



KENTUCKY

FOOTBALL

KENTUCKY (2-0, 1-0)

9/4	ULM [SECN]	W, 45-10
9/11	MISSOURI* [SECN]	W, 35-28
9/18	CHATTANOOGA [ESPN+/SECN+]	Noon
9/25	at South Carolina* [ESPN2]	7 p.m.
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

GAME 3



CHATTANOOGA AT KENTUCKY
SATURDAY, SEPT. 18
NOON EDT • SECN+/ESPN+
LEXINGTON, KY.
KROGER FIELD



GAME CENTER

KENTUCKY WILDCATS
Record: 2-0
Ranking: AP - RV; Coaches - RV
Coach: Mark Stoops (Iowa, '89)
Record: 51-50 (9th season)
at UK: same
vs. UTC: 0-0
Last Game: W, 35-28, vs. Missouri (9/11)
Series: First Meeting

CHATTANOOGA MOCS
Record: 1-1
Ranking: AP - none; Coaches - none
Coach: Rusty Wright (Chattanooga, '96)
Record: 10-9 (3rd season)
at UTC: same
vs. UK: 0-0
Last Game: W, 20-0, at North Alabama (9/11)
Last Meeting: First Meeting

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BY THE NUMBERS

3 STRAIGHT BOWL WINS

5 STRAIGHT BOWL APPEARANCES

12 STRAIGHT WINS OVER
NON-CONFERENCE OPPONENTS

KENTUCKY SEEKS TO CONTINUE MOMENTUM, NON-CONFERENCE WIN STREAK

Kentucky will look to extend its non-conference winning streak to 13 games and build upon the momentum created during an impressive 2-0 start when it hosts Chattanooga on Saturday at Kroger Field. Game time is noon EDT and it will stream on SECN+ and ESPN+.

The Wildcats' new offense is 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, has piled up more than 500 total yards in each of the first two games of the season for the first time in school history and ranks 12th nationally. 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 ranks 11th nationally through two weeks and came up with several huge plays in the second half to stave off Missouri last week.

QUICK NOTES

- Kentucky kicked off its 131st season of intercollegiate football with a 45-10 blowout of ULM and followed up with an important 35-28 SEC-opening victory over Missouri last week.
- The Cats have opened the season 2-0 for the fourth time in the past five seasons.
- The new-look offense has been sensational, piling up over 500 total yards in each of the first two games for the first time in school history. Against ULM it was via the pass (419 yards) and against Missouri it game on the ground (340 yards).
- 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 (see page 3).
- Coach Mark Stoops is his ninth season in Lexington. He is 51-50 overall.
- Stoops started his tenure 12-26 but has gone an astounding 39-24 since that time, moving over .500 for the first time in his term as head coach.
- Stoops has reached two milestones this season. His ninth season ties Fran Curci (1973-81) for the most seasons as head coach at Kentucky and his 101 games passed Curci (100 games) 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 Manuskay
 Louie Matsakis
 Mark Perry
 Joe Scola

Graduate Assistants:

Brayden Berezowitz (defense)
 Bryan Berezowitz (student assistant)
 C.J. Conrad (special teams)
 Ryan Finck (offense)
 Connor Langfels (defense)
 Cam Garner (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 two weeks, the Cats rank among the nation's best on both sides of the football. UK ranks 11th nationally in total defense and 12th in total offense.
- The UK defense also racked up 14 tackles for loss and 6 sacks in the opener.
- The new-look offense ranks third nationally in yards per completion (18.69) and saw two receivers hit the 100-yard receiving mark in the same game for the first time since 2011 in the opener. The Cats are 12th in passing efficiency.
- RB Chris Rodriguez Jr. ranks second nationally with 165.5 rushing yards per game.
- Rodriguez was named Co-SEC Player of the Week after producing a career-hgh 206 rushing yards vs. Missouri.
- "Super Senior" Luke Fortner was named co-Offensive Lineman of the Week for his work at center in the season opener.
- 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.
- Will Levis was named one of eight "Stars of the Week" by The Manning Award after his record-breaking debut in blue.
- 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"

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.....	2-0	51-50
SEC.....	1-0	25-42
West.....	0-0	4-14
East.....	1-0	21-28
Non-Conference.....	1-0	26-8
Home.....	2-0	37-21
Road.....	0-0	11-26
Neutral site.....	0-0	3-3
Night.....	1-0	23-22
Day.....	1-0	28-28
TV Games.....	2-0	48-50
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
ESPNNews.....	0-0	0-1
SEC Network.....	2-0	40-26
Fox Sports South.....	0-0	1-1
CBS Sports Network.....	0-0	1-0
August/September.....	2-0	22-12
October.....	0-0	14-14
November.....	0-0	11-21
December/January.....	0-0	4-2
UK scores on 1st possession.....	1-0	22-14
Opp scores on 1st possession.....	1-0	14-22
UK scores first.....	1-0	32-17
Opponent scores first.....	1-0	19-33
UK leads after 1st quarter.....	2-0	30-8
Opponent leads after 1stQ.....	0-0	11-33
Teams are tied after 1stQ.....	0-0	10-9
UK leads at halftime.....	2-0	36-7
Opponent leads at halftime.....	0-0	8-39
Teams are tied at halftime.....	0-0	7-4
UK leads after 3rd quarter.....	2-0	42-4
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.....	2-0	42-18
Scoring 30+ points.....	2-0	30-8
Allowing less than 20 pts.....	1-0	29-4
Allowing 20+ points.....	1-0	16-38
Allowing 30+ points.....	0-0	7-29
UK has more total yards.....	2-0	40-7
Opp. has more total yds.....	0-0	11-43
UK has more rushing yards.....	2-0	43-11
Opp. has more rushing yards.....	0-0	8-39
UK has more passing yards.....	1-0	22-14
Opp. has more passing yards.....	1-0	29-34
Rushing for < 100 yds.....	0-0	5-17
Rushing for over 100 yards.....	2-0	43-32
Rushing for 200+ yards.....	1-0	35-9
Passing for 200+ yards.....	1-0	19-14
Passing for 300+ yards.....	1-0	7-4
UK has 100-yard rusher.....	2-0	35-14
Opp. has 100-yard rusher.....	0-0	15-32
No turnovers.....	0-0	13-8
One or two turnovers.....	1-0	33-32
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.....	1-0	27-26
Teams have equal penalties.....	0-0	6-4
UK has more TOP.....	2-0	35-18
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.....	2-0	37-19
In blue uniforms.....	1-0	13-4
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 51 career victories at Kentucky, No. 2 on the school's all-time list. Paul "Bear" Bryant is first with 60.
- Coach Stoops has 25 SEC wins and now is tied with Fran Curci for the most in school history.
- Coach Stoops now holds the record for most total home wins in school history (37).
- Junior **RB Chris Rodriguez Jr.** has 1,692 career rushing yards. Running for 206 yards in the win over Missouri, he vaulted all the way to 16th place on the school's all-time list. He needs eight yards to move into the top 15.
- Rodriguez has 20 career rushing touchdowns and needs five to tie for fourth in UK history.
- Senior **WR Josh Ali** recently became the 31st player in school history with 1,000 or more yards receiving (1,012). He also has 97 career receptions, needs three more to become the 17th Wildcat to reach the century mark in catches.
- Junior **RB Kavosiey Smoke** has 955 career rushing yards and needs 45 more to become the 41st player to join the 1,000-yard club.

who are taking advantage of the extra year of eligibility due to a COVID-shortened 2020 season.

