



KENTUCKY

MEN'S SOCCER



MATCH FACTS

Kentucky reached the round of 16 in the NCAA Championship for the fourth time in program history and the third time in four years last season.

Kentucky won the 2021 C-USA Championship title for the first time since 2018.

Wildcats finish 2021 season 15-2-4 (3-1-4 C-USA)

2022 season will be the first in the Sun Belt Conference. Kentucky transferred from C-USA at the conclusion of the 2021 season.

Eythor Bjorgolfsson was named Sun Belt Conference Preseason Offensive POY.

Luis Grassow was named Sun Belt Conference Preseason Defensive POY.

Bjorgolfsson, Grassow, and Robert Screen were named to the Sun Belt Preseason All-Conference Team.

Kentucky picked to finish third in the Sun Belt Conference preseason poll, eighth in the United Soccer Coaches preseason coaches poll

2022 REGULAR SEASON

All times Eastern

08/25	UIC	7:30 p.m.
08/29	SEATTLE	7:30 p.m.
09/02	BELMONT	7:30 p.m.
09/06	LOUISVILLE	7:30 p.m.
09/11	at Tulsa	7 p.m.
09/16	MARSHALL*	7:30 p.m.
09/20	LIPSCOMB	7:30 p.m.
09/24	at Georgia State*	7 p.m.
10/01	at JMU*	7 p.m.
10/05	at Indiana	7 p.m.
10/09	GEORGIA SOUTHERN*	7 p.m.
10/12	DAYTON	7 p.m.
10/15	West Virginia*	7 p.m.
10/19	COASTAL CAROLINA*	7 p.m.
10/28	OLD DOMINION*	7 p.m.
11/01	at South Carolina*	7 p.m.

HOME

*Sun Belt Conference

BY THE NUMBERS

3 UK picked to finish third in the Sun Belt Conference Preseason Poll

8 UK voted to finish eighth in the United Soccer Coaches preseason coaches poll.

10 Kentucky adds 10 newcomers to its 2022 roster - Six freshmen, Four transfers

15 15 Wildcats return to the 2022 squad from the 2021 season.

3 Three individual Wildcats receive preseason conference honors.



MEDIA INFORMATION

CREDENTIALS

All media credential requests should be submitted at least 24 hours prior to home games. Credentials can be picked up the day of a game at Wendell & Vickie Bell Soccer Complex. Requests should be made through the Athletics Communications and Public Relations office by contacting Connor Link.

PRESS BOX

The press box sits above the grandstand at midfield.

MEDIA SERVICES

During matches, media will be provided with notes and updated statistics. Final box scores will be available shortly following each game.

POSTGAME INTERVIEWS

Please direct all interview requests for players and coaches to Connor Link.

PRACTICE/INTERVIEWS

Players and head coach Johan Cedergren are available for interviews upon request. All practices take place at the Wendell & Vickie Bell Soccer Complex and are subject to change. Interviews with coaches and players are after practice and phone interviews may be arranged. Advance notice is requested for all interviews. Please arrange all interviews through Allyson Warren.

PHOTOS

The Athletics Communications & Public Relations office sometimes provides media with high-resolution digital images for use upon request. Please contact Allyson Warren to request photos of UK men's soccer player and/or coaches.

INTERNET

The official website for UK athletics, www.UKAthletics.com is the place to find updated rosters, schedules, results and statistics.

SOCIAL MEDIA

The Kentucky men's soccer program's story is told primarily through its social media accounts. Be that via Facebook, Twitter or Instagram, the best way to get to know the Wildcats and follow the season in-depth is by following @UKMensSoccer.

QUICK FACTS

UNIVERSITY

Location: Lexington, Ky.

Founded: 1865

Enrollment: 30,000

Nickname: Wildcats

Colors: Blue (PMS 286) and White

Conference: Sun Belt Conference
(Men's soccer affiliate)

Stadium: Wendell & Vickie Bell Soccer
Complex (3,000)

President: Dr. Eli Capilouto (Alabama,
1971)

Athletics Director: Mitch Barnhart
(Ottawa, 1981)

COACHING STAFF

Head coach: Johan Cedergren
(Cincinnati, 2001)

Assistant coach: Josh Oldroyd
(Bryan College [Tenn.], 2015)

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College [Tenn.], 2015)

Volunteer assistant coach: Sam Brooks
(Kentucky, 2012)

SOCCER HISTORY

First season: 1991

Last postseason appearance:
2021 (NCAA Championship third
round)

