

SCHEDULE

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)**	**W, 45-21**
O. 3	at South Carolina* (SECN)	W, 35-34OT
O. 10	**No. 10/10 LSU* (ESPN)**	**W, 35-34OT**
O. 17	at RV/RV Oklahoma* (SECN)	W, 21-13
O. 24	**VANDERBILT* (SECN)**	**W, 34-17**
N. 7	at No. 16/16 Tennessee* (ESPN)	L, 34-6
N 14	**FLORIDA* (ESPN)**	**6:15 p.m. ET**
N. 21	at Missouri* (TBA)	7:30 p.m. ET
N. 28	**LOUISVILLE (TBA)**	**DAY**

*Home games in bold; *SEC game*

GAME INFORMATION

TV - ESPN
Play-by-Play — Joe Tessitore
Analyst — Jesse Palmer
Sideline — Kris Budden

RADIO - UK SPORTS NETWORK OR UKATHLETICS.COM
Play-by-Play — Tom Leach
Analyst — Jeff Piecoro
Sideline — Dick Gabriel

SATELLITE RADIO - SIRIUSXM
Channel: 174 or 229

TICKET INFORMATION - UKATHLETICS.COM

BY THE NUMBERS

1ST - TE Willie Rodriguez is the first UK tight end in program history with at least five catches in five straight SEC games. He was just named a Mackey Award semifinalist for the nation's top tight end.

6 - Freshman WR Kenny Darby needs just six catches to become UK's all-time single-season leader as a true freshmen.

4.78 - Average penalties per game by UK, the fewest in the SEC.

1.11 - UK's turnover margin, the best in the SEC and ranks seventh nationally.

SATURDAY, NOV. 14
6:15 P.M. ET • ESPN
LEXINGTON, KY.
KROGER FIELD AT C.M. NEWTON GROUNDS

#13 KENTUCKY WILDCATS

2026 Record / SEC Record 7-2/5-2
AP / AFCA Coaches Poll 13/13
Head Coach ..... Will Stein
Record at UK (Years) 7-2 (1st)
Career Record ..... Same
Last Game ..... L, 34-6, at No. 16/16 Tennessee

FLORIDA GATORS

2026 Record / SEC Record 5-4/3-4
AP / AFCA Coaches Poll ..... NR/NR
Head Coach ..... Jon Sumrall
Record at UF (Years) 5-4 (1st)
Career (Years) 48-16 (5th)
Last Game ..... L, 23-7, vs. Oklahoma

OPENING KICK NEED-TO-KNOWS

- Despite dropping its ranked affair at Tennessee on Saturday, Kentucky is 7-2 overall, including a 5-2 mark against Southeastern Conference foes.
- The Cats are tied with Alabama for second place in the SEC standings.
- **Will Stein** is the first UK head coach to start 7-1 in his first season in 117 years, since E. R. Sweetland opened 7-1 in 1909.
- Stein is the first coach in UK history to begin 5-1 in SEC play in his first season (SEC football began in 1933).
- The Wildcats are bowl-eligible for the first time since 2023.
- Before its loss to UT, Kentucky had won six in a row (in the same season) for the first time since the 2021 team won its first six games. (Note: the 2021 wins were vacated later by the NCAA. The last official six-game win streak was when the 1977 team won the last nine games of the season.)
- Kentucky went 4-0 in October, the first undefeated October for UK since 1977.
- Kentucky's 5-1 SEC record was the Wildcats' best league start since the 1977 team went 6-0 for the entire season.
- Kentucky won five SEC games in a row for only the third time in school history. The 1950 team won its first five league games that season and the 1977 team posted a 6-0 SEC record.
- This is the first time UK has had a three-game SEC win streak on the road since the 2009 team won three straight road league games (at Auburn, at Vanderbilt, at Georgia).
- The Wildcats won three straight games (South Carolina, LSU and Oklahoma) after trailing in the fourth quarter for the first time since the 2006 team matched the feat with come-from-behind fourth-quarter wins on Nov. 4 (Georgia), Nov. 11 (Vanderbilt) and Nov. 18 (Louisiana-Monroe).
- The Cats lead the SEC with a plus-10 turnover margin. UK has topped the turnover margin or tied it in all seven wins.
- Kentucky had four interceptions in the win over Oklahoma. It's the most takeaways this season and the most picks since intercepting six vs. Mississippi State in 2020.
- Safeties **Jordan Castell** and **Ty Bryant** are tied for first in the SEC and sixth nationally with four interceptions each. Bryant ranks tied for second in the FBS among active players with nine career interceptions.
- QB **Kenny Minchey** set a program record with 242 passes to start a season with only one interception. The previous record was 183 passes with only one pickoff by Maxwell Smith in 2013.
- WR **Kenny Darby** has been honored as SEC Freshman of the Week three times, including three of last five games in which UK has played. He has caught 45 passes for 576 yards and three scores and is within reach of setting UK single-season freshman records for both catches and receiving yards.

WEEKLY MEDIA SCHEDULE

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
No availability	Will Stein press conference | Noon ET Kroger Field Media Room	Select player availability | 11:15 a.m. ET | JCFTC lobby UK HealthCare Will Stein Show 6 p.m. ET	No availability	No availability	vs. Florida 6:15 p.m. ET ESPN Kroger Field Lexington, Ky.	No availability

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MEDIA SERVICES

CREDENTIAL APPROVALS/DENIALS
For the Florida game, requests are being accepted through Sportssystems and the deadline to apply is Monday, Nov. 9 at 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

UK WEBSITE -- UKATHLETICS.COM
For game notes, player bios, rosters and stats, visit the official University of Kentucky Athletics website at UKathletics.com/football. The official Southeastern Conference website is 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. 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: last time this season on Nov. 18.

Link/Number will be sent via email from the SEC Communications Office weekly. Replays will be available via: 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, across UK Sports Network radio affiliates, and on the UK Athletics App. A live video stream will also be available on 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)
89	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	Mi'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)

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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.	Wheelersburg, Ohio (Wheelersburg 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)
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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)

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)

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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.
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*	Max Anderson	OL	6-5	299	Jr.
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.

UP NEXT: FLORIDA

THE SERIES

- Kentucky trails Florida in the all-time, on-field series, 54-22.
  - UK also trails UF in Lexington, 22-12.
    - UK has won the last three straight in Lexington (2021, 2023, 2025).
    - This is the second consecutive season the two teams have met in Lexington in November.
- The Wildcat have won four of the past five meetings.

LAST SEASON

- Kentucky defeated Florida, 38-7, in Lexington.
  - It was the largest margin of victory vs. Florida since a 40-6 win in 1950.
  - It was the most points UK has scored vs. Florida since a 41-24 win in 1974.
  - It was the most points UK scored vs. Florida in the first half since 1950 (26).

THE CONNECTIONS

- Kentucky has 10 players from the state of Florida on its roster, including DB **Jesse Anderson III** (Fort Lauderdale), RB **CJ Baxter** (Boynton Beach), DB **Jordan Castell** (Orlando), OL **Alexander Dimartino** (Fort Lauderdale), WR **Denairius Gray** (Boynton Beach), OL **Mark Robinson III** (Altamonte Springs), RB **Tovani Mizell** (Fort Lauderdale), RB **Jason Patterson** (Sneads), TE **Nelson Tambling** (Gainesville) and DB **Kevis Thomas** (Perry).
- UK defensive backs Jordan Castell and **Aaron Gates** each previously played at Florida. Castell played three seasons with the Gators (2023-25), starting 43 games. Gates also played three injury-shortened seasons in Gainesville (also 2023-25).
- Kentucky defensive coordinator Jay Bateman was the Gators' inside linebackers coach under Billy Napier from 2022-23.
- Florida coach Jon Sumrall both played at UK (2002-04) and coached with the Wildcats as a graduate assistant (2005-06) and assistant coach (2019-21).
- Florida defensive coordinator Brad White held the same position at UK from 2019-25 after one season (2018) as linebackers coach.
- Florida safeties coach Chris Collins served as an assistant on UK's staff from 2021-25. Tight ends coach Evan McKissack was a graduate assistant at UK from 2017-19.
- Florida athletics director Scott Stricklin was the media relations director at UK from 2003-08.

LAST TIME OUT: WILDCATS FALL ON ROCKY TOP

- Kentucky dropped a ranked matchup at Tennessee, 34-6.
- The final score overshadowed what was a competitive affair, as it was 10-6 at halftime and 13-6 through three periods.
- UK out-gained Tennessee for much of the game until the final minutes and ran 19 more offensive snaps.
- One of the nation's least penalized teams entering the contest, UK was flagged seven times for 50 yards. It also turned the football over three times (one interception, two fumbles), which it had not done all season (+13 margin entering the game).
- QB **Kenny Minchey** completed 26-of-34 passes for 224 yards.
- He completed 76.5 percent of his passes, best ever for a Kentucky quarterback against Tennessee in school history (min. 20 attempts).
- Until being intercepted in the first quarter, Minchey had thrown 242 passes to start the season with only one interception. That's a record for the most pass attempts for a UK QB to begin a season with only one interception.
- Minchey's streak ended with the second-longest streak of consecutive passing attempts without an interception in UK history (210). The record is 325 by Andre' Woodson.
- TE **Willie Rodriguez** caught six passes for 81 yards, the most catches by a UK tight end in Knoxville since Jacob Tamme caught seven passes for 120 yards in 2007. He is the first UK tight end in school history with at least five receptions in five straight SEC games.
- WR **Kenny Darby** caught seven passes for 69 yards. He leads the Cats with 576 receiving yards this season.
- DE **Mi'Quise Humphrey-Grace** had five tackles, including 1.5 tackles for loss and a quarterback sack. He has made at least one havoc play (interception, fumble caused/recovered, quarterback sack, tackle for loss or quarterback hurry) in every game this season.

BY THE NUMBERS

	2026	Stein
Record	7-2	7-2
SEC	5-2	5-2
SEC Home	2-1	2-1
SEC Road	3-1	3-1
Nonconference	2-0	2-0
Home	2-0	1-0
Road	0-0	0-0
Home	4-1	4-1
Road	3-1	3-1
Neutral site	0-0	0-0
Night	3-1	3-1
Day	4-1	4-1
TV Games	7-2	7-2
ABC	0-1	0-1
CBS	0-0	0-0
ESPN	2-1	2-1
ESPNU	0-0	0-0
ESPN2	0-0	0-0
ESPNews	0-0	0-0
SEC Network	4-0	4-0
Fox Sports South	0-0	0-0
CBS Sports Network	0-0	0-0
SEC Network Plus	1-0	1-0
September	3-1	3-1
October	4-0	4-0
November	0-1	0-1
December/January	0-0	0-0
Bowl Games	0-0	0-0
Coming off an open date	0-1	0-1
UK scores on 1st possession	3-0	3-0
Opp scores on 1st possession	2-0	2-0
UK scores first	3-1	3-1
Opponent scores first	4-1	4-1
UK leads after 1st quarter	2-0	2-0
Opponent leads after 1stQ	4-1	4-1
Teams are tied after 1stQ	1-1	1-1
UK leads at halftime	4-1	4-1
Opponent leads at halftime	2-1	2-1
Teams are tied at halftime	1-0	1-0
UK leads after 3rd quarter	6-0	6-0
Opponent leads after 3rdQ	1-2	1-2
Teams are tied after 3rdQ	0-0	0-0
Game goes to overtime	2-0	2-0
Scoring less than 20 pts	0-2	0-2
Scoring 20+ points	7-0	7-0
Scoring 30+ points	6-0	6-0
Allowing fewer than 20 pts	3-0	3-0
Allowing 20+ points	3-1	3-1
Allowing 30+ points	2-2	2-2
UK has more total yards	3-0	3-0
Opp. has more total yds	4-2	4-2
UK has more rushing yards	4-0	4-0
Opp. has more rushing yards	3-2	3-2
UK has more passing yards	3-1	3-1
Opp. has more passing yards	4-1	4-1
Rushing for less than 100 yds	1-1	1-1
Rushing for over 100 yards	6-1	6-1
Rushing for 200+ yards	2-0	2-0
Passing for 200+ yards	4-1	4-1
Passing for 300+ yards	1-0	1-0
UK has 100-yard rusher	2-0	2-0
Opp. has 100-yard rusher	2-2	2-2
No turnovers	6-0	6-0
One or two turnovers	1-0	1-0
3 or more turnovers	0-2	0-2
No takeaways	0-1	0-1
3 or more takeaways	1-1	1-1
UK has more penalties	2-1	2-1
Opp. has more penalties	4-0	4-0
Teams have equal penalties	1-1	1-1
UK has more TOP	3-1	3-1
Opp. has more TOP	4-1	4-1
UK defense scores	1-1	1-1
Opponent defense scores	0-1	0-1
UK returns KO/Punt for TD	1-0	1-0
Opp. returns KO/Punt for TD	0-0	0-0
Playing on natural grass	3-1	3-1
Playing on artificial surface	4-1	4-1
In blue uniforms	1-0	1-0
In white uniforms	1-0	1-0
In white uniforms/chrome helmet	0-1	0-1
In white jerseys/blue pants	1-0	1-0
In white jerseys/black pants	1-0	1-0
In blue jerseys/white pants	1-1	1-1
In black uniforms	0-0	0-0
In blue jerseys/gray pants	0-0	0-0
In black jerseys/blue pants	0-0	0-0
In gray uniforms	1-0	1-0
In gray jerseys/blue pants	0-0	0-0

QUICK FACTS

Location: Lexington, Ky.
Founded: 1865
Enrollment: 39,541
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): 7-2 (.778/1st)
SEC Record: 5-2 (.714)
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

WHEN THERE'S A WILL (STEIN), THERE'S A WAY

- Off to a historic 7-2 start and a 5-2 mark in Southeastern Conference play, Kentucky football head coach **Will Stein** has been named to the Paul "Bear" Bryant National Coach of the Year Award watch list.
- "Stein Time" has provided epic come-from-behind overtime victories, upsets of top 10 teams, dominant third-quarter performances, sellout crowds in Kroger Field and the national spotlight on the Kentucky football program.
- Notable nuggets involving UK's head coach:
  - Will Stein was the first Kentucky head coach to be 7-1 in his first season in 117 years, since E. R. Sweetland opened 7-1 in 1909.
  - Stein was the first coach in UK history to begin 5-1 in SEC play in his first season (SEC football began in 1933).
  - Kentucky's 5-1 SEC record was the Wildcats' best league start since the 1977 team went 6-0 for the entire season.
  - Stein is the first coach to win multiple games over AP Top-10 teams in a coach's first season leading the Wildcats.
  - Joins Paul "Bear" Bryant in 1946 and Blanton Collier in 1954 as first-year head coaches to lead their teams to a national ranking.
  - Is the first coach in Kentucky history to win the first two SEC road games of his career. (he now has extended that mark to three).
  - Led the Cats to their first undefeated October since 1977 and was named the Dodd Trophy Coach of the Month for his efforts.
  - Trailing 17-0 in the second quarter, UK's win at South Carolina is the biggest comeback road win in school history.
  - He is the first head coach in UK history to score 31 points in five of the first six games of a season in his debut season (six of eight overall).
  - Is the first head coach in program history to score at least 31 points twice on the road vs. SEC foes in his first season.
  - 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 2010).
  - First UK head coach to win a true road game versus an AP Poll Top 10 opponent in his first season at the school.
  - Kentucky scored 45 points in Stein's debut win over Youngstown State. It is the most points scored in a coach's debut since A.D. Kirwan's Wildcats posted 46 points against Maryville in 1938.