- 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 35 of the past 40 games.
- Since 2016, UK is 16-7 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 Wohlbauhg Jr. and RB La'Ve'll Wright.

SERIES VS. CHATTANOOGA

- This is the first meeting between the schools.

A UK WIN WOULD...

- Give head coach Mark Stoops 52 career victories at UK, putting him just eight wins shy of tying Paul "Bear" Bryant for the school's all-time winning coach.
- Give UK 13 consecutive non-conference wins.
- Move the Cats to 3-0 on the season for the third time in Stoops' tenure (2017, 2018).
- Give UK a fifth straight win over opponents from the state of Tennessee and sixth in the past seven games.
- Improve UK's overall record at Kroger Field to 173-137-4.

KENTUCKY-CHATTANOOGA CONNECTIONS

- UK offensive line coach Eric Wolford and Chattanooga defensive coordinator Lorenzo Ward were on the 2009 South Carolina staff together.
- Ward is quite familiar with Kentucky football, having served as the defensive coordinator at

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.

<u>Streak</u>	<u>Last Defeat</u>
20 - Minnesota	Sept. 3, 2015 vs. TCU
14 - 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:

<u>Streak</u>	<u>Team</u>
6	Appalachian State
4	Texas
3	Kentucky , Iowa, Texas A&M





TRACKING THE OPPONENTS

Opponent	UK vs. Opp	Opp. Record	Last Meeting/2021 Result	Next Game
vs. ULM	Sept. 4	0-1	2021 - W, 45-10, in Lexington	Sept. 18 - vs. Jackson State
vs. Missouri	Sept. 11	1-1	2021 - W, 35-28, in Lexington	Sept. 18 - vs. SE Missouri
vs. Chattanooga	Sept. 18	1-1	First Meeting	Sept. 18 - at Kentucky
at South Carolina	Sept. 25	2-0	2020 - W, 41-18, in Lexington	Sept. 18 - at Georgia
vs. Florida	Oct. 2	2-0	2020 - L, 34-10, in Gainesville	Sept. 18 - vs. Alabama
vs. LSU	Oct. 9	1-1	2014 - L, 41-3, in Baton Rouge	Sept. 18 - vs. Central Michigan
at Georgia	Oct. 16	2-0	2020 - L, 14-3, in Lexington	Sept. 18 - vs. South Carolina
at Mississippi State	Oct. 30	2-0	2020 - W, 24-2, in Lexington	Sept. 18 - at Memphis
vs. Tennessee	Nov. 6	1-1	2020 - W, 34-7, in Knoxville	Sept. 18 - vs. Tennessee Tech
at Vanderbilt	Nov. 13	1-1	2020 - W, 38-35, in Lexington	Sept. 18 - vs. Stanford
vs. New Mexico State	Nov. 20	0-2	2016 - W, 62-42, in Lexington	Sept. 18 - vs. S. Carolina St.
at Louisville	Nov. 27	1-1	2019 - W, 45-13, in Lexington	Sept. 17 - vs. UCF

SEC East rival South Carolina from 2009-15 and then spending two seasons at staff at Louisville in 2017-18.

- UK defensive backs coach Chris Collins and Chattanooga head coach Rusty Wright and tight ends coach Jacob Huesman all were on the Georgia State staff together in 2018.

LAST TIME OUT

- Kentucky used a punishing ground game, big plays and a timely sack on the final possession to defeat Missouri, 35-28, to move to 2-0 on the season and 1-0 in SEC play.
- It is the sixth win in the past seven meetings for the Cats against Mizzou.
- Kentucky scored 35 points, most in an SEC opener since a 42-29 win at Arkansas in 2007.
- UK had 519 total offensive yards. It is the first time in school history that UK has opened the season with two straight 500-yard games.
- Kentucky made 66.7 percent of its third-down conversions (8 of 12), best since converting 72.7 percent (8 of 11) against Vanderbilt in 2019.
- Junior quarterback Will Levis completed 10 of 18 passes for 179 yards and one touchdown.
- With starting lineups available since 1993, he is the sixth quarterback since that time to win his first two starts – also Terry Wilson (2018), Patrick Towles (2014), Morgan Newton (2009), Mike Hartline (2008) and Billy Jack Haskins (1995).
- Junior running back Chris Rodriguez Jr. rushed 27 times for 206 yards – both career highs – and two scores. He also caught a five-yard touchdown on the first possession, his first collegiate receiving TD. He earned Co-SEC Player of the Week honors.
- Junior wide receiver Wan’Dale Robinson caught five passes for 101 yards. He is the first Wildcat to have back-to-back 100-yard receiving games since Jeff Badet in 2016.
- He is the first Wildcat to have 100-yard receiving games in the first two games of a season since Craig Yeast in 1998. He is the first Wildcat with a 100-yard receiving game in an SEC opener since Garrett Johnson at Florida in 2014.
- Senior linebacker Jacquez Jones got his first collegiate interception – and UK’s first takeaway of the year – with an acrobatic leaping grab on the first possession of the third quarter, setting up a UK touchdown. He added two pass breakups.
- Sophomore linebacker J.J. Weaver had a crucial eight-yard sack on Missouri’s final possession of the game. He also had a three-yard tackle for loss and caused a fumble. He now has 2.5 sacks in the first two games.

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.

100-YARD RUSHERS

Player	2021	Career	'21 Opponent
Chris Rodriguez Jr.	2	8	ULM Missouri

100-YARD RECEIVERS

Player	2021	Career	'21 Opponent
Wan’Dale Robinson	2	4	ULM Missouri
Josh Ali	1	1	ULM

300-YARD PASSERS

Player	2021	Career	'21 Opponent
Will Levis	1	1	ULM

INTERCEPTIONS

Player	2021	Career
Jacquez Jones	1	1
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	2.5	3.0
Josh Paschal	1.5	9.5
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 (52), Josh Ali (47), Zach Johnson (46), Luke Fortner (44), Josh Paschal (42), Yusuf Corker (39), Davonte Robinson (39), DeAndre Square (38), Tyrell Ajian (37), Jacquez Jones (35), Darian Kinnard (35), Jordan Wright (35), Isaiah Epps (34), Cedrick Dort Jr. (33), Marquan McCall (33)

Most Games Started (min. 20): Darian Kinnard (28), Josh Paschal (27), Josh Ali (26), Yusuf Corker (26), Luke Fortner (25), Justin Rigg (24), DeAndre Square (24), Jacquez Jones (21)

Consecutive Games Started (min. 12): Darian Kinnard (28), Josh Ali (26), Yusuf Corker (26), Jacquez Jones (15)

Consecutive Games with a Tackle (min. 12): Yusuf Corker (28), Davonte Robinson (21), Jordan Wright (17), Jacquez Jones (16), Tyrell Ajian (13), Josh Paschal (13)

Consecutive Games with a Reception (min. 5): Josh Ali (14), Wan'Dale Robinson (10), Keaton Upshaw (9), Justin Rigg (6)

#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.

- 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)

IT'S A WAN'DERFUL LIFE

- The Cats scored big in the offseason when Nebraska transfer **Wan'Dale Robinson**, a Frankfort, Kentucky native, transferred back to the Commonwealth.
- 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.
- In week two, he set the tone with a 64-yard run on the second play from scrimmage to set up a touchdown and later hauled in a pair of deep bombs, including one on a critical third down late in the game.
- Through two games the home run hitter ranks 15th nationally in receiving yards per game (113.0), 16th all-purpose yards per game (154.0) and has five plays of 30+ yards.
- 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.

