

DECEMBER 31, 2016 | EVERBANK FIELD | JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

KENTUCKY

JORDAN JONES / LB
ALL-SEC

BOOM WILLIAMS / RB
ALL-SEC

STEPHEN JOHNSON / QB

JON TOTH / C
ALL-AMERICA
ALL-SEC

BENNY SNELL JR. / RB
FRESHMAN ALL-AMERICA
FRESHMAN ALL-SEC



KENTUCKY vs GEORGIA TECH

OFFICIAL BOWL MEDIA GUIDE



Junior Jeff Badet ranks fourth nationally in yards per catch at 22.82 this season (28 catches for 639 yards). He is one of three Wildcats with over 1,000 career receiving yards.

Kentucky ended the regular season with a thrilling 41-38 win over No. 11 Louisville, the Cats' first win in the battle of the "Governor's Cup" since 2010.



2016 KENTUCKY FOOTBALL HIGHLIGHTS



Junior Austin MacGinnis has already recorded 253 points, which ranks him second on UK's career scoring list, 52 points behind all-time leader Lones Seiber. He is the first player in school history to hit two game-winning field goals in the final minute of regulation in the same season (vs. Mississippi State and Louisville).



The dynamic duo of junior Stanley "Boom" Williams and freshman Benny Snell Jr., have combined for 2,192 rushing yards, the third-most by any duo in the country. They are the only pair of running backs on the same team among Power 5 schools to each have 1,000 yards rushing.



Sophomore Josh Allen (41) has recorded 55 tackles this season along with a team-high 7.0 sacks and four forced fumbles, which ranks 12th nationally.



The Kentucky offensive line were semifinalists for the 2016 Joe Moore Award, recognizing the nation's Most Outstanding Offensive Line.



2016 KENTUCKY FOOTBALL BOWL GUIDE

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Location:	Lexington, Ky.
Founded:	1865
Enrollment:	30,000
Nickname:	Wildcats
Colors:	Blue (PMS 286) and White
Conference:	Southeastern (Eastern Division)
President:	Dr. Eli Capilouto
Athletics Director:	Mitch Barnhart
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COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Mark Stoops
Overall Record: 19-29 (4th Season)/UK Record: Same
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KENTUCKY MEDIA ITINERARY

(Note that practice times are tentative; all times Eastern; these events are open to the media unless noted otherwise)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25

Team departs for Jacksonville

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26

1:50-3:10 p.m.

Practice at University of North Florida, 4567 St. John's Bluff Road
Parking is available in the north end of the stadium at Lot 18
First 15-20 minutes of practice open to media, interviews after practice

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27

2-4:10 p.m.

Practice at University of North Florida; first 15-20 minutes open to media, interviews after practice

6:30 p.m.

Kentucky Team Welcome Dinner
Sawgrass Marriott Resort
(open for video/photo only, no interview availability)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28

10:40-12:40 p.m.

Practice at University of North Florida; first 20 minutes open to media, interviews after practice

2 p.m.

Kentucky Player Outing
Mayport Naval Station, Decal Gate
(open for video/photo only, no interview availability)

IMPORTANT NOTE: *Deadline for providing security information for this event is end of day, December 26, 2016. Provide your name, date of birth, last four digits of your social security number; media organization. Send to cheri@taxslayerbowl.com. Media must arrive no later than 1:30 p.m. If driving, please be able to provide vehicle registration, proof of vehicle insurance and driver's license.*

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29

Noon-1:35 p.m.

Practice at University of North Florida; first 15-20 minutes open to media, interviews after practice

2 p.m.

Kentucky Player Outing
Top Golf, 10531 Brightman Blvd.
(open for video/photo only, no interview availability)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30

11 a.m.

News conference with Coach Stoops and team captains (running back Jojo Kemp, center Jon Toth, defensive end Courtney Miggins and linebacker Courtney Love), Hyatt Regency Hotel

Noon

Coaches Luncheon and Hall of Fame Induction, Hyatt Regency Hotel

2 p.m.

Kentucky team (selected players) visits to Wolfson Children's Hospital

6 p.m.

Kentucky Team Pep Rally, Jacksonville Landing

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31

7:30 a.m.

Media Will-Call Opens, Gate 1- Everbank Field

8:30 a.m.

Media Meal – Working Press (Press Lounge) – Photographers (Training Room)

11 a.m.

72nd Annual Taxslayer Bowl, Everbank Field

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- Kentucky's media contacts are Susan Lax (859-608-5019), Matt May (859-806-7463) and Tony Neely (859-576-9943)
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WILDCATS AIM TO MAKE SPLASH IN FIRST BOWL SINCE 2010

Kentucky will hit the Sunshine State for its first appearance in the storied TaxSlayer Bowl in Jacksonville, Fla. It is the Wildcats' first bowl appearance since 2010 and first matchup with former Southeastern Conference member Georgia Tech since 1960.

The Cats have won seven of their last 10 games, including a road victory over No. 11 Louisville that returned the Governor's Cup to Lexington. They will have a chance at their first eight-win season since 2007.

Offensively, the Wildcats continue to run the football effectively and now rank 16th nationally in rushing yards per game with 241.2 per contest. UK is averaging 291.4 rushing yards over its past seven games with Boom Williams and Benny Snell Jr. the only running back duo from a Power 5 conference to each have at least 1,000 rushing yards for the season.

KENTUCKY
(7-5, 4-4 SEC)

9/3	vs. Southern Miss [ESPNU]	L, 35-44
9/10	at Florida* [CBS]	L, 7-45
9/17	vs. New Mexico St. [SECNA]	W, 62-42
9/24	vs. South Carolina* [SECN]	W, 17-10
10/1	at Alabama* [ESPN]	L, 6-34
10/8	vs. Vanderbilt* [SECN]	W, 20-13
10/22	vs. Mississippi State* [SECN]	W, 40-38
10/29	at Missouri* [SECN]	W, 35-21
11/5	vs. Georgia* [SECN]	L, 24-27
11/12	at Tennessee* [SECN]	L, 36-49
11/19	vs. Austin Peay [SECN]	W, 49-13
11/26	at Louisville [ESPN]	W, 41-38
12/31	vs. Georgia Tech^ [ESPN]	11 a.m.

All times ET; *SEC game; ^TaxSlayer Bowl

GEORGIA TECH
(8-4, 4-4 ACC)

9/3	vs. Boston College^*	W, 17-14
9/10	vs. Mercer	W, 35-10
9/17	vs. Vanderbilt	W, 38-7
9/22	vs. Clemson*	L, 7-26
10/1	vs. Miami, Fla.*	L, 21-35
10/8	at Pittsburgh*	L, 34-37
10/15	vs. Georgia Southern	W, 35-24
10/29	at Duke*	W, 38-35
11/5	at North Carolina*	L, 20-48
11/12	at Virginia Tech*	W, 30-20
11/19	vs. Virginia*	W, 31-17
11/26	at Georgia	W, 28-27
12/31	vs. Kentucky#	11 a.m.

*ACC game; ^Dublin, Ireland; #TaxSlayer Bowl

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KENTUCKY WILDCATS		GEORGIA TECH YELLOW JACKETS	
Record:	7-5, 4-4 SEC	Record:	8-4, 4-4 ACC
Ranking:	NR - AP/ RV - Coaches'	Ranking:	RV - AP / NR - Coaches'
Coach:	Mark Stoops (Iowa, '89)	Coach:	Paul Johnson (W. Carolina, '79)
Record:	19-29 (Fourth season)	Record:	176-87 (20th season)
at UK:	19-29 (Fourth season)	at GT:	69-48 (9th season)
vs. GT:	First Meeting	vs. UK:	First Meeting
Last Game:	W, 41-38 at Louisville (11/26)	Last Game:	W, 28-27, at Georgia (11/26)
Series:	Georgia Tech leads 11-7-1	Last Meeting:	Georgia Tech won 23-13 in Atlanta, 9/17/60

QUICK NOTES

- Kentucky is appearing in a bowl game for the first time since the 2010 season.
- The Wildcats are 8-7 all-time in bowl games. It will be their first appearance in the TaxSlayer Bowl, formerly known as the Gator Bowl.
- The Cats have won seven of their past 10 games after beginning the season 0-2, including road wins at No. 11 Louisville and Missouri.
- Kentucky has wins over four teams who are playing in bowl games.
- The Cats faced the nation's No. 33 most difficult schedule with their opponents posting a combined 62-52 record. Nine of UK's 12 opponents this season will play in a bowl game, making UK one of just 13 teams in the nation to face at least nine bowl teams.
- Five Wildcats have earned All-SEC honors from the AP and league coaches: **Jon Toth** (first-team AP All-SEC, second-team All-SEC coaches), **Jordan Jones** (second-team AP All-SEC and coaches), **Mike Edwards** (second-team AP All-SEC), **Benny Snell** (All-SEC Freshman), **Logan Stenberg** (All-SEC Freshman).
- UK has 2,895 rushing yards this season, the most since 1976 (2,960).
- The Cats are averaging 5.52 yards per rushing attempt this season, on track to be a school record by more than a half-yard per attempt. Should the offense rush for at least 230 yards and two touchdowns in the TaxSlayer Bowl the unit will set new single-season school records for rushing yards and rushing touchdowns in a season. All totaled, Kentucky has already broken or could break as many as 12 team and individual rushing records this season.
- Kentucky is currently 16th nationally and third in the SEC in rushing offense (241.2 yards per game).
- During the past seven games the Cats have averaged 291.4 rushing yards per game with six of the seven outings generating at least 229 rushing yards. The Cats' lowest total during that stretch was 186 vs. Georgia.
- In the past 10 games the Cats have churned out 270.5 rushing yards per game with eight of those performances totaling at least 216 yards on the ground.
- Against Tennessee on Nov. 12 the Wildcats rushed for 443 yards, second-most in a single game in school history. The school record is 446 rushing yards vs. Tennessee Tech in 1951.
- With his two scores against Georgia, Benny Snell Jr. broke the school record for most total touchdowns by a freshman, besting Randall Cobb's previous record of nine in 2008. Snell has the most rushing touchdowns in a single season (13) since Artose Pinner had 13 in 2002.

ABOUT THE GAME

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SEC STANDINGS

EASTERN DIVISION

Table with 5 columns: Team, SEC, Pct., All, Pct. Rows include Florida, Tennessee, Georgia, Kentucky, South Carolina, Vanderbilt, Missouri.

WESTERN DIVISION

Table with 5 columns: Team, SEC, Pct., All, Pct. Rows include Alabama, Auburn, LSU, Texas A&M, Arkansas, Mississippi State, Ole Miss.



SEC IN THE BOWLS ...

- St. Petersburg Bowl (11 a.m.; Dec. 26 - ESPN) Mississippi State vs. Miami (Ohio)
Texas Bowl (9 p.m.; Dec. 28 - ESPN) Texas A&M vs. Kansas State
Independence Bowl (5 p.m.; Dec. 26 - ESPN2) Vanderbilt vs. N.C. State
Birmingham Bowl (2 p.m.; Dec. 29 - ESPN) South Carolina vs. South Florida
Belk Bowl (5:30 p.m.; Dec. 29 - ESPN) Arkansas vs. Virginia Tech
Liberty Bowl (Noon; Dec. 30 - ESPN) Georgia vs. TCU
Music City Bowl (3:30 p.m.; Dec. 30 - ESPN) Tennessee vs. Nebraska
TaxSlayer Bowl (11 a.m.; Dec. 31 - ESPN) Kentucky vs. Georgia Tech
Citrus Bowl (11 a.m.; Dec. 31 - ABC) LSU vs. Louisville
Peach Bowl (3 p.m.; Dec. 31 - ESPN) Alabama vs. Washington
Outback Bowl (1 p.m.; Jan. 2, 2017 - ABC) Florida vs. Iowa
Sugar Bowl (8:30 p.m.; Jan. 2, 2017 - ESPN) Auburn vs. Oklahoma

All times ET



GAME NOTES VS. GEORGIA TECH | SATURDAY, DEC. 31

- Snell's 192 yards rushing against Mizzou set the school record for most rushing yards by a freshman in a single game. The previous high was Derick Logan's 186 yards against Mississippi State on Nov. 9, 1996.
• Snell's 1,057 rushing yards are a school record for a freshman in a single season. Moe Williams had 928 rushing yards as a freshman in 1993.
• Junior running back Stanley "Boom" Williams has continued to show his brilliance as a rusher this season. Williams ranks ninth nationally and is third in the SEC in yards per carry (7.1) and 42nd nationally and seventh in the SEC in 94.6 rushing yards per game.
• Boom now has 2,476 career rushing yards, seventh on Kentucky's career rushing list.
• Snell and Williams have five and four 100-yard rushing games, respectively, so far this season. This is the first time in school history that UK has had two players with four 100-yard games in the same season.
• Against Austin Peay, the pair set the school record for most rushing yards by a pair of rushers in a single season, breaking the previous mark of 1,879 set by Sonny Collins and Mike Fanuzzi in 1974. They have combined for 2,192 rushing yards this season.
• Benny (1,057) and Boom (1,135) are the first pair of 1,000-yard rushers in a single season in school history and are the only running back duo from a Power 5 school to each have eclipsed 1,000 yards rushing this season.
• Benny and Boom have a combined 20 rushing touchdowns this season, most by a duo since Moe Williams and Billy Jack Haskins had 21 in 1995.
• UK has produced big plays this season, with 15 touchdown plays of at least 40 yards (5 rush, 10 pass).

- Sophomore linebacker Jordan Jones has been a menace to opposing offenses, registering 100 tackles to rank third among all SEC defenders with 8.3/game. He also leads the SEC in solo tackles (70). Sophomore safety Mike Edwards ranks fourth in the SEC in tackles per game with 7.8 (93 total).
• By virtue of winning each of their first three SEC home games, the Cats accomplished something they had not done since 1990.
• For first time in school history UK has three 1,000-yard career rushers (Boom Williams, Benny Snell Jr., and Jojo Kemp) and three 1,000-yard career receivers on same team (Garrett Johnson, Jeff Badet and Ryan Timmons). Wide receiver Dorian Baker needs just 23 receiving yards to join the career 1,000-yard Club.

KENTUCKY IN BOWL GAMES

- The Wildcats own an 8-7 all-time record in bowl games.
• The last bowl appearance came in the BBVA Compass Bowl in Birmingham, Ala. on Jan. 8, 2011. The Cats lost to Pittsburgh, 27-10.
• UK went to five consecutive bowls from 2006-2010.
• Former quarterback Andre' Woodson was two-time Most Valuable Player of the Music City Bowl in 2006 and 2007.

CATS VS. THE YELLOW JACKETS

- Georgia Tech leads the all-time series 11-7-1.
• Kentucky won the lone neutral site meeting in Louisville in 1940, but Georgia Tech leads the series in Atlanta (7-3-1) and Lexington (4-3).
• The Yellow Jackets were members of the SEC from 1932-63. The two teams played each year from 1935-42 and 1956-60.

COMPARISON STATS

Table comparing Kentucky and Georgia Tech stats: Record, Conference Record, Scoring/game, Total Offense/game, Rushing/game, Passing/game, Kickoff Returns (avg.), Punt Returns (avg.), Punting (avg.), Time of Possession, Third-Down Conv. (pct), Fourth-Down Conv. (pct), Points Allowed/game, Total Defense/game, Rushing Defense/game, Passing Defense/game.



NATIONAL POLLS (WEEK 15)

AP TOP 25			
1	Alabama	13-0	1,525
2	Ohio State	11-1	1,444
3	Clemson	12-1	1,396
4	Washington	12-1	1,329
5	Penn State	11-2	1,252
6	Michigan	10-2	1,249
7	Oklahoma	10-2	1,173
8	Wisconsin	10-3	1,054
9	USC	9-3	1,040
10	Florida State	9-3	889
11	Colorado	10-3	886
12	Western Michigan	13-0	871
13	Oklahoma State	9-3	800
14	West Virginia	10-2	788
15	Louisville	9-3	542
16	Stanford	9-3	508
17	Auburn	8-4	493
18	Virginia Tech	9-4	372
19	LSU	7-4	351
20	Florida	8-4	331
21	Iowa	8-4	272
22	Pittsburgh	8-4	237
23	Temple	10-3	229
24	Nebraska	9-3	196
25	South Florida	10-2	173

UK Opponents Receiving Votes: Tennessee, Georgia Tech

AMWAY COACHES TOP 25			
1	Alabama (58)	13-0	1450
2	Ohio State	11-1	1354
3	Clemson	12-1	1347
4	Washington	12-1	1283
5	Penn State	11-2	1186
6	Michigan	10-2	1181
7	Oklahoma	10-2	1128
8	Wisconsin	10-3	992
9	USC	9-3	981
10	Florida State	9-3	898
11	Colorado	10-3	828
12	West Virginia	10-2	806
13	Oklahoma State	9-3	754
14	Western Michigan	13-0	635
15	Louisville	9-3	631
16	Stanford	9-3	542
17	Auburn	8-4	504
18	Florida	8-4	421
19	Virginia Tech	9-4	374
20	LSU	7-4	359
21	Nebraska	9-3	241
22	South Florida	10-2	197
23	Utah	8-4	170
24	Temple	10-3	126
25	Iowa	8-4	97

UK Opponents Receiving Votes: Tennessee

UK Opponents in Bold

KENTUCKY IN THE POLLS

DATE	AP	COACHES	BCS
Preseason	NR	NR	-
Week 1	NR	NR	-
Week 2	NR	NR	-
Week 3	NR	NR	-
Week 4	NR	NR	-
Week 5	NR	NR	-
Week 6	NR	NR	-
Week 7	NR	NR	-
Week 8	NR	NR	-
Week 9	NR	NR	-
Week 10	NR	NR	-
Week 11	NR	NR	-
Week 12	NR	NR	-
Week 13	NR	NR	-
Week 14	NR	NR	-
Week 15	NR	RV (2)	-

SCOUTING GEORGIA TECH

- Georgia Tech is 8-4 overall, 4-4 in the Atlantic Coast Conference.
- The Yellow Jackets rank 63rd nationally in total defense at 408.1 yards per game allowed.
- Kentucky and Georgia Tech have played two common opponents this season: Georgia and Vanderbilt. The Cats split those two games while Georgia Tech defeated Vanderbilt 38-7 and won at Georgia, 28-27, in the regular season finale.
- The 38 points scored against Vanderbilt were the most the Commodores allowed this season.
- Georgia Tech will be without leading rusher Marcus Marshall, who announced his transfer from the program.
- Georgia Tech coach Paul Johnson is a three-time ACC Coach of the Year and has reached three ACC Championship Games in his nine years with the Yellow Jackets.
- Johnson has 176 career victories during stops at Georgia Tech, Navy and Georgia Southern.

RAMBLIN' WRECK CAN RUN

- Georgia Tech is known for its triple option rushing attack, which annually ranks among the nation's top ground attacks. It ranks 10th nationally this season at 257.4 yards per game.
- The Ramblin' Wreck has finished in the Top 10 nationally each of the nine seasons head coach Paul Johnson has been at the helm of the program.
- Tech led the nation in rushing in 2010 and 2014, and ranked No. 2 in 2011.
- Georgia Tech has led the ACC in rushing each of the past nine seasons, including 2016.

KENTUCKY-GEORGIA TECH CONNECTIONS

- Kentucky has 10 players from the state of Georgia: LS Blake Best, DB Isaiah Brown, DE T.J. Carter, DB Jordan Griffin, RB Sihiem King, DT Courtney Miggins, DE Calvin Taylor Jr., RB Boom Williams, QB Luke Wright and LS/H Tristan Yeomans
- Georgia Tech's lone player from the state of Kentucky is OL Davis Beard, who hails from Louisville.
- UK head coach Mark Stoops, defensive coordinator D.J. Eliot, offensive coordinator Eddie Gram, defensive line coach Jimmy Brumbaugh, inside linebackers/special teams coordinator Matt House and wide receivers coach Lamar Thomas have all coached against the Yellow Jackets.
- Stoops, Eliot and Gran all faced Georgia Tech in the 2012 ACC Championship Game while at Florida State, a game the Seminoles won 21-15.

ALL-TIME BOWL RESULTS

Great Lakes Bowl (Dec. 6, 1947) UK 24, Villanova 14
Orange Bowl (Jan. 2, 1950) Santa Clara 21, UK 13
Sugar Bowl (Jan. 1, 1951) UK 13, Oklahoma 7
Cotton Bowl (Jan. 1, 1952) UK 20, TCU 7
Peach Bowl (Dec. 31, 1976) UK 21, North Carolina 0
Hall of Fame Bowl (Dec. 22, 1983) West Virginia 20, UK 16
Hall of Fame Bowl (Dec. 29, 1984) UK 20, Wisconsin 19
Peach Bowl (Dec. 31, 1993) Clemson 14, UK 13
Outback Bowl (Jan. 1, 1999) Penn State 26, UK 14
HomePoint.com Music City Bowl (Dec. 29, 1999) Syracuse 20, UK 13
Gaylord Hotels Music City Bowl (Dec. 29, 2006) UK 28, Clemson 20
Gaylord Hotels Music City Bowl (Dec. 31, 2007) UK 35, Florida State 28
AutoZone Liberty Bowl (Jan. 2, 2009) UK 25, East Carolina 19
Gaylord Hotels Music City Bowl (Dec. 27, 2009) Clemson 21, UK 13
BBVA Compass Bowl (Jan. 8, 2011) Pittsburgh 27, UK 10

ALL-TIME VS. GEORGIA TECH

Georgia Tech leads 11-7-1			
Nov. 17, 1923	T	3-3	Atlanta
Oct. 8, 1932	W	12-6	Atlanta
Oct. 7, 1933	W	7-6	Lexington
Oct. 12, 1935	W	25-6	Lexington
Oct. 10, 1936	L	0-34	Atlanta
Oct. 9, 1937	L	0-32	Lexington
Nov. 5, 1938	L	18-19	Atlanta
Nov. 11, 1939	L	6-13	Atlanta
Nov. 9, 1940	W	26-7	Louisville
Nov. 8, 1941	L	13-20	Atlanta
Nov. 7, 1942	L	7-47	Atlanta
Oct. 28, 1950	W	28-14	Atlanta
Oct. 6, 1951	L	7-13	Lexington
Oct. 23, 1954	W	13-6	Atlanta
Sept. 22, 1956	L	6-14	Lexington
Sept. 21, 1957	L	0-13	Atlanta
Sept. 20, 1958	W	13-0	Lexington
Sept. 19, 1959	L	12-14	Lexington
Sept. 17, 1960	L	13-23	Atlanta

Series Information
 Last Meeting: Sept 17, 1960 - GT 23, UK 13 (Atlanta)
 Current Streak: Georgia Tech has won two in a row at Lexington: Georgia Tech leads 4-3 at Atlanta: Georgia Tech leads 7-3-1 at Louisville: UK leads 1-0

- Georgia Tech defensive coordinator Ted Roof, defensive line coach Mike Pelton and co-offensive line coach Ron West have all coached against Kentucky at past coaching stops.





KENTUCKY BY THE NUMBERS

Record	2016	Stoops
SEC	7-5	19-29
West	4-4	7-24
East	1-1	1-7
Non-Conference	3-3	7-17
Home	3-1	11-5
Road	5-2	16-13
Neutral site	2-3	3-15
Night	0-0	0-1
Day	2-3	9-16
TV Games	5-2	10-13
CBS	7-4	18-28
ESPN	0-1	0-2
ESPN2	1-1	1-5
ESPN3	0-1	2-5
ESPN4	0-0	0-2
ESPN5	0-0	0-1
SEC Network	6-2	15-13
Fox Sports South	0-0	1-1
UK scores on 1st possession	2-2	8-9
Opp scores on 1st possession	2-2	5-12
UK scores first	4-2	12-10
Opponent scores first	3-3	7-19
UK leads after 1st quarter	3-1	12-3
Opponent leads after 1stQ	2-2	5-19
Teams are tied after 1stQ	2-2	2-7
UK leads at halftime	3-2	13-3
Opponent leads at halftime	3-4	3-25
Teams are tied at halftime	1-0	3-1
UK leads after 3rd quarter	5-1	15-1
Opponent leads after 3rdQ	0-4	2-27
Teams are tied after 3rdQ	2-0	3-1
Game goes to overtime	0-0	1-1
Scoring less than 20 pts	1-2	2-16
Scoring 20+ points	5-3	12-13
Scoring 30+ points	5-2	13-6
Allowing less than 20 pts	3-0	11-2
Allowing 20+ points	2-2	5-21
Allowing 30+ points	2-4	4-20
UK has more total yards	7-1	16-3
Opp. has more total yds	0-4	3-26
UK has more rushing yards	5-1	14-5
Opp. has more rushing yards	2-4	5-24
UK has more passing yards	4-1	15-7
Opp. has more passing yards	4-4	4-20
Rushing for < 100 yds	0-3	1-11
Rushing for over 100 yards	6-1	15-17
Rushing for 200+ yards	7-1	14-5
Passing for 200+ yards	4-1	11-8
Passing for 300+ yards	2-1	5-4
UK has 100-yard rusher	5-5	12-8
Opp. has 100-yard rusher	4-5	7-20
No turnovers	0-0	5-4
One or two turnovers	6-3	12-20
3 or more turnovers	1-2	2-5
No takeaways	2-0	5-3
3 or more takeaways	1-2	5-4
UK has more penalties	2-0	9-11
Opp. has more penalties	4-5	9-15
Teams have equal penalties	1-0	1-3
UK has more TOP	6-2	12-10
Opp. has more TOP	1-3	7-19
UK defense scores	0-0	4-4
Opponent defense scores	3-1	4-4
UK returns KO/Punt for TD	1-0	1-0
Opp. returns KO/Punt for TD	0-0	0-4
Playing on natural grass	0-3	8-19
Playing on artificial surface	7-2	11-10
In blue uniforms	0-0	2-2
In white uniforms	0-1	0-4
In white unis/blue pants	2-2	3-11
In blue unis/white pants	3-1	8-2
In black uniforms	0-0	1-3
In blue uniforms/grey pants	0-1	1-3
In grey uniforms	1-0	2-2
In grey uniforms/blue pants	1-0	2-2

MILESTONES TO WATCH

- Junior WR **Garrett Johnson** has 1,533 career receiving yards and is eighth all-time on Kentucky's career receiving list. He needs 128 more receiving yards to tie Randall Cobb for seventh.
- **Jeff Badet** has 1,354 receiving yards for his career and ranks 15th on the UK career list. He needs 63 more receiving yards to tie Jacob Tamme for 14th on that list.
- **Ryan Timmons** has 1,224 receiving yards for his career and ranks tied for 20th on the UK career list. He needs 56 more receiving yards to tie Rick Kestner for 19th on that list.
- Senior RB **Jojo Kemp** has 1,681 yards rushing in his career, ranking 15th in UK history and needs six yards to equal Ivy Joe Hunter for 14th and eight to tie Derek Homer for 13th.
- Junior RB **Boom Williams** has 2,476 career rushing yards and ranks seventh on the career rushing list. He needs 142 yards to equal Derrick Locke for sixth all-time. He is just the eighth player in school history with 2,000 career rushing yards.
- Junior kicker **Austin MacGinnis** now ranks second on the career scoring list with 253 points. He needs 53 more to surpass Lones Seiber as Kentucky's all-time leading scorer.

SUNSHINE STATE CATS

Kentucky has 15 players on its roster who will be returning to their home state for the TaxSlayer Bowl:

- Jeff Badet, WR, Freedom HS (Orlando)
- Derrick Baity, CB, H.B. Plant HS (Tampa)
- Alvon Bell, DE, Everglades HS (Miramar)
- Nico Firios, LB, Lyman HS (Longwood)
- Nick Haynes, OG, Niceville HS (Niceville)
- Garrett Johnson, WR, West Orange HS (Winter Garden)
- Jojo Kemp, RB, DeLand HS (DeLand)
- Bryan Kirshe, K, Out of Door Academy (Sarasota)
- Blake McClain, DB, Winter Park HS (Winter Park)
- Ramsey Meyers, OG, Ridgeview HS (Orange Park)
- Alex Montgomery, WR, Cypress Bay HS (Weston)
- Kendall Randolph, CB, Lincoln HS (Tallahassee)
- Marvin Robinson, WR, Stranahan HS (Fort Lauderdale)
- Marcus Walker, S, Lake Wales HS (Lake Wales)
- Chris Westry, CB, Oakleaf HS (Orange Park)



SIX CATS EARN ALL-SEC HONORS

- Six Kentucky players have earned All-SEC honors as senior center Jon Toth was named first-team All-SEC by the Associated Press and Phil Steele's College Football Preview and second-team All-SEC by the league coaches. Sophomore linebacker Jordan Jones was named to the second team by the AP, Phil Steele and league coaches, while freshmen Benny Snell Jr. and Logan Stenberg were named to the SEC All-Freshman Team. Sophomore safety Mike Edwards earned second-team All-SEC honors by the AP and was a third-team selection by Phil Steele along with junior running back Stanley "Boom" Williams.
- Toth has played in 48 career games with a nation-high 47 consecutive starts. Behind Toth and Co., the Cats' running game ranks 16th nationally at 241.2 rushing yards per game, including 291.4 yards over the final seven contests. Toth leads the team with 69 knockdown blocks and has been credited with 195 blocks at the point of attack this season. The Wildcats have a pair of 1,000-yard rushers, Stanley "Boom" Williams and Benny Snell Jr., for the first time in school history.
- Off the field, Toth is a three-time SEC Academic Honor Roll member and is on track

to graduate in December with a degree in mechanical engineering. He was a nominee for several national awards this season, including the National Football Foundation's Scholar-Athlete Award, the Rimington Trophy, given annually to the nation's most outstanding center and the Outland Trophy, given to the nation's best interior lineman. Toth has been selected to play in the Reese's Senior Bowl in January. As a group, Kentucky's offensive line was a semifinalist for the Joe Moore Award, given to the nation's best O-Line unit.

- Jones burst onto the scene this season with 19 tackles in the season opener and never slowed down. He finished the regular season with 100 total tackles to rank third in the SEC in tackles per game (8.3) and his 70 solo tackles led the league and ranked 11th nationally.
- Jones is the only player in UK history to have at least 100 tackles, 14.0 tackles for loss and 4.0 sacks in a single season. Jones also added nine quarterback hurries, four pass breakups and a forced fumble. He recorded four games with double-digit tackles and finished with two tackles for loss or more in four of his final five games played.
- Edwards finished the regular season leading all SEC defensive backs in tackles with 93.



TRACKING KENTUCKY'S OPPONENTS

Opponent	UK vs. Opp	Opp. Record	Last Game	Next Up
vs. Southern Miss	Sept. 3	6-6	W, vs. Louisiana Tech, 39-24	vs. Louisiana-Lafayette - Dec. 17
at Florida	Sept. 10	8-4	L, vs. Alabama, 16-54	vs. Iowa - Jan. 2
vs. New Mexico State	Sept. 17	3-9	L, at South Alabama, 28-35	End of Season
vs. South Carolina	Sept. 24	6-6	L, at Clemson, 7-56	vs. South Florida - Dec. 29
at Alabama	Oct. 1	13-0	W, vs. Florida, 54-16	vs. Washington - Dec. 31
vs. Vanderbilt	Oct. 8	6-6	W, vs. Tennessee, 45-34	vs. N.C. State - Dec. 26
vs. Mississippi State	Oct. 22	5-7	W, at Ole Miss, 55-20	vs. Miami (Ohio) - Dec. 26
at Missouri	Oct. 29	4-8	W, vs. Arkansas, 28-24	End of Season
vs. Georgia	Nov. 5	7-5	L, vs. Georgia Tech, 27-28	vs. TCU - Dec. 30
at Tennessee	Nov. 12	8-4	L, at Vanderbilt, 34-45	vs. Nebraska - Dec. 30
vs. Austin Peay	Nov. 19	0-11	L, at Kentucky, 13-49	End of Season
at Louisville	Nov. 26	9-3	L, vs. Kentucky, 38-41	vs. LSU - Dec. 31

He ranks fourth in the SEC with 7.8 tackles per game. He had four double-digit tackle performances and tied for the team lead with three interceptions, including two of Heisman Trophy winner Lamar Jackson in the Cats' 41-38 victory over No. 11 Louisville. Edwards has recorded a tackle in 20 consecutive games and has 132 tackles, 6.5 tackles for loss, four interceptions and 11 pass breakups for his career.

- Snell had a record-breaking season with the Wildcats, rushing for a freshman school-record 1,057 yards and 13 touchdowns. Snell formed part of a running back trio with Stanley "Boom" Williams and Jojo Kemp that powered the nation's 16th-best rushing attack and has the Wildcats within striking distance heading into the TaxSlayer Bowl of setting new school single-season records for total rushing yardage and rushing touchdowns.
- Snell, who did not have a rushing attempt until the third game of the season, had a UK-freshman record five 100-yard rushing games, including 192 at Missouri and 152 vs. Austin Peay. He burst onto the scene with 136 yards and four touchdowns on just 17 carries against New Mexico State and continued his stampede throughout the season.
- Snell ranks eighth in the SEC in rushing yards per game, led the nation in rushing touchdowns by a freshman and ranks third nationally amongst freshmen in rushing yards. He was named SEC Freshman of the Week twice this season.
- Stenberg saw his role increase as the season went along, joining the Wildcats' second offensive line unit as part of a dominating rushing attack. This season the Cats' running game ranks 16th nationally at 241.2 rushing yards per game, including 291.4 yards over the final seven contests. Stenberg had 37 knockdown blocks, missed only one assignment and allowed just one quarterback pressure on the season.

- Williams has had an explosive season in leading the Cats with 1,135 rushing yards, making him just the ninth player in school history to surpass 1,000 yards in a season. He currently is riding a school-record tying five-game rushing touchdown streak and ranks seventh in the SEC and 42nd nationally with 94.6 rushing yards per game. He has matched his own single-season school record of 7.1 yards per attempt.
- Williams ranks seventh on UK's all-time rushing list with 2,476 career rushing yards, leaving him 128 yards shy of surpassing Derrick Locke for sixth all-time.

A UK WIN WOULD...

- Improve UK to 8-5 overall, 4-4 in SEC play.
- Give the Cats their first eight-win season since 2007 when the Cats also finished 8-5.
- Produce UK's first bowl victory since a 25-19 win over East Carolina in the 2009 Liberty Bowl.
- Represent a remarkable turnaround from their 0-2 start, with wins in eight of their final 11 games.
- Complete a 3-3 mark away from Commonwealth Stadium, the first time the Cats have been at least .500 in non-home games since 2009 (4-2).
- Complete UK's non-conference schedule with a 4-1 mark.

RUN, CATS, RUN.

- UK currently ranks 16th nationally and third in the SEC in rushing offense (241.2 yards per game).
- During the past seven games the Cats have averaged 291.4 rushing yards per game.
- In the past 10 games the Cats have churned out 270.5 rushing yards per game with eight of those performances totaling at least 216 yards on the ground.

	Rush Yds	Avg./Rush	TDs
vs. NM State	381	7.5	5
vs. South Carolina	212	4.3	2

100-YARD RUSHERS

Player	2016	Career	Opponent
Benny Snell Jr.	5	5	NMSU Miss. State Missouri Georgia Austin Peay
Boom Williams	4	11	NMSU USC Missouri Tennessee

100-YARD RECEIVERS

Player	2016	Career	Opponent
Jeff Badet	2	2	Miss. State Missouri
Garrett Johnson	2	5	Southern Miss Louisville
C.J. Conrad	1	1	NMSU
Ryan Timmons	-	1	-

INTERCEPTIONS

Player	2016	Career
J.D. Harmon	2	7
Mike Edwards	3	4
Marcus McWilson	1	4
Derrick Baity	3	3
Blake McClain	3	3
Chris Westry	1	3

TRACKING SACK LEADERS

Player	2016	Career
Josh Allen	7.0	7.5
Denzil Ware	5.5	6.5
Blake McClain	0.0	3.0
Jordan Jones	4.0	4.0
Marcus McWilson	0.0	1.5
Chris Westry	0.0	1.5
Courtney Love	1.0	1.0
De'Niro Laster	1.0	1.0
Naquez Pringle	1.0	1.0
Kendall Randolph	0.0	1.0
Alvonte Bell	0.5	0.5
Courtney Miggins	0.5	0.5
Mike Edwards	0.5	0.5

DOUBLE-FIGURE TACKLERS

Player	2016	Career
Mike Edwards	4	4
Marcus McWilson	0	3
Jordan Jones	3	3
Kobie Walker	1	1
Blake McClain	0	1



2016 LEADERS

PASSING

UK COMP-ATT-INT-YDS-TD Stephen Johnson 126-231-6-1,862-12

GA. TECH COMP-ATT-INT-YDS-TD Justin Thomas 73-134-2-1,454-8

RUSHING

UK ATT-YDS-TD Boom Williams 160-1,1135-7 Benny Snell Jr. 179-1,057-13

GA. TECH ATT-YDS-TD Dedrick Mills 121-602-11 Justin Thomas 128-562-5

RECEIVING

UK REC-YDS-TD Garrett Johnson 36-568-5 Jeff Badet 28-639-4 Ryan Timmons 20-236-0

GA. TECH REC-YDS-TD Ricky Jeune 22-368-1 Brad Stewart 17-372-0

TACKLES

UK TACKLES Jordan Jones 100 Mike Edwards 93

GA. TECH TACKLES Corey Griffin 79 P.J. Davis 70

STAT SUPERLATIVES

Here are some career statistical superlatives among current players:

Most Games Played: JD Harmon (48), Jon Toth (48), Ryan Timmons (48), Blake McClain (47), Jojo Kemp (44), Marcus McWilson (43), Garrett Johnson (36), Ramsey Meyers (36), Charles Walker (36), Matt Elam (36)

Most Games Started: Jon Toth (47), Blake McClain (34), Ramsey Meyers (30), Jeff Badet (27), Dorian Baker (22), Ryan Timmons (21)

Consecutive Games Started: Jon Toth (47)

Consecutive Games with a Tackle (min. 12): Marcus McWilson (32), Chris Westry (24), Mike Edwards (20), Denzil Ware (18), Jordan Jones (13), Josh Allen (12), Courtney Love (12), Adrian Middleton (12), Naquez Pringle (12)

Consecutive Games with a Reception: Garrett Johnson (10), Jeff Badet (7), Ryan Timmons (7), Dorian Baker (5), C.J. Conrad (3)

Table with 4 columns: Opponent, Yds, Avg, TD. Totals: 2,895 Yds, 5.5 Avg, 29 TD.

The Wildcats have been so effective in the running game they have surpassed what their opponent came into the game allowing on the ground each of the past 10 games.

Table with 3 columns: Opponent, Avg. Rush/Yds Allowed, UK Rush Yds in Game. Totals: 168.9 Avg, 270.5 Yds.

HISTORICAL SEASON ON THE GROUND

Kentucky stands a chance to set new school records for most rushing yards and most rushing touchdowns in a single season:

Most Rushing Yards in a Single Season

- 1. 3,124 (1974)
2. 2,960 (1976)
3. 2,895 (2016)
4. 2,661 (1975)
5. 2,638 (1979)

Most Rushing TDs in a Single Season

- 1. 30 (1949)
2. 29 (2016)
3. 28 (1950)
4. 26 (2010)
26 (2009)

Kentucky currently averages 5.52 yards per rush this season, which would set a new school record for best average yards per carry in a single season.

THE KILLER B'S

- The Wildcats' offense has taken off in large part thanks to the three-headed monster of running backs Boom Williams and Benny Snell Jr. and wide receiver Jeff Badet.
The trio provided big plays both on the ground and through the air as the Cats have piled up 2,660 yards of total offense...
Snell has rushed 118 times for 716 yards and eight scores in the past six games...
Williams has used his speed to rush for 595 yards on 84 carries over that same span...
Badet has rocketed up the Cats' all-time receiving yardage chart with 387 yards and three scores on just 18 catches the past five weeks...
Badet's 65-yard touchdown play at Mizzou is UK's second-longest in an SEC road game since an 80-yarder from Dusty Bonner to Quentin McCord at Vanderbilt in 1999. Jojo Kemp added a 71-yard scoring run at Tennessee on Nov. 12.

MacGINNIS PLAYS THE ROLE OF HERO. TWICE.

- Junior kicker Austin MacGinnis' has two game-winning field goals this season, making him just the second player in school-history to have two career game-winning kicks in the final minute of regulation.
MacGinnis' game-winning 51-yard field goal vs. Mississippi State was his longest of the season. He was named one of three Lou Groza Award "Stars of the Week" for his performance.
The Wedowee, Ala. native drilled a 47-yarder with 12 seconds left to defeat Louisville in the regular season finale.
MacGinnis is now 4-of-7 on field goals of more than 50 yards in his career. He is the second player in school history to have at least four field goals of 51 yards.
The 51-yard field goal was the longest made field goal by a UK kicker in an SEC home



2016 TEAM CAPTAINS

Game captains for the 2016 season will be decided on a week-by-week basis. They are listed below.

