



2021 KENTUCKY QUICK FACTS

INSTITUTE PERSONNEL

President: Dr. Eli Capilouto (Alabama, '71)
Faculty Representative: Joseph L. Fink III
 (Philadelphia College of Pharmacy & Science, '70)
Athletics Director: Mitch Barnhart (Ottawa, '81)
Deputy AD/FB Liaison: Marc Hill
 (Iowa Wesleyan College, '93)
Internet Address: UKathletics.com
Conference: SEC
Nickname: Wildcats
Colors: Blue and White
Stadium: Kroger Field
Capacity: 61,000
Playing Surface: UBU Speed Series synthetic turf
First Year of Football: 1881
Number of Years Playing Football: 131
All-Time Overall Record: 639-635-44 (.501)
All-Time SEC Record: 187-396-12 (.320)
All-Time Bowl Record: 12-9 (.571)

FOOTBALL COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Mark Stoops (Iowa, '89)
Overall College Coaching Record:
 Record at Kentucky (Years): 59-53 (.527) (9 years)
 Career Record (Years): 59-53 (.527) (9 years)
 SEC Record: 29-45 (.392)
 Bowl Record: 4-2 (.667)

Bowl Games under Stoops as (Record):

TaxSlayer, L, vs. Georgia Tech
 Franklin Mortgage Music City Bowl, L, vs. Northwestern
 VRBO Citrus, W, vs. Penn State
 Belk, W, Virginia Tech
 TaxSlayer Gator, W, N.C. State
 Vrbo Citrus, W, vs. Iowa
TOTAL: 4-2 (.667)

Assistant Coaches:

Frank Buffano (Arizona, '06)
 Safeties/Co-Special Teams Coordinator, 2nd year
Chris Collins (Western Carolina, '10)
 Defensive Backs, 1st year
Liam Coen (UMass, '08)
 Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks, 1st year
Vince Marrow (Toledo, '92)
 Assoc. Head Coach/TE/Recruiting Coordinator, 9th year
Scott Woodard (UMass, '09)
 Wide Receivers, 1st year
John Settle (Appalachian State, '89)
 Running Backs/Co-Special Teams Coordinator, 1st year
Anwar Stewart (Kentucky, '17)
 Defensive Line, 2nd year
Jon Sumrall (Kentucky, '05)
 Co-Defensive Coordinator/Inside Linebackers, 3rd year
Brad White (Wake Forest, '05)
 Defensive Coordinator/Outside Linebackers, 4th year
Eric Wolford (Kansas State, '94)
 Offensive Line, 1st year

Quality Control:

Jovon Bouknight (Wyoming, '06)
 Greg Manuskus (Colgate, '88)
 Louie Matsakis (Emporia State, '00)
 Mark Perry (Kentucky, '01)
 Joe Scola (Dartmouth, '07)
 Josh Estes-Waugh (Kentucky, '12)

Graduate Assistants:

Connor Langfels (defense)
 Ryan Finck (offense)
 C.J. Conrad (offense)
 Bryan Berezowitz (defense)
 Cam Garner (offense)

KENTUCKY (10-3, 5-3 SEC)

9/4	ULM [SECN]	W, 45-10
9/11	MISSOURI* [SECN]	W, 35-28
9/18	CHATTANOOGA [ESPN+]	W, 28-23
9/25	at South Carolina* [ESPN2]	W, 16-10
10/2	#10/9 FLORIDA* [ESPN]	W, 20-13
10/9	LSU* [SECN]	W, 42-21
10/16	at No. 1/1 Georgia* [CBS]	L, 30-13
10/23	Open	
10/30	at Mississippi State* [SECN]	L, 31-17
11/6	TENNESSEE* [ESPN2]	L, 45-42
11/13	at Vanderbilt* [ESPN2]	W, 34-17
11/20	NEW MEXICO ST. [SECN]	W, 56-16
11/27	at Louisville [ESPN2]	W, 52-21
1/1/22	vs. #15 Iowa [ABC] #	W, 20-17