ATHLETICS COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC RELATIONS

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2022 NUMERICAL ROSTER & PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Position	Class	Ht./Wt.	Hometown (High School/Last College)
1	Casper Mols	GK	Freshman	6'4/182	Aaberna, Denmark
2	Robert Screen	Def.	Fifth Year	5'9/145	Raleigh, N.C./ Wakefield HS
3	Lucca Rodrigues	Def.	Graduate	6'1/165	Sao Paula, Brazil/ Oral Roberts
4	Luis Grassow	Def.	Senior	6'1/200	Munich, Germany
5	Trey Asensio	Def.	Fifth Year	6'3/200	Cincinnati/Bexley HS
6	Martin Soereide	Mid.	Sophomore	6'1/170	Jessheim, Norway
7	Nick Gutmann	Mid.	Senior	5'8/145	Hamburg, Germany
8	Enzo Mauriz	Mid.	Junior	6'0/165	Rancho Cucamonga, Calif./ Shawnee Mission East HS (Kan.)
9	Eythor Bjorgolfsson	Fwd.	Senior	6'3/195	Jessheim, Norway
10	Casper Grening	Mid.	Sophomore	6'0/177	Roskilde, Denmark
11	Mason Visconti	Def./Mid.	Fifth Year	6'0/155	Kansas City, Mo./ Clemson
12	Clay Holstad	Mid.	Fifth Year	6'2/160	Birmingham, Ala./ Oak Mountain HS
14	Max Miller	Def.	Freshman	5'10/160	Lexington, Ky./ Bryan Station HS
15	Christian Baumgartner	Def.	Freshman	5'10/175	New Lenox, Ill./Lincoln-Way HS
16	Mathias Yohannes	Mid.	Freshman	6'1/160	South Riding, Va./ Freedom HS
18	Justin Scharf	Def.	Graduate Student	5'11/ 165	Newtown, Pa./ Marist College
19	Brennan Creek	Mid.	Senior	5'10/160	Kalamazoo, Mich./Western Michigan
20	Andrew Erickson	Mid.	Junior	5'10/155	San Antonio, Texas/ Legacy of Educational Excellence HS
21	Mason Leeth	Def./Mid.	Freshman	6'1/ 180	Kansas City, Mo./ Saint Louis University
22	Cooper Kieran	Mid.	Sophomore	6'0/180	Virginia Beach, Va./ Floyd E. Kellan HS
23	Taco Nsimpasi	Def.	Freshman	5'6/135	Lexington, Ky./ Lexington Christian Academy
24	Isaac Walker	GK	Senior	6'4/195	Orlando, Fla./ Western Michigan
27	Ben Damage	Fwd.	Junior	5'11/160	Mason, Ohio/ William Mason HS
29	Daniel Evans	Fwd.	Fifth Year	5'10/170	The Colony, Texas/ Lone Star HS
30	Ryan Jack	GK	Freshman	6'0/165	South Riding, Va./ Freedom HS

COACHING & SUPPORT STAFF

Head Coach: Johan Cedergren (11th season) **Executive Associate AD/ External Operations:** Tim Bernal (4th season)
Assistant Coach: Josh Oldroyd (5th season) **Sr. Athletic Trainer:** Taylor Spyker (5th season)
Assistant Coach: Ryan Zinkhan (1st season) **Equipment Manager:** Myles Poole (Fourth season)
Volunteer Assistant Coach: Sam Brooks (2nd season) **Sports Information Director:** Allyson Warren (1st season)
Director of Operations: Stanton Smith(1st season)

PRONUNCIATIONS

Luis Grassow – looh-EE-s Grah- SO
Eythor Bjorgolfsson – EYE-tor B-your-golf-son
Taco Nsimpasi – SIM-paw-see
Martin Soreide – so-RIDE-uh
Mason Visconti – vis-CON-tee
Ben Damage – Dam-GEE
Nick Gutmann – GOOT-man
Mathias Yohannes – mah-TAY- us YO-hahn-es
Enzo Mauriz – mahr-eez
Cooper Kieran – keer-en



Casper Mols

Fr. · GK · 6-4
Aabenraa,
Denmark



Robert Screen

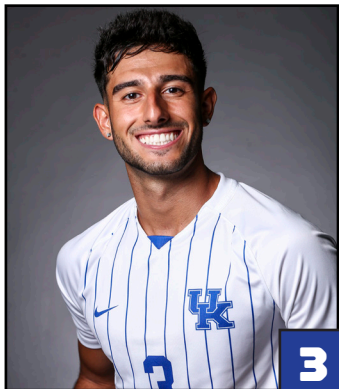
Sr. · DF · 5-9
Raleigh,
N.C.