HOT ROD

- Junior RB **Chris Rodriguez Jr.** continues to bulldoze his way through opponents and the record books, now doing so as the Cats' feature back.
- He has 331 rushing yards this season, school record for a UK player in the first two games of a season.
- He has 1,692 career rushing yards, 16th place in school history.
- Rodriguez has rushed for a touchdown in five consecutive games, second-longest streak in school history.
- He is the 10th player in school history with at least 20 rushing touchdowns.
- He ranks second only to Lynn Bowden Jr. in yards per carry (min. 200) at 7.11.



2021 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING:	ATT.	YARDS	AVG.	TDS		
Chris Rodriguez Jr.	46	331	7.2	3		
Wan'Dale Robinson	3	73	24.3	0		
Kavosiey Smoke	13	65	5.0	0		
PASSING:	ATT.	COMP	INT.	TDS	YARDS	PCT.
Will Levis	44	28	2	5	546	63.6
Beau Allen	7	4	0	0	52	57.1
RECEIVING:	REC.	YARDS	AVG.	AVG/GAME	TDS	
Wan'Dale Robinson	10	226	22.6	113.0	2	
Josh Ali	7	166	23.7	83.0	1	
Isaiah Epps	3	83	27.7	83.0	0	
TACKLES:	TOTAL	SOLO	AST.	INT.	SACKS	TFL (YDS)
DeAndre Square	12	9	3	-	1.0	3.5 (7)
Yusuf Corker	11	8	3	-	1.0	1.5 (8)
Davonte Robinson	11	7	4	-	0.0	1.0 (1)
Tyrell Ajian	11	7	4	-	0.0	0.0
Josh Paschal	10	6	4	-	1.5	2.5 (17)

- He has had only five of his 238 career carries go for negative yardage, a staggering testament to his ability to hit the hole and grind out yards.
- He set new career highs with 27 carries for 206 yards vs. Missouri. The 206 rushing yards are the most for a UK player vs. Missouri and broke the UK record for most rushing yards in an SEC opener. He earned Co-SEC Player of the Week honors.

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** - (97 catches, 1012 yards, 6 TD)
- Offensive lineman **Luke Fortner** (44 games, 25 starts)
- Defensive back **Zach Johnson** (46 games, 16 tackles, 22.5-yard avg. on 19 kickoff returns)
- Defensive back **Quandre Mosley** (25 games, 47 tackles, INT, 5 pass breakups)
- Defensive back **Davonte Robinson** (39 games, 99 tackles, 6.0 TFL, 2 fumble recoveries)
- Tight end **Justin Rigg** (32 catches, 391 yards, 1 TD)
- Kicker **Matt Ruffolo** (17-of-21 FG, 102 points)
- Punter **Colin Goodfellow**
- Inside linebacker **William Nalty**
- Additionally, junior All-American offensive tackle **Darian Kinnard** (35 games, 28 straight starts), junior safety **Yusuf Corker** (39 games, 26 straight starts, 170 tackles, 3 INT) and junior defensive end **Josh Paschal** (42 games, 27 starts, 95 tackles, 23.5 TFL, 9.0 sacks) returned for their senior seasons after considering NFL options.

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 Bemby
 - Yusuf Corker
 - Cedrick Dort Jr.
 - Isaiah Epps
 - Luke Fortner
 - Colin Goodfellow
 - Zach Johnson
 - Will Levis* (Penn State)

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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 Essendon'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 February 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

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

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)
- 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)

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 Luke Fortner, Marquan McCall, Josh Paschal, Chris Rodriguez Jr.
vs. Chattanooga
at South Carolina
vs. Florida
vs. LSU.
at Georgia.
at Mississippi State
vs. Tennessee.
at Vanderbilt
vs. New Mexico State
at Louisville.





- Stoops has 51 career victories at Kentucky, second on the school's all-time list.
- Stoops has coached in 101 games as the Kentucky head coach, the most in school history.

Most Career Wins By A Head Coach, School History

1. 60 Paul "Bear" Bryant (1946-53)
2. **51 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 25 SEC wins which is tied for the school record with Fran Curci.

Most Career SEC Wins By A Head Coach, School History

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

- Stoops has a school-record 37 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. **37 Mark Stoops (2013-present)**
2. 32 Jerry Claiborne (1982-89)

Most Career Home Wins By A Head Coach, School History

1. **37 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	2006 6. July 7, Pat Fitzgerald, Northwestern	2009 12. Dec. 11, Brian Kelly, ND
2000 2. Dec. 8, Gary Patterson, TCU	7. Dec. 22, Troy Calhoun, AF	2011 13. Jan. 13, David Shaw, Stanford
2004 3. Dec. 9, Kyle Whittingham, Utah	2007 8. Jan. 3, Nick Saban, Alabama	2012 14. Nov. 27, Mark Stoops, UK
2005 4. Jan. 3, Mike Gundy, Okla. State	9. Dec. 8, Ken Niumatalolo, Navy	15. Dec. 1, Dave Doeren, N.C. State
5. Dec. 12, Rick Stockstill, MT	2008 10. Dec. 15, David Cutcliffe, Duke	16. Dec. 14, Skip Holtz, La Tech
	11. Oct. 13, Dabo Swinney, Clemson	

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 16 players making their collegiate debut in the opener vs. ULM
- Offense: 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 Dingle, redshirt freshman DE Sam Anaele, freshman DL Kahlil Saunders, freshman DL Jamarius Dinkins
- Special Teams: Sophomore LS Clay Perry, freshman P Wilson Berry

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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



- First career collegiate starts were senior DT Abule Abadi-Fitzgerald, sophomore OG Eli Cox, RB Chris Rodriguez Jr. 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.

PRIDE OF THE OCEAN STATE

- They are Kentuckians now but UK offensive coordinator Liam Coen and defensive coordinator Brad White most certainly spend some time reminiscing on their early football days at rival Rhode Island high schools. One thing is for sure, the odds of a Power Five school in the southeast having a pair of coordinators from the smallest state in the nation would have been astronomical.
- Coen, who is four years White's junior, is from Warwick, R.I., played at LaSalle Academy while White, a Portsmouth native, played at rival Bishop Hendricken.
- The oddity wasn't lost on the coaches: "How about that? I think there's about three or four in the NFL or Division I football, so there's not many," Coen said of high-level coordinators. "Small world, man. Such a small world, how these things work out."

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.
- In week two, Darian Kinnard wore No. 65 and Yusuf Corker 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 Georgia
- 3 Oklahoma
- 4 Oregon
- 5 Iowa
- 6 Clemson
- 7 Texas A&M
- 8 Cincinnati
- 9 Ohio State
- 10 Penn State
- 11 Florida
- 12 Notre Dame
- 13 UCLA
- 14 Iowa State
- 15 Virginia Tech
- 16 UCLA
- 17 Coastal Carolina
- 18 Ole Miss
- 19 Wisconsin
- 20 Arizona State
- 21 North Carolina
- 22 Auburn
- 23 BYU
- 24 Miami
- 25 Michigan

2021 UK Opponents Receiving Votes: LSU (31)

2021 USA TODAY AFCA COACHES POLL

- 1 Alabama
- 2 Georgia
- 3 Oklahoma
- 4 Oregon
- 5 Texas A&M
- 6 Clemson
- 7 Iowa
- 8 Cincinnati
- 9 Florida
- 10 Notre Dame
- 11 Ohio State
- 12 Penn State
- 13 UCLA
- 14 Iowa State
- 15 Virginia Tech
- 16 Ole Miss
- 17 Wisconsin
- 18 Coastal Carolina
- 19 North Carolina
- 20 Auburn
- 21 Arizona State
- 22 Oklahoma State
- 23 BYU
- 24 Arkansas
- 25 Michigan

2021 UK Opponents Receiving Votes: LSU (95)

KENTUCKY IN THE POLLS

DATE	AP	COACHES	BCS
Preseason	-	RV (20)	-
Week 2	RV (3)	RV (28)	-
Week 3	RV (13)	RV (50)	-
Week 4			
Week 5			
Week 6			
Week 7			
Week 8			
Week 9			
Week 10			
Week 11			
Week 12			
Pre-Bowls			
Final			

CATS 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)

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

2021 CAT SCRATCHES

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

(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)

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 announcement 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 first two games did nothing to quell that enthusiasm with the Cats piling up 80 total points and 1,083 yards of offense, including 598 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

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

touchdowns in 2020), center Drake Jackson (44 straight career starts) and offensive tackle Landon Young (33 career starts at left tackle).

