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KENTUCKY FEED THE STUDS. FOOTBALL

## KENTUCKY

| Date  | Opponent (TV)                | Time       |
|-------|------------------------------|------------|
| S. 5  | YOUNGSTOWN STATE (SECN+)     | W, 45-13   |
| S. 12 | No. 12/12 ALABAMA* (ABC)     | L, 17-45   |
| S. 19 | at No. 9/8 Texas A&M* (ESPN) | W, 31-21   |
| S. 26 | SOUTH ALABAMA (SECN)         | 12:45 P.M. |
| O. 3  | at South Carolina* (TBA)     | TBA        |
| O. 10 | LSU* (TBA)                   | NIGHT      |
| O. 17 | at Oklahoma* (TBA)           | TBA        |
| O. 24 | VANDERBILT* (TBA)            | NIGHT      |
| N. 7  | at Tennessee* (TBA)          | NIGHT      |
| N. 14 | FLORIDA* (TBA)               | NIGHT      |
| N. 21 | at Missouri* (TBA)           | NIGHT      |
| N. 28 | LOUISVILLE (TBA)             | DAY        |

Home games in bold; \*SEC game



## KENTUCKY WILDCATS

2026 Record / SEC Record ..... 2-1 / 1-1  
 AP / AFCA Coaches Poll ..... RV / RV  
 Head Coach ..... Will Stein  
 Record at UK (Years) ..... 2-1 (1st)  
 Career Record ..... Same  
 Last Game ..... W, 31-21 at No. 9/8 Texas A&M

SATURDAY, SEPT. 26  
 12:45 P.M. ET • SEC NETWORK  
 LEXINGTON, KY.  
 KROGER FIELD



## SOUTH ALABAMA JAGUARS

2026 Record / SBC Record ..... 2-1 / 0-0  
 AP / AFCA Coaches Poll ..... NR / NR  
 Head Coach ..... Major Applewhite  
 Record at USA (Years) ..... 13-15 (3rd)  
 Career (Years) ..... 28-26 (5th)  
 Last Game ..... W, 41-36 vs. Ohio

## GAME INFORMATION

## TV - SEC NETWORK

Play-by-Play Dave Neal  
 Analyst Cole Cubelic  
 Sideline Tori Petri

## RADIO - UK SPORTS NETWORK OR UKATHLETICS.COM

Play-by-Play Tom Leach  
 Analyst Jeff Piccoro  
 Sideline Dick Gabriel

## SATELLITE RADIO - SIRIUSXM

Channel: 175 or 228

## TICKET INFORMATION - UKATHLETICS.COM

## BY THE NUMBERS

**28** - UNANSWERED POINTS VS. TAMU ARE THE MOST IN A TRUE ROAD GAME VS. AN AP TOP-25 TEAM IN PROGRAM HISTORY

**1<sup>ST</sup>** - WILL STEIN IS FIRST UK COACH TO WIN A TRUE ROAD GAME VS. AN AP TOP-10 TEAM IN FIRST SEASON AS COACH IN SCHOOL HISTORY

**3** - NATION-LEADING ROAD WINS OVER AP TOP-10 TEAMS SINCE 2023

**21** - POINTS IN THE THIRD QUARTER AT TAMU ARE THE MOST IN A SINGLE QUARTER THIS SEASON

## OPENING KICK NEED-TO-KNOWS

- Kentucky scored a major victory over an AP Top-10 opponent last week, defeating No. 9/8 Texas A&M, 31-21 in College Station.
- After a 7-7 halftime tie, Kentucky outscored the Aggies 21-0 in the third quarter.
- The Cats were tabbed the Pop-Tarts Bowl Crazy Good Team of the Week for their win at Texas A&M.
- Of the six top-10 ranked road wins in Kentucky history, three have come in the last four seasons.
- UK has a nation-leading three AP Top-10 road victories since 2023.
- This is the 12th consecutive season that Kentucky has at least one on-field SEC road win. (The wins from 2021 season later vacated by the NCAA.)
- QB **Kenny Minchey** completed 14-of-18 passes in the game, including his final 11 attempts. He is averaging 233 passing yards per game and has tossed seven TDs on the season.
- Minchey was named to the Davey O'Brien Great 8 for his performance in College Station.
- TE **Willie Rodriguez** has caught a pass in 14 of the past 15 games.
- WR **D.J. Miller** had 96 yards receiving versus Texas A&M.
- All three of UK's tight ends have scored this season. TE **Henry Boyer** has a touchdown snag in each of the last two games.
- Freshman WR **Kenny Darby** continues to make an immediate impact and had a 42-yard score versus the Aggies. He has 10 receptions for a team-high 183 yards and two scores on the season.
- Safety **Jordan Castell** led UK with 13 tackles at Texas A&M. He added an interception and now has a pick in each of the past two games. Castell has a team-best 29 tackles and two interceptions on the season.
- Safety **Ty Bryant** had 10 tackles in his second-straight double-digit tackling effort.
- LB **Grant Godfrey** had a career-best 11 tackles against Texas A&M.
- LB **Sam Greene** made critical plays on A&M's first two drives, beginning with a fourth-down stop and followed by an interception both of which ended Aggie drives deep into UK territory.
- Twelve different players have recorded a reception through three games.
- OL **Coleton Price** graded at 84 percent, highest among the line, and led UK with four knockdown blocks in UK's win at A&M. He did not yield a sack and committed zero penalties.
- RB **CJ Baxter Jr.** has a team-high four touchdowns. That ranks as the fourth-most in the conference through three weeks of play.
- The Cats did not commit a turnover in the win over Texas A&M and have yielded zero turnovers in both victories this season.
- UK's matchup with South Alabama is the second of three nonconference matchups this season and the first time UK and USA have met in football.



## WEEKLY MEDIA SCHEDULE

| Monday          | Tuesday                                                          | Wednesday                                                                                               | Thursday        | Friday          | Saturday                                                         | Sunday          |
|-----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| No availability | Will Stein press conference   Noon ET<br>Kroger Field Media Room | Select player availability   11 a.m. ET   JCFTC lobby<br><br>UK HealthCare Will Stein Show<br>6 p.m. ET | No availability | No availability | vs South Alabama<br>12:45 p.m. ET<br>SEC Network<br>Kroger Field | No availability |

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## MEDIA SERVICES

**CREDENTIAL APPROVALS/DENIALS**

For the South Alabama home game, requests are being accepted through Sportssystems and the deadline to apply is Monday, Sept. 21 at 5 p.m. ET. No approved credentials will be distributed prior to game day. All credentials will be picked up at Media Will Call at Gate 11 on game days. Apply at [www.sportssystems.com/Kentucky](http://www.sportssystems.com/Kentucky)

**UK WEBSITE -- UKATHLETICS.COM**

For game notes, player bios, rosters and stats, visit the official University of Kentucky Athletics website at [UKathletics.com/football](http://UKathletics.com/football). The official Southeastern Conference website is [SECSports.com](http://SECSports.com).

**UK WEEKLY NEWS CONFERENCE**

Every Tuesday (except Oct. 27, the week of UK's open date), head coach Will Stein will host a news conference at Noon ET from the media room at Kroger Field. The news conference is streamed live on [UKathletics.com](http://UKathletics.com). UK game notes will be released at approximately 11:35 a.m. ET on Tuesday.

**SEC HEAD COACHES' TELECONFERENCE**

UK head coach Will Stein will appear on the SEC Head Coaches' Teleconference at 12:20 p.m. ET on the following Wednesdays: Sept. 23, Oct. 7, Oct. 18 and Nov. 18.

Link/Number will be sent via email from the SEC Communications Office weekly. Replays will be available via: [www.SECsports.com](http://www.SECsports.com).

**POST-PRACTICE INTERVIEWS**

Interviews with select players will be conducted at the Joe Craft Football Training Center or by telephone at the conclusion of practice on Wednesdays at approximately 10:45 a.m. ET. Contact Susan Lax, Matt May or Deb Moore for assistance.

**VIDEOS/PHOTOS**

Every Tuesday press conference, post-practice press conferences and postgame press conference after home Saturday games will be here >> <https://vimeo.com/showcase/ukfootball?share=copy&fl=sm&fe=fe>

2026 Fall Practice Photo Gallery Link >>> <https://bit.ly/3IY34Mg>

**THE UK HEALTHCARE WILL STEIN SHOW**

The Will Stein Show presented by UK HealthCare airs Wednesdays from 6-7 p.m. ET, hosted by "The Voice of the Wildcats" Tom Leach. Fans can submit questions for Coach Stein by texting the Clark's Pump-N-Shop Text Line at (859) 203-1234 or submit questions on X @UKSportsNetwork.

The show airs in Lexington on 630 WLAP, online at [UKSNallaccess.com](http://UKSNallaccess.com), across UK Sports Network radio affiliates, and on the UK Athletics App. A live video stream will also be available on [UKSNallaccess.com](http://UKSNallaccess.com) and the UK Sports Network Facebook and X pages.



## NUMERICAL ROSTER

|     |                       |     |      |     |     |
|-----|-----------------------|-----|------|-----|-----|
| 0*  | Martels Carter Jr.    | RB  | 6-0  | 205 | So. |
| 0*  | Bo Barnes             | ILB | 6-1  | 242 | So. |
| 1*  | CJ Baxter Jr.         | RB  | 6-1  | 230 | Sr. |
| 1*  | Andre Clarke Jr.      | DB  | 6-1  | 176 | Fr. |
| 2*  | Jovantae Barnes       | RB  | 6-0  | 214 | 5th |
| 2*  | Sam Greene            | OLB | 6-2  | 251 | Sr. |
| 3*  | Aaron Gates           | DB  | 6-0  | 199 | Sr. |
| 3*  | Kenny Minchey         | QB  | 6-2  | 211 | Sr. |
| 4*  | Antwan Smith          | ILB | 6-3  | 226 | Jr. |
| 4*  | Nic Anderson          | WR  | 6-4  | 205 | 5th |
| 5*  | Jordan Castell        | DB  | 6-2  | 211 | Sr. |
| 5*  | Ja'Kayden Ferguson    | WR  | 6-2  | 184 | So. |
| 6*  | Shane Carr            | WR  | 6-2  | 185 | Sr. |
| 6*  | Ahmad Breaux          | DT  | 6-3  | 260 | Jr. |
| 7*  | Jamarrion Harkless    | DL  | 6-3  | 346 | Sr. |
| 7*  | DJ Miller             | WR  | 6-3  | 208 | So. |
| 8*  | Lorenzo Cowan         | OLB | 6-3  | 250 | Jr. |
| 8*  | Mikkel Skinner        | TE  | 6-4  | 234 | So. |
| 9*  | Alex Afari Jr.        | LB  | 6-2  | 227 | 5th |
| 9*  | Matthew Ponatoski     | QB  | 6-1  | 205 | Fr. |
| 10* | Dyllon Williams       | DB  | 6-2  | 191 | So. |
| 10* | Callum Wither         | QB  | 6-4  | 217 | 5th |
| 11* | Braxton Urquhart      | DB  | 6-3  | 200 | Sr. |
| 11* | Lincoln Watkins       | TE  | 6-4  | 234 | Fr. |
| 12* | Brock Coffman         | WR  | 6-0  | 181 | So. |
| 12* | Hasaan Sykes          | DB  | 6-0  | 192 | Jr. |
| 13* | Cyrus Reyes           | DB  | 6-1  | 192 | Jr. |
| 13* | Denairius Gray        | WR  | 6-2  | 181 | Fr. |
| 14* | Ty Bryant             | DB  | 6-0  | 196 | Sr. |
| 14* | Brennen Ward          | QB  | 6-4  | 227 | So. |
| 15* | Carson Cruver         | QB  | 6-3  | 203 | Sr. |
| 15* | CJ Works              | OLB | 6-5  | 247 | So. |
| 16* | Jesse Anderson III    | DB  | 6-0  | 186 | Sr. |
| 16* | JacQai Long           | QB  | 6-2  | 203 | Jr. |
| 17* | Justyn Hartley        | ILB | 6-1  | 192 | Fr. |
| 17* | William Drakeford Jr. | QB  | 6-2  | 195 | Fr. |
| 18* | Mark Manfred III      | DB  | 6-2  | 171 | So. |
| 18* | Xavier Daisy          | WR  | 6-3  | 212 | Jr. |
| 19* | Kevis Thomas          | DB  | 6-0  | 181 | Sr. |
| 19* | Kenny Darby           | WR  | 6-1  | 180 | Fr. |
| 20  | Terhyon Nichols       | DB  | 5-11 | 194 | Jr. |
| 21* | Nasir Addison         | DB  | 6-0  | 191 | Sr. |
| 21* | Tovani Mizell         | RB  | 6-0  | 213 | Jr. |
| 22* | Deuce Alston II       | RB  | 6-0  | 210 | Fr. |
| 22* | Grant Godfrey         | ILB | 6-3  | 240 | Sr. |
| 23  | Brian Robinson        | DL  | 6-5  | 257 | Jr. |
| 24  | Jaden Smith           | DB  | 6-3  | 205 | Jr. |
| 25  | Tavion Wallace        | ILB | 6-1  | 241 | So. |
| 26* | Jason Patterson       | RB  | 5-10 | 204 | Jr. |
| 26* | Andrew Purcell        | DB  | 5-10 | 201 | So. |
| 27  | Isaiah McMillian      | DB  | 6-1  | 176 | Fr. |
| 28  | Demarcus Gardner      | DB  | 6-0  | 177 | So. |
| 28  | Ahmir Smith           | RB  | 5-10 | 200 | Jr. |
| 29  | Jordan Colbert        | RB  | 6-2  | 215 | Jr. |
| 30  | Grant Grayton         | DB  | 6-3  | 194 | So. |
| 31  | Quintavion Norman     | ILB | 6-3  | 223 | Jr. |
| 32  | Devin Smith           | ILB | 6-0  | 231 | Jr. |

## ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

|     |                        |     |      |     |      |                                                                         |
|-----|------------------------|-----|------|-----|------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 21* | Nasir Addison          | DB  | 6-0  | 191 | Sr.  | Newark, N.J. (Irvington HS)                                             |
| 9*  | Alex Afari Jr.         | LB  | 6-2  | 227 | 5th  | Cincinnati, Ohio (Lakota West)                                          |
| 73  | Olaus Alinen           | OL  | 6-6  | 329 | Sr.  | Pori, Finland (Alabama/The Loomis Chaffee School (Conn.)                |
| 22* | Deuce Alston II        | RB  | 6-0  | 210 | Fr.  | Trussville, Ala. (Hewitt-Trussville HS)                                 |
| 16* | Jesse Anderson III     | DB  | 6-0  | 186 | Sr.  | Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (Pitt/Cardinal Gibbons HS)                        |
| 50  | Max Anderson           | OL  | 6-5  | 299 | Jr.  | Frisco, Texas (Tennessee/Reedy HS)                                      |
| 4*  | Nic Anderson           | WR  | 6-4  | 205 | 5th  | Katy, Texas (LSU/Oklahoma/Katy HS)                                      |
| 74  | Jermiel Atkins Jr.     | OL  | 6-8  | 326 | So.  | Dayton, Ohio (Madison HS)                                               |
| 0*  | Bo Barnes              | ILB | 6-1  | 242 | So.  | Dallas, Texas (Texas/Skyline HS)                                        |
| 2*  | Jovantae Barnes        | RB  | 6-0  | 214 | 5th  | Las Vegas, Nev. (Oklahoma/Desert Pines HS)                              |
| 1*  | CJ Baxter Jr.          | RB  | 6-1  | 230 | Sr.  | Boynton Beach, Fla. (Texas/Edgewater HS)                                |
| 93* | Wilson Berry           | P   | 6-4  | 206 | 5th+ | Maribyrnong, Australia (Maribyrnong College)                            |
| 87  | Henry Boyer            | TE  | 6-6  | 270 | 5th  | Chicago, Ill. (Illinois/Brother Rice HS)                                |
| 6*  | Ahmad Breaux           | DT  | 6-3  | 260 | Jr.  | Ruston, La. (LSU/Ruston HS)                                             |
| 85  | Elijah Brown           | TE  | 6-6  | 263 | 5th  | Dayton, Ohio (UCF/FAU/Alabama/Wayne HS)                                 |
| 33* | Sam Brown III          | DB  | 5-11 | 172 | Fr.  | San Clemente, Calif. (Capistrano Valley Christian Schools)              |
| 14* | Ty Bryant              | DB  | 6-0  | 196 | Sr.  | Lexington, Ky. (Frederick Douglass HS)                                  |
| 6*  | Shane Carr             | WR  | 6-2  | 185 | Sr.  | Bakersfield, Calif. (Southern Utah/South HS)                            |
| 0*  | Martels Carter Jr.     | RB  | 6-0  | 205 | So.  | Chattanooga, Tenn. (Paducah Tilghman HS - Ky.)                          |
| 5*  | Jordan Castell         | DB  | 6-2  | 211 | Sr.  | Orlando, Fla. (Florida/West Orange HS)                                  |
| 79  | Jay Clark              | OL  | 6-4  | 318 | So.  | Cleveland, Ohio (Northmont HS)                                          |
| 1*  | Andre Clarke Jr.       | DB  | 6-1  | 176 | Fr.  | Richmond, Va. (Hermitage HS)                                            |
| 12* | Brock Coffman          | WR  | 6-0  | 181 | So.  | Lexington, Ky. (Louisville/Sayre School)                                |
| 29  | Jordan Colbert         | RB  | 6-2  | 215 | Jr.  | Merced, Calif. (Fresno City College/San Joaquin Memorial HS)            |
| 8*  | Lorenzo Cowan          | OLB | 6-3  | 250 | Jr.  | Savannah, Ga. (Southern Cal/Jenkins HS)                                 |
| 80  | Ashton Cozart          | WR  | 6-3  | 202 | Sr.  | Flower Mound, Texas (SMU/Oregon/Marcus HS)                              |
| 33* | Rico Crowder           | WR  | 6-4  | 201 | Jr.  | Glasgow, Ky. (Glasgow HS)                                               |
| 15* | Carson Cruver          | QB  | 6-3  | 203 | Sr.  | Austin, Texas (Florida Atlantic/St. Michael's Catholic Academy)         |
| 18* | Xavier Daisy           | WR  | 6-3  | 212 | Jr.  | Norcross, Ga. (UAB/Greater Atlanta Christian School)                    |
| 19* | Kenny Darby            | WR  | 6-1  | 180 | Fr.  | Bossier City, La. (Airline HS)                                          |
| 68  | Alexander DiMartino    | OL  | 6-4  | 306 | So.  | Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (Fort Lauderdale HS)                              |
| 17* | William Drakeford Jr.  | QB  | 6-2  | 195 | Fr.  | Gaithersburg, Md. (Quince Orchard HS)                                   |
| 92  | Ben Duncum             | DE  | 6-5  | 224 | Fr.  | Austin, Texas (Lake Travis HS)                                          |
| 93* | Kalen Edwards          | DL  | 6-4  | 335 | So.  | Dyersburg, Tenn. (Dyersburg HS)                                         |
| 61  | Jason Ekperuoh         | OL  | 6-6  | 354 | So.  | Montreal, Quebec (The Webb School -TN)                                  |
| 5*  | Ja'Kayden Ferguson     | WR  | 6-2  | 184 | So.  | Houston, Texas (Arkansas/Thurgood Marshall HS)                          |
| 70  | Rob Fogler             | OL  | 6-7  | 325 | Sr.  | Cincinnati, Ohio (Ball State/St. Xavier HS)                             |
| 94  | Tavion Gadson          | DL  | 6-5  | 303 | Sr.  | Savannah, Ga. (Jenkins HS)                                              |
| 28  | Demarcus Gardner       | DB  | 6-0  | 177 | So.  | Cedartown, Ga. (Cedartown HS)                                           |
| 3*  | Aaron Gates            | DB  | 6-0  | 199 | Sr.  | Newnan, Ga. (Florida/Trinity Christian School)                          |
| 22* | Grant Godfrey          | ILB | 6-3  | 240 | Sr.  | Suwanee, Ga. (North Gwinnett HS)                                        |
| 13* | Denairius Gray         | WR  | 6-2  | 181 | Fr.  | Boynton Beach, Fla. (Chaminade-Madonna HS)                              |
| 30  | Grant Grayton          | DB  | 6-3  | 194 | So.  | Laurel, Md. (Good Counsel HS)                                           |
| 2*  | Sam Greene             | OLB | 6-2  | 251 | Sr.  | Washington, D.C. (Southern Cal/St. Frances Academy)                     |
| 7*  | Jamarrion Harkless     | DL  | 6-3  | 346 | Sr.  | Lexington, Ky. (Purdue/Frederick Douglas HS)                            |
| 89  | Cash Harney            | WR  | 5-9  | 177 | Fr.  | Covington, Ky. (Covington Catholic HS)                                  |
| 17* | Justyn Hartley         | ILB | 6-1  | 192 | Fr.  | Hoover, Ala. (Hoover HS)                                                |
| 53* | Lance Heard            | OL  | 6-6  | 325 | Sr.  | Bonita, La. (Tennessee/LSU/Neville HS)                                  |
| 60  | Mason Howard           | OL  | 6-4  | 321 | Fr.  | Fort Thomas, Ky. (Highlands HS)                                         |
| 39  | Saxton Howard          | WR  | 6-0  | 177 | So.  | Lexington, Ky. (Lexington Christian Academy)                            |
| 90  | M'Quise Humphrey-Grace | DL  | 6-4  | 271 | 5th  | Cincinnati, Ohio (South Dakota/Princeton HS)                            |
| 34  | Isaiah Jackson         | RB  | 5-10 | 185 | Fr.  | Richmond, Ky. (Rockcastle County HS)                                    |
| 83  | Prince Jean            | WR  | 6-1  | 187 | Fr.  | Valdosta, Ga. (Valdosta HS)                                             |
| 75  | Hayes Johnson          | OL  | 6-4  | 310 | Jr.  | Campbellsville, Ky. (Taylor County HS)                                  |
| 78  | Cameron Jones          | OL  | 6-6  | 335 | Sr.  | Weirton, W. Va. (James Madison/Weir HS)                                 |
| 44  | Justin Kattus          | TE  | 6-1  | 216 | Jr.  | Cincinnati, Ohio (St. Xavier HS)                                        |
| 91* | Jacob Kauwe            | K   | 6-1  | 216 | Jr.  | Billings, Mont. (Billings West HS)                                      |
| 57  | Jordan Knox            | OL  | 6-2  | 329 | Sr.  | Rock Hill, S.C. (Northwest Mississippi JC/Northwestern/Northwestern HS) |
| 37  | Spencer Leadbetter     | WR  | 6-3  | 198 | Sr.  | Glenview, Ill. (Loyola Academy)                                         |
| 16* | JacQai Long            | QB  | 6-2  | 203 | Jr.  | Hurricane, W. Va. (Marshall/Hurricane HS)                               |
| 18* | Mark Manfred III       | DB  | 6-2  | 171 | So.  | Marietta, Ga. (Missouri/Sprayberry HS)                                  |
| 40  | Cole Marszalek         | LS  | 5-11 | 197 | Sr.  | Goodyear, Ariz. (Jacksonville State/Arizona State/Millennium HS)        |



## ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

|                       |                 |                                                                    |
|-----------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 84 Davis McCray       | WR 6-2 196 Fr.  | San Antonio, Texas (Cornerstone Christian Academy)                 |
| 27 Isaiah McMillian   | DB 6-1 176 Fr.  | Katy, Texas (Katy HS)                                              |
| 64 Ryan Meeker        | OL 6-1 311 Fr.  | Wheelerburg, Ohio (Wheelerburg HS)                                 |
| 66 Tino Merlo         | OL 6-2 278 Sr.  | Youngstown, Ohio (Cardinal Mooney HS)                              |
| 52 Cameron Miller Jr. | OL 6-5 341 Fr.  | Hammond, Ind. (Morton HS)                                          |
| 7* DJ Miller          | WR 6-3 208 So.  | St. Louis, Mo. (Cardinal Ritter HS)                                |
| 3* Kenny Minchey      | QB 6-2 211 Sr.  | Hendersonville, Tenn. (Notre Dame/Pope John Paul II HS)            |
| 21* Tovani Mizell     | RB 6-0 213 Jr.  | Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (Western HS)                                 |
| 62 Ben Myers          | OL 6-4 286 Fr.  | Ballard County, Ky. (Paducah Tilghman HS)                          |
| 20 Terhyon Nichols    | DB 5-11 194 Jr. | Cincinnati, Ohio (Withrow HS)                                      |
| 31 Quintavion Norman  | ILB 6-3 223 Jr. | Covington, Ga. (Newton HS)                                         |
| 48 Thomas O'Hara      | P 6-1 201 Sr.   | Melbourne, Australia (Murray State/St. Bedes College)              |
| 35 Matthew Obermeier  | K 5-11 160 Fr.  | Carmel, Ind. (Carmel HS)                                           |
| 26* Jason Patterson   | RB 5-10 204 Jr. | Sneads, Fla. (Sneads HS)                                           |
| 9* Matthew Ponatoski  | QB 6-1 205 Fr.  | Cincinnati, Ohio (Archbishop Moeller)                              |
| 72 Coleton Price      | OL 6-3 308 5th  | Bowie, Texas (Baylor/Bowie HS)                                     |
| 26* Andrew Purcell    | DB 5-10 201 So. | Enterprise, Ala. (Enterprise HS)                                   |
| 47 Spencer Radnoti    | LS 6-3 237 Jr.  | Canton, Ga. (Georgia State/Cherokee HS)                            |
| 53* Ben Reeves        | OLB 6-2 242 Jr. | Edgewood, Ky. (Georgetown College/Covington Catholic HS)           |
| 13* Cyrus Reyes       | DB 6-1 192 Jr.  | Katy, Texas (Mississippi State/Taylor HS)                          |
| 23 Brian Robinson     | DL 6-5 257 Jr.  | Youngstown, Ohio (Westerville North HS)                            |
| 67 Mark Robinson III  | OL 6-5 328 Jr.  | Altamonte Springs, Fla. (UTEP/Southeastern/Lyman HS)               |
| 81 Willie Rodriguez   | TE 6-4 249 Jr.  | Taylor Mill, Ky. (Covington Catholic HS)                           |
| 55* Aba Selm          | OL 6-4 327 Jr.  | Independence, Ky. (Simon Kenton HS)                                |
| 8* Mikkel Skinner     | TE 6-4 234 So.  | Greer, S.C. (Riverside HS)                                         |
| 28 Ahmir Smith        | RB 5-10 200 Jr. | Santee, S.C. (Garden City CC/Northern Illinois/Calhoun County HS)  |
| 4* Antwan Smith       | ILB 6-3 226 Jr. | Atlanta, Ga. (Westlake HS)                                         |
| 32 Devin Smith        | ILB 6-0 231 Jr. | Brunswick, Ga. (Brunswick HS)                                      |
| 24 Jaden Smith        | DB 6-3 205 Jr.  | Charlotte, N.C. (West Charlotte HS)                                |
| 12* Hasaan Sykes      | DB 6-0 192 Jr.  | Atlanta, Ga. (Western Carolina/Tucker HS)                          |
| 82 Nelson Tambling    | TE 6-5 240 Fr.  | Gainesville, Fla. (Eastside HS)                                    |
| 19* Kevis Thomas      | DB 6-0 181 Sr.  | Perry, Fla. (Maryland/Lowndes HS)                                  |
| 97* Tyler Thomas      | DE 6-5 260 Sr.  | Mobile, Ala. (South Alabama/UAB/Cottage Hill Christian HS)         |
| 69 Hank Timon         | OL 6-6 318 Fr.  | Guilford, Ind. (East Central HS)                                   |
| 77 Tegra Tshabola     | OL 6-6 329 5th  | West Chester, Ohio (Ohio State/Lakota West HS)                     |
| 11* Braxton Urquhart  | DB 6-3 200 Sr.  | Birmingham, Ala. (Butler CC/Hoover HS)                             |
| 25 Tavion Wallace     | ILB 6-1 241 So. | Jesup, Ga. (Arkansas/Appling County HS)                            |
| 14* Brennen Ward      | QB 6-4 227 So.  | Gahanna, Ohio (Gahanna Lincoln HS)                                 |
| 11* Lincoln Watkins   | TE 6-4 234 Fr.  | Fort Gratiot, Mich. (Northern HS)                                  |
| 36 Andrew Weber       | DB 6-0 179 Jr.  | Cincinnati, Ohio (St. Xavier HS)                                   |
| 59 Jack Wheeler       | LS 6-4 248 Fr.  | Charlotte, N.C. (Cannon School)                                    |
| 10* Dyllon Williams   | DB 6-2 191 So.  | Demopolis, Ala. (Demopolis HS)                                     |
| 91* Jaden Williams    | DL 6-4 290 5th  | Inglewood, Calif. (Wyoming/Campbell Hall)                          |
| 96 Dominic Wiseman    | DT 6-2 298 5th  | Davenport, Iowa (South Alabama/Iowa Western CC/Davenport North HS) |
| 10* Callum Wither     | QB 6-4 217 5th  | Toronto, Canada (Ohio/Wilfrid Laurier/Clarkson HS)                 |
| 71 Malachi Wood       | OL 6-8 329 Sr.  | Richmond, Ky. (Madison Central HS)                                 |
| 15* CJ Works          | OLB 6-5 247 So. | Dayton, Ohio (Frederick Douglass HS)                               |
| 38 Tyler Wright       | DB 5-11 178 Fr. | Bixby, Okla. (Bixby HS)                                            |
| 88 Adam Zouagui       | K 5-11 191 Sr.  | Reston, Va. (USF/Davidson College/Herndon HS)                      |

