallace 2-36, Young 2-20, Philpott 1-16, Moore 1-9, Butler 1-6

TACKLES

UK - Davis 6, Mosely 5, McCall 4, Griffin 4, Daniel 4, Echols 4
UTM - Sims 9, Cecil 8, Pittman 7, Maura 5

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KENTUCKY 45, LOUISVILLE 13

NOV. 30, 2019 • LEXINGTON, KY.
KROGER FIELD (48,336)



Lynn Bowden rushed for career highs of 284 yards and four touchdowns to lead Kentucky's school-record 517-yard ground performance that blew out rival Louisville 45-13 on Saturday in the Governor's Cup showdown.

Bowden, whose feet have led Kentucky's 5-2 turnaround since he moved from receiver to quarterback, broke the game open with TD runs of 60 and 46 yards in the third quarter for a 31-13 lead. The junior also had a 32-yard run in the fourth along with a 6-yarder in the second as Kentucky (7-5) surpassed 400 yards rushing for the third consecutive game.

Bowden's yardage total was 15 short of Moe Williams' single-game mark of 299 against South Carolina in September 1995. The Wildcats, meanwhile, have 3,293 yards and broke their single-season rushing mark of 3,124 in 1974. Their 517 yards shattered last week's previous record of 462 against UT Martin.

Bowden was named the winner of the Howard Schnellenberger Trophy as the game's most outstanding player.

Chris Rodriguez added a 64-yard scoring run in the fourth quarter and AJ Rose had a 4-yard TD run in the first as the bowl-bound Wildcats cruised to their third consecutive win and third Governor's Cup win in four years.

Javian Hawkins' rushed 22 times for 142 yards, including a 56-yard TD just before half-time that brought the Cardinals (7-5) within 17-13. Micale Cunningham tossed a 33-yard TD pass to Tutu Atwell on the game's opening possession but it was all Kentucky after that.

SCORING SUMMARY

Louisville	6	7	0	0	-	13
Kentucky	7	10	14	14	-	45

- 1st 09:48 UL - Atwell, T. 33 yd pass from Cunningham, M. (Chalifoux, R. kick failed), 9-75 5:12 6 - 0
- 06:24 UK - Asim Rose 4 yd run (Matt Ruffolo kick), 6-65 3:24 6 - 7
- 2nd 12:43 UK - Lynn Bowden 6 yd run (Matt Ruffolo kick), 5-94 2:56 6 - 14
- 09:06 UK - Matt Ruffolo 45 yd field goal, 4-7 2:03 6 - 17
- 00:19 UL - Hawkins, J. 56 yd run (Chalifoux, R. kick), 2-56 0:16 13 - 17
- 3rd 14:11 UK - Lynn Bowden 60 yd run (Matt Ruffolo kick), 2-65 0:45 13 - 24
- 01:31 UK - Lynn Bowden 46 yd run (Matt Ruffolo kick), 4-65 2:00 13 - 31
- 4th 12:43 UK - Chris Rodriguez 64 yd run (Matt Ruffolo kick), 1-64 0:11 13 - 38
- 05:15 UK - Lynn Bowden 32 yd run (Matt Ruffolo kick), 6-98 3:29 13 - 45

TEAM STATISTICS

	UL	UK
First Downs	17	16
Rush Att./Net Rush	51/209	40/517
Passing C/A/I	10/19/1	1/2/0
Offensive Plays	70	42
Total Offense	318	521
Fumbles/Lost	3/1	1/0
Penalties/Yards	7/60	2/15
Punts/Average	6/44.5	2/42.5
Third-Down Conv.	2 of 3	1 of 2
Time of Possession	35:55	24:05

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING (ATT.-YD.-TD)

UK - Bowden 22-284-4, Rodriguez 9-125-1, Smoke 2-75, Rose 7-33-1
UL - Hawkins 22-142-1, Hall 7-29, Cunningham 11-27, Burkley 2-16, Troutman 1-1, Conley 8(-6)

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

UK - Bowden 1-2-0-4-0
UL - Cunningham 6-11-1-78-1, Conley 4-8-0-31-0

RECEIVING (REC-YARDS-TD)

UK - Thomas 1-4
UL - Atwell 4-57-1, Fitzpatrick 3-36, Marshall 1-7, Hall 1-5, Hawkins 1-4

TACKLES

UK - Square 7, Davis 7, Echols 6, Watson 6
UL - Avery 7, Hayes 6, Robinson 5





2019 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 vs. Toledo, Eastern Michigan, Florida, Mississippi State, South Carolina, Arkansas, Georgia, Missouri, Tennessee, Vanderbilt, UT Martin, and Louisville.

GAME-BY GAME RUSHING

Table with 8 columns: (No-Yds-TD), Bowden, Rodriguez, Rose, Smoke, S. Smith, Tisdale, Wilson. Rows include games vs. Toledo, EMU, Florida, Miss. State, South Carolina, Arkansas, Georgia, Missouri, Tennessee, Vanderbilt, UT Martin, and Louisville.

GAME-BY GAME RECEIVING

Table with 14 columns: (Rec-Yds-TD), Ali, Bowden, Dailey Jr., Hayes, Oliver, Rigg, Rose, Rodriguez, Schlegel, Smoke, Thomas Jr., Upshaw, Wagner. Rows include games vs. Toledo, EMU, Florida, Miss. State, South Carolina, Arkansas, Georgia, Missouri, Tennessee, Vanderbilt, UT Martin, and Louisville.



GAME-BY-GAME PASSING

(Cmp-Att-Int-Yds-TD)	S. Smith	Wilson	Bowden	Wood
vs. Toledo	0-0-0-0-0	19-26-0-246-2	0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0
vs. EMU	5-9-0-76-2	14-26-0-114-0	1-1-0-32-0	0-0-0-0-0
vs. Florida	23-35-3-267-2	0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0
at Miss. State	15-41-1-232-0	0-0-0-0-0	0-1-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0
at South Carolina	11-32-1-90-0	0-0-0-0-0	2-2-0-7-0	0-0-0-0-0
vs. Arkansas	0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0	7-11-0-78-1	0-0-0-0-0
at Georgia	0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0	2-15-0-17-0	0-0-0-0-0
vs. Missouri	1-1-0-9-0	0-0-0-0-0	3-7-0-54-0	0-0-0-0-0
vs. Tennessee	0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0	4-7-1-25-0	0-0-0-0-0
at Vanderbilt	2-4-0-16-0	0-0-0-0-0	8-10-0-104-1	1-1-0-7-0
vs. UT Martin	0-3-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0	1-6-1-9-0	1-2-0-8-0
vs. Louisville	0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0	1-2-0-4-0	0-0-0-0-0

GAME-BY-GAME PUNTING

(No-Yds-Avg-LG-In20)	Duffy
vs. Toledo	6-324-54.0-61-2
vs. EMU	3-130-43.3-56-3
vs. Florida	2-109-54.5-63-2
at Miss. State	3-154-51.3-56-1
at South Carolina	9-460-51.1-62-4
vs. Arkansas	3-133-44.3-54-2
at Georgia	7-281-40.1-69-4
vs. Missouri	5-262-52.4-70-3
vs. Tennessee	3-139-46.3-55-0
at Vanderbilt	1-35-35.0-35-0
vs. UT Martin	3-173-57.7-66-2
vs. Louisville	2-85-42.5-46-1

GAME-BY-GAME FIELD GOALS

FG Made (Miss)	Poore	Ruffolo
vs. Toledo	46	-
vs. EMU	40 (49)	-
vs. Florida	(35)	-
at Miss. State	40 (47)(26)	29
at South Carolina	-	-
vs. Arkansas	-	(47) 50
at Georgia	-	-
vs. Missouri	43	-
vs. Tennessee	-	-
at Vanderbilt	32	-
vs. UT Martin	-	-
vs. Louisville	-	45

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

Game	Abadi-Fitz.	Bohanna	Carter	Hawkins	Looney	McCall	Taylor Jr.	Paschal	Wright
vs. Toledo	1-0-0	2-0-0	2-1-1	0-0-0	1-0-0	2-0-0	3-1-1	4-1-1	6-1-0
vs. EMU	0-0-0	1-0-0	2-1-0	0-0-0	1-0-0	2-0-0	0-0-0	5-2-0	2-1-1
vs. Florida	0-0-0	1-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0	1-1-1	1-1-0	5-1-0	1-0-0	1-0-0
at Miss. State	0-0-0	4-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0	2-0-0	2-0-0	1-0-0	4-1-0	0-0-0
at S. Carolina	1-0-0	2-0-0	6-1-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0	7-1-1	3-0-0	1-0-0
vs. Arkansas	1-0-0	2-1-1	1-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	2-0-0	1-1-1	2-1-0	2-0-0
at Georgia	0-0-0	1-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0	2-0-0	4-0-0	4-0-0	1-0-0
vs. Missouri	0-0-0	1-1-0	3-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0	3-2-2	3-1-1	2-1-1
vs. Tennessee	0-0-0	2-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	3-1-1	2-0-0	0-0-0
at Vanderbilt	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0	1-1-0	1-0-0	1-0-0	1-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0
vs. UT Martin	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-1-1	0-0-0	1-1-0	4-2-0	2-1.5-1.5	2-1.5-1.5	3-1-1
vs. Louisville	0-0-0	1-1-0	1-1-1	2-1-1	0-0-0	2-1-0	3-0-0	3-2-0	5-1-0

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

Game	Daniel	Casey	Davis	Oats	Square	Watson	Weaver
vs. Toledo	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
vs. EMU	5-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	5-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	0-0-0-0
vs. Florida	10-1-0-1	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	6-0-0-0	3-1-0-0	0-0-0-0
at Miss. State	5-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	5-0-0-0	9-1.5-1-0	5-0.5-0-0	0-0-0-0
at S. Carolina	4-0-0-2	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	8-0-0-0	4-0-0-1	4-2-2-0	0-0-0-0
vs. Arkansas	5-2-0-0	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	5-0-0-0	2-1-1-0	0-0-0-0
at Georgia	3-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	2-0-0-0	7-0.5-0-0	9-1-0-0	4-0.5-0-0	0-0-0-0
vs. Missouri	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	3-0-0-0	8-0-0-0	7-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	1-0-0-1
vs. Tennessee	3-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	0-0-0-1	2-0-0-0	1-1-0-0	0-0-0-0
at Vanderbilt	2-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	6-0-0-0	2-0-0-0	3-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	5-1-0-0
vs. UT Martin	4-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	6-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	3-1-1-0	0-0-0-0
vs. Louisville	5-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	7-1-1-0	4-0-0-0	7-0-0-0	6-2-2-0	0-0-0-0

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

Game	Ajian	Brown	Corker	Devonshire Jr.	Dodson	Dort	Echols	Griffin	Garner	Mosely
vs. Toledo	0-0-0	2-0-0	7-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0	1-3-0	6-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
vs. EMU	3-0-0	3-0-0	7-0-0	2-1-0	1-0-0	2-1-0	7-0-0	1-2-1	1-0-0	0-0-0
vs. Florida	2-0-1	3-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0	7-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
at Miss. State	2-1-0	2-0-0	7-2-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0	10-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	4-0-1
at S. Carolina	3-0-0	0-0-0	9-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	2-0-0	4-1-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	4-1-0
vs. Arkansas	0-0-0	1-2-0	9-1-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0	2-2-0	4-0-0	0-0-0	5-0-0
at Georgia	0-0-0	4-0-0	11-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	2-0-0	3-1-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
vs. Missouri	2-0-0	2-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	3-0-0	4-0-0	1-0-0	6-0-0	1-1-0
vs. Tennessee	0-0-0	3-1-0	1-1-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	3-1-0	4-0-0	0-0-0	1-1-0
at Vanderbilt	3-0-0	2-0-0	2-0-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-2-0	1-0-0	3-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0
vs. UT Martin	0-0-0	3-1-0	2-0-0	3-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	4-0-0	4-1-0	0-0-0	5-0-0
vs. Louisville	2-0-0	0-0-0	5-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	3-1-0	6-0-0	1-0-1	0-0-0	2-0-0



2019 MISCELLANEOUS STATISTICS

TURNOVERS

Opponent	FORCED BY KENTUCKY					FORCED BY OPPONENT			
	Fum	Int	Tot	Margin	UK Pts Off	Fum	Int	Tot	Opp Pts Off
vs. Toledo	1	0	1	-2	10	2	1	3	10
vs. Eastern Michigan	0	2	2	+1	3	1	0	1	0
vs. Florida	1	1	2	-2	7	1	3	4	16
at Miss. State	1	1	2	+1	7	0	1	1	7
at South Carolina	2	0	2	-1	0	2	1	3	7
vs. Arkansas	0	0	0	-1	0	1	0	1	3
at Georgia	0	0	0	-1	0	1	0	1	7
vs. Missouri	2	0	2	0	0	2	0	2	0
vs. Tennessee	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0
at Vanderbilt	0	1	1	0	7	1	0	1	7
vs. UT Martin	2	1	3	+1	14	1	1	2	0
vs. Louisville	1	1	2	+2	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	11	7	18	-2	48	12	8	20	57

KENTUCKY BIG PLAYS

Opponent	RUSHING					PASSING				SPECIAL TEAMS	
	15+	20+	30+	40+	50+	20+	30+	40+	50+	Block	Return for TD
vs. Toledo	3	3	1	1	0	4	3	1	0	0	0
vs. Eastern Michigan	5	2	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
vs. Florida	3	2	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0
at Miss. State	4	2	1	0	0	5	2	0	0	0	0
at South Carolina	3	3	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Arkansas	7	5	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
at Georgia	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Missouri	5	4	3	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee	5	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Vanderbilt	7	5	1	1	0	2	1	1	0	0	0
vs. UT Martin	7	6	5	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Louisville	9	6	6	5	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	60	43	20	14	7	20	9	3	0	0	0

OPPONENT BIG PLAYS

Opponent	RUSHING					PASSING				SPECIAL TEAMS	
	15+	20+	30+	40+	50+	20+	30+	40+	50+	Block	Return for TD
vs. Toledo	3	1	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0
vs. Eastern Michigan	1	0	0	0	0	4	1	0	0	0	0
vs. Florida	1	1	1	1	1	5	3	0	0	0	0
at Miss. State	3	2	2	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
at South Carolina	5	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Arkansas	2	2	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
at Georgia	3	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Missouri	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0
vs. Tennessee	1	0	0	0	0	4	3	0	0	0	0
at Vanderbilt	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
vs. UT Martin	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Louisville	3	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	24	14	16	4	3	27	9	1	1	0	0

DRIVE CHART STATISTICS

Opponent	No.	KENTUCKY			OPPONENT			
		Avg Plays	Avg Yds	Avg Time	For TD	Avg Plays	Avg Yds	Avg Time
vs. Toledo	15	4.3	28.1	2:03	5	6.8	69.0	2:48
vs. Eastern Michigan	11	6.8	41.9	3:00	5	7.2	64.6	3:02
vs. Florida	11	6.9	37	3:10	3	9.6	69.3	5:04
at Miss. State	10	7	38.6	2:69	1	11.0	80.0	3:40
at South Carolina	15	4.1	14.1	1:44	1	5.0	84.0	2:00
vs. Arkansas	10	6.6	41.8	3:30	3	7.3	66	3:57
at Georgia	11	4.6	16.1	2:24	0	0	0	0
vs. Missouri	12	4.6	30	2:46	4	6	58.5	2:04
vs. Tennessee	9	7.8	36.3	4:30	2	9.5	11	5:30
at Vanderbilt	10	7.2	52.8	3:51	5	11.0	75.8	5:19
vs. UT Martin	14	4	34.0	2:00	7	3.5	50	2:33
vs. Louisville	12	3.5	43.4	2:00	6	4	75.2	2:11





2019 EXPLOSIVE PLAYS

RUNS 15+

Bowden, 15 yards
 Bowden, 17 yards
 Bowden, 20 yards
 Bowden, 26 yards
 Bowden, 17 yards
 Bowden, 22 yards
 Bowden, 24 yards*
 Bowden, 51 yards
 Bowden, 15 yards
 Bowden, 21 yards
 Bowden, 18 yards
 Bowden, 46 yards
 Bowden, 34 yards
 Bowden, 33 yards*
 Bowden, 21 yards
 Bowden, 17 yards
 Bowden, 58 yards
 Bowden, 48 yards
 Bowden, 18 yards
 Bowden, 18 yards
 Bowden, 60 yards*
 Bowden, 46 yards*
 Bowden, 32 yards*
 Bowden, 40 yards
(24 rush for 709 yards, 29.5 avg., 5 TD)
 Duffy, 26 yards
(1 rush for 26 yards, 26 avg., 0 TD)
 Markray, 45 yards*
(1 rush for 45 yards, 45.0 avg., 1 TD)
 Rodriguez, 21 yards
 Rodriguez, 44 yards
 Rodriguez, 18 yards
 Rodriguez, 23 yards
 Rodriguez, 22 yards*
 Rodriguez, 27 yards*
 Rodriguez, 26 yards
 Rodriguez, 18 yards
 Rodriguez, 64 yards*
 Rodriguez, 19 yards
(10 rush for 282 yards, 28.2 avg., 3 TD)
 Rose, 21 yards
 Rose, 31 yards
 Rose, 25 yards
 Rose, 20 yards
 Rose, 27 yards
 Rose, 15 yards
 Rose, 20 yards
 Rose, 26 yards
 Rose, 24 yards
 Rose, 49 yards
 Rose, 63 yards*
 Rose, 35 yards
(12 rush for 353 yards, 29.4 avg., 1 TD)
 Smith, 15 yards
(1 rush for 15 yards, 15.0 avg., 0 TD)
 Smoke, 21 yards
 Smoke, 40 yards*
 Smoke, 32 yards*
 Smoke, 21 yards
 Smoke, 25 yards
 Smoke, 22 yards*
 Smoke, 21 yards
 Smoke, 18 yards
 Smoke, 70 yards
(9 rush for 270 yards, 30.0 avg., 3 TD)
 Tisdale, 53 yards
(1 rush for 53 yards, 53.0 avg., 0 TD)

Wilson, 15 yards
 Wilson, 19 yards
(2 rush for 34 yards, 17.0 avg., 0 TD)
Total: 61 rush for 1787 yards, 29.3 avg, 13 TD

RECEIVING 20+

Ali, 20 yards
 Ali, 20 yards
(2 rec. for 40 yards, 20 avg., 0 TD)
 Bowden, 29 yards
 Bowden, 30 yards
 Bowden, 21 yards
 Bowden, 30 yards
 Bowden, 21 yards
 Bowden, 21 yards
 Bowden, 39 yards
 Bowden, 20 yards
(7 rec. for 190 yards, 27.14 avg., 0 TD)
 Oliver, 32 yards*
 Oliver, 44 yards
(2 rec. for 76 yards, 38.0 avg., 1 TD)
 Rigg, 23 yards
 Rigg, 31 yards
(2 rec. for 54 yards, 27.0 avg., 0 TD)
 Smoke, 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)
 Wagner, 40 yards
 Wagner, 54 yards*
 Wagner, 23 yards
 Wagner, 26 yards*
 Wagner, 21 yards
 Wager, 26 yards
(6 rec. for 190 yards, 31.6 avg., 2 TD)
 Wilson, 32 yards
(1 rec. for 32 yards, 32.0 avg., 0 TD)
Total: 22 rec. for 650 yards, 29.5 avg., 3 TD

KICK RETURNS 30+

Z. Johnson, 58 yards
(1 return for 58 yards, 58.0 avg., 0 TD)
Total: 1 return for 58 yards, 58.0 avg, 0 TD

PUNT RETURNS 20+

Bowden, 29 yards
 Bowden, 37 yards
 Bowden, 20 yards
(3 ret. for 86 yards, 28.6 avg., 0 TD)
Total: 3 return for 86 yards, 28.6 avg., 0 TD

DEFENSIVE RETURNS 20+

Ajian, 22 yards
(1 ret., 22 yards, 22.0 avg., 0 TD)
Total: 1 returns for 22 yards, 22.0 avg., 0 TD
Total: 88 plays for 2603 yards, 29.5 avg., 16 TD
** 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	0
60-69	3	3
50-59	4	1
40-49	11	3
30-39	14	4
20-29	39	5
TOTAL	72	16

20+ Plays By Type	No.	TD
Rushing	45	13
Passing	22	3
Punt returns	3	0
Kick returns (30+)	1	0
Interceptions	1	0
Fumble returns	0	0
TOTAL	72	16

OPPONENT BIG PLAYS

Total:	
Run (15+)	27 for 746 yds
Receiving (20+)	28 for 745 yds
Kick Returns (30+)	1 for 37 yds
Punt Returns (20+)	2 for 68 yds
Defensive Returns (20+)	1 for 52 yds
TOTAL: 59 for 1648 yards (27.9 avg.)	



2019 SCORING DRIVE ANALYSIS

GAME-BY-GAME SCORING DRIVES

Table with columns: Game, Plays/Yards, Time (Poss.), Qtr./Clock, Res., Scoring Play. Lists scoring drives for various games including TOL, EMU, UF, MSU, ARK, MIZ, UTM, UoFL.

GAME OPENING DRIVES

Table with columns: Game, KENTUCKY (Res/Pts, Yds), OPPONENT (Res/Pts, Yds). Shows opening drives for games like TOLEDO, EASTERN MICHIGAN, FLORIDA, etc.

2ND HALF OPENING DRIVES

Table with columns: Game, KENTUCKY (Res/Pts, Yds), OPPONENT (Res/Pts, Yds). Shows 2nd half opening drives for games like TOLEDO, EASTERN MICHIGAN, FLORIDA, etc.

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.

DRIVE ANALYSIS

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





ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

94	Abule Abadi-Fitzgerald, DT, So-Sq, Lakeland, Fla.
23	Tyrell Ajian, S, So-1L, Mansfield, Ohio
84	B.J. Alexander, WR, Fr-RS, Miami Gardens, Fla.
6	Josh Ali, WR, Jr-2L, Hollywood, Fla.
38	Sam Babbush, K, Fr-HS, Beachwood, Ohio
39	Elijah Barnett, OLB, Sr-Sq, Lexington, Ky.
63	Alex Bascom, DE, Fr-HS, Louisville, Ky.
64	Richard Bascom, DE, Fr-HS, Louisville, Ky.
80	Brenden Bates, TE, Fr-RS, Cincinnati, Ohio
37	Tyler Beisner, WR, So-Sq, Goshen, Ky.
42	Marquez Bembry, OLB, So-JC, Stone Mountain, Ga.
24	Zac Berezowitz, S, So-Sq, Lexington, Ky.
53	Blake Best, LS, 6-1, Duluth, Ga.
95	Quinton Bohanna, NG, Jr-2L, Cordova, Tenn.
1	Lynn Bowden Jr., WR, Jr-2L, Youngstown, Ohio
32	Jamari Brown, DB, Fr-RS, Sunrise, Fla.
74	Ryan Bryant, OG, Fr-HS, Ashland, Ky.
95	Lance Butler, K, Fr-HS, Paducah, Ky.
98	Cavon Butler, DL, Fr-HS, Toledo, Ohio
72	Sawyer Carrier, C, Fr-HS, Stanford, Ky.
90	T.J. Carter, DE, Sr-3L, Mableton, Ga.
6	Jared Casey, OLB, Fr-HS, Louisville, Ky.
29	Yusuf Corker, S, So-1L, McDonough, Ga.
62	Tyler Couch, OL, So-Sq, Paintsville, Ky.
75	Eli Cox, OL, Fr-HS, Nicholasville, Ky.
82	Tae Tae Crumes, WR, Fr-HS, Louisville, Ky.
89	Allen Dailey Jr., WR, So-1L, Pinson, Ala.
56	Kash Daniel, LB, Sr-3L, Paintsville, Ky.
44	Jamin Davis, LB, So-1L, Ludowici, Ga.
51	Cade Degraw, LS, Fr-HS, Lake Cormorant, Miss.
11	Patrick Delahunty, QB, Fr-HS, Cleveland, Ohio
36	M.J. Devonshire Jr., CB, Fr-HS Aliquippa, Pa.
30	Taj Dodson, DB, Fr-HS, Union City, Ga.
27	Cedrick Dort Jr., DB, So-1L, Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.
61	Austin Dotson, OT, So-1L, Belfry, Ky.
11	Moses Douglass, DB, Fr-HS, Springfield, Ohio
30	Ben Drake, DB, Fr-HS, Charlottesville, Va.
93	Max Duffy, P, Jr-1L, Perth, Australia
26	Brandin Echols, DB, Jr-JC, Southaven, Miss.
31	Darren Edmond, WR, So-Sq, Norman, Okla.
46	Braxton Eiserman, LB, Fr-HS, Jackson, Ky.
81	Isaiah Epps, WR, Jr-2L, Jenks, Okla.
79	Luke Fortner, OT, Jr-2L, Sylvania, Ohio
34	Jalen Geiger, DB, Fr-HS, Columbia, S.C.
96	Isaiah Gibson, DL, Fr-HS, Springfield, Ohio
13	Amani Gilmore, QB, Fr-HS, Amite, La.
94	Colin Goodfellow, P, Jr-Sq, Cleveland, Ohio
3	Jordan Griffin, S, Sr-3L, Riverdale, Ga.
45	Manny Harper, WR, So-Sq, Louisville, Ky.
86	DeMarcus Harris, WR, Fr-HS, Vero Beach, Fla.
69	Collin Hartmann, DE, So-Sq, Somerset, Ky.
55	Davoan Hawkins, DL, Fr-RS, Lauderhill, Fla.
19	Akeem Hayes, WR, Fr-RS, Hollywood, Fla.
36	Patrick Henschen, TE, Jr-Sq, Newport, Ky.
40	Jackson High, LB, Jr-Sq, Union, Ky.
68	Kenneth Horsey, OL, Fr-RS, Sanford, Fla.
92	Phil Hoskins, DL, Sr-2L, Toledo, Ohio
52	Drake Jackson, C, Jr-2L, Versailles, Ky.
29	Wesley Johnson, WR, Sr-Tr, Louisville, Ky.
28	Zach Johnson, S, Sr-2L, Cincinnati, Ohio
2	Kelvin Joseph, CB, So-Tr, Baton Rouge, La.

NUMERICAL ROSTER

1	Lynn Bowden Jr.	WR	6-1	206	Jr-2L	Youngstown, Ohio (Warren Harding)
2	Kelvin Joseph	CB	6-1	195	So-Tr	Baton Rouge, La. (LSU/Scotlandville Magnet)
3*	Jordan Griffin	S	6-0	194	Sr-3L	Riverdale, Ga. (Jonesboro)
3*	Terry Wilson	QB	6-3	208	Jr-1L	Oklahoma City, Okla. (Garden City CC/Oregon/Del City)
4	Joshua Paschal	OLB	6-3	284	So-2L	Prince George's County, Md. (Our Lady of Good Counsel)
5	Xavier Peters	OLB	6-4	235	Fr-Tr	Middletown, Ohio (Florida State/Lakota West)
6*	Josh Ali	WR	6-0	193	Jr-2L	Hollywood, Fla. (Chaminade-Madonna)
6*	Jared Casey	OLB	6-3	224	Fr-HS	Louisville, Ky. (Ballard)
9	Davonte Robinson	S	6-2	194	Jr-2L	Lexington, Ky. (Henry Clay)
10	Asim "A.J." Rose Jr.	RB	6-1	218	Jr-2L	Cleveland, Ohio (Garfield Heights)
11*	Patrick Delahunty	QB	6-0	192	Fr-HS	Cleveland, Ohio (St. Ignatius)
11*	Moses Douglass	DB	6-2	205	Fr-HS	Springfield, Ohio (Springfield)
12*	Chance Poore	K	6-2	223	Fr-RS	Anderson, S.C. (Westside)
12*	Sawyer Smith	QB	6-3	219	Jr-Tr	Cantonment, Fla. (Troy/Tate)
13	Amani Gilmore	QB	6-2	202	Fr-HS	Amite, La. (Amite)
14	Ahmad Wagner	WR	6-5	237	Sr-1L	Huber Heights, Ohio (Iowa/Wayne)
15	Jordan Wright	OLB	6-5	238	So-1L	Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (Dillard)
16	Nik Scalzo	QB	6-0	180	Fr-HS	Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (Cardinal Gibbons)
17*	DeAndre Square	LB	6-1	217	So-1L	Detroit, Mich. (Cass Tech)
17*	Walker Wood	QB	6-0	191	So-Sq	Lexington, Ky. (Lafayette)
18	Clevan Thomas Jr.	WR	5-11	213	So-1L	Miami, Fla. (Charles W. Flanagan)
19	Akeem Hayes	WR	5-8	158	Fr-RS	Hollywood, Fla. (Chaminade-Madonna)
20	Kavosiey Smoke	RB	5-9	220	Fr-RS	Wetumpka, Ala. (Wetumpka)
21*	Quandre Mosely	DB	6-2	193	Jr-JC	Brunswick, Ga. (Eastern Arizona CC/Glynn Academy)
21*	Keegan Sullivan	QB	6-2	173	Fr-HS	Louisville, Ky. (St. Xavier)
22	Chris Oats	LB	6-3	231	So-1L	Cincinnati, Ohio (Winton Woods)
23	Tyrell Ajian	S	6-0	195	So-1L	Mansfield, Ohio (Madison Comprehensive)
24*	Zac Berezowitz	S	5-11	175	So-Sq	Lexington, Ky. (Henry Clay)
24*	Chris Rodriguez Jr.	RB	5-11	224	Fr-RS	McDonough, Ga. (Ola)
25	Brett Slusher	WR	6-2	200	Sr-1L	Fort Mitchell, Ky. (Beechwood)
26	Brandin Echols	DB	5-11	178	Jr-JC	Southaven, Miss. (Northwest Mississippi CC/Southaven)
27	Cedrick Dort Jr.	DB	5-11	182	So-1L	Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. (Dwyer)
28*	Zach Johnson	S	5-10	191	Sr-2L	Cincinnati, Ohio (Colerain)
28*	Chance Martin	WR	5-11	161	Fr-HS	Ruskin, Fla. (Lennard)
29*	Yusuf Corker	S	6-0	195	So-1L	McDonough, Ga. (Woodland)
29*	Wesley Johnson	WR	6-1	206	Sr-Tr	Louisville, Ky. (Louisville, Ky./Rollins College/North Oldham)
30*	Taj Dodson	DB	6-1	192	Fr-HS	Union City, Ga. (Creekside)
30*	Ben Drake	DB	6-1	175	Fr-HS	Charlottesville, Va. (Monticello)
31*	Darren Edmond	WR	5-11	192	So-Sq	Norman, Okla. (Paul Laurence Dunbar - KY)
31*	Jamar "Boogie" Watson	OLB	6-3	242	Jr-2L	Forestville, Md. (Bishop McNamara)
32*	Jamari Brown	DB	6-1	196	Fr-RS	Sunrise, Fla. (Blanche Ely)
32*	Tyler Markray	RB	5-10	226	Fr-RS	West Bloomfield, Mich. (Walled Lake Central)
33*	Jaylen Scott	DB	5-10	194	Jr-Sq	Clarksville, Tenn. (Kenwood/ASA College Miami)
33*	Travis Tisdale	RB	5-9	174	Fr-HS	Andrews, S.C. (Lowndes (Ga.))
34*	Jalen Geiger	DB	6-1	188	Fr-HS	Columbia, S.C. (Spring Valley)
34*	Micah White	WR	6-3	180	Fr-HS	Johns Creek, Ga. (Milton)
36*	M.J. Devonshire Jr.	CB	5-11	175	Fr-HS	Aliquippa, Pa. (Aliquippa)
36*	Patrick Henschen	TE	6-6	232	Jr-Sq	Newport, Ky. (Newport Central Catholic)
37	Tyler Beisner	WR	5-9	149	So-Sq	Goshen, Ky. (North Oldham)
38*	Sam Babbush	K	5-10	150	Fr-HS	Beachwood, Ohio (Beachwood)
38*	William Nalty	LB	6-0	221	Jr-Sq	Metairie, La. (Metairie Park Country Day)
39*	Elijah Barnett	OLB	6-3	234	Sr-Sq	Lexington, Ky. (Henry Clay)
39*	Dillon Wheatley	FB	6-1	205	So-Tr	Richmond, Ky. (Pikeville/Lexington Christian)
40	Jackson High	LB	5-11	242	Jr-Sq	Union, Ky. (Ryle)
42	Marquez Bembry	OLB	6-3	233	So-JC	Stone Mountain, Ga. (Jones County JC/Mount Vernon Presbyterian)
44	Jamin Davis	LB	6-4	228	So-1L	Ludowici, Ga. (Long County)
45*	Manny Harper	WR	5-8	186	So-Sq	Louisville, Ky. (Waggener)
45*	J.J. Weaver	OLB	6-5	234	Fr-HS	Louisville, Ky. (Moore Traditional)
46*	Braxton Eiserman	LB	6-1	238	Fr-HS	Jackson, Ky. (Breathitt County)
46*	Drew Schlegel	FB	5-11	223	Sr-1L	Parker, Colo. (Regis Jesuit)
47	K.D. McDaniel	OLB	6-2	227	Fr-HS	Tifton, Ga. (Tift County)
48*	Jack Varga	FB	5-11	235	Fr-HS	Louisville, Ky. (St. Xavier)
48*	Tra Wilkins	LB	6-0	219	Fr-HS	Lithonia, Ga. (Stephenson)
49	Shawn Lawson	DE	6-3	226	So-Sq	Jonesboro, Ga. (Jonesboro)
50	Marquan McCall	DL	6-3	371	So-1L	Detroit, Mich. (Oak Park)



2019 GAME NOTES

58 Alex King, OLB, So-1L, Mason, Ohio
 70 Darian Kinnard, OL, So-1L, Knoxville, Tenn.
 49 Shawn Lawson, DE, So-Sq, Jonesboro, Ga.
 78 Nick Lewis, OT, Fr-RS, Jacksonville, Fla.
 97 Ben Logsdon, K, Sr-Tr, Louisville, Ky.
 59 Kordell Looney, DT, Jr-2L, Springfield, Ohio
 93 Qua Mahone, DL, Fr-RS, Jordan City, Ga.
 32 Tyler Markray, RB, Fr-RS, West Bloomfield, Mich.
 28 Chance Martin, WR, Fr-HS, Ruskin, Fla.
 50 Marquan McCall, DL, So-1L, Detroit, Mich.
 47 K.D. McDaniel, OLB, Fr-HS, Tifton, Ga.
 86 Grant McKinniss, P, Sr-2L, Findlay, Ohio
 54 Jordan Morrow, LS, Fr-HS, Louisville, Ky.
 21 Quandre Mosely, DB, Jr-JC, Brunswick, Ga.
 38 William Nalty, LB, Jr-Sq, Metairie, La.
 73 Matthew Napier, OT, So-Sq, Nicholasville, Ky.
 22 Chris Oats, LB, So-1L, Cincinnati, Ohio
 87 Nik Ognenovic, TE, Fr-HS, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.
 85 Bryce Oliver, WR, Fr-RS, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.
 4 Joshua Paschal, OLB, So-2L, Prince George's County, Md.
 5 Xavier Peters, OLB, Fr-Tr, Middletown, Ohio
 12 Chance Poore, K, Fr-RS, Anderson, S.C.
 76 Jake Pope, OT, Fr-HS, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.
 83 Justin Rigg, TE, Jr-2L, Springboro, Ohio
 9 Davonte Robinson, S, Jr-2L, Lexington, Ky.
 24 Christopher Rodriguez Jr., RB, Fr-RS, McDonough, Ga.
 10 "A.J." Rose Jr., RB, Jr-2L, Cleveland, Ohio
 96 Matt Ruffolo, K, Jr-Sq, Centerville, Ohio
 16 Nik Scalzo, QB, Fr-HS, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.
 46 Drew Schlegel, TE/FB, Sr-1L, Parker, Colo.
 46 Jaylen Scott, DB, Jr-Sq, Clarksville, Tenn.
 25 Brett Slusher, WR, Sr-1L, Fort Mitchell, Ky.
 12 Sawyer Smith, QB, Jr-Tr, Cantonment, Fla.
 20 Kavosiey Smoke, RB, Fr-RS, Wetumpka, Ala.
 17 DeAndre Square, LB, So-1L, Detroit, Mich.
 71 Logan Stenberg, OG, Sr-3L, Madison, Ala.
 21 Keegan Sullivan, QB, Fr-HS, Louisville, Ky.
 91 Calvin Taylor Jr., DE, Sr-2L, Augusta, Ga.
 33 Travis Tisdale, RB, Fr-HS, Andrews, S.C.
 18 Clevan Thomas Jr., WR, So-1L Miami, Fla.
 88 Keaton Upshaw, TE, Fr-RS, Lima, Ohio
 48 Jack Varga, FB, Fr-HS, Louisville, Ky.
 14 Ahmad Wagner, WR, Sr-1L, Huber Heights, Ohio
 66 Naasir Watkins, OL, So-1L, Laurel, Md.
 31 "Boogie" Watson, OLB, Jr-2L, Forestville, Md.
 45 J.J. Weaver, OLB, Fr-HS, Louisville, Ky.
 39 Dillon Wheatley, So-Tr, Richmond, Ky.
 34 Micah White, WR, Fr-HS, Johns Creek, Ga.
 48 Tra Wilkins, LB, Fr-HS, Lithonia, Ga.
 60 Quintin Wilson, C, Fr-RS, Cincinnati, Ohio
 3 Terry Wilson, QB, Jr-1L, Oklahoma City, Okla.
 77 Mason Wolfe, OT, Sr-2L, Henderson, Ky.
 17 Walker Wood, QB, So-Sq, Lexington, Ky.
 15 Jordan Wright, OLB, So-1L, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.
 67 Landon Young, OT, Jr-2L, Lexington, Ky.

51 Cade Degraw LS 5-11 209 Fr-HS
 52 Drake Jackson C 6-2 312 Jr-2L
 53 Blake Best LS 6-1 221 Sr-3L
 54 Jordan Morrow LS 6-1 220 Fr-HS
 55 Davoan Hawkins DL 6-2 293 Fr-RS
 56 Kash Daniel LB 6-1 226 Sr-3L
 58 Alex King OLB 6-3 249 So-1L
 59 Kordell Looney DT 6-3 292 Jr-2L
 60 Quintin Wilson C 6-1 302 Fr-RS
 61 Austin Dotson OT 6-6 324 So-1L
 62 Tyler Couch OL 6-1 276 So-Sq
 63 Alex Bascom DE 6-5 260 Fr-HS
 64 Richard Bascom DE 6-5 260 Fr-HS
 66 Naasir Watkins OL 6-5 302 So-1L
 67 Landon Young OT 6-7 321 Jr-2L
 68 Kenneth Horsey OL 6-3 321 Fr-RS
 69 Collin Hartmann DE 6-4 281 So-Sq
 70 Darian Kinnard OL 6-5 325 So-1L
 71 Logan Stenberg OG 6-6 321 Sr-3L
 72 Sawyer Carrier C 6-5 250 Fr-HS
 73 Matthew Napier OT 6-6 332 So-Sq
 74 Ryan Bryant OG 6-5 285 Fr-HS
 75 Eli Cox OL 6-4 308 Fr-HS
 76 Jake Pope OT 6-7 293 Fr-HS
 77 Mason Wolfe OT 6-6 323 Sr-2L
 78 Nick Lewis OT 6-9 354 Fr-RS
 79 Luke Fortner OT 6-6 305 Jr-2L
 80 Brenden Bates TE 6-4 256 Fr-RS
 81 Isaiah Epps WR 6-2 191 Jr-2L
 82 Tae Tae Crumes WR 6-1 172 Fr-HS
 83 Justin Rigg TE 6-6 263 Jr-2L
 84 B.J. Alexander WR 6-3 192 Fr-RS
 85 Bryce Oliver WR 6-1 208 Fr-RS
 86* DeMarcus Harris WR 6-1 176 Fr-HS
 86* Grant McKinniss P 6-1 192 Sr-2L
 87 Nik Ognenovic TE 6-5 228 Fr-HS
 88 Keaton Upshaw TE 6-6 255 Fr-RS
 89 Allen Dailey Jr. WR 6-3 204 So-1L
 90 T.J. Carter DE 6-4 287 Sr-3L
 91 Calvin Taylor Jr. DE 6-9 311 Sr-2L
 92 Phil Hoskins DL 6-5 310 Sr-2L
 93* Max Duffy P 6-1 194 Jr-1L
 93* Qua Mahone DL 6-3 300 Fr-RS
 94* Abule Abadi-Fitzgerald DT 6-6 290 So-Sq
 94* Colin Goodfellow P 6-2 223 Jr-Sq
 95* Quinton Bohanna NG 6-4 361 Jr-2L
 95* Lance Butler K 6-1 175 Fr-HS
 96* Isaiah Gibson DL 6-3 295 Fr-HS
 96* Matt Ruffolo K 5-11 213 Jr-Sq
 97 Ben Logsdon K 6-4 186 Sr-Tr
 98 Cavon Butler DL 6-3 304 Fr-HS

Lake Cormorant, Miss. (Lake Cormorant)
 Versailles, Ky. (Woodford County)
 Duluth, Ga. (Peachtree Ridge)
 Louisville, Ky. (St. Xavier HS)
 Lauderhill, Fla. (Chaminade-Madonna)
 Paintsville, Ky. (Paintsville)
 Mason, Ohio (William Mason)
 Springfield, Ohio (Springfield)
 Cincinnati, Ohio (Turpin)
 Belfry, Ky. (Belfry)
 Paintsville, Ky. (Paintsville)
 Louisville, Ky. (St. Xavier)
 Louisville, Ky. (St. Xavier)
 Laurel, Md. (Our Lady of Good Counsel)
 Lexington, Ky. (Lafayette)
 Sanford, Fla. (Sanford Seminole)
 Somerset, Ky. (Somerset)
 Knoxville, Tenn. (St. Ignatius - Ohio)
 Madison, Ala. (James Clemens)
 Stanford, Ky. (Lincoln County)
 Nicholasville, Ky. (East Jessamine)
 Ashland, Ky. (Ashland Blazer)
 Nicholasville, Ky. (West Jessamine)
 Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (St. Thomas Aquinas)
 Henderson, Ky. (Henderson County)
 Jacksonville, Fla. (The Bolles School)
 Sylvania, Ohio (Sylvania Northview)
 Cincinnati, Ohio (Archbishop Moeller)
 Jenks, Okla. (Jenks)
 Louisville, Ky. (Butler)
 Springboro, Ohio (Springboro)
 Miami Gardens, Fla. (Chaminade-Madonna)
 Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (Dillard)
 Vero Beach, Fla. (Vero Beach)
 Findlay, Ohio (Findlay)
 Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (Cardinal Gibbons)
 Lima, Ohio (Lima Senior)
 Pinson, Ala. (Pinson Valley)
 Mableton, Ga. (Whitefield Academy)
 Augusta, Ga. (Augusta Christian)
 Toledo, Ohio (Highland CC/Whitmer)
 Perth, Australia (Curtin Univ./Kent Street)
 Jordan City, Ga. (Manchester)
 Lakeland, Fla. (Victory Christian Academy)
 Cleveland, Ohio (St. Ignatius)
 Cordova, Tenn. (Cordova)
 Paducah, Ky. (Paducah Tilghman)
 Springfield, Ohio (Springfield)
 Centerville, Ohio (Archbishop Alter)
 Louisville, Ky. (Centre/St. Xavier)
 Toledo, Ohio (Whitmer)

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Abule (**ah-BOO-lay**) Abadi (**ah-BODY**) Fitzgerald
 Tyrell Ajian (**a-jun**)
 Zac Berezowitz: Berezowitz (**BREZ-o-wits**)
 Lynn Bowden (**BO-den** – long "o sound")
 Cavon Butler (**cuh-VON**)
 Yusuf (**YOU-suf**) Corker
 Jamin (**JAY-min**) Davis
 Taj (**same as "Taj Mahal"**) Dodon
 Jalen Geiger (**GI-ger**)
 Davoan (**day-VEE-on**) Hawkins
 Patrick Henschen (**HEN-chen**)

Kolbe (**kol-bee**) Langhi (**lang-EE**)
 Qua (**quay**) Mahone
 Quandre (**QUAN-dray**) Mosley
 Nik Ognenovic (**Oh-GEN-oh-vick**)
 Davonte (**da-VON-tay**) Robinson
 Kavosiey (**kah-VAH-see-ay**) Smoke
 Drew Schlegel (**SHLAY-gul**)
 Clevan (**clee-VAN** – like the van you drive) Thomas
 Naasir (**nah-SEER**) Watkins
 Tra (**trey**) Wilkins





HEAD COACH MARK STOOPS / SEVENTH SEASON / IOWA, 1989



When Mark Stoops was asked before the season how he could continue success after major personnel losses from the 2018 team, the coach replied, “We didn’t come here to build a team. We came here to build a program.”

It appears that Stoops is doing exactly that.

The 2019 season represents Kentucky’s fourth consecutive winning season and fourth straight postseason bid as Stoops’ Wildcats enter the Belk Bowl. However, it didn’t come easily.

Stoops had to overcome the departure of 14 starters from a year ago, including three All-Americans, and by September three quarterbacks had been lost to injury. The coach relied on the conventional – physical play on both sides of the ball – and the unconventional, moving a wide receiver to quarterback, to navigate the challenging season.

With receiver Lynn Bowden Jr. manning the QB spot, UK went 5-2 down the stretch. UK closed the season with three straight wins, including a 45-13 regular-season finale vs. in-state rival Louisville, featuring a school-record 517 rushing yards.

Bowden went on to earn first-team All-America honors and the Paul Hornung Award as the nation’s most versatile player. Punter Max Duffy was first-team All-America as well being named the Ray Guy Award as the nation’s top punter. Guard Logan Stenberg checked in as a second-team All-American, giving UK three All-Americans for the second year in a row.

Meanwhile, a young defensive unit continued to mature and became UK’s first team in 40 years to hold every regular-season opponent under 30 points.

Stoops is only the second coach in Kentucky history to take his team to four straight bowls and UK’s 31 wins over the last four seasons are the most in a four-year span since Paul “Bear” Bryant piloted the Wildcats in 1950-53.

This year’s team follows the success of the 2018 squad that went 10-3, UK’s best season in 41 years, topped by a win over Penn State in the VRBO Citrus Bowl. It was only the third 10-win season in school history.

In addition, the 2018 campaign featured a win at Florida -- the Wildcats’ first victory over the Gators in 32 years -- resulting in UK being named the National Team of the Week by the Football Writers Association of America. The regular season concluded with



STOOPS AND CO. MAKING A HIT IN RECRUITING

In seven 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 eight 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. (Note that the 2020 recruiting rankings are as of December 18, 2019).

Outlet	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Rivals	#29	#17	#35	#29	#26	#30	#30	#20
ESPN	#36	#20	#43	#34	#30	#36	#36	#23
247Sports	#41	#23	#38	#34	#29	#38	#34	#22
Scout.com	#38	#21	#45	#39	#35	#44	#34	#23



a 56-10 win at in-state rival Louisville, the largest margin of victory in the history of the Governor's Cup series.

UK was No. 11 in the final USA Today coaches' poll and No. 12 in the final Associated Press tabulation, the school's first appearance in the final rankings since 1984.

CollegeFootballNews.com listed Stoops as the best coaching performance of the season and he was named Southeastern Conference Coach of the Year by The Associated Press, Athlon Sports and the league coaches.

Stoops' individual accolades also extended to his players. Linebacker Josh Allen earned three National Defensive Player of the Year Awards and was a unanimous first-team All-American. Offensive guard Bunchy Stallings also was a first-team All-American and running back Benny Snell earned second-team All-America while becoming UK's all-time leading rusher.

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

How has Stoops accomplished all of this? The coach would tell you that there's been nothing magical about the process.

True to his blue-collar roots in Youngstown, Ohio, 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, highlighted by a win at No. 11-ranked Louisville and a trip to the TaxSlayer Bowl. Stoops was named 2016 SEC Coach of the Year runner-up by Athlon Sports. That was followed by another seven-win season in 2017, topped by a berth in the Franklin-American Mortgage Music City Bowl.

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, who retired in 2017 after 18 years as the Oklahoma 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.

Most Wins By A Head Coach, School History

1. 60 Paul "Bear" Bryant (1946-1953)
2. 47 Fran Curci (1973-1981)
3. **43 Mark Stoops (2013-Present)**
4. 41 Jerry Claiborne (1982-1989)
4. 41 Blanton Collier (1954-1961)
6. 39 Rich Brooks (2003-2009)
7. 32 Harry Gamage (1927-1933)
8. 26 Bill Curry (1990-1996)

Most Wins By A Head Coach At Kroger Field

1. **32 Mark Stoops (2013-Present)**
- 32 Jerry Claiborne (1982-1989)
3. 29 Fran Curci (1973-1981)
4. 25 Rich Brooks (2003-2009)
5. 21 Bill Curry (1990-1996)

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.

Stoops got his first experience in leading a defense as co-defensive coordinator at Houston in the 2000 season. He coached the

STOOPS VS. ALL OPPONENTS

Opponent	Record
Alabama	0-2
Alabama State	1-0
Arkansas	1-0
Auburn	0-1
Austin Peay	1-0
Central Michigan	1-0
Charlotte	1-0
Eastern Kentucky	2-0
Eastern Michigan	2-0
Florida	1-6
Georgia	0-7
Georgia Tech	0-1
Louisiana-Lafayette	1-0
Louisiana-Monroe	1-0
Louisville	3-4
LSU	0-1
Miami (Ohio)	1-0
Middle Tennessee	1-0
Mississippi State	2-5
Missouri	5-2
Murray State	1-0
New Mexico State	1-0
Northwestern	0-1
Ohio	1-0
Ole Miss	0-1
Penn State	1-0
South Carolina	5-2
Southern Miss	1-1
Tennessee	1-6
Tennessee-Martin	2-0
Texas A&M	0-1
Toledo	1-0
Vanderbilt	5-2
Western Kentucky	0-1
Totals:	43-44

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





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	10-3	Citrus
2019	Kentucky	Head Coach	7-5	Belk

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 Buchanon, 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 faced a huge rebuilding task after losing the top six defensive backs from the 2018 season. The young UK secondary responded with a remarkable performance and ranks second in the nation in fewest touchdown passes allowed (7) and 13th nationally in pass efficiency defense.

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



Brad White

DARIN HINSHAW CO-OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR/ QUARTERBACKS

Faced with injuries to his top three quarterbacks in mid-season, Hinshaw was faced with immediately turning wide receiver Lynn Bowden Jr. into a quarterback -- a position he had not played since high school. Bowden went on to guide UK to a 5-2 record and win the Paul Hornung Award as the nation's most versatile player.



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



EDDIE GRAN ASSISTANT HEAD COACH FOR OFFENSE/RUNNING BACKS

After losing his top three quarterbacks to injury early in the season, Gran revamped the offense around the talents of wide receiver-turned-quarterback Lynn Bowden Jr. The Wildcats averaged 352.7 rushing yards in the final seven games of the season and Gran's top three running backs have all rushed for more than 500 yards.

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



Eddie Gran

DEAN HOOD

SPECIAL TEAMS COORDINATOR/ DEFENSIVE BACKS

This will be Hood's final game at Kentucky, as he has accepted the job as head coach at Murray State University. This season, Hood worked with Steve Clinkscale to rebuild a secondary that lost its top six players. As special teams coordinator, Hood developed Max Duffy into the nation's leading punter, winning the Ray Guy Award and first-team All-America honors in the process.



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



DERRICK LeBLANC

DEFENSIVE LINE

LeBlanc's maturing defensive line totaled 25.5 tackles for loss and 17.5 quarterback sacks this year, improving the group's production for the second consecutive season. A deep rotation was the strength of the unit, led by tackle Calvin Taylor Jr., who ranks second in the SEC in quarterback sacks.

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

ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH/TIGHT ENDS/RECRUITING COORDINATOR

Despite playing in a run-based offense the last seven games of the season, Marrow's tight ends combined to catch 19 passes this season, while providing solid blocking for the Wildcats' record-setting rushing attack.

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
2014-18	Kentucky	Tight Ends, Recruiting Coordinator
2019-present	Kentucky	Associate Head Coach/Tight Ends



JOHN SCHLARMANN

OFFENSIVE LINE

"Big men lead the way" is the motto of UK asst. head coach Eddie Gran. When Gran revamped the offensive system in midseason, John Schlarmann's line helped set school records with 3,293 rushing yards and 33 rushing TDs. Guard Logan Stenberg was named second-team All-America while Stenberg and center Drake Jackson were first-team All-SEC.

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

Receivers Lynn Bowden Jr., Ahmad Wagner, Josh Ali and additional UK receivers played well in the first five games of the season before Bowden had to move to quarterback. In a revamped run-based offense, Smith's receivers continued to catch passes while providing outstanding blocking support for the record-breaking ground game.

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



JON SUMRALL

INSIDE LINEBACKERS

Returning to his alma mater in 2019, Sumrall oversaw an effective four-man rotation at the middle and weakside linebacker positions. Sophomore DeAndre Square leads the team in tackles with 68, while Kash Daniel (50 tackles), Chris Oats (41) and Jamin Davis (26) complete the group.

2005-06	Kentucky	Graduate Assistant
2007-09	San Diego	Defensive Line, Recruiting Coordinator
2010	San Diego	Co-Defensive Coordinator, Linebackers
2011	San Diego	Asst. Head Coach, Co-Defensive Coordinator, Linebackers
2012-13	Tulane	Defensive Line
2014	Tulane	Assistant Linebackers
2015-17	Troy	Special Teams Coordinator, Linebackers
2018	Ole Miss	Linebackers
2019-present	Kentucky	Inside Linebackers



BRAD WHITE

DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR/ OUTSIDE LINEBACKERS

In his first season as defensive coordinator, faced with the loss of seven starters from a year ago, White's young defense gave an outstanding account of itself. For the first time since 1979, UK did not allow more than 30 points in any regular season game. UK ranks 13th in the nation in scoring defense and 21st nationally in total defense.

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	Kentucky	Outside Linebackers
2019	Kentucky	Defensive Coordinator/Outside Linebackers



OFFENSE TWO-DEEP

Left Tackle

67 Landon Young, 6-7, 321, Jr-2L
66 Naasir Watkins, 6-5, 302, So-1L

Left Guard

71 Logan Stenberg, 6-6, 321, Sr-3L
68 Kenneth Horsey, 6-3, 321, Fr-RS

Center

52 Drake Jackson, 6-2, 312, Jr-2L
60 Quintin Wilson, 6-1, 302, Fr-RS

Right Guard

79 Luke Fortner, 6-6, 305, Jr-2L
77 Mason Wolfe, 6-6, 323, Sr-2L

Right Tackle

70 Darian Kinnard, 6-5, 325, So-1L
66 Naasir Watkins, 6-5, 302, So-1L

Tight End

83 Justin Rigg, 6-6, 263, Jr-2L
88 Keaton Upshaw, 6-6, 255, Fr-RS

Wide Receiver (X)

14 Ahmad Wagner, 6-5, 237, Sr-1L
86 DeMarcus Harris, 6-1, 176, Fr-HS

Wide Receiver (Y)

89 Allen Dailey Jr., 6-3, 204, So-1L
18 Clevan Thomas Jr., 5-11, 213, So-1L

Wide Receiver (F)

1 Lynn Bowden Jr., 6-1, 206, Jr-2L
18 Clevan Thomas Jr., 5-11, 213, So-1L

Wide Receiver (Z)

6 Josh Ali, 6-0, 193, Jr-2L
85 Bryce Oliver, 6-1, 208, Fr-RS

Quarterback

1 Lynn Bowden Jr., 6-1, 206, Jr-2L
12 Sawyer Smith, 6-3, 219, Jr-Tr
17 Walker Wood, 6-0, 191, So-Sq

Running Back

10 A.J. Rose, 6-1, 218, Jr-2L
20 Kavosiey Smoke, 5-9, 220, Fr-RS
or 24 Christopher Rodriguez Jr., 5-11, 224, Fr-RS

SPECIALISTS TWO-DEEP

Kicker

12 Chance Poore, 6-2, 223, Fr-RS
96 Matt Ruffolo, 5-11, 213, Jr-Sq

Punter

93 Max Duffy, 6-1, 194, Jr-1L
86 Grant McKinniss, 6-1, 192, Sr-2L

Long Snapper

53 Blake Best, 6-1, 221, Sr-3L
51 Cade Degraw, 5-11, 209, Fr-HS

Punt Return

1 Lynn Bowden Jr., 6-1, 206, Jr-2L

Kickoff Return

1 Lynn Bowden Jr., 6-1, 206, Jr-2L

Holder

86 Grant McKinniss, 6-1, 192, Sr-2L
93 Max Duffy, 6-1, 194, Jr-1L

DEFENSE TWO-DEEP

Strongside Linebacker

31 Jamar "Boogie" Watson, 6-3, 224, Jr-2L
6 Jared Casey, 6-3, 224, Fr-HS

Defensive Tackle

91 Calvin Taylor Jr., 6-9, 300, Sr-2L
94 Abule Abadi-Fitzgerald, 6-6, 290, So-Sq

Nose Guard

95 Quinton Bohanna, 6-4, 361, Jr-2L
50 Marquan McCall, 6-3, 371, So-1L

Defensive End

90 T.J. Carter, 6-4, 287, Sr-3L
59 Kordell Looney, 6-3, 292, Jr-2L

Defensive End/Outside Linebacker

4 Josh Paschal, 6-3, 284, So-2L
15 Jordan Wright, 6-5, 238, So-1L

Middle Linebacker

56 Kash Daniel, 6-1, 226, Sr-3L
22 Chris Oats, 6-3, 231, So-1L

Weakside Linebacker

17 DeAndre Square, 6-1, 217, So-1L
44 Jamin Davis, 6-4, 228, So-1L

Nickelback

3 Jordan Griffin, 6-0, 197, Sr-3L
23 Tyrell Aijan, 6-0, 195, So-1L

Cornerback

27 Cedrick Dort Jr., 5-11, 182, So-1L
32 Jamari Brown, 6-1, 196, Fr-RS

Cornerback

26 Brandin Echols, 5-11, 178, Jr-JC
36 M.J. Devonshire Jr., 5-11, 175, Fr-HS

Strong Safety

3 Jordan Griffin, 6-0, 197, Sr-3L
or 21 Quandre Mosely, 6-2, 193, Jr-JC

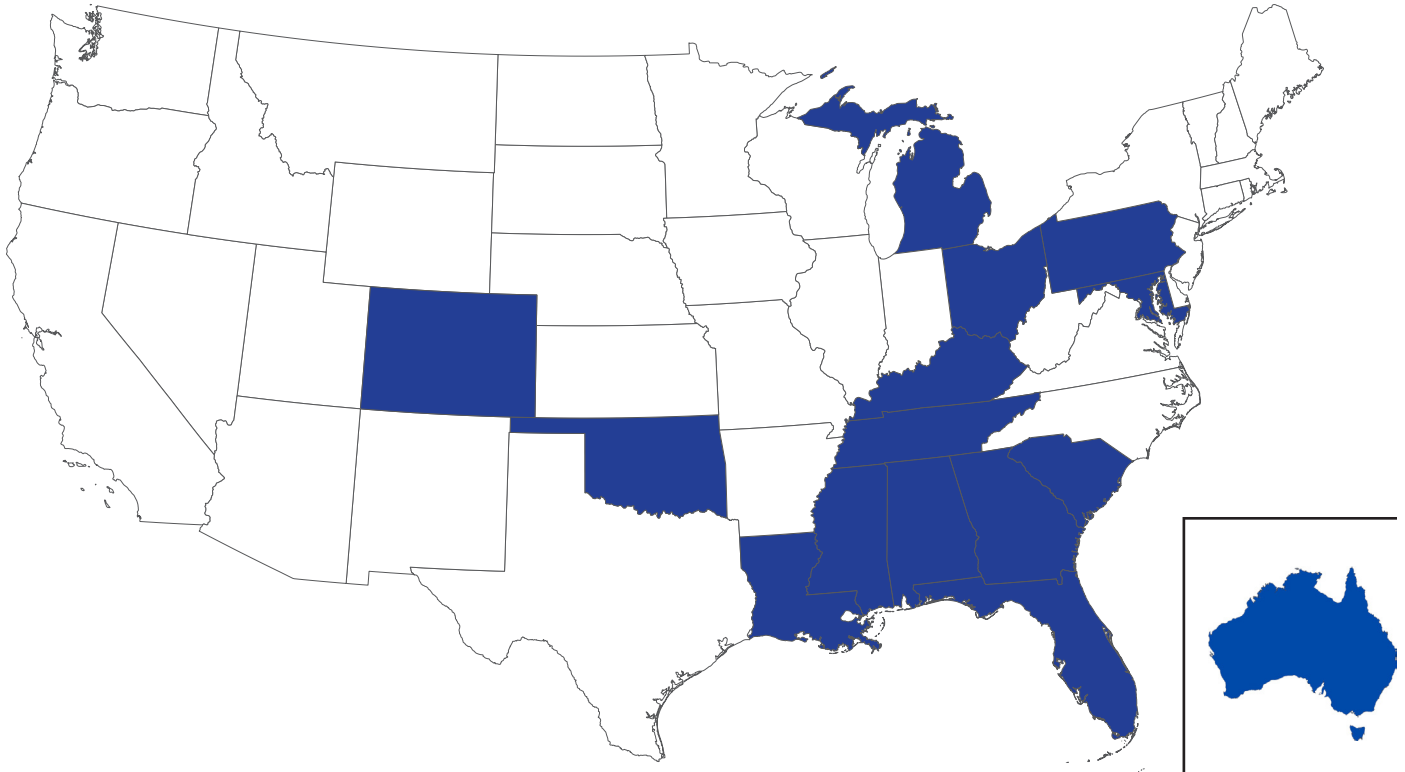
Free Safety

29 Yusuf Corker, 6-0, 195, So-1L
30 Taj Dodson, 6-1, 192, Fr-HS



CATS ON THE MAP

The 2019 football roster is comprised of 14 different states and Australia



Alabama (3)

Madison	Logan Stenberg
Pinson	Allen Dailey Jr.
Wetumpka	Kavosiey Smoke

Colorado (1)

Parker	Drew Schlegel
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Florida (17)

Cantonment	Sawyer Smith
Fort Lauderdale	Nik Ognenovic
	Bryce Oliver
	Jake Pope
	Nik Scalzo
	Jordan Wright
Hollywood	Josh Ali
	Akeem Hayes
Jacksonville	Nick Lewis
Lakeland	Abule Abadi-Fitzgerald
Lauderhill	Davoan Hawkins
Miami	Clevan Thomas Jr.
Miami Gardens	B.J. Alexander
Palm Beach	Cedrick Dort Jr.
Sanford	Kenneth Horsey
Sunrise	Jamari Brown
Vero Beach	DeMarcus Harris

Georgia (13)

Augusta	Calvin Taylor Jr.
Brunswick	Quandre Mosley
Duluth	Blake Best
Jonesboro	Shawn Lawson
Jordan City	Qua Mahone
Ludowici	Jamin Davis
Mableton	T.J. Carter

McDonough	Yusuf Corker
	Christopher Rodriguez Jr.
Riverdale	Jordan Griffin
Stone Mountain	Marquez Bembry
Tifton	K.D. McDaniel
Union Grove	Taj Dodson

Kentucky (21)

Belfry	Austin Dotson
Fort Mitchell	Brett Slusher
Goshen	Tyler Beisner
Henderson	Mason Wolfe
Lexington	Elijah Barnett
	Zac Berezowitz
	Davonte Robinson
	Walker Wood
	Landon Young
Louisville	Jared Casey
	Tae Tae Crumes
	Manny Harper
	J.J. Weaver
Newport	Patrick Henschen
Nicholasville	Eli Cox
	Matthew Napier
Paintsville	Tyler Couch
	Kash Daniel
Somerset	Collin Hartman
Union	Jackson High
Versailles	Drake Jackson

Louisiana (2)

Amite	Amani Gilmore
Metairie	William Nalty

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)

Southaven	Brandin Echols
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Ohio (23)

Cincinnati	Brenden Bates
	Zach Johnson
	Chris Oats
	Quintin Wilson
Centerville	Matt Ruffolo
Cleveland	Asim "A.J." Rose
	Colin Goodfellow
Findlay	Grant McKinniss
Huber Heights	Ahmad Wagner
Lima	Keaton Upshaw
Mansfield	Tyrell Ajian
Mason	Alex King
Middletown	Xavier Peters
Springfield	Moses Douglass
	Isaiah Gibson
	Kordell Looney

Springsboro	Justin Rigg
Sylvania	Luke Fortner
Toledo	Cavon Butler
	Phil Hoskins
Youngstown	Lynn Bowden Jr.

Pennsylvania (1)

Aliquippa	M.J. Devonshire Jr.
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Oklahoma (3)

Jenks	Isaiah Epps
Norman	Darren Edmond
Oklahoma City	Terry Wilson

South Carolina (3)

Anderson	Chance Poore
Andrews	Travis Tisdale
Columbia	Jalen Geiger

Tennessee (3)

Clarksville	Jaylen Scott
Cordova	Quinton Bohanna
Knoxville	Darian Kinnard

AUSTRALIA (1)

Perth	Matt Duffy
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2019 PLAYER BIOGRAPHIES

Breakdown by Class

Seniors (14)

Elijah Barnett
Blake Best
T.J. Carter
Kash Daniel
Jordan Griffin
Phil Hoskins
Zach Johnson
Grant McKinniss
Drew Schlegel
Brett Slusher
Logan Stenberg
Calvin Taylor Jr.
Ahmad Wagner
Mason Wolfe

Juniors (23)

Josh Ali
Quinton Bohanna
Lynn Bowden Jr.
Max Duffy
Brandin Echols
Isaiah Epps
Luke Fortner
Colin Goodfellow
Jackson High
Drake Jackson
Kordell Looney
Quandre Mosley
William Nalty
Justin Rigg
Davonte Robinson
Asim "A.J." Rose
Matt Ruffolo
Sawyer Smith
Jaylen Scott
Clevan Thomas Jr.
Jamar "Boogie" Watson
Terry Wilson
Landon Young

Sophomores (21)

Abule Abadi-Fitzgerald
Tyrell Ajian
Tyler Beisner
Marquez Bemby
Zac Berezowitz
Yusuf Corker
Tyler Couch
Jamin Davis
Cedrick Dort Jr.
Austin Dotson
Darren Edmond
Manny Harper
Collin Hartman
Alex King
Darian Kinnard
Matthew Napier
Joshua Paschal
DeAndre Square
Naasir Watkins

Walker Wood
Jordan Wright

r-Freshmen (19)

B.J. Alexander
Brenden Bates
Jamari Brown
Allen Dailey Jr.
Davoon Hawkins
Akeem Hayes
Kenneth Horsey
Darian Kinnard
Nick Lewis
Qua Mahone
Tyler Markray
Marquan McCall
Chris Oats
Bryce Oliver
Chance Poore
Chris Rodriguez Jr.
Kavosiey Smoke
Keaton Upshaw
Quintin Wilson

Freshmen (16)

Cavon Butler
Jared Casey
Eli Cox
Tae Tae Crumes
M.J. Devonshire Jr.
Taj Dodson
Moses Douglass
Jalen Geiger
Isaiah Gibson
Amani Gilmore
DeMarcus Harris
K.D. McDaniel
Jake Pope
Nik Scalzo
Travis Tisdale
J.J. Weaver



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ABULE
ABADI-FITZGERALD

DEFENSIVE TACKLE

6-6 • 290 • Sophomore-SQ
Lakeland, Fla. (Victory Christian Academy)

2019 - Sophomore

- Has seen action in all 12 games and has four tackles

2018 - r-Freshman

- Practiced with the team
- Dean's List (Spring 2019)
- Named to SEC Academic Honor Roll

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 communication

Abule Says

- His nickname is "A.B." or "A-Bizzle"
- He chose Kentucky because he wanted to get out of his comfort zone and Kentucky felt like home
- One word to describe him on the field is "coachable"
- His hidden talent is dancing

- Most people don't know he's Nigerian and he's adopted

FITZGERALD'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tackles	Sacks-Y	TFL-Y	PBU	QBH
2018	DT	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2019	DT	12-0	4	0	0	0	0
Totals		12-0	4	0	0	0	0

FITZGERALD'S 2019 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FC	PBU	Int.	QBH
vs. Toledo	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Eastern Michigan	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Florida	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at Miss. State	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at South Carolina	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Arkansas	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at Georgia	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Missouri	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at Vanderbilt	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. UT Martin	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Louisville	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Totals	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0

FITZGERALD'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 1,4x, last vs Louisville, Nov 30, 2019



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TYRELL
AJIAN

SAFETY

6-0 • 195 • Sophomore-1L
Mansfield, Ohio (Madison Comprehensive)

2019 - Sophomore

- Has played in 11 games with two starting assignments (Florida and Miss. State)
- Has totaled 17 tackles, an interception and a PBU
- Recorded a career-high tying three tackles vs. Vanderbilt, Eastern Michigan and at South Carolina
- In his first career start, had two tackles and an interception vs. Florida, his second career INT

2018 - r-Freshman

- Saw action in all 13 games
- Finished the season with 10 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 "Ajian (a-jun)"
- Born in Ashland, Ohio
- Son of Nikki Ajian and Burton Hester
- Major is family science

Tyrell Says

- His nickname is "Ty"
- He chose Kentucky because it felt like home
- One word to describe him on the field is "ball hawk"
- The one thing he's looking forward to this season is continuing what the guys started last year
- When he played football as a kid he pretend to be Terrell Owens

AJIAN'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tackles	Sacks-Yds.	TFL-Yds.	FC/FR	INT	PBU
2018	CB	13-0	10	0	0	0	1-35	3
2019	CB	11-2	17	0	0	0	1-22	1
Totals		24-2	27	0	0	0	2-57	4

AJIAN'S 2019 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FC	PBU	Int.	QBH
vs. Toledo	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Eastern Michigan	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Florida*	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	1-22	0
at Miss. State*	2	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0
at South Carolina	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Arkansas	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at Georgia		DNP					
vs. Missouri	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at Vanderbilt	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. UT Martin	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Louisville	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Totals	17	0-0	0-0	0	1	1-22	0

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
vs. Penn State	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Totals	10	0-0	0-0	0	3	1-35	0

AJIAN'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 3, 4x, last vs Vanderbilt, Nov 16, 2019
 Interceptions: 1, twice, last vs Florida, Sept 14, 2019 (1-22)
 Pass breakups: 1, 4x, last at Mississippi State, Sept 21, 2019



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MARVIN "B.J." ALEXANDER

WIDE RECEIVER

6-3 • 192 • Freshman-RS
Miami Gardens, Fla. (Chaminade-Madonna)

2019 - r-Freshman

- Has seen action in three games (Missouri, Vanderbilt and UT Martin)

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 teammate Josh Ali at UK

Personal

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

B.J. Says

- His nickname is "B.J."
- After his football career, he would like to be a college recruiter for football
- The most influential person in his life is his father because he showed him what hard work looks like
- The best advice he's ever received is "don't be afraid to be great"



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JOSH ALI

WIDE RECEIVER

6-0 • 193 • Junior-2L
Hollywood, Fla. (Chaminade-Madonna)

2019 - Junior

- Has started in all 12 games at Z receiver
- Has 19 catches for 181 yards and two TDs
- Leads UK with 13 punt returns for 78 yards (6.0)
- Caught three passes for 27 yards, including a 14-yard touchdown catch in the win over Vanderbilt
- Attempted his first career pass at Georgia
- Caught five passes for 61 yards, both career highs, vs. Mississippi State

2018 - Sophomore

- Saw action in 12 of 13 games
- Had 10 catches for 115 yards and one TD
- 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
- Wore No. 82

2017 - Freshman

- Saw action in nine games
- Caught three passes for 25 yards
- Wore No. 82

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
- Four-year starter and letter winner for Coach Dameron 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
- Chose Kentucky over Central Florida and Utah

Personal

- Born in Miami, Florida
- Son of Katrina Gray and Faheem Ali
- Dad, Faheem, was a WR at Louisiana Tech
- Major is community and leadership development

Josh Says

- His nickname is "Jayboogie"
- He chose Kentucky because it was away from home, in a great conference and he wanted to help change the program
- 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
- His hidden talent is cooking

ALI'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long	PR	Yds.	Long	TD
2017	WR	9-0	3	25	8.3	0	14	0	0	0	0
2018	WR	12-0	10	115	11.5	1	32	0	0	0	0
2019	WR	12-12	19	181	9.5	2	20	13	78	19	0
Totals	33-12	32	321	10.0	3	32	13	78	19	0	

ALI'S 2019 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long	Att	Yds	TD	Long	TD
vs. Toledo*	1	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
vs. EMU*	1	11	0	11	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Florida*	2	28	0	18	0	0	0	0	0
at MSU*	5	61	0	20	0	0	0	0	0
at USC*	3	18	0	9	0	0	0	0	0
vs. ARK*	2	13	0	10	0	0	0	0	0
at UGA*	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	3	0
vs. Mizzou*	1	9	0	9	0	0	0	0	0
vs. UT*	1	12	0	12	1	3	0	3	0
at Vandy*	3	27	1	14	0	0	0	0	0
vs. UTM*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Louisville*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	19	181	2	20	2	6	0	3	0

ALI'S 2019 GAME-BY-GAME CONT.