2021 (Senior): Landed on the All-C-USA Second Team for the second year in a row ... Named to the C-USA Preseason Team ... Also named to the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll ... One of three Wildcats to appear in all 21 matches, earning 20 starts ... Finished the year with six points off of six assists ... Dished out a pair of assists against Duquesne and Old Dominion ... Also tallied assists versus Bellarmine and Coastal Carolina ... Fired off 10 shots, including two on target ... Logged 1,744 minutes, the most on the team ... Played every minute against Florida Atlantic as Kentucky won its second Conference USA Tournament title in program history ... Was on the pitch for the entire 90 minutes in UK's 2-0 shutout over Santa Clara in the NCAA Tournament Second Round ... Saw 76 minutes of action at Clemson in the NCAA Tournament Sweet 16.

2020 (Junior): Named to All-C-USA Second Team, C-USA Commissioner's Honor Roll, and Fall SEC Academic Honor Roll ... Only UK player to start all 19 matches ... Led team with 1,776 minutes ... Recorded six points ... Scored a goal in the 29th minute of 2-1 win at South Carolina on April 17 ... Tied for most assists on team with four ... Attempted 15 shots, including seven on goal (.467) ... Contributed to all four shutouts by UK's defense.

2019 (Sophomore): Named to the C-USA Commissioner's Honor Roll and Fall SEC Academic Honor Roll ... Appeared in 18 matches, starting 14 ... Recorded four points ... Scored a goal in 81st minute of 2-1 win over Ohio State on Oct. 16 ... Recorded two assists ... Attempted eight shots, including four on goal (.500) ... Contributed to eight shutouts by UK's defense.

2018 (Freshman): Appeared in nine matches ... Assisted Clay Holstad's goal in the 84th minute of 6-1 win over New Mexico on Oct. 21.



Lucca Rodrigues
Gr. · DF · 6-1
São Paulo,
Brazil

2021 (Fifth Year): Named to the All-C-USA Third Team ... Appeared in 19 matches, earning 17 starts ... Ranked first on the team with Luke Andrews with 12 points on the year off of five goals and two assists ... Had a goal in UK's 2-0 shutout over Santa Clara in the NCAA Tournament Second Round ... Recorded UK's lone goal at Clemson in the NCAA Tournament Sweet 16 ... Also netted goals against Dayton, UAB, and Coastal Carolina ... Dished out assists versus Western Michigan and Bellarmine ... Fired off 14 shots, including eight on target ... Logged 1,483 minutes, including 31 against Florida Atlantic as Kentucky won its second Conference USA Tournament title in program history.

2020 (at Oral Roberts): Started in all 11 matches ... Scored a goal in the sixth minute of a 2-1 overtime loss to Omaha on April 3 ... Attempted 10 shots, including seven on goal (.700) ... Contributed to all six shutouts by ORU's defense.

2019 (at Oral Roberts): Named to the All-Summit League Second Team ... Started all 17 matches ... Scored one goal ... Attempted six shots on goal.

2018 (at Benedictine [Kan.]): Scored three goals ... Recorded one assist.



Luis Grassow
Sr. · DF · 6-1
Munich,
Germany

2021 (Junior): Landed on the All-C-USA First Team ... Named the C-USA Tournament Defensive MVP and to the C-USA All-Tournament Team as Kentucky won its second title in program history ... Earned United Soccer Coaches All-Southeast Region First Team and United Soccer Coaches Scholar All-American honors ... Also named to the Fall SEC Academic Honor Roll ... Appeared in 20 matches, earning 19 starts ... Finished the year with nine points off of three goals and three assists ... Netted his first career goal at Old Dominion and was named the C-USA Defensive Player of the Week on Oct. 19 ... Tallied an assist and a goal against Florida Atlantic during the regular season ... Also had a goal versus Coastal Carolina ... Recorded two assists against Wright State ... Fired off 16 shots, including seven on target ... Logged 1,681 minutes, the third-most on the team ... Played a full 90 minutes against both Santa Clara and Clemson in the NCAA Tournament Second Round and Sweet 16, respectively.

2020 (Sophomore): Earned the C-USA Academic Medal ... Named to the C-USA Commissioner's Honor Roll and Fall SEC Academic Honor Roll ... Appeared in 18 matches, starting in 16 of them ... Assisted Bailey Rouse on his game-winning goal in the 76th minute of 4-2 win over Duke on Sept. 21 ... Attempted eight shots, including four on goal (.500) ... Contributed to all four shutouts by UK's defense.

2019 (Freshman): Named to the C-USA Commissioner's Honor Roll and SEC First-Year Academic Honor Roll ... Did not appear in any matches.