KENTUCKY AGAINST THE SEC

- The Wildcats have a 196-421-12 (.321) all-time record in Southeastern Conference games.
  - The Cats are 2-1 at home against league foes this season.
  - UK is 3-1 on the road vs. league opponents this season.
  - Kentucky is 34-203-3 against ranked SEC foes all-time.
  - The Cats are 5-2 in league games under Will Stein, with two of the victories versus top 10 foes.

KENTUCKY EMERGES IN NATIONAL POLLS

- On Nov. 3, Kentucky was tabbed the No. 6 team by the College Football Playoffs. It was the highest ranking ever in program history by the CFP. The previous high was No. 9 in 2018.
- The Kentucky football team entered the Associated Press poll on Sept. 27 at No. 24. The Cats ascended to No. 8 entering November and currently rank No. 13 ahead of this week's game vs. Florida.
- When UK was ranked on Sept. 27, it was the first time the Cats have been in the AP poll since Oct. 8, 2023 (No. 20).
  - Will Stein joins Paul "Bear" Bryant in 1946 and Blanton Collier in 1954 as first-year head coaches to lead their teams to a national ranking.
  - UK is ranked in the Top 10 in an AP Poll released on Nov. 2 or later of a season for the first time since Nov. 19, 1977 vs. Tennessee. Kentucky was ranked seventh.
- Kentucky entered the AFCA Coaches Poll on Oct. 4 at No. 25.
  - It's the first time the Cats have been in the Coaches poll since Oct. 10, 2023 (No. 23).
  - UK reached as high as No. 7 and enter this week's Florida game at No. 13.

BLUEGRASS ADVANTAGE: TURNOVER MARGIN

- A significant factor in Kentucky's 7-2 start to the season has been its ability to win the turnover battle, posting a plus-10 mark through nine games.
- The Cats lead the SEC with a plus-1.11 turnover margin and rank No. 11 nationally in the category.
- Kentucky has captured the turnover margin in six of seven wins (Youngstown State, Texas A&M, South Carolina, LSU and Oklahoma), and tied in the other (South Alabama).
- UK is second in turnovers gained (18) in the conference and ranks sixth nationally. Offensively, UK is also second in the SEC in fewest turnovers lost (8), while ranking 25th nationally in that category.
- Safeties **Ty Bryant** and **Jordan Castell** are tied for the team lead with four interceptions each. That mark leads the SEC and ranks sixth in the nation.
- Kentucky's 12 total interceptions is second in the conference, while ranking seventh in the nation.

THE THIRD QUARTER TAKEOVER

- Kentucky has thrived on making offensive adjustments at halftime this season, scoring a touchdown on its opening possession of the second half in five of nine games, including four of the past seven games.
    - Each of those touchdown drives has gone for 75 yards.
- The Kentucky defense also has been proficient coming out of halftime, as the Wildcats have allowed only 10 total points on opponents' first possession of the second half this season (just two of nine games).
- Kentucky has yielded an average of 19.1 yards on those possessions (172 total yards).
- Against Texas A&M: UK out-gained the Aggies 196-20 in yards, securing 10 first downs to the home team's zero. Kentucky scored on all three drives, while forcing two three-and-outs and also picking up a fourth-down stop.
- Against South Carolina: The Cats out-gained the Gamecocks 151-32, securing eight first downs to just three for the home team. Kentucky scored a pair of touchdowns, while holding South Carolina scoreless. Kentucky recovered a fumble and earned a fourth-down stop to highlight its performance defensively.

STRENGTH OF SCHEDULE

- **Will Stein's** first season as a head coach has seen its fair share of challenges. Entering the season, the Wildcats were slated to face the nation's fourth-most difficult schedule according to On3.com and ESPN. It was 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 was one of three teams (Arkansas, Texas) who will face a nation-leading seven preseason AP Top-25 teams.
- Through nine games Kentucky has faced three opponents ranked in the top 16 at the time of the game. In addition, Youngstown State was ranked No. 7 in the FCS poll in UK's 45-13 win.
- Through nine games, Kentucky's strength of resume ranks as the sixth-best in the country, while facing the fourth-ranked strength of schedule. Its three remaining games ranks as the 23rd toughest path in the country.
- Per ESPN analytics, Kentucky entered with just a 6.45% chance to beat Texas A&M, a 16.9% chance to beat South Carolina, a 12.4% chance to down LSU and a 12.1% chance to beat Oklahoma. The odds of winning all four games was 0.06316% or 1 in 6,032. That is one of the most statistically improbable four-game stretches in recent college football history.

CARDIAC COMEBACK CATS

- The 2026 Kentucky Wildcats won six straight games in which they have trailed, including three of which they were trailing in the fourth quarter (South Carolina, LSU, Oklahoma).
- It is just the second time in program history that the Cats have won three straight games after trailing in the fourth quarter, also joining the 2006 team who matched the feat with come-from-behind fourth-quarter wins over Nov. 4 (Georgia), Nov. 11 (Vanderbilt) and Nov. 18 (Louisiana-Monroe).
- Taking it a step further - Kentucky has now overcome the following margins to win this season:
    - Texas A&M was up 7-0 with 5:18 to play in the first half. UK then dominated the next

TOP 25 POLLS

2026 AP TOP 25 (NOV. 8)

1. Georgia (53)
2. Utah (12)
3. Notre Dame (5)
4. UCLA
5. Miami
6. Indiana
7. **Alabama**
8. Texas
9. **Tennessee**
10. Texas Tech
11. Wake Forest
12. BYU
13. ***KENTUCKY***
14. Houston
15. Southern Cal
16. Iowa
17. Boise State
18. Oregon
19. Ole Miss
20. **South Carolina**
21. Ohio State
22. Arizona
23. New Mexico
24. **LSU**
25. SMU

UK OPPONENTS RECEIVING VOTES:
Missouri, Louisville

2026 AFCA COACHES TOP 25

1. Georgia (54)
2. Utah (14)
3. Notre Dame (2)
4. UCLA (1)
5. Indiana (2)
6. Miami
7. **Alabama**
8. Texas
9. **Tennessee**
10. Texas Tech
11. Wake Forest
12. BYU
13. ***KENTUCKY***
14. Southern Cal
15. Iowa
16. Houston
17. Ole Miss
18. Boise State
19. Oregon
20. Ohio State
21. Arizona
22. **LSU**
23. SMU
24. **South Carolina**
25. New Mexico

UK OPPONENTS RECEIVING VOTES:
Missouri, Louisville, Oklahoma

STAT LEADERS

100-YARD RUSHERS

Player	2026	Career	'26 Opp.
*Jovantae Barnes	1	4	So. Alabama
*C.J. Baxter	2	3	So. Alabama
			LSU
Jason Patterson	1	1	So. Alabama

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	4	9
*Jordan Castell	4 (1 TD)	7
*Hasaan Sykes		3
M. Humphrey-Grace	1 (1 TD)	1
Grant Godfrey	1	1
*Aaron Gates		1
Grant Grayton		1
Sam Greene	1	1
Antwan Smith	1	1

SACK LEADERS

Player	2026	Career
^M. Humphrey-Grace	6.0	24.5
Alex Afari Jr.		6.0
Tavion Gadson	3.0	5.5
*Jamarrion Harkless	3.0	4.5
*Tyler Thomas		4.5
Sam Greene	1.5	3.5
Grant Godfrey	2.0	2.5
Lorenzo Cowan		2.5
*Hasaan Sykes		2.0
*Ahmad Breaux	1.5	2.0
Jaden Williams		1.5
CJ Works	2.0	2.0
Devin Smith	1.0	1.0
*Dominic Wiseman		1.0
Brian Robinson	1.0	1.0
Ty Bryant	0.5	0.5
Aaron Gates	0.5	0.5

(^11.5 sacks at FCS/D-II)

**First season at UK*

20 minutes to go ahead 28-7 into the fourth quarter. Kentucky prevailed by a 31-21 mark.

- South Alabama led 21-14 with 1:22 to play in the second quarter. Kentucky scored 31 unanswered points to rally for a 45-21 win.
- South Carolina led 27-24 with 13:14 to go in the fourth quarter. **Adam Zouagui** connected on a 29-yard field goal with 4:13 to play and the teams eventually went to overtime. The Gamecocks scored a touchdown with an extra point first, before Henry Boyer caught a 6-yard pass from **Kenny Minchey** in overtime which was followed by a Minchey to **Willie Rodriguez** 2-point conversion for the walk-off win.
- LSU was ahead 27-24 with 9:42 remaining in the fourth quarter. Zouagui again connected on an overtime-forcing FG with 12 seconds on the clock. Mirroring the South Carolina game, LSU took a 7-point edge in overtime. Then **CJ Baxter** surged in for a 1-yard score and Minchey called his own number for a dash into the endzone for the one-point victory for the second straight week.
- Oklahoma had a 13-7 lead until Rodriguez caught a 12-yard pass from Minchey with 12:53 to play in the game. **Jordan Castell** raced in for a 41-yard interception return for a touchdown for the final 21-13 comeback margin.
- Vanderbilt used a mistake-free and methodical beginning to open a 10-0 lead on Kentucky at Kroger Field deep into the second quarter before the Cats dominated the "middle eight" segment to claim a 21-10 edge after the opening possession of the second half. The Cats scored two touchdowns in the final 5:04 of the first half and again barely four minutes into the second half to take control.

FOURTH-DOWN ANALYSIS

- Kentucky has earned an advantage on fourth-down results, both offensively and defensively, this season.
- The Kentucky offense has converted 10 of 18 on fourth down. UK has scored 42 points on possessions with a successful fourth down, while yielding 35 points on opponent possessions following an unsuccessful fourth down. That's a plus-seven advantage for UK on offense.
- UK opponents have converted 11 of 22 on fourth down. The opponents have scored 31 points on possessions with a successful fourth down. After stopping the opponent on fourth down, Kentucky has scored 34 points on subsequent possessions.

SEASON SNIPPETS

SLAMMED THE 'DORES

- Kentucky brushed off a sluggish first quarter to sprint by Vanderbilt, 34-17, in Lexington as it headed into an idle weekend.
- After getting behind 10-0, Kentucky scored on six straight possessions. This is the largest margin of victory in a game when Kentucky trailed by at least 10 points since 2019 at Vanderbilt. In that game, UK trailed by 11 but rallied to win by 24 points (38-14).
- After gaining just 14 yards with no first downs in the first quarter, the Wildcats piled up 362 yards and 24 first downs in the final three quarters.
- The Kentucky defense limited Vanderbilt to 15 net rushing yards. That is the fewest rushing yards by a UK opponent since Southern Mississippi had only five yards in 2024 and the fewest rushing yards by a UK opponent in an SEC game since Vanderbilt had minus-29 yards in 1996.
- Kentucky has held three straight SEC opponents under 100 rushing yards for the first time since 1999.
- UK won the turnover margin 2-0 against the Commodores and won or tied the turnover margin in the first eight games of the season.
- With a touchdown in the last four minutes of the first half, Kentucky won the "middle eight" 7-0. (it was almost 14-0 as UK scored on the opening drive of the second half, but the drive took UK outside the "middle eight" time frame. So far this season, Kentucky leads 72-27 in the "middle eight."
- Kentucky has scored at least 31 points in six of the first eight games, first time that has happened since 2010.

SOONERS OR LATER

- Kentucky utilized a stout defensive effort to claw back for a third-straight fourth-quarter comeback by a 21-13 score over Oklahoma.
- The win was UK's fifth in a row for the first time since the 2023 team won its first five games and also made the Wildcats bowl-eligible for the first time since 2023.
- UK scored a touchdown on the opening drive for the second consecutive game, third time this season. It was the first time this season that Oklahoma yielded a touchdown on the opponent's first possession.
- UK won the turnover margin 4-0 against the Sooners and has won or tied the turnover margin in every game this season.
- Kentucky had four interceptions, the most in a game this season and the most turnovers forced by UK this season. It's also the most interceptions in one game since UK had six against Mississippi State on Oct. 10, 2020.
- UK's defense also earned a season-high five sacks in the victory.
- S **Jordan Castell** picked off two passes, including a 41-yard return for a touchdown to give the Cats a 21-13 cushion with the Sooners driving in the fourth quarter. It is his first collegiate touchdown. He also had nine total tackles and an additional pass breakup.
- S **Ty Bryant** had two interceptions, the second time in his career he has had multiple interceptions in the same game against an SEC opponent. He also achieved the mark against Ole Miss on Sept. 6, 2025.
- DE **Mi'Quise Humphrey-Grace** notched 1.5 sacks, both coming on Oklahoma's first possession of the fourth quarter. He contributed four total tackles, three quarterback hurries and a pass breakup. His pass breakup led to the first interception of the day.

REWARDING PERFORMANCE - TAKE II

- Kentucky's win at Oklahoma earned several Cats awards for their performances:
  - Safety Jordan Castell - Walter Camp National Defensive Player of the Week; Bronko Nagurski National Defensive Player of the Week; Thorpe Award National DB of the Week; Lott IMPACT Trophy Player of the Week; SEC Defensive Player of the Week and Senior Bowl Defensive Player of the Week
  - Linebacker Bo Barnes - PFF SEC Team of the Week
  - Defensive back Aaron Gates - PFF SEC Team of the Week

DEJA BLUE IN WIN OVER LSU

- Wearing special "throwback" uniforms, UK threw it back to 2007 in delivering an overtime victory over a top-10 ranked LSU squad in Lexington. The Wildcats secured a 35-34 triumph in overtime for the second-consecutive week after doing the same the week before at South Carolina.
- UK becomes the first team in FBS history to earn consecutive one-point wins in overtime since the inception of overtime in 1996. It also marks the first back-to-back overtime games in school history.
- In both games, Kentucky won the toss, yielded a TD and extra point, before winning by the same score, 35-34, thanks to a TD an a 2-point conversion for the walk-off win.
- Will Stein becomes the first coach in school history to defeat two ranked opponents in his first season
- Kentucky has two wins vs. Associated Press top-10 teams, also at No. 9 Texas A&M. It is the fourth time in program history the team has captured multiple wins over top-10 squads in the same season.
- Despite running just six offensive plays in the first quarter, UK trained just 10-7 and took a 21-17 halftime lead after a 55-yard punt return touchdown by Lexington native Brock Coffman and one-yard plunge by Kenny Minchey on the final play of the first half.
- LSU took the lead with just over nine minutes left and saw UK miss two potential game-tying field goals in the final five minutes before earning a defensive stop with just under two minutes remaining.
- UK then connected on a game-tying 33-yard field goal with 12 seconds left to send the game to OT.
- After LSU took a 34-27 lead on just two plays in the extra period, CJ Baxter scored from one-yard out to set up the game-deciding two-point conversion. On that conversion and after a pair of timeouts Minchey took a shotgun snap and called his own number up the middle, going untouched to complete the victory.