Opponent	PR	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
vs. Toledo*	1	6	6.0	6	0
vs. EMU*	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Florida*	0	0	0	0	0
at MSU*	0	0	0	0	0
at USC*	1	9	9.0	9	0
vs. ARK*	2	18	9.0	18	0
at UGA*	2	13	6.5	19	0
vs. Mizzou*	3	29	9.6	18	0
vs. UT*	1	-1	0	0	0
at Vandy*	0	0	0	0	0
vs. UTM*	1	-3	0	0	0
vs. Louisville*	2	7	3.5	7	0
Totals	13	78	6.0	19	0

ALI'S 2018 GAME-BY-GAME

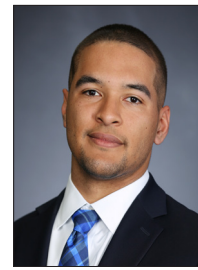
Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. Central Michigan	1	14	0	14
at Florida	0	0	0	0
vs. Murray State	1	1	0	1
vs. Miss. State	1	6	0	6
vs. South Carolina	1	8	0	8
at TAMU	1	5	0	5
vs. Vanderbilt	0	0	0	0
at Missouri	2	22	0	13
vs. Georgia	0	0	0	0
at Tennessee	0	0	0	0
vs. MTSU		DNP		
at Louisville	3	59	1	32
vs. Penn State	0	0	0	0
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: 5, at Mississippi State, Sept 21, 2019
Receiving yards: 61, at Mississippi State, Sept 21, 2019 (5 receptions)
Long reception: 32, at Louisville, Nov 24, 2018
Punt Returns: 3, vs Missouri, Oct 26, 2019
Punt Return Yards: 29, vs Missouri, Oct 26, 2019



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ELIJAH BARNETT

LINEBACKER

**6-3 • 234 • Senior-SQ
Lexington, Ky. (Henry Clay)**

2019 - Senior

- Saw his first collegiate action vs. UT Martin and totaled one tackle

2018 - Junior

- Practiced with the team
- Named to SEC Academic Honor Roll

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, California
- 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
- Oliver is UK's SEC Legend this season and will be recognized at the SEC Championship game in Atlanta
- Set to graduate in December with a degree in communication

Elijah Says

- His nickname is "EB"
- His hidden talents are drawing and juggling
- When he played football as a kid he pretended to be Spiderman





- His sports hero is his dad because he taught him everything he knows and he is the G.O.A.T.
- After his football career, he would like to coach or be in strength and conditioning



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BRENDEN BATES

TIGHT END

6-4 • 256 • Freshman-RS
Cincinnati, Ohio (Archbishop Moeller)

2019 - r-Freshman

- Has seen action in 12 games, mostly on special teams

2018 - Freshman

- Saw action in two games
- Redshirt season
- First-Year SEC Academic Honor Roll

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"
- Most people don't know that he is extremely good at the worm
- His sports hero is Rob Gronkowski because he has a great personality and he's a legend

- His pregame routine is listening to country music or Mötley Crüe
- The best advice he's ever received is every quote from the movie Rocky



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MARQUEZ BEMBRY

OUTSIDE LINEBACKER

6-3 • 233 • Sophomore-JC
Stone Mountain, Ga.
(Mount Vernon Presbyterian/
Jones County JC)

- Saw his first action of the season at Vanderbilt and charted one tackle
- Mid-year enrollee
- Did not participate in spring practice due to knee surgery

Junior College

- Played for head coach Steve Buckley at Jones County Junior College in Ellisville, Mississippi
- Recorded 36 tackles during his redshirt freshman season in 2018, helping the Bobcats finish 10-2 overall and 6-0 in conference play
- Advanced to the MACJC State Championship ... Led Jones to a 27-7 win over Eastern Arizona in the Mississippi Bowl on Dec. 2, highlighted by his six tackles, including 4.5 TFLs, one QB sack, one forced fumble and a fumble recovery
- Graduated from Jones in December of 2018 as a two-time Dean's List member
- Chose Kentucky over Ole Miss and Tennessee

High School

- Rated a three-star pass-rushing specialist out of high school by each of the major recruiting services
- Played for head coach Wayne Babbs at Mount Vernon Presbyterian High School

Personal

- Born in Des Moines, Iowa
- Son of Danny Sirmans and Letcia Bembry
- Major is undeclared

Marquez Says

- His nickname is "Quez"
- One word to describe him on the field is "relentless"
- He chose Kentucky because he wants to build his legacy
- Most people don't know that he's really funny
- The best advice he's ever received is "take advantage of all opportunities that come your way"



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TYLER BEISNER

WIDE RECEIVER

5-9 • 149 • Sophomore-SQ
Goshen, Ky. (North Oldham)

2019 - Sophomore

- Practiced with the team

2018 - Freshman

- Practiced with the team

High School

- Two-year starter at wide receiver for the Mustangs at North Oldham High School
- Coached by Joe Gamsky
- Participated in the 2018 Blue Grey All-American game and the Kentucky vs. Tennessee Border Bowl
- Named to the 2017 All-Resilient team, which honors student-athletes from Kentucky high schools who have overcome adversity to participate and excel in sports each year
- Also played baseball
- Chose to attend Kentucky over Florida Atlantic, Central Florida and Troy

Personal

- Born in Canton, Ohio
- Son of Monique and Thomas Beisner
- Left-handed
- Major is undeclared

Tyler Says

- His nickname is "Ty"
- One thing most people don't know about him is that during his sophomore year in high school, doctors told him he could not play football again due to asthma and severe breathing problems
- After his football career he would like to be a physical therapist
- His hidden talent is car knowledge
- His favorite quote he likes to live by is "if people don't laugh at your goals, they aren't set high enough"



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ZAC
BEREZOWITZ
WIDE RECEIVER

5-11 • 175 • Sophomore-SQ
Lexington, Ky. (Henry Clay)

2019 - Sophomore

- Saw his first collegiate action vs. UT Martin

2018 - Freshman

- Practiced with the team
- First-Year SEC Academic Honor Roll

High School

- Four-year letter winner and three-year starter at wide receiver and defensive back for Henry Clay
- Helped the Blue Devils win two district championships and two regional championships
- Scored 25 career touchdowns
- Coached by Sam Simpson
- Member of the National Honors Society and graduated in the top one percent of his class

Personal

- Born in Austin, Texas
- Son of Dan and Janet Berezowitz
- Dad and grandfather played quarterback at Wisconsin-Whitewater
- Major is economics

Zac Says

- His dream job is to become a surgeon
- He chose Kentucky because it was close to home
- The one thing he likes most about football is schemes and finding weaknesses in opponents
- His sports hero is Kyrie Irving



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BLAKE
BEST
LONG SNAPPER

6-1 • 221 • Senior-3L
Duluth, Ga. (Peachtree Ridge)

2019 - Senior

- Four-year starter at long snapper
- Has started in all 12 games as the long snapper for field goals and PATS
- Perfect on all snaps (13 field goals, 42 extra points)
- Was a candidate for the 2019 Burlsworth Trophy given to the most outstanding football player who began his career as a walk-on and has shown outstanding performance on the field

- Named First-Team CoSIDA Academic All-American with a perfect 4.0 GPA
- 2019 CoSIDA Academic All-District® Football Team

2018 - Junior

- Started in all 13 games as the long snapper for field goals and PATS
- Perfect on all snaps (9 field goals, 43 extra points)
- Second-Team 2018 Google Cloud Academic All-American®
- 2018 Google Cloud Academic All-District® Football Team
- Named to SEC Academic Honor Roll
- Dean's List (Fall 2018) with a perfect 4.0 GPA and (Spring 2019)

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 summa cum laude in December with a double major in economics and finance with a perfect 4.0 GPA
- Currently working on a master's degree in finance

Community Cats

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

- Volunteer for God's Pantry (2019)

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 "passionate"
- He couldn't live without his dogs and family
- After his football career he wants to be a financial analyst or in corporate finance
- His sports hero is any long snapper because they are living his dream



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QUINTON
BOHANNA
NOSE GUARD

6-4 • 361 • Junior-2L
Cordova, Tenn. (Cordova)

2019 - Junior

- Has started in all 12 games at nose guard
- Has 17 tackles, 3.0 TFL, a sack and a PBU this season
- Totaled a career-best four tackles at Mississippi State
- Outland Trophy Watch List
- Athlon Sports' Preseason All-SEC, Fourth-Team Defense

2018 - Sophomore

- Started in seven of 12 games played, including the final six
- Totaled 17 tackles, 1.0 sacks, 4.0 TFL, one forced fumble and one fumble recovery
- 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
- Had a crucial caused fumble and recovery on a fourth-down play to help preserve the win over Vanderbilt

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
- 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, Tennessee
- 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 information communication technology

Quinton Says

- His nickname is "Big Bo"
- He chose Kentucky because it was a great fit and it felt like family
- After his football career he would like to be in sports broadcasting
- When he played football as a kid he pretended to be Michael Vick
- His hidden talent is being 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	12-7	17	1.0-8	4.0-16	1	1	0	0
2019	NG	12-12	17	1.0-3	3.0-6	0	0	1	0
Totals		36-23	48	2.0-11	7.0-22	1	1	2	0

BOHANNA'S 2019 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FC/FR	QBH	Int.	PBU
vs. Toledo*	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Eastern Mich.*	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1
vs. Florida*	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at Miss. State*	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at South Carolina*	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Arkansas*	2	1.0-3	1.0-3	0	0	0	0
at Georgia*	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Missouri*	1	0-0	1.0-2	0	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee*	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at Vanderbilt*	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. UTM*	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Louisville*	1	0-0	1.0-1	0	0	0	0
Totals	17	1.0-3	3.0-6	0/0	0	0	1

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
at Florida*	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
vs. South Carolina	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at TAMU	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt	1	0-0	1.0-1	1/1	0	0	0
at Missouri*	2	0-0	1.0-4	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia*	3	0-0	0.5-1	0/0	0	0	0
at Tennessee*	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. MTSU*	3	1.0-8	1.0-8	0/0	0	0	0

at Louisville*	1	0-0	0.5-2	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Penn State*	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
Totals	17	1.0-8	4.0-16	1/1	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
vs. EKV	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Florida	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. E. Michigan	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Miss. State	3	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 Vanderbilt*	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	1
vs. Northwestern*	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Totals	14	0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0	1

BOHANNA'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 4, at Mississippi State, Sept 21, 2019 (0-4)
Sacks: 1.0, twice, last vs Arkansas, Oct 12, 2019 (3 yards)
Tackles for loss: 1.0, 6x, last vs Louisville, Nov 30, 2019 (1 yard)
Pass breakups: 1, twice, last vs Eastern Michigan, Sept 7, 2019
Quarterback hurry: 1, vs Eastern Michigan, Sept 7, 2019
Forced fumble: 1, vs Vanderbilt, Oct 20, 2018
Fumble recovery: 1, vs Vanderbilt, Oct 20, 2018



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LYNN BOWDEN JR.

ATHLETE

6-1 • 206 • Junior-2L
Youngstown, Ohio (Warren Harding)

2019 - Junior (Team Captain)

- Paul Hornung Award Winner
- First-Team All-America, All-Purpose (AP, AFCA FBS Coaches', Sports Illustrated, CBS Sports, ESPN, Sporting News, The Athletic)
- First-Team All-SEC, All-Purpose (AP, Coaches)
- Midseason All-American by AP and ESPN as an all-purpose player
- CFPA National Performer of the Week (Dec. 1)
- Three-time SEC Offensive Player of the Week
- Two-time Paul Hornung Award Player of the Week
- One of eight Manning Award "Stars of the Week" (Oct. 11 and Dec. 2)
- Manning Quarterback Back of the Week (Oct. 14)
- Leads the SEC in all-purpose yardage, 153.0 yards per game (note that all-purpose yardage does not include Bowden's passing yardage as a quarterback)
- Second nationally in rushing yards per carry (8.2), likely to break the school record of 7.10 set by Stanley "Boom" Williams in 2015
- Even though he has been running the ball only seven games, he ranks second in the SEC in rushing yards and 20th nationally in rushing yards (1,235)
- The only player in the FBS to lead his team in both

rushing and receiving yards

- Has started at QB in UK's last seven games (Arkansas, Georgia, Missouri, Tennessee, Vanderbilt, UT Martin and Louisville), leading the Wildcats to a 5-2 record as the starter
- Has six 100-yard rushing games, the most 100-yard rushing games by a QB in school history (missed having 100 yards in the Georgia game by one yard)
- Has two 200-yard rushing games and is the first SEC quarterback since 2000 to have two 200-yard rushing games in a single season
- One of four SEC players with a 200-yard rushing game this season (Miss. State Kylin Hill, TAMU Isaiah Spiller, Ole Miss John Rhys Plumlee)
- First player in the FBS since 2000 to have at least 800 rushing yards, 300 passing yards, and 300 receiving yards in a single season
- Became the 38th player in school history to reach 1,000 career rushing yards vs. UTM ... Now has 1,297 yards as a Wildcat and has moved up to a tie for No. 27 on the all-time rushing list
- Become the ninth player in school history with 1,000 rushing yards in a single season, now has 1,235 this season
- Just the second player in school history (also Randall Cobb) with 1,000 career yards in receiving, rushing and kickoff returns
- Just the 10th player in school history to reach 4,000 all-purpose yards in a career ... Now has 4,407 yards, fifth in UK history
- First UK quarterback to have 100-yard rushing games vs. consecutive SEC opponents
- UK's leading receiver with 30 catches for 348 yards and a score
- Has 114 career receptions, ranking 13th on UK's career list
- Has 1,303 career receiving yards, ranking 18th on UK's career list
- Has a team-high eight kick returns for 200 yards ... Also has four punt returns for 53 yards (13.2)
- Named CFPA National Performer of the Week, SEC Offensive Player of the Week, Manning Quarterback of the Week and Paul Hornung Award Weekly Honor Roll for his performance vs. Louisville in the regular-season finale ... Rushed 22 times for a career-high 284 yards and career-high four touchdowns – breaking or tying six records in the process ... 284 yards broke the SEC record for most rushing yards by a quarterback in a single game ... Set Governor's Cup records for most rushing yards and most rushing TDs and was given the Howard Schnellenberger Award as the game's Most Valuable Player ... Tied the school records for most TDs in a game and most rushing TDs in a game ... Averaged 12.9 yards per rushing attempt, third-best in SEC history (min. 20 attempts), highlighted by a career-long 60-yard touchdown run ... Broke the school record for most rushing yards in a season by a QB and became the ninth 1,000-yard rusher in school history
- Earned SEC Co-Offensive Player of the Week and the Paul Hornung Award for the second time in three games after his performance vs. Missouri after accounting for 261 yards total offense and two touchdowns ... Rushed 21 times for a career-high 204 yards and two touchdowns ... Became just the seventh player in UK history to rush for 200 yards in a game, and just the second QB ... Mike Fanuzzi ran for 208 yards vs. Miami (Ohio) in 1974 ... Playing in a downpour for most of the night, completed



- 3 of 7 passes for 54 yards, including a career-long 44-yard bomb that set up UK's first touchdown
- Earned SEC Co-Offensive Player of the Week, Manning Quarterback of the Week and Paul Hornung Award Weekly Honor Roll for his performance in his first collegiate start at quarterback vs. Arkansas ... Accounted for 274 yards total offense and all three touchdowns in Kentucky's 24-20 win ... Rushed 24 times for 196 yards and two touchdowns vs. the Razorbacks ... First UK quarterback to rush for 100 yards since Terry Wilson in last season's win at Florida ... Completed 7 of 11 passes for 78 yards and his first collegiate TD pass ... First UK quarterback with two rushing and one passing touchdown since Patrick Towles vs. Mississippi State in 2014
- Playing QB, Bowden ended a streak of catching a pass in 19 consecutive games
- Made his second collegiate start at quarterback at Georgia and rushed 17 times for 99 yards ... Also completed two passes for 17 yards
- Caught seven passes for 129 yards at Mississippi State, his first 100-yard game of the season and second of his career ... First UK player with at least six receptions in each of the first four games since James Whalen in 1999
- Also caught seven passes for 70 yards vs. Florida
- Third quickest to 100 career receptions in terms of games played (29 games) ... Anthony White accomplished the feat in 21 games and Derek Abney did it in 22 games
- First UK player with at least six receptions in each of the first two games since Randall Cobb in 2009
- Preseason Media All-SEC, Third Team Specialist
- Athlon Sports' Preseason All-SEC, Second -Team Offense, Third-Team Specialist

2018 - Sophomore

- Dean's List (Spring 2019) with 3.8 GPA
- Started in 12 of 13 games played
- Second-Team All-SEC All-Purpose Performer (Coaches, Athlon)
- Led the team in catches (67), receiving yards (745) and TD catches (5)
- His 67 catches broke the school record for most by a sophomore in school history ... Derek Abney had 66 catches as a sophomore in 2001
- His 67 receptions were the most for a Wildcat since Randall Cobb had 84 in 2010
- Had two punt returns for TDs on just five total returns, a 58-yard punt return for a TD in the first quarter vs. Penn State and 67-yarder at Missouri
- One of just three players nationally with two punt returns for a TD
- Named to the All-Bowl Team by the AP and USA Today after catching five passes for 84 yards and returning a punt for a TD in the win over Penn State in the Citrus Bowl ... Marked the first punt return for a TD in the Citrus Bowl since 1992 and UK's first punt return for a touchdown in a bowl game in school history
- Returned 25 kickoffs for an average of 21.6 yards
- Ranked tied for fifth in the SEC in receptions per game (5.2) and fifth in kick return average (22.5)
- Caught six balls for 86 yards and a career-high two touchdowns in the win 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
- Third-Team Offense Preseason All-SEC (Coaches)
- Third-Team All-Purpose Preseason All-SEC (Athlon Sports)
- Paul Hornung Award Preseason Watch List

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 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 ... 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

- 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
- 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 POY, 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
- Owens 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 (Little Lynn)
- 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

Year	G-GS	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG	Rec	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2017	13-0	12	37	3.1	0	9	17	210	12.4	0	35
2018	13-12	9	25	2.8	0	12	67	745	11.1	5	54
2019	12-12	151	1235	8.2	11	60	30	348	11.6	1	39
Totals	38-14	172	1297	7.5	11	60	114	1303	11.4	6	54

BOWDEN'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	KOR	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long	PR	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
2017	37	869	23.5	0	93	0	0	0	0	0
2018	25	539	21.6	0	42	5	146	29.2	67	2
2019	8	200	25.0	0	37	4	53	13.2	29	0
Totals	70	1608	23.0	0	93	9	199	22.1	67	2

BOWDEN'S PASSING CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Att.	Cmp	Int	Yds	TD	Lg	Pct	Avg/P	Effic
2017	4	3	1	92	0	36	75.0	23.0	218.2
2018	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	-200.0
2019	62	19	2	330	2	44	46.8	5.3	95.7
Totals	67	32	4	422	2	44	47.8	6.3	98.6

BOWDEN'S 2019 GAME-BY-GAME

Opp.	Att	Yds	TD	Lg	Rec	Yds	TD	Lg	KR	Yds	PR	Yds	TD
vs. Toledo*	0	0	0	0	6	77	0	30	2	42	1	-1	0
vs. EMU*	2	17	0	13	7	54	1	14	1	37	1	29	0
vs. UF*	2	1	0	1	7	70	0	21	1	18	0	0	0
at MSU*	3	37	0	17	7	129	0	39	1	19	1	25	0
at USC*	6	44	0	26	3	18	0	13	3	84	0	0	0
vs. ARK*	24	196	2	51	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
at UGA*	17	99	0	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. MIZZ*	21	204	2	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. UT*	26	114	0	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Vandy*	17	112	1	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. UTM*	11	135	2	58	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Uofl*	22	284	4	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	151	1235	11	60	30	348	1	39	8	200	4	53	0





BOWDEN'S 2019 PASSING STATISTICS

Table with columns: Opponent, Att., Cmp, Int, Yds, TD, Lg. Rows include EMU, at MSU, at USC, vs. ARK*, at UGA*, vs. Mizzou*, vs. UT*, at Vandy*, vs. UTM*, vs. UofL*, and Totals.

BOWDEN'S 2018 GAME-BY-GAME

Table with columns: Opponent, Att, Yds, TD, Rec, Yds, TD, Lg, KR, Yds, TD, PR, Yds, TD. Rows include vs. CMU*, vs. UF*, vs. MSU*, vs. MSST*, vs. USC*, at TAMU*, vs. Vandy*, at Mizzou*, vs. UGA*, vs. UT*, vs. MTSU, at Uofl*, vs. PSU*, and Totals.

BOWDEN'S 2017 GAME-BY-GAME

Table with columns: Opponent, Att, Yds, TD, Rec, Yds, TD, KR, Yds, TD, Pass Att./Comp./Yds. Rows include at So. Miss, vs. EKU, at USC, vs. Florida, vs. EMU, vs. Mizzou, at Miss. St., vs. UT, vs. UM, at Vandy, at Georgia, vs. Uofl., vs. NW, and Totals.

BOWDEN'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Passes attempted: 15, at Georgia, Oct 19, 2019
Passes completed: 8, at Vanderbilt, Nov 16, 2019
Passing yards: 104, at Vanderbilt, Nov 16, 2019
Rush attempts: 26, vs Tennessee, Nov 9, 2019
Rush yards: 284, vs Louisville, Nov 30, 2019 (22 carries)
Rush TDs: 4, vs Louisville, Nov 30
100-yard rushing games: 6, last vs Louisville, Nov 30 (284)
Long rush: 60, vs Louisville, Nov 30
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, three times, last vs Penn State, Jan 1, 2019
Kick returns: 7, vs Louisville, Nov 24, 2017
Kick return yards: 123, vs Tennessee, Oct 28, 2017
Long kick return: 93, at Vanderbilt, Nov 11, 2017
Punt returns: 2, twice, last vs Penn State, Jan 1, 2018
Punt return yards: 68, vs Penn State, Jan 1, 2018
Long punt return: 67, vs Missouri, Oct 27, 2018
Punt return TD: 1, twice, last vs Penn State, Jan 1, 2019
All-purpose yards: 284, vs Louisville, Nov 30



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JAMARI BROWN

DEFENSIVE BACK

6-1 • 196 • Freshman-RS
Sunrise, Fla. (Blanche Ely)

2019 - r-Freshman

- Has played in all 11 games with three starts (Toledo, EMU and Tennessee)
Has 25 tackles, seven PBUs (second on the team behind Brandin Echols' eight), one TFL and one fumble recovery in 10 games
Totaled a career-high tying two PBUs and his first career TFL in the win over Arkansas
Earned first career start in his first collegiate action vs. Toledo, charting two tackles and two PBUs
Had a career-best four tackles at Georgia

2018 - Freshman

- Redshirt season

High School

- 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 PBUs, a fumble recovery and returned a kickoff for a touchdown
Also saw playing time as a wide receiver
Coached by Calvin Davis
Received offers from every Power 5 conference in the nation ... 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 "Mari"

- He chose to play football at Kentucky because it felt like home
After his football career he would like to help the youth
When he played football as a kid he pretended he was Jalen Ramsey
One word to describe him on the field is "exciting"

BROWN'S CAREER STATISTICS

Table with columns: Year, Pos., G-GS, Tackles, TFL-Yds, Sacks-Yds, FC/FR, QBH, PBU. Rows include 2019 CB and Totals.

BROWN'S 2019 GAME-BY-GAME

Table with columns: Opponent, Tackles, Sacks, TFL-Y, FC/FR, QBH, PBU. Rows include vs. Toledo*, vs. Eastern Mich.*, vs. Florida, at Miss. State, at South Carolina, vs. Arkansas, at Georgia, vs. Missouri, vs. Tennessee*, at Vanderbilt, vs. UT Martin, vs. Louisville, and Totals.

BROWN'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 4, at Georgia, Oct 20, 2019
Pass breakups: 2, twice, last vs Arkansas, Oct 12, 2019
Tackles for loss: 1.0, vs Arkansas, Oct 12, 2019
Fumble recovery: 1, at Mississippi State, Sept 21, 2019



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CAVON BUTLER

DEFENSIVE LINEMAN

6-3 • 304 • Freshman-HS
Toledo, Ohio (Whitmer)

2019 - Freshman

- Saw his first collegiate action vs. UT Martin and charted a tackle

High School

- A three-star recruit, who is considered a top-50 interior defensive lineman by Rivals.com and 247sports.com and No. 29 player in Ohio by Rivals
Named Three Rivers Athletic Conference defensive player of the year and was selected first-team All-Northwest District and second-team All-Ohio in Division I (largest classification)
Helped the Panthers to a 21-4 overall record and two Division I playoff appearances



- Had 71 tackles as a senior, including nine for loss, along with 7.5 sacks
- Caused four fumbles, recovered five fumbles, and scored two touchdowns in helping Whitmer compile a 9-3 overall record in 2018
- Coached by Ken Winters
- Comes from same high school as current Wildcat Phil Hoskins
- An all-around athlete who also plays basketball and throws the shot put
- Recruiting finalists were Michigan State, Ohio State and Toledo before tabbing the Wildcats

Personal

- Name is pronounced "cuh-VON"
- Born in Toledo, Ohio
- Son of Ebony and Robert Dunston
- Major is undeclared

Cavon Says

- Nickname is "Von"
- He chose Kentucky because it felt like home
- One word to describe him on the field is "relentless"
- When he played football as a kid he pretended he was Ray Lewis
- His favorite move is *Step Brothers*



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T.J.
CARTER

DEFENSIVE END

6-4 • 287 • Senior-3L
Mableton, Ga.
(Whitefield Academy)

2019 - Senior

- Has started in 11 of 12 games played
- Has 21 tackles, 5.0 TFL, two quarterback hurries and two sacks
- Charted a career-best two QBH in the win over Arkansas
- Missed the first half of the Miss. State game due to a targeting call in the second half against Florida

2018 - Junior

- Played in all 13 games with four starts
- Totaled 16 tackles, 2.5 TFL, four QBH and three pass breakups
- 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. EKU 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, Georgia
- Son of Jacqueline and Jerald Carter
- Major is information communication technology

T.J. Says

- One word to describe him on the field is "relentless"
- His favorite movie is Star Wars
- After his football career he would like to be in the field of cyber security
- Most people don't know that he used to be involved in the sport of fencing
- If he had a hashtag to describe himself it would be #Big90

CARTER'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tackles	TFL-Yds.	Sacks-Yds.	FC/FR	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	13-4	16	2.5-7	1.0-4	0	4	3
2019	DE	12-11	21	5.0-19	2.0-9	0	2	0
Totals		49-27	66	11.0-43	6.0-30	0	8	5

CARTER'S 2019 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FC/FR	QBH	PBU
vs. Toledo*	2	1.0-5	1.0-5	0	0	0
vs. Eastern Mich.*	2	0-0	1.0-3	0	0	0
vs. Florida*	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
at Miss. State	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
at South Carolina*	6	0-0	1.0-5	0	0	0
vs. Arkansas*	1	0-0	0-0	0	2	0
at Georgia*	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
vs. Missouri*	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee*	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
at Vanderbilt*	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
vs. UT Martin*	1	1.0-4	1.0-4	0	0	0
vs. Louisville*	1	0-0	1.0-2	0	0	0

Totals	21	2.0-9	5.0-19	0	2	0
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CARTER'S 2018 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FC/FR	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
vs. Penn State	3	1.0-4	1.0-4	0	1	1
Totals	16	1.0-4	2.5-7	0	4	3

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. EKU*	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, 6x, last vs UTM, Nov 23, 2019
Tackles for loss: 1.5, at Tennessee, Nov 18, 2018
Pass breakups: 1, four times, last vs Penn State, Jan 1, 2019
Quarterback hurry: 2, vs Arkansas, Oct 12, 2019





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JARED CASEY

OUTSIDE LINEBACKER

6-2 • 224 • Freshman-HS
Louisville, Ky. (Ballard)

2019 - Freshman

- Has seen action in three games (Missouri, UT Martin and Louisville)
Charted first career tackle vs. UT Martin
Mid-year enrollee
FWAA 2019 Freshman All-American Team and Shaun Alexander Freshman of the Year Watch List

High School

- A four-star prospect
Rivals.com ranked him as the No. 15 outside linebacker nationally
As a senior, totaled 70 tackles, 15.5 TFLs, three sacks and one forced fumble in 11 games for head coach Adrian Morton
Played two seasons at Trinity before transferring to Ballard
Chose UK over Oregon and Louisville

Personal

- Born in Louisville, Kentucky
Son of Melissa Gaines and Craig Shively
Major is community leadership and development

Jared Says

- He chose Kentucky to play for his home state and because of the coaching staff
Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to be a stay-at-home dad
His sports hero is Muhammad Ali
His hidden talent is making a duck noise



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YUSUF CORKER II

SAFETY

6-0 • 195 • Sophomore-1L
McDonough, Ga. (Woodland)

2019 - Sophomore

- Has started in all 12 games
Team's second-leading tackler with 67
Has four PBUs, an interception, a quarterback hurry and two fumble recoveries
Recovered a bad center snap in the end zone in the first quarter vs. UT Martin, his first collegiate touchdown ... Marked his second consecutive

game with a turnover play, as he also had an interception at Vanderbilt ... Also had two tackles, including one-half tackle for loss

- Snagged his first career interception in the third quarter at Vanderbilt, setting up a UK touchdown drive
Had a career-high 11 tackles at Georgia, marking the fourth consecutive game he tied or broke his career high in stops, totaling 7, 9, 9 and 11 tackles in successive games
Had a career-best two PBUs at Mississippi State
Missed the second half of the Florida game due to a first-half targeting penalty
Earned first career start vs. Toledo

2018 - r-Freshman

- Saw action in all 13 games, totaling eight 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, Georgia
Has a daughter, Amirah
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 "Duce"
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

Table with columns: Year, Pos., G-GS, Tkls, Int.-Yds., Sacks, TFL-Y, FC/FR, QBH, PBU. Rows for 2018, 2019, and Totals.

CORKER'S 2019 GAME-BY-GAME

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

CORKER'S 2018 GAME-BY-GAME

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

CORKER'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 11, at Georgia, Oct 19, 2019
Tackles for loss: 0.5, vs UT Martin, Nov 23, 2019
Quarterback hurry: 1, vs Arkansas, Oct. 12, 2019
Fumble recovery: 1, twice, last vs UT Martin, Nov 23, 2019
Pass breakups: 2, at Mississippi State, Sept 21, 2019
Interceptions: 1, at Vanderbilt, Nov 16, 2019



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TYLER
COUCH

CENTER

6-1 • 276 • Sophomore-SQ
Paintsville, Ky. (Paintsville)**2019 - Sophomore**

- Saw his first collegiate action vs. UT Martin

2018 - Freshman

- Practiced with the team
- Dean's List (Spring 2019)

High School

- Two-year starter for the Tigers
- Totaled 41 total tackles in his senior year, helping Paintsville finish 11-2 overall as the regional runner-up in Division 1A
- Coached by Joe Chirico
- Chose Kentucky over Centre and Georgetown

Personal

- Born in Lexington, Kentucky
- Son of Marsha Couch and the late Joey Couch, who was an All-SEC defensive tackle at Kentucky from 1988-91 ... Grandfather, E.A. Couch, played for the UK men's basketball team from 1956-58
- Major is sociology

Tyler Says

- His nickname is "Tee"
- His hobbies outside of football are fishing, hunting and basketball
- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to be a dermatologist
- The most famous person in his cell phone is Tim Couch
- His favorite movie is *The Shawshank Redemption*



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ELI
COX

OFFENSIVE LINEMAN

6-4 • 308 • Freshman-HS
Nicholsville, Ky. (West Jessamine)**2019 - Freshman**

- Saw his first collegiate action vs. UT Martin
- Mid-year enrollee

High School

- A three-star recruit by 247sports.com and Rivals.com

- Ranked as the No. 14 Kentucky prospect in the class of 2019 by 247Sports
- Has the versatility to play at either offensive guard or tackle
- Has been instrumental in West Jessamine improving its win total each season of his prep career
- Named to the Blue-Grey All-American Bowl watch list
- Represented West Jessamine at the Louisville vs. Bluegrass Senior All-Star Game
- Coached by John Gilliam
- Chose UK over Cincinnati, Marshall, Ohio and Toledo

Personal

- Born in Nicholasville, Kentucky
- Son of John and Katherine Cox
- Major is kinesiology

Eli Says

- He chose Kentucky because it's home
- His hidden talent is his photoshop skills
- The last time he was starstruck was when he saw Josh Allen
- One word to describe him on the field is "nasty"
- The one thing he looks forward to this season is making history again



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TAE TAE
CRUMES

WIDE RECEIVER

6-1 • 172 • Freshman-HS
Louisville, Ky. (Butler)**2019 - Freshman**

- Saw his first collegiate action vs. UT Martin

High School

- A quality in-state prospect that ranked as one of the top 10 players in the Commonwealth of Kentucky by Rivals.com and 247sports.com
- An incredible senior season at Butler with 42 receptions for 877 yards
- Averaged 73.1 receiving yards per game, which was fourth most among all Class 6A players while his 14 receiving touchdowns were third most in the division
- Had 30 receptions for 779 yards and 14 touchdowns his junior season
- Finished his high school career with 35 touchdowns and 2,021 receiving yards
- Was named to the 2018 *Lexington Herald-Leader* Class of the Commonwealth and was also tabbed an all-state honoree and all-Louisville metro performer
- Speedy wide receiver that has been timed at 4.3 in the 40-yard dash
- Coached by Gary Wheeler
- Chose Kentucky over Michigan and Oregon

Personal

- Born in Louisville, Kentucky
- Son of Tinisha Wilson
- Left-hander
- Major is undeclared

Tae Tae Says

- His nickname is "Tae Tae" is derived from his first name "Demontae"
- He chose Kentucky because he felt a bond like no other school had
- One word to describe him on the field is "fast"
- After his football career he would like to be an athletic trainer
- The best advice he's ever received is "if you can't change the people around you, change the people around you"



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ALLEN
DAILEY JR.

WIDE RECEIVER

6-3 • 204 • Sophomore-1L
Pinson, Ala. (Pinson Valley)**2019 - Sophomore**

- Has played in 12 games with two starts vs. Eastern Michigan and Tennessee
- Has seven catches for 75 yards
- Season-high tying two catches for eight yards at South Carolina

2018 - Freshman

- Saw action in all 13 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
- His hidden talent is being funny/stand-up comedian
- The best advice he's ever received is to keep God first

DAILEY'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
2018	WR	13-0	2	38	19.0	1	23
2019	WR	12-2	7	75	10.7	0	17
Totals		25-2	9	113	12.6	1	23

DAILEY'S 2019 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. Toledo	2	31	0	17
vs. Eastern Mich.*	1	14	0	14
vs. Florida	1	8	0	8
at Miss. State	0	0	0	0
at South Carolina	2	8	0	10
vs. Arkansas	1	14	0	14
at Georgia	0	0	0	0
vs. Missouri	0	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee*	0	0	0	0
at Vanderbilt	0	0	0	0
vs. UT Martin	0	0	0	0
vs. Louisville	0	0	0	0
Totals	7	75	0	17

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
vs. Penn State	0	0	0	0
Totals	2	38	1	23

DAILEY'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Receptions: 2, 3x, last at South Carolina, Sept 28, 2019
 Receiving yards: 31, last vs Toledo, Aug 31, 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 • 226 • Senior-3L
 Paintsville, Ky. (Paintsville)

2019 - Senior (Team Captain)

- Has played in 11 games with 10 starts
- UK's fourth-leading tackler with 50
- Also has 4.0 TFL, three PBUs (tied for fourth), two QBHs and one INT
- Did not play vs. Missouri with injury, the first game in his career to miss which snapped a streak of 46 straight games played
- Totaled a team- and career-high two pass breakups at South Carolina
- Had a season-best 10 tackles along with a TFL, a PBU and a QBH vs. Florida
- Picked off his first career interception vs. Eastern Michigan and added five tackles
- Preseason Media All-SEC, Third Team Defense
- Athlon Sports' Preseason All-SEC, Third Team Defense

2018 - Junior (Team Captain)

- Started in 12 of 13 games played
- Played with a broken left hand sustained against Vanderbilt on Oct. 20 ... Had surgery on Oct. 22 to insert two screws
- UK's leading returning tackler
- Ended the season third on the team in total tackles (84) and tackles for loss (7.5)
- Tied for 24th in the SEC in tackles per game (6.3)
- Got his first career sack in the win over Penn State in the Citrus Bowl
- Second on the team with five quarterback hurries
- Had 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, totaling 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
- Also lettered in baseball and basketball at Paintsville
- Picked UK over Michigan, Louisville, Marshall, Ohio, Purdue, South Carolina and Illinois

Personal

- Born in Pikeville, Kentucky
- 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
- Member of UK's bass fishing club team in 2019
- Major is communication

Community Cats

- Visited with sick children at Wolfson Children's Hospital at the TaxSlayer Bowl in Jacksonville, Fla. (2016)

Kash Says

- His nickname is "Kash Money"
- He chose to play at Kentucky because he's a Kentucky boy and he wanted to play in the best conference in college football
- His passion in life is bass fishing
- His sports hero is Brian Dawkins because he played every snap of every game with fire and passion
- The best advice he's ever received is "no matter what, don't quit"





DANIEL'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tkls	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	FF/FR	QBH	PBU	Int-Y
2016	LB	13-0	19	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
2017	LB	13-0	7	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
2018	LB	13-12	84	7.5-23	0-0	0	5	1	0
2019	LB	11-10	50	4.0-6	0-0	0	2	3	1-18
Totals		50-22	160	11.5-29	0-0	0	7	4	1-18

DANIEL'S 2019 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FF/FR	QBH	PBU	Int-Yds.
vs. Toledo*	4	0-0	1.0-2	0/0	0	0	0-0
vs. EMU*	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1-18
vs. Florida*	10	0-0	1.0-2	0/0	1	1	0-0
at Miss. State	5	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0-0
at USC*	4	0-0	0-0	0/0	1	2	0-0
vs. Arkansas*	5	0-0	2.0-2	0/0	0	0	0-0
at Georgia*	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0-0
vs. Mizzou			DNP	(Injury)			
vs. UT*	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at Vandy*	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. UT Martin*	4	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Louisville*	5	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
Totals	50	0-0	4.0-6	0/0	2	3	1-18

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
vs. South Carolina*	5	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
at TAMU	4	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt*	10	0-0	1.0-3	0/0	0	0
at Missouri*	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	1
vs. Georgia*	4	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
at Tennessee*	2	0-0	1.0-3	0/0	0	0
vs. MTSU*	8	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
at Louisville*	8	0-0	3.0-6	0/0	0	0
vs. Penn State*	8	1.0-7	2.0-8	0/0	0	0
Totals	84	1.0-7	7.5-23	0/0	5	1

DANIEL'S 2017 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FF/FC	QBH	Int.
at Southern Miss	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
vs. EKU	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
at South Carolina	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
vs. Florida	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
vs. E. Michigan	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
vs. Missouri	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
at Miss. State	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
vs. Ole Miss	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
at Vanderbilt	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
at Georgia	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
vs. Louisville	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
vs. Northwestern	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Totals	7	0-0	0-0	0	0	0

DANIEL'S 2016 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FC	QBH	Int.
vs. Southern Miss	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
at Florida	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
vs. New Mexico St.	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
vs. South Carolina	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
at Alabama	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
vs. Mississippi State	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
at Missouri	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
at Tennessee	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
vs. Austin Peay	7	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
at Louisville	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia Tech	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Totals	19	0-0	0-0	0	0	0

DANIEL'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 11, twice, last at Florida, Sept 8, 2018 (4-7)
Sacks: 1, vs Penn State, Jan 1, 2019 (7 yards)
Tackles for loss: 3.0, at Louisville, Nov 24, 2018 (6 yards)
Quarterback hurry: 2, vs Central Michigan, Sept 1, 2018 (5-6)
Pass breakups: 2, at South Carolina, Sept 28, 2019
Interceptions: 1, vs. Eastern Mich, Sept 7, 2019



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JAMIN DAVIS

LINEBACKER

**6-4 • 228 • Sophomore-1L
 Ludowici, Ga. (Long County)**

2019 - Sophomore

- Has seen action in all 12 games with one start
- Has 26 tackles, 1.0 sack, two quarterback hurries and a PBU
- Tied for the team lead in tackles with seven vs. Louisville in the regular-season finale and also had the first sack of his career
- Made his first collegiate start vs. UT Martin ... Had an interception, the second of his career, and led the Wildcats with a career-high tying six tackles
- Also led the Wildcats with a career-high six tackles in the win over Vanderbilt and added a quarterback hurry
- Charted a season-best three tackles and one quarterback hurry in the win over Missouri

2018 - r-Freshman

- Saw action in all 13 games, finishing with 10 tackles, an interception and a PBU
- 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

Community Cats

- Volunteer for God's Pantry (2019)

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
- He wears his jersey number because his grandmother passed away at age 44
- One word to describe him on the field is "dependable"
- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to be a corporate lawyer
- The best advice he's ever received is "you can't have a million dollar dream with a minimum wage work ethic"

DAVIS' CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tackles	Sacks-Y	TFL-Y	FC/FR	INT	PBU	QBH
2018	LB	13-0	10	0	0	0	1-18	1	0
2019	LB	12-1	26	1.0-10	1.0-10	0	1-0	0	2
Totals		25-1	36	1.0-10	1.0-10	0	2-18	1	2





DAVIS' 2019 GAME-BY-GAME

Table with columns: Opponent, Tackles, Sacks, TFL-Y, FF/FR, QBH, Int. Rows include vs. Toledo, vs. Eastern Mich., vs. Florida, at Miss. State, at South Carolina, vs. Arkansas, at Georgia, vs. Missouri, vs. Tennessee, at Vanderbilt, vs. UT Martin*, vs. Louisville, and Totals.

DAVIS' 2018 GAME-BY-GAME

Table with columns: Opponent, Tackles, Sacks, TFL-Y, FF/FR, QBH, Int. Rows include vs. Central Mich., at Florida, vs. Murray State, vs. Miss. State, vs. South Carolina, at Texas A&M, vs. Vanderbilt, at Missouri, vs. Georgia, at Tennessee, vs. MTSU, at Louisville, vs. Penn State, and Totals.

DAVIS' SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 7, vs Louisville, Nov 30, 2019 (2-5)
Sacks: 1, vs Louisville, Nov 30, 2019
Tackles for loss: 1, vs Louisville, Nov 30, 2019
Interceptions: 1, twice, last vs UT Martin, Nov 23, 2019
Pass breakups: 1, vs Murray State, Sept 15, 2018
Quarterback hurry: 1, twice, last vs Vanderbilt, Nov 16, 2019



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M.J. DEVONSHIRE

CORNERBACK

5-11 • 175 • Freshman-HS
Aliquippa, Pa. (Aliquippa)

2019 - Freshman

- Has played in three games (EMU, Tennessee and UT Martin)
Charted a career-best three tackles vs. UT Martin
Saw his first collegiate action vs. Eastern Michigan and charted two tackles and a PBU

High School

- Four-start prospect by Rivals
A talented receiver and defensive back at Aliquippa for head coach Mike Warfield ... Also returned kicks
Earned TribLive HSSN Boys Athlete of the Year after guiding the Quips to a state football title, leading his basketball team to the WPIAL playoffs and winning two gold medals at the PIAA track championships
Helped lead the Quips win the 2018 WPIAL Championship and the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association Class 3A Championship title
Offensively, totaled 327 rushing yards and scored 24 touchdowns four different ways ... The average length of those scores was 42.2 yards
Had nine scoring plays of 50 yards or more
Averaged 21.1 receiving yards on 27 catches
On defense, totaled eight interceptions, including three in the PIAA championship game
Was a huge threat on special teams as he posted eight punt returns for touchdowns, one short of the national record
Had five returns for touchdowns called back because of penalties
Named the 2018 WPIAL co-Player of the Year by the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
Averaged 17.0 points per game in basketball
Won the 100- and 200-meter state title on the track team
Chose Kentucky over Pittsburgh, Ohio State and Ole Miss

Personal

- Born in Sewickley, Pennsylvania
Son of Theresa Devonshire and Marlin Devonshire
Brother, Keir Jeter, was a wide receiver at Edinboro University from 2008-11
Major is undeclared

M.J. Says

- His nickname is "M.J." derived from his full name, Marlin Jr.
He chose Kentucky because he loved the people and culture
One word to describe him on the field is "savage"
After his football career he would like to be a sports broadcaster
When he played football as a kid he pretended he was his dad, Marlin Devonshire

DEVONSHIRE'S CAREER STATISTICS

Table with columns: Year, Pos., G-GS, Tackles, Sacks-Yds, TFL-Yds, FC/FR, INT, PBU. Rows for 2019 and Totals.

DEVONSHIRE'S 2019 GAME-BY-GAME

Table with columns: Opponent, Tkls, Sacks, TFL-Y, FC/FR, QBH, INT, PBU. Rows for vs. Eastern Mich., vs. Tennessee, vs. UT Martin, and Totals.

DEVONSHIRE'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 3, vs UT Martin, Nov 23, 2019
PBUs: 1, vs Eastern Mich, Sept 7, 2019



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TAJ DODSON

DEFENSIVE BACK

6-1 • 192 • Freshman-HS
Union City, Ga. (Creekside)

2019 - Freshman

- Has three tackles in three games played
Has seen limited action due to injury
Had a fumble recovery vs. Florida
Mid-year enrollee

High School

- A consensus three-star recruit by all the major recruiting services
Coached by Region 5-6A Coach of the Year Maurice Dixon
Had 19 returns for 737 yards and two touchdowns, including a 92-yard score
Named first-team All-Region 5-6A after totaling 86 tackles, 12 PBUs, two interceptions, one sack and once forced fumble in 2018
Also had seven catches for 106 yards
Excelled in track and field, earning All-Region 1A State Track honors in 2016 and 2017 as a sprinter and high jumper
Ran a personal best 10.78 in the 100-meter dash
Chose Kentucky over Syracuse, Louisville and Ole Miss

Personal

- First name is pronounced the same as Taj Mahal
Born in Atlanta, Georgia
Son of Terika Dodson and Alex Chapman
Major is undeclared

Taj Says

- His nickname is "Superman"
He chose Kentucky because it's a family vibe
One word to describe him on the field is "swift"
After his football career he would like to be a stock broker
When he played football as a kid he pretended he was Tyrann Mathieu

DODSON'S CAREER STATISTICS

Table with columns: Year, Pos., G-GS, Tackles, Sacks-Yds, TFL-Yds, FC/FR, INT, PBU. Rows for 2019 and Totals.

DODSON'S 2019 GAME-BY-GAME

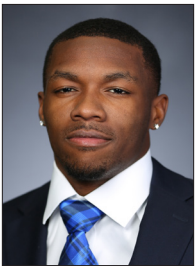
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DODSON'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 1, twice, last vs Eastern Mich, Sept 7, 2019
Fumble Recovery: 1, vs Florida, Sept 14, 2019



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CEDRICK DORT JR.

CORNERBACK

5-11 • 182 • r-Sophomore-1L
Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. (Dwyer)

2019 - r-Sophomore

- Honorable mention cornerback (PFF)
- Has started in 11 games this season at corner
- Did not see action vs. Tennessee
- Has 15 tackles, five PBU's (third on the team) and one forced fumble
- Had a career-high two PBU's in the win over Vanderbilt
- Had a career-best three tackles in the win over Missouri and Louisville

2018 - Sophomore

- Redshirt season

2017 - Freshman

- 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, Florida
- Son of Clevette Wiggins and Cedrick Dort Sr.
- Major is community and leadership development

Cedrick Says

- He chose Kentucky to build a legacy
- 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 or in real estate
- What he loves most about football is meeting life-long brothers
- Most people don't know he's a snare drummer and only played football in the 11th and 12th grade

DORT'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tackles	Sacks-Yds.	TFL-Yds.	FF/FR	INT	PBU
2017	CB	9-0	6	0	0	0/0	0	0
2019	CB	11-11	15	0	0	1/0	0	5
Totals	20-11	21	0	0	1/0	0	5	

DORT'S 2019 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FF/FR	PBU	Int.-Yds
vs. Toledo *	0	0-0	0.0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. Eastern Mich.*	2	0-0	0-0	1/0	1	0
vs. Florida*	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
at Miss. State*	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
at South Carolina*	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. Arkansas*	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
at Georgia*	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. Missouri*	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. Tennessee			DNP			
at Vanderbilt*	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	2	0
vs. UT Martin*	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	1	0
vs. Louisville*	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	1	0
Totals	15	0-0	0.0	1/0	5	0-0

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: 3, twice, last vs Louisville, Nov 30, 2019
Pass breakups: 2, at Vanderbilt, Nov 16, 2019
Forced fumbles: 1, vs Eastern Mich, Sept 7, 2019



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AUSTIN DOTSON

OFFENSIVE TACKLE

6-6 • 324 • Sophomore-1L
Belfry, Ky. (Belfry)

2019 - Sophomore

- Has seen action in eight games

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, Kentucky
- Son of Sherry and Derrick Dotson
- Major is sociology

Austin Says

- His nickname is "Mountain Man"
- He chose Kentucky because it's home
- After his football career he would like to be on a police force/S.W.A.T.
- Most people don't know he's a descendant of Devil Anse Hatfield, the patriarch of the Hatfield clan during the infamous Hatfield-McCoy feud
- When he's not on the field, he enjoys fishing, hunting and eating with friends



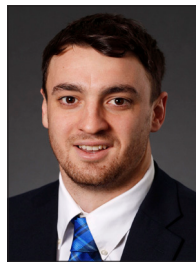


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MOSES DOUGLASS

DEFENSIVE BACK

6-2 • 205 • Freshman-HS
Springfield, Ohio (Springfield)



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MAX DUFFY

PUNTER

6-1 • 194 • Junior-1L
Perth, Australia (Curtin/Kent Street)

2019 - Freshman

- Mid-year enrollee
- Has seen action in three games (Eastern Michigan, Tennessee and UT Martin)
- Charted his first career tackle vs. UT Martin

High School

- Four-star recruit and one the nation's top-30 safety prospects by Rivals.com and 247sports.com
- The No. 7 prospect in Ohio and one of the nation's top 300 players by Rivals
- As a senior, helped lead Springfield HS to a 9-3 record and second round of the state playoffs
- First-team All-Ohio in Division I (largest classification)
- Coached by his father, Maurice, at Springfield
- Teammate of fellow signee Isaiah Gibson
- Chose Kentucky over Georgia Tech, Louisville and Michigan State

Personal

- Born in Dayton, Ohio
- Son of Camela and Maurice Douglass
- Father, Maurice, was a defensive back at Kentucky in 1984-85 and went on to an 11-year NFL career with the Chicago Bears and New York Giants
- Major is undeclared

Moses Says

- His nickname is "MoeDoug"
- He chose Kentucky because it's his kind of hometown environment
- Most people don't know he loves animals, especially horses
- When he played football as a kid he pretended he was Deion Sanders
- After his football career he would like to be a sports broadcaster

2019 - Junior

- Ray Guy Award Winner
- First-Team All-America (AP, Sporting News, ESPN, FWAA, Walter Camp, AFCA Coaches', The Athletic)
- Second-Team All-America, Punter (Sports Illustrated, CBS Sports)
- First-Team All-SEC, Punter (AP)
- Second-Team All-SEC, Punter (Coaches)
- Midseason All-American by the AP, Sporting News, ESPN and CBS Sports
- Leads the nation in punting, averaging 48.6 yards per punt
- With Duffy's distance and placement, Kentucky leads the nation in net punting with a 45.13-yard net average
- UK's career punting leader with a 46.5-yard career average
- Only 9 of 47 punts have been returned (19%)
- 24 of 47 punts have landed inside the 20-yard line (51%)
- Ran 26 yards on a fake punt for a first down against Missouri
- Has 22 punts of 50-plus yards
- Doesn't shy away from contact as he has three career tackles
- Averaged a career-best 57.7 percent on three punts for 173 yards vs. UT Martin
- Two-time Ray Guy Award Player of the Week
- Three-time Ray's 8 honor roll
- SEC Special Teams Player of the Week (Oct. 28)
- Had a magnificent night of punting and also ran a fake punt that set up a touchdown in Kentucky's 29-7 win over Missouri ... Missouri's average field position after Duffy's punts was its own 14-yard line ... Punted five times for a 52.4-yard average, with no return yards and three punts inside the 20-yard line ... Named Ray Guy Award Player of the Week and SEC Special Teams Player of the Week
- Early in the fourth quarter, on 4th-and-6, he spied an opening and ran 26 yards for a first down; the impromptu dash helped set up a Wildcat touchdown ... Had a crucial punt in the third quarter; with UK backed up on its own 9-yard line, he flipped the field with a career-long 70-yard boot
- Also named Ray Guy Punter of the Week (Week 5) for his performance vs. the Gamecocks ... Broke two school records ... Broke his own single-game school record (min. 8 punts), averaging 51.1 yards on nine kicks ... In the process, became UK's career punting leader
- For the game, had four punts inside the 20 with no touchbacks and his net average was 51.3 yards per punt ... Created a turnover as he had one punt that hit a South Carolina player and was recovered by the Wildcats ... All five punts that originated from

at least the UK 27-yard line ended up inside the Gamecock 20

- On Ray's 8 nominee list for week two games after averaging 54 yards per punt vs. Toledo in the season opener ... second best average yards per punt by a UK player in a single game (min. 5 punts) and it was the best mark since Bill Hawk vs. Tennessee on Nov. 23, 1991 (56.5 yards per punt)

2018 - Sophomore

- Dean's List (Spring 2019)
- First-Year SEC Academic Honor Roll
- Totaled 60 punts for 2,687 yards for an average of 44.8 yards per punt
- His average ranks third-highest in UK history for a single season, trailing only Glenn Pakulak's 2002 campaign when he averaged 45.58 yards per kick and Tim Masthay's 45.23 average in 2008
- His average of 44.8 yards per punt set a new school record, besting the 1984 team record of 44.6
- Ranked sixth in the SEC and 13th nationally in punting yards per game (44.8)
- Ray Guy Award Watch List
- Ray's 8 Player of the Week nominee (Week 5 and Week 11)
- Had a season long with a 67-yarder in the first quarter, pinning Penn State on the five-yard line ... Helped set up Lynn Bowden's punt return TD, as the UK defense posted a three-and-out, and Bowden made the scoring runback
- Also had his second-longest punt of the season, a 65-yarder at the end of the quarter ... Finished with a 44.8-yard average for the game
- 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 was 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
- He's the second straight Aussie punter for Kentucky, following in the footsteps of former punter Matt Panton



Personal

- Born in Perth, Australia
- Son of John and Jiulie Duffy
- Currently 26 years old, the oldest player on the team ... Will be 27 in April
- Set to graduate in December with a degree in psychology

Max Says

- He chose Kentucky because of the opportunity to play in an elite environment
- Wears his jersey number because he was born in 1993
- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to be a coach
- The biggest difference he's seen between America and Australia is the language barrier and how most people can't understand him
- The best advice he's ever received is "it's never as good or as bad as you think"

DUFFY'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G	Punts	Yds.	Avg.	TBs	FC	Inside 20	Long	50+
2018	12	60	2687	44.8	2	14	30	67	17
2019	12	47	2285	48.6	4	10	24	70	22
Totals	24	107	4972	46.5	6	24	54	70	39

DUFFY'S 2019 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Punts	Yds.	Avg.	Long	Inside 20
vs. Toledo*	6	324	54.0	61	2
vs. Eastern Mich.*	3	130	43.3	56	3
vs. Florida*	2	109	54.5	63	2
at Miss. State*	3	154	51.3	56	1
at USC*	9	460	51.1	62	4
vs. Arkansas*	3	133	44.3	54	2
at Georgia*	7	281	40.1	69	4
vs. Missouri*	5	262	52.4	70	3
vs. Tennessee*	3	139	46.3	55	0
at Vanderbilt*	1	35	35.0	35	0
vs. UT Martin*	3	173	57.7	66	2
vs. Louisville*	2	85	42.5	46	1
Totals	47	2285	48.6	70	24

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
vs. Penn State*	9	403	44.8	67	5
Totals	60	2687	44.8	67	30

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: 57.7, vs UT Martin, Nov 23, 2019
 Long: 70, vs Missouri, Oct 26, 2019



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BRANDIN ECHOLS

DEFENSIVE BACK

5-11 • 178 • Junior-JC
Southaven, Miss.
(Southaven/Northwest Mississippi CC)

2019 - Junior

- Honorable mention flex defender (PFF)
- Started at corner in 10 of the last 12 games played
- Has 52 tackles (third on the team), a team-high nine PBUs, two forced fumbles (second on the team), 2.5 TFL and a sack
- Tied for 14th in the SEC passes defended (0.75)
- Had a career-high 10 tackles vs. Mississippi State ...
- Also got a sack/caused fumble in the third quarter his first for both plays at Kentucky
- Earned first career start vs. Florida
- Had three PBUs in his debut vs. Toledo, the most by a UK player since Derrick Baity vs. Northwestern on Dec. 29, 2017
- Mid-year enrollee
- Dean's List (Spring 2019)

Junior College

- Went to junior college as a receiver but switched to defense back in his freshman season and found his niche
- A three-star recruit who ranked as the fifth-best cornerback among junior college recruits by Rivals
- Earned NJCAA second-team All-America honors
- Named first-team All-MACJC and All-Region 23 NJCAA in 2018 after leading the MACJC and ranking second in the NJCAA with six interceptions
- His 12 pass breakups ranked fourth in the country
- Added 49 tackles, a forced fumble and blocked kick in helping lead Northwest to an 8-2 record and a No. 8 national ranking in the NJCAA
- Coached by Benjy Parker

High School

- Played for head coach Ed Rich at Southaven High School
- Totaled 11 total tackles, two sacks and an interception as a senior
- Offensively, caught 29 passes for 406 yards and four touchdowns and rushed for 906 yards and eight touchdowns
- Added 604 return yards with four touchdowns
- Also played basketball and ran track as a senior, earning a spot on *Clarion-Ledger's* All-State boys' track team after winning the state championship in the long jump
- Chose Kentucky over offers from Ole Miss, Houston and Memphis

Personal

- Born in Memphis, Tennessee
- Son of Antonio and Ecstasy Williams
- Major is community and leadership development

Brandin Says

- His nickname is "Beezy"
- He chose Kentucky because it was a great opportunity
- When he played football as a kid he pretended he was Terrell Owens
- After his football career, he would like to be involved with community service work
- One word to describe him on the field is "dawg"

ECHOLS' CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tackles	Sacks-Yds.	TFL-Yds.	FF/FR	INT	PBU
2019	CB	12-10	52	1.0-5	2.5-10	2/0	0	9
Totals		12-10	52	1.0-5	2.5-10	2/0	0	9

ECHOLS' 2019 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FF/FR	PBU	Int.-Yds
vs. Toledo	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	3	0
vs. Eastern Mich.	7	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. Florida*	7	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
at Miss. State*	10	1.0-5	1.0-5	1/0	0	0
at South Carolina*	4	0-0	0-0	0/0	1	0
vs. Arkansas*	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	2	0
at Georgia*	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	1	0
vs. Missouri	4	0-0	0-0	1/0	0	0
vs. Tennessee*	3	0-0	0-0	1/0	1	0
at Vanderbilt*	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. UT Martin*	4	0-0	0.5-1	0/0	0	0
vs. Louisville*	6	0-0	1.0-4	0/0	1	0
Totals	52	1.0-5	2.5-10	2/0	9	0-0

ECHOLS' SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 10, at Mississippi State, Sept 21, 2019
 Sacks: 1.0, at Mississippi State, Sept 21, 2019 (5)
 Tackle for loss: 1.0, twice, last vs Louisville, Nov 30, 2019
 Pass breakups: 3 vs Toledo, Aug 31, 2019
 Forced fumbles: 1, twice, last vs Missouri, Oct 26, 2019



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DARREN EDMOND

WIDE RECEIVER

5-11 • 192 • Sophomore-Sq
Norman, Okla. (Paul Laurence Dunbar - KY)

2019 - Sophomore

- Saw his first collegiate action vs. UT Martin

2018 - Freshman

- Practiced with the team





High School

- A three-year starter at wide receiver for head coach Chris Mullins at Paul Laurence Dunbar
- Led the Bulldogs in receiving as a senior with 156 yards and three touchdowns on 20 catches
- Also ran for 63 yards and a score

Personal

- Born in Norman, Oklahoma
- Son of Laurie and Corey Edmond
- Dad, Corey, is the director of performance for UK Football ... Sister, Leah, is a senior and All-American outside hitter for UK's volleyball team
- Major is digital media and design

Darren Says

- His nickname is "Lil Ed"
- Hidden talents are singing and playing the piano
- The celebrity he often gets mistaken for is Steve Urkel
- His dream job is to be a graphic designer
- The best advice he's ever received is "Happiness is a choice. You can choose to be happy. There's going to be stress in life, but it's your choice whether or not you let it affect you."



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ISAIAH EPPS

WIDE RECEIVER

6-2 • 191 • Junior-2L
Jenks, Okla. (Jenks)

2019 - Junior

- Out with injury to his left foot suffered during fall camp

2018 - Sophomore

- Played in all 13 games with two starts vs. Georgia and Tennessee
- Caught eight passes for 76 yards
- Had a career-high three catches vs. MTSU

2017 - Freshman

- Played in all 13 games
- Totaled four catches for 55 yards
- 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 6A1 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, Oklahoma
- Son of Michael and LaQuisha Epps
- Older brother, Carson, was a receiver a Iowa State and cousin, Denver Johnson, currently is a junior wide receiver for the Cyclones
- Major is psychology

Isaiah Says

- His nickname is "Zay"
- After his football career he would like to be a sports psychologist at a university
- One thing most people don't about him is that he likes to shop
- His passion in life is helping others
- The best advice he's ever received was "never quit, always finish what you've started and stay grounded"

EPPS' CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
2017	WR	13-0	4	55	13.8	0	28
2018	WR	13-2	8	76	9.5	0	18
Totals		26-2	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
vs. Penn State	0	0	0	0
Totals	8	76	0	18

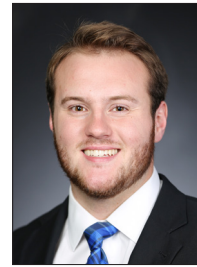
EPPS' 2017 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
at Southern Miss	1	6	0	6
vs. ECU	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 • 305 • Junior-2L
Sylvania, Ohio
(Sylvania Northview)

2019 - Junior

- A mechanical engineer major who, along with Toyota Motor Manufacturing Kentucky and other engineering students, helped design a specially built push cart vehicle to provide a Kentucky Children's Hospital patient the chance to both accompany the Wildcats on the Cat Walk and attend a game at Kroger Field in a project called "Lift Them Up"
- Has started in all 12 games at right guard

2018 - Sophomore

- Played in 11 of 13 games
- Blocked for All-SEC running back, Benny Snell Jr., UK's all-time leading rusher and the first player in school history to rush for 1,000 yards in three straight seasons
- Dean's List (Spring 2019)
- Named to SEC Academic Honor Roll

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 St.
- On track to graduate in December with a degree in mechanical engineering

Community Cats

- Volunteer for Habitat for Humanity (2016)

Luke Says

- He chose Kentucky because he loved the atmosphere
- One word to describe him on the field is "dependable"
- 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
- His passion in life is football



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JALEN GEIGER

DEFENSIVE BACK

6-1 • 188 • Freshman-HS
Columbia, S.C. (Spring Valley)

2019 - Freshman

- Has seen action in three games (Missouri, Vanderbilt and UT Martin)
- Charted his first pass breakup in the win at Vanderbilt and got a tackle vs. UT Martin

High School

- A three-star defensive back by 247Sports.com
- Considered the No. 9 overall recruit and No. 2 corner in the state of South Carolina by Rivals.com
- Competed in the 82nd Annual Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas and finished with four tackles

- Recorded 71 tackles, including 60 solo, eight PBUs, and three interceptions as a senior
- Named defensive back MVP
- Two-time All-State First Team selection
- Helped the Vikings finish 11-2 with a playoff berth as a junior in 2017
- Coached by Robin Bacon
- Transferred to Spring Valley after playing two seasons at Cardinal Newman
- Also a talented basketball player
- Chose UK over South Carolina, Virginia and UNC

Personal

- Last name is pronounced "Gi-ger"
- Born in Columbia, South Carolina
- Son of Tony and Ramona Geiger
- Brother, Erique, played football at Bowling Green from 2009-12
- Major is undeclared

Jalen Says

- He chose Kentucky because everything about the university is great
- Most people don't know he lived in Korea from age 5 to 9
- When he played football as a kid he pretended he was De'Anthony Thomas
- If he were stranded on an island with a teammate he would choose Kash Daniel because he would never give up
- One word to describe him on the field is "fearless"



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ISAIAH GIBSON

DEFENSIVE LINEMAN

6-3 • 295 • Freshman-HS
Springfield, Ohio (Springfield)

2019 - Freshman

- Saw his first collegiate action vs. UT Martin
- Mid-year enrollee

High School

- Consensus choice as one of the nation's top-50 defensive tackles and one of the top 33 players in Ohio by all the major recruiting services
- Rated as high as the No. 32 DT by 247sports.com and No. 17 in Ohio by ESPN.com
- As a senior, helped lead Springfield HS to a 9-3 record and second round of the state playoffs
- First-team All-Ohio in Division I (largest classification)
- Coached by Maurice Douglass
- Teammate of fellow signee Moses Douglass
- Maurice was a defensive back at Kentucky in 1984-85 and went on to an 11-year NFL career with the Chicago Bears and New York Giants

Personal

- Born in Springfield, Ohio

- Son of Amy Gibson and Fred Almon
- Major is undeclared

Isaiah Says

- His nickname is "Big Zae"
- After his football career, he would like to be in business or broadcasting
- His hidden talent is golf
- One word to describe him on the field is "different"
- Best advice he's ever received is "be great"



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AMANI GILMORE

QUARTERBACK

6-2 • 202 • Freshman-HS
Amite, La. (Amite)

2019 - Freshman

- Saw his first collegiate action vs. UT Martin

High School

- A three-star dual-threat quarterback
- 247Sports.com ranked him as the No. 42 pro-style quarterback nationally in the class of 2019
- Led his team to the 2018 Louisiana 2A State Championship, the Warriors' first championship in 14 years and just the fifth title in team history
- Named the game's Most Outstanding Player after accounting for a remarkable 366 of the team's 442 yards total yards and six touchdowns
- Completed 11-of-17 passes for 286 yards while rushing 23 times for a team-high 80 yards
- Totaled over 2,000 total yards in his senior year, including 1,000 rushing yards, while also averaging 40.0 points per game
- Dual-sport athlete as he also excels on the baseball diamond as a left-handed pitcher and outfielder
- Amite head coach Zephaniah Powell said "Throws the ball very well, is very accurate. Can stay in the pocket, can beat you with his arm from the pocket and also can beat you with his legs from out of the pocket. Very good high IQ when it comes to football. He is a gym rat, loves to lift, loves to work out."
- Chose UK over Tennessee

Personal

- Born in Hammond, Louisiana
- Son of Kovi Dillon and Frank Gilmore
- Major is undeclared

Amani Says

- His nickname is "Mani"
- He chose Kentucky because it felt like home and great place to get better
- One word to describe him on the field is "hungry"
- After his football career, he would like to create apps and games
- His hidden talent is sewing
- The best advice he's ever received is "never quit"





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COLIN GOODFELLOW

PUNTER

6-2 • 223 • Junior-SQ
Cleveland, Ohio
(St. Ignatius)

2018 - Sophomore

- Practiced with the team
- Named to SEC Academic Honor Roll
- Dean's List (Fall 2018)

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
- When he played football as a kid he pretended to be Phil Dawson
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he's in nursing school



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JORDAN GRIFFIN

SAFETY

6-0 • 194 • Senior-3L
Riverdale, Ga.
(Jonesboro)

2019 - Senior

- Has seen action in 11 games with 10 starting assignments ... did not play at South Carolina with a knee injury
- Has 25 tackles, 3 PBU, 2.0 TFL, 1.0 sacks, 1 INT and two fumble recoveries
- Intercepted a pass in the second quarter vs. Louisville, his second pickoff of the season and third of his career
- Had his first interception of the season in the win over Eastern Michigan ... Also notched the first quarterback sack of his career and had a career-high two pass breakups
- Charted a career-high tying six tackles in the season opener vs. Toledo

2018 - Junior

- Played in 12 of 13 games with four starts
- Did not see action vs. Miss. State with injury
- Totaled 13 tackles and three PBUs
- Dean's List (Spring 2019)
- Named to SEC Academic Honor Roll

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 GeorgiaESPN 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, 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, California
- Son of Judy and Lawrence Griffin
- Brother, Jason, played football at Fort Valley State
- On track to graduate in December with a degree in community and leadership development
- Representative for UK Football's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) in 2018 and 2019

Jordan Says

- His nickname is "J.G."
- He chose Kentucky because it was in God's plans
- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to be a trader and a real estate investor
- One word to describe him on the field is "instinctive"
- The best advice he's ever received is "keep God first"

GRIFFIN'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tkls	Sacks-Y	TFL-Y	Int.-Y	PBU	FF/FR	QBH
2016	DB	8-0	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0
2017	DB	13-1	22	0-0	0-0	1-2	3	0/0	0
2018	DB	12-4	13	0-0	0-0	0-0	3	0/0	0
2019	DB	11-10	25	1.0-5	2.0-6	2-13	3	0/2	0
Totals		44-15	66	1.0-5	2.0-6	3-15	9	0/2	0

GRIFFIN'S 2019 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls	Sacks	TFL-Y	FF/FR	PBU	Int.-Y	QBH
vs. Toledo*	6	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Eastern Mich.*	1	1.0-5	1.0-5	0/0	2	1-15	0
vs. Florida*	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at Miss. State	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at USC		DNP	(Injury)				
vs. Arkansas*	4	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at Georgia	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Missouri*	1	0-0	0-0	0/1	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee*	4	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at Vanderbilt*	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. UT Martin*	4	0-0	1.0-1	0/1	1	0	0
vs. Louisville	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	1-(-2)	0
Totals	25	1.0-5	2.0-6	0/2	3	2-13	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





GRIFFIN'S 2018 GAME-BY-GAME							
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
vs. Penn State	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Totals	13	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, twice, last vs Toledo, Aug 31, 2019 (2-4)
Sacks: 1.0, vs Eastern Mich, Sept 7, 2019
Tackles for loss: 1.0, twice, last vs UT Martin, Nov 23, 2019
Pass breakups: 2, vs Eastern Mich, Sept 7, 2019
Fumble recovery: 1, twice, last vs UT Martin, Nov 23, 2019
Interceptions: 1, 3x, last vs Louisville, Nov 30, 2019



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MANNY HARPER

WIDE RECEIVER

**5-8 • 186 • Sophomore-SQ
Louisville, Ky. (Waggener)**

2018 - Freshman

- Practiced with the team

High School

- Was a two-way standout for head coach Jordan Johnson at Waggener Traditional
- Three-year starter and team captain at wide receiver
- Caught 43 passes for 678 yards and 11 touchdowns and also had 34 tackles and three interceptions on defense just seven into his senior year
- Suffered a major season-ending knee injury mid-way through his senior year
- Named All-District in 2017
- Also excelled in the classroom as he was named a 2017 Governor's Scholar with a 4.2 GPA
- Elected president of Omega Psi Phi Men of Quality
- Chose Kentucky over Harvard, Dartmouth, UofL, ECU and Murray State

Personal

- Born in Louisville, Kentucky
- Son of Larry Harper and Latoya Harper
- Older brother, Larry Harper III, is in his junior year as a QB at Georgetown College
- Major is English

Manny Says

- He chose Kentucky because it was the best fit
- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to be a collegiate football coach
- One word to describe him on the field is "quick"
- After his football career, he would like to be a collegiate coach
- When he played football, as a kid he pretended he was Randy Moss



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DEMARCUS HARRIS II

WIDE RECEIVER

**6-1 • 176 • Freshman-HS
Vero Beach, Fla. (Vero Beach)**

2019 - Freshman

- Mid-year enrollee

- Has seen action in three games (Toledo, Eastern Michigan and UT Martin)
- Totaled a tackle on special teams vs. Toledo

High School

- Considered one of the nation's top 150 receivers
- A three-star recruit according to 247sports.com and ESPN.com
- Became Treasure Coast's career record holder with 2,864 receiving yards
- Only Treasure Coast player to register back-to-back 1,000-yard receiving seasons
- Had 1,582 receiving yards with 73 receptions and 16 touchdowns as a senior
- Had eight games with at least 100 receiving yards, including a season-high 238 receiving yards on five catches vs. Treasure Coast High School on Oct. 12
- Averaged 131.8 receiving yards per game for the Indians in 2018, helping them finish 11-1 with the loss coming in the 8-A regional final
- Recorded 43 catches for 1,001 yards and 11 scores in 2017 and led Vero Beach to the regional finals
- Earn first-team all-area and all-state honors
- 2017 Class 8A Player of the Year candidate
- An all-around athlete who also excelled in basketball and track and field
- Chose Kentucky over Syracuse, Purdue and UCF

Personal

- Born in Seaford, Delaware
- Son of Marc and Takeisha Harris
- Father, Marc, played for the Chicago White Sox from 1991-93; Served as DeMarcus' wide receivers coach in high school
- Major is undeclared

DeMarcus Says

- His nickname is "Dee"
- The thing he's looking forward to the most this season is getting better everyday
- After his football career, he would like to be a sports commentator
- One word to describe him on the field is "explosive"
- The best advice he's ever received is "be patient and work hard"



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COLLIN HARTMANN

DEFENSIVE END

**6-4 • 281 • Sophomore-SQ
Somerset, Ky. (Somerset)**

2019 - Sophomore

- Saw his first collegiate action vs. UT Martin and charted a quarterback hurry

2018 - Freshman

- Practiced with the team
- First-Year SEC Academic Honor Roll





High School

- Rated a three-star prospect by 247Sports, Rivals and ESPN
Two-year starter at defensive end for head coach Robby Lucas
Totalled 240 tackles and 25 sacks in two seasons for the Briar Jumpers
Named AP and Courier-Journal All-State honorable mention in 2017
Earned Kentucky Defensive Player of the Game after totaling 10 tackles and three sacks in the 2017 Best of the Bluegrass All-Star game, which matches some of Kentucky's top high school players against each other
Also invited to play in the Kentucky/Tennessee All-Star game
Didn't start playing football until his junior year of high school because he was a basketball player and didn't know if he would like football
Chose Kentucky over Western Kentucky

Personal

- Born in Somerset, Kentucky
Son of Von and Jon Mick and Randy Hartmann
Major is pre-management

Collin Says

- He chose Kentucky because it's close to family
His hobbies outside of football are playing video games and fishing
The person who has most influenced him in his life is his mother
Most people don't know his birthday is on Cinco de Mayo
His favorite movie is The Notebook



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DAVOAN HAWKINS

DEFENSIVE LINEMAN

6-2 • 293 • Freshman-RS
Lauderhill, Fla. (Chaminade-Madonna)

2019 - r-Freshman

- Has seen nine in eight games this season
Has three tackles, 2.0 tackles for loss, one sack, one forced fumble and one quarterback hurry
Had a career-best two tackles, a sack, a forced fumble and a quarterback hurry in the win over Louisville
Charted his first career tackle and first tackle for loss in UK's win over Vanderbilt

2018 - Freshman

- Redshirt season
Played in one game vs. Murray State

High School

- Another recruit from the pipeline of Chaminade-Madonna to Kentucky
Coached by Dameon Jones
Joins former high school teammate Josh Ali 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 of the opportunities for him
Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to coach or make music
The last time he was starstruck was when he heard Chloe Abbott sing
He has 14 siblings

Table with 10 columns: Year, Pos., G-GS, Tkls, Sacks-Y, TFL-Y, Int.-Y, PBU, FF/FC, QBH. Rows for 2018, 2019, and Totals.

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Table with 1 column: HAWKINS' SINGLE-GAME HIGHS. Lists specific game achievements like Tackles: 2, vs Louisville, Nov 30, 2019 (2-0).