Southern Miss	Jon Toth, Jojo Kemp, Courtney Miggins, Courtney Love
Florida	Jon Toth, Jojo Kemp, Courtney Miggins, Courtney Love
New Mexico State	Jon Toth, Jeff Badet, Courtney Miggins, Courtney Love
South Carolina	Jon Toth, Jeff Badet, Courtney Miggins, Courtney Love
Alabama	Jon Toth, Jeff Badet, Courtney Miggins, Courtney Love
Vanderbilt	Jon Toth, Jeff Badet, Courtney Miggins, Courtney Love
Mississippi State	Jon Toth, Jeff Badet, Courtney Miggins, Courtney Love
Missouri	Jon Toth, Jeff Badet, Courtney Miggins, Courtney Love
Georgia	Jon Toth, Jeff Badet, Courtney Miggins, Courtney Love
Tennessee	Jon Toth, Jeff Badet, Courtney Miggins, Courtney Love
Austin Peay	Jon Toth, Jojo Kemp, Courtney Miggins, Marcus McWilson
Louisville	Jon Toth, Jeff Badet, Courtney Miggins, Courtney Love

game since Ryan Tydlacka made a 51-yard field goal against South Carolina on Oct. 11, 2008.

- MacGinnis' 14 points against Mississippi State are the most scored by a kicker in an SEC game since Oct. 31, 1992 (Doug Pelfrey).
- He is among the top-two scorers in Kentucky history. He has already recorded 253 points which leaves him 53 points shy of surpassing Lones Seiber (2006-09) as the school's all-time leading scorer.
- MacGinnis has made 49 of 62 field goals in his career, 79.0 percent. He set six school records as a freshman in 2014, earning first-team Freshman All-America and first-team All-SEC honors.
- MacGinnis is the sixth player in school history to reach 200 career points (Lones Seiber, Joey Worley, Seth Hanson, Taylor Begley, Randall Cobb), the third player to do so prior to their senior season (Randall Cobb and Lones Seiber). He also tied Randall Cobb for the quickest player to reach 200 career points in school history (29 games played).

THE FUTURE IS BRIGHT

- The Cats have 14 players who are first-time starters this season, once again making them one of the least experienced teams in country. However, the future is bright given the Cats' roster makeup. The first-time starters are:

Offense

- QB Stephen Johnson (Jr.)
- WR Tavin Richardson (RFr.)
- OG Bunchy Stallings (So.)
- OT Landon Young (True Fr.)
- RB Benny Snell Jr (True Fr.)
- QB Luke Wright (So.)

Defense

- LB/DE Josh Allen (So.)
- DL Alvonte Bell (Jr.-JC)

- LB Jordan Jones (So.)
- DT Adrian Middleton (So.)
- DE Courtney Miggins (Sr.)
- LB Courtney Love (Jr.-Tr.)
- DT Naquez Pringle (Jr.-Tr.)
- LB Kobie Walker (So.)

UK ADEPT AT HOLDING THIRD-QUARTER LEADS

- Kentucky has won 32 of its past 33 games when staked to a lead at the end of the third quarter, dating back to a 2008 loss vs. South Carolina.
- UK is 15-1 in the Mark Stoops era when holding a third-quarter lead.

THE BENNY AND BOOM SHOW

- Through 12 games, running backs Benny Snell Jr. and Stanley "Boom" Williams have a combined 2,192 rushing yards.
- Benny and Boom are one of the top rushing duos among Power 5 schools (as of Nov. 26)
 - 2,415 yards Lamar Jackson and Brandon Radcliff (Louisville)
 - 2,394 yards D'Onta Foreman and Chris Warren III (Texas)
 - **2,192 yards Benny Snell, Jr. and Stanley "Boom" Williams (Kentucky)**
- Through 12 games, running backs Benny Snell Jr. and Stanley "Boom" Williams are the only pair of running backs on the same team to each have 1,000 yards rushing among Power 5 schools.
- Against Austin Peay, the pair set the school record for most rushing yards by a pair of rushers in a single season, breaking the previous mark of 1,879 set by Sonny Collins and Mike Fanuzzi in 1974.
- Benny and Boom are the first pair of 1,000-yard rushers in a single season in school history.

HONORING THE CATS IN 2016

C.J. Conrad, Sophomore, TE, #87
- John Mackey Tight End of the Week (Sept. 21)

Mike Edwards, Sophomore, S, #27
- AP All-SEC Second Team
- Phil Steele All-SEC Third Team
- Athlon Sports All-SEC Third Team
- SEC Defensive Player of the Week (Nov. 28)

Greg Hart, Junior, TE, #85
- ProFootballFocus.com All-SEC Second Team

Stephen Johnson, Junior, QB, #15
- Howard Schnellenberger Award as the Most Valuable Player for the winning team in the Governor's Cup vs. Louisville (Nov. 26)
- SEC Player of the Week by SEC Gridiron Now (Nov. 28)
- Manning Award Star of the Week (Dec. 1)
- One of five to earn SEC ESPN Helmet Sticker after the win over No. 11 Louisville

Jordan Jones, Sophomore, LB, #34
- Coaches All-SEC Second Team
- AP All-SEC Second Team
- Phil Steele All-SEC Second Team

Courtney Love, Junior, LB, #51
- SEC Community Service Team

Austin MacGinnis, Junior, K, #99
- SEC Special Teams Player of the Week (Oct. 24)
- Lou Groza Award "Stars of the Week" (Oct. 24)
- SEC Special Teams Player of the Week (Nov. 28)

Adrian Middleton, Sophomore, DL, #99
- SEC Defensive Lineman of the Week (Oct. 31)

Benny Snell Jr, Freshman, RB, #26
- ESPN True Freshman All-America Team
- 247Sports True Freshman All-America Team
- SEC Coaches' All-Freshman Team
- Athlon Sports Freshman All-SEC First Team
- ProFootballFocus.com All-SEC Second Team
- SEC Freshman of the Week (Oct. 24)
- SEC Freshman of the Week (Oct. 31)

Logan Stenberg, Freshman, OL, #71
- SEC Coaches' All-Freshman Team

Jon Toth, Senior, C, #72
- Phil Steele All-American Fourth Team
- Phil Steele All-SEC First Team
- AP All-SEC First Team
- Coaches All-SEC Second Team
- Athlon Sports All-SEC Second Team
- SEC Offensive Lineman of the Week (Oct.10)

Denzil Ware, Sophomore, DL, #35
- SEC Co-Defensive Lineman of the Week (Sept. 26)

Boom Williams, Junior, RB, #18
- Phil Steele, Athlon Sports All-SEC Third Team

Landon Young, Freshman, OT, #67
- Athon Sports Freshman All-SEC Second Team



CATS SCRATCHES

SOPHOMORE • OL • GEORGE ASAFO-ADJEI

- Nickname is Big George
- Speaks English and Ghanaian

JUNIOR • WR • JEFF BADET

- Known as one of the fastest guys on the team
- He is Haitian

SENIOR • FB • WILL THOMAS COLLINS

- Nickname is Taco Meat
- Earned a scholarship during preseason camp
- Was home schooled by his mom, Betty, until the ninth grade
- Betty was a high jumper at UK and still ranks seventh on the all-time list with a clearance of 5-8

JUNIOR • OG • NICK HAYNES

- Is a really good bowler and has bowled five 300 games ... Started in a bowling league at the age of 6
- Dad, Stephen, retired as a Master Sergeant after 22 years in the Air Force

JUNIOR • LB • DE'NIRO LASTER

- Named after actor Robert De Niro
- One of three players chosen for a week-long service trip to Ethiopia in May (Greg Hart and Courtney Love were the others)

JUNIOR • QB • STEPHEN JOHNSON

- Suffered from Tourette Syndrome until the age of 13
- Sister, Sydney, is a junior forward/midfielder on the women's soccer team at Southern Cal, which recently won the NCAA championship with a 3-1 win over West Virginia
- Dad, Stephen, played baseball at Oregon

FRESHMAN • RB • BENNY SNELL, JR.

- Snell family has a legacy of running backs
- His dad, Ben Snell Sr., starred as a running back at Ohio Northern and was drafted by the Baltimore Ravens then played in NFL Europe and the XFL.
- His great uncle, Matt Snell, was a running back for the New York Jets from 1964-72
- Matt Snell rushed for 121 yards and a touchdown in the Jets' stunning 16-7 upset of the Baltimore Colts in Super Bowl III

SENIOR • WR • RYAN TIMMONS

- Has a twin sister, Raven, who works in the football office

JUNIOR • RB • STANLEY WILLIAMS

- Nickname is Boom
- Wears uniform number 18 to follow the legacy of former Wildcat greats Jacob Tamme and Randall Cobb
- Had offseason elbow surgery

- Benny and Boom have a combined 20 rushing touchdowns this season, most by a duo since Moe Williams and Billy Jack Haskins had 21 in 1995.
- Both players rank in the top eight in the SEC in rushing yards per game: Williams (7th), Snell (8th).
- This is just the fourth time in school history that Kentucky has had two players with at least 1,500 career rushing yards on the same team:
 - 1975 - Steve Compassi and Sonny Collins
 - 1986 - Mark Higgs and Marc Logan
 - 1999 - Derek Homer and Anthony White
 - **2016 - Jojo Kemp and Boom Williams**
- This is just the ninth time since 1956 an SEC team has two 1,000-yard rushers on the same team:
 - **2016 - Benny Snell, Jr. and Stanley "Boom" Williams (Kentucky)**
 - 2014 - Alex Collins and Jonathan Williams (Arkansas)
 - 2013 - Nick Marshall and Tre Mason (Auburn)
 - 2012 - Eddie Lacy and T. J. Yeldon (Alabama)
 - 2010 - Michael Dyer and Cam Newton (Auburn)
 - 2007 - Felix Jones and Darren McFadden (Arkansas)
 - 2006 - Felix Jones and Darren McFadden (Arkansas)
 - 2004 - Cedric Houston and Gerald Riggs (Tennessee)
 - 1979 - James Brooks and Joe Cribbs (Auburn)

- Snell and Williams combined for at least 190 yards rushing seven times this season

	<u>Boom</u>	<u>Benny</u>	<u>Total</u>
vs. NM State	181	136	317
vs. South Carolina	123	73	196
vs. Mississippi St.	99	128	227
at Missouri	182	192	374
vs. Georgia	77	114	191
at Tennessee	127	79	206
vs. Austin Peay	47	152	199

Kentucky's 1,000-yard Single-Season Rushers

- 1973 - Sonny Collins - 1,213
- 1975 - Sonny Collins - 1,150
- 1984 - George Adams - 1,085
- 1987 - Mark Higgs - 1,278
- 1995 - Moe Williams - 1,600
- 2002 - Artose Pinner - 1,414
- 2005 - Rafael Little - 1,045
- 2007 - Rafael Little - 1,013
- 2016 - Boom Williams - 1,135**
- Benny Snell Jr. - 1,057**

Fastest to 1,000 Single-Season Rushing Yards

- 8 games Moe Williams (1995)
- 9 games Mark Higgs (1987)
- 9 games Sonny Collins (1975)
- 9 games Sonny Collins (1973)
- 10 games Rafael Little (2007)
- 10 games Rafael Little (2005)
- 10 games Artose Pinner (2002)
- 10 games Boom Williams (2016)**
- 11 games George Adams (1984)
- 11 games Benny Snell Jr. (2016)**

HERE COMES THE "BOOM"

- Stanley "Boom" Williams has 2,476 rushing yards for his career and ranks seventh on the UK career rushing list. He needs 142 more rushing yards to tie Derrick Locke for sixth all-time at UK.
- Williams is one of just seven players in school history to rush for at least 2,200 yards.
- Williams has at least one rushing TD in five straight games which ties the school record set by Artose Pinner in 2002.



- On the season, Williams has rushed 160 times for 1,135 yards and is averaging 7.1 yards per carry. His 7.1 average is ninth nationally.
- Williams currently ranks seventh in the SEC and 42nd nationally with 94.6 rushing yards per game.
- With 1,135 yards this season, Boom is the seventh player in school history to reach 1,000 rushing yards in a season, the first since Rafael Little in 2007. He is just the fourth player in school history to have 1,000 yards prior to his senior season. The others are Sonny Collins, 1973; Moe Williams, 1995; Rafael Little, 2005. Benny Snell Jr. became the fifth against Austin Peay.
- Williams is the fifth player in school history to reach 1,700 career rushing yards prior to his senior season. The last player to accomplish that feat was Derrick Locke in 2009.
- In terms of games played, Williams is the third quickest player to reach 1,500 career rushing yards in school history (22 games). Only Sonny Collins (18 games played) and Moe Williams (19 games played) reached that milestone quicker.
- Williams' 182-yard rushing game against Missouri in Columbia was a new career high, eclipsing the 181 vs. New Mexico State earlier this season ... Williams' 182 rushing yards on just 19 carries was good for an average of 9.6 yards per attempt, the highest for a Wildcat (min. 19 attempts) since Alfred Rawls averaged 10.1 vs. LSU in 1989.
- The 181 yards against New Mexico State were the most for a UK player in Commonwealth Stadium since Artose Pinner had 224 vs. Vanderbilt on Nov. 16, 2002.
- Williams has 3,271 career all-purpose yards.

Most Rushing Attempts of at least 20 yards (since 2015) in FBS

1. 38 Donnel Pumphrey (San Diego State)
2. 33 Dalvin Cook (Florida State)
- 33 Christian McCaffrey (Stanford)
4. 32 Saquon Barkley (Penn State)
5. **31 Boom Williams (Kentucky)**
- 31 Larry Rose III (New Mexico)

Consecutive Games with a Rushing TD (dating back to 1985)

1. **5 Boom Williams (2016)**
- 5 Artose Pinner (2002)
3. 4 Randall Cobb (2009)
- 4 Moe Williams (1995)
5. 3 Several players, including **Benny Snell (2016)**

Most consecutive 100-yard games (4 or more)

1. 6 Sonny Collins 9/13/1975 – 10/18/1975
2. 4 Artose Pinner 10/26/2002 - 11/16/2002
3. 4 Derrick Locke 9/4/2010 – 9/25/2010
4. **3 Several players, including Boom and Benny Snell Jr.**

Most Career Rushing Touchdowns Of At Least 50 Yards (Since 1955)

1. **7 Boom Williams (2014-Present)**
2. 4 Derrick Locke (2007-2010)
- 4 Moe Williams (1993-1995)
- 4 Mark Higgs (1984-1987)
5. 3 Alfred Rawls (1988-1989)
6. 2 Randall Cobb (2008-2010)
- 2 Artose Pinner (1999-2002)
- 2 Sonny Collins (1972-1975)
- 2 Rodger Bird (1963-1965)
- 2 Darrell Cox (1961-1963)

CATS AMONG SEC/NCAA RANKINGS

Category	SEC	NCAA	National Leader	Stat
Scoring Offense	8-31.0	54	Louisville	45.3
Rushing Offense	3-241.2	16	New Mexico	360.9
Total Offense	9-428.2	57	Texas Tech	564.5
Total Defense	9-439.5	88	Alabama	247.8
Pass Defense	6-214.5	48	Michigan	135.9
Pass Efficiency	7-132.5	62	Oklahoma	194.86
Interceptions	5-13	33	San Diego St.	22
4th-Down Conv.	1-83.3	3	South Fla.	93.8
Opp. 4th-Down Conv.	8-45.5	48	Alabama	19.0
Red-Zone %	4-87.2	36	Florida St.	96.3
Opp. Red-Zone Opp.	6-79.5	39	Vanderbilt	65.9

	SEC	NCAA	Stat
Rushing Yards Per Game			
Boom Williams	7	42	94.6
Benny Snell	8	50	88.1

	SEC	NCAA	Stat
Rushing Yards Per Carry			
Boom Williams	3	9	7.1

	SEC	NCAA	Stat
Rushing TDs			
Benny Snell	3	27	13

	SEC	NCAA	Stat
Total Offense			
Stephen Johnson	9	89	194.5

	SEC	NCAA	Stat
Scoring			
Austin MacGinnis	7	86	7.3

	SEC	NCAA	Stat
Pass Efficiency			
Stephen Johnson	7	59	134.2

	SEC	NCAA	Stat
Passing Yards Per Completion			
Stephen Johnson	1	8	14.78

	SEC	NCAA	Stat
Kick Return Avg			
Jeff Badet	4	49	22.9

	SEC	NCAA	Stat
Field Goals			
Austin MacGinnis	6	39	1.25

	SEC	NCAA	Stat
Total Tackles			
Jordan Jones	3	65	8.3
Mike Edwards	T-4	100	7.8

	SEC	NCAA	Stat
Solo Tackles			
Jordan Jones	1	T-11	5.8

	SEC	NCAA	Stat
Sacks			
Josh Allen	T-11	59	0.58

	SEC	NCAA	Stat
Interceptions			
Derrick Baity		62	3
Mike Edwards	T-7	62	3
Blake McClain		62	3

	SEC	NCAA	Stat
Forced Fumbles			
Josh Allen	1	T-12	4





WHERE ARE THE COACHES?

SIDELINE

Mark Stoops, Head Coach
Eddie Gran, HC Offense/RBs
Vince Marrow, Tight Ends
John Schlarman, Offensive Line
Lamar Thomas, Wide Receivers
Matt House, Inside LBs/Special Teams
Steve Clinkscale, Defensive Backs
Jimmy Brumbaugh, Defensive Line

PRESS BOX

D.J. Eliot, Defensive Coordinator, OLBs
Darin Hinshaw, Co-OC/Quarterbacks

Most Career 100-yard games

1.	18	Sonny Collins	1972-75
2.	13	Rafael Little	2004-07
	13	Moe Williams	1993-95
4.	11	Boom Williams	2014-present
	11	Artose Pinner	1999-2002
6.	10	George Adams	1981-84

BENNY AND HIS JETS SETTING SCHOOL RECORDS

- All-SEC freshman Benny Snell has rushed a team-high 179 times for 1,057 yards and 13 touchdowns and is averaging 5.9 yards per carry.
- The 1,057 rushing yards this season is a school record for most ever by a freshman in a season for UK. Moe Williams had 928 rushing yards as a freshman in 1993.
- With 13 rushing touchdowns this season, he broke Randall Cobb (2008)'s record for most rushing TDs by a UK freshman (7) and most total touchdowns (9).
- Snell has the most rushing touchdowns in a single season (13) since Artose Pinner had 13 in 2002.
- Snell ranks eighth overall in the SEC and 50th nationally with 88.1 rushing yards per game.
- Snell leads the nation for most rushing touchdowns by a freshman (13) and ranks third among the freshmen in rushing yards (1,057).
- Snell is tied for third-most rushing touchdowns in the SEC with 13.
- With 152 yards against Austin Peay, he eclipsed 100 yards on the ground for the fifth time this season overall, setting the school's freshman record for most 100-yard rushing games in a season.
- Snell is the first UK player with a rushing touchdown in three consecutive games since Derrick Locke in 2010 and first freshman with a rushing touchdown in three consecutive games since Randall Cobb in 2008.
- Snell was the first freshman in school history to have 100 rushing yards and a rushing touchdown in three consecutive games.
- His career-high 192 yards rushing vs. Mizzou set a school record for most rushing yards by a freshman in a single game. The previous high was Derick Logan's 186 yards against Mississippi State on Nov. 9, 1996.
- The 192 rushing yards tie for the ninth most in a single game in school history and the most since Rafael Little rushed for 198 yards vs. Vanderbilt on Nov. 12, 2005.
- His 38 carries vs. Mizzou are the most since Derick Logan had 41 attempts vs. Mississippi State in 1996.
- His five rushing TDs in the first four games were the most by a UK player in his first four games of his freshman season in school history.
- Snell rushed a game-high 16 times for 73 yards and the game-winning touchdown in the win over South Carolina.
- Snell is on pace to have one of the best rushing touchdown-to-carry ratios by any Kentucky player since rushing TDs were tracked at UK beginning in 1949 (min. 100 career carries).

Rushing Attempts-To-Rushing Touchdown Ratio (Since 1949, Min. 100 Career Carries)

- 10.4:1, Randall Cobb (2008-2010) (228 carries, 22 touchdowns)
- 12.9:1, Babe Parilli (1949-1951) (103 carries, 8 touchdowns)
- 13.8:1, Bob Hardy (1953-1955) (262 carries, 19 touchdowns)
- 13.8:1, Benny Snell (2016) (179 carries, 13 touchdowns)**
- 14.4:1, Calvin Bird (1958-1960) (202 carries, 14 touchdowns)
- 14.7:1, Shane Boyd (2001-2004) (191 carries, 13 touchdowns)

Most 100-yard games in a season

1.	8	Artose Pinner	2002
2.	7	Moe Williams	1995
3.	6	Rafael Little	2007
	6	Mark Higgs	1987
	6	George Adams	1984
	6	Sonny Collins	1975
7.	5	Boom Williams	2015
	5	Benny Snell Jr.	2016

Most Rushing Yards by a Freshman

1.	1,057	Benny Snell Jr.	2016
2.	928	Moe Williams	1993

Most Rushing Touchdowns by a Freshman

1.	13	Benny Snell Jr.	2016
2.	7	Randall Cobb	2008

Most Total Touchdowns by a Freshman

1.	13	Benny Snell Jr.	2016
2.	9	Randall Cobb	2008

Most Rushing Yards by a Freshman in a Single Game

1.	192	Benny Snell Jr.	vs. Missouri, 2016
2.	186	Derick Logan	vs. Mississippi State, 1996

CATS IN THE NCAA/SEC RANKINGS/STATS

- Sophomore linebacker Jordan Jones has been a menace to opposing offenses, registering 100 tackles to rank third among all SEC defenders with 8.3/game. He also leads the SEC in solo tackles (70).
- Sophomore safety Mike Edwards ranks fourth in the SEC in tackles per game with 7.8 (93 total).
- Sophomore linebacker Josh Allen is tied for 12th nationally and leads in the SEC in forced fumbles (4).
- Allen ranks 13th in the SEC in sacks with 7.0.
- Sophomore defensive end Denzil Ware ranks 15th in the SEC in sacks with 6.5.
- Junior running back Stanley "Boom" Williams ranks seventh in the SEC and 42nd nationally with 94.6 rushing yards per game. Williams is ninth nationally at 7.09 yards per rush.
- Junior quarterback Stephen Johnson ranks eighth in the nation in passing yards per completion (14.78).
- Freshman running back Benny Snell Jr. has 13 rushing touchdowns, which leads all freshman and ranks him 27th overall in the country. Snell leads all SEC freshman in scoring and is second in all-purpose yards per game (89.4).
- Junior wide receiver Jeff Badet ranks fourth nationally with 22.82 yards per receptions.
- Kentucky ranks 16th nationally in rushing at 241.2 rushing yards per game.
- The Cats rank third nationally in fourth down conversion rate at .833 (10-of-12).



- UK is 23rd nationally in fewest penalties per game (5.00).
- The Cats rank 33rd nationally in interceptions with 13.
- UK is averaging 14.86 yards per pass completion, good for 12th in the nation.

KEMP HAS SECOND-LONGEST NO-LOST FUMBLE STREAK

- UK senior running back Jojo Kemp has the second-longest current active streak for a NCAA FBS running back for consecutive touches without losing a fumble to the opponent. Kemp has gone 353 touches without losing a fumble to the opponent, second only to Toledo's Kareem Hunt who has 718 consecutive touches without losing a fumble to the opponent.
- Kemp now has 1,681 rushing yards as a Wildcat, moving up one spot to 15th place on the UK career list.
- Kemp has 19 rushing touchdowns, tied for ninth on the UK career rushing TD list.

SENIOR SENDOFF

Fourteen players will don the Blue and White for the final time, including Alex Montgomery, Dylan Greenberg and Ramsey Meyers who are juniors in eligibility but are forgoing their senior seasons.

Seniors:

- Will Thomas Collins, FB, Jackson, Ky.
- Tanner Fink, TE/FB, Louisville, Ky.
- J.D. Harmon, CB, Paducah, Ky.
- Jojo Kemp, RB, DeLand, Fla.
- Blake McClain, DB, Winter Park, Fla.
- Marcus McWilson, S, Youngstown, Ohio
- Courtney Miggins, DE, Lithonia, Ga.
- Zach Myers, C, Miamisburg, Ohio
- Ryan Timmons, WR, Frankfort, Ky.
- Jon Toth, C, Indianapolis, Ind.
- Zane Williams, DT, Lexington, Ky.

Juniors forgoing senior season:

- Alex Montgomery, WR, Weston, Fla.
- Dylan Greenberg, OG, Tucson, Ariz.
- Ramsey Meyers, OG, Orange Park, Fla.

JOHNSON & JOHNSON

- Explosive junior wide receiver Garrett "Juice" Johnson has found a connection with quarterback Stephen Johnson, hooking up for three touchdowns of 40 yards or more over the final two games.
- Juice hauled in a 75-yard bomb on the Wildcats' first play from scrimmage in the 41-38 upset victory at Louisville. He later added a 63-yarder that looked nearly identical to the first score, as he got behind the Cardinals' defense.
- Juice leads the team with 36 catches for 568 yards and a team-high five touchdowns on the season.
- For his career, Juice has four catches of 40-plus yards.

BIG PLAY BADET

- Speedy junior wide receiver Jeff Badet has been a big-play performer for the Wildcats. So far this season, he has seven plays of 40-plus yards with long balls of 72 yards (touchdown), 45 yards, 65 yards (touchdown), 54 yards, 45 yards, 44 yards (touchdown) and 42 yards.

Number of 40+ Yard Receptions since 2015 in the FBS

	'15	'16	Total
1. Taywan Taylor, Western Kentucky	11	14	25
2. Shelton Gibson, West Virginia	9	11	20
3. James Washington, Oklahoma State	8	8	16
Carlos Henderson, Louisiana Tech	6	10	16
5. Corey Davis, Western Michigan	7	8	15
Dede Westbrook, Oklahoma	2	13	15
7. Thomas Sperbeck, Boise State	8	6	14
Cody Thompson, Toledo	5	9	14
Nicholas Norris, Western Kentucky	7	7	14
10. Calvin Ridley, Alabama	8	5	13
KD Cannon, Baylor	6	7	13
12. Rodney Adams, USF	8	3	11
Amba Etta-Tawo, Syracuse	0	11	11
14. Keevin Lucas, Tulsa	0	10	10
Jeff Badet, Kentucky	3	7	10
16. DeAngelo Yancey, Purdue	4	6	10
Antonio Callaway, Florida	6	3	9
Shay Fields, Colorado	3	6	9
JuJu Smith-Schuster, USC	7	2	9

- Badet ranks fourth nationally in yards per reception at 22.82 yards per catch. That mark currently ranks second on UK's single-season list.

Best Yards Per Reception Average (Min. 20), Season

1.	23.5	Larry Seiple	1965	27/635
2.	22.8	Jeff Badet	2016	28/639
3.	18.1	Javess Blue	2014	29/525
4.	17.9	Allan Watson	1980	30/536
5.	17.8	Larry Seiple	1966	28/499
	17.8	Quentin McCord	2000	45/799

CATS BOAST THREE CAREER 1,000-YARD RUSHERS AND THREE 1,000-YARD RECEIVERS FOR FIRST TIME IN SCHOOL HISTORY

- For the first time in school history Kentucky can boast three players with at least 1,000 career receiving yards and three players with at least 1,000 career rushing yards on the same team.

UK's Career 1,000-yard receivers

- Garrett Johnson
- Jeff Badet
- Ryan Timmons

UK's Career 1,000-yard rushers

- Jojo Kemp
- Boom Williams
- Benny Snell Jr.

- In 1998, Kentucky had three 1,000-yard receivers in Kevin Coleman, Anthony White and Craig Yest and had two 1,000-yard rushers in Derek Homer and Anthony White.
- Junior wide receiver Dorian Baker has 977 career receiving yards, needing just 23 to join his teammates in the 1,000-yard club.

KENTUCKY OFFENSE

- Year Four of the Mark Stoops era began with major changes in the offensive coaching staff, including the additions of new offensive coordinator Eddie Gran, co-offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach Darin Hinshaw and wide receivers coach Lamar Thomas.
- Gran inherited 22 returning letterwinners on offense from the 2015 season, including nine primary starters.
- UK has produced big plays this season, with 15 touchdown plays of at least 40 yards (5 rush, 10 pass).





KENTUCKY OFFENSE

- The Wildcats have a touchdown play of at least 43 yards in seven of their last nine home games, the lone exceptions being the Oct. 8 victory over Vanderbilt and Nov. 5 loss to Georgia.
- Kentucky is currently averaging 6.41 yards per offensive play this season. The school record for best average yards per offensive play is 6.45, set in 1998.
- Kentucky currently averages 5.52 yards per rush this season, which would set a new school record for best average yards per carry in a single season. The current record in 4.94 in 1974.
- Kentucky had 381 rushing yards and 311 passing yards vs. New Mexico State, the Cats' first 300/300 game in school history.
- Kentucky rushed for 443 yards at Tennessee, second-most in a single game in school history. The school record is 446 rushing yards vs. Tennessee Tech in 1951.
- The 443 rushing yards vs. the Vols are the most ever for the Wildcats against an SEC opponent. The previous record was 409 rushing yards vs. Vanderbilt in 1953.
- UK passed for a season-high 351 yards against Louisville.
- The Cats' 2,895 rushing yards are the most in a season since 1976 (2,960).
- UK has had six games of at least 400 yards total offense, most since 2010 (eight times that season).
- The Cats had at least 581 yards of total offense four times this season, the first time in school history that has been achieved.
- Kentucky has scored at least 35 points seven times this season, the most since the 2007 team did it in nine games.
- For the first time in school history Kentucky can boast three players with at least 1,000 career receiving yards (Garrett Johnson, Jeff Badet and Ryan Timmons) and three players with at least 1,000 career rushing yards (Boom Williams, Jojo Kemp and Benny Snell Jr.) on the same team.

POSITION-BY-POSITION

QUARTERBACKS

- Sophomore Drew Barker is out for the season with a back injury. Prior to his injury, he completed 15 of 24 passes for 323 yards and four touchdowns in the 2016 season opener vs. Southern Miss. He played in five games last season, earning a starting nod in the final two contests for the Wildcats (35 of 70 passes for 364 yards and 1 TD).
- Junior quarterback Stephen Johnson is 5-3 as the starter. He earned his first career start

vs. South Carolina. He also was the primary quarterback for most of the game in wins over New Mexico State and Austin Peay.

- Johnson is the first UK quarterback to win four of his first five SEC starts, based on starting lineups available since 1993.
- Johnson directed the Cats range for the game-winning field goal against Mississippi State by completing passes of 10, 12 and 18 yards in the final 62 seconds.
- Johnson calmly did the same for the game-winning field goal at Louisville with a 29-yard pass to Jeff Badet followed by a 15-yard scramble into field goal range.
- Johnson started his UK career with 42 passing attempts without an interception, the most since 2000.
- Johnson came in for an injured Drew Barker in the first quarter vs. New Mexico State and finished the game 17-for-22 with a then-career-high 310 yards passing and then-career-high three touchdowns – all three were to tight end C.J. Conrad.
- Johnson matched those career-high touchdowns with three against Louisville. His 338 passing yards against the Cardinals is a career-high.
- Johnson's first career TD pass was a 72-yarder to tight end C.J. Conrad, marking the longest first-career TD pass for a Wildcat since 1995. His first career rushing touchdown came from three yards out in a win over Vanderbilt on Oct. 8.
- Johnson is the second quarterback in school history to pass for at least 300 yards within

their first two career games played. The other was Jared Lorenzen against Louisville on Sept. 2, 2000.

- Johnson is the first UK quarterback with at least 300 passing yards and at least 50 rushing yards since Patrick Towles vs. Mississippi State on Oct. 25, 2014. He had 310 yards passing and 51 yards rushing against New Mexico State and topped those totals with 338 yards passing and 83 rushing against Louisville.
- Sophomore transfer Luke Wright made his first career start against Austin Peay, completing 3-of-4 passes for 28 yards.

RUNNING BACKS / FULLBACKS

- UK has 2,895 rushing yards this season, most since 1976 (2,960).
- UK has rushed for at least 229 yards in six of the last seven games.
- UK is blessed to be able to go four deep on the running back depth chart, including senior Jojo Kemp, junior Stanley "Boom" Williams, sophomore Sihiem King and freshman Benny Snell Jr.
- Three Wildcats have over 1,000 career rushing yards (Williams, Kemp and Snell).
- Williams has 2,476 yards on 355 carries in his career, adding 18 TDs. He set a single-season school record by averaging 7.1 yards per carry last season. He leads the team in rushing yards this season with 1,135 and is averaging 7.1 yards per carry.





GAME-WINNING FIELD GOALS IN UK HISTORY

Below is a list of Kentucky's game-winning field goals in the final minute of regulation or overtime:

Name	Date	Opponent	Distance of FG	Time	Final Score
Austin MacGinnis	Nov. 26, 2016	at Louisville	47	:12	41-38
Austin MacGinnis	Oct. 22, 2016	Mississippi State	51	:00	40-38
Seth Hanson	Oct. 17, 1998	at LSU	33	:00	39-36
Brian Johnson	Sept. 21, 1996	Indiana	36	:14	3-0
Nicky Nickels	Nov. 13, 1993	East Carolina	29	:28	6-3
Doug Pelfrey	Nov. 2, 1991	Cincinnati	53	:00	20-17
Doug Pelfrey	Oct. 27, 1990	Georgia	32	:07	26-24
Clarkie Mayfield	Nov. 24, 1962	at Tennessee	19	:16	12-10
Delmar Hughes	Oct. 22, 1955	Florida	20	:34 seconds left	10-7

- Williams ranks seventh in the SEC in rushing yards per game with 94.6.
- Kemp has carried it 335 times for 1,681 yards, including 19 TDs. He has missed three games this season with ankle and hand injuries, but returned with a career-long 71-yard touchdown run against Tennessee.
- Snell is having one of the best freshman seasons in UK history as he has already rushed for 1,057 yards with 13 touchdowns. He currently ranks eighth in the SEC in rushing yards per game (88.1) and ranks third in touchdowns scored.
- An explosive talent, King played in all 12 games last season as a freshman, notching 11 carries for 127 yards and a touchdown. He recorded six carries for 75 yards and a touchdown against Tennessee this season.
- Senior Will Tom Collins saw the majority of action last season when UK used a two-back set. Senior Tanner Fink also is available.

WIDE RECEIVERS / TIGHT ENDS

- New wide receivers coach Lamar Thomas has a depth of talent at the wide receiver position, including Jeff Badet (79 catches for 1,354 yards and seven TDs), Dorian Baker (86 catches for 977 yards and five TDs) and Garrett "Juice" Johnson (104 catches for 1,533 yards and nine TDs).
- UK has three other receivers with significant game experience, including senior Ryan Timmons (109 career receptions, 1,224 yards, 5 TD) and juniors Blake Bone and Charles Walker.
- Kentucky has had 15 different players catch a pass this season, including eight wideouts and two tight ends.
- Three Wildcats have over 1,000 career receiving yards (Johnson, Badet and Timmons).
- Badet ranks fourth nationally in yards per catch at 22.82 this season (28 catches for 639 yards).
- Redshirt freshman Tavin Richardson (nine catches for 160 yards) and junior college transfer Kayaune Ross (two catches for 10

yards and touchdown) are added offensive weapons.

- Tight end C.J. Conrad, a Freshman All-American in 2015, caught 15 passes for 149 yards and one TD last season and was a fierce run blocker. Through 12 games this season he has 16 catches for 248 yards (15.5 yards per catch) and four TDs. Conrad is on the John Mackey Award Midseason Watch List.
- Against New Mexico State, Conrad caught five passes for a career-high 133 yards. His previous career high was 56 yards vs. Mississippi State, Oct. 24, 2015.
- He became the first UK tight end with three touchdown catches in a game since James Whalen vs. Georgia on Oct. 23, 1999 and the first UK player with three receiving touchdowns in the game since Dicky Lyons, Jr., who had three against Florida on Oct. 20, 2007.
- Conrad is the first UK tight end with 100 receiving yards in a game since Jacob Tamme vs. Tennessee on Nov. 24, 2007.
- Conrad is the only UK player in school history at Commonwealth Stadium to have at least 133 receiving yards and three receiving touchdowns in a game.
- His 133 receiving yards are the third-most by a tight end in a game in school history. It is the most in a game by a tight end since James Whalen had 151 yards against Georgia in 1999.
- Junior Greg Hart is available at tight end after sitting out last season as a transfer from Nebraska.

OFFENSIVE LINE

- The offensive line was one of the most experienced positions this season as it returned 83 career starts, including 46 from last year.
- The offensive line was named a semifinalist for the Joe Moore Award which recognizes the nation's Most Outstanding Offensive Line. The line, which has nine players who receive weekly playing time, has been even

better over the last nine games in averaging 275.1 rushing yards per contest.

- Senior center Jon Toth, named fourth-team All-American and first-team All-SEC by Phil Steele, first-team All-SEC by the Associated Press and second-team All-SEC by league coaches, headlines the O-line as he has started in a nation-high 47 consecutive games and is considered one of the top centers in college football. Toth was a nominee for several national awards this season, including the Rimington Trophy, given to the nation's top center, the Outland Trophy, given to the nation's best interior lineman and the William V. Campbell Trophy awarded to the nation's best football scholar-athlete.
- Toth has the longest active starting streak in the nation:

Player	Pos	School	Streak	Seasons
Jon Toth	OL	Kentucky	47	2013-16
Dan Skipper	OL	Arkansas	46	2013-16
Phillip Walker	QB	Temple	45	2013-16
Eric Smith	OL	Virginia	43	2013-16

- Toth was named the SEC Offensive Lineman of the Week for his performance in UK's win over Vanderbilt. Toth helped Kentucky pile up 258 rushing yards, the most in an SEC victory since 2010 until rushing for 377 against Missouri a week later, and handled the line calls for an offense that did not allow a sack and averaged 5.0 yards per rushing attempt. Four different Wildcats – running backs Benny Snell Jr., Jojo Kemp and Boom Williams and quarterback Stephen Johnson – all rushed for at least 54 yards, the first time that has happened since 2012. Toth played every snap at center, leading the O-Line effort with nine knockdown blocks and 23 blocks at the point of attack.
- Sophomore Jervontius "Bunchy" Stallings, who serves as Toth's backup, started at right guard in six consecutive games before giving way to Ramsey Meyers on Senior Day. He returned to the starting lineup vs. Louisville.





- Junior Kyle Meadows, who started the final 10 games last season, is the starter at right tackle.
- Junior Cole Mosier earned the starting nod at left tackle in the first two games before missing three games with an ankle injury. Freshman Landon Young saw action at Florida and started three games in place of Mosier, who returned against Vanderbilt.
- Returning starters at the left and right guard positions are juniors Nick Haynes and Ramsey Meyers. Sophomore George Asafo-Adjei can play guard or tackle and gives the coaching staff a talented option in the line.

SPECIAL TEAMS

- Junior kicker Austin MacGinnis is the Wildcats' kickoff specialist and placekicker. MacGinnis has already recorded 253 points, which ranks him second on UK's career scoring list, 52 points behind all-time leader Lones Seiber. Despite battling injuries last season, he hit 13 of 17 field goals and 22 of 23 PATS. He is currently 15-for-18 for field goals this season with a long of 51 yards against Mississippi State, which was a game-winner at the final buzzer. MacGinnis also hit a game-winning 47-yard field goal at Louisville. He is the first player in UK history to hit two-game winning field goals in the final minute of regulation in the same season.
- Sophomore Miles Butler can also step in at placekicker. He hit 4 of 4 field goals last season with a long kick of 46 yards and was 11 of 12 in PATs.
- Freshman signee Grant McKinniss, rated the nation's No. 4 punter in high school last year, is averaging 39.5 per punt with nine downed inside the opponent's 20-yard line. He

boomed a career-long 61-yard punt against Alabama.

- McKinniss was named one of 66 candidates on the Ray Guy Award Watch List, given annually to the nation's best punter.
- After the graduation of four-year long snapper Kelly Mason, sophomore Tristan Yeomans has been called on to handle the long snapping for punts, while redshirt freshman Blake Best is the snapper for field goals and PATs.

KENTUCKY DEFENSE

- The defense has 16 returning letterwinners from 2015, including six starters.
- UK lost seven of its top eight tacklers from last season.
- UK has played much better on defense the second half of the season. Head coach Mark Stoops, a career-long defensive coach, has gotten more involved in helping guide the defense during that time. In addition, the maturing of an inexperienced front seven – only one returning starter in the D-line/linebackers – has helped the unit's progress.
- In the Vanderbilt game, Kentucky's front seven on defense consisted of six players who didn't start a single game last season. The seventh was sophomore defensive end Denzil Ware who played in all 12 games last season with 11 starts.
- UK opponents averaged 44.5 points in the first three games, but in the last nine games, which included top-ranked Alabama, UK's defense has held the opponent to 27.0 ppg.
- Kentucky allowed just one total offensive touchdown in the South Carolina and Vanderbilt games.

- The Cats have forced a turnover in 16 of their past 18 games.
- Kentucky's defense showed vast improvements in the South Carolina game from the start of the season. The defense held South Carolina to just 10 points in the game, a season best.
- It marked the first time Kentucky has held an opponent to 10 points or less since limiting Vanderbilt to seven points in a 17-7 win in 2014 in Commonwealth Stadium.
- The Wildcats held South Carolina to only two pass plays of 20+ yards and no rushing play longer than 12 yards.
- Kentucky had a season-high four sacks vs. the Gamecocks and Commodores after totaling just four sacks in its first three games. It marked the most sacks against an SEC opponent since Nov. 1, 2008 against Mississippi State when UK also had four sacks.
- The Kentucky defense limited South Carolina to just 16 first downs in the game. The last time Kentucky limited an SEC opponent to 16 first downs or less was 13 last season at Vanderbilt.
- Kentucky forced a season-high four turnovers (3 INTs, 1 fumble) against Louisville, one of the nation's most explosive offenses.
- Two new assistant coaches are on the defensive staff in Steve Clinkscale, defensive backs, and Matt House, inside linebackers/special teams coordinator.