**Trey
Asensio**
Gr. · DF · 6-3
**Bexley,
Ohio**

2021 (Senior): Saw action in 12 games, earning six starts ... Logged 607 minutes, including a career-high 105 minutes against West Virginia ... Played 63 minutes against Florida Atlantic in the title game as Kentucky won its second C-USA championship in program history ... Helped the Wildcats earn seven shutouts.

2020 (Junior): Named to the C-USA Commissioner's Honor Roll and SEC First-Year Academic Honor Roll ... Appeared in 12 matches, making eight starts ... Recorded three assists ... Contributed to three shutouts by UK's defense.

2019 (at Cincinnati): Appeared in 14 matches, starting in 13 ... Attempted four shots.

2018 (at Cincinnati): Appeared in nine matches, starting in two of them.



**Martin
Soreide**
So. · MF · 6-1
**Jessheim,
Norway**

2021 (Freshman): One of two Wildcats named to the C-USA All-Freshman Team ... Appeared in 20 matches with 11 starts, earning the first of his career at Coastal Carolina ... Finished the year with five points off of one goal and three assists ... Netted first career goal against UAB ... Dished out assists versus Wright State, Duquesne, and Old Dominion ... Fired off 14 shots, including six on target ... Logged 894 minutes, including 20 minutes against Florida Atlantic as Kentucky won its second Conference USA Tournament title in program history ... Also saw 24 minutes of action versus Santa Clara in the NCAA Tournament Second Round.



**Nick
Gutmann**
Gr. · MF · 5-8
**Hamburg,
Germany**

2021 (Junior): Appeared in 18 matches, earning 10 starts with the first of his career coming against Duquesne ... Concluded the year with 11 points off of three goals and five assists ... Tallied two goals against Bellarmine and one versus Florida Atlantic ... Recorded two assists versus Florida International in the Conference USA Tournament semifinals ... Assisted Lucca Rodrigues' goal versus Clemson in the Sweet 16 ... Also had assists against Wright State and West Virginia ... Logged a total of 908 minutes, including a career-high 76 minutes at Charlotte ... Played a combined 127 minutes versus Santa Clara and Clemson in the NCAA Tournament Second Round and Sweet 16, respectively.



**Enzo
Mauriz**
Jr. · MF · 6-0
**Rancho Cucamonga,
Calif.**

2021 (Sophomore): Named to the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll ... Appeared in 19 matches, earning 11 starts ... Finished the year with seven points off of one goal and five assists ... Netted first career goal at Old Dominion ... Assisted Eythor Bjorgolfsson's game-winning goal against Florida Atlantic as Kentucky won its second Conference USA Tournament title in program history ... Also dished out assists versus Florida Atlantic and Florida International, tallying two at Dayton ... Fired off 23 shots, including nine on target ... Had a career-high four shots at Old Dominion ... Recorded a shot against Santa Clara in the NCAA Tournament Second Round and one on goal at Clemson in the Sweet 16 ... Logged 1,033 minutes.

2020 (Freshman): Named to the C-USA All-Freshman Team, C-USA Commissioner's Honor Roll, and SEC First-Year Academic Honor Roll ... Earned a C-USA Academic Medal ... Appeared in all 18 matches, earning starts 14 ... Assisted the equalizing goal by Leon Jones in the 87th minute of UK's 2-1 overtime win over Old Dominion on April 10 ... Attempted 13 shots, including four on goal.



Eythor Bjorgolfsson

Sr. • FWD • 6-3

**Jessheim,
Norway**

2021 (Junior): Appeared in 14 matches, earning seven starts ... Finished the year with 11 points off of five goals and one assists ... Tied for the team lead with five goals ... Had the game-winning golden goal in the 93rd minute versus Florida Atlantic as Kentucky won its second Conference USA Tournament title in program history ... Named the C-USA Tournament Offensive MVP and to the All-Tournament Team ... Also named to the Fall SEC Academic Honor Roll ... Netted two goals versus Wright State for the third multi-goal game of his career ... Also tallied goals against Louisville and Coastal Carolina ... Assisted Luke Andrews' goal versus Notre Dame ... Fired off 18 shots, including nine on target ... Logged 652 minutes, including a combined 103 against Santa Clara and Clemson in the NCAA Tournament Second Round and Sweet 16, respectively.

2020 (Sophomore): Named to the All-C-USA Third Team, C-USA Commissioner's Honor Roll, and Fall SEC Academic Honor Roll ... Named the C-USA Offensive Player of the Week on March 16 ... Appeared in 16 matches, starting in 15 of those ... Led the team with 12 points ... Scored four goals to be tied for the second-most on team ... Tied for most assists on the team with four ... Tied for most game-winning goals on the team with three ... Attempted 21 shots, including 10 on goal (.476).

