KENTUCKY FOOTBALL

KENTUCKY (1-0, 0-0)

9/4	**ULM [SECN]**	**W, 45-10**
9/11	**MISSOURI* [SECN]**	**7:30 p.m.**
9/18	**CHATTANOOGA [ESPN+/SECN+]**	**Noon**
9/25	at South Carolina*	TBA
10/2	**FLORIDA***	**TBA**
10/9	**LSU***	**TBA**
10/16	at Georgia*	TBA
10/23	Open	
10/30	at Mississippi State*	TBA
11/6	**TENNESSEE***	**TBA**
11/13	at Vanderbilt*	TBA
11/20	**NEW MEXICO STATE**	**TBA**
11/27	at Louisville	TBA

** SEC game; Home games in bold*

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ALL-TIME SERIES • UK leads 7-4

BY THE NUMBERS

3 STRAIGHT BOWL WINS

5 STRAIGHT BOWL APPEARANCES

12 STRAIGHT WINS OVER NON-CONFERENCE OPPONENTS

GAME 2



MISSOURI AT KENTUCKY
SATURDAY, SEPT. 11
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GAME CENTER

KENTUCKY WILDCATS	
Record:	1-0
Ranking:	AP - none; Coaches - RV
Coach:	Mark Stoops (Iowa, '89)
Record:	50-50 (9th season)
at UK:	same
vs. MIZZ:	5-3
Last Game:	W, 45-10, vs. ULM (9/4/21)
Series:	Kentucky leads 7-4

MISSOURI TIGERS	
Record:	1-0
Ranking:	AP - none; Coaches - none
Coach:	Eli Drinkwitz (Arkansas Tech, '04)
Record:	18-6 (3rd season)
at MIZZ:	6-5 (2nd season)
vs. UK:	1-0
Last Game:	W, 34-24, vs. Central Michigan (9/4/21)
Last Meeting:	Missouri won, 20-10, in Columbia on 10/24/20

KENTUCKY OPENS CONFERENCE PLAY WITH EARLY SEC EAST SHOWDOWN

Kentucky will head under the lights for the first time this season when it opens Southeastern Conference play against divisional rival Missouri at Kroger Field on Saturday night. Game time is 7:30 p.m. EDT and it will be televised on the SEC Network.

The Wildcats unveiled a new offense under the guidance of coordinator Liam Coen, who came to Lexington after a successful tenure on the staff of the NFL's Los Angeles Rams, in a smashing debut that ended in a 45-10 victory over ULM and 564 yards of total offense. With a deep, veteran offensive line bookended by All-American Darian Kinnard and LSU transfer Dare Rosenthal, the power running of Chris Rodriguez Jr. and a wide receiver corps that features Josh Ali and Wan'Dale Robinson, the Cats showed the hallmarks of an explosive group.

Defensively, the Cats are mixing a youth movement with productive seniors Yusuf Corker, Marquan McCall, Josh Paschal, DeAndre Square and others. The unit swarmed ULM, racking up 14.0 tackles for loss, six sacks and leads the nation in total defense at just 87 yards allowed.

QUICK NOTES

- Kentucky kicked off its 131st season of intercollegiate football with a 45-10 blowout of ULM.
- The Cats open conference play this Saturday night at Kroger Field, playing host to Missouri in a battle of SEC East rivals. The Cats had won five straight in the series before Missouri won in 2020.
- Saturday marks just the second time since 2008 that the Cats have opened SEC play against an opponent other than Florida or South Carolina. UK opened last season at Auburn and 2008 at Alabama.
- Coach Mark Stoops is his ninth season in Lexington. He is 50-50 overall.
- UK is 3-5 under Stoops in SEC openers. The three wins came against USC (2015 and 2017) and Florida (2018).
- Stoops reached two milestones in the season opener. His ninth season ties Fran Curci (1973-81) for the most seasons as head coach at Kentucky and his 100th game tied Curci for most games as head coach.

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

2021 COACHING STAFF

Frank Buffano, safeties/co-special teams coord.
Liam Coen, offensive coord./quarterbacks
Chris Collins, defensive backs
Anwar Stewart, defensive line
Vince Marrow, associate head coach/tight ends, recruiting coord.
John Settle, running backs/co-special teams coord.
Jon Sumrall, co-defensive coord./inside linebackers
Brad White, defensive coordinator/outside linebackers
Eric Wolford, offensive line
Scott Woodward, wide receivers

Quality Control:

Jovon Bouknight
Josh Estes-Waugh
Greg Manusky
Louie Matsakis
Mark Perry
Joe Scola

Graduate Assistants:

Brayden Berezowitz (defense)
Bryan Berezowitz (student assistant)
C.J. Conrad (special teams)
Ryan Finck (offense)
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- Stoops is the second-longest tenured coach in the SEC (behind Alabama's Nick Saban) and the 14th-longest nationally.
- Stoops became the first head coach to take UK to five straight bowl games. The previous record was by Rich Brooks in his last four seasons, 2006-09.
- After one week, the Cats rank among the nation's best on both sides of the football. Through Saturday's games the Cats lead the nation in total defense, having allowed just 87 yards to ULM.
- The UK defense also racked up 14 tackles for loss and 6 sacks in the opener.
- The new-look offense ranks second nationally in passing yards (419) and saw two receivers hit the 100-yard receiving mark in the same game for the first time since 2011.
- During Stoops' tenure, the Wildcats have had nine different starting quarterbacks win a game in Jalen Whitlow, Maxwell Smith, Patrick Towles, Drew Barker, Stephen Johnson, Luke Wright, Lynn Bowden Jr., Terry Wilson and now Will Levis.
- UK has won 12 straight non-conference games, dating back to the 2017 Music City Bowl loss to Northwestern. It is the third-longest such streak in FBS.
- The Cats are coming off a 5-6 season that saw them face a 10-game all-Southeastern Conference regular season before defeating No. 23-ranked NC State in the TaxSlayer Gator Bowl, the program's third consecutive postseason victory.
- Kentucky was predicted to finish third in the SEC Eastern Division by a preseason poll of media covering SEC Media Days.
- Four new assistant coaches were hired following the 2020 season. UK named Liam Coen as the program's new offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach on Dec. 14 and Eric Wolford as the offensive line coach on Dec. 17. John Settle was announced as the new running backs coach/co-special teams coordinator on March 15 and Chris Collins, most recently the safeties coach at Georgia State the last four seasons, was named the defensive backs coach on June 3.
- In all, 52 letter winners and a total of 11 offensive and defensive starters from last year return, including nine "Super Seniors" who are taking advantage of the extra year of eligibility due to a COVID-shortened 2020 season.

TEAM FACTS

2020 RECORD

5-6 overall,
4-6 (fourth) SEC Eastern Division

TEAM INFORMATION

BASIC OFFENSE: Multiple pro-style
BASIC DEFENSE: 3-4, 3-3-5

PLAYERS RETURNING

Lettermen Returning: **52**
22 offense, 27 defense (three specialists)

Starters Returning: **14**
6 offense, 5 defense (three specialists)

Offensive Starters Returning: **6**
TE Justin Rigg, LG Kenneth Horsey, RT Darian Kinnard, RG Luke Fortner, WR Josh Ali, WR DeMarcus Harris

Defensive Starters Returning: **5**
DE Josh Paschal, WLB DeAndre Square, LB Jordan Wright, DB Tyrell Aijan, FS Yusuf Corker

Specialists Starters Returning: **3**
PK Matt Ruffolo, LS Cade Degraw, K Chance Poore

PLAYERS LOST

Lettermen Lost: **23**
12 offense, 10 defense (one specialist)

Starters Lost: **12**
5 offense, 6 defense (one specialist)

Offensive Starters Lost: **5**
WR, Allen Dailey, LT Landon Young, C Drake Jackson, RB A.J. Rose, QB Terry Wilson

Defensive Starters Lost: **6**
CB Brandin Echols, NG Quinton Bohanna, DT Phil Hoskins, SLB Jamar "Boogie" Watson, MLB Jamin Davis, CB Kelvin Joseph

Specialist Starters Lost **1**
P/H Max Duffy

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BY THE NUMBERS

	2021	Stoops
Record	1-0	50-50
SEC	0-0	24-42
West	0-0	4-14
East	0-0	20-28
Non-Conference	1-0	26-8
Home	1-0	36-21
Road	0-0	11-26
Neutral site	0-0	3-3
Night	0-0	22-22
Day	1-0	28-28
TV Games	1-0	47-50
ABC	0-0	1-0
CBS	0-0	0-4
ESPN	0-0	3-11
ESPNU	0-0	3-5
ESPN2	0-0	2-2
ESPNews	0-0	0-1
SEC Network	1-0	39-26
Fox Sports South	0-0	1-1
CBS Sports Network	0-0	1-0
August/September	1-0	21-12
October	0-0	14-14
November	0-0	11-21
December/January	0-0	4-2
UK scores on 1st possession	0-0	21-14
Opp scores on 1st possession	1-0	14-22
UK scores first	0-0	31-17
Opponent scores first	1-0	19-33
UK leads after 1st quarter	1-0	29-8
Opponent leads after 1stQ	0-0	11-33
Teams are tied after 1stQ	0-0	10-9
UK leads at halftime	1-0	35-7
Opponent leads at halftime	0-0	8-39
Teams are tied at halftime	0-0	7-4
UK leads after 3rd quarter	1-0	41-4
Opponent leads after 3rdQ	0-0	5-43
Teams are tied after 3rdQ	0-0	5-3
Game goes to overtime	0-0	1-3
Scoring less than 20 pts	0-0	4-32
Scoring 20+ points	1-0	41-18
Scoring 30+ points	1-0	29-8
Allowing less than 20 pts	1-0	29-4
Allowing 20+ points	0-0	15-38
Allowing 30+ points	0-0	7-29
UK has more total yards	1-0	39-7
Opp. has more total yds	0-0	11-43
UK has more rushing yards	1-0	42-11
Opp. has more rushing yards	0-0	8-39
UK has more passing yards	1-0	22-14
Opp. has more passing yards	0-0	28-34
Rushing for < 100 yds	0-0	5-17
Rushing for over 100 yards	1-0	42-32
Rushing for 200+ yards	0-0	34-9
Passing for 200+ yards	1-0	19-14
Passing for 300+ yards	1-0	7-4
UK has 100-yard rusher	1-0	34-14
Opp. has 100-yard rusher	0-0	15-32
No turnovers	0-0	13-8
One or two turnovers	0-0	32-32
3 or more turnovers	1-0	5-9
No takeaways	1-0	12-12
3 or more takeaways	0-0	14-4
UK has more penalties	1-0	18-20
Opp. has more penalties	0-0	26-26
Teams have equal penalties	0-0	6-4
UK has more TOP	1-0	34-18
Opp. has more TOP	0-0	15-32
UK defense scores	0-0	11-5
Opponent defense scores	0-0	6-9
UK returns KO/Punt for TD	0-0	3-0
Opp. returns KO/Punt for TD	0-0	0-5
Playing on natural grass	0-0	14-30
Playing on artificial surface	1-0	36-19
In blue uniforms	0-0	12-4
In white uniforms	0-0	6-10
In white unis/blue pants	0-0	5-17
In blue unis/white pants	1-0	16-5
In black uniforms	0-0	1-3
In blue uniforms/grey pants	0-0	2-3
In grey uniforms	0-0	5-3
In grey uniforms/blue pants	0-0	3-5

MILESTONES TO LOOK FOR...

- Head coach **Mark Stoops** has 50 career victories at Kentucky, No. 2 on the school's all-time list. Paul "Bear" Bryant is first with 60.
- Coach Stoops has 24 SEC wins, passing Paul Bryant for the second-most in school history. He needs one more to tie Fran Curci at No. 1 with 25.
- Coach Stoops now holds the record for most total home wins in school history (36).
- Junior **RB Chris Rodriguez Jr.** has 1,486 career rushing yards. Running for 125 yards in the season opener, he vaulted all the way to 23rd place on the school's all-time list. He needs 45 yards to move up to No. 22 by passing Lynn Bowden Jr. (1,530).
- Senior **WR Josh Ali** has 982 receiving yards, needing 18 to become the 31st player in school history with 1,000 or more yards receiving. He also has 95 career receptions.
- Junior **RB Kavosiey Smoke** has 916 career rushing yards and needs 84 more to become the 41st player to join the 1,000-yard club.

- Seven home games at Kroger Field highlight Kentucky's 2021 football schedule, including back to-back weeks against traditional heavyweights Florida and LSU to open the month of October.
- From 2016-20, UK won 37 games (most in a five-season span since 1949-53).
- The Wildcats have gone to five straight bowl games, tying the school record.
- UK has won 20 SEC games, most in a five-year span in school history.
- The Wildcats had the third-most wins among SEC East schools from 2016-20 (37). Only Georgia (52) and Florida (42) had more.
- UK has allowed 30 or fewer points in 34 of the past 39 games.
- Since 2016, UK is 15-7 in games decided by seven points or less.
- The Wildcats signed their eighth straight top-50 recruiting class under Stoops in 2020.
- Fourteen made their collegiate debut in the opener: DL Sam Anaele, P Wilson Berry, OL Jager Burton, TE Jordan Dingle, WR Chris Lewis, DB Jordan Lovett, WR Chauncey Magwood, LS Clay Perry, DL Kahlil Saunders, DL Jamarius Dinkins LB Martez Thrower, LB Trevin Wallace, OL David Wohlabaugh Jr. and RB La'Vell Wright.

SERIES VS. MISSOURI

- Kentucky leads the all-time series 7-4.
- Missouri won, 20-10, in Columbia on Oct. 24, 2020 the last time the teams met.
- The SEC East rivals have met every year since 2012 with Mizzou winning the first three meetings and UK the next five before the Tigers scored a win last season.
- Biggest UK win: 22 (29-7) in 2019 in Lexington.
- Biggest Mizzou win: 31 (48-17) in 2013 in Lexington.
- Games decided by eight points or less: UK leads 5-0.
- UK coach Mark Stoops is 5-3 vs. Missouri.

A UK WIN WOULD...

- Give head coach Mark Stoops 51 career victories at UK, putting him just nine wins shy of tying Paul "Bear" Bryant for the school's all-time winning coach.
- Give Kentucky a sixth win in the last seven meetings between the SEC East schools.
- Give Kentucky a fourth straight win over Missouri in Lexington.

WE'RE GOING STREAKIN'

With the season-opening win over ULm Kentucky extended its non-conference winning streak to 12 games, third-longest active streak in FBS.

Streak	Last Defeat
19 - Minnesota	Sept. 3, 2015 vs. TCU
13 - Iowa	Jan. 1, 2017 vs. Florida
12 - Kentucky	***Dec. 29, 2017 vs. Northwestern***

UK also is tied for the third-longest active bowl winning streak with three sraight victories:

Streak	Team
6	Appalachian State
4	Texas
3	***Kentucky***, Iowa, Texas A&M

TRACKING THE OPPONENTS

Opponent	UK vs. Opp	Opp. Record	Last Meeting	Next Game
vs. ULM	Sept. 4	0-1	2014 - W, 48-14, in Lexington	Sept. 18 - vs. Jackson State
vs. Missouri	Sept. 11	1-0	2020 - L, 20-10, in Columbia	Sept. 11 - at Kentucky
vs. Chattanooga	Sept. 18	0-1	First Meeting	Sept. 11 - at North Alabama
at South Carolina	Sept. 25	1-0	2020 - W, 41-18, in Lexington	Sept. 11 - at East Carolina
vs. Florida	Oct. 2	1-0	2020 - L, 34-10, in Gainesville	Sept. 11 - at South Florida
vs. LSU	Oct. 9	0-1	2014 - L, 41-3, in Baton Rouge	Sept. 11 - vs. McNeese State
at Georgia	Oct. 16	1-0	2020 - L, 14-3, in Lexington	Sept. 11 - vs. UAB
at Mississippi State	Oct. 30	1-0	2020 - W, 24-2, in Lexington	Sept. 11 - vs. NC State
vs. Tennessee	Nov. 6	1-0	2020 - W, 34-7, in Knoxville	Sept. 11 - vs. Pitt
at Vanderbilt	Nov. 13	0-1	2020 - W, 38-35, in Lexington	Sept. 11 - at Colorado State
vs. New Mexico State	Nov. 20	0-1	2016 - W, 62-42, in Lexington	Sept. 11 - at New Mexico
at Louisville	Nov. 27	0-0	2019 - W, 45-13, in Lexington	Sept. 11 - vs. Eastern Kentucky

- Make Kentucky 5-1 all-time vs. Missouri in Lexington.
- Improve UK's overall record at Kroger Field to 163-133-4 (.551).

KENTUCKY-MISSOURI CONNECTIONS

- Former UK kicker Grant McKinniss (2016-19) is a graduate transfer at Missouri. He graduated from UK in May of 2020 with a degree in psychology and is currently working on a master's degree in sport and exercise psychology at Mizzou.
- In 2020, McKinniss punted 32 times for an average of 42.8 yards for the Tigers.

LAST TIME OUT

- Kentucky blasted ULM, 45-10, with an explosive offense that produced one of the best passing performances of the Mark Stoops era.
- The 45 points and the 35-point margin of victory are the most in a season opener since a 59-14 win over UT Martin in 2014.
- UK's 564 yards total offense is the most since in a non-overtime game since 601 yards at Louisville in 2018.
- It's the most yards in a season opener since totaling 656 vs. UT Martin in 2014.
- UK passed for 419 yards, most since 422 vs. UT Martin in 2014.
- It's the first time UK had a 300-yard passer, two 100-yard receivers and a 100-yard rusher in the same game since 2006 at Vanderbilt (Andre' Woodson, Keenan Burton/Rafael Little, Rafael Little).
- This was the second time in school history that UK had a 300-yard passer, 100-yard receiver and 100-yard rusher in a season opener. The other occurrence was 1998 at Louisville (Tim Couch, Craig Yeast, Derek Homer).
- UK had two 100-yard receivers in a game for the first time since 2011 vs. Ole Miss (La'Rod King and Matt Roark).
- The Kentucky defense limited ULM to 87 total yards. That's the fewest in any game since holding Central Michigan to 78 total yards in the 1988 season opener.
- UK held ULM to 17 net rushing yards, fewest since Eastern Michigan had 13 rushing yards in 2017.
- UK held ULM to 70 passing yards, fewest since Georgia had 35 passing yards in 2019.
- UK had 14 tackles for loss, including six quarterback sacks.
- QB Will Levis passed for 367 yards and four scores in his UK debut. It is the most passing yards for a Kentucky player in his first game as a Wildcat, and the most passing yards for a UK quarterback since Patrick Towles threw for 390 in 2014 vs. Mississippi State.
- WR Wan'Dale Robinson hauled in 125 receiving yards and two scores. It is the most receiving yards for a UK player in his first game.
- WR Josh Ali led the team with 136 receiving yards, surpassing 100 yards in a game for the first time.

100-YARD RUSHERS

Player	2021	Career	'21 Opponent
Chris Rodriguez Jr.	1	7	ULM

100-YARD RECEIVERS

Player	2021	Career	'21 Opponent
Wan'Dale Robinson	1	3	ULM
Josh Ali	1	1	ULM

300-YARD PASSERS

Player	2021	Career	'21 Opponent
Will Levis	1	1	ULM

INTERCEPTIONS

Player	2021	Career
Tyrell Ajian	0	3
Yusuf Corker	0	3
D'Eryk Jackson	0	1
Josh Paschal	0	1
Jordan Wright	0	1
Quandre Mosley	0	1
DeAndre Square	0	1

TRACKING SACK LEADERS

Player	2021	Career
J.J. Weaver	2.0	2.5
Josh Paschal	1.0	9.0
Jordan Wright	1.0	7.5
DeAndre Square	1.0	3.5
Yusuf Corker	1.0	1.0
Jacquez Jones	0	2.5
Marquan McCall	0	1.5
Justin Rogers	0	1.0
Quandre Mosely	0	1.0

STAT SUPERLATIVES

Most Games Played (min. 30): Justin Rigg (51), Josh Ali (46), Zach Johnson (45), Luke Fortner (43), Josh Paschal (41), Yusuf Corker (38), Davonte Robinson (38), DeAndre Square (37), Tyrell Ajian (36), Darian Kinnard (34), Jordan Wright (34), Isaiah Epps (33), Cedrick Dort Jr. (32), Marquan McCall (32)

Most Games Started (min. 20): Darian Kinnard (27), Josh Paschal (26), Josh Ali (25), Yusuf Corker (25), Luke Fortner (24), Justin Rigg (23), DeAndre Square (23)

Consecutive Games Started (min. 12): Darian Kinnard (27), Josh Ali (25), Yusuf Corker (25)

Consecutive Games with a Tackle (min. 12): Yusuf Corker (27), Davonte Robinson (20), Jordan Wright (16)

Consecutive Games with a Reception (min. 5): Josh Ali (13), Wan'Dale Robinson (9), Keaton Upshaw (9)

#LAFAMILIA

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

- Sophomore Beau Allen is the son of former Wildcat Bill Allen (1985-88).
- Junior TE Brendan Bates is the grandson of former UK basketball player Gene Neff (1951-52)
- Senior 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 DB Moses Douglass is the son of former Wildcat Maurice Douglass (1984-85).
- Senior WR Darren Edmond is the son of UK Football's director of performance Corey Edmond.
- Redshirt freshman Dru Phillips is the son of former Wildcat Carlos Phillips (1986-90).
- Freshman WR Trey Dennis is the son of former Wildcat Harold Dennis (1994-96).
- Freshman offensive lineman Lucas Padgett is the son of Scott Padgett who played basketball at Kentucky (1995-99), helping the Wildcats advance to two Final Fours, including a national title in 1998 ... Went on to play eight years in the pros ... Mom, Cynthia (Dozier), was a four-year letter winner on UK's volleyball team (1994-97).
- We have brothers, too. Junior OLB Justice Dingle is the older brother of freshman TE Jordan Dingle. They are from Bowling Green, Ky. Walk-on defensive ends Richard and Alex Brascom of Louisville, Ky., are fraternal twins.

WILL LEVIS GOES BANANAS IN SEASON-OPENING WIN

- Quarterback Will Levis earned the starting spot early in fall camp and was sensational in his UK debut, passing for 367 yards and four scores.
- Marked the most passing yards for a Kentucky player in his first game as a Wildcat.
- Marked the most passing yards for a UK quarterback since Patrick Towles threw for 390 in 2014 vs. Mississippi State.
- Became the first 300-yard passer in a season opener since Drew Barker, 323 vs. Southern Mississippi in 2016.
- Marked the most passing TDs since Drew Barker threw four vs. Southern Mississippi in 2016.
- His 58-yard touchdown pass to Josh Ali is the longest in a season opener since 2016 vs. Southern Mississippi (72 yards, Barker to Jeff Badet).

Levis in the national stats:

- Ranks third in passing yards per game (367.0)
- Ranks third in passing yards per completion (20.39)
- Ranks fourth in passing TDs (4)
- Ranks sixth in passing efficiency (230.9)
- Ranks 11th in passing yards (367)

- List of QBs since 2000 to have at least 350 passing yards with at least 4 passing TDs and at least a 65% completion percentage in a victory in his first career start at an SEC school:

J.T. Daniels, Georgia vs. Miss. St. (2020)
Will Levis, vs. ULM (2021)

- List of QBs to have at least 350 passing yards with at least 4 passing TDs and at least a 65% completion percentage in a UK victory:

Tim Couch vs. Louisville (1997)
Tim Couch vs. Alabama (1997)
Tim Couch vs. Northeast Louisiana (1997) (1/2)
Tim Couch vs. Louisville (1998)
Tim Couch vs. Eastern Kentucky (1998)
Tim Couch vs. Vanderbilt (1998)
Jared Lorenzen vs. Vanderbilt (2001)
Andre' Woodson vs. Vanderbilt (2006)
Maxwell Smith vs. Kent State (2012)
Will Levis vs. Louisiana-Monroe (2021) (2/2)

NOT DONE YET...NINE SENIORS, THREE JUNIORS ANNOUNCE RETURN FOR 2021

- Due to COVID-19, every student-athlete was granted an extra year of eligibility and nine seniors took advantage of the extra year and return as "super seniors." They are:
- Wide receiver **Josh Ali -** (95 catches, 982 yards, 6 TD)
- Offensive lineman **Luke Fortner** (43 games, 24 starts)
- Defensive back **Zach Johnson** (45 games, 16 tackles, 22.5-yard avg. on 19 kickoff returns)
- Defensive back **Quandre Mosley** (24 games, 44 tackles, INT, 5 pass breakups)
- Defensive back **Davonte Robinson** (38 games, 94 tackles, 6.0 TFL, 2 fumble recoveries)
- Tight end **Justin Rigg** (31 catches, 363 yards, 1 TD)
- Kicker **Matt Ruffolo** (17-of-20 FG, 97 points)
- Punter **Colin Goodfellow**
- Inside linebacker **William Nalty**
- Additionally, junior All-American offensive tackle **Darian Kinnard** (34 games, 27 straight starts), junior safety **Yusuf Corker** (38 games, 25 straight starts, 164 tackles, 3 INT) and junior defensive end **Josh Paschal** (41 games, 26 starts, 93 tackles, 23.5 TFL, 9.0 sacks) returned for their senior seasons after considering NFL options.

