

## 1981 Prospectus

The 1980-81 edition of the Kentucky Wildcats will use talent, size, quickness, and youthful enthusiasm to offset inexperience as it battles for conference and national honors. Last year Kentucky was 29-6, winning the SEC championship with a 15-3 mark.

Nine of last season's 12 lettermen return, including three starters, but the 1980-81 roster includes only two seniors and two juniors. Five sophomores and four freshmen—the top ranked recruiting classes of the last two seasons—give Coach Joe Hall a very youthful appearance. Starters Kyle Macy and LaVon Williams and top reserve Jay Shidler all graduated.

Kentucky's three returning starters top the list of young and talented returnees. Sam Bowie, 7-1 soph. center, who gained valuable experience with the U.S. Olympic team this summer led the Wildcats in rebounding, 8.1 rpg, and ranked second in scoring, 12.9 ppg. last year.

Senior Fred Cowan, 6-8 forward, and 6-3 soph. guard Dirk Minniefield, who Hall calls the "key to Kentucky's offense and defense", are the other returning starters.

Juniors Chuck Verderber (6-6,F) and Bo Lanter (6-1,G) and senior Chris Gettelfinger (6-2,G) will be counted on to provide leadership for the underclassmen.

Also in the sophomore contingent are Derrick Hord (6-6, F-G), Charles Hurt (6-6,F) and Tom Heitz (6-8). Hord played in all 35 games last season averaging 5.9 points and 2.5 rebounds. Hurt also played in all 35 games, averaging 3.9 points and 2.5 rebounds.

Four prep All-Americans make up Kentucky's freshman class. The newcomers are Jim Master (6-4,G), Melvin Turpin (7-0,C), Bret Bearup (6-9,F), and Dicky Beal (5-11,G).

### Coach Joe B. Hall

Joe B. Hall begins his ninth season as head coach of the Kentucky Wildcats with nine returning lettermen, including three starters, and another banner recruiting class.

Last season, Hall led a youth-dominated squad to a 29-6 record, three tournament championships and the SEC title.

Hall upped his eight-year UK record to 183-60 (75.3%), an average of 22.9 wins per season, to keep ahead of the pace set by his former coach, Adolph Rupp, who averaged 21.5 victories over a 41-season span to become the winningest collegiate basketball coach of all time.

Hall has won such honors as Kellogg's 1978 National "Coach-of-the-Year", three SEC "Coach-of-the-Year" awards (1973, '75, and '78) in seven years, and nomination for Kodak's 1975, '76, and '78 (finalist) "Coach-of-the-Year" award.

In 1978 when Kentucky won its fifth NCAA title, Hall was presented the Rupp Cup and his most coveted personal award, the Dr. James Naismith "Peachbasket" award, which previously had been awarded to UCLA's John Wooden, Oklahoma State's Hank Iba, Kentucky's Adolph Rupp, and the Boston Celtics' Red Auerbach.

Entering this season, Hall's 14 year career coaching record stands at 259-116. Broken down, it shows a 57-50 five-year mark at Regis, 19-6 at Central Missouri, and a 183-60 record at UK.

A 1955 graduate of Kentucky, Hall was on the 1949 NCAA championship team. He entered the coaching profession after graduation from UK at Shepherdsville High School. He served one season as freshman coach and then five years as head coach and athletic director at Regis College in Denver. He moved to Central Missouri in 1964-65, winning the NIAA championship before returning to Kentucky in July of 1965 as an assistant coach. He became first assistant to Rupp in 1969 before taking over as head coach in 1973. Hall began his tour as UK coach by becoming the first rookie coach in the SEC to be designated Coach-of-the-Year by fellow coaches.

### 1980-81 Kentucky Roster

No.	Name/Position	Class	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Exp.	Hometown	Course
10	Dirk Minniefield, G	Soph.	6-3	180	19	1L	Lexington, Ky.	Arts/Sciences
11	Dicky Beal, G	Frsh.	5-11	170	18	—	Covington, Ky.	Arts/Sciences
12	Bo Lanter, G	Junr.	6-1	185	21	1L	Versailles, Ky.	Pub. Relations
15	Chris Gettelfinger, G	Senr.	6-2	190	22	1L	Knoxville, Tenn.	Business
20	Jim Master, G	Frsh.	6-4	170	18	—	Ft. Wayne, Ind.	Arts/Sciences
24	Bret Bearup, F	Frsh.	6-9	230	18	—	Centerport, N.Y.	Arts/Sciences
31	Sam Bowie, C	Soph.	7-1	230	19	1L	Lebanon, Pa.	Business
32	Derrick Hord, F/G	Soph.	6-6	205	20	1L	Bristol, Tenn.	Communications
33	Tom Heitz, F	Soph.	6-8	215	19	1L	Hamilton, Ind.	Business
34	Chuck Verderber, F	Junr.	6-6	225	21	2L	Lincoln, Ill.	pre-Dental
40	Fred Cowan, F	Senr.	6-8	225	22	3L	Sturgis, Ky.	Arts/Sciences
44	Charles Hurt, F	Soph.	6-6	210	19	1L	Shelbyville, Ky.	Arts/Sciences
54	Melvin Turpin, C	Frsh.	7-0	240	19	—	Lexington, Ky.	Arts/Sciences