2019 (Freshman): Named to the C-USA All-Freshman Team ... Appeared in 19 matches, starting in three of those ... Led UK with four game-winning goals, also the third-most in C-USA ... Recorded 13 points, the third-most on team ... Scored five goals, the third-most on team ... Recorded three assists ... Attempted 23 shots, including 11 on goal (.478) ... Scored the golden goal in the 101st minute of 2-1 double-overtime win over Loyola Chicago in the first round of NCAA Tournament on Nov. 21.



Casper Grening

So. • MF • 6-0

**Roskilde,
Denmark**

2021 (Freshman): Saw action in six games, earning first career start against West Virginia ... Logged 196 minutes, including a career-high 43 minutes at Clemson in the NCAA Tournament Sweet 16 ... Recorded seven shots with one on target at Old Dominion ... Had a career-high three shots versus South Carolina.



Mason Visconti

Gr. · DF/MF · 6-0
Kansas City,
Mo.

2021 (Senior): Named to the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll ... Appeared in 19 matches, earning 17 starts ... Finished the season with five points after dishing out five assists ... Assisted both goals in Kentucky's 2-0 shutout over Santa Clara in the NCAA Tournament Second Round ... Also tallied assists against UAB, Florida Atlantic, and Coastal Carolina ... Fired off eight shots, including two on target ... Logged 1,542 minutes, the fifth-most on the team ... Saw 87 minutes of action versus Florida Atlantic as Kentucky won its second Conference USA Tournament title in program history ... Also played for 80 minutes at Clemson in the NCAA Tournament Sweet 16.

2020 (Junior): Appeared in 16 matches, earning nine starts ... Scored two goals ... Scored the game-winning goal in the 13th minute of 1-0 win over Bowling Green on March 2 ... Assisted Bailey Rouse by way of Kalil ElMedkhar on the game-winning goal in the 29th minute of 3-1 win over Mercer on Oct. 14 ... Attempted 12 shots, including three on goal.

2019 (Sophomore): Appeared in 17 matches, earning one start ... Scored a goal in the 33rd minute of UK's 7-1 win over Wright State on Oct. 30 ... Attempted 10 shots, including five on goal.

2018 (at Clemson): Appeared in 10 matches.



Clay Holstad

Gr. · MF · 6-2
Birmingham,
Ala.

2021 (Senior): Named to the Fall SEC Academic Honor Roll ... Saw action in 17 games, earning two starts ... Fired off five shots, including one against Santa Clara in the NCAA Tournament Second Round ... Logged 440 minutes, including 18 versus Florida Atlantic as Kentucky won its second Conference USA Tournament title in program history ... Also played for 21 minutes at Clemson in the NCAA Tournament Sweet 16.

2020 (Junior): Named to the C-USA Commissioner's Honor Roll and Fall SEC Academic Honor Roll ... Appeared in 15 matches, starting in 10 of those ... Scored a goal in the 16th minute of UK's 3-1 win at Florida Atlantic on March 13 ... Assisted the golden goal by Marcel Meinzer in the 100th minute of UK's 2-1 overtime win over Old Dominion on April 10 ... Attempted 21 shots, including seven on goal.

2019 (Sophomore): Named to the C-USA Commissioner's Honor Roll and Fall SEC Academic Honor Roll ... Appeared in 20 matches, earning 12 starts ... Scored the game-winning goal in the 17th minute of UK's 3-0 win over Florida Atlantic on Sept. 21 ... Recorded four points and two assists ... Attempted 12 shots, one of which was on goal.

2018 (Freshman): Appeared in 11 matches ... Scored two goals ... Attempted three shots, including two on target (.667).



Previous School: Bryan Station HS

**Max
Miller**

Fr. · DF · 5-10
**Lexington,
Ky.**



Previous School: Lincoln-Way Central HS

**Christian
Baumgartner**

Fr. · DF · 5-10
**New Lenox,
Ill.**



Previous School: Freedom HS

**Mathias
Yohannes**

Fr. · MF · 6-1
**South Riding,
Va.**



Previous School: Marist College

**Justin
Scharf**

Gr. · DF · 5-11
**Newtown,
Pa.**



**Brennan
Creek**
Jr. · MF · 5-10
**Kalamazoo,
Mich.**

2021 (at Western Michigan): Appeared in all 18 matches, earning 17 starts ... Finished the year with six points off of one goal and four assists ... Lone goal of the season came against Michigan State ... Tallied assists against Butler, Purdue Fort Wayne, Georgia Southern, and Akron ... Fired off 20 shots, including 10 on target ... Logged 1,575 minutes, the second-most on the team.