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AKEEM HAYES

WIDE RECEIVER

5-8 • 158 • Freshman-RS
Hollywood, Fla. (Chaminade-Madonna)

2019 - r-Freshman

- Missed the first four games due to an academic issue
Has played in seven games has one catch for five yards vs. Vanderbilt and one rush for two yards vs. Arkansas

2018 - Freshman

- Redshirt season
Played in the Murray State game and caught one pass

High School

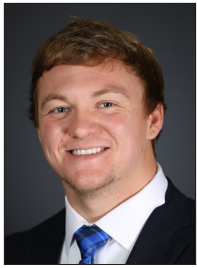
- Part of a pipeline from Chaminade-Madonna to Kentucky that includes 2017 signee Josh Ali
Teammates with fellow signees Davoan Hawkins and B.J. Alexander Jr.
Rated as a three-star recruit by 247Sports, Rivals and ESPN
Caught 25 passes for 401 yards and six touchdowns as a senior at Chaminade-Madonna, which won Florida's 3A state championship, the school's first football state title since 2005
Hauled in a 44-yard TD 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 and WR Marquise Brown (Baltimore Ravens)
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, Bernard Scott, the most humble person he's ever known
He collects prayers



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JACKSON
HIGH

LINEBACKER

5-11 • 242 • Junior-SQ
Union, Ky.
(Ryle)**2019 - Junior**

- Saw his first collegiate action vs. UT Martin and charted a tackle

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
- 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, FBIA, Chess Club and Honor Roll
- Chose Kentucky over Valparaiso and Morehead State

Personal

- Born in Louisville, Kentucky
- Son of Jason and Kendall High
- Major is pre-computer science

Jackson Says

- He chose Kentucky because it's home
- 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
- One word to describe him on the field is "hungry"
- His favorite movie is The Wolf of Wall Street



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KENNETH
HORSEY

OFFENSIVE GUARD

6-3 • 321 • Freshman-RS
Sanford, Fla. (Sanford Seminole)**2019 - r-Freshman**

- Has seen action in three games (Eastern Michigan, Vanderbilt and UT Martin)

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

- He chose to play football at Kentucky because he loved the school on his visit and wanted to play in the SEC
- 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
- If he had a hashtag to describe himself it would be #68wave
- The one thing he's looking forward to this season is playing for the first time



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PHIL
HOSKINS

DEFENSIVE TACKLE

6-5 • 310 • Senior-2L
Toledo, Ohio (Whitmer/Highland CC)**2019 - Senior**

- Missed the first two games due to an academic issue
- Returned vs. Florida but injured his right knee during pre-game warmups and has not played this season

2018 - Junior

- Played in all 13 games
- Totaled 21 tackles, 3.5 TFL, 3.0 sacks and one QBH
- 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
- Majoring in community, leadership and development

Phil Says

- His nickname is "Big Snacc"
- He chose Kentucky because he felt something special that he didn't feel anywhere else
- What he's most looking forward to this season is making plays
- If he had a hashtag to describe himself it would be #MuddMode
- One word to describe him on the field is "menace"



HOSKINS' CAREER STATISTICS

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HOSKINS' 2018 GAME-BY-GAME

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HOSKINS' 2017 GAME-BY-GAME

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

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)
Tackles for loss: 1.0, 3x, last vs MTSU, Nov 17, 2018 (8 yards)
Quarterback hurry: 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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DRAKE JACKSON

CENTER

6-2 • 312 • Junior-2L
Versailles, Ky. (Woodford County)

2019 - Junior

- First-Team All-SEC (AP)
Second-team center (PFF)
Rimington Trophy Watch List
Has started in 32 consecutive games at center

- Has only two missed assignments this season in 775 plays
Named co-SEC Lineman of the Week after his performance vs. Vanderbilt ... Graded out at 90 percent for the afternoon ... Had nine knockdown blocks, 27 blocks at the point of attack and did not allow a sack or pressure ... Also did not have any missed assignments or penalties as the offense rolled to a season-high 528 total yards in their largest SEC road win since 2001
Preseason Media Days All-SEC, Third-Team Offense
Athlon Sports' Preseason All-SEC, First-Team Offense

2018 - Sophomore

- Started at center in all 13 games
Responsible for only one-half quarterback sack
Had 141 blocks at the point of attack and had 33 knockdown blocks
Was a significant contributor to helping Benny Snell Jr. reach his third-consecutive 1,000-yard season
All-SEC Third Team by Phil Steele Publications

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, Kentucky
Son of Brian and Candy Jackson

- Dad, Brian, played football at Purdue; Brother, Dane, will be a freshman center at North Texas in January of 2020
On track to graduate in December with a degree in 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 college coach
One word to describe him is "sturdy"
If he had to be stranded on an island with his teammates he would choose the freshman offensive linemen because they do what he tells them
Most people don't know that if he wasn't playing football he would be an astronaut



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ZACH JOHNSON

SAFETY

5-10 • 191 • Senior-2L
Cincinnati, Ohio (Colerain)

2019 - Senior

- Has seen action in all 12 games this season
Has four kick returns for 125 yards (31.2)
Had a 58-yard return, the longest of his career, at Georgia
Also has three tackles, giving him 14 for his career
Got his first career PBU vs. Vanderbilt

2018 - Junior

- Had eight tackles in 13 games on special teams, most of them highlight-reel worthy
Earned a full scholarship in the 2018 fall camp
Dean's List (Fall 2018)

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 Univ., 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 it's been his favorite school since he was young
- After football he would like to pursue a career working in a hospital
- When he played football as a kid he pretended to be Reggie Bush
- His sports hero is Marshawn Lynch because of his work ethic
- Best advice he's ever received is "remain humble and work for everything you get"

JOHNSON'S KOR CAREER STATISTICS

Year	KOR	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
2017	2	35	17.5	0	20
2019	4	125	31.2	0	58
Totals	6	160	26.7	0	58

JOHNSON'S 2019 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Att.	Yds.	TD	Rec.	Yds.	TD	KR	Yds	TD	Long
vs. Arkansas	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	48	0	26
at Georgia	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	58	0	58
vs. Tennessee	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	19	0	19
Totals	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	125	0	58

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
vs. Penn State	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Totals	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8

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: 2, vs Arkansas, Oct 12, 2019
 Kick return yards: 58, at Georgia, Oct 19, 2019
 Long kick return: 58, at Georgia, Oct 19, 2019
 Tackles: 2, vs Central Michigan, Sept 1, 2018
 Pass breakups: 1, vs Vanderbilt, Nov 16, 2019



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ALEX KING

LINEBACKER

6-3 • 249 • Sophomore-1L
 Mason, Ohio (William Mason)

2019 - Sophomore

- Has not seen action this season due to injury

2018 - r-Freshman

- Saw action in nine 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 ranked King as the No. 19 prospect from Ohio, while Scout.com ranked him as the No. 2 defensive end from Ohio
- Second in tackles with 40, including six sacks
- Also had one forced fumble and a 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, Georgia
- Son of Andrea and Aaron King
- Mom, Andrea, ran track at Bowling Green
- Major is family science; minor is criminology

Alex Says

- He chose Kentucky because it feels like home

- After his football career, he would like to be a mental health counselor
- One word to describe him on the field is "fast"
- The one thing he loves most about football is rushing the quarterback
- The best advice he's ever received is "stop caring so much about things"



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DARIAN KINNARD

OFFENSIVE TACKLE

6-5 • 325 • Sophomore-1L
 Knoxville, Tenn. (St. Ignatius - Ohio)

2019 - Sophomore

- Second-team offensive tackle (PFF)
- Has started in all 12 games at right tackle
- Against UT Martin, graded at 93 percent in helping lead Kentucky to two single-game school records -- 462 rushing yards and 10.3 yards per rushing attempt ... Had 13 blocks at the point of attack, including four plays that were touchdown runs ... Did not allow any quarterback sacks and did not have any penalties or missed assignments

2018 - Freshman

- Played in nine games, starting two of the last three at left tackle
- Helped lead a Kentucky offensive line that blocked for numerous season highs vs. Louisville
- UK set season highs with 56 points, 601 yards total offense, 29 first downs and 340 rushing yards at Louisville ... 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
- 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 UT

Personal

- Born in Youngstown, Ohio

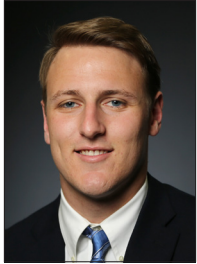




- Son of Mandy Headrick
- Major is kinesiology

Darian Says

- His nickname is "Dai Dai"
- He chose to play football at Kentucky because of the possibilities it provided academically and athletically
- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to train athletes
- One word to describe him on the field is "technical"
- Most people don't know that he is related to Dolly Parton



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KOLBE LANGHI

QUARTERBACK

6-4 • 234 • Sophomore-SQ
Hopkinsville, Ky. (Christian County)

2018 - Freshman

- Practiced with the team

High School

- Preferred walk-on
- A three-star recruit
- Rated the 18th-best player out of Kentucky by 247Sports.com
- Coached by Steve Lovelace
- The lefty is Christian County's all-time leading passer with 9,002 career yards and 101 total TDs
- Threw 81 total touchdown passes and added 20 more on the ground
- Completed 56 percent of his passes
- Helped the Colonels post a 32-16 record in his four years as the signal caller
- Earned All-Western Kentucky Conference honors all four years
- Participated in the 2017 Best of the Bluegrass All-Star Football Game
- Also played basketball and baseball and was a member of the Future Business Leaders of America

Personal

- Born in Nashville, Tennessee
- Son of Dawn and Donnie Langhi
- Major is undeclared

Kolbe Says

- The person who has influenced him most in life is his grandpa because he was the perfect role model
- His hobbies are anything outdoors such as hunting and fishing
- If he could take a trip anywhere he would visit Wyoming
- His favorite movie is *Tombstone*



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SHAWN LAWSON

DEFENSIVE END

6-3 • 226 • Sophomore-SQ
Jonesboro, Ga. (Jonesboro)

2019 - Sophomore

- Saw his first collegiate action vs. UT Martin and charted a tackle

2018 - Freshman

- Practiced with the team
- First-Year SEC Academic Honor Roll

High School

- A two-way player as an offensive lineman and defensive end for head coach Detimothy Floyd at Jonesboro
- Named to the All-Clayton County Football Second Team in 2017 as a top-graded offensive lineman for run-first offense
- Earned the Chick-Fil-A Leadership Award as a senior
- Teammate of CB Jordan Griffin
- Two-year letterwinner in wrestling and basketball
- Finished first in the area and 10th in sectionals as a senior wrestler
- National Honor Society
- Graduated in the top 10 percent of his class, earning a Red Cross Scholarship
- Chose Kentucky over Georgia State and Mississippi State

Community Cats

- Volunteer for God's Pantry (2019)

Personal

- Born in Atlanta, Georgia
- Son of Christine Lawson and John Lawson
- Major is undeclared

Shawn Says

- He chose Kentucky because the people were kind and helpful
- His hidden talent is playing the trombone
- One word to describe him on the field is "progress"
- After his football career, he would like to go into astronomy and astrophysics
- The one thing he loves about football is the discipline it builds



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NICK LEWIS

OFFENSIVE TACKLE

6-9 • 354 • Freshman-RS
Jacksonville, Fla. (The Bolles School)

2019 - r-Freshman

- Saw his first collegiate action in the season opener and has played in 10 games this season

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 undeclared

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 • 292 • Junior-2L
Springfield, Ohio
(Springfield)

2019 - Junior

- Has played in 12 games with his first collegiate start coming at Mississippi State
- Has nine tackles, two TFLs, a sack, two PBUs, two quarterback hurries and two forced fumbles
- Had a solid game vs. Florida, recording a tackle, a sack, a TFL, a forced fumble and a PBU

2018 - Sophomore

- Totaled 15 tackles, two QBHs and a PBU in 13 games
- Had a career-high tying three tackles three times, the last in the win over Vanderbilt

2017 - r-Freshman

- 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 work with kids
- One word to describe him on the field is "hungry"
- One thing people might not know is that he doesn't have a middle name

LOONEY'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tackles	TFL-Yds.	Sacks-Yds.	FF/FR	QBH	PBU
2017	DT	11-0	10	1.0-1	0.0-0	0/0	0	0
2018	DT	13-0	15	1.0-3	0.0-0	0/0	2	1
2019	DT	12-1	9	2.0-9	1.0-5	2/0	2	2
Totals	DT	36-1	34	4.0-13	1.0-5	2/0	4	3

LOONEY'S 2019 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	INT	FF	FR	PBU	QBH
vs. Toledo	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Eastern Mich.	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Florida	1	1.0-5	1.0-5	0	1	0	1	0
at Miss. State*	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at South Carolina	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
vs. Arkansas	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Georgia	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Missouri	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0
vs. Tennessee	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Vanderbilt	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
vs. UT Martin	1	1.0-4	0-0	0	1	0	0	0
vs. Louisville	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	9	2.0-9	1.0-5	0	2	0	2	2

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
vs. Penn State	0	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. EKV			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)
Sacks: 1.0, vs Florida, Sept 14, 2019 (5 yards)
Tackles for loss: 1.0, 4x, last vs UT Martin, Nov 23, 2019 (4 yards)
Quarterback hurry: 1, 4x, last at Vanderbilt, Nov 16, 2019
Pass breakups: 1, 3x, vs Missouri, Oct 26, 2019
Forced fumbles: 1, twice, vs UT Martin, Nov 23, 2019



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QUA
MAHONE

DEFENSIVE LINEMAN

6-3 • 300 • Freshman-RS
Jordan City, Ga. (Manchester)

2019 - r-Freshman

- Has seen action in four games (Missouri, Vanderbilt, UT Martin and Louisville)
- Totaled his first career sack vs. Louisville
- Charted his first career tackle vs. UT Martin

2018 - Freshman

- Redshirt season

High School

- Late bloomer who burst onto the recruiting scene late out of Manchester High School in Georgia
- 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 "Jerquavion (jer-QUA-vee-on) Mahone"
- Born in Columbus, Georgia
- Son of Kimberly Pollard
- Major is undeclared

Qua 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 he felt like it was where he needed to be
- Most people would be shocked to know he likes to put syrup on his spaghetti
- One word to describe him is "ready"

MAHONE'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tackles	TFL-Yds.	Sacks-Yds.	FF/FR	QBH	PBU
2019	DT	4-0	2	1.0-10	0-0	0/0	0	0
Totals	DT	4-0	2	1.0-10	0-0	0/0	0	0





MAHONE'S 2019 GAME-BY-GAME

Table with columns: Opponent, Tkl., TFL-Y, Sacks-Y, INT, FF, FR, PBU, QBH. Rows include vs. Missouri, at Vanderbilt, vs. UT Martin, vs. Louisville, and Totals.

MAHONE'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 1, twice, last vs Louisville, Nov 30, 2019
Tackles for loss: 1.0, vs Louisville, Nov 30, 2019



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TYLER MARKRAY

RUNNING BACK

5-10 • 226 • Freshman-RS
West Bloomfield, Mich. (Walled Lake Central)

2019 - r-Freshman

- Saw his first collegiate action vs. UT Martin and had two carries for 52 yards, including a 45-yard touchdown run

2018 - Freshman

- Redshirt season

High School

- Transferred to Walled Lake Central in Walled Lake, Mich., for his senior season, playing both running back and linebacker
In just five games, totaled 79 carries, 720 yards and 10 touchdowns before a knee injury sidelined him for the remainder of the season
Won three state titles at St. Mary's High School
2017 Detroit Free Press' All-North honorable mention
A three-year starter at running back
Coached by Bob Meyer
Chose Kentucky over Oregon
Also a four-year letter winner in basketball as a point guard
Honor Roll student

Personal

- Born in Detroit, Michigan
Son of Terri Markray and Triando Markray
Father played football at Michigan
Major is pre-management

Tyler Says

- His nickname is "Ty"
Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to own his own sports agency
One thing most people don't know about him is that he used to play ice hockey
One word to describe him on the field is "ferocious"
He chose Kentucky because it felt like home



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MARQUAN MCCALL

NOSE GUARD

6-3 • 371 • Sophomore-1L
Detroit, Mich. (Oak Park)

2019 - Sophomore

- Has seen action in all 12 games
Has 19 tackles, along with 4.0 TFL, a fumble recovery, a quarterback hurry and a PBU
Charted a career-best 2.0 TFL vs. UT Martin to go along with a career-high four tackles and a QBH

2018 - Freshman

- Saw action in eight games and 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 undeclared

Marquan Says

- His nickname is "Bully"
He chose to play football at Kentucky because it felt like home from the start
After his football career, he would like to travel

- One thing people might not know about him is that he loves dogs
His passion in life is traveling

MCCALL'S CAREER STATISTICS

Table with columns: Year, G-GS, Tackles, TFL-Yds, Sacks-Yds, PBU, FF, FR, QBH. Rows include 2018, 2019, and Totals.

MCCALL'S 2019 GAME-BY-GAME

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MCCALL'S 2018 GAME-BY-GAME

Table with columns: Opponent, Tkl., TFL-Y, Sacks-Y, PBU, FF, FR, Int., QBH. Rows include at Florida, vs. Murray State, vs. Vanderbilt, at Missouri, vs. Georgia, at Tennessee, vs. MTSU, at Louisville, and Totals.

MCCALL'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 4, vs UT Martin, Nov 23, 2019 (4-0)
Sacks: 1.0, vs Murray State, Sept 15, 2018 (1 yard)
Tackles for loss: 1.5, vs Murray State, Sept 15, 2018 (2 yards)
Forced fumble: 1, vs Murray State, Sept 15, 2018
Fumble recovery: 1, vs Tennessee, Nov 9, 2019
Pass breakups: 1, vs Florida, vs. Florida, Sept 14, 2019
Quarterback hurry: 1, vs UT Martin, Nov 23, 2019



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K.D.
MCDANIEL

OUTSIDE LINEBACKER

6-2 • 227 • Freshman-HS
Tifton, Ga. (Tift County)

2019 - Freshman

- Has seen action in three games (Missouri, Tennessee and UT Martin)
- Charted a career-high two tackles and two QBH vs. UT Martin
- Saw his first collegiate action vs. Missouri and charted a tackle

High School

- Consensus pick as one of the nation's top-40 outside linebackers and one of the top-61 players in Georgia by Rivals, 247sports and ESPN
- First-team all-region as a junior and senior
- Helped lead Tift County to the state playoff quarterfinals in Class AAAAAA (largest classification) as both a junior and senior
- Totaled 66 tackles, 7.0 TFL, two PBU, two fumble recoveries and one forced fumble as a senior
- Had 84 tackles, six sacks, three TFL and 12 QB hurries in 2017 a first-team all-region performer
- Coached by Ashley Anders
- Chose Kentucky over Ole Miss, Tennessee and South Carolina

Personal

- Born in Tifton, Georgia
- Son of Regina Burse
- Major is undeclared

K.D. Says

- His nickname is "Mack"
- He chose Kentucky because it's the best school in the SEC
- After his football career, he would like to be a coach
- His sports hero is Josh Allen because he's the best in everything he does
- His hidden talent is playing basketball

MCDANIEL'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tackles	TFL-Yds.	Sacks-Yds.	FF/FR	QBH	PBU
2019	OLB	3-0	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	2	0
Totals	OLB	3-0	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	2	0

MCDANIEL'S 2019 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	INT	FF	FR	PBU	QBH
vs. Missouri	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. UT Martin	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	2
Totals	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	2

MCDANIEL'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 2, vs UT Martin, Nov 23, 2018 (0-2)
Quarterback hurries: 2, vs UT Martin, Nov 23, 2018



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GRANT
McKINNISS

PUNTER

6-1 • 192 • Senior-2L
Findlay, Ohio
(Findlay)

2019 - Senior

- Handling kickoffs again for the Cats
- Kicked seven times for a 64.4 average and five touchbacks in the season opener vs. Toledo
- Had a 65.0 average on four kicks vs. Florida and at Mississippi State

2018 - Junior

- Handled all kickoffs for the Wildcats
- Charted 66 kickoffs for 4,069 yards and 36 touchbacks (61.7)
- Named to SEC Academic Honor Roll

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

Community Cats

- Volunteer for God's Pantry (2019)

Personal

- Born in Findlay, Ohio
- Son of Angie and Patrick McKinniss
- On track to graduate in December with a degree in 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
- He chose Kentucky because he liked the family feel

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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QUANDRE MOSELY

DEFENSIVE BACK

6-2 • 193 • Junior-JC
Brunswick, Ga.
(Glynn Academy/Eastern Arizona CC)

2019 - Junior

- Has played in all 12 games with two starts vs. Miss. State and South Carolina
• Has 23 total tackles with three PBUs, one sack, one TFL and one interception
• Had a career-best five tackles in the wins over Arkansas and UT Martin
• Earned his first career start at Mississippi State ... Made his first UK interception in the second quarter, with a 39-yard return
• Mid-year enrollee
• First name pronounced "QUAN-dray"

Junior College

- Signed with Eastern Arizona Community College out of high school in 2016
• As a sophomore in 2017, totaled 50 tackles, a league-high six interceptions, one for a touchdown, and a fumble recovery as a safety for the Monsters
• Earned 2017 All-WSFL All-League honors
• Helped Eastern Arizona win the Salt City Bowl game
• Chose Kentucky over Utah and Oregon

High School

- Former wide receiver in high school
• Helped Glynn Academy go 11-2 as a senior in 2016, including undefeated in region play
• Named GHSA Region 2-6A All-State Honorable Mention as a wide receiver
• Played for head coach Rocky Hidalgo

Personal

- Born in Brunswick, Georgia
• Son of Karen and Andre Mosely
• Major is community and leadership Development

Quandre Says

- His nickname is "Q"
• He chose Kentucky because it was the best fit for him to become a man
• The thing he's looking forward to the most this season is playing and fulfilling his dreams
• After his football career, he would like to help kids have a better life
• If he had a hashtag to describe himself it would be #DontSleeponQ
• His sports heroes are Michael Vick and Cam Newton

MOSELY'S CAREER STATISTICS

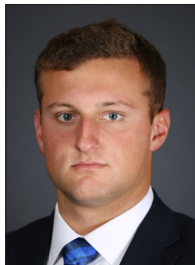
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MOSELY'S 2019 GAME-BY-GAME

Table with columns: Opponent, Tkls., TFL-Y, Sacks-Y, INT, FF, FR, PBU, QBH. Rows include vs. Toledo, vs. Eastern Mich., vs. Florida, at Miss. State*, at South Carolina*, vs. Arkansas, at Georgia, vs. Missouri, vs. Tennessee, at Vanderbilt, vs. UT Martin, vs. Louisville, and Totals: 23, 1.0-1, 1.0-1, 1-39, 0, 0, 3, 0.

MOSELY'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 5, twice, last vs UT Martin, Nov 23, 2019
Interceptions: 1, at Mississippi State, Sept 21, 2019
Pass breakups: 1, 3x, last vs Tennessee, Nov 9, 2019
Sacks: 1.0, vs Louisville, Nov 30, 2019
Tackles for loss: 1.0, vs Louisville, Nov 30, 2019



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WILLIAM NALTY

LINEBACKER

6-0 • 221 • Junior-SQ
Metairie, La. (Metairie Park Country Day)

2019 - Junior

- Saw his first collegiate action vs. UT Martin

2018 - Sophomore

- Practiced with the team
• Named to SEC Academic Honor Roll

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 a 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, Louisiana
• 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
• One word to describe him on the field is "determined"
• The best advice he's ever received is "don't count the days, make the days count"



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MATTHEW NAPIER

OFFENSIVE TACKLE

6-6 • 332 • Sophomore-SQ
Nicholasville, Ky. (East Jessamine)

2019 - Sophomore

- Saw his first collegiate action vs. UT Martin

2018 - Freshman

- Practiced with the team

High School

- Practiced with the team
• Four-year letterwinner and starter at left tackle for head coach Mike Bowlin at East Jessamine
• Helped lead the Jaguars to a 7-3 overall record in both his junior and senior season
• Earned All-State honorable mention honors in 2017 by the Courier Journal
• Participated in the 2017 Blue-Grey All-American Bowl in Dallas
• Also a member of the basketball and track & field teams

Personal

- Born in Lexington, Kentucky
• Son of Angel and DeWayne Napier
• Major is animal sciences

Matthew Says

- His nickname is "Napalm"
• He chose Kentucky because it's home
• Besides playing football, he loves fishing on the weekends and working with kids
• The most famous person he's ever met is Anthony Davis



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CHRIS
OATS

LINEBACKER

6-3 • 231 • Sophomore-1L
Cincinnati, Ohio (Winton Woods)

2019 - Sophomore

- Has 41 tackles (fifth on the team) in 11 games
- Did not see action vs. UT Martin
- Has two starts (Miss. State and Missouri)
- Led the team with eight tackles (six solo) and also caused a crucial fumble in Kentucky's 29-7 win over Missouri
- Spearheaded a defense that held Missouri to season lows of seven points and 289 yards total offense ... On 4th-and-1 from the UK 49, Oats' tackle knocked loose a fumble that was recovered by the Wildcats ... Two of his eight tackles came on third down, one forcing a punt and the other preceding a UK stop on fourth down
- Also totaled a career-high eight tackles at South Carolina
- Had seven tackles and 0.5 TFL at Georgia
- Started vs. Mississippi State and had five tackles
- Had five tackles in the season opener vs. Toledo, one which resulted in a targeting penalty
- Sat out the first half of the Eastern Michigan game ... Had one tackle in the second half

2018 - Freshman

- Totaled 27 tackles, 3.0 TFL, 2.0 sacks, a forced fumble and two fumble recoveries in 13 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
- Made the game-clinching fumble recovery on the final play of the VRBO Citrus Bowl win over Penn State
- 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

- 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 community and leadership development

Chris Says

- His nickname is "Duce Duce"
- 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.	PBU	FF/FR	QBH
2018	LB	13-1	27	3.0-11	2.0-9	0	1/2	0
2019	LB	11-2	41	0.5-0	0-0	1	1/0	0
Totals		24-3	68	3.5-11	2.0-9	1	2/2	0

OATS' 2019 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF/FR	PBU	Int.	QBH
vs. Toledo	5	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Eastern Mich	1	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Florida	0	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
at Miss. State*	5	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
at USC	8	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Arkansas	1	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
at Georgia	7	0.5-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Missouri*	8	0-0	0-0	0	1/0	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee	0	0-0	0-0	1	0/0	0	0	0
at Vanderbilt	2	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. UT Martin			DNP					
vs. Louisville	4	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
Totals	41	0.5-0	0-0	1	1/0	0	0	0

OATS' 2018 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF/FR	PBU	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	0/0	0	0	0
at Louisville	5	1.0-7	1.0-7	0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Penn State	3	0-0	0-0	0	0/1	0	0	0
Totals	27	3.0-11	2.0-9	0	1/2	0	0	0

OATS' SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 8, twice, last vs Missouri, Oct 27, 2019
 Tackles for loss: 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, twice, last vs Missouri, Oct 26, 2019
 Fumble recovery: 1, twice, last vs Penn State, Jan 1, 2019
 Pass breakups: 1, vs Tennessee, Nov 9, 2019



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NIK
OGNEVIC

TIGHT END

6-5 • 228 • Freshman-HS
Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (Cardinal Gibbons)

2019 - Freshman

- Has seen action in two games (Vanderbilt and UT Martin)
- Charted his first career reception for eight yards vs. UT Martin

High School

- A three-star prospect by all of the major recruiting experts and considered one of the nation's top tight ends
- Caught 11 passes for 170 yards and one touchdown as a senior in helping Cardinal Gibbons win the program's first state title in Class 5A
- As a junior, caught eight passes for 57 yards and a score
- High school teammate of fellow signee Nik Scalzo
- The pair teamed together to win the Adidas 7-on-7 National Championship with South Florida Express in the spring of 2018
- Coached by Matt DuBuc
- Also a talented basketball player
- Chose Kentucky over Pitt, Ole Miss, Syracuse and Florida Atlantic

Personal

- Last name pronounced "Oh-GEN-oh-vick"
- Born in Coral Springs, Florida
- Son of Roza Ognenovic and Steve Ognenovic
- Major is undeclared

Nik Says

- His nickname is "OG"
- He chose Kentucky because it felt like home and the people, the city, the school, the football program, all made him feel like he belonged
- One word to describe him on the field is "fearless"
- One thing people might not know is he loves to swim
- His hidden talent is drawing





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BRYCE OLIVER

WIDE RECEIVER

6-1 • 208 • Freshman-RS
Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (Dillard)

2019 - r-Freshman

- Has seen action in 11 games
Did not see action vs. Tennessee due to injury
Has six catches for 111 yards and a score
Caught a career-best two passes in the win over Vanderbilt
Hauled in a career-long 44-yard pass in the second quarter vs. Missouri, setting up a touchdown
Saw his first collegiate action vs. Toledo in the season opener and his first catch was a 32-yarder for a touchdown in the third quarter

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 undeclared

Bryce Says

- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to be a physical therapist or strength/conditioning coach
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
One word to describe him on the field is "determined"

OLIVER'S CAREER STATISTICS

Table with 9 columns: Year, Pos., G-GS, Rec., Yds., Avg., TD, Long. Rows for 2019 and Totals.

OLIVER'S 2019 GAME-BY-GAME

Table with 5 columns: Opponent, Rec., Yds., TD, Long. Rows for various opponents and a Totals row.

OLIVER'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Receptions: 2, at Vanderbilt, Nov 16, 2019
Receiving yards: 44, vs Missouri, Oct 26, 2019 (1 reception)
Receiving TDs: 1, vs Toledo, Aug 31, 2019
Long reception: 44, vs Missouri, Oct 26, 2019



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JOSHUA PASCHAL

OUTSIDE LINEBACKER

6-3 • 284 • Sophomore-2L
Prince George's, Md. (Our Lady of Good Counsel)

2019 - r-Sophomore (Team Captain)

- Named to the inaugural 2019 Uplifting Athletes Rare Disease Champion Team
One of six named honorable mention for CoSIDA's 2019 Mayo Clinic Comeback Player of the Year Award
Nominee for the FWAA-Orange Bowl Courage Award
Has started in all 12 games this season
Has 34 tackles, 9.5 tackles for loss (second on the team behind Calvin Taylor and Boogie Watson), 3.5 sacks (third on the team), one PBU, two forced fumbles, one PBU and one blocked kick (vs. UT)
Totaled a career-high two tackles for loss in the win over Louisville and Eastern Michigan
Had an impressive 2019 debut vs. Toledo with four tackles, one sack, one TFL and one forced fumble
Completed a year-long immunotherapy treatment plan for melanoma found on the bottom of his right foot on Aug. 7, 2019

2018 - Sophomore

- Redshirt season
Dean's List (Spring 2019)
Named to the SEC Academic Honor Roll
Played in three games with one starting assignment vs. Middle Tennessee
In July of 2018, was diagnosed with malignant melanoma ... 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)
Had two tackles and a TFL at Louisville

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 incompleteness with a quarterback hurry
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

- Nickname is "J.P."
He chose Kentucky because of the family environment
Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to be a coach or counselor
The last time he was starstruck was when he saw Jennifer Lopez in person
The best advice he's ever received is "live every day like it's your last"

PASCHAL'S CAREER STATISTICS

Table with 11 columns: Year, Pos., G-GS, Tkls, TFL-Y, Sacks-Y, PBU, Blks, FF/FR, QBH. Rows for 2017, 2018, 2019, and Totals.





PASCHAL'S 2019 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF/FR	Blks	Int.	QBH
vs. Toledo*	4	1.0-10	1.0-10	0	1/0	0	0	0
vs. EMU*	5	2.0-7	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Florida*	1	0-0	0-0	1	0/0	0	0	0
at Miss. State*	4	1.0-4	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
at USC*	3	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Arkansas*	2	1.0-3	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
at Georgia*	4	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Missouri*	3	1.0-1	1.0-1	0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee*	2	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	1	0	0
at Vanderbilt*	1	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. UT Martin*	2	1.5-7	1.5-7	0	1/0	0	0	0
vs. Louisville*	3	2.0-4	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
Totals	34	9.5-36	3.5-18	1	2/0	1	0	0

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
vs. Penn State	0	0-0	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. EKU	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: 4, vs Toledo, Aug 31, 2019
Sacks: 1.5, vs UT Martin, Nov 23, 2019
Tackles for loss: 2.0, twice, last vs Louisville, Nov 30, 2019
Quarterback hurry: 1, three times, last vs Northwestern, Dec 29, 2017
Blocks: 1, last vs Eastern Michigan, Sept 30, 2017 (punt)
PBUs: 1, vs Florida, Sept 14, 2019
Forced fumble: 1, twice, last vs UT Martin, Nov 23, 2019



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XAVIER
PETERS

OUTSIDE LINEBACKER

6-4 • 235 • Freshman-TR
Middletown, Ohio (Florida State/Lakota West)

2019 - r-Freshman

- Granted eligibility by the NCAA on Sept. 10
- Has seen action in three games, his first at South Carolina on Sept 28 ... Also played vs. Arkansas and at Vanderbilt
- Charted his first UK tackle in the win over Vanderbilt

2018 - Freshman (Florida State)

- Redshirt season
- Saw action in two games
- Made his collegiate debut in 38-17 win vs. Wake Forest, recording one solo tackle and one pass breakup
- Also saw action vs. No. 2 Clemson

High School

- Consensus four-star prospect
- Ranked as the No. 5 overall prospect in Ohio and the No. 15 outside linebacker in the country by 247Sports
- Ranked fifth in the state, sixth at his position and 75th nationally by Rivals
- Tabbed by ESPN as Ohio's 12th-ranked prospect
- Under Armour All-American
- Compiled 78 tackles, six sacks, two forced fumbles and one fumble recovery as a senior
- Named first-team All-Greater Miami Conference and second-team Southwest Ohio all-district following standout senior season
- Switched from wide receiver to defense after his sophomore year of high school

Personal

- Born in Middletown, Ohio
- Son of Tiffany Gates and William Peters
- Has a son, Xavier Peters Jr.
- Major is undeclared

Xavier Says

- His nickname is "X"
- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to be an NFL sports broadcaster
- One word to describe him on the field is "intimidating"
- His hidden talent is singing
- One thing people may not know is that he can run a 40-yard dash in 4.48 seconds



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CHARLEY LEWIS
POORE III

KICKER

6-2 • 223 • Freshman-RS
Anderson, S.C. (Westside High School)

2019 - r-Freshman

- Has hit 5-of-9 field goals this season with a career long of 46 vs. Toledo
- Has a streak of two straight made FGs
- Has hit 24-of-26 extra points

2018 - Freshman

- Redshirt season
- Saw action in three games, his first collegiate game was at Missouri
- Hit 2-of-4 field goal attempts

High School

- Rated as the No. 1 punter/kicker in the 2018 class by Prokicker.com
- 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, South Carolina
- Son of Lewis and Jodi Poore
- Major is undecided

Chance Says

- One word to describe him on the field is "focused"
- 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
- His hidden talent is playing tennis
- The best advice he's ever received is "stay calm and relax"





POORE'S CAREER STATISTICS

Table with 4 columns: Year, FG, Points, Long FG. Rows for 2018, 2019, and Totals.

POORE'S FIELD GOALS BY DISTANCE

Table with 8 columns: Year, 1-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50+, Total, Long. Rows for 2018, 2019, and Totals.

POORE'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Points scored: 8, twice, last at Vanderbilt, Nov 16, 2019
Points by kicking: 8, twice, last at Vanderbilt, Nov 16, 2019
Field goals made: 1, 7x, last at Vanderbilt, Nov 16, 2019
Field goal attempts: 2, 3x, last at Mississippi State, Sept 21, 2019
Longest field goal: 46, vs Toledo, Aug 31, 2019
Consecutive FGs made: 2, Nov. 9 vs. Tennessee - Present



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JAKE POPE

OFFENSIVE LINE

6-7 • 293 • Freshman-HS
Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (St. Thomas Aquinas)

High School

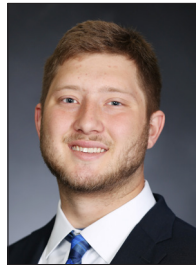
- A three-star tackle by the major recruiting services
Listed as one of Florida's top 100 players
Helped lead perennial powerhouse St. Thomas Aquinas to a 13-2 overall record, a district championship and the 7A state championship runner-up title in 2018
Selected to play in the Blue-Grey All American Bowl on Jan. 5, 2019 in Tampa, Florida
Didn't start playing football until his freshman year of high school
Coached by Roger Harriott
Chose Kentucky over Florida State, Louisville, Pittsburgh, Purdue and Virginia

Personal

- Born in Plantation, Florida
Son of John and Michelle Pope
Left-hander
Major is undeclared

Jake Says

- His nickname is "Jake" as his real name is John, like his dad
He chose Kentucky because he truly loves the school
One thing people might not know about him is he loves the ocean and fishing
One word to describe him on the field is "determined"
His hidden talent is spearfishing



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JUSTIN RIGG

TIGHT END

6-6 • 263 • Junior-2L
Springboro, Ohio
(Springboro)

2019 - Junior

- Has started in 11 of 12 games played
Has 10 catches for 112 yards
Totaled five receptions for 50 yards, both career highs, vs. Florida
Scored his first collegiate touchdown on a fumble recovery in the end zone on the first play of the second quarter vs. Toledo
Integral blocker for UK's explosive running game which ranks fifth nationally with 274.4 yards per game

2018 - Sophomore

- Played in all 13 games with two starts vs. MTSU and Louisville
Had four catches for 45 yards
Earned his first career start vs. MTSU and had a 29-yard catch, the longest of his career

2017 - r-Freshman

- 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

- Redshirt season
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 rated the No. 47 tight end and No. 43 player in Ohio by 247sports
Voted team captain as a senior 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, 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, played at Miami (Ohio) and brother, Jake, played at Walsh University
Major is agriculture economics

Justin Says

- His nickname is "Rigg"
He chose Kentucky because it felt like family
When he played football as a kid he pretended to be Shaun Alexander
One word to describe him on the field is "focused"
His hidden talent is card tricks

RIGG'S CAREER STATISTICS

Table with 8 columns: Year, Pos., G-GS, Rec., Yds., Avg., TD, Long. Rows for 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, and Totals.

RIGG'S 2019 GAME-BY-GAME

Table with 5 columns: Opponent, Rec., Yds., TD, Long. Rows for various opponents and Totals.

RIGG'S 2018 GAME-BY-GAME

Table with 5 columns: Opponent, Rec., Yds., TD, Long. Rows for various opponents and Totals.



RIGG'S 2017 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
at Southern Miss	0	0	0	0
vs. EKU	0	0	0	0
at South Carolina	0	0	0	0
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	0	0	0	0
at Georgia	0	0	0	0
vs. Louisville	0	0	0	0
vs. Northwestern	2	34	0	18
Totals	3	40	0	18

RIGG'S 2016 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: 5, vs Florida, Sept 14, 2019
Receiving yards: 50, vs Florida, Sept 14, 2019 (5 receptions)
Long reception: 31, vs Arkansas, Oct 12, 2019
Touchdowns: 1, vs Toledo, Aug. 31, 2019



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DAVONTE
ROBINSON

SAFETY

6-2 • 194 • Junior-2L
Lexington, Ky.
(Henry Clay)

2019 - Junior

- Out for the season with a quadriceps injury

2018 - Sophomore

- Saw action in all 13 games with three starts
- Totaled 42 tackles, 3.0 TFL, four PBUs and two fumble recoveries
- 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, Kentucky
- Son of Tara 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 "fearless"
- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to be a coach and real estate investor
- Most people don't know he's the youngest of nine

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	13-3	42	3.0-5	0-0	4	0	2	0
Totals	26-3	61	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
vs. Penn State*	5	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Totals	42	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. EKU	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)
Tackles for loss: 1.0, three times, last at Tennessee, Nov 10, 2018 (2)
Fumble recovery: 1, twice, last vs MTSU, Nov 17, 2018 (0 yds)
Touchdowns: 1, at Florida, Sept 8, 2018 (FR)
Pass breakups: 1, four times, last at Tennessee, Nov 10, 2018



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CHRISTOPHER
RODRIGUEZ
JR.

RUNNING BACK

5-11 • 224 • Freshman-RS
McDonough, Ga. (Ola)

2019 - r-Freshman

- Has seen action in all 12 games
- Has 65 carries for 515 yards and five scores, ranking fourth on the team in all categories
- Averaging 7.9 yards per carry (second on the team behind All-America candidate Lynn Bowden's 8.2 ypc)
- His 42.9 yards per game average ranks seventh among SEC freshmen
- Ranks 10th in all-purpose yards among SEC freshmen
- Has two 100-yard rushing games
- Rushed nine times for 125 yards, including a career-long 64-yard touchdown in UK's 45-13 win over Louisville
- Rushed 15 times for a career-high 129 yards and two touchdowns in the win over Vanderbilt





- Led the team in rushing with six carries for 65 yards and a touchdown at South Carolina ... Had a 44-yard run that sparked the drive for his own 2-yard touchdown run

2018 - Freshman

- Redshirt season
- Saw action in three games
- Appeared in his first collegiate game 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
- Major is undeclared

Christopher Says

- His nickname is "Chris"
- He chose to play football at Kentucky because of the great coaching staff and players
- Most people don't know he's only 18 years old
- His favorite quote to live by is "if you don't stand for something, you'll fall for anything"
- When he played football as a kid he pretended to be Marshawn Lynch

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
2019	12-0	65	515	7.9	5	64	1	2	2.0	0	6
Totals	15-0	67	558	8.3	5	64	1	2	2.0	0	6

RODRIGUEZ'S 2019 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Att.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. Toledo	5	34	0	21	1	2	0	6
vs. EMU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Florida	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Miss. State	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at USC	6	65	1	44	0	0	0	0
vs. Arkansas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Georgia	6	19	0	6	0	0	0	0
vs. Missouri	6	13	0	4	0	0	0	0

vs. Tennessee	12	81	0	23	0	0	0	0
at Vanderbilt	15	129	2	27	0	0	0	0
vs. UT Martin	6	49	1	26	0	0	0	0
vs. Louisville	9	125	1	64	0	0	0	0
Totals	65	515	5	64	1	2	0	6

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: 15, at Vanderbilt, Nov 16, 2019
 Rush yards: 129, at Vanderbilt, Nov 16, 2019 (15 carries)
 Long rush: 64, vs Louisville, Nov 30, 2019
 Rushing TDs: 2, at Vanderbilt, Nov 16, 2019
 Receptions: 1, vs Toledo, Aug 31, 2019
 Receiving yards: 2, vs Toledo, Aug 31, 2019
 Kick returns: 1, vs Toledo, Aug 31, 2019
 Kick return yards: 20, vs Toledo, Aug 31, 2019
 Long kick return: 20, vs Toledo, Aug 31, 2019
 All-purpose yards: 129, at Vanderbilt, Nov 16, 2019



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ASIM "A.J." ROSE JR.

RUNNING BACK

6-1 • 218 • Junior-2L
Cleveland, Ohio
(Garfield Heights)

2019 - Junior

- Team's second-leading rusher with a team-high 139 carries for 757 yards and six scores
- Also has 11 catches for 67 yards
- Became the 37th player in school history to reach 1,000 rushing yards in a career on Nov. 9 vs. Tennessee ... Now has 1,236 career yards which ranks 31st on UK's all-time list
- Has two 100-yard games this season and four in his career ... All four of his 100-yard games have come with 10 or fewer rushing attempts
- Rushed six times for 105 yards vs. UT Martin, including a 63-yard touchdown that is UK's longest run of the season ... Needed only six carries to reach 100 yards, the fewest since Braylon Heard needed only two carries to rush for more than 100 yards vs. UT Martin in 2014
- Had season-high 49-yard run vs. Vanderbilt
- Has three 100-yard career rushing games, one this season
- Charted his first 100-yard game of the season vs. Mississippi State with nine rushes for 105 yards, averaging 11.7 yards per carry
- Earned his first collegiate start vs. Toledo
- Had a career-high 17 carries for 82 yards, including an eight-yard touchdown run vs. Eastern Michigan

2018 - Sophomore

- Played in all 13 games and rushed 71 times for 442 yards with five touchdowns
- Third on the team in rushing behind RB Benny Snell Jr. and QB Terry Wilson, averaging 6.2 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 of the 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 season-high nine carries for 26 yards at Mississippi State
- Was hampered by an ankle injury in fall camp
- Recorded his first carry in the EKU 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, North Carolina
- 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
- His Eagle Scout project consisted of collecting and donating hundreds of toiletries to his local Ronald McDonald House
- Only four percent of Boy Scouts are granted this rank after a lengthy review process

A.J. Says

- He chose Kentucky because it felt like home
- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to be an undercover police officer
- When he played football as a kid he pretended to be Reggie Bush
- His hidden talent is gymnastics
- The best advice he's ever received is "the sky's the limit"





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	13-0	71	442	6.2	5	75	8	82	10.2	1	31
2019	12-12	139	757	5.4	6	63	11	67	6.1	0	13
Totals	32-12	225	1236	5.5	11	75	20	150	7.5	1	31

ROSE'S 2019 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Att.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. Toledo*	16	74	1	21	3	26	0	13
vs. EMU*	17	82	1	13	4	12	0	5
vs. Florida*	14	46	0	21	2	18	0	12
at Miss. State*	9	105	0	31	0	0	0	0
at USC*	10	33	0	7	1	11	0	11
vs. Arkansas*	16	90	0	27	0	0	0	0
at Georgia*	9	37	0	15	0	0	0	0
vs. Missouri*	15	51	1	20	0	0	0	0
vs. UT*	16	44	1	26	1	0	0	0
at Vandy*	4	67	0	49	0	0	0	0
vs. UT Martin*	6	105	1	63	0	0	0	0
vs. UofL*	7	33	1	13	0	0	0	0
Totals	139	757	6	63	11	67	0	13

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	19	1	13	0	0	0	0
vs. MSST	9	47	0	14	0	0	0	0
vs. USC	7	38	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
vs. Penn St.	4	9	0	9	0	0	0	0
Totals	71	442	5	75	8	82	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				DNP							
vs. EMU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Missouri				DNP							
at Miss. St.	9	26	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. UT				DNP							
vs. Ole Miss				DNP							
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: 17, vs. Eastern Mich, Sept 7, 2019
 Rush yards: 112, at Louisville, Nov 24, 2018 (10 carries)
 Long rush: 75, at Louisville, Nov 24, 2018
 Rushing TDs: 2, vs Central Mich, Sept 1, 2018
 Receptions: 4, twice, vs Eastern Mich, Sept 7, 2019
 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 • 213 • Junior-SQ
 Centerville, Ohio
 (Archbishop Alter)

2019 - Junior

- Has hit 3-of-4 field goals this season
- Has 23 points this season
- Nailed a career-long 50-yard field goal in Kentucky's 24-20 win over Arkansas
- His field goal came on the first drive of the second half, keeping UK's momentum going after trailing 13-0 early in the game ... Also made all three extra points
- Has a streak of 10 straight extra points made

2018 - Sophomore

- Practiced with the team
- Named to SEC Academic Honor Roll

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 chose Kentucky because he really liked the atmosphere and where the program was headed
- Other than playing for the NFL, his dream job is to be a CFO of a company
- When he played football as a kid he pretended to be Peyton Manning

RUFFOLO'S CAREER STATISTICS

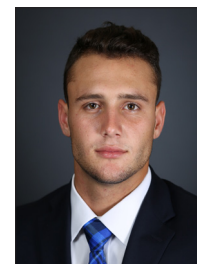
Year	FG	Points	Long FG	PAT
2019	3-4	9	50	10-12
Totals	3-4	9	50	10-12

RUFFOLO'S FIELD GOALS BY DISTANCE

Year	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	Total	Long
2019	0-0	1-1	0-0	1-2	1-1	3-4	50
Totals	0-0	1-1	0-0	1-2	1-1	3-4	50

RUFFOLO'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Points scored: 9, vs Louisville, Nov 30, 2019
 Points by kicking: 9, vs Louisville, Nov 30, 2019
 Field goals made: 1, 3x, last vs Louisville, Nov 30, 2019
 Field goal attempts: 2, Arkansas, Oct 12, 2019
 Longest field goal: 50, vs Arkansas, Oct 12, 2019
 Consecutive FGs made: 2 (last vs Louisville, Nov 30, 2019)



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NIK SCALZO

QUARTERBACK

6-0 • 180 • Freshman-HS
 Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (Cardinal Gibbons)

2019 - Freshman

- Out for the season with a torn ACL suffered in fall camp

High School

- A three-star prospect by all of the major recruiting services
- Rated one of Florida's top-10 quarterbacks
- A dual-threat passer who led Cardinal Gibbons to a combined 32-6 record in his three seasons as a starter
- Completed 59.6 percent of his passes (522 for 876) for 6,471 yards with 74 touchdowns to only 23 interceptions in three seasons
- Also rushed for 613 yards on 147 carries with four scores in his career
- Helped lead the Chiefs to their first Florida 5A state championship as a senior, completing 173-of-279





- passes for 2,185 yards and 24 touchdowns before injury sidelined him in the regional semifinal
- Earned first-team All-State and first-team All-County honors by the *Sun Sentinel*
- As a junior, completed 175-of-307 passes for 2,065 yards and 23 touchdowns in leading the Chiefs to an 11-2 overall record and his second straight FHSAA Class 5A playoff appearance
- As a sophomore, threw for 2,221 yards and 27 touchdowns in leading the Chiefs' Air-Raid offense to a 9-2 season and regional semifinal appearance
- High school teammate of fellow signee Nik Ogenovic
- The pair teamed together to win the Adidas 7-on-7 National Championship with South Florida Express in the spring of 2018
- Coached by Matt DuBuc
- Chose Kentucky over Harvard and Georgia State

Personal

- Born in Fort Lauderdale, Florida
- Son of Amber and Jerry Scalzo
- Dad, Jerry, was a wide receiver at Clemson in 1993
- Major is undeclared

Nik Says

- He chose Kentucky because it felt like home the minute he stepped on campus
- Most people don't know he's a dare devil
- When he played football as a kid he pretended to be Johnny Manziel
- One word to describe him on the field is "leader"
- His sports hero is Baker Mayfield because he paved the way for smaller quarterbacks



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DREW SCHLEGEL

TIGHT END

5-11 • 223 • Senior-1L
Parker, Colo.
(Regis Jesuit)

2019 - Senior

- Has seen action in all 12 games this season
- Got his first career catch vs. the Gators for 12 yards
- Has one kick return for three yards vs. Miss. State.

2018 - Junior

- Saw action in 11 games and totaled four tackles on special teams
- Dean's List (Spring 2019)
- Named to the SEC Academic Honor Roll

2017 - Sophomore

- Practiced with the team
- Named to 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, Colorado
- Son of Mike and Angela Schlegel
- Mike was a defensive 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
- After his football career, he would like to be a sports agent and alpaca farmer
- His passion in life is mid-major college basketball



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JAYLEN SCOTT

DEFENSIVE BACK

5-10 • 194 • Junior-SQ
Clarksville, Tenn.
(Kenwood/ASA College Miami)

2018 - Sophomore

- Practiced with the team

2017 - r-freshman

- Redshirt season

2016 - Freshman (ASA College Miami)

- Practiced with the team

High School

- Two-year starter as a running back at Kenwood for Coach Brian Beaubien
- Member of the National Honor Society

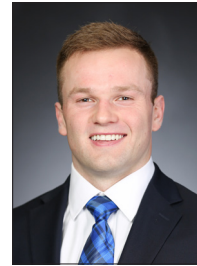
Personal

- Born in Clarksville, Tennessee
- Son of Cassandra Scott and Tommy Scott
- Majoring in kinesiology

Jaylen Says

- His nickname is "Jay"
- He chose Kentucky because it's a great place to excel in academics and athletics

- After his football career, he would like to be a athletic trainer
- Most people don't know that he used to rap and create beats
- The best advice he's ever received is "give your best and let God handle the rest"



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BRETT SLUSHER

WIDE RECEIVER

6-2 • 200 • Senior-1L
Fort Mitchell, Ky. (Beechwood)

2019 - Senior

- Has seen action in all 12 games
- Recovered a punt that hit a South Carolina player
- Has three tackles ... Recorded a tackle on special teams in the season opener vs. Toledo and also got one vs. Arkansas and Louisville

2018 - Junior

- Played in 10 games on special teams
- Dean's List (Spring 2019)
- Named to SEC Academic Honor Roll

2017 - Sophomore

- Practiced with the team
- Named to 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
- 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 TDs
- 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 NKFCAA 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, Kentucky
- 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
- After his football career, he hopes to become a CPA
- His sports hero is Brett Favre, who he is named after
- The last time he was starstruck was when he saw Laura Rutledge in the practice facility



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SAWYER SMITH

QUARTERBACK

6-3 • 219 • Junior-TR
Cantonment, Fla. (Troy/Tate)

2019 - Junior

- Has seen action in eight games with three starts
- Did not see action vs. Arkansas or at Georgia with a shoulder and wrist injury
- Has completed 57 of 125 passes for 690 yards and four touchdowns
- Made his first start vs. Florida, going 13-of-35 for 267 yards and two touchdowns
- Became just the second UK quarterback since 1993 with two passing touchdowns and a rushing touchdown in his first career start ... The other to accomplish that was Jared Lorenzen vs. Louisville in 2000 ... His 267 passing yards are the most for a UK quarterback in his first career start since Patrick Towles vs. UT Martin in 2014 (377)
- Saw his first action vs. Eastern Michigan at the start of the fourth quarter after an injury to starting QB Terry Wilson
- First pass was a 54-yard touchdown throw to WR Ahmad Wagner ... Completed 5 of 9 passes for 76 yards and two touchdowns

2018 - r-Sophomore (Troy)

- Played in all 13 games, taking over as the starting quarterback seven games into the season after junior Kaleb Barker was lost for the year with a knee injury
- Went 5-2 as a starter
- Completed 144 of 229 passes with 1,669 yards and 14 touchdowns
- Also rushed 74 times with 191 yards and one rushing TD
- Named MVP of the Dollar General Bowl after leading Troy to a 42-32 win over Buffalo
- Completed 31 of 44 passes for 320 yards and four touchdowns, and added 191 rushing yards and a score
- In Troy's victory over South Alabama in the "Battle for the Belt" tossed three touchdown passes
- Rushed for 56 yards against Georgia State, including a 63-yard rush, which is the second longest run by a Troy quarterback in the school's Division I history

2017 - Sophomore (Troy)

- Redshirt season

2016 - Freshman (Troy)

- Played in six games as Troy's backup quarterback
- Completed 18-of-25 attempts for 181 yards
- Threw a 47-yard touchdown pass on his first collegiate attempt; the first quarterback in Troy's recorded history to do so
- Completed all seven of his passes for 86 yards against Austin Peay
- Also rushed 19 times for 73 yards, including a 7-yard touchdown against UMass, which followed a 41-yard run

High School

- Finished with a 27-9 record as a three-year starter
- Two-time PNJ All-Area pick
- Earned all-state and all-district honors as a senior
- Led Tate to the Florida 6A semifinals as a senior for the first time in 10 seasons; the Aggies finished the season 10-3
- In his junior and senior seasons, combined to pass for 5,627 yards and 47 touchdowns
- Also rushed for 1,063 yards and 20 touchdowns in those two seasons
- Graduated as the No.33 ranked dual-threat quarterback according to 247 Sports and the No. 36 QB by ESPN
- Threw for 2,304 yards and 19 touchdowns as a junior in addition to rushing for 440 yards and seven touchdowns
- Also an excellent baseball player

Personal

- Born in Pensacola, Florida
- Son of Johanna and Billy Smith
- Brother, Austen, played baseball at Alabama and with the Miami Marlins organization
- Graduated in July of 2019 from Troy with a degree in social science
- Currently working on a master's degree at UK in sport leadership

Sawyer Says

- He chose Kentucky because it was a good fit and a good opportunity to play in the SEC
- After his football career he would like to coach

- A description of him on the field is "team guy"
- Most people don't know he was offered a baseball scholarship by a rival SEC school as a freshman in high school
- The best advice he's ever received is "destiny favors the prepared"

SMITH'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Rush Yds	TD	Lg	Comp	Att	Int	Pct	Yds	TD	Lg	
2016*	6-0	19	73	1	41	18	25	1	72.0	181	1	47
2018*	13-7	74	191	1	63	144	229	6	63.0	1669	14	75
2019	8-3	24	-11	1	15	57	125	5	45.6	690	4	54
Totals	27-10	117	253	3	63	219	379	12	57.8	2540	19	75

*at Troy

SMITH'S 2019 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Comp.-Att.-Int.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rush Yds.	TD	Long
vs. EMU	5-9-0	76	2	54	1	5	0
vs. Florida*	23-35-3	267	2	26	9	23	1
at Miss. State*	15-41-1	232	0	39	5	-8	0
at USC*	11-32-1	90	0	26	4	-34	0
vs. Arkansas					DNP		(Injury)
at Georgia					DNP		(Injury)
vs. Missouri	1-1-0	9	0	9	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee	0-0-0	0	0	0	1	2	0
at Vanderbilt	2-4-0	16	0	11	2	-8	0
vs. UT Martin	0-3-0	0	0	0	2	20	0
Totals	57-125-5	690	4	54	24	-11	1

SMITH'S 2018 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Comp.-Att.-Int.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rush Yds.	TD	Long
vs. Boise State	4-5-0	44	0	16	1	0	0
vs. Florida A&M	3-7-0	25	1	16	4	12	0
at Nebraska	0-0-0	0	0	0	4	60	0
at ULM	4-4-0	56	1	26	2	5	0
vs. Coastal Carolina	1-3-1	7	0	7	5	20	0
Georgia State	10-15-1	81	1	41	5	56	0
at Liberty*	13-25-1	135	1	49	11	15	0
at South Alabama*	9-16-1	158	3	45	7	10	1
vs. Louisiana*	18-22-0	317	1	75	7	-1	0
at Ga. Southern*	21-28-0	287	1	41	6	2	0
vs. Texas State*	13-27-0	79	0	20	9	21	0
at App. State*	17-33-2	160	1	21	8	-8	0
vs. Buffalo*	31-44-0	320	4	60	5	-1	0
Totals	144-229-6	1669	14	75	74	191	1

SMITH'S 2016 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Comp.-Att.-Int.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rush Yds.	TD	Long
vs. Austin Peay	7-7-0	86	1	47	4	2	0
at Clemson	2-3-1	12	0	8	0	0	0
at Southern Miss.	0-1-0	0	0	0	4	0	0
vs. NM State	3-4-0	38	0	19	6	33	0
vs. UMass	2-2-0	26	0	21	3	43	1
at Texas State	4-8-0	19	0	13	2	-5	0
Totals	18-25-1	181	1	47	19	73	1





SMITH'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Pass attempts: 43, vs Buffalo, Dec 22, 2018
Pass completions: 31, vs Buffalo, Dec 22, 2018
Pass yards: 320, vs Buffalo, Dec 22, 2018
Pass TDs: 4, vs Buffalo, Dec 22, 2018
Long pass: 75, vs Louisiana, Nov 3, 2018
Total offense plays: 49, vs Buffalo, Dec 22, 2018 (5 rush, 44 pass)
Total offense yards: 319, vs Buffalo, Dec 22, 2018 (-1 rush, 320 pass)
Rush attempts: 11, twice, last at South Carolina, Sept 28, 2019
Rush yards: 60, at Nebraska, Sept 15, 2018 (4 carries)
Long rush: 63, vs Georgia State, Oct 4, 2018
Receptions: 1, vs. Georgia Southern, Nov 10, 2018
Receiving yards: 11, vs. Georgia Southern, Nov 10, 2018
Long reception: 11, vs. Georgia Southern, Nov 10, 2018



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KAVOSIEY SMOKE

RUNNING BACK

5-9 • 220 • Freshman-RS
Wetumpka, Ala. (Wetumpka)

2019 - r-Freshman

- Has seen action in all 12 games
UK's third-leading rusher with 609 yards on 97 attempts and six scores
Averaging 6.3 yards per attempt
Rushed twice for 75 yards in UK's 45-13 win over Louisville ... His 70-yard run in the second quarter was a career-long and the longest this season by a Wildcat
Ran 15 times for a career-high 95 yards in the win over Vanderbilt ... On a 3rd-and-26 play in the third quarter, he caught a screen pass and bulled his way 28 yards (a career long) for a first down, keeping a touchdown drive alive
Saw limited action at UGA with a shoulder injury
Rushed a game-high 16 times for 81 yards vs. UF
Had 11 carries for 92 yards and a 32-yard touchdown run vs. Eastern Michigan
With game stats available since 1946, Smoke became the first UK player to have scoring runs of at least 32 yards in each of the first two games of the season ... Also had a 40-yarder vs. Toledo
Rushed seven times for 78 yards, including a career-long 40-yard touchdown run vs. Toledo

2018 - Freshman

- Redshirt season
Saw action in two games vs. Louisville and Penn State and totaled four carries for 45 yards and a score
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)"
Born in Montgomery, Alabama
Son of Helen Smoke
Major is undeclared

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 felt like home
After his football career, he would like to be a coach
His sports hero is Bo Jackson

SMOKE'S CAREER STATISTICS

Table with columns: Year, G-GS, Att., Yds., Avg., TD, LG, Rec., Yds., Avg., TD, LG. Rows for 2018, 2019, and Totals.

SMOKE'S 2019 GAME-BY-GAME

Table with columns: Opponent, Att., Yds., TD, Long, Rec., Yds., TD, Long. Rows for various opponents and Totals.

SMOKE'S 2018 GAME-BY-GAME

Table with columns: Opponent, Att., Yds., TD, Long, Rec., Yds., TD, Long. Rows for Louisville, Penn State, and Totals.

SMOKE'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Rush attempts: 16, vs Florida, Sept 14, 2019
Rush yards: 95, at Vanderbilt, Nov 16, 2019 (15 carries)
Long rush: 70, vs Louisville, Nov 30, 2019
Rushing TDs: 1, 6x, last at Vanderbilt, Nov 16, 2019
Receptions: 1, twice, last at Vanderbilt, Nov 16, 2019
Receiving yards: 29, at Vanderbilt, Nov 16, 2019
Long reception: 28, at Vanderbilt, Nov 16, 2019
All-purpose yards: 123, at Vanderbilt, Nov 16, 2019



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DEANDRE SQUARE

LINEBACKER

6-1 • 217 • Sophomore-1L
Detroit, Mich. (Cass Tech)

2019 - Sophomore

- Has started in 11 games
Missed the UT Martin game due to injury
Team's leading tackler with 68
Also has 4.0 TFL, 1.5 sacks, three QBHs, a PBU, an interception and a forced fumble
Led the team with seven tackles (six solo) in the win over Louisville
Also had seven tackles, including five solo tackles, in UK's win over Missouri
Had a career-best 11 tackles and had his first career interception in his first career start vs. Toledo in the season opener
First UK player with at least 10 tackles, a half sack, 1 TFL and an interception since Josh Forrest vs. Louisiana on Sept. 5, 2015

2018 - Freshman

- Played in all 13 games with one start vs. Penn State
Earned Freshman All-SEC honors by the league coaches after totaling 35 tackles, 3.5 TFL, three QBHs, one PBU and one forced fumble
In his first collegiate start vs. Penn State in the VRBO Citrus Bowl, tied his career-high of six tackles, including a six-yard quarterback sack
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 had 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 AP
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
- Chose Kentucky after considering LSU, Michigan State, Purdue, Wisconsin and Cincinnati

Personal

- Born in Detroit, Michigan
- 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
- One word to describe him on the field is "relentless"
- The best advice he's ever received is "don't lose yourself trying to be like someone else"

SQUARE'S CAREER STATISTICS										
Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tkls.	Sacks-Y	TFL-Y	FF/FR	QBH	Int.	PBU	
2018	LB	13-0	35	1.0-6	3.5-10	1/0	3	0	1	
2019	LB	11-11	69	1.5-13	4.0-23	1/0	3	1-3	1	
Totals	24-11	103	2.5-19	7.5-33	2/0	6	1-3	2		

SQUARE'S 2019 GAME-BY-GAME										
Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH		
vs. Toledo*	11	1.5-6	1.5-4	0	0	0	1-3	0		
vs. EMU*	5	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1		
vs. Florida*	6	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1		
at Miss. State*	9	1.5-10	1.0-9	0	0	0	0	0		
at USC*	4	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	1		
vs. Arkansas*	5	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0		
at Georgia*	9	1.0-7	0-0	0	0	0	0	0		
vs. Missouri*	7	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0		
vs. Tennessee*	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0		
at Vanderbilt*	3	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0		
vs. UT Martin		DNP	(Injury)							
vs. Louisville*	7	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0		
Totals	68	4.0-23	1.5-13	1	1	0	1-3	3		

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		
vs. Penn State*	6	1.0-6	1.0-6	0	0	0	0	0		
Totals	35	3.5-10	1.0-6	1	1	0	0	3		

SQUARE'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 11, vs Toledo, Aug 31, 2019 (7-4)
Tackles for loss: 1.5, twice, last at Mississippi State (10 yards)
Sacks: 1.0, last at Mississippi State (9 yards)
Pass breakups: 1, 3x, last at South Carolina, Sept 28, 2019
Quarterback hurry: 1, 6x, last at South Carolina, Sept 28, 2019
Forced fumbles: 1, twice, last at Vanderbilt, Nov 16, 2019
Interceptions: 1, vs Toledo, Aug 31, 2019



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LOGAN
STENBERG

OFFENSIVE GUARD

6-6 • 321 • Senior-3L
Madison, Ala. (James Clemens)

2019 - Senior (Team Captain)

- Second-Team All-America, Offensive Guard (FWAA)
- First-Team All-SEC (AP)
- Third-team offensive guard (PFF)
- Starting left guard in all 12 games, giving him a team-high 38 straight starts dating back to 2017
- Outland Trophy Watch List
- Preseason Media Days All-SEC, Third-Team Offense
- Sports News' Preseason All-American, Second Team
- Athlon Sports' Preseason All-SEC, Second-Team Offense

2018 - Junior

- Started in all 13 games at left guard, giving him 26 consecutive starts
- Blocked for UK's all-time leading rusher, Benny Snell Jr., who had his third consecutive 1,000-yard season
- Graded at 85.5 percent for the season
- Totaled 78 knockdown blocks and 154 blocks at the point of attack
- Did not miss an assignment all season and allowed only one sack
- Named to SEC Academic Honor Roll

2017 - Sophomore

- Started in all 13 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
- 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, Alabama
- Son of Kimberly Stenberg and David Stenberg
- Graduated in May of 2019 with a degree in integrated strategic communication ... Currently working on a second degree in communication with a business minor

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"
- He chose Kentucky because of Coach John Schlarman and for the opportunity to make UK great
- After his football career, he would like to work for an advertising agency
- His hidden talent is juggling





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CALVIN TAYLOR JR.

DEFENSIVE TACKLE

6-9 • 311 • Senior-2L
Augusta, Ga. (Augusta Christian)

2019 - Senior

- Starting defensive tackle in all 12 games
Having an impressive senior season with 33 tackles, 8.5 TFL (third on the team), a team-high 7.5 sacks, four PBUs, a team-high three forced fumbles and two quarterback hurries
Ranks 10th nationally and tied for first in the SEC in forced fumbles with three
Tied for second in the SEC in sacks (7.5)
Has 15.5 career TFL and 9.5 career sacks
Totaled three tackles, including a career-high two quarterback sacks, in the win over Missouri ... In the second quarter, his third-down sack also caused a fumble; although Missouri recovered the fumble, it forced a punt and UK drove for a touchdown ... Later in the second quarter, his five-yard sack preceded a Missouri turnover that the Wildcats converted to another touchdown
Came up big on the final possession of the Arkansas game ... Had a QB sack on third down, then tipped Arkansas' fourth-down pass on the Razorbacks' final offensive play ... Ended the game with a career-high two PBU
Had a career-high seven tackles, including a quarterback sack and a forced fumble vs. South Carolina

2018 - Junior

- Saw action all 13 games, starting the last nine games at defensive end
Had a season-high four tackles vs. Penn State, 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

- A two-star recruit by Rivals
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, South Carolina
Son of Deborah Nickens and Calvin Taylor Sr.
Graduated in May of 2019 with a degree in agricultural economics ... Currently working on a second degree in communication

Community Cats

- One of three players chosen to participate in a week-long service trip to Ethiopia in May of 2019, where he helped deliver essential nutrition, supplies, hope and love to families living in Korah, a slum made up of all the trash accumulated in Addis Ababa; Visited an orphanage; Took teenagers from Korah to play arcade games and see the Avengers movie; Took a group of less fortunate boys to experience their home country in ways they had never seen before; Paired with a feeding program that supplies meals to government schools in Cherkos, a poorer region in Addis Ababa, helping serve meals to the kids
Stayed after practice to spend time with the Special Olympics (2015)

Calvin Says

- His nickname is "Huncho"
He chose Kentucky so he could be a part of something special
One word to describe him on the field is "cerebral"
Most people don't know he didn't start playing football until his sophomore year of high school
His hidden talent is cooking

TAYLOR'S CAREER STATISTICS

Table with 9 columns: Year, Pos., G-GS, Tackles, TFL-Yds, Sacks-Yds, FF/FR, QBH, PBU. Rows include 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, and Totals.

TAYLOR'S 2019 GAME-BY-GAME

Table with 8 columns: Opponent, Tkl.s, TFL-Y, Sacks-Y, FF, FR, QBH, PBU. Rows include games vs. Toledo, EMU, Florida, Miss. State, USC, Arkansas, Georgia, Missouri, Tennessee, Vanderbilt, UT Martin, Louisville, and Totals.

TAYLOR'S 2018 GAME-BY-GAME

Table with 9 columns: Opponent, Tkl.s, TFL-Y, Sacks-Y, PBU, FF, FR, Int., QBH. Rows include games vs. Central Mich., Florida, Murray State, Miss. State, South Carolina, TAMU, Vanderbilt, Missouri, Georgia, Tennessee, MTSU, Louisville, Penn State, and Totals.

TAYLOR'S 2017 GAME-BY-GAME

Table with 9 columns: Opponent, Tkl.s, TFL-Y, Sacks-Y, PBU, FF, FR, Int., QBH. Rows include games 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.

TAYLOR'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 7, at South Carolina, Sept 28, 2019 (7-0)
Sacks: 2.0, vs Missouri, Oct 26, 2019 (12 yards)
Tackles for loss: 2.0, twice, last vs Missouri, Oct 26, 2019 (12 yards)
Quarterback hurry: 1, 3x, last vs Florida, Sept 14, 2019
Pass breakups: 2, vs Arkansas, Oct 12, 2019
Forced fumbles: 1, 3x, last vs Tennessee, Nov 9, 2019



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CLEVAN
THOMAS JR.