STAT SUPERLATIVES

Most Games Played (min. 30):
Alex Afari (55), Wilson Berry (53), Tegra Tshabola (52), Mi'Quise Humphrey-Grace (52), Henry Boyer (46), Ty Bryant (46), Lance Heard (45), Jordan Castell (44), Adam Zouagui (44), Olaus Alinen (41), Coleton Price (41), Jovantae Barnes (38), Jaden Williams (38), Tyler Thomas (35), Nic Anderson (35), Ahmad Breaux (34), Cyrus Reyes (34), Willie Rodriguez (33), Kevis Thomas (33), Cole Marsalek (32), Sam Greene (32), CJ Baxter (30), Jamarrion Harkless (30), Malachi Wood (30)

Most Games Started (min. 20):
Jordan Castell (43), Coleton Price (39), Tegra Tshabola (38), Mi'Quise Humphrey-Grace (36), Ty Bryant (34), Lance Heard (34), Alex Afari (29)

Consecutive Games Started (min. 12, **unavailable to play due to injury does not count*): Jordan Castell (39), Coleton Price (38), Tegra Tshabola (38), Mi'Quise Humphrey-Grace (35), Lance Heard (30), Ty Bryant (27)

Consecutive Games with a Tackle (min. 12):
Ty Bryant (34), Teryhon Nichols (20), Sam Greene (19), Jordan Castell (18), Hasaan Sykes (18), Grant Godfrey (17)

Consecutive Games with a Reception (min. 5):
Willie Rodriguez (11), Kenny Darby (9)

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 • OLAUS 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 Essedon's team in the Victorian Football League
- While playing footy, held down a part-time job at Grill'd, a restaurant known for preparing healthy hamburgers ... Started as a waiter before being promoted into the kitchen as a cook and then as an assistant manager
- Currently 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)

BIGGEST ROAD COMEBACK IN SCHOOL HISTORY

- Trailing 17-0 in the second quarter, UK rallied for a 35-34 overtime win at South Carolina. This marks the biggest comeback road win in school history. The previous record was in 2009 at Georgia, when the Wildcats rallied from a 27-13 deficit in the third quarter for a 34-27 win.
- Overall, the 17-point comeback ties for the second-largest comeback (all games) in school history.
  - In 2010, trailed South Carolina 28-10 in the third quarter, rallied for a 31-28 win at UK.
  - In 1998, trailed Indiana 20-3 in the second quarter, went on to win 31-27 at UK.
  - In 2003, trailed Mississippi State 17-0 in the second quarter, came back for a 42-17 win at UK.
- The win is Kentucky's first overtime win since defeating Eastern Kentucky 34-27 on Oct. 3, 2015 in Lexington.
  - This is Kentucky's first overtime road win in school history.
  - This is UK's first fourth quarter/overtime comeback win since 2024 at Ole Miss.
- The last time UK won on the final play of the game was C.J. Conrad's touchdown reception at Missouri in 2018 on an untimed down at the end of regulation.

THREE 100-YARD RUSHERS RACE PAST SOUTH ALABAMA

- Trailing 21-14 with 1:22 remaining in the second quarter, Kentucky scored 17 points in the next three minutes and nine seconds.
- Kentucky's 390 rushing yards are the most in one game since 408 vs. Ole Miss in 2020.
- Kentucky averaged 9.3 yards per rushing attempt, with 390 yards on 42 carries. It is the highest per-attempt since 2019 vs. Louisville, when the Wildcats averaged 12.9 yards per carry.
- This was the second time in school history that Kentucky had three players rush for at least 100 yards in a game. The previous time was 2020 vs. Ole Miss when running back Chris Rodriguez (133 yards), quarterback Terry Wilson (129) and running back A.J. Rose (114) did so.
  - UK had two players rush for at least 137 yards, first time that has happened since 2016 at Missouri (running backs Benny Snell and Stanley "Boom" Williams).
- UK had three players rush for touchdowns, first time since the 2025 season opener vs. Toledo.
- Kentucky scored 45 points, most vs. an FBS opponent since a 45-28 win at Vanderbilt in 2023.
- Kentucky had 567 yards total offense, most vs. an FBS opponent since 2021 vs. New Mexico State (707 yards).
- UK has scored 31 points in three of the first four games, the first time the team has achieved the feat since 2023. **Will Stein** is the first head coach in Kentucky history to accomplish this in a coach's debut season.
- Stein is the first coach in Kentucky history to have 500 yards total offense in two of his first four games since Hal Mumme did so in 1997.
- Kentucky averaged 8.3 yards per play and in the season opener vs. Youngstown State, first time UK has averaged at least eight yards per play twice in the first four games since 2016.

GIGGED 'EM: TOP-10 UPSET WIN AT TEXAS A&M

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 on Sept. 19.
- 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.
- Kentucky dominated the third quarter, turning in a performance that ESPN analyst Greg McElroy deemed, "dominance reserved for SEC elites," noting that they played in a gear nobody knew they had for those 15 minutes.
  - UK out-gained the Aggies 196-20 in yards, securing 10 first downs to the home team's zero.
  - Kentucky scored on all three dives, while forcing two three-and-outs and also picked up a fourth-down stop.

WHAT THE WIN AT A&M MEANT

- For head coach **Will Stein**, it marked 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.

REWARDING PERFORMANCE
- Kentucky's win a Texas A&M was so convincing and team oriented that the Cats' coaches and players garnered a Texas-sized haul of weekly awards:
    - Kentucky - Pop-Tarts Crazy Good Team of the Week
    - HC Will Stein - Dodd Trophy National Coach of the Week
    - OL Coach Cutter Leftwich - Shriners Children's East-West Bowl Coach of the Week
    - RB CJ Baxter - Comeback Player of the Week
    - Safety Jordan Castell - Lott IMPACT Trophy Player of the Week
    - Safety Jordan Castell - Senior Bowl Defensive Player of the Week
    - LB Sam Greene - SEC Defensive Player of the Week
    - LB Sam Greene - Comeback Player of the Week
    - QB Kenny Minchey - Davey O'Brien Great 8 Quarterback of the Week

SEC OPENER
- UK fell 45-17 to No. 13/11 Alabama in the team's first SEC tilt.
- Kentucky's 17 points in the first half are the most vs. Alabama since 1988 when the Wildcats also notched 17 in the opening half.
- Kentucky allowed 343 total yards to Alabama, fewest vs. the Crimson Tide since 1989 when the Tide had 294 total yards.
- **Mi'Quise Humphrey-Grace's** interception return for a touchdown was the first for Kentucky since Maxwell Hairston's 25-yard return for TD vs. Ohio in 2024.
- It is Kentucky's first interception return for a touchdown vs. Alabama since Bill Chambers had a 66-yard return TD in 1946.

STEIN'S DEBUT VICTORY
- Kentucky's 45-13 win over Youngstown State marked **Will Stein's** first game as a collegiate head coach.
- The Wildcats have won four of their last six coaching debuts.
- UK has won seven consecutive home-openers. It is the longest home-opening streak for the Cats since winning eight straight home lid-lifters from 1987-94.*
- The 45 points are the most for a Kentucky head coach in his first game since 1938, when A.D. Kirwan's Wildcats defeated Maryville 46-7.
- Kentucky completed a 7-play, 75-yard drive for a touchdown on the opening possession of the Will Stein era. It ended with a 15-yard rush by **CJ Baxter Jr.**
- Kentucky scored touchdowns on its first five possessions. The fourth possession was extended by a muffed punt that the Wildcats recovered.
- This was the most points scored in a season opener since tallying 45 points vs. Louisiana-Monroe in 2021.
- UK had 506 yards total offense, most in a season opener since 564 vs. Louisiana-Monroe in 2021.
- This was the third time since 1985 that UK had at least 300 passing yards and 200 rushing yards in a season opener.
- This was the first time UK had four players with a receiving touchdown since 2012 vs. Kent State (also four in that game).
- This was the first time UK had four players with a receiving touchdown in the season opener since six players caught TDs in 1998 at Louisville.
- UK held Youngstown to just 59 yards rushing. Texas (Oct. 18, 2025) was the last opponent to have fewer than 60 yards (47) on the ground.

**Notes above represented with an asterisk (*) do not include the vacated season-opening win in 2021.*

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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 FOGLER
- 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 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. 4×200-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 East Carolina 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, Tatyenna 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

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.

MINCHEY MODE ACTIVATED

- 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."
- For his career, Minchey has appeared in 19 games and made nine starts. He's thrown for 2,191 yards, 14 touchdowns and has a completion percentage of 69.9.
  - In a Wildcat uniform, Minchey has started all nine games. He's 186-of-266 passing for 1,979 yards and a .699 clip. He's tossed 14 touchdowns, with only two interceptions, and run for two scores.
- For the season, Minchey ranks fourth in the conference and 11th nationally with a 69.9 completion percentage. His 14 TD tosses ranks 10th in the league and 44th nationally, while his 1,979 yards is eighth in the league and 46th among all players in the country.
- Minchey set a program record with 232 passes to start the season with only one interception. The previous record was 183 passes with only one interception by Maxwell Smith in 2013.
- In his last outing at Tennessee, he completed 26 of 34 passes for 224 yards and an interception. He completed 76.5 percent of his passes, best ever for a Kentucky quarterback against Tennessee in school history (min. 20 attempts).
- Versus Vanderbilt he completed 19 of 26 passes for 203 yards and a score while also rushing for a touchdown.
- Minchey once again directed a comeback for the ages, helping UK to a 35-34 OT win over No. 10 LSU. He was 23 of 36 for 246 yards and scored on a run to end the first half. He was also responsible for the walk-off win, calling his own number with a scamper for the 2-point conversion.
  - In the second half and overtime, Minchey was 17 of 27 for 206 yards.
- The calm QB directed a comeback for the record books at South Carolina. He was 28 of 41 with a trio of touchdowns -- all coming after halftime.
  - With UK trailing 20-10 at the break, Minchey was 22 of 29 for 222 yards and three TDs in the second half and overtime.
  - On the winning drive, he was 2 of 2 and found TE Henry Boyer for a 6-yard score before tossing the winning two-point conversion to another TE in Willie Rodriguez.
  - He is the first Kentucky quarterback to have at least 270 passing yards, three touchdowns, no interceptions and completed at least 68 percent in an SEC road game since Jared Lorenzen at Vanderbilt in 2001.
- 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. Youngstown State, completing 18 of 27 passes for 301 yards and four TDs.
  - 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.

THE BIG BLUE WALL REVIVAL: JOE MOORE AWARD SEMIFINALISTS

- 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 209 career games and have made 130 career starts through nine weeks of play.
- Kentucky's starting five unit was ranked as the No. 3 offensive line in the country, behind only Georgia and Ohio State, by CBS' Blake Brockermeyer in the preseason.
- On Nov. 11, the line was named one of 10 semifinalists for the Joe Moore Award.
- According to ESPN, Kentucky's starting offensive line averages 6'5.2" in height and 324 pounds. The starting five is taller than 25 NFL offensive lines and heavier than 26 NFL lines.
- **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 44 career games and made 33 starts ... Was named SEC Offensive Lineman of the Week after UK's win at South Carolina.
  - **Tegra Tshabola (6-3, 329 | From Ohio State)** - Played three seasons at Ohio State ... Appeared in 52 games with 38 starts and seen action on more than 1,500 career snaps in his career.
  - **Coleton Price (6-3, 308 | From Baylor)** - Played in 41 games with 39 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 41 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 ... Has seen action in 30 career games and now made 13 starts.
- Wood missed the opener vs. Youngstown State with an 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. Knox has provided extensive depth as a swing guard, and has seen action in 19 career games.
- 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.
- Against South Alabama, the Big Blue Wall opened holes to the tune of 390 net rushing yards and a trio of backs all eclipsing the 100-rushing total for the first time in program history.
  - Heard, Price and Tshabola were all named to the Pro Football Focus College Team of the Week at their respective positions following the South Alabama win.
- In the LSU victory, the Cats limited LSU to just a 4.7% pass rush win rate, down from their average of 12%. Notable Tiger rushers Jordan Ross and Deuce Geralds were combined 0/59 on winning pass rush reps, while the Tigers managed to get just one sack on the day.
- Kentucky has committed just 4.8 penalties per game - tops in the league and 15th in the country, in part because of the veteran experience of the offensive line and the limited number of costly errors this group makes.
- For the season, UK is averaging 383.6 total yards of offense -- 163.7 per game on the ground and 219.9 through the air.

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. He was tabbed to the On3 Midseason All-America First Team list.
  - 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 45 career games and made 34 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.
  - Had five knockdown blocks, did not allow a quarterback sack or pressure, and his 80 percent grade led the UK O-Line in Kentucky's win over South Alabama. He was named to the PFF College Team of the Week for his efforts against South Alabama.
  - Named SEC Offensive Lineman of the Week following his performance at South Carolina. He led the line with an 81 percent grade, had five knockdown blocks -- including two on one play, a video that went viral -- and did not have a penalty or allow a quarterback sack.
    - **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.

CATS IN THE PROS

A total of 24 former Kentucky Wildcats are currently on National Football League active rosters or practice squads. The list of those players is as follows *(as of Oct. 20, 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)

Cincinnati Bengals
Josh Kattus, TE (2022-25)*

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
Will Levis, QB (2021-22)*
Trevin Wallace, LB (2021-23)

Pittsburgh Steelers
Brandin Echols, CB (2019-20)

Tennessee Titans
Wan'Dale Robinson, WR (2021)

**practice squad %reserve/injured*

THE PRICE IS RIGHT

- Senior center **Coleton Price (6-3, 308 | From Baylor)** was named to the preseason watch list and was also selected for the midseason list for The Remington Trophy, given to the nation's top center. He's also earned preseason second-team All-America honors from Pro Football Network. Furthermore, Sports Illustrated named Price as a midseason second-team All-American.
    - 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 41 games and making 39 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.
- He was named to the PFF College Team of the Week following UK's dominating rushing performance in a win over South Alabama.