2020 (at Western Michigan): Saw action in eight games, starting in all of them ... Had one goal and three assists for five points on the year ... Lone goal of the season came against Akron where he also notched an assist ... Other assists came in matches versus SIEU and Northern Illinois ... Earned All-MAC Second Team honors ... Named MAC Co-Player of the Week on April 19 ... Logged 649 minutes.

2019 (at Western Michigan): Played in all 19 matches as a freshman, earning 17 starts ... Ranked fourth on the team with 12 points ... Tied for first on the team with six assists ... Recorded three goals ... Had a career-high four points from one goal and two assists against Niagara ... Took 12 shots, five of which were on target ... Landed on the All-MAC First Team ... Logged the third-most minutes on the team with 1,495.



**Andrew
Erickson**
Jr. · MF · 5-10
**San Antonio,
Texas**

2021 (Sophomore): Named to the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll ... Saw action in five matches ... Logged 94 minutes, including a career-high 45 minutes against Bellarmine.

2020 (Freshman): Named to the SEC First-Year Academic Honor Roll ... Did not appear in any matches.



Previous School: Saint Louis University

**Mason
Leeth**

So. · DF/MF · 6-1

**Kansas City,
Mo.**



2021 (Freshman): Did not appear in any matches.

**Cooper
Kieran**

So. · MF · 6-0

**Virginia Beach,
Va.**



Previous School: Lexington Christian Academy

Taco Nsimpasi

Fr. · DF · 5-6
Lexington,
Ky.



Isaac Walker

Sr. · GK · 6-4
Orlando,
Fla.

2021 (at Western Michigan): Appeared and started in 16 matches ... Recorded seven shutouts ... Had a league-leading .783 save percentage ... His .87 goals-against average and 54 saves ranked second in the Mid-American Conference ... Made a career-high nine saves at St. Thomas ... Logged 1,558 minutes, the third-most on the team.

2020 (at Western Michigan): Played and started in all 11 matches ... Recorded three shutouts and 34 total saves for a .708 save percentage ... Had a season-high five saves against Akron ... Logged 920 minutes.

2019 (at Western Michigan): Saw action in 17 matches, earning 16 starts ... Recorded six shutouts to guide the Broncos to a 9-3-2 record ... Finished the year with a .746 save percentage ... Made 47 saves, including a season-high five against Illinois Chicago ... Had a .99 goals-against average, the second-best in the conference ... Named MAC Co-Player of the Week on Nov. 5 ... Logged 1,454 minutes in net.

2018 (at Western Michigan): Redshirted the 2018 season.



Ben Damage

Jr. • FWD • 5-11
Mason,
Ohio

2021 (Sophomore): Named to the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll ... Saw action in 13 games with two starts, making first career start at Marshall ... Logged 445 minutes, including a career-high 59 against both Duquesne and West Virginia ... Played for 27 minutes against Florida Atlantic in the title game as Kentucky won its second C-USA championship in program history ... Capped off the year with six points on two goals and two assists ... Netted first career goal against Duquesne, also tallying a goal at Dayton ... Registered assists versus UAB and West Virginia ... Fired off 11 shots, including six on target.

2020 (Freshman): Earned a C-USA Academic Medal ... Named to the C-USA Commissioner's Honor Roll and SEC First-Year Academic Honor Roll ... Appeared in six matches ... Attempted seven shots, three of which were on goal.



Danny Evans

Gr. • FWD • 5-10
The Colony,
Texas

2021 (Senior): Landed on the All-C-USA Third Team for the second year in a row ... Named to the Fall SEC Academic Honor Roll ... Appeared in 15 matches, earning six starts ... Finished the year with 10 points off a team-high-tying five goals ... Recorded two goals against Florida International in the Conference USA Tournament semifinals, the second multi-goal game of his career ... Netted Kentucky's lone goal versus West Virginia ... Also tallied goals against Wright State and UAB ... Fired off 32 shots – the second most on the team – including 16 on target ... Logged 696 minutes, including a combined 67 minutes against Santa Clara and Clemson in the NCAA Tournament Second Round and Sweet 16, respectively.

2020 (Junior): Named to the All-C-USA Third Team, C-USA Commissioner's Honor Roll, and Fall SEC Academic Honor Roll ... Appeared in all 19 matches, starting in 17 ... Recorded 11 points, the second-most on team ... Tied for the most goals on team with four ... Recorded three assists ... Scored the golden goal in the 96th minute of 1-0 overtime win at Duke on Feb. 19 ... Led UK with 38 shot attempts and 15 shots on goal.