POSITION-BY-POSITION

LINEBACKERS

- Sophomore linebacker Jordan Jones has been a menace to opposing offenses, registering 100 tackles to rank third among all SEC defenders with 8.3/game. He also leads the SEC in solo tackles (70). He also has a team-high nine quarterback hurries.
- Courtney Love, a transfer from Nebraska, is third on the team with 68 tackles through 12 games. He recovered a critical fourth quarter fumble against Louisville that set up UK's game-winning drive.
- Strongside linebacker Josh Allen has posted 55 tackles with a team-high 7.0 sacks and four forced fumbles, which ranks 12th nationally.
- Sophomore Nico Firios, redshirt freshman Eli Brown and mid-year enrollee Kash Daniel have contributed as well.
- Daniel recorded a career-high seven tackles vs. Austin Peay.
- Brown saw his most extensive action of the season vs. Alabama, registering a career-high 7.0 tackles in the game. Brown came into the game with 5.0 tackles on the season and a



previous game-high of 2.0 set against both Florida and New Mexico State.

- Sophomore Kobie Walker played in three games before being sidelined for the season with an injury.

DEFENSIVE LINE

- Looking to fill the void of veteran defensive ends Farrington Huguenin, tackle Cory Johnson, noseguard Melvin Lewis and tackle Regie Meant from last season has been one of the biggest challenges for defensive line coach Jimmy Brumbaugh.
- The D-line features just one senior in junior college transfer Courtney Miggins along with four juniors (Matt Elam, Naquez Pringle, Alvonte Bell and De’Niro Laster), two sophomores (Denzil Ware and Adrian Middleton) and freshman T.J. Carter.
- Miggins has 28 tackles with five pass breakups and 4.0 tackles for loss this season.
- Junior noseguard Matt Elam recorded 23 stops in 2015.
- Junior college transfer Naquez Pringle saw his first career action vs. Florida and registered five tackles with one tackle for loss. He has 33 tackles on the season.
- Junior college transfer Alvonte Bell earned his first career start vs. New Mexico State and had a career-high seven stops. He has 26 tackles on the season.
- The hybrid end/linebacker position is held by sophomore Denzil Ware, who made 39 tackles last season, including 5.5 tackles for loss. Ware has 61 tackles in 12 games in 2016 with 12.0 TFLs, 5.5 sacks and five quarterback hurries.
- Ware had two sacks vs. South Carolina, the most by a UK player against an SEC opponent since Ridge Wilson against South Carolina in 2011. Allen and Ware matched that mark with two sacks each vs. Vanderbilt.
- De’Niro Laster, a transfer from Minnesota, had 14 tackles in his first five games as a Wildcat before suffering a season-ending knee injury.
- Sophomore defensive tackle Adrian Middleton has started the last 10 games at tackle and has totaled 33 tackles and 5.5 TFL.
- Sophomore tackle Tymere Dubose has seen action in nine games and has five tackles.
- Freshman defensive tackle T.J. Carter made his first collegiate appearance in the second quarter vs. UF and has nine tackles in 10 games played.

CORNERBACKS

- Kentucky has five cornerbacks with extensive experience, including 2015 Freshman All-American and Freshman All-SEC cornerback Chris Westry (78 career tackles, 1.5 TFL, 1 sack, 3 interceptions, 11 pass breakups).

- That experience has shown so far this season as Kentucky has 13 interceptions on the season.
- Kentucky’s six interceptions through the first five games were the most since 2011.
- Sophomore Derrick Baity started the last four games of his freshman season, totaling 19 tackles and two pass breakups. Baity has started in all 12 games this season and has 37 tackles with three interceptions, including one in back-to-back games.
- Senior J.D. Harmon has 38 tackles. He has seven interceptions in his career, including two this season. He also has 16 pass career breakups, one this season.
- Junior Kendall Randolph can play corner or the nickelback position as needed. Randolph has contributed 41 tackles (14 this season) and two PBU.

SAFETIES

- Sophomore Mike Edwards (132 career tackles, 6.5 TFL, 4 interceptions, 11 PBU, 1 FF) emerged as a starter last season at strong safety and has picked up where he left off. He currently ranks second on the team and fourth in the SEC in tackles per game with 7.8 (93).
- Edwards had a career-high 13 tackles vs. Georgia and two interceptions against Louisville.
- Versatile Blake McClain can play any position in the defensive backfield and is UK’s starting free safety. He has totaled 180 tackles, 3 interceptions and 21 pass breakups in his career. He currently is tied for fourth on the team in total tackles with 62.
- Senior Marcus McWilson (168 career tackles, 9.0 TFL, 1.5 sacks, 3 PBU, 1 QBH, 1 FF) brings experience at safety. He has 62 tackles in this season with ranks tied for fourth on the team.
- McWilson recorded his second career defensive touchdown when he returned a pick 45 yards for a score against Mississippi State.

2016 SEASON NOTES

KENTUCKY’S YOUNGSTOWN BOYS

As a neighbor of Pittsburgh, a.k.a. Steel City USA, Youngstown, Ohio has a reputation as a blue collar community defined by hard work and relationships forged over generations that are stronger than steel. Kentucky’s football program is, in many ways, defined by that bond as it creates a southern alumni club from Youngstown, the hometown of head coach Mark Stoops and several other key members of the program. Below is a list of staffers and players from Youngstown, Ohio:

CATS IN THE NFL



A total of 13 former Kentucky Wildcats are currently on National Football League rosters. Here is the list, along with their years at UK:

Arizona Cardinals

#98 Corey Peters, DT (2006-09)

Atlanta Falcons

#83 Jacob Tamme, TE (2004-07)

Baltimore Ravens

#90 Za’Darius Smith, OLB (2013-14)
#13 Chris Matthews (2009-10)

Chicago Bears

#59 Danny Trevathan, LB (2008-11)

Detroit Lions

#75 Larry Warford, G (2009-12)

Green Bay Packers

#18 Randall Cobb, WR (2008-10)

Los Angeles Rams

#45 Josh Forrest, LB (2012-15)

Pittsburgh Steelers

#48 Bud Dupree, OLB (2011-14)

San Diego Chargers

#13 Steve Johnson, WR (2006-07)

Seattle Seahawks

#87 Ronnie Shields, TE (2011-14)

Tennessee Titans

#54 Avery Williamson (2010-13)
#59 Wesley Woodyard (2004-07)

- Mark Stoops - Head Coach (Cardinal Mooney)
- Vince Marrow - Recruiting Coord./Tight Ends (Cardinal Mooney)
- Steve Clinkscale - Defensive Backs (Chaney)
- Frank Buffano - Director of Operations (Cardinal Mooney)
- Mark Pelini - Graduate Assistant (offense) (Cardinal Mooney)
- Marcus McWilson - Safety (Cardinal Mooney)
- Jordan Jones - Linebacker (Cardinal Mooney)
- Tymere Dubose - Defensive Tackle (Youngstown Christian)
- Courtney Love - Linebacker (Cardinal Mooney)





WHALEN NAMED KENTUCKY'S SEC FOOTBALL LEGEND

Former tight end James Whalen has been named a 2016 Southeastern Conference Legend for excelling on the gridiron after a true story-book rags-to-riches collegiate career.

Whalen, originally from Portland, Ore., came to Kentucky as a walk-on after playing his freshman season at Shasta College in Redding, Calif. After his family moved to Walton, Ky., because of a job transfer, James decided to transfer. Armed with a highlight tape made by his mother, James visited then-new coach Hal Mumme in the summer of 1997 and asked to tryout as a walk-on. The rest is history.

Whalen came from the depths of obscurity to emerge as UK's go-to receiver. In three seasons, which included appearances in the Outback Bowl and Music City Bowl, he played in 33 career games with 13 starting assignments and earned first-team All-America honors from the Walter Camp Football Foundation, Associated Press, CNN/SI and CBS Sportsline in 1999. As a senior, he caught 90 passes for 1,019 yards and 10 touchdowns, leading the nation's tight ends in all three categories while setting an NCAA record for most catches by a tight end in a season. He also was a consensus first-team All-SEC selection and was second-team All-America by Football News and third-team All-America by The Sporting News. He was selected by Tampa Bay in the fifth round of the 2000 National Football League draft and went on to play four years in the NFL with the Dallas Cowboys.

Whalen graduated from Kentucky with a degree in research communication and currently lives in Aledo, Texas near Fort Worth with his wife, Dannielle, and two children, Whitney and William.

STATUE HONORING SEC TRAIL-BLAZERS UNVEILED

The statue honoring the four UK players who broke the color barrier in Southeastern Conference football – Nate Northington, Greg Page, Wilbur Hackett and Houston Hogg – was unveiled at an event at the site of the statue on Sept. 22.

The statue commemorates the playing careers and lives of the first four African-American football players in SEC history. It will be located on a pedestal in the plaza between the new Kentucky Football Training Facility and Commonwealth Stadium, positioned to remind fans, coaches and players of the incredible contributions made by Northington, Page, Hackett and Hogg to the University of Kentucky, the SEC and college football on a national level.

"No four players in our program's history have better demonstrated the values of courage, determination and selflessness than Nate,

Greg, Wilbur and Houston," Athletics Director Mitch Barnhart said. "The pride we take in calling them Kentucky Wildcats is matched only by our gratitude for what they have done for this university and for college football in the South. We are proud to show that appreciation with the dedication of this statue that will occupy a prominent place at the home of Kentucky football."

Cast in bronze, the statue features the four pioneers in uniform standing side by side. It was designed and sculpted by J. Brett Grill over the course of a year and after interviews with the three living trailblazers; Page's brother, Melvin; and teammates of the four. The statue is to scale, with the tallest figure standing approximately seven-and-a-half feet tall. It is 11 feet wide at its base and four feet in depth, weighing around 3,500 pounds.

This year marks the 50th anniversary of Northington and Page's arrival on the UK campus in 1966. Hackett and Hogg would join them a year later. Northington made his varsity debut on Sept. 23, 1967 against Indiana before breaking the SEC's color barrier a week later when UK hosted Ole Miss on Sept. 30, 1967. Tragically, Page – Northington's close friend – passed away just a day prior on Sept. 29 after suffering a neck injury in a practice accident. Hackett and Hogg would carry on Northington and Page's legacy, with Hackett becoming the SEC's first African-American team captain in any sport in 1969.

ACADEMIC SUCCESS

- Last year, UK had 26 players on the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll and two (Logan Stenberg and Mason Wolfe) were named to the SEC First-Year Academic Honor Roll.
- One Wildcat (Zach Myers) has already graduated with a degree in communications, while seven Wildcats (Will Thomas Collins, Tanner Fink, Dylan Greenberg, J.D. Harmon, Blake McClain, Jon Toth and Zane Williams) are all expected to graduate in December with their undergraduate degrees.
- Players on track to graduate in May are: Jeff Badet, Greg Hart, Nick Haynes, Jacob Hyde, Jojo Kemp, DeNiro Laster, Courtney Love, Austin MacGinniss, Marcus McWilson, Kyle Meadows, Ramsey Myers, Courtney Miggins and Ryan Timmons.
- Several key UK players have strong cumulative GPAs over their academic careers, including Miles Butler (3.949), Charles Walker (3.857), Austin MacGinniss (3.726) and Zach Myers (3.672).

RICH BROOKS, WESLEY WOODYARD INDUCTED INTO UK ATHLETICS 2016 HALL OF FAME CLASS

The University of Kentucky Athletics Hall of Fame Class of 2016 inducted six new members in September. They were Rich Brooks (football), Chuck Hayes (men's basketball), James Johnson (wrestling), Molly Johnson-Belcher (softball), Bernadette Madigan-Dugan (cross country/track and field) and Wesley Woodyard (football).

RICH BROOKS, FOOTBALL, 2003-09

Only coach in school history to guide UK to bowl games in four consecutive years and win three straight bowls ... Took over a program mired in a severe NCAA probation and by 2006 led UK to a 28-20 upset win over Clemson in the Music City Bowl ... Followed with a win over Florida State in the 2007 Music City Bowl, a season which included a Top-10 ranking and victory over No. 1 (and eventual national champion) LSU ... Following 2008 season, defeated East Carolina in the Liberty Bowl and completed his career at the Music City Bowl in 2009 ... Won at least seven games four years in a row, first time that had happened at UK since 1909-12 ... 2009 SEC Coach of the Year by CollegeFootballNews.com ... In last four seasons, led UK to 12 fourth-quarter comeback wins.

WESLEY WOODYARD, FOOTBALL, 2004-07

One of the best defensive players and team leaders in Kentucky history ... First-team All-SEC as a junior and senior ... Made 395 tackles in his career, seventh in school history ... Led team in tackles three straight years, with at least 100 stops each of the three seasons ... Led the SEC as a senior with 139 tackles ... Unquestioned leader of the defense as the Wildcats posted eight-win seasons and won the 2006 and '07 Music City Bowls ... Led UK in tackles in both bowl triumphs ... Second-team Sophomore All-America ... Also a key contributor in special teams kick coverage ... First-team Freshman All-SEC ... SEC Academic Honor Roll ... UK Athletics Society of Character ... Has played eight years in the NFL with Denver and Tennessee.

FOUR WALK-ONS EARN SCHOLARSHIPS

Coach Stoops awarded scholarships to four deserving walk-ons during preseason camp in juniors Dylan Greenberg and Charles Walker and senior fullbacks Will Thomas Collins and Tanner Fink.

- Fink, a tight end/fullback and native of Elizabethtown, Ky., played in two games last season. He was named Scout Team Player of the Week twice in 2014.



DE'NIRO LASTER, GREG HART AND COURTNEY LOVE IN AFRICA

- Collins, also known as “Taco Meat” is a fullback from Jackson, Ky. He saw action in 12 games last season with two starts.
- Greenberg, a right guard and native of Tucson, Ariz., transferred from Youngstown State and sat out the 2014 season. He practiced with the team last season but hasn’t seen action yet.
- Walker, a wide receiver from Louisville, Ky., played in all 12 games last season with one start. He finished with five catches for 61 yards and was a weapon on special teams.

2017 SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED

The 2017 Kentucky football schedule will feature seven home games, including visits from Florida, Tennessee and Louisville, and five road games. Kentucky opens its season on the road against Southern Miss in Hattiesburg, Miss. on Sept. 2 before returning home to face Eastern Kentucky in its home debut at Commonwealth Stadium on Sept. 9. The Wildcats close out September with a trip to South Carolina on Sept. 16 and then back-to-back home tilts against Florida on Sept. 23 and Eastern Michigan on Sept. 30.

The meat of the Southeastern Conference portion of the schedule begins Oct. 7 when Missouri comes to town to kick off six consecutive games against league foes. After an open date on Oct. 14 the Wildcats travel to Mississippi State on Oct. 21, host Tennessee (Oct. 28) and Ole Miss (Nov. 4) and then cap their conference slate with road games at Vanderbilt on Nov. 11 and Georgia on Nov. 18.

The regular season finale comes on Thanksgiving weekend with a Nov. 25 visit by Louisville to Commonwealth Stadium in the battle for the Governor’s Cup.

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION
Sept. 2	at Southern Miss	Hattiesburg, Miss.
Sept. 9	EASTERN KENTUCKY	Lexington, Ky.
Sept. 16	at South Carolina	Columbia, S.C.
Sept. 23	FLORIDA	Lexington, Ky.
Sept. 30	EASTERN MICHIGAN	Lexington, Ky.
Oct. 7	MISSOURI	Lexington, Ky.
Oct. 14	Open Date	
Oct. 21	Mississippi State	Starkville, Miss.
Oct. 28	TENNESSEE	Lexington, Ky.
Nov. 4	OLE MISS	Lexington, Ky.
Nov. 11	at Vanderbilt	Nashville, Tenn.
Nov. 18	at Georgia	Athens, Ga.
Nov. 25	LOUISVILLE	Lexington, Ky.

THREE CATS TRAVEL TO ETHIOPIA FOR SERVICE TRIP

- Three Wildcats, Greg Hart, Courtney Love and De’Niro Laster, traveled to Ethiopia in May for UK Athletics’ sixth annual service trip to Africa. During the week-long trip, the athletes interacted with the residents of impoverished communities, helped widows and orphans and assisted in renovating houses.
- Love was named to the Southeastern Conference’s 2016 Community Service Team at the conclusion of the regular season.

MID-YEAR ENROLLEES

- Kentucky welcomed seven mid-year enrollees to the program in January. Three are junior college transfers and four are true freshmen.
 - **Kash Daniel, Linebacker**, 6-1, 235, Fr.-HS, Paintsville, Ky. (Paintsville)
 - **Gunnar Hoak, Quarterback**, 6-4, 190, Fr.-HS, Dublin, Ohio (Dublin Coffman)
 - **Dakota Holtzclaw, Wide Receiver**, 6-7, 215, Fr.-HS, Columbus, Ohio (Worthington Kilbourne)
 - **Drake Jackson, Center**, 6-2, 302, Fr.-HS, Versailles, Ky. (Woodford County)
 - **Tate Leavitt, Off. Tackle**, 6-6, 310, Jr.-JC,

- Thornville, Ohio (Sheridan/Hutchinson CC)
- **Naquez Pringle, Defensive Line**, 6-2, 330, Jr.-JC, Georgetown, S.C. (Carvers Bay/Itawamba CC)
- **Stephen Johnson II, QB**, 6-3, 190, Jr.-JC, Rancho Cucamonga, Calif. (Los Osos/Grambling/College of the Desert)
- In 2015, UK added six mid-year enrollees, including high school graduates offensive lineman George Asafo-Adjei, tight end C.J. Conrad, defensive end Kengera Daniel and linebacker Jordan Jones, and two Nebraska transfers, tight end Greg Hart and linebacker Courtney Love.

FAMILY TIES AT KENTUCKY

- Senior offensive lineman Zach Myers is the son of former UK offensive lineman Brad Myers (1984-87). Brad blocked for three of the top rushers in UK history - George Adams, Mark Higgs and Marc Logan.
- UK senior wide receiver Ryan Timmons has a twin sister named Raven, who is a student assistant in the football office.
- Redshirt freshman linebacker Elijah Barnett’s father, Oliver, starred at UK from 1985-89, before playing six seasons in the NFL.
- Freshman linebacker Drew Schlegel is the son of former Wildcat, Mike Schlegel. Mike was a tackle and team captain at Kentucky from 1992-95.

DID YOU KNOW?

- This is the 126th season of intercollegiate football for the UK football program.
- The Kentucky cheerleaders have won an unprecedented 21 national cheerleading championships, including 17 of the last 21, at the annual Universal Cheerleaders Association championships.
- Kentucky is one of only 10 schools that have won an NCAA men’s basketball championship while also having a claim on a national championship in football.
- UK is one of only seven universities in the U.S. that have programs in agriculture, engineering, law, medicine and pharmacy on a single campus.
- Commonwealth: Kentucky is one of four constituent states of the United States of America that officially use the name “Commonwealth” instead of the word state in all references. The other three commonwealths are Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and Virginia.



KENTUCKY CAREER RECORDS

CAREER RECEIVING YARDAGE LEADERS

Table with columns: #, Player, Years, Rec, Yards, Avg, TD. Lists top 26 career receiving yardage leaders.

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS

Table with columns: #, Player, Years, Att, Yards, Avg, TD. Lists top 23 career rushing leaders.

CAREER RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS

Table with columns: #, Player, Years, TD. Lists top 12 career rushing touchdowns leaders.

CAREER SCORING LEADERS

Table with columns: #, Player, Years, TD/FG, PAT, Pts. Lists top 4 career scoring leaders.

Table with columns: #, Player, Years, Avg, Yards, TD. Lists top 10 career receiving yards per game leaders.

CAREER RUSHING TDS OF AT LEAST 50 YARDS (SINCE 1955)

Table with columns: #, TDs, Player, Years. Lists top 6 career rushing TDs of at least 50 yards.

CAREER 100-YARD GAMES

Table with columns: #, TDs, Player, Years. Lists top 6 career 100-yard games.

KENTUCKY SINGLE-SEASON RECORDS

TEAM

MOST NET TOTAL YARDS GAINED

Table with columns: #, Yards, Season. Lists top 6 net total yards gained.

MOST NET RUSHING YARDS

Table with columns: #, Yards, Season. Lists top 5 net rushing yards.

MOST TOUCHDOWNS RUSHING

Table with columns: #, TDs, Season. Lists top 5 most rushing touchdowns.

BEST AVERAGE PER RUSHING ATTEMPT

Table with columns: #, Avg., Year, Attempts/Rushing Yards. Lists top 3 best average per attempt.

BEST AVERAGE PER GAME

Table with columns: #, Avg., Year, Games/Rushing Yards. Lists top 4 best average per game.



BEST AVERAGE PER OFFENSIVE PLAY

#	Avg.	Year	Plays/Total Yards
1.	6.45	1998	911/5876
2.	6.41	2016	802/5139
3.	6.11	2010	910/5562
4.	5.95	1997	876/5214
5.	5.75	2001	732/4211

INDIVIDUAL

BEST AVERAGE PER RUSH ATTEMPT (MIN. 100)

#	Avg.	Player	Year	Att/Yds
1.	7.10	Boom Williams	2015	(121/855)
	7.10	Boom Williams	2016	(160/1135)
3.	6.62	Mark Higgs	1987	(193/1278)

CONSECUTIVE GAMES WITH A RUSHING TD (DATING TO 1985)

#	Games	Player	Seasons
1.	5	Boom Williams	2016 (Current)
	5	Artose Pinner	2002
3.	4	Randall Cobb	2009
	4	Moe Williams	1995
5.	3	Benny Snell	2016
	3	Derrick Locke	2010
	3	Randall Cobb	2009
	3	Rafael Little	2005, 2006
	3	Artose Pinner	2002
	3	Jared Lorenzen	2000
	3	Derek Homer	1998
	3	Marc Logan	1996
	3	Moe Williams	1993, 1995
	3	Terry Samuels	1992
	3	Al Baker	1990
	3	Alfred Rawls	1988
	3	George Adams	1983
	3	Derrick Ramsey	1977

MOST TOUCHDOWNS RUSHING

#	TDs	Player	Season
1.	17	Moe Williams	1995
2.	13	Benny Snell	2016
	13	Artose Pinner	2002
	13	George Adams	1984
	13	Derrick Ramsey	1977
	13	Sonny Collins	1973

BEST YARDS PER RECEPTION AVERAGE (MIN. 20)

#	Avg.	Player	Season	No./Yds
1.	23.5	Larry Seiple	1965	27/635
2.	22.8	Jeff Badet	2016	28/639
3.	18.1	Javess Blue	2014	29/525
4.	17.9	Allan Watson	1980	30/536
5.	17.8	Larry Seiple	1966	28/499
	17.8	Quentin McCord	2000	45/799

MOST 100-YARD GAMES

#	Games	Player	Season
1.	8	Artose Pinner	2002
2.	7	Moe Williams	1995
3.	6	Rafael Little	2007
	6	Mark Higgs	1987
	6	George Adams	1984
	6	Sonny Collins	1975
7.	5	Boom Williams	2015
	5	Benny Snell Jr.	2016

MOST SACKS

#	Sacks	Player	Season
1.	12	Dennis Johnson	2001
2.	10.5	Chris Ward	1996
3.	10	Dean Wells	1992
4.	9	Jeremy Jarmon	2007
	9	Oliver Barnett	1988
6.	8	Dave Lyons	1982
	8	Effley Brooks	1981
8.	7.5	Bud Dupree	2014

9.	7	Josh Allen	2016
	7	Bud Dupree	2013
	7	Marlon McCree	1998
	7	Bamidele Ali	1997
	7	Oliver Barnett	1989
	7	Keith Martin	1981

MOST TACKLES FOR LOSS

#	TFL	Player	Season
1.	22	Art Still	1977
2.	19	Dennis Johnson	2001
3.	18	Vincent Burns	2003
4.	16	Danny Trevathan	2010
5.	15	Marlon McCree	2000
6.	14.5	Vincent Burns	2002
7.	14	Jordan Jones	2016
	14	Winston Guy	2011
	14	Dewayne Robertson	2000
10.	13.5	Jeremy Jarmon	2007

KENTUCKY SINGLE-GAME RECORDS

TEAM

MOST NET TOTAL YARDS GAINED, GAME

#	Yards	Opponent	Date
1.	801	Louisville	Sept. 5, 1998
2.	692	New Mexico State	Sept. 17, 2016
3.	679	Vanderbilt	Nov. 14, 1998
4.	675	Miami (Ohio)	Sept. 7, 2013
5.	656	UT Martin	Aug. 30, 2014

MOST NET RUSHING YARDS, GAME

#	Yards	Opponent	Date
1.	446	Tennessee Tech	Sept. 15, 1951
2.	443	Tennessee	Nov. 12, 2016
3.	441	Virginia Tech	Sept. 14, 1974
4.	416	George Washington	Nov. 17, 1951
5.	415	Charlotte	Nov. 21, 2015

INDIVIDUAL

MOST TOUCHDOWNS RUSHING, GAME

#	TDs	Player, Game
1.	4	Benny Snell vs. New Mexico State, Sept. 17, 2016
	4	Artose Pinner vs. Vanderbilt, Nov. 16, 2002
	4	Moe Williams vs. South Carolina, Sept. 23, 1995
	4	Sonny Collins vs. Mississippi State, Oct. 6, 1973
	4	Rodger Bird vs. Vanderbilt, Nov. 6, 1965

KENTUCKY FRESHMAN RECORDS

MOST TOUCHDOWNS RUSHING, GAME

#	TDs	Player, Game
1.	4	Benny Snell vs. New Mexico State, Sept. 17, 2016

MOST RUSHING YARDS BY A FRESHMAN

#	Yards	Player	Season
1.	1,057	Benny Snell Jr.	2016
2.	928	Moe Williams	1993

MOST RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS BY A FRESHMAN

#	TDs	Player	Season
1.	13	Benny Snell Jr.	2016
2.	7	Randall Cobb	2008

MOST TOTAL TOUCHDOWNS BY A FRESHMAN

#	TDs	Player	Season
1.	13	Benny Snell Jr.	2016
2.	9	Randall Cobb	2008

MOST RUSHING YARDS BY A FRESHMAN IN A SINGLE GAME

#	Yards	Player	Game
1.	192	Benny Snell Jr.	vs. Missouri, 2016
2.	186	Derick Logan	vs. Mississippi State, 1996



KENTUCKY IN OVERTIME GAMES

• Kentucky is 3-6 in overtime all-time, including a 3-4 mark at home and 0-2 record away.

Table with 5 columns: Date, Opponent, Home/Away, Number of Overtimes, Final Score. Rows include games against Alabama, Louisville, Arkansas, LSU, Tennessee, Western Kentucky, Florida, and Eastern Kentucky.

KENTUCKY'S ALL-TIME COMEBACK WINS

- List of 22 comeback wins with details: Rank, Score, Date, Opponent, Quarter, and Outcome. Includes notable wins like Nov. 19, 2016 (49-13 vs Austin Peay) and Nov. 26, 2016 (41-38 vs Louisville).





WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME ...

KENTUCKY

- Scored 40 points: 41 at Louisville, Nov. 26, 2016
- Scored 50 points: 62 vs. New Mexico State, Sept. 17, 2016
- Scored 60 points: 62 vs. New Mexico State, Sept. 17, 2016
- Scored 70 points: 77 vs. Texas El-Paso, Sept. 7, 2002
- Scored 80 points: 83 vs. North Dakota, Nov. 18, 1950
- Shut Out an Opponent: vs. Miami (42-0), Sept. 5, 2009
- Shut Out an Opponent in the 2nd half: vs. Austin Peay, Nov. 19, 2016
- Scored on first series: TD at Louisville, Nov. 26, 2016
- Scored on first play from scrimmage of game: at Louisville, Nov. 26, 2016
- Scored a TD on first series: at Louisville, Nov. 26, 2016
- Had 25 First Downs: 29 vs. Tennessee, Nov. 13, 2016
- Had 30 First Downs: 30 vs. Mississippi State, Oct. 25, 2015
- Had 250 yards rushing: 281 vs. Austin Peay, Nov. 19, 2016
- Had 300 yards rushing: 443 vs. Tennessee, Nov. 13, 2016
- Had 400 yards rushing: 443 vs. Tennessee, Nov. 13, 2016
- Had below 50 yards rushing: 48 vs. Florida, Sept. 28, 2013
- Had 300 yards passing: 352 at Louisville, Nov. 26, 2016
- Had 400 yards passing: 401 vs. Mississippi State, Oct. 25, 2014
- Had below 50 yards passing: 49 vs. Vanderbilt, Oct. 8, 2016
- Had 300 yards rushing and passing: (381/311) vs. New Mexico State, Sept. 17, 2016
- Had 500 yards total offense: 581 at Louisville, Nov. 26, 2016
- Had 600 yards total offense: 635 vs. Tennessee, Nov. 13, 2016
- Had below 200 yards total offense: 161 at Alabama, Oct. 1, 2016
- Held opp. below 100 yards rushing: 91 vs. South Carolina, Sept. 24, 2016
- Held opp. below 50 yards rushing: -2 vs. Samford, Nov. 17, 2012
- Held opp. below 100 yards passing: 27 vs. Austin Peay, Nov. 19, 2016
- Held opp. below 50 yards passing: 27 vs. Austin Peay, Nov. 19, 2016
- Held opponent below 200 yards total offense: 139 vs. Vanderbilt, Sept. 27, 2014
- Held opp. below 100 yards total offense: 91 vs. Vanderbilt, Nov. 16, 1996
- Recorded a safety: at Mississippi State, Nov. 24, 2013
- Recorded zero penalties: vs. Auburn, Oct. 17, 2009
- Had a player with 30 rush attempts: 38 by Benny Snell vs. Missouri, Oct. 29, 2016
- Had a player rush for 100 yards: 152 Benny Snell vs. Austin Peay, Nov. 19, 2016
- Had 2 players rush for 100 yards: Benny Snell (192) and Boom Williams (182) vs. Missouri, Oct. 29, 2016
- Had 2 players rush for 175 yards or more: Benny Snell (192) and Boom Williams (182) vs. Missouri, Oct. 29, 2016
- Had a player rush for 100 yards in consecutive games: Benny Snell, 3 (10/22-11/05/16)
- Had a player rush for 100 yards in four consecutive games: Derrick Locke, 2010
- Had a true freshman rush for 100 yards: 152 by Benny Snell vs. Austin Peay, Nov. 19, 2016
- Had a player rush for 200 yards: 224 by Artose Pinner vs. Vanderbilt, Nov. 16, 2002
- Had 4 players with 50+ yards rushing in the same game: 5 vs. Tennessee, Nov. 12, 2016
- Had a player with 3 rushing touchdowns: 4 by Benny Snell vs. New Mexico State, Sept. 17, 2016
- Had a player with 4 rushing touchdowns: 4 by Benny Snell vs. NM State, Sept. 17, 2016
- Had a player with 50 pass attempts: 60 by Maxwell Smith, vs. WKU, Sept. 15, 2012
- Had a player with 60 pass attempts: 60 by Maxwell Smith, vs. WKU, Sept. 15, 2012
- Had a player with 30 pass completions: 37 by Maxwell Smith, vs. WKU, Sept. 15, 2012
- Had a player with 300 passing yards: 338 by Stephen Johnson at Louisville, Nov. 26, 2016
- Had 2 players pass for 100 yards: Maxwell Smith (109), Jalen Whitlow (105) vs. Louisville, Sept. 14, 2013
- Had a player with 3 or more touchdowns passes: 3 by Stephen Johnson at Louisville, Nov. 26, 2016
- Had a player with 2 passing touchdowns and 2 rushing touchdowns: Patrick Towles, vs. Mississippi State, Oct. 25, 2014
- Had a player with 10 pass receptions: 10 by Ryan Timmons vs. Ohio, Sept. 6, 2014
- Had a player with 100 yards receiving: 164 by Garrett Johnson, at Louisville, Nov. 26, 2016
- Had a player with consecutive 100-yard receiving games: Jeff Badet, 2 (10/22-10/29/16)
- Had 2 players with 100 yards receiving: 116 by Matt Roark and 102 by La'Rod King, vs. Ole Miss, Nov. 5, 2011
- Had a player with 3 touchdown receptions: 3 by C.J. Conrad vs. New Mexico State, Sept. 17, 2016
- Had a player with 100 rushing and 100 receiving yards in the same game: Rafael Little (132 rushing, 114 receiving) vs. Vanderbilt, Nov. 11, 2006
- Had a 100-yard rusher and a 100-yard receiver in the same game: Benny Snell (192 rush), Boom Williams (182 rush), Jeff Badet (104 receiving), vs. Missouri, Oct. 29, 2016
- Had a player score a TD by rushing and receiving in the same game: Boom Williams vs. Missouri, Oct. 29, 2016

- Had a player throw a TD pass and score a rushing and receiving TD in the same game: Randall Cobb vs. Auburn, Oct. 9, 2010
- Had a player throw at least two TD passes and score a rushing TD in consecutive games: Patrick Towles in 2015
- Had a player throw a TD pass, score a receiving TD and score on a punt return for a TD in the same game: Randall Cobb vs. WKU, Sept. 11, 2010
- Had a player return a kickoff for a TD: Derrick Locke (100 yards) vs. Louisville, Sept. 19, 2009
- Had a player return a punt for a TD: Charles Walker (65 yards) vs. New Mexico State, Sept. 17, 2016
- Had a player return an interception for a TD: Marcus McWilson, 45 yards, vs. Mississippi State, Oct. 22, 2016
- Had a player recover/return a fumble for a TD: C.J. Johnson vs. Tennessee (77 yards), Oct. 31, 2015
- Had two defensive TDs in the same game: Mike Douglas (fumble) and Fred Tiller (interception) vs. Louisville, Nov. 29, 2014
- Had a player block a punt: Josh Forrest vs. Alabama State, Nov. 2, 2013
- Had a player block a field goal: Farrington Huguenin vs. ECU, Oct. 3, 2015
- Had a player block a PAT: Farrington Huguenin vs. Tennessee, Nov. 24, 2012
- Had a player return a blocked FG for a TD: David Jones (57 yards) vs. Vanderbilt, Nov. 15, 2008
- Had a player return a blocked punt for a TD: Andrew Hopewell (6 yards), vs. Arkansas, Nov. 1, 2006
- Had a player score a TD on a fake field goal: Joe Mansour (25 yards), vs. Florida, Sept. 28, 2013
- Had a field goal of 50 yards or more: Austin MacGinnis (51 yards) vs. Mississippi State, Oct. 22, 2016
- Played an overtime game: vs. ECU, Oct. 3, 2015 - (W, 34-27)
- Won an overtime game: vs. ECU, Oct. 3, 2015 - (W, 34-27)
- Won a game on the last play of regulation as time expired: vs. Mississippi State, Oct. 22, 2016 (51-yard FG)

OPPONENT

- Scored 40 points: 49 by Tennessee, Nov. 12, 2016
- Scored 50 points: 52 by Tennessee, Oct. 31, 2015
- Scored 10 or less points: 10 by South Carolina, Sept 24, 2016
- Shut Out Kentucky: 0-40 by Vanderbilt, Nov. 3, 2012
- Shut Out Kentucky in 2nd half: by Southern Miss, Sept. 3, 2016
- Rushed for 300 yards: 376 by Tennessee, Nov. 12, 2016
- Passed for 300 yards: 315 by Alabama, Oct. 1, 2016
- Had 500 yards of total offense: 561 by Louisville, Nov. 26, 2016
- Recorded a safety: Louisville, Aug. 31, 2008
- Blocked a Kentucky punt: Southern Miss, Sept. 3, 2016
- Blocked a Kentucky field goal: Florida, Sept. 25, 2010
- Blocked a Kentucky PAT: at Vanderbilt, Nov. 16, 2013
- Had a player with 30 rush attempts: 36, Ito Smith (Southern Miss), Sept. 3, 2016
- Had a player with 100 yards rushing: 171, Lamar Jackson (Louisville), Nov. 26, 2016
- Had a player with 200 yards rushing: 252 by Anthony Dixon (MSU), Oct. 31, 2009
- Had two players with 100 yards rushing: 147, Josh Dobbs, 128 Alvin Kamara (Tennessee), Nov. 12, 2016
- Had a player with 40 pass attempts: 43, Jeff Driskel (Florida), Sept. 13, 2014
- Had a player with 25 pass completions: 25 by Dak Prescott (MSU), Oct. 24, 2015
- Had a player with 300 yards passing: 320 by Luke Del Rio (Florida), Sept. 10, 2016
- Had two players with 100 yards passing: 183 by Aaron Murray and 189 by Hutson Mason (Georgia), Nov. 23, 2013
- Had a player with 10 pass receptions: 11, Calvin Ridley (Alabama), Oct. 1, 2016
- Had a player with 100 yards receiving: 100, Cole Hikutini (Louisville), Nov. 26, 2016
- Had a player with 200 yards receiving: 216 by Demarcus Robinson (Florida), Sept. 13, 2014
- Had two players with 100 yards receiving: 188, Tavarres King and 103, Malcolm Mitchell (Georgia), Oct. 20, 2012
- Had a player return a kickoff for a TD: Evan Berry (UT), 100 yards, Oct. 31, 2015
- Had a player return a punt for a TD: Cameron Sutton (UT), 84 yards, Oct. 31, 2015
- Had a player return a blocked FG for a TD: Neiko Thorpe (69 yards) vs. Auburn, Oct. 17, 2009
- Had a player return a blocked punt for a TD: Chris Rainey (23 yards) vs. Florida, Sept. 26, 2009
- Had a player return an interception for a TD: Gunnar Scholato (Austin Peay), 25 yards, Nov. 21, 2016
- Had a player return a fumble for a TD: Mark McLaurin (Miss. State), 81 yards, Oct. 22, 2016



2016 DEPTH CHART (12/9)

OFFENSE

Left Tackle

- 74 Cole Mosier, 6-6, 335, Jr-2L
- 67 Landon Young, 6-7, 305, Fr-HS

Left Guard

- 68 Nick Haynes, 6-3, 316, Jr-2L
- 71 Logan Stenberg, 6-6, 318, Fr-RS

Center

- 72 Jon Toth, 6-5, 310, Sr-3L
- 65 Jervontius "Bunchy" Stallings, 6-3, 318, So-Sq

Right Guard

- 65 Jervontius Stallings, 6-3, 318, So-Sq
- 69 Ramsey Meyers, 6-4, 305, Jr-2L

Right Tackle

- 73 Kyle Meadows, 6-5, 300 Jr-2L
- or 64 George Asafo-Adjei, 6-5, 315, So-1L

Tight End

- 87 C.J. Conrad, 6-5, 245, So-1L
- 85 Greg Hart, 6-5, 245, Jr-Tr

Wide Receiver

- 13 Jeff Badet, 6-0, 180, Jr-2L
- 6 Blake Bone, 6-5, 213, Jr-2L

Wide Receiver

- 1 Ryan Timmons, 5-10, 198, Sr-3L
- 31 David Bouvier, 5-9, 171, So-Sq

Wide Receiver

- 9 Garrett Johnson, 5-11, 175, Jr-2L
- 88 Charles Walker, 5-11, 203, Jr-2L

Wide Receiver

- 2 Dorian Baker, 6-3, 208, Jr-2L 80
- or 80 Tavin Richardson, 6-3, 216, Fr-RS
- 82 Jabari Greenwood, 6-3, 195, Fr-RS

Quarterback

- 15 Stephen Johnson, 6-2, 183, Jr-JC
- 14 Luke Wright, 6-4, 206, So-Tr

Running Back

- 18 Stanley "Boom" Williams, 5-9, 196, Jr-2L
- 3 Jojo Kemp, 5-10, 200, Sr-3L
- or 26 Benny Snell Jr., 5-11, 220, Fr-HS

Fullback

- 48 Will Tom Collins, 5-11, 241, Sr-1L
- 49 Tanner Fink, 6-2, 251, Sr-Sq

SPECIALISTS

Kicker

- 99 Austin MacGinnis, 5-10, 180, Jr-2L
- 95 Miles Butler, 5-9, 171, So-1L

Punter

- 86 Grant McKinniss, 6-1, 210, Fr-HS
- or 93 Bryan Kirshe, 6-0, 150, So-Sq

Long Snapper

- 42 Tristan Yeomans, PS, 6-2, 190, So-JC
- 53 Blake Best, FG, PAT, 6-1, 246, Fr-RS

Punt Return

- 88 Charles Walker, 5-11, 203, Jr-2L
- 1 Ryan Timmons, 5-10, 198, Sr-3L

Kickoff Return

- 26 Benny Snell Jr., 5-11, 220, Fr-HS
- 22 Sihiem King, 5-9, 172, So-1L

Holder

- 42 Tristan Yeomans, 6-2, 190, So-JC
- 86 Grant McKinniss, 6-1, 210, Fr-HS

DEFENSE

Strongside Linebacker

- 41 Josh Allen, 6-5, 230, So-1L
- 47 Jordan Bonner, 6-5, 220, So-JC

Defensive Tackle

- 99 Adrian Middleton, 6-3, 303, So-1L
- 98 Tymere Dubose, 6-5, 320, So-1L

Nose Guard

- 77 Naquez Pringle, 6-3, 320, Jr-JC
- 69 Matt Elam, 6-7, 360, Jr-2L

Defensive End

- 94 Courtney Miggins, 6-5, 285, Sr-1L
- 92 Alvonte Bell, 6-5, 260, Jr-JC

Defensive End/ Outside Linebacker

- 35 Denzil Ware, 6-2, 255, So-1L
- 20 Kengera Daniel, 6-5, 260, So-1L

Nickelback

- 24 Blake McClain, 5-11, 200, Sr-3L
- 5 Kendall Randolph, 6-0, 182, Jr-2L

Middle Linebacker

- 51 Courtney Love, 6-2, 242, Jr-Tr
- 56 Kash Daniel, 6-1, 241, Fr-HS

Weakside Linebacker

- 34 Jordan Jones, 6-2, 220, So-1L
- 32 Eli Brown, 6-2, 215, Fr-RS

Cornerback

- 29 Derrick Baity, 6-3, 182, So-1L
- 3 Jordan Griffin, 6-0, 177, Fr-HS

Cornerback

- 21 Chris Westry, 6-4, 195, So-1L
- 11 J.D. Harmon, 6-2, 200, Sr-3L

Strong Safety

- 27 Mike Edwards, 6-0, 200, So-1L
- 5 Kendall Randolph, 6-0, 182, Jr-2L

Free Safety

- 15 Marcus McWilson, 6-0, 210, Sr-3L
- or 24 Blake McClain, 5-11, 200, Sr-3L



RYAN TIMMONS
SENIOR WIDE RECEIVER



2016 SEASON

KENTUCKY WILDCATS



2016 GAME RECAPS

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SOUTHERN MISS 44, KENTUCKY 35

SEPT. 3, 2016 • LEXINGTON, KY. COMMONWEALTH STADIUM (57,230)



Despite an explosive first half, the Kentucky football team was unable to fend off a dominant second half by the visiting Southern Miss Golden Eagles in a 44-35 loss in the season opener at Commonwealth Stadium.