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 has been named a semifinalist for the Witten Award. Semifinalists have all demonstrated a record of leadership by exhibiting exceptional courage, integrity and sportsmanship both on and off the field.
    - 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 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 is enjoying the most prolific season of his career and has played a major role in Will Stein's offense in 2026.
  - He has appeared in 33 career games with 19 starts.
  - Recorded 73 receptions for 809 yards and four scores, while averaging 11.1 yards per reception for his career.
- Rodriguez is a semifinalist for the John Mackey Award, given to the nation's top tight end.
  - He has caught a pass in 20 of the past 21 games and 11 straight.
    - Through nine weeks of the 2026 season, Rodriguez has snared 45 catches for 405 yards and three scores.
    - His 45 catches are the most of any TE in the SEC this season and ranks fifth among all FBS tight ends.
    - He has caught 45 passes this season, most for a UK tight end in the first nine games since James Whalen in 1999.
    - He is the first UK tight end in school history with at least five receptions in five straight SEC games.
    - 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.
    - Rodriguez hauled in five catches for 57 yards in the comeback at South Carolina, but no snag was bigger than the walk-off winning 2-point conversion in overtime.
    - He had five catches for 38 yards and two scores in the win at Oklahoma. It marked the first time in his career he scored twice in the same outing.
    - Rodriguez had a team-high six receptions for 67 yards in the win over Vanderbilt.
    - He caught six passes for 81 yards vs. Tennessee, the most catches by a UK tight end in Knoxville since Jacob Tamme caught seven passes for 120 yards in 2007.
    - Rodriguez notched his first career rushing touchdown in the win. He lined up in the "Willie-cat" formation at the one-yard line, he took a direct shotgun snap, rushed forward, stutter-stepped near the line of scrimmage, then scooted untouched around right end into the end zone.
  - 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 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, and the overtime TD at South Carolina. (For more on Boyer, see below.)
- Against Texas A&M, Kentucky tight ends caught six passes for 64 yards, including a 3-yard touchdown catch by Boyer.
- In the comeback at South Carolina, UK's tight ends capped the overtime drive with the TD grab (Boyer), and the winning 2-point conversion (Rodriguez).
- In the overtime win vs. LSU the group caught seven passes for 29 yards.
- Rodriguez had five snares and two scores at Oklahoma, while Skinner had a catch and also ran a fourth-down sweep that went for 16 yards and set up UK's first TD.
- UK tight ends have totaled 64 receptions this season, the most in the first nine games of a season since the tight ends caught 73 in the first nine games of 2000.

LAST 10 TIMES ...

Last 10+ Tackles Game

Grant Godfrey	15	Oct. 17, 2026 (at OU)
Bo Barnes	10	Oct. 17, 2026 (vs. OU)
Bo Barnes	12	Oct. 10, 2026 (vs. LSU)
Grant Godfrey	10	Oct. 10, 2026 (vs. LSU)
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)

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

CJ Baxter	123	Oct. 10, 2026 (vs. LSU)
CJ Baxter	149	Sept. 26, 2026 (vs. USA)
Jason Patterson	137	Sept. 26, 2026 (vs. USA)
Javontae Barnes	100	Sept. 26, 2026 (vs. USA)
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)

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 Maclin	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

Kenny Darby	12	Oct. 3, 2026 (at So. Car.)
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)

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. Va. Tech)
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

BO BARNES, LB
- PFF SEC College Team of the Week (OU game)

CJ BAXTER, RB
- Comeback Player of the Year Midseason Watch List
- Comeback Player of the Week (TAMU game)
- Shriners Kids East-West Game Watch List
- Comeback Player of the Year Watch List

TY BRYANT, S
- William V. Campbell Trophy Finalist
- Lott IMPACT Trophy Quarterfinalist
- New York Athletic Club (NYAC) Endowed Student-Athlete Award
- Preseason Second Team All-SEC (PFN)
- Preseason Third Team All-SEC (Athlon)
- Preseason Third Team All-SEC (Phil Steele)
- Shriners Kids East-West Game Watch List
- Senior Bowl Top 300

JORDAN CASTELL, DB
- Jim Thorpe Award Semifinalist
- Lott Trophy Player of the Week (OU game)
- Bronko Nagurski National Defensive Player of the Week (OU game)
- Thorpe Award National DB of the Week (OU game)
- Walter Camp National Defensive Player of the Week (OU game)
- Senior Bowl Defensive Player of the Week (OU game)
- SEC Defensive Player of the Week (OU game)
- Senior Bowl Defensive Player of the Week (Texas A&M game)
- Lott Trophy Player of the Week (TAMU game)
- Shriners Kids East-West Game Watch List

BROCK COFFMAN, WR
- SEC Special Teams Player of the Week (LSU game)

KENNY DARBY, WR
- Shaun Alexander Freshman Player of the Year Semifinalist
- SEC Freshman of the Week (Vandy game)
- On3 Midseason True Freshman All-America Team
- SEC Freshman of the Week (LSU game)
- On3 True Freshman Wide Receiver of the Week (national award, South Carolina game)
- SEC Freshman of the Week (S. Carolina game)
- 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

BOY(ER), DOES HE MAKE THE BIG PLAYS!

- Big **Henry Boyer** (6-6, 270), a transfer from Illinois, came to Kentucky in 2025 with a reputation for great blocking but wasn't known for his pass receiving That perception has been altered greatly. Here's a chart of his nine receptions this year, including some of the biggest plays of the season:
  - vs. Youngstown State: career-long 31 yards
  - vs. Alabama: 20-yard touchdown
  - at Texas A&M: 3-yard touchdown and a 32-yard reception in the fourth quarter that set up Adam Zouagui's key 52-yard field goal
  - vs. South Alabama: had two catches on UK's first touchdown drive, an 11-yarder for a first down and a 5-yarder that immediately preceded C.J. Baxter's touchdown run
  - vs. South Alabama: 8-yard first down catch on a TD drive
  - at South Carolina: 6-yard touchdown in overtime
  - vs. LSU: 4-yard catch on a touchdown drive

THE KENTUCKY DARBY

- Freshman **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 true freshman has been a dynamic playmaker for the Cats this season.
  - Named a Midseason True Freshman All-American by On3
  - Has totaled 45 catches for a team-high 576 yards with three touchdowns.
  - His 576 receiving yards are the ninth-most in the SEC and 62nd in the country overall. Among freshmen, he ranks first among league foes and he is sixth nationally.
  - His 45 catches are the most ever by a UK freshman in the first nine games of a season.
  - He has caught at least one pass in all nine games of his collegiate career.
  - Was named SEC Freshman of the Week in victory over Vanderbilt, the third time he has won the award in four weeks (also South Carolina and LSU) after hauling in four passes for team-best 71 yards.
  - Set a UK freshman record with 12 receptions in the comeback win at South Carolina. His 12 catches went for 96 yards and he also caught a 17-yard TD on the first drive of the third quarter.
    - Won two awards for the South Carolina game -- On3 True Freshman Wide Receiver of the Week (national award) and SEC Freshman of the Week
  - Had four catches for 79 yards against LSU and earned repeat SEC Freshman of the Week accolades for the winning effort.
  - Darby snared two passes for 64 yards, including a 42-yard score in the upset win at No. 9/8 Texas A&M.
  - Snared five passes for 35 yards, with a long of 17 yards at Oklahoma.
  - He leads the team with 12 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.
  - For his career, Miller has 31 receptions for 396 yards and three scores.
  - His sophomore campaign has seen him haul in 18 catches for 221 yards (both career highs) and an average of 11.1 yards per reception.
  - Broke out in Will Stein's offense for five catches and 96 yards, narrowly missing a 100-yard effort, in the win at No. 9/8 Texas A&M.
  - He missed the South Carolina game, but returned from injury to log four snares for 54 yards in the upset of No. 10/10 LSU.
  - In the road win at Oklahoma, Miller had four catches for 28 yards.
  - He added five receptions for 43 yards in win over Vanderbilt.
  - **Fun Facts:** He enjoys cooking and one day would like to own a gym and become a personal trainer.

NIC AT NIGHT

- **Nic Anderson (6-4, 208 | From Oklahoma)** is an Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award watch list honoree. He is the most veteran receiver in Will Stein's stable of receivers having played in 35 career games, making 18 starts.
- Totaled career stats of 70 receptions for 1,127 yards and 13 touchdowns. He has been responsible for 20 catches and 223 yards in the 2026 season.
- In his first season with the Blue and White, he had a breakout game in the comeback at South Carolina with five catches for 80 yards and a 37-yard TD.
- In the win over Oklahoma, Anderson had five receptions for a team-high 48 yards, including a juggling 17-yarder in the fourth quarter.
- Prior to UK, he set an Oklahoma freshman record with 10 receiving touchdowns in 2023. He averaged more than 16 yards per reception in 2023.
- On PFF College's "SEC Watch" for the 2026 season noting, "high-upside veteran with elite size and previous Power Four production."
    - **Fun Facts:** Hobbies include: watching anime, cooking, eating and playing pickleball. He aims to be a TV announcer or an elementary PE teacher when his playing days are over. 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.

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, and high-upside newcomers that fit Will Stein's aggressive, explosive offensive philosophy. Here's a few to keep an eye on:
    - **Shane Carr (6-2, 190 | From Southern Utah)** - Has 84 total receptions for 1,397 career yards ... Hauled in 11 total touchdowns ... Played in 25 games with 19 starts at Southern Utah ... Averaged 16.6 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 ... He added a 55-yard punt return for a touchdown vs. LSU ... Earned SEC Special Teams Player of the Week following the big return against the Tigers.
    - **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 ... Earned first career start vs. Vanderbilt on Oct. 24, 2026.
    - **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.

KENTUCKY'S TRIPLE OPTION

- 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, unbalanced lines, 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.
- Kentucky's backs dominated the game in the win over South Alabama, accounting for 390 rushing yards which are the most in one game since 408 vs. Ole Miss in 2020.

HONORING THE CATS

AARON GATES, DB
- PFF SEC College Team of the Week (OU game)
- Comeback Player of the Year Watch List

SAM GREENE, OLB
- Comeback Player of the Week (Oct. 13)
- SEC Defensive Player of the Week (TAMU gm)
- Comeback Player of the Week (Sept. 22)
- Comeback Player of the Year Watch List

LANCE HEARD, OL
- Lombardi Award Semifinalist
- On3 Midseason First-Team All-America
- SEC Off. Lineman of the Week (S. Car. game)
- PFF College Team of the Week (S. Ala. game)
- 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 (Texas A&M game)

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

COLETON PRICE, C
- Midseason Second Team All-America (SI)
- Rimington Trophy Midseason Watch List
- PFF College Team of the Week (S. Ala. game)
- Preseason Second Team All-America (PFN)
- Preseason Third Team All-SEC (Athlon)
- Preseason Second Team All-SEC (Phil Steele)
- Shriners Kids East-West Game Watch List
- Senior Bowl Top 300

TEGRA TSHABOLA, OL
- PFF College Team of the Week (S. Ala. game)
- Shriners Kids East-West Game Watch List

COACH WILL STEIN
- Dodd Trophy Coach of the Month (October)
- Paul "Bear" Bryant National Coach of the Year watch list
- On3 Midseason National Coach of the Year
- Dodd Trophy National Coach of the Week (Texas A&M game)

- Kentucky averaged 9.3 yards per rushing attempt, with 390 yards on 42 carries. It is the highest per-attempt since 2019 vs. Louisville, when the Wildcats averaged 12.9 yards per carry.
- This was the second time in school history that Kentucky had three players rush for at least 100 yards in a game. The previous time was 2020 vs. Ole Miss when Chris Rodriguez (133 yards), Terry Wilson (129) and A.J. Rose (114) did so.
- UK had two players rush for at least 137 yards vs. the Jaguars, the first time that has happened since 2016 at Missouri (Benny Snell and Stanley "Boom" Williams).
- UK had three players rush for touchdowns, first time since the 2025 season opener vs. Toledo

- UK's running back room is headlined by a trio of backs in **CJ Baxter, Jason Patterson** and **Jovantae Barnes**:
- **CJ Baxter Jr. (6-1, 230 | From Texas)** has 1,396 rushing yards and 13 TDs to couple with 1,679 yards from scrimmage and 44 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.
  - He is on the midseason watch list for the nation's comeback player of the year, as presented by the College Sports Communicators in association with the Associated Press.
  - 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.
    - Rushed 16 times for a career-high 149 yards and a touchdown against South Alabama. His previous best was 117 yards at Iowa State in 2023, the only other 100-yard game of his career.
    - Punched in UK's first score at South Carolina. Finished the day with 68 all-purpose yards, but most importantly he picked up the blitz to secure a clear pocket for Kenny Minchey on the QB's game-winning 2-point conversion toss in overtime.
    - Had a career-long rush on UK's first offensive snap in the victory over LSU and scampered 77 yards. He then plunged in for a score.
    - Baxter scored his second touchdown of the game in overtime and finished the game with 123 rushing yards for his second game with 100 or more this season.
    - After missing the Oklahoma game due to injury and leaving the Vanderbilt game early after getting dinged up, he currently ranks fourth in the SEC in rushing touchdowns (8) and 28th nationally.
    - He is also seventh in the league with 67.6 yards per game and third with an average of 5.46 per carry.
    - **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.
- **Jason Patterson (5-10, 204)** has emerged as a valuable option in the backfield for Will Stein's system.
  - Through nine games in 2026, Patterson is second on the team with 478 rushing yards.
  - Patterson carried 12 times for a career-high 137 yards and a career-best three touchdowns against South Alabama.
  - With 1:12 remaining in the first half, he made the play that was the turning point of the game – a career-long 75-yard touchdown burst, tying the score after the Wildcats had fallen behind 21-14.
  - He became the first UK player with at least 137 rushing yards and three rushing touchdowns since Ray Davis had 280 yards and three touchdowns vs. Florida in 2023. He averaged 11.4 yards per carry, highest in one game for a Wildcat (min. 10 carries) since A.J. Rose averaged 12.3 yards per carry vs. North Carolina State in the Gator Bowl following the 2020 season
  - For his career, Patterson has tallied 809 total yards on 155 carries and four touchdowns.
  - **Fun Facts:** An off the field talent is the ability to sing, and one day he would like to be a physical therapist.
- **Jovantae Barnes (6-0, 214 | From Oklahoma)** has totaled 1,750 scrimmage yards in his career. He has compiled 14 total touchdowns.
  - He produced 1,553 rushing yards and 13 rushing touchdowns in his career. He has four career 100-yard outings and one 200-yard performance.
  - He missed the opener vs. Youngstown State, but returned vs. Alabama and had three carries and one catch.
  - Barnes rushed eight times for 100 yards and a touchdown, averaging 12.5 yards per attempt in UK's win over South Alabama.
  - **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.

MILESTONES TO WATCH WHEN THE CATS ARE ON OFFENSE

- **Nic Anderson** is five catches away from 75 for a career.
- **CJ Baxter Jr.** is 104 yards from topping 1,500 rushing yards in a career and two TDs shy of 15 for a career.
- **Shane Carr** is 103 receiving yards from 1,500 for a career.
- **Kenny Darby** is six catches from passing Barion Brown's UK true freshman record for catches in a season and 53 receiving yards from passing Brown's freshman record for receiving yards as a true freshman.
- **DJ Miller** is 81 yards away from 500 receiving yards for his career.
- **Kenny Minchey** is 739 passing yards from breaking into the UK single-season top-10 for most passing yards in a season.
- **Jason Patterson** is 191 rushing yards from topping 1,000 for a career.
- **Willie Rodriguez** is 191 yards from topping 1,000 receiving yards for his career.