2021 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING:	ATT.	YARDS	AVG.	TDS
Chris Rodriguez Jr.	19	125	6.6	1
Kavosiey Smoke	5	26	5.2	0
Mike Drennen	3	16	5.3	1

PASSING:	ATT.	COMP	INT.	TDS	YARDS	PCT.
Will Levis	26	18	1	4	367	69.2
Beau Allen	7	4	0	0	52	57.1

RECEIVING:	REC.	YARDS	AVG.	AVG/GAME	TDS
Josh Ali	5	136	27.2	136.0	1
Wan'Dale Robinson	5	125	25.0	125.0	2
Isaiah Epps	3	83	27.7	83.0	0

TACKLES:	TOTAL	SOLO	AST.	INT.	SACKS	TFL (YDS)
Josh Paschal	8	6	2	-	1.5	2.0 (17)
Jordan Wright	6	5	1	-	1.0	2.0 (9)
DeAndre Square	6	4	2	-	1.0	3.5 (7)
Davonte Robinson	6	2	4	-	0.0	1.0 (1)
J.J. Weaver	2	1	1	-	1.5	2.5 (14)

SMARTY CATS

- UK boasts 17 players on its 2021 roster who will have already earned an undergraduate degree and will boast the SEC Graduate patch on their uniforms this season. They are:
  - Abule Abadi-Fitzgerald
  - Josh Ali
  - Marquez Bembry
  - Yusuf Corker
  - Cedrick Dort Jr.
  - Isaiah Epps
  - Luke Fortner
  - Colin Goodfellow
  - Zach Johnson
  - Will Levis* (Penn State)
  - Josh Paschal
  - Justin Rigg
  - Davonte Robinson
  - Matt Ruffolo
  - Clevan Thomas Jr.
  - Quintin Wilson
  - Tyler Markray
- Seven more players are on track to graduate in August and/or December of 2021. They are:
  - Tyrell Ajian - December with a degree in family science and a minor in coaching
  - Zac Berezowitz - December with a degree in economics
  - Austin Dotson – December with a degree in sociology
  - Luke Fortner - December with a master's degree in mechanical engineering
  - Quandre Mosely – December with a degree in community and leadership development
  - Naasir Watkins – December with a degree in economics
  - William Nalty – December with a degree in business administration
- Seven players are working on a master's degree, including four in Kentucky's school of business.
  - Isaiah Epps - master's in sport leadership
  - Luke Fortner - also working on a master's in business administration
  - Will Levis - master's in finance
  - Tyler Markray - master's in sport leadership
  - Matt Ruffolo - master's in business administration
  - Clevan Thomas Jr. - master's in sport leadership
  - Quintin Wilson - master's in business administration

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SENIOR • DT • ABULE ABADI-FITZGERALD
- Born in Yenagoa, Nigeria
- Moved to United States at age 12

REDSHIRT FRESHMAN • OG • R.J. ADAMS
- Dad, Reuben, played football at Howard and is a member of Howard's Athletics Hall of Fame

SENIOR • WR • JOSH ALI
- Dad, Faheem, was a WR at La Tech

SOPHOMORE • QB • BEAU ALLEN
- Dad, Bill, also played QB at UK from 1984-88

REDSHIRT FRESHMAN • DE • SAM ANAELE
- Born in Lagos, Nigeria
- Moved to Miami in 2017, originally to play basketball at McDougle Technical Institute
- Has only been playing football for four years

JUNIOR • TE • BRENDEN BATES
- Parents, Doug and Kelly, and brother, Doug, all played/play Division I sports
- Grandfather is former UK Basketball player Gene Neff

FRESHMAN • P • WILSON BERRY
- Played three years of Australian rules football for Essedon's team in the Victorian Football League
- While playing footy, held down a part-time job at Grill'd, a restaurant known for preparing healthy hamburgers ... Started as a waiter before being promoted into the kitchen as a cook and then as an assistant manager
- Currently 23 years old, birthday is in June
- UK's third straight Australian punter, following in the footsteps of Matt Panton (2017) and Max Duffy (2018-20)
- Older brother, Jordan, played football at Eastern Kentucky and is currently the starting punter for the Pittsburgh Steelers

FRESHMAN • OL • JAGER BURTON
- Dad, Jeff, played football at Morehead State

SENIOR • S • YUSUF CORKER
- Married long-time girlfriend, Tarryn Todd-Long, in Februrary of 2021 and the couple has one daughter, Amirah

SOPHOMORE • 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

SOPHOMORE • ILB • LUKE FULTON
- Father, Jeff, played baseball at Pitt

SOPHOMORE • WR • DEMARCUS HARRIS
- Father, Marc, played minor-league baseball for the Chicago White Sox from 1991-93; Served as DeMarcus' wide receivers coach in high school

JUNIOR • OL • KENNETH HORSEY
- Had open-heart surgery in April of 2018
- Competed in martial arts for 14 years

SENIOR • S • ZACH JOHNSON
- Married long-time girlfriend, Sydney Fannin, on March 27, 2021

JUNIOR • QB • WILL LEVIS
- Comes from a family of athletes as his great-grandfather, Alva Kelley, was an All-America football player at Cornell University and

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won a National Championship in 1939 ... Went on to be the head football coach at Colgate University, Hobart College and Brown University
- Father, Mike, was a tight end at Denison University
- Mother, Beth Kelley Levis, was two-time All-America soccer player at Yale and has been inducted into the Connecticut Girls' Soccer Association Hall of Fame
- Uncle, David Kelley, also was an Academic All-America football player at Yale

JUNIOR • WR • RAHSAAN LEWIS
- Father, Ray, played 17 seasons in the NFL and was a 13-time Pro Bowler, 10-time All-Pro, two-time NFL Defensive Player of the Year, a member of the NFL 2000s All-Decade Team, two-time Super Bowl champion and Super Bowl XXXV MVP, as well as a two-time All-American at the University of Miami

FRESHMAN • ILB • CONNER LONG
- Dad Octavis was a wide receiver at Michigan State from 1995-97
- Mother, Lynette ran track for the Spartans

JUNIOR • RB • TYLER MARKRAY
- Dad, Triando, was a wide receiver at Michigan from 1983-84

JUNIOR • LS • JORDAN MARROW
- Dad, Jeff, played football at Kent State and is the current director of player personnel for the Carolina Panthers

SOPHOMORE • WR • TRE'VON MORGAN
- Cousin, Brandon Jackson, was an offensive lineman at UK from 1994-95

SENIOR • ILB • WILL NALTY
- Dad, Donald, played football at Tulane from 1982-86

SOPHOMORE • DT • OCTAVIOUS OXENDINE
- Dad, Kirk, is a retired U.S. Army Sergeant First Class

FRESHMAN • OL • LUCAS PADGETT
- Father, Scott, played basketball at Kentucky from 1995-99, helping the Wildcats advance to two Final Fours, including a national title in 1998 ... Went on to play eight years in the pros ... Mom, Cynthia, was a four-year letter winner on UK's volleyball team from 1994-97 ... Older brother, Logan, currently plays basketball at Shelton State Community College

SENIOR • DE • JOSH PASCHAL
- Completed a year-long immunotherapy treatment plan for melanoma found on the bottom of his right foot on Aug. 7, 2019

SOPHOMORE • LS • CLAY PERRY
- Father, Matthew, played football at Western Kentucky; uncle, Mark Perry, played football at Northwestern; uncle, Todd Perry, is a former Wildcat who played from 1988-92 and went on to an 11-year career in the NFL with the Chicago Bears (eight years) and the Miami Dolphins (three years) as a guard

R-FRESHMAN • DB • ANDRU PHILLIPS
- Father, Carlos, played linebacker at Kentucky under Jerry Claiborne; mom, LaTonya, was a standout athlete at Danville High School; brother, C.J., played football at Morehead State in 2015

WILDCATS EARN PRESEASON ALL-AMERICA/ALL-SEC HONORS/LISTED ON WATCH LISTS

Several Wildcats have earned preseason All-America and All-SEC accolades from various publications and are listed on national award watch lists this season. They are:

OL Darian Kinnard
- First-Team All-American (ESPN, PFF, Athlon, Walter Camp); Second-Team All-American (AP, Phil Steele); First-Team All-SEC (Coaches, Athlon, Phil Steele, Media); Outland Trophy Watch List

WR/PR Josh Ali
- Second-Team All-SEC (Phil Steele); Fourth-Team All-SEC (Athlon)

S Yusuf Corker
- Second-Team All-SEC (Phil Steele); Third-Team All-SEC (Coaches, Athlon, Media); Lott IMPACT Trophy Watch List

OL Luke Fortner
- Third-Team All-SEC (Coaches, Athlon, Media); Campbell Trophy Watch List

NG Marquan McCall
- Third-Team All-SEC (Phil Steele)

DL Joshua Paschal
- Second-Team All-SEC (Coaches, Athlon)

RB Chris Rodriguez Jr.
- HM All-American (PFF); Third-Team All-SEC (Coaches, Athlon, Phil Steele, Media); Maxwell Award Watch List; Doak Walker Award Watch List; 2021 CFPA National Performer of the Year Trophy Watch List

K Matt Ruffolo
- Lou Groza Award Watch List

WR Wan'Dale Robinson
- Third-Team All-SEC (Athlon, Phil Steel); Paul Hornung Award Watch List

ILB DeAndre Square
- Third-Team All-SEC (Phil Steele); Fourth-Team All-SEC (Athlon)

OLB Jordan Wright
- Fourth-Team All-SEC (Phil Steele)

SIMPLY STOOPS-ENDOUS

UK head coach Mark Stoops has proven to be an excellent hire, turning around a struggling program and making him the first UK coach to lead the program to a fifth consecutive bowl appearance. He also has erased a number of the long-standing hurdles and streaks that have plagued the program's history.

The accomplishments include, but aren't limited to:
- First New Year's Day bowl win since 1951 (2018)
- First 10-win season since 1977 (2018)

2021 TEAM CAPTAINS

Eight Wildcats – including six seniors – were voted as team captains for the 2021 football campaign. ***Senior defensive end Josh Paschal becomes the first player in school history to be elected team captain three straight seasons***. Along with Paschal, the team's permanent season captains include returning captains Josh Ali, Yusuf Corker, DeAndre Square, and first-time captains Luke Fortner, Marquan McCall, Will Levis and Chris Rodriguez Jr. Game captains will be decided on a week-by-week basis. They are listed below.

vs. ULM . . . . . Luke Fortner, Will Levis, Josh Paschal, DeAndre Square
vs. Missouri . . . . .
vs. Chattanooga . . . . .
at South Carolina . . . . .
vs. Florida . . . . .
vs. LSU . . . . .
at Georgia . . . . .
at Mississippi State . . . . .
vs. Tennessee . . . . .
at Vanderbilt . . . . .
vs. New Mexico State . . . . .
at Louisville . . . . .

- First winning SEC record since 1977 (2018)
- First SEC Coach of the Year since 1983 (2018)
- First ranking in the final AP Poll since 1984 (2018)
- First bowl win since 2008 season (2018)
- First win at Florida since 1979 (2018)
- First win at Tennessee since 1984 (2020)
- Ended 31-game losing streak to Florida (2018)
- Stoops has 50 career victories at Kentucky, second on the school's all-time list.

Most Career Wins By A Head Coach, School History

1. 60 Paul "Bear" Bryant (1946-53)
2. **50 Mark Stoops (2013-Present)**
3. 47 Fran Curci (1973-81)
4. 41 Jerry Claiborne (1982-89)
   41 Blanton Collier (1954-61)
6. 39 Rich Brooks (2003-09)

- Stoops has 24 SEC wins which is the second-most in school history. He needs one more to tie Fran Curci at No. 1

Most Career SEC Wins By A Head Coach, School History

1. 25 Fran Curci (1973-1981)
2. **24 Mark Stoops (2013-Present)**
3. 22 Paul "Bear" Bryant (1946-53)

- Stoops has a school-record 36 wins at Kroger Field/Commonwealth Stadium. He has also passed Paul "Bear" Bryant for the most total home wins in school history.

Most Career Wins By A Head Coach at Kroger Field/Commonwealth Stadium, School History

1. **36 Mark Stoops (2013-present)**
2. 32 Jerry Claiborne (1982-89)

Most Career Home Wins By A Head Coach, School History

1. **36 Mark Stoops (2013-present)**
2. 33 Paul Bryant (1946-53)
3. 32 Jerry Claiborne (1982-89)
4. 29 Fran Curci (1973-81)
   29 Blanton Collier (1954-61)

- Stoops is the second-longest tenured coach in the SEC behind Alabama's Nick Saban. He is the 14th-longest tenured coach in the nation.

1998
1. Dec. 2, Kirk Ferentz, Iowa

2000
2. Dec. 8, Gary Patterson, TCU

2004
3. Dec. 9, Kyle Whittingham, Utah

2005
4. Jan. 3, Mike Gundy, Okla. State
5. Dec. 12, Rick Stockstill, MT

2006
6. July 7, Pat Fitzgerald, Northwestern
7. Dec. 22, Troy Calhoun, AF

2007
8. Jan. 3, Nick Saban, Alabama
9. Dec. 8, Ken Niumatalolo, Navy
10. Dec. 15, David Cutcliffe, Duke

2008
11. Oct. 13, Dabo Swinney, Clemson

2009
12. Dec. 11, Brian Kelly, ND

2011
13. Jan. 13, David Shaw, Stanford

2012
14. Nov. 27, Mark Stoops, UK
15. Dec. 1, Dave Doeren, N.C. State
16. Dec. 14, Skip Holtz, La Tech

- Stoops has coached in 100 games as the Kentucky head coach, tied for the most in school history with Fran Curci.

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SENIOR • TE • JUSTIN RIGG
- Grandfather, Joe Miko, played football at Ohio; brother, Jordan, played football at Miami (Ohio) and brother, Jake, played at Walsh University

SENIOR • DB • DAVONTE ROBINSON
- Grandfather, Tony Lancaster, played football at Murray State

JUNIOR • WR • WAN'DALE ROBINSON
- Father, Dale, played football at WKU

FRESHMAN • OL • PAUL RODRIGUEZ
- Mother, Wendy, played softball and basketball at Davis & Elkins College from 1985-89

SENIOR • K • MATT RUFFOLO
- Sister, Kara, played soccer at Loyola, while brother, Michael, was a kicker at Dayton

R-FRESHMAN • WR • EARNEST SANDERS
- Father, Earnest, was a strong safety at Michigan from 1993-95

SOPHOMORE • QB • NIK SCALZO
- Sister, Jensen, is a soph. gymnast at Arkansas
- Dad, Jerry, was a wide receiver at Clemson in 1993

SOPHOMORE • S • VITO TISDALE
- Son of "Big V" the co-founder and former member of the Southern rap quartet from Louisville, Kentucky, Nappy Roots

SENIOR • WR • CLEVAN THOMAS JR.
- Father, Clevan Thomas, was a defensive back at Florida State from 1997-2000; Inducted into the AFL Hall of Fame in 2012

SOPHOMORE • DB • CARRINGTON VALENTINE
- Sister, Shala, played basketball at UMass Lowell and brother, Jerrick, played soccer at Bellermine
- Spent most of his football career as a WR before switching to DB as a junior in HS

JUNIOR • FB • JACK VARGA
- Comes from a tennis family as dad, John, uncle Andrew Varga, uncle Paul Varga and aunt, Julie Hale, all played tennis at UK

SENIOR • OT • NAASIR WATKINS
- Father, Kevin, played football at Norfolk State, while an uncle, Bryan Watkins, played at Pitt and another uncle, Randal Henry, played at Navy

SOPHOMORE • OLB • J.J. WEAVER
- Has six fingers on his right hand
- Played high school football in Louisville but grew up in Broward County, Florida

FRESHMAN • TE • JAI WILLIAMS
- Father, James, also known as "Big Cat," played 12 seasons (1991-2003), mostly as an offensive tackle, with the Chicago Bears and is known as one of the "100 Greatest Bears of All-Time"

SOPHOMORE • DB • JOEL WILLIAMS
- Father, Joseph, was a tight end at Grambling State from 1983-86 and went on to play with the Pittsburgh Steelers for two seasons

JUNIOR • C • QUINTIN WILSON
- Graduated in December of 2020 with a degree in management ... Completed his bachelor's degree in two and one-half years with the help of advanced placement credits earned in high school
- Didn't start playing football until his freshman year of high school

HELLO, I'M NEW HERE

- Although Kentucky is one of the more experienced teams in the country this season a new wave of talent is on the way, with 18 players making their collegiate debut in the opener vs. ULM
- Offense: freshman WR Michael Drennen, freshman WR Chauncey Magwood, freshman TE Jordan Dingle, freshman OL Jager Burton, redshirt freshman OL John Young, freshman OL David Wohlabaugh Jr., and freshman WR Chris Lewis.
- Defense: freshman S Jordan Lovett, freshman ILB Trevin Wallace, sophomore transfer ILB Luke Fulton, freshman ILB Martez Thrower, junior transfer OLB Justice Dinlge, redshirt freshman DE Sam Anaele, freshman DL Kahlil Saunders, freshman DL Jamarius Dinkins
- Special Teams: Sophomore LS Clay Perry, freshman P Wilson Berry
- First career collegiate starts were senior DT Abule Abadi-Fitzgerald, sophomore OG Eli Cox, RB Chris Rodriguez and TE Brenden Bates.
- Transfers making first starts at UK: OT Dare Rosenthal, WR Wan'Dale Robinson, QB Will Levis, LB Jacquez Jones

COACHING CHANGES; NEW ROLES

- Liam Coen was named Kentucky's new offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach on Dec. 14. Coen spent the last three years with the Los Angeles Rams, 2018 and '19 as the assistant wide receivers coach before being named assistant quarterbacks coach prior to the 2020 season.
- Eric Wolford was named UK's new offensive line coach on Dec. 16, 2020, coming to UK with 25 years of coaching experience at the collegiate and NFL levels. He spent the past four seasons at South Carolina.
- John Settle was announced as UK's new running backs coach/co-special teams coordinator on March 15, 2021. Settle comes to the Bluegrass after 11 overall seasons between two stints at Wisconsin, the second one starting in 2015. Settle will coach the special teams unit with safeties coach Frank Buffano.
- Chris Collins was named Kentucky's new defensive backs coach on June 3, 2021. He comes to Kentucky after four seasons (2017-20) as the safeties coach at Georgia State.
- Jon Sumrall added an additional title to his resume as co-defensive coordinator/inside linebackers coach.
- Assistant strength and conditioning coach Rafael Horton returned to the Bluegrass after two seasons at West Virginia. Horton was previously at UK from 2013-15.

UK TAKES ADVANTAGE OF NCAA TRANSFER PORTAL WITH SEVEN NEW ADDITIONS

- Head coach Mark Stoops took advantage of the NCAA Transfer Portal to fulfill needs in key positions for the 2021 season and beyond. UK has welcomed seven new Wildcats to the program in 2021, all who will be eligible immediately due to the NCAA's one-time transfer rule.

  Justice Dingle II - Jr. - OLB - Georgia Tech
  Luke Fulton - So. - ILB - Michigan State
  Jacquez Jones - Sr. - ILB - Ole Miss
  Will Levis - Jr. - QB - Penn State
  Tre'Von Morgan - WR - Michigan State
  Wan'Dale Robinson Jr. - WR - Nebraska
  Dare Rosenthal - Jr. - OT - LSU

WARFORD ELECTED TO UK ATHLETICS HOF

The University of Kentucky Athletics Hall of Fame Class of 2021 was announced in June of 2021, with Bettie Lou Evans (women's golf), Kendra Harrison (women's track and field), Nazr Mohammed (men's basketball), **Larry Warford (football)**, Bob Whelan (men's track and field/cross country) and Arin Gilliland Wright (women's soccer) chosen for induction.

The new Hall of Famers will be inducted during a Hall of Fame Weekend at a date to be determined. They will be joined by the 2020 class that could not be honored last year because of Covid precautions – Chanda Bell (softball), Sawyer Carroll (baseball), Ron Mercer (men's basketball), AJ Reed (baseball), **Danny Trevathan (football)** and Wayne Turner (men's basketball). The honorees will be inducted during a Hall of Fame Weekend at a date to be determined.

Larry Warford, Football (2009-12)

One of the greatest offensive linemen in Kentucky history went on to an outstanding career in the NFL … Helped UK to two bowl games … Did not allow a quarterback sack and graded over 90% during his senior year … Earned all-star recognition all four years at UK … Earned All-America Third Team honors as a senior from Associated Press and Phil Steele's College Football … All-SEC First Team as a senior by ESPN.com and CBSsports.com … All-SEC Second Team as a junior and sophomore … Named to the Sophomore All-America Team by College Football News … Freshman All-SEC by league coaches … Seven-year NFL career with Detroit and New Orleans … Pro Bowl selection in 2017, 2018 and 2019.

KENTUCKY HONORS LATE OL COACH JOHN SCHLARMAN WITH NO. 65, CHRIS OATS BY ROTATING NO. 22

- Kentucky offensive line coach John Schlarman and an All-SEC offensive lineman during his playing days at UK, died on Nov. 12, 2020 following a two-year battle with cancer. He was 45.
- He was diagnosed with cholangiocarcinoma in the summer of 2018 and was an absolute warrior in his two-year fight against cancer, not missing a game through Oct. 17, 2020, and very few practices along the way.
- To honor his fight, members of the offensive line chose to rotate No. 65 in 2020, the number Schlarman wore as an offensive lineman at Kentucky. They will rotate the number again this season.
- Schlarman was a four-year starter from 1994-97 and was named SEC All-Freshman in 1994, UK's most outstanding lineman in 1995 and '96, and first-team All-SEC in 1997.
- Schlarman was given posthumously the Broyles Lifetime Achievement Award by the Frank & Barbara Broyles Foundation.
- The team also will wear black stickers on their helmets with the initials "JS" in white letters.
- Kentucky also honored senior linebacker Chris Oats in 2020 and will continue to do so in 2021 as he battles a serious medical condition. Each week a different player will wear Oats' jersey No. 22.
- In the 2021 season opener, Luke Fortner wore No. 65 and DeAndre Square wore No. 22.
- The team also wears #22OATSSTRONG wristbands to show their support and they conclude each team practice with "22!" Members of the team have also created a website www.22OATSSTRONG.COM with a GoFundMe page to help the family with medical bills.