WIDE RECEIVER

5-11 • 213 • Sophomore-1L
Miami, Fla. (Charles W. Flanagan)

2019 - r-Sophomore

- Has seen action in all 12 games, starting in six straight
- Has 10 catches for 94 yards and a score
- Has at least one catch in eight of the last nine games
- Caught two passes for 45 yards in the win over Vanderbilt, including a 40-yarder that tied the longest reception of his career
- Made his first collegiate start vs. Arkansas and caught two passes for 10 yards and his first collegiate touchdown

2018 - Sophomore

- Redshirt season
- Saw action in three games early
- Caught two passes for a career-high 51 yards vs. Murray State
- Dean's List (Spring 2019)
- SEC Academic Honor Roll

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, Florida
- 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	Att.	Yds.	TD	Long
2017	WR	9-0	1	4	4.0	0	4	0	0	0	0
2018	WR	3-0	3	63	21.0	0	40	0	0	0	0
2019	WR	12-6	9	90	10.0	1	40	2	-5	0	1
Totals		23-5	13	157	12.1	1	40	2	-5	0	1

THOMAS' 2019 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long	Att.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. Toledo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. EMU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Florida	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Miss. State	1	8	0	8	0	0	0	0
at South Carolina	1	2	0	2	0	0	0	0
vs. Arkansas*	2	10	1	10	0	0	0	0
at Georgia*	1	8	0	8	0	0	0	0
vs. Missouri*	1	9	0	9	2	-5	0	1
vs. Tennessee	1	8	0	8	0	0	0	0
at Vanderbilt*	2	45	0	40	0	0	0	0
vs. UT Martin*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Louisville*	1	4	0	4	0	0	0	0
Totals	10	94	1	40	2	-5	0	1

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. ECU	0	0	0	0
at South Carolina	0	0	0	0
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		DNP		
at Vanderbilt	0	0	0	0
at Georgia		DNP		
vs. Louisville		DNP		
vs. Northwestern		DNP		
Totals	1	4	0	4

THOMAS' SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Receptions: 2, twice, last vs Arkansas, Oct 12, 2019
 Receiving yards: 51, vs. Murray State, Sept 15, 2018 (2 receptions)
 Receiving TDs: 1, vs Arkansas, Oct 12, 2019
 Long reception: 40, twice, last vs Vanderbilt, Nov 16, 2019
 Rush attempts: 2, vs. Missouri, Oct 26, 2019
 Rush yards: -5, vs. Missouri, Oct 26, 2019
 Long rush: 1, vs. Missouri, Oct 26, 2019



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TRAVIS
TISDALE

RUNNING BACK

5-9 • 174 • Freshman-HS
Valdosta, Ga. (Lowndes)

2019 - Freshman

- Has seen action in two games (Vanderbilt and UT Martin)
- Rushed four times for 60 yards vs. UT Martin, including a 53-yard run ... Also scored his first collegiate touchdown on a one-yard run
- Saw his first collegiate action at Vanderbilt and had one carry

High School

- A four-star recruit and one of the nation's top-300 players by ESPN
- Ranked the nation's No. 18 running back by ESPN and the No. 11 all-purpose back nationally by Rivals
- Rated as high as the No. 33 prospect in Georgia
- Region Player of the Year as a senior as he rushed for 1,903 yards and 21 touchdowns
- Led Lowndes HS to a 10-4 record and a berth in the Class AAAAAA (largest classification) state playoff semifinals
- Named to the 2018-19 Georgia Athletic Coaches Association Class 7A All-State team and the 2018 *Atlanta Journal Constitution* All-State team
- Senior season was highlighted by 413 yards and six rushing touchdowns – both of which are school records – against crosstown rival Valdosta High School
- Also a 1,000-yard rusher as a sophomore with 1,029 yards
- Set the LHS career record for rushing touchdowns with 46, breaking Darriet Perry's previous career record of 40
- Coached by Randy McPherson
- Dad serves in United States Air Force
- Chose Kentucky over Nebraska, Ole Miss and Penn State

Personal

- Born in Andrews, South Carolina
- Son of Emmanuel and Jeniker McBride
- Major is undeclared

Travis Says

- His nickname is "Buck"
- He chose Kentucky because of the coaches and it felt like home





- One word to describe him on the field is "shifty"
- After his football career he hopes to own his own business
- The best advice he's ever received is "never give up"

TISDALE'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2019	2-0	5	57	11.4	1	53	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	2-0	5	57	11.4	1	53	0	0	0	0	0

TISDALE'S 2019 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Att.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
at Vandy	1	-3	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. UT Martin	4	60	1	53	0	0	0	0
Totals	5	57	1	53	11	67	0	13

TISDALE'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Rush attempts: 5, vs UT Martin, Nov 23, 2019
 Rush yards: vs UT Martin, Nov 23, 2019
 Long rush: 53, vs UT Martin, Nov 23, 2019
 Rushing TDs: 1, vs UT Martin, Nov 23, 2019
 All-purpose yards: 60, vs UT Martin, Nov 23, 2019



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KEATON UPSHAW

TIGHT END

6-6 • 255 • Freshman-RS
Lima, Ohio (Lima Senior)

2019 - r-Freshman

- Has seen action in all 12 games with two starts (South Carolina and Tennessee)
- Made his first collegiate start at South Carolina
- Has seven catches for 78 yards and a score
- Got his first collegiate touchdown with a 13-yard catch in the third quarter vs. Florida
- Charted his first collegiate pass receptions vs. Toledo with two catches for 19 yards
- Critical blocker for UK's impressive run game which ranks fifth nationally with 274.4 yards per game

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 undeclared

Keaton Says

- His nickname is "Keat"
- His hidden talent is bowling
- 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 Klay Thompson

UPSHAW'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
2019	TE	12-2	7	78	11.1	1	19
Totals		12-2	7	78	11.1	1	19

UPSHAW'S 2019 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. Toledo	2	19	0	17
vs. EMU	2	19	0	10
vs. Florida	1	13	1	13
at Miss. State	1	19	0	19
at South Carolina*	0	0	0	0
vs. Arkansas	0	0	0	0
at Georgia	0	0	0	0
vs. Missouri	0	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee*	0	0	0	0
at Vanderbilt	1	8	0	8
vs. UT Martin	0	0	0	0
vs. Louisville	0	0	0	0
Totals	7	78	1	19

UPSHAW'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Receptions: 2, twice, vs Eastern Mich, Sept 7, 2019
 Receiving yards: 19, 3x, last at Miss. State, Sept 21, 2019 (1 reception)
 Receiving TDs: 1, vs Florida, Sept 14, 2019
 Long reception: 19, at Mississippi State, Sept 21, 2019



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AHMAD WAGNER

WIDE RECEIVER

6-5 • 237 • Senior-1L
Huber Heights, Ohio (Iowa/Wayne)

2019 - Senior

- Has seen action in 11 games with 10 starting assignments
- Did not see action vs. Tennessee with injury
- UK's third-leading receiver with 15 catches for 254 yards and a team-high tying two TDs
- Averaging 16.9 yards per catch
- Has been a target 42 times in his career and has drawn 12 total pass interference calls
- Caught three passes for 70 yards and a touchdown vs. Florida
- Had his best game as a Wildcat vs. Eastern Michigan, catching three passes for 71 yards, including the 54-yarder which was his first collegiate touchdown
- Drew three more pass interference penalties during the game – one negated by an offsetting UK penalty and the other on his touchdown catch
- Started in his first career game vs. Toledo and caught three passes for 57 yards, including a 40-yard reception

2018 - Junior

- Saw action in 11 games
- Was a target for QB Terry Wilson four times which drew three defensive pass interference calls
- Made the final clearing block on Lynn Bowden's punt return touchdown vs. Penn State in the VRBO Citrus Bowl

Iowa (Basketball)

- Played 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-communication

Ahmad Says

- He chose to play football at Kentucky because it felt like family
- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to be a coach
- Most people would be surprised to know that he's a talented singer
- When he played football as a kid, he pretended to be Randy Moss
- His hidden talent is knowing all types of music

WAGNER'S CAREER STATISTICS							
Year	Pos.	G-GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
2018	WR	11-0	0	0	0	0	0
2019	WR	11-10	15	254	16.9	2	54
Totals		22-10	15	254	16.9	2	54

WAGNER'S 2019 GAME-BY-GAME					
Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long	
vs. Toledo*	3	57	0	40	
vs. EMU*	3	71	1	54	
vs. Florida*	3	70	1	26	
at Miss. State*	1	15	0	15	
at South Carolina	2	35	0	26	
vs. Arkansas*	0	0	0	0	
at Georgia*	0	0	0	0	
vs. Missouri*	1	1	0	1	
vs. Tennessee		DNP	(Injury)		
at Vanderbilt*	1	-4	0	0	
vs. UT Martin*	1	9	0	9	
vs. Louisville*	0	0	0	0	
Totals	15	254	2	54	

WAGNER'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS	
Receptions:	3, 3x, last vs. Florida, Sept 14, 2019
Receiving yards:	71, vs. Eastern Mich, Sept 7, 2019 (3 receptions)
Long reception:	54, vs. Eastern Mich, Sept 7, 2019
Receiving TDs:	1, twice, vs. Florida, Sept 14, 2019



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NAASIR
WATKINS

OFFENSIVE TACKLE

6-5 • 302 • Sophomore-1L
Laurel, Md. (Our Lady of Good Counsel)

2019 - Sophomore

- Has seen action in all 12 games this season

2018 - r-Freshman

- Saw action in 11 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
- Ranked 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"
- Second-team All-Sentinel by *The Sentinel*
- Named second-team All-Conference defense by the WCAC
- Coached by Bill Milloy
- Chose UK 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, Maryland
- 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 economics

Naasir Says

- His nickname is "Nas"
- He chose Kentucky because of the hospitality and the competition
- Most people don't know his middle name is Aakbar
- One word to describe him on the field is "smooth"



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JAMAR "BOOGIE"
WATSON

LINEBACKER

6-3 • 242 • Junior-2L
Forestville, Md.
(Bishop McNamara)

2019 - Junior

- Third-team linebacker (PFF)
- Has started in 10 of 12 games, including eight straight
- Has 33 tackles and a team-high 9.5 TFL as well as a team-best seven QB hurries
- Also has 6.5 sacks (second on the team behind Calvin Taylor Jr.), one forced fumble and one fumble recovery
- Ranks tied for sixth in the SEC in sacks and tied for 12th in TFL
- Has 16.5 career TFL and 13.5 career sacks
- Had six tackles, including two quarterback sacks, along with a fumble recovery in the regular-season finale vs. Louisville
- Had a great night rushing the passer with a career-high two quarterback sacks, along with a pair of quarterback hurries and four total tackles at South Carolina
- Had a season-high five tackles at Mississippi State

2018 - Sophomore

- Saw action 12 of 13 games with seven starting assignments
- Totaled 24 tackles, 5.0 sacks, 5.0 tackles for loss, three PBUs and one forced fumble
- Second on the team behind National Defensive Player of the Year Josh Allen in sacks with 5.0 ... Ranked 19th overall 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
- 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
- Named to SEC Academic Honor Roll





2016 - Freshman

- Redshirt season
- SEC First-year Academic Honor Roll (2016-17)

High School

- A three-star recruit who ranked 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, 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, 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, Virginia
- Son of Bridgette and Jerry Watson
- Majoring in sociology with a minor in criminology

Community Cats

- One of three players chosen to participate in a week-long service trip to Ethiopia in May of 2019, where he helped deliver essential nutrition, supplies, hope and love to families living in Korah, a slum made up of all the trash accumulated in Addis Ababa; Visited an orphanage; Took teenagers from Korah to play arcade games and see the Avengers movie; Took a group of less fortunate boys to experience their home country in ways they had never seen before; Paired with a feeding program that supplies meals to government schools in Cherkos, a poorer region in Addis Ababa, helping serve meals to the kids

Boogie 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 do criminal justice work
- His hidden talent is tap dancing
- His sports hero is Von Miller, the one player he models his game after

WATSON'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tkls	TFL-Yds.	Sacks-Yds.	FF/FR	PBU	QBH	INT
2017	LB	13-0	7	2.0-14	2.0-14	1/0	1	0	0
2018	LB	12-7	24	5.0-39	5.0-39	1/0	2	2	0
2019	LB	12-10	33	9.5-65	6.5-59	1/1	0	7	0
Totals		37-17	64	16.5-118	13.5-112	3/1	3	9	0

WATSON'S 2019 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Yds.	Sacks-Yds.	FF	FR	Int.	PBU	QBH
vs. Toledo*	2	0.5-4	0.5-4	0	0	0	0	1
vs. EMU*	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
vs. Florida	3	1.0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
at Miss. State	5	0.5-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at USC*	4	2.0-9	2.0-9	0	0	0	0	2
vs. Arkansas*	2	1.0-8	1.0-8	1	0	0	0	1
at Georgia*	4	0.5-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Missouri*	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
vs. Tennessee*	1	1.0-3	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Vanderbilt*	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. UT Martin*	3	1.0-25	1.0-25	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Louisville*	6	2.0-13	2.0-13	0	1	0	0	0
Totals	33	9.5-65	6.5-59	1	1	0	0	7

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.			(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
vs. Penn State	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	1
Totals	24	5.0-39	5.0-39	1	0	0	3	2

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. ECU	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: 2.0, at South Carolina, Sept 28, 2019 (2.0-9)
Tackles for loss: 2.0, twice, last vs Louisville, Nov 30, 2019 (2.0-13)
Pass breakups: 1, 3x times, last vs South Carolina, Sept 29, 2018 (1.0-7)
Quarterback hurry: 2, at South Carolina, Sept 28, 2019 (2.0-9)
Forced fumbles: 1, 3x, last vs Arkansas, Oct 12, 2019
Fumble recovery: 1, vs Louisville, Nov 30, 2019



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J.J. WEAVER

OUTSIDE LINEBACKER

6-5 • 234 • Freshman-HS
Louisville, Ky. (Moore Traditional)

2019 - Freshman

- Has seen action in three games (Missouri, Vanderbilt and Louisville)
- Has six tackles, two PBUs and a quarterback hurry
- Totaled a career-high five tackles, along with a tackle for loss and a QBH in the win over Vanderbilt
- Made his collegiate debut vs. Missouri and totaled a tackle and a PBU

High School

- One of the nation's best linebacker prospects, ranking as the 213th best player in the nation according to Rivals
- The site also has Weaver as the 14th best player in the class at his position and the fourth-best prospect in the state of Kentucky
- Rated as a four-star prospect by Rivals and 247sports
- Recorded 70 tackles, 10 sacks, three interceptions and a fumble recovery as a senior
- His strong performance helped Moore win 11 games and advance to the quarterfinals of the state championships
- Also played tight end in high school and caught six passes for 102 yards and three touchdowns in 2018
- Was named to the 2018 *Lexington Herald-Leader* Class of the Commonwealth
- An all-state honoree
- Coached by Carlo Stallings
- Chose Kentucky over Louisville, Miami and Purdue

Personal

- Born in Fort Lauderdale, Florida
- Son of Stacey Sherrell
- Major is undeclared

J.J. Says

- He chose Kentucky because it felt like home
- One word to describe him on the field is "motor"
- After his football career he wants to be a football coach
- His passion in life is eating and working out
- The best advice he's ever received is "be great"

WEAVERS'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tkls	TFL-Yds.	Sacks-Yds.	FF/FR	PBU	QBH	INT
2019	OLB	3-0	6	1.0-1	0-0	0/0	2	1	0
Totals		3-0	6	1.0-1	0-0	0/0	2	1	0





WEAVERS'S 2019 GAME-BY-GAME								
Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Yds.	Sacks-Yds.	FF	FR	Int.	PBU	QBH
vs. Missouri	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0
at Vanderbilt	5	1.0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
vs. Louisville	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0
Totals	6	1.0-1	0-0	0	0	0	2	1

WEAVER'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS								
Tackles: 5, at Vanderbilt, Nov 16, 2019 (4-1)								
Tackles for loss: 1.0, at Vanderbilt, Nov 16, 2019 (1.0-1)								
Pass breakups: 1, twice, last vs Louisville, Nov 30, 2019								
Quarterback hurry: 1, at Vanderbilt, Nov 16, 2019								



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QUINTIN
WILSON
CENTER

6-1 • 302 • Freshman-RS
Cincinnati, Ohio (Turpin)

2019 - r-Freshman

- Has seen action in five games

2018 - Freshman

- Redshirt season
- Dean's List (Fall 2018)
- Dean's List (Spring 2019)
- First-Year SEC Academic Honor Roll
- Played in one game vs. Louisville

High School

- Considered one of the top OL 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

Quintin 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 in sports management
- Most people would be surprised to know he didn't start playing football until his freshman year of high school
- One word to describe him on the field is "smart"



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TERRY
WILSON
QUARTERBACK

6-3 • 208 • Junior-1L
Oklahoma City, Okla.
(Garden City CC/Oregon/Del City)

2019 - Junior (Team Captain)

- Out for the season with a torn patellar tendon in his left knee which required surgery ... Injured in the third quarter vs. Eastern Michigan
- In two games, he completed 33 of 52 passes (63.5 percent) for 360 yards and two touchdowns ... Also had 44 net rushing yards and a TD.
- Since the start of the 2018 season, only two active SEC quarterbacks have had five games with a completion percentage of at least 70-percent (min. 20 att.): Alabama's Tua Tagovailoa and Kentucky's Terry Wilson
- Is one of five quarterbacks in school history to have at least 2,000 career passing yards and 500 career rushing yards (Stephen Johnson, Pookie Jones, Bernie Scruggs, Shane Boyd)
- Started in 15 consecutive games and has a 12-3 record as a starter, best record for any UK QB in his first 15 starts with starting lineups available since 1993

2018 - Sophomore

- Started in all 13 games at quarterback, leading UK to its first 10-win season since 1977
- Set school record for most wins in a season by a first-year starting quarterback
- Completed 180 of 268 passes (67.2) with 11 TDs and just eight interceptions
- Became the first Wildcat player with at least 1,500 passing yards and 500 net rushing yards in the same season
- Completed at least 60 percent of his passes in 11 of 13 games
- Ranked second on the team in rushing yards (547) and attempts (135) behind All-American Benny Snell Jr.
- Among Power Five schools, Terry Wilson & Benny Snell Jr., had the second-most combined rushing yards for a quarterback/running back duo (1,996) *2,072 Trace McSorley/Miles Sanders, Penn State*
- *1,996 Terry Wilson/Benny Snell Jr., Kentucky*
- *1,847 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
- 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)

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
- 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 communication

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 thing he looks forward to the most this season is proving doubters wrong
- After his football career, he would like to train quarterbacks or coach

WILSON'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Rush	Yds	TD	Comp.	Att.	Int.	Pct.	Yds.	TD	Long
2018	13-13	135	547	4	180	268	8	67.2	1889	11	54
2019	2-2	17	44	1	33	52	0	63.5	360	2	40
Totals	15-15	152	591	5	213	320	8	66.6	2249	13	54

WILSON'S 2019 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Comp.-Att.-Int.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rush	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. Toledo*	19-26-0	246	2	40	9	1	0	7
vs. EMU*	14-26-0	114	0	14	8	43	1	15
Totals	33-52-0	360	2	40	17	44	1	15

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
vs. Penn State*	9-15-0	121	0	54	10	43	0	15
Totals	180-268-8	1889	11	54	135	547	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 • 323 • Senior-2L
Henderson, Ky. (Henderson County)

2019 - Senior

- Has seen action in all 11 games at right guard
- Named to the 2019 CoSIDA Academic All-District® Football Team

2018 - Junior

- Saw action in 12 games
- Dean's List (Fall 2018) and (Spring 2019)
- Named to SEC Academic Honor Roll

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, Indiana
- Son of Ron and Julie Wolfe
- Graduated cum laude in May of 2019 with a bachelor's degree in sociology and a minor in criminology ... Currently working on a master's degree in sport leadership

Community Cats

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

Mason Says

- He chose Kentucky because he wanted to represent his state
- Following football he would like to pursue a career in federal investigating
- One word to describe him on the field is "intelligent"
- When he's not playing football he enjoys boating and fishing
- He wears No. 77 because it was his dad's number



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WALKER WOOD

QUARTERBACK

6-0 • 191 • Sophomore-SQ
Lexington, Ky. (Lafayette)

2019 - Sophomore

- Has seen action in two games (Vanderbilt and UT Martin)
- Has completed 2 of 3 passes for 15 yards and has 22 yards on three rushing attempts
- Saw his first collegiate action in the win over Vanderbilt, connecting on one pass for seven yards ... Also had two rushes for 12 yards

2018 - r-Freshman

- Practiced with the team
- Dean's List (Spring 2019)

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, Kentucky
- 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 #Takelt2TheLennieHouse

WOOD'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Rush	Yds	TD	Long	Comp.	Att.	Int.	Pct.	Yds.	TD	Long
2019	2-0	3	22	0	10	2	3	0	66.7	15	0	8
Totals	2-0	3	22	0	10	2	3	0	66.7	15	0	8

WOOD'S 2019 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Comp.-Att.-Int.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rush	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. Vanderbilt	1-1-0	7	0	7	2	12	0	8
vs. UT Martin	1-2-0	8	0	8	1	10	0	10
Totals	2-3-0	15	0	8	3	22	0	10

WOOD'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Pass attempts: 2, vs UT Martin, Nov 23, 2019
 Pass completions: 1, twice, last vs UT Martin, Nov 23, 2019
 Pass yards: 8, vs UT Martin, Nov 23, 2019
 Long pass: 8, vs UT Martin, Nov 23, 2019
 Rush attempts: 2, vs Vanderbilt, Nov 16, 2019
 Rush yards: 12, vs Vanderbilt, Nov 16, 2019 (2 carries)
 Long rush: 10, vs UT Martin, Nov 23, 2019



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JORDAN WRIGHT

LINEBACKER

6-5 • 238 • Sophomore-1L
 Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (Dillard)

2019 - Sophomore

- Has seen action in all 12 games
- Has 24 tackles, 5.0 TFL, 3.0 sacks (fourth on the team), one forced fumble, one fumble recovery and a quarterback hurry
- In the win over Missouri, charted two tackles, a sack, a forced fumble and a fumble recovery
- Totaled a career-best six tackles and a tackle for loss in the season opener vs. Toledo

2018 - r-Freshman

- Saw action in nine 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 ranked him as the 25th-best defensive end and the 80th-best prospect in Florida, while 247Sports had him as the No. 28 weakside defensive end in the country and the No. 67 player in the state of Florida
- The 46th-best defensive end in the class of 2017 by ESPN who said, "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, Florida
- Son of Wanda Burns-Wright and Louis Wright
- Comes from an athletic family as older sister, Kayla, played basketball at Nova Southeastern, while cousin, RaiQuan Gray, is a redshirt freshman basketball player at Florida State, and another cousin, Kenneth Ruff, is a senior defensive lineman 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	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF/FR	QBH
2018	LB	9-0	4	0-0	0-0	1	0/0	2
2019	LB	12-0	24	5.0-29	3.0-25	0	1/1	1
Totals		21-0	24	5.0-29	3.0-25	1	1/1	3

WRIGHT'S 2019 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks-Y	TFL-Y	FF/FR	PBU	Int.	QBH
vs. Toledo	6	0-0	1.0-3	0/0	0	0	0
vs. EMU	2	1.0-13	1.0-13	0/0	0	0	1
vs. Florida	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at Miss. State	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at USC	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Arkansas	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at Georgia	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Missouri	2	1.0-8	1.0-8	1/1	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at Vanderbilt	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. UT Martin	3	1.0-4	1.0-4	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Louisville	5	0-0	1.0-1	0/0	0	0	0
Totals	24	3.0-25	5.0-29	1/1	0	0	1

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
vs. Penn State	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
Totals	4	0-0	0-0	0/0	1	0	2

WRIGHT'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 6, vs Toledo, Aug 31, 2019
 Sacks: 1.0, 3x, last vs UT Martin, Nov 23, 2019
 Tackles for loss: 1.0, 5x, last vs Louisville, Nov 30, 2019
 Pass breakups: 1, vs Murray State, Sept 15, 2018
 Quarterback hurry: 1, 3x, last vs Eastern Mich, Sept 7, 2019
 Forced fumbles: 1, vs Missouri, Oct 26, 2019
 Fumble recovery: 1, vs Missouri, Oct 26, 2019





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LANDON YOUNG

OFFENSIVE TACKLE

6-7 • 321 • r-Junior-2L
Lexington, Ky. (Lafayette)

2019 - r-Junior

- Starting left tackle, who has played in all 11 games
- Named captain of the 2019 Allstate AFCA Good Works Team®, an annual award given to college football players for the impact they make off the field ... First team captain in school history ... One of just 11 FBS players chosen on the team, UK's 15th overall player named to the prestigious team
- Named to the SEC Community Service Team
- Has notched 56 knockdown blocks and 178 blocks at the point of attack this season
- Named SEC Offensive Lineman of the Week after graded at 91 percent in the win over Eastern Michigan
- Athlon Sports' Preseason All-SEC, Fourth-Team Offense
- Wuerffel Trophy Watch list

2018 - Junior

- Redshirt season
- Suffered a left knee injury during practice on Aug. 24 that required surgery and did not see action

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 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, Kentucky
- Son of Angela and Randall Young
- On track to graduate in December with a degree in animal sciences

Community Cats

- Visited a local nursing home for a 2018 pre-Super Bowl party to give joy to the residents
- Guest speaker at local churches and elementary schools on seven different occasions
- Habitat for Humanity volunteer in 2016
- Helped decorate Lexington's Hope Center – a recovery program for women, with Christmas decorations in 2018
- Volunteered with Lexington Christian Church to do yard work for members not physically able to take care of their yard
- As an avid animal lover and animal science major, he has volunteered to work a week each May for eight straight years at a veterinary clinic in Cynthiana, Kentucky
- One of three players chosen to participate in a week-long service trip to Ethiopia in May of 2019, where he helped deliver essential nutrition, supplies, hope and love to families living in Korah, a slum made up of all the trash accumulated in Addis Ababa; Visited an orphanage; Took teenagers from Korah to play arcade games and see the Avengers movie; Took a group of less fortunate boys to experience their home country in ways they had never seen before; Paired with a feeding program that supplies meals to government schools in Cherkos, a poorer region in Addis Ababa, helping serve meals to the kids

Landon Says

- He chose Kentucky because he wanted to help start a legacy
- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to be a veterinarian
- When he's not playing football he enjoys hunting, fishing and farming
- He chose his jersey number because it was the age his grandmother passed away and he wanted to honor her
- If he had to be stranded on an island with a teammate he would choose Kash Daniel because they would never run out of food

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Date	Opponent	Score	Overall	Conference	Time	Attend
Aug 31, 2019	TOLEDO ROCKETS	W 38-24	1-0	0-0	3:24	54610
Sep 07, 2019	EASTERN MICHIGAN	W 38-17	2-0	0-0	3:34	55240
* Sep 14, 2019	#9 FLORIDA	L 21-29	2-1	0-1	3:32	63076
* Sep 21, 2019	at Mississippi State	L 13-28	2-2	0-2	3:19	54556
* Sep 28, 2019	at South Carolina	L 7-24	2-3	0-3	3:22	80828
* Oct 12, 2019	ARKANSAS	W 24-20	3-3	1-3	3:02	57060
* Oct 19, 2019	at #10 Georgia	L 0-21	3-4	1-4	3:01	92746
* Oct 26, 2019	MISSOURI	W 29-7	4-4	2-4	3:08	48446
* Nov 09, 2019	TENNESSEE	L 13-17	4-5	2-5	3:15	56760
* Nov 16, 2019	at Vanderbilt	W 38-14	5-5	3-5	3:17	23288
Nov 23, 2019	UT MARTIN	W 50-7	6-5	3-5	3:06	41495
Nov 30, 2019	LOUISVILLE	W 45-13	7-5	3-5	3:02	48336

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Kentucky Wildcats Overall Team Statistics (as of Dec 01, 2019)
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Team Statistics	UK	OPP
SCORING	316	221
Points Per Game	26.3	18.4
Points Off Turnovers	55	57
FIRST DOWNS	230	204
Rushing	149	88
Passing	62	97
Penalty	19	19
RUSHING YARDAGE	3293	1787
Yards gained rushing	3509	2135
Yards lost rushing	216	348
Rushing Attempts	518	410
Average Per Rush	6.4	4.4
Average Per Game	274.4	148.9
TDs Rushing	33	20
PASSING YARDAGE	1405	2072
Comp-Att-Int	122-244-7	190-331-8
Average Per Pass	5.8	6.3
Average Per Catch	11.5	10.9
Average Per Game	117.1	172.7
TDs Passing	8	7
TOTAL OFFENSE	4698	3859
Total Plays	762	741
Average Per Play	6.2	5.2
Average Per Game	391.5	321.6
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	18-378	14-223
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	18-133	9-84
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	8-95	7-146
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	21.0	15.9
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	7.4	9.3
INT RETURN AVERAGE	11.9	20.9
FUMBLES-LOST	21-11	26-10
PENALTIES-Yards	69-596	72-639
Average Per Game	49.7	53.2
PUNTS-Yards	47-2285	62-2737
Average Per Punt	48.6	44.1
Net punt average	45.1	39.7
KICKOFFS-Yards	61-3747	47-2847
Average Per Kick	61.4	60.6
Net kick average	40.1	38.7
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	31:51	28:09
3RD-DOWN Conversions	57/149	60/155
3rd-Down Pct	38%	39%
4TH-DOWN Conversions	11/24	5/16
4th-Down Pct	46%	31%
SACKS BY-Yards	32-214	16-89
MISC YARDS	0	0
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	42	29
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	8-13	7-9
ON-SIDE KICKS	0-1	1-2
RED-ZONE SCORES	(29-37) 78%	(23-30) 77%
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	(25-37) 68%	(18-30) 60%
PAT-ATTEMPTS	(38-42) 90%	(26-27) 96%
ATTENDANCE	425023	251418
Games/Avg Per Game	8/53128	4/62854
Neutral Site Games		0/0

Score by Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
Kentucky Wildcats	56	104	76	80	0	316
Opponents	55	43	55	68	0	221

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Rushing	gp-gs	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Lynn Bowden Jr.	12-12	151	1282	47	1235	8.2	11	60	102.9
Asim Rose	12-12	139	794	37	757	5.4	6	63	63.1
Kavosiey Smoke	12-0	97	622	13	609	6.3	6	70	50.8
Chris Rodriguez Jr.	12-0	65	520	5	515	7.9	5	64	42.9
Travis Tisdale	2-0	5	60	3	57	11.4	1	53	28.5
Tyler Markray	1-0	2	52	0	52	26.0	1	45	52.0
Terry Wilson	3-2	17	67	23	44	2.6	1	15	14.7
Max Duffy	12-0	1	26	0	26	26.0	0	26	2.2
Walker Wood	2-0	3	22	0	22	7.3	0	10	11.0
Josh Ali	12-12	2	6	0	6	3.0	0	3	0.5
Akeem Hayes	7-0	1	2	0	2	2.0	0	2	0.3
Justin Rigg	12-11	0	0	0	0	0.0	1	0	0.0
Clevan Thomas Jr.	12-6	2	1	6	-5	-2.5	0	1	-0.4
Sawyer Smith	8-3	24	55	66	-11	-0.5	1	15	-1.4
Team	6-0	9	0	16	-16	-1.8	0	0	-2.7
Total	12	518	3509	216	3293	6.4	33	70	274.4
Opponents	12	410	2135	348	1787	4.4	20	76	148.9

Passing	gp-gs	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Sawyer Smith	8-3	94.53	57-125-5	45.6	690	4	54	86.2
Lynn Bowden Jr.	12-12	95.68	29-62-2	46.8	330	2	44	27.5
Terry Wilson	3-2	134.31	33-52-0	63.5	360	2	40	120.0
Walker Wood	2-0	108.67	2-3-0	66.7	15	0	8	7.5
Asim Rose	12-12	184.00	1-1-0	100.0	10	0	10	0.8
Josh Ali	12-12	0.00	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Total	12	103.45	122-244-7	50.0	1405	8	54	117.1
Opponents	12	112.13	190-331-8	57.4	2072	7	74	172.7

Receiving	gp-gs	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Lynn Bowden Jr.	12-12	30	348	11.6	1	39	29.0
Josh Ali	12-12	19	181	9.5	2	20	15.1
Ahmad Wagner	11-10	15	254	16.9	2	54	23.1
Asim Rose	12-12	11	67	6.1	0	13	5.6
Justin Rigg	12-11	10	112	11.2	0	31	9.3
Clevan Thomas Jr.	12-6	10	94	9.4	1	40	7.8
Keaton Upshaw	12-2	7	78	11.1	1	19	6.5
Allen Dailey Jr.	12-2	7	75	10.7	0	17	6.2
Bryce Oliver	11-0	6	111	18.5	1	44	10.1
Kavosiey Smoke	12-0	2	26	13.0	0	28	2.2
Terry Wilson	3-2	1	32	32.0	0	32	10.7
Drew Schlegel	12-0	1	12	12.0	0	12	1.0
Nik Ognenovic	2-0	1	8	8.0	0	8	4.0
Akeem Hayes	7-0	1	5	5.0	0	5	0.7
Chris Rodriguez Jr.	12-0	1	2	2.0	0	6	0.2
Total	12	122	1405	11.5	8	54	117.1
Opponents	12	190	2072	10.9	7	74	172.7

Punt Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Josh Ali	13	78	6.0	0	19
Lynn Bowden Jr.	4	53	13.2	0	29
Joshua Paschal	1	2	2.0	0	0
Total	18	133	7.4	0	29
Opponents	9	84	9.3	0	42

Interceptions	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Jordan Griffin	2	13	6.5	0	15
DeAndre Square	1	3	3.0	0	3
Jamin Davis	1	0	0.0	0	0
Yusuf Corker	1	0	0.0	0	0
Tyrell Ajian	1	22	22.0	0	22
Kash Daniel	1	18	18.0	0	18
Quandre Mosely	1	39	39.0	0	39
Total	8	95	11.9	0	39
Opponents	7	146	20.9	1	72

Kick Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Lynn Bowden Jr.	8	200	25.0	0	37
Zach Johnson	4	125	31.2	0	58
Drew Schlegel	2	9	4.5	0	6
Chris Rodriguez Jr.	2	37	18.5	0	20
Asim Rose	1	-10	-10.0	0	0
Kavosiey Smoke	1	17	17.0	0	17
Total	18	378	21.0	0	58
Opponents	14	223	15.9	0	37

Fumble Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Yusuf Corker	0	0	0.0	1	0
Total	0	0	0.0	1	0
Opponents	4	72	18.0	1	67

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Scoring	td	fg	PAT				dpx	saf	pts
			kick	rush	rcv	pass			
Lynn Bowden Jr.	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	72	
Chance Poore	-	5-9	24-26	-	-	-	-	39	
Kavosiey Smoke	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	36	
Asim Rose	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	36	
Chris Rodriguez Jr.	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	30	
Matt Ruffolo	-	3-4	14-16	-	-	-	-	23	
Ahmad Wagner	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	
Josh Ali	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	
Tyler Markray	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	
Travis Tisdale	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	
Sawyer Smith	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	
Keaton Upshaw	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	
Clevan Thomas Jr.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	
Justin Rigg	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	
Bryce Oliver	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	
Yusuf Corker	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	
Terry Wilson	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	
Team	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	
Total	42	8-13	38-42	-	-	-	-	316	
Opponents	29	7-9	26-27	0-1	-	0-1	-	221	

Total Offense	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Lynn Bowden Jr.	12	213	1235	330	1565	130.4
Asim Rose	12	140	757	10	767	63.9
Sawyer Smith	8	149	-11	690	679	84.9
Kavosiey Smoke	12	97	609	0	609	50.8
Chris Rodriguez Jr.	12	65	515	0	515	42.9
Terry Wilson	3	69	44	360	404	134.7
Travis Tisdale	2	5	57	0	57	28.5
Tyler Markray	1	2	52	0	52	52.0
Walker Wood	2	6	22	15	37	18.5
Max Duffy	12	1	26	0	26	2.2
Josh Ali	12	3	6	0	6	0.5
Akeem Hayes	7	1	2	0	2	0.3
Clevan Thomas Jr.	12	2	-5	0	-5	-0.4
Team	6	9	-16	0	-16	-2.7
Total	12	762	3293	1405	4698	391.5
Opponents	12	741	1787	2072	3859	321.6

Field Goals	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Chance Poore	5-9	55.6	0-0	0-1	1-2	4-6	0-0	46	0
Matt Ruffolo	3-4	75.0	0-0	1-1	0-0	1-2	1-1	50	0

FG Sequence	Kentucky Wildcats	Opponents
Toledo Rockets	(46)	(46)
Eastern Michigan	(40),49	(24)
Florida	35	27,(32)
Mississippi State	(40),47,26,(29)	-
South Carolina	-	(26)
Arkansas	47,(50)	(28),(44)
Georgia	-	-
Missouri	(43)	45
Tennessee	-	(26)
Vanderbilt	(32)	-
UT Martin	-	-
Louisville	(45)	-

Punting	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Max Duffy	47	2285	48.6	70	4	10	24	22	0
Total	47	2285	48.6	70	4	10	24	22	0
Opponents	62	2737	44.1	65	7	7	26	16	1

Kickoffs	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	retn	net	ydln
Grant McKinniss	61	3747	61.4	43	0			
Total	61	3747	61.4	43	0	15.9	40.1	24
Opponents	47	2847	60.6	26	1	21.0	38.7	26

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.

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All Purpose	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Lynn Bowden Jr.	12	1235	348	53	200	0	1836	153.0
Asim Rose	12	757	67	0	-10	0	814	67.8
Kavosiey Smoke	12	609	26	0	17	0	652	54.3
Chris Rodriguez	12	515	2	0	37	0	554	46.2
Josh Ali	12	6	181	78	0	0	265	22.1
Ahmad Wagner	11	0	254	0	0	0	254	23.1
Zach Johnson	12	0	0	0	125	0	125	10.4
Justin Rigg	12	0	112	0	0	0	112	9.3
Bryce Oliver	11	0	111	0	0	0	111	10.1
Clevan Thomas	12	-5	94	0	0	0	89	7.4
Keaton Upshaw	12	0	78	0	0	0	78	6.5
Terry Wilson	3	44	32	0	0	0	76	25.3
Allen Dailey Jr.	12	0	75	0	0	0	75	6.2
Travis Tisdale	2	57	0	0	0	0	57	28.5
Tyler Markray	1	52	0	0	0	0	52	52.0
Quandre Mosely	12	0	0	0	0	39	39	3.2
Max Duffy	12	26	0	0	0	0	26	2.2
Walker Wood	2	22	0	0	0	0	22	11.0
Tyrell Ajian	11	0	0	0	0	22	22	2.0
Drew Schlegel	12	0	12	0	9	0	21	1.8
Kash Daniel	11	0	0	0	0	18	18	1.6
Jordan Griffin	11	0	0	0	0	13	13	1.2
Nik Ognenovic	2	0	8	0	0	0	8	4.0
Akeem Hayes	7	2	5	0	0	0	7	1.0
DeAndre Square	11	0	0	0	0	3	3	0.3
Joshua Paschal	12	0	0	2	0	0	2	0.2
Sawyer Smith	8	-11	0	0	0	0	-11	-1.4
Team	6	-16	0	0	0	0	-16	-2.7
Total	12	3293	1405	133	378	95	5304	442.0
Opponents	12	1787	2072	84	223	146	4312	359.3

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Kentucky Wildcats Overall Defensive Statistics (as of Dec 08, 2019)
All games

#	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	
17	DeAndre Square	11-11	47	21	68	4.0-23	1.5-13	1-3	1	3	.	1	.	.	
29	Yusuf Corker	12-12	42	25	67	0.5-2	.	1-0	4	1	2-0	.	.	.	
26	Brandin Echols	12-10	41	11	52	2.5-10	1.0-5	.	9	.	.	2	.	.	
56	Kash Daniel	11-10	31	19	50	4.0-6	.	1-18	3	2	.	.	.	.
22	Chris Oats	11-2	28	13	41	0.5-0	.	.	1	.	.	1	.	.	
4	Joshua Paschal	12-12	20	14	34	9.5-36	3.5-18	.	1	.	.	2	1	.	
91	Calvin Taylor Jr.	12-12	19	14	33	8.5-47	7.5-46	.	4	2	.	3	.	.	
31	Jamar Watson	12-10	20	13	33	9.5-65	6.5-59	.	.	7	1-0	1	.	.	
44	Jamin Davis	12-1	9	17	26	1.0-10	1.0-10	1-0	.	2	.	.	.	.
3G	Jordan Griffin	11-10	15	10	25	2.0-6	1.0-5	2-13	3	.	2-0	.	.	.	
32	Jamari Brown	11-3	20	5	25	1.0-1	.	.	7	.	1-0	.	.	.	
15	Jordan Wright	12-0	15	9	24	5.0-29	3.0-25	.	.	1	1-0	1	.	.	
21	Quandre Mosely	12-2	16	7	23	1.0-1	1.0-1	1-39	3	.	.	.	.	.
90	T.J. Carter	12-11	15	6	21	5.0-19	2.0-9	.	.	2	.	.	.	.
50	Marquan Mccall	12-0	10	9	19	4.0-7	.	.	1	1	1-0	.	.	.	
95	Quinton Bohanna	12-12	9	8	17	3.0-6	1.0-3	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
23	Tyrell Ajian	11-2	15	2	17	.	.	1-22	1	.	.	.	.	.
27	Cedrick Dort Jr.	11-11	12	3	15	.	.	.	5	.	.	1	.	.	
59	Kordell Looney	12-1	4	5	9	2.0-9	1.0-5	.	2	2	.	2	.	.	
45	J.J. Weaver	3-0	5	1	6	1.0-1	.	.	2	1	.	.	.	.
36	M.J. Devonshire	3-0	5	.	5	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
94	A. Abadi-Fitzgerald	12-0	.	4	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
48	Tra Wilkins	2-0	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
89	Allen Dailey Jr.	12-2	.	3	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
47	K.D. McDaniel	3-0	.	3	3	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.
30	Taj Dodson	3-0	3	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
28	Zach Johnson	12-0	1	2	3	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
25	Brett Slusher	12-0	1	2	3	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
55	Davoan Hawkins	9-0	3	.	3	2.0-8	1.0-5	.	.	1	.	1	.	.	
46	Drew Schlegel	12-0	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
9M	Jerquavion Mahone	4-0	2	.	2	1.0-10	1.0-10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
85	Bryce Oliver	11-0	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
93	Max Duffy	12-0	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
86	Grant McKinniss	12-0	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
83	Justin Rigg	12-11	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
11	Moses Douglass	3-0	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
12	Sawyer Smith	8-3	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
70	Darian Kinnard	12-12	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
5	Xavier Peters	3-0	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
6C	Jared Casey	3-0	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
53	Blake Best	12-0	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
37	Stanley Garner	6-0	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
34	Jalen Geiger	3-0	1	.	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
20	Kavosiey Smoke	12-0	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
42	Marquez Bembry	1-0	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
8H	DeMarcus Harris	3-0	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
39	Elijah Barnett	1-0	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
40	Jackson High	1-0	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
49	Shawn Lawson	1-0	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
98	Cavon Butler	1-0	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
TM	Team	6-0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
69	Collin Hartmann	1-0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
Total		12	426	234	660	67-296	32-214	8-95	51	28	10-0	15	1	1	
Opponents		12	456	290	746	54-178	16-89	7-146	39	16	11-72	14	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
Lynn Bowden Jr.	12	151	1282	47	1235	8.2	11	60	102.9	38	172	1358	61	1297	7.5	11	60	34.1
Asim Rose	12	139	794	37	757	5.4	6	63	63.1	32	225	1309	73	1236	5.5	11	75	38.6
Kavosiey Smoke	12	97	622	13	609	6.3	6	70	50.8	14	101	667	13	654	6.5	7	70	46.7
Chris Rodriguez Jr.	12	65	520	5	515	7.9	5	64	42.9	15	67	563	5	558	8.3	5	64	37.2
Travis Tisdale	2	5	60	3	57	11.4	1	53	28.5	2	5	60	3	57	11.4	1	53	28.5
Tyler Markray	1	2	52	0	52	26.0	1	45	52.0	1	2	52	0	52	26.0	1	45	52.0
Terry Wilson	3	17	67	23	44	2.6	1	15	14.7	16	152	809	218	591	3.9	5	42	36.9
Max Duffy	12	1	26	0	26	26.0	0	26	2.2	24	1	26	0	26	26.0	0	26	1.1
Walker Wood	2	3	22	0	22	7.3	0	10	11.0	2	3	22	0	22	7.3	0	10	11.0
Josh Ali	12	2	6	0	6	3.0	0	3	0.5	33	2	6	0	6	3.0	0	3	0.2
Akeem Hayes	7	1	2	0	2	2.0	0	2	0.3	8	1	2	0	2	2.0	0	2	0.2
Justin Rigg	12	0	0	0	0	0.0	1	0	0.0	40	0	0	0	0	0.0	1	0	0.0
Clevan Thomas Jr.	12	2	1	6	-5	-2.5	0	1	-0.4	24	2	1	6	-5	-2.5	0	1	-0.2
Sawyer Smith	8	24	55	66	-11	-0.5	1	15	-1.4	8	24	55	66	-11	-0.5	1	15	-1.4
Team	6	9	0	16	-16	-1.8	0	0	-2.7									
Total	12	518	3509	216	3293	6.4	33	70	274.4									
Opponents	12	410	2135	348	1787	4.4	20	76	148.9									
Passing	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g		
Sawyer Smith	8	94.53	57-125-5	45.6	690	4	54	86.2	8	94.53	57-125-5	45.6	690	4	54	86.2		
Lynn Bowden Jr.	12	95.68	29-62-2	46.8	330	2	44	27.5	38	98.58	32-67-4	47.8	422	2	44	11.1		
Terry Wilson	3	134.31	33-52-0	63.5	360	2	40	120.0	16	134.00	213-320-8	66.6	2249	13	54	140.6		
Walker Wood	2	108.67	2-3-0	66.7	15	0	8	7.5	2	108.67	2-3-0	66.7	15	0	8	7.5		
Asim Rose	12	184.00	1-1-0	100.0	10	0	10	0.8	32	184.00	1-1-0	100.0	10	0	10	0.3		
Josh Ali	12	0.00	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	33	0.00	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0		
Total	12	103.45	122-244-7	50.0	1405	8	54	117.1										
Opponents	12	112.13	190-331-8	57.4	2072	7	74	172.7										
Receiving	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g				
Lynn Bowden Jr.	12	30	348	11.6	1	39	29.0	38	114	1303	11.4	6	54	34.3				
Josh Ali	12	19	181	9.5	2	20	15.1	33	32	321	10.0	3	32	9.7				
Ahmad Wagner	11	15	254	16.9	2	54	23.1	22	15	254	16.9	2	54	11.5				
Asim Rose	12	11	67	6.1	0	13	5.6	32	20	150	7.5	1	31	4.7				
Justin Rigg	12	10	112	11.2	0	31	9.3	40	17	197	11.6	0	31	4.9				
Clevan Thomas Jr.	12	10	94	9.4	1	40	7.8	24	14	161	11.5	1	40	6.7				
Keaton Upshaw	12	7	78	11.1	1	19	6.5	12	7	78	11.1	1	19	6.5				
Allen Dailey Jr.	12	7	75	10.7	0	17	6.2	25	9	113	12.6	1	23	4.5				
Bryce Oliver	11	6	111	18.5	1	44	10.1	12	6	111	18.5	1	44	9.2				
Kavosiey Smoke	12	2	26	13.0	0	28	2.2	14	2	26	13.0	0	28	1.9				
Terry Wilson	3	1	32	32.0	0	32	10.7	16	2	26	13.0	0	32	1.6				
Drew Schlegel	12	1	12	12.0	0	12	1.0	23	1	12	12.0	0	12	0.5				
Nik Ognenovic	2	1	8	8.0	0	8	4.0	2	1	8	8.0	0	8	4.0				
Akeem Hayes	7	1	5	5.0	0	5	0.7	8	2	4	2.0	0	5	0.5				
Chris Rodriguez Jr.	12	1	2	2.0	0	6	0.2	15	1	2	2.0	0	6	0.1				
Total	12	122	1405	11.5	8	54	117.1											
Opponents	12	190	2072	10.9	7	74	172.7											

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	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Total Offense												
Lynn Bowden Jr.	12	213	1235	330	1565	130.4	38	239	1297	422	1719	45.2
Asim Rose	12	140	757	10	767	63.9	32	226	1236	10	1246	38.9
Sawyer Smith	8	149	-11	690	679	84.9	8	149	-11	690	679	84.9
Kavosiey Smoke	12	97	609	0	609	50.8	14	101	654	0	654	46.7
Chris Rodriguez Jr.	12	65	515	0	515	42.9	15	67	558	0	558	37.2
Terry Wilson	3	69	44	360	404	134.7	16	472	591	2249	2840	177.5
Travis Tisdale	2	5	57	0	57	28.5	2	5	57	0	57	28.5
Tyler Markray	1	2	52	0	52	52.0	1	2	52	0	52	52.0
Walker Wood	2	6	22	15	37	18.5	2	6	22	15	37	18.5
Max Duffy	12	1	26	0	26	2.2	24	1	26	0	26	1.1
Josh Ali	12	3	6	0	6	0.5	33	3	6	0	6	0.2
Akeem Hayes	7	1	2	0	2	0.3	8	1	2	0	2	0.2
Clevan Thomas Jr.	12	2	-5	0	-5	-0.4	24	2	-5	0	-5	-0.2
Team	6	9	-16	0	-16	-2.7						
Total	12	762	3293	1405	4698	391.5						
Opponents	12	741	1787	2072	3859	321.6						

Scoring	td	fg	PAT				dxp	saf	pts	td	fg	PAT				dxp	saf	pts
			kick	rush	rcv	pass						kick	rush	rcv	pass			
Lynn Bowden Jr.	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	72	19	-	-	-	-	0-1	-	-	114	
Chance Poore	-	5-9	24-26	-	-	-	-	39	-	7-13	27-29	-	-	-	-	-	48	
Kavosiey Smoke	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	36	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	42		
Asim Rose	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	36	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	72		
Chris Rodriguez Jr.	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	30	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	30		
Matt Ruffolo	-	3-4	14-16	-	-	-	-	23	-	3-4	14-16	-	-	-	-	23		
Josh Ali	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	18		
Ahmad Wagner	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	12		
Terry Wilson	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	30		
Justin Rigg	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6		
Keaton Upshaw	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6		
Bryce Oliver	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6		
Yusuf Corker	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6		
Sawyer Smith	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6		
Clevan Thomas Jr.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6		
Tyler Markray	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6		
Travis Tisdale	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6		
Team	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1 2										
Total	42	8-13	38-42	-	-	-	-	1 316										
Opponents	29	7-9	26-27	0-1	-	0-1	-	221										

Punt Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Josh Ali	13	78	6.0	0	19	13	78	6.0	0	19
Lynn Bowden Jr.	4	53	13.2	0	29	9	199	22.1	2	67
Joshua Paschal	1	2	2.0	0	0	2	20	10.0	0	0
Total	18	133	7.4	0	29					
Opponents	9	84	9.3	0	42					

Kick Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Lynn Bowden Jr.	8	200	25.0	0	37	70	1608	23.0	0	93
Zach Johnson	4	125	31.2	0	58	6	160	26.7	0	58
Chris Rodriguez Jr.	2	37	18.5	0	20	2	37	18.5	0	20
Drew Schlegel	2	9	4.5	0	6	2	9	4.5	0	6
Kavosiey Smoke	1	17	17.0	0	17	1	17	17.0	0	17
Asim Rose	1	-10	-10.0	0	0	2	-1	-0.5	0	9
Total	18	378	21.0	0	58					
Opponents	14	223	15.9	0	37					

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	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Interceptions										
Jordan Griffin	2	13	6.5	0	15	3	15	5.0	0	15
Kash Daniel	1	18	18.0	0	18	1	18	18.0	0	18
Yusuf Corker	1	0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0.0	0	0
Tyrell Ajian	1	22	22.0	0	22	2	57	28.5	0	35
Quandre Mosely	1	39	39.0	0	39	1	39	39.0	0	39
DeAndre Square	1	3	3.0	0	3	1	3	3.0	0	3
Jamin Davis	1	0	0.0	0	0	2	18	9.0	0	18
Total	8	95	11.9	0	39					
Opponents	7	146	20.9	1	72					

	SEASON					CAREER				
	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Fumble Returns										
Yusuf Corker	0	0	0.0	1	0	0	0	0.0	1	0
Total	0	0	0.0	1	0					
Opponents	4	72	18.0	1	67					

	SEASON								CAREER							
	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
All Purpose																
Lynn Bowden Jr.	12	1235	348	53	200	0	1836	153.0	38	1297	1303	199	1608	0	4407	116.0
Asim Rose	12	757	67	0	-10	0	814	67.8	32	1236	150	0	-1	0	1385	43.3
Kavosiey Smoke	12	609	26	0	17	0	652	54.3	14	654	26	0	17	0	697	49.8
Chris Rodriguez	12	515	2	0	37	0	554	46.2	15	558	2	0	37	0	597	39.8
Josh Ali	12	6	181	78	0	0	265	22.1	33	6	321	78	0	0	405	12.3
Ahmad Wagner	11	0	254	0	0	0	254	23.1	22	0	254	0	0	0	254	11.5
Zach Johnson	12	0	0	0	125	0	125	10.4	33	0	0	0	160	0	160	4.8
Justin Rigg	12	0	112	0	0	0	112	9.3	40	0	197	0	0	0	197	4.9
Bryce Oliver	11	0	111	0	0	0	111	10.1	12	0	111	0	0	0	111	9.2
Clevan Thomas J	12	-5	94	0	0	0	89	7.4	24	-5	161	0	0	0	156	6.5
Keaton Upshaw	12	0	78	0	0	0	78	6.5	12	0	78	0	0	0	78	6.5
Terry Wilson	3	44	32	0	0	0	76	25.3	16	591	26	0	0	0	617	38.6
Allen Dailey Jr.	12	0	75	0	0	0	75	6.2	25	0	113	0	0	0	113	4.5
Travis Tisdale	2	57	0	0	0	0	57	28.5	2	57	0	0	0	0	57	28.5
Tyler Markray	1	52	0	0	0	0	52	52.0	1	52	0	0	0	0	52	52.0
Quandre Mosely	12	0	0	0	0	39	39	3.2	12	0	0	0	0	39	39	3.2
Max Duffy	12	26	0	0	0	0	26	2.2	24	26	0	0	0	0	26	1.1
Tyrell Ajian	11	0	0	0	0	22	22	2.0	24	0	0	0	0	57	57	2.4
Walker Wood	2	22	0	0	0	0	22	11.0	2	22	0	0	0	0	22	11.0
Drew Schlegel	12	0	12	0	9	0	21	1.8	23	0	12	0	9	0	21	0.9
Kash Daniel	11	0	0	0	0	18	18	1.6	50	6	0	0	28	18	52	1.0
Jordan Griffin	11	0	0	0	0	13	13	1.2	44	0	0	0	0	15	15	0.3
Nik Ognenovic	2	0	8	0	0	0	8	4.0	2	0	8	0	0	0	8	4.0
Akeem Hayes	7	2	5	0	0	0	7	1.0	8	2	4	0	0	0	6	0.8
DeAndre Square	11	0	0	0	0	3	3	0.3	24	0	0	0	0	3	3	0.1
Joshua Paschal	12	0	0	2	0	0	2	0.2	28	0	0	20	0	0	20	0.7
Sawyer Smith	8	-11	0	0	0	0	-11	-1.4	8	-11	0	0	0	0	-11	-1.4
Team	6	-16	0	0	0	0	-16	-2.7								
Total	12	3293	1405	133	378	95	5304	442.0								
Opponents	12	1787	2072	84	223	146	4312	359.3								

	SEASON				CAREER			
	att	good	long	blkd	att	good	long	blkd
Field Goals								
Chance Poore	9	5	46	0	13	7	46	1
Matt Ruffolo	4	3	50	0	4	3	50	0
Total	13	8	50	0				
Opponents	9	7	46	0				

	SEASON					CAREER				
	no.	yds	avg	lg	blk	no.	yds	avg	lg	blk
Punting										
Max Duffy	47	2285	48.6	70	0	107	4972	46.5	70	0
Total	47	2285	48.6	70	0					
Opponents	62	2737	44.1	65	1					

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Rushes	26	Lynn Bowden Jr. vs Tennessee (Nov 09, 2019)
Yards Rushing	284	Lynn Bowden Jr. vs Louisville (Nov 30, 2019)
TD Rushes	4	Lynn Bowden Jr. vs Louisville (Nov 30, 2019)
Long Rush	70	Kavosiey Smoke vs Louisville (Nov 30, 2019)
Pass attempts	41	Sawyer Smith at Mississippi State (Sep 21 2019)
Pass completions	23	Sawyer Smith vs Florida (Sep 14, 2019)
Yards Passing	267	Sawyer Smith vs Florida (Sep 14, 2019)
TD Passes	2	Terry Wilson vs Toledo Rockets (Aug 31, 2019)
	2	Sawyer Smith vs Eastern Michigan (Sep 07, 2019)
	2	Sawyer Smith vs Florida (Sep 14, 2019)
Long Pass	54	Sawyer Smith vs Eastern Michigan (Sep 07, 2019)
Receptions	7	Lynn Bowden Jr. vs Eastern Michigan (Sep 07, 2019)
	7	Lynn Bowden Jr. vs Florida (Sep 14, 2019)
	7	Lynn Bowden Jr. at Mississippi State (Sep 21 2019)
Yards Receiving	129	Lynn Bowden Jr. at Mississippi State (Sep 21 2019)
TD Receptions	1	Josh Ali vs Toledo Rockets (Aug 31, 2019)
	1	Bryce Oliver vs Toledo Rockets (Aug 31, 2019)
	1	Lynn Bowden Jr. vs Eastern Michigan (Sep 07, 2019)
	1	Ahmad Wagner vs Eastern Michigan (Sep 07, 2019)
	1	Ahmad Wagner vs Florida (Sep 14, 2019)
	1	Keaton Upshaw vs Florida (Sep 14, 2019)
	1	Clevan Thomas Jr. vs Arkansas (Oct 12, 2019)
	1	Josh Ali at Vanderbilt (Nov 16, 2019)
Long Reception	54	Ahmad Wagner vs Eastern Michigan (Sep 07, 2019)
Field Goals	1	Chance Poore vs Toledo Rockets (Aug 31, 2019)
	1	Chance Poore vs Eastern Michigan (Sep 07, 2019)
	1	Chance Poore at Mississippi State (Sep 21 2019)
	1	Matt Ruffolo at Mississippi State (Sep 21 2019)
	1	Matt Ruffolo vs Arkansas (Oct 12, 2019)
	1	Chance Poore vs Missouri (Oct 26, 2019)
	1	Chance Poore at Vanderbilt (Nov 16, 2019)
	1	Matt Ruffolo vs Louisville (Nov 30, 2019)
Long Field Goal	50	Matt Ruffolo vs Arkansas (Oct 12, 2019)
Punts	9	Max Duffy at South Carolina (Sep 28, 2019)
Punting Avg	57.7	Max Duffy vs UT Martin (Nov 23, 2019)
Long Punt	70	Max Duffy vs Missouri (Oct 26, 2019)
Punts inside 20	4	Max Duffy at South Carolina (Sep 28, 2019)
	4	Max Duffy at Georgia (Oct 19, 2019)
Long Punt Return	29	Lynn Bowden Jr. vs Eastern Michigan (Sep 07, 2019)
Long Kickoff Return	58	Zach Johnson at Georgia (Oct 19, 2019)
Tackles	11	DeAndre Square vs Toledo Rockets (Aug 31, 2019)
	11	Yusuf Corker at Georgia (Oct 19, 2019)
Sacks	2.0	Jamar Watson at South Carolina (Sep 28, 2019)
	2.0	Calvin Taylor Jr. vs Missouri (Oct 26, 2019)
	2.0	Jamar Watson vs Louisville (Nov 30, 2019)
Tackles For Loss	2.0	Joshua Paschal vs Eastern Michigan (Sep 07, 2019)
	2.0	Jamar Watson at South Carolina (Sep 28, 2019)
	2.0	Kash Daniel vs Arkansas (Oct 12, 2019)
	2.0	Calvin Taylor Jr. vs Missouri (Oct 26, 2019)
	2.0	Marquan Mccall vs UT Martin (Nov 23, 2019)
	2.0	Joshua Paschal vs Louisville (Nov 30, 2019)
	2.0	Jamar Watson vs Louisville (Nov 30, 2019)
Interceptions	1	DeAndre Square vs Toledo Rockets (Aug 31, 2019)
	1	Jordan Griffin vs Eastern Michigan (Sep 07, 2019)
	1	Kash Daniel vs Eastern Michigan (Sep 07, 2019)
	1	Tyrell Ajian vs Florida (Sep 14, 2019)

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1	Quandre Mosely at Mississippi State (Sep 21 2019)
1	Yusuf Corker at Vanderbilt (Nov 16, 2019)
1	Jamin Davis vs UT Martin (Nov 23, 2019)
1	Jordan Griffin vs Louisville (Nov 30, 2019)

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TEAM GAME HIGHS

Rushes	64	vs Tennessee (Nov 09, 2019)
Yards Rushing	517	vs Louisville (Nov 30, 2019)
Yards Per Rush	12.9	vs Louisville (Nov 30, 2019)
TD Rushes	6	vs UT Martin (Nov 23, 2019)
	6	vs Louisville (Nov 30, 2019)
Pass attempts	42	at Mississippi State (Sep 21 2019)
Pass completions	23	vs Florida (Sep 14, 2019)
Yards Passing	267	vs Florida (Sep 14, 2019)
Yards Per Pass	9.5	vs Toledo Rockets (Aug 31, 2019)
TD Passes	2	vs Toledo Rockets (Aug 31, 2019)
	2	vs Eastern Michigan (Sep 07, 2019)
	2	vs Florida (Sep 14, 2019)
Total Plays	76	vs Florida (Sep 14, 2019)
Total Offense	528	at Vanderbilt (Nov 16, 2019)
Yards Per Play	12.4	vs Louisville (Nov 30, 2019)
Points	50	vs UT Martin (Nov 23, 2019)
Sacks By	6	vs UT Martin (Nov 23, 2019)
	6	vs Louisville (Nov 30, 2019)
First Downs	30	at Vanderbilt (Nov 16, 2019)
Penalties	11	at Vanderbilt (Nov 16, 2019)
Penalty Yards	91	at Vanderbilt (Nov 16, 2019)
Turnovers	4	vs Florida (Sep 14, 2019)
Interceptions By	2	vs Eastern Michigan (Sep 07, 2019)
Punts	9	at South Carolina (Sep 28, 2019)
Punting Avg	57.7	vs UT Martin (Nov 23, 2019)
Long Punt	70	vs Missouri (Oct 26, 2019)
Punts inside 20	4	at South Carolina (Sep 28, 2019)
	4	at Georgia (Oct 19, 2019)
Long Punt Return	29	vs Eastern Michigan (Sep 07, 2019)

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OPPONENT INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

Rushes	26	Kylin Hill, at Mississippi State (Sep 21 2019)
Yards Rushing	179	D'Andre Swift, at Georgia (Oct 19, 2019)
TD Rushes	3	Kylin Hill, at Mississippi State (Sep 21 2019)
Long Rush	76	J. Hammond, vs Florida (Sep 14, 2019)
Pass attempts	53	GLASS, Mike, vs Eastern Michigan (Sep 07, 2019)
Pass completions	34	GLASS, Mike, vs Eastern Michigan (Sep 07, 2019)
Yards Passing	337	GLASS, Mike, vs Eastern Michigan (Sep 07, 2019)
TD Passes	2	GLASS, Mike, vs Eastern Michigan (Sep 07, 2019)
	2	Guarantano,J., vs Tennessee (Nov 09, 2019)
Long Pass	74	Bryant, Kelly, vs Missouri (Oct 26, 2019)
Receptions	8	Williams, Terry, vs UT Martin (Nov 23, 2019)
Yards Receiving	103	Callaway,M., vs Tennessee (Nov 09, 2019)
TD Receptions	1	LATU, Line, vs Eastern Michigan (Sep 07, 2019)
	1	CANNON, Bryson, vs Eastern Michigan (Sep 07, 2019)
	1	F. Swain, vs Florida (Sep 14, 2019)
	1	Badie, Tyler, vs Missouri (Oct 26, 2019)
	1	Callaway,M., vs Tennessee (Nov 09, 2019)
	1	Palmer,J., vs Tennessee (Nov 09, 2019)
	1	Atwell, T., vs Louisville (Nov 30, 2019)
Long Reception	74	Badie, Tyler, vs Missouri (Oct 26, 2019)
Field Goals	2	Connor Limpert, vs Arkansas (Oct 12, 2019)
Long Field Goal	46	Evan Davis, vs Toledo Rockets (Aug 31, 2019)
Punts	9	Joseph Charlton, at South Carolina (Sep 28, 2019)
Punting Avg	52.8	Jake Camarda, at Georgia (Oct 19, 2019)
Long Punt	65	Joseph Charlton, at South Carolina (Sep 28, 2019)
Punts inside 20	5	Joseph Charlton, at South Carolina (Sep 28, 2019)
Long Punt Return	42	Williams, Terry, vs UT Martin (Nov 23, 2019)
Long Kickoff Return	37	Ronnie Jones, vs Toledo Rockets (Aug 31, 2019)
Tackles	19	Bituli,D., vs Tennessee (Nov 09, 2019)
Sacks	3.0	D.J. Wonnum, at South Carolina (Sep 28, 2019)
Tackles For Loss	3.0	D.J. Wonnum, at South Carolina (Sep 28, 2019)
Interceptions	2	S. Davis, vs Florida (Sep 14, 2019)

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Rushes	51	vs Louisville (Nov 30, 2019)
Yards Rushing	247	at South Carolina (Sep 28, 2019)
Yards Per Rush	6.1	vs Arkansas (Oct 12, 2019)
TD Rushes	3	vs Toledo Rockets (Aug 31, 2019)
	3	vs Florida (Sep 14, 2019)
	3	at Mississippi State (Sep 21, 2019)
	3	at South Carolina (Sep 28, 2019)
	3	at Georgia (Oct 19, 2019)
Pass attempts	53	vs Eastern Michigan (Sep 07, 2019)
Pass completions	34	vs Eastern Michigan (Sep 07, 2019)
Yards Passing	337	vs Eastern Michigan (Sep 07, 2019)
Yards Per Pass	10.0	vs Florida (Sep 14, 2019)
TD Passes	2	vs Eastern Michigan (Sep 07, 2019)
	2	vs Tennessee (Nov 09, 2019)
Total Plays	75	vs Eastern Michigan (Sep 07, 2019)
Total Offense	438	vs Florida (Sep 14, 2019)
Yards Per Play	7.7	vs Florida (Sep 14, 2019)
Points	29	vs Florida (Sep 14, 2019)
Sacks By	4	at South Carolina (Sep 28, 2019)
First Downs	24	vs Eastern Michigan (Sep 07, 2019)
Penalties	11	vs Toledo Rockets (Aug 31, 2019)
Penalty Yards	80	vs Toledo Rockets (Aug 31, 2019)
Turnovers	3	vs UT Martin (Nov 23, 2019)
Interceptions By	3	vs Florida (Sep 14, 2019)
Punts	9	at South Carolina (Sep 28, 2019)
Punting Avg	52.8	at Georgia (Oct 19, 2019)
Long Punt	65	at South Carolina (Sep 28, 2019)
Punts inside 20	5	at South Carolina (Sep 28, 2019)
Long Punt Return	42	vs UT Martin (Nov 23, 2019)

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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	
Aug 31	TOLEDO ROCKETS	39	176	3	40	19	246	2	40	19-26-0	246	2	40	3	62	0	24	2	5	0	6	422
Sep 07	EASTERN MICHIGAN	39	239	3	32	20	222	2	54	20-36-0	222	2	54	1	37	0	37	1	29	0	29	461
Sep 14	FLORIDA	41	140	1	21	23	267	2	26	23-35-3	267	2	26	1	18	0	18	0	0	0	0	407
Sep 21	at Mississippi State	28	154	1	31	15	232	0	39	15-42-1	232	0	39	2	22	0	19	1	25	0	25	386
Sep 28	at South Carolina	28	115	1	44	13	97	0	26	13-34-1	97	0	26	3	84	0	37	1	9	0	9	212
Oct 12	ARKANSAS	54	330	2	51	8	88	1	31	8-12-0	88	1	31	2	48	0	26	3	18	0	18	418
Oct 19	at Georgia	35	160	0	21	2	17	0	9	2-16-0	17	0	9	2	75	0	58	2	13	0	19	177
Oct 26	MISSOURI	48	297	4	46	4	63	0	44	4-8-0	63	0	44	0	0	0	0	3	29	0	18	360
Nov 09	TENNESSEE	64	302	2	26	4	25	0	12	4-7-1	25	0	12	1	19	0	19	2	1	0	0	327
Nov 16	at Vanderbilt	57	401	4	49	11	127	1	40	11-15-0	127	1	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	528
Nov 23	UT MARTIN	45	462	6	63	2	17	0	9	2-11-1	17	0	9	1	17	0	17	1	-3	0	0	479
Nov 30	LOUISVILLE	40	517	6	70	1	4	0	4	1-2-0	4	0	4	2	-4	0	6	2	7	0	7	521
Kentucky Wildcats		518	3293	33	70	122	1405	8	54	122-244-7	1405	8	54	18	378	0	58	18	133	0	29	4698
		410	1787	20	76	190	2072	7	74	190-331-8	2072	7	74	14	223	0	37	9	84	0	42	3859

Games: 12 • Avg/rush: 6.4 • Avg/catch: 11.5 • Pass effic: 103.45 • KR avg: 21.0 • PR avg: 7.4 • All purpose avg/game: 442.0 • Total offense avg/gm: 391.5

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
Aug 31	TOLEDO ROCKETS	32	34	66	7.0-35	4.0-28	1	1-0	1-3	1	5	0	5-5	0	0	0	10	38
Sep 07	EASTERN MICHIGAN	44	8	52	5.0-28	2.0-18	1	0-0	2-33	4	5	0	5-5	0	0	0	3	38
Sep 14	FLORIDA	34	12	46	5.0-10	1.0-5	1	1-0	1-22	4	4	0	3-3	0	0	0	7	21
Sep 21	at Mississippi State	36	28	64	4.0-20	2.0-14	1	1-0	1-39	0	4	0	1-1	0	0	0	7	13
Sep 28	at South Carolina	47	16	63	4.0-20	3.0-15	1	1-0	0-0	5	6	0	1-1	0	0	0	0	7
Oct 12	ARKANSAS	36	12	48	7.0-24	3.0-18	1	0-0	0-0	4	7	0	3-3	0	0	0	0	24
Oct 19	at Georgia	32	30	62	2.0-8	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Oct 26	MISSOURI	35	20	55	5.0-23	4.0-21	4	2-0	0-0	2	3	0	2-4	0	0	0	7	29
Nov 09	TENNESSEE	21	8	29	2.0-10	1.0-7	1	1-0	0-0	0	5	1	1-2	0	0	0	0	13
Nov 16	at Vanderbilt	27	14	41	2.0-4	0.0-0	1	0-0	1-0	3	4	0	5-5	0	0	0	7	38
Nov 23	UT MARTIN	37	26	63	11.0-62	6.0-49	2	2-0	1-0	4	3	0	6-7	0	0	1	14	50
Nov 30	LOUISVILLE	45	26	71	13.0-52	6.0-39	1	1-0	1--2	1	4	0	6-6	0	0	0	0	45
Kentucky Wildcats		426	234	660	67.0-296	32.0-214	15	10-0	8-95	28	51	1	38-42	0	0	1	55	316
		456	290	746	54.0-178	16.0-89	14	11-72	7-146	16	39	1	26-27	0	0	0	57	221

Date	Opponent	Punting										Field Goals			Kickoffs				
		no.	yds	avg	long	blkd	tb	fc	50+	i20	md-att	long	blkd	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	
Aug 31	TOLEDO ROCKETS	6	324	54.0	61	0	0	1	5	2	1-1	46	0	7	451	64.4	5	0	
Sep 07	EASTERN MICHIGAN	3	130	43.3	56	0	0	1	1	3	1-2	40	0	7	430	61.4	6	0	
Sep 14	FLORIDA	2	109	54.5	63	0	0	1	1	2	0-1	0	0	4	260	65.0	4	0	
Sep 21	at Mississippi State	3	154	51.3	56	0	2	1	2	1	2-4	40	0	4	260	65.0	4	0	
Sep 28	at South Carolina	9	460	51.1	62	0	0	0	3	4	0-0	0	0	1	65	65.0	1	0	
Oct 12	ARKANSAS	3	133	44.3	54	0	0	2	1	2	1-2	50	0	5	322	64.4	3	0	
Oct 19	at Georgia	7	281	40.1	69	0	1	0	3	4	0-0	0	0	1	51	51.0	0	0	
Oct 26	MISSOURI	5	262	52.4	70	0	0	1	2	3	1-1	43	0	6	370	61.7	5	0	
Nov 09	TENNESSEE	3	139	46.3	55	0	1	1	1	0	0-0	0	0	3	155	51.7	2	0	
Nov 16	at Vanderbilt	1	35	35.0	35	0	0	0	0	0	1-1	32	0	7	405	57.9	5	0	
Nov 23	UT MARTIN	3	173	57.7	66	0	0	1	3	2	0-0	0	0	8	478	59.8	4	0	
Nov 30	LOUISVILLE	2	85	42.5	46	0	0	1	0	1	1-1	45	0	8	500	62.5	4	0	
Kentucky Wildcats		47	2285	48.6	70	0	4	10	22	24	8-13	50	0	61	3747	61.4	43	0	
		62	2737	44.1	65	1	7	7	16	26	7-9	46	0	47	2847	60.6	26	1	

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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
Aug 31	TOLEDO ROCKETS	39	181	3	21	11	166	0	39	11-25-1	166	0	39	2	59	0	37	3	6	0	5	347	
Sep 07	EASTERN MICHIGAN	22	49	0	16	34	337	2	38	34-53-2	337	2	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	386
Sep 14	FLORIDA	27	138	3	76	21	300	1	32	21-30-1	300	1	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	438
Sep 21	at Mississippi State	40	241	3	49	17	180	0	25	17-22-1	180	0	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	421
Sep 28	at South Carolina	46	247	3	30	15	140	0	23	15-27-0	140	0	23	0	0	0	0	1	-2	0	0	387	
Oct 12	ARKANSAS	30	183	2	74	12	122	0	22	12-27-0	122	0	22	2	38	0	23	1	26	0	26	305	
Oct 19	at Georgia	43	235	3	39	9	35	0	22	9-12-0	35	0	22	1	0	0	0	1	7	0	7	270	
Oct 26	MISSOURI	34	125	0	16	14	164	1	74	14-29-0	164	1	74	1	12	0	12	1	0	0	0	289	
Nov 09	TENNESSEE	21	83	0	17	14	213	2	34	14-25-0	213	2	34	0	0	0	0	1	5	0	5	296	
Nov 16	at Vanderbilt	25	108	1	22	11	90	0	22	11-24-1	90	0	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	198	
Nov 23	UT MARTIN	32	-12	1	8	22	216	0	21	22-38-1	216	0	21	4	50	0	14	1	42	0	42	204	
Nov 30	LOUISVILLE	51	209	1	56	10	109	1	33	10-19-1	109	1	33	4	64	0	22	0	0	0	0	318	
Opponents		410	1787	20	76	190	2072	7	74	190-331-8	2072	7	74	14	223	0	37	9	84	0	42	3859	
		518	3293	33	70	122	1405	8	54	122-244-7	1405	8	54	18	378	0	58	18	133	0	29	4698	

Games: 12 • Avg/rush: 4.4 • Avg/catch: 10.9 • Pass effic: 112.13 • KR avg: 15.9 • PR avg: 9.3 • All purpose avg/game: 359.3 • Total offense avg/gm: 321.6

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
Aug 31	TOLEDO ROCKETS	41	26	67	7.0-20	1.0-6	3	2-3	0-0	1	1	0	3-3	0	0	0	10	24
Sep 07	EASTERN MICHIGAN	46	16	62	2.0-2	2.0-2	2	1-0	0-0	0	3	0	2-2	0	0	0	0	17
Sep 14	FLORIDA	45	18	63	3.0-11	1.0-8	0	1-0	3-70	3	3	0	2-2	0	0	0	16	29
Sep 21	at Mississippi State	31	28	59	5.0-19	3.0-16	1	0-0	1-52	5	13	0	4-4	0	0	0	7	28
Sep 28	at South Carolina	36	16	52	8.0-46	4.0-34	2	1-0	1-0	5	8	0	3-3	0	0	0	7	24
Oct 12	ARKANSAS	46	28	74	7.0-17	1.0-7	1	1-0	0-0	0	1	0	2-2	0	0	0	3	20
Oct 19	at Georgia	25	30	55	1.0-3	1.0-3	2	1-1	0-0	0	5	0	3-3	0	0	0	7	21
Oct 26	MISSOURI	38	20	58	5.0-12	0.0-0	2	2-1	0-0	0	2	0	1-1	0	0	0	7	
Nov 09	TENNESSEE	49	34	83	6.0-27	2.0-11	0	0-0	1-24	0	0	1	2-2	0	0	0	17	
Nov 16	at Vanderbilt	40	36	76	5.0-12	1.0-2	1	1-67	0-0	0	0	0	2-2	0	0	0	14	
Nov 23	UT MARTIN	28	20	48	3.0-7	0.0-0	0	1-0	1-0	1	3	0	1-1	0	0	0	7	
Nov 30	LOUISVILLE	31	18	49	2.0-2	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	1-2	0	0	0	13	
Opponents		456	290	746	54.0-178	16.0-89	14	11-72	7-146	16	39	1	26-27	0	0	0	57	221
		426	234	660	67.0-296	32.0-214	15	10-0	8-95	28	51	1	38-42	0	0	1	55	316

Date	Opponent	Punting										Field Goals			Kickoffs				
		no.	yds	avg	long	blkd	tb	fc	50+	i20	md-att	long	blkd	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	
Aug 31	TOLEDO ROCKETS	8	339	42.4	58	0	0	2	2	4	1-1	46	0	4	250	62.5	1	0	
Sep 07	EASTERN MICHIGAN	4	174	43.5	49	0	0	0	0	2	1-1	24	0	4	259	64.8	3	0	
Sep 14	FLORIDA	1	44	44.0	44	0	0	0	0	1	1-2	32	0	6	387	64.5	5	0	
Sep 21	at Mississippi State	3	147	49.0	50	0	2	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	5	295	59.0	3	0	
Sep 28	at South Carolina	9	461	51.2	65	0	2	1	4	5	1-1	26	0	5	323	64.6	2	0	
Oct 12	ARKANSAS	4	177	44.2	50	0	0	0	1	2	2-2	44	0	5	323	64.6	3	0	
Oct 19	at Georgia	6	317	52.8	64	0	2	0	3	1	0-0	0	0	4	216	54.0	1	0	
Oct 26	MISSOURI	6	262	43.7	56	0	1	0	1	2	0-1	0	0	2	130	65.0	2	0	
Nov 09	TENNESSEE	4	141	35.2	57	1	0	1	2	3	1-1	26	0	4	259	64.8	3	0	
Nov 16	at Vanderbilt	3	116	38.7	42	0	0	2	0	1	0-0	0	0	3	195	65.0	3	0	
Nov 23	UT MARTIN	8	292	36.5	49	0	0	0	0	2	0-0	0	0	2	81	40.5	0	0	
Nov 30	LOUISVILLE	6	267	44.5	59	0	0	1	2	3	0-0	0	0	3	129	43.0	0	1	
Opponents		62	2737	44.1	65	1	7	7	16	26	7-9	46	0	47	2847	60.6	26	1	
		47	2285	48.6	70	0	4	10	22	24	8-13	50	0	61	3747	61.4	43	0	

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Opponent	Score	First Downs			Pen	Rushing Number-Yards	Passing		Yards	Total Offense Plays-Yards	Return Yards	Turn- Overs
		Total	Rush	Pass			Comp-Att-Int	Yds/Pl				
TOLEDO ROCKETS	38 - 24	20 / 15	8 / 6	9 / 7	3 / 2	39-176 / 39-181	19-26-0 / 11-25-1	246 / 166	65-422 / 64-347	70 / 68	2 / 2	
EASTERN MICHIGAN	38 - 17	26 / 24	14 / 6	10 / 16	2 / 2	39-239 / 22-49	20-36-0 / 34-53-2	222 / 337	75-461 / 75-386	99 / 0	1 / 2	
FLORIDA	21 - 29	26 / 21	10 / 4	14 / 12	2 / 5	41-140 / 27-138	23-35-3 / 21-30-1	267 / 300	76-407 / 57-438	40 / 70	4 / 2	
Mississippi State	13 - 28	21 / 22	9 / 12	10 / 9	2 / 1	28-154 / 40-241	15-42-1 / 17-22-1	232 / 180	70-386 / 62-421	86 / 52	1 / 2	
South Carolina	7 - 24	9 / 21	4 / 14	4 / 7	1 / 0	28-115 / 46-247	13-34-1 / 15-27-0	97 / 140	62-212 / 73-387	93 / -2	2 / 1	
ARKANSAS	24 - 20	21 / 16	15 / 6	5 / 7	1 / 3	54-330 / 30-183	8-12-0 / 12-27-0	88 / 122	66-418 / 57-305	66 / 64	1 / 0	
Georgia	0 - 21	9 / 14	8 / 10	1 / 3	0 / 1	35-160 / 43-235	2-16-0 / 9-12-0	17 / 35	51-177 / 55-270	88 / 8	1 / 0	
MISSOURI	29 - 7	15 / 14	11 / 8	2 / 4	2 / 2	48-297 / 34-125	4-8-0 / 14-29-0	63 / 164	56-360 / 63-289	29 / 13	2 / 2	
TENNESSEE	13 - 17	21 / 13	18 / 2	1 / 10	2 / 1	64-302 / 21-83	4-7-1 / 14-25-0	25 / 213	71-327 / 46-296	20 / 29	1 / 1	
Vanderbilt	38 - 14	30 / 13	22 / 6	6 / 5	2 / 2	57-401 / 25-108	11-15-0 / 11-24-1	127 / 90	72-528 / 49-198	0 / 67	1 / 1	
UT MARTIN	50 - 7	16 / 14	15 / 4	0 / 10	1 / 0	45-462 / 32--12	2-11-1 / 22-38-1	17 / 216	56-479 / 70-204	14 / 92	2 / 3	
LOUISVILLE	45 - 13	16 / 17	15 / 10	0 / 7	1 / 0	40-517 / 51-209	1-2-0 / 10-19-1	4 / 109	42-521 / 70-318	1 / 64	0 / 2	
Totals	316 - 221	230 / 204	149 / 88	62 / 97	19 / 19	518-3293 / 410-1787	122-244-7 / 190-331-8	1405 / 2072	762-4698 / 741-3859	606 / 525	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
EASTERN MICHIGAN	9-14 / 6-14	0-0 / 1-2	33:01 / 26:59	6:02	6.1 / 2.2	6.2 / 6.4	6.1 / 5.1	3-43.3 / 4-43.5	7-84 / 5-46	2 / 2
FLORIDA	8-15 / 4-8	1-2 / 0-1	34:55 / 25:05	9:50	3.4 / 5.1	7.6 / 10.0	5.4 / 7.7	2-54.5 / 1-44.0	9-79 / 7-78	1 / 1
Mississippi State	1-12 / 6-10	3-4 / 0-0	26:54 / 33:06	-6:12	5.5 / 6.0	5.5 / 8.2	5.5 / 6.8	3-51.3 / 3-49.0	5-40 / 5-45	2 / 3
South Carolina	2-15 / 5-15	0-2 / 0-0	26:10 / 33:50	-7:40	4.1 / 5.4	2.9 / 5.2	3.4 / 5.3	9-51.1 / 9-51.2	4-20 / 5-40	3 / 4
ARKANSAS	7-14 / 6-13	0-1 / 0-1	37:11 / 22:49	14:22	6.1 / 6.1	7.3 / 4.5	6.3 / 5.4	3-44.3 / 4-44.2	7-44 / 5-39	3 / 1
Georgia	3-13 / 3-12	0-2 / 1-2	26:32 / 33:28	-6:56	4.6 / 5.5	1.1 / 2.9	3.5 / 4.9	7-40.1 / 6-52.8	7-60 / 4-33	0 / 1
MISSOURI	3-12 / 4-14	2-2 / 0-2	33:19 / 26:41	6:38	6.2 / 3.7	7.9 / 5.7	6.4 / 4.6	5-52.4 / 6-43.7	4-48 / 8-75	4 / 0
TENNESSEE	7-15 / 5-11	2-5 / 0-0	41:37 / 18:23	23:14	4.7 / 4.0	3.6 / 8.5	4.6 / 6.4	3-46.3 / 4-35.2	4-29 / 6-56	1 / 2
Vanderbilt	8-11 / 2-9	0-1 / 1-4	38:39 / 21:21	17:18	7.0 / 4.3	8.5 / 3.8	7.3 / 4.0	1-35.0 / 3-38.7	11-91 / 5-42	0 / 1
UT MARTIN	3-9 / 6-17	1-2 / 0-1	29:06 / 30:54	-1:48	10.3 / -0.4	1.5 / 5.7	8.6 / 2.9	3-57.7 / 8-36.5	2-25 / 4-45	6 / 0
LOUISVILLE	3-8 / 6-16	1-2 / 2-3	24:05 / 35:55	-11:50	12.9 / 4.1	2.0 / 5.7	12.4 / 4.5	2-42.5 / 6-44.5	2-15 / 7-60	6 / 0
Totals	57-149 / 60-155	11-24 / 5-16	382:14 / 337:46	44:28	6.4 / 4.4	5.8 / 6.3	6.2 / 5.2	47-48.6 / 62-44.1	69-596 / 72-639	32 / 16