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 champi-

onship-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 was the SEC's returning leader in interceptions with four in 2025 and is one of the biggest recommits to Will Stein's first roster.
- Bryant is a William V. Campbell Trophy finalist, given to the nation's top student-athlete with the best combination of academics, leadership and on-field performance.
- He is also a quarterfinalist for the Lott IMPACT Trophy which is awarded annually to the nation's top defensive player, who exhibits the characteristics of Ronnie Lott by making an impact on and off the field.
- Bryant has been awarded the New York Athletic Club (NYAC) Endowed Scholar-Athlete Award. This recognition honors a senior football player for combining academic achievement, athletic performance and community leadership.
- For his career, Bryant has appeared in 46 career games and racked up 230 career tackles, five for a loss, nine interceptions, two forced fumbles, one fumble recovery and five pass breakups.
    - With nine career INTs, he ranks tied for fourth in career picks among all FBS players.
    - His four INTs in 2026 rank tied for the lead in the SEC and sixth nationally.
- His interception vs. Vanderbilt was his fourth in three games. The last Wildcat to intercept a pass in three consecutive games was Danny Trevathan in 2011.
- Bryant had two interceptions at Oklahoma, the second time in his career he has had multiple interceptions in the same game against an SEC opponent. He also achieved the mark against Ole Miss on Sept. 6, 2025. He also contributed nine tackles in the win against the Sooners.
- He recorded his first interception of the 2026 season against LSU on the Tigers' first possession of the second half. To bring the play full circle, UK was wearing throwback Power K uniforms like the one his father, Cisco, wore during his time in blue and white.
- 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 amassed double-digit stops in back-to-back games.
- He had eight tackles and a pass breakup at South Carolina.
- 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.
    - **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.
- He has four interceptions, which is tied for the SEC lead and ranks sixth nationally. He ranks tied for 17th with seven career interceptions in the FBS.
- With 7.6 tackles per game ranks as the most among all SEC defensive backs and is fifth in the country for DBs.
- For his career, Castell has appeared in 44 games and made 236 career tackles. He's also been responsible for 5.5 tackles for a loss, seven interceptions and 17 pass breakups.
- He is a Jim Thorpe Award semifinalist.

HONORING THE CATS

OL COACH CUTTER LEFTWICH
• Shriner's Children's East-West Bowl Coach of the Week (Texas A&M game)
• 30 Under 30 (247Sports)

STARS COACH JAMES GIBSON
• 30 Under 30 (247Sports)

KENTUCKY FOOTBALL
• Pop-Tarts Bowl Crazy Good Team of the Week (Texas A&M game)
• Joe Moore Award Semifinalists

- Picked off two passes, including a 41-yard return for a touchdown to give the Cats a 21-13 cushion in the win over Oklahoma. It was his first collegiate touchdown. He also added nine tackles and a pass breakup in the win. Earned five national honors (Walter Camp National Defensive Player of the Week, Bronko Nagurski National Defensive Player of the Week, Thorpe Award National DB of the Week, Lott IMPACT Trophy Player of the Week, Panini Senior Bowl National Defensive Player of the Week), as well SEC Defensive Player of the Week for his performance against the Sooners.
- Castell was responsible for seven tackles -- including two for a loss of 14 total yards in the opener vs. Youngstown State.
- Against Alabama, Castell had nine tackles and his first interception as a Wildcat.
- He had a critical interception in the shadow of his own goalpost vs. Texas A&M, essentially clinching the win over the Aggies. Castell led the team with a career-high 13 tackles in the win. He earned Lott Trophy National Defensive Player of the Week and Senior Bowl National Defensive Player of the Week honors.
    - 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.

NO FLY ZONE

- Kentucky's safety tandem of **Ty Bryant** and **Jordan Castell** has combined for eight interceptions this season. That is tied for the most by any defensive back duo in the country.
- They have also combined for 136 tackles, which is the most by any safety tandem in the country.
- Both Bryant and Castell lead the SEC with four INTs.
- They are the first pair of UK teammates to ever haul in two interceptions against an SEC opponent in the same game.
- Bryant has now achieved the feat twice, also picking off two passes against Ole Miss during his junior season.

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 22 career games with 12 starts ... Has 55 tackles, 2.5 tackles for a loss and 15 pass breakups for his career in three seasons with the Cats ... Earned eight tackles, 0.5 TFL, and two pass breakups at South Carolina.
    - **Hasaan Sykes (6-0, 192 | From Western Carolina)** - Transfer from Western Carolina ... Has 90 tackles, six TFLs, two sacks, nine PBUs and three interceptions for his career ... Contributed a pair of breakups and three tackles at South Carolina ... Logged seven tackles at Oklahoma ... Before the season, Bateman indicated that Sykes is a candidate to "surprise some people this fall."
    - **Demarcus Gardner (6-0, 177)** - Has logged action in 12 career games ... Made five total 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 ... Has missed the last six games for the Cats due to injury.
    - **Isaiah McMillian (6-1, 176)** - Has appeared in eight of UK's games thus far, making two starts ... The true freshman has logged 13 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 for the Cats in 2026.
    - Gates, like Jordan Castell, is familiar with Jay Bateman and the system having played under him during his time at Florida.
    - For his career, Gates is responsible for 55 total tackles, 5.5 tackles for a loss, 10 pass breakups, three fumble recoveries and one interception.
    - Against South Alabama, Gates accounted for a tackle for loss, a career-best three pass breakups and a quarterback hurry.
    - He had a pair of tackles and three pass breakups in the win at Oklahoma.
    - Against Vanderbilt he totaled three tackles, half a tackle for loss, defended a pass and logged a QB hurry.
        - **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 28 career games with 11 starts. He leads the team with 78 tackles on the season.
    - He ranks second in the SEC and 30th nationally with an average of 8.7 stops per game.
    - The senior had a career and team-high 15 stops in the win at Oklahoma, his third double-digit tackling effort of the season.
    - Godfrey logged 10 tackles vs. LSU, his second double-digit game against an AP Top 10 team this season.
    - Had 11 tackles at Texas A&M.
    - Posted eight tackles and had a game-changing second-quarter interception in the win over South Alabama. The pick was the first of his career.
    - Logged a team-high nine tackles and made 1.5 TFL, while

picking up a fumble recovery and was credited with one QB hurry in the comeback at South Carolina.
- 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** has seen action in 13 career games and made all nine starts this season. He's amassed 64 total tackles, 4.5 tackles for a loss, two pass breakups and one sack in his career.
- In the win at Oklahoma, Barnes totaled 10 tackles and a pass breakup. It marked the second straight double-digit tackling effort for the second-year player.
- Against LSU he had a team-high 12 tackles, including nine in the first half. The 12 stops also marked a career high.
- 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)** - Logged action in 15 career games ... He's tallied eight tackles and a pass breakup thus far in his career ... 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 New York Jets.
    - **Antwan Smith (6-3, 226)** - Seen action in 24 career games for the Cats ... Has posted 11 total tackles, two pass breakups and an interception in his career. ... Earned a pick late in the fourth quarter against South Alabama and returned it to the 31-yard line ... Logged six tackles and a pass breakup as a sophomore.
    - **Quintavion Norman (6-3, 223)** - Appeared in nine games thus far for the Cats in his career ... Coming out of high school, he earned All-Region honorable mention for Region 4-AAAAAAA 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. He has seen action in 55 career games.
- Totaled 206 career tackles, 26.5 tackles for loss, 6.0 sacks, four pass breakups, a forced fumble and a fumble recovery.
- Led the team with nine tackles and a QB hurry in the win over South Alabama.
- 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. Afairi 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.
    - For his career, Greene has logged 66 career tackles, eight for a loss, two pass breakups, two forced fumbles, 3.5 sacks and an interception.
    - 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 the game, he totaled six tackles, an interception, a tackle for loss and a fourth-down stop. He earned SEC Defensive Player of the Week accolades.
    - Greene came up big in the comeback at South Carolina as well, totaling six tackles and two forced fumbles, while also earning a QB hurry.
    - He was named the (national) Comeback Player of the Week following the LSU game and a five-tackle, including 1.5 for loss effort.
    - 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 transfered to Kentucky ... Appeared in 18 total games for the Cats ... Has tallied 26 total tackles, 6.5 tackles for loss, one pass breakup, two forced fumbles and 2.5 sacks in his career ... Recorded three tackles, 1.5 TFL, a sack and a forced fumble in the final game of the 2025 season vs. Louisville ... Started vs. Vanderbilt.
        - **CJ Works (6-5, 247)** - Posted 21 career games played ... Has amassed 28 career tackles, 4.0 tackles for a loss, four pass breakups, a forced a fumble and 2.0 sacks ... Had a fumble recovery and three pass breakups against Alabama this season ... Posted three tackles and 1.5 sacks in the win at Oklahoma ... Was a four-star recruit from Lexington's Fredrick Douglass High School and was ranked the No. 11 edge nationally in his recruiting class.

NO GRACE GIVEN

- "Creating havoc" is a popular term in defensive circles and defensive end **Mi'Quise Humphrey-Grace (6-4, 271 | From South Dakota)** fills the bill for the Wildcats. He has created at least one havoc play (sack, tackle for loss, interception, fumble caused/recovered, quarterback hurry, pass breakup) in every game this season.
- He has made 32 tackles this season and leads the team in these havoc plays:
    - Tackles for loss (9)
    - Quarterback sacks (6)
    - Quarterback hurries (9)
- He also has a pass interception returned for a touchdown and two pass breakups that were intercepted by UK.
- 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 first possession of the game, 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 TD at Kentucky and third of his collegiate career.
- In the win over South Alabama, he had four tackles, deflected a pass that was intercepted by Grant Godfrey, and had 1.5 sacks, including a shared sack on a fourth-down play that turned over the ball on downs.
- Had 1.5 sacks, both coming on Oklahoma's first possession of the fourth quarter in UK's win over the Sooners. He contributed four total tackles, three QB hurries and a pass breakup that led to the team's first of four interceptions of the game.
- Forced a fumble on a sack vs. Vanderbilt that led to a field goal to extend UK's second half lead.
- Started all 12 games for the Cats a season ago after playing two seasons at South Dakota to begin his career.
- His breakout 2024 season included 19.0 tackles for a loss and 9.5 sacks.
- Career totals include 160 tackles, 42.5 TFL and 24.5 sacks to go along with 27 quarterback hurries
- His 24.5 career sacks ranks 17th nationally among all players (Division II, III, FBS and FCS), while his 42.5 career tackles for loss ranks 28th

TAVI-ON THE GAS

- Kentucky defensive lineman **Tavion Gadson (6-5, 303)** has put together a banner year for the Cats.
- In 2026, Gadson has career highs in:
    - Tackles for loss (5.0)
    - Pass breakups (2)
    - Fumble recoveries (2)
    - Sacks (3.0)
    - Tackle assists (16)
- He has started all eight games in which he has played in 2026.
- Had five tackles vs. Alabama and South Carolina
- Charted four tackles, including a tackle for a loss at Texas A&M
- Got his first career fumble recovery in the win over No. 10/10 LSU, and picked up his second of the season in the win over Vanderbilt.
- Posted a career-best eight tackles and added 1.5 sacks for a loss of 11 yards at Oklahoma.
- For his career, Gadson has amassed 58 career tackles, nine going for a loss, 5.5 sacks, two pass breakups and two fumble recoveries.

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 win in the trenches." In addition to Mi'Quise Humphyre-Grace and Tavion Gadson, 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 34 career games and made two starts ... Has 48 career tackles, 5.5 for a loss and 2.0 career sacks ... 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)** - Seen action in 12 career games and made his first career start vs. South Alabama ... Notched eight career tackles and 1.0 tackles for a loss ... 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.
    - **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 30 career games and made 17 starts ... Has totaled 31 career tackles with 5.5 tackles for a loss and 5.5 sacks... Against LSU he had 1.5 sacks and forced a fumble ... Added a critical sack vs. Vanderbilt ... Defensive coordinator Jay Bateman said, "Putting Chops iin the game is like parking a Volkswagen in the A gap."
    - **Jaden Williams (6-4, 290)** - Appeared in nine games for UK in 2025 after playing for three seasons at Wyoming ... Has totaled 46 career tackles, 4.0 TFL and 2.0 sacks, while also generating seven QB hurries and a fumble recovery ... Totaled a career-high six tackles and career-best two quarterback hurries in the Florida win for Kentucky last season.
    - **Dominic Wiseman (6-2, 298 | From South Alabama)** - A fifth-year player who has seen action in 20 career games at the FBS level ... Had tallied 29 career tackles, three going for a loss, one QB sack and forced one fumble.

MILESTONES TO WATCH WHEN THE CATS ARE ON DEFENSE

- **Alex Afari Jr.** is 3.5 tackles for a loss from 30 for his career.
- **Ty Bryant** is one interceptions away from 10 for his career.
- **Jordan Castell** is 14 tackles from 250 for his career and three interceptions from 10 for his career. He also needs three pass breakups for 20 for his collegiate career.
- **Tavion Gadson** is 4.5 sacks from 10 for a career.
- **Mi'Quise Humphrey-Grace** is 1.5 sacks away from 25 for his career. He is 7.5 tackle for loss shy of 50 for his career.
- **Hasaan Sykes** is 10 tackles from 100 for his career.

SPECIAL TEAMS NOTES

KICKIN' IT WITH ZOU

- **Adam Zouagui (5-11, 191 | From USF)** who primarily handled kick-offs at USF a season ago, has been UK's lead kicker through nine games on the season.
  - He is 23 of 40 for his career on field goals and has scored 188 points. He has made all 31 of his extra points and nailed 12 field goals thus far in 2026.
  - He has made his last five field goals heading into the Florida game.
  - Zouagui was 2 for 2, from 42 and 29 yards, in UK's win at South Carolina. His 29-yarder late in regulation sent the game to overtime. He also hit a 33-yarder with 12 seconds left to send the LSU game into overtime.
  - 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 18 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 10 on field goals from more than 40 yards.
    - Charted a 12 of 14 clip inside 50 yards.
    - Scored 71 points.
    - **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.

O'H, AUSTRALIA

Thomas O'Hara (6-1, 201 | From Murray State), who hails from Melbourne, Australia served as UK's punter through the first five games.

- Has appeared in 29 games with 132 punts for 5,807 yards.
- Averages 44.0 yards per kick for his career and has totaled 32 kicks that have traveled 50-plus yards.
- O'Hara has a knack for landing his kicks inside the 20, with 40 falling in that zone.

Wilson Berry (6-4, 206), who also is a native of Australia, coming to Kentucky from Maribyrong, has been with the Cats for seven seasons. He punted for the first time against LSU since the 2024 season and has served as UK's top leg ever since.