TOP 25 POLLS

2021 ASSOCIATED PRESS POLL

1 Alabama
2 Oklahoma
3 Clemson
4 Ohio State
5 Georgia
6 Texas A&M
7 Iowa State
8 Cincinnati
9 Notre Dame
10 North Carolina
11 Oregon
12 Wisconsin
13 Florida
14 Miami
15 Southern Cal
16 LSU
17 Indiana
18 Iowa
19 Penn State
20 Washington
21 Texas
22 Coastal Carolina
23 UL Lafayette
24 Utah
25 Arizona State

2021 UK Opponents Receiving Votes: none

2021 USA TODAY AFCA COACHES POLL

1 Alabama
2 Clemson
3 Oklahoma
4 Ohio State
5 Georgia
6 Texas A&M
7 Notre Dame
8 Iowa State
9 North Carolina
10 Cincinnati
11 Florida
12 Oregon
13 LSU
14 Southern Cal
15 Wisconsin
16 Miami
17 Indiana
18 Iowa
19 Texas
20 Penn State
21 Washington
22 Oklahoma State
23 UL Lafayette
24 Coastal Carolina
25 Ole Miss

2021 UK Opponents Receiving Votes: Missouri 8, Mississippi State 2

KENTUCKY IN THE POLLS

DATE	AP	COACHES	BCS
Preseason	-	RV (20)	-
Week 3			
Week 4			
Week 5			
Week 6			
Week 7			
Week 8			
Week 9			
Week 10			
Week 11			
Week 12			
Pre-Bowls			
Final			

CATS IN THE NFL DRAFT

- Kentucky had six NFL Draft picks in the 2021 NFL Draft - Jamin Davis (1st - Washington); Kelvin Joseph (2nd - Cowboys); Quinton Bohanna (6th - Cowboys); Brandin Echols (6th - Jets); Landon Young (6th - Saints); Phil Hoskins (7th - Panthers). All six made the initial 53-man rosters.
- The six picks are the tied for the fourth-most in school history and the most since 1979 (eight). Five of the six picks were defensive players.
- The six picks are the most for Kentucky since the current seven-round draft era began in 1994.
- This marks the second time in the last three years that Kentucky has had five or more draft picks (five in 2019).
- For the second time in the last three years, Kentucky had a first- and second-round pick in Jamin Davis, first round and Kelvin Joseph, second round. Prior to that, you have to go back 42 years to find two UK picks in the first two rounds (Warren Bryant and Randy Burke, first round 1977).
- In total, 18 players have been drafted under head coach Mark Stoops, including 12 defensive players in Avery Williamson, Bud Dupree, Za'Darius Smith, Josh Forrest, Josh Allen, Lonnie Johnson, Mike Edwards, Jamin Davis, Kelvin Joseph, Quinton Bohanna, Brandin Echols.

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)

Frank Buffano - Safeties (Cardinal Mooney)

Courtney Love - Dir. of Player Development (Cardinal Mooney)

Eric Wolford - Offensive Line (Ursuline)

Luke Fulton - Sophomore, inside linebacker (Cardinal Mooney)

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FRESHMAN • ILB • MARTEZ THROWER
- Sister, Tionne Wallace, is a Private First Class in the U.S. Army

FRESHMAN • OL • DAVID WOHLABAUGH JR.
- Father, Dave, played at Syracuse and went on to a nine-year NFL career with New England (1995-98), Cleveland (1999-2002) and St. Louis (2003) … Also a member of the 1995 All-Rookie Team, played in the 1997 Super Bowl, and started all 128 games of his NFL career … Teammate with former Kentucky quarterback Tim Couch with the Cleveland Browns
- Brother, Jack, is currently a center at Duke
- Played hockey (defense) as a young child until his sophomore year of high school

SENIOR • OLB • JORDAN WRIGHT
- Older sister, Kayla, played basketball at Nova Southeastern, while cousin, RaiQuan Gray, currently plays basketball at Florida State, and another cousin, Kenneth Ruff, was a defensive lineman at Syracuse

DID YOU KNOW?

- A picture of longevity, UK Equipment Manager **Tom Kalinowski** enters his 44th season in that role. He also was a student manager in 1974-77, marking his 48th year in UK football. He has worked more than 500 consecutive games.
- 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.
- The Kentucky cheerleaders have won an unprecedented 24 national cheerleading championships, including 20 of the last 26, at the annual Universal Cheerleaders Association championships.

UK ALUMNUS TIM COUCH INDUCTED INTO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL HOF/LISTED ON COLLEGE FOOTBALL HOF BALLOT

- Former Kentucky quarterback Tim Couch was one of seven athletes inducted into the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) National High School Hall of Fame on July 1 in Orlando. Couch has also been named to the 2022 ballot for induction into the College Football Hall of Fame. That announcment will be made in early 2022.
- During his football career at Leslie County High School in Hyden, Kentucky in the mid-1990s, Couch set three national career

passing records – 872 completions, 12,104 yards and 133 touchdowns. He helped Leslie County to a 13-1 record as a junior while completing an amazing 75 percent of his passes – a national record that stood for 15 years. As a senior, he passed for 42 touchdowns and led his team to an 11-3 mark, and he was named Gatorade and USA Today National Player of the Year while earning Mr. Football honors in Kentucky. ESPN.com selected Couch the sixth-best high school athlete in history. Couch was equally dominant on the basketball court. He scored 3,023 points in his career, leading the state in scoring as a senior at 37 points per game. He was two-time all-state in basketball. Couch's football prowess continued at the University of Kentucky, where he passed for 8,159 yards and 73 touchdowns in his final two seasons. He led Kentucky to the Outback Bowl after his junior season and was fourth in the Heisman Trophy voting. Couch was the No. 1 pick in the 1999 NFL draft by the Cleveland Browns and passed for more than 11,000 yards and 64 touchdowns in his five years with the Browns.

OFFENSIVE PREVIEW

- Excitement is in the air as Kentucky awaits to see the Cats' new offense scheme, directed by offensive coordinator Liam Coen. The former quarterbacks coach for the Los Angeles Rams brings that pro-style offense to the Bluegrass and says one of the biggest changes will be in the passing game. UK threw 243 passes for 1,336 yards last season, ranking 14th in the SEC in passing offense.
- The season opener did nothing to quell that enthusiasm with the Cats piling up 564 yards of offense, including 419 through the air.
- UK's offense will be built around a solid group of six offensive starters which includes "super seniors" wide receiver Josh Ali, offensive guard Luke Fortner and tight end Justin Rigg. Also returning is wide receiver DeMarcus Harris, offensive guard Kenneth Horsey and preseason All-America tackle Darian Kinnard.
- Leading returning rusher Chris Rodriguez Jr. is UK's most productive offensive threat from a year ago. He finished fifth in the SEC in rushing in 2020 with 119 rushes for 785 yards (87.2 ypg) in just nine games.
- The "Big Blue Wall" returns three starters from 2020 in Darian Kinnard, Kenneth Horsey and Luke Fortner. Combined with key reserves in seniors Austin Dotson and Naasir Watkins, the Wildcats return a combined 59 career starts for 2021.
- Key losses offensively include quarterback Terry Wilson (17-8 as a starter), running back A.J. Rose (106 carries for 666 yards and two touchdowns in 2020), center Drake Jackson (44 straight career starts) and offensive tackle Landon Young (33 career starts at left tackle).

QUARTERBACKS

- One of the biggest storylines surrounding fall camp involved UK's new offensive scheme and the position battle at quarterback.
- During Stoops' tenure, the Wildcats have had nine different starting quarterbacks win a game in Jalen Whitlow, Maxwell Smith, Patrick Towles, Drew Barker, Stephen Johnson, Luke Wright, Lynn Bowden Jr., Terry Wilson and now Will Levis.
- Kentucky needed to replace starting quarterback, Terry Wilson, who transferred to New Mexico for his final season of eligibility. Wilson went 17-8 over three seasons as a starter. He became the first player in school history with at least 3,000 passing yards and 1,000 rushing yards in his career.
- First-year offensive coordinator Liam Coen has five quarterbacks to work with this fall.
- Levis earned the starting spot early in fall camp and was sensational in his UK debut, passing for 367 yards and four scores. It was the most passing yards for a Wildcat in his debut and the most for any UK quarterback since Drew Barker in 2016.
- In 15 career games at Penn State, Levis completed 61-of-102 passes (59.8) for 644 yards and three scores, with just two interceptions. Often used as a running quarterback, he also had 133 carries for 473 yards and six touchdowns. His 473 career rushing yards rank 10th all-time by a Penn State quarterback.
- Sophomore **Beau Allen** is the backup. He saw action vs. ULM, completing 4-of-7 passes for 52 yards.
- Junior walk-on **Patrick Delahunty** returns as does sophomore **Nik Scalzo** who was injured in 2020. Somerset standout and true freshman **Kaiya Sheron** enters the mix as a mid-year enrollee.

WHERE ARE THE COACHES?

SIDELINE
Mark Stoops, Head Coach
Liam Coen, Offensive Coordinator, QBs
Vince Marrow, Assoc. Head Coach, Tight Ends
John Settle, Running Backs
Chris Collins, Defensive Backs
Anwar Stewart, Defensive Line
Jon Sumrall, Co-Defensive Coordinator, ILBs
Brad White, Defensive Coordinator, OLBs
Eric Wolford, Offensive Line

PRESS BOX
Frank Buffano, Safeties
Scott Woodward, Wide Receivers

RUNNING BACKS/FULLBACKS

- Veteran running backs coach John Settle was hired in March of 2021 after spending the last six seasons and 11 years total at Wisconsin.
- The running back room goes eight deep and features juniors **Chris Rodriguez Jr.** and **Kavosiey Smoke** and sophomores **JuTahn McClain** and **Travis Tisdale**. Sophomore **Torrance Davis** was added to the room after seeing time at linebacker in 2020. After a year at wide receiver, **Mike Drennen II** has moved to running back. Junior **Tyler Markray** also looks for playing time as does mid-year enrollee **La'Vell Wright**. He comes to UK after rushing for 4,396 yards and 56 touchdowns at North Hardin High School.
- Rodriguez was the team's leading rusher in 2020 with 785 yards and 11 touchdowns despite being unavailable for two games due to COVID-19 protocols. He had four 100-yard rushing games, including three of the final four he was available to play. He was named second-team All-America and first-team All-SEC by Pro Football Focus and has earned several preseason accolades for 2021.
- Rodriguez got off to a great start with 125 yards and a touchdown in the season opener vs. ULM, his seventh career 100-yard game.
- Rodriguez now ranks 23rd in school history with 1,486 rushing yards.
- Rodriguez has proven nearly impossible to bring down behind the line of scrimmage, having lost yardage on just five of his 192 career rushing attempts. In 2020, he lost yards on his first attempt of the season before starting a streak of 105 consecutive carries of positive yards.
- Rodriguez has scored a touchdown once every 12.1 rush attempts in his career (19 in 230 attempts). By comparison, UK all-time

HONORING THE CATS

Abule Abadi-Fitzgerald
- CoSIDA Academic All-District First Team

Josh Ali
- Preseason Second-Team All-SEC Specialist (Phil Steele)
- Preseason Fourth-Team All-SEC Specialist (Athlon)
- NFLPA Collegiate Bowl preseason Big Board

Yusuf Corker
- Preseason second-team All-SEC defense (Phil Steele)
- Preseason third-team All-SEC defense (Coaches, Athlon, Media)
- Lott IMPACT Trophy Watch List
- Reese's Senior Bowl Watch List
- NFLPA Collegiate Bowl preseason Big Board

Luke Fortner
- Preseason third-team All-SEC (Coaches, Athlon, Media)
- CoSIDA Academic All-District First Team

Kenneth Horsey
- Allstate AFCA Good Works Team
- Wuerffel Trophy Watch List

Darian Kinnard
- Preseason First-Team All-American (Walter Camp, PFF)
- Preseason Second-Team All-American (AP, Phil Steele)
- Preseason First-Team Offense All-SEC (Coaches, Athlon, Phil Steele, Walter Camp, Media)
- Outland Trophy Watch List
- Reese's Senior Bowl Watch List

Marquan McCall
- Preseason third-team All-SEC (Phil Steele)
- Reese's Senior Bowl Watch List
- NFLPA Collegiate Bowl preseason Big Board

Josh Paschal
- Preseason Second-Team All-SEC (Coaches, Athlon, Media)
- CoSIDA Academic All-District First Team
- Reese's Senior Bowl Watch List
- NFLPA Collegiate Bowl preseason Big Board

Wan'Dale Robinson
- Preseason Third-Team Offense All-SEC (Athlon, Phil Steele)
- Paul Horning Award Watch List

Chris Rodriguez Jr.
- Preseason Second-Team All-SEC (Athlon)
- Preseason Third-Team All-SEC (Coaches, Phil Steele, Media)
- Preseason All-America Honorable Mention (PFF)
- Maxwell Trophy Watch List
- Doak Walker Award Watch List
- CFPA National Performer of the Year Watch List

DeAndre Square
- Preseason Third-Team All-SEC (Phil Steele)
- Preseason Fourth-Team All-SEC (Athlon)
- Reese's Senior Bowl Watch List

Jordan Wright
- Preseason fourth-team All-SEC (Phil Steele)

leading rusher and scorer Benny Snell Jr. hit paydirt once every 15.4 rush attempts.
- Smoke has played in 23 career games and nears 1,000 rushing yards with 916. He currently averages 5.8 per carry.
- As a true freshman, McClain earned high praise from the coaching staff and totaled 16 carries for 62 yards in seven games.
- UK has two fullbacks on the roster in senior **Dillon Wheatley** and junior **Jack Varga**.
- Kentucky has rushed for at least 300 yards in seven of its past 16 games, including four of at least 400 yards.

WIDE RECEIVERS

- Kentucky has 19 total wide receivers this fall, and it includes a mix of experience and young talent. Twelve of the 19 are returners, while seven are newcomers to the program.
- Three players had a 50+ yard reception on Saturday vs. ULM in Josh Ali, Isaiah Epps and Wan'Dale Robinson). The last time UK had three different players with a 50+ yard reception in the same game was October 25, 2014 vs. Mississippi State (Javess Blue, Demarco Robinson and Ryan Timmons).
- UK had two 100-yard receivers against ULM, the first time that's happened since 2011 vs. Ole Miss (La'Rod King and Matt Roark).
- The top returning pass catcher from last season is **Josh Ali**. He currently has 95 career receptions for 982 yards and six scores. He finished the 2020 season with a team-high 54 catches for 473 yards and a touchdown.
- He was a blur in the opener, going over 100 yards for the first time in his career while hauling in five balls for 136 yards and a score.
- Senior **Isaiah Epps** returned midseason from a foot injury that cost him the 2019 season and flashed his potential down the stretch, catching eight passes for 63 yards. That continued in the 2021 opener with three grabs for a career-best 83 yards.
- Sophomore **DeMarcus Harris** caught 14 passes for 87 yards in 2020.
- Battling for increased action this season are sophomores **Tae Tae Crumes** and redshirt freshman **Earnest Sanders IV**.
- Walk-ons **Kaleb Cheek**, **Trey Dennis, Darren Edmond**, **Luke Leeper** and **Rahsaan Lewis** also add depth. Lewis was impressive in fall camp and caught one pass for four yards in the opener.
- A huge addition to the program who figures to make an instant and significant contribution to the offense is Nebraska transfer **Wan'Dale Robinson**. He brings a wealth of experience after two seasons with the Huskers. In 2020, he led Nebraska with 51 catches and 461 receiving yards despite playing only eight games and splitting duties at running back. As a freshman in 2019, Robinson caught 40 passes for 443 yards and two touchdowns while rushing for 340 yards and three scores. The 40 catches and 443 receiving yards were the most by any true freshman in Nebraska history.
- Robinson showed he was worth all the hype in the opener, hauling in a pair of touchdown receptions as he roasted the coverage on his way to 125 yards on five catches.
- Another huge transfer (literally) is 6-foot-6 receiver **Tre'Von Morgan** who spent the last three seasons at Michigan State. He saw action in three games in 2020 for the Spartans, totaling two catches for 46 yards. He is currently sidelined with injury.
- True freshman **Chauncey Magwood** looks to get in the mix after enrolling early. In high school, he played wide receiver his first three

ON THE WATCH LISTS

Yusuf Corker
- Lott IMPACT Trophy
- Reese's Senior Bowl

Luke Fortner
- Campbell Trophy

Kenneth Horsey
- Allstate AFCA Good Works Team
- Wuerffel Trophy

Darian Kinnard
- Outland Trophy
- Reese's Senior Bowl

Marquan McCall
- Reese's Senior Bowl

Josh Paschal
- Reese's Senior Bowl

Chris Rodriguez Jr.
- Maxwell Trophy
- Doak Walker Award
- CFPA National Performer of the Year

Wan'Dale Robinson
- Paul Hornung Award

Matt Ruffolo
- Lou Groza Award

DeAndre Square
- Reese's Senior Bowl

seasons before switching to quarterback as a senior. Two more highly-touted true freshmen, **Dekel Crowdus and Chris Lewis** will also battle for playing time. Crowdus is a hometown hero who hauled in 91 receptions for 1,505 receiving yards and 22 touchdowns in his prep career at Frederick Douglass High School in Lexington. Lewis hails from Pleasant Grove, Alabama where he finished his senior season with 70 receptions for 1,235 yards and 19 scores.

TIGHT ENDS

- The tight ends were key blockers for UK's explosive running game, which averaged nearly 200 yards per game and ranked third in the SEC.
- Senior **Justin Rigg** is back after taking advantage of the NCAA's blanket eligibility waiver for all 2020 fall student-athletes due to COVID-19. Rigg has 30 career receptions for 358 yards and one score and in 2020, had 12 catches for 145 yards.
- UK received a huge blow when it was announced that junior **Keaton Upshaw** would possibly miss the season due to injury. Upshaw had 16 catches for 198 yards and three TDs in 2020, both leading the tight end corps and ranking second on the team overall.
- In spring practice and preseason camp, coaches spoke very highly about junior **Brenden Bates** and he made them look prophetic as he caught his first UK touchdown with a four-yard score vs. ULM.
- New to the tight end room is true freshmen **Jordan Dingle** and **Jai Williams.** Dingle was a first-team All-State selection in Kentucky and was named the 2020 4th Region AD Association Player of the Year after catching 41 passes for 515 yards and two scores. Williams, a Lake Forest, Illinois native, was a two-way player at linebacker and tight end in high school and came to Kentucky as a preferred walk-on.
- Another addition to the room is sophomore **Izayah Cummings** who moved from wide receiver to tight end during fall camp and made an immediate impression at his new position.

OFFENSIVE LINE

- John Schlarman was Kentucky's offensive line coach for eight seasons before passing away on Nov. 12, 2020 after a two-year battle with cancer.
- Eric Wolford was hired to replace Schlarman in December of 2020 after four seasons at South Carolina.
- The O-line, known as the "Big Blue Wall" returns three of five starters from 2020 in **Darian Kinnard**, **Kenneth Horsey** and **Luke Fortner.**
- Combined with key reserves in seniors **Austin Dotson** and **Naasir Watkins**, the Wildcats return a combined 59 career starts on the "Big Blue Wall" for 2021.
- The addition of LSU transfer **Za'Darius "Dare" Rosenthal** in July was a huge boost of depth for the "Big Blue Wall." The 6-foot-7, 327-pound offensive tackle played in 13 career games with eight career starts for the Tigers.
- Two big losses that need replacing in 2021 are All-SEC center Drake Jackson and All-SEC left tackle Landon Young. Jackson started in 44 consecutive games at center, while Young was a starter at left tackle for 24 straight games.
- Kinnard (34 career games, 27 career starts) has been holding down the right tackle position since he entered the starting lineup at the

CATS IN THE PROS

A total of 19 former Kentucky Wildcats are currently on National Football League rosters/practice squds with additional players in the CFL. Here is the list, along with their years at UK (as of Sept. 1, 2021):

Arizona Cardinals
Corey Peters, DT (2006-09)

Baltimore Ravens
Chris Westry, DB (2015-17)

Carolina Panthers
Phil Hoskins, DT (2017-18, 2020)

Chicago Bears
Danny Trevathan, LB (2008-11)

Dallas Cowboys
Quinton Bohanna, NT (2017-20)
Kelvin Joseph, CB (2020)

Detroit Lions
Logan Stenberg, OG (2016-19)

Minnesota Vikings
A.J. Rose, RB (2017-20) - Practice Squad

Green Bay Packers
Randall Cobb, WR (2008-10)
Za'Darius Smith, OLB (2013-14)

Houston Texans
Lonnie Johnson Jr., CB (2017-18)

Jacksonville Jaguars
Josh Allen, DE/LB (2015-18)

Miami Dolphins
Lynn Bowden Jr., RB (2017-19) - IR

New Orleans Saints
Landon Young, OT (2016-17, 19-20)

New York Jets
Brandin Echols, CB (2019-20)

Pittsburgh Steelers
Benny Snell Jr., RB (2016-18)

Tampa Bay Bucaneers
Mike Edwards, S (2015-2018)

Tennessee Titans
Bud Dupree, OLB (2011-14)

Washington Football Team
Jamin Davis, ILB (2018-20)

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)

Las Vegas Raiders, Assistant Dir. of Pro Personnel
Quentus Cumby, DB (1999-02)

CATS IN THE CFL

Cory Johnson, Micah Johnson, Chris Matthews, E.J. Price, Kayaune Ross, Jordan Swindle and Stanley "Boom" Williams

end of the 2018 season but fans could also see him at left tackle this season. He had 47 knockdowns in 2020, grading out at 87.4 percent with 142 blocks at the point of attack. He was named first-team All-America by Pro Football Focus, second-team All-America by CBS/247sports and The Sporting News, third team by AP and fourth team by Phil Steele. He received All-SEC First Team accolades from AP, Phil Steele and PFF and second-team All-SEC honors from the SEC Coaches. He's already been rated by Pro Football Focus as the top returning Power 5 offensive lineman in the country and is listed on two-preseason All-America teams.

- Fortner (43 career games, 24 career starts) is another "super senior" who provided the coaching staff with a late Christmas present when he announced he'd return for the 2021 season. He started in 10 games at right guard in 2020 and graded at 82.9 percent with 26 knockdowns and 146 blocks at the point of attack. Fortner has moved to center and is starting at that position.
- Horsey (13 career games, nine career starts) manned the left guard spot last season, starting in eight games. An interesting note about Horsey - he had open-heart surgery in April of 2018 and was named winner of the 2020 Mayo Clinic Comeback Player of the Year. He graded at 82.6 percent, had 17 knockdowns and 93 blocks at the point of attack.
- Sophomore **Eli Cox** has emerged at right guard. He has been described as, pound-for-pound, perhaps the strongest player on the team. He made first collegiate start in the opener vs. ULM.
- **Dotson** (28 career games, four career starts) looks for a larger role this season after starting in four games. He can play either guard spot as he served as a backup for Horsey at left guard and Fortner at right guard last season.
- **Watkins** (25 career games, one career start) has been rehabbing an injured knee and hopes to return to the tackle rotation in 2021.
- Junior **Quintin Wilson** (11 career games) saw action in five games last season at center behind four-year starter Drake Jackson.
- Looking to get added playing time are a number of returning linemen with limited experience to date: senior **Matthew Napier** (two career games), junior **Jake Pope** and **Jeremy Flax** (three career games). Also available are redshirt freshmen **R.J. Adams, Deondre Buford, Josh Jones** and **John Young.**
- With the move of Fortner to center, Cox started the opener at right guard.
- The "Big Blue Wall" got even deeper this fall with the addition of LSU transfer **Dare Rosenthal**. The 6-7, 327-pound tackle, played in 13 career games for the Tigers and will have three years of eligibility remaining. He is the starter at left tackle.
- Freshman Wildcats **Jager Burton** and **David Wohlabaugh Jr.**, graduated high school a semester early and took advantage of being early enrollees. Burton was the winner of the 2020 Paul Hornung Award, chosen by the Louisville Quarterback Club, as the top high school player in Kentucky. He became only the third offensive lineman to win the award. Wohlabaugh is an all-state lineman out of Stow, Ohio. He also lettered two seasons in ice hockey.
- Three more true freshmen add depth to the o-line in **Paul Rodriguez** of Mason, Ohio, and walk-ons **Jonathan Berry** (Stamping Ground, Ky.) and **Lucas Padgett** (son of former UK basketball standout Scott Padgett).
- The "Big Blue Wall" , along with UK tight ends, have helped Kentucky post five consecutive seasons of 2,000 or more rushing yards, with at least one 1,000-yard individual in four of those.