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
Aug 31, 2019	TOLEDO ROCKETS	W 38-24	3-11 27.3	1-3 33.3	0-2 0.0	0-3 0.0	2-3 66.7	
Sep 07, 2019	EASTERN MICHIGAN	W 38-17	9-14 64.3	3-4 75.0	3-6 50.0	2-2 100.0	1-2 50.0	
Sep 14, 2019	FLORIDA	L 21-29	8-15 53.3	2-3 66.7	3-4 75.0	3-4 75.0	0-4 0.0	
Sep 21, 2019	at Mississippi State	L 13-28	1-12 8.3	1-3 33.3	0-3 0.0	0-1 0.0	0-5 0.0	
Sep 28, 2019	at South Carolina	L 7-24	2-15 13.3	0-4 0.0	0-2 0.0	2-6 33.3	0-3 0.0	
Oct 12, 2019	ARKANSAS	W 24-20	7-14 50.0	1-3 33.3	2-3 66.7	3-6 50.0	1-2 50.0	
Oct 19, 2019	at Georgia	L 0-21	3-13 23.1	0-3 0.0	1-3 33.3	0-3 0.0	2-4 50.0	
Oct 26, 2019	MISSOURI	W 29-7	3-12 25.0	0-1 0.0	1-3 33.3	0-3 0.0	2-5 40.0	
Nov 09, 2019	TENNESSEE	L 13-17	7-15 46.7	3-4 75.0	1-4 25.0	1-3 33.3	2-4 50.0	
Nov 16, 2019	at Vanderbilt	W 38-14	8-11 72.7	1-2 50.0	3-3 100.0	3-3 100.0	1-3 33.3	
Nov 23, 2019	UT MARTIN	W 50-7	3-9 33.3	1-4 25.0	0-2 0.0	1-2 50.0	1-1 100.0	
Nov 30, 2019	LOUISVILLE	W 45-13	3-8 37.5	1-1 100.0	1-4 25.0	1-2 50.0	0-1 0.0	
Kentucky Wildcats			57-149 38.3	14-35 40.0	15-39 38.5	16-38 42.1	12-37 32.4	0-0 0.0
Opponents			60-155 38.7	15-39 38.5	11-35 31.4	15-35 42.9	19-46 41.3	0-0 0.0

4th-Down Conversions

Date	Opponent	Score	Overall	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Overtime
Aug 31, 2019	TOLEDO ROCKETS	W 38-24	1-1 100.0	1-1 100.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	
Sep 07, 2019	EASTERN MICHIGAN	W 38-17	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	
Sep 14, 2019	FLORIDA	L 21-29	1-2 50.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	1-2 50.0	
Sep 21, 2019	at Mississippi State	L 13-28	3-4 75.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	1-1 100.0	2-3 66.7	
Sep 28, 2019	at South Carolina	L 7-24	0-2 0.0	0-1 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-1 0.0	0-0 0.0	
Oct 12, 2019	ARKANSAS	W 24-20	0-1 0.0	0-1 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	
Oct 19, 2019	at Georgia	L 0-21	0-2 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-2 0.0	
Oct 26, 2019	MISSOURI	W 29-7	2-2 100.0	0-0 0.0	1-1 100.0	0-0 0.0	1-1 100.0	
Nov 09, 2019	TENNESSEE	L 13-17	2-5 40.0	1-1 100.0	1-1 100.0	0-1 0.0	0-2 0.0	
Nov 16, 2019	at Vanderbilt	W 38-14	0-1 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-1 0.0	
Nov 23, 2019	UT MARTIN	W 50-7	1-2 50.0	0-0 0.0	1-1 100.0	0-1 0.0	0-0 0.0	
Nov 30, 2019	LOUISVILLE	W 45-13	1-2 50.0	0-0 0.0	0-1 0.0	0-0 0.0	1-1 100.0	
Kentucky Wildcats			11-24 45.8	2-4 50.0	3-4 75.0	1-4 25.0	5-12 41.7	0-0 0.0
Opponents			5-16 31.2	1-1 100.0	0-2 0.0	0-2 0.0	4-11 36.4	0-0 0.0

Time of Possession

Date	Opponent	Score	Overall	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Overtime
Aug 31, 2019	TOLEDO ROCKETS	W 38-24	30:45	8:14	4:59	9:33	7:59	
Sep 07, 2019	EASTERN MICHIGAN	W 38-17	33:01	8:09	8:15	10:02	6:35	
Sep 14, 2019	FLORIDA	L 21-29	34:55	7:37	9:07	10:40	7:31	
Sep 21, 2019	at Mississippi State	L 13-28	26:54	9:08	5:16	4:18	8:12	
Sep 28, 2019	at South Carolina	L 7-24	26:10	6:01	4:50	9:48	5:31	
Oct 12, 2019	ARKANSAS	W 24-20	37:11	7:52	10:04	11:15	8:00	
Oct 19, 2019	at Georgia	L 0-21	26:32	6:47	4:31	10:04	5:10	
Oct 26, 2019	MISSOURI	W 29-7	33:19	4:59	10:34	6:40	11:06	
Nov 09, 2019	TENNESSEE	L 13-17	41:37	12:23	9:03	7:25	12:46	
Nov 16, 2019	at Vanderbilt	W 38-14	38:39	8:09	12:01	9:58	8:31	
Nov 23, 2019	UT MARTIN	W 50-7	29:06	6:27	8:40	8:37	5:22	
Nov 30, 2019	LOUISVILLE	W 45-13	24:05	4:03	10:10	6:12	3:40	
Kentucky Wildcats			Total 382:14	89:49	97:30	104:32	90:23	0:00
			Avg. 31:51	7:29	8:07	8:42	7:31	0:00
Opponents			Total 337:46	90:11	82:30	75:28	89:37	0:00
			Avg. 28:08	7:30	6:52	6:17	7:28	0:00

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# 12 Sawyer Smith	Comp	Att	Int	Pct	Yards	TD	Long	Sacked	Effic
Eastern Michigan	5	9	0	55.6	76	2	54	0-0	199.82
Florida	23	35	3	65.7	267	2	26	1-8	131.51
Mississippi State	15	41	1	36.6	232	0	39	3-16	79.24
South Carolina	11	32	1	34.4	90	0	26	4-34	51.75
Missouri	1	1	0	100.0	9	0	9	0-0	175.60
Vanderbilt	2	4	0	50.0	16	0	11	0-0	83.60
UT Martin	0	3	0	0.0	0	0	0	0-0	0.00
TOTALS	57	125	5	45.6	690	4	54	8-58	94.53

# 3 Terry Wilson	Comp	Att	Int	Pct	Yards	TD	Long	Sacked	Effic
Toledo Rockets	19	26	0	73.1	246	2	40	1-6	177.94
Eastern Michigan	14	26	0	53.8	114	0	14	2-2	90.68
TOTALS	33	52	0	63.5	360	2	40	3-8	134.31

# 1 Lynn Bowden Jr.	Comp	Att	Int	Pct	Yards	TD	Long	Sacked	Effic
Eastern Michigan	1	1	0	100.0	32	0	32	0-0	368.80
Mississippi State	0	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0-0	0.00
South Carolina	2	2	0	100.0	7	0	9	0-0	129.40
Arkansas	7	11	0	63.6	78	1	31	1-7	153.20
Georgia	2	15	0	13.3	17	0	9	1-3	22.85
Missouri	3	7	0	42.9	54	0	44	0-0	107.66
Tennessee	4	7	1	57.1	25	0	12	2-11	58.57
Vanderbilt	8	10	0	80.0	104	1	40	1-2	200.36
UT Martin	1	6	1	16.7	9	0	9	0-0	-4.07
TOTALS	28	60	2	46.7	326	2	44	5-23	96.64

# 1W Walker Wood	Comp	Att	Int	Pct	Yards	TD	Long	Sacked	Effic
Vanderbilt	1	1	0	100.0	7	0	7	0-0	158.80
UT Martin	1	2	0	50.0	8	0	8	0-0	83.60
TOTALS	2	3	0	66.7	15	0	8	0-0	108.67

# 10 Asim Rose	Comp	Att	Int	Pct	Yards	TD	Long	Sacked	Effic
Arkansas	1	1	0	100.0	10	0	10	0-0	184.00
TOTALS	1	1	0	100.0	10	0	10	0-0	184.00

# 6 Josh Ali	Comp	Att	Int	Pct	Yards	TD	Long	Sacked	Effic
Georgia	0	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0-0	0.00
TOTALS	0	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0-0	0.00

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Kentucky Wildcats 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	
Aug 31, 2019	TOLEDO ROCKETS	W 38-24	3	3	21	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sep 07, 2019	EASTERN MICHIGAN	W 38-17	5	4	24	3	2	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Sep 14, 2019	FLORIDA	L 21-29	4	2	14	2	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Sep 21, 2019	at Mississippi State	L 13-28	4	2	10	1	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
Sep 28, 2019	at South Carolina	L 7-24	1	1	7	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oct 12, 2019	ARKANSAS	W 24-20	4	3	17	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Oct 19, 2019	at Georgia	L 0-21	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Oct 26, 2019	MISSOURI	W 29-7	3	3	19	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nov 09, 2019	TENNESSEE	L 13-17	2	1	7	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Nov 16, 2019	at Vanderbilt	W 38-14	4	4	24	3	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nov 23, 2019	UT MARTIN	W 50-7	4	4	27	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nov 30, 2019	LOUISVILLE	W 45-13	2	2	14	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals			37	29	184	25	20	5	4	3	2	1	1	1	0
29 of 37 (78.4%)															

Opponents Inside Kentucky Wildcats 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	
Aug 31, 2019	TOLEDO ROCKETS	W 38-24	2	2	14	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sep 07, 2019	EASTERN MICHIGAN	W 38-17	3	2	10	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Sep 14, 2019	FLORIDA	L 21-29	5	4	22	3	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Sep 21, 2019	at Mississippi State	L 13-28	4	3	21	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Sep 28, 2019	at South Carolina	L 7-24	3	3	17	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oct 12, 2019	ARKANSAS	W 24-20	3	2	10	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Oct 19, 2019	at Georgia	L 0-21	2	2	14	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oct 26, 2019	MISSOURI	W 29-7	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Nov 09, 2019	TENNESSEE	L 13-17	3	3	17	2	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nov 16, 2019	at Vanderbilt	W 38-14	2	1	7	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Nov 23, 2019	UT MARTIN	W 50-7	2	1	7	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Nov 30, 2019	LOUISVILLE	W 45-13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals			30	23	139	18	14	4	5	1	3	1	1	1	0
23 of 30 (76.7%)															

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ALL-PURPOSE YARDS	Total	TOLEDO	EMU	UF	MS	SC	AR	UGA	MU	UT	VANDY	UTM	UL
Lynn Bowden Jr.	1836	118	137	89	210	146	196	99	204	114	110	129	284
Asim Rose	814	90	94	64	105	44	90	37	51	44	67	105	23
Kavosley Smoke	652	78	92	79	25	7	45	5	8	58	123	57	75
Chris Rodriguez	554	56	-	-	-	65	-	36	13	81	129	49	125
Josh Ali	265	8	11	28	61	27	31	16	38	14	27	-3	7
Ahmad Wagner	254	57	71	70	15	35	-	-	1	DNP	-4	9	-
Zach Johnson	125	-	-	-	-	-	48	58	-	19	-	-	-
Justin Rigg	112	-	9	50	-	5	43	-	-	5	-	-	-
Bryce Oliver	111	32	-	-	-	-	8	9	44	DNP	18	-	-
Clevan Thomas	89	-	-	-	8	2	10	8	4	8	45	-	4
Keaton Upshaw	78	19	19	13	19	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	-
Tery Wilson	76	1	75	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	DNP
Allen Dailey	75	31	14	8	-	8	14	-	-	-	-	-	-
Travis Tisdale	57	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	-3	60	DNP
Tyler Markray	52	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	52	DNP
Quandre Moseley	39	-	-	-	39	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Max Duffy	26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	26	-	-	-	-
Walker Wood	22	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	12	10	DNP
Tyrell Ajian	22	-	-	22	-	-	-	DNP	-	-	-	-	-
Drew Schlegel	21	-	-	12	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Kash Daniel	18	-	18	-	-	-	-	-	DNP	-	-	-	-
Jordan Griffin	13	-	15	-	-	DNP	-	-	-	-	-	-	-2
Nik Ognenovic	8	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	8	DNP
Akeem Hayes	7	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	2	-	-	-	5	-	DNP
DeAndre Square	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	DNP	-
Joshua Paschal	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
Sawyer Smith	-11	DNP	5	12	-8	-34	DNP	DNP	-	2	-8	20	DNP
Team	-16	-1	-	-	-5	-	-3	-3	-	-	-1	-3	-

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PUNT RETURNS												
	No-Yds	TOLEDO	EMU	UF	MS	SC	AR	UGA	MU	UT	VANDY	UL
Josh Ali	13-78	1-6	-	-	-	1-9	2-18	2-13	3-29	1-1	-	2-7
Lynn Bowden Jr.	4-53	1--1	1-29	-	1-25	-	1-0	-	-	-	-	-
Joshua Paschal	1-2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-2	-	-
KICK RETURNS												
	No-Yds	TOLEDO	EMU	UF	MS	SC	AR	UGA	MU	UT	VANDY	UL
Lynn Bowden Jr.	8-200	2-42	1-37	1-18	1-19	3-84	-	-	-	-	-	-
Zach Johnson	4-125	-	-	-	-	-	2-48	1-58	-	1-19	-	-
Chris Rodriguez	2-37	1-20	-	-	-	-	-	1-17	-	-	-	-
Kavosiey Smoke	1-17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-17
Drew Schlegel	2-9	-	-	-	1-3	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-6
Asim Rose	1--10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1--10
INT. RETURNS												
	No-Yds	TOLEDO	EMU	UF	MS	SC	AR	UGA	MU	UT	VANDY	UL
Jordan Griffin	2-13	-	1-15	-	-	DNP	-	-	-	-	-	1--2
Quandre Mosely	1-39	-	-	-	1-39	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kash Daniel	1-18	-	1-18	-	-	-	-	-	DNP	-	-	-
Yusuf Corker	1-0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-0	-
Tyrell Ajian	1-22	-	-	1-22	-	-	-	DNP	-	-	-	-
DeAndre Square	1-3	1-3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	DNP
Jamin Davis	1-0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-0
FUMBLE RETURNS												
	No-Yds	TOLEDO	EMU	UF	MS	SC	AR	UGA	MU	UT	VANDY	UL

Total Tackles	UA-A	Total	TOLEDO	EMU	UF	MS	SC	AR	UGA	MU	UT	VANDY	UTM	UL
Jackson High LB	1-0	1	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	1-0	DNP
Shawn Lawson DE	1-0	1	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	1-0	DNP
Cavon Butler DL	1-0	1	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	1-0	DNP

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TACKLES FOR LOSS	UA-A	Total	TOLEDO	EMU	UF	MS	SC	AR	UGA	MU	UT	VANDY	UTM	UL
Jamar Watson LB	8-3	9.5	0.5-4	-	1.0-1	0.5-1	2.0-9	1.0-8	0.5-1	-	1.0-3	-	1.0-25	2.0-13
Joshua Paschal LB	9-1	9.5	1.0-10	2.0-7	-	1.0-4	-	1.0-3	-	1.0-1	-	-	1.5-7	2.0-4
Calvin Taylor DE	8-1	8.5	1.0-5	-	1.0-1	-	1.0-6	1.0-7	-	2.0-12	1.0-7	-	1.5-9	-
Jordan Wright LB	5-0	5.0	1.0-3	1.0-13	-	-	-	-	-	1.0-8	-	-	1.0-4	1.0-1
T.J. Carter DE	5-0	5.0	1.0-5	1.0-3	-	-	1.0-5	-	-	-	-	-	1.0-4	1.0-2
DeAndre Square LB	3-2	4.0	1.5-6	-	-	1.5-10	-	-	1.0-7	-	-	-	DNP	-
Marquan McCall DL	4-0	4.0	-	-	1.0-1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.0-5	1.0-1
Kash Daniel LB	4-0	4.0	1.0-2	-	1.0-2	-	-	2.0-2	-	DNP	-	-	-	-
Quinton Bohanna NG	3-0	3.0	-	-	-	-	-	1.0-3	-	1.0-2	-	-	-	1.0-1
Brandin Echols DB	2-1	2.5	-	-	-	1.0-5	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.5-1	1.0-4
Davaon Hawkins DL	2-0	2.0	-	-	DNP	-	DNP	-	-	-	DNP	1.0-3	-	1.0-5
Kordell Looney DT	2-0	2.0	-	-	1.0-5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.0-4	-
Jordan Griffin	2-0	2.0	-	1.0-5	-	-	DNP	-	-	-	-	-	1.0-1	-
Quandre Moseley DB	1-0	1.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.0-1
Jamir Davis LB	1-0	1.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.0-10
Jamari Brown DB	1-0	1.0	-	-	-	-	-	1.0-1	-	-	-	-	-	DNP
J.J. Weaver LB	1-0	1.0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	DNP	1.0-1	DNP	-
J. Mahone DL	1-0	1.0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	DNP	-	-	1.0-10
Yusuf Corker	0-1	0.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.5-2	-
Chris Oats LB	0-1	0.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.5-0	-	-	-	DNP	-

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 Kentucky Wildcats Sacks Game-by-Game (as of Oct 27, 2019)
 All games

SACKS	UA-A	Total	TOLEDO	EMU	UF	MS	SC	AR	UGA	MU
Calvin Taylor DE	5-0	5.0	1.0-5	-	-	-	1.0-6	1.0-7	-	2.0-12
Jamar Watson LB	3-1	3.5	0.5-4	-	-	-	2.0-9	1.0-8	-	-
Jordan Wright LB	2-0	2.0	-	1.0-13	-	-	-	-	-	1.0-8
Joshua Paschal LB	2-0	2.0	1.0-10	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.0-1
DeAndre Square LB	1-1	1.5	0.5-4	-	-	1.0-9	-	-	-	-
Brandin Echols DB	1-0	1.0	-	-	-	1.0-5	-	-	-	-
T.J. Carter DE	1-0	1.0	1.0-5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kordell Looney DT	1-0	1.0	-	-	1.0-5	-	-	-	-	-
Jordan Griffin	1-0	1.0	-	1.0-5	-	-	DNP	-	-	-
Quinton Bohanna NG	1-0	1.0	-	-	-	-	-	1.0-3	-	-

NCAA Statistics

Kentucky - 2019-20 Football Ranking Summary thru games 12/14/2019

Statistic	National Rank	Conference Rank	Value	National Leader	Value	Conference Leader	Value
3rd Down Conversion Pct (130 ranked)	82	9	0.383	Ohio St.	0.570	Alabama	0.531
3rd Down Conversion Pct Defense (130 ranked)	67	11	0.394	Kansas St.	0.259	Auburn	0.300
4th Down Conversion Pct (130 ranked)	93	10	0.458	Coastal Carolina	0.793	Alabama	0.684
4th Down Conversion Pct Defense (130 ranked)	6	3	0.313	Florida	0.222	Florida	0.222
Blocked Kicks (61 ranked)	61	6	1	Houston	6	Tennessee Texas A&M Alabama	3 3 3
Blocked Kicks Allowed (129 ranked)	30	3	1	29 teams tied	0	Mississippi St. Florida	0 0
Blocked Punts (20 ranked)	20	3	1	Houston	5	Tennessee Alabama	2 2
Blocked Punts Allowed (128 ranked)	1	1	0	77 teams tied	0	9 teams tied	0
Completion Percentage (130 ranked)	124	13	0.500	LSU	0.763	LSU	0.763
Defensive TDs (47 ranked)	47	8	1	Illinois	6	Missouri	5
Fewest Penalties (130 ranked)	46	4	69	Air Force	40	Ole Miss	59
Fewest Penalties Per Game (130 ranked)	50	5	5.75	Air Force	3.33	Ole Miss	4.92
Fewest Penalty Yards (130 ranked)	45	5	596	Rice	330	Arkansas	492
Fewest Penalty Yards Per Game (130 ranked)	47	6	49.67	Rice	27.50	Arkansas	41.00
First Downs Defense (130 ranked)	14	4	205	Clemson	161	Florida	193
First Downs Offense (130 ranked)	99	11	230	Ohio St.	369	LSU	358
Fumbles Lost (130 ranked)	107	13	11	Oregon St. San Diego St.	2 2	Vanderbilt	3
Fumbles Recovered (130 ranked)	21	4	10	Notre Dame	17	Auburn Mississippi St.	13 13
Kickoff Return Defense (130 ranked)	3	2	15.93	Akron	14.87	Alabama	15.09
Kickoff Returns (130 ranked)	61	4	21.00	Kansas St.	29.81	Florida	23.29
Net Punting (130 ranked)	1	1	45.13	Kentucky	45.13	Kentucky	45.13
Passes Had Intercepted (130 ranked)	27	5	7	Ga. Southern	0	4 teams tied	6
Passes Intercepted (127 ranked)	84	10	8	Fla. Atlantic	21	LSU	16
Passing Offense (130 ranked)	126	14	117.1	Washington St.	444.3	LSU	386.8
Passing Yards Allowed (130 ranked)	4	1	172.7	Clemson	138.5	Kentucky	172.7
Passing Yards per Completion (130 ranked)	99	10	11.52	Air Force	24.56	Alabama	15.21
Punt Return Defense (130 ranked)	90	6	9.33	Minnesota	-0.75	Florida	1.29
Punt Returns (130 ranked)	69	11	7.39	Alabama	24.67	Alabama	24.67
Red Zone Defense (130 ranked)	23	5	0.767	Ohio St.	0.643	Florida	0.645
Red Zone Offense (130 ranked)	95	10	0.784	LSU	0.969	LSU	0.969
Rushing Defense (130 ranked)	60	11	151.6	Utah	70.3	Georgia	75.7
Rushing Offense (130 ranked)	4	1	274.4	Navy	363.7	Kentucky	274.4
Sacks Allowed (130 ranked)	15	3	1.33	Air Force	0.33	Georgia	0.92
Scoring Defense (130 ranked)	12	3	18.4	Clemson	10.6	Georgia	12.5
Scoring Offense (130 ranked)	86	9	26.3	Ohio St.	48.7	Alabama	48.3
Tackles for Loss Allowed (129 ranked)	11	2	4.50	Army West Point	3.38	Georgia	4.15
Team Passing Efficiency (130 ranked)	123	12	103.45	Air Force	203.73	Alabama	198.70
Team Passing Efficiency Defense (130 ranked)	9	3	112.13	Clemson	92.81	Alabama	111.01
Team Sacks (130 ranked)	31	3	2.67	SMU	4.17	Florida	3.83
Team Tackles for Loss (130 ranked)	82	9	5.6	UCF	9.3	Florida	8.1
Time of Possession (130 ranked)	28	4	31:51	Wisconsin	35:26	Texas A&M	33:01
Total Defense (130 ranked)	20	6	324.3	Clemson	244.7	Georgia	274.2
Total Offense (130 ranked)	79	9	391.5	LSU	554.4	LSU	554.4
Turnover Margin (128 ranked)	65	9	0.00	Fla. Atlantic	1.54	Alabama	1.33
Turnovers Gained (129 ranked)	48	6	18	Fla. Atlantic	31	Alabama	26
Turnovers Lost (130 ranked)	66	10	18	Oregon St.	6	Alabama	10
Winning Percentage (130 ranked)	44	6	0.583	LSU Ohio St. Clemson	1.000 1.000 1.000	LSU	1.000

Statistic	Player	National Rank	Conference Rank	Value	National Leader	Value	Conference Leader	Value
All Purpose (200 ranked)	Lynn Bowden Jr.	8	1	153.00	Chuba Hubbard, Oklahoma St.	180.08	Lynn Bowden Jr., Kentucky	153.00
Blocked Kicks (1 ranked)					16 players tied	2	Ale Kaho, Alabama	2
Combined Kick Returns (200 ranked)	Lynn Bowden Jr.	111	10	253	Isaiah Rodgers, Massachusetts	1,415	Jaylen Waddle, Alabama	626
Completion Percentage (110 ranked)					Joe Burrow, LSU	0.779	Joe Burrow, LSU	0.779
Completions Per Game (100 ranked)					Anthony Gordon, Washington St.	38.75	Joe Burrow, LSU	26.31
Field Goal Percentage (110 ranked)	Chance Poore	109	13	0.556	Gabe Brkic, Oklahoma Jake Koehnke, Air Force	1.000 1.000	Evan McPherson, Florida	0.875
Field Goals Per Game (143 ranked)	Chance Poore	119	14	0.56	Keith Duncan, Iowa	2.42	Rodrigo Blankenship, Georgia	1.92
Forced Fumbles (19 ranked)	Calvin Taylor Jr.	19	2	0.25	Jake Hansen, Illinois	0.78	Xavier McKinney, Alabama	0.33
Fumbles Recovered (27 ranked)	Yusuf Corker Jordan Griffin	27 27	2 2	2 2	4 players tied	4	Richard LeCounte, Georgia	3
Interceptions Per Game (131 ranked)	Jordan Griffin	131	15	0.2	Meiko Dotson, Fla. Atlantic	0.8	Derek Stingley Jr., LSU	0.5
Kickoff Return TDs (10 ranked)					Joshua Youngblood, Kansas St.	3	Jaylen Waddle, Alabama Jerrion Ealy, Ole Miss	1 1
Kickoff Returns (69 ranked)					Joe Reed, Virginia	34.7	Shi Smith, South Carolina	21.9
Passes Defended (28 ranked)					Luq Barcoo, San Diego St.	2.0	Derek Stingley Jr., LSU	1.6
Passing Efficiency (110 ranked)					Tua Tagovailoa, Alabama	206.9	Tua Tagovailoa, Alabama	206.9
Passing TDs (159 ranked)	Sawyer Smith	159	17	4	Joe Burrow, LSU	48	Joe Burrow, LSU	48
Passing Yards (130 ranked)					Anthony Gordon, Washington St.	5,228	Joe Burrow, LSU	4,715
Passing Yards Per Game (130 ranked)	Lynn Bowden Jr.	129	15	27.5	Anthony Gordon, Washington St.	435.7	Joe Burrow, LSU	362.7
Passing Yards per Completion (110 ranked)					Jalen Hurts, Oklahoma	16.37	Tua Tagovailoa, Alabama	15.78
Points Responsible For (199 ranked)	Lynn Bowden Jr.	174	19	84	Joe Burrow, LSU Jalen Hurts, Oklahoma	308 308	Joe Burrow, LSU	308
Points Responsible For Per Game (200 ranked)	Lynn Bowden Jr.	184	21	7.0	Joe Burrow, LSU Jalen Hurts, Oklahoma	23.7 23.7	Joe Burrow, LSU	23.7
Punt Return TDs (3 ranked)					Jalen Reagor, TCU Avery Williams, Boise St.	2 2	9 players tied	1
Punt Returns (43 ranked)					Jaylen Waddle, Alabama	24.9	Jaylen Waddle, Alabama	24.9
Punting (100 ranked)	Max Duffy	1	1	48.6	Max Duffy, Kentucky	48.6	Max Duffy, Kentucky	48.6
Receiving TDs (182 ranked)					Ja'Marr Chase, LSU	18	Ja'Marr Chase, LSU	18
Receiving Yards (200 ranked)					Ja'Marr Chase, LSU	1,498	Ja'Marr Chase, LSU	1,498
Receiving Yards Per Game (200 ranked)					Ja'Marr Chase, LSU	124.8	Ja'Marr Chase, LSU	124.8
Receptions Per Game (199 ranked)					Devin Duvernay, Texas	8.6	Bryan Edwards, South Carolina	7.1
Rush Yards Per Carry (166 ranked)	Lynn Bowden Jr. Asim Rose	2 59	1 9	8.18 5.45	Travis Etienne, Clemson	8.24	Lynn Bowden Jr., Kentucky	8.18
Rushing TDs (171 ranked)	Lynn Bowden Jr. Asim Rose Kavosiey Smoke Christopher Rodriguez Jr.	35 128 128 171	3 14 14 20	11 6 6 5	Levante Bellamy, Western Mich.	23	Clyde Edwards-Helaire, LSU	16
Rushing Yards (200 ranked)	Lynn Bowden Jr. Asim Rose Kavosiey Smoke Christopher Rodriguez Jr.	22 95 143 183	3 11 16 20	1,235 757 609 515	Chuba Hubbard, Oklahoma St.	1,936	Kylin Hill, Mississippi St.	1,347
Rushing Yards Per Game (200 ranked)	Lynn Bowden Jr. Asim Rose Kavosiey Smoke Christopher Rodriguez Jr.	22 110 147 191	3 13 18 21	102.9 63.1 50.8 42.9	Chuba Hubbard, Oklahoma St.	161.3	John Rhys Plumlee, Ole Miss	113.7
Sacks (149 ranked)	Calvin Taylor Jr. Jamar Watson	46 68	3 7	0.63 0.54	Chase Young, Ohio St.	1.50	Jonathan Greenard, Florida	0.77
Scoring (197 ranked)	Lynn Bowden Jr.	129	16	6.0	Jonathan Taylor, Wisconsin	12.0	Cade York, LSU	10.5
Solo Tackles (35 ranked)					Evan Weaver, California	7.9	Nick Bolton, Missouri	6.2
Tackles For Loss (27 ranked)					Chase Young, Ohio St.	1.9	Jonathan Greenard, Florida	1.3
Total Interceptions (43 ranked)					Meiko Dotson, Fla. Atlantic	9	Derek Stingley Jr., LSU	6
Total Offense (200 ranked)	Lynn Bowden Jr.	115	14	130.4	Anthony Gordon, Washington St.	435.0	Joe Burrow, LSU	384.9
Total Points Scored (148 ranked)	Lynn Bowden Jr.	120	15	72	Jonathan Taylor, Wisconsin	156	Cade York, LSU	137
Total Tackles (498 ranked)	DeAndre Square Yusuf Corker	233 315	20 31	6.2 5.6	Evan Weaver, California	14.4	Nick Bolton, Missouri	8.9
Total Touchdowns (129 ranked)	Lynn Bowden Jr.	39	6	12	Jonathan Taylor, Wisconsin	26	Ja'Marr Chase, LSU Najee Harris, Alabama	18 18
Yards per Pass Attempt (110 ranked)					Jalen Hurts, Oklahoma	11.76	Tua Tagovailoa, Alabama	11.27
Yards per Reception (200 ranked)					Geraud Sanders, Air Force	25.38	Marquez Callaway, Tennessee	21.24

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'The best man's gonna play.' With Benny Snell in the NFL, who leads UK on the ground?

By Josh Moore

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The University of Kentucky last season finished with 508 rushes (excluding sacks) to 296 pass attempts — about two runs for every pass — and it wasn't accidental; the Cats came into last fall with a new signal-caller and a running back coming off back-to-back 1,000-yard seasons.

It would have been silly not to lean on Benny Snell and an experienced group of big men up front as junior-college transfer Terry Wilson found his footing.

"The only thing I could have done last year is screw it up," said Eddie Gran, UK's offensive coordinator and running backs coach. "That's it. We had a brand-new quarterback, we could run the ball, we had a great defense and we played great special teams. If I wanted to rip it around because I wanted (passing) statistics, I wouldn't be here right now, because that wouldn't have been very smart."

The school's all-time leading rusher is now competing for touches in the Pittsburgh Steelers' backfield. Wilson was the second-leading rusher with 547 yards, and will continue to be a threat in the run game. But who's the new leading man?

Most signs point to A.J. Rose, the No. 3 guy in rushing production, as the Wildcats' starter against Toledo on Aug. 31. Rose, a 6-foot-1, 210-pound junior from Cleveland, Ohio, appeared in every game last year and rushed for 479 yards and five touchdowns. His average yards per carry — 6.2 on 71 attempts — was best among guys with a significant number of attempts last season.

Rose says he's the starter, but that everyone in the running back room is in a comfortable position heading into fall camp.

"If somebody's playing better than me or somebody's doing better, the best man's gonna play," Rose said. "And I feel like I'm gonna be the best man at the end of the day, so, you'll see. We're all gonna compete, these are my brothers. When you're on the field, we're all gonna help

each other out. At the end of the day it's just playing your game, running how you run and taking the reps you get and taking advantage of them."

After Rose, redshirt freshmen Chris Rodriguez and Kavosiey Smoke will compete immediately for field time. Between them in 2018 they appeared in five games, capitalizing on a new rule allowing players to play in up to four games and still redshirt. Smoke (5-9, 225 pounds) rushed for 45 yards and a TD on four carries; Rodriguez (5-11, 224) had 43 yards on two attempts.

Gran didn't rule out the possibility of true freshman Travis Tisdale, the only four-star recruit of the bunch, seeing action too (his speed could make him a prime candidate to aid Lynn Bowden in the return game).

Gran referenced 2016, his first season at UK, when addressing what the distribution of carries might look like this season. That season a trio of rushers — Snell, Boom Williams and Jojo Kemp — plus quarterback Stephen Johnson all attempted at least 70 rushes (only 15 touches separated Snell, 186, from Williams, 171, that year).

The staff's hope though is that, after camp, "the man" emerges.

"If one gets on a roll, you let 'em go," Gran said. "... I haven't seen the stamina out of these three yet because they haven't had that opportunity. We'll try to push 'em hard in some of these scrimmages we have coming up to see how many they can go in a row and be effective. Benny got better as he went, so we'll see how these guys go."

All three of the veteran backs bring something different to the table. Rose boasts the best speed and frame for a heavy workload. Smoke is short, strong and speedy. Rodriguez is more of a bruiser, a quality that's earned him a positive nickname in the locker room.

"They call me mini Benny sometimes," Rodriguez said with a laugh.

The Kentucky tight ends will be off the bus first on game days

By Jack Pilgrim

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As valuable as CJ Conrad was to the Kentucky football program over the last four years both on and off the field, the Wildcats might somehow be even better at the tight end position moving forward.

And the UK coaching staff certainly wants the world to know it.

Kentucky associate head coach and tight ends guru Vince Marrow has been singing Justin Rigg's praises from the time he first set foot on campus in 2016, saying on multiple occasions on Kentucky Sports Radio that he believes the 6-foot-6 junior can be even more productive than Conrad, who started 42 of 49 career games at Kentucky, next season.

And then, one former defensive player that went heads-up with the entire tight end room last season told KSR on Saturday that he felt redshirt freshman Keaton Upshaw was actually the best tight end on the team last year during his redshirt season, even with Conrad and Rigg on the team. At 6-foot-6, 250 pounds, he certainly looked the part at Kentucky's open practice today.

Add in former four-star signee Brenden Bates coming off his redshirt season and current 6-foot-6, 235-pound true freshman Nik Ognenovic just now arriving on campus, that's one heck of a four-man unit to work with.

At UK Football Media Day on Friday morning, Kentucky head coach Mark Stoops bragged about what he has to work with at the tight end position, adding that one player in particular will be the "first off the bus" due to his massive, intimidating frame.

"I feel good, really good [about thee tight ends]," he said. "Justin Rigg is a guy that's big, physical. He's got soft hands. Excited about him getting the opportunity. C.J. Conrad has been such a mainstay for us for so long. To see Justin get that opportunity will be exciting. Brenden Bates, another good player, get an opportunity to see him. Keaton Upshaw, we're all kind of mesmerized by him. He's what you're hunting. He's first off the bus (smiling)."

UK offensive coordinator Eddie Gran

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said that not only will the entire tight end corps be sent off the bus first on game days, they're also primed to make a massive impact on the football field this fall.

When asked about Conrad's lack of involvement in the passing game over the last few years, Gran said he'll have no choice but to make the inclusion of his tight ends a point of emphasis this season

"We certainly have the pieces. I really like all those guys," he said. "Our tight ends are going to look really good coming off the bus. Again, I think you've seen my mentality of, yes, we are going to be physical, we do need to run the football. But play-action pass using tight ends that can run, I think all of them can do that. You get them involved that way, use your personnel. ... I think CJ [Conrad] is going to be really successful in this league because what we asked him to do there, I think that's going to help him. We always knew he could catch. There's sometimes where they doubled him, or they took some things away. As we got later into the year, it got a little bit better for him. Those guys [we have now] are weapons. They can run. I'm excited about that group."

When asked about Keaton Upshaw in particular, while his massive frame is obviously the first thing to catch your eye, Gran said that the most impressive aspect of his game is just how well he runs for a guy his size. For a player built like a power forward, he runs like a gazelle.

"Number one, as big as he is, is how well he runs. There's no stiffness. He runs very smooth," he said. "What I liked about him is that he'll stick his pace in there. He'll get after it. Big bodies, sometimes like that they don't. Early guys, freshmen, that physicality becomes tough. He showed us that he can do both."

With Rigg, who will serve as the team's starting tight end to open the season, Gran said that he will be asked to contribute in both on-field production and overall leadership in 2019.

If not, there are guys behind him that could absolutely make a push for serious playing time and potentially take his job.

"[I want him to] keep growing in his maturity in the game," he said. "I think he can run and he's really smooth. Justin, he'll surprise you. He can run. His physicality at the point of attack is really good. I'd like for him just to be a leader

and continue to grow in that position. It's his job, just like Terry (Wilson's), to lose. AJ Rose, whoever we have slated. We're going to compete. He has a bunch of guys underneath him, just like I do at the running back position. I tell AJ every day, 'You better get ready now, you have some guys coming after your rear-end.' Same thing in that room. I just want to see him mature more in this offense in terms of the details and the fundamentals and taking care of his craft."

On his KSR appearance back in June, Vince Marrow told listeners that out of all the positions on the field, he is least worried about the tight ends.

"Trust me," Marrow told fans. "I coach that position. I am the least worried about that position. I think we are going to be very fine and these guys are going to do a good job for us this year."

With Conrad now chasing his professional dreams in the NFL, Rigg is excited to take over where his former mentor left off.

"CJ, he showed all of the younger guys in the room how to be a tight end," he told KSR. "What you have to do on and off the field to be a great tight end like he was. He was just a really great leader. But all of us, we're ready to take that next step in our position group. ... I just want to step into that role and be that leader for the younger guys [as Conrad was with me], he said. "I want them to push me and make me the best tight end that I can be."

And though he realizes that Rigg is the unit's leader going into the season, Upshaw is ready to step in and prove he belongs on the field, as well.

"I'm ready to come in and compete," he said. "I'm ready to tell them that I want the spot. I'm going to fight for it. It's going to be really good competing with the other tight ends. ... I'm ready to do what I'm supposed to do, make plays, show them what I can do on the field. I want to help the team win."

Troy graduate transfer Sawyer Smith excited about leadership opportunity at Kentucky

By Jack Pilgrim

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When graduate transfers seek out new opportunities for their final years of collegiate eligibility, one of the top priorities when choosing a school is usually the ability to take the field early and often. In most instances, the goal is to land at a place in need of a sure-fire starter.

For Troy graduate transfer quarterback Sawyer Smith, who tossed for 1,669 yards and 14 touchdowns on 62.9% overall last season for the Trojans, his situation was different.

Despite a widely successful redshirt sophomore season that included earning MVP honors in the Dollar General Bowl following a 320-yard, four-touchdown performance in a 42-32 victory over Buffalo, the newest Kentucky quarterback wanted to land at a school that could use his off-field leadership traits just as much as his on-field talents.

"I just wanted to come to a program where I could come into a locker room and make an impact. That's all I could ask for," Smith said at UK Media Day on Friday. "Playing in the SEC, it's a great opportunity to be in. ... I just want to have a good effect on this football team, on the university. Just do what I can on the field and off the field."

Aside from incumbent starting quarterback Terry Wilson, Smith also saw Kentucky add two true freshmen quarterbacks in Amani Gilmore and Nik Scalzo and felt he could be a solid addition to the quarterback room to help groom them for the future.

"I just want to impact the locker room," he said. "We have so many young guys on the team, two young guys [in our quarterback room], and I just want to help them grow. Help everybody here."

And that's not to say he's not wanting to help the shoe-in starter, either. Though he understands Wilson is "the guy" in Lexington, Smith says he is excited to compete against him in practice and help make him a better player, as well.

"I can tell he's the kind of guy who likes

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practice competition,” the redshirt junior said. “I am going to do what I can to make him better and, in doing that, make this team better.”

Kentucky head coach Mark Stoops said Smith’s intrigue in working with the team’s young gunslingers stood out to him during his recruitment. As impressed as he is with his newest quarterback physically, it’s Smith’s standout leadership qualities that made Stoops so giddy when the 6-foot-3 quarterback was ready to sign on the dotted line.

“Just the fact that he’s played in big games, he has that experience, he’s very poised. He can throw the ball,” Stoops said. “As you know, we needed somebody to come in and give us an opportunity to groom the young guys until we can get moving. I just was impressed with Sawyer. I like everything about him, love the way he plays, handles himself, the way he’s done everything to get to this point. He’s done a lot of work. He’s here, up there grinding, ready to go.”

As for UK offensive coordinator Eddie Gran, he understands bringing in a veteran quarterback with a starter already in place can be tricky, but he couldn’t be more impressed with how the situation has unfolded. In the end, the Wildcats landed a team player through and through.

“If you get somebody that’s not right in the locker room, it can be a bad deal,” Gran said. “So far, (Smith has been) fantastic to be around. He wants to learn. He’s a team guy. (He) was a guy that was a backup, came in, led (Troy) to a lot of victories, did what the coaches asked of him. I loved, really, his humility, the way he approached that.”

Another key reason for Smith’s decision to transfer to Kentucky? UK linebackers coach Jon Sumrall, who served as an assistant on Troy’s staff from 2015-17.

“The coach I knew best was Coach Sumrall,” he said. “Me and Coach Sumrall were really good friends. I love him. He’s a good dude, I love his family. We’ve always been close, ever since he’s been at Troy, and even after he left. He’s a good dude.”

But what do we need to know about the newest Wildcat’s on-field talents?

“I love (to throw) the deep ball,” Smith says. “That’s my favorite thing to throw, probably. I kind of surprise people running the ball, too.”

At the end of the day, he couldn’t be happier with his decision to show off some of that talent, all while being a major contributor in the locker room, in Lexington.

“It just felt like a good position to be in, felt like a good move at the time, and still is,” he said. “It’s good here, it’s a fun place. All the guys here are kind of funny, really fit together. It’s just a really good place to be.”

Transformation Terry: The Night and Day Difference in Year Two of the Terry Wilson Era

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Entering the 2018 Kentucky football season, the Cats had one big question mark: quarterback.

Mark Stoops had an elite pass rusher, a secondary filled with three and four-year starters, a massive offensive line and a running back proclaiming himself as the best in the SEC. To ensure it was a successful season, Eddie Gran and Darin Hinshaw needed steady quarterback play. Terry Wilson answered the call, completing 67.2 percent of his passes (second-best in school history) to help lead Kentucky to its first ten-win season in 41 years. Even so, Wilson still has his detractors.

“I, I, I just don’t get it when people talk about Terry. Dude, he won ten games. He went to Florida and won,” said the man who recruited Wilson to UK, Vince Marrow. “Terry was really like a true freshman last year. I know when I went and recruited Terry, I know what other coaches were sitting in those stands — Texas, Nebraska, Florida. Tom Herman wanted him real bad. Scott Frost wanted him real bad. I think the kid’s going to make the biggest jump. I think Darin Hinshaw is transitioning for a big year this year.”

Even though there are plenty of positives on his résumé, Wilson will be the first to point out his shortcomings.

“A year ago, my eyes were super-wide. Now I’m just calm, relaxed,” Wilson said. “I feel like that’s my personality. Now that I have a season under my belt, it’s going to be just like that on the field, just more dynamic.”

Former Alabama quarterback Greg McElroy vividly remembers his first wide-eyed start against Bud Foster’s Virginia Tech defense. He was seeing ghosts, flinching at potential blitzes before every snap. He started the game 2-for-10 with an interception before ultimately leading Alabama to a victory. Fast forward to the following season and McElroy was a completely different quarterback.

“I think as a second year player you learn how to take it in stride a little bit better. Your comfort level within the offense probably grows significantly. And over the course of a 13, 14, 15-game season, you’re going to see just about everything that you’re likely to see,” he told KSR at SEC Media Days.

“I think once you’ve seen it once, you can be spooked; probably not going to be spooked the second time. I just remember feeling so much more comfortable the second year. I was such a better player, it wasn’t even close. I was more accurate. I was more decisive. I had better chemistry with my wide receivers. I was more willing to get to the line of scrimmage and adjust things on the fly. It was second-nature, as opposed to the first year, you can talk yourself into some things that aren’t necessarily happening.”

McElroy believes Wilson is prepared to take a significant step forward after successfully treading water as a first-year starter.

“Terry Wilson, from year one to year two you just get so much more comfortable. You see things faster, you can confidently throw it in windows you maybe didn’t trust yourself the year before and they’re going to need him. He needs to step up big time because he has the potential, he has the ability. It’s just a matter of actually going out there and doing it with a different supporting cast.”

What McElroy described as a “night and day” difference as a second-year starter is exactly what Wilson believes he improved the most over the offseason. Coincidence? I think not.

“Just recognizing defenses, noticing what defense it is, seeing it fast, seeing it quick and knowing where I got to go with the football,” Wilson said at UK Media Day.

At Texas A&M, Terry was indecisive. He had the look of an over-prepared Greg McElroy. As a result, he took too much time and too many sacks. Wilson was

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sacked 28 times in 2018, ranked 68th in the nation and tenth in the SEC. Some of those can be attributed to the offensive line, but many fall on Wilson's shoulders.

"It took me a minute last year to get comfortable," Wilson said. "If you don't know the blitz, you're going to get hit in the mouth. You just gotta make sure you know where everything's coming from."

While Wilson's football IQ grew in the film room, he didn't take any time off in the weight room.

"If you didn't know Terry when he walked in, you'd think he's an outside backer, maybe a Will linebacker or a big, SEC-type receiver," said Marrow. "I mean, he looks good and the boy can run."

Wilson's rushing stats slipped after he suffered some minor injuries against Mississippi State. The extra muscle should help him weather the contact this fall. Confident that part of the game will take care of itself, Wilson spent the entire offseason breaking down his throwing mechanics. The months and months of work should put bad habits to rest for good.

"The whole spring we were working on fundamentals and stuff like that; trying to fix the little things that was hurting during the season," said Wilson. "Going through that, fixing that everyday through spring, doing it own my own on the weekend, going through the summer and doing it my own with the quarterbacks, doing it in 7-on-7, it just kind of became natural. Those little fundamental things are getting me in the right position to throw the ball and be accurate. I took a huge stride in that."

Offensive coordinator Eddie Gran saw the improvements this spring manifested in his ability to connect more consistently on deep balls. Still, it's an ongoing process. The primary focus on the passing game in the early preseason is making routine passes look routine.

"He has worked awfully hard. I think you saw the improvement in the spring at throwing the deep ball," Gran said.

"We've got to be great at the little things. Last year we missed just throwing the ball, we missed a bubble throw 30 times. You're talking about your slot receivers, Lynn being that most of the time, where he could have thrown that out there. Say just we get half of them right there, that's 15 more touches for your best player. He's going to improve on

those things in our RPO game."

Terry Wilson has all of the tools to be an exceptional quarterback at the University of Kentucky. Thrown directly into the fire, Wilson did not flinch under the bright lights at Florida in just his second college football game. As SEC defenses threw more his way, he learned countless lessons as a first-year starter. Those lessons transformed Terry Wilson into a confident quarterback that's prepared to keep the Cats on a winning path in 2019.

"I think what he's begun with his technique, fundamentals over the offseason, I don't think there's any question he's going to be a better football player," said Gran.

This year's Kentucky football Cats crave a piece of the pie

**By John Clay
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You can learn by experience.

Or you can learn by example.

Kentucky boasts not much of the former this 2019 football season. You're probably sick of the storyline. Gone, gone, gone are a string of studs, including Josh Allen, Benny Snell, Mike Edwards, Lonnie Johnson, CJ Conrad, George Asafo-Adjei, Bunchy Stallings, Darius West. I'll stop there.

Instead, it is the latter, the learn by example trope, that should give Big Blue Nation hope for the upcoming grid campaign.

"This senior class that just left was probably the most important class," said Vince Marrow, UK's recruiting coordinator and tight ends coach, after Tuesday's practice. "Not because we had the 10 wins and the bowl (win), but they really set an example for the younger guys. And our guys are hungry."

And why not? They witnessed outside linebacker Allen develop from a two-star recruit into the No. 7 overall pick in the NFL Draft. They saw Snell become the school's all-time leading rusher in just three seasons. They saw cornerback Johnson go from junior college transfer to second-round pick, safety Edwards from three-star recruit to a third-round selection.

"These guys watched those guys all going to the (NFL) Combine, our name all in the NFL Draft," Marrow said. "I think

(our) guys want a piece of the pie."

After all, last year's stars were not overnight sensations. Allen might have burst on the scene last year to sweep nearly every postseason defensive player of the year award, but that came after three hard years of improvement, both mentally and physically. Practically no one had heard of Snell Yeah until he had strung together his third consecutive 1,000-yard rushing season.

These were your hardest workers, your leaders. There might not have been a more respected player on last year's roster than Darius West, who overcame a pair of leg injuries to turn in a terrific senior season. When West talked, players listened.

Those players were thrown into the fire. They were clearly better than the older players at their position, so they had to play. This year's first-teamers, their replacements, didn't have that luxury. Or curse, depending on your point of view. They had to sit, spell on occasion, and learn.

"We actually might be more athletic at certain positions," said Marrow before joking that he would hear from those former players when they read that statement. "We are more longer and athletic at tight end and more explosive at running back. You look at the secondary and it's young, but it's actually more athletic."

Running back is a good example. UK already had 855-yard rusher Boom Williams when Snell arrived on campus in 2016. Didn't matter. By the season's third game, the coaches knew Snell had to play. And he did play, rushing for 136 yards against New Mexico State. By year's end, Williams had rushed for 1,170 yards; Snell 1,091. Compare that to last year's arrival of freshmen Kavosiey Smoke and Chris Rodriguez. Three years earlier, both would have probably played immediately. Last year, they learned behind Snell and AJ Rose.

The hope is that same ethos pays dividends in the secondary. Edwards, Johnson, West, Derrick Baitly and Chris Westry left huge holes. The season-ending injury to holdover Davonte Robinson (torn quad) was a preseason gut punch. There are plenty of job candidates, however, many of them heralded recruits eagerly awaiting their time to shine.

"When Jordan Griffin and Tyrell Ajian came in the game (last year), we actually didn't miss a beat," Marrow said. "Now

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we've got three more slots to fill. But these young guys, I'm very impressed with the Brown kid (Jamari, a redshirt freshman) from Florida. He looks like an NFL corner."

Looking the part is important, but learning from your predecessors is key. Some major players among last year's Cats might be gone, but the hope is their example remains.

Said Marrow, "We have guys now that have seen guys do it."

'Off-the-charts' athlete at UK for football. Basketball in Florida showed he belonged.

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University of Kentucky offensive coordinator Eddie Gran learned a lot about Bryce Oliver while watching him play in high school.

Basketball, that is.

Oliver was a member of back-to-back state title teams at Dillard High School in Florida in 2016 and 2017 (UK teammate Jordan Wright was on the 2016 team, too). Entering his senior season, Oliver tore a meniscus and many of the schools recruiting the two-sport star backed off.

Not UK. Gran and Co. saw all they needed to see and never wavered.

"When I was recruiting Jordan, I got to see (Oliver) play and his athleticism was off the charts," Gran said. "He was dunking the ball and his elbow was over the rim. It just felt like we had seen him before and we knew what he brought to the table."

Oliver ultimately went with the Wildcats over Central Florida — a Group of Five program that's had its share of big-time success in recent years — and Louisville — a UK rival that's fallen from an extraordinary peak in a short amount of time. Gran's relationship with him during his prep days sealed the deal for the 6-foot-1, 211-pound receiver.

"He sailed past all the other schools with daily texts, you know what I'm saying?" Oliver said. "My senior year I suffered a torn meniscus and he was the only coach to text me and let me know that he still wanted me to join the boat and join what they have evolving around

Kentucky. I took that into consideration and I jumped on board with him."

Oliver, a redshirt freshman, didn't see the field in 2018 but in April thrust himself into the spotlight with a strong showing in the Blue-White game, reeling in eight catches for 105 yards and a touchdown. Putting a lot of stock in any intrasquad scrimmage — let alone one played five months prior to the season-opener — is perilous, but Oliver showed off big-catch potential time after time against defensive teammates in the spring and has continued to do so in the fall.

"I really didn't pay it no mind, cause I knew my capabilities when I got back on the field," Oliver said of his comeback from the meniscus tear. "I knew what I could do. Once I got back into the gist of things, I kept on rolling with it throughout the season."

He already projected as an integral part of the Wildcats' receiving mix this season, but the coaches in response to a foot fracture that will sideline junior Isaiah Epps at least six weeks have been giving Oliver first-team reps.

He oozes the type of confidence needed to stand out as the offense attempts to find a reliable playmaker outside of Lynn Bowden.

"When my name is called, make the play. That's my job as a wide receiver, to catch the ball and make the play," Oliver said. "... Obviously, as a whole, we have to make plays because teams are gonna be scheming against Lynn, so it's our job to open other things up so they won't have to scheme against just one person. They'll have to scheme against the whole receiving corps."

A number of young receivers — among them fellow redshirt freshmen B.J. Alexander and Akeem Hayes — will push for field time, but Oliver is the clear frontrunner among the youngsters so far.

And you don't even need to see him play football to figure that out.

"Bryce Oliver is a tremendous athlete," UK wide receivers coach Michael Smith said. "If you watch him on a basketball court, you can tell he can move around."

Former Ballard star Jared Casey working to make immediate impact with Kentucky football

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In the coming weeks, Kentucky freshman linebacker Jared Casey hopes to make mastering an SEC defensive scheme look easy.

But even if he does, it wasn't.

"During spring, I feel like I did good, but I was just running around," Casey said. "If I don't know what's going on, I go 100%. I didn't really know a lot that was going on until the end of the spring."

Months after the end of Casey's unpredictable and "stressful" (his word) recruitment, the former four-star prospect at Louisville's Ballard High School is perhaps capable of making a serious push toward contributing in games this fall as a true freshman.

Kentucky's defensive coordinator Brad White has been clear: "The guys that know (the defense) are going to be the guys that play."

That's music to Casey's ears.

The four-star prospect enrolled early at UK, foregoing his final semester at Ballard to begin classes in January and participate in spring practices.

"That was probably the greatest decision I could have made, coming in early," Casey said. "After spring, I just felt like I've been here for a while. I felt so comfortable with the players and the defense and all that. I'm definitely more comfortable than the new freshmen that came in. ...

"I need to show that I know these installs and I know what my responsibility is. That's the biggest thing Coach White is looking for in me is knowing this defense. He said the person who knows this defense the most is going to be on the field the most."

Casey is now at the strong-side "Sam" outside linebacker position in Kentucky's defense after practicing this spring as the "Jack" on the other side, which is more of a pass-rushing role.

The "Sam" more often drops into coverage and has to make plays in the open field, which is why Casey feels the new role "fits me better," accentuating his

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athleticism and ability to tackle and cover in space.

"For his skill set, just his ability, he's great in pass coverage," Ballard coach Adrian Morton said. "He also has the ability to come up and defend the run and can play in open space. I think that just gives him another opportunity to show what he can do and get on the field."

Switching sides of Kentucky's defense would hardly register as a great change in distance for Casey, given that he was originally planning to attend college more than 2,300 miles from in Louisville.

In October, Casey committed to Oregon over finalists Kentucky, Louisville and Wisconsin, having been primarily recruited to the Ducks by Cort Dennison, a former assistant at Louisville who rejoined the Cardinals' staff in January.

By the end of November, however, Casey had decommitted and instead ended up at Kentucky.

"Oregon is in the Pac-12. You don't see a lot of linebackers coming out of the Pac-12," Casey said. "This is the SEC. You're going against the best talent, and you see a whole bunch of SEC linebackers coming out in the draft every year. So it's just obvious.

"And being with Coach White, he's my favorite coach I've ever had. He ain't going to cuss at you. He ain't going to yell at you. He's going to actually teach you."

Given that he arrived in January, Casey said he feels "like a veteran" already in Lexington. He hopes that comes through on the field.

"Jared has kind of been ready to take the field at that level for the last couple of years, and physically, he has the skill set to do so," Morton said. "I know the game obviously moves a lot faster than high school. With him getting an opportunity to enroll early in January, I think that gave him the extra reps maybe that he needed.

"I really do expect him to get on the field and get some reps, whether it be on defense or special teams."

He had hoop dreams. An ex-Cat helped this UK lineman rediscover football.

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Kordell Looney thought he was a basketball player.

Looney, a 6-foot-3, 297-pound junior at the University of Kentucky, didn't play football his first two years at Springfield High School in Ohio. Now, going back to his redshirt freshman season, he's played 18 straight games for UK — 11 against Southeastern Conference foes — and will be an integral piece of the defensive line in however many games the Wildcats play this season.

But Looney was a basketball player. A power forward, to be precise. He still likes to run at UK's Johnson Center, too, and during UK's Media Day a couple weeks ago made a bold proclamation.

"I'm the best basketball player in this stadium right now," Looney said. Redshirt freshman Nick Lewis, an offensive tackle, disputed that notion immediately.

"You wasn't no hooper," Lewis, a 6-foot-9 behemoth, said. "I had offers, I had offers."

Looney wasn't having it. "Tell 'em, tell 'em," Looney said. "I'm better than Nick Lewis."

Good-natured ribbing about the round ball aside, it's clear Looney made a good call coming back to football, which he'd played from second grade up until his freshman year of high school. He recorded 15 tackles (one for a loss) and broke up a pass last year, and has twice come up with three tackles in a game (against Louisville in 2017 and against Vanderbilt last season).

Maurice Douglass, a former UK football star and the father of true freshman Moses Douglass, was considering taking the head coaching job at Springfield in 2014. He discovered Looney while watching a basketball practice at the school in the winter, and encouraged him to return to the game.

"I said, 'If you'll play, I'll come,'" Douglass told The Springfield News-Sun in 2016. "He said, 'If you come, I'll think about it.'"

Douglass became the coach. Looney bought his pitch.

FBS offers rolled in before Looney even hit the field as a junior. Looney couldn't believe it.

"He sought me out and told me I could be a really good player for him and all this stuff," Looney said. "He helped me get to college. It was just crazy how it even happened."

UK defensive line coach Derrick LeBlanc, now in his third season with the program, said Looney's path from the court to the gridiron has become something of a trend around the U.S.

"So what happens is it takes 'em a little while longer in the program to kind of get it, and just the physicality of it," LeBlanc said. "And right now he's pretty solid. I'm gonna depend on him and (T.J.) Carter to play that field end position, and he's gonna be a big piece of our defense."

Looney has never made a start at UK, but the nature of the unit makes that something of a moot point: the defensive line was able to platoon last year, and its returning depth and quality thereof should make that sustainable heading into a 2019 season full of moving parts and unknowns in other areas of the defense.

The line is eager to shoulder the load while things get sorted out elsewhere.

"I want us to all eat, y'know what I'm saying? That's what I want," Looney said. "I want everybody to eat. I feel like anybody can stand out. ... We're gonna be good. I saw a lot of flashes last year of us improving. We used to be the worst (group) on the team. I know it, I witnessed it. Now guys are building."

Kordell Looney is a basketball player, but he's doing a good job figuring out this football thing, too.

Why quarterback transfer Sawyer Smith was a perfect fit for Kentucky football

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As a sophomore at Tate High School in Florida, new Kentucky quarterback Sawyer Smith's college plans already appeared set.

Smith was committed to Alabama to play baseball. His older brother Austen was a slugging first baseman for the Crim-

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son Tide on his way to a stint in the Miami Marlins organization, and Smith looked destined to follow in those footsteps.

But Tate football coach Jay Lindsey saw something special in Smith on the gridiron as well.

"It was fun because sometimes kids now-a-days, they play for scholarships or that stuff," Lindsey told the Courier Journal in a recent phone interview. "He's one of those genuinely few kids that played for the love of the game. He played for fun, and it actually ended up opening doors for him.

"...He was already going to play baseball (in college). He was playing football because he enjoyed it and he had a love for it."

Smith's newfound love for football quickly translated into the kind of success that attracted college recruiters.

Tate was 1-8 in Smith's freshman season, but after taking over the starting job as a sophomore, Smith led the Aggies to a 27-9 record across three seasons. As a senior, he led Tate to the Florida 6A semifinals for the first time in 10 years. In his last two seasons at Tate, Smith threw for 5,627 yards and 47 touchdowns while rushing for 1,063 yards and 20 more scores.

Meanwhile former Kentucky offensive coordinator Neal Brown was in the process of putting together his first full recruiting class as Troy's head coach. After originally committing to Central Florida for football, Smith flipped and signed with Troy as part of the 2016 class.

Smith played in six games as a freshman, redshirted in his second year on campus in 2017, then thrived when forced into the starting role last season after a season-ending injury to Troy starter Kaleb Barker.

As Troy's starter, Smith compiled a 5-2 record. He completed 63% of his passes for 1,669 yards, 14 touchdowns and six interceptions and was named the MVP of the Dollar General Bowl after completing 31 of 44 passes for 320 yards and four touchdowns in a 42-32 win over Buffalo.

That track record made him a clear fit for Kentucky when the Wildcats went looking for a graduate student quarterback following the transfer of 2018 backup Gunnar Hoak to Ohio State.

"He was extremely accurate down the field," UK quarterbacks coach Darin Hinshaw said. "He's great with (run-pass options), which is what we do. So, it's a

really good fit for our offense. ... His learning curve, he's an older guy. He's been through wars. He was the MVP of his bowl game. So, the kid understands what he's going through."

Perhaps almost as important as Smith's experience on the field was his personality in the locker room.

Kentucky returned quarterback Terry Wilson, who had helped lead the program to just its third 10-win season in his first year as the starter, and while Wilson struggled at times as Kentucky's starter, coaches remained high enough on his potential to avoid any talk of reopening the quarterback competition after the Citrus Bowl win over Penn State. That decision precipitated the offseason transfers of Hoak and No. 3 quarterback Danny Clark, leaving no experienced depth behind Wilson in Lexington.

The Wildcat coaches needed a quarterback who was talented enough to push Wilson but not one who would make waves in the locker room if he was assigned the backup position as expected.

Luckily, Kentucky's new inside linebackers coach Jon Sumrall was able to vouch for Smith's reputation after serving as Troy's assistant head coach when Smith signed with the program.

"I'm not in charge of evaluating anything to do with being a quarterback in any manner, but just character-wise was able to vouch for the type of young man he is, the type of competitor he is and what type of teammate he is," Sumrall said. "At Troy, he was kind of always a glue guy, a team guy that guys loved and rallied around and believed in. Whenever his number was called, he was ready and just a guy people on the team loved."

That description would come as no surprise to Lindsey.

"To be honest, looking back on the years I coached him, I don't think he ever had a bad day," Lindsey said. "Sure, we all have bad practices from a performance standpoint, but I don't ever remember a day of him coming out not excited to practice. That was a key thing that stands out. ... Every time he stepped out there his positive energy and him having fun was just contagious. That reflected on our team and other people sort of fed off his energy."

Smith wants to be a football coach when his playing career ends, so he

viewed the chance to transfer to Kentucky as an opportunity to expand his network of mentors while playing in arguably college football's best conference.

The uphill battle for snaps was clear. In addition to Wilson, Kentucky returns sophomore quarterback Walker Wood, a former Lafayette high school star who has yet to play in a game as he worked his way back from shoulder and knee surgeries but has three years of experience in Hinshaw's and offensive coordinator Eddie Gran's system. Kentucky signed two three-star quarterback prospects, Amani Gilmore and Nik Scalzo, in its 2019 class, and holds a commitment from four-star Lexington Catholic quarterback Beau Allen in the 2020 class.

Wood opened preseason practice as the Wildcats' No. 2 quarterback, but Smith is expected to take over that role as soon as he gains a better grasp on the playbook. Both he and Wilson have two years of eligibility remaining, so it's possible he leaves Lexington without ever serving as the Wildcats' primary starter.

"Here at Kentucky, I can kind of have the opportunity to impact this program," Smith said. "I might not impact it on the field, but I'll impact it in the locker room and impact the university however I can, pushing Terry to be the best he can be and just doing whatever I can to help out.

"...I like all the coaches here. I had opportunities to pretty much do whatever I wanted, but this is one of the best opportunities I had. I could've stayed where I was, I could've left, I could've went lower and played. I just made a decision that felt right."

Should Wilson be injured or fail to make the jump expected from his first to second season as starter, Smith's willingness to transfer to a school with a clear starter could prove vital for the program.

But even if he spends two years as Wilson's backup, that does not mean Smith cannot be an important contributor in Lexington.

"Sawyer wants to play," Hinshaw said "That's the truth, but he also is a team guy. So is Terry, so is everybody in that room. That's the way it's always going to be in our room. We're going to pull for each other. ... We care about each other and we all want to succeed. He fits in that room really, really well."

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Logan Stenberg, UK football's 'Mr. Nasty,' gets his 'edge' from a surprising place

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Drake Jackson has not commissioned a scientific poll. Based on observation, however, the Kentucky Wildcats center is proclaiming UK left guard Logan Stenberg to be the SEC offensive lineman that defenders most dislike.

"You want to be an offensive lineman that the opposing team's defensive line goes home and says 'Man, I hate that guy,'" Jackson says. "We're all trying to be that, but I think Logan is that guy."

In part, that comes from Stenberg's relentless habit of playing through the whistle — regardless of where he is in relation to the football.

"He's knocking his guy down even if the ball is (past)," Jackson says. "He's just trying to be annoying out there. He's trying to get inside guys' heads."

Once Stenberg, a 6-foot-6, 321-pound redshirt senior from Madison, Ala., gets his man to the ground, he's not through.

Stenberg "loves trash talking. Loves it," says UK left tackle Landon Young. "(He) absolutely loves taking (defenders) and piling them up, then telling them about it."

If Kentucky is going to "back up" its 10-3 breakthrough season in 2018 with a memorable 2019, a veteran offensive line must lead the way. Stenberg, a preseason Second Team All-America choice by The Sporting News, will be at the core of that effort.

Though personable and friendly in conversation, Stenberg's coaches and teammates tend to all use the same adjective to describe his on-the-field demeanor.

"Nasty," Young says. "A nasty guy."

The "edge" that has helped a relatively unheralded recruit — besides Kentucky, Stenberg's scholarship offers came from Troy and Southern Mississippi — become a legitimate NFL Draft aspirant comes from childhood.

Kimberly and David Stenberg's youngest child has three (much) older brothers. Of Logan's siblings, Eric is 15 years older, Ryan 13 years older and Jacob seven years older.

In spite of the age differences, the brothers "did roughhouse with (Logan)

a lot," Kimberly Stenberg says. "From an early age, he was trying to be better than his brothers."

Says Logan Stenberg: "They beat the tar out of me growing up. I credit them with my toughness, honestly. You had to be tough with them."

Not long after Logan was old enough to start school, there was a day when Kimberly Stenberg needed to make a trip to the grocery. She instructed her older sons to watch their little brother.

As it turned out, his brothers had no trouble keeping an eye on Logan — once they duct-taped him to the coffee table, took him outside and left him.

"They left me out for about an hour and a half, until my mom came home," Logan Stenberg says. "I was crying the whole time. My mom, man, she was irate. She ripped into them when she got home."

As upsetting as that sounds, Logan says he was not traumatized by the duct-taping. "It was all in love," he says. "But, my brothers, they did make me tough."

'WANT TO PLAY IN THE SEC?'

A moment that could have been a scene from a movie began the process that brought Stenberg to Kentucky.

During his junior year at Alabama's James Clemens High School, Stenberg was one day called into the office of his high school offensive line coach.

Cyrus Swearingen looked Stenberg dead in the eye and asked, "You want to play in the SEC?"

"Of course," Stenberg said.

The next thing the player knew, he was outside with Swearingen doing agility drills. While Swearingen recorded it, Stenberg went through a four-cone drill, did some mock pass sets, even pulled once simulating the lead guard on a running play.

College football recruiting, at its core, is an exercise in networking. Before UK offensive line coach John Schlarman was hired by Mark Stoops, he was an assistant at Troy University in Alabama.

At Troy, Schlarman had signed two offensive linemen that Swearingen had coached, Hazel Green's Tyler Lassiter and Huntsville's Terrence Jones. Both developed into starters.

"I had met Coach Schlarman at Troy, and I kind of knew what he looked for," Swearingen says.

Once Swearingen had finished recording Stenberg doing drills, he emailed the video to Lexington.

Says Stenberg: "Coach Schlarman called me that night, said, 'Hey, I see what Coach Swearingen sent. He vouches for you. I'd love to have you up for a visit.'"

During that visit, Stoops offered Stenberg a Kentucky scholarship. On April 16, 2014, Stenberg verbally committed to UK.

Stenberg almost certainly could have used that initial SEC scholarship to leverage other schools for additional offers. Instead, "more credit to him, he shut (recruiting) down," Schlarman says.

When he arrived in Lexington in the fall of 2015, Stenberg brought with him size, strength and his on-field nasty streak. Where he has progressed in his time at UK is as a technician of his craft.

"As a young guard, I just wanted to maul people, just put my head in there and try to pancake everybody," he says. "I've learned through the years that is not how you win blocks all the time. It's about hand placement, footwork, where your hips are. That's really where I've improved my game."

Over the past three seasons, Kentucky has improved its game — winning 24 football games and playing in three straight bowls.

As a redshirt freshman in 2016, Stenberg was a contributing reserve in a nine-player offensive line rotation. Over the past two seasons, he has started 26 straight games.

In a Kentucky football program that has turned a perceived lack of respect from outsiders into a motivational art form, Logan Stenberg has been an ideal fit.

It's just, for him, the chip on his shoulder traces its roots to childhood.

"To this day, Logan wants to be better than his brothers at everything," Kimberly Stenberg says.

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Kentucky fullback Drew Schlegel loves football, but he may love alpacas just as much

By Jon Hale

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The first thing you notice about Drew Schlegel when you see his Kentucky football media guide picture is the hair.

Turns out his mullet is not even close to the most interesting fact about the walk-on fullback from Parker, Colorado, though.

"I watched the movie 'Joe Dirt,' and I was like, 'Dang, I'd look great if I was an alpaca farmer with a mullet,'" Schlegel told the Courier Journal after a recent UK practice. "But then I've got a nice girlfriend that goes to the University of Iowa and she was like, 'I'm not having the mullet.'"

Is it possible for a player only the most diehard of Kentucky football fans would know to be the most interesting person on the team?

Because Schlegel is not kidding about the alpaca farmer thing.

The son of former UK captain Mike Schlegel, Drew grew up in Colorado as a Kentucky football fan raised on the tales of his father's spot on the 1993 Peach Bowl squad. But football was not his only love.

Schlegel led Regis Jesuit High School to a state rugby championship, leading the state in tries — rugby's closest equivalent to a touchdown — and earning the interest of professional and college teams. UK tight ends coach Vince Marrow claims Schlegel turned down a six-figure contract to play rugby in South Africa out of high school — "I said, 'Dude, what is wrong with you?'" Marrow quipped. "You could have come back and got your degree." — but the opportunity to follow his father's footsteps at UK was too much for Schlegel to pass up.

Schlegel's Colorado roots are where the alpaca farming comes into the story.

Denver is one of the most popular host sites for the National Alpaca Show, and Schlegel is a repeat visitor. When Kentucky players were given a few weeks off to travel home this spring, Schlegel made sure to be in Denver for the 2019 show.

"I've been to alpaca farms in Colorado," he said. "I got to all the alpaca shows in Denver. I love seeing all the alpacas, so

I'm like, 'I'm going to live in the mountains when I'm older and be an alpaca farmer.'"

It did not take long for Schlegel to realize alpaca farming is no casual hobby.

The Alpaca Owners Association's catalog list single alpacas for sale for as much as \$32,000, and since alpacas are herd animals, it is considered unwise to own just one. Each alpaca can produce five to 10 pounds of fleece per year. The fleece, sometimes compared to cashmere, can then be sold for a range of products from yarn to clothing to blankets.

"You can do a lot of different stuff with them," Schlegel said. "You can sell them, and then it's all about winning the show. Once you have a winner at a show, you can mate them and breed with other alpacas. That's where the real money comes.

"... I just plan on being some type of finance guy, get a little money first. But then straight to the alpaca farm out in Granby, Colorado."

OK, so former high school rugby star walks on to Kentucky's football team, where his father previously starred, and one day wants to live in the mountains of Colorado so he can run his own alpaca farm.

Hard to top that story, right?

There's more.

Schlegel also considers himself a die-hard college basketball fan, so Kentucky seems like a perfect place to feed that hobby. Only, it's not the Wildcats Schlegel follows.

His life's passion according to his media guide bio: mid-major conference basketball.

"When I was little I'd ask to go for Christmas to Murray, Kentucky, from Colorado," Schlegel said. "A lot of people from all over the country go to Colorado for Christmas, but I went to Murray, Kentucky, for Christmas, got to see Isaiah Canaan play."

Canaan, the former Murray State star who has played parts of six seasons in the NBA, is Schlegel's idol. Schlegel fell in love with the Ohio Valley Conference while watching Canaan bomb 3s for the Racers.

Now a typical November week might see Schlegel hurrying out of the UK football training center after practice to drive to an OVC game.

"I'll drive to Richmond, I'll drive to Murray, all over within about five hours to get to about 20 OVC games a year," Schlegel said.

Let's be clear. Schlegel's importance for Kentucky runs far deeper than a quirky media guide bio.

He played in 11 games last season, totaling four tackles on special teams and serving a key blocking role in short-yardage situations for the Kentucky offense. As Benny Snell ground out many of Kentucky's 10 victories last season late in games, it was frequently Schlegel paving the way in front of him.

"When we're running the ball he's one of the main guys we put in there," Marrow said. "He's a guy that he's very physical. He starts on all of our special teams. He's a true throwback fullback. You talk to a lot of our guys, he will smack you."

As Marrow began to extol Schlegel's overlooked virtues, Kentucky quarterback Terry Wilson walked by.

"Terry, how good is Drew Schlegel?" Marrow shouted.

"Schlegel is a beast, for real," Wilson replied without missing a beat.

Away from his longtime girlfriend for the fall, Schlegel promises to grow back his mullet by the end of the season. So, if you notice brown flowing locks peeking out of the back of the helmet of the player running in front of Wilson or one of Kentucky's running backs this fall, remember there's more to No. 46's story.

"He can be whatever he wants to be because he's a good young man," Marrow said. "He's very driven. He really is important to our program. ... I think he's one of those guys that live and die and breathe football. I think people are going to notice now because we're talking about him, but you'll see him out there knocking the crap out of people when we play."

Kenneth Horsey Kept the Faith Despite Heart Issues, Now Ready to Show What He Can Do

By Larry Vaught

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He says he was 100 percent healthy last season but also admits he lost strength after having open heart surgery just a few months before he arrived on the University of Kentucky campus.

"I wasn't able to perform the best I

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could last year. I am 100 percent healthy now and ready to go and play and show these coaches what I can do," said red-shirt freshman offensive guard Kenneth Horsey of Sanford, Fla.

It's unusual for an 18-year-old athlete to need open heart surgery and Horsey said family support and prayers, including those from Kentucky fans, helped get him through the scary ordeal and go through last season.

But did he really believe everything was going to be okay health-wise last year or was he just hoping it would be?

"Wow. That's a hard question. The only thing I can really say is that the last year God has been teaching me about patience," Horsey said. "He has shown me how to be able to stay down and wait for my time.

"I really feel like now my time has come. I just got to ... it's just one of those things you pray about and just have to have faith that God is going to bring you out. Whatever tests he brought you and put you in, he's going to get you out of it. That's all I can say."

The UK lineman will still need an electrocardiogram every six months or so just to make everything is still okay with his heart.

"But I am 100 percent, ready to go and ready to show BBN what I can do on the field this year," he said.

His mother, Shari, still calls or texts him daily to check on him. Horsey says he doubts she'll ever stop doing that.

"If you have met my mom, you will understand how she is. She might say she is not checking as much on me, but she is going to Mom out every now and then," the UK redshirt freshman said. "I don't think anybody in the world could stop my mom from worrying. Everything that happened probably impacted her more than it did me.

"Seeing your son go through something like that ... it was hard for all of us. They (his parents) don't worry about me as much. They know I am in good hands with the trainers and staff. We all know the coaching staff and athletic trainers have my best interests at heart and if I can play, I'm going to play."

Certainly his position coach, John Schlarman, is going to look after him because for the last year Schlarman has been receiving chemotherapy treatments after being diagnosed with cancer. Horsey

said Schlarman's courage helped him keep his own struggles in perspective.