- Has appeared in 53 career games with 104 punts for 4,190 yards and average of 40.3 yards per boot.
- Also serves as the holder on all field goal and extra point attempts.
- Against the Tigers, Berry punted three times for an average of 40.3 yards. He booted one 51 yards and landed one inside the 20.
- He followed that performance with five kicks for an average of 46.2 yards per kick, including a career-long of 58 to pin the Sooners deep in their own territory in the win at Oklahoma.

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.
  - 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 began his tenure at age 36 (turned 37 on Sept. 25), 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 experi ence, coming to UK after two seasons at Texas A&M.
  o In 2025, Bateman helped Texas A&M to a historic 11-2 sea son 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-confe ence 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 quarte backs 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 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 champion ships 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 coach ing 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. As a player, he is most remembered for the 1997 game vs. Alabama, when he returned a blocked field goal 68 yards for a touchdown to send the game to overtime. The Wildcats won the game in OT.
  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).

DID YOU KNOW?

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

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
    - Coleton 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

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 Zouagui** (Economics)

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 Nochta's** father was also a UK player. John Nochta played from 1973-76 as an offensive lineman, and then served as a student coach under Fran Curci in 1977.

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.

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, videoboards, radio and TV inventory, coaches' endorsements, and in-game features highlighting students who participate in the program.



"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 361 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 Bourbon County HS and Paris HS. Leach was also inducted into the Bourbon County High School Athletics Hall of Fame.

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	2028	2029
at Florida	FLORIDA	at Florida
SOUTH CAROLINA	at South Carolina	S. CAROLINA
TENNESSEE	at Tennessee	TENNESSEE
AUBURN	MISSOURI	ARKANSAS
GEORGIA	TEXAS A&M	OLE MISS
MISSISSIPPI STATE	OKLAHOMA	TEXAS
at Arkansas	at Alabama	at Auburn
at Ole Miss	at LSU	at Georgia
at Texas	at Vanderbilt	at Miss. State

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.

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
- Eleven players have had a brother play college football: (Max Anderson, Nic Anderson, Bo Barnes, 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, OL Coleton Price
  - **South Alabama -** WR DJ Miller, OL Tegra Tshabola, DB Hasaan Sykes, DL Tyler Thomas
  - **South Carolina** - TE Mikkel Skinner, LB Sam Greene, OL Lance Heard, LB Grant Godfrey
  - **LSU** - LB Grant Godfrey, OL Lance Heard, DE Mi'Quise Humphrey-Grace, QB Kenny Minchey
  - **Oklahoma** - RB Jovantae Barnes, WR Nic Anderson, S Ty Bryant, DL Tavion Gadson
  - **Vanderbilt** - S Jordan Castell, LB Grant Godfrey, QB Kenny Minchey, C Coleton Price
  - **Tennessee** - OT Lance Heard, DL Mi'Quise Humphrey-Grace, LB Grant Godfrey, QB Kenny Minchey

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	1-0
Missouri	0-0
Oklahoma	1-0
South Alabama	1-0
South Carolina	1-0
Tennessee	0-1
Texas A&M	1-0
Vanderbilt	1-0
Youngstown State	1-0

TOTAL	**7-2**
HOME RECORD	**4-1**
AWAY RECORD	**3-1**
NEUTRAL RECORD	**0-0**
VS. SEC OPPONENTS	**5-2**
VS. NONCONFERENCE	**2-0**
SEC AT HOME	**2-1**
SEC ON THE ROAD	**3-1**
DAY GAME	**4-1**
NIGHT GAME	**3-1**
VS. TOP 25	**2-2**
TOP 25 AT HOME	**1-1**
TOP 25 ON THE ROAD	**1-1**

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, 37, 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 moder-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 CFP
- 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
- 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

WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME KENTUCKY ...

SCORED 40 POINTS		
Sept. 26, 2026	vs. South Alabama	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		
Oct. 17, 2026	at Oklahoma	Rodriguez 2-yard catch
SCORED ON FIRST PLAY FROM SCRIMMAGE		
Nov. 26, 2016	at Louisville	Stephen Johnson 75-yard pass to Garret Johnson
HAD 25 FIRST DOWNS		
Oct. 3, 2026	at South Carolina	25 first downs
HAD 30 FIRST DOWNS		
Nov. 16, 2024	vs. Murray State	32 first downs
HAD 250-YARDS RUSHING		
Sept. 26, 2026	vs. South Alabama	390 yards
HAD 300-YARDS RUSHING		
Sept. 26, 2026	vs. South Alabama	390 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. 26, 2026	vs. South Alabama	567 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		
Oct. 26, 2026	vs. Vanderbilt	15 yards
HELD OPPONENT BELOW 50-YARDS RUSHING		
Oct. 26, 2026	vs. Vanderbilt	15 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		
Oct. 10, 2026	vs. LSU	CJ Baxter (123)
HAD TWO PLAYERS RUSH FOR 100 YARDS		
Sept. 26, 2026	vs. South Alabama	CJ Baxter (149) Jason Patterson (137) Javontae Barnes (100)
HAD THREE PLAYERS RUSH FOR 100 YARDS		
Sept. 26, 2026	vs. South Alabama	CJ Baxter (149) Jason Patterson (137) Javontae Barnes (100)
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)

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) A.J. Rose (105) Travis Tisdale (60) Tyler Markray (52)
HAD A PLAYER WITH THREE RUSHING TDS		
Sept. 26, 2026	vs. South Alabama	Jason Patterson (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) Jalen Whitlow (105)
HAD A PLAYER WITH THREE OR MORE PASSING TDS		
Oct. 3, 2026	at South Carolina	Kenny Minchey (3)
HAD A PLAYER WITH 2 PASSING TDS AND TWO RUSHING TDS		
Oct. 25, 2014	vs. Mississippi State	Patrick Towles 67-yard pass to Demarco Robinson; 58-yard pass to Javess Blue & 10-yard run; 4-yard run
HAD A PLAYER WITH 10 RECEPTIONS		
Oct. 3, 2026	at South Carolina	Kenny Darby (12)
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 TWO PLAYERS WITH 100-YARDS RECEIVING		
Oct. 25, 2025	vs. Tennessee	DJ Miller (120) 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; 9-yards; 17-yards)
HAD A PLAYER WITH 100 RUSHING AND 100 RECEIVING YARDS		
Nov. 11, 2006	vs. Vanderbilt	Rafael Little (132 rushing; 114 receiving yards)
HAD A 100-YARD PASSER AND A 100-YARD RUSHER		
Oct. 3, 2020	vs. Ole Miss	Terry Wilson (151 passing; 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. EKU	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. EKU	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. 10, 2026	vs. LSU	Brock Coffman (55 yards)
HAD A PLAYER RETURN AN INTERCEPTION FOR A TOUCHDOWN		
Oct. 17, 2026	at Oklahoma	Jordan Castell (41-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 *only instance in UK history	Maxwell Hairston (29-yard interception; 54-yard interception)
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		
Oct. 17, 2025	at Oklahoma	Ty Bryant (2), Jordan Castell (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. EKU	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. 10, 2026	vs. LSU	W, 35-34^{OT}
WON AN OVERTIME GAME		
Oct. 10, 2026	vs. LSU	W, 35-34^{OT}
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		
Nov. 7, 2026	at Tennessee	0 points (24-0)
RUSHED FOR 300 YARDS		
Oct. 26, 2024	vs. Auburn	326 yards
PASSED FOR 300 YARDS		
Oct. 10, 2026	vs. LSU	316 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		
Nov. 7, 2026	at Tennessee	DeSean Bishop (109)
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. 26, 2026	vs. South Alabama	Jared Hollins (43)
HAD A PLAYER WITH 25 COMPLETIONS		
Oct. 26, 2026	vs. Vanderbilt	Jared Curtis (27)
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	Trailed 7-0

FIRST FOURTH-QUARTER COMEBACK WIN		
Oct. 3, 2026	at South Carolina	Trailed, 27-24

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		
Sept. 26, 2026	vs. South Alabama	CJ Baxter 149 yards Jason Patterson 137 yards Javontae Barnes 100 yards

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		
Sept. 25, 2026	vs. South Alabama	Jason Patterson (3 TDs)

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 Zouagui

FIRST FIELD GOAL		
Sept. 5, 2026	vs. Youngstown State	Adam Zouagi (28 yards)

FIRST BLOCKED KICK

FIRST BLOCKED PUNT

FIRST SPECIAL TEAMS TOUCHDOWN		
Oct. 10, 2026	vs. LSU	Brock Coffman 55-yd punt return

FIRST GAME-WINNING FIELD GOAL

TRACKING INDIVIDUAL SEASON/CAREER, TEAM RECORDS

INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

Highest Completion Percentage, Season (min. 100 completions)

.723 Tim Couch (1998; 400/553)
.699 Kenny Minchey (2026, 186/266)
.687 Maxwell Smith (2012; 103/150)
.672 Cutter Boley (2025; 185/275)
.672 Terry Wilson (2018; 180/268)

Most Interceptions

Most Interceptions, Career

14 Darryl Bishop (376 yards), 1971-73
11 Wilbur Jamerson (310 yards), 1947-50
Tony Mayes (74 yards), 1983-86
10 Mike Edwards (146 yards), 2015-18
Marcus McClinton (55), 2004-08
Larry Carter (176), 1977-79
Buzz Burnam (57), 1970-72
9 Ty Bryant (156), 2023-
Jordan Lovett (54), 2021-25

INDIVIDUAL FRESHMAN RECORDS

Most Pass Receptions, Season

50 Barion Brown, 2022
45 Kenny Darby, 2026
40 Derek Abney, 2000

Most Receiving Yards

Season

628 Barion Brown, 2022
576 Kenny Darby, 2026
519 Dane Key, 2022

Most Touchdown Pass Receptions

Season

6 Dane Key, 2022
4 Barion Brown, 2022
3 Kenny Darby, 2026
Tommy Cook, 2001
Derek Abney, 2000

TEAM PASSING

Completion Percentage

Best Completion Percentage, Season

.721 1998 (414/574)
.694 2026 (160/234)
.665 1997 (374/562)
.661 2021 (242/366)
.655 2018 (194/296)
.651 2010 (298/458)

TRACKING INDIVIDUAL SINGLE-SEASON CAREER HIGHS

DEFENSIVE BACKS/SAFETIES

#14 Ty Bryant
Pass Breakups: 3 (previous high was 1 in 2023 and 2025)
Fumble Recoveries: 1
Sacks: 0.5
Interceptions: 4 (also had four in 2025)

#5 Jordan Castell
Tackles: 68 (previous high was 60 in 2023)
Tackles for loss: 3 (previous high was 1.5 in 2023)
Interceptions: 4 (previous high was 2 in 2025)

#28 Demarcus Gardner
Tackles: 3 (previous high was 2 in 202)

#3 Aaron Gates
Pass breakups: 7 (previous high was 3 in 2024)
Sacks: 0.5

#20 Terhyon Nichols
Tackles: 27 (previous high was 18 in 2025)
Tackles for loss: 1.5 (previous high was 1 in 2025)
Pass breakups: 5 (also in 2024 and 2025)

#13 Cyrus Reyes
Tackles: 11 (previous high was 7 in 2025)
Pass breakups: 1

DEFENSIVE LINE

#6 Ahmad Breaux
Sacks: 1.5 (previous high was 0.5 in 2025)

#8 Lorenzo Cowan
Tackles: 13 (also in 2025)
Pass breakups: 1

#94 Tavion Gadson
Tackles: 29 (previous high was 28 in 2025)
Tackle for loss: 5 (previous high was 4 in 2025)
Pass breakups: 2
Fumble recoveries: 2
Sacks: 3 (previous high was 2.5 in 2025)

#7 Jamarrion Harkless
Tackles for loss: 3 (previous high was 2.5 in 2025)
Forced fumble: 1
Sacks: 3 (previous high was 2.5 in 2025)

#90 Mi'Quise Humphrey-Grace
Forced fumbles: 2 (also had 2 in 2024)
Interceptions: 1

#91 Jaden Williams
Tackles for loss: 1.5 (also had 1.5 in 2024)
Pass breakups: 1
Fumble recoveries: 1

#15 CJ Works
Tackles for loss: 2 (also had 2 in 2025)
Pass breakups: 4
Fumble recoveries: 1
Sacks: 2

LINEBACKERS

#0 Bo Barnes
Tackles: 64 (previous high was 4 in 2025)
Tackles for loss: 3.5 (previous high was 1 in 2025)
Pass breakups: 2

#22 Grant Godfrey
Tackles: 78 (previous high was 34 in 2025)
Tackles for loss: 4.5 (previous high was 2 in 2025)
Pass breakups: 1
Fumble recoveries: 1
Sacks: 2 (previous high was 0.5 in 2025)
Interceptions: 1

#2 Sam Greene
Tackles: 25 (also in 2025)
Pass breakups: 1 (also had 1 in 2025)
Forced fumbles: 2
Sacks: 1.5 (also had 1 in in 2024 and 2025)
Interceptions: 1

#25 Tavion Wallace
Tackles: 6 (previous high was 2 in 2025)
Pass breakups: 1

TRACKING INDIVIDUAL SINGLE-SEASON CAREER HIGHS

QUARTERBACKS

#3 Kenny Minchey

Rushing touchdowns: 2 (previous high was 1 in 2024 and 2025)
Passing yards: 1,979 (previous high was 196 in 2025)
Completions: 186 (previous high was 20 in 2025)
Passing touchdowns: 14
Long pass: 53 yards (previous high was 37 in 2025)
Avg. passing yards pg: 219.9 (previous high was 32.7 in 2025)
Total offense: 2,016 yards (previous high was 280 in 2025)

RUNNING BACKS

#2 Jovantae Barnes

Average Yards Per Carry: 5.4 (previous high was 4.7 in 2024)

#1 CJ Baxter

Touchdowns: 8 (previous high was 5 in 2023)
Long Rush: 77 yards (previous high was 54 in 2023)
Average Yards Per Carry: 5.5 (previous high was 4.7 in 2023)
Rushing Yards Per Game: 67.6 (previous high was 50.7 in 2023)
Scoring: 48 points (previous high was 30 in 2023)

#26 Jason Patterson

Rushing attempts: 78 (previous high was 57 in 2025)
Rushing yards: 473 (previous high was 225 in 2025)
Touchdowns: 3 (previous high was 1 in 2025)
Long rush: 75 yards (previous high was 29 in 2025)
Average yards per carry: 6.1 (previous high was 5.6 in 2024)
Yards per game: 52.6 (previous high was 27.8 in 2024)
Scoring: 18 (previous high was 12 in 2025)
All-purpose yards: 516 (previous high was 367)
All-purpose yds per game: 57.3 (previous high was 31.5 in 2024)