2016 - 3,044 (Stanley "Boom" Williams - 1,170; Benny Snell Jr. - 1,091)
2017 - 2,102 (Benny Snell Jr. - 1,333)
2018 - 2,592 (Benny Snell Jr. - 1,449)
2019 - 3,624 (Lynn Bowden Jr. - 1,468)
2020 - 2,158

DEFENSIVE PREVIEW

- Defensive coordinator Brad White is in his third season as the defensive coordinator, his fourth as the outside linebackers coach at UK. Also helping with the coordinator duties is former Wildcat and inside linebackers coach Jon Sumrall. He added co-defensive coordinator title to his resume in 2020.
- Kentucky welcomes back 26 returning letterwinners, including five starters in **DE Josh Paschal, WLB DeAndre Square, LB Jordan Wright, DB Tyrell Aijan**, and FS **Yusuf Corker**.
- The depth and experience was on display in the opener as:
- The Kentucky defense limited ULM to 87 total yards. That's the fewest in a game in 33 years, since holding Central Michigan to 78 total yards in the 1988 season opener.
- UK held ULM to 17 net rushing yards, fewest since Eastern Michigan had 13 rushing yards in 2017.
- UK held ULM to 70 passing yards, fewest since Georgia had 35 passing yards in 2019.
- 10 seniors started on defense. With starting lineups available since 1993, it is the most seniors starting on offense or defense in a season opener since that time.
- UK had 14 tackles for loss, including six quarterback sacks.
- Several key players will have to be replaced on defense. Gone are leading tackler Jamin Davis, defensive backs Brandin Echols and Kelvin Joseph, nose guard Quinton Bohanna, defensive tackle Phil Hoskins and OLB Jamar "Boogie" Watson.
- UK started 19 different players on defense last season with three (Corker, Hoskins and Watson) starting in all 11 games.
- The good news is that 12 of those 19 players who started at least one game return for the 2021 season.
- The positions where a starter from 2020 does not return are defensive tackle (Hoskins) and outside linebacker (Watson).
- UK ranked fourth in the SEC in total defense (380.7) and fifth in the SEC in scoring defense (25.9) in 2020.
- UK ranked in the top 10 nationally in turnovers gained (22) and was 20th nationally and second in the SEC in red zone defense (.750).
- Kentucky also led the SEC in passing defense (224.6 yards per game) and ranked third in pass efficiency defense.
- UK ranked seventh nationally and led the SEC with three defensive touchdowns (Kelvin Joseph, Jamin Davis and Jordan Wright).
- UK intercepted 16 passes on the season, including three in the Gator Bowl. It led the SEC and ranked third nationally.

DEFENSIVE LINE

- Former Wildcat Anwar Stewart is in his second season coaching the defensive line. His unit should still be a position of strength for UK despite losing two key starters in All-SEC nose guard Quinton Bohanna and defensive tackle Phil Hoskins.
- Returning senior **Josh Paschal** moved from outside linebacker to defensive end in 2020 and was a shining star in his new role. Paschal had 32 tackles, 6.5 TFL and had a crucial INT vs. Mississippi State that he returned 76 yards to set up a two-yard score

on the next play. Paschal enters 2021 with 21.5 career TFL and 8.0 sacks, along with two blocked kicks.

- Paschal had a huge game in the opener with a team-high eight tackles, featuring 2.5 tackles for loss that included 1.5 quarterback sacks.
- Another senior who looks to play a major role on the defensive line this season is **Marquan "Bully" McCall**. He proved to be a mountainous force in the middle last season, finishing with 22 tackles and three starting assignments. Also battling for playing time at nose guard are sophomores **Josaih Hayes**, **Justin Rogers** (1.0 sack).
- The future also is bright for these Cats awaiting their turn: seniors **Abule Abadi-Fitzgerald** and **Collin Hartmann**, junior walk-ons **Alex Bascom** and **Richard Bascom**, sophomores **Isaiah Beasley**, **Isaiah Gibson**, and **Octavious Oxendine** and redshirt freshmen **Sam Anaele** and **Tre'Vonn Rybka.**
- Oxendine (five tackles) and Abadi-Fitzgerald (three) combined for eight tackles in the ULM opener.
- Bolstering the d-line unit this fall will be incoming freshmen, both standing at 6-foot-5 **Jamarius Dinkins** (Columbus, Ohio) and **Kahlil Saunders** (Huntsville, Ala.).

SECONDARY

- The secondary unit is in the hands of two of the most energetic and talented young coaches in Chris Collins and Frank Buffano. Collins, who coaches the defensive backs, was hired in June of 2021 after spending the last four seasons at Georgia State. Buffano enters his second season coaching the safeties, a position he earned in March of 2020.
- UK has ranked in the top four of the SEC in pass defense, including leading the league in both 2019 and 2020, for three straight seasons.
- UK also led the SEC and ranked third nationally in total interceptions (16) in 2020, eight coming from the secondary.
- Returning cornerbacks Cedrick Dort, Jr., and Carrington Valentine have starting experience under their belts.
- **Dort** (31 career games, 13 career starts) battled through some aches and pains during the 2020 season but remained an excellent player at corner, totaling 10 tackles and breaking up a pair of passes in 10 games. He has 13 career starts under his belt.
- **Valentine** saw action in 10 games as a true freshman in 2020, earning his first career start at corner in the Gator Bowl.
- Another "super senior" looking to take his game to the next level is corner **Quandre Mosely** (23 career games, two career starts). He finished the 2020 season with 19.0 tackles and two pass breakups.
- The staff is also excited for the future of redshirt freshman **Andru Phillips**, who earned valuable playing time in 2020, and true freshmen **Adrian Huey** from Nashville and **Maxwell Hairston** of West Bloomfield, Mich.
- At safety, "super senior" **Yusuf Corke**r (37 career games, 24 career starts) once again proved to be one of the SEC's most underrated players as he piled up 77 tackles (second on the team), 2.5 TFL and two INTs. He had a career-high 18 tackles at Missouri on Oct. 24, including 16 solo stops. Those 16 solo tackles tie the single-game school record set by Larry Smith vs. Tulane in 1984 and Jeff Zurcher vs. Georgia in 1998. Corker capped his season in impressive fashion, picking off a pass in each of the final two games.
- Corker picked up where he left off in the opener with five tackles, including a quarterback sack and two pass breakups.
- Safety **Tyrell Ajian** (36 career games, 12 career starts) stepped into a much larger role in 2020, starting in 10 games. He got better as the year went along, finishing with 48 tackles, an interception, a forced fumble, a pass breakup and a blocked kick in 2020.
- Safety **Davonte Robinson** (37 career games, eight career starts), another "super senior," came back from a quadriceps injury that robbed him of the 2019 season and worked his way into the fold, starting in three of 11 games played. Overall, he totaled 27 tackles and 2.0 tackles for loss. He has 88 career tackles, 5.0 TFL and two fumble recoveries, including the game-sealing one at Florida in 2018 that ended the Cats' losing streak to the Gators. During preseason practice, coaches have noted that he looks like the 2018 version of himself prior to the injury.
- Playing at nickelback will be sophomores **Vito Tisdale** and **Joel Williams**. Both saw action as true freshmen in 2020 as Tisdale played in 10 games and charted 20 tackles, while Williams saw action in nine games and had three tackles.
- Other returnees looking to break into the lineup at safety are sophomores **Taj Dodson, Moses Douglass** and **Jalen Geiger,** along with redshirt freshman **Ricky Hyatt Jr.**
- True freshman **Jordan Lovett** of Radcliff, Ky., graduated a semester early from North Hardin High School and enrolled at UK in January with hopes of getting a jump start on the playbook.
- Adding depth and experience is "super senior" **Zach Johnson** at safety and walk-on DBs **Zac Berezowitz** and **Ben Drake**.

LINEBACKERS

- Only three letterwinners in sophomores **K.D. McDaniel** and **J.J. Weaver** and senior **Jordan Wright** return for White's outside linebackers group this fall. The staff was pleased to add Georgia Tech transfer Justice Dingle who enrolled in January to provide more depth.
- Walk-on senior **Shawn Lawson**, sophomore **Jase Bruner** and true freshman **Conner Long** of East Lansing, Mich., also add depth to the OLB unit.
- Gone is Jamar "Boogie" Watson who started in 19 straight games at OLB. He had a strong senior season, leading the team with 10.0 tackles for loss to give him 28.5 in his career, eighth on UK's all-time list. He also capped his career fifth on the school's all-time sacks list with 18.5.
- Looking to fill those "Boogie" shoes are dominate pass rushers Weaver and Wright. **Weaver** was having a stellar redshirt freshman season before missing the final two games with a torn ACL in his right knee. He ranked second on the team with Paschal with 6.5 tackles for loss. In addition, he had 33 tackles, two quarterback hurries and a pass breakup.
- **Wright** (33 career games, five career starts) was also impressive in 2020. He finished with 45 tackles (sixth on the team), 5.5 TFL, 3.5 sacks, a team-high four pass breakups, a team-high three forced fumbles and two fumble recoveries and an interception.
- Wright and Weaver got off to good starts -- Wright with six tackles, two TFL, a sack and a pass breakup while Weaver had 1.5 sacks in the opener.
- **Dingle** saw action in 19 games in three seasons at Georgia Tech, totaling eight tackles, three fumble recoveries and a tackle for loss. He came to UK in January as a mid-year enrollee and benefited tremendously from participating in spring practice.
- **McDaniel** is also poised for productive fall

after seeing action in five games in 2020.

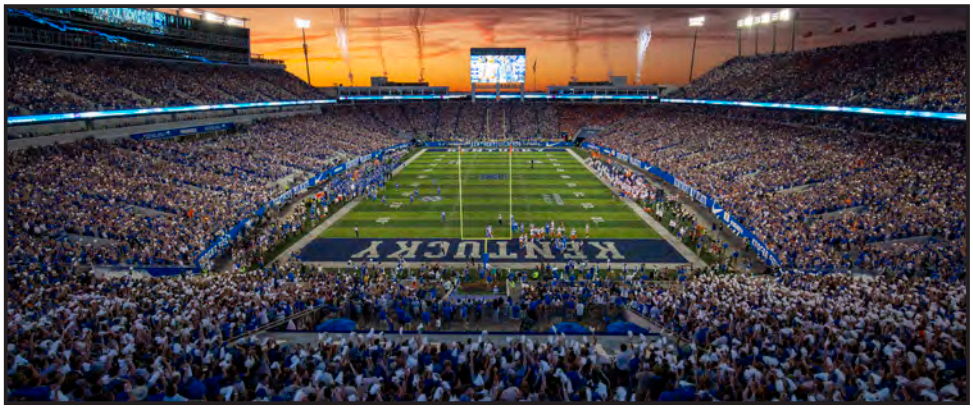
- Moving from inside linebacker to outside in 2021 is senior **Marquez Bembry**. Making his first collegiate start last season, Bembry had his first career double-figure tackle game with 10 stops vs. Vanderbilt. He also started at Alabama. Bembry has seen action in 12 career games in his two seasons at UK after playing one season at Jones County Junior College.
- The inside linebackers are led by lone returning starter **DeAndre Square** (36 career games, 22 career starts). He was UK's second-leading tackler in 2019 (69) and in 2020 he ranked third on the team (60). Square made one of the biggest plays of the season when he broke up a pass late in the fourth quarter of the Gator Bowl win vs. NC State, batting it into the air for Jamin Davis to intercept and help seal the game. Square now has a team-best 164 career tackles.
- Speaking of Davis, it was this junior stud who turned heads thus leading him to forgo his senior season and enter the NFL Draft. The first-round draft pick by Waskington, led the team with 102 tackles (fourth in the SEC) on the season, including seven games of double-digit tackles in his 10 appearances. He also had 4.0 TFL, 1.5 sacks, three interceptions, two PBU, one QBH, one forced fumble, one fumble recovery and a blocked kick. Davis was named first-team All-SEC by Pro Football Focus, second team by Phil Steele and was also named honorable mention All-America by Phil Steele.
- Also returning after contributing quality snaps last season is sophomore **Jared Casey**. He played in all 11 games and had 20 tackles, including 2.0 tackles for loss.
- As a true freshman in 2020, **D'Eryk Jackson** earned praise from the coaching staff after playing in nine games and totaling four tackles and an interception. However, Jackson is battling a torn Achilles tendon and his return in 2021 is TBA.
- Looking to help fill the void of Jackson will be two transfers in senior, Ole Miss transfer **Jacquez Jones** and sophomore, Michigan State transfer **Luke Fulton**. **Jones** was a three-year letterwinner who played in 33 games with 19 starts, totaling 182 tackles in his Ole Miss career. In 2020, he led the Rebels with 75 tackles, while adding 2.5 tackles for loss and three quarterback hurries. **Fulton** played in just one game in his two seasons with the Spartans but he also benefited from participating in UK's spring practice and learning under inside linebackers coach Jon Sumrall.
- Four walk-ons in senior **William Nalty**, junior **Braxton Eiserman**, sophomores **Cody Goatley** and **Darren Green,** and true freshman **Austin Gough** bolster the inside linebacker unit.
- Highly-regarded freshmen **Martez Thrower** (Rochella, Ga.) and **Trevin Wallace** (Jesup, Ga.) arrived this summer and are ready to showcase why they were two of Georgia's top prep defensive players.
- The linebackers corralled six of UK's 16 interceptions in 2020, led by Davis with three.
- Four of the Cats' six interceptions were by the linebackers in a 24-2 win over Miss. State on Oct. 10, 2020. Davis, Jackson, Watson and Wright each grabbed one.

SPECIAL TEAMS

- Special teams will be coached by new running backs coach John Settle and safeties coach Frank Buffano this season. The Wildcats return all but their Australian transplant and 2019 Ray Guy Award winner in punter and holder Max Duffy. He concluded his career as the school's all-time leading punter at 45.96 yards per kick.
- Returning are placekicker **Matt Ruffolo**, kickoff specialist **Chance Poore**, long snapper **Cade Degraw**, punt returner **Josh Ali** and kick returner **Zach Johnson**.
- Competing for the punting duties are senior **Colin Goodfellow** and UK's third straight Aussie transplant **Wilson Berry** who enrolled in January.
- Goodfellow earned two starts last season, punting three times for a 46.3-yard average against Vandy. He followed that up by averaging 48.3 yards on seven punts vs. Alabama, including a career-long 55-yarder.
- Ruffolo, a "super senior" who took advantage of the NCAA's blanket waiver due to the COVID-19 pandemic, was UK's starting placekicker last season. He made 12-of-14 on FG and 22-of-23 PATs this season. He tied a career-long by drilling a 50-yard FG at Missouri on Oct. 24. For his career, Ruffolo has made 16-of-19 FG and 40-of-43 PAT.
- Poore handles kickoffs for the Wildcats. He also has placekicking experience, as he made 5-of-9 FGs and 24-of-26 PATs last season. He was 1-of-1 on field goals and 5-of-5 on extra points this season.
- Sophomore walk-on **Graham Wald** is also available for kicking duties. The first-team All-State kicker started three seasons at Henry Clay High School in Lexington.
- **Johnson** is back as UK's kick returner, while another "super senior" **Josh Ali** handles punt returns. Ali had six punt returns for a 10.3 average in 2020, while. Johnson averaged 20.7 yards per kick return.
- **Degraw** enters his second season as UK's long snapper. He's backed up by walk-ons **Clay Perry** and **Jordan Morrow**.

KROGER FIELD

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



- Since its opening in 1973, Kentucky has played 313 games within the friendly confines of newly-named Kroger Field. UK has a 172-137-4 record (.555), 36-21 (.632) 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 15 of the last 17 seasons. Both the single game and season attendance record has been broken in recent years. (*Note: Does not include 2020 season due to Covid-19 protocols).
- 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

Playing Field: UK switched from natural grass to synthetic turf for the 2015 season. Other SEC schools with a turf surface are: Arkansas, Ole Miss, Mississippi State and Missouri. The end zones and team sideline areas feature a checkerboard pattern in alternating shades of blue. It was designed to mimic the pattern of Secretariat's silks, which has been part of the football uniforms for five seasons. The school's new interlocking "UK" logo is positioned in the center of the field.

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.

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 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
6.	63,040	Florida, 2015
7.	62,945	Florida, 2017
8.	62,933	UL Lafayette, 2015
9.	62,512	Louisville, 2015

WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME KENTUCKY ...

Scored 40 points: 45 vs. ULM, Sept. 4, 2021
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. NC State, Jan. 2, 2021 (Gator Bowl)
Shut Out an SEC Opponent in the 1st half in consecutive games: at Georgia, Oct. 19, and vs. Missouri, Oct. 26, 2019
Did Not Allow an Offensive Point: vs. Miss. State, Oct. 10, 2020 (24-2 win)
Game is scoreless at the half: at Georgia, Oct. 19, 2019
Shut Out an Opponent in the 2nd half: at Tennessee, Oct. 17, 2020
Scored a TD on first series: vs. Vanderbilt, Nov. 14, 2020
Scored on first play from scrimmage of game: at Louisville, Nov. 26, 2016
Had 25 First Downs: 26 vs. Ole Miss, Oct. 3, 2020
Had 30 First Downs: 30 at Vanderbilt, Nov. 16, 2019
Had 250 yards rushing: 288 vs. NC State, Jan. 2, 2021 (Gator Bowl)
Had 300 yards rushing: 308 vs. Vanderbilt, Nov. 14, 2020
Had 400 yards rushing: 408 vs. Ole Miss, Oct. 3, 2020
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: 419 vs. ULM, Sept. 4, 2021
Had 400 yards passing: 419 vs. ULM, Sept. 4, 2021
Had below 50 yards passing: 47 at Missouri, Oct. 24, 2020
Had 300 yards rushing and passing: (381/311) vs. New Mexico St., Sept. 17, 2016
Had 500 yards total offense: 554 vs. ULM, Sept. 4, 2021
Had 600 yards total offense: 601 at Louisville, Nov. 24, 2018
Had below 200 yards total offense: 179 at Alabama, Nov. 21, 2020
Held opp. below 100 yards rushing: 17, vs. ULM, Sept. 4, 2021
Held opp. below 50 yards rushing: 17, vs. ULM, Sept. 4, 2021
Held opp. below 100 yards passing: 70, vs. ULM, Sept. 4, 2021
Held opponent below 200 yards total offense: 87 vs. ULM, Sept. 4, 2021
Held opp. below 100 yards total offense: 87 vs. ULM, Sept. 4, 2021
Had 10 or more tackles for loss: 14.0 vs ULM, Sept. 4, 2021
Had six or more sacks: 6.0 vs. ULM, Sept. 4, 2021
Recorded a safety: vs. UT Martin, Nov. 23, 2019
Recorded zero penalties: vs. Auburn, Oct. 17, 2009
Had a player with 30 rush attempts: 34 by Lynn Bowden Jr. vs. Virginia Tech (Belk Bowl), Dec. 31, 2019
Had a player rush for 100 yards: Chris Rodriguez Jr. (125) vs. ULM, Sept. 4, 2021
Had two players rush for 100 yards: Chris Rodriguez Jr. (139), A.J. Rose(101) vs. South Carolina, Dec. 5, 2020
Had three players rush for 100 yards: Chris Rodriguez Jr. (133), Terry Wilson (129), A.J. Rose(117) vs. Ole Miss; Oct. 3, 2020 (ONLY TIME AT UK)
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: A.J. Rose (101 vs. South Carolina, 12/5/20, 148 vs. NC State, 1/2/21 [Gator Bowl])
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 player rush for 100 yards in five 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: 233 by Lynn Bowden Jr. vs. Virginia Tech (Belk Bowl), Dec. 31, 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: 3 by Chris Rodriguez Jr. vs. South Carolina, Dec. 5, 2020
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: 367 by Will Levis, vs. ULM, Sept. 4, 2021
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: 4 by Will Levis, vs. ULM, Sept. 4, 2021
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: 136 by Josh Ali and 125 by Wan'Dale Robinson, vs. ULM, Sept. 4, 2021
Had a player with consecutive 100-yard receiving games: Jeff Badet, 2 (10/22-10/29/16)
Had 2 players with 100 yards receiving: 136 by Josh Ali and 125 by Wan'Dale Robinson, vs. ULM, Sept. 4, 2021
Had a player with 3 touchdown receptions: 3 by C.J. Conrad vs. New Mexico State, Sept. 17, 2016
Had a player with 100 rushing and 100 receiving yards in the same game: Rafael Little (132 rushing, 114 receiving) vs. Vanderbilt, Nov. 11, 2006
Had a 100-yard passer and a 100-yard rusher in the same game: Terry Wilson (151 passing, 129 rushing) vs. Ole Miss; Oct. 3, 2020
Had a 100-yard rusher and a 100-yard receiver in the same game: Chris Rodriguez Jr. (125 rush), Josh Ali (136 receiving) and Wan'Dale Robinson (125 receiving) vs. ULM, Sept. 4, 2021
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: Kelvin Joseph, 41 yards, and Jamin Davis, 85 yards, at Tennessee, Oct. 17, 2020
Had a player recover/return a fumble for a TD: Jordan Wright, vs. Virginia Tech (Belk Bowl), 28 yards, Dec. 31, 2019
Had two defensive TDs in the same game: Kelvin Joseph (INT) and Jamin Davis (INT) at Tennessee, Oct. 17, 2020
Had a player recover two fumbles in one game: Jordan Wright vs. South Carolina, Dec. 5, 2020
Had a player block a punt: Josh Paschal vs. Tennessee, Nov. 9, 2019
Had a player block a field goal: Tyrell Ajian vs. NC State, Jan. 2, 2021 (Gator 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: Matt Ruffolo (50 yards) at Missouri, Oct. 24, 2020
Had a punt of 70 yards or more: Max Duffy (75 yards) at Auburn, Sept. 26, 2020 (T-3rd longest in school history)
Played an overtime game: vs. Ole Miss, Oct. 3, 2020 - (L, 41-42)
Won an overtime game: vs. EKU, 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)

WHEN WAS THE TIME THE OPPONENT ...