## NUMERICAL ROSTER

|                            |                 |
|----------------------------|-----------------|
| 33* Sam Brown III          | DB 5-11 172 Fr. |
| 33* Rico Crowder           | WR 6-4 201 Jr.  |
| 34 Isaiah Jackson          | RB 5-10 185 Fr. |
| 35 Matthew Obermeier       | K 5-11 160 Fr.  |
| 36 Andrew Weber            | DB 6-0 179 Jr.  |
| 37 Spencer Leadbetter      | WR 6-3 198 Sr.  |
| 38 Tyler Wright            | DB 5-11 178 Fr. |
| 39 Saxton Howard           | WR 6-0 177 So.  |
| 40 Cole Marszalek          | LS 5-11 197 Sr. |
| 44 Justin Kattus           | TE 6-1 216 Jr.  |
| 47 Spencer Radnoti         | LS 6-3 237 Jr.  |
| 48 Thomas O'Hara           | P 6-1 201 Sr.   |
| 50 Max Anderson            | OL 6-5 299 Jr.  |
| 52 Cameron Miller Jr.      | OL 6-5 341 Fr.  |
| 53* Ben Reeves             | OLB 6-2 242 Jr. |
| 53* Lance Heard            | OL 6-6 325 Sr.  |
| 55* Aba Selm               | OL 6-4 327 Jr.  |
| 57 Jordan Knox             | OL 6-2 329 Sr.  |
| 59 Jack Wheeler            | LS 6-4 248 Fr.  |
| 60 Mason Howard            | OL 6-4 321 Fr.  |
| 61 Jason Ekperuoh          | OL 6-6 354 So.  |
| 62 Ben Myers               | OL 6-4 286 Fr.  |
| 64 Ryan Meeker             | OL 6-1 311 Fr.  |
| 66 Tino Merlo              | OL 6-2 278 Sr.  |
| 67 Mark Robinson III       | OL 6-5 328 Jr.  |
| 68 Alexander DiMartino     | OL 6-4 306 So.  |
| 69 Hank Timon              | OL 6-6 318 Fr.  |
| 70 Rob Fogler              | OL 6-7 325 Sr.  |
| 71 Malachi Wood            | OL 6-8 329 Sr.  |
| 72 Coleton Price           | OL 6-3 308 5th  |
| 73 Olaus Alinen            | OL 6-6 329 Sr.  |
| 74 Jermiel Atkins Jr.      | OL 6-8 326 So.  |
| 75 Hayes Johnson           | OL 6-4 310 Jr.  |
| 77 Tegra Tshabola          | OL 6-6 329 5th  |
| 78 Cameron Jones           | OL 6-6 335 Sr.  |
| 79 Jay Clark               | OL 6-4 318 So.  |
| 80 Ashton Cozart           | WR 6-3 202 Sr.  |
| 81 Willie Rodriguez        | TE 6-4 249 Jr.  |
| 82 Nelson Tambling         | TE 6-5 240 Fr.  |
| 83 Prince Jean             | WR 6-1 187 Fr.  |
| 84 Davis McCray            | WR 6-2 196 Fr.  |
| 85 Elijah Brown            | TE 6-6 263 5th  |
| 87 Henry Boyer             | TE 6-6 270 5th  |
| 88 Adam Zouagui            | K 5-11 191 Sr.  |
| 89 Cash Harney             | WR 5-9 177 Fr.  |
| 90 Mi'Quise Humphrey-Grace | DL 6-4 271 5th  |
| 91* Jacob Kauwe            | K 6-1 216 Jr.   |
| 91* Jaden Williams         | DL 6-4 290 5th  |
| 92 Ben Duncum              | DE 6-5 224 Fr.  |
| 93* Wilson Berry           | P 6-4 206 5th+  |
| 93* Kalen Edwards          | DL 6-4 335 So.  |
| 94 Tavion Gadson           | DL 6-5 303 Sr.  |
| 96 Dominic Wiseman         | DT 6-2 298 5th  |
| 97* Tyler Thomas           | DE 6-5 260 Sr.  |

## PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Nasir (Nah-SEER) Addison  
 Olaus (OH-louse) Alinen (Ah-lee-nen)  
 Jermiel (jer-MEEL) Atkins Jr.  
 Jovantae (jo-VON-tay) Barnes  
 Ahmad BreauX (BROH)  
 Martels (mar-TELL-us) Carter Jr.  
 Carson Cruver (CROO-ver)  
 Jason Ekperuoh (ek-PEAR-ee-oh)  
 Mi'Quise (mi-KEESE) Humphrey-Grace  
 Denairius (di-NEH-ree-uhs) Gray  
 Jamarrion (juh-MAR-ee-on) Harkless  
 Jacob Kauwe (COW-way)  
 Prince Jean (sounds like gene)  
 JacQai (juh KIE) Long  
 Cole Marszalek (mar-ZAH-lek)

Kenny Minchey (min-CHEE)  
 Tavoni (tuh-VONI) Mizell (mih-ZELL)  
 Terhyon (tuh-RYAN) Nichols  
 Quintavion (kwin-TAY-vee-on) Norman  
 Matt Ponatoski (pawn-ah-TOSS-kee)  
 Spencer Radnoti (Rad-not-ee)  
 Cyrus Reyes (RAY-yes)  
 Aba (Abba) Selm  
 Hasaan (HA-sahn) Sykes  
 Kevis (KEE-vus) Thomas  
 Hank Timon (TIE-mon)  
 Tegra (TAY-gruh) Tshabola (sha-BO-la)  
 Braxton Urquhart (UR-kart)  
 Adam Zouagui (zoo-AH-ghee)



## WEEK FOUR: SOUTH ALABAMA

### THE SERIES

- Flying high after a top-10 victory on the road at Texas A&M, Kentucky must refocus as the Wildcats host South Alabama.
- Former Texas quarterback Major Applewhite is in his sixth season at South Alabama, his third as head coach, and has the Jaguars off to a 2-1 start in 2026.
- The Jaguars are averaging more than 200 yards rushing and passing per game.
- USA leads the nation in average time of possession at more than 38 minutes per game.
- The two teams have never met on the gridiron.

### THE LAST TIME OUT - GIGGED 'EM

#### THE GAME NEED-TO-KNOWS

- Kentucky registered one of the most impressive victories in program history with a 31-21 triumph at No. 9/8 Texas A&M in front of more than 100,000 fans in College Station, Texas.
- The offense scored touchdowns on four of five possessions spanning the second and third quarters with the only one it did not find the end zone a one-play drive just before the half.
- Linebacker **Sam Greene** turned in multiple game-changing plays:
  - On the Aggies' first possession of the game, they drove to the UK 11. On 4th-and-1, Greene stormed in from his outside linebacker post to fell the runner for no gain and turn the ball over on downs.
  - On the Aggies' second possession of the game, they drove to the UK 27, where Greene again quelled the advance, intercepting a pass and returning it seven yards.
  - In the third quarter, on a 3rd-and-2 play, he again sliced from the edge to hold the runner to no gain, forcing a punt that Kentucky eventually turned into a touchdown drive
  - For the game, he totaled an interception, six tackles, one-half tackle for loss and fourth-down stop for turnover on downs
- QB **Kenny Minchey** completed 14-of-18 passes for 252 yards and two touchdowns.
  - Guided an efficient offense that needed only 54 plays to amass 408 yards total offense; UK averaged 7.6 yards per play and had zero turnovers
  - Completed his last 11 in a row; with the game tied at halftime, he completed 9-of-9 in the decisive second half
  - Averaged 18 yards per completion, including a career-long 53-yard bomb
  - Was named a Davey O'Brien Great 8 for his efforts
- RB C.J. Baxter rushed 19 times for 87 yards and two touchdowns. He surpassed 1,000 rushing yards for his career (1,019 yards).
- WR **D.J. Miller** hauled in five passes for 96 yards.
- Making his first collegiate start, true freshman WR **Kenny Darby** caught two passes for 64 yards and a touchdown.
  - With the game tied at 7-7, he caught a downfield pass at the 19-yard line, faked past a tackler, then plowed through another tackler for a 42-yard touchdown
  - The 42-yard play is his longest of the season
  - On UK's next possession, on a 3rd-and-4 play, he caught a 22-yard pass. The catch preserved an 83-yard touchdown drive that staked the Wildcats to a 21-7 Lead.
- FS **Jordan Castell** had a game-high 13 tackles, with an interception and a pass breakup.
  - He intercepted a pass in the shadow of UK's own goalpost with 6:34 remaining in the game.
- LB **Grant Godfrey** had a career-high 11 total tackles, 0.5 tackles for loss and a pass breakup.
- K **Adam Zouagui** made a crucial 52-yard field goal and played a key role in field position in Kentucky's win.
  - After TAMU had cut the UK lead to 28-14, Zouagui responded with a career-long 52-yarder to give the Wildcats a three-possession cushion
  - Kicked off six times during the game, featuring four touchbacks, one fair catch, and a perfectly placed high kick that enabled UK to tackle the returner at the 13-yard line

### BY THE NUMBERS

|                                    | 2026 | Stein |
|------------------------------------|------|-------|
| Record.....                        | 2-1  | 2-1   |
| SEC.....                           | 1-1  | 1-1   |
| SEC Home.....                      | 0-1  | 0-1   |
| SEC Road.....                      | 1-0  | 1-0   |
| Nonconference.....                 | 1-0  | 1-0   |
| Home.....                          | 1-0  | 0-0   |
| Road.....                          | 0-0  | 0-0   |
| Home.....                          | 1-1  | 1-1   |
| Road.....                          | 1-0  | 1-0   |
| Neutral site.....                  | 0-0  | 0-0   |
| Night.....                         | 0-0  | 0-0   |
| Day.....                           | 2-1  | 2-1   |
| TV Games.....                      | 2-1  | 2-1   |
| ABC.....                           | 0-1  | 0-1   |
| CBS.....                           | 0-0  | 0-0   |
| ESPN.....                          | 1-0  | 1-0   |
| ESPN2.....                         | 0-0  | 0-0   |
| ESPN News.....                     | 0-0  | 0-0   |
| SEC Network.....                   | 0-0  | 0-0   |
| Fox Sports South.....              | 0-0  | 0-0   |
| CBS Sports Network.....            | 0-0  | 0-0   |
| SEC Network Plus.....              | 1-0  | 1-0   |
| September.....                     | 2-1  | 2-1   |
| October.....                       | 0-0  | 0-0   |
| November.....                      | 0-0  | 0-0   |
| December/January.....              | 0-0  | 0-0   |
| Bowl Games.....                    | 0-0  | 0-0   |
| Coming off an open date.....       | 0-0  | 0-0   |
| UK scores on 1st possession.....   | 1-0  | 1-0   |
| Opp scores on 1st possession.....  | 0-0  | 0-0   |
| UK scores first.....               | 1-1  | 1-1   |
| Opponent scores first.....         | 1-0  | 1-0   |
| UK leads after 1st quarter.....    | 1-0  | 1-0   |
| Opponent leads after 1stQ.....     | 0-0  | 0-0   |
| Teams are tied after 1stQ.....     | 1-1  | 1-1   |
| UK leads at halftime.....          | 1-1  | 1-1   |
| Opponent leads at halftime.....    | 0-0  | 0-0   |
| Teams are tied at halftime.....    | 1-0  | 1-0   |
| UK leads after 3rd quarter.....    | 2-0  | 2-0   |
| Opponent leads after 3rdQ.....     | 0-1  | 0-1   |
| Teams are tied after 3rdQ.....     | 0-0  | 0-0   |
| Game goes to overtime.....         | 0-0  | 0-0   |
| Scoring less than 20 pts.....      | 0-1  | 0-1   |
| Scoring 20+ points.....            | 1-0  | 1-0   |
| Scoring 30+ points.....            | 2-0  | 2-0   |
| Allowing fewer than 20 pts.....    | 1-0  | 1-0   |
| Allowing 20+ points.....           | 1-1  | 1-1   |
| Allowing 30+ points.....           | 0-1  | 0-1   |
| UK has more total yards.....       | 1-0  | 1-0   |
| Opp. has more total yds.....       | 1-1  | 1-1   |
| UK has more rushing yards.....     | 1-0  | 1-0   |
| Opp. has more rushing yards.....   | 1-1  | 1-1   |
| UK has more passing yards.....     | 2-0  | 2-0   |
| Opp. has more passing yards.....   | 0-1  | 0-1   |
| Rushing for less than 100 yds..... | 0-1  | 0-1   |
| Rushing for over 100 yards.....    | 2-0  | 2-0   |
| Rushing for 200+ yards.....        | 1-0  | 1-0   |
| Passing for 200+ yards.....        | 2-0  | 2-0   |
| Passing for 300+ yards.....        | 1-0  | 1-0   |
| UK has 100-yard rusher.....        | 0-0  | 0-0   |
| Opp. has 100-yard rusher.....      | 1-1  | 1-1   |
| No turnovers.....                  | 2-0  | 2-0   |
| One or two turnovers.....          | 0-0  | 0-0   |
| 3 or more turnovers.....           | 0-1  | 0-1   |
| No takeaways.....                  | 0-0  | 0-0   |
| 3 or more takeaways.....           | 0-1  | 0-1   |
| UK has more penalties.....         | 2-0  | 2-0   |
| Opp. has more penalties.....       | 0-0  | 0-0   |
| Teams have equal penalties.....    | 0-1  | 0-1   |
| UK has more TOP.....               | 0-0  | 0-0   |
| Opp. has more TOP.....             | 2-1  | 2-1   |
| UK defense scores.....             | 0-1  | 0-1   |
| Opponent defense scores.....       | 0-1  | 0-1   |
| UK returns KO/Punt for TD.....     | 0-0  | 0-0   |
| Opp. returns KO/Punt for TD.....   | 0-0  | 0-0   |
| Playing on natural grass.....      | 1-0  | 1-0   |
| Playing on artificial surface..... | 1-1  | 1-1   |
| In blue uniforms.....              | 0-0  | 0-0   |
| In white uniforms.....             | 1-0  | 1-0   |
| In white jerseys/blue pants.....   | 0-0  | 0-0   |
| In blue jerseys/white pants.....   | 1-1  | 1-1   |
| In black uniforms.....             | 0-0  | 0-0   |
| In blue jerseys/grey pants.....    | 0-0  | 0-0   |
| In black jerseys/blue pants.....   | 0-0  | 0-0   |
| In grey uniforms.....              | 0-0  | 0-0   |
| In grey jerseys/blue pants.....    | 0-0  | 0-0   |



## QUICK FACTS

Location: Lexington, Ky.  
 Founded: 1865  
 Enrollment: 38,719  
 Nickname: Wildcats  
 Colors: Blue (PMS 286) and White  
 Conference: Southeastern  
 Stadium: Kroger Field (61,000)  
 President: Dr. Eli Capilouto  
 Athletics Director: J Batt  
 Faculty Representative: Joseph L. Fink III

### 2026 COACHING STAFF

**Head Coach:** Will Stein (Louisville, '11)

**Overall College Coaching Record:**

UK/Career Record (Years): 2-1 (.667/1st)

SEC Record: 1-1 (.500)

Bowl Record: 0-0 (.000)

### Assistant Coaches:

**Jay Bateman (Randolph-Macon, '95)**

Defensive Coordinator, 1st year

**Joe Sloan (East Carolina, '08)**

Offensive Coord., 1st year

**Allen Brown (Eastern Washington, '14)**

Cornerbacks, 1st year

**Justin Burke (Louisville, '09)**

Tight Ends, 1st year

**Josh Christian-Young (Central Missouri, '11)**

Safeties, 1st year

**Cutter Leftwich (McNeese State, '20)**

Offensive Line, 1st year

**Joe Price III (Harding, '09)**

Wide Receivers, 1st year

**Kolby Smith (Louisville, '07)**

Running Backs, 1st year

**Anwar Stewart (Kentucky, '17)**

Defensive Line, 7th year

**Tony Washington Jr. (Oregon, '10)**

Edges/Outside Linebackers, 1st Year

**Andrew Coverdale** – Passing Game Coordinator

**Nate Dodson** – Quarterbacks Coach

**Parker Fleming** – Special Teams Coordinator/ILB

**James Gibson** – Stars Coach

**Ty Holder** – Assistant Cornerbacks Coach

**Trey Odom** – Assistant Safeties Coach

**Jack Ray** – Assistant Special Teams Coord.

**Tommy Shuler** – Assistant Wide Receivers Coach

**Keith Towbridge** – Assistant Running Backs Coach

**Dallas Warmack** – Assistant Offensive Line Coach

**Chad Wilt** - Inside Linebackers Coach

- All totaled, following his six kickoffs, TAMU's average field position was its own 23-yard line.
- **DL Mi'Quise Humphrey-Grace** totaled four tackles and a quarterback hurry
  - Made a crucial play in the third quarter that set up a Kentucky touchdown
  - Trailing 21-7, A&M went for it on 4th-and-2 on their own 33-yard line.
  - Humphrey-Grace zoomed past his blocker, chasing and forcing the QB to scramble right and rush a short, errant throw to an open receiver
  - Taking over at the 33-yard line, Kentucky drove for a touchdown to make it 28-7
- **OL Coleton Price** spearheaded the offensive line from his center position
  - Graded at 84 percent, highest among the linemen, and also led the UK line with four knockdown blocks
  - Made dominant, clearout blocks on both of the Wildcats' touchdown runs, each of which went straight up the middle
  - Allowed no sacks and had no penalties
  - Kentucky had a remarkably efficient offense, needing only 54 plays to amass 408 yards total offense; averaged 7.6 yards per play and had zero turnovers

### WHAT THE WIN MEANS

- For head coach Will Stein, this marks his first road win, first SEC win, first SEC road win and first win over a ranked opponent
- Stein is the third first-year UK coach to register a victory over an AP Poll Top-10 opponent (3-23 all-time; others include John Ray vs. No. 8 Ole Miss in 1969 and Joker Phillips vs. No. 10 South Carolina in 2009).
- Stein is the first UK head coach to win a true road game vs. an AP Top-10 foe in his first season at the school.
- It is the second-highest ranked (AP) road win on an SEC opponent campus in school history.
- This is UK's second-largest margin of victory ever in a true road game against an AP Top-10 team (won 14-0 at No. 10 Vanderbilt in 1947).
- Of the six top-10 ranked road wins in Kentucky history, three have come in the last four seasons. Kentucky leads the country with three wins on the road against AP Top-10 foes since 20023.
- This is the 12th consecutive season that Kentucky has at least one on-field SEC road win. (The wins from the 2021 season later vacated by the NCAA.)
- Kentucky was named the Pop-Tarts Bowl Crazy Good Team of the Week for the win

### STRENGTH OF SCHEDULE

- Will Stein's first season as a head coach will see its fair share of challenges. The Wildcats will face the nation's fourth-most difficult schedule according to On3.com and ESPN. It is the sixth-toughest schedule according to Pro Football Focus.
- UK began the season set to take on seven teams ranked in the top 25 of The Associated Press preseason poll (Texas A&M, Oklahoma, LSU, Alabama, Tennessee, Louisville and Missouri). Three additional teams were receiving votes (Florida, South Carolina and Vanderbilt).
  - Kentucky is one of three teams (Arkansas, Texas) who will face a nation-leading seven preseason AP Top-25 teams.
- Through three games,, Kentucky has already faced two top-10 opponents. Even in its opener, Youngstown State was ranked No. 7 in the FCS poll in UK's 45-13 win.

### THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME VS. NONCONFERENCE COMPETITION

- Kentucky football is 171-43-5 (.792) all-time against nonconference competition during the regular-season at home since the Bear Bryant era began in 1946. The coaches with the most home victories against nonconference opponents are below:
  - Mark Stoops 32-5-0 (.932)
  - Jerry Claiborne 24-2-3 (.862)
  - Bear Bryant 21-2-1 (.917)
  - Rich Brooks 19-5-0 (.896)
  - Fran Curci 17-9-1 (.796)



## HOME SWEET HOME

- In 2026, UK is in its 54th season playing at Kroger Field, which was formerly named Commonwealth Stadium (1973-2016).
  - The Cats are 188-152-4 (.552) all-time in the stadium. (Those marks do not include six home wins vacated by the NCAA in 2021).

## OFFENSIVE NOTES

### FEED THE STUDS

- Rather than building an offense around a rigid playbook, Will Stein emphasizes creating favorable matchups through formations, motion, personnel groupings, and defensive identification.

Explosive. Efficient. Adaptable.

- Foundation includes: a balanced attack with strong rushing identity, multiple personnel groupings, ability to adjust to personnel.
  - Quarterback efficiency: high-completion percentages, decision-making, ball security, creating easy throws.
  - Explosive passing: vertical routes, play-action concepts, receiver spacing, multiple formations.
  - Establishing the run: force defenses into the box, create favorable matchups, slow down pass rushers, create play-action opportunities.
  - Tempo: no-huddle situations, rapid subs, fast operation after explosive plays, slower tempos to control matchups.

### STANDING ON MINCHEY BUSINESS

- Before spring practice concluded, Will Stein tabbed **Kenny Minchey (6-2, 211 | From Notre Dame)** as QB1 saying, "Kenny earned this opportunity every day. His preparation, command of the offense, decision-making and leadership consistently stood out throughout camp. He has the confidence of our staff and the respect of his teammates, and we're excited to see him lead our offense."
- Minchey is a former four-star prospect and one of the nation's top-rated quarterbacks in the 2023 recruiting class.
- He began his collegiate career at Notre Dame before transferring to Kentucky after being handpicked by Stein and offensive coordinator Joe Sloan to lead the Cats.
- Recognized for his accuracy, athleticism, football IQ and leadership, he brings valuable experience in a championship-caliber program to Lexington.
- For his career, Minchey has appeared in 13 games and made three starts. He's thrown for 911 yards, seven touchdowns and has a completion percentage of 69.5.
  - In a Wildcat uniform, Minchey has started each of the first three games. He's 50-of-76 passing for 699 yards and a 65.8 clip. He's tossed seven touchdowns.
- Minchey was nearly flawless in a win at No. 9/8 Texas A&M, completing 14-of-18 passes for 252 yards and two scores. He completed his final 11 passes of the game.
  - With UK trailing 7-0 in the second quarter, he directed the Wildcats to five consecutive scoring drives, four touchdowns and a field goal.
  - Guided an efficient offense that needed only 54 plays to amass 408 yards total offense; UK averaged 7.6 yards per play and had zero turnovers. The Aggies had entered the game allowing just 10 points and 218 yards per game.
  - Completed 9-of-9 passes in the second half.
  - Earned Davey O'Brien Great 8 honors following his performance.
- Minchey starred in the opener vs. Jacksonville State, completing 18 of 27 passes for 301 yards and four TDs.
  - He completed his first six passes in a UK uniform.

## TOP 25 POLLS

### 2026 AP TOP 25 (SEPT. 20)

- Texas (58)
- Georgia (3)
- Notre Dame
- Ole Miss (3)
- Indiana (4)
- Miami (1)
- Ohio State
- ALABAMA**
- BYU
- LSU**
- Texas Tech
- Southern Cal
- Penn State
- TENNESSEE**
- Utah
- LOUISVILLE**
- Iowa
- Michigan
- MISSOURI**
- Oregon
- FLORIDA**
- SMU
- TEXAS A&M**
- Mississippi State
- Houston

### UK OPPONENTS RECEIVING VOTES:

Oklahoma

### 2026 AFCA COACHES TOP 25

- Texas (46)
- Georgia (16)
- Notre Dame (2)
- Indiana (9)
- Miami (1)
- Ole Miss
- Ohio State
- ALABAMA**
- BYU
- Texas Tech
- LSU**
- Southern Cal
- Tennessee
- Penn State
- Utah
- Oregon
- Iowa
- Michigan
- LOUISVILLE**
- TEXAS A&M**
- MISSOURI**
- FLORIDA**
- Washington
- OKLAHOMA**
- SMU

### UK OPPONENTS RECEIVING VOTES:

Vanderbilt



## STAT LEADERS

## 100-YARD RUSHERS

| Player           | 2026 | Career | '26 Opp. |
|------------------|------|--------|----------|
| *Jovantae Barnes |      | 3      |          |
| *C.J. Baxter     |      | 1      |          |

## 100-YARD RECEIVERS

| Player        | 2026 | Career | '26 Opp. |
|---------------|------|--------|----------|
| *Nic Anderson |      | 3      |          |
| *Shane Carr   |      | 2      |          |
| DJ Miller     |      | 1      |          |

## 300-YARD PASSERS

| Player        | 2026 | Career | '26 Opp. |
|---------------|------|--------|----------|
| Kenny Minchey | 1    | 1      | YSU      |

## INTERCEPTIONS

| Player            | 2026 | Career |
|-------------------|------|--------|
| Ty Bryant         |      | 5      |
| *Jordan Castell   | 2    | 5      |
| *Hasaan Sykes     |      | 3      |
| M. Humphrey-Grace | 1    | 1      |
| *Aaron Gates      |      | 1      |
| Grant Grayton     |      | 1      |
| Sam Greene        | 1    | 1      |

## SACK LEADERS

| Player               | 2026 | Career |
|----------------------|------|--------|
| *M. Humphrey-Grace   | 1.0  | 19.5   |
| Alex Afari Jr.       |      | 6.0    |
| *Tyler Thomas        |      | 4.5    |
| Tavion Gadson        | 1.5  | 4.0    |
| Lorenzo Cowan        |      | 2.5    |
| *Jammarrion Harkless |      | 2.5    |
| Sam Greene           |      | 2.0    |
| *Hasaan Sykes        |      | 2.0    |
| *Ahmad BreauX        | 1.0  | 1.5    |
| Jaden Williams       |      | 1.5    |
| Devin Smith          | 1.0  | 1.0    |
| *Dominic Wiseman     |      | 1.0    |
| Grant Godfrey        | 1.0  | 1.5    |
| Ty Bryant            | 0.5  | 0.5    |

(^11.5 sacks at FCS/D-II)

\*First season at UK

- He connected with nine different receiving targets.
- His four touchdown passes also are the most since Boley threw five against the Vols.
- He is the third QB in UK history to have 300 passing yards, four TDs and at least 65 percent completion in a season opener, also Will Levis in 2021 and Tim Couch in 1997 and '98.
- **Fun Facts:** He is Irish and enjoys traveling. He wears No. 3 in honor of his grandfather, William Minchey, who's favorite NASCAR driver was Dale Earnhardt who famously drove the No. 3 car.

## QB TRANSFERS

- When **Kenny Minchey** took the first snap under center as UK's starting quarterback, Kentucky made it 10 consecutive seasons (2017-26) with a transfer quarterback. The last opening-day starting quarterback who signed with the Wildcats out of high school was Drew Barker, who started the 2016 season opener against Southern Miss.
  - 2025 - Zach Calzada
  - 2024 - Brock Vandagriff
  - 2023 - Devin Leary
  - 2022/2021 - Will Levis
  - 2020/2018 - Terry Wilson
  - 2017 - Stephen Johnson

## THE BIG BLUE WALL REVIVAL

- The offensive line earned the reputation as Kentucky's "Big Blue Wall" under the direction of John Schlarman, a former UK All-SEC lineman and assistant coach from 2012 until his death in 2020. Schlarman's line represented toughness and physicality and was built on a gritty, tight-knit and dominant standard of play. In 2016 and 2019, Schlarman's Cats were semifinalists for the Joe Moore Award given to the nation's top offensive line.
- Will Stein has publicly made reviving the Big Blue Wall a mission, saying "The Big Blue Wall is real and is something that we want to keep representing Coach Schlarman and his legacy here ... that really embodies our team."
- The starting unit has combined to play in 179 career games and have made 100 career starts through the first three weeks of play.
- Kentucky's projected starting five unit was ranked as the No. 3 offensive line in the country, behind only Georgia and Ohio State, by CBS' Blake Brockermeyer.
- **Tegra Tshabola** and **Coleton Price** were named to the USA Today preseason All-Transfer Team
  - **Lance Heard (6-6, 325 | From Tennessee)** - Has extensive SEC experience from stops at LSU and Tennessee ... Has appeared in 39 career games and made 28 starts.
  - **Tegra Tshabola (6-3, 329 | From Ohio State)** - Played three seasons at Ohio State ... Appeared in 46 games with 32 starts and seen action on more than 1,500 career snaps in his career.
  - **Coleton Price (6-3, 308 | From Baylor)** - Played in 35 games with 33 starting assignments in his career ... Allowed just one sack in 526 pass block snaps in '25.
  - **Olaus Alinen (6-6, 329 | From Alabama)** - Appeared in 35 career games ... Former four-start recruit and has multi-position versatility with snaps at both guard spots and left tackle ... Moved to the USA from Finland when he was 16.
  - **Malachi Wood (6-8, 329)** - Lone returning starter ... Graded at 100 percent on assignments in 10 games played a season ago.
- Wood missed the opener vs. Youngstown State with an undisclosed injury, but **Jordan Knox (6-2, 329 | From Northwest Mississippi JC)** stepped in and the unit yielded no sacks and just one quarterback hurry against the Penguins.
- Behind the Big Blue Wall, the Wildcats downed No. 9/8 Texas A&M for their first road victory of the season. UK averaged 7.6 yards per play in the victory.



## HAVE YOU HEARD?

- Senior offensive lineman **Lance Heard (6-6, 325 | From Tennessee)** was named to the preseason watch list for the Outland Trophy, given to the nation's top interior lineman.
  - An offensive lineman from Bonita, Louisiana, he transferred to Kentucky after two seasons at Tennessee (2024-25) and one season at LSU (2023).
  - Has played 38 career games and made 27 starts.
  - Seen action on more than 1,700 snaps and allowed just three sacks overall.
  - Named to the All-SEC Third Team after making all 12 starts at left tackle for the Volunteers in 2025.
  - Other preseason honors include All-SEC honors from: SEC Coaches (second team), SEC Media Days (second team), Athlon Sports (second team) and Phil Steele (third team), as well as the Shriners' East-West Game Watch List and the Senior Bowl Top 300.
  - PFF College ranks Heard as one of the 10 best offensive linemen returning to the SEC in 2026.
  - Fun Facts:** His "why" is his mother, Veronica, and if he could only eat one thing for the rest of his life it would be Rotel dip.