QUARTERBACKS

- 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.
- 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.
- Through two games he ranks second nationally in yards per completion and yards per attempt. He's seventh in pass efficiency.
- Sophomore **Beau Allen** is the backup. He saw action vs. ULM, completing 4-of-7 passes for 52 yards.

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'Veil Wright**. He comes to UK after



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

- Co-SEC Offensive Lineman of Week (Sept. 7)
- 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

Will Levis

- The Manning Award "QB of the Week" (Week 1)
- Manning "Star of the Week (Week 1)

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.

- Co-SEC Player of the Week (Sept. 14)
- CFPA HM National Performer of the Week
- On3's SEC Player of the Week (Week 2)
- College Sports Madness Offensive SEC Player of the Week (Week 2)
- 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)

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.
- He was even better in the SEC opener vs. Missouri, setting new career highs with 206 yards on 27 attempts and two touchdowns.
- Rodriguez now ranks 16th in school history with 1,692 rushing yards.
- Rodriguez has proven nearly impossible to bring down behind the line of scrimmage, having lost yardage on just five of his 238 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 11.9 rush attempts in his career (20 in 238 attempts). By comparison, UK all-time leading rusher and scorer Benny Snell Jr. hit paydirt once every 15.4 rush attempts.
- Smoke has played in 24 career games and nears 1,000 rushing yards with 955. He currently averages 5.8 per carry.
- Kentucky has rushed for at least 300 yards in eight of its past 18 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 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 97 career receptions for 1,012 yards and six scores.
- 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.
- Wan'Dale Robinson has proven to be every bit the home run threat the Cats thought they were getting when he transferred back home from Nebraska. He ranks as one of the nation's most explosive playmakers.
- Wan'Dale Robinson has gone over 100 receiving yards in each of the first two games and also is the team's second-leading rusher with 73 yards on three rushes.
- 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.

TIGHT ENDS

- The tight ends have played a role in the growth of the passing game this season. In the first two games, all four tight have at least one catch and they have combined for six catches for 90 yards (15.0 average) and

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 Horning Award

Matt Ruffolo

- Lou Groza Award

DeAndre Square

- Reese's Senior Bowl





one touchdown.

- The tight ends were key blockers for UK's explosive running game last season, 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 31 career receptions for 386 yards and one score.
- 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**.
- 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 (35 career games, 28 career starts) has been holding down the right tackle position since he entered the starting lineup at the 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 (44 career games, 25 career starts) is another "super senior" who provided the coaching staff with a late Christmas present when

CATS IN THE PROS

A total of 19 former Kentucky Wildcats are currently on National Football League rosters/practice squads 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)

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) - Team captain

Miami Dolphins

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

Minnesota Vikings

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

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 Buccaneers

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 Cumbly, DB (1999-02)

CATS IN THE CFL

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



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 (14 career games, 10 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.
- 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.

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).
- Oxendine (five tackles) and Abadi-Fitzgerald (three) combined for eight tackles in the ULM opener.

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** (33 career games, 15 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 15 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. He has started the first two games and holds the distinction of being the only non-senior starter on defense.
- Another "super senior" looking to take his game to the next level is corner **Quandre Mosely** (25 career games, two career starts). He finished the 2020 season with 19.0 tackles and two pass breakups.
- At safety, "super senior" **Yusuf Corker** (38 career games, 25 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 Aijan** (37 career games, 13 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. He led



UK in the win over Missouri with a career-high eight tackles.

- Safety **Davonte Robinson** (38 career games, nine 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.

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.
- 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 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. Weaver had a huge defensive play vs. Missouri with an eight-yard sack on the Tigers’ final possession.
- **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.
- The inside linebackers are led by lone returning starter **DeAndre Square** (38 career games, 24 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.
- 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.
- 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.

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**.
- Aussie transplant **Wilson Berry** replaces fellow Aussie Max Duffy, as the primary punter.
- 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 17-of-21 FG and 51-of-54 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.
- **Degraw** enters his second season as UK’s long snapper. He’s backed up by walk-ons

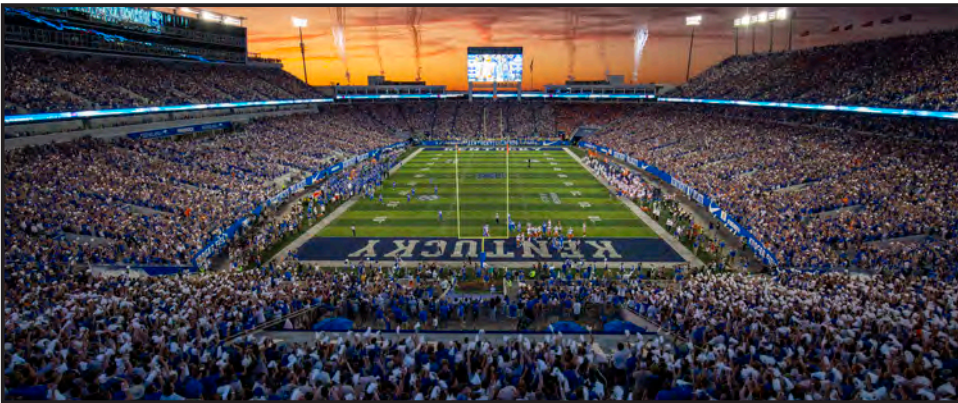
Clay Perry and Jordan Morrow.





KROGER FIELD

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



- Since its opening in 1973, Kentucky has played 314 games within the friendly confines of newly-named Kroger Field. UK has a 173-137-4 record (.558), 37-21 (.638) 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. Missouri, Sept. 11, 2021
 Scored on first play from scrimmage of game: at Louisville, Nov. 26, 2016
Had 25 First Downs: 26 vs. Missouri, Sept. 11, 2021
 Had 30 First Downs: 30 at Vanderbilt, Nov. 16, 2019
Had 250 yards rushing: 340 vs. Missouri, Sept. 11, 2021
Had 300 yards rushing: 340 vs. Missouri, Sept. 11, 2021
 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: 519 vs. Missouri, Sept. 11, 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 Rodríguez Jr. (206) vs. Missouri, Sept. 11, 2021
 Had two players rush for 100 yards: Chris Rodríguez Jr. (139), A.J. Rose(101) vs. South Carolina, Dec. 5, 2020
 Had three players rush for 100 yards: Chris Rodríguez 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 Rodríguez 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: Chris Rodríguez Jr. (125 vs. ULM, Sept. 4, 2021; 206 vs. Missouri, Sept. 11, 2021)
 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: Chris Rodríguez Jr. (206) vs. Missouri, Sept. 11, 2021
 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 Rodríguez 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: 101 by Wan'Dale Robinson, vs. Missouri, Sept. 11, 2021
Had a player with consecutive 100-yard receiving games: Wan'Dale Robinson, 2 (vs. ULM, Sept. 4, 2021; vs. Missouri, Sept. 11, 2021)
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 Rodríguez Jr. (206 rush) and Wan'Dale Robinson (101 receiving) vs. Missouri, Sept. 11, 2021
Had a player score a TD by rushing and receiving in the same game: Chris Rodríguez Jr. vs. Missouri, Sept. 11, 2021
 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. ECU, Oct. 3, 2015 - (W, 34-27)
 Won a game on the last play of regulation as time expired: 15-14 at Missouri, Oct. 27, 2018 (2-yard TD pass)