"You still have to remember how good you have it. Just being able to watch coach Schlarman was amazing. Sometimes I would even forget he was going through what he did because he would never change. It was inspiring and still is," Horsey said.

"You can ask anybody, he never changed. Every time he could be there, he was there with us and he was always smiling. He was always ready to go and always pumped. He brought that energy every day."

Schlarman says Horsey is an "amazing story" to have had open heart surgery in April of his high school senior season and then be in full pads last fall.

"As a parent of four, that amazed me that he got to that point and that they (doctors) were confident he could do that. When we sat down after the season, everybody wants to contribute right away when they get here and it is always a little bit of a disappointment when they come in and redshirt like he did. It's humbling," Schlarman said.

"The thing we discussed is how much of a success story he was even though he didn't play the game. The fact that he practiced and got himself in shape. He came in probably 330 (pounds) and right now is about 317 and looking really good. He has a lot of room for improvement just because he went through all he went through last year.

"That's all behind him and he is building on just being healthy. I am excited about what he could do for us down the line and hopefully as early as this year."

EXCLUSIVE: UK's John Schlarman opens up about cancer battle

By Darrell Bird
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In what should be his darkest season, John Schlarman has discovered light, brilliant, streaking rays that flush every demon from its shadow, illuminate hope where despair might reign.

"I'm a better person now than I was 365 days ago. Better husband. Better father. I firmly believe that," Schlarman said. "The love that I have for people is

stronger. To be honest, I think my whole outlook on the good of people is stronger than before all this happened."

What happened is cancer, a rare, particularly nasty breed known as cholangiocarcinoma. It starts in the bile duct, but quickly involves the liver. Kentucky's offensive line coach was diagnosed days before fall camp last July and a relentless counter offensive of treatment continues to this day.

That announcement of his illness, first privately to family and friends and then publicly by coach Mark Stoops during the first press conference of a new football season in 2018, set into motion a chain of events that dumbfounded Schlarman.

"The amount of things people have done to support our family is crazy," Schlarman said. "Bringing meals over. Getting kids to places. All the calls that were made on my behalf. It made me feel guilty that I haven't helped people more in my life and it makes me want to do more.

"Too often in our society the bad is pointed out. It's all bad. It's all negative," he said. "With this, there is so much good. People care. There are kind, generous, loving people that will bend over backwards for you. They are making sacrifices for you. So my whole view of the world and society has changed quite a bit in the last year."

Whirlwind implies a joyous ride. Tempest is perhaps the best description for the past 12 months.

BLACK MONDAY

"I thought it was acid reflux," Schlarman said of the first symptoms that arose in late spring of 2018. "I would get uncomfortable after I ate something. Of course, you look online and you read stuff, but you can't do that. You'll drive yourself nuts. I went from acid reflux to maybe it's gall stones or maybe this or that. You've got to leave it up to the doctors."

Physicians at the UK Medical Center started tests. After an endoscopy and colonoscopy were inconclusive, experts turned to an ultrasound.

"The ultrasound is the one that threw up a lot of red flags," Schlarman said. "As soon as I got that, they set me up the very next day, which was a Saturday. It's not good when you have something done on Friday and the doctor calls you Friday af-

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ternoon and says, 'I've got you set up for tomorrow.' I'm thinking, 'That's Saturday. Uh oh.'"

Schlarman had an MRI that Saturday, same day as the annual women's football clinic.

"We knew at that point it was in my liver," he said. "There were some spots on my lungs that were a concern, too, and some spots in my stomach lining. When you've got it in multiple spots it's a more advanced case."

Monday, July 30, will never be a day of celebration in the Schlarman household.

"Toughest thing I've ever had to face in my whole life, that meeting with those doctors," Schlarman said. "It was very surreal. When they're talking to you about something like that, you're like, 'No, they're not talking to me. They're looking right through me and talking to someone else.'"

"My wife, Lee Anne, was with me that Monday," he added. "That was tough for both of us to sit at that table. You've got cancer. To have that news hit you out of nowhere. You think you've got acid reflux and all the sudden you don't. You've got a real serious version of cancer. You're in your 40s, you've got four kids. All that stuff hits you. I don't dwell on it because when you do, it gets to you. But the reality is that your whole world has just changed and you have to deal with it. You have to deal with it on a lot of different levels."

One of the more daunting challenges came soon after the Scharlmans returned to their Lexington home and faced their children – Joseph, 13; Benjamin, 10; Matthew, 8; and Evelyn, 2.

"That was a hard conversation, especially the 13 year old," Schlarman said. "The 10 and 8 year old, they have an idea of what Daddy is going through, but the significance hasn't really hit home with these guys yet. But with the oldest, Joe, I know it weighs on him some days. You just work through that stuff. You talk about it. I've never tried to hide anything. If he needs to talk about it, we talk about it and we move on."

Schlarman also aches for Lee Anne, a college sweetheart and his bride of 19 years.

"Lee Anne is my rock," Schlarman said. "Honestly, I think it's harder to be the spouse or loved one of someone going through this. You probably feel very helpless on that end because you can't fix it. But she is by my side every step."

CALL TO DUTY

As for his employment, it would have been understandable had the 44-year-old walked away from football, if even for a short time.

"Coach Stoops said, 'What do we need to do for you to beat this thing? What do you want to do?'" Schlarman said. "It was never, 'We need you to do this.' Or, 'If you can't do this, we'll have to do this.' There was never that type of conversation."

"In my mind, I wanted to keep everything as consistent as I could," he said. "I thought that would be the best way to deal with things mentally for me, if I was physically and mentally able to do that. Doing things at a very high level on a consistent basis was very important for me from day one."

Besides how could Schlarman bail, or even entertain an ounce of self-pity, when he need only look across the practice field to see a 19-year-old battling the same heinous disease?

Josh Paschal, an outside linebacker more than 500 miles from his Maryland home, was diagnosed the same week as Schlarman. The sophomore had melanoma, the most dangerous form of skin cancer, which required numerous foot surgeries.

"Seeing how he handled things absolutely motivated me," Schlarman said. "His strength. His faith. I took a lesson in that. He taught me."

"I'm out here with a whistle in street clothes. This guy is out here in full pads, going through treatment, and doing some things that I know what it feels like. I'm not going to friggin' feel sorry for myself."

Not surprising, the offensive line coach and defensive linebacker united in an unfortunate, exclusive club.

"We've bonded quite a bit through all this with both of us going through this at the exact same time," Schlarman said. "We check in on each other more than anything. Give each other a hug on the days you can tell we're not cranked up to 100 percent. Hopefully, I can give him motivation or comfort, too, and know that a lot of people love him and are here for him."

COMPETITIVE JUICES

In the end, sticking with football, with its long work days and relentless pursuit of the next Saturday opponent, proved to be Schlarman's port in his fiercest storm. The daily grind also revealed to him the

foothold he would need to fight back.

"There was about a 24-hour period where it hits you in the face and you're kind of numb because you have no idea what your future holds," Schlarman confessed. "I wouldn't say that it wears off, but after that initial shock, it's like, 'OK, what are we going to do about this?' I think it goes back to my background in athletics and as a competitor. 'OK, this guy beat me. Something has happened. Now, how am I going to fix this? How am I going to make this better?' You start turning and looking at what's next."

It took a few weeks, including extensive testing at world-renowned MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas, for doctors to pinpoint the cancer's origin.

"In order to get treatment, you have to go to the root of the cause. Where did this start? Where did it come from?" Schlarman said. "That process, in the beginning stages, wasn't easy because you still have to be diagnosed. It's not like I could start treatment the next day."

A three drug cocktail was determined to be the best combatant. MD Anderson developed the plan and Dr. Scott Pierce at St. Joseph's in Lexington executed it. Once a week the first two weeks and then every other Monday throughout the football season.

"They come up with the treatment, but then comes a certain element of grit," said Schlarman, the former All-SEC lineman rearing its head. "You just got to freakin' bear down and do your part and put up with some of the little things because it's not perfect."

Schlarman would arrive for treatment at 7 a.m. and be back to work in the football offices by noon. It was, after all, game week. He never missed one single practice, a point an emotional Stoops drove home when presenting Schlarman the game ball after Kentucky's historic victory at Florida on Sept. 8.

"Usually, I'm way back in the back of the locker room so I had no idea he was doing that," Schlarman said. "When coach said those things, it means a lot to you. It makes you want to work harder and do your job so much better because man, this guy has your back. If somebody does that for me, I'm hooked. Let's go. I'll give you all I've got. Last year took that to a whole other level for me."

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ADVERSITY VS. UNCERTAINTY

Ending a three-decade long losing streak to Florida was one of Schlarman's best days. Beating Penn State in the Citrus Bowl to secure 10 victories was another. "When you don't know what the future has to bring for you, it means that much more," he said.

But make no mistake, the disease has a wicked counterpunch.

"This stuff in your body, this cancer, it doesn't stop. The minute you stop, it continues," Schlarman said. "Some days that crawls up on you and you have to battle those demons."

Among the more sinister villains is uncertainty.

"I've been faced with adversity," Schlarman said. "But with a knee injury, it happens and you go through a point when you're down in the dumps. But then the trainer says if you do this, this and this you'll be back and ready to go. That's how I've been trained my whole life for when adversity strikes. With this stuff, it's different. You're diagnosed. You need to do this, this and this. But there is no guarantee after that. There is no, 'You'll be back 100 percent.' Maybe you will be. But maybe we have to adjust the plan.

"That's the hard part. There hasn't been a finish line for me to this point," he said. "If I can get to a point of being cancer free, I'll be good. But right now there are no guarantees of how am I going to get to that point in this amount of time. You just have to let the process happen and let people who are a lot smarter than me make those decisions on the treatment and the time-frame. That's what they do. That's their livelihood. And you trust in it."

Schlarman's chemotherapy ran August through January. A new trial drug regimen was tested from February to July. Now, as a second football season begins since the coach's diagnosis, Schlarman is in the early stages of yet another clinical trial that might require more on-site treatments at MD Anderson in Houston.

Beyond that, the coach simply doesn't know.

"That's the million dollar question," Schlarman said. "There aren't any conversations about, 'If you do this for another three months, you're going to be cancer free.' That's something they just don't know at this stage. It's different for every-

body. As many advancements as they've made in diagnosis and treatment and research, there are still a lot of question marks that they're figuring out.

"But we're continuing to battle this thing," he said. "We've been able to manage it, shrink some of the tumors and pretty much contain it to where it started and also sustain a quality of life that's been really good. I feel good that I'm around people that can have some great answers. I feel confident about that."

One day at a time. Cherish victories, learn from defeats. As in football, it is also in life.

"I've met some families going through the same stuff. Some are doing well. Some aren't here anymore. That's the harsh reality of what we're dealing with here," Schlarman said. "So you could crawl into a corner and feel sorry for yourself. But that doesn't help anything. I'm living my life."

WEEK ONE

'I want people to see me': Lynn Bowden is the face of UK football in more ways than one

By Jon Hale
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This is Lynn Bowden's moment.

Wearing a crisp gray suit, Bowden stepped into the national spotlight in July as one of Kentucky football's representatives at the Southeastern Conference media days extravaganza. A few weeks later, wearing his No. 1 jersey, he looked on as hundreds of Kentucky fans lined up for his autograph and picture at the program's annual Fan Day celebration.

And Saturday, in helmets and pads, the junior wide receiver from Youngstown, Ohio will step into the massive void left by Benny Snell's and Josh Allen's departures to the NFL in what could be an All-American-caliber season.

Bowden's prodigious talent on the field has long positioned him for stardom. But it was his image off it that led him to wonder if he might ever be fully embraced as a face of a program; if moments just like these would be his.

"Some of the schools I would visit, you'd get people looking at me like, 'What is he doing here?'" Bowden told the Courier Journal this summer. during his

stop at SEC media days. "Or even some of the coaches would be like, 'Wow, I didn't expect you to be like this.'

"I've got an ink addiction. I really don't think personally there's nothing wrong with having tattoos. It's just my life. People are going to look at me the way they want. I know how I am. I'm a great person."

'I feel like I'm more open'

They line his arms and hands, visible even when in full game-day uniform. He removes his helmet and the art climbing his neck and dotting his face jump out.

There are more than 70 tattoos, each as significant, artistic and simply fun to Bowden as the next. A crown of shoulder-length, multicolored dreadlocks during his first two years at Kentucky had further captivated those he came across.

In a perfect world, Bowden's hair and tattoos might be viewed as a unique expression of his own identity. He'd feel no need to explain or defend his appearance. He would not be critiqued, questioned or misunderstood, either.

But this isn't that world. Instead, Bowden has faced the misperceptions since as far back as high school when he became a major college prospect.

"We knew his recruitment coming up from Ohio he was stereotyped as this wild, gang (kid)," Kentucky recruiting coordinator Vince Marrow said. "... Once you got to know him, the kid never hangs out, he's at home all the time, raising his son now when he's home. It's a stereotype.

"I think that's a situation with a lot of young African American kids. If they got dreads, this stereotype is they're bad kids."

Bowden says those attitudes did not follow him to Lexington. But even as his clout on the football field rose, he yearned to feel more approachable to fans.

His offseason transformation began in the classroom, where he earned a 3.8 GPA in the spring semester, he said. And as he moved fully into the program spotlight, Bowden acted upon something he'd pondered. The locks are now gone, replaced by a coif cut.

"I cut my hair for the fans," Bowden said. "I want to interact with the fans more. ... Sure, I would like it (to not face the questions), but if it's something I had to do to grow up and become a man, that's something I was going to do."

The decision, he insists, was not put

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upon him by program or fan pressure. Rather, Bowden saw the cosmetic change as a step toward personal maturity. He wanted it, most of all, for himself.

Bowden reported he has received backlash from some fans for cutting his hair, if anything.

"That was one thing that stood out at Kentucky to me: I went down there every visit with my hair the way it was and no one ever said anything about it to me," Bowden said. "Even the fans, they never said anything. They accepted it.

"... Even people still to this day tell me to grow them back, but I just feel like I'm more open. I don't have to hide behind my hair no more. I just feel like everyone can know me for me."

'They accepted me'

It is unlikely Kentucky would have landed a recruit the caliber of Bowden — he was ranked as the No. 60 prospect in the country by Scout.com when he committed — had Marrow and Kentucky coach Mark Stoops not already known the person beyond the hair and ink.

Like Bowden, Stoops, Marrow and UK defensive backs coach Steve Clinkscale grew up in Youngstown.

"Just being able to play for somebody that knows my background and knows the background of my city, that was very important for me because I didn't want to play for someone's team that I didn't trust or I knew didn't care about me and just wanted me for my football attributes," Bowden said. "They accepted me."

Marrow in particular had formed an early kinship with Bowden. More than a decade earlier, Marrow had helped mentor another Youngstown star, Ohio State running back Maurice Claret, and he saw some of himself in both men. Claret, who now uses his own story to help other at-risk youth, began mentoring Bowden at Marrow's request.

Still, Bowden's football story almost ended before even making it to college. He came close to quitting football as a senior in high school.

"Probably like half an inch away," he said.

Bowden declined to elaborate on the reasons he felt pulled away from the sport — "Just had a lot going on," he said. "People don't understand I've got life off the field, I've got family issues." — but he credits the news that he was soon to become a

father for putting him back on track.

"I was aware that he was maybe going through some things," Warren Harding High School coach Steve Arnold said. "You just never know how far it is. I know football was and is very important to Lynn, but thank God he continued to play for us and Kentucky."

Bowden boasted scholarship offers from some of the top programs across the Midwest including Penn State, Michigan and Nebraska. At least one report suggested Ohio State made a late run at him before signing day in 2017, but Bowden took just one official visit: to Kentucky.

After signing with the Wildcats, Bowden endured an inconsistent freshman season, totaling 17 catches for 210 yards as he played wide receiver for the first time. Shortly after his collegiate debut, Bowden took to Twitter to complain about his lack of snaps in Kentucky's run-heavy offense, but Stoops dismissed any concerns about the social media posts.

"He's the type of kid if he went somewhere else and you didn't know him early and didn't give him time to grow, probably would have been kicked out of the school or something like that," Marrow said.

Patience from both Bowden and Kentucky coaches paid off with a breakout sophomore season that saw him lead the team with 67 catches for 745 yards and five touchdowns.

Bowden's legend grew at Missouri when he informed Stoops he would be going in at punt returner. On his first career punt return, he sprinted 75 yards for a touchdown to spark the late comeback. Bowden finished the 15-14 Kentucky win with 13 catches for 166 yards in addition to the punt return touchdown.

Despite the breakout season, Bowden's performance was overshadowed by Snell, who would break the program's career rushing record in the Citrus Bowl, and Allen, the future top-10 NFL draft pick who dominated his way to National Defensive Player of the Year honors.

But Allen and Snell are in the NFL now, and Kentucky coaches have made no secret of their desire to find opportunities to get Bowden the ball as a receiver, "wildcat" quarterback and kick and punt returner in 2019.

"We're so excited about him," Stoops said. "We have to make sure we find ways

to get him the football. He's a difference maker, changes the digits on the scoreboard. He's a playmaker and can make things happen."

'I was tired of hiding'

It was amid the backdrop of his growing importance to the team that Bowden made the decision to cut his hair and rededicate himself in the classroom.

In the same way that Allen credited his infant son as fueling his historic 2018 season, Bowden points to his son, Lynn Bowden III, as motivation for what might be his last season in college.

ESPN NFL draft analyst Mel Kiper Jr. recently mentioned Bowden as a dark horse candidate for a first-round selection in April, and if his junior season goes as planned his stock might rise even more.

"I've got one goal I set for myself: Just give my son as much as I can," Bowden said. "I don't want him to grow up like I did. I want him to know there's things out there to look forward to and set your mind to."

Bowden has not been content to simply elevate his own play entering his junior season. Teammates and coaches credit him for becoming a more vocal presence in the locker room, helping to drag along a young group of wide receivers that will look to prevent defenses from focusing all their attention on Bowden.

It's that off-field growth, though, that has most impressed Bowden's coaches. But it does not surprise those who have known him longest.

During Kentucky's spring break, Bowden returned to Youngstown where he spent time working out with the Warren Harding team. There Arnold watched his former star to take several young players aside, setting an example that might help them follow Bowden in becoming the next in a long line of future NFL players to come from the school.

Now Arnold uses a simple threat to motivate those players when they might slack off in practice: "Do you want me to call Lynn?"

"His humility and not wanting to forget where he came from and his struggles he's had to endure has enabled him to get where he is," Arnold said. "... We know he's blessed for talent, but we've seen many kids blessed with talent not be able

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to get to the point Lynn has made it thus far. ... Lynn Bowden has done a great job not forgetting where he's come from, and that's why we're very proud of Lynn."

Many of the same tattoos that have been used to judge Bowden harshly offer a daily reminder of the struggles he has overcome.

His mother's name, Melissa, is there. As is his son's.

Those tattoos are going nowhere. There is room for them in Bowden's new image — an image that Bowden is prepared to share with a wider audience this fall.

"I want people to see me," he said. "Even with the tattoos on my face, I want people to see me. I was tired of hiding."

UK's top running back says Boy Scouts taught him the 'man skills' to be a leader

By Chase Campbell
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In the Boy Scouts of America, reaching the rank of Eagle Scout takes an incredible commitment. I know this because I tried, and ultimately didn't reach it. One person that did, though — UK football running back AJ Rose.

"I didn't tell anybody (on the team)" Rose said at UK's Media Day. "I just kept that to myself. A little self-confidence thing, you know?"

To reach the rank of Eagle Scout, one must have been a Life Scout — the fifth rank on the ladder — for six months, earn 21 merit badges demonstrating specific personal and outdoor skills, plan a service project that benefits his community and undergo a board of review by Scout leaders from the area.

Rose completed all this for Troop 983 in his hometown of Cleveland, Ohio. After coming to UK, he kept it to himself so that not even his fellow running back, Kavosiey Smoke, knew.

AJ Rose Eagle Scout.jpg

"I never heard of it. He didn't ever tell anybody that," Smoke said. "That's something new I just heard today."

Smoke did say, though, that it made sense because of Rose's drive to be a leader.

"He feels like he's got to step up... he's the biggest leader of our group, and I appreciate him for that," Smoke said.

For Rose, though, being an Eagle Scout wasn't about showing a title to demonstrate that he has the abilities to be a leader. It was about developing himself.

"It definitely impacts me on the field," Rose said. "The toughness, the grit... just teaching me man skills. I use those skills every day in my life.

"Once I start something, I finish it. Once I started Boy Scouts, I knew the highest rank was Eagle so I had no choice but to finish it."

The organization runs in his family as well — Rose said he achieved that rank for his grandma and aunt, and that his brother reached the same rank of Eagle he did.

Rose said he's excited that UK will host a Boy Scout troop at a game this season, and that it's something he's really looking forward to because he always loves spending time with troop members and those in the organization.

A lot of players can say they're leaders and demonstrate that in the locker room. Rose showed up with the credentials before he ever stepped on the field

Kentucky's Lynn Bowden reveals how family and football saved his life - and the lie about that tattoo above his eye

By Kyle Tucker
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The new face of Kentucky football has an inscrutable Chinese symbol tattooed above its right eyebrow. Like so many of the seventy-two permanent ink drawings all over wide receiver Lynn Bowden's body, this one tells a powerful story. The trick is getting him to share the unedited version.

"I've been lying to people," he confesses, "but I'm going to keep it real with you."

The art under his chin, which seems to climb up out of the collar of his jersey, is easier to interpret. A pair of wings that spread across his throat lifts a letter L from the dark. A brick path dotted with hearts adorns the left side of his neck, an homage to the red-brick road in front of his grandmother's house on Superior Street in Youngstown, Ohio, where Bowden grew up with about a dozen relatives. Two years ago, he followed that road to Interstate 680, the sign for which

is tattooed on the top of his left hand, and got the hell out of town. .

Sitting here now, days before the start of his junior season and with legitimate hope of becoming one of the most exciting players in college football this fall, Bowden points to that much smaller display of ink above his eye and is finally ready to admit what it represents.

"I tell people it means love," he says. "It really means death."

That's an easier truth to tell today, hundreds of miles from the city that threatened to swallow his dreams and what feels like a lifetime from the person he was the day he stamped that bleak prediction next to his temple.

"When I got it, I was in a deep, deep, dark place," Bowden says. "I felt like the world was against me. My anger, I can control it now, but back then I had a short fuse. I could blow at any minute. So I thought I'd probably die young. I thought I'd never see the age of 21."

Since that day, during a delinquent senior year in high school, Bowden has done much more than survive. He has amassed 2,663 total yards for the Wildcats — receiving, returning kicks, rushing and passing. He has grown into a doting father to his son Lynn III. And he has emerged, against long odds, as a leader for a team that badly needed one after losing the most productive pass rusher (Josh Allen) and running back (Benny Snell) in school history following its most successful season in 41 years.

The upset of upsets came last month, when Kentucky picked Bowden as one of three players to represent the program at SEC Media Days. Upon learning of his selection, he chopped off his once trademark dreadlocks. He wore a close-cropped hairstyle with a tailored suit and tie to meet with hundreds of reporters in Birmingham, Ala., and could not stop smiling about just how surreal it all felt. His coach, Mark Stoops, a fellow Youngstown native, was proud of him, actually wanted the world to see him. Bowden's profile picture on Twitter now is a GQ-style photo of himself from that day.

"I was clean. I felt good," he says, grinning wide. "Just to show I can put a suit on and look good, it was amazing. I couldn't have imagined it. I could've ended up dead or in jail before I came here.

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These coaches here took a risk on me. They took a shot with me, and I'm making sure they never regret it. That's why I'm keeping my nose clean, staying on the narrow path.

"I just want to make them proud," Bowden says. "And make every team that passed on me regret it."

He really just means one team.

Bowden was electric in high school, rushing for 7,387 yards and 91 touchdowns in his career. Playing quarterback as a senior, he racked up 3,643 yards rushing and passing, totaled 57 touchdowns and left opposing coaches awestruck and declaring the 6-foot-1 dynamo one of the best players they'd ever seen come out of an area that has produced quite a few stars. His own coach back then put him in the same sentence with local legends – and former Big Ten stars – Mario Manningham, Maurice Clarett and Daniel "Boom" Herron.

But the home-state Buckeyes didn't seriously enter Bowden's recruitment until the 11th hour, after he'd already committed to Kentucky, with signing day fast approaching in 2017. Why wait on arguably the best player in talent-rich Ohio? He had a perception problem.

Bowden knows exactly how he looked to Ohio State and other outsiders back then. His father wasn't around most of his life. Several family members were in and out of jail. He had an aversion to schoolwork and an affinity for "running the streets," as he calls it.

With a population of just 65,000, Youngstown still had 26 homicides last year (at a rate 7 times the national average) and a staggering 37 percent poverty rate in 2017. Many people didn't even need his backstory or the Youngstown statistics to judge him, though. The wild hair, sometimes dyed blonde, and head-to-toe ink painted quite a picture for those not willing to look closer.

"Gang member," Bowden says. "That was the rumor, yep, mmmmmhmmmm."

Totally unfounded?

"I mean," he says, shifting in his seat, "I wouldn't say gang member. It was just, like, a family thing. We all ran together and we all did stuff together. Just a group of North Side boys."

Doing what kind of stuff?

"Fighting, smoking, carrying guns," he says.

So a little bit like a ...

"Gang, yeah," he concedes.

Bowden was just 9 years old, still in uniform after a youth football game, when one man opened fire on another in the bleachers and followed him onto the field. The shooter stood over his victim in front of hundreds of witnesses, and shot the man dead. The horror is clearly imprinted on Bowden's memory; his personal recollection of the murder matches the details in news reports from 2006. That was the same year a research study declared Youngstown the ninth-most dangerous city in America.

"That's the first time I saw a person get killed," Bowden says. First implies that it was not the last. "I seen a lot of shootouts," he says, shaking his head. "Too many. Too many."

And that is how a teenager with NFL talent ends up with a symbol for death on his face and not much hope in his heart. So often, such an outlook becomes a self-fulfilling prophecy. It nearly did for Bowden.

"People profiled me as a street guy because I had all these tattoos, so I just went with it," he says, noting that the first time he sat in his friend Scott's chair to get ink, he was probably only about 13 years old. "Nobody really wanted me. The people who really wanted me, it's because I played sports. If I wasn't doing something good for them, they basically gave up on me."

Eventually, Bowden started to give up on himself. He thought about quitting football. He essentially quit school. If his appearance and the whispers about gang affiliation didn't scare off Ohio State, his transcript certainly did. There was major concern about whether he could qualify academically to play Division I football – a question that wouldn't be answered until just a few weeks before the first game of his freshman season at Kentucky.

"I was going down the wrong path," Bowden says. "Then I found out my son was coming and I knew I had to step up and become a man."

Lynn Bowden III was born on April 9, 2017, at the end of his dad's senior year of high school, but the change in Lynn Jr. started months earlier when girlfriend Mikayla Finley's belly began showing.

"Reality set in: I got a child coming," Bowden says. "I didn't want him to be raised like I was, just with his mom, no

dad there for those early life stages. Because the hardest thing I learned without my dad all those years is that's really the one true love that you want to have, that father-son bond."

Lynn Sr. was a teenager when Lynn Jr. was born, but pops did not rise to the challenge the same way, instead holding on to his partying ways. As Lynn Jr. figures, his dad probably thought the best thing for his child was to just stay away.

When Bowden talks about feeling unwanted and abandoned, he means by the men in his life. The women — his mother, grandmother, girlfriend — all tried desperately to help him see how loved he is and how special he can be. But there remained a void only his father could fill.

"I was empty without him," Bowden says. "I felt like I didn't have anything because I didn't have my dad. I just kind of wondered, 'Why is he not by my side?' Was it me? Did he leave because of something I did?"

He knows better now.

"I was just young and wanted to run the streets. I wanted my own freedom," Lynn Sr. admits today, his voice heavy with regret. "Then I saw the route Lynn was going and I didn't like it. He was running with the wrong crowd. He was not really a thug. He tried to be something he wasn't — because I wasn't a father figure for him. He needed me in his life to say, 'You're going the wrong way.'"

They actually reconnected during Lynn Jr.'s freshman year of high school, by which time he'd already become a local football and basketball star. His father had wanted to reach out even sooner, but he feared the boy would assume he was just trying to ride the coattails of his athletic success. So Lynn Jr. finally had to make the first move.

"I called him one day and said, 'Dad, we need to talk,'" he remembers. "He was like, 'Son, I've been waiting on this.' We both kind of teared up, the whole sentimental thing. It was the joy I needed. It really wasn't hard to forgive him, because I wanted him. I was seeking him. That's my guy. He could call me right now and I'd probably stop this interview to answer."

Their reunion was hardly a cure-all, however. Lynn Jr. was still hurtling toward self-destruction by the time Lynn III came along. You'd never know it today, watch-

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ing him roll around with his tiny twin, laughing and tickling and nuzzling a son who has never had to wonder where Daddy went. Lynn, Mikayla and their adorable boy all live together in an apartment in Lexington, where the one-time wannabe gangster is now a homebody whose time away from the football practice field is consumed with dirty diapers and Disney movies. Teammates and coaches describe Bowden as downright boring these days.

That's no small turnaround for a guy who says he picked up a gun for the first time in eighth grade and only by the grace of God never actually pulled the trigger or had one pulled on him.

"It's no exaggeration at all to say my son saved my life," Bowden says. "I tell his mom that all the time: Y'all two really saved me."

Make it three. His own mother, Melissa Phillips, knew Bowden had to get out of Youngstown. She also knew that it might take a couple of men from Youngstown to help him escape. Stoops and assistant Vince Marrow, Kentucky's ace recruiter, grew up there together. They still know practically the entire town. They could get the real story on her son, see past his exterior, ignore his machismo and envision what he might become in a more structured environment.

Both in their early 50s, Stoops and Marrow aren't far removed from an era when Youngstown became known as "Crime Town USA." In his day, Stoops didn't see the street crime that Bowden faced; instead, the mafia ran the town and settled its scores with car bombs seemingly every other week.

And while Stoops famously grew up with plenty of guidance as the youngest of four sons to local coaching legend Ron Stoops, he could also relate to Bowden developing a hard edge early. One of his childhood games was called "Hide the Strap," which essentially is the first one to find the belt gets to beat the other kids with it. Youngstown, then and now, can be tough on young men.

Knowing the city as they do, both Stoops and Marrow agree with Bowden's parents on this: the kid was hardly a gangster.

"Don't get me wrong, he's got cousins in that life," Marrow says. "But we are very well connected up there. We knew some of that stuff was a bunch of bull.

Some of it had substance, but nothing to where we would say, 'Oh, we're not going to recruit this kid.'

"We had an opportunity to get him out of Youngstown and let him show the world who he really is," Marrow says. "Sometimes you just need to get out of a bad situation to shine. That's where I give his mom a lot of credit: She did everything in her power to save her son."

When Ohio State finally did come calling, sending members of its staff to woo him once it was clear he'd buckled down on his academics – which still took all summer and into the first week of Kentucky's preseason camp to get eligible in 2017 – Bowden pretended to be sick and stayed home from school. He was no longer interested. He needed a complete change of scenery, and Stoops was more than happy to provide one. UK was taking a risk, sure, UK's coach acknowledges now, but it was an informed risk.

"I knew that he was a good person, that he was not what he appeared to be," Stoops says. "That's where we have to really dive into kids and see what's real. There are different layers to them. Sometimes they get caught up in their environment. Sometimes they just have a persona for their situation, when down deep that's not really who they are. So we just had to get him out of there."

Even some of the very people they were trying to get Bowden away from knew that.

"They started getting on me: You gotta go play football, gotta put the family on your back," he remembers. "The same people I was running with told me, 'It's time to settle down. Our time is over. It's time for you to go do what you gotta do.' They wanted me to go do better than anyone else from there has ever done."

When Bowden moved to Lexington, his mother found two jobs in town, as a registered nursing assistant and phlebotomist, and moved with him. She promised him Lynn III would never have to go to day-care, and so far he hasn't. She's changed jobs once already just to maintain hours flexible enough to keep her word.

"I'm a firm believer that life is not your own once you decide to bring a child into this world. You owe that child everything," Phillips says. "Lynn understands that. He knows it's his job as a father to be every-

thing his father wasn't. I'm so proud because I've watched him grow and mature and people are starting to see what I've seen in him since the day he was born. I'm so happy he turned out to be everything everyone thought he wasn't going to be."

Loving son, adoring father, football star and, in a twist that surprised even Bowden, solid student. He's recorded a 3.5 grade-point average or better each of the last three semesters, according to Marrow.

The conference coaches voted Bowden second-team All-SEC as an all-purpose player after he compiled 1,455 total yards and scored seven touchdowns last fall. This preseason, the coaches named him All-SEC at three positions: all-purpose (second team), wide receiver (third) and return man (third). He's also on watch lists for the Hornung and Biletnikoff awards, given respectively to college football's most versatile player and best wide receiver.

"He absolutely earned all of that," Stoops says. "He's a great example of a young man transforming himself."

But Bowden did not transform himself by himself, and Bowden's mother knows it.

"They gave him a chance when other people wouldn't," Phillips says of the Wildcats. "I'm humbly, wholeheartedly grateful. I owe a lot to the program, to the community, to the fans, but especially to the coaches. I really have to give it to them. They saw beyond the outside. They saw the beauty on the inside."

So now the new face of Kentucky football has a tattoo above its right eyebrow that means death. But it also has fresher ink running parallel to each sideburn. One says LIVE. The other says LIFE.

Live life, Bowden says, because life is good these days.

Kentucky football has a secret weapon. He helped Cats answer a big question vs. Toledo.

By Mark Story
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According to legend, old-school Ohio State head coach Woody Hayes said the problem with throwing the football was that only three outcomes are possible — and two of them are bad.

Kentucky Wildcats wide receiver

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Ahmad Wagner is rewriting that equation. As everyone saw again in UK's 38-24 season-opening victory over Toledo, when Terry Wilson throws to Wagner, four things are realistic — and two of the outcomes are good.

On Saturday, the 6-foot-5, 237-pound former Iowa Hawkeyes basketball player picked up where he left off at the end of last season and drew two more pass interference calls from defenders. Wagner also caught the first three passes of his Kentucky career.

His performance helped the non-Lynn Bowden segment of the Kentucky wide receiving corps — considered one of the Wildcats' biggest question marks entering 2019 — leave a mostly positive impression on the sun-drenched Kroger Field crowd of 54,610.

On the afternoon, UK quarterback Terry Wilson (19-of-26 passing for 246 yards with no interceptions and two touchdowns) spread the ball around to eight different receivers.

Most encouragingly for the Wildcats, five wide receivers caught passes. As one would expect, Bowden, UK's star junior slot receiver, led the way with six receptions for 77 yards.

But, crucially, the junior from Youngstown, Ohio, had help.

Wagner's three catches went for 57 yards. True sophomore Allen Dailey caught two balls for 31 yards — and had another 37-yard reception called back by an illegal-hands-to-the-face penalty called on Kentucky guard Logan Stenberg.

Redshirt freshman Bryce Oliver made an acrobatic 32-yard touchdown catch that put UK ahead 24-14. Junior Josh Ali made a tough catch for a 2-yard score that gave Kentucky a 38-17 lead.

Afterward, Kentucky offensive coordinator Eddie Gran said he believed the wideouts had performed well enough against Toledo that it would give Wilson more trust in them as the competition gets tougher.

"I think we've got good receivers — I know we do," Gran said. "So (Wilson needs to just) let that thing rip. They'll make plays for him."

Oliver made an impressive adjustment to the ball on a well-thrown, back-shoulder fade from Wilson to earn his first college TD.

"If y'all look at the video, I gave (the beaten defender) a little stare, 'cause I wanted a nice picture (of the touchdown)," Oliver said. "I hope they got a picture of that."

The UK coaches had talked up Ali's development throughout preseason camp.

"That guy is one of the unsung guys on the offense for some of the stuff he does," Gran said. "He clears out for Lynn, is really unselfish. We'll find ways to get him involved (in the passing game) a little more."

Most remarkably, Wagner kept right on coaxing pass interference penalties from defenders.

Last year, with Kentucky trailing Missouri 14-9, he drew a call in the end zone against Missouri on what would have been the game's final play.

Wilson then hit C.J. Conrad with a game-winning 2-yard TD toss on the untimed final down that gave UK a 15-14 win.

From there, Wagner just kept drawing pass interference calls last season. "I had, like, four targets and four PIs," he said.

So drawing two in this season's first game was business as usual for the former Big Ten power forward.

"Darndest thing I've ever seen," Gran said of Wagner's penchant for drawing fouls.

Wagner said in his three-year Iowa basketball career, he did not try to draw fouls.

"I couldn't shoot free throws. I'm not gonna lie," the 46-percent career foul shooter said. "Since I couldn't shoot free throws, I tried to avoid (getting fouled)."

That Wagner collected his first three college receptions to go along with his drawn pass interference calls only adds to the intrigue about what impact he could ultimately have on a Kentucky offense that no longer has star running back Benny Snell as its anchor.

UK Coach Mark Stoops said the Cats coaches have challenged the former basketball player to think less on the field and just cut loose and play.

"That's why they are playing me more, I'm more comfortable with the offense and can play faster," Wagner said.

Gran laughed when it was pointed out that Wagner is altering the old-school ratio of good-to-bad on what can realistically be expected to happen when a team throws the football.

"That's a fact," Gran said. "A really unique situation with that guy."

Gran says Kentucky's offensive brain trust does take into consideration Wagner's consistent ability to draw penalties when calling plays.

"I think Terry (Wilson) really trusts him, too," Gran said. "Anytime that single (coverage) is over there, (Wilson) has free reign to throw to him."

After all, when you throw the football to Ahmad Wagner, four things can happen, two of which are good.

WEEK TWO

Mark Stoops: SEC upset losses 'can happen to any of us'

By Jon Hale

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Kentucky football coach Mark Stoops likes to tell reporters he will never apologize for a win. Never has that sentiment been more practical than Week One of the 2019 college football season.

Yes, Kentucky struggled at times in a 38-24 season-opening win over Toledo, but that performance was still enough to be declared a rousing success when compared against most of the Wildcats' Southeastern Conference East Division brethren.

Tennessee lost to Georgia State (38-30) and South Carolina lost to North Carolina (24-20), two teams that combined for just four wins a year ago.

Vanderbilt's 30-6 loss to Georgia was no surprise, but preseason media darling Missouri showed predictions the Tigers would make it to a Nov. 9 matchup with Georgia without a loss were laughable when it fell to Wyoming (37-31), a team that was not selected for a bowl game in 2018.

The bottom half of the SEC West was not immune from Week One disappointment either as evidenced by Ole Miss's loss to Memphis (15-10). Kentucky's two 2019 West opponents, Mississippi State and Arkansas, hardly impressed either in closer-than-expected wins over Louisiana Lafayette (38-28) and Portland State (20-13) respectively.

"I got an opportunity to watch some of that, so I was watching it unfold," Stoops said at his pre-Eastern Michigan news conference Monday. "It can happen to any of us, so I'm not going to sit up here and throw any stones, that's for sure. You've

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heard me say it: You get an opportunity to be humbled every seven days when you're sitting up here. So, I'm not going to get out in front of my skis."

Despite Kentucky's second-place finish in the East and 10 wins a year ago, SEC media picked the Wildcats sixth in the East in preseason poll released in July.

The common thinking went that Kentucky would be unable to maintain its recent advantage over programs like South Carolina (five straight wins) and Missouri (four straight wins) because of the 16 starters lost from the Citrus Bowl champion squad, including 2018 National Defensive player of the Year Josh Allen and UK's all-time leading rusher Benny Snell.

The Week One results likely only added to a summer of complaints about disrespect from within the Kentucky locker room.

"Our guys be working hard," UK recruiting coordinator and associate head coach Vince Marrow said before the opener. "I'd be lying if I said they don't look at that stuff. If it don't piss them off, it should, because people still disrespecting this team. It ain't like we just stopped working. We recruited. We're developing guys."

Considering even Florida, ranked No. 8 in the preseason coaches' poll, struggled in a 24-20 season-opening win over Miami, Kentucky's path to relevance in the SEC East race again suddenly looks less daunting.

Thanks to a light nonconference schedule and the East's early struggles, Kentucky could win 10 games this season without beating a team ranked in the top 25.

First, the Wildcats will need to beat a second consecutive Mid-American Conference foe in Eastern Michigan, which opened its season with a 30-23 win over Coastal Carolina.

The shocking upsets across the division Saturday should help Stoops keep his team focused this week, as will the reminder that Eastern Michigan just missed an upset against Kentucky in a 24-20 loss in Kroger Field two years ago.

Stoops can relate to the week some of his SEC coaching brethren will have considering his tenure at Kentucky started with an upset loss to Western Kentucky in 2013 and his 2016 team was upset by Southern Mississippi in its opener.

"Across college football, these are young kids," Stoops said. "We don't get any exhibition games or anything. We

just practice against ourselves. So early on it's very difficult because if you have some inexperienced players they're just so used to playing your team. Then you go play somebody else, they dress things up different. Maybe same plays, but things just look different and it's just different.

"...Early on, I really harp on our team and try to beat it into them that we can't beat anybody until you stop beating yourself. I think early on that happens a lot in football."

Where there's smoke, there's fire: UK running back Kavosiey Smoke lives up to his name

By Jon Hale
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Kavosiey Smoke is the type of name headline writers dream of.

"Pass the Kavosiey," "Smoke has speed to burn" and "They don't want this Smoke" were just a few of the suggestions floating around Twitter Saturday as the Kentucky redshirt freshman running back totaled 78 yards and one touchdown on seven carries.

Combined with his cameo in the Wildcats' 2018 blowout of rival Louisville, Smoke is now averaging 11.2 yards per carry in his career. Keep up that pace and Smoke's profile will only grow, earning him a spot on the lists of best names in college football.

Only he prefers his name was something a little less original.

"Just say Smoke," the Wetumpka, Alabama, native said during preseason camp. "That's what I tell people — call me Smoke — because I don't like it when people call my name wrong. That makes me kind of mad. People know my name, but they say it wrong still. I just like to be called Smoke."

Smoke is unsure why his mother named him Kavosiey (pronounced kah-VAH-see-ay), but sometimes he wishes she'd picked a more traditional option.

Jokes comparing his first name to the Courvoisier brand of cognac have contributed to Smoke's desire to be known by his last name, which he also lists as his nickname in his UK media guide bio.

"I don't like my name kind of," he said. "... I'm like, 'Why can't I have a common name?' This name is so hard, complicated."

It's not like Smoke is exactly a common last name either, but for a running back whose breakaway speed has already plagued opposing defenses in limited action, it seems more fitting.

Smoke blazed his way to a 37-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter of the 2018 Governor's Cup rivalry game after Kentucky had cleared its bench to allow some of the players redshirting to take advantage of the NCAA's new rule allowing up to four appearances without losing a year of eligibility.

That cameo was enough to excite Kentucky fans and coaches heading into an offseason in which the team would look to replace all-time leading rusher Benny Snell with a three-headed running back committee.

"That's the nice thing about that rule change a year ago, with the four game — you got to see him in games," Kentucky coach Mark Stoops said after one preseason scrimmage. "That's helpful. We have high hopes for him. He looks good."

Smoke showed off his speed again in the 2019 spring game, totaling 132 yards and two touchdowns on just five carries. One of his scores came on an 87-yard run.

Against Toledo, Smoke initially appeared on pace for an output more typically associated with a team's No. 2 running back until he sprinted 40 yards for a fourth-quarter touchdown to give Kentucky a 31-17 lead with 8:26 remaining.

There appears to be room for more growth as Smoke has yet to catch a pass even though offensive coordinator Eddie Gran called him the best route runner of the three running backs in preseason practice.

"He's got unbelievable hands," Gran said.

Moving forward, Smoke is likely to continue splitting carries with junior starter A.J. Rose, who gained 64 yards and one touchdown on 16 carries in the opener, and fellow redshirt freshman Chris Rodriguez, who totaled 34 yards on five carries against Toledo but fumbled twice.

Rose possesses breakaway speed as well, but Smoke can be particularly effective when bringing fresh legs to the field against tired defenders like he did Saturday.

If his first two collegiate games are any indication, Smoke's name is going to continue to be a topic of conversation, but if he remains this productive Smoke will be able to demand fans call him whatever he wants.

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"I'm one of a kind," Smoke said. "... Everybody is going to be calling me Smoke then. They ain't going to be thinking about Kavosiey."

'We love him.' Kentucky coaches, players preparing for life without Terry Wilson.

By Josh Moore
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It's not definitive, but it seems as if the University of Kentucky football team will be without starting quarterback Terry Wilson for the foreseeable future, if not the remainder of the 2019 season.

An MRI was scheduled for Sunday to determine Wilson's prognosis after suffering an injury to his left leg during UK's win over Eastern Michigan on Saturday. He was brought to the ground on a horse-collar tackle and soon thereafter was carted off the field with 1:19 remaining in the third quarter.

Head coach Mark Stoops in his postgame news conference did not wish to speak to the severity of Wilson's injury. Footage captured by WLEX-18 during the postgame handshake between Stoops and EMU head coach Chris Creighton showed Stoops apologizing for multiple UK pass plays that were called for backup quarterback Sawyer Smith, a graduate transfer in his first year with the program, in the final minutes.

"I had to just get him a few snaps, my guy's out for the year," Stoops told Creighton during their postgame greeting. Creighton apologized for the injury and Stoops said that what happened wasn't his fault.

Stoops in his media availability said "we were just talking about the game" when asked about the conversation that occurred on TV. He had not yet spoken with Wilson since he was carted off the field.

"I hate to put that out there right now until we get a look at it," Stoops said. "I think you all know that it doesn't look good. Anybody that gets carted off on a cart like that and they put his knee in that deal doesn't look good, right? Just wait until I get the MRI tomorrow."

Wilson as a sophomore started every game of UK's 10-3 season in 2018 and seemed more comfortable with the offense through seven quarters of play this season. He was 14-for-26 for 114 yards

and had rushed for 43 yards and a touchdown before exiting Saturday's 38-17 win.

Smith stepped in for the remainder of the game and was 5-for-9 for 76 yards and two touchdown passes. Stoops and offensive coordinator Eddie Gran spoke as if the offensive play-calling won't change at all with Smith as the starter, if that comes to pass.

Gran said for a time he was concerned going into UK's season opener against Toledo that the staff would need two game plans in the instance of a quarterback change.

The Kentucky football team defeats Eastern Michigan 38-17 Saturday at Kroger Field. By Alex Slitz | Jonathan Palmer
"That was the best thing that I've seen after 29 practices," Gran said of Smith's ability to seamlessly back up Wilson.

"Sawyer is very effective," Stoops said. "Maybe not quite as dynamic a runner as Terry but the reads will be the same. If he needs to, he'll pull it and get the aggravating yards and move the ball on their defense."

The play on which Wilson was hurt involved an illegal maneuver and was appropriately flagged by the officials, but UK on the same play was penalized for an illegal formation so it nullified a 19-yard gain by Wilson.

Stoops said that sequence of events could happen to any team.

"They run a good program and Terry is hard to get a hold of," Stoops said. "I'm sure he just reached out and grabbed anything he could. ... You got a runner running full speed like that and gets jerked back and the knee can't handle that. It's unfortunate, and I'm sure throughout the season there is a good chance we may get called for it one time this year, too. I hope not, but we certainly don't teach that and I know they don't teach it either."

Creighton in his postgame comments praised Wilson and offered prayers and sympathies.

"He's an absolute nightmare in terms of his athleticism when running the football," Creighton said. "You have a guy who can throw and run the ball, that's a tough recipe. ... I don't know him, but it wasn't good to see that happen."

Kash Daniel said Wilson's phone was probably blowing up with text messages and that he wanted to let the hysteria die down before he called him.

"That's our brother out there. If I could ...," Daniel said, before pausing. "We're just praying for him."

Ahmad Wagner got to speak briefly with Wilson.

"The first time I saw him, he was walking to the locker room and I told him, 'I'm praying for you man,'" Wagner said. "He's our brother. We're all hurt by what happened. ... We love him, he knows that."

It was a bittersweet postgame for Wagner, who was on the receiving end of a 54-yard touchdown pass thrown by Smith on his first pass attempt as a Wildcat. It was Wagner's first career TD catch and a glimpse of what Smith brings to the table in the event he's needed for the long haul.

"He wasn't nervous when he stepped in," Wagner said. "The first pass, he threw a touchdown. He's ready to go. (He's) a good quarterback."

Lynn Bowden threw a 32-yard pass to Wilson earlier in the game and caught Smith's second TD throw in the waning seconds.

"That boy, he can throw the ball just like Terry," Bowden said.

He also got to speak with Bowden briefly. "He told me he was good, so I'll go with his word," Bowden said.

Wilson was a great teacher throughout fall camp according to Smith. All of the quarterbacks on UK's roster are close to one another, he said.

Neither Gran nor Smith would say who would be the next man on the depth chart after Smith if Wilson's absence is extended. Wilson coming into the season was UK's only quarterback who'd lettered; former Lafayette star Walker Wood is a sophomore but hasn't gotten run due because of injuries.

True freshman Amani Gilmore joined the program in the summer along with fellow true freshman Nik Scalzo, who suffered a second tear of the ACL in his right knee last month. Sophomore Kolbe Langhi, a Christian County graduate, is a walk-on.

The only certainty is who's up next if Wilson is unavailable.

"As a backup quarterback, especially at this level, you need to have two guys, three guys that are ready to go," Smith said. "I think they have confidence in me to keep it going and I think that's how it should be."

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Mark Stoops: Terry Wilson's injury does not change goals for Kentucky football

By Jon Hale

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When Sawyer Smith decided to transfer from Troy to Kentucky, he knew the situation.

Terry Wilson was Kentucky's starting quarterback. Even after winning five of seven games for the Trojans last season, Smith would be the No. 2 quarterback in Lexington.

With one horse-collar tackle in Kentucky's 38-17 win over Eastern Michigan, everything changed.

"I came here with a need to fill a backup position," Smith said. "This is what I kind of signed up for, got recruited for. Didn't want it to happen. I came in here knowing I was going to be a backup. I would have been fine two years from now talking to you guys, graduating, walking across with a master's in my hand (and not playing)."

Late in the third quarter Saturday, Wilson looked on the verge of leading Kentucky on a second consecutive scoring drive when he was caught from behind by Eastern Michigan defensive lineman Turan Rush at the end of a 19-yard run.

Rush's tackle jarred Wilson at an award angle, crumpling him to the ground. Trainers immediately rushed to attend to him as Smith began throwing on the sideline. Several minutes later with a large brace immobilizing his left knee, Wilson was carted off the field to chants of his name from Kentucky fans.

Just like that, Smith's opportunity was at hand.

Four Kavosiey Smoke runs followed before Smith was given the opportunity to throw for the first time in a Kentucky jersey. Smith lofted his first pass down the left sideline, hitting senior wide receiver Ahmad Wagner in stride through contact for a 54-yard touchdown.

"He's a tough hard-nosed kid," Kentucky offensive coordinator Eddie Gran said. "You saw guys rally around him when he went into the game. He gets along with our guys fantastic. He's a great addition to our football team."

UK announced Sunday that Wilson had torn his left patellar tendon and will miss

the remainder of the season.

"I'm very sorry about Terry's injury," the UK coach said in a news release. "He has done so much for our program over the last two seasons, both in leadership and his production on the field. As a team captain, he will continue to be an important part of our team and we look forward to him returning to the field when he has recovered."

Smith's next task as Kentucky's starter will be to face No. 8 Florida, the team Wilson helped Kentucky beat for the first time in 31 years ago last season.

A Pensacola, Florida, native, Smith played off the bench against two Power Five conference opponents in his time at Troy: a 30-24 loss to Clemson in 2016 and a 24-19 win over Nebraska last season. Smith ran four times for 60 yards in the upset of Nebraska.

"Terry, I can't say enough about the kind of person he is," Smith said. "I'm not even talking about on the field. Off the field, he's the greatest guy, one of the good guys I've been around. It sucks, but you've got to do what you've got to do."

Regardless of who is at quarterback, Kentucky's goals have not changed.

There was plenty to like in each of the Wildcats' wins over Mid-American Conference foes Toledo and Eastern Michigan to open the season, but there were also no shortage of mistakes that could hurt more against SEC competition.

Against Eastern Michigan, Kentucky had one touchdown called back on a holding penalty and another negated by a goal-line fumble. Multiple unsportsmanlike conduct flags hurt field position on both sides of the ball, and Eastern Michigan dinked and dunked its way to 14 second-half points.

"If we play like we did in the second half, we'll get embarrassed," senior line-backer Kash Daniel said.

The task grows more difficult without Wilson, but the good news is most of the SEC East looks equally vulnerable. Tennessee has already been upset by Georgia State and BYU. Vanderbilt is winless. Missouri lost to Wyoming. South Carolina lost to North Carolina and has lost its starting quarterback to injury.

With those teams plus FCS UT Martin, struggling Arkansas and a Louisville program coming off a 2-10 season on the schedule, Kentucky's path to a bowl game

doesn't appear arduous, even with a backup quarterback.

And Smith might be better than your average backup. A year ago he was thrust into a similar situation when Troy lost starter Kaleb Barker to a season-ending injury.

Smith responded by leading the Trojans to five wins in the final seven games and earned MVP honors in the Dollar General Bowl win over Buffalo.

"I think that was huge that he had played in games," Gran said. "That was one of the things that when we got him we thought that was really good. He wasn't rattled out there at all. That wasn't too big for him."

Of course, Stoops and Gran have experience replacing a quarterback at Kentucky, too.

In 2016, the Wildcats lost starter Drew Barker just three games into the season. Backup Stephen Johnson helped lead the Wildcats to seven wins and the program's first bowl game of the Stoops era.

"Guys feel for (Wilson) because they know the amount of work he put in and we have a lot of confidence in him," Stoops said. "But the guys believe in Sawyer, and we're going to play to win no matter who is playing."

"Everybody better get that straight right now. We're sad for Terry and it stinks because it's part of our game, but believe me, we're going back to work with the intent to win a football game next week, and that's the way we're going to approach it every week."

Experience Pays as Smith Fills in for Injured Wilson

By Guy Ramsey

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One play away. Every backup quarterback has heard the mantra a hundred times. Sawyer Smith has lived it. Twice.

A season ago at Troy, Smith stepped in Kaleb Barker went down with a knee injury and helped lead the Trojans to a 9-3 season. That's what created the opportunity for Smith to come to Kentucky as a grad transfer.

On Saturday, Smith found himself in a familiar situation when Wilson went down with a knee injury in the third quarter of a game against Eastern Michigan.

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"You need to be ready and ready to go," Smith said. "Next man up is a cliché thing to say, but that's what it is and that's how it really is right now."

Last October, Smith ripped off a 63-yard run on his first play after Barker's injury. This September, his coaches let him settle in by calling four straight runs on Smith's first four plays. Then Smith cut it loose on a perfectly thrown deep ball to Ahmad Wagner for a 54-yard touchdown to steady the ship en route to a 38-17 victory for UK (2-0).

"He's about 6-foot-7," Smith said. "He looks like he's about 8-foot out there. It's fun to throw it to him. We got plenty of playmakers, so it's not hard for us quarterbacks to go out there and make plays like that."

Of course, playing quarterback at this level isn't nearly as simple as Smith makes it out to be. That's why losing a proven winner in Wilson for any period of time is a blow.

"I think you all know that it doesn't look good," Mark Stoops said. "Anybody that gets carted off on a cart like that and they put his knee in that deal doesn't look good, right?"

That was certainly the feeling at Kroger Field as the crowd gave Wilson a standing ovation as that cart took him off the field for preliminary evaluation. Wilson will undergo an MRI on his injured left knee Sunday.

"I told him, 'I'm playing for you, man,'" Wagner said. "He's our brother. We're all hurt by what happened and we're all going to be praying for him, speedy recovery. We love him and he knows that."

With Wilson sidelined at least for the rest of Saturday's game, Smith knew he had no choice but to play on.

"I learned last year real quick that if you don't get in a different frame of mind it's not going to go as you planned," Smith said. "It's kind of good that happened to me last year. I know how to do it now and I know the coaches have full confidence in me."

That confidence, though Smith was far from perfect in his UK debut, was proven to be well placed. Smith completed 5-of-9 passes for 76 yards and two touchdowns in relief.

"He's a tough, hard-nosed kid," Eddie Gran said. "You saw the guys rally around him when he went into the game. He gets along with our guys fantastic. He's a great addition to our football team, our players love him and he's a competitor."

Smith has plenty of game tape to back that up. The Cantonment, Florida,

native played in all 13 of Troy's games last season and threw for 1,669 yards and 14 touchdowns against just six interception. Smith twice topped 300 yards passing and the Trojans went 5-2 as Smith started the season's final seven games.

"I think it's really important having his real game experience," Wagner said. "Him being out there and (having) made plays before, I think that really helps. I think you guys saw, he wasn't nervous when he stepped in. The first pass, he threw a touchdown. He's ready to go."

Smith wasn't running a watered-down version of the UK playbook either. Mere months into his time in Lexington, Smith has learned the offense well enough that nothing is off limits when he's in the game.

"We thought going into our first game that we would have to have two game plans," Gran said. "We didn't think we had to do that going into game one."

Going into game three – an SEC showdown with Florida next Saturday night – and beyond, Smith doesn't know what the future holds exactly. He does know how he and Wilson will approach it together.

"Either way this goes, I'm going to have him and he's going to have me and we're going to have each other's backs," Smith said.

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Kentucky football player Xavier Peters ruled immediately eligible

By Josh Moore
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Xavier Peters, a former four-star recruit, will be able to play this season for the University of Kentucky.

Peters, who was considered one of the best outside linebackers in the class of 2018, announced his transfer to UK from Florida State in May and was able to practice with the team during fall camp while awaiting a decision on an appeal to the NCAA for immediate eligibility. The university was informed of the decision to grant him immediate eligibility at about 7 p.m. Tuesday.

The first game in which Peters could play is against Florida, whom the Wildcats host on Saturday.

"We're excited to have Xavier available

to play this season," UK head coach Mark Stoops said in a news release. "I appreciate the NCAA understanding Xavier's situation. I also want to thank our compliance office for the great job they did with the appeal and for Xavier's patience with the process."

Peters announced the NCAA's decision on Twitter a few minutes before the university confirmed it.

The full text of Peters' tweet: "I just want to thank God for getting me CLEARED! also I want to thank the @NCAA for understanding my situation about me coming closer to my son I'm going to bring the energy and the passion to this team can't wait to be on that field Saturday night! Go Cats!! Love my fans #BBN"

Peters through part of fall camp worked with the second-string defense. Stoops, when asked if he had been ruled eligible that week, said it might have been difficult for Peters to get on the field in UK's season opener because of his newness to the program.

"For him to be totally new in our system takes some time," Stoops said last month. "You've heard me say a bunch of times about that position, it's definitely a different position. There's a lot of nuances to playing outside linebacker and standing up on your feet. It'll take some time."

The NCAA requires that undergraduates who transfer between Division I institutions complete one academic school year at their new school before they can be eligible for competition, but grants transfer waivers for "specific, extraordinary" circumstances.

Peters cited his 1-year-old son, Xavier Peters Jr., as the reason for his transfer from Florida State.

"When I came back home for Christmas break, my son was walking," Peters said this month. "When I left, he was crawling. What made me really scared is that I would come back home and he's gonna be riding a bike or something. ... It was killing me, man. It was killing me."

Peters, a redshirt freshman, will have four years of eligibility at Kentucky, to whom he committed originally before ultimately flipping to the Seminoles as a prep star.

Both 247Sports and Rivals rated Peters, who played at Lakota West in West Chester, Ohio, as a four-star prospect. Rivals pegged him as the No. 6 linebacker in the class of 2018 while 247Sports rated him

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as the 12th best prospect at that position. He was Rivals' No. 75 overall recruit nationally in the class. He as a high school senior recorded 78 tackles, six sacks, two forced fumbles and a fumble recovery.

Peters played twice for Florida State, against Clemson and Wake Forest. He had a solo tackle and a pass break-up against Wake Forest.

'This is exciting stuff.' At least one Florida town will cheer on Kentucky this week.

By Josh Moore

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One doesn't have a hard time finding people to say nice things about Sawyer Smith in Cantonment, Fla., his hometown.

There's one man who does, however, harbor something of a grudge against the University of Kentucky's newly minted starting quarterback: Greg Blackmon, currently a dean of students at J.M. Tate High School, where he was the head baseball coach for 14 seasons before retiring in June 2017.

"That joker, he was my center fielder," Blackmon said with a laugh. "And he left me his senior year to go play dern football, and we went to the regional final. If we got Sawyer, we win the whole state championship. The sucker, I tell him every day."

Smith — a former Alabama baseball commit — did forego his final year of high school baseball to enroll early at Troy, where he spent the last three years before transferring to UK this summer. He was a heck of a baseball player but, while he likes to give him a hard time about it, Blackmon's sure giving up his glove wasn't easy.

And there's no doubt he'll be pulling for the Wildcats against Florida come Saturday.

"This is exciting stuff," Blackmon said. "I hate that the 'ol boy (Terry Wilson) got hurt, like everybody, but I'm happy for Sawyer. That's terrible, but it happens all the time."

Cantonment, a suburb of Pensacola with a population similar to that of Georgetown, is about as far west in the Florida panhandle as you can travel before hitting the Florida-Alabama border. It's closer to Auburn, Tallahassee and Tuscaloosa than Gainesville, so while the area doesn't lack Gators fans, UF doesn't have exclusive

rights on the population's allegiances.

Blackmon is an Alabama fan. Caroline Gray, an economics teacher at Tate, graduated from Florida State and wouldn't dare think of rooting for Florida anyway. Having Smith quarterbacking the Cats makes her schadenfreude all the more pleasing.

"It's pretty easy to cheer for anybody going up against 'em, but now even more so," Gray said with a laugh.

When he transferred from Troy there was an assumption among many in Cantonment that he might never be on their television screens again.

"When he made the move from Troy, everyone's like, 'Oh, he'll never get to play now,'" Gray said with a laugh. "But you couldn't blame him for wanting to go SEC. I know I thought that, 'Well he was fighting for a spot at Troy and then now he's going to a tougher battle.'"

Gray, too, acknowledged that the circumstances were unfortunate, but believes Smith will step in admirably for Wilson. Even away from the playing field in high school, Smith was a natural leader, she said. When school faculty needed a person to rally troops inside the halls, he was the guy they leaned on.

Ronnie Douglas, the head football coach at Tate for two years before resigning to have a bigger hand in his car wash and grocery businesses, led the school to consecutive playoff appearances in 2013 and 2014, the first time that had been done since the late 1970s. When he and Jay Lindsey, now the head coach, took over the program, they identified Smith as a clear starter despite being a sophomore.

Because he played summer baseball, Smith missed football practices until late in the summer. Entering their second season together, Douglas and Lindsey taught Smith a new offense they installed while he was away during the bus ride to a scrimmage.

"And of course he did fine," Douglas said. "That was sort of our deal with Sawyer, we'd get him when we could. ... We turned that program around, and a big part of it was Sawyer."

Douglas believes that had Smith focused 100 percent on football earlier in his development, Troy never would have gotten a sniff.

"Kentucky would have already offered him," Douglas said.

Douglas — a fan of coaches more than schools (Alabama's Nick Saban was named) — still assists the football program at Tate. The Aggies have a game in Tallahassee on Friday but he's planning to fly out of Pensacola to Lexington on Saturday to watch Smith in person.

"Sawyer's like my son," Douglas said. "His daddy's Billy, but I sort of adopted Sawyer. He's my guy."

Lindsey won't get to make the trip but he's hosting a get-together at his house Saturday night. His is one of many families in Cantonment that have filed their applications to join Big Blue Nation this season.

He's fielded phone calls all week from Kentucky media and can't get enough of talking about UK's new QB-1.

"Some people play football because they're good at it, or their parents make 'em," Lindsey said. "Sawyer played it with me because he loved it. And just from a teammate side? Those guys will play for him Saturday just like they played for him on Fridays."

Is Kentucky WR Ahmad Wagner more than a moonlighting hoops player? 'Hell-bleeping-yes!'

By Kyle Tucker

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Imagine the human embodiment of a safety net, someone built to catch, to save, in the most urgent of situations. They'd need to be sprawling and sturdy. They'd be quick to the spot, unerringly selfless and so utterly reliable you'd just about bet your life on their success. In other words, they'd be a lot like Ahmad Wagner.

Kentucky's 6-foot-6, 235-pound senior wide receiver, a position that even sounds like a euphemism for safety net, with his 6-10 wingspan and paws that require 3XL gloves, is perfectly designed to be there when the Wildcats need to make a leap of faith.

Like Oct. 28, 2018, at Missouri. Kentucky has reached the Tigers' 10-yard line with four seconds left, time for one last play in a dizzying comeback from being down 14-3 late in the fourth quarter. The Wildcats line up four-wide with the program's all-time leading rusher, Benny Snell, in the backfield. Three of the available receivers have already combined for

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168 catches in their careers. The fourth option is Wagner, who played just one season of high school football, followed by three seasons of college basketball at Iowa before switching sports and schools. His last catch was at Wayne High School in Huber Heights, Ohio, back in 2014.

Now, needing this walk-off win to set up a de facto SEC East championship game the next week against Georgia, and despite all of the other options — Lynn Bowden already has 13 catches for 166 yards and a punt-return touchdown on the day — offensive coordinator Eddie Gran calls Wagner's number.

"Go get it," Gran tells him.

"Well, OK," Wagner answers, both men apparently agreeing that this task is as routine as grabbing a loaf of bread on the way home from work.

Relying on instinct and muscle memory, Wagner approaches that corner fade like he's rebounding a basketball in traffic.

"I wasn't really nervous," he says now, "because if there was one thing I knew I could do, one thing I was good at the day I got here, it was run straight, jump high and catch the ball. It's the simplest thing in the world."

At the snap, he takes off toward the back left corner of the end zone, but his progress is impeded. Wagner, who grabbed 251 rebounds as a combo forward for the Hawkeyes, has déjà vu: He's being boxed out, this time by All-SEC defensive back DeMarkus Acy, who is a head shorter and some 40 pounds lighter. They all but arm wrestle as the ball floats toward them (The debate still rages whether Wagner pushed off). Wagner discards Acy, leaps, lunges and ... catches the damn thing, one-handed no less. The minor detail that he lands out of bounds doesn't matter so much when a flag flies. The controversial pass interference on the Tigers sets up one more untimed down that tight end C.J. Conrad uses to haul in the game-winning touchdown.

Wagner won't catch a pass, not one, during his first season in Lexington. But the Wildcats would not have reached 10 wins for the first time in 41 years without him.

"When they asked me to do that with the game on the line," he says, "I thought, 'Man, it's really cool you guys believe in me so much.'"

That's what safety nets are for, allow-

ing bold (or desperate) men to step out on a ledge and trust that everything is going to be just fine.

Like last Saturday, early in the fourth quarter against Eastern Michigan, after backup quarterback Sawyer Smith is suddenly pressed into action. Starter Terry Wilson's left patellar tendon has just snapped — the result of an ugly horse-collar tackle that threatens to drag down Kentucky's season too. But looking down from the booth, QB coach Darin Hinshaw knows exactly what the Wildcats need. After a succession of running plays, he sends word through his headset: "Tell Ahmad to get ready," Hinshaw says, folding his arms as if to punctuate his confidence, despite his quarterback having yet to throw a pass for Kentucky and his chosen target totaling just five career catches. But what's the point of having a safety net if you never close your eyes and jump?

If the 5-foot-8, 178-pound corner opposite Wagner crowds him at the line to jam him in the first five yards, it will be go time. The DB does, and it is. Wagner, with cannon-ball biceps and powder-keg legs, blasts through initial contact at the line and tears down the left sideline.

"He looks about 8 feet tall out there," Smith thinks as he lobs a first impression high and deep. The defender resorts to the only thing he can, reaching out and tugging on Superman's cape. Wagner rips free, reaches up and plucks a perfectly thrown pass, hardly breaking stride as the corner faceplants literally on top of the yellow flag he has earned. And during the last few strides on the way to a 54-yard touchdown, the first of his career, Wagner actually slows down.

"To be honest," he says now, grinning, "I didn't know what I was going to do when I scored. I hadn't even thought about it. What am I supposed to do? Quick, come up with something! So I just threw my arms out wide, which is not very creative, and prayed.

"I just thought, 'I'm so blessed. I'm so thankful. I'm so happy,'" Wagner says. "You just never imagine you'll be in this position. From where I was a year ago, for somebody to think of me now as a safety net, a go-to guy, for an SEC quarterback, it's so ... weird."

How's this for strange but true? Kentucky football's second-leading receiver

through two games has logged more minutes in college basketball than all but one player on John Calipari's roster. Wagner has more career points and rebounds than sophomore EJ Montgomery, a former McDonald's All-American and projected starter for a preseason top-five Kentucky basketball team. But those aren't even close to Wagner's craziest stats.

Since making the move to football, he has been targeted 14 times as a wide receiver. He's produced a positive outcome 13 times: seven pass interference flags and six catches for 128 yards (21.3 ypc). Safety net, indeed.

Yes, Smith is taking over an offense with a loaded backfield, a pair of huge tight ends and Bowden, a star slot receiver who can turn any touch into a touchdown. But his best bet of all might be the former Big Ten forward.

"Shit," assistant coach Vince Marrow says, "I know what I'd be doing if I'm Sawyer Smith trying to get comfortable back there: Throw it to that guy. Something good always happens. I've never seen anything like it."

Marrow did see Wagner's emergence coming, however. UK's recruiting ace and resident expert on his home state of Ohio, Marrow had begged Wagner to play football in Lexington five years ago. To help sell him on the Wildcats, he even got Calipari on board with letting Wagner walk on to the basketball team.

Wagner had participated in pee wee and middle school football but gave up the sport in ninth grade to focus on earning a basketball scholarship. Once he committed to Iowa for hoops before his senior year, he decided to run track and play football with his buddies just for fun. All he did was anchor a 100-meter relay team that finished fourth in the state and catch 58 passes for 1,028 yards and 17 touchdowns to help Wayne High reach the state championship game.

Three games into his lone football season, Wagner started getting calls from Ohio State, Michigan and Kentucky, all of which had sent staff to watch other players but left asking, "Who the hell is that kid?" They all wanted to know if he was serious about football, but he politely disappointed each of them. Just out here messing around, sir. Headed to hoop for the Hawkeyes, sir.

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Wagner was a consensus three-star basketball recruit, but by the end of that fall, he was rated as high as a four-star football prospect.

"I thought he was the best player in Ohio," Marrow says. That year, the state produced Jerome Baker, Dre'Mont Jones and James Daniels, all of whom have been selected in the first three rounds of the NFL Draft – not to mention Joe Burrow, now the star quarterback at LSU. Wagner was better than those guys?

"Hell-bleeping-yes," Marrow says. "Dude was a freak. If he would've played football straight out of high school, he'd already be in the NFL. He would've had every football program in the country recruiting him.

"But everyone knew he was going to play basketball," Marrow explains. "So they backed off. I was the only one who stayed on him, because I thought it was a damn tragedy."

Wagner never felt that he'd made some huge mistake by choosing basketball; he started 25 of his 96 games for Iowa. He was not pining for football while participating in March Madness as a freshman or earning the team's Most Improved Player and Hawkeye Spirit awards as a sophomore. But after three seasons of putting up pedestrian numbers — 3.1 points, 2.6 boards per game — he did begin to wonder whether he'd missed his true calling.

"I didn't want to leave college with any regrets," he says. "I started thinking, 'You know, maybe I could play football at the highest level. Why not see?'"

"You respect his decision to do what was, without question, best for him," says Iowa head basketball coach Fran McCaffery, who calls Wagner one of his favorite players in a 34-year career. "There's a right way and a wrong way to go about doing what he did. I can't imagine him being more professional."

Iowa's football staff made no secret of its interest in Wagner, even while he was still playing hoops, and recruited him once he decided to change sports after the 2017 basketball season. There was certainly hope Wagner would stay in Iowa City, especially when he was spotted walking the sideline at Iowa's spring game. But Marrow's persistent belief four years earlier had stuck with Wagner.

Wagner was acutely aware of basketball players who made the late switch and found success in the NFL as tight ends: Julius Thomas (226 catches as a pro), Jimmy Graham (614 catches) and Antonio Gates (955 catches). Graham and Gates have made 13 Pro Bowls between them. Wagner looks like a tight end, too, even if he is a wide receiver. At least for now.

"No, no, no, screw that," Marrow says. "He's a wide receiver. Don't let his size fool you. Some people are going to say he's a tight end, but Ahmad can run the whole route tree."

Marrow knows a basketball player turned NFL tight end when he sees one and when he doesn't—because he was one. After playing two years of hoops at Youngstown State, Marrow transferred to Toledo where he learned tight end well enough to be drafted by the Bills. So, Marrow knows Wagner is different.

Marrow and Wagner both say he clocked a sub-4.5 40 this summer, which would've put him squarely in the middle of wideouts at the 2019 NFL combine (and first among tight ends). And they agree that his height is actually between his official listings for basketball (6-7) and football (6-5). And they know it's that speed-size combo that makes him so valuable outside.

"In red-zone plays or if I'm going across the middle and the defender's on my back," he says, "I just stop, turn around and make myself big."

Wagner now uses the same tactics in the red zone at Kentucky as he did in the paint at Iowa. (photo courtesy of Iowa Athletics)

Being big, and making himself bigger, leads to all those pass interference flags. So far, every throw to Wagner in the end zone has resulted in a defensive penalty. Ask anyone at Kentucky about his ability to draw flags and heads shake before the question is even finished. Gran calls it the "dardnest thing I've ever seen."

The nickname "Flagner" is catching on.

"It's just tough," Wagner says. "Because of my height advantage on most corners, they pull on my arm or grab my jersey and hope nobody sees. I guess it's worth the risk. They'd rather take the flag than give me a touchdown."

Marrow, of course, puts it more bluntly. "When DBs see him, they're thinking

he's a big slow guy," says Marrow. "Until you get there in person and have to cover him, you don't realize, 'Oh, shit, this dude can run!' Good luck with it."

Dane Brugler, NFL Draft analyst for The Athletic, says scouts already mention Wagner as an intriguing prospect and that 13 NFL teams sent reps to Lexington this summer. "Every one of them wants to talk about him."

Wagner shakes his head when the conversation turns to professional football. He can hardly believe it's a real possibility now. The NFL talk is "flattering," he says, sounding almost afraid to discuss it, like one wrong word and he'll wake up from the dream. He's much more comfortable talking about the potential for his team.

"If we do well together," Wagner says, "all of us individually will get seen and have opportunities."

He is the first to admit that last season, "I just wasn't ready, wasn't very good." He says he treated the year like a "redshirt with benefits," drilling down on fundamentals Monday through Friday and soaking up Saturdays when coaches peppered him into games.

But don't be fooled. Wagner is now supremely confident in his ability heading into Kentucky's home game with Florida on Saturday. So far, all of his catches have come against MAC schools, and the Gators' talented secondary presents Wagner with the chance to show just how much he has really caught on.

"As soon as our last game was over," Wagner says, "I went home and started watching film. They're considered the top guys. I can't wait to put my skills, to put our skills, against theirs. Because we feel like we're elite too."

That's what Marrow has been saying since 2014. Back then, he didn't think Wagner was a hidden gem, a steal, a secret of any kind. He was looking at an NFL wide receiver, and the rest of the world must've gone mad if they couldn't see it. This was no risk. Ahmad Wagner was a human safety net and Marrow was the first one to jump.

"People thought I was crazy, but I kept trying to tell everyone," Marrow says. "Even last year, NFL teams would come in to see Josh Allen and Benny Snell and they'd all end up saying, 'Who is that big-ass dude?' I'd tell them, 'This kid is

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going to be a big weapon for us next year.' They'd kind of go, 'OK, OK,' and write his name down. But now they know.

"I'm telling you," Marrow says, "this dude is going to be a national story before it's all said and done."

Well, now, that's not such a big leap. Because here we are. And here come the Gators.

"Oh, man," says Wagner. "I'm excited."

Targeting rule takes a toll on Kentucky, exasperates coach Mark Stoops in loss to Florida

By Tim Sullivan

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Sometimes targeting penalties are spot-on. Bull's-eyes. Beyond debate. Beyond dispute.

But a hit on a defenseless opponent does not happen in slow-motion. It does not often occur with enough time to consider the proper technique to bring a guy to the ground. With Florida quarterback Kyle Trask struggling to get free Saturday night, Kentucky's T.J. Carter hit him and their helmets collided.

It all happened in the blink of an eye, but the impact on the Wildcats was as if that eye blink had been provoked by a poke with a sharp stick.