## THE PRICE IS RIGHT

- Senior center **Coleton Price (6-3, 308 | From Baylor)** was named to the preseason watch list for The Rimington Trophy, given to the nation's top center. He's also earned preseason second-team All-America honors from Pro Football Network.
  - PFF College lists Price as the nation's No. 5 returning center in college football.
  - In PFN's offensive line impact metrics, Price earned an 87.7 impact grade during the 2025 season and was a 2024 All-Big 12 Second Team selection by the organization. He was a three-year player at Baylor before transferring to UK.
  - Price has been a full-time starter since the 2024 season, appearing in 35 games and making 33 total starts.
  - The 2025 season saw him log 842 snaps, with 526 coming in pass-block scenarios. He allowed just one sack, six quarterback hurries and seven total pressures, while starting 11 of 12 outings.
  - Cornerstone to Baylor's offense ranking as the No. 3 passing offense in the country, the 12th-best squad in first-down offense and the No. 21 overall total offense a season ago.
  - Other preseason honors include All-SEC honors from: PFN (first team), Phil Steele (second team), as well as Athlon Sports (third team) and he's on the Shriners' East-West Game Watch List and the Senior Bowl Top 300.
  - Fun Facts:** He married Hailey Skinner on Oct. 10, 2025 during a bye week. His late brother, Colby, is who motivates him. Colby died in a car accident when he was 16. Additionally, Coleton is part native American and one day would like to be a coach or in the cattle business.
  - This will be the second year in a row that UK has a lineman with native American heritage, as Shiyazh Pete (Navajo Nation) was a starting offensive tackle in 2025.
- Price spearheaded the offensive line in the win at Texas A&M. He led the team with an 84 percent grade with four knockdown blocks. Playing every play, he also allowed no quarterback sacks and had no penalties.

## GOOD WORK, WILLIE RODRIGUEZ

- Kentucky junior tight end **Willie Rodriguez (6-4, 249)** was named a nominee for the 2026 Allstate AFCA (American Football Coaches Association) Good Works Team, the Wuerffel Trophy Watch List and the Jason Witten Collegiate Man of the Year honor. Together, they recognize student-athletes who demonstrate excellence in community service, academics, and athletics.
  - Rodriguez's commitment to service began at home, where he has helped care for his younger sister, Gabby, 19, who has Rett syndrome, a rare neurological and developmental disorder that primarily affects girls and impacts the way

## STAT SUPERLATIVES

### Most Games Played (min. 30):

Alex Afari (51), Wilson Berry (47), Tegra Tshabola (46), Mi'Quise Humphrey-Grace (45), Henry Boyer (40), Ty Bryant (40), Jordan Castell (38), Lance Heard (39), Adam Zouagui (38), Olaus Alinen (35), Coleton Price (35), Jovantae Barnes (32), Jaden Williams (32), Cole Marsalek (31), Tyler Thomas (31), Nic Anderson (30)

### Most Games Started (min. 20):

Jordan Castell (37), Coleton Price (33), Alex Afari (28), Tegra Tshabola (32), Mi'Quise Humphrey-Grace (29), Ty Bryant (28), Lance Heard (28)

**Consecutive Games Started (min. 12, \*unavailable to play due to injury does not count):** Jordan Castell (33), Coleton Price (32), Tegra Tshabola (32), Mi'Quise Humphrey-Grace (29), Lance Heard (24), Ty Bryant (21)

**Consecutive Games with a Tackle (min. 12):** Ty Bryant (28), Sam Greene (14), Teryhon Nichols (14), Jordan Castell (12), Hasaan Sykes (12)

**Consecutive Games with a Reception (min. 5):** Willie Rodriguez (5)

## WHERE ARE THE COACHES?

### Sideline

Will Stein, Head Coach

### Offense:

Justin Burke, Tight Ends  
Nate Dodson, Quarterbacks  
Parker Fleming, Special Teams/IWRs  
Cutter Leftwich, Offensive Line  
Joe Price, Wide Receivers  
Kolby Smith, Running Backs

### Defense:

Jay Bateman, Defensive Coordinator  
Josh Christian-Young, Safeties  
Allen Brown, Cornerbacks  
Anwar Stewart, Defensive Line  
Tony Washington Jr., Edges/OLBs

### Press Box

#### Offense:

Joe Sloan, Offensive Coordinator/QBs  
Andrew Coverdale, Passing Game Coord.

#### Defense:

Dillon Sanders, ILBs  
James Gibson, Stars



## 2026 CAT SCRATCHES

**LB • ALEX AFARI JR.**

- Born in Pordenone, Italy
- Mother, Mary Acheampong, originated from Ghana and moved to the U.S. in 2008
- Speaks fluent Twi (a dialect of the Akan language spoken in southern and central Ghana)
- Brother, David, is Lakota West HS's second all-time leading rusher who played two seasons at Miami (Ohio) before transferring to Northern Colorado in 2022

**OL • LAUS ALINEN**

- Father, Klaus, played in NFL Europe and spent one season on the Atlanta Falcons' practice squad

**OL • MAX ANDERSON**

- Brother, Nate, was an offensive lineman at Oklahoma and SMU from 2020-26

**WR • NIC ANDERSON**

- Comes from a family of athletes as brother, Rodney, was a running back at Oklahoma (2015-18) and went on to play for the Cincinnati Bengals; Brother, Ryder, was a defensive end at Ole Miss (2017-20) and Indiana (2021) and went on to play for the New York Giants and New Orleans Saints; Uncle, Mark Anderson, played at Alabama (2001-05) and was defensive end for the Bears, Texans, Patriots and Bills

**RB • CJ BAXTER**

- Cousin, Rod Johnson, was a left tackle at Florida (2013-14), while cousin Greg Bryant Jr., was a running back/fullback at Notre Dame

**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 28 years old, oldest player on the team
- One of two married players on the team (Coleton Price is the other) ... Married to the former Courtney Stewart of Paducah, Kentucky ... The couple has two sons, Leo and Gus, and newborn daughter Florence
- Older brother, Jordan, played football at Eastern Kentucky and was the punter for the Minnesota Vikings and the Pittsburgh Steelers
- Younger brother, Oscar, played basketball at the University of North Florida

**DB • TY BRYANT**

- Father, Cisco, played at Kentucky for Coach Jerry Claiborne from 1983-85 ... Cisco was a big-play performer at wide receiver, with 29 career catches for 482 yards (16.6 yards per catch) and six touchdowns

**DB • SAM BROWN III**

- Dad, Mike, played safety at Nebraska from 1996-99 before spending 10 seasons in the NFL with the Chicago Bears

**DB • MARTELS CARTER JR.**

- Dad, Martels, played football at Austin Peay (1995-2000); brother, Deno Montgomery, played football at EKU (2011-15); sister, Kimia, played basketball at North Carolina Central (2019-23)

the brain develops. From an early age, he embraced the responsibilities of helping care for Gabby, assisting with her daily needs while serving as one of her biggest advocates and supporters. Through that experience, Rodriguez developed a deep sense of compassion, patience, and empathy that has shaped his character and inspired his desire to make a positive impact on those around him. The lessons he has learned from Gabby have fueled his passion for serving others, especially children, and have helped mold him into a servant leader who consistently puts the needs of others before his own.

- Some of his community service events include volunteering at Golisano Children's Hospital, volunteering at Easterseals of the Bluegrass, a non-profit in Lexington that supports individuals and families with disabilities, volunteering to help at a shoe drive to benefit Camp Horsin' Around, a local nonprofit that enriches the lives of children whose health is compromised or who have special needs by collaborating with organized groups to provide an outdoor camp adventure and volunteering at Gabby's high school, Scott High School, where he played games and spent time with her classmates.
- Rodriguez returns as Kentucky's most experienced tight end and has played a major role in Will Stein's offense.
  - He has appeared in 27 career games with 13 starts.
  - Recorded 43 receptions for 523 yards and two scores, while averaging 12.2 yards per reception for his career.
  - He has caught a pass in 14 of the past 15 games and five straight.
    - Through three weeks of the 2026 season, Rodriguez has snared a team-high 15 catches for 119 yards and one score.
    - In the opener he hauled in four catches for 48 yards and a score.
    - Against Alabama, Rodriguez had a career-best eight catches. It's the most catches for a UK tight end since Jacob Tamme had nine vs. Tennessee in 2007.
- Additional preseason honors include: All-SEC Second Team (Phil Steele), All-SEC Third Team (SEC Coaches, SEC Media, Athlon), the Shriners Kids East-West Game Watch List, the Hispanic Player of the Year Award Watch List and the Senior Bowl Top 300.
  - **Fun Facts:** He is half Cuban. He has five siblings and enjoys fishing and hanging out with friends in his spare time. If he could only eat one food for the rest of his life he would choose Cuban food.

## GAME OF THROWS: TE EDITION

- Kentucky's trio of tight ends which include **Henry Boyer (6-6, 270)**, **Mikkel Skinner (6-4, 234)** and **Willie Rodriguez** combined in the opener for nine catches for 140 yards and two scores. It marks the first game UK tight ends totaled that stat line since 1999 when first-team All-American James Whalen caught 10 passes for 151 yards and four scores *by himself* at Georgia.
- Against Alabama, Kentucky tight ends combined to catch nine passes, matching the opening week's total for that position. It is the first time UK tight ends have caught at least nine passes in consecutive games since Sept. 16 and 23 of the 2000 season.
  - Skinner had his first collegiate receptions, catching a team-high-tying four passes for 61 yards against Youngstown State. He was the first player to catch a TD toss from Kenny Minchey, becoming the first player to receive a TD in the Will Stein era.
  - Boyer snared a career-long 31-yard reception in the third quarter against Youngstown State and then had his first career TD with a 20-yard snag against the Tide in the second quarter. Boyer caught another TD at Texas A&M.
- Against Texas A&M, Kentucky tight ends caught six passes for 64 yards, including a 3-yard touchdown catch by Boyer.

## DARBY'S GOT THE JUICE

- **Kenny Darby (6-1, 180)** was Will Stein's first high school commit. He was rated as the No. 7 player from Louisiana and No. 28 nationally for his position. Darby totaled 1,124 yards on 73 catches with eight TDs as a high school senior. The diaper dandy has been a dynamic play-maker for the Cats through three weeks of the season.



- Has totaled 10 catches for 183 yards with touchdowns in two of three games thus far
- Caught three passes for 74 yards in the season opener
- Had five receptions for 45 yards against Alabama in his first taste of SEC play
- Darby then snared two passes for 64 yards, including a 42-yard score in the upset win over No. 9/8 Texas A&M
- He leads the team with five explosive plays, gains of 20 or more yards on a single play
- Darby was included as a 247Sports 2026 Preseason True Freshman All-America Team pick
  - **Fun Facts:** His nickname is "Ray" which is his middle name. He aims to be a rapper when his football career is complete.

## HEY, MISTER DJ

- **DJ Miller (6-3, 208)** is one of the returning pieces to the wide receiver room. He caught 13 passes for 175 yards and two touchdowns as a true freshman a season ago. Miller's potential was on full display with a record night against No. 17/17 Tennessee:
  - He had five catches on all five of his targets for a team-best and career-best 120 yards and two touchdowns.
  - He had a career-long, 56-yard touchdown reception in the second quarter, the first TD of his college career, followed by a 28-yarder in the third quarter.
  - He tied the school record – with seven others – for most touchdown pass receptions by a freshman in a game with two, becoming the first since Dane Key and Barion Brown both did so in 2022.
  - He also was just the seventh freshman in school history with a 100-yard receiving game and just the eighth such performance.
  - Miller broke out for an excellent day at Texas A&M this season, catching five passes for 96 yards.

**Fun Facts:** He enjoys cooking and one day would like to own a gym and become a personal trainer.

## WIDE RECEIVING COMMITTEE

- Kentucky's wide receiver room is one of the team's biggest variables entering 2026 but it staged an impressive season opener. While the unit lacks established production as a group, it features a blend of proven transfer talent, headlined by **Nic Anderson**, and high-upside newcomers that fit Will Stein's aggressive, explosive offensive philosophy. Here's a few to keep an eye on:
  - **Nic Anderson (6-4, 208 | From Oklahoma)** - An Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award watch list honoree ... Totaled career stats of 52 receptions for 921 yards and 12 touchdowns ... Set an Oklahoma freshman record with 10 receiving touchdowns in 2023 ... Averaged more than 16 yards per reception during his breakout season ... On PFF College's "SEC Watch" for the 2026 season noting, "high-upside veteran with elite size and previous Power Four production."
  - **Shane Carr (6-2, 190 | From Southern Utah)** - Has 81 total receptions for 1,371 career yards ... Hauled in 10 total touchdowns ... Played in 24 games with 19 starts at Southern Utah ... Averages 16.9 yards per reception.
  - **Brock Coffman (6-0, 181 | From Louisville)** - Saw action in two games before transferring to Kentucky ... Considered a three-star prospect from Sayre School in Lexington ... Ranked the No. 12 player in the state ... Helped Sayre to a perfect 15-0 record and a place in the 1A State Championship game in 2024 ... Had 101 receptions for 1,530 yards and a state-leading 27 touchdowns in 15 games ... In his first game for the Cats, he caught a 38-yard pass and handled punt return duties where he fielded three punts for 25 yards with a long return of 11 yards.
  - **Ja'Kayden Ferguson (6-2, 184 | From Arkansas)** - Saw action in six games at Arkansas as a freshman, but did not record any receiving stats ... Rated the No. 42 athlete in the Class of 2025 and No. 85 overall prospect in Texas, according to 247Sports ... Registered 448 receiving yards and six touchdowns on 26 receptions as a high school senior.

## 2026 CAT SCRATCHES

### WR • BROCK COFFMAN

- Comes from a family of athletes as mom, Fatima, played basketball at UC Irvine; brother, Jayshaun, played football at Marshall and Louisville; grandfather, Victor Williams Sr., played football at Morehead State; uncle, Orlando Pace, played football at Ohio State and in the NFL with the Rams and the Bears

### DE • LORENZO COWAN

- Brother of Wildcat defensive lineman, Tavion Gadson

### OL • ROB FOGLE

- Has a fraternal twin, Dave, who is 13 minutes older than him ... Dave is a mechanical engineering major at Dayton

### OLB • GRANT GODFREY

- Dad, Randall, was a linebacker at Georgia who was named SEC Freshman of the Year in 1992 and earned All-SEC honors in 1993 and 1994
- Randall played 12 seasons in the NFL (1996-2007) with the Cowboys, Titans, Seahawks, Chargers and Redskins
- Brother, RJ, is currently a forward on the Clemson men's basketball team

### DB • GRANT GRAYTON

- Has a twin sister, Gabrielle, who is older by seven minutes ... She is currently attends Maryland

### OL • HAYES JOHNSON

- Mom, Stephanie, was a collegiate cheerleader at Campbellsville University from 1995-97

### TE • JUSTIN KATTUS

- Dad, Eric Kattus, was a tight end at Michigan from 1982-85 and went on to a seven-year career in the NFL, playing six years with the Cincinnati Bengals and one with the New York Jets. Brother, Josh, played for UK from 2022-25.

### WR • SPENCER LEADBETTER

- Cousin, Conor Dwyer, was an Olympic gold medalist swimmer who won a gold medal for the U.S. 4x200-meter freestyle relay team at the 2012 Summer Olympics

### QB • JACQAI LONG

- Father, Jerrald, had seven touchdown catches as a Marshall wide receiver and also played at WVU (1994-1998)

### RB • TOVANI MIZELL

- Dad, Travis, was a cornerback at UAB from 1992-95
- Mom, Cindra, played for the Miami Fury in the Women's Football Alliance in 2001-02
- Cousin Coco Gauff, is an American professional tennis player

### ILB • QUINTAVION NORMAN

- Older brother, Tay Gowan, was drafted by the Arizona Cardinals in the sixth round of the 2021 NFL Draft and has played for four teams

### OL • COLETON PRICE

- Married to the former Hailey Skinner of Bowie, Texas ... Got married on Oct. 10, 2025 during a bye week at Baylor

### OL • MARK ROBINSON

- Dad, Mark, played defensive tackle at ECU from 2004-09



## 2026 CAT SCRATCHES

## TE • WILLIE RODRIGUEZ

- Mom, Jody, was an outside hitter on the volleyball team at Dayton from 1993-97; Dad, Willie, was a middle linebacker at Thomas More from 1992-96; Sister, Sofia, is currently a soccer player at Morehead State

## TE • MIKKEL SKINNER

- Aunt, Kalana Greene, played basketball at UConn (2005-10) before playing professionally in the WNBA and for CCC Polkowice in Poland
- Cousin, Courtney Brown, was an defensive lineman at Penn State and for the Cleveland Browns
- Cousin, Joe Hamilton, was a quarterback at Georgia Tech

## LB • ANTWAN SMITH

- Mom, Tiffani, ran track at the University of Miami and earned All-America honors after placing 13th in the long jump at the 1995 NCAA Indoor Track & Field Championships
- Dad, Dadra, played basketball at Utah State from 1995-97
- Brother, Deon, played football at Duke from 2017-2020 and has played with four NFL teams since 2021

## DL • TYLER THOMAS

- His father, Adam, played college basketball at Enterprise State Junior College and the University of Mobile before going on to play professionally in Finland
- Twin brother, Trent, is a tight end at Tennessee

## DB • BRAXTON URQUHART

- Brother, Brian, was a baseball player at Morehouse College, while brother Eldrion, played baseball at LeMoyne College

## LB • TAVION WALLACE

- Older brother, Trevin, played linebacker at Kentucky from 2021-23 and currently plays for the Carolina Panthers

## QB • BRENNEN WARD

- Dad, Bruce, played football at Fairmont State; mother, Meghan, was a swimmer at Fairmont State; sister, Bella, played basketball at Xavier

## TE • LINCOLN WATKINS

- His great uncle, Mickey Stanley, was a center fielder for the Detroit Tigers from 1968-74

## DB • ANDREW WEBER

- Grandfather, Jerry Weber, was an offensive lineman at Cincinnati, while dad, Jeff Weber, played baseball for the Bearcats

## DB • DYLLON WILLIAMS

- Sister, Tatyanna Armstrong, played volleyball at Tougaloo College in Jackson, Miss.; brother, Sam Freemon, played basketball at Minnesota; an uncle, Cedric Samuel, was a cornerback at Alabama

## OL • MALACHI WOOD

- Grandfather, Michael Wood, was an offensive guard at the University of Cincinnati (1979-81)

## LB • CJ WORKS

- Has seven siblings - Kurtis Afzal, Nakhi Works, A'dora Works, Cedree Works, Cora Works, Harmony Works and Dorian Works

- **Prince Jean (6-1, 187 | Freshman)** - A unanimous three-star recruit by all the major recruiting services ... Totaled a team-best 39 catches for 691 yards and four receiving TDs, along with eight rushes for 57 yards and a score as a senior ... Had offers from 20 schools but ultimately chose Kentucky over Georgia, Kansas State, Mississippi State and Virginia ... Made his first collegiate catch count, hauling in a swing pass after outside the hash marks after going in motion and weaving his way to a 26-yard score vs. Youngstown State ... Finished the day with two snags and 27 total yards.

## THE "B-BACK" ATTACK

- Will Stein's rushing attack is built around speed, spacing, versatility and keeping defenses off balance. During his time as Oregon's offensive coordinator, Stein's offenses consistently used multiple running backs, motion, perimeter runs and the passing game to create favorable matchups. At Kentucky, he has emphasized building a deeper, more versatile running back rotation rather than relying on a single featured back.
- UK's running back room is headlined by two Power Four backs in **Jovantae Barnes** and **CJ Baxter**:
  - **CJ Baxter Jr. (6-1, 230 | From Texas)** has 1,019 rushing yards and nine TDs to couple with 1,259 yards from scrimmage and 39 receptions and a receiving TD. Baxter was a five-star prospect and one of the nation's top overall players in the class of 2023. Baxter scored a touchdown on the opening drive of 2026 and finished with 48 yards and two scores on nine carries vs. Youngstown.
    - He added two more rushing touchdowns at Texas A&M.
    - He currently ranks third in the SEC in rushing touchdowns.
    - **Fun Facts:** His favorite sports hero is his cousin, Greg Bryant Jr. who passed away in 2016 and was a running back/fullback at Notre Dame. He's a good cook and will admit to listening to Adele
  - **Jovantae Barnes (6-0, 214 | From Oklahoma)** has totaled 1,471 scrimmage yards in his career. He has compiled 13 total touchdowns. He produced 1,281 rushing yards and 12 rushing touchdowns with three career 100-yard outings and one 200-yard performance prior to UK. He missed the opener vs. Youngstown State, but returned vs. Alabama and had three carries and one catch.
    - **Fun Facts:** The highlight of his life thus far is graduating from Oklahoma in December with a degree in multidisciplinary studies. Outside of football, he's also interested in fashion and styling.

## PATTERSON EMERGING

- In addition to Jovantae Barnes and CJ Baxter, holdover junior running back **Jason Patterson (5-10, 204)** has emerged as a valuable option in the backfield for Will Stein's two-back system.
  - As a sophomore, Patterson saw action in all 12 games for the Cats. He finished with 57 total carries and 225 yards on the season.
  - Through three games, Patterson leads the team with 189 rushing yards.
  - He also had 19 catches for 116 yards with one TD and four kick returns for 57 yards in his career.
  - **Fun Facts:** An off the field talent is the ability to sing, and one day he would like to be a physical therapist.

## MILESTONES TO WATCH WHEN THE CATS ARE ON OFFENSE

- **Nic Anderson** is 79 yards away from 1,000 career receiving yards.
- **Jovantae Barnes** needs three carries for 300 career carries and 221 rushing yards for 1,500 yards in a career.
- **CJ Baxter Jr.** is one touchdowns away from 10 career rushing scores and eclipsed 1,000 for a career in his 87-yard day at Texas A&M.
- **Shane Carr** is 129 receiving yards from 1,000 for a career.
- **Kenny Minchey** is 89 passing yards from 1,000 for a career.
- **Jason Patterson** eclipsed 500 rushing yards for his career at Texas A&M..



## DEFENSIVE NOTES

### DEFENSIVE BLUEPRINT

- Kentucky's defensive identity under Will Stein's program structure is built around speed, toughness, discipline and creating situational advantages. Stein has emphasized complementary football: an offense designed to create pressure and a defense designed to play fast, force mistakes and create extra possessions.

Fast. Physical. Disciplined.

- Foundation includes: want to play fast, make offenses uncomfortable and create the extra possessions that decide championship-level games.
- Speed over size: athletic defenders who can play multiple roles, a unit built to feature fast linebackers, defensive backs who can cover space and linemen who can disrupt.
- Multiple looks: four-man fronts, multiple packages, pressure from different angles, pre-snap movement, disguised coverages.
- Create negative plays: a unit that attacks rather than reacts, create second-and-long and third-and-long situations to dictate the game.
- Complementary football: get the offense extra possessions, win field position, create short fields, protect leads, finish games.

### THE TY THAT BINDS

- Ty Bryant (6-0, 196)**, a senior safety from Lexington, emerged as one of the best defensive backs in the country a season ago. He is the SEC's returning leader in interceptions with four a season ago and is one of the biggest recommits to Will Stein's first roster.
- Bryant is a William V. Campbell Trophy nominee, given to the nation's top student athlete with the best combination of academics, leadership and on-field performance.
  - Bryant had two interceptions on back-to-back drives against Ole Miss on Sept. 6, 2025, each of which set up a Kentucky score.
    - He became the first Wildcat with two interceptions in an SEC home game since Anthony Wajda against LSU in 1999.
    - The performance against Ole Miss earned him honorable mention for the Thorpe Award National Defensive Back of the Week.
  - He added a third INT against Florida on Nov. 8, and a fourth at Vanderbilt on Nov. 22.
- Bryant also has been an active tackler, and led the Cats with 76 as a junior.
- He boasts a 3.825 grade-point average with a major in communication. The senior is a two-time SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll member after being named to the SEC First-Year Academic Honor Roll as a freshman. He has also been named to the UK's Dean's List five times.

- In 2025, Bryant was the first Wildcat to be named a First-Team Academic All-American since Will Levis in 2022.
- He's also a leader off the field, serving on UK's Student-Athlete Advisory Council and the SEC's Football Leadership Council.
- Additional preseason honors include: All-SEC Second Team (PFN), All-SEC Third Team (Athlon, Phil Steele), Shriners' East-West Game and the Senior Bowl 300.
- For his career, Bryant has been responsible for 187 tackles, 4.5 tackles for a loss, three pass break-ups, two forced fumbles, one fumble recovery and five interceptions.
- Against Alabama, he registered his first career sack with 0.5 credit on a third-down play in the second quarter, that forced Alabama to try a field goal.
- Bryant had 10 tackles at Texas A&M and has amassed double-digit stops in back-to-back games.
  - Fun Facts:** His motivation is his niece and nephew and he aspires to be a sports television analyst/broadcaster when his playing days are over.

### KING OF THE CASTELL

- One of UK's most important transfers was the addition of **Jordan Castell (6-2, 211 | From Florida)** to form a one-two punch at safety with Ty Bryant.
- Castell, an immediate impact player beginning as a freshman, has combined for 96 solo tackles and 101 assists throughout his career. He's also generated 14 pass breakups and five picks, while starting 37 of 38 career games.
- Castell was responsible for seven tackles -- including two for a loss of 14 total yards in the opener vs. Youngstown State.
- He had a critical interception in the shadow of his own goalpost vs. Texas A&M. Castell led the team with a career-high 13 tackles in the win.
- Against Alabama, Castell had nine tackles and his first interception as a Wildcat.
  - Castell is familiar with defensive coordinator Jay Bateman, as Bateman was on Florida's staff when Castell began his career.
  - Led the team in tackles (60) as a freshman, ranked fourth with 55 as a sophomore and was third on the team with 54 tackles as a junior.
  - He is also a two-time SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll selection.
    - Fun Facts:** He wants to be a high school coach when his playing career is complete. Castell lists three words to describe himself: quiet, smart and hustler.

### SECONDARY: STAGE SETTERS

- In a Jay Bateman defense, he expects to be the aggressor and the secondary makes the engine go. Bateman has comprised a group of corners that combine experience, intrigue, breakout potential and are quietly important. Some names to know:
  - Terhyon Nichols (5-11, 194)** - Bateman singled him out as his choice for the spring's MVP ... Appeared in 16 career games with seven starts ... Has 30 tackles, 1.0 tackles for a loss and 11 pass breakups for his career in two seasons with the Cats.
  - Hasaan Sykes (6-0, 192 | From Western Carolina)** - Transfer from Western Carolina ... Had 49 tackles, four



## CATS IN THE PROS

A total of 22 former Kentucky Wildcats are currently on National Football League active rosters or practice squads. The list of those players is as follows (*as of Sept. 9, 2026*):

### Atlanta Falcons

Za'Darius Smith, OLB/DE (2013-14)

### Buffalo Bills

Ray Davis, RB (2023)

Maxwell Hairston, DB (2022-24)

Ja'Mori Maclin, WR (2024-25)\*

Deone Walker, DL (2022-24)

### Carolina Panthers

Zion Childress, DB (2022-24)\*

Luke Fortner, C (2017-21)

### Detroit Lions

Kendrick Law, WR/KR (2025)%

### Green Bay Packers

Jager Burton, OL (2022-25)

Carrington Valentine, DB (2020-22)

### Indianapolis Colts

Jalen Farmer, OL (2024-25)

Seth McGowan, RB (2025)

### Jacksonville Jaguars

Eli Cox, C (2020-24)\*

Josh Hines-Allen, DE/LB (2015-18)

Chris Rodriguez Jr., RB (2019-22)

### LA Chargers

Bud Dupree, OLB (2011-14)

### New Orleans Saints

Alex Wollschlaeger, OL (2025)\*

### New York Giants

Darian Kinnard, OL (2018-21)\*

Dru Phillips, DB (2020-23)

### New York Jets

Trevin Wallace, LB (2021-23)

### Pittsburgh Steelers

Brandin Echols, CB (2019-20)

### Tennessee Titans

Wan'Dale Robinson, WR (2021)

\*practice squad %reserve/injured

TFLs, two sacks, five PBUs and three interceptions as a junior ... Bateman has indicated that Sykes is a candidate to "surprise some people this fall."

- **Demarcus Gardner (6-0, 177)** - Appeared in three games as a freshman with UK and had two tackles ... Highly-regarded high school prospect who was a two-way player ... Named Region 7-AAAA All-Purpose Player of the Year after having 42 tackles, four picks (three going for TDs) and four PBUs as a senior.
- **Grant Grayton (6-3, 194)** - Played nine games as a freshman for UK ... Registered 16 tackles, three PBUs and an interception at Georgia ... Named to the All-Washington Catholic Athletic Conference Second Team as a senior after totaling 45 tackles, 10 PBUs with one interception.
- **Isaiah McMillian (6-1, 176)** - Has appeared in all three of UK's games thus far, making two starts ... The true freshman has logged 11 total tackles, two pass breakups and a tackle for a loss to begin his career ... A unanimous three-star prospect, he missed his senior season due to injury ... As a junior he had 46 tackles, 15 pass breakups and two interceptions.