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: Missouri, Sept. 11, 2021

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: 51 by Connor Bazelak (Missouri), Sept. 11, 2021

Had a player with 25 pass completions: 34 by Connor Bazelak (Missouri), Sept. 11, 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: 10, Tyler Badie (Missouri, 88 yards), Sept. 11, 2021

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/TE	WR/TE	RB	QB
vs ULM	Rigg	Rosenthal	Horsey	Fortner	Cox	Kinnard	Ali	W. Robinson	Bates	Rodriguez	Levis
vs Missouri	Rigg	Rosenthal	Horsey	Forther	Cox	Kinnard	Ali	Cummings	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
vs Missouri	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. 51 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. 37 Mark Stoops (2013-present)
2. 32 Jerry Claiborne (1982-89)

Most Career Home Wins By A Head Coach, School History

- 1. 37 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

Table with columns: #, Player, Years, Att, Yards, Avg., TD. Lists career rushing statistics for 40 players, with Chris Rodriguez Jr. at the top with 238 attempts and 1,692 yards.

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

Table with columns: #, Player, Years, Average per rush. Lists average yards per attempt for 8 players, with C. Rodriguez Jr. at the top with 7.11.

Rushing Touchdowns, Career

Table with columns: #, Player, Years, TD. Lists career rushing touchdowns for 5 players, with Benny Snell Jr. at the top with 48 touchdowns.

Consecutive Games with a Rushing TD (since 1985)

- 6 Benny Snell Jr. (2017)
5 Chris Rodriguez Jr. (2020-present)
Stanley "Boom" Williams (2016)
Artose Pinner (2002)

100-Yard Rushing Games, Career

Table with columns: #, Player, Years, TD. Lists 100-yard rushing games for 7 players, with Benny Snell Jr. at the top with 19 games.

Receiving Yardage, Career

Table with columns: #, Player, Years, Rec., Yards, TD. Lists career receiving statistics for 31 players, with Craig Yeast at the top with 2,899 yards.

Best Field Goal Percentage, Career (min. 10 made)

Table with columns: Player, Pct., Made/Att, Years. Lists career field goal percentages for 5 players, with Matt Ruffolo at the top with .810.



2021 GAME REVIEWS

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KENTUCKY 45, ULM 10

SEPT. 4, 2021 • LEXINGTON, KY.
KROGER FIELD (47,693)



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.

Louisiana-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.Lewis (#96 M.Ruffolo kick), 5-84, 02:35 7-7
 1st 04:20 UKY - #6 J.Ali 58 yd pass from #7 W.Lewis (#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.Lewis (#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.Lewis (#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

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KENTUCKY 35, MISSOURI 28

SEPT. 11, 2021 • LEXINGTON, KY.
KROGER FIELD (58,437)



Chris Rodriguez Jr. rushed 27 times for 207 yards and three touchdowns as Kentucky won its Southeastern Conference opener over Missouri at Kroger Field.

For Rodriguez, both the number of carries and the yards rushing were career highs. The junior from McDonough, Georgia, also caught a pass for a touchdown. His four touchdowns tied a school record.

Will Levis connected on 10 of 18 passing for 179 yards with a touchdown and an interception in the game. Levis' main target was Wan'Dale Robinson, who had a big game in his own right. The Frankfort native led the Cats with 101 yards receiving on five catches. He also had three carries for 73 yards in the game.

Kentucky (2-0, 1-0 SEC) turned to the ground game in this one, rushing for 341 yards while passing for 179. The Cats ended the game with 520 yards of total offense, compared to just 398 for Missouri.

On defense, safety Tyrell Ajian led the Cats with eight tackles, while J.J. Weaver had another big game with a sack and two tackles for loss.

Kentucky took the ball first and, on the second play from scrimmage, Robinson took the jet sweep for 64 yards to the Missouri eight yard line. From there, it was a five-yard touchdown pass from Levis to Rodriguez for a touchdown. Matt Ruffolo added the PAT and Kentucky grabbed an early 7-0 lead with 12:52 still left in the first period.

After a Missouri punt, Kentucky put together its second scoring drive of the game. The Cats marched down the field, using a nice balance of rushing and passing to cover 80 yards in 12 plays, while taking more than five minutes off the clock. The drive ended on a two-yard rushing touchdown from Rodriguez, followed by a Ruffolo PAT, giving the Cats a 14-0 lead with 5:13 left in the first quarter.

Missouri would answer with a long, sustained drive of its own. The Tigers used 10 plays to cover 75 yards, ending with a six-yard touchdown pass from Connor





2021 GAME REVIEWS

Bazelak to Daniel Parker, Jr. The PAT by Harrison Mevis was good and the UK lead was trimmed to 14-7 with 27 seconds left in the first period. That would be the score after 15 minutes of play.

After another Missouri punt, the Cats went on the march again. Kentucky got a couple of first downs before the biggest play of the drive, a 49-yard completion from Levis to Robinson, getting UK inside the Missouri 10. From there, it took just two plays for the Cats to hit pay dirt, this time on a three-yard rush by Levis. Ruffolo added the point after and the Cats grabbed a 21-7 lead with 9:26 left in the half.

Missouri would punt again with its next possession and Kentucky once again drove down the field. The Cats appeared to be going in for yet another touchdown but Rodriguez fumbled at the goal line and Missouri recovered in the end zone for a touchback with 1:41 left in the half.

The Tigers would take advantage of the miscue. Missouri went into two-minute mode and got into scoring territory fairly quickly. MU covered 80 yards in nine plays and just 1:37 off the clock, culminating in a 17-yard touchdown pass from Bazelak to Keke Chism with just four seconds left in the half. Mevis added the PAT at the Kentucky lead was cut to 21-14. That would be the halftime score.

Missouri took the opening possession of the second half and, on the second play from scrimmage, Bazelak was intercepted by UK linebacker Jacquez Jones, giving the Cats the ball at the MU 38.

On UK's second play from scrimmage on the ensuing drive, Rodriguez scampered 31 yards down the left sideline to the Missouri three yard line. Rodriguez then finished it off himself, scoring from three yards out to extend the UK lead. Ruffolo's PAT was good and the Cats led 28-14 with 13:19 to play in the third.

Once again, Missouri had an answer. The Tigers took the ensuing kickoff and went 75 yards in 10 plays, getting into the end zone on a Bazelak-to-Parker six-yard touchdown pass. Mevis added the point after and it was 28-21 with 9:15 left in the third.

The next three possessions ended in punts before Missouri put together a good drive near the end of the third quarter. As the period expired, MU appeared to be on its way to scoring. As the fourth quarter began, the Tigers got inside the UK red zone. But, facing third-and-14 from the 17, the drive appeared to stall. That's when Bazelak hit Tyler Badie on a screen pass that went for a score. Mevis made the extra point to tie the game at 28-28 with 13:11 to play.