TIGHT ENDS

#87 Henry Boyer

Touchdowns: 3
Receptions: 9 (previous high was 5 in 2025)
Receiving yards: 120 (previous high was 62 in 2025)
Long reception: 32 yards (previous high was 19 in 2025)
Yards per reception: 13.3 (previous high was 12.4 in 2025)
Yards per game: 13.3 (previous high was 5.2 in 2025)

#81 Willie Rodriguez

Rushing attempts: 4
Rushing touchdowns: 1
Scoring: 26 (previous high was 6 in 2025)
Receptions: 45 (previous high was 23 in 2025)
Receiving yards: 405 (previous high was 310 in 2025)
Receiving touchdowns: 3 (previous high was 1 in 2025)
Receptions per game: 5.0 (previous high was 1.9 in 2025)
Receiving yards per game: 45.0 (previous high was 25.8 in 2025)

WIDE RECEIVERS

#7 DJ Miller

Receptions: 22 (previous high was 12 in 2025)
Receiving yards: 244 (previous high was 175 in 2025)
Receptions per game: 2.8 (previous high was 1.9 in 2025)
Yards per game: 30.5 (previous high was 25.0)

KICKERS

#88 Adam Zouaqui

Made field goals: 12 (previous high was 7 in 2023)
Average scoring per game: 7.4 (previous high was 6.8 in 2023)

PUNTERS

#93 Wilson Berry

Average Yards Per Punt: 42.6 (previous high was 41.2 in 2022)
Long Punt: 58 yards (previous high was 56 in 2023)

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	Minchey
ALABAMA	Boyer	Heard	Alinen	Price	Tshabola	Wood	Miller	Rodriguez	Anderson	Baxter	Minchey
at Texas A&M	Darby	Heard	Alinen	Price	Tshabola	Wood	Miller	Rodriguez	Anderson	Baxter	Minchey
SOUTH ALABAMA	Darby	Heard	Alinen	Price	Tshabola	Wood	Miller	Rodriguez	Anderson	Baxter	Minchey
at South Carolina	Boyer	Heard	Alinen	Price	Tshabola	Wood	Darby	Rodriguez	Anderson	Baxter	Minchey
LSU	Boyer	Heard	Alinen	Price	Tshabola	Wood	Miller	Rodriguez	Anderson	Baxter	Minchey
at Oklahoma	Boyer	Heard	Alinen	Price	Tshabola	Wood	Miller	Rodriguez	Skinner	Barnes	Minchey
VANDERBILT	Darby	Heard	Alinen	Price	Tshabola	Wood	Miller	Rodriguez	Ferguson	Baxter	Minchey
at Tennessee	Boyer	Heard	Alinen	Price	Tshabola	Wood	Miller	Rodriguez	Anderson	Baxter	Minchey
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	Nichols	Humphrey-Grace	Williams	Edwards	Works	Barnes	Godfrey	Gates	Bryant	Castell	Sykes
at South Carolina	Nichols	Humphrey-Grace	Williams	Gadson	Works	Barnes	Godfrey	Ja. Smith	Bryant	Castell	Sykes
LSU	Nichols	Humphrey-Grace	Harkless	Gadson	Greene	Barnes	Godfrey	Gates	Bryant	Castell	Sykes
at Oklahoma	Nichols	Humphrey-Grace	Harkless	Gadson	Greene	Barnes	Godfry	Gates	Bryant	Castell	Sykes
VANDERBILT	Nichols	Humphrey-Grace	Harkless	Gadson	Cowan	Barnes	Godfrey	Gates	Bryant	Castell	Sykes
at Tennessee	Nichols	Humphrey-Grace	Harkless	Gadson	Greene	Barnes	Godfrey	Gates	Bryant	Castell	Sykes
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	4/0	28/0
Alex Afari Jr.	13/3	13/11	12/4	10/10	7/1	55/29
Olaus Alinen*	-/-	4/0	13/0	15/0	9/9	41/9
Deuce Alston II	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-
Jesse Anderson III*	-/-	-/-	13/0	10/0	5/0	28/0
Max Anderson*	-/-	-/-	2/0	13/0	6/0	21/0
Nic Anderson*	3/0	13/6	1/1	10/3	8/7	35/17
Jermiel Atkins Jr.	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	1/0	1/0
Bo Barnes*	-/-	-/-	-/-	4/0	9/9	13/9
Jovantae Barnes*	11/1	7/1	9/6	4/2	7/1	38/11
CJ Baxter Jr.*	-/-	13/6	-/-	8/3	8/8	30/17
Wilson Berry	7^/0	13/0	12/0	12/0	9/0	53/0
Henry Boyer*	2/-	12/1	11/1	12/2	9/6	46/10
Ahmad Breaux*	-/-	-/-	13/2	12/0	9/0	34/2
Elijah Brown*	-/-	3/0	8/1	1/0	2/0	14/1
Sam Brown III	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-
Ty Bryant	-/-	13/3	12/10	12/12	9/9	46/34
Shane Carr*	-/-	-/-	12/9	12/10	5/0	29/19
Martels Carter Jr.	-/-	-/-	-/-	4/0	1/0	5/0
Jordan Castell*	-/-	12/11	13/13	10/10	9/9	44/43
Andre Clarke Jr.	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-
Jay Clark	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	6/0	6/0
Brock Coffman*	-/-	-/-	-/-	2/0	9/0	11/0
Jordan Colbert*	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	1/0	1/0
Lorenzo Cowan	-/-	-/-	-/-	9/2	9/1	18/3
Ashton Cozart*	-/-	-/-	-/-	4/0	-/-	4/0
Rico Crowder	-/-	-/-	-/-	12/0	9/0	21/0
Carson Cruver*	-/-	-/-	1/0	1/0	-/-	2/0
Xavier Daisy*	-/-	-/-	10/1	11/5	2/0	23/6
Kenny Darby	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	9/4	9/4
Alex DiMartino	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-
Willian Drakeford Jr	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-
Ben Duncam	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	3/0	3/0
Kalen Edwards	-/-	-/-	-/-	5/0	6/1	11/1
Jason Ekperuoh	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-
Ja'Kayden Ferguson*	-/-	-/-	-/-	6/0	9/1	15/1
Rob Fogler*	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-
Tavion Gadson	-/-	4/0	2/0	11/1	8/8	25/9
Demarcus Gardner	-/-	-/-	-/-	3/0	9/0	12/0
Aaron Gates*	-/-	4/0	10/5	4/0	8/6	26/11
Grant Godfrey	-/-	-/-	7/1	12/2	9/9	28/12
Denairius Gray	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	4/0	4/0
Grant Grayton	-/-	-/-	-/-	9/2	2/1	11/3
Sam Greene*	-/-	3/0	12/3	9/9	8/5	32/17
Jamarrion Harkless*	-/-	-/-	10/0	12/12	8/5	30/17
Cash Harney	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-
Justyn Hartley	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	7/0	7/0
Lance Heard*	-/-	12/1	11/11	13/13	9/9	45/34
Mason Howard	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-
Saxton Howard	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-
M. Humphrey-Grace*	3/0	13/1	14/13	12/12	9/9	52/36
Isaiah Jackson	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-
Prince Jean	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	9/0	9/0
Hayes Johnson	-/-	-/-	1/0	12/0	8/0	21/0
Cameron Jones*	-/-	-/-	1/0	1/0	1/0	3/0
Justin Kattus	-/-	-/-	-/-	1/0	7/0	8/0
Jacob Kauwe	-/-	-/-	1/0	12/0	0/0	13/0
Jordan Knox*	-/-	10/3	-/-	-/-	9/1	19/4

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	4/0	32/0
Davis McCray	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-
Isaiah McMillian	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	8/2	8/2
Ryan Meeker	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-
Tino Merlo	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-
Cameron Miller Jr.	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-
DJ Miller	-/-	-/-	-/-	7/3	8/8	15/11
Kenny Minchey*	-/-	3/0	1/0	6/0	9/9	19/9
Tovani Mizell	-/-	-/-	1/0	3/0	-/-	4/0
Ben Myers	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-
Terhyon Nichols	-/-	-/-	8/0	7/6	7/7	22/13
Quintavion Norman	-/-	-/-	2/0	1/0	6/0	9/0
Matthew Obermeier	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-
Thomas O'Hara*	-/-	-/-	12/0	12/0	5/0	29/0
Jason Patterson	-/-	-/-	4/0	12/0	9/0	25/0
Matt Ponatoski	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	1/0	1/0
Coleton Price*	-/-	8/6	13/13	11/11	9/9	41/39
Andrew Purcell	-/-	-/-	-/-	2/0	3/0	5/0
Spencer Radnoti*	-/-	-/-	-/-	12/0	9/0	21/0
Ben Reeves	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-
Cyrus Reyes*	-/-	-/-	12/0	13/0	9/0	34/0
Brian Robinson	-/-	-/-	2/0	-/-	8/0	10/0
Mark Robinson III*	-/-	-/-	-/-	12/12	2/0	14/12
Willie Rodriguez	-/-	-/-	12/3	12/7	9/9	33/19
Aba Selm	-/-	-/-	2/0	1/0	1/0	4/0
Mikkel Skinner	-/-	-/-	-/-	4/0	9/1	13/1
Ahmir Smith*	-/-	-/-	1/0	-/-	2/0	3/0
Antwan Smith	-/-	-/-	7/0	12/0	5/0	24/0
Devin Smith	-/-	-/-	-/-	5/0	2/0	7/0
Jaden Smith	-/-	-/-	4/0	6/0	5/1	15/1
Hasaan Sykes*	-/-	-/-	9/0	11/11	8/8	28/19
Nelson Tambling	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-
Kevis Thomas*	-/-	6/0	8/6	12/0	7/0	33/6
Tyler Thomas*	-/-	4/0	13/0	11/4	7/0	35/4
Hank Timon	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	1/0	1/0
Tegra Tshabola*	4/0	10/0	16/16	13/13	9/9	52/38
Braxton Urquhart	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-
Tavion Wallace*	-/-	-/-	-/-	9/0	6/0	15/0
Brennan Ward	-/-	-/-	-/-	1/0	1/0	2/0
Lincoln Watkins	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-
Andrew Weber	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	5/0	5/0
Jack Wheeler	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-
Dyllon Williams	-/-	-/-	-/-	3/0	8/0	11/0
Jaden Williams*	3/0	5/0	12/1	9/0	9/4	38/5
Dominic Wiseman*	-/-	-/-	-/-	11/0	7/0	18/0
Callum Wither	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	2/0	2/0
Malachi Wood	-/-	1/0	11/5	10/0	8/8	30/13
CJ Works	-/-	-/-	-/-	12/0	9/5	21/5
Tyler Wright	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-
Adam Zouagui*	-/-	11/0	11/0	13/0	9/0	44/0

includes stats prior to Kentucky (appearances/starts)
^ includes two games played in 2021

2026 SCORING DRIVE ANALYSIS

GAME-BY-GAME SCORING DRIVES

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
SO ALA	10/73	1/0:37	TD	Baxter 3 yd rush
SO ALA	11/76	2/4:57	TD	Barnes 7 yd rush
SO ALA	1/75	2/1:12	TD	Patterson 75 yd rush
SO ALA	4/5	2/0:16	FG	Zouagui 34 yd field goal
SO ALA	4/75	3/13:13	TD	Patterson 15 yd rush
SO ALA	6/69	4/12:55	TD	Patterson 2 yd rush
SO ALA	3/33	4/10:45	TD	Carr 15 yd pass from Minchey
SCAR	5/33	2/2:47	TD	Baxter 3 yd rush
SCAR	7/50	2/0:59	FG	Zouagui 42 yd field goal
SCAR	7/75	3/11:59	TD	Darby 17 yd pass from Minchey
SCAR	5/51	3/0:40	TD	Anderson 32 yd pass from Minchey
SCAR	10/66	4/4:13	FG	Zouagui 29 yd field goal
SCAR	4/25	OT(1)	TD	Boyer 6 yd pass from Minchey (2-pt pass from Minchey to Rodriguez)
LSU	2/80	1/8:09	TD	Baxter 2 yd rush
LSU	-	2/13:06	TD	Coffman 55 yd punt return
LSU	15/75	2/0:00	TD	Minchey 1 yd run
LSU	10/65	4/11:54	FG	Zouagui 28 yd field goal
LSU	9/67	4/1:25	FG	Zouagui 33 yd field goal
LSU	5/25	OT(1)	TD	Baxter 1 yd rush (2-pt rush by Minchey)
OU	13/67	1/8:36	TD	Rodriguez 2 yd pass from Minchey
OU	7/44	4/12:53	TD	Rodriguez 12 yd pass from Minchey
OU	-	4/1:17	TD	Castell 41 yd interception return
VU	7/75	2/5:04	TD	Miller 9 yd pass from Minchey
VU	13/79	2/0:21	TD	Rodriguez 1 yd rush
VU	8/75	3/10:35	TD	Ward 10 yd rush
VU	10/46	3/1:24	FG	Zouagui 47 yd field goal
VU	4/4	4/14:10	FG	Zouagui 32 yd field goal
VU	13/47	4/5:11	TD	Minchey 1 yd rush
UT	11/50	2/9:53	FG	Zouagui 43 yd field goal
UT	12/89	2/0:09	FG	Zouagui 25 yf giel goal

TD DRIVES

Yds	TD
0-9	0
10-19	0
20-29	3
30-39	3
40-49	2
50-59	2
60-69	4
70-79	13
80-89	3
90-99	0
Total	**30**

GAME OPENING DRIVES

	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	PUNT/0	17	PUNT/0	29
at South Carolina	PUNT/0	8	TD/7	80
LSU	TD/7	80	FG/3	69
at Oklahoma	TD/7	67	FG/3	49
VANDERBILT	PUNT/0	8	PUNT/0	34
at Tennessee	PUNT/0	40	PUNT/0	14
FLORIDA				
at Missouri				
LOUISVILLE				
Total/Avg	**21/2.3**	**337/37.4**	**13/1.4**	**347/38.6**

2ND HALF OPENING DRIVES

	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	TD/7	75	PUNT/0	17
at South Carolina	TD/7	75	PUNT/0	1
LSU	PUNT/0	2	INT/0	0
at Oklahoma	PUNT/0	16	PUNT/0	9
VANDERBILT	TD/7	75	TD/7	75
at Tennessee	PUNT/0	28	FG/3	55
FLORIDA				
at Missouri				
LOUISVILLE				
Total/Avg	**35/3.9**	**434/48.2**	**10/1.1**	**163/18.1**

OFFENSIVE DRIVE ANALYSIS

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	13	6	1	0	1	2	2
at South Carolina	13	4	2	0	6	0	0
LSU	11	3	2	2	3	0	1
at Oklahoma	8	2	0	0	5	0	1
VANDERBILT	9	4	2	0	2	0	0
at Tennessee	11	0	2	0	3	3	2
FLORIDA							
at Missouri							
LOUISVILLE							
Totals	**99**	**30**	**12**	**3**	**30**	**8**	**8**