## A "STAR" IN THE MAKING

- The star position in a Jay Bateman defense is described as a "Swiss Army knife" -- a player who can play corner, linebacker and safety. His responsibilities include: covering the slot receiver, covering a tight end, matching a running back, blitzing the quarterback, play in the box against the run, set the edge, drop into zone coverage, spy or contain a mobile quarterback and rotate into different coverage looks.
- Senior **Aaron Gates (6-0, 199 | From Florida)** has stepped into this all-important role heading into the fall for the Cats.
  - Gates, like Jordan Castell, is familiar with Jay Bateman and the system having played under him during his time at Florida.
  - In 2024, Gates made five starts in Bateman's star position. He logged 27 tackles, 14 solo tackles, 4.0 tackles for a loss, one pick, three PBUs, two fumble recoveries and one quarterback hurry in those five starts.
  - For his career, Gates is responsible for 40 total tackles, four tackles for a loss, three pass breakups, three fumble recoveries and one interception.
    - **Fun Facts:** Besides football, he's a good ping-pong player. He also enjoys reading and listening to music when away from the field.

## BLUEGRASS MIDDLEMEN

- Kentucky's inside linebacker group is led by **Grant Godfrey (6-3, 240)** who emerged as a starter a season ago for the Cats and **Bo Barnes (6-1, 244 | From Texas)** a highly-ranked prospect from Texas who spent one season with the Longhorns.
  - Godfrey has appeared in 19 career games with five starts.
  - Had a career-high 11 tackles at Texas A&M.
  - As a junior, he logged 37 tackles, 2.0 tackles for a loss and 0.5 sacks.
  - Generated a career-high nine tackles against Vanderbilt a season ago.
  - Following the spring game, Will Stein said this about Godfrey: "Definitely a leader in that room. He knows the defense very well."
  - Godfrey comes from a strong lineage. His father, Randall, was a linebacker at Georgia who was named the SEC Freshman of the Year in 1992 and earned All-SEC honors in 1993 and 1994. Randall then enjoyed a 12-year career in the NFL.
    - **Fun Facts:** Away from the field, he enjoys fishing and he describes himself as "relentless."
  - Barnes was ranked the No. 12 overall recruit in Texas in the class of 2025.
  - He was the No. 3 linebacker in his class by On3 and 247Sports.
  - Named Class 6A First-Team All-State by BLUE BELL/Texas Sports Writers Association in 2024.
  - Barnes played in four games for Texas a season ago, totaling four tackles, one for a loss and one sack.
    - **Fun Facts:** Bo is his middle name. He describes himself as: fun, funny and sweet.



- Other names to know in the inside backer group include:
  - Tavion Wallace (6-1, 241 | From Arkansas)** - Played in nine games as a freshman and had two tackles in a win over Arkansas State ... A four-star prospect out of high school who totaled 53 tackles, 8.5 tackles for loss, two quarterback hurries, two interceptions, a forced fumble, one pass breakup and a blocked extra point as a senior ... Brother, Trevin, played linebacker for UK from 2021-23 and plays for the Carolina Panthers.
  - Antwan Smith (6-3, 226)** - Seen action in 22 career games for the Cats ... Logged six tackles and a pass breakup as a sophomore.
  - Quintavion Norman (6-3, 223)** - Appeared in four games thus far for the Cats ... Coming out of high school, he earned All-Region honorable mention for Region 4-A after totaling 6.0 sacks in seven games.

## RETURN OF A2

- Kentucky's inside linebacker group was bolstered by the return of **Alex Afari Jr. (6-2, 220)**. He was granted an additional season of eligibility via an injunction for the 2022 class and rejoined the team on Aug. 15.
- Participated in Green Bay's minicamp in April as an undrafted free agent, but he did not make a camp roster.
- Totaled 195 career tackles, 26.5 tackles for loss, 6.0 sacks, four pass breakups, a forced fumble and a fumble recovery.
- Began his career as a safety before transitioning to linebacker.
- In 2025, he finished third on the team with 61 tackles. He paced the defense with a team-high 7.0 tackles for loss and six quarterback hurries.
- Had a TFL in nine straight games which tied the second-longest streak in school history. He tied for second with Jeremy Jarmon, who had nine straight games with a TFL in 2006-07
  - Fun Facts:** Afari was born in Pordenone, Italy, and his parents are originally from Ghana. The family spent two years in Ghana before moving to Ohio when he was eight. Afari speaks fluent Twi, a Ghanaian language. He grew up playing soccer, before neighbor Kaleb Johnson - now an NFL running back for the Pittsburgh Steelers - introduced him to football

## GREENE LOOKS BETTER IN BLUE: ALL THE OUTSIDE BACKERS DO, TOO

- Senior **Sam Greene (6-2, 251)** headlines the outside linebacker group. He came to Kentucky following two seasons at Southern Cal and has the most Power Four experience of the group. Greene and the outside linebackers are tasked with wreaking havoc in the backfield.
  - Greene established himself as a force to be reckoned with in 2025, tallying 25 tackles, 3.0 TFL, 1.0 sack, 4.0 QB hurries and one PBU.
  - Had a huge effort at Texas A&M.
  - On TAMU's first possession of the game he made the tackle on a fourth-down stop.
  - On TAMU's second possession he dropped in coverage and intercepted a pass. It was the first interception of Greene's career.
  - On TAMU's first possession of the second half, Greene made a stop for no gain on 3rd-and-2 to force a punt.
  - For his career, Greene has played in 27 games making 14 starts. He has tallied 51 total tackles, 6.5 tackles for a loss, 2.0 sacks, an INT and 2.0 PBU.
  - Entering the season, Pro Football Focus College ranks Greene as the SEC's ninth-best edge rusher with a 75.8 grade.
    - Fun Facts:** He was a quarterback until the eighth grade and his dream job following his playing career is to be in real estate.
- Other names to know in the outside backer group include:
  - Lorenzo Cowan (6-3, 250)** - After redshirting at Southern Cal, he transferred to Kentucky ... Appeared in nine games with two starts for the Cats in 2025 ... Had 13 tackles, 4.5 tackles for a loss, 25 sacks and two forced fumbles ... Recorded three tackles, 1.5 TFL, a sack and a forced fumble in the final game of the 2025 season vs. Louisville.

## LAST 10 TIMES ...

### Last 10+ Tackles Game

|                |    |                              |
|----------------|----|------------------------------|
| Jordan Castell | 13 | Sept. 19, 2026 (at TAMU)     |
| Grant Godfrey  | 11 | Sept. 19, 2026 (at TAMU)     |
| Ty Bryant      | 10 | Sept. 19, 2026 (at TAMU)     |
| Ty Bryant      | 10 | Sept. 12, 2026 (vs. Bama)    |
| Ty Bryant      | 12 | Nov. 29, 2025 (at UofL)      |
| Alex Afari Jr. | 11 | Nov. 29, 2025 (at UofL)      |
| Daveren Rayner | 15 | Nov. 22, 2025 (at Vandy)     |
| JQ Hardaway    | 11 | Oct. 4, 2025 (at UGA)        |
| Alex Afari Jr. | 10 | Sept. 6, 2025 (vs. Ole Miss) |
| Ty Bryant      | 10 | Sept. 6, 2025 (vs. Ole Miss) |

### Last 300-Yard Passing Game

|               |     |                             |
|---------------|-----|-----------------------------|
| Kenny Minchey | 301 | Sept. 5, 2026 (vs. YSU)     |
| Cutter Boley  | 330 | Oct. 25, 2025 (vs. UT)      |
| Devin Leary   | 306 | Dec. 29, 2023 (vs. Clemson) |
| Devin Leary   | 372 | Oct. 28, 2023 (vs. UT)      |
| Devin Leary   | 315 | Sept. 16, 2023 (vs. Akron)  |
| Will Levis    | 303 | Sept. 24, 2022 (vs. NIU)    |
| Will Levis    | 377 | Sept. 17, 2022 (vs. YSU)    |
| Will Levis    | 303 | Sept. 3, 2022 (vs. MofOH)   |
| Will Levis    | 419 | Nov. 20, 2021 (vs. NMSU)    |
| Will Levis    | 372 | Nov. 6, 2021 (vs. UT)       |

### Last 100-Yard Rushing Game

|                 |     |                            |
|-----------------|-----|----------------------------|
| Dante Dowdell   | 104 | Nov. 8, 2025 (vs. Florida) |
| Seth McGowan    | 112 | Sept. 27, 2025 (at SC)     |
| Seth McGowan    | 104 | Sept. 13, 2025 (vs. EMU)   |
| Dante Dowdell   | 129 | Aug. 30, 2025 (vs. Toledo) |
| Jamarion Wilcox | 123 | Nov. 16, 2024 (vs. Murray) |
| Jamarion Wilcox | 102 | Nov. 2, 2024 (at UT)       |
| Ray Davis       | 128 | Oct. 14, 2023 (vs. Mizzou) |
| Ray Davis       | 280 | Sept. 30, 2023 (vs. UF)    |
| Ray Davis       | 112 | Sept. 2, 2023 (vs. BSU)    |
| Chris Rodriguez | 162 | Nov. 12, 2022 (vs. Vandy)  |

### Last 100-Yard Receiving Game

|                  |     |                              |
|------------------|-----|------------------------------|
| Kendrick Law     | 124 | Nov. 15, 2025 (vs. TTech)    |
| DJ Miller        | 120 | Oct. 25, 2025 (vs. UT)       |
| Kendrick Law     | 103 | Oct. 25, 2025 (vs. UT)       |
| Ja'Mori MacIin   | 121 | Nov. 30, 2024 (vs. UofL)     |
| Dane Key         | 105 | Sept. 28, 2024 (at Ole Miss) |
| Dane Key         | 145 | Sept. 21, 2024 (vs. Ohio)    |
| Barion Brown     | 100 | Dec. 29, 2023 (vs. Clemson)  |
| Dane Key         | 113 | Oct. 28, 2023 (vs. UT)       |
| Barion Brown     | 105 | Sept. 23, 2023 (at Vandy)    |
| Tayvion Robinson | 136 | Sept. 9, 2023 (vs. EKU)      |

### Last 10+ Receptions Game

|              |    |                              |
|--------------|----|------------------------------|
| Kendrick Law | 11 | Nov. 15, 2025 (vs. TTech)    |
| Barion Brown | 10 | Nov. 19, 2022 (vs. UGA)      |
| W. Robinson  | 10 | Jan. 1, 2022 (vs. Iowa)      |
| W. Robinson  | 13 | Nov. 6, 2021 (vs. UT)        |
| W. Robinson  | 12 | Oct. 16, 2021 (at UGA)       |
| Lynn Bowden  | 13 | Oct. 27, 2018 (at Mizzou)    |
| Ryan Timmons | 10 | Sept. 6, 2014 (vs. Ohio)     |
| La'Rod King  | 10 | Nov. 24, 2012 (at UT)        |
| La'Rod King  | 10 | Sept. 15, 2012 (vs. WKU)     |
| Aaron Boyd   | 11 | Sept. 8, 2012 (vs. Kent St.) |

### Last 200-Yard All-Purpose Yard Game

|                 |     |                             |
|-----------------|-----|-----------------------------|
| Barion Brown    | 226 | Dec. 29, 2023 (vs. Clemson) |
| Barion Brown    | 250 | Nov. 25, 2023 (at UofL)     |
| Ray Davis       | 289 | Sept. 30, 2023 (vs. UF)     |
| Barion Brown    | 245 | Oct. 1, 2022 (at Ole Miss)  |
| Chris Rodriguez | 212 | Sept. 11, 2021 (vs. Mizzou) |
| Lynn Bowden     | 253 | Dec. 31, 2019 (vs. VT)      |
| Lynn Bowden     | 284 | Nov. 30, 2019 (at UofL)     |
| Lynn Bowden     | 210 | Sept. 21, 2019 (at MSU)     |
| Benny Snell     | 211 | Nov. 25, 2017 (vs. UofL)    |
| Jeff Badet      | 216 | Oct. 22, 2016 (vs. MSU)     |



## HONORING THE CATS

## NIC ANDERSON, WR

- Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award Watch List
- Shriners Kids East-West Game Watch List
- Senior Bowl Top 300

## CJ BAXTER, RB

- Shriners Kids East-West Game Watch List
- Comeback Player of the Year Watch List

## TY BRYANT, S

- Preseason Second Team All-SEC (PFN)
- Preseason Third Team All-SEC (Athlon)
- Preseason Third Team All-SEC (Phil Steele)
- William V. Campbell Trophy Nominee
- Shriners Kids East-West Game Watch List
- Senior Bowl Top 300

## JORDAN CASTELL, DB

- Shriners Kids East-West Game Watch List

## KENNY DARBY, WR

- 247Sports 2026 Preseason True Freshman All-America Team

## TAVION GADSON, DL

- Preseason Second Team All-SEC (PFN)
- Preseason Third Team All-SEC (Athlon)
- Shriners Kids East-West Game Watch List
- Senior Bowl Top 300

## AARON GATES, DB

- Comeback Player of the Year Watch List

## SAM GREENE, OLB

- Comeback Player of the Year Watch List

## LANCE HEARD, OL

- Preseason First Team All-SEC (PFN)
- Preseason Second Team All-SEC (Coaches, SEC Media, Athlon)
- Preseason Third Team All-SEC (Phil Steele)
- Outland Trophy Watch List
- Shriners Kids East-West Game Watch List
- Senior Bowl Top 300

## MI'QUISE HUMPHREY-GRACE, DL

- Preseason Fourth Team All-SEC (Athlon)
- Shriners Kids East-West Game Watch List
- Senior Bowl Top 300

## KENNY MINCHEY, QB

- Davey O'Brien Great 8 QB (Sept. 21)

- **CJ Works (6-5, 247)** - Logged 12 appearances and one start for UK as a true freshman in 2025 ... Had 19 career tackles, including two for a loss ... Had a fumble recovery and three pass breakups against Alabama this season ... Was a four-star recruit from Lexington's Fredrick Douglass High School and was ranked the No. 11 edge nationally in his recruiting class.

## TRENCH WORK

- If the secondary creates the confusion and the linebackers create the movement, it's the line that causes the chaos. Kentucky has compiled a group that has size and experience inside to man the trenches. Will Stein has said this about the defensive line, "The teams that win in November, December, January were in the trenches." The names to know from a unit that Jay Bateman has described as being a group that has impressed him:
  - **Ahmad Breaux (6-3, 278 | LSU)** - Seen action in 28 career games and made two starts ... Breakout season in 2025 includes 19 tackles, 2.5 TFL and 0.5 sack, while playing in all 12 games ... He was an immediate contributor, having played 292 defensive snaps as a freshman in 2024.
  - **Kalen Edwards (6-4, 335)** - As a true freshman a year ago with the Cats, he saw action in five games ... Has seven tackles in his career ... Totaled 35 tackles with 7.5 tackles for loss as a senior in high school ... Finished with 47 tackles, 12 tackles for loss, two sacks, two forced fumbles and three blocked kicks and led his team to the Class 3A Semifinals as a junior ... Was a 4-star prospect out of high school.
  - **Tavion Gadson (6-5, 303)** - Played in all 12 games for UK a season ago after transferring following three seasons at Coastal Carolina ... Has seen action in 49 games and made 20 career starts ... Has amassed 104 tackles, 15.0 TFL and 5.5 sacks ... He had five tackles, two stops for loss and 1.5 sacks, while also chipping in a pass breakup vs. Alabama.
  - **Jamarrion "Chops" Harkless (6-3, 346 | From Purdue)** - A Lexington native and a member of the 2022 state champs from Fredrick Douglass (also Ty Bryant) ... Played three seasons at Purdue ... Has appeared in 24 career games and made 13 starts ... Has totaled 19 career tackles with 2.5 tackles for a loss and 2.5 sacks.
  - **Mi'Quise Humphrey-Grace (6-4, 271)** - Started all 12 games for the Cats a season ago after playing two seasons at South Dakota to begin his career ... Has posted 138 tackles, 35.0 TFL and 19.5 sacks to go along with 21 quarterback hurries ... His breakout 2024 season included 19.0 tackles for a loss and 9.5 sacks
  - **Jaden Williams (6-4, 290)** - Appeared in nine games for UK in 2025 after playing for three seasons at Wyoming ... Has totaled 39 career tackles, 3.0 TFL and 2.0 sacks, while also generating seven QB hurries ... Had an interception return for a touchdown, a sack/caused fumble recovered by Kentucky, and totaled four tackles, including 1.5 for loss (-6 yards) against Alabama. On Alabama's second offensive play of the game, he shared a two-yard tackle for loss. On the next play, he batted a pass in the air, caught it at the two-yard line and lunged into the end zone for a touchdown. It is his first touchdown at Kentucky and third of his collegiate career. He recovered two fumbles for touchdowns while playing at South Dakota.
  - **Dominic Wiseman (6-2, 298 | From South Alabama)** - A fifth-year player who has seen action in 37 career games ... At South Alabama a season ago, he made 23 tackles, 3.0 tackles for a loss, had a sack and a pair of QB hurries, he also forced a fumble ... Made six tackles against Arkansas State.

## MILESTONES TO WATCH WHEN THE CATS ARE ON DEFENSE

- **Alex Afari Jr.** is five tackles shy from 200 for his career.
- **Jordan Castell** is three tackles from 200 for his career.
- **Ty Bryant** is 13 tackles from 200 for his career.
- **Grant Godfrey** is 33 tackles from 100 for his career.



- **Mi'Quise Humphrey-Grace** is 0.5 sacks from 20 for his career and 12 total tackles from 150 stops for his career.
- **Hassan Sykes** is 33 tackles from 100 for his career.
- **Tyler Thomas** is just 10 tackles shy of 50 for his career.

## SPECIAL TEAMS NOTES

### KICKIN' IT WITH ZOU

- **Adam Zouagui (5-11, 191 | From USF)** who primarily handled kickoffs at USF a season ago, has been UK's lead kicker through three games on the season.
  - He is 14 of 29 for his career on field goals and has scored 153 points. He has made all 12 of his extra points and nailed three field goals thus far.
  - At Texas A&M he banged a career-long 52-yard field goal off the left upright and through to give UK a 31-14 fourth quarter lead.
  - He now has two 50+ yard field goals in his career.
  - It is UK's first field goal of 50 or more yards since Jacob Kauwe made a 51-yarder vs. Eastern Kentucky in 2025.
    - He tied a Davidson record in 2023 by making 46 consecutive PATs.
    - In 2024, he also served as Davidson's punter. He averaged 43.2 yards per attempt with a long of 72 yards.
    - **Fun Facts:** He is musically talented, and can play the guitar, trumpet and piano. He aims to be an investment banker or a writer following his playing career.
- Kentucky also returned **Jacob Kauwe (6-1, 216)**, from Billings, Montana, who handled field goals and extra points for the Wildcats a season ago.
  - For his career, he is 13 of 17 on field goals and a perfect 32 of 32 on extra points
  - Kauwe's longest field goal - in high school or in college - is 51 yards, which he set against Eastern Michigan on Sept. 13, 2025.
    - He is 7 of 9 on field goals from more than 40 yards.
    - Charted a 12 of 13 clip inside 50 yards.
    - Scored 71 points.
  - Kauwe ranks fifth all-time in program history with a .765 make percentage with a minimum of 10 makes.
    - **Fun Facts:** Lists an off-the-field talent as being good at math. He aspires to become a doctor when he is done playing football. Also, he has Hawaiian heritage.

### I THINK WE DID IT, WILSON

UK holder and punter **Wilson Berry (6-4, 206)**, at 28 years old he is tied for being the oldest player in college football this season:

| Name                | Age       | Pos.     | Birthday      | School          |
|---------------------|-----------|----------|---------------|-----------------|
| Daniel Hughes       | 28        | P        | 6/2/98        | Florida State   |
| <b>WILSON BERRY</b> | <b>28</b> | <b>P</b> | <b>6/8/98</b> | <b>KENTUCKY</b> |
| Bailey Ettridge     | 28        | P        | 6/23/98       | Oregon          |

- Berry returns for the Wildcats for a sixth season of eligibility after being granted an additional season.
  - Has played in 46 career games.
  - Totaled 91 punts for 3,636 career yards and an average of 40.0 yards per punt.
  - Also serves as the holder on field-goal attempts.
    - **Fun Facts:** Married to Courtney Stewart and the couple has three children, Leo, Gus and newborn Florence. When he is done playing football, he hopes to become a physical therapist.
- UK also signed **Thomas O'Hara (6-1, 201 | From Murray State)**, who hails from Melbourne, Australia to its punting room.

## HONORING THE CATS

### WILLIE RODRIGUEZ, TE

- Preseason Second Team All-SEC (Phil Steele)
- Preseason Third Team All-SEC (Coaches, SEC Media, Athlon)
- Allstate/AFCA Good Works Team nominee
- Jason Witten Collegiate Man of the Year Watch List
- Shriners Kids East-West Game Watch List
- Senior Bowl Top 300
- Hispanic College Football Player of the Year Watch List

### COLETON PRICE, C

- Preseason Second Team All-America (PFN)
- Preseason Third Team All-SEC (Athlon)
- Preseason Second Team All-SEC (Phil Steele)
- Rimington Trophy Watch List
- Shriners Kids East-West Game Watch List
- Senior Bowl Top 300

### TEGRA TSHABOLA, OL

- Shriners Kids East-West Game Watch List

### OL COACH CUTTER LEFTWICH

- 30 Under 30 (247Sports)

### STARS COACH JAMES GIBSON

- 30 Under 30 (247Sports)

### KENTUCKY FOOTBALL

- Pop-Tarts Bowl Crazy Good Team of the Week (Sept. 21)

## HONORING HAPPY



The Kentucky football team will don helmet stickers all season long honoring Nic "Happy" Smith who died on June 8. He was a

6-foot-5 defensive lineman from Loganville, Georgia and was the son of Spencer and Kisha Smith and Genedra Smalls. Nic was a sophomore in the Community Leadership and Development program in the Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment.



- Has appeared in 27 games with 125 punts for 5,735 yards.
- Averages 45.88 yards per kick and has totaled 32 kicks that have traveled 50-plus yards.
- O'Hara has a knack for landing his kicks inside the 20, with 39 falling in that zone.

## GENERAL NOTES

### IT'S STEIN TIME IN THE BLUEGRASS

- Kentucky football opened the **Will Stein** era against Youngstown State with a 45-13 victory. Stein was named Kentucky's 39th head coach on Dec. 1, 2025.
- Stein returns to the Bluegrass after spending the last three seasons as the offensive coordinator at Oregon under Dan Lanning. He was responsible for directing one of the most explosive offenses in the country as the Ducks reached the College Football Playoffs in each of the past two seasons.
- A Kentucky native, Stein is the son of UK alumni – father Matt played football at UK (letterman 1983-84) and mother Debbie is an avid fan – and he inherited their passion as he grew up watching the Wildcats in the then-Commonwealth Stadium, section 128, row 13 to be exact. He later competed in the stadium as a collegiate quarterback and assistant coach at Louisville.
- He has emphasized an aggressive offensive philosophy, strong quarterback play, relentless recruiting, and a culture centered on connection, accountability, toughness and sacrifice.
  - Stein is the fourth Kentucky native to serve as UK's head coach since Bear Bryant vaulted the Cats into national contention in the 1950s. Stein joins Blanton Collier (1954-61), Jerry Claiborne (1982-89) and Joker Phillips (2010-12) as other native Kentuckians to lead the Blue and White
  - He is the first offensive coordinator to be hired as head coach since Joker Phillips in 2010
  - Stein begins his tenure at age 36, making him the youngest head coach for Kentucky since Fran Curci in 1973. Curci was 35

### BUILDING THE CULTURE

- Will Stein has underscored since the day he was hired the importance of culture in winning programs. Stein has emphasized that, "the most connected teams, win the most games." He has four pillars in which he has built his debut roster and program:
  - **Connection:** building genuine relationships so players know their coaches care about them as people, not just performers  
o Stein: "You can't demand from people you don't have a relationship with."
  - **Accountability:** holding yourself and your teammates to the standards required to win  
o Stein: "The standard applies to everyone."
  - **Toughness:** ability to handle adversity, pressure, discomfort, and challenges while continuing to compete  
o Stein: "Tough people don't always feel good; they still do what is required."
  - **Sacrifice:** choosing the team's success over individual comfort

or personal priorities

o Stein: "Great teams are built by people willing to give more than they take."

### CONSTRUCTING THE STAFF

- Will Stein crafted a staff that reflects his philosophy and the staff assembled blends SEC experience, Power Four coaching backgrounds, and strong player-development credentials. The group reflects Stein's offensive identity and emphasis on quarterback development while adding veteran leadership, recruiting experience and NFL-level player development across all three phases.
  - **Jay Bateman (defensive coordinator)**
    - o Veteran defensive coach with Power Four coordinator experience, coming to UK after two seasons at Texas A&M.
    - o In 2025, Bateman helped Texas A&M to a historic 11-2 season and the program's first College Football Playoff appearance.
    - o In 2024, Bateman led the Aggies' defense to a top 35 national ranking in tackles for loss (92) and scoring defense (22.2 ppg), while also finishing in the top three in the Southeastern Conference with 16 interceptions and 76 passes defended.
  - **Joe Sloan (offensive coordinator/quarterbacks)**
    - o Joins the Bluegrass after four years at LSU.
    - o Instrumental in shaping Jayden Daniels' trajectory toward winning the Heisman Trophy and later earning NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year honors.
    - o In 2024, he was elevated to offensive coordinator, and in his first season, the Tigers ranked No. 2 in the SEC and No. 7 nationally in passing offense, averaging 315.2 yards per game.
  - **Allen Brown (cornerbacks)**
    - o Brown came to the Bluegrass after two seasons on the West Coast, coaching at California in 2025 as the defensive backs coach and 2024 as the cornerbacks coach at Washington State.
    - o In his five coaching stops, Brown has coached nine all-conference defensive backs, two freshman All-Americans and two more All-America honorees.
    - o In 2025, his defensive backs unit helped the Bears rank tied for 16th nationally in fewest touchdown passes allowed (14).
  - **Josh Christian-Young (safeties)**
    - o Joined Kentucky after coaching safeties at Houston for the last two seasons.
    - o The Cougars finished the 2025 regular season at 9-3 and ranked 21st in the College Football Playoff rankings, while Houston's defense ranked 19th nationally in red zone defense and 37th in defensive efficiency.
    - o In 2024, Houston limited opponents to 188.8 passing yards per game, ranking third in the Big 12. Houston's 2,266 passing yards allowed were its fewest in a non-COVID season.
  - **Parker Fleming (special teams/inside wide receivers)**
    - o Arrived in Lexington with more than a decade of experience coordinating and developing elite special teams units at the highest levels of college football.
    - o Spent the 2025 season at Oregon as the assistant quarterbacks coach. Oregon's offense totaled 71 touchdowns and 6,783 yards of total offense in 2025, averaging 452.2 yards and 36.9 points per game.
    - o Prior to Oregon, Fleming spent six seasons at Ohio State,



serving as the quality control coach for special teams from 2018-20 before being promoted to the special teams coordinator and defensive assistant from 2021-23.

- **Cutter Leftwich (offensive line)**
  - o In August of this year, was named to the 247sports "30 Under 30" list of the top young coaches in college football.
  - o Spent two of the past three seasons with Oregon, with a one year stint at North Texas as offensive line coach in-between.
  - o Helped Oregon rank fourth nationally in pass efficiency (100.96), ninth in scoring (38.2), 14th in rushing (218.4) and 16th in fewest sacks allowed.
  - o Oregon's offensive line was named a finalist for the Joe Moore Award, given annually to the nation's top unit, the only offensive unit to be named a finalist three years in a row.
- **Joe Price (wide receivers)**
  - o Spent the last six seasons at UTSA, including the last three seasons as the associate head coach, pass game coordinator and wide receivers coach for the Roadrunners.
  - o Roadrunners have enjoyed the most successful six-year run in program history with a 52-26 overall record, including a 35-12 regular season league mark, two conference championships and six straight bowl appearances.
  - o Price has helped UTSA have one of the top-scoring offenses in the FBS, averaging 33.7 points per game.
- **Kolby Smith (running backs)**
  - o Former NFL running back, spent the last two seasons coaching RBs at Arkansas
  - o In 2025, senior running back Mike Washington Jr. earned All-SEC Second Team honors after rushing 167 times for 1,070 yards and eight touchdowns.
  - o The Razorbacks produced one of the best offenses in the nation and in school history in Smith's first season in 2024. The Hogs ranked 10th nationally in total offense with 459.5 yards per game – fourth-best in a single season in school history.
- **Anwar Stewart (defensive line)**
  - o Enters his seventh season as the defensive line coach for UK in 2026.
  - o Played linebacker/defensive end for the Cats from 1996-99 under head coaches Bill Curry and Hal Mumme.
  - o Instrumental in helping UK earn four top-five finishes in the SEC, three top-25 finishes in the nation and one top-15 finish in the nation in total defense in his tenure.
- **Tony Washington Jr. (defensive ends/outside linebackers)**
  - o Comes to Kentucky after spending the 2025 season at Ohio State as the assistant defensive line coach.
  - o Played college football at Oregon.
  - o At Ohio State, Washington Jr. played an integral role in a Buckeyes defense that ranked nationally either No. 1 or No. 2 in nine different categories, including No. 1 in scoring defense (9.3), passing yards (129.7), and red zone scores (67.00).

### AMONG THE BEST HAULS IN FOOTBALL

- Kentucky football was one of the most aggressive programs in the country in the transfer portal in Will Stein's first season. Stein's first portal class ranks No. 8 by The Athletic, No. 9 by ESPN and No. 10 by 247Sports.
- Stein's first two commits were offensive tackle Lance Heard from Tennessee and linebacker Bo Barnes from Texas. Both committed within hours of Stein's hiring on Dec. 3, 2025.
- The class is brining more than 20,000 career snaps to the 2026 roster, doubling the amount of veteran experience on the team compared to last season.
- Some of UK's highest-ranked transfers include:
  - Lance Heard (OT) - No. 7 by 247Sports; No. 22 by The Athletic; No. 31 by ESPN
  - Kenny Minchey (QB) - No. 45 by The Athletic; No. 52 by ESPN; No. 137 by 247Sports
  - Coletton Price (C) - No. 38 by 247Sports; No. 47 by The Athletic
  - Tegra Tshabola (OG) - No. 66 by 247Sports; No. 96 by The Athletic
  - Bo Barnes (LB) - No. 126 by 247Sports
  - Jordan Castell (S) - No. 159 by 247Sports

### JERSEY PATCH FOR 2026

As Kentucky Football begins a new era under Head Coach Will Stein, UK Athletics is partnering with UK Invests to make the groundbreaking program the Official Jersey Patch Partner of Kentucky Football.