It marked the first season-opening loss for Kentucky since 2013. Southern Miss, a 9-5 team from a season ago, scored 34 second-half points in the comeback victory.

UK's offense was directed by sophomore quarterback Drew Barker, who went 15-of-24 for 323 yards and four touchdowns. Barker set career highs in yards and touchdown passes. Wide receiver Garrett "Juice" Johnson hauled in six catches for 143 yards and a pair of touchdowns, while running back Stanley "Boom" Williams posted 94 yards on the ground on 13 attempts.

Defensively, the Wildcats were led by sophomore linebacker Jordan Jones who amassed 19 total tackles. Thirteen of those stops came by way of solo tackles. He also notched two tackles for a loss, including a sack and one quar-

terback hurry. Sophomore linebacker Kobie Walker was the other Wildcat to reach double-digit tackles with 10 total stops. Senior defensive back J.D. Harmon led UK with two interceptions, while Blake McClain added another pick and nine tackles.

Kentucky trailed 7-0 with 9:37 remaining in the opening quarter, before Barker found Jeff Badet on a bubble screen that he took to the house for an electrifying 72-yard score, marking the longest haul of his career.

That was just the beginning for the big-play Kentucky offense in the opening half as UK combined for six plays of more than 30 yards in the first 30 minutes. Barker was 11-of-19 for 287 yards and four touchdown passes in the opening stanza, while Johnson accounted for 108 yards on four catches, which included a pair of scores.

Less than two minutes after the opening touchdown of the season for the Cats, Barker found Johnson for a 43-yard strike. With just 25 seconds remaining in the opening stanza, freshman Kayaune Ross hauled in his first career reception for a nine-yard touchdown and a 21-7 lead for the Cats.

UK continued its assault when Barker dropped a beauty between a pair of defenders into Johnson's waiting arms for a 53-yard pitch-and-catch. Williams ignited another drive with a 36-yard scoot, before Jojo Kemp finished the drive with a seven-yard plunge for a 35-10 advantage.

However, the Golden Eagles would not go away scoring 34-consecutive points to bring the final score to 44-35.

Southern Miss struck for a 71-yard score with 26 seconds remaining in the opening frame when Nick Mullens connected with Isaiah Jones to account for the 35-17 score at the break.

The Golden Eagles scored on seven of their final eight possessions to complete the comeback effort.

SCORING SUMMARY

Table with 5 columns: Team, Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4, Total. Rows for Southern Miss and Kentucky.

- USM - SMITH, Ito 8 yd run (SHAUNFIELD kick), 7-49 3:36
UK - Jeff Badet 72 yd pass from Drew Barker (A. MacGinnis kick), 2-75 0:40
UK - Garrett Johnson 43 yd pass from Drew Barker (A. MacGinnis kick), 2-58 0:33
UK - Kayaune Ross 9 yd pass from Drew Barker (A. MacGinnis kick), 7-65 2:04
UK - Garrett Johnson 53 yd pass from Drew Barker (A. MacGinnis kick), 2-49 0:24
USM - SHAUNFIELD, Parker 31 yd field goal, 10-64 4:02
UK - Jojo Kemp 7 yd run (A. MacGinnis kick), 5-64 1:42
USM - JONES, Isaiah 71 yd pass from MULLENS (SHAUNFIELD kick), 3-84 0:22
USM - MULLENS, Nick 1 yd run (SHAUNFIELD kick), 11-84 4:20
USM - ALLEN, Julian 18 yd pass from MULLENS (SHAUNFIELD kick), 8-66 2:39
USM - MULLENS, Nick 1 yd run (SHAUNFIELD kick), 10-57 3:32
USM - SHAUNFIELD 49 yd field goal, 12-56 4:54
USM - SHAUNFIELD 25 yd field goal, 11-62 4:56

TEAM STATISTICS

Table with 3 columns: Team, USM, UK. Rows for First Downs, Rush Att./Net Rush, Passing C/A/I, etc.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING (ATT.-YD.-TD)

USM - Smith 36-173-1, Payne 16-100, Holmes 2-7
UK - B. Williams 13-94, Kemp 5-7-1, Barker 7--5

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

USM - Smith 5-40, Jones 3-93-1, Allen 3-30-1, Thompson 3-25, Staggers 2-46, Robertson 1-14, Ricard 1-10
UK - G. Johnson 6-143-2, Richardson 2-74, Badet 2-72-1, Williams 2-16, Ross 1-9-1, Conrad 1-5, Kemp 1-4, MacGinnis 1--10

RECEIVING (REC-YARDS-TD)

USM - Bradley 7, Armstrong 5, Yancey 5, Antoine 5, Foster 5
UK - Jones 19, Walker 10

TACKLES

USM - Bradley 7, Armstrong 5, Yancey 5, Antoine 5, Foster 5
UK - Jones 19, Walker 10

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FLORIDA 45, KENTUCKY 7

SEPT. 10, 2016 • GAINESVILLE, FLA. BEN HILL GRIFFIN STADIUM (85,821)



Boom Williams rushed for 66 yards on 12 carries, but it was not enough as the Kentucky football team lost to Florida 45-7 at Ben Hill Griffin Stadium.

The Wildcat offense never got on track in the game, committing four turnovers. The three interceptions and one fumble led to 28 Florida points.

Florida took a 14-0 lead after the first quarter, but Kentucky had an opportunity to score early in the second stanza. After sophomore cornerback Derrick Baity intercepted a Luke Del Rio pass, Kentucky drove to the Florida 17-yard line. But on fourth down, Austin MacGinnis' field goal attempt hit the left upright and the Cats came away empty.

After a Florida field goal made it 17-0, Kentucky drove into Gator territory again, aided by a 25-yard reverse run by junior wide receiver Jeff Badet. But sophomore quarterback Drew Barker was intercepted by Florida's Jalen Tabor to end the threat.

Florida extended its lead to 24-0 before the half, before adding 21 points in the second half.

Kentucky assembled its best drive of the game in the fourth quarter, as the Wildcats went 80 yards in nine plays, culminating in a Jojo Kemp touchdown run from two yards out. MacGinnis added the extra point to make it 45-7. The biggest play of the drive was a 45-yard completion from backup quarterback Stephen Johnson to Badet, which got the Wildcats into the red zone.

Defensive back Blake McClain had nine tackles for Kentucky, while sophomore Jordan Jones continued his strong early-season play with nine stops, including a tackle for a loss. De'Niro Laster and Naquez Pringle each had five tackles, and each recorded a tackle for a loss.

SCORING SUMMARY

Table with 5 columns: Team, Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4, Total. Rows for Florida and Kentucky.

- UF - Thompson, M. 3 yd run (Pineiro, E. kick), 15-84 7:29 0 - 7
UF - Callaway, A. 78 yd pass from Del Rio, L. (Pineiro, E. kick), 1-78 0:12 0 - 14
UF - Pineiro, E. 54 yd field goal, 8-44 3:06 0 - 17
UF - Powell, B. 5 yd pass from Del Rio, L. (Pineiro, E. kick), 13-58 4:13 0 - 24
UF - Swain, F. 26 yd pass from Del Rio, L. (Pineiro, E. kick), 3-45 1:21 0 - 31
UF - Scarlett, J. 4 yd run (Pineiro, E. kick), 6-33 3:03 0 - 38
UF - Perine, L. 28 yd pass from Del Rio, L. (Pineiro, E. kick), 6-58 2:41 0 - 45
UK - Jojo Kemp 2 yd run (A. MacGinnis kick), 9-65 4:45 7 - 45

TEAM STATISTICS

Table with 3 columns: Team, UK, UF. Rows for First Downs, Rush Att./Net Rush, Passing C/A/I, etc.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING (ATT.-YD.-TD)

UF - Perine 17-105, Thompson 15-59-1, Scarlett 9-43-1, Cronkrite 5-29, Del Rio 2-5, Herndon 2-3
UK - B. Williams 12-66, Badet 1-25, Kemp 8-13-1, Johnson 7-9, Barker 6--19

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

UF - Del Rio 19-32-1-320-4
UK - Barker 2-10-3-10-0, Johnson 1-3-0-45-0

RECEIVING (REC-YARDS-TD)

UF - Callaway 5-129-1, Powell 4-43-1, Goolsby 3-44, Worton 2-19, Perine 1-28-1, Swain 1-26-1, Stephens 1-14, Cronkrite 1-10, Lewis 1-7
UK - Badet 1-45, B. Williams 1-7, Richardson 1-3

TACKLES

UF - Anzalone 6, Sherit 5
UK - McClain 9, Jones 9, Edwards 6, Love 6





2016 GAME RECAPS

3 KENTUCKY 62, NEW MEXICO STATE 42
SEPT. 17, 2016 • LEXINGTON, KY.
COMMONWEALTH STADIUM (49,669)



Benjamin Snell Jr. ran for four touchdowns and Stephen Johnson added three TD passes to lead Kentucky to a 62-42 win over New Mexico State.

Kentucky starting quarterback Drew Barker was injured after throwing an interception on the first series and didn't return. After a shaky start, Johnson settled down in Barker's absence to steer the Wildcats in front of 49,669 fans, the smallest in coach Mark Stoops' four-year tenure.

Johnson was 17-of-22 passing for 310 yards, and added 51 yards rushing. Snell, a third-string freshman, finished with 136 yards and tied a school record for rushing touchdowns. Stanley Boom Williams added 181 yards on 18 carries and a touchdown.

Stoops lauded the play of Johnson, who relieved Barker and led Kentucky to its only touchdown in a 45-7 loss at Florida.

New Mexico State's Tyler Rogers was 16 of 33 for 246 yards passing with two touchdowns and two interceptions.

SCORING SUMMARY

Table with 2 columns: Team and Score. Rows for New Mexico State and Kentucky.

- NMSU - Boone,Johnathan 35 yd pass from Rogers,Tyler (Davidson,P kick), 2-46 0:23 7 - 0
UK - S. Williams 63 yd run (A. MacGinnis kick), 1-63 0:13 7 - 7
NMSU - Boone,J. 31 yd pass from Taylor,Tyrian (Davidson,P kick), 1-31 0:08 14 - 7
UK - C.J. Conrad 72 yd pass from Stephen Johnson (A. MacGinnis kick), 2-77 0:33 14 - 14
NMSU - Taylor,Tyrian 5 yd run (Davidson,P kick), 15-75 5:41 21 - 14
UK - C.J. Conrad 9 yd pass from Stephen Johnson (A. MacGinnis kick), 6-39 3:18 21 - 21
NMSU - Hogan,G. 5 yd pass from Rogers,Tyler (Davidson,P kick), 10-79 2:31 28 - 21
UK - Benny Snell 5 yd run (A. MacGinnis kick), 3-75 1:16 28 - 28
UK - Benny Snell 1 yd run (A. MacGinnis kick), 9-88 3:34 28 - 35
NMSU - Rogers,Tyler 1 yd run (Davidson,P kick), 3-75 0:20 35 - 35
UK - C.J. Conrad 17 yd pass from Stephen Johnson (A. MacGinnis kick), 8-71 2:46 35 - 42
UK - Benny Snell 2 yd run (A. MacGinnis kick), 7-62 2:29 35 - 49
NMSU - Rogers,Tyler 5 yd run (Davidson,P kick), 8-75 2:38 42 - 49
UK - Benny Snell 4 yd run (A. MacGinnis kick failed), 11-75 6:01 42 - 55
UK - Charles Walker 65 yd punt return (A. MacGinnis kick) 42 - 62

TEAM STATISTICS

Table with 3 columns: Statistic, NMSU, UK. Rows include First Downs, Rush Att./Net Rush, Passing C/A/I, etc.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING (ATT.-YD.-TD)
NMSU - Hall 18-94, Rogers 15-70-2, Huntley 7-34, Girdy 4-20, Taylor 1-5-1
UK - B. Williams 18-181-1, Snell 17-136-4, S. Johnson 10-51, Horton 3-12, Barker 1-1

PASSING (COMP-ATT-INT-YARDS-TD)
NMSU - Rogers 16-33-2-246-2, Taylor 1-1-0-31-1
UK - S. Johnson 17-22-0-310-3, Barker 1-2-1-1-0

RECEIVING (REC-YARDS-TD)
NMSU - Clark 3-49, Hogan 3-24-1, Caldwell 2-72, Boone 2-66-2, Hall 2-32-0, Huntley 2-4, Lottie 1-18, Scott 1-7, Taylor 1-5
UK - Conrad 5-133-3, Timmons 4-42, Badet 3-89, G. Johnson 3-31, Hart 2-16, King 1-0

TACKLES
NMSU - Butler 12, Hanks 11, Wright 10
UK - Edwards 12, Jones 7, Bell 7

4 KENTUCKY 17, SOUTH CAROLINA 10
SEPT. 24, 2016 • LEXINGTON, KY.
COMMONWEALTH STADIUM (51,702)



Boom Williams and Benny Snell Jr. once again put on an impressive rushing show for Kentucky, as Williams set the tone and Snell applied the exclamation point to a much-needed win for the Wildcats.

Snell scored the go-ahead touchdown from 1 yard midway through the fourth quarter, Williams broke a 43-yard TD and Kentucky held off South Carolina 17-10 for their third straight series victory over the Gamecocks.

Inconsistent offensively in the first half, the Wildcats got going after trailing 7-3 at halftime with another strong performance by their hard-charging backfield tandem. Williams rushed 15 times for 123 yards including his big run down the left side for a 10-7 lead early in the third quarter.

Snell followed with nine carries for 41 of Kentucky's 65 yards on the 11-play drive, all achieved on the ground. He capped the drive by taking the direct snap and running left into the end zone with ease, then sealed the win with several runs for first downs that kept the clock moving.

This effort comes a week after the two combined for 317 yards rushing against New Mexico State with Snell scoring four TDs. Kentucky now has a two-game winning streak after two tough losses following another episode of the Boom and Benny Show -- or vice versa.

The Wildcats' defense preserved the lead with two big sacks on South Carolina's final possession, including Denzil Ware's tackle of Brandon McIlwain for a 19-yard loss on fourth and 17. Kentucky recorded a season-high four sacks overall and held the Gamecocks to 268 yards.

Kentucky also overcame its largest halftime deficit since rallying from 18 down against South Carolina to win on Oct. 6, 2010.

SCORING SUMMARY

Table with 2 columns: Team and Score. Rows for South Carolina and Kentucky.

- UK - A. MacGinnis 30 yd field goal, 12-60 5:58 0 - 3
SC - A.J. Turner 12 yd run (Elliott Fry kick), 10-80 4:23 7 - 3
UK - S. Williams 43 yd run (A. MacGinnis kick), 5-75 2:15 7 - 10
SC - Elliott Fry 35 yd field goal, 7-36 2:49 10 - 10
UK - Benny Snell 1 yd run (A. MacGinnis kick), 11-65 4:58 10 - 17

TEAM STATISTICS

Table with 3 columns: Statistic, SC, UK. Rows include First Downs, Rush Att./Net Rush, Passing C/A/I, etc.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING (ATT.-YD.-TD)
SC - Turner 12-42, Williams 9-33, McIlwain 13-11, Smith 1-5
UK - B. Williams 15-123-1, Snell 16-73-1, Kemp 4-16, S. Johnson 13-6

PASSING (COMP-ATT-INT-YARDS-TD)
SC - McIlwain 15-30-0-177-0
UK - S. Johnson 11-19-1-135-0

RECEIVING (REC-YARDS-TD)
SC - Hurst 7-84, Edwards 2-16, Turner 2-13, August 1-29, Dawkins 1-13, Williams 1-12, Googer 1-10
UK - G. Johnson 4-38, Badet 2-39, Timmons 2-30, Richardson 1-19, Conrad 1-8, Ross 1-1

TACKLES
SC - Moody 9, English 8, Allen-Williams 6
UK - Jones 8, Allen 7, Love 6



2016 GAME RECAPS

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ALABAMA 34, KENTUCKY 6

OCT. 1, 2016 • TUSCALOOSA, ALA. BRYANT-DENNY STADIUM (101,821)



Playing against the top-ranked team in the country, on the road, the Kentucky football team lost to Alabama 34-6 at Bryant-Denny Stadium.

Kentucky got on the board first, scoring on its first possession of the game for the first time this season. After Alabama turned the ball over on downs, the Wildcats drove to the Crimson Tide 27 yard line. The drive was stopped there, but Austin MacGinnis hit a 45-yard field goal to give Kentucky a 3-0 lead.

On its next drive, Kentucky drove into Alabama territory before the drive ended on a fumble by quarterback Stephen Johnson.

Alabama took advantage of that turnover with an 11-play, 35-yard drive, resulting in a 44-yard field goal by Adam Griffith to

tie the game at 3-3.

After the Wildcats were forced to put, Alabama took the lead on a seven-play, 61-yard drive that ended with a one-yard Joshua Jacobs touchdown, giving the Crimson Tide a 10-3 advantage.

On Kentucky's next possession, the Crimson Tide's Ronnie Harrison scooped up a fumble and returned it 55 yards for a touchdown, increasing Alabama's lead to 17-3.

After a career-long 61-yard punt by Grant McKinnis, Alabama drove down the field, but the Kentucky defense stood tall, holding the Tide to a field goal attempt that Griffith pulled wide left, keeping the score at 17-3 going into halftime.

Alabama outgained Kentucky 217-74 in the first half, but the Wildcats' defense was able to come up with enough plays to keep Kentucky in the game in a very tough environment in front of nearly 102,000 fans.

After Kentucky was forced to punt to begin the second half, Alabama extended its lead on a 10-yard touchdown pass from Jalen Hurts to Calvin Ridley, making it 24-3 Alabama.

The Crimson Tide took a 34-3 lead in the second half before MacGinnis kicked a 30-yard field goal after a 16-play, 63-yard drive to provide the final margin.

Senior Jojo Kemp rushed 10 times for 39 yards to lead the Wildcats. Freshman Benny Snell carried eight times for 38 yards in the game.

SCORING SUMMARY

Table with 5 columns: Team, Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4, Total. Kentucky: 3, 0, 0, 3, 6. Alabama: 3, 14, 14, 3, 34.

UK - A. MacGinnis 45 yd field goal, 8-36 2:57 3 - 0

UA - Adam Griffith 44 yd field goal, 11-35 3:14 3 - 3

UA - Joshua Jacobs 1 yd run (Adam Griffith kick), 7-61 2:30 3 - 10

UA - Ronnie Harrison 55 yd fumble recovery (Adam Griffith kick) 3 - 17

UA - Calvin Ridley 10 yd pass from Jalen Hurts (Adam Griffith kick), 8-78 2:32 3 - 24

UA - Calvin Ridley 19 yd pass from Jalen Hurts (Adam Griffith kick), 9-76 4:18 3 - 31

UA - Adam Griffith 24 yd field goal, 5-43 1:15 3 - 34

UK - A. MacGinnis 30 yd field goal, 16-63 9:42 6 - 34

TEAM STATISTICS

Table with 3 columns: Stat, UK, BAMA. Rows include First Downs, Rush Att./Net Rush, Passing C/A/I, etc.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING (ATT.-YD.-TD)

BAMA - Jacobs 16-100-1, Hurts 9-25, Scarbrough 5-21, Emmons 3-16, Harris 2-11, Ridley 1-6, Team 1-(-6) UK - Kemp 10-39, Snell 8-38, Williams 9-22, King 2-(-1), Johnson 7-(-26)

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

BAMA - Hurts 20-33-0-262-2, Bateman 5-5-0-53-0 UK - Johnson 13-22-0-89-0

RECEIVING (REC-YARDS-TD)

BAMA - Ridley 11-174-2, Jacobs 3-44, Foster 2-42, Diggs 2-14, Howard 2-13, Dieter 1-11, Scarbrough 1-9, Harris 1-6, Emmons 1-3, Sims 1-(-1) UK - Johnson 4-27, Richardson 2-24, King 2-14, Conrad 2-10, Hart 1-6, Bone 1-5, Williams 1-3

TACKLES

BAMA - Allen 8, Hamilton 8 UK - Edwards 12, Jones 8

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KENTUCKY 20, VANDERBILT 13

OCT. 8, 2016 • LEXINGTON, KY. COMMONWEALTH STADIUM (55,030)



Stephen Johnson rushed for a touchdown and converted a big fourth-and-1 play late in the game leading to Austin MacGinnis' 28-yard field goal, while the Wildcats' defense stifled Vanderbilt late to survive with a 20-13 victory.

Needing a spark to slow Vanderbilt's momentum after scoring 10 straight points, the Wildcats turned to their ground game led by Benny Snell Jr. (20 carries, 94 yards) and Jojo Kemp with just under 8 minutes remaining. The duo positioned Kentucky to cash in a third and final time on fourth down as Johnson stretched for 1 yard to the Commodores' 19.

Kentucky didn't take a chance on a final fourth-and-1 at the 10, and MacGinnis' kick with 1:38 left provided a cushion that proved huge as Vanderbilt, with no timeouts, quickly drove 59 yards to the 8 seeking at least a tie. But several passes by Vandy's Kyle Shurmur were incomplete, including a fourth-down attempt that went off Kalija Lipscomb's hands with 2 seconds left.

Kemp added a 4-yard TD run for the Wildcats. Kemp, Johnson and Stanley "Boom" Williams each ran for at least 54 yards as Kentucky gained 258 on 52 attempts.

Most importantly, the Wildcats made huge, timely plays when needed on both sides of the ball to protect a lead that seemed in doubt as the Commodores tried to rally from a 17-3 halftime deficit.

Vanderbilt's only TD came on Taurean Ferguson's 22-yard fumble return early in the third quarter.

Commodores running back and SEC rushing leader Ralph Webb had 100 yards on 18 carries and Shurmur completed 17 of 29 passes for 141 yards, but he couldn't get the completion he needed late in the game.

SCORING SUMMARY

Table with 5 columns: Team, Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4, Total. Vanderbilt: 14, 10, 14, 7, 45. Kentucky: 0, 0, 0, 7, 7.

UK - Jojo Kemp 4 yd run (A. MacGinnis kick), 9-75 3:01

VANDY - Tommy Openshaw 48 yd field goal, 8-23 3:30

UK - Stephen Johnson 3 yd run (A. MacGinnis kick), 13-47 5:16

UK - A. MacGinnis 46 yd field goal, 15-52 6:23

VANDY - T. Ferguson 22 yd fumble recovery (Tommy Openshaw kick)

VANDY - Tommy Openshaw 26 yd field goal, 14-85 6:47

UK - A. MacGinnis 28 yd field goal, 13-56 6:20

TEAM STATISTICS

Table with 3 columns: Stat, VU, UK. Rows include First Downs, Rush Att./Net Rush, Passing C/A/I, etc.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING (ATT.-YD.-TD)

VU - Webb 18-100, Blasingame 5-26, Shurmur 8-12, Crawford 1-3 UK - Snell 20-94, Johnson 10-55, Kemp 12-55, Williams 9-54, Team 1-0

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

VU - Shurmur 17-29-0-141-0 UK - Johnson 10-24-1-49-0

RECEIVING (REC-YARDS-TD)

VU - Duncan 5-51, Sherfield 4-21, Lipscomb 3-11, Marcus 2-7, Dobbs 1-30, Pinkey 1-16, Webb 1-5 UK - Conrad 3-13, Johnson 2-20, Badet 2-8, Timmons 1-7, Kemp 1-1, Williams 1-0

TACKLES

VU - Thomas 10, Cunningham 10 UK - Edwards 8, Baity 7



2016 GAME RECAPS

7 KENTUCKY 40, MISSISSIPPI STATE 38 OCT. 22, 2016 • LEXINGTON, KY. COMMONWEALTH STADIUM (50,414)



Austin MacGinnis hit a 51-yard field goal as time expired, lifting Kentucky to a 40-38 win over Mississippi State at Commonwealth Stadium.

Mississippi State then mounted another drive, this one covering 56 yards in nine plays and resulting in a Graves field goal, making it 17-12 Bulldogs.

SCORING SUMMARY

Table with 5 columns: Team, Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4, Total. Rows for Mississippi State and Kentucky.

- UK - A. MacGinnis 46 yd field goal, 8-30 4:14
MS - Dear 45 yd rush ... 2/8:45
MS - Dear 45 yd run (Westin Graves kick), 4-55 1:42

TEAM STATISTICS table comparing MSST and UK across various metrics like First Downs, Rush Att./Net Rush, etc.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

- RUSHING (ATT.-YD.-TD)
MSST - Fitzgerald 16-107-2, Dear 5-77-1, Williams 8-36, Shumpert 2-27, Gibson 5-24, Lee 2-8, Mixon 1-2
UK - Snell 19-128-1, S. Williams 14-99, S. Johnson 9-20, Kemp 2-15

8 KENTUCKY 35, MISSOURI 21 OCT. 29, 2016 • COLUMBIA, MO. MEMORIAL STADIUM (50,234)



Benny Snell, Jr. rushed for 192 yards and two scores, and teammate Boom Williams rushed for 182 yards and a touchdown of his own as Kentucky beat Missouri 35-21 at Memorial Stadium.

After Missouri was forced to punt on its first drive, Kentucky got on the scoreboard with a 60-yard touchdown run by Williams. The Wildcats covered 80 yards in just four plays to go ahead 7-0.

SCORING SUMMARY

Table with 5 columns: Team, Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4, Total. Rows for Kentucky and Missouri.

- UK - S. Williams 60 yd run (A. MacGinnis kick), 4-80 1:07 7 - 0
UK - Jeff Badet 65 yd pass from Stephen Johnson (A. MacGinnis kick), 5-80 2:00 14 - 0
UK - Benny Snell 1 yd run (A. MacGinnis kick), 8-73 3:07 21 - 0

TEAM STATISTICS table comparing UK and MU across various metrics like First Downs, Rush Att./Net Rush, etc.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

- RUSHING (ATT.-YD.-TD)
MU - Crockett 13-55, Lock 6-34, Zanders 6-28, Johnson 1-25, Strong 2-16, Witter 5-11, Ross 2-2, Augusta 1-1-1
UK - Snell 38-192-2, Williams 19-182-1, Johnson 2-3



2016 GAME RECAPS

GEORGIA 27, KENTUCKY 24

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NOV. 5, 2016 • LEXINGTON, KY. COMMONWEALTH STADIUM (62,507)



Kentucky drove 68 yards in 14 plays to tie the game late in the fourth quarter, but Georgia's Rodrigo Blankenship hit 25-yard field goal as time expired to defeat UK, 27-24.

After Kentucky had tied the game at 24-24 on an Austin MacGinnis field goal with 2:47 remaining, Georgia went 67 yards in eight plays, setting up Blankenship for his fourth converted field goal of the game.

Benny Snell paced the Kentucky offense, carrying 21 times for 114 yards and a pair of touchdowns. Junior running back Boom Williams had 14 carries for 77 yards and a score of his own.

Georgia got on the board first. After forcing Kentucky to punt, the Bulldogs drove 64 yards in six plays, culminating in a Jacob Eason to Isaiah McKenzie scoring pass from 38 yards to make it 7-0 Georgia.

After the teams exchanged punts, Kentucky (5-4, 4-3) mounted its first scoring drive of the game. The Wildcats went 67 in five plays, ending with a three-yard touchdown run by Benny Snell to tie the game at 7-7. The big play on the drive was a 30-yard rush by Boom Williams, putting Kentucky into

position to tie the game.

Georgia struck back on its next drive as Eason hit Javon Wims for 51 yards, bringing the Bulldogs into the Kentucky red zone. The Wildcat defense stood tall, holding Georgia to a 25-yard field goal by Blankenship, which made it 10-7 Bulldogs.

On the next possession, Georgia forced Kentucky to punt. But McKenzie muffed the punt and Kentucky's J.D. Harmon recovered at the Georgia 38, giving Kentucky an opportunity for a short field.

A Georgia facemask penalty took Kentucky inside the Georgia red zone, and when Williams scampered into the end zone from 13 yards out of the Wildcat formation, Kentucky took a 14-10 lead.

Georgia answered with another scoring drive, but again it was a field goal rather than a touchdown. The Bulldogs went 59 yards in 11 plays, resulting in a 42-yard field goal from Blankenship, cutting UK's lead to 14-13, which would be the halftime score.

The Bulldogs started the second half with the ball, but Josh Allen hit Georgia running back Nick Chubb, causing a fumble that Kentucky's Chris Westry recovered at the Georgia 33 yard line. But the Wildcats failed to get a first down, and after a holding penalty negated an Austin MacGinnis field goal, Kentucky was forced to punt.

But the Wildcats also forced Georgia to punt, then drove down the field behind the running of Snell, who scored on a one-yard run to increase Kentucky's lead to 21-13. Snell accounted for 41 of Kentucky's 56 yards on the scoring drive.

On its next drive, Kentucky's Garrett Johnson fumbled and Georgia recovered at the Kentucky 32. But the Wildcats' defense held, and forced Blankenship into a 49-yard field goal, which crept through the uprights, making it 21-16 Kentucky.

In the fourth, UGA drove 67 yards in seven plays, with Sony Michel rushing it in from 26 yards. A two-point conversion made it 24-21 Georgia with 9:12 remaining.

Down three, Kentucky turned to Snell. The true freshman from Westerville, Ohio did as he has done all season and delivered. Carrying the ball out of the Wildcat formation, Snell rushed nine straight times, covering 35 yards, getting Kentucky inside the Georgia 10 yard line. But on third-and-long, Stephen Johnson could not connect with Dorian Baker in the corner of the end zone. Kentucky settled for a MacGinnis field goal, which tied the game at 24-24.

SCORING SUMMARY

Table with 5 columns: Team, Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4, Total. Georgia: 7, 6, 3, 11, 27. Kentucky: 7, 7, 7, 3, 24.

UGA - Isaiah McKenzie 38 yd pass from Jacob Eason (R. Blankenship kick), 6-64 2:43 7 - 0

UK - Benny Snell 3 yd run (A. MacGinnis kick), 5-67 2:06 7 - 7

12:26 UGA - R. Blankenship 25 yd field goal, 6-64 3:20 10 - 7

UK - S. Williams 13 yd run (A. MacGinnis kick), 3-38 1:15 10 - 14

UGA - R. Blankenship 42 yd field goal, 11-59 5:50 13 - 14

UK - Benny Snell 1 yd run (A. MacGinnis kick), 5-56 1:48 13 - 21

UGA - R. Blankenship 49 yd field goal, 4-6 1:05 16 - 21

UGA - Sony Michel 26 yd run (Isaac Nauta pass from Jacob Eason), 7-67 2:12 24 - 21

UK - A. MacGinnis 25 yd field goal, 14-68 6:25 24 - 24

UGA - R. Blankenship 25 yd field goal, 9-67 2:47 27 - 24

TEAM STATISTICS

Table with 3 columns: Team, UGA, UK. Rows include First Downs, Rush Att./Net Rush, Passing C/A/I, etc.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING (ATT.-YD.-TD)

UGA - Michel 19-127-1, Chubb 21-85, Herrien 1-2, Eason 1-1

UK - Snell 21-114-2, Williams 14-77-1, Johnson 5-(5)

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

UGA - Eason 17-31-0-245-1

UK - Johnson 10-20-1-103-0, Snell 1-1-0-19-0

RECEIVING (REC-YARDS-TD)

UGA - Wims 5-90, Nauta 3-47, Godwin 3-35, McKenzie 2-44, Michel 2-15, Simmons 1-8, Davis 1-6

UK - Baker 3-42, Badet 2-34, Johnson 2-33, Timmons 2-7, Williams 1-9, Johnson 1-(3)

TACKLES

UGA - Rochester 8, Carter 8

UK - Edwards 13, Jones 10

TENNESSEE 49, KENTUCKY 36

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NOV. 12, 2016 • KNOXVILLE, TENN. NEYLAND STADIUM (101,075)



Kentucky rushed for the second-most yards in a game in school history, but it wasn't enough as the Wildcats lost to Tennessee 49-36 at Neyland Stadium.

Kentucky had five players with at least 72 yards rushing apiece. Junior Boom Williams led the way with 127 yards on 16 carries, but he had plenty of help in the run game. Jojo Kemp (90 yards rushing), Benny Snell (79), Siihem King (75) and Stephen Johnson (72) all had big efforts for Kentucky as well.

In all, the Wildcats racked up 635 yards of total offense in the game, the seventh-highest in school history. Kentucky also outgained Tennessee 635-598. But Tennessee took better advantage of its scoring opportunities to earn the victory.

Tennessee went three-and-out on its first possession of the game, but punter Trevor Daniel got off a 56-yard punt that Charles Walker muffed, setting Kentucky up on its own 15 yard line.

But that did not deter the Wildcats in any way. On its first play from scrimmage, the Wildcats turned to Johnson, who faked a handoff and scampered 75 yards to the Tennessee 10. On the next play, Williams rushed right and into the end zone, giving Kentucky a 7-0 lead.

Tennessee immediately answered Kentucky's score with one of its own. Quarterback Josh Dobbs had a 41-yard rush, setting the Vols up deep in Kentucky territory. Then Dobbs hit Josh Smith with a 24-yard scoring pass to tie the game at 7-7.

After the teams exchanged punts, Kentucky assembled its second scoring drive of the game. Snell had a 27-yard rush that set the Wildcats up, but the drive stalled and Kentucky settled for a 37-yard field goal by Austin MacGinnis, making it 10-7 Kentucky.

But Tennessee had the answer once again, as the Vols drove 75 yards in just six plays with Dobbs finishing the drive with a one-yard touchdown run to give Tennessee its first lead, 14-10.

On its next drive, Kentucky turned to Snell, who drove the Wildcats down the field out of the Wildcat formation. Kentucky got inside the Tennessee five yard line, but was forced into a 25-yard field goal that MacGinnis made, cutting the lead to 14-13.

Tennessee had yet another answer, driving 79 yards in seven plays, culminating with a 10-yard touchdown pass from Dobbs to tight end Ethan Wolf, lifting Tennessee to a 21-13 lead. That would be the halftime score.

Kentucky opened the second half with another scoring drive. The Wildcats covered 59 yards in eight plays, and MacGinnis connected again, this time from 33 yards out, cutting the Tennessee lead to 21-16.

But as they did all day, Tennessee had an answer, this time on a trick play. Dobbs handed off to running back John Kelly, who pitched it back to Dobbs. The Vols' quarterback threw a deep ball, connecting with Josh Malone for a 51-yard touchdown, giving Tennessee a 28-16 lead.

After Tennessee extended its lead to 35-16, the Wildcats showed that they wouldn't go away quietly. Senior running back Jojo Kemp ripped off a 71-yard touchdown run to cut into the lead. Kentucky's two-point conversion attempt was no good, keeping the score at 35-22.

Tennessee would stretch the lead to 49-22, but Kentucky added a pair of late touchdown runs by King (24 yards) and Johnson (two yards).

SCORING SUMMARY

Table with 5 columns: Team, Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4, Total. Kentucky: 10, 3, 3, 20, 36. Tennessee: 15, 7, 14, 14, 49.

UK - S. Williams 10 yd run (A. MacGinnis kick), 2-85 0:43

UT - Smith, Jo. 24 yd pass from Dobbs, J. (Medley, A. kick), 6-83 2:09

UK - A. MacGinnis 37 yd field goal, 9-42 3:22

UT - Dobbs, J. 1 yd run (Medley, A. kick), 6-75 2:01

UK - A. MacGinnis 25 yd field goal, 13-72 6:59

UT - Wolf, Et. 10 yd pass from Dobbs, J. (Medley, A. kick), 7-79 2:53

UK - A. MacGinnis 33 yd field goal, 8-60 2:55

UT - Malone, J. 51 yd pass from Dobbs, J. (Medley, A. kick), 5-92 1:52

UT - Kamara, A. 17 yd run (Medley, A. kick), 6-96 2:23

UK - Jojo Kemp 71 yd run (Benny Snell rush fumbled), 2-88 0:34

UT - Dobbs, J. 45 yd run (Medley, A. kick), 2-58 0:33

UT - Kamara, A. 29 yd run (Medley, A. kick), 5-64 2:58

UK - Siihem King 24 yd run (A. MacGinnis kick), 6-75 3:14

UK - Stephen Johnson 2 yd run (A. MacGinnis kick), 8-53 2:17

TEAM STATISTICS

Table with 3 columns: Team, UK, UT. Rows include First Downs, Rush Att./Net Rush, Passing C/A/I, etc.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING (ATT.-YD.-TD)

UT - Dobbs 14-147-2, Kamara 10-128-2, Kelly 16-94-0, Jennings 1-7-0

UK - Williams 16-127-1, Kemp 8-90-1, Snell 15-79-0, King 6-75-1, S. Johnson 10-72-1

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

UT - Dobbs 11-17-1-223-3

UK - Johnson 12-29-1-192-0

RECEIVING (REC-YARDS-TD)

UT - Malone 4-92-1, Wolf 4-44-1, Byrd 1-44, Smith 1-24, Jennings 1-19

UK - Baker 3-35, Bone 2-57, Conrad 1-22, G. Johnson 1-19, Timmons 1-17, T. Richardson 1-17, Badet 1-15, Walker 1-9, Hart 1-1

TACKLES

UT - Abernathy 10, Kelly Jr., 7, Lewis 7

UK - Edwards 12, Ware 9, Love 6, Allen 6



2016 GAME RECAPS

KENTUCKY 41, AUSTIN PEAY 13

NOV. 19, 2016 • LEXINGTON, KY. COMMONWEALTH STADIUM (48,948)

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Freshman Benny Snell rushed for 152 yards and a pair of touchdowns as Kentucky beat Austin Peay 49-13 at Commonwealth Stadium.

In the process of having his fifth 100-yard rushing effort of the year, Snell also broke the Kentucky record for rushing yards by a freshman.

Austin Peay got the ball first, and the Governors promptly went on a 15-play, 71-yard drive. However, the drive ended when Chris Westry intercepted Austin Peay quarterback JaVaughn Craig at the 12 yard line, ending the threat.

After Kentucky was forced to punt on its first drive, Austin Peay put together another lengthy drive, this time going 63 yards in nine plays, culminating in a 17-yard touchdown carry by Kentel Williams to make it 7-0 Governors.

The Wildcats got the ball back, but on third down, starting quarterback Luke Wright was intercepted by Austin Peay linebacker Gunnar Scholoto, who returned the pick 25 yards for the score.

After Kentucky punted, Austin Peay's Craig was intercepted by Kentucky's Mike Edwards, who returned the ball 46 yards and into Governors' territory.

Kentucky forced Austin Peay to punt, then took over at the UK 49 yard line. On the first play of the next drive, Kentucky quarterback Stephen Johnson hit Jeff Badet for 42 yards, getting the Wildcats inside the Governors' red zone.

But the Wildcats were not done. After Austin Peay punted again, Johnson connected with Garrett Johnson on a 40-yard scoring pass, boosting Kentucky's lead to 21-13 with 59 seconds left in the half.

Kentucky got the ball to start the second half, and the Wildcats wasted little time. After Jojo Kemp returned the kickoff into Austin Peay territory, Kentucky went three plays in 38 yards, with Boom Williams finishing the drive with a 25-yard touchdown run to extend the Wildcats' lead to 28-13.