2019 (Sophomore): Named to the All-C-USA Second Team, C-USA Commissioner's Honor Roll, and Fall SEC Academic Honor Roll ... Named the C-USA Offensive Player of the Week on Oct. 28 ... Started in all 21 matches ... Tied for the most points on team with 19, which was also tied for the fourth-most in C-USA ... Led UK with seven goals, which was also tied for the third-most in C-USA ... Recorded five assists, tied for the second-most on team ... Scored the game-winning goal in the 49th minute of 2-0 win over Bowling Green on Sept. 24 ... Tied for the most shot attempts on UK's roster with 42 to be tied for the third-most in C-USA ... Attempted 19 shots on goal, the second-most on team.

2018 (Freshman): Appeared in 13 matches, earning starts in three ... Scored two goals ... Scored the game-winning goal in the 82nd minute of 2-1 win over South Carolina on Sept. 29.



Previous School: Freedom HS

**Ryan
Jack**

Fr. · GK · 6-0

South Riding,

Va.

JOHAN CEDERGREN

HEAD COACH - 11TH SEASON

Three-time Conference USA Coach of the Year Johan Cedergren enters his 11th year at the helm of the University of Kentucky men's soccer program during the 2022-23 season.

Kentucky has reached the NCAA Tournament in eight of Cedergren's 10 seasons leading the Wildcats. He was named the C-USA Coach of the Year in 2014, 2015, and 2018 and became the fastest head coach in program history to win 100 career matches at UK on April 10, 2021.

Cedergren's 10th season in Lexington in 2021 was one to remember as he led the Wildcats to their second C-USA Tournament championship title in school history after defeating Florida Atlantic, 2-1, in an overtime thriller. Kentucky then went on to its fourth-ever and second-straight NCAA Championship Sweet 16 appearance.

Kentucky's award haul in 2021 was nothing short of impressive. The Wildcats landed three players on the All-C-USA First Team, one on the Second Team, three on the Third Team, two on the All-Freshman Team, and four on the All-Tournament Team. Goalkeeper Jan Hoffelner was named the C-USA Goalkeeper of the Year and earned the Golden Boot Award, while he joined Luis Grassow and Marcel Meinzer on the USCA All-Region First Team.

Under Cedergren, Hoffelner became the third UK player to ever earn United Soccer Coaches First-Team All-American in 2021. Hoffelner was also a MAC Hermann Trophy semifinalist and concluded the season as the NCAA Division I outright leader in goals-against average (.417), also tied for first with 12 shut-outs.

During an extended 2020 season that was played in Spring 2021 due to COVID-19, Cedergren led the Wildcats to their third NCAA Championship Sweet 16 appearance in school history, marking the second such showing in the last three seasons. Between the fall 2020 and spring 2021 semesters, redshirt senior Aimé Mabika was selected with the 26th pick in the first round of the MLS SuperDraft by Inter Miami CF. One week prior, Kalil ElMedkhar signed a two-year contract with FC Dallas after his Homegrown Rights were acquired from the Philadelphia Union.

At the conclusion of the spring, Mabika earned United Soccer Coaches All-Southeast Region honors and six Wildcats received C-USA postseason accolades, including first-team All-C-USA performer and C-USA Co-Midfielder of the Year Marcel Meinzer. Redshirt junior Leon Jones earned All-C-USA First Team and United Soccer Coaches Scholar All-Region distinctions before embarking on his professional career with Dunfermline Athletic FC in his home country of Scotland.

In 2019, Cedergren led Kentucky to an NCAA Tournament victory at home for the second consecutive season with a 2-1 overtime victory over Loyola Chicago. Four Wildcats received United Soccer Coaches All-Southeast Region recognition while seven earned C-USA honors at the end of the season. Mabika was named C-USA Player of the Year and a United Soccer Coaches

Scholar All-American.

In 2018, Cedergren led the United Soccer Coaches Southeast Region Staff of the Year as the Wildcats marched to one of the most historic seasons in program history.

The Wildcats' record-setting 2018 saw Cedergren lead UK to winning both the C-USA Regular Season Championship and Tournament Championship, set the school record for wins (19), reach the NCAA Tournament Elite Eight, go 5-1 against top-25 opponents, and welcome multiple 3,000-plus crowds to The Bell, to name a few of the program's incredible accomplishments.