The UK Invests logo will appear on Wildcat football jerseys to elevate storytelling around one of UK's fastest-growing student success programs.

Launched in 2022, UK Invests is a first-of-its-kind financial wellness program that combines financial education with real-world opportunities to help UK students build greater financial security and healthy saving and investing habits. The program empowers students to create personal investment accounts where they can practice saving and investing, while also offering financial education sessions and opportunities to earn university-funded rewards for participating in institution-identified healthy behaviors, such as exercising at Alumni Gym or attending the Hire Blue Career Fair. Soon, students can also earn rewards for attending select UK Athletics games.

Since its launch less than four years ago, more than 18,000 students have opened investment accounts and earned nearly \$3 million in university-funded rewards through UK Invests. Collectively, student investments are projected to exceed \$9 million at the next quarterly update at the end of the month.

UK Invests was initially implemented in phases, beginning in Fall 2022 with UK student-athletes who deposited their NCAA Alston Awards earnings into UK Invests brokerage accounts after completing financial education programs. UK Invests then expanded to the full undergraduate, graduate, and professional student body population in Fall 2023 and has quickly become one of UK's most successful student initiatives to-date.

Kentucky Football will showcase storytelling on UK Invests' success and growth through integrated multimedia activations executed by JMI Sports – UK Athletics' exclusive multimedia rights partner operating locally as UK Sports and Campus Marketing – including Kroger Field signage, videoboard, radio and TV inventory, coaches' endorsements, and in-game features highlighting students who participate in the program.





## ALL IN THE FAMILY

Kentucky has five members of its staff or roster with prior UK connections.

- Head Coach **Will Stein** is the son of Matt Stein, a former UK letterwinner at defensive end from 1983-84.
- Junior DB **Ty Bryant** is the son of former Wildcat wide receiver Cisco Bryant from 1983-85.
  - Stein and Bryant's fathers were teammates, highlighted by the 1984 season in which the team went 9-3 and defeated Wisconsin in the Hall of Fame Bowl.
- Sophomore TE **Justin Kattus** is the brother of Josh Kattus, who played at UK from 2022-25.
- Sophomore LB **Tavion Wallace** is the brother of Trevin Wallace, who played for the Cats from 2021-23.
- General Manager **Pete Nocht**'s father was also a UK player. John Nocht played from 1973-76 as an offensive lineman, and then served as a student coach under Fran Curci in 1977.

## A TRIO OF COMEBACK CATS

- Kentucky players **CJ Baxter**, **Aaron Gates** and **Sam Greene** were all named to the 2026 College Football Comeback Player of the Year Preseason Watch List.
  - UK has had two previous winners -- J.J. Weaver (2021) and Kenneth Horsey (2020)
  - Baxter had a major right-knee injury in August of 2024, tearing the ACL, LCL and PCL. He then suffered a hamstring injury in 2025 that limited him to just eight games and 196 rushing yards for the season.
- Gates suffered a season-ending torn labrum on Sept. 20, 2025. He also suffered a torn ACL in 2024 that ended his season short. He has been limited to just eight games over the last two seasons.
- Greene endured an ACL injury on Nov. 8, 2025 ending his season.

## SMARTY CATS

Eight Wildcats will play the 2026 season having already graduated. They include:

1. **Olaus Alinen** (Finance and Economics - Alabama, '25)
2. **Nic Anderson** (Liberal Studies - LSU, '26)
3. **Jovantae Barnes** (Multidisciplinary Studies - Oklahoma, '25)
4. **Ty Bryant** (Psychology - Kentucky, '26)
5. **Henry Boyer** (Finance - Kentucky, '26)
6. **Wilson Berry** (Kinesiology - Kentucky, '23; Master's in Kinesiology and Health Promotion - Kentucky, '25)
7. **Elijah Brown** (Communication - UCF, '26)
8. **Coleton Price** (Business Communications - Baylor, '26)

Additionally, Berry, Brown and Price are all slated to receive undergraduate certificates in Business and Economics at the conclusion of the fall semester.

Eight more Cats are on track to graduate in December:

1. **CJ Baxter** (Communication)
2. **Aaron Gates** (Criminal Justice)
3. **Chops Harkless** (Liberal Studies)
4. **Mi'Quise Humphrey-Grace** (Criminal Justice)
5. **Spencer Leadbetter** (Communication & Undergraduate Certificate in Business and Economics)
6. **JacQai Long** (Business Administration)
7. **Jaden Williams** (Sociology)
8. **Adam Zoagui** (Economics)

## DID YOU KNOW?

- A picture of longevity, UK equipment manager **Tom Kalinowski** is in his 49th season in

## RETURNING / LOST

### OFFENSIVE STARTERS RETURNING (1)

TE Willie Rodriguez

### OFFENSIVE STARTERS LOST (10)

QB Cutter Boley  
 LG Joshua Braun  
 C Jager Burton  
 RG Jalen Farmer  
 TE Josh Kattus  
 WR Kendrick Law  
 WR Ja'Mori Maclin  
 RB Seth McGowan  
 LT Shiyazh Pete  
 RT Alex Wollschlaeger

### DEFENSIVE STARTERS RETURNING (6)

LB Alex Afari Jr.  
 DB Ty Bryant  
 DB Terhyon Nichols  
 DB Nasir Addison  
 OLB Sam Greene  
 DL Mi'Quise Humphrey-Grace

### DEFENSIVE STARTERS LOST (6)

DB JQ Hardaway  
 NG David Gusta  
 FS Jordan Lovett  
 MLB Daveren Rayner  
 DT Kahlil Saunders  
 DB Quay'sheed Scott

### OFFENSIVE LETTERWINNERS RETURNING (7)

RB Jason Patterson  
 WR DJ Miller  
 WR Rico Crowder  
 TE Henry Boyer  
 TE Willie Rodriguez  
 OL Hayes Johnson  
 OL Malachi Wood

### DEFENSIVE LETTERWINNERS RETURNING (16)

DL Kalen Edwards  
 DL Tavio Gadson  
 DL Mi'Quise Humphrey-Grace  
 DL Jaden Williams  
 OLB Lorenzo Cowan  
 OLB Sam Greene  
 OLB Cedric "CJ" Works  
 ILB Grant Godfrey  
 ILB Antwan Smith  
 ILB Devin Smith  
 DB Nasir Addison  
 DB Ty Bryant  
 DB Grant Grayton  
 DB Terhyon Nichols  
 DB Jaden Smith  
 DB Kevis Thomas

### SPECIALISTS LETTERWINNERS RETURNING (2)

P Wilson Berry  
 K Jacob Kauwe



that role in 2026. He also was a student manager in 1974-77, now marking his 53rd year working with UK football in 2026.

- In honor of his 50th season in 2023, Kalinowski was named an honorary captain for the home finale against Alabama.
- He is nearing his 600th consecutive game on the sideline. UK's home date vs. Florida on Nov. 14 will mark the milestone.
- UK is one of only 11 schools that has won an NCAA men's basketball championship, while also having a claim on a national championship in football.
- UK is one of only eight universities in the United States with the full complement of liberal arts, engineering, professional, agricultural and medical colleges and disciplines on one contiguous campus.
- The Kentucky cheerleaders have won an unprecedented 24 national cheerleading championships at the annual Universal Cheerleaders Association championships.

### "VOICE OF THE WILDCATS": TOM LEACH CELEBRATES 30 YEARS WITH THE CATS

- The 2026 Kentucky football season will mark **Tom Leach's** 30th year on the mic as the "Voice of the Wildcats."
  - His first game came in 1997 as Kentucky opened the season against Louisville with the Cats prevailing by a 38-24 score inside of then Commonwealth Stadium on Aug. 30, 1997.
  - Leach has been on the mic for 357 total UK football games, including 15 bowl games.
  - Will Stein is the sixth different head coach he has worked with on the gridiron.
  - Leach has called action for 61 NFL Draft selections, 48 All-Americans and 123 SEC performers.
  - As a high school senior, Leach listed his ultimate career goal "to become the next Voice of the Wildcats"--and the dream came true, as he follows in the footsteps of Cawood Ledford, Ralph Hacker, Claude Sullivan, Jim Host and the others who have called the games for the Big Blue.
  - Leach began his work on the UK Radio Network in 1989 as host of the postgame scoreboard and call-in shows. Eight years later, he was named the play-by-play voice for Kentucky football and he added the basketball responsibilities in 2001.
  - Leach is a six-time winner of the Sportscaster of the Year award for Kentucky from the National Sports Media Association. Others honors include being named a distinguished alumnus by the journalism school at the University of Kentucky and winning the Tom Hammond Media Award from the Bluegrass Sports Commission, for career achievement. He is also a member of the 10th Region Hall of Fame as a contributor, for his high school play-by-play work with the Bourbon County Colonels and Paris Greyhounds. Leach was also inducted into the Bourbon County High School Athletics Hall of Fame.

### 30 UNDER 30

- Kentucky football assistant coaches **James Gibson** and **Cutter Leftwich** were named to the 2026 edition of the 247 Sports' 30Under30 List, recognizing the fastest-rising personnel and assistant coaches in college football. The list is in its 10th year and is compiled by a bevy of contacts across the industry.

- Gibson, who helped Texas A&M advance to the 2025 College Football Playoff, is in his first season at Kentucky working with the defensive backs, specifically as the stars coach.
- Leftwich is in his first season on Will Stein's inaugural staff as the offensive line coach. Most recently, he was Oregon's assistant offensive line coach and run game coordinator during the 2025 season.

### WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS

The Southeastern Conference announced its new nine-game conference schedule for the 2026-29 seasons. Each school is slated to play three annual opponents and each team's remaining six games will rotate among the remaining conference schools.

The Wildcats' three annual opponents will be Florida, South Carolina and Tennessee. Each school will play the remaining 12 schools twice -- once at home and once away -- during the 2026-29 period. The annual opponents will be re-evaluated for the next scheduling cycle beginning in 2030. Home games are listed in all caps.

#### 2027

at Florida  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
TENNESSEE  
AUBURN  
GEORGIA  
MISSISSIPPI STATE  
at Arkansas  
at Ole Miss  
at Texas

#### 2028

FLORIDA  
at South Carolina  
at Tennessee  
MISSOURI  
TEXAS A&M  
OKLAHOMA  
at Alabama  
at LSU  
at Vanderbilt

#### 2029

at Florida  
S. CAROLINA  
TENNESSEE  
ARKANSAS  
OLE MISS  
TEXAS  
at Auburn  
at Georgia  
at Miss. State

### O BROTHER, WHERE ART THOU?

- A season after having four sets of brothers on the roster, only **Tavion Gadson** and **Lorenzo Cowan** remain. The brothers will play their second season together both suiting up in the Blue and White.
- Ten players have had a brother play college football: (Max Anderson, Nic Anderson, Wilson Berry, Martels Carter Jr., Brock Coffman, Justin Kattus, Quintavion Norman, Antwan Smith, Tyler Thomas and Tavion Wallace)
- **Justin Kattus** and **Tavion Wallace** both had an older brother suit up for the Wildcats. Trevin Wallace played for the Cats from 2021-23, while Josh Kattus was a UK player from 2022-25. Both are currently in the NFL.
- **Tyler Thomas'** identical twin brother, is a tight end at Tennessee. Tyler is older by one minute -- and he is the only UK player that has a brother currently also playing college football in 2026.
  - **Rob Fogler** also has a twin brother, Dave, who is 13 minutes older.
  - **Grant Grayton** is a twin as well, but he has a twin sister -- Gabrielle. Grant is seven minutes older.



### **LOOK AT ME, I'M THE CAPTAIN NOW**

- The Wildcats will not utilize permanent team captains in 2026, instead opting for a system of weekly rotating captains for individual games.
  - **Youngstown State** - RB C.J. Baxter, TE Willie Rodriguez, DE Mi'Quise Humphrey-Grace, LB Grant Godfrey
  - **Alabama** - OL Olaus Alinen, QB Kenny Minchey, S Ty Bryant, LB Bo Barnes
  - **Texas A&M** - WR Nic Anderson, DB Jordan Castell, DL Tavion Gadson, C Coleton Price



## HEAD COACH WILL STEIN / FIRST SEASON / LOUISVILLE, 2011



### STEIN'S RECORD VS. ALL OPPONENTS

| Opponent                        | Record     |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| Alabama .....                   | 0-1        |
| Florida .....                   | 0-0        |
| Louisville .....                | 0-0        |
| LSU .....                       | 0-0        |
| Missouri .....                  | 0-0        |
| Oklahoma .....                  | 0-0        |
| South Alabama .....             | 0-0        |
| South Carolina .....            | 0-0        |
| Tennessee .....                 | 0-0        |
| Texas A&M .....                 | 1-0        |
| Vanderbilt .....                | 0-0        |
| Youngstown State .....          | 1-0        |
| <b>TOTAL .....</b>              | <b>2-1</b> |
| <b>HOME RECORD .....</b>        | <b>1-1</b> |
| <b>AWAY RECORD .....</b>        | <b>1-0</b> |
| <b>NEUTRAL RECORD .....</b>     | <b>0-0</b> |
| <b>VS. SEC OPPONENTS .....</b>  | <b>1-1</b> |
| <b>SEC AT HOME .....</b>        | <b>0-1</b> |
| <b>SEC ON THE ROAD .....</b>    | <b>1-0</b> |
| <b>DAY GAME .....</b>           | <b>2-1</b> |
| <b>NIGHT GAME .....</b>         | <b>0-0</b> |
| <b>VS. TOP 25 .....</b>         | <b>1-1</b> |
| <b>TOP 25 AT HOME .....</b>     | <b>0-1</b> |
| <b>TOP 25 ON THE ROAD .....</b> | <b>1-0</b> |

For Will Stein, the roots in Kroger Field soil run deep.

A native Kentuckian, Stein is the son of UK alumni – father Matt played football at UK and mother Debbie is an avid fan – and he inherited their passion as he grew up watching the Wildcats in the then-Commonwealth Stadium, section 128, row 13 to be exact. He later competed in the stadium as a collegiate quarterback and assistant coach.

On Dec. 2, 2025, the family's journey came full circle as Stein was named head coach of Kentucky football.

Stein, 36, returned to the Commonwealth from the University of Oregon, where he was the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach for three seasons.

One of the many attributes that sets Stein apart is his ability to tailor his offense to his players' strengths. Year after year, he's designed systems around quarterbacks with very different skill sets, and each one thrived, helping lead elite units and Heisman Trophy finalists each of the past two years.

QBs Bo Nix and Dillon Gabriel went on to start multiple games in the NFL in their rookie years as well.

Paced by a high-scoring offense, the 2025 Ducks finished the 2025 season 13-2 overall, including an 8-1 mark in the Big Ten. The No. 5 Ducks advance to the semifinals of the College Football Playoff with a 23-0 win over No. 4 Texas Tech before falling to the eventual national champion and top-ranked Indiana, 56-22. It marked just the fifth loss in the last three years for the program. The Ducks were the only team in the country to win 13 games each of the past two seasons, tying the program record for single-season victories first set in 2014.

Stein's unit ranked tied for 10th nationally in scoring at 36.9 points per game. His attack was well-balanced as the Ducks averaged 198.6 rushing yards per game and 253.6 passing yards per game. The total offense of 455.2 yards per contest ranked 16th in the nation.

Individually, sophomore quarterback Dante Moore completed a pinpoint 71.8 percent of his passes – fourth in the country – for 3,565 yards, 30 touchdowns and only 10 interceptions. He ranked eighth nationally in passing efficiency.

Stein's offensive philosophy – “Feed the Studs” – keeps numerous players involved. Three Ducks running backs had at least 673 rushing yards in 2025, with all three averaging more than 5.8 yards per carry. Six pass receivers had at least 26 catches on the year.

In 2024, Oregon went 13-1, winning the Big Ten regular season title and the league championship game over Penn State. The Ducks advanced to the College Football Playoff as the No. 1-seed, with the season's only loss coming in the Rose Bowl.

As a team, Oregon averaged 34.9 points per game, 157.9 rushing yards per game, 279.5 passing yards and 437.4 yards total offense.

All-America quarterback Dillon Gabriel completed 72.9 percent of his passes for 3,857 yards, 30 touchdowns and only six interceptions. He ranked in the nation's top 10 in completion percentage (3rd), passing efficiency (7th), passing yards (8th) and TD passes (8th). He went on to finish third in the Heisman Trophy balloting, was named Big Ten Most Valuable Player and was drafted by the NFL's Cleveland Browns.

Once again, the passing game spread the wealth, as eight players caught at least 21 balls. Running back Jordan James jetted for 1,267 yards and 15 touchdowns, ranking 18th nationally in each category.

Stein's first season at Oregon, under Coach Dan Lanning, was 2023. His offense was prolific immediately, leading the nation in passing (346.9 yards per game), completion percentage (77.2 percent), first downs (372) and fewest turnovers lost (7). The Ducks placed second in scoring (44.2 points per game) and total offense (531.4 yards per game).

Led by quarterback Bo Nix, Oregon went 12-2, topped by a win over Liberty in the Fiesta Bowl.

Nix threw for 4,508 yards while setting an NCAA record in completion percentage (77.4) and leading the nation in completions (364) and touchdown passes (45). He was second nationally in passing yards and passing efficiency, also fifth in yards per passing attempt. Nix was third in the Heisman voting and a first-round NFL draft choice by Denver.

Oregon had a 1,000-yard rusher and two 1,000-yard receivers. Bucky Irving ran for 1,180 yards and 11 touchdowns while Troy Franklin (1,383 yards, 14 TDs) and Tez Johnson (1,182 yards, 10



TDs) topped the millennium mark.

Stein went to Oregon from UTSA, spending three seasons with the Roadrunners. He served as the passing game coordinator and wide receivers coach in 2020 and '21, then was promoted to co-offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach for the '22 season.

With Stein as co-OC in '22, UTSA ranked No. 12 in the country in total offense, 476 yards per game, No. 13 in passing (300.7 yards per game) and No. 14 in scoring (36.8 points per game).

Quarterback Frank Harris blossomed under Stein's tutelage, ranking fifth in the nation in total offense (4,665 yards) and ninth in total touchdowns (41). Harris was named the 2022 Conference USA MVP.

During Stein's three seasons at UTSA, the Roadrunners had a 30-10 record, advanced to three bowl games and won the 2022 CUSA regular-season championship and C-USA title game.

A native of Louisville, Stein has football heritage, as his father, Matt, was a defensive end for the Wildcats under Coach Jerry Claiborne. Matt was a two-year letterman in 1983 and '84, playing for UK's teams that made consecutive appearances in the Hall of Fame Bowl.

Will Stein played his high school ball at Trinity High School, where he was a three-time state champion and set the single-season school record for touchdown passes with 54.

Stein played at the University of Louisville from 2008-12, then moved to the coaching staff as a graduate assistant in 2013 (quarterbacks) and quality control coach in 2014 (wide receivers). He earned a bachelor's degree in sport administration from Louisville in 2011, and Master's in business administration in 2014.

Stein coached at the University of Texas from 2015-17 as a quality control assistant, helping coach the wide receivers for two years and the quarterbacks in '17.

In order to get play-calling experience, Stein moved to Lake Travis High School in Austin, Texas, as the assistant head coach, offensive coordinator, quarterbacks coach and recruiting coordinator from 2018-19. He helped lead the Cavaliers to a two-year mark of 26-4, featuring back-to-back appearances in the state semifinals of the Class 6A Division I playoffs. He rejoined the college ranks at UTSA in 2020.

He and his wife Darby have two children, Joey and Demi.

## NFL PIPELINE UNDER STEIN

### 2026

Kenyon Sadiq – Tight End – Round 1, Pick 16  
Malik Benson – Wide Receiver – Round 6, Pick 14  
Alex Harkey – Offensive Tackle – Round 6, Pick 25

### 2025

Josh Conerly Jr. – Offensive Tackle – Round 1, Pick 29  
Terrance Ferguson – Tight End – Round 2, Pick No. 14  
Dillon Gabriel – Quarterback – Round 3, Pick No. 30  
Jordan James – Running Back – Round 5, Pick No. 9  
Ajani Cornelius – Offensive Tackle – Round 6, Pick No. 28  
Tez Johnson – Wide Receiver – Round 7, Pick No. 19

### 2024

Bo Nix – Quarterback – Round 1, Pick No. 12  
Jackson Powers-Johnson – Offensive Line – Round 2, Pick No. 12  
Troy Franklin – Wide Receiver – Round 4, Pick No. 2  
Bucky Irving – Running Back – Round 4, Pick No. 25

| Season | School | Role                          | Postseason           |
|--------|--------|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| 2020   | UTSA   | Passing Game Coord./ WR Coach | First Responder Bowl |
| 2021   | UTSA   | Passing Game Coord./ WR Coach | Frisco Bowl          |
| 2022   | UTSA   | Co-Offensive Coord./ QB Coach | Cure Bowl            |
| 2023   | Oregon | Offensive Coord./ QB Coach    | Fiesta Bowl          |
| 2024   | Oregon | Offensive Coord./ QB Coach    | CFP/Rose Bowl        |
| 2025   | Oregon | Offensive Coord./ QB Coach    | CFP/Peach Bowl       |

### 2022 Achievements at UTSA:

- UTSA ranked No. 9 nationally in total offense (486.1 yards per game)
- UTSA was No. 12 nationally in scoring offense (38.7 points per game) and passing offense (308.6 yards per game)
- Scored 30 or more points in 12 of 13 games and 40-plus in seven games
- Frank Harris (UTSA, QB) passed for 4,453 total yards, responsible for 40 total touchdowns, 3,865 passing yards, 31 passing touchdowns, 71.1 completion percentage, Conference USA MVP
- During Stein's three seasons at UTSA, the Roadrunners had a 30-10 record, advanced to three bowl games and won the 2022 CUSA regular-season championship and C-USA title game

### 2023 Achievements at Oregon:

- Ranked No. 1 nationally in passing offense (346.9 yards per game) and completion percentage (77.2%)
- No. 2 nationally in scoring offense (44.2 points per game) and total offense (531.4 yards per game)
- Oregon was the only team in the country to score 30 or more points in every game during the regular season
- In Stein's first game calling plays, Oregon tallied 81 points vs. Portland State, setting a modern-day record for points scored in a game
- Quarterback Bo Nix threw for 4,508 yards and 45 touchdowns. He set an NCAA single-season completion-percentage record with a 77.4% rate
- Nix led the nation in completions and touchdown passes as he finished third in the Heisman Trophy voting and was selected in the first round of the NFL Draft
- Wide receiver Troy Franklin set single-season Oregon records for receiving yards (1,383), receiving touchdowns (14) and 100-yard receiving games (8)
- Wide receiver Tez Johnson set an Oregon single-season record with 86 receptions
- Johnson and Franklin combined to become the first set of 1,000-yard receivers for the Ducks since 1998

### 2024 Achievements at Oregon:

- Oregon went 13-1 and won the Big Ten, while earning a berth in the College Football Playoffs
- Quarterback Dillon Gabriel finished with 3,857 passing yards, 30 touchdown throws and a 72.9 completion percentage. He was third in Heisman voting and was the Big Ten's Most Valuable Player
- Gabriel ranked in the nation's top 10 in completion percentage (3rd), passing efficiency (7th), passing yards (8th) and TD passes (8th)
- Eight players caught at least 21 balls. Running back Jordan James jetted for 1,267 yards and 15 touchdowns, ranking 18th nationally in each category
- Oregon averaged 34.9 points per game, 157.9 rushing yards per game, 279.5 passing yards and 437.4 yards total offense

### 2025 Achievements at Oregon:

- Oregon went 13-2 and advanced to the College Football Playoff for the second-consecutive season
- The Ducks were the only team in the country to win 13 games each of the past two seasons, tying the program record for single-season victories first set in 2014
- Balanced offense that saw 3,804 passing yards and 2,979 rushing yards. Oregon threw for 31 passing touchdowns and also averaged 2.3 rushing touchdowns per game
- Quarterback Dante Moore threw for 3,565 yards and 30 touchdowns. He logged a 71.84 completion percentage and logged 237.7 passing yards per game. He ranked eighth nationally in passing efficiency
- Stein's unit ranked tied for 10th nationally in scoring at 36.9 points per game. His attack was well-balanced as the Ducks averaged 198.6 rushing yards per game and 253.6 passing yards per game. The total offense of 455.2 yards per contest ranked 16th in the nation
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## WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME KENTUCKY ...

### SCORED 40 POINTS

Sept. 5, 2026 vs. Youngstown State 45 points

### SCORED 50 POINTS

Nov. 27, 2021 at Louisville 52 points

### SCORED 60 POINTS

Sept. 17, 2016 vs. New Mexico State 62 points

### SCORED 70 POINTS

Sept. 7, 2002 vs. Texas El-Paso 77 points

### SCORED 80 POINTS

Nov. 18, 1950 vs. North Dakota 83 points

### SHUTOUT AN OPPONENT

Aug. 31, 2024 vs. Southern Miss W, 31-0

### SHUTOUT AN OPPONENT IN THE FIRST HALF

Nov. 16, 2024 vs. Murray State 24-0

### SHUTOUT AN SEC OPPONENT IN FIRST HALF IN CONSECUTIVE GAMES

Oct. 19, 2019 at Georgia 0-0

Oct. 26, 2019 vs. Missouri 22-0

### GAME IS SCORELESS AT THE HALF

Oct. 19, 2019 at Georgia 0-0

### SHUTOUT AN OPPONENT IN THE SECOND HALF

Nov. 8, 2025 vs. Florida 14-0 (W, 38-7)

### SCORED A TD ON THE FIRST SERIES

Sept. 5, 2026 vs. Youngstown State CJ Baxter Jr. 15-yard rush

### SCORED ON FIRST PLAY FROM SCRIMMAGE

Nov. 26, 2016 at Louisville Stephen Johnson 75-yard pass to Garret Johnson

### HAD 25 FIRST DOWNS

Nov. 15, 2025 vs. Tennessee Tech 25 first downs

### HAD 30 FIRST DOWNS

Nov. 16, 2024 vs. Murray State 32 first downs

### HAD 250-YARDS RUSHING

Nov. 16, 2024 vs. Murray State 269 yards

### HAD 300-YARDS RUSHING

Sept. 30, 2023 vs. Florida 329 yards

### HAD 400-YARDS RUSHING

Oct. 3, 2020 vs. Ole Miss 408 yards

### HAD 500-YARDS RUSHING

Nov. 30, 2019 vs. Louisville 517 yards (school record)

### HAD CONSECUTIVE 400-YARD RUSHING GAMES

Nov. 16, 2019 at Vanderbilt 401 yards

Nov. 23, 2019 vs. UT Martin 462 yards

Nov. 30, 2019 vs. Louisville 517 yards

### HAD BELOW 50-YARDS RUSHING

Nov. 29, 2025 at Louisville 40 yards

### HAD 300-YARDS PASSING

Sept. 5, 2026 vs. Youngstown State 301 yards

### HAD 400-YARDS PASSING

Nov. 20, 2021 vs. New Mexico State 459 yards

### HAD BELOW 50-YARDS PASSING

Sept. 7, 2024 vs. South Carolina 44 yards

### HAD 300 YARDS RUSHING AND PASSING

Sept. 17, 2016 vs. New Mexico State 381 rushing; 311 passing

### HAD 500-YARDS OF TOTAL OFFENSE

Sept. 5, 2026 vs. Youngstown State 506 yards

### HAD 600-YARDS OF TOTAL OFFENSE

Nov. 20, 2021 vs. New Mexico State 707 yards

### HAD 700-YARDS OF TOTAL OFFENSE

Nov. 20, 2021 vs. New Mexico State 707 yards

### HAD BELOW 200-YARDS OF TOTAL OFFENSE

Nov. 29, 2025 at Louisville 140 yards

### HELD OPPONENT BELOW 100-YARDS RUSHING

Sept. 5, 2026 vs. Youngstown State 59 yards

### HELD OPPONENT BELOW 50-YARDS RUSHING

Oct. 18, 2025 vs. Texas 47 yards

### HELD OPPONENT BELOW 100-YARDS PASSING

Sept. 4, 2021 vs. Louisiana-Monroe 70 yards

### HELD OPPONENT BELOW 200-YARDS TOTAL OFFENSE

Oct. 18, 2025 vs. Texas 179 yards

### HELD OPPONENT BELOW 100-YARDS TOTAL OFFENSE

Sept. 4, 2021 vs. Louisiana-Monroe 87 yards

### HAD 10 OR MORE TACKLES FOR LOSS

Nov. 1, 2025 at Auburn 13.0 tackles

### HAD 6 OR MORE SACKS

Nov. 1, 2025 at Auburn 7.0 sacks

### RECORDED A SAFETY

Nov. 23, 2019 vs. UT Martin Jamar Watson

### RECORDED ZERO PENALTIES

Nov. 25, 2023 at Louisville W, 38-31

### HAD A PLAYER WITH 30 RUSH ATTEMPTS

Oct. 15, 2022 vs. Mississippi State Chris Rodriguez (31)

### HAD A PLAYER RUSH FOR 100 YARDS

Nov. 8, 2025 vs. Florida Dante Dowdell (104)