On its next drive, Austin Peay turned the ball over on downs, and Kentucky immediately took advantage. On the first play of its drive, Snell took a direct snap in the Wildcat formation and rushed untouched up the middle for a 48-yard touchdown to make it 35-13.

Senior Jojo Kemp got into the action on Kentucky's next drive, scampering 40 yards for a touchdown in his final home game. That score made it 42-13 Cats. Kemp would add another touchdown early in the fourth quarter to give Kentucky a 49-13 advantage.

SCORING SUMMARY

Table with 5 columns: Team, Points, Field Goals, Touchdowns, and Extra Points.

- APSU - K. Williams 17 yd run (GAUNA, Nick kick), 9-63; 4:15
APSU - G. Scholoto 25 yd interception return (GAUNA, Nick kick failed)
UK - Benny Snell 30 yd run (Austin MacGinnis kick), 7-37; 3:34
UK - C.J. Conrad 14 yd pass from Stephen Johnson (Austin MacGinnis kick), 3-51; 1:24
UK - Garrett Johnson 40 yd pass from Stephen Johnson (A. MacGinnis kick), 5-56; 1:05
UK - Stanley Williams 25 yd run (Austin MacGinnis kick), 3-38; 1:10
UK - Benny Snell 48 yd run (Austin MacGinnis kick), 1-48; 0:10
UK - Jojo Kemp 40 yd run (Austin MacGinnis kick), 1-40; 0:09
UK - Jojo Kemp 7 yd run (Austin MacGinnis kick), 13-72; 6:44

TEAM STATISTICS

Table comparing APSU and UK statistics: First Downs, Rush Att./Net Rush, Passing C/A/I, Offensive Plays, Total Offense, Fumbles/Lost, Penalties/Yards, Punts/Average, Third-Down Conv., Time of Possession.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING (ATT.-YD.-TD)
APSU - Williams 25-124-1, Craig 13-73, Moore 8-41, Morris 5-16, Coleman 1-2, Floyd 1-1
UK - Snell 14-152-2, Kemp 8-54-2, Williams 7-47-1, Timmons 1-11, S. Johnson 2-10, King 3-7

PASSING (COMP-ATT-INT-YARDS-TD)
APSU - Craig 9-18-2-27-0
UK - S. Johnson 6-9-0-101-2, Wright 3-4-1-28-0, Snell 0-1-0-0

RECEIVING (REC-YARDS-TD)
APSU - Moore 2-26, Coleman 2-13, Williams 2-1, Beard 2--10, Momodu 1--3
UK - G. Johnson 3-46-1, Badet 1-42, Conrad 1-14-1, Walker 1-12, Baker 1-10, Timmons 1-5

TACKLES
APSU - Mitchell 9, Allen 8, Turner 5
UK - Jones 8, Ware 7, Walker 7, McWilson 7, McClain 7, Ka. Daniel 7

KENTUCKY 41, LOUISVILLE 38

NOV. 26, 2016 • LOUISVILLE, KY. PAPA JOHN'S CARDINAL STADIUM (54,075)

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Austin MacGinnis hit a 47-yard field goal with 12 seconds left in the game, lifting Kentucky to a 41-38 upset victory over 11th-ranked Louisville at Papa John's Cardinal Stadium.

Kentucky took over at their own 10 yard line with just 1:45 remaining in the game. Rather than play for overtime, the Cats went for the win.

Quarterback Stephen Johnson hit receiver Jeff Badet with a 29-yard pass to get the Wildcats near midfield. Johnson then ran left, picking up 15 more yards and getting Kentucky into Cardinals' territory.

After a three more plays got the ball to the Louisville 29, the Wildcats faced fourth down with 18 seconds left. And that's when Kentucky head coach Mark Stoops turned to MacGinnis, who also beat Mississippi State with a game-winning field goal earlier in the season.

Garrett Johnson had a big day, catching five passes for 164 yards and a pair of scores. Louisville took the opening kickoff and marched down the field, covering 84 yards in five plays.

But Kentucky had the answer. On the Wildcats' first play from scrimmage, Stephen Johnson connected with Garrett Johnson on a 75-yard scoring strike to tie the game at 7-7.

Later in the first quarter, Kentucky took the lead when Boom Williams rushed around the left end and scampered 36 yards for the score, giving Kentucky a 14-7 lead.

But Louisville came right back, driving 70 yards in 12 plays, culminating with a Jackson pass to Reggie Bonnafon, tying the game at 14-14.

The Cardinals drove inside the Kentucky one yard line in the second quarter, but the Wildcat defense came up with a key goal line stand. Louisville kicker Blanton Creque connected on a 19-yard field goal to give the Cardinals a 17-14 lead.

Louisville extended its lead to 24-14, but Kentucky would not go away. The Wildcats went back to the Johnson-to-Johnson combination to cut into the lead.

But Kentucky answered that score with its longest drive of the game. This time, the Wildcats covered 60 yards in 13 plays, taking more than six and a half minutes off the clock.

On Louisville's next possession, Kentucky's Mike Edwards picked off a Jackson pass, setting up the Wildcats with good field position. But the ensuing drive stalled until Johnson connected with Dorian Baker on a 35-yard scoring pass to give the Wildcats a 38-31 lead.

Louisville got the ball back and quickly got into Kentucky territory. But with the Cardinals on the doorstep of tying the game again, Kentucky senior defensive back Blake McClain intercepted Jackson at the goal line.

But Kentucky was forced to punt, and Louisville took over and Jackson engineered another scoring drive, which he finished with a one-yard scoring run, tying the game at 38-38.

SCORING SUMMARY

Table with 5 columns: Team, Points, Field Goals, Touchdowns, and Extra Points.

- LOU - Jackson, L. 19 yd run (Creque, B. kick), 5-84 2:03 0 - 7
UK - Garrett Johnson 75 yd pass from S. Johnson (A. MacGinnis kick), 1-75 0:18 7 - 7
UK - S. Williams 36 yd run (A. MacGinnis kick), 7-86 2:47 14 - 7
LOU - Bonnafon, R. 18 yd pass from Jackson, L. (Creque, B. kick), 12-70 4:13 14 - 14
LOU - Creque, B. 19 yd field goal, 10-64 4:20 14 - 17
LOU - Hikutini, C. 24 yd pass from Jackson, L. (Creque, B. kick), 6-48 2:36 14 - 24
UK - G. Johnson 63 yd pass from Stephen Johnson (A. MacGinnis kick), 2-76 0:56 21 - 24
UK - Benny Snell 18 yd run (A. MacGinnis kick), 9-75 4:02 28 - 24
LOU - Smith, Je. 3 yd run (Creque, B. kick), 5-75 1:39 28 - 31
UK - A. MacGinnis 35 yd field goal, 13-60 6:36 31 - 31
UK - Dorian Baker 35 yd pass from S. Johnson (A. MacGinnis kick), 7-60 3:10 38 - 31
LOU - Jackson, L. 1 yd run (Creque, B. kick), 5-55 1:48 38 - 38
UK - A. MacGinnis 47 yd field goal, 7-60 1:33 41 - 38

TEAM STATISTICS

Table comparing UK and LOU statistics: First Downs, Rush Att./Net Rush, Passing C/A/I, Offensive Plays, Total Offense, Fumbles/Lost, Penalties/Yards, Punts/Average, Third-Down Conv., Time of Possession.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING (ATT.-YD.-TD)
LOU - L. Jackson 25-171-2, Radcliff 16-90, Smith 4-17, Bonnafon 1-2
UK - S. Johnson 8-83, Williams 14-63-1, Snell 11-51-1, Kemp 10-32

PASSING (COMP-ATT-INT-YARDS-TD)
LOU - L. Jackson 16-25-3-281-2
UK - S. Johnson 16-27-1-338-3, Kemp 1-1-0-14-0, Snell 0-1-0-0-0

RECEIVING (REC-YARDS-TD)
LOU - Hikutini 7-100-1, Quick 4-67, Smith 2-63, Dawkins 1-20, Bonnafon 1-18-1, Radcliff 1-13
UK - G. Johnson 5-164-2, Badet 4-52, Timmons 4-50, Baker 1-35-1, Snell 1-28, Conrad 1-17, Richardson 1-6

TACKLES
LOU - Thomas 10, Kelsey 7, Chu, Williams 6, Chr. Williams 6
UK - Jones 10, McWilson 9, Ware 7





2016 KENTUCKY FOOTBALL STATISTICS

RECORD	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	7-5-0	5-2-0	2-3-0	0-0-0
CONFERENCE	4-4-0	3-1-0	1-3-0	0-0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	3-1-0	2-1-0	1-0-0	0-0-0

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE	ATTENDANCE
Sep 03, 2016	SOUTHERN MISS	L	35-44	57230
* Sep 10, 2016	at Florida	L	7-45	85821
* Sep 17, 2016	NEW MEXICO STATE	W	62-42	49669
* Sep 24, 2016	SOUTH CAROLINA	W	17-10	51702
Oct 01, 2016	at #1 Alabama	L	6-34	101821
* Oct 08, 2016	VANDERBILT	W	20-13	55030
* Oct 22, 2016	MISSISSIPPI STATE	W	40-38	50414
* Oct 29, 2016	at Missouri	W	35-21	50234
* Nov 05, 2016	GEORGIA	L	24-27	62507
* Nov 12, 2016	at Tennessee	L	36-49	101075
Nov 19, 2016	AUSTIN PEAY	W	49-13	48948
Nov 26, 2016	at #11 Louisville	W	41-38	54075

RUSHING	GP	ATT	GAIN	LOSS	NET	AVG	TD	LONG	AVG/G
Stanley Williams	12	160	1159	24	1135	7.1	7	63	94.6
Benny Snell	12	179	1079	22	1057	5.9	13	48	88.1
Jojo Kemp	9	67	343	22	321	4.8	6	71	35.7
Stephen Johnson	11	83	447	169	278	3.3	2	75	25.3
Sihiem King	12	11	82	1	81	7.4	1	24	6.8
Jeff Badet	12	1	25	0	25	25.0	0	25	2.1
Mikel Horton	3	3	12	0	12	4.0	0	5	4.0
Ryan Timmons	12	1	11	0	11	11.0	0	11	0.9
Total	12	524	3189	294	2895	5.5	29	75	241.2
Opponents	12	525	2980	280	2700	5.1	23	61	225.0

PASSING	G	EFFIC	CMP-ATT-INT	PCT	YDS	TD	LNG	AVG/G
Stephen Johnson	11	134.20	126-231-6	54.5	1862	12	75	169.3
Drew Barker	3	136.82	18-36-5	50.0	334	4	72	111.3
Luke Wright	1	83.80	3-4-1	75.0	28	0	12	28.0
Benny Snell	12	83.60	2-4-0	50.0	16	0	0	1.3
Tristan Yeomans	11	16.00	1-1-0	100.0	-10	0	0	-0.9
Team	6	0.00	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Jojo Kemp	9	217.60	1-1-0	100.0	14	0	14	1.6
Total	12	132.48	151-278-12	54.3	2244	16	75	187.0
Opponents	12	133.79	196-338-13	58.0	2574	20	78	214.5

RECEIVING	G	NO.	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG	AVG/G
Garrett Johnson	12	36	568	15.8	5	75	47.3
Jeff Badet	12	28	639	22.8	4	72	53.2
Ryan Timmons	12	20	236	11.8	0	32	19.7
C.J. Conrad	12	16	248	15.5	4	72	20.7
Dorian Baker	9	12	170	14.2	1	35	18.9
Tavin Richarson	12	9	160	17.8	0	41	13.3
Stanley Williams	12	7	48	6.9	1	15	4.0
Greg Hart	11	6	32	5.3	0	11	2.9
Blake Bone	10	4	71	17.8	0	37	7.1
Charles Walker	12	3	28	9.3	0	12	2.3
Sihiem King	12	3	14	4.7	0	11	1.2
Kayaune Ross	6	2	10	5.0	1	9	1.7
Jojo Kemp	9	2	5	2.5	0	4	0.6
Benny Snell	12	1	28	28.0	0	28	2.3
Stephen Johnson	11	1	-3	-3.0	0	0	-0.3
Total	12	151	2244	14.9	16	75	187.0
Opponents	12	196	2574	13.1	20	78	214.5

PUNTING	NO.	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD	FC	I20	+50	BLKD
Grant McKinniss	55	2171	39.5	61	4	13	9	4	1
Team	1	24	24.0	24	0	0	0	0	0
S. Johnson	1	38	38.0	38	1	0	0	0	0
Total	57	2233	39.2	61	5	13	9	4	1
Opponents	57	2404	42.2	60	10	21	15	11	0

TEAM STATISTICS	UK	OPP
FIRST DOWNS	240	274
Rushing	136	142
Passing	86	119
Penalty	18	13
RUSHING YARDAGE	2895	2700
Rushing Attempts	524	525
Average Per Rush	5.5	5.1
Average Per Game	241.2	225.0
TDs Rushing	29	23
PASSING YARDAGE	2244	2574
Comp-Att-Int	151-278-12	196-338-13
Average Per Pass	8.1	7.6
Average Per Catch	14.9	13.1
Average Per Game	187.0	214.5
TDs Passing	16	20
TOTAL OFFENSE	5139	5274
Average Per Play	6.4	6.1
Average Per Game	428.2	439.5
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	39-863	48-923
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	14-118	21-109
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	13-129	12-77
FUMBLES-LOST	22-15	16-8
PENALTIES-Yards	60-544	76-594
PUNTS-AVG	57-39.2	57-42.2
TIME OF POSSESSION/GAME	30:02	29:58
3RD-DOWN CONVERSIONS	66/168	75/167
4TH-DOWN CONVERSIONS	10/12	5/11

INTERCEPTIONS	NO.	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Mike Edwards	3	46	15.3	0	46
Derrick Baity	3	10	3.3	0	10
Blake McClain	3	28	9.3	0	20
J.D. Harmon	2	0	0.0	0	0
Chris Westry	1	0	0.0	0	0
Marcus McWilson	1	45	45.0	1	45
Total	13	129	9.9	1	46
Opponents	12	77	6.4	1	25

PUNT RETURNS	NO.	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Charles Walker	14	118	8.4	1	65
Total	14	118	8.4	1	65
Opponents	21	109	5.2	0	63

KICK RETURNS	NO.	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Jeff Badet	15	344	22.9	0	39
Sihiem King	10	213	21.3	0	27
Benny Snell	7	138	19.7	0	32
Jojo Kemp	5	125	25.0	0	32
J.D. Harmon	2	43	21.5	0	27
Total	39	863	22.1	0	39
Opponents	48	923	19.2	0	65

FIELD GOALS	FGM-FGA	PCT	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	LG	BLK
Austin MacGinnis	13-17	76.5	0-0	5-5	4-5	4-6	0-1	48	0



SCORING	TD	FGS	PATS				DXP	SAF	PTS
			KICK	RUSH	RCV	PASS			
Austin MacGinnis	0	15-18	43-44	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	88
Benny Snell	13	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0-0	0	0	78
Stanley Williams	8	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	48
Jojo Kemp	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	36
Garrett Johnson	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-1	0	0	30
C.J. Conrad	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	24
Jeff Badet	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	24
Stephen Johnson	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1-1	0	0	12
Dorian Baker	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Kayaune Ross	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Charles Walker	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Marcus McWilson	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Sihiem King	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Tavin Richarson	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0-0	0	0	2
Total	47	15-18	43-44	0-1	1	1-2	0	0	372
Opponents	47	15-21	45-46	0-0	1	1-1	0	0	374

SCORE BY QUARTER	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	OT	TOTAL
Kentucky	83	106	90	93	0	372
Opponents	83	112	100	79	0	374

ALL PURPOSE	G	RUSH	REC	PR	KOR	IR	TOT	AVG/G
Benny Snell	12	1057	28	0	138	0	1223	101.9
Stanley Williams	12	1135	48	0	0	0	1183	98.6
Jeff Badet	12	25	639	0	344	0	1008	84.0
Garrett Johnson	12	0	568	0	0	0	568	47.3
Jojo Kemp	9	321	5	0	125	0	451	50.1
Total	12	2895	2244	118	863	129	6249	520.8
Opponents	12	2700	2574	109	923	77	6383	531.9

TOTAL OFFENSE	G	PLAYS	RUSH	PASS	TOTAL	AVG/G
Stephen Johnson	11	314	278	1862	2140	194.5
Stanley Williams	12	160	1135	0	1135	94.6
Benny Snell	12	183	1057	16	1073	89.4
Jojo Kemp	9	68	321	14	335	37.2
Drew Barker	3	50	-23	334	311	103.7
Total	12	802	2895	2244	5139	428.2
Opponents	12	863	2700	2574	5274	439.5

DEFENSIVE LEADERS	GP-GS	TACKLES				PASS DEF		QBH	FUMBLES		BLKD KICK	SAF	
		SOLO	AST	TOTAL	TFL/YDS	SACKS NO-YARDS	INT-YDS		BRUP	RCV-YDS			FF
34 Jordan Jones	12-12	70	30	100	14.0-62	4.0-35	.	4	9	.	1	.	.
27 Mike Edwards	12-12	50	43	93	4.5-12	0.5-4	3-46	8	.	.	.	.	.
51 Courtney Love	12-12	33	35	68	1.0-5	1.0-5	.	1	1	1-0	.	.	.
24 Blake McClain	12-11	39	23	62	0.5-1	.	3-28	2	.	.	.	.	.
15 Marcus McWilson	12-3	26	36	62	4.5-8	.	1-45	.	.	.	.	.	.
35 Denzil Ware	12-12	34	27	61	12.0-75	5.5-61	.	.	5	.	.	.	.
41 Josh Allen	12-8	28	27	55	8.5-49	7.0-45	.	.	3	.	4	.	.
21 Chris Westry	12-12	34	8	42	0.5-1	.	1-0	3	.	1-0	.	.	.
11 J.D. Harmon	12-0	28	10	38	1.0-4	.	2-0	1	1	1-0	.	.	.
29 Derrick Baity	12-12	32	5	37	1.0-2	.	3-10	6	1	.	.	.	.
77 Naquez Pringle	11-5	13	20	33	2.0-7	1.0-6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
99 Adrian Middleton	12-10	18	15	33	5.5-13	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
94 Courtney Miggins	12-12	12	16	28	4.0-11	0.5-6	.	5	.	1-0	1	.	.
92 Alvonte Bell	11-3	13	13	26	0.5-1	0.5-1	.	2	1	.	.	.	.
32 Eli Brown	12-0	15	8	23	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
56 Kash Daniel	12-0	11	8	19	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
5 Kendall Randolph	10-0	9	5	14	1.0-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
44 De'Niro Laster	5-0	7	7	14	2.0-9	1.0-8	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
16 Marcus Walker	8-0	6	7	13	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
8 Kobie Walker	3-2	2	8	10	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
90 T.J. Carter	10-0	3	6	9	0.5-0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
69 Matt Elam	11-5	2	7	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
47 Jordan Bonner	10-0	7	1	8	1.0-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
3 Jordan Griffin	7-0	4	2	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
98 Tymere Dubose	10-0	4	1	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
40 Nico Farios	12-0	3	2	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
22 Sihiem King	12-0	3	2	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
88 Charles Walker	12-0	3	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
20 Kengera Daniel	7-0	3	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
28 Kei Beckham	1-0	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
84 Charles Moushey	5-0	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
68 Nick Haynes	12-12	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
42 Tristan Yeomans	11-0	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
36 Jacob Hyde	11-0	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
13 Jeff Badet	12-12	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
9 Garrett Johnson	12-9	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
80 Tavin Richarson	12-5	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
18 Stanley Williams	12-10	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
78 Zane Williams	1-0	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
87 C.J. Conrad	12-10	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
26 Benny Snell	12-1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
60 Calvin Taylor Jr.	3-0	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
69 Ramsey Meyers	11-4	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
2 Dorian Baker	9-7	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
45 Jaylin Bannerman	1-0	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
53 Blake Best	8-0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
Total	12	524	382	906	65-268	21-171	13-129	32	21	8-0	6	.	.
Opponents	12	503	310	813	71.0-279	26-176	12-77	29	21	15-177	18	1	.



2016 TEAM GAME HIGHS

KENTUCKY TEAM GAME HIGHS

Rushes	59	at Missouri (Oct 29, 2016)
Yards Rushing	443	at Tennessee (Nov 12, 2016)
Yards Per Rush	8.1	at Tennessee (Nov 12, 2016)
TD Rushes	5	vs New Mexico State (Sep 17, 2016) vs Austin Peay (Nov 19, 2016)
Pass attempts	33	vs Mississippi State (Oct 22, 2016)
Pass completions	18	vs New Mexico State (Sep 17, 2016)
Yards Passing	352	at Louisville (Nov 26, 2016)
Yards Per Pass	13.0	vs New Mexico State (Sep 17, 2016)
TD Passes	4	vs Southern Miss (Sep 03, 2016)
Total Plays	84	at Tennessee (Nov 12, 2016)
Total Offense	692	vs New Mexico State (Sep 17, 2016)
Yards Per Play	9.2	vs New Mexico State (Sep 17, 2016)
Points	62	vs New Mexico State (Sep 17, 2016)
Sacks By	4	vs South Carolina (Sep 24, 2016) vs Vanderbilt (Oct 08, 2016)
First Downs	29	at Tennessee (Nov 12, 2016)
Penalties	11	vs New Mexico State (Sep 17, 2016)
Penalty Yards	87	vs New Mexico State (Sep 17, 2016)
Turnovers	4	at Florida (Sep 10, 2016)
Interceptions By	3	vs Southern Miss (Sep 03, 2016) at Louisville (Nov 26, 2016)
Punts	7	vs Georgia (Nov 05, 2016)
Punting Avg	44.7	at Alabama (Oct 01, 2016)
Long Punt	61	at Alabama (Oct 01, 2016)
Punts inside 20	2	vs Southern Miss (Sep 03, 2016) vs Vanderbilt (Oct 08, 2016)
Long Punt Return	65	vs New Mexico State (Sep 17, 2016)

OPPONENT TEAM GAME HIGHS

Rushes	68	vs Southern Miss (Sep 03, 2016)
Yards Rushing	376	at Tennessee (Nov 12, 2016)
Yards Per Rush	9.2	at Tennessee (Nov 12, 2016)
TD Rushes	4	at Tennessee (Nov 12, 2016)
Pass attempts	38	at Alabama (Oct 01, 2016)
Pass completions	25	at Alabama (Oct 01, 2016)
Yards Passing	320	at Florida (Sep 10, 2016)
Yards Per Pass	12.4	at Tennessee (Nov 12, 2016)
TD Passes	4	at Florida (Sep 10, 2016)
Total Plays	96	vs Southern Miss (Sep 03, 2016)
Total Offense	599	at Tennessee (Nov 12, 2016)
Yards Per Play	10.2	at Tennessee (Nov 12, 2016)
Points	49	at Tennessee (Nov 12, 2016)
Sacks By	5	at Florida (Sep 10, 2016)
First Downs	32	vs Southern Miss (Sep 03, 2016)
Penalties	9	at Missouri (Oct 29, 2016) at Tennessee (Nov 12, 2016)
Penalty Yards	75	at Florida (Sep 10, 2016)
Turnovers	4	at Louisville (Nov 26, 2016)
Interceptions By	3	at Florida (Sep 10, 2016)
Punts	9	at Missouri (Oct 29, 2016)
Punting Avg	58.0	at Alabama (Oct 01, 2016)
Long Punt	60	at Missouri (Oct 29, 2016)
Punts inside 20	5	vs South Carolina (Sep 24, 2016)
Long Punt Return	63	at Missouri (Oct 29, 2016)



Kentucky's 692 total yards vs. New Mexico State were the most ever in a home game and the second most in school history.



2016 INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

KENTUCKY INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

Rushes	38	Benny Snell at Missouri (Oct 29, 2016)
Yards Rushing	192	Benny Snell at Missouri (Oct 29, 2016)
TD Rushes	4	Benny Snell vs New Mexico State (Sep 17, 2016)
Long Rush	75	Stephen Johnson at Tennessee (Nov 12, 2016)
Pass attempts	33	Stephen Johnson vs Mississippi State (Oct 22, 2016)
Pass completions	17	Stephen Johnson vs New Mexico State (Sep 17, 2016) Stephen Johnson vs Mississippi State (Oct 22, 2016)
Yards Passing	338	Stephen Johnson at Louisville (Nov 26, 2016)
TD Passes	4	Drew Barker vs Southern Miss (Sep 03, 2016)
Long Pass	75	Stephen Johnson at Louisville (Nov 26, 2016)
Receptions	7	Jeff Badet vs Mississippi State (Oct 22, 2016)
Yards Receiving	164	Garrett Johnson at Louisville (Nov 26, 2016)
TD Receptions	3	C.J. Conrad vs New Mexico State (Sep 17, 2016)
Long Reception	75	Garrett Johnson at Louisville (Nov 26, 2016)
Field Goals	4	Austin MacGinniss vs Mississippi State (Oct 22, 2016)
Long Field Goal	51	Austin MacGinniss vs Mississippi State (Oct 22, 2016)
Punts	7	Grant McKinniss vs Georgia (Nov 05, 2016)
Punting Avg	44.7	Grant McKinniss at Alabama (Oct 01, 2016)
Long Punt	61	Grant McKinniss at Alabama (Oct 01, 2016)
Punts inside 20	2	Grant McKinniss vs Southern Miss (Sep 03, 2016) Grant McKinniss vs Vanderbilt (Oct 08, 2016)
Long Punt Return	65	Charles Walker vs New Mexico State (Sep 17, 2016)
Long Kickoff Return	39	Jeff Badet vs Mississippi State (Oct 22, 2016)
Tackles	19	Jordan Jones vs Southern Miss (Sep 03, 2016)
Sacks	2.0	Denzil Ware vs South Carolina (Sep 24, 2016)
Tackles For Loss	2.5	Denzil Ware vs Vanderbilt (Oct 08, 2016) Jordan Jones vs Georgia (Nov 05, 2016) Denzil Ware at Tennessee (Nov 12, 2016)
Interceptions	2	J.D. Harmon vs Southern Miss (Sep 03, 2016) Mike Edwards at Louisville (Nov 26, 2016)

OPPONENT INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

Rushes	36	SMITH, Ito, vs Southern Miss (Sep 03, 2016)
Yards Rushing	173	SMITH, Ito, vs Southern Miss (Sep 03, 2016)
TD Rushes	2	MULLENS, Nick, vs Southern Miss (Sep 03, 2016) Rogers, Tyler, vs New Mexico State (Sep 17, 2016) Nick Fitzgerald, vs Mississippi State (Oct 22, 2016) Kamara, A., at Tennessee (Nov 12, 2016) Dobbs, J., at Tennessee (Nov 12, 2016) Jackson, L., at Louisville (Nov 26, 2016)
Long Rush	61	Jackson, L., at Louisville (Nov 26, 2016)
Pass attempts	33	Rogers, Tyler, vs New Mexico State (Sep 17, 2016) Jalen Hurts, at Alabama (Oct 01, 2016)
Pass completions	20	Jalen Hurts, at Alabama (Oct 01, 2016)
Yards Passing	320	Del Rio, L., at Florida (Sep 10, 2016)
TD Passes	4	Del Rio, L., at Florida (Sep 10, 2016)
Long Pass	78	Del Rio, L., at Florida (Sep 10, 2016)
Receptions	11	Calvin Ridley, at Alabama (Oct 01, 2016)
Yards Receiving	174	Calvin Ridley, at Alabama (Oct 01, 2016)
TD Receptions	2	Boone, Johnathan, vs New Mexico State (Sep 17, 2016) Calvin Ridley, at Alabama (Oct 01, 2016) Mason, D, at Missouri (Oct 29, 2016)
Long Reception	78	Callaway, A., at Florida (Sep 10, 2016)
Field Goals	4	R. Blankenship, vs Georgia (Nov 05, 2016)
Long Field Goal	54	Pineiro, E., at Florida (Sep 10, 2016)
Punts	9	Fatony, Corey, at Missouri (Oct 29, 2016)
Punting Avg	58.0	JK Scott, at Alabama (Oct 01, 2016)
Long Punt	60	Fatony, Corey, at Missouri (Oct 29, 2016)
Punts inside 20	5	Sean Kelly, vs South Carolina (Sep 24, 2016)
Long Punt Return	63	Johnson, J, at Missouri (Oct 29, 2016)
Long Kickoff Return	65	Darrius Sims, vs Vanderbilt (Oct 08, 2016)
Tackles	12	Butler, Rodney, vs New Mexico State (Sep 17, 2016)
Sacks	3.0	Darius English, vs South Carolina (Sep 24, 2016)
Tackles For Loss	3.0	Darius English, vs South Carolina (Sep 24, 2016) Tim Williams, at Alabama (Oct 01, 2016) Beisel, Eric, at Missouri (Oct 29, 2016) Vereen, C., at Tennessee (Nov 12, 2016)
Interceptions	1	COLLINS, Trae, vs Southern Miss (Sep 03, 2016) Wilson, Q., at Florida (Sep 10, 2016) Maye, M., at Florida (Sep 10, 2016) Tabor, J., at Florida (Sep 10, 2016) Wright, Jaden, vs New Mexico State (Sep 17, 2016) D.J. Smith, vs South Carolina (Sep 24, 2016) Tre Herndon, vs Vanderbilt (Oct 08, 2016) Cheadle, Logan, at Missouri (Oct 29, 2016) Deandre Baker, vs Georgia (Nov 05, 2016) Jennings, J., at Tennessee (Nov 12, 2016) SCHOLATO, Gun, vs Austin Peay (Nov 19, 2016) Washington, T., at Louisville (Nov 26, 2016)



Benny Snell's 192 rushing yards at Missouri set a school record for most rushing yards by a freshman in a single game and tied for the ninth-most overall in a single game.





2016 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Table with 9 columns: 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. Rows include games vs. Southern Miss, at Florida, vs. New Mexico St., vs. South Carolina, at Alabama, vs. Vanderbilt, vs. Mississippi St., at Missouri, vs. Georgia, at Tennessee, vs. Austin Peay, and at Louisville.

GAME-BY GAME RUSHING

Table with 7 columns: (No-Yds-TD), Barker, Johnson, Kemp, Snell, Williams, King. Rows list rushing stats for various games including vs. Southern Miss, at Florida, vs. New Mexico State, vs. South Carolina, at Alabama, vs. Vanderbilt, vs. Mississippi State, at Missouri, vs. Georgia, at Tennessee, vs. Austin Peay, and at Louisville.

GAME-BY GAME RECEIVING

Table with 11 columns: (Rec-Yds-TD), Badet, Bone, Conrad, Hart, Johnson, Kemp, King, Richardson, Ross, Timmons, Williams. Rows list receiving stats for various games including vs. Southern Miss, at Florida, vs. New Mexico St., vs. South Carolina, at Alabama, vs. Vanderbilt, vs. Miss. State, at Missouri, vs. Georgia, at Tennessee, vs. Austin Peay, and at Louisville.





GAME-BY-GAME PASSING

(Cmp-Att-Int-Yds-TD)	Barker	Johnson
vs. Southern Miss	15-24-1-323-4	DNP
at Florida	2-10-3-10-0	1-3-0-45-0
vs. New Mexico State	1-2-1-1-0	17-22-0-310-3
vs. South Carolina	DNP-INJ	11-19-1-135-0
at Alabama	DNP-INJ	13-22-0-89-0
vs. Vanderbilt	DNP-INJ	10-24-1-49-0
vs. Mississippi State	DNP-INJ	17-33-0-292-2
at Missouri	DNP-INJ	14-23-1-208-2
vs. Georgia	DNP-INJ	10-20-1-103-0
at Tennessee	DNP-INJ	12-29-1-192-0
vs. Austin Peay	DNP-INJ	5-9-0-101-2
at Louisville	DNP-INJ	16-27-1-338-3

GAME-BY-GAME PUNTING

(No-Yds-Avg-LG-In20)	McKinniss
vs. Southern Miss	4-147-36.8-45-2
at Florida	5-217-43.4-53-1
vs. New Mexico State	3-125-41.7-48-0
vs. South Carolina	5-204-40.8-53-0
at Alabama	6-268-44.7-61-0
vs. Vanderbilt	5-181-36.2-44-2
vs. Mississippi State	3-103-34.3-37-1
at Missouri	5-179-35.8-41-0
vs. Georgia	7-280-40.0-59-1
at Tennessee	5-208-41.6-47-1
vs. Austin Peay	3-116-38.7-47-0
vs. Louisville	4-143-35.8-44-1

GAME-BY-GAME FIELD GOALS

FG Made (Miss)	MacGinnis
vs. Southern Miss	-
at Florida	(34)
vs. New Mexico State	-
vs. South Carolina	30
at Alabama	45, 30
vs. Vanderbilt	46, 28
vs. Mississippi State	(28) 46, 32, 32, 51
at Missouri	(47)
vs. Georgia	25
at Tennessee	37, 25, 33
vs. Austin Peay	-
vs. Louisville	35, 47

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

Game	Allen	Bell	Bonner	Carter	Dubose	Elam	Miggins	Middleton	Pringle	Ware
vs. Southern Miss	9-1-1	4-0-0	0-0-0	DNP	DNP	4-0-0	3-2-0	2-0-0	DNP	4-2-1
at Florida	4-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0	2-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	2-0-0	4-0-0	5-1-0	4-0-0
vs. New Mexico St.	2-1-1	7-0-0	0-0-0	2-0-0	3-0-0	0-0-0	5-0-0	2-0.5-0	3-0-0	4-0.5-0
vs. South Carolina	7-1-1	4-0.5-0.5	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0	5-1-0	0-0-0	4-0.5-0.5	5-2-2
at Alabama	4-1-0	DNP	1-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	2-0-0	2-0-0	3-0-0	3-0-0
vs. Vanderbilt	6-1.5-1.5	1-0-0	0-0-0	2-0-0	0-0-0	DNP-INJ	2-0-0	1-0-0	5-0-0	6-2.5-1.5
vs. Miss. State	1-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	2-0-0	3-0.5-0	3-0-0	7-1-0
at Missouri	3-0-1.0	2-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	4-1-0	1-0-0	1-0-0
vs. Georgia	8-0.5-0	0-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	2-0.5-0	1-1.0-0	2-0-0	4-0.5-0
at Tennessee	6-1.0-1.0	0-0-0	2-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	2-0-0	0-0-0	5-0-0	3-0-0	9-2.5-1.0
vs. Austin Peay	3-1.0-0	1-0-0	4-1.0-0	3-0.5-0	0-0-0	3-0-0	3-0-0	2-0-0	3-0-0	7-0-0
at Louisville	2-0.5-0.5	6-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	2-0.5-0.5	6-1.0-0	1-0.5-0.5	7-1-0-0

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

Game	Brown	Ka. Daniel	Firios	Jones	Laster	Love	K. Walker
vs. Southern Miss	1-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	19-2-1-0	0-0-0-0	9-0-0-0	10-0.5-0-0
at Florida	1-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	9-1-0-1	5-1-0-0	6-0-0-0	0-0-0-0
vs. New Mexico St.	2-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	7-0-0-0	2-0-0-0	3-0-0-0	0-0-0-0
vs. South Carolina	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	8-0.5-0-1	3-0-0-0	6-0-0-0	0-0-0-0
at Alabama	7-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	8-1-0-0	4-1-1-0	6-1-1-0	0-0-0-0
vs. Vanderbilt	1-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	5-1-1-0	0-0-0-0	4-0-0-0	1-0-0-1
vs. Miss. State	0-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	11-0-0-0	DNP-INJ	5-0-0-0	1-0-0-0
at Missouri	3-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	4-2-0-1	DNP-INJ	6-0-0-1	DNP-INJ
vs. Georgia	2-0-0-0	2-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	10-2.5-0-1	DNP-INJ	7-0-0-0	DNP-INJ
at Tennessee	4-0-0-0	3-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	DNP-INJ	6-0-0-0	DNP-INJ
vs. Austin Peay	1-0.5-0-0	7-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	8-2.0-1-0-0	DNP-INJ	4-0-0-0	DNP-INJ
at Louisville	0-0-0-0	2-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	10-2.0-1-0-0	DNP-INJ	6-0-0-0	DNP-INJ

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

Game	Baity	Edwards	Griffin	Harmon	McClain	McWilson	Randolph	Westry
vs. Southern Miss	5-0-0	9-0-1	DNP	8-2-1	9-1-1	7-0-0	1-0-0	4-0-0
at Florida	3-1-1	6-1-0	0-0-0	4-0-0	9-0-0	3-0-0	2-0-0	3-0-0
vs. New Mexico St.	1-0-1	12-3-0	1-0-0	3-0-0	1-0-1	4-0-0	5-0-0	3-2-0
vs. South Carolina	5-2-0	4-1-0	0-0-0	2-0-0	3-0-0	2-0-0	1-0-0	3-0-0
at Alabama	2-0-0	12-2-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	3-0-0	6-0-0	0-0-0	2-0-0
vs. Vanderbilt	7-0-0	8-0-0	0-0-0	3-0-0	0-0-0	3-0-0	1-0-0	5-0-0
vs. Miss. State	4-1-0	3-0-0	0-0-0	4-0-0	4-0-0	8-0-1	1-0-0	7-0-0
at Missouri	3-0-0	6-0-0	0-0-0	3-0-0	8-0-0	3-0-0	3-0-0	2-0-0
vs. Georgia	3-1-0	13-0-0	0-0-0	5-0-0	7-0-0	5-0-0	0-0-0	2-0-0
at Tennessee	3-0-1	12-0-0	0-0-0	2-0-0	5-0-0	2-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0
vs. Austin Peay	1-1-0	2-0-1	4-0-0	1-0-0	7-0-0	7-0-0	0-0-0	4-1-1
at Louisville	0-0-0	6-0-2	1-0-0	3-0-0	6-0-1	9-0-0	DNP-INJ	6-0-0





2016 GAME-BY-GAME STARTERS

OFFENSIVE STARTERS

	TE/WR	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	WR	WR/RB	RB	WR	QB
Southern Miss	Conrad	Mosier	Haynes	Toth	Meyers	Meadows	Badet	G. Johnson	Kemp	Richardson	Barker
Florida	Timmons	Mosier	Haynes	Toth	Meyers	Meadows	Badet	G. Johnson	Williams	Richardson	Barker
New Mexico State	Timmons	Young	Haynes	Toth	Meyers	Meadows	Badet	G. Johnson	Williams	Baker	Barker
South Carolina	Conrad	Young	Haynes	Toth	Meyers	Meadows	Badet	G. Johnson	Williams	Richardson	S. Johnson
Alabama	Conrad	Young	Haynes	Toth	Stallings	Meadows	Badet	G. Johnson	Williams	Richardson	S. Johnson
Vanderbilt	Conrad	Mosier	Haynes	Toth	Stallings	Meadows	Badet	G. Johnson	Williams	Richardson	S. Johnson
Mississippi State	Conrad	Mosier	Haynes	Toth	Stallings	Meadows	Badet	G. Johnson	Williams	Baker	S. Johnson
Missouri	Conrad	Mosier	Haynes	Toth	Stallings	Meadows	Badet	G. Johnson	Williams	Baker	S. Johnson
Georgia	Conrad	Mosier	Haynes	Toth	Stallings	Meadows	Badet	Snell	Williams	Baker	S. Johnson
Tennessee	Conrad	Mosier	Haynes	Toth	Stallings	Meadows	Badet	Timmons	Williams	Baker	S. Johnson
Austin Peay	Conrad	Mosier	Haynes	Toth	Meyers	Meadows	Badet	Timmons	Kemp	Baker	Wright
Louisville	Conrad	Mosier	Haynes	Toth	Stallings	Meadows	Badet	G. Johnson	Williams	Baker	S. Johnson

DEFENSIVE STARTERS

	DE	DE	NG	SLB/FS	DT	LB/NCKL	WLB	MLB	SS	CB	CB
Southern Miss	Ware	Miggins	Elam	K. Walker	Bell	McClain	Jones	Love	Edwards	Baity	Westry
Florida	Ware	Miggins	Elam	Allen	Middleton	McClain	Jones	Love	Edwards	Baity	Westry
New Mexico State	Ware	Miggins	Bell	K. Walker	Middleton	McClain	Jones	Love	Edwards	Baity	Westry
South Carolina	Ware	Miggins	Elam	Allen	Middleton	McClain	Jones	Love	Edwards	Baity	Westry
Alabama	Ware	Miggins	Elam	Allen	Middleton	McWilson	Jones	Love	Edwards	Baity	Westry
Vanderbilt	Ware	Miggins	Pringle	Allen	Middleton	McClain	Jones	Love	Edwards	Baity	Westry
Mississippi State	Ware	Miggins	Elam	Allen	Middleton	McClain	Jones	Love	Edwards	Baity	Westry
Missouri	Ware	Miggins	Pringle	Allen	Middleton	McClain	Jones	Love	Edwards	Baity	Westry
Georgia	Ware	Miggins	Pringle	Allen	Middleton	McClain	Jones	Love	Edwards	Baity	Westry
Tennessee	Ware	Miggins	Pringle	Allen	Middleton	McClain	Jones	Love	Edwards	Baity	Westry
Austin Peay	Ware	Miggins	Pringle	McWilson	Middleton	McClain	Jones	Love	Edwards	Baity	Westry
Louisville	Ware	Miggins	Bell	McWilson	Middleton	McClain	Jones	Love	Edwards	Baity	Westry