Scored 40 points: 63 by Alabama, Nov. 21, 2020
Scored 50 points: 63 by Alabama, Nov. 21, 2020
Scored 10 or less points: 10 by ULM, Sept. 4, 2021
Shut Out Kentucky: 0-21 by Georgia, Oct. 19, 2019
Shut Out Kentucky in 2nd half: by Florida, Nov. 28, 2020
Rushed for 300 yards: 331 by Georgia, Nov. 3, 2018
Passed for 300 yards: 314 by Florida, Nov. 28, 2020
Had 500 yards of total offense: 562 by Louisville, Nov. 25, 2017
Recorded a safety: Mississippi State, Oct. 10, 2020 (bad snap on punt)
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: 37, Larry Rountree (Missouri, 126 yards), Oct. 24, 2020
Had a player with 100 yards rushing: 210, Kevin Harris (South Carolina), Dec. 5, 2020
Had a player with 200 yards rushing: 210, Kevin Harris (South Carolina), Dec. 5, 2020
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: 40 by Bailey Hockman (NC State, Jan. 2, 2021)
Had a player with 25 pass completions: 27 by Bailey Hockman (NC State, Jan. 2, 2021)
Had a player with 300 yards passing: 320 by Matt Corral (Ole Miss, Oct. 3, 2020)
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: 15, Kylin Hill (Miss. State, 79 yards), Oct. 10, 2020
Had a player with 100 yards receiving: 144, Devonta Smith (Alabama, 9 catches), Nov. 21, 2020
Had a player with 200 yards receiving: 216 by Demarcus Robinson (Florida), Sept. 13, 2014
Had two players with 100 yards receiving: 111, Korey Robertson and 103, Quez Watkins (Southern Miss), Sept. 2, 2017
Had a player return a kickoff for a TD: Evan Berry (UT), 100 yards, Oct. 31, 2015
Had a player return a punt for a TD: Kadarius Toney (UF), 50 yards, Nov. 28, 2020
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: Jordan Battle (Alabama), 45 yards, Nov. 21, 2020
Had a player return a fumble for a TD: Allan George (Vanderbilt), 67 yards, Nov. 16, 2019

2021 GAME-BY-GAME STARTERS

OFFENSIVE STARTERS

	TE/WR	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	WR	WR	WR/TE	RB	QB
vs ULM	Rigg	Rosenthal	Horsey	Fortner	Cox	Kinnard	Ali	W. Robinson	Bates	Rodriguez	Levis

DEFENSIVE STARTERS

	CB/NB	DE	NG/NICK	DT	SLB/NICK	WLB	MLB	CB/LB	SS	FS	CB
vs ULM	Valentine	Paschal	McCall	Fitzgerald	Wright	Square	Jones	D. Robinson	Ajian	Corker	Dort

INDIVIDUAL/TEAM RECORDS

Most Career Wins By A Head Coach, School History

1.	60	Paul "Bear" Bryant (1946-1953)
2.	**50**	**Mark Stoops (2013-Present)**
3.	47	Fran Curci (1973-1981)
4.	41	Jerry Claiborne (1982-1989)
	41	Blanton Collier (1954-1961)
6.	39	Rich Brooks (2003-2009)

Most Career Wins By A Head Coach at Kroger Field/Commonwealth Stadium, School History

1.	**36**	**Mark Stoops (2013-present)**
2.	32	Jerry Claiborne (1982-89)

Most Career Home Wins By A Head Coach, School History

1.	**36**	**Mark Stoops (2013-present)**
2.	33	Paul Bryant (1946-53)
3.	32	Jerry Claiborne (1982-89)
4.	29	Fran Curci (1973-81)
	29	Blanton Collier (1954-61)

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.	"Boom" Williams	2014-16	366	2,511	6.9	18
9.	Artose Pinner	1999-2002	438	2,105	4.8	17
10.	A.J. Rose	2017-20	341	1,971	5.8	13
11.	Marc Logan	1983-86	389	1,769	4.5	11
12.	Derrick Ramsey	1975-77	446	1,764	3.9	25
13.	Anthony White	1996-99	364	1,758	4.8	11
14.	Jojo Kemp	2013-16	338	1,709	5.1	19
15.	Rodger Bird	1963-65	397	1,699	4.2	21
16.	Derek Homer	1997-2000	353	1,689	4.8	11
17.	Ivy Joe Hunter	1985-88	361	1,687	4.7	19
18.	Bill Leskovar	1949-51	324	1,664	5.1	9
19.	Steve Campassi	1972-75	370	1,609	4.3	8
20.	Raymond Sanders	2010-13	340	1,542	4.5	11
21.	Al Baker	1986-90	378	1,534	4.1	15
22.	Lynn Bowden Jr.	2017-19	206	1,530	7.4	13
23.	**Chris Rodriguez Jr.**	**2018-present**	**211**	**1,486**	**7.0**	**18**
24.	Mike Fanuzzi	1971-74	344	1,484	4.3	16
25.	Bobby Cravens	1956-58	323	1,448	4.5	6
26.	Tony Dixon	2004, 2006-08	345	1,388	4.0	16
27.	Alfred Rawls	1988-89	286	1,370	4.8	16
28.	Randy Brooks	1976-80	358	1,314	3.7	6
29.	Randall Cobb	2008-10	228	1,313	5.8	22
30.	Don Phelps	1946-49	295	1,297	4.4	15
31.	Chris Hill	1975-78	260	1,264	4.9	4
32.	Rod Stewart	1975-78	268	1,250	4.7	9
33.	Doug Kotar	1971-73	293	1,167	3.9	5
34.	Damon Hood	1991-94	281	1,144	4.1	9
35.	Shawn Donigan	1978-82	264	1,120	4.2	4
36.	Roger Gann	1967-69	281	1,047	3.7	4
37.	Dicky Lyons	1966-68	328	1,042	3.2	18
38.	Tom Fillion	1951-53	208	1,017	4.9	8
39.	Terry Wilson	2018-20	256	1,015	4.0	10
40.	Terry Samuels	1990-93	247	1,012	4.1	5
-	*Kavosiey Smoke*	*2018-present*	*157*	*916*	*5.8*	*8*

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

#	Player	Years	Average per rush
1.	Lynn Bowden Jr.	2017-19	7.43 (206/1530)
2.	**C. Rodriguez Jr.**	**2018-present**	**7.04 (211/1486)**
3.	Boom Williams	2014-16	6.91 (366/2511)
3.	A.J. Rose	2017-2020	5.78 (341/1971)
4.	Randall Cobb	2008-10	5.76 (228/1313)
5.	Mark Higgs	1984-87	5.43 (532/2892)
6.	Moe Williams	1993-95	5.39 (618/3333)
7.	Benny Snell Jr.	2016-18	5.26 (737/3873)
8.	Rafael Little	2004-07	5.17 (580/2996)

Consecutive Games with a Rushing TD (since 1985)

6	Benny Snell Jr. (2017)
5	Stanley "Boom" Williams (2016)
	Artose Pinner (2002)
4	**Chris Rodriguez Jr. (2020-present)**
	Lynn Bowden Jr. (2019)
	Randall Cobb (2009)
	Moe Williams (1995)

Receiving Yardage, Career

#	Player	Years	Rec.	Yards	TD
1.	Craig Yeast	1995-98	208	2,899	28
2.	Keenan Burton	2003-07	189	2,376	25
3.	Derek Abney	2000-03	197	2,339	18
4.	Garrett Johnson	2014-17	155	2,089	11
5.	Dicky Lyons Jr.	2004, 2006-08	141	1,752	18
6.	Quentin McCord	1996, 1998-2000	112	1,743	15
7.	La'Rod King	2009-12	134	1,706	17
8.	Randall Cobb	2008-10	144	1,661	13
9.	Anthony White	1996-99	194	1,520	8
10.	Felix Wilson	1977-79	90	1,508	10
11.	Tom Hutchinson	1960-62	94	1,483	9
12.	Kevin Coleman	1995-98	107	1,428	13
13.	Larry Seiple	1964-66	72	1,422	10
14.	Jacob Tamme	2004-07	133	1,417	11
15.	Jeff Badet	2013, 2015-16	82	1,385	7
16.	Rafael Little	2004-07	131	1,324	5
17.	James Whalen	1997-99	120	1,324	13
18.	Lynn Bowden Jr.	2017-19	114	1,303	6
19.	Rick Kestner	1963-65	82	1,280	10
20.	Chris Matthews	2009-10	93	1,279	12
21.	Ryan Timmons	2013-16	112	1,254	5
22.	Derek Smith	1999-2001	89	1,224	9
23.	Phil Logan	1987-980	83	1,219	7
24.	Steve Meilinger	1951-53	75	1,210	17
25.	Steve Johnson	2006-07	72	1,200	14
26.	Dorian Baker	2014-18	101	1,148	6
27.	Javess Blue	2013-14	72	1,111	9
28.	Derek Homer	1997-2000	129	1,052	2
29.	Demarco Robinson	2011-14	86	1,028	3
30.	C.J. Conrad	2015-18	80	1,015	12
	Josh Ali	***2017-2021***	***95***	***982***	***6***

2021 GAME REVIEWS

1 KENTUCKY 45, ULM 10

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Will Levis passed for 367 yards and four touchdowns as Kentucky opened its 2021 season with a 45-10 win over Louisiana-Monroe at Kroger Field.

Two Wildcats had more than 100 yards receiving in the game. Senior Josh Ali had five receptions for 136 yards and a touchdown while junior Wan'Dale Robinson had five catches for 125 yards and two scores. Isaiah Epps nearly made it a trio, catching three passes for 83 yards.

On the ground, Chris Rodriguez Jr. went over 100 yards for the seventh time in his career. The junior rushed 19 times for 125 yards and a touchdown.

Kentucky had 564 yards of total offense in the first game under new offensive coordinator Liam Coen. UK finished with 419 yards passing and 145 yards on the ground.

Levis became the first UK passer to throw for over 300 yards since Stephen Johnson had 338 against Louisville in 2016.

Meanwhile, the Kentucky defense more than did its job against ULM. The Cats held the Warhawks to 87 total yards (70 passing, 17 rushing) in the game. ULM had 43 yards on its first drive of the game, then 44 yards the rest of the game.

Kentucky took the opening kickoff and got one first down. But the Cats turned it over on a Levis interception, giving ULM the ball at the UK 43 yard line.

The Warhawks would take the ball into Kentucky territory but the drive would stall, and ULM would try a field goal. It was good but UK was penalized on the play and the Warhawks took three points off the board in hopes of getting more.

That decision paid off as ULM drove inside the UK five yard line and punched it in the end zone on a three-yard touchdown rush by Kadyn Roach. Calum Sutherland added the extra point and the Warhawks led 7-0 with 8:53 to play in the first quarter.

Kentucky answered on its next drive. The Cats went 84 yards in just five plays, finishing with a 33-yard Levis touchdown pass to Wan'dale Robinson in the left corner of the end zone. Matt Ruffolo added the PAT and the game was tied 7-7 with 6:13 left in the first.

After at ULM punt, Kentucky took the lead. And quickly. On the first play of the drive, Levis connected with Ali on a 58-yard touchdown bomb. Ruffolo added the point after and the Cats led 14-7 with 4:20 still left in the first. That would be the score at the end of the period.

In the second quarter, the Cats extended their advantage. UK methodically marched down the field, largely on the legs of Rodriguez. Kentucky used 14 plays to cover 84 yards, with Rodriguez covering the final 27 yards himself. The scoring play was a two-yard rush by the senior and when Ruffolo added the PAT, Kentucky led 21-7 with 10:40 left in the half.

After another ULM punt, Kentucky went to the air again. Levis connected with Robinson for 62 yards, getting the Cats to the ULM 18 yard line. Those two would connect again, on a 13-yard scoring strike, to extend the UK lead. Ruffolo's PAT made it 28-7 with 5:44 left in the first half. That would be the halftime score.

The first four possessions of the second half resulted in punts, two by each team. But on its third possession of the half, Kentucky got deep into ULM territory. The big play was a 57-yard pass from Levis to Epps, getting UK to the ULM 19. But a bad snap and a sack forced UK into a 45-yard field goal attempt from Ruffolo, which he made, giving the Cats a 31-7 lead with 3:54 left in the third quarter. UK would hold the same advantage as the quarter came to an end.

Early in the fourth quarter, Kentucky scored again. This time, it was Levis connecting with tight end Brendan Bates for a four-yard touchdown pass. It was the first career touchdown for Bates. Ruffolo's PAT made it 38-7 with 13:07 to play.

Lousiana-Monroe would add a field goal in the fourth quarter to cut the UK lead to 38-10. Kentucky would finish the scoring with a four-yard touchdown rush from Michael Drennen II with 1:00 left to play. Ruffolo's PAT made it 45-10, which would be the final score.

SCORING SUMMARY						
ULM	7	0	0	3	-	10
Kentucky	14	14	3	14	-	45

1st 08:53 ULM - #24 K.Roach 3 yd rush (#31 C.Sutherland kick), 12-43, 05:01 7-0
1st 06:13 UKY - #1 W.Robinson 33 yd pass from #7 W.Levis (#96 M.Ruffolo kick), 5-84, 02:35 7-7
1st 04:20 UKY - #6 J.Ali 58 yd pass from #7 W.Levis (#96 M.Ruffolo kick), 1-58, 00:09 7-14
2nd 10:40 UKY - #24 C.Rodriguez Jr. 2 yd rush (#96 M.Ruffolo kick), 14-84, 06:37 7-21
2nd 05:44 UKY - #1 W.Robinson 15 yd pass from #7 W.Levis (#96 M.Ruffolo kick), 4-80, 02:24 7-28
3rd 03:54 UKY - #96 M.Ruffolo 45 yd FG, 7-41, 03:40 7-31
4th 13:07 UKY - #80 B.Bates 4 yd pass from #7 W.Levis (#96 M.Ruffolo kick), 9-80, 04:00 7-38
4th 04:39 ULM - #31 C.Sutherland 29 yd FG, 11-48, 05:11 10-38
4th 01:00 UKY - #5 M.Drennen 4 yd rush (#96 M.Ruffolo kick), 8-68, 03:34 10-45

TEAM STATISTICS	ULM	UK
First Downs	12	24
Rush Att./Net Rush	43/17	34/145
Passing C/A/I	11/20/0	22/33/1
Offensive Plays	63	67
Total Offense	87	564
Fumbles/Lost	0/0	4/2
Penalties/Yards	3/25	7/65
Punts/Average	10/42.1	2/35.5
Third-Down Conv.	6 of 19	6 of 11
Time of Possession	28:13	31:47

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING (ATT.-YD.-TD)
ULM – Rogers 7-11, Henry 8-9, Alce 2-9, Holmes 3-7, Roach 4-3-1
UK – Rodriguez Jr. 19-125-1, Smoke 5-26, Drennen 3-16-1, Tisdale 1-4, Levis 4-(-6)

PASSING (COMP-ATT-INT-YARDS-TD)
ULM - Rodriguez 9-17-0-56-0, Rogers 2-3-0-14-0, Suits 0-0-0-0-0
UK – Levis 18-26-1-367-4, Allen 4-7-0-31-0

RECEIVING (REC-YARDS-TD)
ULM - Knight 7-58, Sparks 4 -(-3), Derrick 3-9, Bloomfield 1-5, Wiley 1-1
UK – Ali 8-136-1, Robinson 8-125-2, Epps 4-83, Rodriguez Jr. 2-10, Jo. Dingle 1-31, Crumes 1-10, Cummings 2-7

TACKLES
ULM - Sparks 7, Johnson 7, Shelby 5, Woodard 5
UK - Paschal 7, Wright 6, Square 6, D. Robinson 5, Oxendine 5

2021 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

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
KENTUCKY	45	23	32:00	34-145-2	22-33-1-419-4	67-564-6	4-of-11	4-2
vs. Louisiana Monroe	10	11	28:00	43-17-1	11-20-0-70-0	63-87-1	5-of-19	0-0
KENTUCKY								
vs. Missouri								
KENTUCKY								
vs. Chattanooga								
KENTUCKY								
at South Carolina								
KENTUCKY								
vs. Florida								
KENTUCKY								
vs. LSU								
KENTUCKY								
at Georgia								
KENTUCKY								
at Mississippi State								
KENTUCKY								
vs. Tennessee								
KENTUCKY								
at Vanderbilt								
KENTUCKY								
vs. New Mexico State								
KENTUCKY								
at Louisville								

GAME-BY GAME RUSHING

(No-Yds-TD)	Allen	Drennen	Levis	Robinson	Rodriguez Jr.	Smoke	Tisdale
vs. Louisiana Monroe	0-0-0	3-16-1	4-(-6)-0	0-0-0	19-125-1	5-26-0	1-4-0
vs. Missouri							
vs. Chattanooga							
at South Carolina							
vs. Florida							
vs. LSU							
at Georgia							
at Mississippi State							
vs. Tennessee							
at Vanderbilt							
vs. New Mexico State							
at Louisville							

GAME-BY GAME RECEIVING

(Rec-Yds-TD)	Ali	Bates	Crumes	Cummings	Epps	Harris	Lewis	Rigg	Robinson	Rodriguez	Smoke
vs. ULM	5-136-1	1-4-1	1-10-0	1-7-0	3-83-0	1-4-0	1-4-0	1-5-0	5-125-2	2-10-0	0-0-0
vs. Missouri											
vs. Chattanooga											
at South Carolina											
vs. Florida											
vs. LSU											
at Georgia											
at Mississippi State											
vs. Tennessee											
at Vanderbilt											
vs. NMST											
at Louisville											

GAME-BY-GAME PASSING

(Cmp-Att-Int-Yds-TD)	Allen	Levis
vs. ULM	4-7-0-52-0	18-26-1-367-4
vs. Missouri		
vs. Chattanooga		
at South Carolina		
vs. Florida		
vs. LSU		
at Georgia		
at Mississippi State		
vs. Tennessee		
at Vanderbilt		
vs. NMST		
at Louisville		

GAME-BY-GAME PUNTING

(No-Yds-Avg-LG-In20)	Berry	Goodfellow
vs. ULM	2-71-35.5-39-1	0-0-0-0-0
vs. Missouri		
vs. Chattanooga		
at South Carolina		
vs. Florida		
vs. LSU		
at Georgia		
at Mississippi State		
vs. Tennessee		
at Vanderbilt		
vs. NMST		
at Louisville		

GAME-BY-GAME FIELD GOALS

FG Made (Miss)	Poore	Ruffolo
vs. ULM	0	1
vs. Missouri		
vs. Chattanooga		
at South Carolina		
vs. Florida		
vs. LSU		
at Georgia		
at Mississippi State		
vs. Tennessee		
at Vanderbilt		
vs. NMST		
at Louisville		

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

Game	A-Fitzgerald	Gibson	Hayes	McCall	Oxendine	Paschal	Rogers	Rybka	Saunders
vs. ULM	4-0-0	1-0.5-0	3-0.5-0	2-0.5-0	5-1-0	7-2-1	1-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0
vs. Missouri									
vs. Chattanooga									
at S Carolina									
vs. Florida									
vs. LSU									
at Georgia									
at Mississippi St									
vs. Tennessee									
at Vanderbilt									
vs. NMST									
at Louisville									

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

Game	Bembry	Casey	Jones	McDaniel	Robinson	Square	Thrower	Weaver	Wright
vs. ULM	1-0-0	1-0-0	3-0-0	2-0-0	6-1-0	6-3.5-1	1-0-0	2-2-0	6-2-1
vs. Missouri									
vs. Chattanooga									
at S Carolina									
vs. Florida									
vs. LSU									
at Georgia									
at Mississippi St									
vs. Tennessee									
at Vanderbilt									
vs. NMST									
at Louisville									

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

Game	Aijan	Corker	Dodson	Dort Jr.	Douglass	Geiger	Lovett	Mosley	Valentine
vs. ULM	3-0-0	5-2-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	3-0-0	1-0-0	1-0-0	1-0-0	1-0-0
vs. Missouri									
vs. Chattanooga									
at S Carolina									
vs. Florida									
vs. LSU									
at Georgia									
at Mississippi St									
vs. Tennessee									
at Vanderbilt									
vs. NMST									
at Louisville									

2021 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

TURNOVERS

Opponent	FORCED BY KENTUCKY					FORCED BY OPPONENT			
	Fum	Int	Tot	Margin	UK Pts Off	Fum	Int	Tot	Opp Pts Off
vs. Louisiana Monroe	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	3	7
vs. Missouri									
vs. Chattanooga									
at South Carolina									
vs. Florida									
vs. LSU									
at Georgia									
at Mississippi State									
vs. Tennessee									
at Vanderbilt									
vs. New Mexico State									
at Louisville									
TOTALS	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	3	7

KENTUCKY BIG PLAYS

Opponent	RUSHING					PASSING				SPECIAL TEAMS	
	15+	20+	30+	40+	50+	20+	30+	40+	50+	Block	Return for TD
vs. Louisiana Monroe	3	0	1	0	0	3	2	0	3	0	0
vs. Missouri											
vs. Chattanooga											
at South Carolina											
vs. Florida											
vs. LSU											
at Georgia											
at Mississippi State											
vs. Tennessee											
at Vanderbilt											
vs. New Mexico State											
at Louisville											
TOTALS	3	0	1	0	0	3	2	0	3	0	0

OPPONENT BIG PLAYS

Opponent	RUSHING					PASSING				SPECIAL TEAMS	
	15+	20+	30+	40+	50+	20+	30+	40+	50+	Block	Return for TD
vs. Louisiana Monroe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Missouri											
vs. Chattanooga											
at South Carolina											
vs. Florida											
vs. LSU											
at Georgia											
at Mississippi State											
vs. Tennessee											
at Vanderbilt											
vs. New Mexico State											
at Louisville											
TOTALS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

DRIVE CHART STATISTICS

Opponent	No.	Avg Plays	Avg Yds	Avg Time	For TD	Avg Plays	Avg Yds	Avg Time
vs. Louisiana Monroe	13	5.2	42.6	2:46	6	3.1	34.9	1:40
vs. Missouri								
vs. Chattanooga								
at South Carolina								
vs. Florida								
vs. LSU								
at Georgia								
at Mississippi State								
vs. Tennessee								
at Vanderbilt								
vs. New Mexico State								
at Louisville								

2021 EXPLOSIVE PLAYS

RUNS 15+
Rodriguez, 16 yards
Rodrigues, 19 yards
Rodriguez, 31
(3 rush for 66 yards, 22.0 avg., 0 TD)
Total: 3 rush for 66 yards, 22.0 avg, 0 TD

RECEIVING 20+
Ali, 58 yards*
Ali, 23 yards
Ali, 24 yards
(3 rec. for 105 yards, 35.0 avg., 1 TD)
Dingle, 31 yards
(1 rec. for 31 yards, 31.0 avg., 0 TD)
Epps, 57 yards
(1 rec. for 57 yards, 57.0 avg., 0 TD)
Robinson, 33 yards*
Robinson, 62 yards
(2 rec. for 95 yards, 47.5 avg., 1 TD)
Total: 7 rec. for 288 yards, 41.1 avg., 2 TD

KICK RETURNS 30+
Total: 0 return for 0 yards, 0.0 avg, 0 TD

PUNT RETURNS 20+
Total: 0 return for 0 yards, 0.0 avg., 0 TD

DEFENSIVE RETURNS 20+
Total: 0 return for 0 yards, 0.0 avg., 0 TD

Total: 0 plays for 0 yards, 0.0 avg., 0 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	0	0
60-69	1	0
50-59	2	1
40-49	0	0
30-39	3	1
20-29	2	0
TOTAL	**8**	**2**

20+ Plays By Type	No.	TD
Rushing	1	0
Passing	7	2
Punt returns	0	0
Kick returns (30+)	0	0
Interceptions	0	0
Fumble returns	0	0
TOTAL	**8**	**2**

OPPONENT BIG PLAYS

Total:	
Run (15+)	0 for 0 yds
Receiving (20+)	0 for 0 yds
Kick Returns (30+)	0 for 0 yds
Punt Returns (20+)	0 for 0 yds
Defensive Returns (20+)	0 for 0 yds

TOTAL: 0 for 0 yards (0.0 avg.)