### HAD TWO PLAYERS RUSH FOR 100 YARDS

Nov. 27, 2021 at Louisville Chris Rodriguez (121)  
Will Levis (113)

### HAD THREE PLAYERS RUSH FOR 100 YARDS

Oct. 3, 2020 vs. Ole Miss (only time in UK history) Chris Rodriguez (133)  
Terry Wilson (129)  
A.J. Rose (117)

### HAD TWO PLAYERS RUSH FOR 175 YARDS

Oct. 29, 2016 vs. Missouri Benny Snell (192)  
Boom Williams (182)

### HAD TWO PLAYERS RUSH FOR 100 YARDS IN CONSECUTIVE GAMES

Nov. 16, 2019 at Vanderbilt Chris Rodriguez (129)  
Lynn Bowden (110)

Nov. 23, 2019 vs. UT Martin Lynn Bowden (129)  
A.J. Rose (105)

Nov. 30, 2019 vs. Louisville Lynn Bowden (284)  
Chris Rodriguez (125)

### HAD A PLAYER RUSH FOR 100 YARDS IN CONSECUTIVE GAMES

Sept. 13, 2025 vs. Eastern Michigan Seth McGowan (104)  
Sept. 27, 2025 at South Carolina Seth McGowan (112)

### HAD A PLAYER RUSH FOR 100 YARDS IN THREE CONSECUTIVE GAMES

Nov. 20, 2021 vs. New Mexico State Chris Rodriguez (119)  
Nov. 27, 2021 at Louisville Chris Rodriguez (121)  
Jan. 1, 2022 vs. Iowa (Citrus Bowl) Chris Rodriguez (107)

### HAD A PLAYER RUSH FOR 100 YARDS IN FOUR CONSECUTIVE GAMES

Nov. 13, 2012 at Vanderbilt Chris Rodriguez (114)  
Nov. 20, 2021 vs. New Mexico State Chris Rodriguez (119)  
Nov. 27, 2021 at Louisville Chris Rodriguez (121)  
Jan. 1, 2022 vs. Iowa (Citrus Bowl) Chris Rodriguez (107)



## WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME KENTUCKY ...

## HAD A PLAYER RUSH FOR 100 YARDS IN FOUR CONSECUTIVE GAMES

|               |                        |                       |
|---------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Nov. 6, 2021  | vs. Tennessee          | Chris Rodriguez (109) |
| Nov. 13, 2021 | at Vanderbilt          | Chris Rodriguez (114) |
| Nov. 20, 2021 | vs. New Mexico State   | Chris Rodriguez (119) |
| Nov. 27, 2021 | at Louisville          | Chris Rodriguez (121) |
| Jan. 2, 2022  | vs. Iowa (Citrus Bowl) | Chris Rodriguez (107) |

## HAD A TRUE FRESHMAN RUSH FOR 100 YARDS

|               |                 |                   |
|---------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Nov. 19, 2016 | vs. Austin Peay | Benny Snell (152) |
|---------------|-----------------|-------------------|

## HAD A PLAYER RUSH FOR 200 YARDS

|                |             |                 |
|----------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Sept. 30, 2023 | vs. Florida | Ray Davis (280) |
|----------------|-------------|-----------------|

## HAD FOUR PLAYERS WITH 50 YARDS RUSHING

|               |               |                                                                                   |
|---------------|---------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Nov. 23, 2019 | vs. UT Martin | Lynn Bowden (129)<br>A.J. Rose (105)<br>Travis Tisdale (60)<br>Tyler Markray (52) |
|---------------|---------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

## HAD A PLAYER WITH THREE RUSHING TDS

|               |                    |                  |
|---------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Nov. 15, 2025 | vs. Tennessee Tech | Seth McGowan (3) |
|---------------|--------------------|------------------|

## HAD A PLAYER WITH 50 PASSING ATTEMPTS

|                |         |                    |
|----------------|---------|--------------------|
| Sept. 15, 2012 | vs. WKU | Maxwell Smith (60) |
|----------------|---------|--------------------|

## HAD A PLAYER WITH 60 PASSING ATTEMPTS

|                |         |                    |
|----------------|---------|--------------------|
| Sept. 15, 2012 | vs. WKU | Maxwell Smith (60) |
|----------------|---------|--------------------|

## HAD A PLAYER WITH 30 PASS COMPLETIONS

|               |           |                   |
|---------------|-----------|-------------------|
| Oct. 18, 2025 | vs. Texas | Cutter Boley (31) |
|---------------|-----------|-------------------|

## HAD A PLAYER WITH 300-YARDS PASSING

|               |                      |                     |
|---------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Sept. 5, 2026 | vs. Youngstown State | Kenny Minchey (301) |
|---------------|----------------------|---------------------|

## HAD A PLAYER WITH 400-YARDS PASSING

|               |                      |                  |
|---------------|----------------------|------------------|
| Nov. 20, 2021 | vs. New Mexico State | Will Levis (419) |
|---------------|----------------------|------------------|

## HAD TWO PLAYERS PASS FOR 100 YARDS

|                |                |                                            |
|----------------|----------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Sept. 14, 2013 | vs. Louisville | Maxwell Smith (109)<br>Jalen Whitlow (105) |
|----------------|----------------|--------------------------------------------|

## HAD A PLAYER WITH THREE OR MORE PASSING TDS

|               |                      |                   |
|---------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Sept. 5, 2026 | vs. Youngstown State | Kenny Minchey (4) |
|---------------|----------------------|-------------------|

## HAD A PLAYER WITH 2 PASSING TDS AND TWO RUSHING TDS

|               |                       |                                                                                                           |
|---------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Oct. 25, 2014 | vs. Mississippi State | Patrick Towles<br>67-yard pass to Demarco Robinson; 58-yard pass to Javess Blue & 10-yard run; 4-yard run |
|---------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

## HAD A PLAYER WITH 10 RECEPTIONS

|               |                    |                   |
|---------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Nov. 15, 2025 | vs. Tennessee Tech | Kendrick Law (11) |
|---------------|--------------------|-------------------|

## HAD A PLAYER WITH 100-YARDS RECEIVING

|               |                    |                    |
|---------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Nov. 15, 2025 | vs. Tennessee Tech | Kendrick Law (124) |
|---------------|--------------------|--------------------|

## HAD A PLAYER WITH CONSECUTIVE 100-YARD RECEIVING GAMES

|                |             |                |
|----------------|-------------|----------------|
| Sept. 21, 2024 | vs. Ohio    | Dane Key (145) |
| Sept. 28, 2024 | at Ole Miss | Dane Key (105) |

## HAD A PLAYER WITH THREE CONSECUTIVE 100-YARD RECEIVING GAMES

|                |                      |                         |
|----------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Sept. 4, 2021  | vs. Louisiana-Monroe | Wan'Dale Robinson (125) |
| Sept. 11, 2021 | vs. Missouri         | Wan'Dale Robinson (101) |
| Sept. 18, 2021 | vs. Chattanooga      | Wan'Dale Robinson (111) |

## HAD A TWO PLAYERS WITH 100-YARDS RECEIVING

|               |               |                                       |
|---------------|---------------|---------------------------------------|
| Oct. 25, 2025 | vs. Tennessee | DJ Miller (120)<br>Kendrick Law (103) |
|---------------|---------------|---------------------------------------|

## HAD A PLAYER WITH 1,000 RECEIVING YARDS IN A SEASON

|      |                   |             |
|------|-------------------|-------------|
| 2021 | Wan'Dale Robinson | 1,334 yards |
|------|-------------------|-------------|

## HAD A TRUE FRESHMAN WITH A RECEIVING TD IN FIRST THREE CAREER GAMES

|                |                      |                     |
|----------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Sept. 3, 2022  | vs. Miami (OH)       | Dane Key (1-yard)   |
| Sept. 10, 2022 | at Florida           | Dane Key (55-yards) |
| Sept. 17, 2022 | vs. Youngstown State | Dane Key (3-yards)  |

## HAD A PLAYER WITH A RECEIVING TD IN THREE STRAIGHT GAMES

|                |                      |                     |
|----------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Sept. 3, 2022  | vs. Miami (OH)       | Dane Key (1-yard)   |
| Sept. 10, 2022 | at Florida           | Dane Key (55-yards) |
| Sept. 17, 2022 | vs. Youngstown State | Dane Key (3-yards)  |

## HAD A PLAYER WITH THREE TD RECEPTIONS

|                |                      |                                              |
|----------------|----------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| Sept. 27, 2016 | vs. New Mexico State | C.J. Conrad (72-yards;<br>9-yards; 17-yards) |
|----------------|----------------------|----------------------------------------------|

## HAD A PLAYER WITH 100 RUSHING AND 100 RECEIVING YARDS

|               |                |                                                     |
|---------------|----------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| Nov. 11, 2006 | vs. Vanderbilt | Rafael Little (132 rushing;<br>114 receiving yards) |
|---------------|----------------|-----------------------------------------------------|

## HAD A 100-YARD PASSER AND A 100-YARD RUSHER

|              |              |                                                  |
|--------------|--------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Oct. 3, 2020 | vs. Ole Miss | Terry Wilson (151 passing;<br>129 rushing yards) |
|--------------|--------------|--------------------------------------------------|

## HAD A 100-YARD RUSHER AND A 100-YARD RECEIVER

|              |                        |                                                                  |
|--------------|------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Jan. 1, 2022 | vs. Iowa (Citrus Bowl) | Chris Rodriguez (107 rushing); Wan'Dale Robinson (170 receiving) |
|--------------|------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|

## HAD SAME PLAYER SCORE A RUSHING AND RECEIVING TD

|               |               |                                                                |
|---------------|---------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Nov. 25, 2023 | at Louisville | Ray Davis (20-yard reception; 20-yard reception; 37-yard rush) |
|---------------|---------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|

## HAVE A PLAYER THROW, RUSH AND RECEIVE A TD IN SAME GAME

|              |            |                                                                         |
|--------------|------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Oct. 9, 2010 | vs. Auburn | Randall Cobb (2-yard rush; 6-yard pass; 16-yard reception; 1-yard rush) |
|--------------|------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|

## HAD A PLAYER SCORE A TOUCHDOWN IN TEAM'S FIRST SIX GAMES

|                |                |                                                                    |
|----------------|----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sept. 2, 2023  | vs. Ball State | Ray Davis (2-yard rush; 30-yard rush)                              |
| Sept. 9, 2023  | vs. ECU        | Ray Davis (24-yard catch)                                          |
| Sept. 16, 2023 | vs. Akron      | Ray Davis (58-yard catch; 55-yard rush)                            |
| Sept. 23, 2023 | at Vanderbilt  | Ray Davis (2-yard rush; 1-yard rush)                               |
| Sept. 30, 2023 | vs. Florida    | Ray Davis (9-yard catch; 75-yard rush; 3-yard rush; 33-yard catch) |
| Oct. 7, 2023   | at Georgia     | Ray Davis (26-yard catch)                                          |
| Oct. 14, 2023  | vs. Missouri   | Ray Davis (7-yard catch)                                           |
| Oct. 28, 2023  | vs. Tennessee  | Ray Davis (7-yard rush)                                            |

## HAD A PLAYER THROW TWO TDS AND RUSH FOR A TD IN CONSECUTIVE GAMES

|                |              |                                                                      |
|----------------|--------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sept. 26, 2015 | vs. Missouri | Patrick Towles (14-yard rush; 24-yard pass; 5-yard pass)             |
| Oct. 3, 2015   | vs. ECU      | Patrick Towles (1-yard rush; 36-yard pass; 5-yard pass; 3-yard pass) |

## HAVE A PLAYER THROW A TD PASS, CATCH A TD AND RETURN A PUNT FOR A TD IN THE SAME GAME

|                |         |                                                                 |
|----------------|---------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sept. 11, 2010 | vs. WKU | Randall Cobb (50-yard punt return; 15-yard pass; 35-yard catch) |
|----------------|---------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|



## WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME KENTUCKY ...

### HAD A PLAYER SCORE A RUSHING, RECEIVING AND KICK RETURN TOUCHDOWN IN THE SAME GAME

Dec. 29, 2023 vs. Clemson (Gator Bowl) Barion Brown (22-yard rush; 100-yard kick return; 60-yard catch)

### HAD A PLAYER RETURN A KICKOFF FOR A TOUCHDOWN

Oct. 19, 2024 at Florida Barion Brown (99 yards)

### HAD A PLAYER RETURN A PUNT FOR A TOUCHDOWN

Oct. 30, 2021 at Mississippi State Josh Ali (74 yards)

### HAD A PLAYER RETURN AN INTERCEPTION FOR A TOUCHDOWN

Sept. 12, 2026 vs. Alabama Mi'Quise Humphrey-Grace (2-yards)

### HAD A PLAYER RECOVER/RETURN A FUMBLE FOR A TOUCHDOWN

Nov. 23, 2024 at Texas Jamon Dumas-Johnson (25-yards)

### HAD A PLAYER SCORE TWO DEFENSIVE TDS IN THE SAME GAME

Sept. 23, 2023 at Vanderbilt Maxwell Hairston (29-yard interception; 54-yard interception)  
\*only instance in UK history

### HAD A PLAYER RECOVER TWO FUMBLES IN SAME GAME

Dec. 5, 2020 vs. South Carolina Jordan Wright (2)

### HAD A PLAYER INTERCEPT TWO PASSES IN SAME GAME

Sept. 6, 2025 vs. Ole Miss Ty Bryant (2)

### HAD A PLAYER BLOCK A PUNT

Sept. 17, 2022 vs. Youngstown State Martez Thrower (attempt from YSU own 11-yard line)

### HAD A PLAYER BLOCK A FIELD GOAL

Oct. 14, 2023 vs. Missouri Keaten Wade (46-yard attempt)

### HAD A PLAYER BLOCK A PAT

Sept. 9, 2017 vs. ECU Lonnie Johnson Jr.

### HAD A PLAYER RETURN A BLOCKED FG ATTEMPT FOR A TD

Oct. 2, 2021 vs. Florida Trevin Wallace (76-yard return); Josh Paschal (block of 48-yard attempt)

### HAD A PLAYER RETURN A BLOCKED PUNT FOR A TOUCHDOWN

Nov. 1, 2003 vs. Arkansas Andrew Hopewell (6-yard return off own block)

### HAD A PLAYER SCORE A TOUCHDOWN ON A FAKE FIELD GOAL

Sept. 28, 2013 vs. Florida Joe Mansour (25-yard rush)

### HAD A PLAYER MAKE A 50-YARD FIELD GOAL

Sept. 19, 2026 at Texas A&M Adam Zouagui (52 yards)

### HAD A PLAYER KICK A 70-YARD PUNT

Oct. 30, 2021 at Mississippi State Colin Goodfellow (70 yards)

### PLAYED AN OVERTIME GAME

Oct. 18, 2025 vs. Texas L, 16-13<sup>OT</sup>

### WON AN OVERTIME GAME

Oct. 3, 2015 vs. ECU W, 34-27<sup>OT</sup>

### WON A GAME ON THE LAST PLAY OF REGULATION AS TIME EXPIRED

Oct. 27, 2018 at Missouri Terry Wilson (2-yard pass to C.J. Conrad on an untimed down)



## WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME AN OPPONENT ...

## SCORED 40 POINTS

Sept. 12, 2026 vs. Alabama 45 points (L, 45-17)

## SCORED 50 POINTS

Oct. 25, 2025 vs. Tennessee 56 points (L, 56-34)

## SCORED 10 OR FEWER POINTS

Nov. 15, 2025 vs. Tennessee Tech 10 points (W, 42-10)

## SHUTOUT KENTUCKY

Nov. 29, 2025 at Louisville 0 points (L, 41-0)

## SHUTOUT KENTUCKY IN SECOND HALF

Sept. 12, 2026 vs. Alabama 0 points (32-0)

## RUSHED FOR 300 YARDS

Oct. 26, 2024 vs. Auburn 326-yards

## PASSED FOR 300 YARDS

Nov. 22, 2025 at Vanderbilt 539-yards

## HAD 500 YARDS OF TOTAL OFFENSE

Nov. 22, 2025 at Vanderbilt 604-yards

## RECORDED A SAFETY

Aug. 30, 2025 vs. Toledo Langston Long tackled QB in endzone

## BLOCKED A PUNT

Nov. 29, 2025 at Louisville Eric Hazzard (UK attempt from own 32-yard line)

## BLOCKED A FIELD GOAL

Nov. 12, 2022 vs. Vanderbilt Nate Clifton (37-yard attempt)

## BLOCKED A PAT

Sept. 30, 2023 vs. Florida Caleb Banks

## HAD A PLAYER WITH 30 RUSH ATTEMPTS

Oct. 24, 2020 at Missouri Larry Rountree (37)

## HAD A PLAYER WITH 100-YARDS RUSHING

Sept. 12, 2026 vs. Alabama Daniel Hill (104)

## HAD A PLAYER WITH 200-YARDS RUSHING

Oct. 26, 2024 vs. Auburn Jarquez Hunter (278)

## HAD TWO PLAYERS WITH 100-YARDS RUSHING

Nov. 29, 2025 at Louisville Braxton Jennings (113)  
Shaun Boykins Jr. (101)

## HAD A PLAYER WITH 40 PASS ATTEMPTS

Sept. 19, 2026 at Texas A&M Marcel Reed (49)

## HAD A PLAYER WITH 25 COMPLETIONS

Sept. 19, 2025 at Texas A&M Marcel Reed (26)

## HAD A PLAYER WITH 300-YARDS PASSING

Nov. 22, 2025 at Vanderbilt Diego Pavia (484)

## HAD TWO PLAYERS WITH 100-YARDS PASSING

Sept. 14, 2019 vs. Florida Feleipe Franks (174)  
Kyle Trask (126)

## HAD A PLAYER WITH 10 RECEPTIONS

Sept. 19, 2026 at Texas A&M Mario Craver (11)

## HAD A PLAYER WITH 100-YARDS RECEIVING

Sept. 19, 2026 at Texas A&M Mario Craver (11 catches for 119-yards)

## HAD A PLAYER WITH 200-YARDS RECEIVING

Sept. 13, 2014 at Florida Demarcus Robinson (216)

## HAD TWO PLAYERS WITH 100-YARDS RECEIVING

Nov. 22, 2025 at Vanderbilt Tre Richardson (159-yards on six catches)  
Junior Sherrill (115-yards on eight catches)

## HAD A PLAYER RETURN A KICKOFF FOR A TOUCHDOWN

Oct. 31, 2015 vs. Tennessee Evan Berry (100-yards)

## HAD A PLAYER RETURN A PUNT FOR A TOUCHDOWN

Nov. 28, 2020 at Florida Kadarius Toney (50-yards)

## HAD A PLAYER RETURN A BLOCKED FIELD GOAL FOR A TOUCHDOWN

Oct. 17, 2009 at Auburn Neiko Thorpe (69-yard return on a 39-yard FG attempt blocked by Jake Ricks)

## HAD A PLAYER RETURN A BLOCKED PUNT FOR A TOUCHDOWN

Sept. 26, 2009 vs. Florida Chris Rainey (26-yards on own block)

## HAD A PLAYER RETURN AN INTERCEPTION FOR A TOUCHDOWN

Sept. 12, 2026 vs. Alabama Luke Metz (34-yards)

## HAD A PLAYER RETURN A FUMBLE FOR A TOUCHDOWN

Sept. 27, 2025 at South Carolina Jatius Geer (41-yard return on Dylan Stewart sack and forced fumble at the UK 41-yard line)



## TRACKING THE FIRSTS UNDER WILL STEIN ...

### FIRST GAME AS KENTUCKY HEAD COACH

Sept. 5, 2026 vs. Youngstown State Kroger Field

### FIRST WIN AS KENTUCKY HEAD COACH

Sept. 5, 2026 def. Youngstown State 45-13 (Kroger Field)

### FIRST WIN AT HOME

Sept. 5, 2026 def. Youngstown State 45-13

### FIRST WIN ON THE ROAD

Sept. 19, 2026 at Texas A&M 31-21

### FIRST SEC WIN

Sept. 19, 2026 at Texas A&M 31-21

### FIRST WIN OVER A RANKED TEAM

Sept. 19, 2026 at No. 9/8 Texas A&M 31-21

### FIRST COMEBACK WIN

Sept. 19, 2026 at Texas A&M Trailing 7-0

### FIRST FOURTH-QUARTER COMEBACK WIN

### FIRST GAME SCORING 40-PLUS POINTS

Sept. 5, 2026 def. Youngstown State 45 points

### FIRST OFFENSIVE TOUCHDOWN

Sept. 5, 2026 Youngstown State CJ Baxter Jr. 15-yard rush

### FIRST RUSHING TOUCHDOWN

Sept. 5, 2026 Youngstown State CJ Baxter Jr. 15-yard rush

### FIRST PASSING TOUCHDOWN

Sept. 5, 2026 Youngstown State Kenny Minchey 10-yard pass to Mikkel Skinner

### FIRST RECEIVING TOUCHDOWN

Sept. 5, 2026 vs. Youngstown State Mikkel Skinner 10-yards

### FIRST 100-YARD RUSHER

### FIRST 100-YARD RECEIVER

### FIRST 300-YARD PASSER

Sept. 5, 2026 vs. Youngstown State Kenny Minchey 301-yards

### FIRST 400-YARD OFFENSIVE GAME

Sept. 5, 2026 vs. Youngstown State 506-yards

### FIRST 500-YARD OFFENSIVE GAME

Sept. 5, 2026 vs. Youngstown State 506-yards

### FIRST 3-PLUS PASSING TD GAME

Sept. 5, 2026 vs. Youngstown State Kenny Minchey (4 TDs)

### FIRST 3-PLUS RUSHING TD GAME

### FIRST GAME WITH 4-PLUS TOTAL TDS

Sept. 5, 2026 vs. Youngstown State 6 total TDs

### FIRST GAME WITHOUT A TURNOVER

Sept. 5, 2026 vs. Youngstown State 0 turnovers

### FIRST GAME WITH ZERO SACKS ALLOWED

Sept. 5, 2026 vs. Youngstown State 0 sacks

### FIRST GAME SCORING ON THE OPENING POSSESSION

Sept. 5, 2026 vs. Youngstown State CJ Baxter Jr. 15-yard rush

### FIRST DEFENSIVE TOUCHDOWN

Sept. 12, 2026 vs. Alabama M. Humphrey-Grace 2-yard INT

### FIRST INTERCEPTION

Sept. 12, 2026 vs. Alabama M. Humphrey-Grace

### FIRST FORCED FUMBLE

Sept. 12, 2026 vs. Alabama M. Humphrey-Grace

### FIRST FUMBLE RECOVERY

Sept. 12, 2026 vs. Alabama Cedric "C.J." Works

### FIRST SACK

Sept. 5, 2026 vs. Youngstown State Ahmad Breaux 5-yard loss

### FIRST MULTI-SACK GAME

Sept. 12, 2026 vs. Alabama Tavion Gadson (1.5)

### FIRST 10-PLUS TACKLE GAME

Sept. 12, 2026 vs. Alabama Ty Bryant (10)

### FIRST GAME HOLDING OPP. UNDER 100 RUSHING YDS.

Sept. 5, 2026 vs. Youngstown State 59 yards

### FIRST GAME HOLDING OPP. UNDER 200 TOTAL YDS. OFFENSE

### FIRST SHUTOUT

### FIRST SAFETY

### FIRST GOAL-LINE STAND

### FIRST FOURTH-DOWN STOP

Sept. 5, 2026 vs. Youngstown State 1st quarter (4th and 6 from UK 41)

### FIRST PAT

Sept. 5, 2026 vs. Youngstown State Adam Zuoagi

### FIRST FIELD GOAL

Sept. 5, 2026 vs. Youngstown State Adam Zuoagi (28 yards)

### FIRST BLOCKED KICK

### FIRST BLOCKED PUNT

### FIRST SPECIAL TEAMS TOUCHDOWN

### FIRST GAME-WINNING FIELD GOAL



## 2026 GAME-BY-GAME STARTERS

### OFFENSIVE STARTERS

|                   | TE/WR | LT    | LG     | C     | RG       | RT       | WR     | WR/TE     | WR/TE    | RB         | QB      |
|-------------------|-------|-------|--------|-------|----------|----------|--------|-----------|----------|------------|---------|
| YOUNGSTOWN        | Boyer | Heard | Knox   | Price | Alinen   | Tshabola | Miller | Rodriguez | Anderson | Baxter Jr. | Minchey |
| ALABAMA           | Boyer | Heard | Alinen | Price | Tshabola | Wood     | Miller | Rodriguez | Anderson | Baxter Jr. | Minchey |
| at Texas A&M      | Darby | Heard | Alinen | Price | Tshabola | Wood     | Miller | Rodriguez | Anderson | Baxter Jr. | Minchey |
| SOUTH ALABAMA     |       |       |        |       |          |          |        |           |          |            |         |
| at South Carolina |       |       |        |       |          |          |        |           |          |            |         |
| LSU               |       |       |        |       |          |          |        |           |          |            |         |
| at Oklahoma       |       |       |        |       |          |          |        |           |          |            |         |
| VANDERBILT        |       |       |        |       |          |          |        |           |          |            |         |
| at Tennessee      |       |       |        |       |          |          |        |           |          |            |         |
| FLORIDA           |       |       |        |       |          |          |        |           |          |            |         |
| at Missouri       |       |       |        |       |          |          |        |           |          |            |         |
| LOUISVILLE        |       |       |        |       |          |          |        |           |          |            |         |

### DEFENSIVE STARTERS

|                   | CB        | DE             | NG       | DT     | LB/DE  | MLB    | WLB     | STAR/LB | SS     | FS      | CB      |
|-------------------|-----------|----------------|----------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|--------|---------|---------|
| YOUNGSTOWN        | McMillian | Humphrey-Grace | Harkless | Gadson | Greene | Barnes | Godfrey | Works   | Bryant | Castell | Grayton |
| ALABAMA           | McMillian | Humphrey-Grace | Williams | Gadson | Works  | Barnes | Godfrey | Gates   | Bryant | Castell | Sykes   |
| at Texas A&M      | Nichols   | Humphrey-Grace | Williams | Gadson | Greene | Barnes | Godfrey | Works   | Bryant | Castell | Sykes   |
| SOUTH ALABAMA     |           |                |          |        |        |        |         |         |        |         |         |
| at South Carolina |           |                |          |        |        |        |         |         |        |         |         |
| LSU               |           |                |          |        |        |        |         |         |        |         |         |
| at Oklahoma       |           |                |          |        |        |        |         |         |        |         |         |
| VANDERBILT        |           |                |          |        |        |        |         |         |        |         |         |
| at Tennessee      |           |                |          |        |        |        |         |         |        |         |         |
| FLORIDA           |           |                |          |        |        |        |         |         |        |         |         |
| at Missouri       |           |                |          |        |        |        |         |         |        |         |         |
| LOUISVILLE        |           |                |          |        |        |        |         |         |        |         |         |