2016 SCORING DRIVE ANALYSIS

GAME-BY-GAME SCORING DRIVES

Game	Plays/Yards	Time (Poss.)	Qtr./Clock	Res.	Scoring Play
USM	2/75	0:40	1/6:09	TD	Badet 72 yd pass from Barker
USM	2/58	0:33	1/4:03	TD	Johnson 43 yd pass from Barker
USM	7/65	2:04	1/0:25	TD	Ross 9 yd pass from Barker
USM	2/49	0:24	2/6:55	TD	Johnson 53 yd pass from Barker
USM	5/64	1:42	2/0:56	TD	Kemp 7 yd rush
UF	9/65	4:45	4/4:27	TD	Kemp 2 yd rush
NMSU	1/63	0:13	1/11:10	TD	Williams 63 yd rush
NMSU	2/77	0:33	1/8:21	TD	Conrad 72 yd pass from S. Johnson
NMSU	6/39	3:18	2/12:08	TD	Conrad 9 yd pass from S. Johnson
NMSU	3/75	1:16	2/8:17	TD	Snell 5 yd rush
NMSU	9/88	3:34	2/0:58	TD	Snell 1 yd rush
NMSU	8/71	2:46	3/10:10	TD	Conrad 17 yd pass from S. Johnson
NMSU	7/62	2:29	3/6:46	TD	Snell 2 yd rush
NMSU	11/75	6:01	4/13:07	TD	Snell 4 yd rush
SC	12/60	5:58	2/14:15	FG	MacGinnis 30 yd field goal
SC	5/75	2:15	3/12:45	TD	Williams 43 yd rush
SC	11/65	4:58	4/10:21	TD	Snell 1 yd rush
BAMA	8/36	2:57	1/8:52	FG	MacGinnis 45 yd field goal
BAMA	16/63	9:42	4/5:09	FG	MacGinnis 30 yd field goal
VU	9/75	3:01	1/11:59	TD	Kemp 4 yd rush
VU	13/47	5:16	2/13:33	TD	Johnson 3 yd rush
VU	15/52	6:23	2/0:30	FG	MacGinnis 46 yd FG
VU	13/56	6:20	4/1:38	FG	MacGinnis 28 yd FG
MSU	8/30	4:14	2/10:36	FG	MacGinnis 46 yd FG
MSU	9/61	1:40	2/0:20	FG	MacGinnis 32 yd FG
MSU	3/75	1:08	3/13:52	TD	Badet 44 yd pass from S. Johnson
MSU	6/57	3:02	3/6:26	TD	Snell 34 yd rush
MSU	4/75	2:02	3/2:53	TD	Badet 40 yd pass from S. Johnson
MSU	0/0	0:00	4/14:51	TD	McWilson 45 yd INT return
MSU	6/61	2:41	4/6:52	FG	MacGinnis 32 yd FG
MSU	7/46	1:02	4/0:00	FG	MacGinnis 51 yd FG
MIZ	4/80	1:07	1/8:41	TD	Williams 60 yd rush
MIZ	5/80	2:00	2/12:53	TD	Badet 60 yd pass from S. Johnson
MIZ	8/73	3:07	2/8:40	TD	Snell 1 yd TD rush
MIZ	12/80	6:21	3/5:17	TD	Williams 13 yd pass from S. Johnson
MIZ	7/80	3:41	4/14:54	TD	Snell 18 yd rush
UGA	5/67	2:06	1/0:51	TD	Snell 3 yd rush
UGA	3/38	1:15	2/9:48	TD	Williams 13 yd rush
UGA	5/56	1:48	3/9:15	TD	Snell 1 yd rush
UGA	14/68	6:25	4/2:47	FG	MacGinnis 25 yd FG
UT	2/85	0:43	1/13:09	TD	Williams 10 yd rush
UT	9/42	3:22	1/3:31	FG	MacGinnis 37 yd FG
UT	13/72	6:59	2/9:27	FG	MacGinnis 25 yd FG
UT	8/60	2:55	3/12:05	FG	MacGinnis 33 yd FG
UT	2/88	0:34	4/12:30	TD	Kemp 71 yd rush
UT	6/75	3:14	4/3:58	TD	King 24 yd rush
UT	8/53	2:17	4/1:41	TD	S. Johnson 2 yd rush
AP	7-37	3:34	2/6:51	TD	Snell 30 yd rush
AP	3/51	1:24	2/3:37	TD	Conrad 14 yd pass from S. Johnson
AP	5/56	1:05	2/0:59	TD	G. Johnson 40 yd pass from S. Johnson
AP	3/38	1:10	3/13:42	TD	Williams 25 yd rush
AP	1/48	0:10	3/10:25	TD	Snell 38 yd rush
AP	1/40	0:09	3/6:30	TD	Kemp 40 yd rush
AP	13/72	6:44	4/12:51	TD	Kemp 7 yd rush
LOU	1/75	0:18	1/12:39	TD	G. Johnson 75 yd pass from S. Johnson
LOU	7/86	2:47	1/4:04	TD	Williams 36 yd rush
LOU	2/76	0:56	2/2:13	TD	G. Johnson 63 yd pass from S. Johnson
LOU	9/75	4:02	3/10:58	TD	Snell 18 yd rush
LOU	13/60	6:36	3/2:43	FG	MacGinnis 35 yd FG
LOU	7/60	3:10	4/14:19	TD	Baker 35 yd pass from S. Johnson
LOU	7/60	1:33	4/0:12	FG	MacGinnis 47 yd FG

GAME-BY-GAME TD DRIVES

Yds	TD	Drive	Poss. Time	TDs	Plays	TDs
1-9	17	-	00:00-00:59	12	1	4
10-19	5	-	01:00-01:59	9	2	7
20-29	2	-	02:00-02:59	8	3	5
30-39	2	4	03:00-03:59	10	4	2
40-49	7	4	04:00-04:59	3	5	5
50-59	1	6	05:00-05:59	1	6	3
60-69	4	8	06:00-06:59	4	7	8
70-79	6	15	07:00-07:59	-	8	3
80-89	1	8	08:00-08:59	-	9	4
90-99	-	-	09:00-09:59	-	10	-
Total	45	45	10:00-10:59	-	11	2
			11:00-11:59	-	12	1
			12:00-12:59	-	13	5
			13:00-13:59	-	14	-
			14:00-14:59	-	15	-
			15:00 - +	-	16	-

GAME OPENING DRIVES

Game	KENTUCKY		OPPONENT	
	Res/Pts	Yds	Res/Pts	Yds
Southern Miss	Punt/0	2	TD/7	49
Florida	Punt/0	-1	MFG/0	47
New Mexico State	INT/0	2	TD/7	46
South Carolina	Fumble/0	12	Punt/0	2
Alabama	FG/3	36	Downs/0	35
Vanderbilt	TD/7	75	Punt/0	23
Mississippi State	MFG/0	57	Punt/0	1
Missouri	MFG/0	46	Punt/0	21
Georgia	Punt/0	7	TD/7	64
Tennessee	TD/7	85	Punt/0	5
Austin Peay	Punt/0	9	INT/0	71
Louisville	TD/7	75	TD/7	84
Totals/gm	24/2.0	405/33.4	28/2.3	448/37.3

2ND HALF OPENING DRIVES

Game	KENTUCKY		OPPONENT	
	Res/Pts	Yds	Res/Pts	Yds
Southern Miss	Fumble/0	24	TD/7	84
Florida	INT/0	0	TD/7	45
New Mexico State	TD/7	71	Punt/0	7
South Carolina	TD/7	75	Punt/0	10
Alabama	Punt/0	10	TD/7	78
Vanderbilt	Fumble/0	8	Punt/0	17
Mississippi State	TD/7	75	FG/3	56
Missouri	TD/7	80	MFG/0	69
Georgia	Punt/0	-8	Fumble/0	8
Tennessee	FG/3	60	TD/7	92
Austin Peay	TD/7	38	Downs/0	23
Louisville	TD/7	75	TD/7	75
Totals/gm	45/3.8	508/42.3	38/3.2	564/47.0

DRIVE ANALYSIS

Game	Total Drive	TD	FG	MFG	P	TO	4DN
USM	15	5	0	0	5	3	0-1
Florida	12	1	0	1	5	4	0-0
New Mexico State	15	8	0	0	3	3	0-0
South Carolina	12	2	1	0	5	2	1-1
Alabama	10	0	2	0	6	2	1-1
Vanderbilt	12	2	2	0	5	2	3-3
Mississippi State	13	3	4	1	3	2	1-1
Missouri	14	5	0	1	5	2	1-2
Georgia	14	3	1	0	7	2	0-0
Tennessee	15	4	3	0	6	2	0-0
Austin Peay	11	7	0	0	3	1	2-2
Louisville	14	5	2	0	4	2	1-1
Totals	157	45	15	3	57	27	10-12



MISCELLANEOUS STATS

TURNOVERS

Opponent	FORCED BY KENTUCKY					FORCED BY OPPONENT			
	Fum	Int	Tot	Margin	UK Pts Off	Fum	Int	Tot	Opp Pts Off
Southern Miss	0	3	3	0	14	2	1	3	10
Florida	0	1	1	-3	0	1	3	4	28
New Mexico State	0	2	2	-1	7	1	2	3	14
South Carolina	0	0	0	-2	0	1	1	2	0
Alabama	1	0	1	-1	0	2	0	2	10
Vanderbilt	1	0	1	-1	7	1	1	2	7
Mississippi State	0	1	1	-1	7	2	0	2	14
Missouri	0	0	0	-2	0	1	1	2	0
Georgia	3	0	3	+1	7	1	1	2	3
Tennessee	2	1	3	+1	7	1	1	2	7
Austin Peay	0	2	2	+1	7	0	1	1	6
Louisville	1	3	4	+2	7	1	1	2	7
TOTALS	8	13	21	-6	63	14	13	27	106

KENTUCKY BIG PLAYS

Opponent	RUSHING					PASSING				SPECIAL TEAMS	
	15+	20+	30+	40+	50+	20+	30+	40+	50+	Block	Return for TD
Southern Miss	2	1	1	0	0	6	6	4	3	0	0
Florida	1	1	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	0
New Mexico State	7	3	1	1	1	3	2	2	2	0	1
South Carolina	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Alabama	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vanderbilt	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mississippi State	6	5	2	0	0	6	3	2	0	0	0
Missouri	7	5	2	1	1	3	3	1	1	0	0
Georgia	2	2	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Tennessee	8	7	3	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
Austin Peay	5	4	3	2	0	2	2	2	0	0	0
Louisville	6	1	1	0	0	6	3	2	2	0	0
TOTALS	50	31	16	8	4	33	20	14	8	0	1

OPPONENT BIG PLAYS

Opponent	RUSHING					PASSING				SPECIAL TEAMS	
	15+	20+	30+	40+	50+	20+	30+	40+	50+	Block	Return for TD
Southern Miss	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	1	1	1	0
Florida	3	1	1	0	0	4	1	1	1	0	0
New Mexico State	1	0	0	0	0	5	3	1	1	0	0
South Carolina	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0
Alabama	1	1	0	0	0	4	2	2	0	0	0
Vanderbilt	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Mississippi State	5	2	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Missouri	3	2	0	0	0	2	1	1	1	0	0
Georgia	1	0	0	0	0	4	2	1	1	0	0
Tennessee	9	7	4	2	0	4	2	2	1	0	0
Austin Peay	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Louisville	7	4	2	1	1	5	1	1	0	0	0
TOTALS	35	18	9	4	0	35	17	10	6	1	0

DRIVE CHART STATISTICS

Opponent	No.	Avg Plays	Avg Yds	Avg Time	For TD	Avg Plays	Avg Yds	Avg Time
Southern Miss	15	3.3	27.2	1:17.8	5	3.6	62.2	1:04.6
Florida	12	4.0	12.4	1:52.8	1	9.0	65.0	4:45
New Mexico St.	15	5.0	46.1	2:16.8	8	5.8	68.7	2:31.2
South Carolina	12	5.7	29.2	2:40.0	2	8.0	70.0	3:36.5
Alabama	10	5.8	16.1	3:01.3	0	0.0	0.0	0:00.0
Vanderbilt	12	6.3	25.5	1:43.6	2	11.0	61.0	4:08.5
Miss. State	13	5.9	42.6	2:31.7	3	4.3	69.0	2:04.0
Missouri	14	5.9	41.5	2:49.7	5	7.2	78.6	3:15.2
Georgia	14	4.3	22.0	1:51.5	3	4.3	53.6	1:43.0
Tennessee	15	5.6	42.3	2:21.4	4	4.5	75.2	1:42.0
Austin Peay	11	4.4	37.2	2:01.4	7	4.7	48.8	2:02.2
Louisville	14	5.3	42.7	2:19.2	5	5.2	74.4	1:57.9
TOTALS	35	18	9	4	10	6	1	0



EXPLOSIVE PLAYS

RUNS 10+

Badet, 25 yards
(1 rush for 25 yards, 25.0 avg.)

Barker, 14 yards
(1 rush for 14 yards, 14.0 avg.)

S. Johnson, 10 yards

S. Johnson, 11 yards

S. Johnson, 10 yards

S. Johnson, 16 yards

S. Johnson, 20 yards

S. Johnson, 12 yards

S. Johnson, 75 yards

S. Johnson, 11 yards

S. Johnson, 16 yards

S. Johnson, 14 yards

S. Johnson, 14 yards

S. Johnson, 19 yards

S. Johnson, 16 yards

S. Johnson, 16 yards

S. Johnson, 15 yards
(15 rush for 275 yards, 18.3 avg.)

Kemp, 16 yards

Kemp, 16 yards

Kemp, 15 yards

Kemp, 10 yards

Kemp, 71 yards*

Kemp, 40 yards*

Kemp, 14 yards
(7 rush for 182 yards, 26.0 avg., 2 TD)

King, 13 yards

King, 24 yards

King, 24 yards*

(3 rushes, 61 yards, 20.3 avg. 1 TD)

Snell, 18 yards

Snell, 17 yards

Snell, 14 yards

Snell, 14 yards

Snell, 15 yards

Snell, 18 yards

Snell, 14 yards

Snell, 12 yards

Snell, 17 yards

Snell, 12 yards

Snell, 12 yards

Snell, 12 yards

Snell, 27 yards

Snell, 34 yards*

Snell, 10 yards

Snell, 23 yards

Snell, 32 yards

Snell, 19 yards

Snell, 18 yards*

Snell, 26 yards

Snell, 14 yards

Snell, 27 yards

Snell, 20 yards

Snell, 30 yards*

Snell, 48 yards*

Snell, 18 yards

Snell, 18 yards*

Snell, 12 yards
(28 rush for 551 yards, 19.7 avg., 5 TD)

Timmons, 11 yards
(1 rush, 11 yards, 11.0 avg.)

Williams, 16 yards

Williams, 36 yards

Williams, 25 yards

Williams, 10 yards

Williams, 63 yards*

Williams, 16 yards

Williams, 11 yards

Williams, 13 yards

Williams 23 yards

Williams, 20 yards

Williams, 13 yards

Williams, 11 yards

Williams, 43 yards*

Williams, 11 yards

Williams, 14 yards

Williams, 10 yards

Williams, 31 yards

Williams, 35 yards

Williams, 23 yards

Williams, 12 yards

Williams, 60 yards*

Williams, 20 yards

Williams, 28 yards

Williams, 30 yards

Williams, 13 yards

Williams, 10 yards*

Williams, 11 yards

Williams, 14 yards

Williams, 39 yards

Williams, 17 yards

Williams, 25 yards*

Williams, 36 yards*
(32 rush for 739 yards, 23.1 avg., 6 TD)

Total: 88 runs for 1,858 yards, 21.1 avg.

RECEIVING 20+

Baker, 31 yards

Baker, 24 yards

Baker, 35 yards*
(3 rec. for 90 yards, 30.0 avg.)

Badet, 72 yards*

Badet, 45 yards

Badet 54 yards

Badet, 28 yards

Badet, 44 yards*

Badet, 40 yards*

Badet, 31 yards

Badet, 65 yards*

Badet, 22 yards

Badet, 42 yards

Badet, 29 yards
(11 rec. for 472 yards, 42.9 avg., 4 TD)

Bone, 20 yards

Bone, 37 yards
(2 rec., 57 yards, 28.5 avg.)

Conrad, 72 yards*

Conrad, 26 yards

Conrad, 22 yards
(3 rec. for 120 yards, 40.0 avg, 1 TD)

Johnson, 43 yards*

Johnson, 53 yards*

Johnson, 32 yards

Johnson, 21 yards

Johnson, 40 yards*

Johnson, 75 yards*

Johnson, 63 yards*
(7 rec. for 327 yards, 46.7 avg., 5 TD)

Richardson, 41 yards

Richardson, 33 yards
(2 rec. for 74 yards, 37.0 avg.)

Snell, 28 yards
(1 rec. for 28 yards, 28.0 avg.)

Timmons, 21 yards

Timmons, 32 yards

Timmons, 24 yards

Timmons, 28 yards
(4 rec. for 105 yards, 26.3 avg.)

Total: 33 catches for 1,273 yards, 38.6 avg.

KICK RETURNS 30+

Kemp, 32 yards
(1 return for 32 yards, 32.0 avg.)

Badet, 31 yards

Badet, 39 yards
(2 returns for 70 yards, 35.0 avg.)

Total: 3 returns for 102 yards, 34.0 avg.

PUNT RETURNS 20+

Walker, 65 yards*

Walker, 23 yards
(2 returns, 88 yards, 44.0 avg., 1 TD)

Total: 2 returns for 88 yards, 44.0 avg.

DEFENSIVE RETURNS 20+

McClain, 20 yards

McWilson, 45 yards*

Edwards, 46 yards

Total: 3 returns for 111 yards, 37.0 avg.

Total: 129 plays for 3,432 yards, 26.6 avg.

** denotes a touchdown scoring play*

OPPONENT BIG PLAYS

Total:

Run (10+)	81 for 1,430 yds
Receiving (20+)	38 for 1,233 yds
Kick Returns (30+)	2 for 95 yds
Punt Returns (20+)	1 for 63 yds
Defensive Returns (20+)	4 for 183 yds

TOTAL: 126 for 2,928 yards (23.2 avg.)

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	5	4
60-69	5	5
50-59	2	1
40-49	12	8
30-39	18	3
20-29	30	2
TOTAL	72	23

20+ Plays By Type	No.	TD
Rushing	32	10
Passing	33	11
Punt returns	2	1
Kick returns	2	0
Interceptions	3	1
Fumble returns	0	0
TOTAL	72	23





ALL-SEC HONORS



ASSOCIATED PRESS ALL-SEC FIRST TEAM
COACHES' ALL-SEC SECOND TEAM
ATHLON SPORTS ALL-SEC SECOND TEAM
PHIL STEELE ALL-AMERICAN FOURTH TEAM
PHIL STEELE ALL-SEC FIRST TEAM

- Anchors the offensive line for a record-breaking rushing attack
- Was on the watch list for the Rimington Trophy as the nation's best center
- Leads team with 69 knockdown blocks
- Had a season-high 10 knockdown blocks when UK amassed 581 yards total offense in 41-38 upset at Louisville
- Had nine knockdowns when UK rolled up 443 rushing yards at Tennessee, most in history for the Wildcats against an SEC opponent
- As a team, UK is averaging 5.5 yards per rushing attempt, on track to be a school record
- UK is averaging 241.2 rushing yards per game, best mark in 40 years
- Has allowed only one-half quarterback sack this season and has 195 blocks at the point of attack
- Blocks for two players who have rushed for more than 1,000 yards this season, Boom Williams and Benny Snell
- Williams is averaging 7.1 yards per carry, on track to be a school record
- Snell has broken UK freshman records for most rushing yards, most total touchdowns, most rushing touchdowns and most 100-yard games
- Has accepted invitation to the Senior Bowl
- SEC Offensive Lineman of the Week for win over Vanderbilt
- Mechanical engineering student with a 3.28 GPA



ASSOCIATED PRESS ALL-SEC SECOND TEAM
COACHES' ALL-SEC SECOND TEAM
PHIL STEELE ALL-SEC SECOND TEAM

- Leads the SEC and is tied for 11th nationally with 70 solo tackles
- Second in the SEC in total tackles with 100
- Sixth in the SEC with 14 tackles for loss, including a career high 2.5 vs. Georgia
- Has added four quarterback sacks, four pass

- breakups, caused one fumble
- Has a team-high nine quarterback hurries, including three at Alabama
- Career-high 19 tackles against Southern Mississippi



ASSOCIATED PRESS ALL-SEC SECOND TEAM
PHIL STEELE ALL-SEC THIRD TEAM TEAM
ATHLON SPORTS THIRD TEAM

- Leads all SEC defensive backs in tackles with 93
- Two interceptions of Heisman Trophy frontrunner Lamar Jackson of Louisville; SEC Co-Defensive Player of the Week following UK's win at Louisville
- Three total interceptions for the season and seventh in the league in total passes defended
- Career-high 13 tackles vs. Georgia
- Had 12 tackles each vs. Alabama, Tennessee and New Mexico State
- 4.5 tackles for loss



COACHES' ALL-SEC FRESHMAN TEAM
ATHLON SPORTS FRESHMAN ALL-SEC
ESPN TRUE FRESHMAN ALL-AMERICAN
247 SPORTS TRUE FRESHMAN ALL-AMERICAN
PROFOOTBALLFOCUS.COM ALL-SEC SECOND TEAM

- Ranks as the No. 1 freshman running back in the nation by Pro Football Focus
- Has 1,057 rushing yards, a UK freshman record
- Has 13 rushing touchdowns, a UK freshman record, and tied for second-most in school history
- Tied for third in the SEC and 25th nationally in rushing TDs (13)
- Leading freshman scorer in the SEC with 78 points
- Has five 100-yard games, a UK freshman record
- Ranks eighth in the SEC in rushing yards per game with 88.1
- Averaging 5.9 yards per carry, which ranks eighth overall in the SEC
- Ran for 192 yards in win at Missouri – a UK freshman record – and two touchdowns
- Two-time SEC Freshman of the Week after turning in 100-yard performances in wins over Mississippi State and Missouri
- Played a key role in clock-eating fourth-quarter

- drives that helped preserve narrow wins over South Carolina and Vanderbilt; also scored the game-winning TD vs. South Carolina
- Tied the school record for touchdowns in a game with four TDs vs. New Mexico State



COACHES' ALL-SEC FRESHMAN TEAM

- Part of an offensive line that is paving the way for a record-breaking rushing attack
- As a team, UK is averaging 5.5 yards per rushing attempt, on track to be a school record
- UK is averaging 241.2 rushing yards per game, best mark in 40 years
- Blocking for Boom Williams and Benny Snell, UK is the only team in the SEC with two 1,000-yard rushers
- Williams is on track for a school record with 7.1 yards per carry
- Snell has broken or tied six school records this season
- Has 37 knockdown blocks and has only one missed assignment all season
- Has allowed only one quarterback pressure all season
- Had a season-high eight knockdowns when UK rolled up 443 rushing yards at Tennessee, most in history for the Wildcats against an SEC opponent



PHIL STEELE ALL-SEC THIRD TEAM

- Has rushed for 1,135 yards and seven touchdowns
- Ninth in the nation with 7.1 yards per carry, could break his own school record of 7.1 yards per carry set last season
- Owns Kentucky career record with 7.0 yards per carry
- Has another school record with seven career touchdown runs of 50+ yards
- Although only a junior, he already ranks seventh in school history with 2,476 rushing yards
- Rushed a career-high tying 18 times for a career-high 182 yards in UK's win at Missouri





MARCUS McWILSON
SENIOR SAFETY



COACHES & STAFF
KENTUCKY WILDCATS



HEAD COACH MARK STOOPS / FOURTH SEASON / IOWA, 1989

Knowing that obstacles are a certainty both in football and in life, Mark Stoops frequently drills his players with the mantra “don’t flinch.” The Kentucky head football coach certainly lived up to that creed in 2016.

After having lost the first two games of the schedule, *and* seeing his starting quarterback out for the season with an injury, *and* seeing his defense struggle in the early stages, Stoops didn’t retreat. The Wildcat coach chose determination over despair and went back to work.

Stoops re-tooled the offense with backup quarterback Stephen Johnson, going to a more physical, ground-based attack. With a history of success as a defensive coordinator, Stoops returned to his roots by becoming more involved with the planning and play-calling on that side of the ball.

The results? Kentucky became a record-setting rushing team – generating a pair of 1,000-yard rushers in the same season for the first time in school history – while mixing in numerous big-play passes from Johnson, who competes with a don’t-flinch



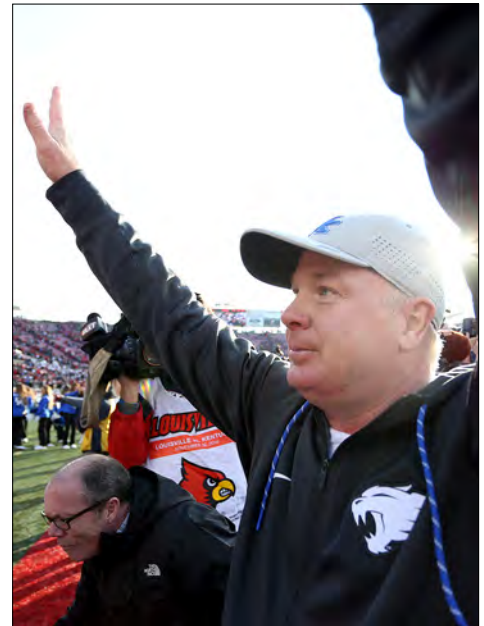
mindset that mirrors his coach. The young defense, which features seven sophomores in the starting lineup, began reducing points allowed and often provided key stops in crucial moments of UK victories.

Topped by a win at No. 11-ranked Louisville, the Wildcats went 7-3 in the last 10 games and now make their inaugural appearance in the TaxSlayer Bowl. It is Kentucky’s first postseason game since 2010 and the first time in 56 years that a UK team began the season 0-2 before rebounding to a winning record. Kentucky tied for second place in the Southeastern Conference Eastern Division, the team’s highest finish since the league split into divisions in 1992. Stoops was recognized for his team’s accomplishments by being named SEC Coach of the Year runner-up by Athlon Sports.

The current campaign is the result of a rebuilding process began by Stoops when he took over Kentucky football for the 2013 season. Energetic recruiting has produced UK’s four highest-rated classes in the history of recruiting evaluator Rivals.com. Stoops also raised funds and helped design two major facility projects, the re-imagining of Commonwealth Stadium in 2015 and the Joe Craft Football Training Center in 2016, with a combined cost of \$170 million.

The steady growth of the program saw Stoops’ team win five games in 2014, more than the previous two seasons combined. The squad also won five games last year, including a victory at South Carolina that was UK’s first SEC road win since 2009, and a win over Missouri, UK’s first triumph against a ranked opponent since 2010.

Stoops came to Kentucky from Florida State, where he was defensive coordinator from 2010-12. He inherited a unit a unit ranked 108th in the nation in total defense and turned it into one of the nation’s best. In



the 2012 season, the Seminoles were second in the nation in total defense, allowing 254.1 yards per game, and sixth nationally in scoring defense at 14.7 points per game. Playing well against the run and the pass, FSU was third in the country in rushing defense and led the nation in pass defense. FSU led the ACC in seven defensive categories. Stoops also coached the defensive backs under head coach Jimbo Fisher.

Eight Seminoles on defense earned 2012 All-ACC honors, including four first-team selections, highlighted by one of the nation’s top defensive end duos in Bjoern Werner and Cornelius Carradine, who combined for 24 sacks and 31 tackles for loss. Werner was a finalist for the 2012 Bronko Nagurski Award as the National Defensive Player of the Year and was among the national leaders in sacks with 13. Stoops also coached cornerback Ronald Darby to ACC Defensive Rookie of the Year.

The Seminoles’ prowess was a continuation of the 2011 season, when Stoops’ defenders led the nation in fewest yards allowed per carry (2.3), ranked fourth in the nation in total defense (275 yards per game), second in rushing defense (82.7 ypg), fourth in scoring defense (15.1 points per game), and eighth in tackles for loss (8.6 per game) and quarterback sacks (3.1 per game). FSU led the ACC in eight defensive categories.

Stoops overhauled the Florida State defense in 2010, his first season as defensive coordinator. The Seminoles gave up 19.6 points per game, third-best in the ACC and 20th nationally. FSU ranked 42nd nationally in total defense that season; in contrast, the team was 108th nationally in total defense and 94th in scoring



STOOPS AND CO. MAKING A HIT IN RECRUITING

In just four seasons at the helm of the Kentucky football program, head coach Mark Stoops and his staff have been making noise on the recruiting trail. Kentucky's four classes under Stoops have ranked in the top 50 by all four major recruiting services. Below is a look at UK's recruiting success under Stoops and Co.

Outlet	2013	2014	2015	2016
Rivals	#29	#17	#35	#29
ESPN	#36	#20	#43	#34
247Sports	#41	#23	#38	#34
Scout.com	#38	#21	#45	#39

defense in 2009, the year before Stoops' arrival. FSU improved its overall defense by more than 80 yards per game, primarily by limiting opponents to 75 fewer rushing yards per game. The Seminoles ranked third in the nation in quarterback sacks and were 21st in tackles for loss. In the secondary, Stoops coached Xavier Rhodes to ACC Defensive Rookie of the Year honors and National Defensive Freshman of the Year accolades.

During Stoops' three seasons, FSU went 10-4, 9-4 and 12-2, including wins over South Carolina in the 2010 Chick-fil-A Bowl, Notre Dame in the 2011 Champs Sports Bowl and Northern Illinois in the 2013 Orange Bowl.

Stoops was defensive coordinator and DBs coach at Arizona from 2004-09, working for his brother, Mike, who was head coach of the Wildcats. During Mark's time there, Arizona's records improved steadily, going 3-8, 3-8, 6-6, 5-7, 8-5 and 8-5. The Wildcats advanced to the Las Vegas Bowl and Holiday Bowl during the last two years. Mark and Mike are also brothers of Oklahoma head coach Bob Stoops. Mike is currently the defensive coordinator on Bob's staff at Oklahoma. The eldest Stoops brother, Ron Jr., is special teams coordinator at Youngstown State.

Stoops inherited an Arizona unit that was 109th in the nation in total defense and 107th in scoring defense in 2003, the year before he arrived. By the end of his term at Arizona, the Wildcats ranked in the nation's top 25 in total defense his final two seasons and ranked as high as 33rd in scoring defense.

Prior to Arizona, Stoops coached the defensive backs three years at Miami (Fla.). The 2001 national champion Hurricanes led the nation in pass efficiency defense, scoring defense and turnover margin. That team also established a school record with 27 interceptions and 45 total takeaways.

Stoops' 2002 secondary led the nation in pass defense and pass efficiency defense. Despite having to replace all four starters in the defensive backfield, the 2003 team led the nation in pass defense. In his three seasons,

Miami went 35-3, including the 12-0 Rose Bowl title campaign, plus appearances in the Fiesta and Orange bowls. Ten Miami defensive backs who played at least one season under Stoops were eventually selected in the National Football League draft – seven in the first round.

Stoops got his first experience in leading a defense as co-defensive coordinator at Houston in the 2000 season. He coached the secondary at Wyoming from 1997-99 and the Cowboys notched three straight winning seasons. A highlight of his time there was a school-record 24 interceptions in the '97 season. His first full-time coaching job was in 1996 at South Florida, helping USF in the start-up of its program before the Bulls had their first kickoff in '97.

Stoops has recruited and developed numerous outstanding defensive backs, many of whom went on to National Football League careers. Among the notables are Antoine Cason and Michael Johnson at Arizona, Miami's Philip Buchanon, Kelly Jennings, Brandon Meriweather, Ed Reed, Antrel Rolle, Mike Rumph and Sean Taylor and Wyoming's Brian Lee.

STOOPS VS. ALL OPPONENTS

Opponent	Record
Alabama	0-2
Alabama State	1-0
Auburn	0-1
Austin Peay	1-0
Charlotte	1-0
Eastern Kentucky	1-0
Florida	0-4
Georgia	0-4
Louisiana-Lafayette	1-0
Louisiana-Monroe	1-0
Louisville	1-3
LSU	0-1
Miami (Ohio)	1-0
Mississippi State	1-3
Missouri	2-2
New Mexico State	1-0
Ohio	1-0
South Carolina	3-1
Southern Miss	0-1
Tennessee	0-4
Tennessee-Martin	1-0
Vanderbilt	2-2
Western Kentucky	0-1
Totals:	19-29

Stoops was raised in Youngstown, Ohio. As did brothers Bob and Mike, Mark played in the secondary at the University of Iowa for Hall of Fame coach Hayden Fry. He participated in four bowl games as a player. Fry hired Stoops as a graduate assistant coach at Iowa in the 1990 and '91 seasons. The Hawkeyes won the 1990 Big Ten title and played in the Rose Bowl, duplicating feats Stoops also achieved as a player. Stoops went on to coach four years in high school before entering the collegiate ranks.

Stoops and his wife, Chantel, have two sons, Will and Zack.





ACHIEVING THE ULTIMATE DREAM

COACH STOOPS HAS DEVELOPED

11 NFL 1ST ROUND PICKS

SINCE 2001

bud DUPREE



 kelly JENNINGS 2001 31st overall	 antrel ROLLE 2002 8th overall	 phillip BUCHANON 2002 17th overall	 ed REED 2002 24th overall	 mike RUMPH 2002 27th overall	 sean TAYLOR 2004 5th overall
 brandon MERIWEATHER 2007 24th overall	 antoine CASON 2008 27th overall	 bjoern WERNER 2013 24th overall	 xavier RHODES 2013 25th overall	 bud DUPREE 2015 27th overall	

THE MARK STOOPS COACHING FILE

Year	School	Position	W-L	Bowl
1990	Iowa	Graduate Assistant	8-4	Rose
1991	Iowa	Graduate Assistant	10-1-1	Holiday
1992-95	Nordonia HS	Defensive Backs		
1996	South Florida	Defensive Backs	0-0	
1997	Wyoming	Defensive Backs	7-6	
1998	Wyoming	Defensive Backs	8-3	
1999	Wyoming	Defensive Backs	7-4	
2000	Houston	Co-Defensive Coord., Safeties	3-8	
2001	Miami (Fla.)	Defensive Backs	12-0	Rose
2002	Miami (Fla.)	Defensive Backs	12-1	Fiesta
2003	Miami (Fla.)	Defensive Backs	11-2	Orange
2004	Arizona	Defensive Coordinator, DBs	3-8	
2005	Arizona	Defensive Coordinator, DBs	3-8	
2006	Arizona	Defensive Coordinator, DBs	6-6	
2007	Arizona	Defensive Coordinator, DBs	5-7	
2008	Arizona	Defensive Coordinator, DBs	8-5	Las Vegas
2009	Arizona	Defensive Coordinator, DBs	8-5	Holiday
2010	Florida State	Defensive Coordinator, DBs	10-4	Chick-fil-A
2011	Florida State	Defensive Coordinator, DBs	9-4	Champs Sports
2012	Florida State	Defensive Coordinator, DBs	12-2	Orange
2013	Kentucky	Head Coach	2-10	
2014	Kentucky	Head Coach	5-7	
2015	Kentucky	Head Coach	5-7	
2016	Kentucky	Head Coach	7-5	TaxSlayer

STOOPS' IMPROVEMENTS AS DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR

* indicates the season before Stoops arrived

ARIZONA - NATIONAL RANKINGS

	Total Defense	Scoring Defense	Rush Defense	Pass Defense	Pass Efficiency Def.
2003*	109	107	84	112	112
2004	61	55	30	101	83
2005	86	64	93	72	66
2006	49	35	42	69	62
2007	53	59	47	71	33
2008	24	33	39	23	14
2009	25	53	29	33	37

FLORIDA STATE - NATIONAL RANKINGS

	Total Defense	Scoring Defense	Rush Defense	Pass Defense	Pass Efficiency Def.
2009*	108	94	108	77	110
2010	42	20	29	71	37
2011	4	4	2	20	25
2012	2	7	4	6	4





ASSISTANT COACHES



JIMMY BRUMBAUGH
DEFENSIVE LINE

Brumbaugh had to rebuild the Kentucky defensive line this season. First-year starters Courtney Miggins (DE), Adrian Middleton (DT) and Naquez Pringle (NG) combined for 94 tackles and 11.5 tackles for loss. Middleton was named SEC Defensive Lineman of the Week after win over Missouri.

2004	Jacksonville State	Student Assistant / Defensive Line
2005	Tennessee-Chattanooga	Defensive Line
2006-07	LSU	Assistant Strength and Conditioning Coordinator
2008-09	Louisiana Tech	Defensive Line
2010	Syracuse	Defensive Line
2011	Syracuse	Defensive Tackles
2012	East Mississippi CC	Defensive Line, Strength and Conditioning Coordinator
2013-present	Kentucky	Defensive Line



STEVE CLINKSCALE
DEFENSIVE BACKS

Clinkscale's defensive backs combined to intercept 13 passes this season, with six of the DBs intercepting at least one pass. Safety Mike Edwards paced the unit with 93 tackles, three pickoffs and eight pass breakups while earning second-team All-SEC. Edwards was named SEC Co-Defensive Player of the Week after UK's win at Louisville.

2001-06	Ashland	Defensive Backs
2007	Ashland	Linebackers
2008	Western Carolina	Defensive Backs
2009	Toledo	Cornerbacks
2010-11	Toledo	Special Teams Coordinator, Cornerbacks
2012	Illinois	Cornerbacks
2013-14	Cincinnati	Defensive Backs
2015	Cincinnati	Co-Defensive Coordinator, Defensive Backs
2016-present	Kentucky	Defensive Backs



D.J. ELIOT
**DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR/
OUTSIDE LINEBACKERS**

Eliot's young defensive unit, featuring seven sophomore starters, improved as the season progressed and made crucial stops at key points of several Wildcat wins. OLBs Denzil Ware and Josh Allen combined for 20.5 tackles for loss and 12.5 quarterback sacks.

1999	Wyoming	Graduate Assistant
2000-01	Houston	Graduate Assistant
2002	Miami (Fla.)	Graduate Assistant
2003	Texas State	Defensive Backs
2004-05	Texas State	Linebackers
2006	Tulsa	Linebackers
2007-09	Rice	Recruiting Coordinator, Defensive Line
2010-12	Florida State	Defensive Ends
2013-14	Kentucky	Defensive Coordinator, Linebackers
2015	Kentucky	Defensive Coordinator, Inside Linebackers
2016-present	Kentucky	Defensive Coordinator, Outside Linebackers



EDDIE GRAN

**ASSISTANT HEAD COACH FOR
OFFENSE/RUNNING BACKS**

Gran's running backs combined for more than 2,500 rushing yards, with Stanley "Boom" Williams and Benny Snell Jr. becoming the first two players in school history to rush for 1,000 yards in the same season. Snell earned Freshman All-America and was twice named SEC Freshman of the Week.



1987-88	California Lutheran	Wide Receivers
1989	Southeast Missouri	Running Backs
1989	East Carolina	Graduate Assistant
1990-91	Miami (Fla.)	Graduate Assistant
1992-93	Cincinnati	Wide Receivers
1994	Idaho State	Wide Receivers
1995-98	Ole Miss	Special Teams Coordinator, Running Backs
1999-2008	Auburn	Special Teams Coordinator, Running Backs
2009	Tennessee	Special Teams Coordinator, Running Backs
2010-12	Florida State	Associate Head Coach, Offensive Coordinator, Running Backs
2013-15	Cincinnati	Offensive Coordinator, Running Backs
2016-present	Kentucky	Assistant Head Coach for Offense, Running Backs



MATT HOUSE

**SPECIAL TEAMS COORDINATOR/
INSIDE LINEBACKERS**

House had to develop a pair of first-time starters with linebackers Courtney Love and Jordan Jones. Love guided the defense from middle LB while Jones totaled 100 tackles and was second-team All-SEC. Special teams turned in a solid performance and at times were outstanding.

2001-02	Michigan State	Graduate Assistant, Secondary
2003-04	North Carolina	Defensive Assistant
2005	Gardner-Webb	Defensive Line
2006-07	Buffalo	Defensive Backs, Recruiting Coordinator
2008	Carolina Panthers	Special Teams Assistant, Strength and Conditioning Assistant
2009-11	St. Louis Rams	Quality Control, Def. Assistant Linebackers
2012	Pittsburgh	Secondary
2013-14	Pittsburgh	Defensive Coordinator
2015	Florida International	Defensive Coordinator, Linebackers
2016-present	Kentucky	Special Teams Coord, Inside Linebackers





DARIN HINSHAW

CO-OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR/ QUARTERBACKS

Hinshaw did a masterful job of bringing along Stephen Johnson after starting QB Drew Barker was lost for the season because of injury. Johnson developed into a steady performer and was voted National Quarterback of the Week after UK's upset at No. 11 Louisville.