2021 SCORING DRIVE ANALYSIS

GAME-BY-GAME SCORING DRIVES

Game	Plays/Yards	Time (Poss.)	Qtr./Clock	Res.	Scoring Play
ULM	5/84	2:35	1/6:13	TD	Robinson 33 yard pass
ULM	1/58	0:09	1/4:20	TD	Ali 58 yard pass
ULM	14/84	6:37	1/2:17	TD	Rodriguez Jr. 2 yard run
ULM	4/80	2:24	2/5:44	TD	Robinson 15 yard pass
ULM	9/80	4:00	3/9:50	TD	Bates 4 yard pass
ULM	8/68	3:34	4/1:00	TD	Drennen 4 yard run

GAME OPENING DRIVES

Game	KENTUCKY		OPPONENT	
	Res/Pts	Yds	Res/Pts	Yds
ULM	INT/0	10	TD/7	43
MISSOURI				
CHATTANOOGA				
SOUTH CAROLINA				
FLORIDA				
LSU				
GEORGIA				
MISSISSIPPI STATE				
TENNESSEE				
VANDERBILT				
NEW MEXICO ST.				
LOUISVILLE				
Total/Avg				

2ND HALF OPENING DRIVES

Game	KENTUCKY		OPPONENT	
	Res/Pts	Yds	Res/Pts	Yds
ULM	Punt/0	-1	Punt/0	6
MISSOURI				
CHATTANOOGA				
SOUTH CAROLINA				
FLORIDA				
LSU				
GEORGIA				
MISSISSIPPI STATE				
TENNESSEE				
VANDERBILT				
NEW MEXICO ST.				
LOUISVILLE				
Total/Avg				

GAME-BY-GAME TD DRIVES

Yds	TD	Drive	Poss. Time	TDs	Plays	TDs
0-9	3		00:00-00:59	1	1	1
10-19	1		01:00-01:59	0	2	
20-29			02:00-02:59	2	3	
30-39	1		03:00-03:59	1	4	1
40-49			04:00-04:59	1	5	1
50-59	1	1	05:00-05:59	0	6	
60-69		1	06:00-06:59	1	7	
70-79			07:00-07:59	0	8	1
80-89		4	08:00-08:59	0	9	1
90-99			09:00-09:59	0	10	
Total			10:00-10:59	0	11	
			11:00-11:59	0	12	
			12:00-12:59	0	13	
			13:00-13:59	0	14	1
			14:00-14:59	0	15	
			15:00 - +	0	16	0

DRIVE ANALYSIS

Game	Total Drive	TD	FG	MFG	P	TO	4DN
ULM	13	6	1	0	2	2	1
MISSOURI							
CHATTANOOGA							
SOUTH CAROLINA							
FLORIDA							
LSU							
GEORGIA							
MISSISSIPPI STATE							
TENNESSEE							
VANDERBILT							
NEW MEXICO ST.							
LOUISVILLE							
Totals							

ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

94	Abule Abadi-Fitzgerald	DL	Sr-2L
53	R.J. Adams	OL	Fr-RS
23	Tyrell Ajian	S	Sr-3L
6	Josh Ali	WR	%Sr-4L
11	Beau Allen	QB	So-1L
91	Sam Anaele	DL	Fr-RS
63	Alex Bascom	DL	Jr-Sq
64	Richard Bascom	DL	Jr-Sq
80	Brenden Bates	TE	Jr-2L
98	Isaiah Beasley	DL	So-Sq
42	Marquez Bembry	OLB	Sr-1L
24	Zac Berezowitz	DB	Sr-1L
57	Jonathan Berry	OL	Fr-HS
93	Wilson Berry	P	Fr-HS
45	Jase Bruner	OLB	So-Sq
56	Deondre Buford	OL	Fr-RS
62	Jager Burton	OL	Fr-HS
6	Jared Casey	ILB	So-1L
35	Kaleb Cheek	WR	So-Sq
29	Yusuf Corker	S	Sr-3L
75	Eli Cox	OL	So-1L
3	Dekel Crowdus	WR	Fr-HS
82	Tae Tae Crumes	WR	So-Sq
84	Izayah Cummings	WR	So-1L
26	Torrance Davis	RB	So-1L
46	Cade Degraw	LS	Jr-1L
14	Patrick Delahunty	QB	Jr-Sq
34	Trey Dennis	WR	Fr-HS
85	Jordan Dingle	TE	Fr-HS
55	Justice Dingle II	OLB	Jr-Tr
95	Jamarius Dinkins	DL	Fr-HS
30	Taj Dodson	S	So-1L
3	Cedrick Dort Jr.	DB	Sr-3L
61	Austin Dotson	OL	Sr-3L
11	Moses Douglass	S	So-1L
33	Ben Drake	DB	Jr-Sq
5	Mike Drennen II	WR	So-1L
31	Darren Edmond	WR	Sr-Sq
46	Braxton Eiserman	LB	Jr-Sq
81	Isaiah Epps	WR	Sr-3L
45	Parker Estes	TE	Fr-HS
77	Jeremy Flax	OL	So-RS
79	Luke Fortner	OL	%Sr-4L
40	Luke Fulton	ILB	So-Tr
34	Jalen Geiger	S	So-1L
96	Isaiah Gibson	DL	So-1L
48	Cody Goatley	ILB	So-Sq
94	Colin Goodfellow	P	%Sr-1L
39	Austin Gough	ILB	Fr-HS
43	Darren Green	ILB	So-Sq
31	Maxwell Hairston	DB	Fr-HS
86	DeMarcus Harris	WR	So-1L
69	Collin Hartmann	DL	Sr-Sq
99	Josaih Hayes	NG	So-1L
68	Kenneth Horsey	OL	Jr-2L
36	Adrian Huey	DB	Fr-HS
35	Rickey Hyatt Jr.	S	Fr-RS
56	D'Eryk Jackson	ILB	So-1L
28	Zach Johnson	S/KR	%Sr-4L
10	Jacquez Jones	ILB	Sr-Tr
72	Josh Jones	OL	Fr-RS
70	Darian Kinnard	OL	Sr-3L
49	Shawn Lawson	OLB	Sr-Sq
37	Luke Leeper	WR	So-Sq
7	Will Levis	QB	Jr-Tr

NUMERICAL ROSTER

0	Kavosiey Smoke	RB	5-9	202	Jr-2L	Wetumpka, Ala. (Wetumpka)
1	Wan'Dale Robinson	WR	5-10	183	Jr-Tr	Frankfort, Ky. (Nebraska/Western Hills)
2	Joey Gatewood	QB	6-5	224	Jr-1L	Jacksonville, Fla. (Auburn/Bartram Trail)
3*	Dekel Crowdus	WR	5-10	180	Fr-HS	Lexington, Ky. (Frederick Douglass)
3*	Cedrick Dort Jr.	DB	5-11	188	Sr-3L	Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. (Dwyer)
4	Joshua Paschal	DL	6-3	275	Sr-3L	Prince George's County, Md. (Our Lady of Good Counsel)
5*	Mike Drennen II	RB	5-11	194	So-1L	Hilltop, Ohio (Coffman)
5*	DeAndre Square	ILB	6-1	221	Sr-3L	Detroit, Mich. (Cass Tech)
6*	Josh Ali	WR	6-0	190	%Sr-4L	Hollywood, Fla. (Chaminade-Madonna)
6*	Jared Casey	ILB	6-3	217	So-1L	Louisville, Ky. (Ballard)
7*	Will Levis	QB	6-3	232	Jr-Tr	Madison, Conn. (Penn State/Xavier HS)
7*	Vito Tisdale	NB	6-1	188	So-1L	Bowling Green, Ky. (Bowling Green)
8	Octavious Oxendine	DL	6-1	302	So-1L	Radcliff, Ky. (North Hardin)
9	Davonte Robinson	S	6-2	210	%Sr-3L	Lexington, Ky. (Henry Clay)
10*	Jacquez Jones	ILB	6-0	235	Sr-Tr	Tuscaloosa, Ala. (Ole Miss/Hillcrest)
10*	Chauncey Magwood	WR	6-0	190	Fr-HS	Albany, Ga. (Lee County)
11*	Beau Allen	QB	6-2	208	So-1L	Lexington, Ky. (Lexington Catholic)
11*	Moses Douglass	S	6-2	203	So-1L	Springfield, Ohio (Springfield)
12*	Chance Poore	K	6-2	219	Jr-2L	Anderson, S.C. (Westside)
12*	Kaiya Sheron	QB	6-3	203	Fr-HS	Somerset, Ky. (Somerset HS)
13*	Earnest Sanders IV	WR	6-1	218	Fr-RS	Beecher, Mich. (Beecher)
13*	J.J. Weaver	OLB	6-5	231	So-1L	Louisville, Ky. (Moore Traditional)
14*	Patrick Delahunty	QB	6-0	197	Jr-Sq	Cleveland, Ohio (Saint Ignatius)
14*	Carrington Valentine	DB	6-0	188	So-1L	Cincinnati, Ohio (Moeller)
15	Jordan Wright	OLB	6-5	225	Sr-3L	Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (Dillard)
16	Nik Scalzo	QB	6-0	195	So-Sq	Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (Cardinal Gibbons)
17	JuTahn McClain	RB	5-9	187	So-1L	Fairfield, Ohio (Fairfield)
18	Clevan Thomas Jr.	WR	5-11	190	Sr-2L	Miami, Fla. (Charles W. Flanagan)
19	Rahsaan Lewis	WR	5-11	184	Jr-Sq	Orlando, Fla. (Florida Atlantic/Central Florida/ Windermere Prep)
21	Quandre Mosely	DB	6-2	192	%Sr-2L	Brunswick, Ga. (Eastern Arizona CC/Glynn Academy)
22	Chris Oats	ILB	6-3	232	Jr-2L	Cincinnati, Ohio (Winton Woods)
23	Tyrell Ajian	S	6-0	190	Sr-3L	Mansfield, Ohio (Madison Comprehensive)
24*	Zac Berezowitz	DB	6-0	170	Sr-1L	Lexington, Ky. (Henry Clay)
24*	Chris Rodriguez Jr.	RB	5-11	224	Jr-2L	McDonough, Ga. (Ola)
25	Jordan Lovett	S	6-2	200	Fr-HS	Radcliff, Ky. (North Hardin)
26	Torrance Davis	RB	6-2	217	So-1L	Cleveland, Ohio (Garfield Heights)
27	Joel Williams	NB	6-1	213	So-1L	Baton Rouge, La. (Madison Prep Academy)
28	Zach Johnson	S / KR	5-10	195	%Sr-4L	Cincinnati, Ohio (Colerain)
29*	Yusuf Corker	S	6-0	204	Sr-3L	McDonough, Ga. (Woodland)
29*	La'Vell Wright	RB	6-0	195	Fr-HS	Louisville, Ky. (North Hardin)
30*	Taj Dodson	S	6-1	194	So-1L	Union City, Ga. (Creekside)
31*	Darren Edmond	WR	5-11	207	Sr-Sq	Norman, Okla. (Paul Laurence Dunbar – Ky.)
31*	Maxwell Hairston	DB	6-1	165	Fr-HS	West Bloomfield, Mich. (West Bloomfield)
32*	Tyler Markray	RB	5-10	223	Jr-Sq	West Bloomfield, Mich. (Walled Lake Central)
32*	Trevin Wallace	ILB	6-2	220	Fr-HS	Jesup, Ga. (Wayne County)
33*	Ben Drake	DB	6-1	199	Jr-Sq	Charlottesville, Va. (Monticello)
33*	Travis Tisdale	RB	5-9	180	So-1L	Valdosta, Ga. (Lowndes - Ga.)
34*	Trey Dennis	WR	5-8	150	Fr-HS	Lexington, Ky. (Sayre)
34*	Jalen Geiger	S	6-1	200	So-1L	Columbia, S.C. (Spring Valley)
35*	Kaleb Cheek	WR	5-10	188	So-Sq	Asheboro, N.C. (Asheboro)
35*	Rickey Hyatt Jr.	S	6-2	202	Fr-RS	Columbus, Ohio (Central)
36*	Adrian Huey	DB	6-0	180	Fr-HS	Nashville, Tenn. (Hillsboro)
36*	Jai Williams	TE	6-5	195	Fr-HS	Lake Forest, Ill. (Lake Forest)
37*	Luke Leeper	WR	5-11	195	So-Sq	Louisville, Ky. (Christian Academy of Louisville)
37*	Andru Phillips	DB	6-0	182	Fr-RS	Mauldin, S.C. (Mauldin)
38	William Nalty	ILB	6-0	222	%Sr-1L	Metairie, La. (Metairie Park Country Day)
39*	Austin Gough	ILB	6-0	208	Fr-HS	Owensboro, Ky. (Owensboro)
39*	Dillon Wheatley	FB	6-1	201	Sr-Sq	Richmond, Ky. (Pikeville/Lexington Christian)
40	Luke Fulton	ILB	6-4	229	So-Tr	Youngstown, Ohio (Michigan State/Cardinal Mooney)
42	Marquez Bembry	OLB	6-3	228	Sr-1L	Stone Mountain, Ga. (Jones County JC/ Mount Vernon Presbyterian)
43	Darren Green	ILB	6-1	231	So-Sq	Vine Grove, Ky. (North Hardin)
44	Martez Thrower	ILB	6-2	212	Fr-HS	Rochelle, Ga. (Wilcox County)
45*	Jase Bruner	OLB	6-2	244	So-Sq	Science Hill, Ky. (Somerset)
45*	Parker Estes	TE	6-3	212	Fr-H	Paris, Ky. (Bourbon County)
46*	Braxton Eiserman	ILB	6-1	218	Jr-Sq	Jackson, Ky. (Breathitt County)
46*	Cade Degraw	LS	5-11	206	Jr-1L	Lake Cormorant, Miss. (Lake Cormorant)
47	K.D. McDaniel	OLB	6-2	225	So-1L	Tifton, Ga. (Tift County)

89	Chris Lewis	WR	Fr-HS
28	Rahsaan Lewis	WR	Jr-Sq
59	Conner Long	OLB	Fr-HS
25	Jordan Lovett	S	Fr-HS
10	Chauncey Magwood	WR	Fr-HS
32	Tyler Markray	RB	Jr-Sq
50	Marquan McCall	NG	Sr-3L
17	JuTahn McClain	RB	So-1L
47	K.D. McDaniel	OLB	So-1L
87	Tre'Von Morgan	WR	So-Tr
54	Jordan Morrow	LS	Jr-Sq
21	Quandre Mosely	DB	%Sr-2L
38	William Nalty	ILB	%Sr-1L
73	Matthew Napier	OL	Sr-Sq
22	Chris Oats	ILB	Jr-2L
8	Octavious Oxendine	DL	So-1L
58	Lucas Padgett	OL	Fr-HS
4	Joshua Paschal	DL	Sr-3L
55	Clay Perry	LS	So-Sq
37	Andru Phillips	DB	Fr-RS
12	Chance Poore	K	Jr-2L
76	Jake Pope	OL	So-Sq
83	Justin Rigg	TE	%Sr-3L
9	Davonte Robinson	S	%Sr-3L
1	Wan'Dale Robinson	WR	Jr-Tr
24	Chris Rodriguez Jr.	RB	Jr-2L
67	Paul Rodriguez	OL	Fr-HS
52	Justin Rogers	NG	So-1L
51	Dare Rosenthal	OL	Jr-Tr
96	Matt Ruffolo	K	%Sr-2L
90	Tre'vonn Rybka	DL	Fr-RS
13	Earnest Sanders IV	WR	Fr-RS
92	Kahlil Saunders	DL	Fr-HS
16	Nik Scalzo	QB	So-Sq
12	Kaiya Sheron	QB	Fr-HS
0	Kavosiey Smoke	RB	Jr-2L
5	DeAndre Square	ILB	Sr-3L
18	Clevan Thomas Jr.	WR	Sr-2L
44	Martez Thrower	ILB	Fr-HS
33	Travis Tisdale	RB	So-1L
7	Vito Tisdale	NB	So-1L
88	Keaton Upshaw	TE	Jr-2L
14	Carrington Valentine	DB	So-1L
48	Jack Varga	FB	Jr-Sq
97	Graham Wald	K	So-Sq
32	Trevin Wallace	ILB	Fr-HS
66	Naasir Watkins	OL	Sr-3L
13	J.J. Weaver	OLB	So-1L
39	Dillon Wheatley	FB	Sr-Sq
36	Jai Williams	TE	Fr-HS
27	Joel Williams	NB	So-1L
60	Quintin Wilson	C	Jr-2L
74	David Wohlabaugh Jr.	OL	Fr-HS
15	Jordan Wright	OLB	Sr-3L
29	La'Vell Wright	RB	Fr-HS
71	John Young	OL	Fr-RS

48*	Cody Goatley	ILB	6-2	234	So-Sq
48*	Jack Varga	FB	5-11	235	Jr-Sq
49	Shawn Lawson	OLB	6-3	228	Sr-Sq
50	Marquan McCall	NG	6-3	344	Sr-3L
51	Dare Rosenthal	OL	6-7	327	Jr-Tr
52	Justin Rogers	NG	6-3	328	So-1L
53	R.J. Adams	OL	6-3	332	Fr-RS
54	Jordan Morrow	LS	6-1	226	Jr-Sq
55*	Justice Dingle II	OLB	6-3	262	Jr-Tr
55*	Clay Perry	LS	6-0	187	So-Sq
56*	Deondre Buford	OL	6-3	290	Fr-RS
56*	D'Eryk Jackson	ILB	6-1	241	So-1L
57	Jonathan Berry	OL	6-5	280	Fr-HS
58	Lucas Padgett	OL	6-4	320	Fr-HS
59	Conner Long	OLB	6-3	210	Fr-HS
60	Quintin Wilson	C	6-1	296	Jr-2L
61	Austin Dotson	OL	6-6	321	Sr-3L
62	Jager Burton	OL	6-4	302	Fr-HS
63	Alex Bascom	DL	6-5	264	Jr-Sq
64	Richard Bascom	DL	6-5	286	Jr-Sq
66	Naasir Watkins	OL	6-5	300	Sr-3L
67	Paul Rodriguez	OL	6-5	330	Fr-HS
68	Kenneth Horsey	OL	6-3	302	Jr-2L
69	Collin Hartmann	DL	6-4	264	Sr-Sq
70	Darian Kinnard	OL	6-5	338	Sr-3L
71	John Young	OL	6-6	296	Fr-RS
72	Josh Jones	OL	6-6	305	Fr-RS
73	Matthew Napier	OL	6-6	346	Sr-Sq
74	David Wohlabaugh Jr.	OL	6-6	283	Fr-HS
75	Eli Cox	OL	6-4	301	So-1L
76	Jake Pope	OL	6-7	301	So-Sq
77	Jeremy Flax	OL	6-6	338	So-RS
79	Luke Fortner	OL	6-6	297	%Sr-4L
80	Brenden Bates	TE	6-5	255	Jr-2L
81	Isaiah Epps	WR	6-2	188	Sr-3L
82	Tae Tae Crumes	WR	6-1	182	So-Sq
83	Justin Rigg	TE	6-6	261	%Sr-3L
84	Izayah Cummings	TE	6-3	230	So-1L
85	Jordan Dingle	TE	6-4	235	Fr-HS
86	DeMarcus Harris	WR	6-1	180	So-1L
87	Tre'Von Morgan	WR	6-6	218	So-Tr
88	Keaton Upshaw	TE	6-6	250	Jr-2L
89	Chris Lewis	WR	6-4	190	Fr-HS
90	Tre'vonn Rybka	DL	6-4	301	Fr-RS
91	Sam Anaele	DL	6-4	265	Fr-RS
92	Kahlil Saunders	DL	6-5	270	Fr-HS
93	Wilson Berry	P	6-4	193	Fr-HS
94*	Abule Abadi-Fitzgerald	DL	6-6	303	Sr-2L
94*	Colin Goodfellow	P	6-2	233	%Sr-1L
95	Jamarius Dinkins	DL	6-5	255	Fr-HS
96*	Isaiah Gibson	DL	6-3	319	So-1L
96*	Matt Ruffolo	K	5-11	210	%Sr-2L
97	Graham Wald	K	6-0	176	So-Sq
98	Isaiah Beasley	DL	5-11	278	So-Sq
99	Josaih Hayes	NG	6-3	305	So-1L

Mayfield, Ky. (Graves County)
Louisville, Ky. (St. Xavier)
Jonesboro, Ga. (Jonesboro)
Detroit, Mich. (Oak Park)
Ferriday, La. (LSU/Ferriday)
Detroit, Mich. (Oak Park)
Woodbridge, Va. (Woodbridge Senior)
Louisville, Ky. (St. Xavier HS)
Bowling Green, Ky. (Georgia Tech/Bowling Green HS)
Upton, Ky. (Central Hardin)
Detroit, Mich. (Martin Luther King)
Dublin, Ga. (West Laurens)
Stamping Ground, Ky. (Scott County)
Birmingham, Ala. (La Cueva)
East Lansing, Mich. (East Lansing)
Cincinnati, Ohio (Turpin)
Belfry, Ky. (Belfry)
Lexington, Ky. (Frederick Douglass)
Louisville, Ky. (St. Xavier)
Louisville, Ky. (St. Xavier)
Laurel, Md. (Our Lady of Good Counsel)
Mason, Ohio (William Mason)
Sanford, Fla. (Sanford Seminole)
Somerset, Ky. (Somerset)
Knoxville, Tenn. (Saint Ignatius - Ohio)
Louisville, Ky. (Christian Academy)
Columbus, Ga. (Central-Phenix City - Ala.)
Nicholasville, Ky. (East Jessamine)
Stow, Ohio (Walsh Jesuit)
Nicholasville, Ky. (West Jessamine)
Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (St. Thomas Aquinas)
Detroit, Mich. (Independence CC/Robichaud)
Sylvania, Ohio (Sylvania Northview)
Cincinnati, Ohio (Archbishop Moeller)
enks, Okla. (Jenks)
Louisville, Ky. (Butler)
Springboro, Ohio (Springboro)
Louisville, Ky. (Male)
Bowling Green, Ky. (Bowling Green HS)
Vero Beach, Fla. (Vero Beach)
Massillon, Ohio (Michigan State/Massillon Washington)
Lima, Ohio (Lima Senior)
Pleasant Grove, Ala. (Pleasant Grove)
Dickson, Tenn. (Dickson County)
Lagos, Nigeria (McDougle Technical Institute – Fla.)
Huntsville, Ala. (Grissom)
Maribyrnong, Australia (Maribyrnong College)
Lakeland, Fla. (Victory Christian Academy)
Cleveland, Ohio (Saint Ignatius)
Columbus, Ohio (Walnut Ridge)
Springfield, Ohio (Springfield)
Centerville, Ohio (Archbishop Alter)
Lexington, Ky. (Henry Clay)
Radcliff, Ky. (North Hardin)
Horn Lake, Miss. (Horn Lake)

PRONOUNCIATION GUIDE

Abule (ah-BOO-lay) Abadi (ah-BODY) Fitzgerald
Sam Anaele (ah-NEL-lee)
Tyrell Ajian (a-jun)
Zac Berezowitz (BREZ-o-wits)
Jager (Jagger) Burton
Yusuf (YOU-suf) Corker
Jamarius (jah-MAR-ee-us) Dinkins
Taj (same as "Taj Mahal") Dodson
Jalen Geiger (GI-ger)
Austin Gough (Goff)
Josaih (joe-SIGH-uh) Hayes
D'Eryk (dee-ERIC) Jackson
Will Levis (lev-iss)
JuTahn (juh-TAWN) McClain
Quandre (QUAN-dray) Mosely
Davonte (da-VON-tay) Robinson
Devonte (da-VON-tay) Ross
Tre'vonn (TREY-vaughn) Rybka (RIB-ka)
Kaiya (KI-yah) Sheron (Sharon)
Kavosiey (kah-VAH-see-ay) Smoke
Clevan (clee-VAN – like the van you drive) Thomas
Naasir (nah-SEER) Watkins
David Wohlabaugh (WUL-uh-bah)

HEAD COACH MARK STOOPS / NINTH SEASON / IOWA, 1989



When the Kentucky football team took the field for the 2021 TaxSlayer Gator Bowl, it made official yet another milestone in the remarkable term of Mark Stoops as the Wildcats' head coach.

Stoops became the first coach in school history to take his team to five consecutive bowl games, adding to his lengthy and growing list of accomplishments during his eight years at UK. As a program, it matched the school record of five straight postseason appearances, accomplished 2006-10 under two head coaches.

Even in the abbreviated 2020 season, Stoops added two more achievements: Kentucky's win at Tennessee was the Wildcats' first victory in Knoxville since 1984; and, the regular-season finale over South Carolina was Stoops' 48th win at Kentucky, moving him into sole possession of second place, behind only the legendary Paul "Bear" Bryant. The Gator Bowl improved his total to 49.

A partial accounting of Stoops' exploits also features:

- Back-to-back-to-back bowl wins – the 2021 TaxSlayer Gator Bowl, 2019 Belk Bowl and the Citrus Bowl on Jan. 1, 2019 – the first time in school history that UK won bowls in three consecutive seasons;
- First New Year's Day Bowl win since 1951 (2018 season)
- First 10-win season since 1977 (2018)
- First SEC Coach of the Year since 1983 (2018)
- First final poll ranking since 1984 (2018)
- First bowl win since 2008 (2018)
- First win vs. Florida since 1986 (2018)
- First bowl appearance since 2010 (2016)

In addition to the team accomplishments, several of Stoops' players have won All-America accolades, along with awards such as the Bronko Nagurski Award, Chuck Bednarik Award, Paul Hornung Award, Ronnie Lott Trophy, Ray Guy Award, Danny Wuerffel Trophy, Pop Warner Award, Mayo Clinic Comeback Player of the Year Award, Academic All-America and National Good Works Team.

The bountiful crop of victories and honors are the fruit of the last five seasons, but the harvest didn't come easily. Arriving in 2013, inheriting a team that had gone 2-10 the season before, it took three years of plowing, planting and growing before the results came.

Stoops earned his first bowl game as head coach in 2016, when the Wildcats

STOOPS AND CO. MAKING A HIT IN RECRUITING

In eight 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 nine 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 2021 recruiting rankings are as of December 18, 2020).

Outlet	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Rivals	#29	#17	#35	#29	#26	#30	#30	#20	#45
ESPN	#36	#20	#43	#34	#30	#36	#36	#23	#40
247Sports	#41	#23	#38	#34	#29	#38	#34	#22	#39
Scout.com	#38	#21	#45	#39	#35	#44	#34	#23	#39

overcame an 0-2 start to go 7-3 down the stretch and advance to the TaxSlayer Gator Bowl. UK duplicated seven wins in 2017, playing in the Franklin-American Mortgage Music City Bowl.

Led by linebacker Josh Allen, the National Defensive Player of the Year, and Benny Snell Jr., the school's all-time leading rusher, the 2018 squad went 10-3. It was 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 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. The 2018 season also 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.

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.

The 2019 season was one of the most unusual in school history. A succession of injuries decimated the quarterbacks and Stoops turned to wide receiver Lynn Bowden Jr. to man the QB position. Running the ball almost exclusively, UK went 6-2 down the stretch and closed the season with four straight wins, topped by a dramatic come-from-behind Belk Bowl win over Virginia Tech when Bowden threw the game-winning touchdown pass with only 15 seconds remaining.

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 came to Kentucky from Florida State, where he was defensive coordinator from 2010-12. He inherited a unit 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 Cornellius 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 spent 18 years as the Oklahoma head coach and has been elected to the College Football Hall of Fame. The eldest Stoops brother, Ron Jr., is retired after coaching at Youngstown State.