Vrbo Citrus Bowl (Orlando)

* SEC game; Home games in bold

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Coordinate through Tony Neely

2021 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING:	ATT.	YARDS	AVG.	TDS		
Chris Rodriguez Jr.	205	1,272	6.2	8		
Kavosiey Smoke	81	416	5.1	4		
Will Levis	92	387	4.2	9		
PASSING:	ATT.	COMP	INT.	TDS	YARDS	PCT.
Will Levis	325	216	12	23	2593	66.5
Beau Allen	12	8	0	0	92	66.7
RECEIVING:	REC.	YARDS	AVG.	AVG/GAME	TDS	
W. Robinson	94	1,164	12.4	97.0	7	
Josh Ali	41	601	14.7	60.1	3	
Justin Rigg	18	178	9.9	14.8	4	
Izayah Cummings	13	182	14.0	18.2	-	
TACKLES:	TOTAL	SOLO	AST.	INT.	SACKS	TFL (YDS)
Jacquez Jones	86	40	46	1	0.5	3.5 (9)
DeAndre Square	74	39	35	-	3.0	9.0 (30)
Yusuf Corker	73	41	32	-	1.0	3.5 (13)
Josh Paschal	53	24	29	-	5.5	15.5 (64)
J.J. Weaver	34	19	15	2	6.0	10.0 (46)