Kentucky got the ball back and quickly moved into Missouri territory. After an 11-yard completion from Levis to Robinson, Rodriguez rushed up the middle for 28 yards, eclipsing his career high in both carries and yards rushing on the same play. Levis then connected with tight end Justin Rigg for a 28-yard completion, getting the ball to the MU eight. From there, Rodriguez scored for the fourth time on the night, on an eight-yard rush, with 11:28 to play. Ruffolo's PAT was good and the Cats had a 35-28 lead.

Leading by seven in the fourth quarter, it appeared that Kentucky was going in for a game-clinching score. But the drive stalled and Ruffolo's 37-yard field goal was blocked, giving Missouri the ball at their own 45 with 2:07 to play.

Missouri took possession hoping to drive for a tying score. But after getting one first down, the MU drive stalled and on fourth and 13 from the UK 45, Bazelak's pass fell incomplete, giving Kentucky possession.

Levis would take a knee on three straight plays to seal the game

SCORING SUMMARY

Missouri	7	7	7	7	-	28
Kentucky	14	7	7	7	-	35

1st 12:52 UKY - #24 C.Rodriguez Jr. 5 yd pass from #7 W.Levis (#96 M.Ruffolo kick), 5-75, 02:08 0-7
 1st 05:13 UKY - #24 C.Rodriguez Jr. 2 yd rush (#96 M.Ruffolo kick), 12-80, 05:32 0-14
 1st 00:27 MIZ - #82 D.Parker 6 yd pass from #8 C.Bazelak (#92 H.Mevis kick), 10-75, 04:40 7-14
 2nd 09:26 UKY - #7 W.Levis 3 yd rush (#96 M.Ruffolo kick), 8-92, 03:34 7-21
 2nd 00:04 MIZ - #6 K.Chism 17 yd pass from #8 C.Bazelak (#92 H.Mevis kick), 9-80, 01:37 14-21
 3rd 13:19 UKY - #24 C.Rodriguez Jr. 3 yd rush (#96 M.Ruffolo kick), 3-38, 01:08 14-28
 3rd 09:15 MIZ - #82 D.Parker 6 yd pass from #8 C.Bazelak (#92 H.Mevis kick), 10-75, 04:04 21-28
 4th 13:11 MIZ - #1 T.Badie 17 yd pass from #8 C.Bazelak (#92 H.Mevis kick), 14-80, 04:46 28-28
 4th 11:28 UKY - #24 C.Rodriguez Jr. 8 yd rush (#96 M.Ruffolo kick), 5-75, 01:43 28-35

TEAM STATISTICS

	MIZ	UK
First Downs	25	26
Rush Att./Net Rush	24/104	52/340
Passing C/A/I	34/52/1	10/18/1
Offensive Plays	76	70
Total Offense	398	519
Fumbles/Lost	1/0	1/1
Penalties/Yards	7/65	3/35

Punts/Average	5/39.2	2/38.5
Third-Down Conv.	9 of 15	8 of 12
Time of Possession	27:12	32:48

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING (ATT.-YD.-TD)

MIZ - Badie 14-64, Bazelak 6-28, Cooper 2-10, Young 2-5
 UK - Rodriguez Jr. 27-206-3, W. Robinson 3-73, Smoke 8-39, Levis 11-25-1

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

MIZ - Bazelak 34-51-1-294-4, Luper 0-1-0-0-0
 UK - Levis 10-18-1-179-1

RECEIVING (REC-YARDS-TD)

MIZ - Badie 10-88-1, Dove 6-65, Hea 5-37, Lovett 4-18, Luper 3-27, Parker 3-32-2
 UK - W. Robinson 5-101, Ali 2-30, Rigg 1-28, Cummings 1-15, Rodriguez Jr. 1-6-1

TACKLES

MIZ - Alldredge 13, Nicholson 8, Manuel 6
 UK - Aijan 8, Jones 7, Corker 6



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	35	26	32:48	52-340-3	10-18-1-179-0	70-519-5	8-of-12	2-1
vs. Missouri	28	25	27:12	24-104-0	34-52-1-294-1	76-398-4	9-of-15	1-0
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	0-0-0	0-0-0	11-38-1	3-73-0	27-206-2	8-41-0	0-0-0
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	2-30-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-15-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-28-0	5-101-0	1-5-1	0-0-0
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	0-0-0-0-0	10-18-1-179-1
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	2-77-38.5-39-0	0-0-0-0-0
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	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	2-1-0	0-0-0	2-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0
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	0-0-0	1-0-0	5-0-0-2	0-0-0	5-0-0	6-0-0-1	1-0-0	3-2-1	3-0-0-1
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	8-0-0	6-0-0	0-0-0	4-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0	3-0-0	5-0-0
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	1	1	2		7	1	1	2	7
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	1	1	2	0	7	3	2	5	14

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	0	2	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0
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	2	2	0	1	4	3	1	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	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
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	1	0	0	0	1	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	11	6.9	36.1	2:46	4	3.9	20.0	3:56
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+

Robinson, 64 yards
(1 rush for 64 yards, 64.0 avg., 0 TD)
 Rodriguez, 16 yards
 Rodriguez, 19 yards
 Rodriguez, 31 yards
 Rodriguez, 21 yards
 Rodriguez, 31 yards
 Rodriguez, 28 yards
(6 rush for 146 yards, 24.3 avg., 0 TD)
Total: 7 rush for 210 yards, 30.0 avg, 0 TD

Receiving (20+) 1 for 24 yds
 Kick Returns (30+) 0 for 0 yds
 Punt Returns (20+) 0 for 0 yds
 Defensive Returns (20+) 0 for 0 yds
TOTAL: 1 for 24 yards (24.0 avg.)

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)
 Rigg, 28 yards
(1 rec. for 28 yards, 28.0 avg., 0 TD)
 Robinson, 33 yards*
 Robinson, 62 yards
 Robinson, 49 yards
 Robinson, 33 yards
(4 rec. for 177 yards, 44.2 avg., 1 TD)
Total: 10 rec. for 398 yards, 39.8 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	2	0
50-59	2	1
40-49	1	0
30-39	5	1
20-29	5	0
TOTAL	15	2

20+ Plays By Type	No.	TD
Rushing	5	0
Passing	10	2
Punt returns	0	0
Kick returns (30+)	0	0
Interceptions	0	0
Fumble returns	0	0
TOTAL	15	2

OPPONENT BIG PLAYS

Total:
Run (15+) 0 for 0 yds



2021 SCORING DRIVE ANALYSIS

GAME-BY-GAME SCORING DRIVES

Table with columns: Game, Plays/Yards, Time (Poss.), Qtr./Clock, Res., Scoring Play. Rows include ULM, Missouri, Chattanooga, South Carolina, Florida, LSU, Georgia, Mississippi State, Tennessee, Vanderbilt, New Mexico St., Louisville.

GAME OPENING DRIVES

Table with columns: Game, KENTUCKY (Res/Pts, Yds), OPPONENT (Res/Pts, Yds). Rows include ULM, Missouri, Chattanooga, South Carolina, Florida, LSU, Georgia, Mississippi State, Tennessee, Vanderbilt, New Mexico St., Louisville, Total/Avg.