Instead of facing third-and-15 at its own 44-yard line, Florida caught a game-changing break. Carter's targeting penalty gave the Gators a first down and resulted in a 20-yard change in field position. It sustained Florida's go-ahead fourth-quarter touchdown drive in the visitors' 29-21 victory at Kroger Field.

"You know, I said it last week, and you know (I'll) say it again: it's very difficult," UK coach Mark Stoops said. "I'm not saying the officials made a wrong call. It's just a tough call. It's a tough call. ... What would it have been? Third and super long? ... Targeting.

"Something's got to be done with that rule and the call and, you know, putting laundry on the field again to dictate a game is tough."

Realistically, there's not all that much middle ground when it comes to deterring brain damage. Making targeting penalties less punitive sends a dangerous message. Asking officials to assess the intent behind

an upper-body blow is asking for trouble.

The point of targeting rules, of course, is protection. As science has shown an ever-clearer connection between concussions and long-term consequences, college and pro football have adopted dramatic (some say Draconian) rules designed to reduce the frequency and increase the punitive price of blows to the head.

In addition to a 15-yard personal foul penalty, those players flagged for targeting penalties that are confirmed by replay review are automatically ejected from the game and, should the foul occur in the second half or in overtime, for the first half of the next game as well.

Rogers Redding, the NCAA's national coordinator of officials, says the Football Bowl Subdivision had 179 targeting penalties called in both the 2017 and 2018 regular seasons. Saturday night at Kroger Field, there were three.

Prior to Carter's crucial targeting penalty, Kentucky lost free safety Yusuf Corker in the first quarter for a hit deemed excessive during Florida's first touchdown drive. Florida safety Donovan Stiner was ejected in the second quarter.

All three targeting penalties helped prolong touchdown drives, forced coaches to substitute and deprived them of depth. Each of them would elicit on-the-field protests and spark exasperation on social media.

"Boy the targeting call on the sack was awful," former UK coach Rich Brooks tweeted. "How can you play defense any more?"

Whenever a single play appears to have an outsized impact on the outcome of a game, coaches are usually quick to point out how many plays could have made the difference between victory and defeat. When Stoops repeated this familiar script Saturday — "There was a bunch in there that will jump out at all of us," he said — examples were extensive.

Sawyer Smith would complete his first nine passes as Kentucky's starting quarterback, but he also threw three interceptions and facilitated Florida's first touchdown with an unforced fumble. Chance Poore's missed 35-yard field goal kept Kentucky from taking a 24-22 lead in the game's final minute and likely cost the Wildcats a second straight victory over a rival that has now won 32 of the last 33 games between the two schools.

Yet as much as football is influenced by

the mistakes and limitations of its competitors, coaches, players and fans tend to have a harder time rationalizing the judgment of third parties.

By the end of his postgame press conference Saturday night, Stoops was so steamed he was hard-pressed to complete a declarative sentence. The frustration poured from him in stream-of-consciousness style.

"You know, to have a game decided in that moment, when a guy ... what am I supposed to tell my ... my guys are fighting, clawing, scrambling, trying to get them down and giving everything they got, and you get that called."

Changing the rules would be risky. Handling their impact can be hard.

'We're not a moral victories team anymore.' UK eager to make up for loss.

By Josh Moore

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Kentucky's final five possessions in a 29-21 loss to Florida would fit into a solid horror script: turnover on downs, punt, interception, missed field goal, interception.

That UK began the fourth quarter with a 21-10 lead made its inability to capitalize on the stretch all the more distressing. The Cats were oh-so close to building their first win streak against the Gators in more than 40 years, only to come up short.

On one hand, losing by a single-digit margin to the No. 9 team in America could be interpreted as a sign of progress. UK in its seven previous games against top-10 teams under Mark Stoops lost each time by a double-digit score and by an average of 24.9 points; its closest defeats were by 14 points, to No. 7 Louisville (27-13 in 2013) and No. 1 Mississippi State (45-31 in 2014).

On the other hand ...

"First thing's first, we're not a moral victories team anymore," said junior Drake Jackson, who made his 23rd consecutive start at center. "We can't settle for that that. ... We dominated in a lot of different areas statistically, but we can't count that for a moral win.

"We're here to win games with any team in the SEC, any team in the country. So first thing's first, we've gotta understand that."

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Jackson was part of an offensive line that surrendered a single sack and three tackles for loss to a Florida defensive front that through two games had generated 15 sacks and 19 tackles for loss. Sawyer Smith was far from perfect — he was 23 of 35 for 267 yards, two touchdowns and three interceptions — but he played well enough in place of injured starter Terry Wilson to get UK in position to win.

"It doesn't matter if this was my first start or my 100th start," Smith said. "... There were a lot of things we did tonight that were really good, but there's a lot of stuff that we did that, personally, I can clean up and the game might not be the same. We might be in here really happy right now. Hindsight's 20/20, you can't really do anything about it."

Two of Smith's interceptions — the first the result of a miscommunication with Lynn Bowden, the second on a Hail Mary attempt to end the game — were in the fourth quarter. They sandwiched UK's penultimate drive, which ended in the missed field goal, a 35-yard try by Chance Poore.

Jackson found Poore sitting by himself in the locker room for a moment when the game ended.

"I said, 'Look Chance, everybody's gonna blame you for missing the kick, but I whiffed on a fourth-and-1,'" Jackson said. "There's other situations, third-and-short, the offensive line didn't get it done. This is a team game, and I want him to understand that."

The failed conversion on fourth-and-1 — on Florida's 38 — kicked off the fourth quarter, and was immediately followed up by a six-play, 62-yard Florida touchdown drive orchestrated by Gators backup quarterback Kyle Trask, who completed his first six passes. He finished 9-for-13 for 126 yards against a struggling secondary; through three games UK has surrendered 803 passing yards on 66 completions, an average of 12.1 yards per connection.

A first-quarter targeting call resulted in the ejection of Yusuf Corker, the Wildcats' starter at free safety. His backup, true freshman Taj Dodson, was helped off the field by UK training staff in the fourth quarter. It forced UK to play some guys out of their regular spots and to dig deeper into its bench.

"As far as where some the guys were playing and some of the simulated pres-

ures and different things we had, yes, it definitely handcuffed (defensive coordinator) Brad (White)," Stoops said.

Florida Coach Dan Mullen — who improved to 9-2 all-time against the Wildcats as a head coach — described UK as "an excellent football team" during his postgame remarks and lauded Stoops' development of the program.

"Hard-pressed to tell me there's 25 better teams in the country than Kentucky," Mullen said. "They should be a ranked team."

Should be, could have, what if. That's language used by programs searching for moral victories, and the manner in which UK conducted itself after losing to Florida suggests those are not in its sights as it moves onto its next foe.

"In the past, you compete with a top-10 team and you're like, 'Well, we played really well against a really good team,'" Jackson said. "That's not what the mindset was after the game. The mindset was, 'We should have won that game.' ... We're gonna do our best to make sure that nobody is satisfied with almost beating Florida. We can't have that."

WEEK FOUR

SEC Network: Ahmad Wagner SEC's biggest breakout player

By Chris Fisher

The Cats Pause

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Kentucky wide receiver Ahmad Wagner has become Mr. Ahdamatic for the Wildcats this season.

The former Iowa power forward saw action in 11 games for UK last season. He was targeted four times and drew three defensive pass interference penalties, including one in the end zone at Missouri that allowed the Cats one untimed down, which quarterback Terry Wilson used to find tight end CJ Conrad on a 2-yard out to give Kentucky an improbable 15-14 win.

As a senior this season, Wagner has taken a major step forward for the Wildcats, recording nine receptions for 198 yards and two touchdowns in addition to four more defensive pass interference penalties.

In the first half of Saturday's 29-21 loss to No. 8 Florida, Wagner caught three balls for 70 yards, including an incredible,

one-handed 26-yard score while being interfered with.

On SEC This Morning, SEC Network analyst Chris Doering and Peter Burns called Wagner the SEC's biggest breakout player this season.

Doering called Wagner "a matchup nightmare" for smaller cornerbacks and compared him to former New England Patriots tight end Rob Gronkowski.

"We're not talking about a guy that moved into playing tight end. We're talking about a guy playing outside against the smaller corners. They're having to pass interfere him to keep up," Doering said. "It's almost like when you split Gronkowski out wide. It's difficult to defend because of not only his size and length but the guy can jump, he can get a rebound off the rim and he's got the big body that can box guys out. It's a tough red zone weapon."

Wagner previously played for the Hawkeyes on the hardwood, where he appeared in 96 games with 25 starts, averaging 3.1 points and 2.6 rebounds over three seasons. At Wayne High School in Ohio, Wagner played just one season of football. In 15 games as a senior, Wagner amassed 1,028 receiving yards on 58 catches with 17 touchdowns.

"Wagner's been great and an unbelievable story for the Wildcats," Burns said.

Wagner says he's gaining more and more confidence every time he steps on the field.

"I feel good. I have great teammates, great offensive line, great coaches, so they make it easier on me," Wagner said following the Florida loss "We have so many good players that you can't worry about one of us. Like I said, my teammates give me confidence and that's what I like about them."

UK's punter is the best in the country, but says he's still not good enough for the NFL

By Jon Hale

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The stats tell one story. Max Duffy tells another.

Through three games, Kentucky's 26-year-old junior Australian punter leads the country in average punt distance (51.2 yards), but according to Duffy, he's not even good enough to think of an NFL career.

"I'm not being modest," Duffy said. "I

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honestly don't think I'm going to be able to make it. I just don't think I'm very good from the pocket compared to some of the other guys."

In a sport where even head coaches like Mark Stoops fully admit to not knowing much about the mechanics of kicking, the opinion of the average fan or reporter probably does not mean much when it comes to evaluating punters.

But anyone who has watched Duffy punt for Kentucky this season would find that statement hard to believe.

In Week 1, he showed off his Australian Rules Football background by rolling out of the pocket before booting one punt for 55 yards. Later in that game with Toledo in a punt safe formation, sending no rushers, he calmly stood in the pocket for several seconds before perfectly punting the ball to a waiting UK teammate on the 3-yard line. A quarterback could not have thrown it to a wide-open receiver any more accurately.

Duffy placed all three of his punts in Week 2 inside the Eastern Michigan 20-yard line. In Saturday's loss to Florida, he sent one punt 63 yards.

"We wouldn't be doing the things we're doing with him now in year one," UK special teams coordinator Dean Hood said. "... We're doing some more stuff with him just because he's so talented, all the things that he can do. He just really, really stepped into the moment and did unbelievable."

Duffy is part of a growing wave of former Australian Rules Football players to move to U.S. colleges as punters through the ProKick Australia program.

Four of the top nine punters in average punt distance through three weeks of the season are Australian. According to ProKick Australia's website, the program has produced 75 college scholarships or professional contracts in the United States, 17 All-Americans and five Ray Guy award winners.

Duffy keeps in regular contact with many of the other Australian punters across the country. It's the high standard those peers are setting that has him skeptical about his NFL chances.

"When you look at Ben Griffiths at USC or Arryn Siposs at Auburn, they're almost sure things to make the NFL, if you ask me," Duffy said. "Watching guys like (San Francisco 49ers punter) Mitch Wishnowsky and (Seattle Seahawks punter) Michael

Dickson kick, having seen them kick, they're really good. I can't really compete with that.

"I do my best. I think I've got a good niche at the college level. I can kind of take my time a little bit, but I don't think I've got the hang time for the NFL. We'll see."

Since Hood has spent his entire coaching career in college, he defers to other experts when asked for an evaluation of Duffy's NFL potential.

The former Eastern Kentucky head coach is no stranger to high-level Australian punters though.

Before Duffy, he coached Australian Matt Panton at Kentucky. At EKU, he coached Australian punters Keith Wrzuszczak and Jordan Berry. Berry now plays for the Pittsburgh Steelers.

"I thought Max was ahead of Jordan Berry in year one," Hood said. "And I think he's ahead of Jordan Berry in year two, and Jordan Berry has been pretty good in the NFL."

Hood points to the progress made in the ProKick Australia program as the coaches there have grown more accustomed to what American college coaches are looking for as being key in that development. Duffy's age and experience playing in the professional Australian Football League also give him an edge over Berry at the same points in their college careers.

That maturity and experience has also proven key in Duffy's no-nonsense attitude when rolling away from defenders or calmly waiting in the pocket for his own gunner to reach a position to down a kick.

"You can't phase him," Kentucky coach Mark Stoops said. "...You know, he's not real worried about anything. I mean that in a good way. Like he cares a great deal – he loves the team and he cares – but he's a different dude."

As impressive as Duffy has been so far this season, there might be even more tricks up his sleeve.

Stoops hinted on his radio show Monday that Duffy has been campaigning to take one of his rollout punts and run for a first down. The right-footed Duffy is also practicing kicking with his left foot in case he needs a quick punt while rolling to that side.

Maybe those feats would be enough to convince Duffy he is good enough for the NFL. For now, he has smaller goals.

"I guess I'd like to think I've got a good

perspective on things now, don't get too carried away," Duffy said. "Maybe if I'd come in at 18 I would have got all caught up in the facility and the crowd and all that kind of stuff. It means a lot for me to do well for the team, I really want to, but I don't really care what people think. I just come on and do my job.

"I don't really have a very important role, so I just have to do my part of it and then hopefully keep boss man Coach Stoops happy."

Lynn Bowden is excited to "get back in the lab" following crucial drops at MSU

By Jack Pilgrim
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For most college football players, a seven-reception, 129-yard performance to lead all receivers in a true road game would be one worth celebrating.

Kentucky star wideout Lynn Bowden is not like most college football players.

For the junior playmaker out of Youngstown, OH who had All-SEC hype going into the 2019 season, Bowden's impressive numbers on the box score were overshadowed by multiple brutal drops in Kentucky's attempted comeback effort against Mississippi State on Saturday afternoon. Two of them were guaranteed touchdowns.

Down 21-3 with just under five minutes to go in the second quarter, Kentucky managed to claw back and cut the MSU lead to just eight points in the fourth quarter. While there were other mishaps to factor in – Sawyer Smith's opening-drive pick-six, a separate touchdown drop from Ahmad Wagner, and two missed field goals from Chance Poore, just to name a few – a disappointed Bowden said after the game that just one of his drops in the end zone could have been the difference in Kentucky's 28-13 loss.

"I've just got to reel them in," the star receiver said. "I dropped two or three balls. ... I've got to get back in the lab, dropped too many balls, man."

Despite breaking the 100-yard mark for just the second time in his Kentucky career and being in a position where he could have pointed fingers after the loss, Bowden was quick to put the loss on his shoulders.

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"I don't blame nobody but myself, I've just got to be better," the junior wide receiver said. "I've got to reel them in, connect on those deep balls."

When asked about how he builds off of the good – 129 receiving yards and 37 rushing yards is nothing to scoff at – and moves on from the bad, Bowden says finding that happy medium is difficult for him. As a player with tremendous confidence in his abilities, he expects to make those clutch plays in crunch time.

One of those moments came on a 4th and 8 at the Mississippi State 33-yard line, where the talented playmaker juke and fought his way through several defenders for a 21-yard gain.

"That's Lynn right there," Bowden said. "I've just got to get back to being myself for the full game."

When he doesn't make those plays, he admits he's hard on himself.

"I'm a very confident person, but when I make mistakes, I get very hard on myself," he said. "It's like a 50/50 thing, just have to be stronger minded, that's it."

So how does he plan on finding that middle ground with yet another difficult road matchup set for next Saturday at South Carolina?

"Stop listening to everybody and play the football I know how to play," Bowden said.

Outside of his own personal mistakes, the Youngstown, OH native is confident in his team's ability to shake off the back-to-back losses and find success the rest of the season.

And it starts in the red zone.

After getting the ball inside the 11 yard line on two separate occasions in the fourth quarter, Kentucky came away with just three points. It starts there, with Bowden stressing that the team has to find a way to finish off strong drives with touchdown scores.

"We want to score every chance we get," he said. "We've got to work on finishing. I don't think we finished well tonight. We just go to get back to the lab."

In the first half, Bowden felt the entire team reverted back to "old Kentucky football," but came back after intermission with an edge that put them in position to make things interesting at the end of the game.

Keeping that same late-game mentality is a necessity as the team heads to Columbia, SC next week.

"In the second half, we came out

and played our ball. But we played old Kentucky football in the first half. So we just got to make up for mistakes [moving forward]."

BYE WEEK ONE

With its back now to the wall, Kentucky faces a must-win bye week

By John Clay
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Mississippi State met the challenge. You bet the Bulldogs did. Backs to the wall, with Kentucky in its backyard and SEC West powers over the horizon, MSU mashed the poor Cats two weeks back in Starkville.

The Men of Muschamp met the challenge. You bet the Gamecocks did. Backs to the wall, with Kentucky in its backyard and job speculation waiting over the horizon, South Carolina mashed the poor Cats on Saturday night in Columbia.

Now it's Kentucky's turn to meet the challenge.

"We've got to hit the reset button," said Stoops on Saturday.

No, they have to mash down hard on that reset button.

"We have to fight our way out of this," Stoops said.

It's not just that the Wildcats sit 2-3 overall and 0-3 in the SEC heading into the first of two bye weeks in this weirdly-timed season. Stoops' troops haven't really been in the game the last two weeks. They haven't come close to matching their opponents' sense of urgency.

To be fair, Terry Wilson isn't walking through that door. UK's returning starter at quarterback, the juco transfer who helped the Cats to a 10-3 record a year ago, is out for the season. His replacement, grad transfer Sawyer Smith, is banged up. Ailing shoulder. Ailing wrist. Smith hasn't been the same since he miraculously ran down that Florida defensive back after throwing a third-quarter interception against the Gators.

Amid the Mississippi State cowbells, Smith completed just 15 of 41 passes. With "Snowstorm" blaring and those white towels waving at South Carolina, Smith was just 11 of 32 through the air. By night's end, he had taken such a pounding

that even the Gamecocks became consolers, helping the battered QB to his feet on more than one occasion.

And to say Eddie Gran's offense has been horrid on third down would be an understatement. A troubling trend continued. UK failed to convert its last five third downs against Florida. It went 1-for-12 at Mississippi State. It came up short on its first nine third downs Saturday. My math says that's a 1-for-26 stretch.

"You can't win that way," Stoops said. No, you can't.

"It was as tough probably as my first year here when we were at Florida," said Gran, referencing a 45-7 drubbing in Gainesville his second game on the job. "Nothing went right. I've got to get these guys better prepared. We've got to figure out who we are. The off week is coming at the right time. I thought we did a pretty good job that time (2016) when things kind of went to heck in a hand basket."

Hello again, hand basket.

"We've been in worse situations before," Stoops said.

Faint of heart fans have abandoned the canoe, of course. Those proclaiming Stoops a one-hit wonder conveniently forget the head coach was 13-11 in the SEC over the previous three seasons. By Kentucky standards, that's Herculean. And there are more than enough winnable games — Arkansas, Tennessee, Vanderbilt, UT Martin and Louisville — left for a fourth straight bowl trip.

My preseason projection had UK 2-3 at this point on the way to 8-4. But I didn't foresee Wilson being lost to injury. And I certainly thought I'd see more competitive fire from a program that won a New Year's Day bowl game a year ago. After all the defiant griping and groaning over the summer over the national types predicting Kentucky would fall back to earth, the Cats are on their way to proving those projections correct.

They can ponder that over this off week. So can the coaches. The challenge extends to them, as well. With five games down and seven to go, it's their job to figure out how to get this team back to the one that held a 21-10 lead after three quarters against a top-10 team in Florida on Sept. 14.

Now that seems so long ago.

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If Sawyer Smith can't go against Arkansas, who will UK start at QB?

By Josh Moore
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Lynn Bowden maybe should have been Kentucky's primary quarterback at South Carolina sooner than the final drive, when UK engineered a march down the field for its only score in a 24-7 defeat.

That's not the suggestion of a hind-sight-blinded reporter; that came straight out the mouth of head coach Mark Stoops following the Wildcats' loss on Saturday night.

"I know everybody's gonna ask that," Stoops said before taking any questions from the media. "I don't know, it's worth a shot, because we certainly did struggle moving the football."

Sawyer Smith had his least effective outing as a Wildcat in his third start in place of incumbent starter Terry Wilson, who suffered a season-ending knee injury in Kentucky's second game of the season. Smith was 11 of 32 for 90 yards with an interception and a lost fumble.

Smith suffered an injury to his throwing shoulder in the first half of Kentucky's loss at Mississippi State last weekend. He hurt his wrist two weeks ago against Florida on a tackle that halted an interception return, and likely won't throw in practice this week.

"Sawyer is giving us everything he can," Stoops said. "He's banged up, and that's the bottom line. We don't need to make excuses. We all need to a better job. ... Sawyer has to heal up, and hopefully he will. We've got to get some things checked up on him during this bye."

Walker Wood, a sophomore, has been listed as UK's backup quarterback since Smith he became the starter but has not yet seen game action.

Wood has never played a snap at UK. He was a Mr. Football finalist at Lafayette, which he led to two straight Class 6A championship game appearances. He suffered a knee injury in his final high school game and has twice had surgery on his throwing shoulder, including once since arriving on campus.

Amani Gilmore, a true freshman, is Kentucky's only other scholarship quarterback. Kolbe Langhi, a walk-on, is also available.

"We have confidence in Walker," Stoops

said. "Walker's gone through a lot of injuries and it's gonna be tough on any option at that point. You start getting down in the 3 and 4 (stringers), you're just thin. I love Walker. He gives it everything he has."

Bowden was deployed frequently in a wildcat formation and was in on every snap of Kentucky's last offensive possession. He threw twice, completing both passes for a net gain of 7 yards; his first was a loss of 2 yards to Allen Dailey and his second was a 9-yard gain to Josh Ali. Bowden rushed three times for 18 yards.

Smith's final snap was a loss of 8 yards after being sacked a fourth time. That final hit ensured his night was done, Stoops said.

Co-offensive coordinator Eddie Gran said Smith "probably should have" been removed from the game earlier.

"The kid, looking at him in his eyes, (and) the information that I was getting, he was good," Gran said. "But as it wasn't going and it was stalling, I probably could have put (Lynn) in there a little bit quicker."

Kentucky's first bye week is coming "at the right time," Gran said. He called back to Kentucky's 45-7 loss to Florida in 2016, after which Stephen Johnson succeeded Drew Barker and led the Cats to seven wins. UK in that loss generated 149 yards of offense, its lowest output with Gran in charge.

Third down has been a particular challenge for these Wildcats. Kentucky was 2-for-15 on third-down conversions at South Carolina after going 1-for-12 at Mississippi State. The Cats were 0-for-4 in their final third-down attempts against Florida.

They can go back to the drawing board with a week free of game planning. Whether Bowden's a bigger part of the game plan as a wildcat quarterback or UK's outright starter when Arkansas rolls into town on Oct. 12, Gran's optimistic about what he can accomplish.

"He'll know where they're supposed to be. That's the really good thing about him. He's gonna know a concept," Gran said. "If he's that guy, if he's the one and we expand that right there, then you do that. He was pretty electric when he was back there, and it's what he did in high school. He throws the ball well and it's not just hitches. He throws the deep ball well. ... I think his package can certainly be expanded, and it has been as we've moved."

Bowden said he has stayed after practice working on a little bit of everything. If he's QB-1 in two weeks, so be it.

"I'm a fighter. I'm just fighting for my team 'til the clock says zero zero," Bowden said. "Whatever I gotta do, that's what I'm gonna do."

Quarterback concerns headline crucial bye week for Kentucky football

By Jon Hale
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Kentucky football quarterback Sawyer Smith can be applauded for pushing through multiple injuries to help a team already missing its starter for the season.

The fact that Mark Stoops and his staff could find no better options than a hobbled and struggling Smith in a 24-7 loss at South Carolina speaks to larger problems though. Now figuring out a strategy to address an alarming quarterback situation has moved to the top of a long list of issues that need to be addressed during what appears to be a crucial bye week.

"We've got to look at all options," Stoops said of his team's bye week after the loss. "We definitely have to always look at all options and find ways to put our kids in position to win games. Sometimes you feel handcuffed with what you've got, and it is what it is. ... We've got to coach them and put them in positions to be successful. We've got to find other guys and continue to develop guys and bring guys along."

Kentucky enters its bye week having lost three consecutive games, with each loss arguably more worrisome than the last.

At South Carolina, the Wildcats looked on the verge of their first shutout defeat since 2012 until a late garbage-time touchdown drive. If there was any solace to be found from an abysmal offensive performance it may be that later drive offering the best hope for an alternative for an injured Smith as wide receiver Lynn Bowden led it while playing quarterback.

Other than a handful of Bowden "wildcat" formation plays, Smith served as the quarterback for the first 14 drives in which Kentucky totaled just 128 yards and ran only eight plays on South Carolina's side of the field. Kentucky went three-and-out seven times on those drives and had an eighth end after four plays with a failed fourth-down conversion attempt.

In his third Kentucky start, Smith com-

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pleted 11 of 31 passes for 90 yards and one interception. He also lost a fumble. Meanwhile, Bowden completed both of his passes for seven yards while rushing for 44 yards on six carries and led the Wildcats on a five-play, 84-yard touch-down drive for their only score.

"I'm a fighter," Bowden said. "I'm just fighting for my team until the clock says zero. Whatever I've got to do, that's what I'm going to do."

Season-ending injuries to starter Terry Wilson and possible third-string option Nik Scalzo have decimated depth in the quarterback room, but the Wildcats do still have two healthy scholarship quarterbacks on the roster other than Smith.

Sophomore Walker Wood has been listed as Smith's backup since Wilson's injury, but he has yet to play a game for Kentucky after spending most of two years rehabbing from shoulder and knee surgeries. Once again, Stoops professed confidence in Wood after the South Carolina loss, but the fact he never even warmed up during the game to provide an alternative to Smith sends a clear message the staff is less than assured Wood could help Kentucky win games.

Freshman Amani Gilmore has also traveled to South Carolina, but quarterbacks coach Darin Hinshaw said earlier in the week Gilmore had not yet mastered the playbook and would need to use an abbreviated game plan if forced into action.

Stoops deferred to the UK medical staff for input on how long it will take Smith, who took several hard hits while being sacked four times Saturday, to return to something close to 100%. Stoops did say he does not expect Smith, who is battling a shoulder and wrist injury, to throw at all in practice this week.

While Smith is unavailable, Kentucky coaches should have plenty of practice reps to further evaluate Bowden's "wildcat" package and test Wood's readiness. Perhaps they will use the bye to develop a package for Gilmore as well.

But if Kentucky returns to Kroger Field on Oct 14 for its next game against Arkansas with no better option than a limited Smith, it's fair to wonder if a three-year bowl streak might end even with a light second-half schedule.

"I've got to get these guys better prepared," offensive coordinator Eddie Gran

said. "We've got to figure out who we are. The off week is coming at the right time."

Even if Smith returns to full health after the bye, there is no shortage of issues for Kentucky coaches to address.

Kentucky running back A.J. Rose (10) carries the ball against South Carolina during the first half of an NCAA college football game Saturday in Columbia, S.C.

In the last two games, the Wildcats have converted just 3 of 27 third-down attempts. And while Kentucky's defense did more than enough to give the team a chance to win Saturday, it has surrendered at least 241 rushing yards in each of the last two games.

Stoops opened the door to pulling from the redshirt class for reinforcements after the bye, especially considering those players can appear in up to four games without losing a year of eligibility.

With or without those reinforcements, change is needed quickly.

One week after losing to San Jose State, Arkansas pushed Texas A&M to the brink Saturday and suddenly looks like a more formidable opponent. A six-game losing streak has become a real possibility with a trip to No. 3 Georgia and a home game against resurgent Missouri looming after the Razorbacks.

"I still love this team," Stoops said. "These guys are going to fight. We're in the midst of a tough stretch right here. We need the bye. We've gotta get healthy and we've gotta hit the reset button and fight our way out of this. ... We've been in worse situations before. We'll continue to stick together and get better and find options. That's all you can do."

How faith saved Jordan Griffin's UK football career

By Mohammad Ahmad
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Faith is Kentucky Football safety Jordan Griffin's lifeline.

But just over a year ago, that lifeline was in jeopardy and so was Griffin's desire to play football.

"At one point, I just felt like I was in a hole," Griffin said. "I haven't talked about this story much, but now that I've found peace and my joy for the game, I'm much more comfortable talking about it."

It's a story that, up until now, only Griffin's closest family, friends and teammates knew about—a story that might surprise those who think they know Griffin just from watching him play football. But to understand his story, it's important to first understand Griffin's upbringing.

That lifeline of faith was established by Griffin's parents, Judy and Lawrence Griffin, who raised Jordan as a southern Baptist in Jonesboro, Georgia—a small town south of Atlanta. Judy said that faith naturally came to the Griffins.

"We were always taught to have faith and pray, and things would be ok for you. We instilled values like praying, loving and believing," Judy said. "We let our kids figure out things on their own before we dived into religion. But for some reason, Jordan's just different. You know, very analytical. His mind was older than some of the kids he hung around,"

After a quiet freshman year at UK, Jordan made his "analytical" presence known as a sophomore after playing in all of UK's 13 games and finishing the year with 22 tackles, three pass breakups and an interception. His junior campaign started off on a similar foot until last year's game against Mississippi State.

After an injury leading into the game, Judy said Jordan was "banged up and went cold turkey" for the rest of the 2018 season. She says he started questioning himself and his future. As a stock trader off the field with an interest in real estate, he said he knew football wasn't forever.

"I felt like, things weren't falling apart, but things were growing in other parts of my life. With football not going the way I wanted, and stock trading going the way I wanted, I questioned God and wondered if, 'Is this what he wants me to do, go on a route different from football,'" Griffin said.

Griffin spent the next year trying to rediscover himself and his passion for the game. He admits that his faith wasn't as strong as before. He turned to family, current and past teammates and religious role models for guidance, including UK Fellowship of Christian Athletes chaplain Aaron Hogue and his former high school teammate turned preacher candidate, Kali James.

"I'd be lying if I said I was consistent with my prayer and what I was supposed to do," Griffin said. "There are times where the close people around see things

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that you don't see. With me being analytical, I tend to overthink."

Linebacker Josh Paschal, who missed most of last season battling melanoma, is Jordan's Bible study partner and attends FCA meetings with him. Paschal shared his trials and tribulations with Jordan, hoping that it would inspire him to remain steadfast with his faith.

"He was struggling with the game. He was struggling with his faith. We talked about staying strong and having faith and trusting God's plan," Paschal said. "Everyone has that one point where you question that faith. You need to keep that faith up when you face trials and tribulations."

Griffin said being a part of Paschal's life is "amazing," adding that Paschal "pushes" him to become a better person. This July, though, Jordan reached a turning point. After safety Davonte Robinson had a season-ending quadricep injury, Griffin was saddened, but eventually enlightened.

"I was there when Davonte got hurt," Griffin said. "I was one of the first people to hear about his season ending. I was shaken and it hurt a lot. I was shaky about playing football, but Davonte told me, 'I need you.' Those words pushed me."

Several days after Robinson's injury, Griffin said he had a moment of reckoning with God.

"I got on my knees one night and asked God to give me the strength and ability to no longer lie to myself and to show me the way he wants me to go," Griffin said. "That moment really touched me. I think part of it was just losing faith when things weren't going my way and not trusting the process. I was losing my faith with Christ."

Now, Griffin is the unquestioned leader of the Cats' secondary. He plans to graduate in December with a degree in community and leadership development. He's made the SEC Academic Honor Roll every year he's been in college, and he's also a member of UK Football's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.

"The thing about Jordan is that people have always looked up to him. I don't know why, but he's just always been special," Lawrence Griffin said. "Derrick Baity, Chris Westry, Lonnie Johnson, Mike Edwards, all those guys looked up to him."

With the sun setting on his college career, Jordan can now look back on leaving a legacy like his recently departed secondary counterparts. When asked about how

he would sum up his recent experience, he had a simple response.

"That's been my biggest testament in college so far," Griffin said.

WEEK SEVEN

Kentucky football coaches challenged Boogie Watson; his response bodes well for defense

By Jon Hale

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For as bad as Kentucky football played in its loss at South Carolina, there was at least one positive development for the Wildcats.

Now, how junior outside linebacker Jamar "Boogie" Watson is able to build on his performance in that game could say much about the trajectory of UK's defense after a bye week.

"It definitely felt good to get back on track," Watson said. "...About time I stepped up and played the way I know I can."

Following the departure of 2018 National Defensive Player of the Year Josh Allen, Kentucky's defensive pass rush was supposed to come in a variety of forms this season. Watson was expected to carry the largest share of the load, though.

For the most part, the first half of that equation has played out to form. Through five games, nine different players have recorded at least one sack.

But while Watson leads the team with 2.5 sacks, two of those came at South Carolina after he was pulled aside by defensive coordinator Brad White for a one-on-one heart-to-heart talk before the game.

"He can talk to me however he wants," Watson said. "I'm not going to get emotional or anything like that. He just told me I needed to play better, he needed more from me and my role on the team. I said I agreed, and I knew that I didn't play good the first four games so I needed to step up."

Playing opposite Allen and his 17 sacks last season, Watson totaled 24 tackles, five tackles for loss and five sacks while starting seven games.

Even with Allen gone, Watson struggled to even match that pace through the first third of Kentucky's 2019 season. The 6-foot-3, 242-pound Maryland native totaled just 11 tackles, two tackles for loss

and one-half sack in those games. With his lone half sack coming in the season opener, Watson had gone three games without tackling the quarterback behind the line of scrimmage at the time of his meeting with White.

"He took it like a man," White said. "Guys can go two ways with that. They can get really upset and get negative or get down or they can flip the switch and say, 'You're right, I am not playing my best football.' It was good to see him respond the way he responded."

At South Carolina, Watson recorded four tackles, two tackles for loss, two sacks and two quarterback hurries. The performance marked the first time in his career he had tallied multiple sacks in the same game.

Amid questions about the team's leadership, the spotlight has been turned up on Kentucky's veterans during a three-game losing streak.

Watson setting an example of how to take blunt coaching should send a valuable message to his younger teammates at a point when leaders are needed to help weather the storm.

"I think that was really important," Kentucky coach Mark Stoops said. "It's another great example of a guy responding and being challenged. ... (White) had a heart to heart with him and expected more out of him, and he delivered. That's what we expect out of Boogie, the type of leader, type of player he can be."

Kentucky ranks 53rd nationally in sacks per game (2.4) and 98th in tackles for loss per game (five).

White seems likely to continue to bring pressure from a variety of positions in this defense, but the edge rusher spots remain essential to pressuring the quarterback and helping a young secondary avoid too many one-on-one coverage situations.

Kentucky's chances of turning its season around improve drastically if Watson continues to play like he did at South Carolina. If Watson can build on that performance, White's challenge will not soon be forgotten.

"It definitely instills a confidence in me that I know they have confidence in me and what type of player I can be," Watson said. "I know the type of player I can be. We both have the same vision for myself. It's a matter of me going out and doing it."

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UK, Terry Wilson pay tribute to Jared Lorenzen before Kentucky's matchup with Arkansas

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University of Kentucky quarterback Terry Wilson wore a jersey with the No. 22 prior to UK's kickoff against Arkansas, one of several tributes Saturday in honor of former Wildcats quarterback Jared Lorenzen.

Wilson, who suffered a season-ending knee injury during Kentucky's 38-17 win over Eastern Michigan in the second week of the season, said during the preseason that he would like to wear a jersey with the No. 22 during a game this season. It was the number worn by Lorenzen, who died in July.

UK honored Lorenzen with a tribute prior to Saturday's kickoff. Members of Lorenzen's family and Kentucky head coach Rich Brooks were among those on the field who were recognized as part of the ceremony. Highlights from Lorenzen's playing days were shown on the video boards at Kroger Field while the UK marching band played "My Old Kentucky Home."

Wilson also wore a No. 22 jersey in a pre-recorded video segment that played before kickoff. In the video he encouraged fans to "be loud" and to wave the commemorative towels that were distributed at the gates.

Lynn Bowden and Wilson each earlier this season wore cleats painted to honor Lorenzen during pregame warm-ups. Bowden in the first half of Kentucky's game against Florida wore a No. 3 jersey in honor of Wilson.

All eyes were on the new QB. Meanwhile, UK's defense played its best game yet.

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Kentucky's defense was torched for a 74-yard scoring run just two plays into its game against Arkansas.

What in the moment seemed like the mark of a long night to come — it was the Hogs' longest play of the season as well as their fastest score this year — turned

out to be an outlier in an otherwise sound showing for a unit that has had to overcome inexperience and injuries since before the season started.

That one play — just 42 seconds into the contest — accounted for nearly 25 percent of Arkansas' entire offensive production and about 40 percent of its rushing total Saturday night. Outside of that possession, Arkansas just one other time put together drive longer than 45 yards — its final one.

The Razorbacks, starting from their own 18-yard line and facing a 24-20 deficit, drove 60 yards with a backup quarterback whom the possession before led them to a go-ahead touchdown. Ben Hicks completed a 22-yard pass and rushed for 2 yards to set up second-and-8 at Kentucky's 15 with several minutes to spare.

But the Wildcats rose to the occasion: Hicks threw an incomplete pass, was sacked for a 7-yard loss by Calvin Taylor Jr. and then, out of an Arkansas timeout, was hurried by T.J. Carter and threw another incomplete pass that landed nowhere in the vicinity of another Razorback.

The game, fittingly on Jared Lorenzen Day, effectively ended on the 22-yard line.

Much discussion before and after the game revolved around UK being patient with its offensive game plan, but that same patience was present in the defensive huddle after the Hogs' big gain.

And it started at the top.

"It's like we talk about with the players," defensive coordinator Brad White said. "You can't live on a roller coaster. Yea, does it hurt? Are you angry? Are you pissed off? Absolutely, you are. But if you get stuck in that realm, that's how you're going to call the whole game. You've just got to put it behind you, make the adjustments and just keep going."

Other than its explosive start, Arkansas' other three scoring drives were aided by short fields: a fumble and a missed field goal allowed it on back-to-back possessions to swell its lead to 13-0 with just 67 yards of total offense. Its second touchdown drive started at UK's 30 after a missed tackle on Arkansas' side of the field on a punt return.

The Wildcats gave up 305 total yards — almost 100 yards fewer than their average allowed to opponents this season — against an offense that averaged more than 400 yards per game coming in. It was

the fewest yards allowed by Kentucky in a game this season.

Kentucky matched its season high with seven tackles for loss (it also had seven TFLs against Toledo) and generated three sacks (its season high was four, also against Toledo).

"Defensively, (we) really put them in a tough situation a lot of the night," UK head coach Mark Stoops said. "They ripped off the first run early and one guy cut out and created the long run. And after that the defense really settled in and played good."

He noted the two times that short fields led to Arkansas field goals. The first one was the result of a failed fourth-and-1 conversion.

"We put them in a tough situation when I went for it and didn't get it," Stoops said. "And then off the punt return. Both times they responded with holding them to a field goal. I thought that was huge."

White lamented his own play-calling for the short field that led to Arkansas' go-ahead TD in the fourth quarter. It wasn't a call made on that series, but one on the Razorbacks' previous possession: an 18-yard pass completion on second-and-20 that led to six more Arkansas plays before it was forced to punt; the Razorbacks pinned UK deep in its own territory and the Cats subsequently punted from their own 2-yard line.

"We ended up stopping them later in the drive but if you stop them there early, they're not able to hit that punt that ends up rolling down inside and then we're having to punt back up," White said. "People forget how everything sort of plays a part, and one play starts a trickle effect. I need to make a better call on that 2nd-and-20. I was thinking one thing and they gave us another."

Overall, White was pleased with the way the game played out on Saturday.

"Ultimately, there are some things you'd like to clean up and do better, but, y'know, we'll never apologize for a win," he said.

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On Jared Lorenzen night, Lynn Bowden posts own unforgettable quarterback performance

By Jon Hale

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Playing a wide receiver at quarterback against any Southeastern Conference opponent might appear daunting.

But when Kentucky wide receiver Lynn Bowden was informed he would fill that roll against Arkansas, he was not concerned about being overmatched by the situation.

"What I was really worried about was the secret getting out," Bowden said with a smile after leading Kentucky to a 24-20 victory. "You ask any of my teammates, this whole week, I was excited. They were like, 'What is he so happy for?'"

Bowden's teammates knew the game plan. Kentucky players and coaches had to work to make sure no one else did.

After Kentucky's loss at South Carolina, it's third consecutive defeat, coach Mark Stoops announced quarterback Sawyer Smith would not throw in practice during the upcoming bye week in hopes rest would heal his ailing shoulder and wrist. Since Smith was only playing because of a season-ending knee injury to starter Terry Wilson, and preseason No. 3 quarterback Nik Scalzo was out for the year with a torn ACL, UK coaches were left with a difficult decision.

Sophomore Walker Wood, the only healthy returning scholarship quarterback from last season, looks like an emergency option at best after spending most of two years rehabbing from shoulder and knee surgeries. Freshman Amani Gilmore has not yet mastered enough of the playbook to be trusted in a game.

Bowden had led the Wildcats to their only touchdown at South Carolina while playing quarterback. Could he do it for a whole game?

Stoops, offensive coordinator Eddie Gran and quarterbacks coach Darin Hinshaw decided to go all-in on the Bowden-at-quarterback game plan during the bye. Even after Smith returned to practice this week, they kept Bowden with the first-team offense and spent extra hours molding a game plan that could work, knowing he was unlikely to throw more than 15 passes in the game.

"It gets tough because we had to stay ahead of the chains all night," Stoops said. "But Lynn is dynamic and there were some shots, there were some plays that we had called. But also, I thought the coaches did a nice job because we talked to ourselves all week about staying patient."

For the run-heavy attack to work, Kentucky would need contributions from its defense and special teams.

When Arkansas scored on a 74-yard touchdown run on the second play from scrimmage, it would have been fair to wonder if the hole was already too great for Bowden to claw out of. When Kentucky's first three offensive drives ended in a punt, a fumble and a missed field goal and Arkansas took a 13-0 lead, panic could have set in.

"We said we had to be patient," Gran said. "Thank goodness that we were. Made that mistake twice (at Mississippi State and South Carolina). Wasn't patient. We stuck to what we thought the game plan was to give our kids the best opportunity to win the game. That was a good thing."

On a 10-play, 75-yard touchdown drive just before halftime, the game plan finally started to return success.

Bowden hit tight end Justin Right for back-to-back completions, one for 12 yards and another for 31 yards on play-action passes. With the Arkansas defense having to respect the pass again, Bowden busted a 14-yard run. Facing third-and-goal at the Arkansas 3-yard line, Bowden put Kentucky on the board for the first time with a keeper for the touchdown.

A 13-play drive to open the second half ended in a 50-yard Matt Ruffolo field goal to pull within three points at 13-10. Back-to-back three-and-outs forced by the Kentucky defense set up a Wildcat drive that began in Arkansas territory for Bowden's next magic trick.

Kentucky had converted just 3 of 31 third downs in the previous nine quarters entering the game, but for the second time Bowden stepped up on third down, this time hitting sophomore wide receiver Clevan Thomas on a perfect fade pass in the corner of the end zone for a 17-13 lead.

"That man is a joy," Thomas said of Bowden. "... Lynn always has some juice. He always tells the receivers, stay in, run fast. He's a leader all around. Lynn Bowden, he's a special guy."

Bowden's night would elevate from

special to unforgettable in the fourth quarter after Arkansas took a 20-17 lead.

Facing second-and-13 after a false start penalty, Bowden scrambled right for 24 yards and what turned into the game-winning score.

The Kentucky defense made its most important stop of the night on the following drive when Arkansas quarterback Ben Hicks' pressured fourth-down pass at the Kentucky 22-yard line fell short. With 2:32 on the clock and Arkansas still holding two timeouts, the game was not over though.

But Bowden ended any lingering hope with a 51-yard run on second down.

He ended the night with 24 carries for 196 yards and two touchdowns while completing 7 of 11 passes for 78 yards and another score.

"It was special," Bowden said. "Two weeks ago when they told me I was going to be in the (quarterback) room, I really just thought I was giving Sawyer a little break. This game week, they put me in the rotation. My teammates and my coaches just trusted me to get back there and lead the team. There was something just great about it."

On a night when Kentucky football honored program legend Jared Lorenzen, the quarterback known for head-turning feats of athleticism while playing at close to 300 pounds, it was only fitting fans left Kroger Field buzzing about a quarterback performance you had to see to believe.

Bowden's offense might not work against a better opponent than Arkansas, especially next week at Georgia. But Saturday represented a pivotal point in Kentucky's season with a three-game losing streak that could have easily stretched to seven games with a loss.

The plan was the right choice for the moment, and Bowden was the right player to pull it off.

"Really proud that we got win in Jared's memory and for his family," Stoops said. "Proud of our team by the way they played, and hopefully they kept him in the back of their mind because that's how Jared played. He really laid it on the line for his team each and every week, and I was proud of our group tonight in his memory."

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Its season on the brink, UK turns back to its secret weapon. Lynn Bowden made it work.

By Mark Story
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Its season teetering on the brink and with no good option to play quarterback, Kentucky dialed up an oldie but goodie.

For the third time in the past 11 years, a "wide receiver playing quarterback" led the Wildcats to a desperately-needed victory.

In the days leading up to flanker Lynn Bowden's first start as a quarterback since his days at Warren Harding High School in Ohio, the junior fretted that he was so excited, his demeanor would give UK's secret away.

"You can ask any of my teammates," Bowden said. "They were all like, 'What is he so happy about?'"

With Bowden turning in one of the stellar individual performances in the 21st century history of Kentucky football, the Wildcats (3-3, 1-3 SEC) scored a 24-20 victory over Arkansas (2-4, 0-3 SEC) before a crowd of 57,060 at Kroger Field.

On the night UK honored the memory of the late Jared Lorenzen pegged to the ex-Kentucky quarterback's memorable performance in 2003's seven-overtime loss to Arkansas, Bowden produced another showing Wildcats fans will long savor.

The 6-foot-1, 206-pound Youngstown, Ohio, product ran 24 times for 196 yards and two touchdowns and completed seven of 11 passes for 78 yards and a TD.

"I am so proud of Lynn, obviously, for what he has done and how he has prepared for the last couple of weeks," UK Coach Mark Stoops said.

Football programs have identities. Penn State is "Linebacker U." In the Lincoln Riley coaching era, Oklahoma has become "Transfer Quarterback U." Kentucky's quirky niche seems to be "Wide Receiver Playing Quarterback U."

In 2008, with its offensive-playmaking corps depleted by injuries, UK asked wide-out Randall Cobb to move to quarterback before the season's ninth game.

On the road at Mississippi State, Cobb ran for a touchdown and threw for one and led UK to a 14-13 victory that made it bowl-eligible.

Three years later, with no scholarship

quarterback healthy enough to play, Kentucky surprised Tennessee by using wide receiver Matt Roark at QB. Roark ran for 124 yards and led UK to an improbable 10-7 victory that snapped an oppressive 26-game losing streak to the Rocky Toppers.

On Saturday night, Stoops and offensive playcaller Eddie Gran found themselves in a similarly dire position.

UK lost its starting quarterback, Terry Wilson, to a season-ending knee injury in this year's second game. His backup, Troy graduate transfer Sawyer Smith, has suffered multiple nagging injuries that have rendered him increasingly ineffective as the season has progressed.

After a listless offensive showing in the 24-7 loss at South Carolina two weeks ago, Stoops and Co. decided to turn to Bowden against Arkansas.

"Obviously, Lynn was a little bit of a wild card," Kentucky quarterbacks coach Darin Hinshaw said. "But we were in a tough spot. Sawyer Smith is banged up. Our trainers kept telling us, 'You've got to give him time to heal.' So, we decided to try to win this game with Lynn."

Given two weeks to prepare thanks to an open date, Hinshaw's comfort with the idea of using Bowden at QB grew with each passing day.

"When we talked to him about playing quarterback full time, he totally bought in," Hinshaw said. "He was early to every one of my meetings. He watched extra film. He was constantly asking questions. He was just tremendous in the quarterback room."

After Kentucky spotted Arkansas a 13-0 lead, Bowden brought the Cats back.

Confounding a Razorbacks defense stacked in the box, Bowden completed back-to-back passes of 12 and 31 yards to tight end Justin Rigg. That jump-started a 75-yard drive just before halftime that culminated with a 3-yard TD run by Bowden that pulled UK within 13-7.

After intermission, Bowden got better and better. He threw a beautiful back-shoulder fade to Clevan Thomas for a 10-yard touchdown that gave Kentucky a 17-13 lead with 1:50 left in the third quarter.

Hinshaw all but beamed talking about the read Bowden made to make the TD throw possible.

"We called double fade routes for the inside (receivers)," Hinshaw said. "They doubled Keaton (Upshaw) to the bound-

ary. Lynn went to the single coverage and threw a great ball."

After backup quarterback Ben Hicks rallied Arkansas to a 20-17 advantage, Bowden trumped the Hogs.

Aided by long runs from running backs Kavosiey Smoke (25 yards) and A.J. Rose (27 yards), Bowden led a 75-yard march to the game-winning TD. After dropping back to pass, Bowden scrambled around right end and darted 24 yards for the winning score.

"It felt like a little homecoming thing," Bowden said of his return to the QB position.

History suggests that the longer you ask a wide receiver to play quarterback, the less effective it will be. After Cobb won his first start for Kentucky in 2008, he lost his next three.

Still, if Kentucky perseveres through this season of adversity and becomes bowl-eligible, there's every chance we will look back on the game the Wildcats won with a wide receiver playing quarterback as the year's pivotal moment.

Again.

AJ Rose and Kavosiey Smoke have balanced game against Arkansas

By Mohammad Ahmad
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Kentucky Football running backs AJ Rose and Kavosiey Smoke come together like yin and yang.

Rose is the yin: He's gets the most carries, and, at times, the shining attention. Then you have Smoke as the yang: He can be a dark horse and surprise others. They'll each have their positives and negatives, but that's how yin and yang come together.

And that's exactly how those backs came together in the Cats' (3-3, 1-3 SEC) 24-20 victory over the Arkansas Razorbacks (2-4, 0-3 SEC) at Kroger Field on Saturday night. Just ask UK head coach Mark Stoops.

"I always remember the negative, because that's what we just do. There was one [run] late that we could have been more patient and hit it, but we were backed up, so you can understand why he [Smoke] was thinking about just getting some yards," Stoops said after the game. "But overall they [Rose and Smoke] did a really nice job. The backs were very un-

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selfish, they blocked hard on the perimeter, they ran the ball hard.”

Rose found that balance, rushing for 90 yards on 16 carries – his second highest rushing total so far this season – while eluding defenders and breaking multiple tackles at a time. Saturday’s game was a bounce back game for him after rushing for a season-low 33 yards last week.

“We wanted to play for each other. That was a big emphasis. There was a couple runs I left out there, but that’s just part of the game,” Rose said. “We played all four quarters and that’s what we needed to do.”

Smoke ran for 45 yards on 11 carries in what was a bounce back day for him after rushing for a paltry seven rushing yards last week, which was due in part to a migraine headache. He hit a big 25-yard run in the fourth quarter that helped the Cats march downfield for a Lynn Bowden rushing touchdown.

Offensive coordinator Eddie Gran said earlier in practice on Tuesday that he wanted to see “more patience” from his running backs. Gran mirrored Stoops’ thoughts on Rose and Smoke after the game.

“Kavosiey cut one play back, and I’ll have to go back and see it. But other than that, we were pretty patient, especially on the inside zone,” Gran said. “On third down, AJ had some really good hits.”

Having some help doesn’t hurt either. UK’s offensive linemen helped pave the way for the duo, yielding just one penalty in the process. They were able to find a rhythm, even when right tackle Landon Young limped off the field in the third quarter.

“We were really in sync. That was our game of football. To go out there and rush that many yards, that’s a huge accomplishment for us,” Young said. “We have the confidence to go into every other game and do it again.”

The Cats aren’t the only ones who saw the duo’s capabilities. Razorbacks’ line-backer Bumper Pool acknowledged the challenge that two brought.

“We didn’t do a good enough job stopping runs. That led to Kentucky getting the ball a lot in the second half and getting long drives and scoring. We needed stops,” Pool said.

Achieving that same balance could very well benefit the Cats when they face the No. 3 ranked Georgia Bulldogs at Sanford Stadium next Saturday afternoon.

WEEK EIGHT

Lynn Bowden's transition from WR to QB to 'Randall Cobb 2.0'

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Kentucky’s great experiment started with a text from star wide receiver Lynn Bowden to head coach Mark Stoops: “If you need me ...”

The Wildcats would.

Starting quarterback Terry Wilson played two games before a knee injury sidelined him for the season. His backup, Sawyer Smith, sustained a wrist injury in Week 3 against Florida. The following week against Mississippi State he injured his shoulder. By the time the Wildcats traveled to South Carolina in Week 5, Smith’s play had regressed significantly (11-for-32, 90 yards, INT, fumble) due to his degrading health. In need of a spark, Stoops turned to Bowden on the Wildcats’ final possession. Bowden led a five-play, 84-yard touchdown drive to avoid the first shutout in Stoops’ seven-year tenure.

Thus, the weekend message.

Two weeks later following a bye, Bowden lined up at quarterback for the Wildcats – not in a wildcat formation, mind you – and led Kentucky to a 24-20 win over Arkansas. Bowden finished 7-for-11 passing for 79 yards and a touchdown. He also ran for 196 yards and two scores.

“We’ve toyed with him at quarterback some throughout this year and the past couple years,” Stoops told 247Sports. “For him, it’s like riding a bike.”

Warren G. Harding High School (OH) head coach Steve Arnold and several of his assistants made the 370-something mile trip to see Bowden play last Saturday evening. It’s the first time Arnold would see his former quarterback play live since he arrived in Lexington three years ago. Arnold had an inkling Bowden would see snaps under center, and what Bowden accomplished didn’t surprise him in the least. Asked to describe Bowden as a high school quarterback, Arnold basically opened a thesaurus and began to read: “Magnificent. Alpha dog. Electric. Exciting. Competitor. Cerebral.”

Bowden threw for 1,366 yards as a senior to go along with 2,277 yards rushing and 57 total touchdowns. Arnold used to stack the odds against Bowden during the team’s competition days in practice – winner drinks Powerade, loser water. Bowden’s team always won. Just as importantly, Arnold said Bowden had the football IQ to go with his competitiveness.

Warren G. Harding ran a RPO-heavy system. Arnold estimates 70 percent of the plays were RPO calls, which meant Bowden had some kind of read or decision the majority of the team’s snaps. Bowden would watch film with the coaches and often make schematic suggestions. Not everything got approved, but Arnold estimates nine of every 10 suggestions were incorporated.

“You put a lot on a kid if he can handle it, Arnold said. “We were able to put a lot on Lynn because he could handle it.”

Bowden’s frame (6-foot-1, 185 pounds) and electric skillset dictated a switch to wide receiver upon his arrival in Lexington as the No. 110 overall player in the Top247 for the 2017 class. It’s a move that will get Bowden paid down the line. He led Kentucky with 67 catches for 745 yards and five touchdowns last year to go along with a pair of punt return touchdowns; no other Wildcat exceeded 30 catches. But Bowden never stopped throwing.

When he and his fellow receivers worked out during the offseason, Bowden would sometimes serve as an impromptu quarterback in the absence of a full-time passer. Bowden threw five passes as an underclassman for 92 yards, and the Wildcats would occasionally line him up as a wildcat option.

Thus, prepping for the shift from wide receiver to quarterback didn’t prove as daunting as you’d think.

“I’m going to ride or die with this kid,” Arnold said. “He’s going to find a way to get it done.”

Kentucky offensive coordinator Eddie Gran crafted a unique, run-heavy plan for Bowden. First, however, Bowden would be tested. Bowden moved to Kentucky’s quarterback room during the bye week, expanding his mental vision from reading defensive backs to diagnosing coverages. All the while, Bowden kept an eye on his wide receiver spot. There was a chance third-string QB Walker Wood could earn the start.

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Practice proved the most difficult portion of Bowden's QB test. The Wildcats threw everything at the receiver-turned-QB, running a variety of blitzes from the second level and twists along the defensive line to test Bowden's ability to identify coverages and set protections. High school defenses often came in basic varieties, Kentucky gave Bowden no such breaks.

"They wanted to see if I was able to handle it mentally," Bowden said. "I think I did pretty well."

Well enough to earn the start.

Stoops raves about Bowden's football IQ, saying his star playmaker could slot at any offensive skill position because he understands schematics with the perspective of a former quarterback.

"He knows what to do," Stoops said. "He understands the concepts, and I think that helps him a bunch at quarterback as far as knowing where to go with the football and what's there and what's not. He makes very good decisions, and it speaks volumes about him and his football IQ."

To say Kentucky gave Bowden full control of its passing playbook would be misleading. It is worth noting, however, that Bowden's 72 passing yards were more than Wilson had in a pair of wins (Vanderbilt, Mississippi State) last season. Bowden's 196 yards rushing were the second-most ever by a Kentucky quarterback.

Bowden called the scheme Gran created as "simple and straightforward." Utilizing Bowden's sub-4.4 40-yard dash speed, the Wildcats leaned on designed quarterback carries, run back throws and outside zone looks all the while mixing in easy pop passes. Bowden's favorite throw of the day, a 31-yard pass to Justin Rigg, shows the strain Kentucky's game placed on Arkansas.

Given his speed in the open field, Bowden is a headache to contain in the option run game. On the play below, you see all three of Arkansas' linebackers bite hard on an apparent toss play moving to the left. But Bowden popped up and hit Rigg, who disengaged from his block, for a big gain.

Not that all of Bowden's throws were schemed in that way. Sometimes, he just delivered a strike.

Take his go-ahead touchdown pass to Clevan Thomas late in the third-quarter. The play called for Bowden to look at tight end Keaton Upshaw on his first read. But coverage dictated Bowden turn elsewhere. Bowden looked off Upshaw and

turned to Thomas, who had one-on-one coverage running toward the right pylon.

Bowden delivered an ideal back-shoulder throw to his 2017 classmate – a throw that requires timing and chemistry – to give Thomas his first career touchdown.

"I just read the coverage," Bowden said. "I saw (Clevan), so I really wanted to get his confidence up. I know he's been working so hard. He came in with me and was waiting for his shot. I trusted him and he got that."

Bowden's 95.7 QBR rating against Arkansas slotted him as the seventh best quarterback in the country for Week 7.

Not bad for a first career start.

"With all the decision making with that position, the reads and in the run game he did a lot of good things," Stoops said. "I'm just very pleased and very proud of him with that effort. I guess on one hand, it doesn't surprise you much because he's such a gifted athlete. But the fact he handled it so well and was so comfortable and made so many good decisions gives you a lot of optimism to stick him in there if you need to from time to time throughout the rest of the year."

Bowden fielded a call over the weekend from a rather notable Wildcat alumnus – Randall Cobb. The Dallas Cowboys receiver called to congratulate Bowden on his performance. Bowden responded with thanks and a new moniker for himself: "Randall 2.0."

It's hard not to think about Bowden's performance without drifting to Cobb's college efforts. Unlike Bowden, Cobb arrived at Kentucky as a quarterback and earned SEC All-Freshman honors before making the switch to wide receiver. Once he made the transition, Cobb developed into a first-team All-American as an all-purpose threat and eventually a second-round draft pick.

Bowden is playing QB much later in his career. But like Cobb, he's carved out a playmaker niche. Earlier this week the Associated Press named Bowden a mid-season All-American as an all-purpose player. Bowden and Cobb are now the only FBS players since 2000 to have a single season that featured 10-plus passes, 30-plus runs, 30-plus catches along with at least five kick or punt returns, per Sports Reference Data.

Randall 2.0, indeed.

This week Bowden, who is making a strong case as college football's most versatile player, is listed four times atop Kentucky's depth chart: Quarterback (with an OR alongside Smith), receiver, kick returner and punt returner.

It's unclear if Bowden will continue as a quarterback against Georgia. Stoops said Smith is "getting healthier," and Bowden is equally as valuable as the team's star receiver (30 catches, 348 yards).

So, will Bowden keep sending those texts about playing QB? "Yeah, yeah." Then he laughed.

Despite what you might think, Kentucky's football season is only beginning

By Josh Moore

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Two teams were scoreless midway through the third quarter of a rain-soaked battle. One team remained so at game's end.

Georgia defeated Kentucky, 21-0, handing the Wildcats their fourth loss of the season. UK (3-4) also fell to 1-4 in Southeastern Conference play.

It was the first time under Mark Stoops that Kentucky was held without a point. The Cats' last shutout loss was 40-0 to Vanderbilt in 2012, Joker Phillips' last season as head coach.

Lynn Bowden made his second straight start at quarterback for UK. He did not complete a pass in the first half and finished 2-for-15. Bowden led the Cats in rushing, accumulating 99 yards on 17 carries. Kentucky finished with just 177 yards of offense.

D'Andre Swift, Georgia's star running back, for the second year in a row eclipsed 100 yards against the Cats, finishing with 179 on 21 carries. He scored the Bulldogs' first touchdown with 6:20 to play in the third quarter and added a second with 6:24 remaining in the fourth.

Kentucky forced a punt on Georgia's first offensive series, the first time it has done that against an opponent since the Mississippi State game. It failed to move far on its own first possession but a 53-yard punt by Max Duffy — and a block in the back — put the Bulldogs at their own 9-yard line on their next trip. The Cats forced a three-and-out and Josh Ali returned a punt 19 yards to the Georgia 46, but they failed to convert a first down.

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Georgia again went three-and-out, this time eliciting loud boos from the Bulldog faithful. Kavosiey Smoke on the Cats' next drive picked up 5 yards on first-and-10 but came up favoring his left arm. UK gained only two yards the rest of the possession before punting once more. (Smoke was evaluated for a left shoulder injury, according to the UK Radio Network; he did not return.)

The Bulldogs started to move on their next trip but a 7-yard tackle for loss by DeAndre Square, a quick tackle by Josh Paschal and a pass breakup by Brandin Echols combined to stall them at their own 36. Kentucky couldn't capitalize; Ahmad Wagner almost flipped the field on a lengthy third-down pass from Bowden but it came out of his hands as he landed.

George Pickens hauled in a 21-yard pass to ignite a Georgia drive that eventually ended at midfield; a third-and-1 pick-up on a run by Jake Fromm was reversed after review, leading to a fourth-down attempt that was stopped at the line of scrimmage by Kash Daniel and Square. Kentucky advanced 5 yards before a failed trick play ending its fifth drive in a fifth punt. UK again forced a punt before picking up a first down to end the first half.

Kentucky put together its first extensive drive after receiving the second-half kickoff. The Cats got all the way to Georgia's 27 but a holding penalty against Logan Stenberg forced a third-and-16 pass that went well out of bounds.

Georgia's first drive of the second half ended in its sixth punt; Ali fumbled it but recovered. The Cats were forced to punt for the seventh time and Duffy's kick went only 15 yards; Swift on its next play from scrimmage rushed 39 yards to finally put points on the scoreboard. It added seven more after Brian Herrien found pay dirt to end a drive that started from UK's 31 due to a lost fumble by Bowden.

A 58-yard kickoff return by Zach Johnson set Kentucky up at Georgia's 40. Bowden soon after rushed for a 21-yard gain that got pushed to the Bulldogs' 9 after a facemask penalty. Kentucky's best scoring opportunity — a high-but-catchable pass to Chris Rodriguez — was dropped in the end zone; UK eventually turned the ball over on downs, leading to another Georgia scoring drive.

Despite what you might think, Kentucky's football season is only beginning

By John Clay
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I know what you're thinking.

You're thinking Kentucky's football season is pretty much over.

The Wildcats are 3-4. They're 1-4 in the SEC. They were blanked 21-0 by Georgia in the Sanford Stadium soak on Saturday. Their offensive wheels are spinning. Their head coach is tired of answering questions about the quarterback situation. And basketball is almost here.

But the truth is, Kentucky's football season is just beginning.

Five games to go. Five important games. Mark Stoops' squad needs three more victories to earn the program's fourth consecutive bowl trip. Given the relative strength of the teams remaining in the Cats' 2019 datebook, three wins seem doable. No guarantee, but doable. That's even with the continuing struggle that is the Kentucky offense.

Thank the UK defense. So good in 2018, that unit was expected to struggle in 2019. Josh Allen was gone. Mike Edwards and Lonnie Johnson were gone. So too were Jordan Jones, Derrick Baity, Chris Westry. To name just a few. You know the story. Davonte Robinson tore a quad muscle before the start of fall camp. What goes up must come down. Only now, seven games into the season, Stoops' defense appears back on the rise.

"We feel really good about the past two, three weeks, the guys' attitude, effort," Stoops said Saturday. "They're playing hard. They're gaining a lot of experience. And they're getting better with the games."

In Saturday's incessant shower, UK allowed Georgia just 270 total yards. That's the fewest by a Bulldogs offense against a Wildcats defense since 1996. Bill Curry was the Kentucky coach then. The Cats held the Dawgs scoreless in the first half on Saturday. Were it not for a pair of second half, slip-ups, it might still be a scoreless game.

There was Max Duffy's 15-yard punt. "I just shanked it," said Duffy, who had been so, so good up until the football slid off the side of his foot. Georgia took over

at the UK 39-yard line. A single snap later, the Bulldogs' star running back D'Andre Swift was in the end zone.

Next came Lynn Bowden's fumble. Two plays after Swift's TD, the ball was on ground. Georgia recovered at the UK 31. On such a miserable meteorological night, a game with one turnover was a near miracle. But Kentucky committed it. And Georgia seized, scoring five plays later for a two-touchdown lead. Game over.

You can't ignore UK's problems on offense. The Cats are 102nd nationally in yards per game. A wide receiver playing quarterback worked against a struggling Arkansas. It did not work against a team ranked 10th in the AP poll. Bowden is a terrific talent, but Georgia stockpiles future NFL players on defense. With video of Bowden at quarterback, the Bulldogs were prepared. Against Arkansas, Kentucky produced six runs of 20 or more yards in the second half. Against Georgia, it managed one explosive play all chilly night. Bowden completed two of 15 passes. UK's 177 yards were the fewest since 161 at Alabama in 2016.

But on the other side of the ball, you can almost feel the UK defense improving each week. Outside linebacker Boogie Watson is coming on. Sophomore linebackers DeAndre Square and Chris Oats are producing. Safety Yusuf Corker was all over the soggy field on Saturday.

"We're getting there," defensive coordinator Brad White said. "The look in their eyes on the sideline is a good luck, it's a passionate look. It's what you want when you have a really top-notch defense. To see where it started from to where they are now there's a lot of confidence on that sideline."

It's what provides hope heading into this final five-game stretch, the most important stretch of the season. Missouri is coming off a surprise 21-14 loss at Vanderbilt. Tennessee is 108th nationally in total offense. Vanderbilt is 109th. UT Martin is an FCS program. Louisville is 111th nationally in total defense.

Football season isn't over.

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Defense is improving, but QB questions cloud Kentucky football bowl hopes after Georgia

By Jon Hale

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Kentucky football coach Mark Stoops is tired of answering questions about his quarterback situation.

After watching Lynn Bowden miss on his first nine pass attempts in a 21-0 loss at Georgia, those questions are not going away though. A stellar defensive performance proved Stoops' team has enough pieces in place to take advantage of a manageable final five games and extend its streak of bowl seasons to four years.

But only if the offense finds some form of balance from its quarterback.

"It's difficult for me to continue to answer questions on this with you all," Stoops said after the game. "I'm not trying to withhold information. You know me. I'm very upfront and try to be as honest as I can. (Sawyer Smith) is close. It's tough on a cold, rainy, miserable night to put him in when he's just barely getting close to being ready to play.

"He would go. You saw him go against South Carolina. He would play if his arm was falling off, but I can't do that to him again. It was a tough night. We knew it was going to be a tough grind. We did what we did. We gave ourselves the best option we felt like we had."

To be clear, a windy, rain-soaked night prevented either team from finding much success in the passing game.

Bowden completed 2 of 15 passes for 17 yards with both completions coming on the final drive. Georgia quarterback Jake Fromm completed 9 of 12 passes for 35 yards.

For Kentucky, the frustrations came because for the second week in a row the offensive scheme built around Bowden's running ability showed promise. The wide receiver turned quarterback gained 99 yards on 17 carries and led the Wildcats into Georgia territory on five different drives.

But whenever Kentucky was forced into an obvious passing situation, Bowden was unable to convert and the Wildcats were shutout for the first time since 2012.

One possible score was negated by a

dropped pass from running back Chris Rodriguez in the end zone, but most of the other incompletions were not particularly close.

"We converted three third-and-longs a week ago against Arkansas," offensive coordinator Eddie Gran said. "We were pretty good on third down last week. This (defensive) front sometimes doesn't allow you to do that, the team we just played. But I think we can be creative and still be balanced, keep them outside the pocket. It was tough sledding trying to throw the ball in that stuff."

Stoops and Gran said this week that Smith, who is dealing with wrist and shoulder injuries, was available in practice and close to full health, but after warming up a couple times early in the game, he never even threw on the sideline after Kentucky fell behind 14-0 in the third quarter and it became apparent the Wildcats would need to complete passes to claw back into the game.

It has now been three weeks since Smith threw in a game.

Perhaps another week without being hit will be what is needed to make him healthy enough to risk in a game next Saturday against Missouri, but until we see him on the field again it would be foolish to predict that outcome.

With Smith's status still uncertain, the success or failure of the Bowden offense becomes more difficult to predict, even with the five remaining opponents all having their own flaws.

The good news is Kentucky's defensive progress opens the door that even limited offense might be able to score enough to win three of the remaining games against Missouri, Tennessee, Vanderbilt, UT Martin and Louisville.

"We're getting there," defensive coordinator Brad White said. "We're finding our identity. The look in their eyes on the sideline is a good look. It's a passionate look. It's what you want when you have a really top-notch defense. To see where it started from to where they are now, there's a lot of confidence on that sideline."

Georgia did not run a play in Kentucky territory until receiving the ball at the UK 38-yard line after a shanked punt in the third quarter. Two of the Bulldogs' three touchdowns came on short fields.

Kentucky's defense has yet to surrender 30 points in a game this season, so if Bowden, Smith or some combination of

the two can score in the mid-20s as Kentucky did against Arkansas, plenty of hope remains for a strong finish even after all the injuries this season.

The Wildcats remaining opponents are all closer to Arkansas, perhaps the worst team in the league, than Georgia, a top-10 squad. The weather is unlikely to be as big a factor as it was Saturday again.

The progress of Kentucky's defense only adds to the questions about what could have happened if quarterback Terry Wilson did not go down with a season-ending knee injury in the second game. He did though, and the quarterback questions continue to hover, even if Stoops is tired of being asked about the position.

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Lynn Bowden comes up big, defense trends upward in Kentucky football's win over Missouri

By Jon Hale

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It may be time to stop worrying about Lynn Bowden playing quarterback for Kentucky.

The normal wide receiver led Kentucky to its second win in three games with him behind center in a 29-7 upset of Missouri Saturday. Bowden totaled 258 yards of offense and two touchdowns in the victory.

The victory moved Kentucky within two wins of bowl eligibility. Only one of the Wildcats' final four opponents has a winning record in FBS play.

Kentucky ended a streak of 14 consecutive drives without points dating back to the fourth quarter of the Arkansas game when sophomore running back Kavosiey Smoke gave the Wildcats a 6-0 lead with 12:27 left in the second quarter on a 1-yard touchdown run.

Junior running back A.J. Rose stretched the lead to 12-0 with a 20-yard touchdown run just more than six minutes later.

Kentucky took control of the game late in the second quarter after a 43-yard Chance Poore field goal. Desperate for points, Missouri called a timeout after quarterback Kelly Bryant was sacked at his own 27-yard line with 30 seconds remaining in the half. On the next play, UK

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outside linebacker Jordan Wright stripped the ball from Bryant at the Missouri 19-yard line.

Two plays later, Bowden ran 10 yards for Kentucky's third touchdown and a 22-0 halftime lead.

Missouri's only touchdown came on a 74-yard catch-and-run off a screen pass to running back Tyler Badie with 12:40 left in the third quarter, but Kentucky iced the game in the fourth quarter after punter Max Duffy converted a fake punt and Bowden added a 33-yard touchdown run later in the drive.

Here is what we learned in the Kentucky win:

Legend of Lynn Bowden grows

Kentucky coaches pointed to heavy rain at Georgia last week as being a key factor in the passing struggles of Bowden in his second game at quarterback. Playing in similar conditions Saturday, he had little trouble, connecting on 3 of 7 passes for 54 yards, but it was his running ability that made the difference.

Bowden finished the win with 21 carries for 204 yards and two touchdowns. In three games as Kentucky's quarterback, Bowden has run for 499 yards and four touchdowns.

"With Lynn the nice thing is I thought our coaches did a nice job of putting him in position keeping them off balance, and then Lynn has that ability to make one person miss," Kentucky coach Mark Stoops said. "So you start adding up all the numbers and what we're doing and the stress we're putting on the defense, and then with him making somebody miss in to the hole, it puts a lot the stress on you."

Former UK starting quarterback Sawyer Smith played for the first time since Sept. 28 when Bowden was forced to the sideline for three plays with a minor ankle injury in the second quarter, but Bowden returned to the field later in the drive. Smith played again on the final UK drive with the game in hand.

By the time Kentucky returns from its upcoming bye week to play Tennessee on Nov. 9, Smith should be as close to fully recovered from shoulder and wrist injuries as he will get this season. The play of Bowden and improvements by UK's defense suggest the Bowden-led offense is still Kentucky's best option in the final four games though.

Building an identity

Playing in miserable weather for the second consecutive week, Kentucky's defense continued its upward trajectory by holding Missouri to 289 yards and forcing four fumbles, two of which were recovered. The performance marked the third consecutive game UK had held its opponent to a season low in yards at the time.

The long touchdown marked the first pass of more than 40 yards surrendered by UK this season. Kentucky was one of six teams in the country yet to allow a pass that long entering the day. It was just the fourth passing touchdown surrendered by the UK defense this season, tied for fewest in the nation.

Bowden lost two fumbles in the game, but Kentucky's defense was able to prevent Missouri from scoring on each of the ensuing drives. For the second straight week, the defense held on a key fourth-down stop.

The weather has helped Kentucky's defense the last two games, but even in pristine conditions this unit looks like a strength once again.

"I think they're understanding what we're trying to get done as a defense," defensive coordinator Brad White said. "They're playing hard and they're playing physical and aggressive, which I think we have done especially at times throughout the season, but they're doing it with understanding now and they're doing it with awareness and football IQ. There's still some things you've got to clean up on the sideline, but every week it's better."

Redemption for kickers

After losing his starting kicking job earlier this season, UK redshirt freshman Chance Poore redeemed himself against Missouri.

Junior walk-on Matt Ruffolo, who has served as the primary place kicker the last four games, missed the point-after attempts following each of Kentucky's first two touchdowns against Missouri. While Ruffolo was 4 for 4 on PATs entering the game, the consecutive miscues were enough for Stoops to go back to Poore for a 43-yard field goal late in the second quarter.

Poore converted that kick then made the point-after on the Wildcats' final two touchdowns, seemingly locking up the No. 1 kicker job again.

The win also represented a bounce-

back night from punter Max Duffy, who's rare mistake a week ago at Georgia set up the Bulldog's first score.

Duffy averaged 52.4 yards per punt on five punts. He booted one punt a career-long 70 yards and converted a fake when he ran for 26 yards on a fourth down in the fourth quarter.

Mark Stoops passes Rich Brooks for fifth on Kentucky wins list

By Chris Fisher
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Kentucky head coach Mark Stoops quietly made a bit of history in Saturday night's 29-7 win over Missouri at Kroger Field.

With the victory, Stoops became just the fifth coach in school history to win 40 career games and passed Rich Brooks for fifth place on the UK all-time list.

Stoops improved his career record at Kentucky to 40-43, but is 28-19 since the start of the 2016 season in leading the Wildcats to three straight bowl games. Of Stoops' 40 wins, 30 have come at Kroger Field, formerly Commonwealth Stadium, second-most all-time.

Last season, UK recorded just its third 10-win season in school history and first since 1977, which culminated with a 27-24 win over No. 12 Penn State in the VRBO Citrus Bowl, the school's first New Year's Day bowl win 1951. The Cats also finished with a winning record in the SEC for the first time in 41 years and beat Florida for the first time since 1986. Stoops was named 2018 SEC Coach of the Year by the Associated Press.