TEAM INFORMATION

BASIC OFFENSE: Multiple pro-style

BASIC DEFENSE: 3-4, 4-3

LETTERWINNERS RETURNING: 36

Offense: 17
Defense: 14
Specialty: 5

LETTERWINNERS LOST: 21

Offense: 8
Defense: 13
Specialty: 0

STARTERS RETURNING: 15

Offense: 5
Defense: 5
Specialty: 5

STARTERS LOST: 12

Offense: 6
Defense: 6
Specialty: 0

2021 QUICK NOTES

- Coach Mark Stoops completed his ninth season in Lexington. He is 59-53 overall, ranking second in school history in victories behind Paul "Bear" Bryant (60). He recently inked a contract extension that will keep him in Lexington through June 2028 with amended financial terms.
- Kentucky won the Vrbo Citrus Bowl for the second time in the past four seasons, defeating No. 15 Iowa, 20-17, on Jan. 1, 2022 to cap a 10-3 season.
- It is the second 10-win season in the past four campaigns after having only two in school history prior to that (11 in 1950; 10 in 1977).
- Kentucky finished 5-3 in the SEC for second place in the SEC Eastern Division. It marks the first time since the league split into divisions in 1992 that UK ends the season in sole possession of second place of the East. UK also has finished in a tie for second in the division on two other occasions, 2016 and 2018.
- All three second-place East finishes have been in the last six seasons under Mark Stoops.
- UK finished the season ranked No. 15 in the USA Today Coaches Poll and No. 18 in the Associated Press Poll.
- Stoops started his tenure 12-26 but has gone an impressive 47-27 (.635) since that time, moving over .500 for the first time in his term as head coach.
- UK is 12-9 all-time in bowl games. The Cats win in the Vrbo Citrus Bowl was their fourth straight, tied for the longest active streak in FBS. UK's appearance was its school-record sixth straight bowl.
- UK has won 16 straight non-conference games, dating back to the 2017 Music City Bowl loss to Northwestern. It is the longest such active streak in FBS.
- UK's 33 victories since the start of the 2018 season rank sixth-most in the SEC. Those 33 wins rank 14th among Power Five programs.
- UK already has received good news for 2022 with the announced returns of linebackers Jacquez Jones, DeAndre Square and Jordan Wright. Running back Chris Rodriguez Jr. also announced he will return for a final season and will be joined by quarterback Will Levis. Punter Colin Goodfellow and kicker Matt Ruffolo also will return.
- This is the first time since 1949-52 the Cats have had at least eight total victories three times in a four-year span.
- This is the second time since 1977 that UK has posted a winning record in league play, 5-3 this season and also in 2018.
- UK's win over No. 15 Iowa was the seventh victory over a ranked team in the past four seasons. The program had seven total wins vs. ranked teams in the previous 19 seasons dating to 1999.
- For just the second time in school history, UK had a 2,000-yard passer (Will Levis), 1,000-yard rusher (Chris Rodriguez Jr.) and 1,000-yard receiver (Wan'Dale Robinson) in a season - 2007 was the only other season (Andre' Woodson, Rafael Little, Steve Johnson).
- Senior offensive tackle Darian Kinnard was named a consensus All-American, the first offensive lineman to receive the honor since Sam Ball in 1965. The Wildcats now have 12 consensus All-Americans in school history a total of 14 times. Kinnard also won the 2021 Jacobs Blocking Trophy and was a first-team All-SEC choice by the AP, PFF, Coaches and Phil Steele.
- Before falling at No. 1 Georgia on Oct. 16, UK had won its previous eight games, marking the fifth-longest win streak in school history.
- Kentucky opened the season 6-0. UK's previous 6-0 starts include 1950 (10-0), 1910 (7-0), 1903 (7-0) and 1898 (7-0).
- Kentucky started 4-0 in the SEC for the fourth time in school history (also 1949, 1950, 1977).
- The Wildcats have the third-most wins among SEC East schools from 2016-21 (47). Only Georgia (66) and Florida (48) have more.
- Kentucky has 11 players in school history who have rushed for at least 1,900 career yards. Four of those have come during Stoops' tenure: Benny Snell Jr. (3,873), Chris Rodriguez Jr. (2,740), Stanley "Boom" Williams (2,511) and A.J. Rose (1,971).
- QB Will Levis' pass efficiency rating of 148.3 rating points was the highest for a UK starting quarterback since Andre' Woodson in the 2006 season (154.5) and third-highest ever for a single season. His 24 touchdown passes were the most since Andre' Woodson had 40 in 2007. With 3,202 yards total offense, he became the seventh player in school history to reach 3,000 yards total offense in a season.
- RB Chris Rodriguez Jr. had 1,379 rushing yards, fifth on UK's single-season rushing list. He becomes the 10th Wildcat to have a 1,000-yard season. It has only been accomplished 14 times in total in the history of UK Football. His nine 100-yard rushing games in 2021 set a new single-season school record.
- Rodriguez ranked second in the SEC and 12th nationally with 106.1 rushing yards per game.
- WR Wan'Dale Robinson set new single-season records in catches (104) and receiving yards (1,334). He ranked second in the SEC and fourth nationally in receptions per game (8.0) and second in the conference, 12th nationally in receiving yards per game (102.6).
- Guided by defensive coordinator Brad White, UK was third in the FBS in fourth down defense (27.8%), 20th in run defense (121.5) and 26th in total defense (340.1).
- Senior inside linebacker and transfer from Ole Miss, Jacquez Jones, led UK in tackles with 86. He announced he will be returning to UK in 2022 as a "Super Senior."
- Senior defensive end Josh Paschal ranked second in the SEC and 16th nationally with 1.3 tackles for loss per game. He had 15.5 total TFL this season. His 37.0 tackles for loss in his career, ranked third in UK history. He charted a TFL in 10 of 12 games, and eight in a row, tied for the second-longest such streak in school history.
- UK has allowed 30 or fewer points in 44 of the past 51 games and held its final four opponents to 21 or less.
- After entering the lineup in the third game of the season, senior Colin Goodfellow emerged as one of the nation's best punters, averaging 45.9 yards per kick, the second-highest average for a season in school history.
- 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.
- Since 2016, UK is 20-8 (.714) in games decided by seven points or less.
- The Wildcats signed their highest-rated recruiting class in school history in 2022.