1999	Central Florida	Graduate Assistant
2000	Central Florida	Quarterbacks
2001-02	Middle Tennessee	Running Backs
2003-05	Middle Tennessee	Co-Offensive Coordinator
2006	Georgia Southern	Offensive Coordinator, Quarterbacks
2007-09	Memphis	Wide Receivers
2010-11	Tennessee	Quarterbacks
2012	Tennessee	Wide Receivers
2013-15	Cincinnati	Passing Game Coordinator, Quarterbacks
2016-present	Kentucky	Co-Offensive Coordinator, Quarterbacks



JOHN SCHLARMAN

OFFENSIVE LINE

Schlarmann played nine linemen on a regular basis and his unit was a semifinalist for the Joe Moore Award as the National Offensive Line of the Year. Center Jon Toth was named first-team All-Southeastern Conference and guard Logan Stenberg was a Freshman All-SEC choice.

1998-99	Bourbon County HS	Defensive Line
2000-01	Kentucky	Graduate Assistant / Offensive Line
2002	Kentucky	Graduate Assistant / Tight Ends, Offensive Line
2003-04	Campbell County HS	Head Coach
2005-06	Newport HS	Head Coach
2007-09	Troy	Offensive Line
2010-12	Troy	Offensive Line, Running Game Coordinator
2013-present	Kentucky	Offensive Line



VINCE MARROW

TIGHT ENDS/ RECRUITING COORDINATOR

Marrow's tight end tandem of C.J. Conrad and Greg Hart provided reliable receiving and solid blocking this season. Conrad was named National Tight End of the Week after catching five passes for 133 yards and three touchdowns in the win over New Mexico State.

2005-06	Berlin (NFL Europe)	Tackles, Tight Ends
2006-07	Rhein (NFL Europe)	Tackles, Tight Ends
2008	Toledo	Tight Ends
2009	Holland HS	Head Coach
2010	Omaha (United Football League)	Tight Ends
2011-12	Nebraska	Graduate Assistant / Tight Ends
2013	Kentucky	Tight Ends
2014-present	Kentucky	Tight Ends, Recruiting Coordinator



LAMAR THOMAS

WIDE RECEIVERS

In his first season on the staff, Thomas developed UK's pass catchers as big-play receivers and, in an unheralded role, as blockers in UK's emerging ground game. UK's 14.9 yards per reception is the team's highest in 38 years. Jeff Badet ranks fourth in the nation with 22.8 yards per catch.

2008-10	Boynton Beach HS	Passing Game Coordinator
2011-12	Hampton	Wide Receivers
2013	Western Kentucky	Wide Receivers
2014-15	Louisville	Wide Receivers
2016-present	Kentucky	Wide Receivers





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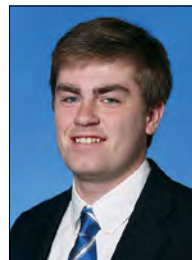
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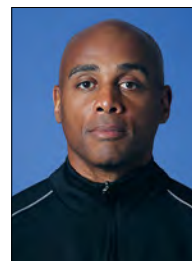
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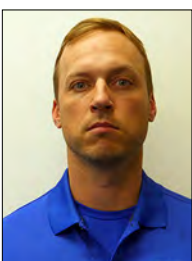
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Executive Associate
Director of Athletics



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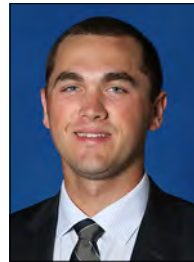
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Head Coach



RAVEN
TIMMONS
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Assistant



LUKE
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MOE
WILLIAMS
Student Assistant/
Offense

J.D. HARMON
SENIOR CORNERBACK



2016 WILDCATS
K E N T U C K Y W I L D C A T S



NUMERICAL ROSTER

- 1 Ryan Timmons, WR, Frankfort, Ky.
2 Dorian Baker, WR, Cleveland Heights, Ohio
3* Jordan Griffin, DB, Jonesboro, Ga.
3* Jojo Kemp, RB, DeLand, Fla.
5 Kendall Randolph, CB, Tallahassee, Fla.
6 Blake Bone, WR, Woodruff, S.C.
7 Drew Barker, QB, Burlington, Ky.
8* Bryan Berezowitz, WR, Lexington, Ky.
8* Kobie Walker, LB, Baltimore, Md.
9* Garrett Johnson, WR, Winter Garden, Fla.
9* Davonte Robinson, CB, Lexington, Ky.
10 Asim "A.J." Rose, RB, Cleveland, Ohio
11 J.D. Harmon, CB, Paducah, Ky.
12 Gunnar Hoak, QB, Dublin, Ohio
13 Jeff Badet, WR, Orlando, Fla.
14 Luke Wright, QB, Atlanta, Ga.
15* Stephen Johnson, QB, Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.
15* Marcus McWilson, S, Youngstown, Ohio
16* Davis Mattingly, QB, Louisville, Ky.
16* Marcus Walker, S, Lake Wales, Fla.
17* Tobias Gilliam, DB, Dayton, Ohio
17* Alexander Montgomery, WR, Weston, Fla.
18 "Boom" Williams, RB, Monroe, Ga.
19 Kayaune Ross, WR, West Chester, Ohio
20* Kengera Daniel, DE, Raleigh, N.C.
20* Ryan Kendall, WR, Charlotte, N.C.
21 Chris Westry, CB, Orange Park, Fla.
22* Sihiem King, RB, Colquitt, Ga.
22* Casius Smith, DB, Lexington, Ky.
23 Brayden Berezowitz, WR, Lexington, Ky.
24* Zach Johnson, RB, Cincinnati, Ohio
24* Blake McClain, CB, Winter Park, Fla.
25* Harold Turks, RB, Nashville, Tenn.
25* Darius West, S, Lima, Ohio
26* Jack Jackson, DB, Lexington, Ky.
26* Benny Snell Jr., RB, Westerville, Ohio
27 Mike Edwards, S, Cincinnati, Ohio
28 Kei Beckham, CB, Trotwood, Ohio
29 Derrick Baity, CB, Tampa, Fla.
30* Isaiah Brown, CB, Martinez, Ga.
30* Marvin Robinson, WR, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.
31* David Bouvier, WR, Lexington, Ky.
31* Jamar "Boogie" Watson, LB, Forestville, Md.
32* Eli Brown, LB, Bowling Green, Ky.
32* William Mahone, RB, Cincinnati, Ohio
33 Roland Walder, LB, Dayton, Ohio
34 Jordan Jones, LB, Youngstown, Ohio
35 Denzil Ware, DE/LB, Opp, Ala.
36* Jacob Hyde, NG/FB, Manchester, Ky.
36* Jake Sauder, TE, Pittsburgh, Penn.
37 Spencer Foy, LB, Louisville, Ky.
38 Alex Brownell, LB, Union, Ky.
39 Elijah Barnett, LB, Lexington, Ky.
40 Nico Firios, LB, Longwood, Fla.
41 Josh Allen, LB, Montclair, N.J.
42* Kynan Smith, WR, Taylorsville, Ky.
42* Tristan Yeomans, LS, Waycross, Ga.
43 Logan Blue, LB/LS, Owensboro, Ky.
44 De'Niro Laster, LB, Cleveland Heights, Ohio
45 Jaylin Bannerman, LB, Pickerington, Ohio

ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

- 41 Josh Allen LB 6-5 230 So-1L Montclair, N.J. (Montclair)
64 George Asafo-Adjei OT 6-5 315 So-1L West Chester, Ohio (Lakota West)
13 Jeff Badet WR 6-0 180 Jr-2L Orlando, Fla. (Freedom)
29 Derrick Baity CB 6-3 182 So-1L Tampa, Fla. (H.B. Plant)
2 Dorian Baker WR 6-3 208 Jr-2L Cleveland Heights, Ohio (Cleveland Heights)
45 Jaylin Bannerman LB 6-5 220 Fr-HS Pickerington, Ohio (Pickerington Central)
7 Drew Barker QB 6-3 225 So-1L Burlington, Ky. (Conner)
9 Elijah Barnett LB 6-3 230 Fr-RS Lexington, Ky. (Henry Clay)
55 David Baumer OG 6-5 309 So-Sq Cincinnati, Ohio (LaSalle)
28 Kei Beckham CB 5-11 175 Fr-RS Trotwood, Ohio (Trotwood-Madison)
92 Alvonte Bell DE 6-5 260 Jr-JC Miramar, Fla. (Everglades/Pearl River CC)
23 Brayden Berezowitz WR 5-9 158 Fr-HS Lexington, Ky. (Henry Clay)
8* Bryan Berezowitz WR 5-9 165 Fr-HS Lexington, Ky. (Henry Clay)
53 Blake Best LS 6-1 246 Fr-RS Duluth, Ga. (Peachtree Ridge)
43 Logan Blue LB/LS 6-4 240 So-Sq Owensboro, Ky. (Owensboro)
6 Blake Bone WR 6-5 213 Jr-2L Woodruff, S.C. (Woodruff)
47 Jordan Bonner LB 6-5 220 So-JC Lyndhurst, Ohio (Brush/NE Oklahoma A&M)
31* David Bouvier WR 5-9 171 So-Sq Lexington, Ky. (Lexington Catholic)
32* Eli Brown LB 6-2 215 Fr-RS Bowling Green, Ky. (Warren East)
30* Isaiah Brown CB 6-0 180 FR-RS Martinez, Ga. (Augusta Christian)
38 Alex Brownell LB 6-2 215 Fr-RS Union, Ky. (Ryle)
95 Miles Butler K 5-9 171 So-1L Paducah, Ky. (Tilghman)
90 T.J. Carter DE 6-4 275 Fr-HS Mableton, Ga. (Whitefield Academy)
48* Will Thomas Collins FB 5-11 241 Sr-1L Jackson, Ky. (Breathitt County/Pikeville)
87 C.J. Conrad TE 6-5 245 So-1L LaGrange, Ohio (Keystone)
93* Ja'Quize Cross DL 6-3 312 Fr-HS New Market, Ala. (Buckhorn)
56 Kash Daniel LB 6-1 241 Fr-HS Paintsville, Ky. (Paintsville)
20* Kengera Daniel DE 6-5 260 So-1L Raleigh, N.C. (Millbrook)
98 Tymere Dubose DT 6-5 320 So-1L Youngstown, Ohio (Youngstown Christian)
27 Mike Edwards S 6-0 200 So-1L Cincinnati, Ohio (Winton Woods)
69* Matt Elam NG 6-7 360 Jr-2L Elizabethtown, Ky. (John Hardin)
49 Tanner Fink TE/FB 6-2 251 Sr-Sq Louisville, Ky. (North Oldham)
40 Nico Firios LB 6-2 242 So-Sq Longwood, Fla. (Lyman)
79 Luke Fortner OT 6-6 305 Fr-HS Sylvania, Ohio (Sylvania Northview)
37 Spencer Foy LB 6-4 226 So-Tr Louisville, Ky. (St. Xavier/Louisville)
17* Tobias Gilliam DB 5-11 193 Fr-HS Dayton, Ohio (Wayne)
62 Dylan Greenberg RG 6-2 302 Jr-Sq Tucson, Ariz. (Salpointe Catholic/Youngstown State)
82 Jabari Greenwood WR 6-3 195 Fr-RS Washington, D.C. (Gonzaga)
3* Jordan Griffin DB 6-0 177 Fr-HS Jonesboro, Ga. (Jonesboro)
11 J.D. Harmon CB 6-2 200 Sr-3L Paducah, Ky. (Tilghman)
85 Greg Hart TE 6-5 245 Jr-Tr Dayton, Ohio (Archbishop Alter/Nebraska)
68 Nick Haynes OG 6-3 316 Jr-2L Niceville, Fla. (Niceville)
12 Gunnar Hoak QB 6-4 200 Fr-HS Dublin, Ohio (Dublin Coffman)
81 Dakota Holtzclaw WR 6-7 216 Fr-HS Columbus, Ohio (Worthington Kilbourne)
89 Zy'Aire Hughes ATH 6-1 190 Fr-HS Paducah, Ky. (McCracken County)
36* Jacob Hyde NG/FB 6-2 320 Jr-Sq Manchester, Ky. (Clay County)
52 Drake Jackson C 6-2 302 Fr-HS Versailles, Ky. (Woodford County)
26* Jack Jackson DB 5-11 165 Fr-HS Lexington, Ky. (Henry Clay)
9* Garrett Johnson WR 5-11 175 Jr-2L Winter Garden, Fla. (West Orange)
15* Stephen Johnson QB 6-2 183 Jr-JC Rancho Cucamonga, Calif. (Los Osos/Grambling College of the Desert)
24* Zach Johnson RB 5-10 193 Fr-HS Cincinnati, Ohio (Colerain)
34 Jordan Jones LB 6-2 220 So-1L Youngstown, Ohio (Cardinal Mooney)
3* Jojo Kemp RB 5-10 200 Sr-3L DeLand, Fla. (DeLand)
20* Ryan Kendall WR 5-10 193 So-Sq Charlotte, N.C. (Cuthbertson)
22* Sihiem King RB 5-9 172 So-1L Colquitt, Ga. (Colquitt County)
97 Kevin Kirby DL 6-6 270 Fr-HS Louisville, Ky. (Waggener)
93* Bryan Kirshe P 6-0 150 So-Sq Sarasota, Fla. (Out of Door Academy)
44 De'Niro Laster LB 6-4 241 Jr-Tr Cleveland Heights, Ohio (Cleveland Heights/Minnesota)
75 Tate Leavitt OT 6-6 310 Jr-JC Thornville, Ohio (Sheridan/Hutchinson CC)
59 Kordell Looney DT 6-3 285 Fr-HS Springfield, Ohio (Springfield)
51 Courtney Love LB 6-2 242 Jr-Tr Youngstown, Ohio (Cardinal Mooney/Nebraska)
99* Austin MacGinnis K 5-10 180 Jr-2L Wedowee, Ala. (Prattville)
32* William Mahone RB 5-9 200 Jr-Sq Cincinnati, Ohio (Lakota East)
16* Davis Mattingly QB 6-4 217 Fr-RS Louisville, Ky. (Male)
24* Blake McClain CB 5-11 200 Sr-3L Winter Park, Fla. (Winter Park)
86 Grant McKinniss P 6-1 210 Fr-HS Findlay, Ohio (Findlay)
15* Marcus McWilson S 6-0 210 Sr-3L Youngstown, Ohio (Cardinal Mooney)



NUMERICAL ROSTER

- 46 Drew Schlegel, LB, Parker, Colo.
- 47 Jordan Bonner, LB, Lyndhurst, Ohio
- 48* Will Thomas Collins, FB, Jackson, Ky.
- 48* Brett Slusher, DB, Fort Mitchell, Ky.
- 49 Tanner Fink, TE/FB, Louisville, Ky.
- 51 Courtney Love, LB, Youngstown, Ohio
- 52 Drake Jackson, C, Versailles, Ky.
- 53 Blake Best, LS, Duluth, Ga.
- 54 Colton Piatt, LS, Nashville, Tenn.
- 55 David Baumer, OG, Cincinnati, Ohio
- 56 Kash Daniel, LB, Paintsville, Ky.
- 57 Zach Myers, C, Miamisburg, Ohio
- 59 Kordell Looney, DT, Springfield, Ohio
- 60 Calvin Taylor Jr., DE, Augusta, Ga.
- 61 Tristen Salyer, OT, Oil Springs, Ky.
- 62 Dylan Greenberg, RG, Tucson, Ariz.
- 63 Wells Purdom, OL, Paducah, Ky.
- 64 George Asafo-Adjei, OT, West Chester, Ohio
- 65 Jervontius Stallings, C, McComb, Miss.
- 67 Landon Young, OL, Lexington, Ky.
- 68 Nick Haynes, OG, Niceville, Fla.
- 69* Matt Elam, NG, Elizabethtown, Ky.
- 69* Ramsey Meyers, OG, Orange Park, Fla.
- 71 Logan Stenberg, OG, Madison, Ala.
- 72 Jon Toth, C, Indianapolis, Ind.
- 73 Kyle Meadows, OT, West Chester, Ohio
- 74 Cole Mosier, OG, Walton, Ky.
- 75 Tate Leavitt, OT, Thornville, Ohio
- 77* Naquez Pringle, DT, Georgetown, S.C.
- 77* Mason Wolfe, OT, Henderson, Ky.
- 78 Zane Williams, DT, Lexington, Ky.
- 79 Luke Fortner, OT, Sylvania, Ohio
- 80 Tavin Richardson, WR, Greer, S.C. (Byrnes)
- 81 Dakota Holtzclaw, WR, Columbus, Ohio
- 82 Jabari Greenwood, WR, Washington, D.C.
- 83 Justin Rigg, TE, Springboro, Ohio
- 84 Charles Moushey, WR, Westerville, Ohio
- 85 Greg Hart, TE, Dayton, Ohio
- 86 Grant McKinniss, P, Findlay, Ohio
- 87 C.J. Conrad, TE, LaGrange, Ohio
- 88 Charles Walker, WR, Louisville, Ky.
- 89 Zy'Aire Hughes, ATH, Paducah, Ky.
- 90 T.J. Carter, DE, Mableton, Ga.
- 91 Tyler Pack, K, Paintsville, Ky.
- 92 Alvonte Bell, DE, Miramar, Fla.
- 93* Ja'Quize Cross, DL, New Market, Ala.
- 93* Bryan Kirshe, P, Sarasota, Fla.
- 94 Courtney Miggins, DT, Lithonia, Ga.
- 95 Miles Butler, K, Paducah, Ky.
- 97 Kevin Kirby, DL, Louisville, Ky.
- 98 Tymere Dubose, DT, Youngstown, Ohio
- 99* Austin MacGinnis, K, Wedowee, Ala.
- 99* Adrian Middleton, DT, Bowling Green, Ky.

ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

- 73 Kyle Meadows OT 6-5 300 Jr-2L West Chester, Ohio (Lakota West)
- 69* Ramsey Meyers OG 6-4 305 Jr-2L Orange Park, Fla. (Ridgeview)
- 99* Adrian Middleton DT 6-3 303 So-1L Bowling Green, Ky. (South Warren)
- 94 Courtney Miggins DT 6-5 285 Sr-1L Lithonia, Ga. (Miller Grove/Pearl River CC)
- 17* Alexander Montgomery WR 6-2 210 Jr-2L Weston, Fla. (Cypress Bay)
- 74 Cole Mosier OG 6-6 335 Jr-2L Walton, Ky. (Walton-Verona)
- 84 Charles Moushey WR 6-0 180 Jr-Sq Westerville, Ohio (Westerville Central)
- 57 Zach Myers C 6-3 305 Sr-2L Miamisburg, Ohio (Miamisburg)
- 91 Tyler Pack K 6-4 220 Fr-HS Paintsville, Ky. (Johnson Central)
- 54 Colton Piatt LS 6-3 221 Fr-HS Nashville, Tenn. (Lipscomb Academy)
- 77* Naquez Pringle DT 6-3 320 Jr-JC Georgetown, S.C. (Carvers Bay/Itawamba CC)
- 63 Wells Purdom OL 6-2 294 Fr-HS Paducah, Ky. (McCracken County)
- 5 Kendall Randolph CB 6-0 182 Jr-2L Tallahassee, Fla. (Lincoln)
- 80 Tavin Richardson WR 6-3 216 Fr-RS Greer, S.C. (Byrnes)
- 83 Justin Rigg TE 6-6 251 Fr-HS Springboro, Ohio (Springboro)
- 9* Davonte Robinson CB 6-2 187 Fr-HS Lexington, Ky. (Henry Clay)
- 30* Marvin Robinson WR 6-4 175 Fr-HS Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (Stranahan)
- 10 Asim "A.J." Rose RB 6-1 200 Fr-HS Cleveland, Ohio (Garfield Heights)
- 19 Kayaune Ross WR 6-6 225 So-JC West Chester, Ohio (Lakota West/Phoenix College)
- 61 Tristen Salyer OT 6-5 306 Fr-RS Oil Springs, Ky. (Johnson Central)
- 36* Jake Sauder TE 6-3 240 Fr-HS Pittsburgh, Penn. (North Catholic)
- 46 Drew Schlegel LB 5-11 202 Fr-HS Parker, Colo. (Regis Jesuit)
- 48* Brett Slusher DB 6-2 195 Fr-HS Fort Mitchell, Ky. (Beechwood)
- 26* Benny Snell Jr. RB 5-11 220 Fr-HS Westerville, Ohio (Westerville Central)
- 22* Casius Smith DB 5-10 165Fr-HS Lexington, Ky. (Henry Clay)
- 42* Kynan Smith WR 6-2 188 Fr-RS Taylorsville, Ky. (Spencer County)
- 65 Jervontius Stallings C 6-3 318 So-Sq McComb, Miss. (Spain Park)
- 71 Logan Stenberg OG 6-6 318 Fr-RS Madison, Ala. (James Clemens)
- 60 Calvin Taylor Jr. DE 6-9 295 Fr-RS Augusta, Ga. (Augusta Christian)
- 1 Ryan Timmons WR 5-10 198 Sr-3L Frankfort, Ky. (Franklin County)
- 72 Jon Toth C 6-5 310 Sr-3L Indianapolis, Ind. (Brebeuf Jesuit)
- 25* Harold Turks RB 5-10 175 Fr-HS Nashville, Tenn. (Montgomery Bell Academy)
- 33 Roland Walder LB 6-3 215 Fr-HS Dayton, Ohio (Trotwood-Madison)
- 88 Charles Walker WR 5-11 203 Jr-2L Louisville, Ky. (St. Xavier)
- 8* Kobie Walker LB 6-3 215 So-Sq Baltimore, Md. (Our Lady of Good Counsel)
- 16* Marcus Walker S 6-1 202 Fr-RS Lake Wales, Fla. (Lake Wales)
- 35 Denzil Ware DE/LB 6-2 255 So-1L Opp, Ala. (Senior)
- 31* Jamar "Boogie" Watson LB 6-3 234 Fr-HS Forestville, Md. (Bishop McNamara)
- 25* Darius West S 6-0 210 So-1L Lima, Ohio (Central Catholic)
- 21 Chris Westry CB 6-4 195 So-1L Orange Park, Fla. (Oakleaf)
- 18 Stanley "Boom" Williams RB 5-9 196 Jr-2L Monroe, Ga. (George Walton Academy)
- 78 Zane Williams DT 6-4 290 Sr-Sq Lexington, Ky. (Dunbar)
- 77* Mason Wolfe OT 6-6 305 Fr-RS Henderson, Ky. (Henderson County)
- 14 Luke Wright QB 6-4 206 So-Tr Atlanta, Ga. (Holy Innocents' Episcopal/Cincinnati)
- 42* Tristan Yeomans LS 6-2 190 So-JC Waycross, Ga. (Ware County/New Mexico Military Institute)
- 67 Landon Young OL 6-7 305 Fr-HS Lexington, Ky. (Lafayette)

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

- George Asafo-Adjei: ah-SAH-fo ad-JAY
- Jeff Badet: bah-DETT
- Derrick Baity: same as "bately"
- Kei Beckham: same as "key"
- Bryan and Brayden Berezowitz: BREZ-o-wits
- Alvonte Bell: al-VON-tay
- David Bouvier: Boo-vee-ay (long "a" sound)
- Kengera Daniel: ken-JAIR-uh
- Tymere Dubose: du-BOSE
- Nico Firios: NEE-ko FEER-ee-ose
- Jabari Greenwood: jah-BAR-ee
- Zy'Aire Hughes: ZY-air

- Sihiem King: sah-HEEM
- Bryan Kirshe: KER-she
- William Mahone: Ma-HONE (no long "e" sound)
- Cole Mosier: MO-zher
- Charles Moushey: Moo-SHAY
- Tavin Richardson: TAY-vin
- Kayaune Ross: KAY-juan
- Jervontius Stallings: jer-VON-tee-us
- Jon Toth: TOETH (long "o" sound)
- Tristan Yeomans: YO-mans
- Denzil Ware: den-ZEL





2016 PLAYER BIOS



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JOSH ALLEN

LINEBACKER

6-5 • 230 • Sophomore-1L Montclair, N.J. (Montclair)

2016 - Sophomore

- Team's seventh-leading tackler with 55
Leads the team and ranks tied for 10th in the SEC in sacks with 7.0
Third on the team in tackles for loss with 8.5 for 49 yards
Has recorded seven or more tackles in three games this season, while he has a tackle for loss in nine of Kentucky's 12 games
Has forced four fumbles this season, leading the SEC in that category
Had eight tackles vs. Georgia, his second-best output of the season
Charted six tackles, including a career-high 1.5 sacks and a quarterback hurry in the win over Vanderbilt
Had seven tackles vs. South Carolina, adding a sack and a tackle for loss
Recorded a career-high nine tackles with one sack and a forced fumble vs. Southern Miss.
Made his first career start at Florida

ALLEN'S CAREER STATISTICS

Table with columns: Year, Pos., G-GS, Tackles, Sacks-Yds., TFL-Yds., Int., FF, QBH. Rows for 2015, 2016, and Totals.

ALLEN'S 2016 GAME-BY-GAME

Table with columns: Opponent, Tackles, Sacks, TFL-Y, FF, PBU, QBH. Rows for various opponents and Totals.

ALLEN'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 9, Southern Miss, Sept 3, 2016 (4-5)
Sacks: 1.5, twice, last Vanderbilt, Oct 8, 2016
Tackles for loss: 1.5, twice, last vs. Vanderbilt, Oct 8, 2016 (1.5-7)
Fumbles forced: 1, four times, last vs. Austin Peay, Nov 19, 2016
Pass breakups: 1, at Georgia, Nov 7, 2015



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JEFF BADET

WIDE RECEIVER

6-0 • 180 • Junior-2L Orlando, Fla. (Freedom)

2016 - Junior

- Started in all 12 games and has been named a team captain in nine games
Leads the team in receiving yards (639) and tied for second with TE C.J. Conrad in receiving TDs (4) ... Second on the team in receptions (28)
Averages a team-high 22.8 yards per reception which ranks fourth nationally
Could break the UK single-season record for yards per reception which is 23.5 set by Larry Seiple (27/635), 1965
Now has 1,354 receiving yards for 15th place on the career yardage list... Needs 63 more to tie Jacob Tamme at No. 14
Has seven catches of 40-plus yards this season
Ranks sixth in the SEC in kick return average with 22.9 yards per game
Caught three passes for 104 yards and one touchdown at Missouri, marking his second-straight game with 100 yards receiving
First Wildcat with a 100-yard game with three or fewer receptions since La'Rod King had 3 for 102 vs. Ole Miss in 2011
Had a 65-yard touchdown play at Missouri, the longest in an SEC road game since an 80-yarder from Dusty Bonner to Quentin McCord at Vanderbilt in 1999
First Wildcat with consecutive 100-yard receiving games since Matt Roark vs. Mississippi State and Ole Miss in 2011
Caught a game-high seven passes for 139 yards and two touchdowns - all of which were season highs - in the win over Mississippi State
His 139 yards receiving were the second most receiving yards in a game against Mississippi State in school history ... The most was Randall Cobb (171 in 2010)
Totaled a career-high 216 all-purpose yards vs. MSU (139 rcv, 77 kr)
Became the 26th player in UK history to reach 1,000 receiving yards in his career with his 44-yard touchdown reception in the second half vs. MSU
Had a 72-yard touchdown grab vs. Southern Miss, his longest career catch
Most people don't know he's Haitian

BADET'S CAREER STATISTICS

Table with columns: Year, G-GS, Rec., Yds., Avg., TD, Long, KR, Yds, Avg, TD, Long. Rows for 2013, 2015, 2016, and Totals.

BADET'S 2016 GAME-BY-GAME

Table with columns: Opponent, Rec., Yds., TD, Long, KR, Yds, Avg, TD, Long. Rows for various opponents and Totals.

BADET'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Receptions: 7, Mississippi State, Oct. 22, 2016
Receiving yards: 139, Mississippi State, Oct. 22, 2016 (7 receptions)
Receiving TDs: 2, Mississippi State, Oct. 22, 2016
Long reception: 72, Southern Miss, Sept 3, 2016
All-purpose yards: 216, Mississippi State, Oct. 22, 2016 (139 rcv, 77 KR)



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DERRICK BAITY

CORNERBACK

6-3 • 182 • Sophomore-1L Tampa, Fla. (H.B. Plant)

2016 - Sophomore

- Started in all 12 games
Tied for the team lead with three interceptions (UF, NMSU and UT)
Second on the team with six PBU's
Had four tackles in the win over Mississippi State, adding a tackle for loss and a pass breakup
Had a career-high seven tackles in the win over Vanderbilt, topping his previous best of five, which he most recently did against South Carolina
Registered his first career INT at Florida
Tied a season-high with five tackles vs. South Carolina, adding two pass breakups and one quarterback hurry
Also had five tackles vs. Southern Miss
Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to be a marriage counselor





BAITY'S CAREER STATISTICS							
Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tackles	TFL-Yds.	Int.	FC	FR PBU
2015	CB	12-4	19	1.0-1	0-0	0	0 2
2016	CB	12-12	37	1.0-2	3-10	0	0 6
Totals		24-16	56	2.0-3	3-10	0	0 8

BAITY'S 2016 GAME-BY-GAME							
Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FC	PBU	Int.	
vs. Southern Miss *	5	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	
at Florida *	3	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	
vs. New Mexico St. *	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	
vs. South Carolina *	5	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	
at Alabama *	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	
vs. Vanderbilt *	7	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	
vs. Miss. State *	4	0-0	1.0-2	0	1	0	
at Missouri *	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	
vs. Georgia *	3	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	
at Tennessee *	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	
vs. Austin Peay *	1	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	
at Louisville *	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	
Totals	37	0-0	1.0-2	0	6	3	

BAITY'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS
Tackles: 7, Vanderbilt, Oct 8, 2016 (4-3)
Tackles for loss: 1.0, twice, last vs. Mississippi State, Oct 22, 2016 (1-2)
Pass breakups: 2, twice, last vs. South Carolina, Sept 24, 2016
Interceptions: 1, three times, last vs. Tennessee, Nov 12



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DORIAN BAKER

WIDE RECEIVER

**6-3 • 208 • Junior-2L
Cleveland Heights, Ohio
(Cleveland Heights)**

2016 - Junior

- Missed three games early dealing with a preseason hamstring injury
- Returned to action vs. Vanderbilt
- Had one catch at Louisville for a 35-yard touchdown, his first scoring grab of the season
- Made his first receptions of the season at Missouri, finishing with four catches for 48 yards
- Started all 12 games last season and led the team in catches (55) and touchdowns (three), collecting 608 yards, including a team season-long 53 yard catch

BAKER'S CAREER STATISTICS							
Year	Pos.	G-GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
2014	WR	10-3	19	199	10.5	1	33
2015	WR	13-13	55	608	11.1	3	53
2016	WR	9-7	12	170	14.2	1	35
Totals		31-23	86	977	11.4	5	53

BAKER'S 2016 GAME-BY-GAME				
Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. Southern Miss			DNP - Injured	
at Florida	0	0	0	0
vs. New Mexico St. *	0	0	0	0
vs. South Carolina			DNP - Injured	
at Alabama			DNP - Injured	
vs. Vanderbilt	0	0	0	0
vs. Miss. State *	0	0	0	0
at Missouri *	4	48	0	31
vs. Georgia *	3	42	0	24
at Tennessee *	3	35	0	16
vs. Austin Peay *	1	10	0	10
at Louisville *	1	35	1	35
Totals	12	170	1	35

BAKER'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS
Receptions: 8, Eastern Kentucky, Oct 03, 2015
Receiving yards: 94, Louisville, Nov 28, 2015 (3 receptions)
Receiving TDs: 2, Eastern Kentucky, Oct 03, 2015
Long reception: 53, Louisville, Nov 28, 2015
All-purpose yards: 94, Louisville, Nov 28, 2015



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DREW BARKER
QUARTERBACK

**6-3 • 225 • Sophomore-1L
Burlington, Ky. (Conner)**

2016 - Sophomore

- Out for the season with a back injury
- Missed most of the New Mexico State game after suffering a back injury after the first offensive series
- Had three touchdown passes in a quarter vs. Southern Miss, becoming the first UK quarterback to achieve the feat since Andre' Woodson had three touchdown passes against Florida Atlantic on Sept. 29, 2007
- First player to have four touchdown passes in a half since Woodson against Florida on Oct. 20, 2007
- Ended the USM game with career highs in several categories: 323 yards passing and four touchdowns
- His 323 passing yards vs. USM were the fifth-most in school history in a season opener
- His four touchdown passes were the most in a season opener since Tim Couch against Louisville, Sept. 5, 1998. Couch had seven touchdown passes that game
- His 323 passing yards are the most for a UK quarterback with 15 completions or less in school history

BARKER'S CAREER STATISTICS							
Year	G-GS	Comp.	Att.	Int.	Pct.	Yds.	TD Long
2015	5-2	35	70	2	50.0	364	1 42
2016	3-3	18	36	5	50.0	334	4 72
Totals	8-5	53	106	7	50.0	698	5 72

BARKER'S 2016 GAME-BY-GAME							
Opponent	Comp.-Att.-Int.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rush	Yards	TD
vs. So. Miss *	15-24-1	323	4	72	7	-5	0
at Florida *	2-10-3	10	0	7	6	-19	0
vs. NM State *	1-2-1	1	0	1	1	1	0
Totals	18-36-5	334	4	72	14	-23	1

BARKER'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS
Pass attempts: 29, Charlotte, Nov 21, 2015
Pass completions: 16, Charlotte, Nov 21, 2015
Pass yards: 323, Southern Miss, Sept 3, 2016
Pass TDs: 4, Southern Miss, Sept 3, 2016
Had intercepted: 3, at Florida, Sept 10, 2016
Long pass: 72, Southern Miss, Sept 3, 2016
Total offense plays: 35, Charlotte, Nov 21, 2015 (6 rush, 29 pass)
Total offense yards: 318, Southern Miss, Sept 3, 2016 (-5 rush, 323 pass)
All-purpose yards: 26, at Vanderbilt, Nov 14, 2015
Rushing Touchdowns: 1, Louisville, Nov 28, 2015
Rush attempts: 12, Louisville, Nov 28, 2015
Rush yards: 26, at Vanderbilt, Nov 14, 2015 (4 carries)
Long rush: 17, at Vanderbilt, Nov 14, 2015



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ALVONTE BELL

DEFENSIVE END

**6-5 • 260 • Junior-JC
Miramar, Fla. (Everglades/
Pearl River Community College)**

2016 - Junior

- Has played in 11 of 12 games with three starts
- Accounted for six tackles and a pass breakup in the win over Louisville
- Totaled a career-high seven tackles vs. NMSU
- Recorded four tackles in his first career start vs. Southern Miss.

BELL'S CAREER STATISTICS							
Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tackles	TFL-Yds.	Sacks-Yds.	FC	QBH PBU
2016	DE	11-3	26	0.5-1	0.5-1	0	1 2
Totals		11-3	20	0.5-1	0.5-1	0	1 2

BELLS' 2016 GAME-BY-GAME							
Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FC	QBH	PBU	
vs. Southern Miss *	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	
at Florida	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	
vs. New Mexico St. *	7	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	
vs. South Carolina	4	0.5-1	0.5-1	0	0	0	
at Alabama							DNP
vs. Vanderbilt	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	
vs. Mississippi State	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	
at Missouri	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	



BELLS' 2016 GAME-BY-GAME

vs. Georgia	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
at Tennessee	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
vs. Austin Peay	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
at Louisville *	6	0-0	0-0	0	0	1
Totals	26	0.5-1	0.5-1	0	1	2



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BLAKE BONE

WIDE RECEIVER

6-5 • 213 • Junior-2L
Woodruff, S.C. (Woodruff)

2016 - Junior

- Has played in 10 games this season with four catches for 71 yards
- Had two catches for 57 yards at Tennessee

BONE'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
2014	WR	12-0	14	194	13.9	2	36
2015	WR	11-1	20	210	10.5	1	40
2016	WR	10-0	4	71	17.8	0	37
Totals		32-1	38	475	12.5	3	40

BONE'S 2016 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. Southern Miss			DNP	
at Florida			DNP	
vs. New Mexico St.	0	0	0	0
vs. South Carolina	0	0	0	0
at. Alabama	1	5	0	5
vs. Vanderbilt	0	0	0	0
vs. Mississippi State	0	0	0	0
at Missouri	1	9	0	9
vs. Georgia	0	0	0	0
at Tennessee	2	57	0	37
vs. Austin Peay	0	0	0	0
at Louisville	0	0	0	0
Totals	4	71	0	37



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ELI BROWN

LINEBACKER

6-2 • 215 • Freshman-RS
Bowling Green, Ky. (Warren East)

2016 - Freshman

- Has seen action in all 12 games this season
- Saw his most extensive action of season at Tennessee with the injury of Jordan Jones, charting four tackles
- At Alabama, registered a career-high seven tackles

BROWN'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tackles	TFL-Yds.	Sacks-Yds.	FR	QBH	PBU
2016	LB	12-0	23	0.5-1	0-0	1	0	0
Totals		12-0	23	0.5-1	0-0	1	0	0

BROWN'S 2016 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FC	QBH	Int.
vs. Southern Miss	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
at Florida	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
vs. New Mexico St.	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
vs. South Carolina	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
at Alabama	7	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt	1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
vs. Mississippi State	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
at Missouri	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
at Tennessee	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
vs. Austin Peay	1	0-0	0.5-1	0	0	0
at Louisville	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Totals	23	0-0	0.5-1	1	0	0



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T.J. CARTER

DEFENSIVE END

6-4 • 275 • Freshman-HS
Mableton, Ga.
(Whitefield Academy)

2016 - Freshman

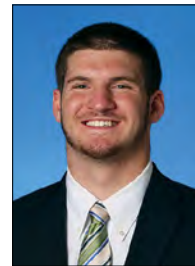
- Has seen action in 10 games this season
- Recorded a career-high three tackles vs. Austin Peay

CARTER'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tackles	TFL-Yds.	Sacks-Yds.	FC	QBH	PBU
2016	DE	10-0	9	0.5-0	0-0	0	0	0
Totals		10-0	9	0.5-0	0-0	0	0	0

CARTER'S 2016 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FC	QBH	Int.
vs. Southern Miss		DNP				
at Florida	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
vs. New Mexico St.	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
vs. South Carolina		DNP				
at Alabama	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
vs. Mississippi State	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
at Missouri	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
at Tennessee	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
vs. Austin Peay	3	0-0	0.5-0	0	0	0
at Louisville	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Totals	9	0-0	0.5-0	0	0	0



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C.J. CONRAD

TIGHT END

6-5 • 245 • Sophomore-1L
LaGrange, Ohio (Keystone)

2016 - Sophomore

- Fourth on the team in receiving with 16 catches for 248 yards and four TDs
- Had a career day vs. New Mexico State, catching five passes for a career-high 133 yards
- Also had a career-long 72-yard receiving TD
- First UK player with three receiving touchdowns in a game since Dicky Lyons, Jr. vs. Florida on Oct. 20, 2007
- First UK tight end with 100 receiving yards in a game since Jacob Tamme vs. Tennessee on Nov. 24, 2007
- His 133 receiving yards are the third-most receiving yards by a tight end in school history and most in a game since James Whalen had 151 vs. Georgia in 1999
- The 133 receiving yards are the 10th-most by a player at Commonwealth Stadium and second-most by a tight end in CWS history
- Named the John Mackey Tight End of the Week after the New Mexico State game
- Named to the John Mackey Award Midseason Award Watch List (nation's top tight end)

CONRAD'S CAREER STATISTICS

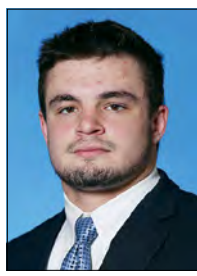
Year	Pos.	G-GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
2015	TE	12-9	15	149	9.9	1	28
2016	TE	12-10	16	248	15.5	4	72
Totals		24-19	31	397	12.8	5	72





CONRAD'S 2016 GAME-BY-GAME					
Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long	
vs. Southern Miss *	1	5	0	5	
at Florida	0	0	0	0	
vs. New Mexico St.	5	133	3	72	
vs. South Carolina *	1	8	0	8	
at Alabama *	2	10	0	8	
vs. Vanderbilt *	3	13	0	7	
vs. Miss. State *	1	26	0	26	
at Missouri *	0	0	0	0	
vs. Georgia *	0	0	0	0	
at Tennessee *	1	22	0	22	
vs. Austin Peay *	1	14	1	14	
at Louisville *	1	17	0	17	
Totals	16	248	4	72	

CONRAD'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS
Touchdowns: 3, New Mexico State, Sept 17, 2016
Receptions: 6, at Mississippi State, Oct 24, 2015
Receiving yards: 133, New Mexico State, Sept 17, 2016 (5 receptions)
Receiving TDs: 3, New Mexico State, Sept 17, 2016
Long reception: 72, New Mexico State, Sept 17, 2016
All-purpose yards: 133, New Mexico State, Sept 17, 2016



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KASH DANIEL
LINEBACKER

6-1 • 241 • Freshman-HS
 Paintsville, Ky. (Paintsville)

- 2016 - Freshman**
- Has seen action in all 12 games, mostly on special teams
 - Recorded a career-high seven tackles vs. Austin Peay
 - Graduated high school a semester early and enrolled at Kentucky in January of 2016

KA. DANIEL'S CAREER STATISTICS								
Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tackles	TFL-Yds.	Sacks-Yds.	FR	QBH	PBU
2016	LB	12-0	19	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Totals		12-0	19	0-0	0-0	0	0	0

KA. DANIEL'S 2016 GAME-BY-GAME							
Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FC	QBH	Int.	
vs. Southern Miss	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	
at Florida	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	
vs. New Mexico St.	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	
vs. South Carolina	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	
at Alabama	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	
vs. Vanderbilt	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	
vs. Mississippi State	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	
at Missouri	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	
vs. Georgia	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	
at Tennessee	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	

vs. Austin Peay	7	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
at Louisville	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Totals	19	0-0	0-0	0	0	0



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KENGERA DANIEL
DEFENSIVE END

6-5 • 260 • Sophomore-1L
 Raleigh, N.C. (Millbrook)

- 2016 - Sophomore**
- Made a crucial tackle in the win over Vanderbilt, stopping Ralph Webb on 4th-and-1 at the UK 37

DANIEL'S CAREER STATISTICS								
Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tackles	Sacks-Yds.	TFL-Yds.	FC	FR	PBU
2015	DT	3-0	1	0-0	0.0-0	0	0	0
2016	DT	7-0	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Totals		10-0	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0

KEN. DANIEL'S 2016 GAME-BY-GAME							
Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FC	QBH	Int.	
vs. Southern Miss						DNP	
at Florida						DNP	
vs. New Mexico St.						DNP	
vs. South Carolina						DNP	
at Alabama	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	
vs. Vanderbilt	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	
vs. Mississippi State	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	
at Missouri	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	
vs. Georgia	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	
at Tennessee	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	
vs. Austin Peay	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	
at Louisville	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	
Totals	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	



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TYMERE DUBOSE
DEFENSIVE TACKLE

6-5 • 320 • Sophomore-1L
 Youngstown, Ohio (Youngstown Christian)

- 2016 - Sophomore**
- Has played in 10 games, with a season-high three tackles vs. New Mexico State

DUBOSE'S CAREER STATISTICS							
Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tackles	Int.-Yds.	PBU	FR	FC
2015	DT	4-0	1	0-0	0	0	0
2016	DT	10-0	5	0-0	0	0	0
Totals		14-0	6	0-0	0	0	0

DUBOSE'S 2016 GAME-BY-GAME							
Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FC	QBH	Int.	
vs. Southern Miss						DNP	
at Florida	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	
vs. New Mexico St.	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	
vs. South Carolina	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	
at Alabama	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	
vs. Vanderbilt	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	
vs. Mississippi State						DNP	
at Missouri	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	
vs. Georgia	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	
at Tennessee	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	
vs. Austin Peay	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	
at Louisville	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	
Totals	5	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	



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MIKE EDWARDS
SAFETY

6-0 • 200 • Sophomore-1L
 Cincinnati, Ohio (Winton Woods)

- 2016 - Sophomore**
- Named second-team AP All-SEC and third-team by Athlon and Phil Steele
 - Leads all SEC defensive backs in tackles with 93
 - Second on the team and tied for fourth in the SEC in tackles per game with 7.8
 - Has at least one interception in two straight games
 - Had two interceptions of Heisman Trophy winner Lamar Jackson in the win over No. 11 Louisville, tying the record for most pickoffs in a Governor's Cup game ... Also tied the record for most Governor's Cup interceptions in a career
 - Named SEC Co-Defensive Player of the Week after his performance vs. Louisville
 - Also had an interception vs. Austin Peay
 - Ranks tied for eighth in the SEC in interceptions with three on the season
 - Among the league leaders in total passes defended with 11 (tied for seventh in SEC)
 - Has 4.5 tackles for loss
 - Has 10 or more tackles in four games this season
 - Had a career-high 13 tackles against Georgia



EDWARDS' CAREER STATISTICS

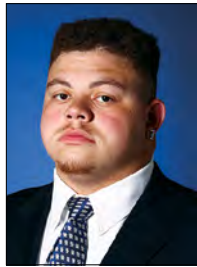
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EDWARDS' 2016 GAME-BY-GAME

Table with columns: Opponent, Tackles, Sacks, TFL-Y, FC, PBU, Int. Rows for various opponents and Totals.