Stoops inherited an Arizona unit that was 109th in the nation in total defense and 107th in scoring defense in 2003, the year before he arrived. By the end of his term at Arizona, the Wildcats ranked in the nation's

top 25 in total defense his final two seasons and ranked as high as 33rd in scoring defense.

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

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

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

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

Stoops has two sons, Will and Zack.

Most Wins By A Head Coach, School History

1.	60	Paul "Bear" Bryant (1946-1953)
2.	**50**	**Mark Stoops (2013-Present)**
3.	47	Fran Curci (1973-1981)
4.	41	Jerry Claiborne (1982-1989)
	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.	**36**	**Mark Stoops (2013-Present)**
2.	33	Paul "Bear" Bryant (1946-1953)
3.	32	Jerry Claiborne (1982-1989)
4.	29	Fran Curci (1973-1981)
5.	25	Rich Brooks (2003-2009)

STOOPS VS. ALL OPPONENTS

Opponent	Record
Alabama	0-3
Alabama State	1-0
Arkansas	1-0
Auburn	0-2
Austin Peay	1-0
Central Michigan	1-0
Charlotte	1-0
Eastern Kentucky	2-0
Eastern Michigan	2-0
Florida	1-7
Georgia	0-8
Georgia Tech	0-1
Louisiana-Lafayette	1-0
Louisiana-Monroe	2-0
Louisville	3-4
LSU	0-1
Miami (Ohio)	1-0
Middle Tennessee	1-0
Mississippi State	3-5
Missouri	5-3
Murray State	1-0
New Mexico State	1-0
North Carolina State	1-0
Northwestern	0-1
Ohio	1-0
Ole Miss	0-2
Penn State	1-0
South Carolina	6-2
Southern Miss	1-1
Tennessee	2-6
Tennessee-Martin	2-0
Texas A&M	0-1
Toledo	1-0
Vanderbilt	6-2
Virginia Tech	1-0
Western Kentucky	0-1
Totals:	**50-50**



THE MARK STOOPS COACHING FILE

Year	School	Position	W-L	SEC	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	0-8	
2014	Kentucky	Head Coach	5-7	2-6	
2015	Kentucky	Head Coach	5-7	2-6	
2016	Kentucky	Head Coach	7-6	4-4	TaxSlayer
2017	Kentucky	Head Coach	7-6	4-4	Music City
2018	Kentucky	Head Coach	10-3	5-3	Citrus
2019	Kentucky	Head Coach	8-5	3-5	Belk
2020	Kentucky	Head Coach	5-6	4-6	TaxSlayer Gator
2021	Kentucky	Head Coach	1-0	0-0	
			50-50	**24-42**	

STOOPS' NFL DRAFT PICKS

Name	Year	Rd	Pick	Overall	Team
Avery Williamson	2014	5	11	151	Titans
Bud Dupree	2015	1	22	22	Steelers
Za'Darius Smith	2015	4	23	122	Ravens
Josh Forrest	2016	6	15	190	Rams
Josh Allen	2019	1	7	7	Jaguars
Lonnie Johnson	2019	2	22	54	Texans
Mike Edwards	2019	3	35	99	Bucs
Benny Snell Jr.	2019	4	19	122	Steelers
George Asafo-Adjei	2019	7	18	232	Giants
Lynn Bowden Jr.	2020	3	16	80	Raiders
Logan Stenberg	2020	4	15	121	Lions
Jamin Davis	2021	1	19	19	Washington
Kelvin Joseph	2021	2	12	44	Cowboys
Quinton Bohanna	2021	6	8	192	Cowboys
Brandin Echols	2021	6	16	200	Jets
Landon Young	2021	6	22	206	Saints
Phil Hoskins	2021	7	3	232	Panthers

STOOPS YEAR-BY-YEAR

2013 – Won 2, Lost 10

26	WKU*	35	Nashville	Aug 31
41	Miami (Ohio)	7	Lexington	Sept 7
13	Louisville	27	Lexington	Sept 14
7	Florida*	24	Lexington	Sept 28
28	South Carolina*	35	Columbia	Oct 5
7	Alabama*	48	Lexington	Oct 12
22	Mississippi State*	28	Starkville	Oct 24
48	Alabama State *	14	Lexington	Nov 2
17	Missouri	48	Lexington	Nov 9
6	Vanderbilt	22	Nashville	Nov 16
17	Georgia*	59	Athens	Nov 23
13	Tennessee*	27	Lexington	Nov 30
246		**374**		

COACH: Mark Stoops
CAPTS: Avery Williamson and game captains

2014 – Won 5, Lost 7

59	UT Martin	14	Lexington	Aug 30
20	Ohio	3	Lexington	Sept 6
30	Florida* (3 OT)	36	Gainesville	Sept 13
17	Vanderbilt	7	Lexington	Sept 27
45	South Carolina*	38	Lexington	Oct 4
48	ULM	14	Lexington	Oct 11
3	LSU*	41	Baton Rouge	Oct 18
31	Mississippi State	45	Lexington	Oct 25
10	Missouri	20	Columbia	Nov 1
31	Georgia	63	Lexington	Nov 8
16	Tennessee	50	Knoxville	Nov 15
40	Louisville	44	Louisville	Nov 29
350		**375**		

COACH: Mark Stoops
CAPTS: Javess Blue, Alvin "Bud" Dupree, Za'Darius Smith, Jordan Swindle

2015 – Won 5, Lost 7

40	UL Lafayette*	33	Lexington	Sept 5
26	South Carolina*	22	Columbia	Sept 12
9	Florida*	14	Lexington	Sept 19
21	Missouri*	13	Lexington	Sept 26
34	Eastern Ky. (OT)*	27	Lexington	Oct 3
27	Auburn*	30	Lexington	Oct 15
16	Mississippi State*	42	Starkville	Oct 24
21	Tennessee*	52	Lexington	Oct 31
3	Georgia	27	Athens	Nov 7
17	Vanderbilt	21	Nashville	Nov 14
58	Charlotte*	10	Lexington	Nov 21
24	Louisville	38	Lexington	Nov 28
296		**329**		

COACH: Mark Stoops
CAPTS: Farrington Huguenin, Josh Forrest, Patrick Towles, Jordan Swindle, Melvin Lewis, A.J. Stamps

2016 – Won 7, Lost 6

35	Southern Miss*	44	Lexington	Sept 3
7	Florida	45	Gainesville	Sept 10
62	New Mexico St.	42	Lexington	Sept 17
17	South Carolina*	10	Lexington	Sept 24
6	Alabama*	34	Tuscaloosa	Oct 1
20	Vanderbilt	13	Lexington	Oct 8
40	Mississippi State*	38	Lexington	Oct 22
35	Missouri	21	Columbia	Oct 29
24	Georgia*	27	Lexington	Nov 5
36	Tennessee	49	Knoxville	Nov 12
49	Austin Peay	13	Lexington	Nov 19
41	Louisville	38	Louisville	Nov 26
		TAXSLAYER BOWL		
18	Georgia Tech	33	Jacksonville	Dec 31
390		**407**		

COACH: Mark Stoops
CAPTS: Jon Toth, Courtney Miggins, Courtney Love, Jeff Badet, Jojo Kemp, Marcus McWilson

2017 – Won 7, Lost 6

24	Southern Miss	17	Hattiesburg	Sept 2
27	Eastern Ky.	16	Lexington	Sept 9
23	South Carolina*	13	Columbia	Sept 16
27	Florida*	28	Lexington	Sept 23
24	Eastern Mich.	20	Lexington	Sept 30
40	Missouri*	34	Lexington	Oct 7
7	Mississippi State	45	Starkville	Oct 21
29	Tennessee*	26	Lexington	Oct 28
34	Ole Miss	37	Lexington	Nov 4
44	Vanderbilt	21	Nashville	Nov 11
13	Georgia	42	Athens	Nov 18
17	Louisville	44	Lexington	Nov 25
		FRANKLIN AMERICAN MORTGAGE MUSIC CITY BOWL		
23	Northwestern	24	Nashville	Dec 29
332		**367**		

COACH: Mark Stoops
CAPTS: Mike Edwards, Nick Haynes, Stephen Johnson, Courtney Love, Garrett Johnson, Charles Walker

2018 – Won 10, Lost 3

35	Central Michigan	20	Lexington	Sept 1
27	Florida*	16	Gainesville	Sept 8
48	Murray State	10	Lexington	Sept 15
28	Mississippi State*	7	Lexington	Sept 22
24	South Carolina*	10	Lexington	Sept 29
14	Texas A&M (OT)*	20	College Station	Oct 6
14	Vanderbilt*	7	Lexington	Oct 20
15	Missouri	14	Columbia	Oct 27
17	Georgia	34	Lexington	Nov 3
7	Tennessee	24	Knoxville	Nov 10
34	Middle Tennessee	23	Lexington	Nov 17
56	Louisville*	10	Louisville	Nov 24
		VRBO CITRUS BOWL		
27	Penn State	24	Orlando	Jan 1
346		**219**		

COACH: Mark Stoops
CAPTS: Josh Allen, George Asafo-Adjei, C.J. Conrad, Kash Daniel, Mike Edwards , Benny Snell Jr.

2019 – Won 8, Lost 5

38	Toledo	24	Lexington	Aug 31
38	Eastern Michigan*	17	Lexington	Sept 7
21	Florida*	29	Lexington	Sept 14
13	Mississippi State	28	Starkville	Sept 21
7	South Carolina*	24	Columbia	Sept 28
24	Arkansas*	20	Lexington	Oct 12
0	Georgia*	21	Athens	Oct 19
29	Missouri*	7	Lexington	Oct 26
13	Tennessee*	17	Lexington	Nov 9
38	Vanderbilt	14	Nashville	Nov 16
50	UT Martin	7	Lexington	Nov 23
45	Louisville	13	Lexington	Nov 30
		BELK BOWL		
37	Virginia Tech	30	Charlotte	Dec 31
353		**251**		

COACH: Mark Stoops
CAPTS: Lynn Bowden Jr., Kash Daniel, Logan Stenberg, Terry Wilson, Josh Paschal

2020 – Won 5, Lost 6

13	Auburn	29	Auburn	Sept 26
41	Ole Miss (OT)	42	Lexington	Oct 3
24	Mississippi State*	2	Lexington	Oct 10
34	Tennessee	7	Knoxville	Oct 17
10	Missouri	20	Columbus	Oct 24
3	Georgia	14	Lexington	Oct 31
38	Vanderbilt	35	Lexington	Nov 14
3	Alabama	63	Tuscaloosa	Nov 21
10	Florida	34	Gainesville	Nov 28
41	South Carolina*	18	Lexington	Dec 5
		TAXSLAYER GATOR BOWL		
23	North Carolina St.	21	Jacksonville	Jan 2
240		**285**		

COACH: Mark Stoops
CAPTS: Josh Ali, Quinton Bohanna, Yusuf Corker, Max Duffy, Drake Jackson, Josh Paschal, DeAndre Square, Boogie Watson, Terry Wilson and Landon Young

Due to COVID 19, 2020 was a 10-game SEC-only schedule
* indicates night game

ASSISTANT COACHES



FRANK BUFFANO

SAFETIES/ CO-SPECIAL TEAMS COORDINATOR

Frank Buffano was hired in March of 2020 after serving seven years as the director of football operations at UK. He helps Chris Collins with the defensive backs and works primarily with the safeties. He will also serve as the co-special teams coordinator with John Settle.

Senior safety Yusuf Corker shined under Buffano in 2020 with 77 tackles (second on the team), two interceptions, 2.5 TFL, two PBU and one forced fumble. Also returning to form after injury in 2019 was senior Davonte Robinson. He had 27 tackles in 2020, including 2.0 TFL.

2011-12	Linebackers	Youngstown State
2010	Secondary	Youngstown State
2008-09	Defensive Graduate Assistant	Arizona
2020	Safeties	Kentucky
2021-present	Safeties/Co-Special Teams Coordinator	Kentucky



CHRIS COLLINS

DEFENSIVE BACKS

Chris Collins enters his first season at Kentucky coaching the defensive backs. Collins was hired in June of 2021 after four seasons as the safeties coach at Georgia State. He helped the Panthers advance to a bowl game in three of his four seasons.

Collins was a four-year letter winner and two-year captain as a safety and outside linebacker at Western Carolina from 2006-09. He finished his career with 303 tackles, 19 tackles for loss, nine forced fumbles and five pass breakups.

2011-12	Defensive Assistant	Western Carolina
2013-14	Secondary / Special Teams Coordinator	Catawba
2015	Defensive Graduate Assistant	Appalachian State
2016	Assistant Linebackers Coach	Western Carolina
2017-18	Assistant Safeties Coach	Georgia State
2019-20	Assistant Safeties Coach / Recruiting Coordinator	Georgia State
2021-present	Kentucky	Defensive Backs



LIAM COEN

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR/QBS

Liam Coen is in his first season at Kentucky as the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach. Coen spent the last three years with the Los Angeles Rams, 2018 and '19 as the assistant wide receivers coach before being named assistant quarterbacks coach prior to the 2020 season.

Coen played collegiate football at UMass and had an illustrious career as a four-year starter at quarterback from 2005-08. He set nearly every career UMass passing record, including most yards gained (11,031), highest passing efficiency (152.92), completion percentage (63.9), completions (830) and touchdowns (90).

2010	Quarterbacks Coach	Brown
2011	Quarterbacks Coach	Rhode Island
2012-13	Quarterbacks Coach	Brown
2014-15	Pass Game Coord./QBs Coach	UMass
2016-17	Offensive Coordinator, QBs	Maine
2018-19	Assistant Wide Receivers Coach	Los Angeles Rams
2020	Assistant Quarterbacks Coach	Los Angeles Rams
2021-present	Offensive Coord./Quarterbacks Coach	Kentucky



JOHN SETTLE

RUNNING BACKS/CO-SPECIAL TEAMS COORDINATOR

Former Wisconsin running backs coach John Settle is in his first season at Kentucky. Settle comes to the Bluegrass with 26 years of coaching experience, including six in the NFL, 19 bowl appearances and a long list of successful running backs.

Eleven years of his coaching career were spent at Wisconsin, the most recent as the running backs coach from 2015-2021. He also coached the Badger running backs from 2006-10.

Settle was a four-year letterwinner (1983-86) at Appalachian State, where he finished as the school's career rushing leader with 4,409 yards (then third-most in FCS history) and 43 touchdowns. A two-time All-American, he was the Southern Conference Player of the Year as a senior after rushing for 1,661 yards and 20 TDs. His No. 23 was retired by his alma mater and he was inducted into the school's hall of fame in 1994.

1994	Running backs	Appalachian State
1995	Offensive Assistant	Cleveland Browns
1996-97	Offensive Assistant	Baltimore Ravens
1998-2005	Running backs	Fresno State
2006-10	Running backs	Wisconsin
2011-12	Running backs	Carolina Panthers
2013	Running backs	Cleveland Browns
2014	Running backs	Pittsburgh
2015-20	Running backs	Wisconsin
2021-Present	Running backs/Co-Special Teams Coordinator	Kentucky



VINCE MARROW

ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH/TIGHT ENDS/RECRUITING COORDINATOR

VInce Marrow, aka the "Big Dawg", enters his ninth season as associate head coach/tight ends coach/recruiting coordinator/NFL liasison.

Marrow's tight ends have been a big factor in UK producing five consecutive seasons of 2,000 or more rushing yards with at least one 1,000-yard rusher in four of those (Stanley "Boom" Williams -2016; Benny Snell Jr., - 2017, 2018; Lynn Bowden - 2019). Marrow also has been instrumental in UK signing eight straight top-50 recruiting classes.

Marrow had a professional playing career as a member of NFL rosters on five teams, including Buffalo, Carolina, New York Jets, Chicago and San Francisco. After his NFL days ended, Marrow played for the Frankfurt Galaxy of NFL Europe in 1998, earning all-league honors with 32 receptions for 345 yards. He also played for the Orlando Rage in the XFL in 2001.

He began his collegiate playing career at Youngstown State before transferring to Toledo. Marrow played two seasons at Toledo, earning second-team All-MAC honors in 1991 before being drafted by the Bills in 1992.

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



ANWAR STEWART

DEFENSIVE LINE

Former Wildcat Anwar Stewart was named the defensive line coach at Kentucky in January of 2020. He returned to the Bluegrass after one season as the defensive line coach at Appalachian State.

Stewart is quite familiar with the Kentucky football program after playing linebacker/defensive end from 1996-99 under head coaches Bill Curry and Hal Mumme and having served as a student assistant and defensive assistant under head coach Mark Stoops from 2017-18.

During his playing days at Kentucky, he totaled 64 tackles, including nine tackles for loss and eight sacks, playing both linebacker and defensive end.

2014	Montreal Alouettes	Defensive Quality Control
2015	Montreal Alouettes	Defensive Ends
2016	Montreal Alouettes	Defensive Line
2017-18	Kentucky	Defensive Assistant
2019	Appalachian State	Defensive Line
2020-present	Kentucky	Defensive Line



JON SUMRALL

INSIDE LINEBACKERS/ CO-DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR

Former Wildcat linebacker Jon Sumrall enters his third season as the inside linebackers coach and first as co-defensive coordinator, a title he earned in 2021.

Prior to UK, Sumrall spent time at Ole Miss, Troy, Tulane and San Diego.

Sumrall was a three-year letter winner at middle linebacker at Kentucky from 2002-04. He started every game in 2004, leading the Wildcats with 72 tackles. He also excelled off the field as he was named to the SEC Academic Honor Roll and was selected to the Frank G. Ham Society of Character.

After earning his degree in finance in 2005, Sumrall served as a graduate assistant for the Wildcats during the 2005 and 2006 seasons under head coach Rich Brooks.

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	Kentucky	Inside Linebackers
2020-present	Kentucky	Co-Defensive Coordinator/Inside Linebackers



BRAD WHITE

DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR/ OUTSIDE LINEBACKERS

Brad White enters his fourth season at Kentucky as the outside linebackers coach and third as the Cats' defensive coordinator. He was elevated to the DC position by head coach Mark Stoops in February of 2019.

White came to Kentucky after spending six years at the outside linebackers coach with the Indianapolis Colts.

A graduate of Wake Forest, White started at linebacker and finished his playing career with 227 tackles, 19.0 tackles for loss, 4.0 sacks and eight passes defensed, while starting 34-of-35 games played. White was a three-time Academic All-ACC selection and was named to the 2004 CoSIDA Academic All-District III team.

2007-08	Defensive Graduate Assistant	Wake Forest
2009	Safeties	Murray State
2010-11	Inside Linebackers	Air Force
2012-13	Defensive Quality Control	Indianapolis (NFL)
2014	Assistant Linebackers	Indianapolis (NFL)
2015-17	Outside Linebackers	Indianapolis (NFL)
2018	Outside Linebackers	Kentucky
2019-present	Defensive Coordinator/Outside Linebackers	Kentucky



SCOTT WOODWARD

WIDE RECEIVERS

Scott Woodward is in his first season as the wide receivers coach.

Before coming to the Bluegrass, Woodward spent two seasons as a quality control coach at Pittsburgh. From 2015-18, he served as the tight ends coach at his alma mater, Massachusetts, and also served as an offensive analyst and worked with the quarterbacks and receivers.

Prior to UMass, had coaching stints at Fairleigh Dickinson-Florham (2013-15) and Westfield State (2010-13).

Woodward was a four-year letterman at quarterback for Massachusetts and played for the Minutemen's 2006 team that finished as the Division I-AA National Championship national runner-up

2010-13	Offensive Graduate Assistant	Westfield State
2013-15	Offensive Coordinator/QBs	Fairleigh Dickinson
2015	Graduate Assistant/WRs	Massachusetts
2016	Offensive Analyst/QBs	Massachusetts
2017	Quarterbacks	Massachusetts
2018-19	Tight ends	Massachusetts
2019-20	Offensive Quality Control	Pittsburgh
2021-present	Wide Receivers	Kentucky



ERIC WOLFORD

OFFENSIVE LINE

Eric Wolford was hired as the new offensive line coach in December of 2020.

Prior to UK, Wolford spent the previous four seasons at South Carolina. Wolford has over 25 years of coaching experience, including two in the NFL.

Wolford was a four-year starter as an offensive guard at K-State under Bill Snyder. He went on to start 34 games in his career, including 21 at right guard and 13 at left guard. During his senior year, the Wildcats won the school's first bowl game in the 1993 Copper Bowl, defeating Wyoming.

After college, Wolford signed a free-agent contract with the Arizona Cardinals before returning to Manhattan to embark on his coaching career.

1996	Offensive Line/Strength Coach	Emporia State (Division II)
1997-99	Offensive Line	South Florida
2000-02	Offensive Line	Houston
2003	Offensive Line	North Texas
2004-06	Offensive Line	Arizona
2007-08	Offensive Line	Illinois
2009	Offensive Line	South Carolina
2010-14	Head Coach	Youngstown State
2015-16	Offensive Line	San Francisco 49ers
2017-20	Offensive Line	South Carolina
2021-present	Offensive Line	Kentucky

Team Results

	Date	Opponent		Score	Att.
	09/04/2021	ULM	W	45-10	47693

Rushing

Player	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Christopher Rodriguez Jr.	1	19	125	0	125	6.6	1	31	125.0
Kavosiey Smoke	1	5	26	0	26	5.2	0	8	26.0
Mike Drennen	1	3	16	0	16	5.3	1	9	16.0
Travis Tisdale	1	1	4	0	4	4.0	0	4	4.0
Will Levis	1	4	8	14	-6	-1.5	0	8	-6.0
Beau Allen	1	1	0	10	-10	-10.0	0	0	-10.0
Team	1	1	0	10	-10	-10.0	0	0	-10.0
Total	**1**	**34**	**179**	**34**	**145**	**4.3**	**2**	**31**	**145.0**
Opponents	**1**	**43**	**76**	**60**	**16**	**0.4**	**1**	**14**	**16.0**

Passing

Player	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Will Levis	1	230.9	18-26-1	69.2	367	4	62	367.0
Beau Allen	1	119.5	4-7-0	57.1	52	0	31	52.0
Total	**1**	**207.3**	**22-33-1**	**66.7**	**419**	**4**	**62**	**419.0**
Opponents	**1**	**84.8**	**11-20-0**	**55.0**	**71**	**0**	**16**	**71.0**

Receiving

Player	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Wan'Dale Robinson	1	5	125	25.0	2	62	125.0
Josh Ali	1	5	136	27.2	1	58	136.0
Isaiah Epps	1	3	83	27.7	0	57	83.0
Christopher Rodriguez Jr.	1	2	10	5.0	0	5	10.0
Justin Rigg	1	1	5	5.0	0	5	5.0
DeMarcus Harris	1	1	4	4.0	0	4	4.0
Tae Tae Crumes	1	1	10	10.0	0	10	10.0
Brenden Bates	1	1	4	4.0	1	4	4.0
Rahsaan Lewis	1	1	4	4.0	0	4	4.0
Izayah Cummings	1	1	7	7.0	0	7	7.0
Jordan Dingle	1	1	31	31.0	0	31	31.0
Total	**1**	**22**	**419**	**19.0**	**4**	**62**	**419.0**
Opponents	**1**	**11**	**71**	**6.5**	**0**	**16**	**71.0**

Game Records

Record	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
ALL GAMES	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0
CONFERENCE	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0

Team Statistics

	UK	OPP
First Downs	**24**	**12**
Rushing	7	4
Passing	14	5
Penalty	3	3
Rushing Yardage	**145**	**16**
Rushing attempts	34	43
Average per rush	4.3	0.4
Average per game	145.0	16.0
TDs Rushing	2	1
Passing Yardage	**419**	**71**
Comp-Att-Int	22-33-1	11-20-0
Average per pass	12.7	3.6
Average per catch	19.0	6.5
Average per game	419.0	71.0
TDs Passing	4	0
Total offense	**564**	**87**
Average per play	8.4	1.4
Average per game	564.0	87.0
Kick returns: #-Yards	**2-28**	**0-0**
Punt returns: #-Yards	**3-9**	**0-0**
Int returns: #-Yards	**0-0**	**1-0**
Fumbles-Lost	**4-2**	**0-0**
Penalties-Yards	**7-65**	**3-25**
Punts-Avg	**2-35.5**	**10-42.1**
Time of possession / game	**31:47**	**28:13**
3rd-down conversion	**6/11**	**6/19**
4rd-down conversion	**0/1**	**1/1**

Interceptions

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Total	**0**	**0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**
Opponents	**1**	**0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**