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	45	26	31:41	42-390-5	19-26-0-177-1	68-567-6	2-8	3-2
South Alabama	21	21	28:19	31-88-1	23-43-2-266-2	74-35	4-15	1-0
KENTUCKY	35	25	33:29	37-122-1	28-41-0-272-3	78-394-4	4-14	0-0
at South Carolina	34	21	26:31	37-232-2	20-37-0-226-2	74-458-4	8-16	4-2
KENTUCKY	35	19	27:30	32-155-3	23-36-0-246-0	68-401-3	5-14	0-0
LSU	34	26	32:30	36-94-1	26-35-1-316-3	71-410-4	7-13	1-1
KENTUCKY	21	14	28:36	26-72-0	21-28-0-158-2	54-230-2	5-12	1-0
at Oklahoma	13	19	31:24	31-76-0	24-41-4-270-1	72-346-1	8-17	0-0
KENTUCKY	34	24	31:03	39-173-3	19-26-0-203-1	65-376-4	8-13	0-0
Vanderbilt	17	15	28:57	17-15-0	27-36-1-247-2	53-262-2	7-12	1-1
KENTUCKY	6	20	35:17	37-137-0	26-34-1-224-0	71-361-0	6-14	2-2
at Tennessee	34	14	24:43	37-240-3	10-15-0-149-1	52-389-4	5-12	0-0
KENTUCKY								
Florida								
KENTUCKY								
at Missouri								
KENTUCKY								
Louisville								

GAME-BY GAME RUSHING

(No-Yds-TD)	J. Barnes	Baxter Jr.	Boyer	Carter Jr.	Darby	Minchey	Patterson	Rodriguez	Skinner	A. Smith	Ward	Wither
YOUNGSTOWN	DNP	9-48-2	0-0-0	5-37-0	1-9-0	1-17-0	11-78-0	0-0-0	1-3-0	2-13-0	DNP	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	0-0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP
at Texas A&M	DNP	19-87-2	0-0-0	DNP	0-0-0	7-(-2)-0	6-58-0	0-0-0	2-14-0	DNP	DNP	DNP
SOUTH ALABAMA	8-100-1	16-149-1	0-0-0	DNP	0-0-0	3-(9)-0	12-137-3	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-(-1)-0	DNP	0-0-0
at South Carolina	9-28-0	13-48-1	0-0-0	DNP	0-0-0	8-12-0	5-29-0	2-5-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	DNP	DNP
LSU	3-14-0	19-123-2	0-0-0	DNP	0-0-0	7-12-1	2-6-0	1-0-0	0-0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP
at Oklahoma	5-16-0	DNP	0-0-0	DNP	0-0-0	7-4-0	13-38-0	0-0-0	1-16-0	DNP	DNP	DNP
VANDERBILT	15-68-0	1-3-0	0-0-0	DNP	0-0-0	5-23-1	12-44-0	1-1-1	4-24-0	DNP	1-10-1	DNP
at Tennessee	7-48-0	11-54-0	0-0-0	DNP	0-0-0	10-(-1)-0	7-30-0	0-0-0	2-6-0	DNP	DNP	DNP
FLORIDA												
at Missouri												
LOUISVILLE												

GAME-BY GAME RECEIVING

(Rec-Yds-TD)	Anderson	J. Barnes	Baxter	Boyer	Carr	Coffman	Darby	Ferguson	Miller	Jean	Patterson	Rodriguez	Skinner
YOUNGSTOWN	1-4-0	DNP	0-0-0	1-31-0	0-0-0	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	DNP	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	DNP	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	2-23-0	0-0-0	1-(-1)-0	3-24-0	2-22-1	2-15-0	3-43-0	1-8-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-2-0	2-18-0	2-23-0
at South Carolina	5-80-0	0-0-0	3-20-0	16-1	1-4-0	0-0-0	12-96-1	1-9-0	DNP	0-0-0	0-0-0	5-57-0	0-0-0
LSU	3-29-0	1-5-0	0-0-0	1-4-0	DNP	0-0-0	4-79-0	3-43-0	4-54-0	0-0-0	1-7-0	6-25-0	0-0-0
at Oklahoma	5-48-0	0-0-0	DNP	0-0-0	DNP	0-0-0	5-35-0	0-0-0	4-28-0	0-0-0	1-8-0	5-38-2	1-1-0
VANDERBILT	DNP	0-0-0	1-5-0	0-0-0	DNP	0-0-0	4-71-0	1-8-0	5-43-1	0-0-0	1-6-0	6-67-0	1-3-0
at Tennessee	3-26-0	0-0-0	4-19-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	7-69-0	0-0-0	4-23-0	0-0-0	1-4-0	6-81-0	1-2-0
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	19-25-0-177-1	0-1-0-0-0
at South Carolina	28-41-0-272-3	DNP
LSU	23-36-0-246-0	DNP
at Oklahoma	21-28-0-158-2	DNP
VANDERBILT	19-26-0-203-1	DNP
at Tennessee	26-34-1-224-0	DNP
FLORIDA		
at Missouri		
LOUISVILLE		

GAME-BY-GAME PUNTING

(No-Yds-Avg-LG-In20)	O'Hara	Berry
YOUNGSTOWN	2-84-42.0-45-1	0-0-0-0-0
ALABAMA	5-204-40.8-46-0	0-0-0-0-0
at Texas A&M	3-128-42.7-45-1	0-0-0-0-0
SOUTH ALABAMA	1-32-32.0-32-0	0-0-0-0-0
at South Carolina	6-244-40.7-49-1	0-0-0-0-0
LSU	DNP	3-121-40.3-51-1
at Oklahoma	DNP	5-231-46.2-58-1
VANDERBILT	DNP	2-91-45.5-49-1
at Tennessee	DNP	3-111-37.0-46-2
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	1 (0)
at South Carolina	2 (0)
LSU	2 (2)
at Oklahoma	0 (0)
VANDERBILT	2 (0)
at Tennessee	2 (0)
FLORIDA	
at Missouri	
LOUISVILLE	

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

Game	Breaux	Cowan	Duncam	K. Edwards	Gadson	Harkless	Humphrey-Grace	Thomas	J. Williams	Wiseman	Works
YOUNGSTOWN	1-1-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	2-0-0	1-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0	2-0-0
ALABAMA	0-0-0	2-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	5-2.0-1.5	0-0-0	4-1.5-1-INT-FF	0-0-0	2-1-0	0-0-0	1-0-0-FR
at Texas A&M	2-0-0	1-0-0	DNP	1-0.5-0	4-0.5-0	0-0-0	4-0-0	1-0-0	4-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
SOUTH ALABAMA	1-0-0	3-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0	DNP	1-0.5-0.5	4-1.5-1.5	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	2-0-0
at South Carolina	2-0-0	2-1-0	DNP	0-0-0	5-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0	2-0-0	0-0-0	2-0-0
LSU	1-0-0	2-1-0	DNP	DNP	3-0-FR	3-1.5-1.5-FF	4-1-0	0-0-0	3-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0
at Oklahoma	1-0.5-0.5	2-0-0	DNP	DNP	8-1.5-1.5	5-0-0	4-1.5-1.5	DNP	0-0-0	1-0-0	3-1.5-1.5
VANDERBILT	2-0-0	1-0-0	DNP	DNP	1-0-0-FR	1-1.0-1.0	5-2.0-1.0-FF	DNP	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-0.5-0.5
at Tennessee	2-0-0	0-0-0	DNP	0-0-0	4-1-0	2-0-0	5-1.5-1.0	0-0-0	0-0-0	2-0-0	1-0-0
FLORIDA											
at Missouri											
LOUISVILLE											

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

Game	Afari Jr.	B. Barnes	Godfrey	Greene	A. Smith	D. Smith	Wallace
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
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
at Texas A&M	2-0-0-1	8-0-0-0	11-0.5-0-1	6-0.5-0-0-INT	0-0-0-0	DNP	0-0-0
SOUTH ALABAMA	9-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	8-0-0-INT	1-0-0-0	2-0-0-INT	DNP	1-0-0-1
at South Carolina	DNP	7-0-0-0	9-1.5-1-0	6-0-0-2 FF	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	DNP
LSU	DNP	12-2.5-0-0	10-0-0-0	5-1.5-1.5-0	DNP	DNP	DNP
at Oklahoma	0-0-0	10-0-0-1	15-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP
VANDERBILT	0-0-0	6-1.0-0-0	5-1.0-0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	0-0-0
at Tennessee	2-0-0-0	7-0-0-0	6-0.5-0-0	2-0-0-0	DNP	DNP	0-0-0
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	D. Williams
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	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	2-0-0
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	DNP
SOUTH ALABAMA	DNP	5-0-0	7-0-0	1-0-0	DNP	1-3-0	2-0-0	3-0-0	3-0-0	2-0-0	2-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
at South Carolina	DNP	8-1-0	6-0-0	0-0-0	DNP	DNP	0-0-0	8-2-0	0-0-0	4-0-0	3-2-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
LSU	0-0-0	6-0-1	6-1-0	0-0-0	DNP	5-0-0	0-0-0	7-1-0	0-0-0	DNP	2-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
at Oklahoma	DNP	9-0-2	9-1-2 (TD)	0-0-0	DNP	2-3-0	0-0-0	4-0-0	1-0-0	DNP	7-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
VANDERBILT	0-0-0	6-1-1	8-0-0	0-0-0	DNP	3-1-0	0-0-0	2-0-0	0-0-0	DNP	6-1-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
at Tennessee	0-0-0	9-0-0	3-1-0	0-0-0	DNP	4-0-0	DNP	1-1-0	1-0-0	DNP	3-0-0	DNP	0-0-0
FLORIDA													
at Missouri													
LOUISVILLE													

TURNOVERS

	FORCED BY KENTUCKY				FORCED BY OPPONENT			
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	0	2	2	0	2	0	2	7
at South Carolina	2	0	2	+2	0	0	0	0
LSU	1	1	2	+2	0	0	0	0
at Oklahoma	0	0	0	+4	0	4	4	0
VANDERBILT	1	1	2	+2	0	0	0	0
at Tennessee	2	1	3	-3	0	0	0	7
FLORIDA								
at Missouri								
LOUISVILLE								
TOTALS								

KENTUCKY BIG PLAYS

	RUSHING					PASSING				SPECIAL TEAMS	
Opponent	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	2	2	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
at South Carolina	2	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0
LSU	0	0	0	0	1	3	1	0	0	0	1
at Oklahoma	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
VANDERBILT	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0
at Tennessee	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
FLORIDA											
at Missouri											
LOUISVILLE											
TOTALS											

OPPONENT BIG PLAYS

	RUSHING					PASSING				SPECIAL TEAMS	
Opponent	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	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0
at South Carolina	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
LSU	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0
at Oklahoma	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
VANDERBILT	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
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	13	5.2	43.6	6	5.8	66.8
at South Carolina	13	6.0	30.3	4	5.3	46.0
LSU	11	6.5	38.7	3	7.3	60.0
at Oklahoma	8	6.5	28.6	2	10.0	55.5
VANDERBILT	9	7.4	41.8	4	10.3	69.0
at Tennessee	11	6.6	30.5	0	0.0	0.0
FLORIDA						
at Missouri						
LOUISVILLE						

2026 EXPLOSIVE PLAYS

RUNS 15+

J. Barnes
19 yards (at Tennessee)
16 yards (at South Carolina)
39 yards (vs. South Alabama)
21 yards (vs. South Alabama)
4 rush, 95 yards, 23.8 avg., 0 TD

Baxter Jr.
77 yards (vs. LSU)
53 yards (vs. South Alabama)
22 yards (vs. South Alabama)
16 yards (vs. South Alabama)
16 yards (at Texas A&M)
15 yards (at Texas A&M)
15 yards* (vs. Youngstown State)
7 rush, 214 yards, 20.6 avg., 1 TD

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

Patterson
75 yards* (vs. South Alabama)
15 yards* (vs. South Alabama)
22 yards (at Texas A&M)
22 yards (vs. Youngstown State)
4 rush, 134 yards, 33.5 avg., 2 TD

Skinner
16 yards (vs. Vanderbilt)
16 yards (at Oklahoma)
2 rush, 32 yards, 16.0 avg., 0 TD

Minchey
15 yards (at Oklahoma)
15 yards (at South Carolina)
17 yards (vs. Youngstown State)
2 rush, 32 yards, 16.0 avg., 0 TD

Total: 21 rush, 494 yards, 23.5 avg., 3 TD

RECEIVING 20+

Anderson
32 yards* (at South Carolina)
1 rec., 32 yards, 32.0 avg., 1 TD

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
33 yards (at Tennessee)
20 yards (vs. Vanderbilt)
44 yards (vs. Vanderbilt)
22 yards (vs. LSU)
35 yards (vs. LSU)
22 yards (at South Carolina)
27 yards (vs. South Alabama)
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)
12 rec., 361 yards, 30.1 avg., 2 TD

Ferguson
20 yards (vs. LSU)
1 rec., 20 yards, 20.0 avg., 0 TD

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

Miller
20 yards (vs. LSU)
53 yards (at Texas A&M)
2 rec., 73 yards, 36.5 avg., 0 TD

Rodriguez
38 yards (at Tennessee)
21 yards (vs. Vanderbilt)
20 yards (at South Carolina)
20 yards (vs. Youngstown State)
4 rec., 99 yards, 24.8 avg., 0 TD

Skinner
20 yards (South Alabama)
28 yards (vs. Youngstown State)
2 rec., 48 yards, 24.0 avg., 0 TD

Total: 28 rec. for 808 yards, 28.9 avg., 5 TD

KICK RETURNS 30+

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

PUNT RETURNS 20+

Coffman: 55-yard touchdown (vs. LSU)

Total: 1 return, 55 yards, 55.0 avg., 1 TD

DEFENSIVE RETURNS 20+ or TD

INT, 41-yd TD (Castell at Oklahoma)
INT, 43 yards (Bryant at Oklahoma)
INT, 31 yards (A. Smith vs. South Alabama)
INT, 2-yard TD (Humphrey-Grace vs. Alabama)

Total: 4 returns, 117 yards, 29.3 avg., 2 TD
(For TD: 2 returns, 43 yards, 21.5 avg., 2 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	2	1
60-69	0	0
50-59	3	1
40-49	4	2
30-39	11	3
20-29	20	1
TOTAL	**40**	**8**

20+ Plays By Type	No.	TD
Rushing	8	1
Passing	28	5
Punt returns	1	1
Kick returns (30+)	0	0
Interceptions	3	1
Fumble returns	0	0
TOTAL	**40**	**8**

OPPONENT BIG PLAYS

Run (15+)	11 for 353 yds, 2 TD
Receiving (20+)	26 for 687 yds, 4 TD
Kick Returns (30+)	0 for 0 yds
Punt Returns (20+)	0 for 0 yds
Defensive Returns (20+)	1 for 34 yds, 1 TD

TOTAL: 38 for 1,074 yards (28.3 avg.), 7 TD