## CAREER GAMES PLAYED AND CAREER GAMES STARTED

| Name                 | '22  | '23   | '24   | '25   | '26 | TOTAL |
|----------------------|------|-------|-------|-------|-----|-------|
| Nasir Addison        | -/-  | 8/0   | 12/0  | 4/0   | 1/0 | 25/0  |
| Alex Afari Jr.       | 13/3 | 13/11 | 12/4  | 10/10 | 3/0 | 51/28 |
| Olaus Alinen*        | -/-  | 4/0   | 13/0  | 15/0  | 3/3 | 35/3  |
| Deuce Alston II      | -/-  | -/-   | -/-   | -/-   | -/- | -/-   |
| Jesse Anderson III*  | -/-  | -/-   | 13/0  | 10/0  | -/- | 23/0  |
| Max Anderson*        | -/-  | -/-   | 2/-   | 13/-  | -/- | 15/0  |
| Nic Anderson*        | 3/0  | 13/6  | 1/1   | 10/3  | 3/3 | 30/13 |
| Jermiel Atkins Jr.   | -/-  | -/-   | -/-   | -/-   | 1/0 | 1/0   |
| Bo Barnes*           | -/-  | -/-   | -/-   | 4/0   | 3/3 | 7/3   |
| Jovantae Barnes*     | 11/1 | 7/1   | 9/6   | 4/2   | 1/0 | 32/10 |
| CJ Baxter Jr.*       | -/-  | 13/6  | -/-   | 8/3   | 3/3 | 25/12 |
| Wilson Berry         | 7^/0 | 13/0  | 12/0  | 12/0  | 3/0 | 47/0  |
| Henry Boyer*         | 2/-  | 12/1  | 11/1  | 12/2  | 3/2 | 40/6  |
| Ahmad Breaux*        | -/-  | -/-   | 13/2  | 12/0  | 3/0 | 28/2  |
| Elijah Brown*        | -/-  | 3/0   | 8/1   | 1/0   | 1/0 | 13/1  |
| Sam Brown III        | -/-  | -/-   | -/-   | -/-   | -/- | -/-   |
| Ty Bryant            | -/-  | 13/3  | 12/10 | 12/12 | 3/3 | 40/28 |
| Shane Carr*          | -/-  | -/-   | 12/9  | 12/10 | 2/0 | 26/19 |
| Martels Carter Jr.   | -/-  | -/-   | -/-   | 4/0   | 1/0 | 5/0   |
| Jordan Castell*      | -/-  | 12/11 | 13/13 | 10/10 | 3/3 | 38/37 |
| Andre Clarke Jr.     | -/-  | -/-   | -/-   | -/-   | -/- | -/-   |
| Jay Clark            | -/-  | -/-   | -/-   | -/-   | 4/0 | 4/0   |
| Brock Coffman*       | -/-  | -/-   | -/-   | 2/0   | 3/0 | 5/0   |
| Jordan Colbert*      | -/-  | -/-   | -/-   | -/-   | -/- | -/-   |
| Lorenzo Cowan        | -/-  | -/-   | -/-   | 9/2   | 3/0 | 12/2  |
| Ashton Cozart*       | -/-  | -/-   | -/-   | 4/0   | -/- | 4/0   |
| Rico Crowder         | -/-  | -/-   | -/-   | 12/0  | 3/0 | 15/0  |
| Carson Cruver*       | -/-  | -/-   | 1/0   | 1/0   | -/- | 2/0   |
| Xavier Daisy*        | -/-  | -/-   | 10/1  | 11/5  | 1/0 | 22/6  |
| Kenny Darby          | -/-  | -/-   | -/-   | -/-   | 3/1 | 3/1   |
| Alex DiMartino       | -/-  | -/-   | -/-   | -/-   | -/- | -/-   |
| William Drakeford Jr | -/-  | -/-   | -/-   | -/-   | -/- | -/-   |
| Ben Duncam           | -/-  | -/-   | -/-   | -/-   | 2/0 | 2/0   |
| Kalen Edwards        | -/-  | -/-   | -/-   | 5/0   | 3/0 | 8/0   |
| Jason Ekperuoh       | -/-  | -/-   | -/-   | -/-   | -/- | -/-   |
| Ja'Kayden Ferguson*  | -/-  | -/-   | -/-   | 6/0   | 3/0 | 9/0   |
| Rob Fogler*          | -/-  | -/-   | -/-   | -/-   | -/- | -/-   |
| Tavion Gadson        | -/-  | 4/0   | 2/0   | 11/1  | 3/3 | 20/4  |
| Demarcus Gardner     | -/-  | -/-   | -/-   | 3/0   | 3/0 | 6/0   |
| Aaron Gates*         | -/-  | 4/0   | 10/5  | 4/0   | 3/1 | 21/6  |
| Grant Godfrey        | -/-  | -/-   | 7/1   | 12/2  | 3/3 | 22/6  |
| Denairius Gray       | -/-  | -/-   | -/-   | -/-   | -/- | -/-   |
| Grant Grayton        | -/-  | -/-   | -/-   | 9/2   | 2/1 | 11/3  |
| Sam Greene*          | -/-  | 3/0   | 12/3  | 9/9   | 3/2 | 27/14 |
| Jamarrion Harkless*  | -/-  | -/-   | 10/0  | 12/12 | 2/1 | 24/13 |
| Cash Harney          | -/-  | -/-   | -/-   | -/-   | -/- | -/-   |
| Justyn Hartley       | -/-  | -/-   | -/-   | -/-   | 3/0 | 3/0   |
| Lance Heard*         | -/-  | 12/1  | 11/11 | 13/13 | 3/3 | 39/28 |
| Mason Howard         | -/-  | -/-   | -/-   | -/-   | -/- | -/-   |
| Saxton Howard        | -/-  | -/-   | -/-   | -/-   | -/- | -/-   |
| M. Humphrey-Grace*   | 3/0  | 13/1  | 14/13 | 12/12 | 3/3 | 45/29 |
| Isaiah Jackson       | -/-  | -/-   | -/-   | -/-   | -/- | -/-   |
| Prince Jean          | -/-  | -/-   | -/-   | -/-   | 3/0 | 3/0   |
| Hayes Johnson        | -/-  | -/-   | 1/0   | 12/0  | 3/0 | 16/0  |
| Cameron Jones*       | -/-  | -/-   | 1/0   | 1/0   | 1/0 | 3/0   |
| Justin Kattus        | -/-  | -/-   | -/-   | 1/0   | 1/0 | 2/0   |
| Jacob Kauwe          | -/-  | -/-   | 1/0   | 12/0  | 0/0 | 13/0  |
| Jordan Knox*         | -/-  | 10/3  | -/-   | -/-   | 3/1 | 13/4  |

| Name               | '22 | '23  | '24   | '25   | '26 | TOTAL |
|--------------------|-----|------|-------|-------|-----|-------|
| Spencer Leadbetter | -/- | -/-  | 2/0   | 1/0   | 1/0 | 4/0   |
| Jacqai Long*       | -/- | -/-  | -/-   | 5/1   | -/- | 5/1   |
| Mark Manfred III*  | -/- | -/-  | -/-   | 1/0   | -/- | 1/0   |
| Cole Marszalek*    | -/- | 1/-  | 13/0  | 14/0  | 3/0 | 31/0  |
| Davis McCray       | -/- | -/-  | -/-   | -/-   | -/- | -/-   |
| Isaiah McMillian   | -/- | -/-  | -/-   | -/-   | 3/2 | 3/2   |
| Ryan Meeker        | -/- | -/-  | -/-   | -/-   | -/- | -/-   |
| Tino Merlo         | -/- | -/-  | -/-   | -/-   | -/- | -/-   |
| Cameron Miller Jr. | -/- | -/-  | -/-   | -/-   | -/- | -/-   |
| DJ Miller          | -/- | -/-  | -/-   | 7/3   | 3/3 | 10/6  |
| Kenny Minchey*     | -/- | 3/0  | 1/0   | 6/0   | 3/3 | 13/3  |
| Tovani Mizell      | -/- | -/-  | 1/0   | 3/0   | -/- | 4/0   |
| Ben Myers          | -/- | -/-  | -/-   | -/-   | -/- | -/-   |
| Terhyon Nichols    | -/- | -/-  | 8/0   | 7/6   | 1/1 | 16/7  |
| Quintavion Norman  | -/- | -/-  | 2/0   | 1/0   | 1/0 | 4/0   |
| Matthew Obermeier  | -/- | -/-  | -/-   | -/-   | -/- | -/-   |
| Thomas O'Hara*     | -/- | -/-  | 12/0  | 12/0  | 3/0 | 27/0  |
| Jason Patterson    | -/- | -/-  | 4/0   | 12/0  | 3/0 | 19/0  |
| Matt Ponatoski     | -/- | -/-  | -/-   | -/-   | -/- | -/-   |
| Coleton Price*     | -/- | 8/6  | 13/13 | 11/11 | 3/3 | 35/33 |
| Andrew Purcell     | -/- | -/-  | -/-   | 2/0   | 1/0 | 3/0   |
| Spencer Radnoti*   | -/- | -/-  | -/-   | 12/0  | 3/0 | 15/0  |
| Ben Reeves         | -/- | -/-  | -/-   | -/-   | -/- | -/-   |
| Cyrus Reyes*       | -/- | -/-  | 12/0  | 13/0  | 3/0 | 28/0  |
| Brian Robinson     | -/- | -/-  | 2/0   | -/-   | 3/0 | 5/0   |
| Mark Robinson III* | -/- | -/-  | -/-   | 12/12 | 1/0 | 13/12 |
| Willie Rodriguez   | -/- | -/-  | 12/3  | 12/7  | 3/3 | 27/13 |
| Aba Selm           | -/- | -/-  | 2/0   | 1/0   | -/- | 3/0   |
| Mikkel Skinner     | -/- | -/-  | -/-   | 4/0   | 3/0 | 7/0   |
| Ahmir Smith*       | -/- | -/-  | 1/0   | -/-   | 1/0 | 2/0   |
| Antwan Smith       | -/- | -/-  | 7/0   | 12/0  | 3/0 | 22/0  |
| Devin Smith        | -/- | -/-  | -/-   | 5/0   | 1/0 | 6/0   |
| Jaden Smith        | -/- | -/-  | 4/0   | 6/0   | 3/0 | 13/0  |
| Hasaan Sykes*      | -/- | -/-  | 9/0   | 11/11 | 2/2 | 22/13 |
| Nelson Tambling    | -/- | -/-  | -/-   | -/-   | -/- | -/-   |
| Kevis Thomas*      | -/- | 6/0  | 8/6   | 12/0  | 3/0 | 29/6  |
| Tyler Thomas*      | -/- | 4/0  | 13/0  | 11/4  | 3/0 | 31/4  |
| Hank Timon         | -/- | -/-  | -/-   | -/-   | 1/0 | 1/0   |
| Tegra Tshabola*    | 4/0 | 10/0 | 16/16 | 13/13 | 3/3 | 46/32 |
| Braxton Urquhart   | -/- | -/-  | -/-   | -/-   | -/- | -/-   |
| Tavion Wallace*    | -/- | -/-  | -/-   | 9/0   | 3/0 | 12/-  |
| Brennan Ward       | -/- | -/-  | -/-   | 1/0   | -/- | 1/0   |
| Lincoln Watkins    | -/- | -/-  | -/-   | -/-   | -/- | -/-   |
| Andrew Weber       | -/- | -/-  | -/-   | -/-   | 3/0 | 3/0   |
| Jack Wheeler       | -/- | -/-  | -/-   | -/-   | -/- | -/-   |
| Dyllon Williams    | -/- | -/-  | -/-   | 3/0   | 2/0 | 5/0   |
| Jaden Williams*    | 3/0 | 5/0  | 12/1  | 9/0   | 3/2 | 32/3  |
| Dominic Wiseman*   | -/- | -/-  | -/-   | 11/0  | 2/0 | 13/0  |
| Callum Wither      | -/- | -/-  | -/-   | -/-   | 1/0 | 1/0   |
| Malachi Wood       | -/- | 1/0  | 11/5  | 10/0  | 2/2 | 24/7  |
| CJ Works           | -/- | -/-  | -/-   | 12/0  | 3/3 | 15/3  |
| Tyler Wright       | -/- | -/-  | -/-   | -/-   | -/- | -/-   |
| Adam Zouagui*      | -/- | 11/0 | 11/0  | 13/0  | 3/0 | 38/0  |

\*includes stats prior to Kentucky (appearances/starts)

^ includes two games played in 2021

| Game | Plays/Yards | Qtr./Clock | Res. | Scoring Play                     |
|------|-------------|------------|------|----------------------------------|
| YSU  | 7/75        | 1/3:31     | TD   | Baxter 15 yd rush                |
| YSU  | 7/60        | 1/3:35     | TD   | Baxter 5 yd rush                 |
| YSU  | 7/59        | 1/4:02     | TD   | Skinner 10 yd pass from Minchey  |
| YSU  | 5/28        | 2/2:10     | TD   | Rodriguez 2 yd pass from Minchey |
| YSU  | 9/75        | 3/3:25     | TD   | Jean 26 yd pass from Minchey     |
| YSU  | 3/60        | 4/1:13     | TD   | Darby 37 yd pass from Minchey    |
| YSU  | 11/66       | 4:5:19     | FG   | Zouagui 28 yd field goal         |
| ALA  | -           | 1/10:15    | TD   | Humphrey-Grace 2 yd INT return   |
| ALA  | 13/83       | 2/14:56    | TD   | Boyer 20 yd pass from Minchey    |
| ALA  | 9/33        | 2/0:02     | FG   | Zouagi 39 yd field goal          |
| TAMU | 6/75        | 2/1:59     | TD   | Boyer 3 yd pass from Minchey     |
| TAMU | 7/75        | 3/11:07    | TD   | Darby 42 yd pass from Minchey    |
| TAMU | 9/83        | 3/3:55     | TD   | Baxter Jr. 3 yd rush             |
| TAMU | 4/33        | 3/0:16     | TD   | Baxter Jr. 2 yd rush             |
| TAMU | 6/41        | 4/3:15     | FG   | Zouagi 52 yd field goal          |

|                   | KENTUCKY |          | OPPONENT |         |
|-------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------|
| Game              | Res/Pts  | Yds      | Res/Pts  | Yds     |
| YOUNGSTOWN        | TD/7     | 75       | PUNT/0   | 8       |
| ALABAMA           | PUNT/0   | 31       | INT/0    | -12     |
| at Texas A&M      | PUNT/0   | 19       | DOWNS/0  | 76      |
| SOUTH ALABAMA     |          |          |          |         |
| at South Carolina |          |          |          |         |
| LSU               |          |          |          |         |
| at Oklahoma       |          |          |          |         |
| VANDERBILT        |          |          |          |         |
| at Tennessee      |          |          |          |         |
| FLORIDA           |          |          |          |         |
| at Missouri       |          |          |          |         |
| LOUISVILLE        |          |          |          |         |
| Total/Avg         | 7/2.3    | 125/41.7 | 0/0.0    | 72/24.0 |

|                   | KENTUCKY |          | OPPONENT |       |
|-------------------|----------|----------|----------|-------|
| Game              | Res/Pts  | Yds      | Res/Pts  | Yds   |
| YOUNGSTOWN        | TD/7     | 75       | PUNT/0   | -3    |
| ALABAMA           | PUNT/0   | 13       | PUNT/0   | 1     |
| at Texas A&M      | TD/7     | 75       | PUNT/0   | 8     |
| SOUTH ALABAMA     |          |          |          |       |
| at South Carolina |          |          |          |       |
| LSU               |          |          |          |       |
| at Oklahoma       |          |          |          |       |
| VANDERBILT        |          |          |          |       |
| at Tennessee      |          |          |          |       |
| FLORIDA           |          |          |          |       |
| at Missouri       |          |          |          |       |
| LOUISVILLE        |          |          |          |       |
| Total/Avg         | 14/4.7   | 163/54.3 | 0/0.0    | 6/2.0 |

| Game              | Total Drive | TD | FG | MFG | P | TO | 4DN |
|-------------------|-------------|----|----|-----|---|----|-----|
| YOUNGSTOWN        | 11          | 6  | 1  | 0   | 2 | 0  | 0   |
| ALABAMA           | 12          | 1  | 1  | 0   | 5 | 3  | 2   |
| at Texas A&M      | 11          | 4  | 1  | 1   | 3 | 0  | 0   |
| SOUTH ALABAMA     |             |    |    |     |   |    |     |
| at South Carolina |             |    |    |     |   |    |     |
| LSU               |             |    |    |     |   |    |     |
| at Oklahoma       |             |    |    |     |   |    |     |
| VANDERBILT        |             |    |    |     |   |    |     |
| at Tennessee      |             |    |    |     |   |    |     |
| FLORIDA           |             |    |    |     |   |    |     |
| at Missouri       |             |    |    |     |   |    |     |
| LOUISVILLE        |             |    |    |     |   |    |     |
| Totals            |             |    |    |     |   |    |     |

| Yds          | TD        |
|--------------|-----------|
| 0-9          | 0         |
| 10-19        | 0         |
| 20-29        | 1         |
| 30-39        | 1         |
| 40-49        | 0         |
| 50-59        | 1         |
| 60-69        | 2         |
| 70-79        | 4         |
| 80-89        | 2         |
| 90-99        | 0         |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>11</b> |



## 2026 GAME NOTES

### 2026 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    | 24          | 29:52              | 34-205-2            | 18-27-0-301-4                | 61-506-6                     | 3-8                  | 1-0          |
| Youngstown State  | 13    | 20          | 30:08              | 28-59-1             | 24-38-0-246-1                | 66-305-2                     | 8-15                 | 2-1          |
| KENTUCKY          | 17    | 14          | 27:46              | 32-63-0             | 18-32-1-146-1                | 64-29-1                      | 1-14                 | 4-2          |
| Alabama           | 45    | 21          | 32:14              | 40-155-3            | 16-23-2-188-1                | 63-343-4                     | 5-11                 | 2-1          |
| KENTUCKY          | 31    | 18          | 29:35              | 36-156-2            | 14-18-0-252-2                | 54-408-4                     | 3-9                  | 0-0          |
| at Texas A&M      | 21    | 23          | 30:25              | 35-187-2            | 26-49-2-236-1                | 84-423-3                     | 9-17                 | 1-0          |
| KENTUCKY          |       |             |                    |                     |                              |                              |                      |              |
| South Alabama     |       |             |                    |                     |                              |                              |                      |              |
| KENTUCKY          |       |             |                    |                     |                              |                              |                      |              |
| at South Carolina |       |             |                    |                     |                              |                              |                      |              |
| KENTUCKY          |       |             |                    |                     |                              |                              |                      |              |
| LSU               |       |             |                    |                     |                              |                              |                      |              |
| KENTUCKY          |       |             |                    |                     |                              |                              |                      |              |
| at Oklahoma       |       |             |                    |                     |                              |                              |                      |              |
| KENTUCKY          |       |             |                    |                     |                              |                              |                      |              |
| Vanderbilt        |       |             |                    |                     |                              |                              |                      |              |
| KENTUCKY          |       |             |                    |                     |                              |                              |                      |              |
| at Tennessee      |       |             |                    |                     |                              |                              |                      |              |
| KENTUCKY          |       |             |                    |                     |                              |                              |                      |              |
| Florida           |       |             |                    |                     |                              |                              |                      |              |
| KENTUCKY          |       |             |                    |                     |                              |                              |                      |              |
| at Missouri       |       |             |                    |                     |                              |                              |                      |              |
| KENTUCKY          |       |             |                    |                     |                              |                              |                      |              |
| Louisville        |       |             |                    |                     |                              |                              |                      |              |

### GAME-BY GAME RUSHING

| (No-Yds-TD)       | Barnes   | Baxter Jr. | Boyer | Carter Jr. | Darby | Minchey   | Patterson | Skinner | A. Smith | Wither |
|-------------------|----------|------------|-------|------------|-------|-----------|-----------|---------|----------|--------|
| YOUNGSTOWN        | DNP      | 9-48-2     | 0-0-0 | 5-37-0     | 1-9-0 | 1-17-0    | 11-78-0   | 1-3-0   | 2-13-0   | 1-3-0  |
| ALABAMA           | 3-(-2)-0 | 11-29-0    | 1-2-0 | DNP        | 0-0-0 | 6-(-19)-0 | 11-53-0   | 0-0-0   | DNP      | DNP    |
| at Texas A&M      | DNP      | 19-87-2    | 0-0-0 | DNP        | 0-0-0 | 7-(-2)-0  | 6-58-0    | 2-14-0  | DNP      | DNP    |
| SOUTH ALABAMA     |          |            |       |            |       |           |           |         |          |        |
| at South Carolina |          |            |       |            |       |           |           |         |          |        |
| LSU               |          |            |       |            |       |           |           |         |          |        |
| at Oklahoma       |          |            |       |            |       |           |           |         |          |        |
| VANDERBILT        |          |            |       |            |       |           |           |         |          |        |
| at Tennessee      |          |            |       |            |       |           |           |         |          |        |
| FLORIDA           |          |            |       |            |       |           |           |         |          |        |
| at Missouri       |          |            |       |            |       |           |           |         |          |        |
| LOUISVILLE        |          |            |       |            |       |           |           |         |          |        |

### GAME-BY GAME RECEIVING

| (Rec-Yds-TD)      | Anderson | Barnes | Baxter | Boyer  | Coffman | Darby  | Ferguson | Miller | Jean   | Patterson | Rodriguez | Skinner |
|-------------------|----------|--------|--------|--------|---------|--------|----------|--------|--------|-----------|-----------|---------|
| YOUNGSTOWN        | 1-4-0    | DNP    | 0-0-0  | 1-31-0 | 1-38-0  | 3-74-1 | 1-2-0    | 0-0-0  | 2-27-0 | 1-16-0    | 4-48-1    | 4-61-1  |
| ALABAMA           | 1-13-0   | 1-4-0  | 2-15-0 | 1-20-1 | 0-0-0   | 5-45-0 | 0-0-0    | 0-0-0  | 0-0-0  | 0-0-0     | 8-49-0    | 0-0-0   |
| at Texas A&M      | 0-0-0    | DNP    | 0-0-0  | 2-35-1 | 0-0-0   | 2-64-1 | 0-0-0    | 5-96-0 | 0-0-0  | 0-0-0     | 3-22-0    | 1-7-0   |
| SOUTH ALABAMA     |          |        |        |        |         |        |          |        |        |           |           |         |
| at South Carolina |          |        |        |        |         |        |          |        |        |           |           |         |
| LSU               |          |        |        |        |         |        |          |        |        |           |           |         |
| at Oklahoma       |          |        |        |        |         |        |          |        |        |           |           |         |
| VANDERBILT        |          |        |        |        |         |        |          |        |        |           |           |         |
| at Tennessee      |          |        |        |        |         |        |          |        |        |           |           |         |
| FLORIDA           |          |        |        |        |         |        |          |        |        |           |           |         |
| at Missouri       |          |        |        |        |         |        |          |        |        |           |           |         |
| LOUISVILLE        |          |        |        |        |         |        |          |        |        |           |           |         |



## GAME-BY-GAME PASSING

| (Cmp-Att-Int-Yds-TD) | Minchey       | Wither    |
|----------------------|---------------|-----------|
| YOUNGSTOWN           | 18-27-0-301-4 | 0-0-0-0-0 |
| ALABAMA              | 18-31-1-146-1 | DNP       |
| at Texas A&M         | 14-18-0-252-2 | DNP       |
| SOUTH ALABAMA        |               |           |
| at South Carolina    |               |           |
| LSU                  |               |           |
| at Oklahoma          |               |           |
| VANDERBILT           |               |           |
| at Tennessee         |               |           |
| FLORIDA              |               |           |
| at Missouri          |               |           |
| LOUISVILLE           |               |           |

## GAME-BY-GAME PUNTING

| (No-Yds-Avg-LG-In20) | O'Hara          |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| YOUNGSTOWN           | 2-84-42.0-45-1  |
| ALABAMA              | 5-204-40.8-46-0 |
| at Texas A&M         | 3-128-42.7-45-1 |
| SOUTH ALABAMA        |                 |
| at South Carolina    |                 |
| LSU                  |                 |
| at Oklahoma          |                 |
| VANDERBILT           |                 |
| at Tennessee         |                 |
| FLORIDA              |                 |
| at Missouri          |                 |
| LOUISVILLE           |                 |

## GAME-BY-GAME FG

| FG Made (Miss)    | Zouagui |
|-------------------|---------|
| YOUNGSTOWN        | 1 (0)   |
| ALABAMA           | 1 (0)   |
| at Texas A&M      | 1 (1)   |
| SOUTH ALABAMA     |         |
| at South Carolina |         |
| LSU               |         |
| at Oklahoma       |         |
| VANDERBILT        |         |
| at Tennessee      |         |
| FLORIDA           |         |
| at Missouri       |         |
| LOUISVILLE        |         |

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

| Game              | Breaux | Cowan | Duncam | K. Edwards | Gadson    | Humphrey-Grace | Thomas | J. Williams | Works    |
|-------------------|--------|-------|--------|------------|-----------|----------------|--------|-------------|----------|
| YOUNGSTOWN        | 1-1-1  | 0-0-0 | 0-0-0  | 1-0-0      | 0-0-0     | 2-0-0          | 1-0-0  | 1-0-0       | 2-0-0    |
| ALABAMA           | 0-0-0  | 2-0-0 | 0-0-0  | 0-0-0      | 5-2.0-1.5 | 4-1.5-1-INT-FF | 0-0-0  | 2-1-0       | 1-0-0-FR |
| at Texas A&M      | 2-0-0  | 1-0-0 | DNP    | 1-0.5-0    | 4-0.5-0   | 4-0-0          | 1-0-0  | 4-0-0       | 0-0-0    |
| SOUTH ALABAMA     |        |       |        |            |           |                |        |             |          |
| at South Carolina |        |       |        |            |           |                |        |             |          |
| LSU               |        |       |        |            |           |                |        |             |          |
| at Oklahoma       |        |       |        |            |           |                |        |             |          |
| VANDERBILT        |        |       |        |            |           |                |        |             |          |
| at Tennessee      |        |       |        |            |           |                |        |             |          |
| FLORIDA           |        |       |        |            |           |                |        |             |          |
| at Missouri       |        |       |        |            |           |                |        |             |          |
| LOUISVILLE        |        |       |        |            |           |                |        |             |          |

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

| Game              | Afari Jr. | Barnes  | Godfrey    | Greene        | A. Smith | D. Smith | Wallace | D. Williams |
|-------------------|-----------|---------|------------|---------------|----------|----------|---------|-------------|
| YOUNGSTOWN        | 0-0-0-0   | 7-0-0-1 | 7-0-0-0    | 2-0-0-0       | 1-0-0-0  | 1-1-1-0  | 4-0-0-0 | 0-0-0-0     |
| ALABAMA           | 0-0-0-0   | 3-0-0-0 | 1-1-1-0    | 2-0-0-1       | 1-0-0-0  | DNP      | 1-0-0-0 | 2-0-0-0     |
| at Texas A&M      | 2-0-0-1   | 8-0-0-0 | 11-0.5-0-1 | 6-0.5-0-0-INT | 0-0-0    | DNP      | 0-0-0   | DNP         |
| SOUTH ALABAMA     |           |         |            |               |          |          |         |             |
| at South Carolina |           |         |            |               |          |          |         |             |
| LSU               |           |         |            |               |          |          |         |             |
| at Oklahoma       |           |         |            |               |          |          |         |             |
| VANDERBILT        |           |         |            |               |          |          |         |             |
| at Tennessee      |           |         |            |               |          |          |         |             |
| FLORIDA           |           |         |            |               |          |          |         |             |
| at Missouri       |           |         |            |               |          |          |         |             |
| LOUISVILLE        |           |         |            |               |          |          |         |             |

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

| Game              | Addison | Bryant | Castell | Gardner | Grayton | Gates | McMillian | Nichols | Reyes | J. Smith | Sykes | Thomas |
|-------------------|---------|--------|---------|---------|---------|-------|-----------|---------|-------|----------|-------|--------|
| YOUNGSTOWN        | 2-0-0   | 5-0-0  | 7-0-0   | 0-0-0   | 5-0-0   | 0-0-0 | 7-1-0     | DNP     | 4-1-0 | 1-0-0    | DNP   | 0-0-0  |
| ALABAMA           | DNP     | 10-0-0 | 9-0-1   | 2-0-0   | 0-0-0   | 5-0-0 | 3-0-0     | DNP     | 0-0-0 | 0-0-0    | 6-0-0 | 1-0-0  |
| at Texas A&M      | DNP     | 10-1-0 | 13-1-1  | 0-0-0   | DNP     | 1-0-0 | 1-1-0     | 2-1-0   | 2-0-0 | 0-0-0    | 7-1-0 | 0-0-0  |
| SOUTH ALABAMA     |         |        |         |         |         |       |           |         |       |          |       |        |
| at South Carolina |         |        |         |         |         |       |           |         |       |          |       |        |
| LSU               |         |        |         |         |         |       |           |         |       |          |       |        |
| at Oklahoma       |         |        |         |         |         |       |           |         |       |          |       |        |
| VANDERBILT        |         |        |         |         |         |       |           |         |       |          |       |        |
| at Tennessee      |         |        |         |         |         |       |           |         |       |          |       |        |
| FLORIDA           |         |        |         |         |         |       |           |         |       |          |       |        |
| at Missouri       |         |        |         |         |         |       |           |         |       |          |       |        |
| LOUISVILLE        |         |        |         |         |         |       |           |         |       |          |       |        |



## 2026 GAME NOTES

### TURNOVERS

| Opponent          | FORCED BY KENTUCKY |     |     |        | FORCED BY OPPONENT |     |     |             |
|-------------------|--------------------|-----|-----|--------|--------------------|-----|-----|-------------|
|                   | Fum                | Int | Tot | Margin | Fum                | Int | Tot | Opp Pts Off |
| YOUNGSTOWN        | 0                  | 0   | 1   | +1     | 0                  | 0   | 0   | 0           |
| ALABAMA           | 1                  | 2   | 3   | 0      | 2                  | 1   | 3   | 14          |
| at Texas A&M      | 0                  | 2   | 2   | +2     | 0                  | 0   | 0   | 0           |
| SOUTH ALABAMA     |                    |     |     |        |                    |     |     |             |
| at South Carolina |                    |     |     |        |                    |     |     |             |
| LSU               |                    |     |     |        |                    |     |     |             |
| at Oklahoma       |                    |     |     |        |                    |     |     |             |
| VANDERBILT        |                    |     |     |        |                    |     |     |             |
| at Tennessee      |                    |     |     |        |                    |     |     |             |
| FLORIDA           |                    |     |     |        |                    |     |     |             |
| at Missouri       |                    |     |     |        |                    |     |     |             |
| LOUISVILLE        |                    |     |     |        |                    |     |     |             |
| TOTALS            |                    |     |     |        |                    |     |     |             |

### KENTUCKY BIG PLAYS

| Opponent          | RUSHING |     |     |     |     | PASSING |     |     |     | SPECIAL TEAMS |               |
|-------------------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|---------|-----|-----|-----|---------------|---------------|
|                   | 15+     | 20+ | 30+ | 40+ | 50+ | 20+     | 30+ | 40+ | 50+ | Block         | Return for TD |
| YOUNGSTOWN        | 3       | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 3       | 4   | 0   | 0   | 0             | 0             |
| ALABAMA           | 0       | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 2       | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0             | 0             |
| at Texas A&M      | 2       | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 2       | 1   | 1   | 1   | 0             | 0             |
| SOUTH ALABAMA     |         |     |     |     |     |         |     |     |     |               |               |
| at South Carolina |         |     |     |     |     |         |     |     |     |               |               |
| LSU               |         |     |     |     |     |         |     |     |     |               |               |
| at Oklahoma       |         |     |     |     |     |         |     |     |     |               |               |
| VANDERBILT        |         |     |     |     |     |         |     |     |     |               |               |
| at Tennessee      |         |     |     |     |     |         |     |     |     |               |               |
| FLORIDA           |         |     |     |     |     |         |     |     |     |               |               |
| at Missouri       |         |     |     |     |     |         |     |     |     |               |               |
| LOUISVILLE        |         |     |     |     |     |         |     |     |     |               |               |
| TOTALS            |         |     |     |     |     |         |     |     |     |               |               |