Field Goals

Player	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Matt Ruffolo	1-1	100.0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-0	45	0
Opponents	**1-1**	**100.0**	**0-0**	**1-1**	**0-0**	**0-0**	**0-0**	**29**	**0**

Scoring

			PAT						
Player	**td**	**fg**	**kick**	**rush**	**rcv**	**pass**	**dxp**	**saf**	**pts**
Wan'Dale Robinson	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Matt Ruffolo	-	1-1	6-6	-	-	-	-	-	9
Christopher Rodriguez Jr.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Josh Ali	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Brenden Bates	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Mike Drennen	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Total	**6**	**1-1**	**6-6**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**45**
Opponents	**1**	**1-1**	**1-1**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**10**

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	TOT
Kentucky	14	14	3	14	0	45
Opponents	7	0	0	3	0	10

Punting

Player	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Wilson Berry	2	71	35.5	39	0	2	1	0	0
Total	**2**	**71**	**35.5**	**39**	**0**	**2**	**1**	**0**	**0**
Opponents	**10**	**421**	**42.1**	**49**	**1**	**2**	**1**	**0**	**0**

Punt Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Wan'Dale Robinson	3	9	3.0	0	5
Total	**3**	**9**	**3.0**	**0**	**5**
Opponents	**0**	**0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**

Kick Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Kavosiey Smoke	1	12	12.0	0	12
Zach Johnson	1	16	16.0	0	16
Total	**2**	**28**	**14.0**	**0**	**16**
Opponents	**0**	**0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**

All Purpose

Player	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Josh Ali	1	0	136	0	0	0	136	136.0
Christopher Rodriguez Jr.	1	125	10	0	0	0	135	135.0
Wan'Dale Robinson	1	0	125	9	0	0	134	134.0
Isaiah Epps	1	0	83	0	0	0	83	83.0
Kavosiey Smoke	1	26	0	0	12	0	38	38.0
Jordan Dingle	1	0	31	0	0	0	31	31.0
Zach Johnson	1	0	0	0	16	0	16	16.0
Mike Drennen	1	16	0	0	0	0	16	16.0
Tae Tae Crumes	1	0	10	0	0	0	10	10.0
Izayah Cummings	1	0	7	0	0	0	7	7.0
Justin Rigg	1	0	5	0	0	0	5	5.0
Travis Tisdale	1	4	0	0	0	0	4	4.0
DeMarcus Harris	1	0	4	0	0	0	4	4.0
Brenden Bates	1	0	4	0	0	0	4	4.0
Rahsaan Lewis	1	0	4	0	0	0	4	4.0
Will Levis	1	-6	0	0	0	0	-6	-6.0
Beau Allen	1	-10	0	0	0	0	-10	-10.0
Total	**1**	**145**	**419**	**9**	**28**	**0**	**601**	**601.0**
Opponents	**1**	**16**	**71**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**87**	**87.0**

Total Offense

Player	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Will Levis	1	30	-6	367	361	361.0
Christopher Rodriguez Jr.	1	19	125	0	125	125.0
Beau Allen	1	8	-10	52	42	42.0
Kavosiey Smoke	1	5	26	0	26	26.0
Mike Drennen	1	3	16	0	16	16.0
Travis Tisdale	1	1	4	0	4	4.0
Total	**1**	**67**	**145**	**419**	**564**	**564.0**
Opponents	**1**	**63**	**16**	**71**	**87**	**87.0**

Team Defense

			Tackles				Sacks	Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
##	Player	gp	ua	a	tot	tfl/yds	no-yds	int-yds	brup	qbh	fr-yds	ff	kick	saf
4	Joshua Paschal	1	6	2	8	2.5-17	1.5-13	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
5	DeAndre Square	1	4	2	6	3.5-7	1-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
15	Jordan Wright	1	5	1	6	2.5-9	1-8	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
9	Davonte Robinson	1	2	4	6	1-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
8	Octavious Oxendine	1	3	2	5	1-5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
29	Yusuf Corker	1	2	3	5	1.5-8	1-7	.	2	.	.	.	.	.
10	Jacquez Jones	1	2	2	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
94	Abule Abadi-Fitzgerald	1	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
23	Tyrell Ajian	1	1	2	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
11	Moses Douglass	1	3	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
13	J.J. Weaver	1	1	1	2	1.5-14	1.5-14	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
47	K.D. McDaniel	1	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
50	Marquan McCall	1	1	1	2	0.5-0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
99	Josaih Hayes	1	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
34	Jalen Geiger	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
6	Jared Casey	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
96	Isaiah Gibson	1	.	1	1	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
14	Carrington Valentine	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
90	Tre'vonn Rybka	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
42	Marquez Bembry	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
21	Quandre Mosely	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
25	Jordan Lovett	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
44	Martez Thrower	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
95	Jamarius Dinkins	1	.	1	1	0.5-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	Totals	**1**	**37**	**30**	**67**	**15-64**	**6-43**	**0-0**	**3**	**2**	**0-0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
	Opponents	1	35	36	71	4-24	4-24	1-0	2	3	2-0	2	0	0

NCAA Statistics

Kentucky - 2021-22 Football Ranking Summary thru games 09/04/2021

Statistic	National Rank	Conference Rank	Value	National Leader	Value	Conference Leader	Value
3rd Down Conversion Pct (124 ranked)	24	5	0.545	Texas A&M	0.692	Texas A&M	0.692
3rd Down Conversion Pct Defense (124 ranked)	45	7	0.316	Boston College South Carolina Troy	0.000 0.000 0.000	South Carolina	0.000
4th Down Conversion Pct (77 ranked)	77	6	0.000	36 teams tied	1.000	South Carolina LSU	1.000 1.000
4th Down Conversion Pct Defense (95 ranked)	95	10	1.000	53 teams tied	0.000	6 teams tied	0.000
Blocked Kicks (4 ranked)				Marshall South Carolina Toledo	2 2 2	South Carolina	2
Blocked Kicks Allowed (124 ranked)	1	1	0	114 teams tied	0	12 teams tied	0
Blocked Punts (3 ranked)				South Carolina Toledo	2 2	South Carolina	2
Blocked Punts Allowed (121 ranked)	1	1	0	120 teams tied	0	12 teams tied	0
Completion Percentage (124 ranked)	44	5	0.667	Coastal Carolina	0.833	Mississippi St.	0.830
Defensive TDs (2 ranked)				Iowa	2	Georgia South Carolina Texas A&M	1 1 1
Fewest Penalties (124 ranked)	71	6	7	Ohio	0	LSU	2
Fewest Penalties Per Game (121 ranked)	74	6	7.00	Rutgers	1.00	LSU	2.00
Fewest Penalty Yards (124 ranked)	81	6	65	Ohio	0	LSU	10
Fewest Penalty Yards Per Game (123 ranked)	83	6	65.00	Kent St. LSU SMU	10.00 10.00 10.00	LSU	10.00
First Downs Defense (123 ranked)	11	3	12	TCU	6	South Carolina	9
First Downs Offense (121 ranked)	42	7	24	Nebraska	53	Tennessee	32
Fumbles Lost (119 ranked)	108	11	2	73 teams tied	0	7 teams tied	0
Fumbles Recovered (21 ranked)				Middle Tenn.	4	Florida	2
Kickoff Return Defense (124 ranked)	2	1	0.00	Colorado St.	-2.00	4 teams tied	0.00
Kickoff Returns (97 ranked)	88	10	14.00	Wake Forest	59.50	Mississippi St.	36.00
Net Punting (120 ranked)	91	9	35.50	Boston College	54.00	Georgia	43.40
Passes Had Intercepted (123 ranked)	59	6	1	58 teams tied	0	5 teams tied	0
Passes Intercepted (37 ranked)				Arizona St. Kent St. Texas Tech	4 4 4	Arkansas	3
Passing Offense (124 ranked)	2	1	419.0	Western Ky.	478.0	Kentucky	419.0
Passing Yards Allowed (123 ranked)	3	1	71.0	Coastal Carolina	14.0	Kentucky	71.0
Passing Yards per Completion (124 ranked)	5	1	19.05	Army West Point	32.67	Kentucky	19.05
Punt Return Defense (124 ranked)	14	2	0.00	Tulane	-9.00	Florida	-1.00
Punt Returns (124 ranked)	64	9	3.00	Middle Tenn.	35.00	Florida	16.67
Red Zone Defense (124 ranked)	62	6	1.000	11 teams tied	0.000	South Carolina	0.000
Red Zone Offense (124 ranked)	3	1	1.000	Central Mich.	1.333	9 teams tied	1.000
Rushing Defense (124 ranked)	5	3	16.0	New Mexico	-6.0	Auburn	-3.0
Rushing Offense (124 ranked)	75	9	135.0	Memphis	503.0	Florida	400.0
Sacks Allowed (123 ranked)	103	13	4.00	22 teams tied	0.00	Auburn Florida	0.00 0.00
Scoring Defense (124 ranked)	21	4	10.0	6 teams tied	0.0	South Carolina	0.0
Scoring Offense (122 ranked)	20	3	45.0	Buffalo	69.0	Auburn	60.0
Tackles for Loss Allowed (123 ranked)	25	3	4.00	Coastal Carolina FIU Ohio St.	1.00 1.00 1.00	Auburn	2.00
Team Passing Efficiency (124 ranked)	12	2	207.26	Army West Point	445.80	Auburn	210.55
Team Passing Efficiency Defense (124 ranked)	19	3	84.82	Troy	0.00	Texas A&M	64.13
Team Sacks (79 ranked)	5	4	6.00	Marshall Missouri	9.00 9.00	Missouri	9.00
Team Tackles for Loss (124 ranked)	1	1	15.0	Kentucky	15.0	Kentucky	15.0
Time of Possession (124 ranked)	46	5	31:47	Memphis	43:45	Alabama	37:02
Total Defense (124 ranked)	2	1	87.0	Troy	0.0	Kentucky	87.0
Total Offense (124 ranked)	11	3	554.0	Memphis	848.0	Auburn	613.0
Turnover Margin (124 ranked)	116	12	-3.00	Middle Tenn. Rutgers	5.00 5.00	Alabama Arkansas Missouri	2.00 2.00 2.00
Turnovers Gained (65 ranked)				4 teams tied	5	Alabama Arkansas	3 3
Turnovers Lost (124 ranked)	99	10	3	32 teams tied	0	Auburn Missouri	0 0
Winning Percentage (79 ranked)	1	1	1.000	73 teams tied	1.000	11 teams tied	1.000

Statistic	Player	National Rank	Conference Rank	Value	National Leader	Value	Conference Leader	Value
All Purpose (197 ranked)	Josh Ali	51	8	136.00	DeAndre Torrey, North Texas	320.00	Tyler Badie, Missouri	248.00
	Christopher Rodriguez Jr.	56	9	135.00				
	Wan'Dale Robinson	57	10	134.00				
	Isaiah Epps	190	27	83.00				
Blocked Kicks (0 ranked)								
Combined Kick Returns (200 ranked)	Zach Johnson	139	15	16	Winston Wright, West Virginia	214	Lideatrick Griffin, Mississippi St.	144
	Kavosiey Smoke	161	18	12				
	Wan'Dale Robinson	178	22	9				
Completion Percentage (115 ranked)	Will Levis	33	5	0.692	Bo Nix, Auburn	0.909	Bo Nix, Auburn	0.909
Completions Per Game (97 ranked)	Will Levis	55	9	18.00	Will Rogers, Mississippi St.	39.00	Will Rogers, Mississippi St.	39.00
Field Goal Percentage (92 ranked)	Matt Ruffolo	1	1	1.000	68 players tied	1.000	10 players tied	1.000
Field Goals Per Game (92 ranked)	Matt Ruffolo	40	5	1.00	Joe Doyle, Memphis	7.00	Will Reichard, Alabama	3.00
Forced Fumbles (92 ranked)					5 players tied	2.00	4 players tied	1.00
Fumbles Recovered (2 ranked)					Gervon Dexter, Florida	2	Gervon Dexter, Florida	2
Interceptions Per Game (108 ranked)					9 players tied	2.0	Jalen Catalon, Arkansas	2.0
							Leon O'Neal, Texas A&M	2.0
Kickoff Return TDs (1 ranked)					Ja'Sir Taylor, Wake Forest	1		
Kickoff Returns (58 ranked)					Winston Wright, West Virginia	43.4	Lideatrick Griffin, Mississippi St.	36.0
Passes Defended (78 ranked)	Yusuf Corker	16	3	2.0	Noah Tumblin, San Diego St.	4.0	Theo Jackson, Tennessee	3.0
					Riley Moss, Iowa	4.0	Akayleb Evans, Missouri	3.0
Passing Efficiency (115 ranked)	Will Levis	6	2	230.9	Tanner Mordecai, SMU	245.8	Bo Nix, Auburn	240.9
Passing TDs (4 ranked)	Will Levis	4	1	4	Tanner Mordecai, SMU	7	Will Levis, Kentucky	4
					Bailey Zappe, Western Ky.	7	Zeb Noland, South Carolina	4
							Bryce Young, Alabama	4
Passing Yards (130 ranked)	Will Levis	11	2	367	Nick Starkel, San Jose St.	702	Will Rogers, Mississippi St.	370
Passing Yards Per Game (130 ranked)	Will Levis	3	2	367.0	Bailey Zappe, Western Ky.	424.0	Will Rogers, Mississippi St.	370.0
Passing Yards per Completion (115 ranked)	Will Levis	3	1	20.39	C.J. Stroud, Ohio St.	22.62	Will Levis, Kentucky	20.39
Points Responsible For (191 ranked)	Will Levis	8	1	24	Tanner Mordecai, SMU	42	Will Levis, Kentucky	24
	Wan'Dale Robinson	64	12	12	Bailey Zappe, Western Ky.	42	Zeb Noland, South Carolina	24
	Matt Ruffolo	168	26	9			Bryce Young, Alabama	24
Points Responsible For Per Game (200 ranked)	Will Levis	4	1	24.0	Tanner Mordecai, SMU	42.0	Will Levis, Kentucky	24.0
	Wan'Dale Robinson	55	12	12.0	Bailey Zappe, Western Ky.	42.0	Zeb Noland, South Carolina	24.0
	Matt Ruffolo	155	26	9.0			Bryce Young, Alabama	24.0
	Josh Ali	200	31	6.0				
	Brenden Bates	200	31	6.0				
	Mike Drennen	200	31	6.0				
	Christopher Rodriguez Jr.	200	31	6.0				
Punt Return TDs (1 ranked)					4 players tied	1		
Punt Returns (53 ranked)	Wan'Dale Robinson	45	6	3.0	Jaylin Lane, Middle Tenn.	35.0	Xzavier Henderson, Florida	16.7
Punting (78 ranked)					Matt Araiza, San Diego St.	56.8	Harrison Smith, Vanderbilt	43.5
Receiving TDs (3 ranked)	Wan'Dale Robinson	3	2	2	Kayshon Boutte, LSU	3	Kayshon Boutte, LSU	3
					Corey Rucker, Arkansas St.	3		
Receiving Yards (193 ranked)	Josh Ali	13	2	136	Jacob Cowing, UTEP	181	Kayshon Boutte, LSU	148
	Wan'Dale Robinson	29	4	125				
	Isaiah Epps	88	8	83				
Receiving Yards Per Game (199 ranked)	Josh Ali	10	2	136.0	Erik Ezukanma, Texas Tech	179.0	Kayshon Boutte, LSU	148.0
	Wan'Dale Robinson	19	4	125.0				
	Isaiah Epps	70	8	83.0				
Receptions Per Game (127 ranked)	Josh Ali	75	9	5.0	Trey McBride, Colorado St.	13.0	Makai Polk, Mississippi St.	10.0
	Wan'Dale Robinson	75	9	5.0				
Rush Yards Per Carry (172 ranked)	Christopher Rodriguez Jr.	35	9	6.58	Kenneth Walker III, Michigan St.	11.48	Zaquandre White, South Carolina	10.67
Rushing TDs (4 ranked)					Rasheen Ali, Marshall	4		
					Zach Charbonnet, UCLA	4		
					Kenneth Walker III, Michigan St.	4		
Rushing Yards (198 ranked)	Christopher Rodriguez Jr.	26	4	125	Kenneth Walker III, Michigan St.	264	Tyler Badie, Missouri	203
Rushing Yards Per Game (200 ranked)	Christopher Rodriguez Jr.	20	4	125.0	Kenneth Walker III, Michigan St.	264.0	Tyler Badie, Missouri	203.0
Sacks (24 ranked)	J.J. Weaver	7	3	2.00	Blaze Alldredge, Missouri	3.50	Blaze Alldredge, Missouri	3.50
	Yusuf Corker	24	7	1.00				
	Joshua Paschal	24	7	1.00				
	DeAndre Square	24	7	1.00				
	Jordan Wright	24	7	1.00				
Scoring (139 ranked)	Wan'Dale Robinson	21	4	12.0	Rasheen Ali, Marshall	24.0	Kayshon Boutte, LSU	18.0
	Matt Ruffolo	96	18	9.0	Joe Doyle, Memphis	24.0	Jo'quavious Marks, Mississippi St.	18.0
	Josh Ali	139	23	6.0	Kenneth Walker III, Michigan St.	24.0		
	Brenden Bates	139	23	6.0				
	Mike Drennen	139	23	6.0				
	Christopher Rodriguez Jr.	139	23	6.0				
Solo Tackles (90 ranked)	Joshua Paschal	47	5	6.0	Malcolm Rodriguez, Oklahoma St.	11.0	Damone Clark, LSU	9.0
	Jordan Wright	90	10	5.0				
Tackles For Loss (76 ranked)	DeAndre Square	3	2	3.5	Blaze Alldredge, Missouri	6.0	Blaze Alldredge, Missouri	6.0
	Jordan Wright	16	5	2.5				
	Joshua Paschal	25	8	2.0				
	J.J. Weaver	25	8	2.0				
	Yusuf Corker	76	17	1.5				
Total Interceptions (11 ranked)					10 players tied	2	Jalen Catalon, Arkansas	2
							Leon O'Neal, Texas A&M	2
Total Offense (200 ranked)	Will Levis	5	1	361.0	Bailey Zappe, Western Ky.	448.0	Will Levis, Kentucky	361.0
	Christopher Rodriguez Jr.	134	16	125.0				
Total Points Scored (131 ranked)	Wan'Dale Robinson	27	4	12	4 players tied	24	Kayshon Boutte, LSU	18
	Matt Ruffolo	112	18	9			Jo'quavious Marks, Mississippi St.	18

Total Tackles (384 ranked)	Joshua Paschal	166	13	7.0	Malcolm Rodriguez, Oklahoma St.	17.0	Damone Clark, LSU	14.0
	Jordan Wright	252	22	6.0	Keenan Pili, BYU	17.0	Bumper Pool, Arkansas	14.0
	DeAndre Square	252	22	6.0				
	Davonte Robinson	252	22	6.0				
	Octavious Oxendine	384	39	5.0				
	Yusuf Corker	384	39	5.0				
Total Touchdowns (80 ranked)	Wan'Dale Robinson	17	3	2	Rasheen Ali, Marshall	4	Kayshon Boutte, LSU	3
	Josh Ali	80	14	1	Zach Charbonnet, UCLA	4	Jo'quavious Marks, Mississippi St.	3
	Brenden Bates	80	14	1	Kenneth Walker III, Michigan St.	4		
	Mike Drennen	80	14	1				
	Christopher Rodriguez Jr.	80	14	1				
Yards per Pass Attempt (115 ranked)	Will Levis	3	1	14.12	Max Bortenschlager, FIU	15.65	Will Levis, Kentucky	14.12
Yards per Reception (198 ranked)	Isaiah Epps	20	3	27.67	Bub Means, Louisiana Tech	47.00	D'ionte Smith, Missouri	34.50
	Josh Ali	21	4	27.20				
	Wan'Dale Robinson	31	5	25.00				

2021 DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE

Left Tackle
51 Dare Rosenthal, 6-7, 327, Jr-Tr
56 Deondre Buford, 6-3, 290, Fr-RS

Left Guard
68 Kenneth Horsey, 6-3, 302, Jr-2L
61 Austin Dotson, 6-6, 321, Sr-3L

Center
79 Luke Fortner, 6-6, 297, %Sr-4L
60 Quintin Wilson, 6-1, 296, Jr-2L

Right Guard
75 Eli Cox, 6-4, 301, So-1L
62 Jager Burton, 6-4, 302, Fr-HS

Right Tackle
70 Darian Kinnard, 6-5, 338, Sr-3L
77 Jeremy Flax, 6-6, 338, So-RS

Tight End
83 Justin Rigg, 6-6, 261, %Sr-3L
80 Brenden Bates, 6-5, 255, Jr-2L
84 Izayah Cummings, 6-3, 230, So-1L

Wide Receiver (X)
6 Josh Ali, 6-0, 190, %Sr-4L
82 Tae Tae Crumes, 6-1, 182, So-Sq

Wide Receiver (F)
1 Wan'Dale Robinson, 5-10, 183, Jr-Tr
19 Rahsaan Lewis, 5-11, 184, Jr-Sq

Wide Receiver (Z)
81 Isaiah Epps, 6-2, 188, Sr-3L
86 DeMarcus Harris, 6-1, 180, So-1L

Quarterback
7 Will Levis, 6-3, 232, Jr-Tr
11 Beau Allen, 6-2, 208, So-1L

Running Back
24 Chris Rodriguez Jr., 5-11, 224, Jr-2L
0 Kavosiey Smoke, 5-9, 202, Jr-2L

SPECIALISTS

Kicker
96 Matt Ruffolo, 5-11, 210, %Sr-2L
12 Chance Poore, 6-2, 219, Jr-2L

Punter
93 Wilson Berry, 6-4, 193, Fr-HS
or 94 Colin Goodfellow, 6-2, 233, %Sr-1L

Long Snapper
46 Cade Degraw, 5-11, 206, Jr-1L
55 Clay Perry, 6-0, 187, So-Sq

Punt Return
1 Wan'Dale Robinson, 5-10, 183, Jr-Tr
or 6 Josh Ali, 6-0, 190, %Sr-4L

Kickoff Return
28 Zach Johnson, 5-10, 195, %Sr-4L
1 Wan'Dale Robinson, 5-10, 183, Jr-Tr

Holder
12 Chance Poore, 6-2, 219, Jr-2L
94 Colin Goodfellow, 6-2, 233, %Sr-1L

DEFENSE

Jack Linebacker
15 Jordan Wright, 6-5, 225, Sr-3L
13 J.J. Weaver, 6-5, 231, So-1L
47 K.D. McDaniel, 6-2, 225, So-1L

Defensive End
4 Joshua Paschal, 6-3, 275, Sr-3L
90 Tre'vonn Rybka, 6-4, 301, Fr-RS

Nose Guard
50 Marquan McCall, 6-3, 344, Sr-3L
52 Justin Rogers, 6-3, 328, So-1L
or 99 Josaih Hayes, 6-3, 305, So-1L

Defensive Tackle
94 Abule Abadi-Fitzgerald, 6-6, 303, Sr-2L
8 Octavious Oxendine, 6-1, 302, So-1L
92 Kahlil Saunders, 6-5, 270, Fr-HS

Middle Linebacker
10 Jacquez Jones, 6-0, 235, Sr-Tr
or 32 Trevin Wallace, 6-2, 220, Fr-HS

Weakside Linebacker
5 DeAndre Square, 6-1, 221, Sr-3L
6 Jared Casey, 6-3, 217, So-1L
or 44 Martez Thrower, 6-2, 212, Fr-HS

Nickelback/Sam Linebacker
9 Davonte Robinson, 6-2, 210, %Sr-3L
42 Marquez Bembry, 6-3, 228, Sr-1L

Cornerback
3 Cedrick Dort Jr., 5-11, 188, Sr-3L
21 Quandre Mosely, 6-2, 192,%Sr-2L

Cornerback
14 Carrington Valentine, 6-0, 188, So-1L
21 Quandre Mosely, 6-2, 192,%Sr-2L

Strong Safety
23 Tyrell Ajian, 6-0, 190, Sr-3L
34 Jalen Geiger, 6-1, 200, So-1L

Free Safety
29 Yusuf Corker, 6-0, 204, Sr-3L
30 Taj Dodson, 6-1, 194, So-1L
11 Moses Douglass, 6-2, 203, So-1L

% - Super Seniors returning for an extra year of eligibility in 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020