2ND HALF OPENING DRIVES

Table with columns: Game, KENTUCKY (Res/Pts, Yds), OPPONENT (Res/Pts, Yds). Rows include ULM, Missouri, Chattanooga, South Carolina, Florida, LSU, Georgia, Mississippi State, Tennessee, Vanderbilt, New Mexico St., Louisville, Total/Avg.

GAME-BY-GAME TD DRIVES

Table with columns: Yds, TD, Drive, Poss. Time, TDs, Plays, TDs. Rows show drive statistics by yardage range from 0-9 to 15:00-+.

DRIVE ANALYSIS

Table with columns: Game, Total Drive, TD, FG, MFG, P, TO, 4DN. Rows include ULM, Missouri, Chattanooga, South Carolina, Florida, LSU, Georgia, Mississippi State, Tennessee, Vanderbilt, New Mexico St., Louisville, Totals.



ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

Table with 4 columns: Player Name, Position, Height, and Weight. Lists players alphabetically from Abule Abadi-Fitzgerald to Will Levis.

NUMERICAL ROSTER

Table with 4 columns: Player Number, Name, Position, Height, and Weight. Lists players numerically from 0 to 47.

Table with 1 column: Player Name. Lists the hometown and high school for each player, such as Wetumpka, Ala. (Wetumpka) and Frankfort, Ky. (Nebraska/Western Hills).



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	LB	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'Veil 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)

PRONUNCIATION 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 Cornelius Carradine, who combined for 24 sacks and 31 tackles for loss. Werner was a finalist for the 2012 Bronko Nagurski Award as the National Defensive Player of the Year and was among the national leaders in sacks with 13. Stoops also coached cornerback Ronald Darby to ACC Defensive Rookie of the Year.

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

and quarterback sacks (3.1 per game). FSU led the ACC in eight defensive categories.

Stoops overhauled the Florida State defense in 2010, his first season as defensive coordinator. The Seminoles gave up 19.6 points per game, third-best in the ACC and 20th nationally. FSU ranked 42nd nationally in total defense that season; in contrast, the team was 108th nationally in total defense and 94th in scoring defense in 2009, the year before Stoops' arrival. FSU improved its overall defense by more than 80 yards per game, primarily by limiting opponents to 75 fewer rushing yards per game. The Seminoles ranked third in the nation in quarterback sacks and were 21st in tackles for loss. In the secondary, Stoops coached Xavier Rhodes to ACC Defensive Rookie of the Year honors and National Defensive Freshman of the Year accolades.

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

Stoops was defensive coordinator and DBs coach at Arizona from 2004-09, working for his brother, Mike, who was head coach of the Wildcats. During Mark's time there, Arizona's records improved steadily, going 3-8, 3-8, 6-6, 5-7, 8-5 and 8-5. The Wildcats advanced to the Las Vegas Bowl and Holiday Bowl during the last two years. Mark and Mike are also brothers of Bob Stoops, who 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

Most Wins By A Head Coach, School History

- 1. 60 Paul "Bear" Bryant (1946-1953)
2. 51 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. 37 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)

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.

STOOPS VS. ALL OPPONENTS

Table with 2 columns: Opponent and Record. Lists various opponents and their win-loss records against Stoops, including Alabama (0-3), Georgia Tech (0-1), and a total record of 51-50.



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	2-0	1-0	
			51-50	25-42	

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

Table with 5 columns: Rank, Opponent, Score, Location, Date. Rows include WKU*, Miami (Ohio), Louisville, Florida*, South Carolina*, Alabama*, Mississippi State*, Alabama State*, Missouri, Vanderbilt, Georgia*, Tennessee*.

246 374 COACH: Mark Stoops CAPTS: Avery Williamson and game captains

2014 – Won 5, Lost 7

Table with 5 columns: Rank, Opponent, Score, Location, Date. Rows include UT Martin, Ohio, Florida* (3 OT), Vanderbilt, South Carolina*, ULM, LSU*, Mississippi State, Missouri, Georgia, Tennessee, Louisville.

350 375 COACH: Mark Stoops CAPTS: Javess Blue, Alvin "Bud" Dupree, Za'Darius Smith, Jordan Swindle

2015 – Won 5, Lost 7

Table with 5 columns: Rank, Opponent, Score, Location, Date. Rows include UL Lafayette*, South Carolina*, Florida*, Missouri*, Eastern Ky. (OT)*, Auburn*, Mississippi State*, Tennessee*, Georgia, Vanderbilt, Charlotte*, Louisville.

296 329 COACH: Mark Stoops CAPTS: Farrington Huguenin, Josh Forrest, Patrick Towles, Jordan Swindle, Melvin Lewis, A.J. Stamps

2016 – Won 7, Lost 6

Table with 5 columns: Rank, Opponent, Score, Location, Date. Rows include Southern Miss*, Florida, New Mexico St., South Carolina*, Alabama*, Vanderbilt, Mississippi State*, Missouri, Georgia*, Tennessee, Austin Peay, Louisville.

390 407 COACH: Mark Stoops CAPTS: Jon Toth, Courtney Miggins, Courtney Love, Jeff Badet, Jojo Kemp, Marcus McWilson

2017 – Won 7, Lost 6

Table with 5 columns: Rank, Opponent, Score, Location, Date. Rows include Southern Miss, Eastern Ky., South Carolina*, Florida*, Eastern Mich., Missouri*, Mississippi State, Tennessee*, Ole Miss, Vanderbilt, Georgia, Louisville.

332 367 COACH: Mark Stoops CAPTS: Jon Toth, Courtney Miggins, Courtney Love, Jeff Badet, Jojo Kemp, Marcus McWilson

COACH: Mark Stoops

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

2018 – Won 10, Lost 3

Table with 5 columns: Rank, Opponent, Score, Location, Date. Rows include Central Michigan, Florida*, Murray State, Mississippi State*, South Carolina*, Texas A&M (OT)*, Vanderbilt*, Missouri, Georgia, Tennessee, Middle Tennessee, Louisville*.

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

Table with 5 columns: Rank, Opponent, Score, Location, Date. Rows include Toledo, Eastern Michigan*, Florida*, Mississippi State, South Carolina*, Arkansas*, Georgia*, Missouri*, Tennessee*, Vanderbilt, UT Martin, Louisville.

353 251 COACH: Mark Stoops CAPTS: Lynn Bowden Jr., Kash Daniel, Logan Stenberg, Terry Wilson, Josh Paschal

2020 – Won 5, Lost 6

Table with 5 columns: Rank, Opponent, Score, Location, Date. Rows include Auburn, Ole Miss (OT), Mississippi State*, Tennessee, Missouri, Georgia, Vanderbilt, Alabama, Florida, South Carolina*.

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 liaison.