Three Wildcats - JJ Williams (First Team), Enrique Facusse (Second Team), and Mabika (Third Team) - were named All-Americans by the United Soccer Coaches for the 2018 season. Williams was a finalist for the MAC Hermann Trophy, the highest individual award in college soccer, as he went on to sign a Generation Adidas Contract and be a first-round pick of Columbus Crew in the MLS SuperDraft.

As of 2021, Cedergren has coached a Kentucky player selected in the MLS SuperDraft three of the past five years. Alex Bumpus was taken 52nd overall in 2018 by New York City FC and Napo Matoso went 31st in 2017 to the New England Revolution.

In 2016, Cedergren led UK to the program's first NCAA Tournament national top-16 seed, which followed the 2015 C-USA Regular Season Championship. He guided the Wildcats to a second-place league finish during a 2014 season which saw the Wildcats pick up multiple program-changing wins, including one on the road versus the top-ranked reigning NCAA champion Notre Dame.



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Cedergren also coached one All-American each season from 2014-2016 as goalkeeper Callum Irving earned the honors in both 2014 and 2015 while Napo Matsoso picked up recognition in 2016.

Becoming just the third head coach in Kentucky men's soccer history, Cedergren arrived in Lexington in December 2011. The 2012 season, his first, saw the Wildcats post one of their best seasons in school annals, as UK hosted the first round of the NCAA Tournament after ending the regular season sporting a top-25 NCAA RPI. In his first 11 months on the job, Cedergren directed the Wildcats to their first NCAA berth since 2003 and its best team GPA in program history.

The Wildcats excelled under Cedergren's aggressive attacking style of play during his inaugural season in 2012. Kentucky's offensive attack was spearheaded by goal-scoring threats Matt Lodge and Tyler Riggs as UK finished with the 10th most points in single-season history, also ranking fourth in corner kicks.

Following the season, Cameron Wilder - an All-C-USA midfielder in 2012 - was drafted in the MLS Supplemental Draft by FC Dallas. Senior midfielder Charley Pettys was also inked to his first professional contract with the Los Angeles Blues in the USL. Senior forward Gabriel Coneliano signed with the Portland Timbers of MLS, playing on the U-23 development team.

A native of Sölvesborg, Sweden, Cedergren came to UK after spending five years at Dartmouth as an assistant coach and associate head coach, leading the Big Green to the NCAA Tournament in each season - an impressive feat at an Ivy League program without athletic scholarships and significant academic requirements.

Cedergren helped pace Dartmouth to the Sweet 16 in two of his five years there, including two Ivy League Championships. In total, Cedergren helped lead the Big Green to a 52-30-12 overall record, including a 22-9-3 mark in league play, with consecutive NCAA Tournament appearances from 2007-11. Dartmouth was one of just 10 programs to play in five straight NCAA Tournaments, the eighth-longest streak in the nation, winning the Ivy League title in 2008 and 2011.

Cedergren played collegiately for former Dartmouth and current Penn State Head Coach Jeff Cook at Cincinnati after playing at the highest youth level in Sweden for Kalmar FF, also participating in the national development program. At Cincinnati, Cedergren was a three-year letter-winner and an All-C-USA honoree. A former team captain, he helped lead the Bearcats to its first-ever NCAA Tournament appearance in 1998 and a top-20 ranking at the end of the year.

After concluding his playing career with a business-finance degree, Cedergren attained his master's in business administration from Xavier while also working full time in finance. Before beginning his coaching career, he spent eight years working in business, including time spent with U.S. Bank (2004-07) and the Johnson Investment Counsel (2001-04). He also coached with the Cincinnati Classics Soccer Club.

Cedergren is the proud father of two children, Gavin and Abigail.

Before Cedergren	Kentucky	During Cedergren
20	Seasons	11
14	Winning Seasons	9
74	Conference Wins	51
4	NCAA Tournaments	8

CEDERGREN YEAR-BY-YEAR AS UK HEAD COACH

Year	Team	Overall Record	Conference Record
2012	Kentucky	10-9-2	4-3-1
2013	Kentucky	7-10-2	3-4-2
2014	Kentucky	11-6-4	6-1-2
2015	Kentucky	12-5-2	7-0-1
2016	Kentucky	11-5-3	5-3-0
2017	Kentucky	8-6-4	4-2-2
2018	Kentucky	19-2-1	12-1-0
2019	Kentucky	13-5-8	4-2-1
2020	Kentucky	12-5-2	3-3-1
2021	Kentucky	15-2-4	3-1-4
2022	Kentucky		
At Kentucky (11 years)		118-55-33	51-20-14

Coaching History:
2007-12: Dartmouth, Assistant Coach, Associate Head Coach
2012-Present: Kentucky, Head Coach