One of the most beloved figures in Kentucky football history, Brooks inherited a program riddled by NCAA sanctions in 2003. After going just 9-25 over his first three seasons, Brooks became the only coach in school history to lead the program to four straight bowl appearances (2006-09) and three consecutive bowl wins (2006-08). He also helped orchestrate a wins over top-ranked and eventual national champion LSU and No. 9 Louisville in 2007 before being inducted into the UK Athletics Hall of Fame in 2016.

Stoops needs just one more win to tie Blanton Collier (1954-61) and Jerry Claiborne (1982-89) for third on the all-time list. Fran Curci won 46 games from 1973-81

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while the legendary Bear Bryant went 60-23-5 from 1946-53 before going on to win six national championships at Alabama.

Despite losing starting quarterback Terry Wilson and backup Sawyer Smith to injury, Stoops has played converted wide receiver Lynn Bowden at quarterback and the UK defense has gotten better every week in helping steady Kentucky to a 4-4 mark going into its second open date of the season.

Saturday's 29-7 win over Missouri was the Wildcats' fifth straight over the Tigers, tying Kentucky's second-longest win streak over an SEC opponent. UK beat Vanderbilt six straight times from 1976-81 and Stoops beat South Carolina five consecutive times from 2014-18. Since the start of the 2014 season, Kentucky is now a combined 14-3 vs. SEC Eastern Division foes South Carolina (5-1), Missouri (5-1) and Vanderbilt (4-1).

Following the bye week, Kentucky (4-4, 2-4 SEC) returns to action on Nov. 9 vs. Tennessee (3-5, 1-3) at Kroger Field. Time and broadcast information for the game will be announced Monday. The Wildcats need just two wins over the Volunteers, Vanderbilt, Tennessee-Martin and Louisville to reach its fourth consecutive bowl game.

Against Missouri, Lynn Bowden proved he is more than a gimmick at quarterback

By Jon Hale

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The decision was apparently more difficult than the results suggested.

After watching Lynn Bowden total 258 yards of offense in a 29-7 upset win over Missouri, it is difficult to imagine UK coaches seriously considered any other options at quarterback.

But after being shutout a week ago at Georgia — the first time Kentucky failed to score in a game in the Mark Stoops era — Stoops, offensive coordinator Eddie Gran and quarterbacks coach Darin Hinshaw wondered if it was time to test whether former starter Sawyer Smith was healthy enough to play again.

"It was weighing pretty heavy on Coach Gran and Coach Hinshaw, which direction and how to build the offense around it, what we're going to do," Stoops said. "We

came to that decision Sunday, Monday maybe, somewhere in there. But we definitely had the plan to play both guys tonight. The conditions and the way Lynn was playing changed some of that."

For the second consecutive week, Kentucky played in a heavy rain, but unlike at Georgia where Bowden completed just 2 of 15 passes for 17 yards while running for 99 yards, the former wide receiver thrived against Missouri.

On Kentucky's third drive, Bowden hit wide receiver Bryce Oliver for a 44-yard completion down the middle of the field. He followed that play with an 18-yard run to set up a 1-yard touchdown from running back Kavosiey Smoke.

After tweaking an ankle on a 10-yard run on the second play of the Wildcats' next drive, Bowden was forced to the sideline, giving Smith his first action in four games. Three plays later, Bowden was back on the field tough, just in time for a 20-yard A.J. Rose touchdown run and a 12-0 lead.

A 46-yard Bowden run set up a 43-yard Chance Poore field goal later in the second quarter. When outside linebacker Jordan Wright forced a fumble from Missouri quarterback Kelly Bryant with 22 seconds left before halftime, Bowden made sure the Tigers paid for the mistake with a 10-yard touchdown run.

Any thought of a two-quarterback system was done.

"You've got two different avenues," Gran said of the pregame deliberations. "We just talked about it, hashed it out and thought this would be the best thing with Sawyer being available as well. It worked out really well."

Kentucky enters a bye week with a quarterback controversy of a different kind.

Bowden's stint at the position was considered a temporary option until Smith fully recovered from shoulder and wrist injuries. Even if Smith is 100% when Kentucky next takes the field on Nov. 9 against Tennessee, it's difficult to see him regaining his starting job though.

In three games at quarterback, Bowden has rushed for 499 yards and four touchdowns. He has thrown for 149 more yards. His do-anything-necessary mentality appears to have rubbed off on his teammates as well.

"Lynn's definitely vocal," senior offen-

sive guard Logan Stenberg said. "He's a good player and it helps when the captains and the good players on the team are very vocal. You get the other guys on board Coach Stoops always preaches about the 10% of the players bringing up the other 90%, and I think he does that well. He's a great leader on our team."

Bowden's performance against Missouri should quiet some of the fears that the longer opponents had to prepare for his run-heavy attack, the less effective it would be.

Georgia proved an elite defense could still slow a team without a serious passing threat, but Bowden countered that strategy by connecting on the deep ball to Oliver and just missing on a few others.

"Had the weather been clearer like it was in the first half, I think he would've thrown the ball really well tonight, because we had some opportunities because of how dynamic he is in the run game," Stoops said. "It created some opportunities in the passing game."

Asked if Bowden will be his starting quarterback after the bye, Stoops stopped short of guaranteeing that role but acknowledged "it's pretty hard to take him out."

Kentucky's November schedule looks more difficult than it once did thanks to recent improvement from Tennessee, Vanderbilt and Louisville, but two of the final four opponents still have a losing record. Another is FCS UT Martin.

Bowl eligibility is the minimum goal at this point with only two more victories needed. If Bowden is able to lead Kentucky to more, Missouri will be remembered as the night his offense went from gimmick to UK's identity.

Asked if he wants to keep playing quarterback, Bowden kept to his oft-repeated line: "If I got to, I will."

It's becoming harder to imagine Kentucky has a better option anymore.

"There is a lot of tough players out there nationally, but I'd like to see one that's tougher than him," Stoops said. "He's tougher than nails and gritty."

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Kentucky's most impressive stat against Missouri was the one that barely existed.

By Josh Moore

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Kentucky's offense has racked up penalties this season. Many of them have been assessed to the big men up front.

At least seventeen, to be somewhat precise; that's the amount of penalties assigned to offensive linemen over the course of Kentucky's season through eight games. It's possible there were a couple more, but 17 flags thrown were named to specific linemen across UK box scores this season (including penalties that were declined).

How many of those occurred against Missouri on Saturday night? Zero.

In fact, as far as penalties were concerned, Kentucky's offense was almost perfect on Saturday; the lone flag it drew against the Tigers was a holding call against tight end Drew Schlegel on a fourth-and-1 punt with about half the fourth quarter left to play.

Before that, the offense's cleanest night came at South Carolina, when it was flagged just twice: a false start assessed to Landon Young and an unassigned delay-of-game penalty. UK lost that game, 24-7, so obviously a lack of penalties isn't an exact, one-to-one measure of an offense's ability to put up points. But, it's always good to avoid going backward, especially when the conditions are as tumultuous as they were at Georgia and over this past weekend.

The Cats didn't fare so well in Athens: Counting one that was declined by Georgia, UK's offense was flagged seven times, its second-highest total this season (it drew eight flags against Eastern Michigan). Keeping that at bay was a point of emphasis leading up to the bout with Mizzou.

"I've had penalty troubles myself, obviously," said offensive lineman Logan Stenberg, a senior who's drawn at least eight flags this year. "And across the offensive line, we've been jumping offsides, snap infractions and what-not. ... Coach (Mark) Stoops talked to us all week. He said, 'Just play clean. Play your game and we're gonna win.' We went out there, we did and we won. It's a good recipe."

Drake Jackson, a junior who's started 28 consecutive games at center, said the offense

is starting to realize its potential, and that it starts with not making dumb mistakes.

"It's hard to stop us when we don't shoot ourselves in the foot, when we don't have a third-and-5, we get a first down but it gets called back for a hold," Jackson said. "If we can get rid of those, our offense can be totally different. We don't have a lot of negative plays, and if we keep penalties out of the offense then we're going to be efficient, we're gonna move the chains and we're gonna pop big plays because of that."

Jackson echoed the sentiment of many in the Big Blue Nation when he evaluated the remaining games on UK's schedule — Tennessee, Vanderbilt, Tennessee Martin and Louisville — and said the Cats have a "good chance" to win out.

Though, in light of the most recent outcome, his confidence level and that of the team's might be just as high if the slate read: Alabama, Clemson, New England Patriots, '85 Bears.

"When we play our kind of football, we execute our job, it doesn't matter who we're playing," Jackson said. "I know that sounds cliché, but it's true."

BYE WEEK TWO

Lynn Bowden discusses Kentucky's turning point

By Sam Hellman

The Cats Pause

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Beat up at the quarterback position and sitting at 2-3 with a trio of SEC losses, something had to change for Kentucky football. And after the 24-7 loss at South Carolina, something did change, according to do-it-all Wildcat Lynn Bowden.

Bowden has been the talk of the SEC for his versatility shown in recent weeks, and he discussed why Kentucky has more momentum after recent wins over Missouri and Arkansas on The Paul Finebaum Show.

"We always mention things about last year, how we all were a team," Bowden said. "After the loss coming to South Carolina, we all just came together. We had a players' meeting and told each other that we needed to find a bond within each other. Stop playing for ourselves and start playing for one another. Through the ups and downs of this year, we just stayed

together. Everything is coming together. We're just a young team, and we're going to keep fighting."

Kentucky is 2-1 since that game, including a dominant showing against Missouri, the team that led the SEC East in mid-October. And in a 29-7 victory that got Kentucky to a 4-4 record, Bowden threw for 54 yards at quarterback and ran for 204 plus two touchdowns behind a veteran offensive line.

He makes a strong case for an all-purpose All-American spot in 2019. Bowden has 946 yards and five touchdowns from scrimmage, 188 passing yards and a touchdown at quarterback with no interceptions plus more than 200 yards on special teams returns before his transition to a new role. The former 247Sports Composite four-star recruit certainly lives up to his "athlete" position title.

Tennessee, Vanderbilt, UTM and Louisville are the final teams on the schedule after a bye week, and a win against the Vols could see Kentucky climb as high as third in the divisional standings with a bowl game on everyone's mind in the locker room after last year's postseason win over Penn State.

"I don't let it get to my head. I'm just here trying to do what's best for the team, my family and me," Bowden said. "I want to make this experience something to remember. I want people to remember me as a team player, not a selfish guy. ... I'm focused on trying to win this season out, get us to the best bowl game we can get to and do what's best for me and my teammates."

What is Bowden's role in November? Sawyer Smith's wrist and shoulder injuries get a bye week to heal, but Bowden's role has been an effective one in recent weeks.

"Well, I think you all can see what's going on out there," Kentucky coach Mark Stoops said after a 29-7 win over Missouri. "It's pretty hard to take him out. So I don't know. I don't think guys we play, defensive coordinators are stupid. They're pretty bright in this league. Next up is Tennessee with Derrick Ansley, so these guys know what's going. Sawyer is getting better and it's nice to be able to have the option to go to both guys."

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A career-ending injury helped pave path for Jon Sumrall to return to Kentucky as a coach

By Jon Hale

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Jon Sumrall is used to being at the center of the huddle.

Since joining Mark Stoops' coaching staff in February, he's stepped into that role as a teacher, with the Wildcat inside linebackers surrounding him to hear his lessons.

But after an April practice 14 years ago, Sumrall stood at the center of a huddle of UK players at near midfield in Commonwealth Stadium for a different reason. The then-senior leader was informing his teammates his playing career was finished.

After leading Kentucky in tackles in 2004, Sumrall was poised to fill a starting role at middle linebacker as a fifth-year senior in 2005 when he suffered a stinger in spring practice. The injury was nothing new for the Huntsville, Alabama, native, but this time the pain took almost two days to dissipate.

Medical tests were ordered and UK's doctors discovered Sumrall's spinal column narrowed around his neck so much that he was at a high risk of paralysis if he took a hit in the right spot. They advised him to quit playing the sport he loved.

"It affected me a lot," Sumrall told The Courier Journal after joining UK's staff this spring. "I was not a really talented player physically. I prided myself on really working hard, giving everything I had to my craft and being mentally sharp. The guys that played with me, a lot of them when I was in college called me 'Drill Sergeant' because I was sort of a, 'crack the whip, let's go,' guy.

"... I had my diagnosis. Junior year, led the team in tackles. Getting ready for my senior year, hopefully going to have a good year, and football was taken away from my life as a player."

Sumrall graduated from UK with a degree in finance in 2005, but he knew he was not ready to give up football even though his playing career had ended.

During his last playing season, Sumrall had been tasked with the additional responsibility of helping bring along a group of young linebackers brought in as part of Rich Brooks first full recruiting class.

Among them was a three-star Georgia native initially projected to play safety in college named Wesley Woodyard.

"He taught me how to take care of other linebackers on the field, taught me what it meant that, 'Hey, if you've got a young guy beside you, you've got to make sure you look out for them no matter what, always talking to them, always telling them the plays and what's going on,'" said Woodyard, now a player for the Tennessee Titans. "He helped me become a leader out there on the football field."

Woodyard eventually took over the leadership role in the linebackers room at Kentucky, earning first-team All-SEC honors in 2006 and 2007. Despite going undrafted in 2008, Woodyard just entered his 12th NFL season.

Sumrall's mentoring of Woodyard and the other young Kentucky defenders was enough to convince Brooks he was worthy of a spot on the coaching staff as a graduate assistant.

During Sumrall's second and final season as a graduate assistant, Kentucky reached its first bowl game of the Brooks era in 2006, and Woodyard erupted for 12 tackles and 9.5 tackles for loss.

"I think he wasn't the most talented, but he was the most dedicated," Brooks told The Courier Journal. "I think he understood from the get-go, knowing that he had maybe some minor limitations as a player and that you can overcome those with hard work and coaching technique and all of that. I think that he embraced that as a player and then later on as a coach."

Sumrall followed Brooks assistant Ron Caragher to San Diego when he was named head coach of the FCS program, serving first as defensive line coach and recruiting coordinator before eventually being promoted to co-defensive coordinator and assistant head coach in 2011. Sumrall landed his first FBS job at Tulane in 2011 and spent four seasons there.

Former Kentucky player and Stoops offensive coordinator Neal Brown hired him as Troy's linebackers coach and special teams coordinator in 2015. Last season, he moved to the SEC as linebackers coach at Ole Miss before returning to Kentucky to replace Matt House on the staff before spring practice.

"It's pretty cool to know he's been here," UK senior linebacker Kash Daniel

said of Sumrall earlier this fall. "It's not just a lip service type thing. It's real. He's been in that same stadium that we play in. He's worn the same uniforms that we do. It kind of means more when it comes out of his mouth."

It comes as no surprise to Woodyard that Sumrall's coaching career has brought him back to Lexington. If anything, Woodyard thought his former teammate might be hired by Kentucky sooner because of how much Sumrall cared about the program.

It's that passion and the dedication to playing above your talent level Sumrall hopes to teach his own players now. And the fact he never got the chance to play that final season at UK is always in the back of his mind.

"One thing I've emphasized to them is don't ever take anything for granted," Sumrall said. "You never know what's going to be given to you. Opportunities may be here today and not there tomorrow, so treat every rep like it's your last because you never know when it's going to be.

"... It goes faster than maybe guys realize sometimes, so trying to help them understand have a sense of urgency, have an appreciation for each day, and give every day your best and you'll leave something good in its place."

WEEK 11

Offensive imbalance takes a toll on Kentucky and its total reliance on Lynn Bowden

By Jon Hale

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Improvisation is not a strategy. Making do does not always get it done.

Lynn Bowden Jr. has carried the Kentucky Wildcats as far as anyone could ask as an emergency quarterback — farther than anyone had a right to expect — but his limitations had a lot to do with Saturday's 17-13 loss to Tennessee.

Bowden ran for 114 yards against the Volunteers, not counting the tacklers he eluded while buying time to throw, but he completed just four passes against a team that had yielded 213.3 yards per game through the air, and only one in the second half.

Whether the issue is Bowden's short-

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comings as a converted wide receiver or a shortage of trust by his coaches, Kentucky is ill-equipped to play blow-people-off-the-ball football and is beginning to pay for its predictability.

Though Bowden's tours de force against Arkansas and Missouri have positioned the Wildcats for a shot at a bowl game, they will need to win two of the three games they have left to qualify for postseason play. Given their remaining schedule — at Vanderbilt, then Tennessee Martin and Louisville at home — seven wins would still seem attainable.

Whatever the outcome of those games, though, they are bound to be a grind.

"We're not very explosive right now," UK coach Mark Stoops said. "We're pretty one-dimensional. I think everybody knows that and we're trying the best we can. And in certain situations in games it's a weakness for us, not so much a strength.

"So you've got to play to your strengths and give yourself an opportunity to win the game."

Lacking the resources to play shootout football, the Wildcats rely on a robust running game to maintain possession and a defense that has yet to yield 30 points in a game. When the planets are aligned just so, this can be a winning formula, but it also entails a minuscule margin for error.

The Wildcats gained 302 yards on the ground Saturday night, controlled the clock for more than 41 minutes, and yet their inability to stretch the field encouraged Tennessee to cram the line of scrimmage and dare Bowden to throw.

That it worked was as much a matter of dumb luck as tactical inspiration. Twice in the fourth quarter, the Volunteers provided Kentucky with extraordinary gifts — first on a third-and-14 roughing the passer penalty; later with a fumble two plays after the earlier drive stalled — but the Wildcats were unable to capitalize on either reprieve.

Down by four because of a missed extra point earlier in the game, a tying field goal was not an option.

Ultimately, the game came down to a fourth-down option play in which Bowden chose to keep the ball rather than pitch it and was stopped for no gain two yards short of the Tennessee goal line.

Ultimately, Stoops chose to stick with a quasi-quarterback who has completed 19

passes in 44 attempts rather than entrust his fate to the more conventional passer, Sawyer Smith.

"Yeah, (Smith) was available," Stoops said. "So, I mean, we always think about that, we discuss it, but we were riding with Lynn and we got the ball down there with a heck of a drive there at the end.

"It really wasn't intentional. It's just who we are, being very methodical right now and having to get tough yards. But with that, you take that, whatever it was five-six-minute drive, and make them use up timeouts and (if) you punch that in right there, you feel pretty good about your chances."

Unless and until Kentucky can achieve better balance, its chances will be compromised.

WEEK 12

Kentucky football's Chris Rodriguez emerges as a 'game-changer' in loss to Tennessee

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Chris Rodriguez had already rushed 51 times for 397 yards, as he remembers it, in a high school game a few years back when his coach asked him to head onto the field for one more play, this time, on defense. His team, Ola High, held a one-point lead in the waning seconds and as the ball was hiked, Rodriguez realized the opponents were attempting to lateral the ball repeatedly — "the Miami Miracle," he called it — as they tried for a desperation score.

Rodriguez first tackled one ball-carrier, who lateraled it, then sniffed out another ball-carrier who coughed it up, and finally another. When he brought down the third one, he grabbed the ball and held onto it to prevent any further intentional fumbles.

The final tally: three tackles on one play to seal a win.

"I just ended up tackling all three of them," he recalled Saturday night. "Nobody realized it until we watched it on film."

Rodriguez scored a touchdown in his first varsity action as a ninth grader, and he shouldered a heavy load his whole prep career. He always viewed himself as a "game-changer."

"The whole team counted on me to

be the game-changer. When something wasn't going good, they were like, 'Okay, Chris, we need you,'" he said.

That's a mentality he brought from his home in McDonough, Georgia to Lexington. And it's a mentality the redshirt freshman especially brought to Kroger Field on Saturday night in what was his best performance as a Wildcat to date.

The 5-foot-11, 224-pound running back rushed for 81 yards on 12 carries as part of UK's heavy — very, very heavy — rushing attack in a disappointing 17-13 loss to Tennessee.

"I felt like it was my job to be the game-changer," he said of his performance Saturday.

This season didn't begin as Rodriguez would have hoped. He fumbled the ball not once, but twice, against Toledo, and then dropped a wide-open touchdown pass against Georgia in Athens, just 70 miles from his high school.

However, offensive coordinator Eddie Gran said that over the past three or four weeks, Rodriguez impressed him in practice. That didn't result in much — 13 yards on six carries — against Missouri, but it earned him playing time against the Volunteers.

"Chris has been kind of doing all of the things right and deserved a chance to play, and he got the hot hand, so I just let him roll," Gran said.

He had just eight yards at halftime, but got busy in the third quarter as the offense looked for a spark and a return to the end zone. Late in the third quarter, he peeled off runs of 11, nine and 18 yards, all in a row and all to the outside, and then made a key conversion in the fourth quarter.

The Wildcats' offense slowed in the second half, but had finally come back to life on a productive, 12-play drive. On a 3rd-and-3 look, the "game-changer" fought through contact behind the line of scrimmage, cut to his right, and then jetted forward for a three-yard dive, precisely enough for the first down UK needed. "Oh, man I loved it," Gran said of Rodriguez's play. "He brought some toughness — and I think they all run tough — but I thought he broke some tackles and made some really nice runs."

Rodriguez then had a chance to really cement his best performance as a Wildcat in a memorable way when he took a

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third-and-goal carry with two minutes left in the one-score game. However, he was stopped short of the goal line, and Lynn Bowden was brought down on the following play to preserve a Tennessee victory.

The touchdown that the Wildcats needed so badly did not come, but Rodriguez was still essential to the second-half offense, which, in a way, is remarkable considering that when he registered those three tackles on one play in high school, UK football was not on his radar. He had no clue about the program at that time, and he wasn't even aware of UK's all-time leading rusher, Benny Snell, to whom he has been compared.

"I didn't know Benny Snell, Josh Allen, so when I got here, it's like, 'Dang. I'm behind a great running back,'" he said. He's still behind running backs A.J. Rose and Kavosiey Smoke this season, but he displayed why Gran was so excited to play him on Saturday. He ran powerfully through the middle and on the edge, and would've had even more yards had one of his carries not been called back for penalty.

Rodriguez was disappointed with Saturday's loss, of course, but he said he planned to get over it shortly after the game's conclusion and set his sights on UK's next opponent, Vanderbilt. That's his next opportunity to be a game-changer.

Kentucky grounds-and-pounds Vanderbilt to finish SEC play on a high note

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Kentucky did more than enough of that — and even mixed in a few passes — in a 38-14 rout of Vanderbilt on the road Saturday.

UK piled up 401 rushing yards on 56 carries, and matched its season high for points scored this year. It was the Wildcats' first time scoring 30 or more points since a 38-17 win over Eastern Michigan.

Kentucky finished with 400 rushing yards for at least the sixth time in school history (UK's published records cut off the top-five rushing performances at 409 yards). The single-game record, 446, has stood since 1951: that season's team rushed for 446 yards against Tennessee Tech on Sept. 15 of that year.

It was Kentucky's second-best rushing total under Mark Stoops, and its most in a

victory. His 2016 Cats rushed for 443 yards at Tennessee in a 49-36 loss.

Chris Rodriguez topped 100 yards for the first time in his career. He led the Cats' big day on the ground with 129 yards and two TDs on 15 carries.

Lynn Bowden finished with on 17 carries for 110 yards, his fourth time going for more than 100 yards, despite not playing in the fourth quarter. He's the first Kentucky player to ever rush for 100 or more yards against three consecutive Southeastern Conference opponents. Bowden was also 8-for-10 passing for 104 yards with a touchdown.

THE GAME

Vanderbilt's opening drive finished at its own 11 after a 20-yard loss on a fumble and a penalty pushed the Commodores backward. Kentucky's first play from scrimmage — a hand off from Bowden to A.J. Rose — went 24 yards — but the Cats pushed only 6 yards further and settled for a field-goal try. Chance Poore connected on a 32-yarder to put UK up 3-0.

The Commodores were more composed on their second try: Ke'Shawn Vaughn led a trio of rushers who drove to UK's 10-yard line. An offside penalty put Vandy at UK's 5 on a third-and-3 attempt, and Vaughn evaded multiple Wildcat tackles to put his team in front 7-3.

Rose on UK's next play from scrimmage rushed for 49 yards. Andre Mintze forced Rose to fumble on his next rush and it was recovered by Allan George, who took it 72 yards to the end zone. Kentucky responded with a 75-yard scoring drive capped by a Kavosiey Smoke TD run to pull within 14-10 as the second quarter got underway.

Keyon Brooks rushed 13 yards for a first down to start Vandy's next drive but it stalled from there. Kentucky put together a 10-play drive — one pass, nine positive runs — to retake the lead; Chris Rodriguez finished it with a 22-yard scoring run.

Vanderbilt went three-and-out before Kentucky scored again to end the first half. Bowden completed three straight passes to end the drive; the last one went off the fingertips of a Vanderbilt defender and dropped into the hands of Josh Ali to put the Cats up 24-14 with 11 seconds to play.

Kentucky kept its feet on the ground out of the locker room, rushing four straight times before Bowden completed a 40-yard pass to Clevan Thomas, who

was forced out of bounds shy of the end zone. Bowden walked in for his fifth rushing TD of the year to put UK past the 30-point mark for the first time since it defeated Eastern Michigan in week two.

Yusuf Corker recorded his first career interception to quickly put the ball back in Kentucky's hands. A 28-yard pickup by Smoke off a screen pass from pushed UK into Vandy territory on a third-and-26 attempt. Rodriguez a few plays later scored Kentucky's final TD from 27 yards out.

Psst, UK football fans: You are watching an individual effort for the ages

By Mark Story
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If only Lynn Bowden could have scored a touchdown on that fourth-and-goal against Tennessee.

If he had led the Kentucky Wildcats to a rare victory over the Rocky Toppers, the "wide receiver playing quarterback" would have secured status as a UK football icon.

That Bowden was stopped short of victory against UT should not obscure a larger truth: What the product of gritty Youngstown, Ohio, is doing in 2019 is remarkable.

"It really is," UK Coach Mark Stoops said. "You really have to give (Bowden) the credit he deserves. What he is doing is not easy."

Kentucky (5-5, 3-5 SEC) moved within one win Saturday of earning bowl eligibility for a fourth straight season.

On a day when the Wildcats might have been ripe for a letdown, they instead climbed out of a 14-3 deficit to punish struggling Vanderbilt (2-8, 1-6 SEC) 38-14 before a Big Blue-heavy crowd of 23,288 at Vanderbilt Stadium.

Stoops was all but beaming over the fact that UK, off last week's gut-wrenching 17-13 loss to UT, did not end up playing flat in Nashville.

"Really proud of our team, top to bottom," Stoops said. "Proud of our coaches. To bounce back, we faced some adversity last week. A tough game. Sometimes that can linger. (This time), it didn't."

Kentucky carried the day behind a relentless rushing attack. Redshirt freshmen backs Chris Rodriguez (129 yards and two touchdowns) and Kavosiey Smoke (95 yards and a TD plus an electric 28-yard gain on a third-and-26 screen pass) had star

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turns as UK ran for a robust 401 yards.

Yet the straw stirring UK's drink as it has been for the past five games was Bowden.

The 6-foot-1, 199-pound junior ran for 110 yards and a score and completed eight of 10 passes for 104 yards and a TD.

It was also the wide receiver playing quarterback who was making the option reads that helped set Rodriguez and Smoke free.

"It's not just some athlete back there making plays (purely on athleticism)," Stoops said of Bowden. "He's understanding (how to play QB), the reads and the things he's executing."

Saying that Bowden has saved the Kentucky season is not too strong.

Since he became UK's emergency QB five games ago, he's directed the Wildcats to a 3-2 mark (that, darned that Tennessee hex, is so close to being 4-1).

In those five starts, Bowden has now run for 196 yards (Arkansas), 99 yards (Georgia), 204 yards (Missouri), 114 yards (Tennessee) and 110 (Vandy).

During the first weeks of this experiment, I kept predicting the law of diminishing returns would take hold the longer Bowden stayed at QB. It is true that Tennessee in the second half found a plan to slow him.

Nevertheless, for five games, teams have basically known Kentucky is set up to rely heavily on the run.

Yet, for five games, Bowden has been able to run the ball.

"Our coaching and our (offensive) line determine that," Bowden said. "You can know right now I am going to run, but you've still got to beat me there."

Standing amidst a postgame gaggle of reporters, Bowden smiled.

"If I took off right now, could you catch me?" he said.

Uh, no, Lynn.

Against a woeful Vanderbilt defense, Bowden was also able to do what he could not against Tennessee.

At least keep the opponent honest through the air.

Included in the eight passes he completed was a 14-yard TD toss to Josh Ali that was the third of three straight completions as UK ended the first half running its two-minute drill.

"Huge, I think, for (its impact) on our next few games," Kentucky offensive coordinator Eddie Gran said. "To get some

(throws for first downs) and him to be able to do that, it was huge for us moving forward."

Vanderbilt, of course, is a bad team.

But subpar Vandy teams playing in half-empty stadiums on chilly November days have foiled many a prior Kentucky football season.

This time, even after spotting Vanderbilt a 14-3 lead, UK didn't let that happen.

Just like the Wildcats have not let two notable missed opportunities (named Florida and Tennessee) and the adversity of losing their top two quarterbacks to injury take their season off the rails.

"Our year right now is a roller coaster, ups and downs," Bowden said. "Through it all, we're just fighting, just gonna keep fighting."

One more regular-season win next Saturday against OVC foe Tennessee Martin would secure a postseason opportunity for the Cats.

Two more regular-season wins, over UTM and Louisville, would mean both a bowl trip and keeping the Governor's Cup in Lexington for a second straight season.

All of that is possible largely due to the individual effort in the second half of this season by Lynn Bowden.

"You put it all together, it's pretty remarkable what he is doing," Stoops said.

'It was really important to get Walker in there.' Lexington native makes UK debut.

By Josh Moore

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Lexington native Walker Wood, a graduate of Lafayette High School, took over at quarterback for the University of Kentucky during its game at Vanderbilt on Saturday.

Wood, making his debut as a Wildcat, entered the game with 5:39 left with Kentucky leading 38-14 in the fourth quarter. He played for the remainder of the game, taking the knee that capped a UK victory. Wood finished with 12 yards on two carries and threw one pass, a 7-yard completion to Bryce Oliver.

"It was really important to get Walker in there," UK head coach Mark Stoops said after the game. "And that's been on my mind, to get him in the game. So (I'm) really proud of him and just what he's done and what he's meant to this program. And so I wanted to give him a few throws and

get him out there, get him some snaps and just see what he can do. He deserves it. So that was good to see."

Lynn Bowden, a wide receiver, started at quarterback for the fifth straight game. Sawyer Smith, a transfer from Troy, had made three straight starts in place of Terry Wilson before the Arkansas game and briefly played against Missouri.

Wood has been listed as UK's backup quarterback since Wilson was injured but had not played until Saturday.

Smith suffered a right shoulder injury during Kentucky's game at Mississippi State after hurting his wrist on the same arm against Florida the week prior. He also sustained an injury to a "lower extremity" at some point, too, during Kentucky's game at South Carolina. Smith has made a few brief appearances since, including at Vanderbilt. He converted a third-and-1 run early in the game and was the first quarterback to relieve Bowden in the fourth quarter.

Wood, a sophomore, had never played a snap at UK. He was a Mr. Football finalist at Lafayette, which he led to two straight Class 6A championship game appearances. He suffered a knee injury in his final high school game and has twice had surgery on his right shoulder, including once since arriving on campus.

This offseason was his first taking significant reps with the team.

"I kind of had to recreate the way I throw just cause my shoulder wasn't the same as it was before," Wood said in April. "I've put a lot of time and work into that and I think this spring I've showed glimpses of my arm strength and other things coming back, so I'm proud of that, but I gotta keep working."

In a battle of his own, John Schlarman setting an example for this UK football team

By John Clay

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In the midst of the ups and the downs of this Kentucky football season, John Schlarman's ongoing personal fight has been lost in the shuffle.

It shouldn't be, of course. UK's offensive line coach was diagnosed with a rare type of cancer before the 2018 season. He has been fighting it since, taking treat-

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ments, undergoing procedures, all while doing his job, all without much attention or fanfare, because he wants it that way.

But through the last five games of the Cats' 2019 campaign, when offensive coordinator Eddie Gran moved wide receiver Lynn Bowden to quarterback and went all-in on a power running game, we should remember the job Schlarman and his offensive line is doing.

"That's the O-line," said Bowden after UK's 38-14 win at Vanderbilt on Saturday in which the winners rushed for 401 yards. "I was telling them all night that I love them. They were doing amazing things out there tonight, picking up everything. Our coaches put us in a position to dominate tonight."

Schlarman being one of those coaches, with Landon Young, Logan Stenberg, Drake Jackson, Luke Fortner and Darian Kinnard being his five starters along the offensive front.

"Just remarkable. He really is. John is just amazing, to be honest with you," Stoops said Saturday. "He had some treatment this week. Then he had to go back for another little procedure. I don't want to get too invasive in his business. He doesn't want any attention, but he has to drive his own car on Friday, or have someone drive him down here on Friday after another procedure. And he shows up at practice. We thought he was going to miss it, but sure enough he's here and he pops in there with a smile on his face like nothing's going on and goes about his business."

Though it does not compare to what Schlarman is going through off the field, on the field is tough enough. Sure, offensive linemen live to run block, but it's a different task when everyone in the stadium knows that is exactly what you're going to do.

In Bowden's five games as the starting quarterback, Kentucky has run the football 81.7% of the time — 258 rush attempts compared to 58 pass attempts. Despite the lack of balance, UK has rushed for 1,490 yards, averaging 5.8 yards per carry.

And, yes, I know, it was Vanderbilt, the same 'Dores who lost 56-0 at Florida the week before and are now 2-8 on the season. Still, Vandy Coach Derek Mason's background is defense and he could not find a way to stop a one-dimensional attack.

Example: Saturday, Kentucky ran the ball eight times on third down. It convert-

ed six of those. It failed to convert its first try — a third-and-4 at the Vandy 14-yard line on its first possession. It failed to convert the last, a third-and-34 during mop-up time. That's it.

"Some of the runs we hit on third down," Stoops said, "certain pressures and that we're coming, we were looking for that, offensive coaches were checking that from the sidelines, but they've still got to collect it all up and block it. We split them for some huge plays."

As for run blocking: "They always embrace that," Stoops said.

"That's one thing coach said today after the game," said Gran of the coach's postgame speech to the team. "He talked about how much he appreciated their selflessness. And really they have been selfless. They have done everything they could to do everything we asked them to do and that's pretty awesome."

As his personal fight continues, Schlarman has done all that and more.

"It's a really remarkable story what he's going through and the job that he's doing," Stoops said. "And it can't do anything but help I would imagine with these players and inspire these players to see what he's going through. They can't feel sorry for themselves, that's for sure. John's done a great job and so has the O-Line."

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With a simple revision, Kentucky makes it even more clear: Lynn Bowden is 'The Guy.'

By Josh Moore
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There was a slight change to Kentucky's depth chart ahead of its matchup with Tennessee Martin: Lynn Bowden is the starter at quarterback.

Bowden, of course, has started five straight games at quarterback for the Wildcats. This week's depth chart, however, is the first in which he's been listed as the definitive starting quarterback, removing any doubt that might still have existed about whether or not the speedy junior was "The Guy."

"I didn't think I was fooling you anymore," Stoops said with a laugh during his

Monday news conference.

Bowden was not listed as an option at quarterback prior to the game against Arkansas, the team against whom he made his first start. In UK's next three games he was listed with an "OR" along with Sawyer Smith at the position. Smith was listed behind Bowden on the depth chart for Tennessee Martin. Walker Wood, who made his first appearance as a Wildcat at Vanderbilt, was listed behind Smith.

This season, Bowden has run for 822 yards, putting him on pace to finish as one of the Southeastern Conference's top 10 rushers despite lining up at wide receiver for the better part of Kentucky's first five games. Kentucky improved to 3-2 with him as its quarterback Saturday, and he'll have the opportunity to lead it past the bowl-eligibility mile-marker this weekend.

"If you've been around me or followed me, it's a God-given gift that I've had for a very long time," Bowden said of his play-making ability after UK's win over Vanderbilt. "I just take pride in everything I do and that's what I'm trying to get my team to do. I think they're really buying into it, you know?"

UK center Drake Jackson, who on Monday was named SEC Co-Offensive Lineman of the Week, walked by and was called out to by Bowden while he spoke Saturday.

"Even Drake right there," Bowden said with a grin. "I get on his nerves multiple times throughout the week. Everybody's taking pride in it. Coaches, media, even our teachers. They're taking pride in it and making sure we stay up on everything. I'm a team player. I didn't have to come out here and score or get whatever I got. I want to win. That's my ultimate goal. If I do something, I do something.

"That's what they brought me here for."

'They said we weren't gonna be good.' UK's record day propels it to another bowl.

By Josh Moore
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Kentucky's game against Tennessee Martin wasn't over before it started, but it was soon after.

A long snap into the end zone that resulted in a safety set the tone for a record-setting UK football rout, 50-7, Saturday at Kroger Field.

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The outcome made Kentucky eligible for a postseason bowl, the fourth straight year it's achieved that distinction. The current streak is one year shy of tying the school record, a five-year span of qualifications from 2006-2010.

Wildcats head coach Mark Stoops, who's in his seventh season, matched Rich Brooks and Paul "Bear" Bryant as the only coaches who four times have led UK to bowl eligibility.

After threatening to do so last week at Vanderbilt, UK set a mark for single-game rushing as a team. The Wildcats piled up 462 yards on 45 carries; a 45-yard touchdown run by freshman walk-on Tyler Markray pushed them past the previous record of 446, which had stood since 1951.

"I didn't know about it until the end, to be honest with you," Stoops said. "I had no idea. And somebody told me we were pretty close and we kept on taking a knee, going backward. I didn't want to do that to our team, so I wanted to give them an opportunity to go forward but it didn't affect it."

Lynn Bowden started his sixth game at quarterback and for the fifth time rushed for more than 100 yards. He finished with 129 yards and two touchdowns on 11 carries, but was 1-for-6 passing for 9 yards and an interception.

His effort on the ground led the Wildcats, who also had another 100-yard rusher in junior A.J. Rose.

"I wanted it," Bowden said of another 100-yard outing. "... (Coach Stoops) told me if anything bad happened he was gonna get on me, so after I got it I just wanted to get out."

Bowden said becoming bowl-eligible means a lot to him personally because of perceived doubts about his ability to succeed at quarterback.

"They said we weren't gonna be good," Bowden said. "Our record don't show it, but I think we're a pretty damn good team."

Defense throttles UT-Martin in 50-7 blowout victory

By Mohammad Ahmad
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From the very first snap until the end of the game, Kentucky football's defense was in control.

Kentucky shutdown the University of Tennessee at Martin Skyhawks' offense

at Kroger Field on Saturday afternoon in a blowout 50-7 victory on a wet, soggy, chilly field in front of a sparse yet vocal fanbase.

The Wildcats' defense played with an emphatic lights-out performance, limiting the Skyhawks to just 204 yards of total offense, -12 rushing yards and a season-low seven points – the second time UK has allowed such few points this year.

12 rushing yards are the fewest allowed against any UK opponent so far this season. The 204 yards allowed overall are just six yards shy of the team's season-low 198 yards allowed against Vanderbilt last week. UK head coach Mark Stoops says that his defense has been picking up momentum as of late and taking advantage.

"I think if you watched us lately, we've been playing fairly solid defense. And so, I think we're just trying to continue to build on the good things we've been doing," Stoops said. "Brad's [White] been doing a really solid job, good job and all the coaches have."

Things went haywire right from the start for the Skyhawks. On the game's first snap, Skyhawks' center Austin Newsom snapped the ball way over the head of quarterback John Bachus III and into the end zone. Bachus recovered the ball and heaved it before he was called for intentional grounding. That led to a safety, giving UK an early 2-0 lead.

The Skyhawks' (7-5, 6-2 OVC) misfortunes only doubled from there. Newsom again snapped the ball above the head of Bachus and into the end zone for anyone's taking. Safety Yusuf Corker, coming off of his first career interception last week, recovered the ball in the end zone for a touchdown, increasing the Cats' lead 9-0.

Misery and cold rain fell over the Skyhawks' offense for the remainder of the game. Kentucky forced six straight punts up until halftime as the Cats led 29-0. Outside linebacker Jamar "Boogie" Watson says that the first two scores seemed to generate momentum, opening up the door for Lynn Bowden and company to provide some wreckage.

"When you get a safety, it helps your mojo out to know that we can keep dominating," Watson said. "We didn't like the way we've played against previous FCS opponents. We got to the quarterback pretty well and that's been our focus all season."

Watson's sack helped break down Bachus' short-lived pocket throughout the

night. The Cats totaled a season-high 11 tackles-for-loss and six sacks on Bachus and his eventual replacement, Dresser Winn, along with three forced fumbles, two of which the Cats recovered. Calvin Taylor and Josh Paschal each had a game-high 1.5 sacks. Taylor, named SEC Defensive Player of Week back on Oct. 28, leads the team in sacks this year with 7.5 and says that his consistent technique improvements have helped him garner recent success.

"We're just working that burst and that's something we've been emphasizing lately in practice like the takedown right when you get to the quarterback. Because, earlier in the year, we had a lot of pressures and we couldn't really close it down," Taylor said.

Several other young studs like J.J. Weaver, KD McDaniel and Jared Casey among many others got to see playing time during the course of the blowout. Linebacker Jamin Davis, filling in for the injured DeAndre Square, led the team in tackles for the second straight week with six and had a goal line interception just six seconds into the third quarter.

"It's what we expected from Jamin today. It took him a little bit to get to full speed again. But he's shown that he's gonna be a contributor this season and in seasons to come," White said.

Now bowl eligible with a regular season finale against in-state rival Louisville Cardinals at Kroger Field looming just a week away, the Cats (6-5, 3-5 SEC) showed they have depth from both young freshmen and veteran standouts. That's something they'll need against a Cardinals team that's averaging nearly 438 yards per game.

Kentucky football sets school record for rushing yards in rout of UT Martin

By Jon Hale
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Rarely has an opening play been a more telling portent of things to come.

UT Martin's first snap of the game sailed over the head of quarterback John Bachus into the end zone. Bachus picked the ball up and attempted to heave it to the sideline out of danger, but his throw fell short of the line of scrimmage, resulting in an

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intentional grounding penalty for a safety.

Another bad snap on UT Martin's second drive resulted in a Kentucky touchdown, and junior running back A.J. Rose sprinted 63 yards for a touchdown on the Wildcats second drive for a 16-0 UK lead, ending any doubt of the outcome with less than five minutes of game time elapsed.

Kentucky coach Mark Stoops played mostly backups in the second half as the Wildcats cruised to a 50-7 victory, locking up a fourth straight bowl appearance with their sixth win of the season.

Kentucky pounded its way to a school-record 462 rushing yards, topping the previous mark of 446 yards that had stood since 1951. Eight different Kentucky players contributed to the total with five scoring touchdowns. Quarterback Lynn Bowden (129 yards) and Rose (105 yards) both topped the 100-yard plateau in the game.

Meanwhile, the Wildcat defense held UT Martin to a net loss of 12 rushing yards in the game, for a 474-yard advantage in rushing yards.

"I didn't know about it until the end, to be honest with you," Stoops said of the rushing record. "... And somebody told me we were pretty close, and we kept taking a knee going backwards. I didn't want to do that to our team."

Here is what we learned from the win:

On Wednesday, junior outside linebacker Jamar "Boogie" Watson made it clear a close win over the FCS opponent would not be enough for Kentucky, calling for the Wildcats defenders to "display our dominance."

Consider that mission accomplished.

Kentucky took advantage of a the two gifted bad snaps, but even after those first two disastrous drives, UT Martin found no success against the Wildcat starters. In the first half, Kentucky limited UT Martin to just 10 total yards on 29 plays and held the Skyhawks to a net 45-yard loss in the rushing game.

UK defenders totaled six sacks in the first half, including 1.5 from senior defensive end Calvin Taylor, and moved into a tie for the SEC lead in the category with 7.5 on the season.

"If you've watched us lately, we've been playing fairly solid defense," Stoops said. "And so I think we're just trying to continue to build on the good things we've been doing."

Easy day for Lynn Bowden

Part of Kentucky's sluggish offensive start was clearly a result from a reluctance to expose Bowden to too many hits with the game already decided. For the first time since Bowden moved from wide receiver to quarterback, Kentucky used him as a traditional pocket passer for much of the first quarter.

That strategy yielded few positive results, as Bowden was unable to convert on several deep passes and completed just 1 of 6 passes for 9 yards with one interception before heading to the bench early in the third quarter.

Bowden's first rush did not come until the first Kentucky drive of the second quarter. From there, Kentucky shifted back to the offense it had used during most of Bowden's time at quarterback, and the Wildcats star totaled 83 yards and two touchdowns on eight carries before halftime. He returned to the field for the opening drive of the third quarter but headed to the bench after a 40-yard run put him over the 100-yard plateau for the day with 129 yards on 11 carries.

"I wanted it," Bowden said. "Coach didn't want to agree with it, because he told me if anything bad happens he's going to get on me. After I got (the 100 yards), I just wanted to get out."

In six games at quarterback, Bowden has run for 854 yards and seven touchdowns. He is just 49 rushing yards from 1,000 for the season.

Valuable experience

With the game in hand by halftime, Kentucky played the majority of the second half with little-used backups.

In the second year of a NCAA rule allowing players to appear in up to four games without losing a year of eligibility, Stoops is poised to redshirt his entire freshman class. Many of those players saw the field for their most extensive run of snaps yet in the second half, though a few, like former Moore star J.J. Weaver, were held out to allow them to play against Louisville next week and in the bowl game while staying within the four-game threshold.

More than a dozen freshmen played in the second half, offering valuable experience heading into a month of bowl practices.

Cornerbacks M.J. Devonshire and Jalen Geiger, linebackers Tra Wilkins, K.D. Mc-

Daniel and Jared Casey, safety Moses Douglass and defensive lineman Caven Butler all recorded tackles. Running back Travis Tisdale scored a touchdown, and tight end Nik Ognenovic caught a pass.

With sophomore linebacker Chris Oats suspended for an undisclosed violation of team rules, junior Jamin Davis led UK in tackles for the second straight week with six stops. He also snagged an interception in the end zone to prevent one UT Martin score. Davis will likely compete with Oats to replace Kash Daniel as Kentucky's starting middle linebacker next season.

"We played good back-to-back weeks," Stoops said. "... Hopefully some (starters) getting a few less snaps, hopefully it will give us a little boost, a little energy. Late in the year, it gets tough."

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Fitzgerald adoptions have brought many thanks to all parties

By Mark Wiedmer
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It wasn't as if Steve and Teri Fitzgerald were getting low on mouths to feed and bodies to clothe and shelter that summer of 2013.

The former Chattanooga Christian School and Covenant College basketball standout and his wife were raising their six biological children on a small private high school basketball coach's salary when they first had befriended Nigeria natives Abule Abadi and Alaowei Talent two years earlier.

But now Abadi and Talent were going to be forced to return to Nigeria for good if someone didn't adopt them.

"Even though they weren't living with us, they were already part of our family," Fitzgerald recalled earlier this week from the family's current home in Lakeland, Florida. "But because they were playing basketball for us, Florida high school athletic association rules prohibit players from living with their coaches. They'd still go places with us almost every weekend, though.

"So we prayed about it, talked to our kids about it and they were all for it. We just felt like God was leading us in the direction of adoption."

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If you've ever attempted to adopt someone from a foreign country, you might not be thankful for that process. It can be expensive, physically exhausting, emotionally stressful and occasionally heartbreaking. It can feel as if that country cares more about the money it makes off you than the child you're about to provide a better life.

But Fitzgerald insists that these particular adoptions "ended up being not too painful and not too costly."

One need only look at the positive impact the decision to adopt has made on the life of the 21-year-old University of Kentucky redshirt sophomore defensive lineman whose proper name is now Abule Abadi-Fitzgerald, and his 22-year-old Nigerian brother through adoption, Alaowei Talent-Fitzgerald, to know that Steve and Teri made the right call.

"They're my family," Abadi-Fitzgerald said of his adopted family last weekend in Lexington, right after the 6-foot-6, 292-pounder made a tackle against UT-Martin that helped force a fumble in the Wildcats' 50-7 win. "I love them all. Steve's meant so much to me. Teacher. Coach. Father. Everything. He's always there for us. Always caring for us. And as Alaowei and me get older, he's becoming more of a friend than a dad."

Neither Abule nor Alaowei could make it home for Thanksgiving. UK wraps up its regular season Saturday against visiting Louisville. Alaowei, who plays basketball for Southeastern University in Lakeland, will be in a tournament in Kingsport, Tennessee, over the weekend.

"My father (Gene Fitzgerald, the former longtime Covenant basketball coach whom Abule and Alaowei call 'Grandpa') will be up in Kingsport to see Alaowei play," Steve said.

But Abule's story would be amazing with or without the adoption. When he first arrived in the U.S., he never had played football and was just learning about basketball.

"Even the helmet made him uncomfortable," Steve noted. "He just didn't like it."

Added Abule: "I didn't know the rules. I didn't know where to line up. I had no clue."

Partly because of that, after suiting up his freshman year at the small school where Steve coached in South Florida, Abule chose not to play his sophomore year, then was ineligible his junior year due to transfer rules

when Steve took the head basketball job at Victory Christian in Lakeland.

Yet you also can't coach kids to be 6-6 and over 270, so when Abule did finally take the field his senior year, a recruiting video almost instantly drew the attention of several Sunshine State schools, including the University of Florida, and Kentucky.

"We visited Kentucky on the last weekend before signing day," Steve recalled. "While we were there, Florida called and asked if we could split the visit with them. Kentucky graciously said that was OK, and we flew to Florida early that Sunday morning.

"But we all felt like Kentucky was the right place. Coach (Mark) Stoops made it clear he needed Abule. There was just this feeling that character mattered there; there was a spirituality about the place. And in the three years he's been there, everything they laid out for us about Abule's career has come true."

Reached earlier this week, UK coach Mark Stoops mirrored Steve's impressions of the recruitment.

"First, Abule's attitude, his work ethic and his character _ overcoming all those things he did in his childhood _ made it a no-brainer," said Stoops. "And then he's always appreciative of this opportunity. He always has a smile on his face. He's rock-solid in his effort and attitude."

The Fitzgerald's 20-year-old son Jackson — a freshman shooting guard for Covenant — communicates with Abule and Alaowei almost daily.

"We face-time at least every other day," said Jackson, who joined his older brothers Austin and Liam, younger brother Aiden and sisters Dublin and MacKenzie for Thanksgiving in Lakeland. "I try to keep up with everything Abule's doing at Kentucky."

Abule also likes keeping up with his Chattanooga family whenever the opportunity arises.

"I've been there several times," he said. "I love the Tennessee Aquarium. I wish I could have one of those penguins for a pet."

On this weekend of reflection about all that's right in our lives rather than all that's wrong, Steve was asked how he now views the decision six years ago to officially add two more children to the Fitzgerald clan.

"We're more and more thankful every day," he said. "I can't imagine them not being a part of our family."

Record-setting Lynn Bowden performance leads Kentucky to blowout of Louisville

By Jon Hale

Louisville Courier-Journal

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After lifting the Governor's Cup trophy alongside his teammates, Lynn Bowden needed a moment to himself before he walked off the Kroger Field turf.

The wide-receiver-turned-quarterback had just turned in one of the best performances in the rivalry's history while leading Kentucky to a 45-13 win over Louisville. Bowden insisted his decision on whether to forgo his senior season and enter the NFL draft has not been made, but just in case this was his last time playing in UK's stadium, he wanted to savor the moment.

"Just thinking we've been through a lot," Bowden said. "I've been through a lot since I've been here. It's just my home, my forever home. I just wanted to embrace that."

Regardless of when the Youngstown, Ohio, native leaves Kentucky for the NFL, fans will remember the 2019 edition of the Governor's Cup Rivalry as the "Lynn Bowden game."

The game was supposed to be a tossup with Kentucky just a three-point betting favorite entering the afternoon.

Perhaps it would have been had quarterback injuries not forced Kentucky coach Mark Stoops and offensive coordinator Eddie Gran to overhaul the Wildcat offense midway through the season by moving Bowden behind center. But the game between the two versions of the rivals that showed up in Lexington did not turn out to be close at all.

Kentucky had Bowden, and Louisville did not.

"He is truly remarkable in so many ways," Stoops said. "But you have to recognize his competitive nature, and just how tough and competitive and what a leader he is. ... When you do that time and time again and prove it and put the team on your back, and say, 'Let's ride, let's do this,' it's remarkable."

Bowden rushed for a career-high 284 yards and four touchdowns to help Kentucky secure its second consecutive blowout win in the series and first victory in Lexington since 2009.

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UK attempted just two passes in the game, completing one for 4 yards, but rushed for 517 yards, setting a school single-game rushing record for the second consecutive week. The performance marked the first time in program history Kentucky had rushed for 500 yards in a game.

"We knew they were gonna run the football, but it's still hard to stop," Louisville coach Scott Satterfield said. "So were all the teams we've played. Defensively, we've struggled quite honestly, we all know that. We struggled this year tackling."

Louisville actually jumped out to an early lead, marching 75 yards on nine plays for a touchdown on a 33-yard pass from Micale Cunningham to Tutu Atwell on the opening drive, but kicker Ryan Chalifoux missed the point-after attempt and little went right for the Cardinals from there.

Kentucky quickly answered with a six-play, 65-yard touchdown drive capped by a 4-yard A.J. Rose run. Matt Ruffolo's point-after attempt gave the Wildcats a 7-6 lead with 6:17 left in the first quarter.

Stoops' team never trailed again.

Bowden's first touchdown came on a 6-yard run on the fourth play of the second quarter. A Ruffolo 45-yard field goal, set up by a failed fake punt attempt from Louisville, stretched the lead to 17-6 just more than three minutes of game time later.

Kentucky's rushing attack dominated the entire game, but Louisville briefly made things interesting just before half-time by stopping Bowden on a fourth-and-1 carry at the Louisville 43 yard-line with 35 seconds left in the first half. Two plays later redshirt freshman running back Javian Hawkins ran 56 yards for a touchdown that pulled the Cards within four points at 17-13 at halftime.

"To take that kind of a gut punch when you feel like you're completely dominating sometimes can take the wind out of your sail, but it didn't," Stoops said. "Not one bit with this group. Came right back in here. Didn't flinch. Lynn said, 'Don't worry about it, I got you,' and he did."

On the second play of the third quarter, Bowden sprinted 60 yards for his second touchdown. He added another score on a 43-yard touchdown run later in the quarter to stretch the lead to 31-13.

A 64-yard touchdown run from redshirt freshman running back Chris Rodriguez on Kentucky's first offensive play of the fourth quarter put the game out of reach. Bowden

capped the night with a 32-yard run with 5:15 remaining, tying a UK single-game record for rushing touchdowns in a game.

Bowden's 284 rushing yards were most by a Southeastern Conference player this season and second most by a Kentucky player in a single game in program history.

"You've got No. 1 back there," offensive coordinator Eddie Gran said. "You've got a group around him that has really just kind of gelled. You've got some running backs that run hard. It always starts up front (with the offensive line). Then our receivers have bought in and our tight ends because all they want to do is win."

Louisville's normally explosive offense was limited to just three plays of longer than 20 yards by the Kentucky defense. The Cards punted on each of their first four drives of the second half before losing a fumble on the final play.

A quarterback switch from Cunningham to freshman Evan Conley late in the third quarter did little to build momentum. With heavy rain falling throughout the game, the Cards also struggled to establish much of a passing game, completing 10 of 19 passes for 109 yards, one touchdown and one interception.

Hawkins ran 22 times for 142 yards and one touchdown in his first Governor's Cup rivalry appearance, but Kentucky recorded 13 tackles for loss and six sacks.

"Bottom line, got wore down by their offensive line and their defensive line quite frankly," Satterfield said. "I think they kind of dominated the line of scrimmage in the second half."

It was Kentucky that turned out to be the more explosive team Saturday with 10 runs of at least 18 yards, including six from Bowden.

The dominant rushing performance put Kentucky over 3,000 rushing yards for the season, breaking the program's record for most in a single year. In seven games with Bowden at quarterback, the Wildcats have averaged 352.7 rushing yards per game.

None of those performances were more dominant than the Louisville blow-out though.

"We wanted to make a mark, put a stamp on it," Bowden said. "Best O-line in the nation. Most dynamic player in the nation. Got my (running) backs, three-headed monster. Best RBU in the nation. We wanted to stamp it today, and I think we did that."

Kentucky offensive line dominates in victory over Cards

By Derek Terry
Cats Pause

November 30, 2019

Lynn Bowden settled into a chair in the dining room of Kentucky's football training facility. He had just ran for more yards (287) than any quarterback in SEC history. He tied the school record for touchdowns in a game with four.

But after fielding a question about whether he felt like he was still in high school when he's playing quarterback, Bowden gave some more misdirection.

"A little bit," Bowden said. "I make jokes here and there about it, but I really don't wanna talk about me though. Let's just talk about that O-line. Best in the nation."

Kentucky rushed for a school-record 517 yards on Saturday. It was the third consecutive game the Wildcats rushed for over 400 yards. Defenses cannot stop Kentucky's rushing attack even though they know it's coming.

Since Bowden took over at quarterback in the sixth game of the season, Kentucky has developed one of the best rushing attacks in college football. After Saturday's game, Kentucky set the school record for rushing yards in a season (3,293) and single-season rushing touchdowns (33). It entered the game with the top rushing offense in the SEC and 11th nationally. The Wildcats will surely rise in the national rushing rankings after yet another impressive game.

"It's pretty hard to argue with these results," Kentucky coach Mark Stoops said. "You know, I'd put it right up there. They have done some really good things and they took great pride in that and they really -- you know, they have embraced that, the opportunity to know right now that we have to be very one-dimensional, and that it's on their shoulders, as well."

Senior offensive guard Logan Stenberg played his last game at Kroger Field. He said that Kentucky liked its matchup with the Cardinals since Louisville did not have a single defensive lineman over 300 pounds.

"They're an ACC school," Stenberg said. "They're not used to people running between the tackles like we are. I think that really helped us out. They got some smaller guys on the defensive line. They didn't have a guy over 300 pounds today. It really helped out with that."

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Junior center Drake Jackson said Louisville's lack of size on the defensive line made it easier for Kentucky's line to get hip-to-hip and drive the Louisville defense off the line. In addition to Bowden's 287 yards, freshman running back Chris Rodriguez had 125 yards and a touchdown on nine rushing attempts. Kavosiey Smoke had a 70-yard run in the first half as well.

"I think just the mindset we had going into the game, the mindset we had all week really prepared us for this game," Jackson said. "The coaches did a great job, players did a great job of listening to what the coaches were saying. I think we played a really clean game. I think we only had two penalties. One of them was mine. We played clean. We played hard and we played disciplined. That's why we won the game like that."

Bowden will rightfully receive most of the attention from Saturday's blowout win over the Cardinals, but the offensive line was just as important.

"Them big guys up there, the Big Blue Wall, they created the holes and left it all up to me," Bowden said. "My God-given ability just made a couple of guys miss."

BOWL SEASON

'We couldn't be more excited.' Kentucky, Virginia Tech renew series in Belk Bowl.

By Josh Moore
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For the first time in program history, the University of Kentucky football team will play in Charlotte, N.C.

UK, bowl-eligible for the fourth straight season under head coach Mark Stoops, will participate in the Belk Bowl on Dec. 31. The game is scheduled for a noon kickoff and will be broadcast by ESPN.

The official announcement came at 4:30 p.m. via the Belk Bowl's Twitter account. It is the Wildcats' 19th bowl appearance in school history.

Kentucky will meet Virginia Tech in the game, which annually pits a team from the Southeastern Conference against one from the Atlantic Coast Conference.

"We think it's a terrific matchup," Danny Morrison, executive director of the Charlotte Sports Foundation, told the Herald-Leader. "Two teams playing really well

at the end of the season. ... We couldn't be more excited."

At a press conference Sunday night, UK Director of Athletics Mitch Barnhart praised the support Kentucky fans have shown in three different cities — Jacksonville, Nashville and Orlando — in the program's first three bowl trips under Stoops.

Bank of America Stadium, where the game will be played, is about six hours from Lexington. The drive from Virginia Tech's campus in Blacksburg is a little under three hours.

"People have been accustomed to the kind of crowd our fan base brings," Barnhart said. "... We've been in some really good bowl games and our fans have absolutely supported us, and we're gonna need that type of support as we go to Charlotte."

He later lauded fans who braved some of the wet and windy conditions Kentucky faced during its games during the regular season.

"There were some days where I'm not sure I'd have stood out there. They were incredible," Barnhart said. "I thank every one of them, they were awesome. The last couple games there were some times where it was raining about as hard as I've seen it rain in my career."

The Wildcats (7-5) are coming off their third consecutive victory, a 45-13 decision over rival Louisville in which they set a new single-game rushing record for the second straight week. Kentucky this year has rushed for 3,293 yards, the most by a team in program history.

Lynn Bowden against Louisville rushed for 284 yards, 15 shy of matching the single-game record set by Moe Williams in 1995. It was the most rushing yards by a quarterback in SEC history.

This is the final year the Belk Bowl will be known as such; Belk, a department store chain with its headquarters in Charlotte, announced last month that it would end its sponsorship of the event after nine years.

UK has never played a football game in Charlotte but it has played Charlotte, the only FBS college football program in the city, once. Kentucky won, 58-10, to snap a five-game losing streak in what was then known as Commonwealth Stadium in 2015.

Kentucky is 9-9 all-time in bowl appearances. UK's first home game at Kroger Field — then known as Commonwealth Stadium — came against Virginia Tech on Sept. 15, 1973. Kentucky defeated the

Hokies, 31-26. The Wildcats overall are 11-6-2 in the series, whose last meeting was held in 1987.

A 50-7 win over Tennessee Martin on Nov. 23 made Kentucky bowl-eligible for a fourth consecutive season, only the second time in school history it's achieved a streak that long. UK made a school-record five bowl trips from 2006-2010.

Stoops is the second coach to lead Kentucky to four postseason bowls, joining Rich Brooks (2006-2009). He is 1-2 as a head coach in bowl games; last season's 27-24 win over Penn State in the Citrus Bowl was his first victory.

Following UK's victory over UT Martin, Stoops said this team — which lost starting quarterback Terry Wilson two games into the season and had to install a new offense before reaching the season's halfway point — has been "very special" to coach. Barnhart echoed that sentiment on Sunday.

"I thought it was a remarkable effort on both fronts, coaches and our young people, what they did to completely reframe how they think," Barnhart said. "You talk about sacrificial. A lot of people gave up what they do for the good of the team to go be better."

"We hear that talked about an awful lot but very seldom do you see it played out in real time like our team did. Folks gave up positions, folks gave up reps, folks gave up opportunities that may have been best for them, to collectively get to a better spot and go be something very valuable as a team."

Four Kentucky players, two Kentucky natives named to media's All-SEC First Team

By Josh Moore
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Hardware season started off strongly for the University of Kentucky.

Three UK players — Lynn Bowden, Drake Jackson and Logan Stenberg — were named to the Associated Press' All-Southeastern Conference First Team offense. Another Kentucky standout, Max Duffy, was named to the All-SEC First Team defense.

Bowden was selected as an all-purpose player. He started UK's final seven games at quarterback and finished as the league's third-leading rusher with 1,235 yards on

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151 carries, behind only Mississippi State's Kylin Hill (1,347 on 235 carries) and LSU's Clyde Edwards-Helaire (1,290 on 197 carries) in the regular season. Bowden's 8.18 yards per carry led the SEC and were second only to Clemson's Travis Etienne, who averaged 8.24 yards per carry, among all FBS players. The 284 rushing yards he recorded against Louisville were the second most by a UK player in history.

Drake Jackson, a center who graduated from Woodford County High School, and Logan Stenberg, an offensive guard, were among the offensive linemen blocking for Bowden and a trio of UK running backs — Chris Rodriguez, A.J. Rose and Kavosiey Smoke — who accounted for most of Kentucky's school-record 3,293 rushing yards in 2019. UK in consecutive weeks broke the single-game school record for rushing to end the regular season, and for the first time rushed for 500 or more yards in a game (517 against Louisville).

Duffy, a punter, led the nation in punting average with 48.6 yards per punt (2,285 total yards on 47 attempts). SEC punters accounted for four of the top five punting averages in the regular season, as Texas A&M's Braden Mann (47.8), South Carolina's Joseph Charlton (47.7) and Georgia's Jake Camarda (47.4) trailed Duffy. (N.C. State's Trenton Gill ranked fourth overall at 47.6.)

Kentucky has had at least one All-SEC First Team selection in each of the last three seasons and in every season under Mark Stoops except 2013 (his first season) and 2015. Defensive end Josh Allen, running back Benny Snell and offensive lineman Bunchy Stallings were First Team selections by the AP and coaches last year.

It was the first time since 1987 that UK had four players named All-SEC by the AP in the same season. It is Kentucky's most First Team selections since 1977, when a record five Wildcats — Tom Dornbook, Dallas Owens, Derrick Ramsey, Mike Siganos and Art Still — were named as first-teamers by the AP.

Kentucky last had four All-SEC First Team selections in 2002 — Derek Abney, Antonio Hall, Glenn Pakulak and Artose Pinner — but only three of those guys were named to the AP First Team (Hall was selected to the Second Team in 2002).

ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICAN

UK long snapper Blake Best on Monday was named to the the College Sports Information Directors of America's Academic All-America's first team.

Best, a second-team selection last year as a junior, is in his fourth season starting as UK's long snapper for field goals and extra points and his first as the starting long snapper on punts. He graduated summa cum laude in Dec. 2018 with a double major in economics and finance and is currently pursuing a master's degree in finance.

Kentucky football star Lynn Bowden enters NFL draft, but first - Belk Bowl

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Kentucky football star Lynn Bowden is entering the NFL draft.

The wide receiver turned quarterback announced in a video posted to Twitter Monday he will forgo his senior season to start his professional career. First, he will play in the Wildcats' Dec. 31 Belk Bowl appearance versus Virginia Tech.

Bowden ranks second in the nation in yards per carry (8.2) and third in the Southeastern Conference in total rushing yards (1,235) this season despite playing most of the first five games as a wide receiver. He was named first-team All-Southeastern Conference as an all-purpose player by the Associated Press Monday.

The Youngstown, Ohio, native saved Kentucky's season when he moved from receiver to quarterback full time after injuries sidelined UK's preseason No. 1, No. 2 and No. 3 quarterbacks. In seven games behind center, Bowden ran for 1,136 yards and threw for 330.

The 6-foot-1, 199-pound Bowden is expected to move back to wide receiver as a professional and could also help teams as a kick and punt returner. It is unclear how spending most of the season at quarterback has affected his NFL draft stock.

"I think if it was up to NFL teams he would have stayed at receiver because it would have helped them do their job and better understand where he is in his development as a route-runner, as a pass-catcher and all of those things," Dane Brugler, an NFL draft analyst for The

Athletic, recently told The Courier Journal. "Because he played most of the season as a non-receiver it just takes more of a leap of faith, because we're not going to get a chance to see him in game-like situations playing the position that he's projected to play in the NFL."

ESPN NFL draft analyst Mel Kiper Jr. mentioned Bowden as a dark horse candidate to be picked in the first round before the season, but Bowden was unable to show scouts how much progress he had made as a receiver due to the position switch.

Before moving to quarterback, Bowden was Kentucky's most effective receiver — he still leads the team in catches (30) and receiving yards (348) — but he endured an inconsistent start to the season with several high-profile drops.

Bowden likely could have used the year to perfect his route running and pass-catching skills, but he offered NFL teams interested in drafting him no shortage of examples of his play-making ability while playing quarterback.

Six times he rushed for at least 100 yards in a game. Three times he was named SEC Offensive Player of the Week. In the regular season finale rout of Louisville, he ran for 284 yards, most ever by a Southeastern Conference quarterback in a single game, and scored four touchdowns, tied for most by any Kentucky player in one game.

"The kid is a dynamic football player," said Vince Marrow, Kentucky's tight ends coach and NFL liaison. "I tell all the scouts and GMs, 'Don't overthink this. He's a football player. He's going to make your team better.'"

The decision to start his professional career is the latest step in a long journey to stardom for Bowden, who has said in interviews he was headed down a dangerous path away from the football field as a teenager in Youngstown.

Bowden frequently points to his young son, Lynn Bowden III, as his motivation in his growth on and off the field at Kentucky. In his message announcing his decision, Bowden thanked his son, his mother and UK coaches for helping him grow as a person and football player. He called Kentucky his "forever home."

"It won't be easy to leave that, but now is my time to enter the 2020 NFL draft," Bowden said. "The memories we made here are something special, from the 10-win season last year to going back to my

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old position this year. I'll be taking those memories with me wherever I go next.

"But first we've got one more game to win. For my last game in Kentucky blue, I need all the BBN to come out and support us and help us get this bowl game win. Come see about it in Charlotte."

The surprising source that helped save the Kentucky Wildcats football season

By Josh Moore

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When the 2019 Kentucky Wildcats football season reached its moment of truth, the Kentucky offensive brain trust was scrambling.

After five games of this season, UK was 2-3, on a three-game losing skid and had lost its only two experienced quarterbacks to injury.

Given an off week before what felt like a make-or-break home game with SEC rival Arkansas, Eddie Gran, Darin Hinshaw and the Kentucky offensive coaching staff reached a bold decision.

They were going to shift wide receiver Lynn Bowden to quarterback and scrap their conventional offense in favor of a run-heavy, read-option attack.

Searching for inspiration on how to make their new plan work, Gran and Co. turned to an unexpected source: Video of a shorthanded Baylor's 49-38 upset of No. 10 North Carolina in the 2015 Russell Athletic Bowl.

"(Baylor) had a wide receiver (playing quarterback)," Gran said. "They came in and rushed for a whole lot of yards that night. I figured 'They must have done something right.'"

BORROWING FROM BAYLOR

After the 2015 season, the Baylor program of former coach Art Briles collapsed amid an abhorrent sexual assault scandal. As a result, Briles is justifiably radioactive in NCAA sports.

No one, however, questions Briles' acumen as a football strategist.

The No. 17 Bears entered their bowl matchup with North Carolina without their top two quarterbacks, their leading rusher and top wide receiver — who were all sidelined by injury.

Absent so much fire power, Baylor ran variations off its wildcat package for much

of the game.

Third-string quarterback Chris Johnson, wide receiver/emergency QB Lynx Hawthorne and running backs Johnny Jefferson, Devin Chafin and Terence Williams all took snaps from center.

From myriad formations, Baylor relied on direct snaps to running backs, jet sweeps and quick, outside screen passes to accumulate 756 total yards, 645 of it rushing.

Four years later, Gran and Co. went to school on that game video.

HOW THE UK OFFENSE WORKS

You know how the story turned out.

With Bowden morphing into a dynamic option quarterback, Kentucky (7-5, 3-5 SEC) saved its season by going 5-2 down the stretch.

The Wildcats broke the school single-game rushing record in each of their final three games. Mark Stoops and troops gave Cats fans a very sweet season finale with a 45-13 beatdown on intrastate rival Louisville.

If you visit YouTube and watch video of Baylor from that 2015 bowl, you will see at least three plays that are staples of UK's revamped offense.

As a public service, I asked Dusty Bonner, the former Kentucky quarterback and current UK Radio Network pregame analyst, to help explain why the concepts Gran and Co. gleaned from Baylor have proven so hard to defend.

"If you think about it, here's (UK's) offense: Either Lynn is going to run it, or he's going to hand it off to somebody else," Bonner said. "That's the two options, that's 95 percent of the successful plays.

"But they are adding new wrinkles, new twists, new looks and new formations every week to create complexity for the defense."

Play one. Sending four wideouts to one side of the field, then attacking the defense with a run to the opposite flank.

"What that's doing is taking numbers (of defenders) and putting them (to one side of the field)," Bonner said. "Then, you go attack where the numbers are not."

Play two. Those fake pitch, counter plays where Bowden starts down the line one way, then plants his foot and cuts back hard against the grain.

Appearing to run an option to one area of the field, Bonner said, essentially freezes the defenders responsible for containment on that side.

Then, when Bowden cuts back, "now, all of a sudden, you've got five offensive linemen with a hat on a hat, blocking five defenders," Bonner said. "And the two (defenders that Kentucky) couldn't block were the two sliding down the line responsible for Lynn and (the running back)."

Play three. The quick outside screens that UK occasionally has Bowden throw.

Bonner said those screens serve a more important purpose than it might appear.

With Bowden and Kentucky throwing so infrequently and running so effectively, defenses are tempted not to account for every outside UK receiver in order to keep more players in the box.

"If (Kentucky) lines up four receivers out there and you only put two defenders over them, well, (let's) just throw it out there," Bonner said. "(UK then) has three guys blocking two — and a receiver out wide taking off."

For what it's worth, Gran said Baylor is not the only team that Kentucky borrowed from when it made its emergency transformation into an option team.

"We've grabbed ideas from a lot of teams," Gran said. "But we started (with that Baylor video), way back when."

'It's remarkable.' Kentucky star Lynn Bowden wins 2019 Paul Hornung Award.

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Return man. Wide receiver. Quarterback.

Lynn Bowden in his time at the University of Kentucky has played at just about every position in the Wildcats' offense. If head coach Mark Stoops would have asked, he'd have played on defense, too — both have declared so.

It is Bowden's wide breadth of talents as a playmaker — and the success he demonstrated through that versatility — that made him the 2019 winner of college football's Paul Hornung Award. The Louisville Sports Commission announced the news Wednesday morning.

Bowden was one of four finalists for the award along with LSU's Clyde Edwards-Helaire, Virginia's Joe Reed and Nebraska's Wan'Dale Robinson, a former Western Hills High School standout who won both of Kentucky's Mr. Football awards in 2018.

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Robinson was the winner of the Louisville Sports Commission's online fan vote, which is included among 17 other voters nationwide that determine the final winner.

The Hornung award is named after Louisville native and Hall of Famer Paul Hornung, who played college football at Notre Dame and was the No. 1 overall pick in the 1957 NFL Draft. He was a four-time NFL champion and a member of the Green Bay Packers when they won the first Super Bowl in 1967.

Hornung was a halfback, quarterback and placekicker at Notre Dame, where he also played basketball. The Louisville Sports Commission has awarded his namesake honor since 2010.

Bowden is the third recipient from the Southeastern Conference, joining Georgia's Brandon Boykin (2011) and LSU's Odell Beckham Jr. (2013). The other award-winners were Stanford's Owen Marecic (2010), West Virginia's Tavon Austin (2012), Washington's Shaq Thompson (2014), Stanford's Christian McCaffrey (2015), Michigan's Jabrill Peppers (2016), Penn State's Saquon Barkley (2017) and Purdue's Rondale Moore (2018).

Following UK's 45-13 win over Louisville to end the regular season, Stoops compared Bowden's competitive spirit to that of former Cardinals star Lamar Jackson, now a standout for the Baltimore Ravens.

"In our business, if you are going to be an alpha dog, then you be an alpha dog, and that's him," Stoops said. "When you do that time and time again and prove it and put the team on your back, and say, 'Let's ride, let's do this,' you know, it's remarkable."

LYNN BOWDEN'S QUALIFICATIONS

A former four-star recruit, Bowden primarily played quarterback at Warren G. Harding High School in Ohio but came to Kentucky as a wide receiver. The 6-foot-1, 199-pound Youngstown native played in all 13 of UK's games as a freshman, primarily on special teams, but totaled 210 yards on 17 receptions and was named to the coaches' All-SEC Freshman Team in 2017. He followed that up with a sophomore season in which he started 12 of 13 games and led the Wildcats in catches (67), receiving yards (745) and touchdown receptions (five). Bowden also was one of three players in the country to return two

punts for TDs in 2018.

He began the 2019 season as a wide receiver and return specialist for the Wildcats but took over as UK's quarterback following its first bye week of the season in response to injuries to Terry Wilson, the program's incumbent starter, and Sawyer Smith, a graduate transfer who earned the backup role following fall camp. Bowden went 5-2 as UK's starting quarterback, accumulating 1,137 rushing yards and 11 touchdowns through those seven games. He finished the regular season with 1,235 rushing yards, 348 receiving yards, 12 total touchdowns (one receiving) and 253 return yards (200 on kickoffs).

Bowden, after taking over at quarterback, was three times named Offensive Player of the Week by the SEC, an honor he shared twice and won outright following a record-setting performance against Louisville. He rushed for 284 yards against the Cardinals — second-most in a single game in school history — and four touchdowns, tying a single-game school record for total TDs. His 284 yards were the most by an SEC quarterback in league history.

Earlier this week Bowden was named to the All-SEC First Team offense as an all-purpose player by the Associated Press and league coaches. He announced this week that he will enter the 2020 NFL Draft but said he will play against Virginia Tech in the Belk Bowl.



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