### OPPONENT BIG PLAYS

| Opponent          | RUSHING |     |     |     |     | PASSING |     |     |     | SPECIAL TEAMS |               |
|-------------------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|---------|-----|-----|-----|---------------|---------------|
|                   | 15+     | 20+ | 30+ | 40+ | 50+ | 20+     | 30+ | 40+ | 50+ | Block         | Return for TD |
| YOUNGSTOWN        | 0       | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 2       | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0             | 0             |
| ALABAMA           | 2       | 1   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 3       | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0             | 1             |
| at Texas A&M      | 1       | 0   | 0   | 1   | 0   | 2       | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0             | 0             |
| SOUTH ALABAMA     |         |     |     |     |     |         |     |     |     |               |               |
| at South Carolina |         |     |     |     |     |         |     |     |     |               |               |
| LSU               |         |     |     |     |     |         |     |     |     |               |               |
| at Oklahoma       |         |     |     |     |     |         |     |     |     |               |               |
| VANDERBILT        |         |     |     |     |     |         |     |     |     |               |               |
| at Tennessee      |         |     |     |     |     |         |     |     |     |               |               |
| FLORIDA           |         |     |     |     |     |         |     |     |     |               |               |
| at Missouri       |         |     |     |     |     |         |     |     |     |               |               |
| LOUISVILLE        |         |     |     |     |     |         |     |     |     |               |               |
| TOTALS            |         |     |     |     |     |         |     |     |     |               |               |

### DRIVE CHART STATISTICS

| Opponent          | No. | Avg Plays | Avg Yds | For TD | Avg Plays | Avg Yds |
|-------------------|-----|-----------|---------|--------|-----------|---------|
| YOUNGSTOWN        | 11  | 5.6       | 43.4    | 6      | 6.3       | 59.5    |
| ALABAMA           | 12  | 5.3       | 17.4    | 1      | 13.0      | 83.0    |
| at Texas A&M      | 10  | 5.0       | 42.3    | 3      | 11.3      | 64.0    |
| SOUTH ALABAMA     |     |           |         |        |           |         |
| at South Carolina |     |           |         |        |           |         |
| LSU               |     |           |         |        |           |         |
| at Oklahoma       |     |           |         |        |           |         |
| VANDERBILT        |     |           |         |        |           |         |
| at Tennessee      |     |           |         |        |           |         |
| FLORIDA           |     |           |         |        |           |         |
| at Missouri       |     |           |         |        |           |         |
| LOUISVILLE        |     |           |         |        |           |         |



## 2026 EXPLOSIVE PLAYS

**RUNS 15+****Baxter Jr.**

16 yards (at Texas A&M)  
 15 yards (at Texas A&M)  
 15 yards\* (vs. Youngstown State)  
 3 rush, 46 yards, 15.3 avg., 1 TD

**Carter**

15 yards (vs. Youngstown State)  
 1 rush, 15 yards, 15.0 avg., 0 TD

**Patterson**

22 yards (at Texas A&M)  
 22 yards (vs. Youngstown State)  
 2 rush, 44 yards, 22.0 avg., 0 TD

**Minchey**

17 yards (vs. Youngstown State)  
 1 rush, 17 yards, 17.0 avg., 0 TD

**Total: 7 rush, 69 yards, 17.4 avg., 1 TD**

**RECEIVING 20+****Baxter**

28 yards (at Texas A&M)  
 1 rec., 28 yards, 28.0 avg., 0 TD

**Boyer**

32 yards (at Texas A&M)  
 20 yards\* (vs. Alabama)  
 31 yards (vs. Youngstown State)  
 3 rec., 83 yards, 27.7 avg., 1 TD

**Coffman**

38 yards (vs. Youngstown State)  
 1 rec., 38 yards, 38.0 avg., 0 TD

**Darby**

42 yards\* (at Texas A&M)  
 22 yards (at Texas A&M)  
 24 yards (vs. Alabama)  
 33 yards (vs. Youngstown State)  
 37 yards\* (vs. Youngstown State)  
 5 rec., 158 yards, 31.6 avg., 2 TD

**Jean**

26 yards\* (vs. Youngstown State)  
 1 rec., 26 yards, 26.0 avg., 1 TD

**Miller**

53 yards (at Texas A&M)  
 1 rec., 53 yards, 53.0 avg., 0 TD

**Rodriguez**

20 yards (vs. Youngstown State)  
 1 rec., 20 yards, 20.0 avg., 0 TD

**Skinner**

28 yards (vs. Youngstown State)  
 1 rec., 28 yards, 28.0 avg., 0 TD

**Total: 14 rec. for 434 yards, 31.0 avg., 4 TD**

**KICK RETURNS 30+**

Total: 0 returns, 0 yards, 0.0 avg. 0 TD

**PUNT RETURNS 20+**

Total: 0 return, 0 yards, 0.0 avg., 0 TD

**DEFENSIVE RETURNS 20+ or TD**

INT, 2-yard TD (Humphrey-Grace vs. Alabama)

Total: 0 returns, 0 yards, 0.0 avg., 0 TD  
 (For TD: 1 return, 2 yards, 2.0 avg., 1 TD)

**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              | 0         | 0        |
| 50-59              | 1         | 0        |
| 40-49              | 1         | 1        |
| 30-39              | 5         | 1        |
| 20-29              | 9         | 2        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>       | <b>16</b> | <b>4</b> |

| 20+ Plays By Type  | No.       | TD       |
|--------------------|-----------|----------|
| Rushing            | 2         | 0        |
| Passing            | 14        | 4        |
| Punt returns       | 0         | 0        |
| Kick returns (30+) | 0         | 0        |
| Interceptions      | 0         | 0        |
| Fumble returns     | 0         | 0        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>       | <b>16</b> | <b>4</b> |

**OPPONENT BIG PLAYS**

Total:

Run (15+) 6 for 152 yds  
 Receiving (20+) 9 for 230 yds  
 Kick Returns (30+) 0 for 0 yds  
 Punt Returns (20+) 0 for 0 yds  
 Defensive Returns (20+) 1 for 34 yds, 1 TD

**TOTAL: 16 for 416 yards (26.0 avg.), 1 TD**

## 2026 GAME REVIEWS

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### KENTUCKY 45, YOUNGSTOWN STATE 13

SEPT. 5, 2026 • LEXINGTON, KY.  
KROGER FIELD (60,166)



Quarterback Kenny Minchey connected on 18 of 27 through the air for 301 yards and four touchdowns as Kentucky opened its season with a 45-13 win over Youngstown State at Kroger Field.

The win was the first as a head coach for new UK mentor Will Stein.

Minchey's four touchdown passes went to four different players. Mikkel Skinner caught four passes for 61 yards and a score, while fellow tight end Willie Rodriguez also caught four passes, amassing 48 yards and a touchdown.

Freshman Kenny Darby led the Cats with 78 receiving yards, including a touchdown, while fellow freshman Prince Jean caught two passes for 27 yards and a score.

Kentucky (1-0) rushed for 191 yards, led by Jason Patterson, who had 78 yards on the ground. C.J. Baxter had nine carries for 48 yards and a pair of touchdowns.

Kentucky received the opening kickoff and the Cats quickly earned a pair of first downs, including on a 33-yard completion from Minchey to freshman Darby. Minchey connected with Rodriguez for a 12-yard gain to get UK into the red zone. Baxter would score on a 15-yard run for the first points of the season for the Cats. Adam Zouagui added the point after and Kentucky led 7-0 with 11:29 to play in the first quarter.

On defense, UK forced a three-and-out on the first YSU possession, and the Penguins punted the ball back to the Cats, who took over at their own 40 with 10:00 still to play in the first quarter.

The ensuing drive saw Baxter rush for 10 yards, followed by a 20-yard connection between Minchey and Rodriguez. Minchey found Rodriguez for 14 more yards, then Baxter rushed seven yards to get the Cats to the YSU five yard line. On the next play, Baxter scored on a five-yard run and Zouagui added the PAT to give UK a 14-0 lead with 6:25 remaining in the first period.

Youngstown State put together a solid drive on its next possession, getting into UK territory. However, the Penguins went for it on fourth down but the pass attempt was incomplete and the Cats took possession as the quarter neared an end. UK led 14-0 after one quarter.

As the second quarter started, the Cats crossed midfield. Minchey found Patterson for a 16-yard gain. Later in the drive, Minchey hit tight end Skinner in the flat, and Skinner did the rest, scoring a 10-yard touchdown. Zouagui made the extra point and the Cats led 21-0 with 11:30 left in the first half.

YSU would drive into Kentucky territory again on its next possession. However, the drive stalled and the Penguins punted the ball back to the Cats, who would take over at their own 20 with 5:03 to play in the half.

Kentucky was unable to do anything with its ensuing possession. The Cats punted, but YSU muffed the point and Ty Bryant recovered the football at the Youngstown State 28 yard line. On the next play, Patterson scampered for 22 yards. Four plays later, on fourth-and-goal, Minchey found Rodriguez for a two-yard touchdown. Zouagui made another PAT and Kentucky led 28-0 with 1:51 left in the half.

Youngstown State would get on the board late in the half when quarterback Beau Brungard found wide receiver Lynn Wyche-El for a six-yard touchdown. Andrew Lastovka made the point after and UK's lead was cut to 28-7 with 20 seconds left in the half. That would be the halftime score.

The Penguins got the ball to start the second half. YSU made one first down, but a holding penalty slowed their drive and they eventually punted and Kentucky took over at its own 25 with 11:44 to play in the third quarter.

Kentucky would make the most of its initial possession of the third quarter. UK drove 75 yards in nine plays, ending with a touchdown pass from Minchey to Jean covering 26 yards. It was the first career reception for Jean. Zouagui added the point after and Kentucky led 35-7 with 8:19 to play in the third quarter.

Youngstown State answered with a touchdown drive of its own. The Penguins marched 75 yards in nine plays, ending with a nine-yard score from Jaden Gilbert. The PAT was no good and Kentucky led 35-13 with 3:41 left in the third period.

On the first play of Kentucky's next drive, Minchey found tight end Henry Boyer for a 31-yard completion and the Cats went into YSU territory. However, a personal foul penalty foiled the drive and UK was forced to punt. Thomas O'Hara pinned Youngstown State at its own three yard line with 1:26 left in the third quarter.

Early in the fourth quarter, YSU punted and Kentucky took over at its own 40 with 14:01 to play. The Cats quickly converted on the opportunity, going 60 yards in just three plays, ending with a 37-yard touchdown pass from Minchey to Darby, the

freshman's first career touchdown. Zouagui added the point after and Kentucky led 42-13 with 12:48 remaining.

Youngstown State's next drive would make its way into UK territory, but the Cats came up with their second fourth-down stop of the game and Kentucky took over at its own 24 with 10:48 to play.

Kentucky added points later in the fourth quarter when Zouagui converted a 28-yard field goal to make it 45-13 with 5:29 remaining.

#### SCORING SUMMARY

|                  |    |    |   |    |   |    |
|------------------|----|----|---|----|---|----|
| Youngstown State | 0  | 7  | 6 | 0  | - | 13 |
| Kentucky         | 14 | 14 | 7 | 10 | - | 45 |

1st 11:29 UK - #1 C.Baxter 15 yd rush (#88 A.Zouagui kick), 7-75, 03:31 0-7  
1st 06:25 UK - #1 C.Baxter 5 yd rush (#88 A.Zouagui kick), 7-60, 03:35 0-14  
2nd 11:30 UK - #8 M.Skinner 10 yd pass from #3 K.Minchey (#88 A.Zouagui kick), 7-59, 04:02 0-21  
2nd 01:51 UK - #81 W.Rodriguez 2 yd pass from #3 K.Minchey (#88 A.Zouagui kick), 5-28, 02:10 0-28  
2nd 00:20 YSU - #1 L.Wyche-El 6 yd pass from #12 B.Brungard (#24 A.Lastovka kick), 12-75, 01:31 7-28  
3rd 08:19 UK - #83 P.Jean 26 yd pass from #3 K.Minchey (#88 A.Zouagui kick), 9-75, 03:25 7-35  
3rd 03:41 YSU - #7 J.Gilbert 9 yd rush (#24 A.Lastovka kick missed), 9-75, 04:38 13-35  
4th 12:48 UK - #19 K.Darby 37 yd pass from #3 K.Minchey (#88 A.Zouagui kick), 3-60, 01:13 13-42  
4th 05:29 UK - #88 A.Zouagui 28 yd FG, 11-66, 05:19 13-45

#### TEAM STATISTICS

|                    | PENGUINS | CATS    |
|--------------------|----------|---------|
| First Downs        | 20       | 24      |
| Rush Att./Net Rush | 28/59    | 34/205  |
| Passing C/A/I      | 24/38/0  | 18/27/0 |
| Offensive Plays    | 66       | 61      |
| Total Offense      | 305      | 506     |
| Fumbles/Lost       | 2/1      | 1/0     |
| Penalties/Yards    | 4/28     | 6/70    |
| Punts/Average      | 5/44.8   | 2/42    |
| Third-Down Conv.   | 8 of 15  | 3 of 8  |
| Time of Possession | 30:08    | 29:52   |

#### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

##### RUSHING (ATT.-YD.-TD)

YSU - Brungard 12-29, Gilbert 5-20-1, Wyche-El 2-16  
UK - Patterson 11-78, Baxter 9-48-2, Carter Jr. 5-37, Minchey 1-17

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

YSU - Brungard 23-35-0-243-1, Lewis 1-3-0-3-0  
UK - Minchey 18-27-0-301-4

##### RECEIVING (REC-YARDS-TD)

YSU - Wyche-El 7-111-1, Gilbert 5-24, Jenkins 3-46, Sanders 2-23, Mills 2-6, McDonald 1-15  
UK - Skinner 4-61-1, Rodriguez 4-48-1, Darby 3-74-1, Jean 2-27-1, Coffman 1-38, Boyer 1-31

##### TACKLES

YSU - Inglis 6, Rollins 6, Tunis 5, Owens Jr. 5, Marshall 5  
UK - McMillian 7, Barnes 7, Castell 7, Godfrey 7, Grayton 5, Bryant 5, Wallace 4, Reyes 4

## 2026 GAME REVIEWS

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KENTUCKY 17, #12/12 ALABAMA 45

SEPT. 12, 2026 • LEXINGTON, KY.  
KROGER FIELD (61,820)



Kentucky scored first and held the lead at halftime, but No. 12 Alabama used a big second half to win 45-17 on Saturday at Kroger Field.

Kenny Minchey connected on 18 of 31 through the air for 146 yards and a touchdown for Kentucky. Jason Patterson led the Cats with 53 rushing yards.

Ty Bryant led the Cats with 10 tackles, while Jordan Castell had nine tackles and an interception.

Kentucky had the first possession of the game, and the Cats made two first downs, crossing midfield in the

process. However, Minchey was sacked and the drive stalled, forcing the Cats into a punt. Alabama took over at its own 20 yard line with 11:04 to play in the first quarter.

The UK defense stepped up huge on the Tide's first possession. Grant Godfrey forced Alabama quarterback Keelon Russell into an intentional grounding call. The second down play saw Mi'Quise Humphrey-Grace tackle Alabama's Daniel Hill for a two-yard loss. Then on third down, Humphrey-Grace tipped Russell's pass into the air, caught it and dove into the end zone for a touchdown. Adam Zouagui added the PAT and Kentucky led 7-0 with 10:11 to play in the first period.

On Alabama's next possession, the Tide got three first downs and drove into UK territory. However, Humphrey-Grace struck again, forcing a fumble that was recovered by teammate CJ Works at the Kentucky 27. The Cats took possession with 7:09 left in the quarter.

On Kentucky's ensuing possession, Minchey was intercepted by Alabama's Luke Metz, who returned it 34 yards for a touchdown. Conor Talty added the PAT and the game was tied 7-7 with 6:35 left in the first quarter.

Kentucky would respond with a drive that got the Cats into the red zone as the first quarter ended.

On the first play of the second quarter, Minchey found tight end Henry Boyer for a 20-yard touchdown, capping a 13-play, 83-yard drive. Zouagui added the point after and Kentucky led 14-7 with 14:56 left in the first half.

Alabama would score on its first possession of the second quarter. The Tide went 68 yards in 11 plays, but a sack by Ty Bryant and Tavion Gadson stopped the drive and Alabama settled for a 25-yard field goal from Talty to cut the UK lead to 14-10 with 9:27 left in the half.

The Cats were able to get a first down on their next drive but were eventually forced to punt. Alabama took over at their own 33 with 6:20 remaining in the half.

The Tide would get points on the ensuing drive, covering 44 yards in nine plays, ending with a Talty field goal that cut the Kentucky lead to 14-13 with 2:09 left in the half.

Kentucky punted the ball back to Alabama and the Tide took over with 1:04 left in the half. On the second play of the drive, Russell was intercepted by UK's Castell and the Cats took over at their own 46 with 55 seconds to play in the half. UK would get into field goal range when Minchey connected with Kenny Darby for 24 yards, getting the Cats to the Alabama 29. On the last play of the half, Zouagui connected on a 39-yard field goal and Kentucky took a 17-13 lead into the half.

Alabama had the first possession of the second half, but the Kentucky defense forced a three-and-out and the Tide punted. Kentucky took over at its own 10 with 14:06 left in the third quarter.

The Cats would get one first down on the next drive, but UK was forced to punt and Alabama took over at its own 41 yard line with 10:58 left in the third period.

Alabama would cut into the UK lead on its next possession. The Tide used nine plays to cover 43 yards, ending with a 34-yard field goal by Talty, cutting the Kentucky lead to 17-16 with 7:10 left in the third quarter.

On the third play of Kentucky's next drive, Minchey was sacked, fumbled and Alabama recovered at the UK 21 with 5:42 remaining in the third stanza.

The Tide took advantage of the good field position and took their first lead of the game. E.J. Crowell scored on a three-yard rush and Talty added the point after, giving Alabama a 23-17 lead with 3:00 left in the third quarter.

Kentucky went three-and-out and was forced to punt on its next drive. The Cats tried a fake but Henry Boyer was stopped short of the line to gain.

On the second play of the ensuing drive, Alabama's Hill scored on a three-yard rush to extend the lead. The Tide was successful on a two-point conversion when Russell connected with Lotzeir Brooks to extend the lead to 31-17.

In the fourth quarter, Kentucky was forced to punt and Alabama cashed in on the next possession. The Tide went 74 yards in nine plays, ending with a five-yard

touchdown pass from Russell to Rico Scott. The PAT gave Alabama a 38-17 lead. The Tide would score again later in the fourth to provide the final margin of victory.

Kentucky returns to action next week, hitting the road for the first time this season. The Cats will be at Texas A&M on Saturday at 3:30. TV assignment for the game is still pending.

### SCORING SUMMARY

|          |   |    |    |    |   |    |
|----------|---|----|----|----|---|----|
| Alabama  | 7 | 6  | 18 | 14 | - | 45 |
| Kentucky | 7 | 10 | 0  | 0  | - | 17 |

1st 10:11 UK - #90 M.Humphrey-Grace 2 yd interception return (#88 A.Zouagui kick), 00:52 0-7  
 1st 06:35 ALA - #4 L.Metz 34 yd interception return (#31 C.Talty kick), 00:34 7-7  
 2nd 14:56 UK - #87 H.Boyer 20 yd pass from #3 K.Minchey (#88 A.Zouagui kick), 13-83, 06:33 7-14  
 2nd 09:27 ALA - #31 C.Talty 25 yd FG, 10-68, 05:29 10-14  
 2nd 02:09 ALA - #31 C.Talty 41 yd FG, 8-44, 04:13 13-14  
 2nd 00:00 UK - #88 A.Zouagui 39 yd FG, 9-33, 00:55 13-17  
 3rd 07:10 ALA - #31 C.Talty 34 yd FG, 9-43, 03:48 16-17  
 3rd 03:00 ALA - #13 E.Crowell 3 yd rush (#31 C.Talty kick), 5-21, 02:42 23-17  
 3rd 00:24 ALA - #4 D.Hill 3 yd rush (#3 L.Brooks pass from #12 K.Russell), 2-34, 00:25 31-17  
 4th 09:08 ALA - #7 R.Scott 5 yd pass from #12 K.Russell (#31 C.Talty kick), 9-74, 05:03 38-17  
 4th 04:11 ALA - #17 T.Brown 4 yd rush (#31 C.Talty kick), 5-43, 02:54 45-17

### TEAM STATISTICS

|                    | CRIMSON TIDE | CATS    |
|--------------------|--------------|---------|
| First Downs        | 21           | 14      |
| Rush Att./Net Rush | 40/155       | 32/63   |
| Passing C/A/I      | 16/23/2      | 18/32/1 |
| Offensive Plays    | 63           | 64      |
| Total Offense      | 343          | 209     |
| Fumbles/Lost       | 2/1          | 4/2     |
| Penalties/Yards    | 8/45         | 8/70    |
| Punts/Average      | 1/54.0       | 5/40.8  |
| Third-Down Conv.   | 5 of 11      | 1 of 14 |
| Time of Possession | 32:14        | 27:46   |

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

#### RUSHING (ATT.-YD.-TD)

ALA - Hill 18-104-1, Brown 5-22-1, Morgan 4-18, Crowell 3-17-1  
 UK - Patterson 11-53, Baxter 11-29

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

ALA - Russell 16-23-2-188-1  
 UK - Minchey 18-31-1-146-1

#### RECEIVING (REC-YARDS-TD)

ALA - Brooks 5-54, Scott 3-44-1, Coleman-Williams 4-43, Pritchett 1-27, Hill 2-12  
 UK - Rodriguez 8-49, Darby 5-45, Boyer 1-20-1, Baxter 2-15, Anderson 1-13

#### TACKLES

ALA - Woodson 12, Metz 8, Thompkins 6, Morgan 5, Sabb 4, McDonald III 4, Reese 4  
 UK - Bryant 10, Castell 9, Godfrey 7, Sykes 6, Gates 5, Gadson 5, Humphrey-Grace 4

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KENTUCKY 31, #8/9 TEXAS A&M 21

SEPT. 19, 2026 • COLLEGE STATION, TX.  
KYLE FIELD (105,186)



Kentucky scored 21 points in the third quarter and the Cats upset No. 9 Texas A&M 31-21 on Saturday at Kyle Field in College Station, Texas.

Kenny Minchey was efficient on Saturday, connecting on 14 of 18 through the air for 252 yards and a touchdown. C.J. Baxter led all players with 87 rushing yards and he added two touchdowns. D.J. Miller caught five passes for 96 yards, while Kenny Darby caught two passes for 64 yards and a touchdown.

Kentucky (2-1, 1-1 Southeastern Conference) kicked off to start the game and A&M's Terry Bussey returned the ball to the 14 where he was hit by Demarcus Gardner, who dislodged the football, which was recovered by UK's Kevis Thomas at the A&M 14. However, the play was overturned on video review and the Aggies took possession.

Texas A&M (2-1, 0-1 SEC) drove 76 yards in 14 plays, but the UK defense came up huge at the end of the possession. On fourth-and-inches from the UK 11 yard line, Sam Greene came off the edge to stop Rueben Owens II for no gain and the Cats took over with 9:14 to play in the first quarter.

On Kentucky's first play from scrimmage, Minchey found Miller for a 19-yard completion. However, the drive would stall and UK punted the ball back to the Aggies, who took over at their own 28 yard line with 7:12 remaining in the first stanza.

Texas A&M would drive into Kentucky territory, covering 45 yards. However, on the ninth play of the drive, Greene would intercept A&M quarterback Marcel Reed and the Cats took over at their own 29 with 2:54 left in the first quarter.

On the second play of the drive, Minchey found Baxter for 28 yards, getting the Cats into A&M territory. UK would get to the A&M 33 as the first quarter ended in a scoreless tie.

In the second quarter, Baxter broke loose for 16 yards to get the Cats to the A&M 16 yard line. However, a penalty and a sack derailed the drive. Adam Zouagui attempted a field goal from 39 yards, but he missed left and the game remained scoreless with 12:20 left in the first half.

A&M took the possession and drove into UK territory. The Aggies converted four third downs on the drive and, on the 14th play of the drive, scored on a two-yard touchdown run by Carsyn Baker. The extra point by David Olano was good and A&M led 7-0 with 5:18 left in the half.

On UK's ensuing drive, Jason Patterson got loose up the middle for 13 yards, but the big play was Minchey finding Miller for 53 yards, getting Kentucky to the A&M 17. Mikkel Skinner rushed for 14 yards to get the Cats to the three yard line, then Minchey found tight end Henry Boyer for a three-yard touchdown. Zouagui added the point after and the game was tied with 1:59 left in the half.

A&M would cross midfield on its next drive, but the drive stalled and the Aggies were forced to punt just before the half, which ended with the game tied 7-7.

Kentucky got the ball to start the third quarter and the Cats used the drive to take the lead for the first time. UK went 75 yards in seven plays, including a 15-yard rush by Baxter and a 42-yard touchdown pass from Minchey to Darby to surge ahead. Zouagui added the PAT and Kentucky led 14-7 with 11:07 to play in the third quarter.

The UK defense forced a three-and-out on A&M's first drive of the third quarter, with Greene making another big play on third down. The Aggies punted and the Cats took over at their own 17 with 9:19 left in the third.

Kentucky appeared to be on its way to a three-and-out, but Minchey found Darby for a 22-yard completion and a first down. Later in the drive, Patterson had runs of 22 and 14 yards as the Cats got into A&M territory. Two receptions by Willie Rodriguez got the Cats inside the five, then Baxter scored on a three-yard touchdown to extend the lead. Zouagui added the point after and Kentucky led 21-7 with 3:55 left in the third quarter.

The UK defense stood tall again on A&M's next drive. The Cats stopped the Aggies on third down, then again on fourth down, giving Kentucky the ball on the A&M 33 yard line with 2:17 to play in the third period.

Kentucky took advantage of the short field. Minchey found Miller for 14 yards, then Baxter rushed for six, 11 and two yards, the last of which was a touchdown. Zouagui added another extra point and UK led 28-7 with 16 seconds remaining in the third quarter. That would be the score after three quarters.

A&M would respond on its next drive. The Aggies would cover 75 yards in 13 plays, ending with a five-yard touchdown run by Reed. Olano added the PAT and the Cats' lead was cut to 28-14 with 11:37 remaining.

Kentucky figured to slow the game down a bit and run the ball on its next drive. However, on the second play of that possession, Minchey found Boyer for a 32-yard gain, getting the Cats into A&M territory. However, the drive was stopped and UK was forced into a 52-yard field goal attempt. The kick hit the left upright and bounced through the uprights to give Kentucky a 31-14 lead with 8:22 left in the game.

As they did all day long, the Kentucky defense stepped up again on the next drive. A&M drove down the field and appeared to be ready to score, but Jordan Castell intercepted Reed at the UK seven yard line.

After a Kentucky punt, A&M added a touchdown on a five-yard pass from Reed to Micah Riley. Olano made the point after and the UK lead was cut to 31-21 with 3:45 remaining.

Kentucky returns to action on Saturday, hosting South Alabama at Kroger Field. Kickoff is set for 12:45 p.m. ET and the game can be seen on the SEC Network.

### SCORING SUMMARY

|           |   |   |    |    |   |    |
|-----------|---|---|----|----|---|----|
| Texas A&M | 0 | 7 | 0  | 14 | - | 21 |
| Kentucky  | 0 | 7 | 21 | 3  | - | 31 |

2nd 05:18 TAMU - #5 C.Baker 2 yd rush (#24 D.Olano kick), 14-79, 07:02 0-7  
2nd 01:59 UK - #87 H.Boyer 3 yd pass from #3 K.Minchey (#88 A.Zouagui kick), 6-75, 03:11 7-7  
3rd 11:07 UK - #19 K.Darby 42 yd pass from #3 K.Minchey (#88 A.Zouagui kick), 7-75, 03:53 14-7  
3rd 03:55 UK - #1 C.Baxter 3 yd rush (#88 A.Zouagui kick), 9-83, 05:24 21-7  
3rd 00:16 UK - #1 C.Baxter 2 yd rush (#88 A.Zouagui kick), 4-33, 02:01 28-7  
4th 11:37 TAMU - #10 M.Reed 5 yd rush (#24 D.Olano kick), 13-75, 03:39 28-14  
4th 08:22 UK - #88 A.Zouagui 52 yd FG, 6-41, 03:15 31-14  
4th 03:45 TAMU - #88 M.Riley 5 yd pass from #10 M.Reed (#24 D.Olano kick), 7-38, 01:49 31-21

### TEAM STATISTICS

|                    | AGGIES  | CATS    |
|--------------------|---------|---------|
| First Downs        | 23      | 18      |
| Rush Att./Net Rush | 35/187  | 36/156  |
| Passing C/A/I      | 26/49/2 | 14/18/0 |
| Offensive Plays    | 84      | 54      |
| Total Offense      | 423     | 408     |
| Fumbles/Lost       | 1/0     | 0/0     |
| Penalties/Yards    | 2/10    | 7/59    |
| Punts/Average      | 2/45.5  | 3/42.7  |
| Third-Down Conv.   | 9 of 17 | 3 of 9  |
| Time of Possession | 30:25   | 29:35   |

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

#### RUSHING (ATT.-YD.-TD)

A&M - Reed 10-80-1, Owens II 18-74, Edwards 5-28, Baker 1-2-1  
UK - Baxter 18-87-2, Patterson 6-58, Skinner 2-14

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

A&M - Reed 26-49-2-236-1  
UK - Minchey 14-18-0-252-2

#### RECEIVING (REC-YARDS-TD)

A&M - Craver 11-119, Horton 5-61, Owens II 2-9, Edwards 2-6, Riley 1-5-1  
UK - Miller 5-96, Darby 2-64-1, Boyer 2-35-1, Baxter 1-28, Rodriguez 3-22

#### TACKLES

A&M - Ratcliffe 7, Humphrey 6, Searcy 6, Brooks 6, Coney 6, Mikhail 5, Sanford 4  
UK - Castell 13, Godfrey 11, Bryant 10, Barnes 8, Sykes 7, Greene 6, Gadson 4, Humphrey-Grace 4, Williams 4