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 defended, 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



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



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



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 Ajjian, 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



2021-22 Kentucky Football
Combined Team Statistics
All games

Team Results

	Date	Opponent		Score	Att.
	09/04/2021	ULM	W	45-10	47693
*	09/11/2021	Missouri	W	35-28	58437

Game Records

Record	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
ALL GAMES	2-0	2-0	0-0	0-0
CONFERENCE	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0

Rushing

Player	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Christopher Rodriguez Jr.	2	46	323	0	323	7.0	3	31	161.5
Wan'Dale Robinson	2	3	73	0	73	24.3	0	64	36.5
Kavosiey Smoke	2	13	67	2	65	5.0	0	14	32.5
Will Levis	2	15	46	27	19	1.3	1	10	9.5
Mike Drennen	2	3	16	0	16	5.3	1	9	8.0
Travis Tisdale	1	1	4	0	4	4.0	0	4	4.0
Beau Allen	1	1	0	10	-10	-10.0	0	0	-10.0
Team	2	4	0	13	-13	-3.3	0	0	-6.5
Total	2	86	529	52	477	5.5	6	64	238.5
Opponents	2	67	191	71	120	1.8	1	14	60.0

Passing

Player	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Will Levis	2	196.3	28-44-2	63.6	546	5	62	273.0
Beau Allen	1	119.5	4-7-0	57.1	52	0	31	52.0
Total	2	185.7	32-51-2	62.7	598	5	62	299.0
Opponents	2	120.6	45-72-1	62.5	365	4	24	182.5

Receiving

Player	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Wan'Dale Robinson	2	10	226	22.6	2	62	113.0
Josh Ali	2	7	166	23.7	1	58	83.0
Christopher Rodriguez Jr.	2	3	15	5.0	1	5	7.5
Isaiah Epps	2	3	83	27.7	0	57	41.5
Justin Rigg	2	2	33	16.5	0	28	16.5
Izayah Cummings	2	2	22	11.0	0	15	11.0
DeMarcus Harris	2	1	4	4.0	0	4	2.0
Tae Tae Crumes	2	1	10	10.0	0	10	5.0
Brenden Bates	2	1	4	4.0	1	4	2.0
Rahsaan Lewis	2	1	4	4.0	0	4	2.0
Jordan Dingle	1	1	31	31.0	0	31	31.0
Total	2	32	598	18.7	5	62	299.0
Opponents	2	45	365	8.1	4	24	182.5

Team Statistics

	UK	OPP
First Downs	50	37
Rushing	23	12
Passing	22	20
Penalty	5	5
Rushing Yardage	477	120
Rushing attempts	86	67
Average per rush	5.5	1.8
Average per game	238.5	60.0
TDs Rushing	6	1
Passing Yardage	598	365
Comp-Att-Int	32-51-2	45-72-1
Average per pass	11.7	5.1
Average per catch	18.7	8.1
Average per game	299.0	182.5
TDs Passing	5	4
Total offense	1075	485
Average per play	7.8	3.5
Average per game	537.5	242.5
Kick returns: #-Yards	2-28	1-25
Punt returns: #-Yards	3-9	0-0
Int returns: #-Yards	1-0	2-9
Fumbles-Lost	6-3	1-0
Penalties-Yards	10-100	10-90
Punts-Avg	4-37.0	15-41.1
Time of possession / game	32:17	27:43
3rd-down conversion	14/23	15/34
4rd-down conversion	0/1	1/2

Interceptions

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Jacquez Jones	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	1	0	0.0	0	0
Opponents	2	9	4.5	0	9



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Field Goals

Player	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Matt Ruffolo	1-2	50.0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-1	0-0	45	1
Opponents	1-1	100.0	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	29	0

Scoring

Player	td	fg	PAT				dxp	saf	pts
			kick	rush	rcv	pass			
Christopher Rodriguez Jr.	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24
Matt Ruffolo	-	1-2	11-11	-	-	-	-	-	14
Wan'Dale Robinson	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Eli Cox	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Josh Ali	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Brenden Bates	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Mike Drennen	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Will Levis	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Total	11	1-2	11-11	0	0	0	0	0	80
Opponents	5	1-1	5-5	0	0	0	0	0	38

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	TOT
Kentucky	28	21	10	21	0	80
Opponents	14	7	7	10	0	38

Punting

Player	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Wilson Berry	4	148	37.0	39	0	4	1	0	0
Total	4	148	37.0	39	0	4	1	0	0
Opponents	15	617	41.1	49	1	6	5	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	1	25	25.0	0	25

All Purpose

Player	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Christopher Rodriguez Jr.	2	323	15	0	0	0	338	169.0
Wan'Dale Robinson	2	73	226	9	0	0	308	154.0
Josh Ali	2	0	166	0	0	0	166	83.0
Isaiah Epps	2	0	83	0	0	0	83	41.5
Kavosiey Smoke	2	65	0	0	12	0	77	38.5
Justin Rigg	2	0	33	0	0	0	33	16.5
Jordan Dingle	1	0	31	0	0	0	31	31.0
Izayah Cummings	2	0	22	0	0	0	22	11.0
Will Levis	2	19	0	0	0	0	19	9.5
Zach Johnson	2	0	0	0	16	0	16	8.0
Mike Drennen	2	16	0	0	0	0	16	8.0
Tae Tae Crumes	2	0	10	0	0	0	10	5.0
Travis Tisdale	1	4	0	0	0	0	4	4.0
DeMarcus Harris	2	0	4	0	0	0	4	2.0
Brenden Bates	2	0	4	0	0	0	4	2.0
Rahsaan Lewis	2	0	4	0	0	0	4	2.0
Beau Allen	1	-10	0	0	0	0	-10	-10.0
Total	2	477	598	9	28	0	1112	556.0
Opponents	2	120	365	0	25	9	519	259.5

Total Offense

Player	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Will Levis	2	59	19	546	565	282.5
Christopher Rodriguez Jr.	2	46	323	0	323	161.5
Wan'Dale Robinson	2	3	73	0	73	36.5
Kavosiey Smoke	2	13	65	0	65	32.5
Beau Allen	1	8	-10	52	42	42.0
Mike Drennen	2	3	16	0	16	8.0
Travis Tisdale	1	1	4	0	4	4.0
Total	2	137	477	598	1075	537.5
Opponents	2	139	120	365	485	242.5

Team Defense

#	Player	gp	Tackles				no-yds	Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
			ua	a	tot	tfl/yds		int-yds	brup	qbh	fr-yds	ff	kick	saf



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##	Player	gp	Tackles				Sacks	Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
			ua	a	tot	tfl/yds		no-yds	int-yds	brup	qbh	fr-yds	ff	kick
5	DeAndre Square	2	9	2	11	3.5-7	1-1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.
23	Tyrell Ajian	2	7	4	11	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
10	Jacquez Jones	2	6	5	11	.	.	1-0	2	.	.	.	.	.
29	Yusuf Corker	2	7	4	11	1.5-8	1-7	.	3	.	.	.	.	.
9	Davonte Robinson	2	7	4	11	1-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
4	Joshua Paschal	2	6	4	10	2.5-17	1.5-13	.	.	2	.	.	.	.
15	Jordan Wright	2	6	3	9	2.5-9	1-8	.	2	.	.	.	.	.
14	Carrington Valentine	2	4	2	6	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
8	Octavious Oxendine	2	3	2	5	1-5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
13	J.J. Weaver	2	4	1	5	2.5-22	2.5-22	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
50	Marquan McCall	2	2	2	4	1.5-3	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
3	Cedrick Dort Jr.	2	4	.	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
21	Quandre Mosely	2	3	1	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
94	Abule Abadi-Fitzgerald	2	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
11	Moses Douglass	1	3	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
44	Martez Thrower	2	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
34	Jalen Geiger	2	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
47	K.D. McDaniel	2	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
6	Jared Casey	2	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
90	Tre'vonn Rybka	2	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
99	Josaih Hayes	2	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
95	Jamarius Dinkins	1	.	1	1	0.5-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
42	Marquez Bembry	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
25	Jordan Lovett	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
0	Kavosiey Smoke	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
96	Isaiah Gibson	1	.	1	1	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
32	Trevin Wallace	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
96	Matt Ruffolo	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.
Totals		2	81	44	125	17-75	7-51	1-0	9	8	0-0	1	1	0
Opponents		2	75	60	135	9-39	6-35	2-9	5	4	3-0	3	0	0