EDWARDS' SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 13, vs Georgia, Nov 5, 2016 (4-9)
Tackles for loss: 1.0, 6x, last vs Mississippi State, Oct 22, 2016 (1)
Fumbles forced: 1, at Vanderbilt, Nov 14, 2015
Pass breakups: 3, New Mexico State, Sept 17, 2016
Touchdowns: 1, Charlotte, Nov 21, 2015
All-purpose yards: 46, Austin Peay, Nov 19, 2016
Interceptions: 2, at Louisville, Nov 26, 2016
Long interception return: 46, Austin Peay, Nov 19, 2016



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MATT ELAM

NOSEGUARD

6-7 • 360 • Junior-2L
 Elizabethtown, Ky. (John Hardin)

2015 - Junior

- Posted a season-high four tackles vs. Southern Miss in the opener
 Did not dress vs. Vanderbilt with injury

ELAM'S CAREER STATISTICS

Table with columns: Year, Pos., G-GS, Tackles, Sacks-Yds., TFL-Yds., FC, FR, PBU. Rows for 2014, 2015, 2016, and Totals.

ELAM'S 2016 GAME-BY-GAME

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Table with columns: Opponent, Tackles, Sacks, TFL-Y, FC, FR, PBU. Rows for at Alabama, vs. Vanderbilt, vs. Miss. State, at Missouri, vs. Georgia, at Tennessee, vs. Austin Peay, at Louisville, and Totals.

ELAMS' SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 6, 2x, last vs. UL Lafayette, Sept 5, 2015
Tackles for loss: .5, Charlotte, Nov 21, 2015
Pass breakups: 1, 2x, last vs. Louisiana-Monroe, Oct 11, 2014



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J.D. HARMON

CORNERBACK

6-2 • 200 • Senior-3L
 Paducah, Ky. (Tilghman)

2016 - Senior

- Has played in 47 career games with three starts
 Recorded five tackles, including one TFL for four yards and recovered a fumble vs. Georgia
 Had two interceptions vs. Southern Miss., giving him a team-high seven career interceptions
 The two-interception game is the second of his career, the first came his freshman season when he had two picks at Missouri in 2012
 First UK player to record two picks in a season opener since Winston Guy vs. WKU on Sept. 1, 2011
 Had eight tackles in the season opener

HARMON'S CAREER STATISTICS

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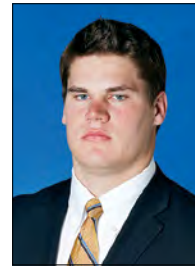
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HARMON'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Interceptions: 2, Southern Miss, Sept 3, 2016
Long interception return: 25, Louisville, Nov 28, 2015
Tackles: 8, Southern Miss, Sept 3, 2016 (3-5)
Tackles for loss: 2.0, UT Martin, Aug 30, 2014 (2-0)
Fumbles forced: 1, 3x, last vs. UL Lafayette, Sept 5, 2015
Fumbles recovered: 1, twice, last vs. Georgia, Nov 5, 2016
Pass breakups: 1, 3x, last vs. Southern Miss, Sept 3, 2016
All-purpose yards: 60, UL Lafayette, Sept 5, 2015
Kick returns: 2, Southern Miss, Sept 3, 2016
Kick return yards: 60, UL Lafayette, Sept 5, 2015 (1 returns)
Long kick return: 60, UL Lafayette, Sept 5, 2015



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GREG HART

TIGHT END

6-5 • 245 • Junior-TR
 Dayton, Ohio (Archbishop Alter/ Nebraska)

2016 - Junior

- Has seen action in 11 games
 Named second-team All-SEC special teams player by ProFootballFocus.com in recognition of his outstanding punt and kickoff coverage
 Missed the Austin Peay game due to injury
 Caught two passes for 16 yards vs. New Mexico State
 Played in nine games, mostly on special teams, as a redshirt freshman at Nebraska in 2014

HART'S CAREER STATISTICS

Table with columns: Year, Pos., G-GS, Rec., Yds., Avg., TD, Long. Rows for 2016 and Totals.

HART'S 2016 GAME-BY-GAME

Table with columns: Opponent, Rec., Yds., TD, Long. Rows for various opponents and Totals.



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GARRETT JOHNSON

WIDE RECEIVER

5-11 • 175 • Junior-2L
Winter Garden, Fla. (West Orange)

2016 - Junior

- Leads the team in receptions with 36 for 568 yards
- Also led the team last season with 694 receiving yards, collecting 46 catches for two touchdowns, including a long of 39
- Has caught a pass in 10 straight games
- Has 104 career receptions for 1,533 yards, ranking him 8th on UK's career receiving yards list ... Needs 128 more to tie Randall Cobb at No. 7 (1,661)
- Is the 15th player in Kentucky history with at least 100 receptions in his career
- Caught five passes for a career-high 164 yards and career-high-tying two touchdowns in the win over No. 11 Louisville
- On UK's first offensive play, he caught a 75-yard touchdown bomb, the longest catch of his career
- Also had a 63-yard TD bomb in the second quarter, giving him 11 career catches of 40-plus yards
- Opened the season with six catches for 143 receiving yards vs. Southern Miss, the second-most in a season opener in school history
- Has five career 100-yard receiving games
- Became the 13th player to reach 1,000 career receiving yards within his first 25 games played at Kentucky, the first to accomplish that feat since Javess Blue in 2014

G. JOHNSON'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
2014	WR	12-2	22	271	12.3	2	60
2015	WR	12-11	46	694	15.1	2	39
2016	WR	12-9	36	568	15.8	5	75
Totals		35-23	104	1533	14.7	9	75

G. JOHNSON'S 2016 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. Southern Miss *	6	143	2	53
at Florida *	0	0	0	0
vs. New Mexico St. *	3	31	0	21
vs. South Carolina *	4	38	0	15
at Alabama *	4	27	0	16
vs. Vanderbilt *	2	20	0	15
vs. Miss. State *	3	18	0	10
at Missouri *	3	29	0	12
vs. Georgia	2	33	0	20
at Tennessee	1	19	0	19
vs. Austin Peay	3	46	1	40
at Louisville *	5	164	2	75
Totals	36	568	5	75

G. JOHNSON'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Receptions: 9, Auburn, Oct 15, 2015
 Receiving yards: 164, at Louisville, Nov 26, 2016 (5 receptions)
 Receiving TDs: 2, three times, last at Louisville, Nov 26, 2016
 Long reception: 75, at Louisville, Nov 26, 2016
 All-purpose yards: 164, at Louisville, Nov 26, 2016



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STEPHEN JOHNSON II

QUARTERBACK

6-3 • 183 • Junior-JC
Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.
(Los Osos/Grambling/
College of the Desert)

2016 - Junior

- Holds a 5-3 record as a UK starter; also led team to wins in a relief role vs. New Mexico State and Austin Peay
- Ranks seventh in the SEC in pass efficiency (134.2)
- Earned several honors for his role in leading the Cats to a win over No. 11 Louisville on the road, including SEC Player of the Week by SEC Gridiron Now, Manning Award Star of the Week, one of five SEC players to earn an ESPN Helmet Sticker and named the Howard Schnellenberger Award as the Most Valuable Player for the winning team
- Completed 16-of-27 passes for a career-high 338 yards and a career-high-tying three touchdowns vs. the Cards
- Also led Kentucky in rushing with eight carries for a career-high 83 yards which gave him a career-high 421 yards of total offense
- On UK's first offensive play, he hit Garrett Johnson on a 75-yard bomb ... It was Stephen's longest pass as a Wildcat, although he did have a 75-yarder for Grambling in 2014
- On the final game-winning field goal drive, he completed 2-of-2 passes for 34 yards and also had a 15-yard run for a first down
- Did not start vs. Austin Peay with intentions to nurse a sore knee but with UK trailing 13-0 he entered in the second quarter and directed UK to touchdown drives on all five possessions he played -- three possessions in the second quarter and the first two possessions of the third quarter
- Made his first career start vs. South Carolina, completing 11-of-19 passes for 135 yards
- Came in for an injured Drew Barker on UK's second offensive series and finished the game 17-for-22 with a career-high 310 yards passing and a career-high three touchdowns -- all three were to tight end C.J. Conrad
- Second quarterback in school history to pass for at least 300 yards within their first two career games played ... The other was Jared Lorenzen against Louisville on Sept. 2, 2000
- First UK quarterback with at least 300 passing yards and at least 50 rushing yards since Patrick Towles vs. Mississippi State on Oct. 25, 2014
- Made his UK debut in the third quarter vs. Florida

- Rushed for a three-yard score vs. Vanderbilt, his first rushing touchdown of his UK career
- Had 72 net rushing yards on 10 attempts at Tennessee
- Completed 17-of-33 passes for 292 yards and two touchdowns in the win over Mississippi State ... His 17 completions tied a career high
- Was 8-of-11 in the second half vs. MSU for 191 yards and two touchdowns

S. JOHNSON'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Comp.	Att.	Int.	Pct.	Yds.	TD	Long
2014*	6-6	59	105	4	56.2	723	6	75
2016	11-8	126	231	6	54.5	1862	12	75
at UK	11-8	126	231	6	54.5	1862	12	75
Totals	17-15	185	336	10	55.0	2585	18	75

* Grambling

S. JOHNSON'S 2016 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Comp.-Att.-Int.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rush Yards	TD
vs. Southern Miss				DNP		
at Florida	1-3-0	45	0	45	7	9
vs. New Mexico St.	17-22-0	310	3	72	10	51
vs. South Carolina *	11-19-1	135	0	28	13	6
at Alabama *	13-22-0	89	0	16	7	-26
vs. Vanderbilt *	10-24-1	49	0	15	10	55
vs. Miss. State *	17-33-0	292	2	44	9	20
at Missouri *	14-23-1	208	2	65	2	3
vs. Georgia *	10-20-1	103	0	24	5	-5
at Tennessee *	12-29-1	192	0	37	10	72
vs. Austin Peay	5-9-0	101	2	42	2	10
at Louisville *	16-27-1	338	3	75	8	83
Totals	126-231-6	1862	12	75	83	278

S. JOHNSON'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Pass attempts: 33, Mississippi State, Oct 22, 2016
 Pass completions: 17, twice, last vs Mississippi State, Oct 22, 2016
 Pass yards: 338, at Louisville, Nov 26, 2016
 Pass TDs: 3, twice, last at Louisville, Nov 26, 2016
 Long pass: 75, at Louisville, Nov 26, 2016
 Total offense plays: 32, New Mexico State, Sept 17, 2016 (10 rush, 22 pass)
 Total offense yards: 421, at Louisville, Nov 26, 2016 (83 rush, 338 pass)
 All-purpose yards: 83 at Louisville, Nov 26, 2016
 Rushing Touchdowns: 1, twice, last vs Tennessee, Nov. 12, 2016
 Rush attempts: 13, South Carolina, Sept 24, 2016
 Rush yards: 83 at Louisville, Nov 26, 2016 (8 carries)
 Long rush: 75 at Tennessee, Nov 12, 2016



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JORDAN JONES

LINEBACKER

6-2 • 220 • Sophomore-1L
Youngstown, Ohio (Cardinal Mooney)

2015 - Sophomore

- Named All-SEC Second Team by the AP, the league coaches and Phil Steele





- Leads the team and ranks third in the SEC in tackles per game with 8.3 (100 total)
- Leads the SEC and ranks tied for 11th nationally in solo tackles per game (5.8)
- Leads the team with nine quarterback hurries
- Leads the team in tackles for loss with 14.0 after recording 2.0 TFLs at Louisville
- Coming off a 10-tackle game at Louisville, his fourth double-digit game of the season (Southern Miss, Mississippi State, Georgia and Louisville)
- Saw limited action at Tennessee with back spasms
- Recorded a career-high 2.5 TFL vs. Georgia
- In his first career start vs. Southern Miss, finished with a career-high 19 tackles, including 13 solo ... Added two tackles for loss, one sack and a quarterback hurry
- The 19 tackles were the most by a UK player since Cory Johnson had 19 tackles last season against ECU
- Led UK with eight tackles, adding 0.5 tackles for loss and a pass breakup vs. South Carolina
- Had a career-high three quarterback hurries at Alabama

JONES' CAREER STATISTICS

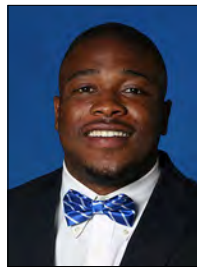
Year	G-GS	Tackles	TFL-Yds.	Sacks-Yds.	PD	FF	FR	QBH
2015	8-0	10	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0
2016	12-12	100	14.0-62	4.0-35	4	1	0	9
Totals	20-12	110	14.0-62	4.0-35	4	1	1	9

JONES' 2016 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH
vs. Southern Miss *	19	2.0-13	1.0-10	0	0	0	0	1
at Florida *	9	1-1	0-0	1	0	0	0	0
vs. New Mexico St. *	7	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
vs. USC *	8	0.5-1	0-0	1	0	0	0	0
at Alabama *	8	1.0-1	0	0	0	0	0	3
vs. Vanderbilt *	5	1.0-7	1.0-7	0	0	0	0	2
vs. Miss. State *	11	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
at Missouri *	4	2.0-5	0-0	1	0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia *	10	2.5-9	0-0	1	1	0	0	0
at Tennessee *	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
vs. Austin Peay *	8	2.0-10	1.0-6	0	0	0	0	0
at Louisville *	10	2.0-15	1.0-12	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	100	14.0-62	4.0-35	4	1	0	0	9

JONES' SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 19, Southern Miss, Sept 3, 2016 (13-6)
Sacks: 1.0, four times, last at Louisville, Nov 26, 2016 (12 yards)
Tackles for loss: 2.5, vs Georgia, Nov 5, 2016 (2.5-9)
Fumbles recovered: 1, at Vanderbilt, Nov 14, 2015
QB Hurries: 3, at Alabama, Oct 1, 2016



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JOJO KEMP

RUNNING BACK

5-10 • 200 • Senior-3L DeLand, Fla. (DeLand)

2016 - Senior

- Has played in 44 career games with four starts
- Named a team captain vs. Southern Miss, Florida and Austin Peay
- Had 10 carries for 32 yards, including three crucial carries on UK's game-winning field-goal drive at No. 11 Louisville
- Did not see action vs. Missouri and Georgia with a broken left hand
- Ran eight times for 54 yards, including TD runs of 40 and seven yards vs. Austin Peay on Senior Day
- Became the first senior with two touchdowns in his final home game since Derrick Locke in 2010 vs. Vanderbilt
- Has 1,681 rushing yards as a Wildcat for No. 15 on the UK career list ... Needs just 18 yards to move up three spots to No. 12 with Rodger Bird (1963-65) with 1,699
- Has 19 rushing touchdowns which ranks eighth on UK's career list
- Returned to action against Tennessee after missing two games to record 90 rushing yards on eight attempts, including a career-long 71-yard TD run
- Rushed for a team-high 39 yards on 10 carries at Alabama
- Did not see action vs. New Mexico State with an ankle injury
- Earned a starting nod vs. Southern Miss and totaled five rushes for seven yards with one TD
- Scored the Wildcats' touchdown at Florida on a 2-yard run in the fourth quarter, his 15th career rushing touchdown

KEMP'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2013	12-0	100	482	4.8	3	47	9	56	6.2	0	18
2014	11-1	70	323	4.6	4	43	3	12	4.0	0	8
2015	12-1	98	555	5.7	6	47	4	12	3.0	0	9
2016	9-2	67	321	4.8	6	71	2	5	2.5	0	4
Totals	44-4	335	1681	5.0	19	71	18	85	4.7	0	18

KEMP'S 2016 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Att.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. Southern Miss *	5	7	1	7
at Florida	8	13	1	4
vs. New Mexico St.				DNP - Injured
vs. South Carolina	4	16	0	6
at Alabama	10	39	0	16
vs. Vanderbilt	12	55	1	16
vs. Mississippi State	2	15	0	8
at Missouri				DNP - Injured

Year	G-GS	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
vs. Georgia											DNP - Injured
at Tennessee		8	90		1						71
vs. Austin Peay *		8	54		2						40
at Louisville		10	32		0						14
Totals		67	321		6						71

KEMP'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Rush attempts: 17, South Carolina, Oct 04, 2014
Rush yards: 165, Charlotte, Nov 21, 2015 (11 carries)
Rush TDs: 3, twice, last vs. Charlotte, Nov 21, 2015
Long rush: 71, Tennessee, Nov 12, 2016
Receptions: 3, Tennessee, Nov 30, 2013
Receiving yards: 17, Missouri, Nov 9, 2013 (2 receptions)
Long reception: 18, Missouri, Nov 9, 2013
Total offense yards: 165, Charlotte, Nov 21, 2015 (165 rush, 0 pass)
All-purpose yards: 165, Charlotte, Nov 21, 2015
Kick returns: 3, Southern Miss, Sept 3, 2016
Kick return yards: 75, Southern Miss, Sept 3, 2016 (3 returns)
Long kick return: 32, Southern Miss, Sept 3, 2016



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SIHIEM KING

RUNNING BACK

5-9 • 172 • Sophomore-1L Colquitt, Ga. (Colquitt County)

2016 - Sophomore

- Has seen action in all 12 games this season
- Rushed a season-high six times for 75 yards and a touchdown at Tennessee

KING'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2015	12-0	11	127	11.5	1	62	4	6	1.5	0	6
2016	12-0	11	81	7.4	1	24	3	14	4.7	0	11
Totals	24-0	24	208	8.6	2	62	7	20	2.9	0	11

KING'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Rush	Rcv	KOR	KOR Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long	All Purpose
2015	127	6	23	498	21.7	0	48	631
2016	81	14	10	213	21.3	0	27	308
Totals	208	20	33	711	21.5	0	48	939

KING'S 2016 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Att.	Yds.	TD	LG	Rec.	Yds.	TD	LG	KR	Yds.	TD	LG
vs. USM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	70	0	17
at Florida	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. NMSU	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. USC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Alabama	2	-1	0	0	2	14	0	11	1	25	0	25
vs. Vandy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. MSU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Missouri	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at UT	6	75	1	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



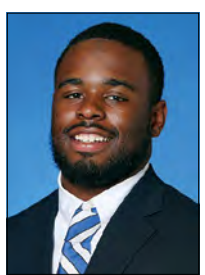


KING'S 2016 GAME-BY-GAME

vs. APSU	3	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Louisville	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	118	0	25						
Totals	11	81	1	24	3	14	0	11	10	213	0	25							

KING'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Rush attempts: 6, Tennessee, Nov 12, 2016
Rush yards: 91, Charlotte, Nov 21, 2015 (5 carries)
Rush TDs: 1, twice, last vs Tennessee, Nov 12, 2016
Long rush: 62, Charlotte, Nov 21, 2015
Receptions: 2, Vanderbilt, Nov 14, 2015
Receiving yards: 4, Mississippi State, Oct 24, 2015 (1 reception)
Long reception: 6, Vanderbilt, Nov 14, 2015
Total offense yards: 91, Charlotte, Nov 21, 2015 (91 rush, 0 pass)
All-purpose yards: 114, Charlotte, Nov 21, 2015
Kick returns: 6, at Louisville, Nov. 26, 2016
Kick return yards: 118, at Louisville, Nov. 26, 2016 (6 returns)
Long kick return: 48, Missouri, Sep 26, 2015



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De'NIRO
LASTER
LINEBACKER

6-4 • 241 • Junior-TR
Cleveland Heights, Ohio
(Cleveland Heights/Minnesota)

2016 - Junior

- Out for the season with a knee injury
- Prior to his injury, had 14 tackles, 1.0 sack and 2.0 tackles for loss in five games played
- Recovered a fumble in the first quarter at Alabama, the first fumble recovery of his UK career
- Also recorded the first sack of his career in the third quarter against the Tide
- Saw game action for the first time vs. Southern Miss since playing in nine games at Minnesota in 2014
- Named after the actor Robert De Niro

LASTER'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tackles	TFL-Yds.	Sacks-Yds.	PD	FR	QBH
2014*	LB	9-0	6	0.5-4	0.5-4	0	0	0
2016	LB	5-0	14	2.0-9	2.0-9	0	1	0
Totals	at UK	5-0	14	2.0-9	2.0-9	0	1	0
All*		14-0	20	2.5-13	2.5-13	0	1	0

LASTER'S 2016 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	QBH	PBU	FR
vs. Southern Miss	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
at Florida	5	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
vs. New Mexico St.	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
vs. South Carolina	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
at Alabama	4	1.0-8	1.0-8	0	0	1
Totals	14	1.0-5	1.0-8	0	0	1



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COURTNEY
LOVE
LINEBACKER

6-2 • 242 • Junior-TR
Youngstown, Ohio
(Cardinal Mooney/Nebraska)

2016 - Junior

- Started in all 12 games and named a team captain in 11 games
- Had a fumble recovery that set up UK's game-winning drive ... Marked his first fumble recovery as a Wildcat
- Named to the SEC Community Service team
- Saw game action for the first time since playing in 12 games at Nebraska in 2014 when he earned his first career start vs. Southern Miss.
- Totaled a UK career-high nine tackles in his UK debut with one QBH
- Charted seven tackles vs. Georgia
- Had six tackles and a PBU at Missouri
- Registered six tackles and a sack at Alabama
- Also had six tackles at Tennessee

LOVE'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tackles	TFL-Yds.	Sacks-Yds	QBH	FC	FR	PBU
2014*	LB	12-0	6	1.0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0
2016	LB	12-12	68	1.0-5	1.0-5	1	0	1	1
Totals	at UK	12-12	68	1.0-5	1.0-5	1	0	1	1
All*		24-12	74	2.0-6	1.0-5	1	0	1	1

LOVE'S 2016 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	QBH	PBU	FF/FR	Int.
vs. Southern Miss *	9	0-0	0-0	1	0	0/0	0
at Florida *	6	0-0	0-0	0	0	0/0	0
vs. New Mexico St. *	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0/0	0
vs. South Carolina *	6	0-0	0-0	0	0	0/0	0
at Alabama *	6	1.0-5	1.0-5	0	0	0/0	0
vs. Vanderbilt *	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0/0	0
vs. Miss. State *	5	0-0	0-0	0	0	0/0	0
at Missouri *	6	0-0	0-0	0	1	0/0	0
vs. Georgia *	7	0-0	0-0	0	0	0/0	0
at Tennessee *	6	0-0	0-0	0	0	0/0	0
vs. Austin Peay *	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0/0	0
at Louisville *	6	0-0	0-0	0	0	0/1	0
Totals	68	1.0-5	1.0-5	1	1	0/1	0



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AUSTIN
MacGINNIS
KICKER

5-10 • 180 • Junior-2L
Wedowee, Ala. (Prattville)

2016 - Junior

- His 47-yard field goal with 12 seconds left at No. 11 Louisville was his second game-winning kick of the season ... Also made a 51-yard field goal as time expired for a 40-38 win over Mississippi State
- Has hit 15-of-18 field goals this season, 83 percent ... His only misses were a 34-yarder at Florida, a 28-yarder vs. Miss. State and a 47-yarder at Missouri
- Has made six straight FGs
- Has 253 career points for No. 2 on UK's all-time scoring list ... Lones Seiber (2006-09) holds the school record with 305 points
- The 253 points are the most points ever for a Wildcat prior to his senior season
- Ranks sixth in the SEC in scoring (kick), averaging 7.3 ppg
- Hit 4-for-5 field goals in the win over Mississippi State, including the game-winning 51-yard field goal as time expired ... The 51-yarder was his season long
- The 51-yard field goal vs. MSU was the longest made field-goal by a UK kicker in an SEC home game since Ryan Tydlacka made a 51-yard field goal against South Carolina on Oct. 11, 2008
- Is 4-of-7 in his career from 50+ yards and is just the second player in school history to have at least four career field goals of 51 yards
- Scored 14 points vs. Miss. State, the most by a kicker in an SEC game since Oct. 31, 1992 (Doug Pelfrey)
- Tied Randall Cobb for quickest to 200 career points (29 games played)
- Became just the third player (Randall Cobb and Lones Seiber) in school history to reach 200 career points prior to his senior season and the first to accomplish that feat since Randall Cobb in 2010

MacGINNIS' CAREER STATISTICS

Year	FGM/FGA	PAT	Points	Long FG	TB
2014	21-27	41-41	104	54	25
2015	13-17	22-23	61	48	14
2016	15-18	43-44	88	51	24
Totals	49-62	106-108	253	54	63

MacGINNIS' FIELD GOALS BY DISTANCE

Year	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	Total	Long
2014	0-0	4-5	9-10	5-7	3-5	21-27	54
2015	0-0	5-5	4-5	4-6	0-1	13-17	48
2016	0-0	3-4	7-8	4-5	1-1	15-18	51
Totals	0-0	12-14	20-23	13-18	4-7	49-62	54



MacGINNIS' SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Points scored: 16, at Louisville, Nov 29, 2014
Kick PATs: 8, twice, last vs. New Mexico State, Sept 17, 2016
Points by kicking: 16, at Louisville, Nov 29, 2014
Field goals made: 4, twice, last vs. Mississippi State, Oct 22, 2016
Field goal attempts: 5, vs. Mississippi State, Oct 22, 2016
Longest field goal: 54, at Tennessee, Nov 15, 2014**
Kickoffs: 10, twice, last vs. New Mexico State, Sept 17, 2016
Touchbacks: 7 vs. UT Martin, 2014
Consecutive FG made: 11**
Most points in season: 104, 2014**
Most FG in a season: 21, 2014**
Most XP in a season without miss: 41, 2014**
Most Touchbacks in a season: 25, 2014**
** denotes school record



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BLAKE
McCLAIN
DEFENSIVE BACK

5-11 • 200 • Senior-3L
Winter Park, Fla. (Winter Park)

2016 - Junior

- Has played in 47 career games, starting 35
Fifth on the team in tackles with 62
Had an interception in the fourth quarter at No. 11 Louisville, his third interception of the season (Southern Miss, NMSU)
Made his first career interception vs. Southern Miss, while charting nine tackles and a pass breakup
Team-high tying nine tackles at Florida
Led UK with eight solo tackles at Missouri
Had seven tackles vs. Georgia and APSU

McCLAIN'S CAREER STATISTICS

Table with columns: Year, G-GS, Tackles, Sacks-Yds., TFL-Yds, Int.-Yds., PBU, FR, FC. Rows for 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, and Total.

McCLAIN'S 2016 GAME-BY-GAME

Table with columns: Opponent, Tkls., TFL-Yds., Sacks, PBU, FR, Int., QBH. Rows for various opponents and a Totals row.

McCLAIN'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Interceptions: 1, three times, last at Louisville, Nov 26, 2016
Tackles: 12, at Georgia, Nov 23, 2013 (7-5)
Sacks: 1.0, 3x, last at Louisville, Nov 29, 2014
Tackles for loss: 1.0, 4 times
Fumbles forced: 1, twice, last at Georgia, Nov 7, 2015
Pass breakups: 2, 3x, last vs. Mississippi State, Oct 25, 2014



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GRANT
McKINNISS

PUNTER

6-1 • 210 • Freshman-HS
Findlay, Ohio
(Findlay)

2016 - Freshman

- Nominee for the Ray Guy Award given to the nation's top punter
Ranks third among SEC freshman punters, averaging 39.5 yards per punt on the season
Has nine punts inside the 20-yard line
Boomed a career-long 61-yard punt in the second quarter at Alabama
For the game at Alabama, averaged 44.7 yards on six punts, besting his previous high average of 43.4 versus Florida on Sept. 8

McKINNISS' 2016 GAME-BY-GAME

Table with columns: Opponent, Punts, Avg., Long, Inside 20. Rows for various opponents and a Totals row.

McKINNISS' SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Punts: 7 vs Georgia, Nov 5, 2016
Single-game Avg: 44.7 at Alabama, Oct 1, 2016
Long: 61 at Alabama, Oct 1, 2016



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MARCUS
McWILSON

SAFETY

6-0 • 210 • Senior-3L
Youngstown, Ohio (Cardinal Mooney)

2016 - Senior

- Has played in 43 career games with 16 starts
Four career interceptions, two returned for TDs
UK's fourth-leading tackler with 62
Recorded a season-high nine tackles in the win at No. 11 Louisville, including a career-high 2.0 TFL
Had eight tackles in the win over Mississippi State, including one TFL and a 45-yard interception for a touchdown in the decisive fourth quarter
Marked his second career interception for a touchdown ... His first was against Louisiana-Monroe in 2014
Is the first UK player to return an interception for a touchdown since Fred Tiller vs. Louisville on Nov. 29, 2014
His 45-yard interception return for a touchdown was the longest interception return for a touchdown by a UK player against an SEC opponent since Sam Maxwell's 56-yard interception return for a touchdown against Tennessee on Nov. 28, 2009
His interception return for a TD was Kentucky's first against a SEC opponent since Oct. 4, 2014 vs. South Carolina (Bud Dupree)
Recorded seven tackles vs. Southern Miss and APSU

McWILSON'S CAREER STATISTICS

Table with columns: Year, Pos., G-GS, Tackles, TFL-Yds, Sacks-Yds, Int.-Yds., PBU, FR, FC. Rows for 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, and Total.

McWILSON'S 2016 GAME-BY-GAME

Table with columns: Opponent, Tkls., TFL-Yds., Sacks, PBU, FR, FF, Int.-Yds, QBH. Rows for various opponents and a Totals row.



McWILSON'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 10, 3x, last vs. Tennessee, Oct 31, 2015 (7-3)
Sacks: 1.0, Tennessee, Oct 31, 2015 (1-0)
Tackles for loss: 2.0, at Louisville, Nov 26, 2016 (2-2)
Fumbles forced: 1, Tennessee, Oct 31, 2015
Fumbles recovered: 1, Missouri, Nov 9, 2013
Pass breakups: 1, 3x, last vs. Tennessee, Oct 31, 2015
Touchdowns: 1, twice, last vs. Mississippi State, Oct 22, 2016
All-purpose yards: 36, Louisiana-Monroe, Oct 11, 2014
Interceptions: 1, 4x, last Mississippi State, Oct 22, 2016
Long interception return: 45, Mississippi State, Oct 22, 2016
INT return for a TD: 1, twice, last vs. Mississippi State, Oct 22, 2016

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ADRIAN
MIDDLETON

DEFENSIVE TACKLE

6-3 • 303 • **Sophomore-1L**
Bowling Green, Ky. (South Warren)

- #### 2016 - Sophomore
- Started the last 11 games
 - Recorded a career-high six tackles, including one TFL in the win over No. 11 Louisville
 - Fourth on the team in TFLs with 5.5 for 13 yards
 - Earned his first career starting spot at Florida and registered six tackles
 - Had five tackles, including 1.5 TFL at Tennessee
 - Totaled eight tackles in four games played last season

MIDDLETON'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tackles	TFL-Yds.	Sacks-Yds.	FC	FR	PBU
2015	DT	4-0	8	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
2016	DT	12-11	33	5.5-13	0-0	0	0	0
Totals	DT	16-11	41	5.5-13	0-0	0	0	0

MIDDLETON'S 2016 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Yds.	Sacks-Yds.	FC	FR	PBU	QBH
vs. Southern Miss	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at Florida *	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. New Mexico St. *	2	0.5-1	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. South Carolina *	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at Alabama *	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt *	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Miss. State *	3	0.5-6	0-0	0	0	0	0
at Missouri *	4	1.0-2	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia *	1	1.0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0
at Tennessee *	5	1.5-2	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Austin Peay *	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at Louisville *	6	1.0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0
Totals	33	5.5-13	0-0	0	0	0	0

MIDDLETON'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 6, at Louisville, Nov 26, 2016 (3-3)
Tackles for loss: 1.5, Tennessee, Nov 12, 2016
Fumbles forced: -
Pass breakups: -

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COURTNEY
MIGGINS

DEFENSIVE TACKLE

6-5 • 285 • **Senior-1L**
Lithonia, Ga. (Miller Grove/
Pearl River Community College)

- #### 2016 - Senior
- Started in all 12 games and has been elected a team captain in all 12 games
 - Has 4.0 TFL loss this season with five pass breakups, third on the team
 - Had a career-high tying five tackles vs. South Carolina along with a tackle for loss
 - Also had five tackles vs. New Mexico State and a career-high two PBUs
 - Totaled three tackles, including two tackles for loss, one forced fumble and one pass breakup vs. Southern Miss.

MIGGINS' CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tackles	TFL-Yds.	Sacks-Yds.	FC	FR	PBU
2015	DT	11-0	12	0.5-1	0-0	0	0	0
2016	DT	12-12	28	4.0-11	0.5-6	1	1	5
Totals	DT	23-12	40	4.5-12	0.5-6	1	1	5

MIGGINS' 2016 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Yds.	Sacks-Yds.	FC	FR	PBU	QBH
vs. Southern Miss *	3	2.0-3	0-0	1	0	1	0
at Florida *	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. New Mexico St. *	5	0-0	0-0	0	0	2	0
vs. South Carolina *	5	1.0-2	0-0	0	0	0	0
at Alabama *	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt *	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0
vs. Miss. State *	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at Missouri *	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia *	2	0.5-0	0-0	0	1	1	0
at Tennessee *	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Austin Peay *	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at Louisville *	2	0.5-6	0.5-6	0	0	0	0
Totals	28	4.0-11	0.5-6	1	1	5	0

MIGGINS' SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 5, twice, last vs. South Carolina, Sept 24, 2016 (3-2)
Tackles for loss: 2.0, Southern Miss, Sept 3, 2016 (2-0)
Fumbles forced: 1, Southern Miss, Sept 3, 2016
Pass breakups: 2, New Mexico State, Sept 17, 2016

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NAQUEZ
PRINGLE

DEFENSIVE TACKLE

6-3 • 320 • **Junior-JC**
Georgetown, S.C.
(Carvers Bay/Itawamba CC)

- #### 2016 - Junior
- Has started in five games
 - Earned his first career start vs. Vanderbilt and charted a season-high tying five tackles
 - Saw his first career action at Florida, ending the game with five tackles and a tackle for loss
 - Recorded four tackles in the win over South Carolina
 - Transferred to UK from Itawamba CC

PRINGLE'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tackles	TFL-Yds.	Sacks-Yds.	FC	FR	PBU
2016	DT	11-5	33	2.0-7	1.0-6	0	0	0
Totals	DT	11-5	33	2.0-7	1.0-6	0	0	0

PRINGLE'S 2016 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Yds.	Sacks-Yds.	FC	FR	PBU	QBH
vs. Southern Miss			DNP				
at Florida	5	1.0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. New Mexico St.	3	0.0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. South Carolina	4	0.5-1	0.5-1	0	0	0	0
at Alabama	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt *	5	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Mississippi State	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at Missouri *	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia *	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at Tennessee *	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Austin Peay *	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at Louisville	1	0.5-5	0.5-5	0	0	0	0
Totals	33	2.0-7	1.0-6	0	0	0	0

PRINGLE'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 5, twice, last vs. Vanderbilt, Oct 8, 2016 (2-3)
Tackles for loss: 1.0 at Florida, Sept 10, 2016
Sacks: 0.5 at Louisville, Nov 26, 2016
Fumbles forced: -
Pass breakups: -



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KENDALL RANDOLPH

CORNERBACK

6-0 • 182 • Junior-2L
Tallahassee, Fla. (Lincoln)

2016 - Junior

- Has 14 tackles on the season
- Registered a career-high five tackles vs. New Mexico State, including one TFL
- Played in nine games last season, collecting 11 tackles, including half a tackle for a loss
- Missed the last two games of the regular season due to injury

RANDOLPH'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tackles	Int.-Yds.	PBU	FR	FC
2014	CB	12-0	16	0-0	1	1	1
2015	CB	9-0	11	0-0	1	1	0
2016	CB	10-0	14	0-0	0	0	0
Totals		31-0	41	0-0	2	2	1

RANDOLPH'S 2016 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Yds.	Sacks	PBU	FR	FF	QBH
vs. Southern Miss	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at Florida	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. New Mexico St.	5	1.0-3	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. South Carolina	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at Alabama	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Mississippi State	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at Missouri	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at Tennessee	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Austin Peay			DNP - Injured				
at Louisville			DNP - Injured				
Totals	14	1.0-3	0-0	0	0	0	0

RANDOLPH'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 5, New Mexico State, Sept 17, 2016 (1-4)
Sacks: 1.0, Mississippi State, Oct 25, 2014 (1-0)
Tackles for loss: 1.0, 3x, last vs. New Mexico State, Sept 17, 2016 (1-3)
Fumbles forced: 1, UT Martin, Aug 30, 2014
Fumbles recovered: 1, twice, last at Georgia, Nov 7, 2015
Pass breakups: 1, twice, last at Vanderbilt, Nov 14, 2015



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TAVIN RICHARDSON

WIDE RECEIVER

6-3 • 216 • Freshman-RS
Greer, S.C. (Byrnes)

2016 - r-Freshman

- Started at wide receiver in five games
- Has nine catches for 160 yards this season
- Made a great catch for a crucial two-point conversion in the third quarter vs. Mississippi State
- Had two catches for 24 yards at Alabama
- Caught his first career pass in Kentucky's first scoring drive of the season vs. Southern Miss, hauling in a 41-yard reception in the first quarter

RICHARDSON'S CAREER STATISTICS

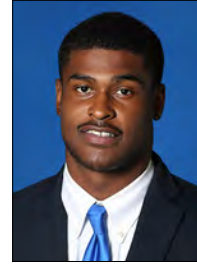
Year	Pos.	G-GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
2016	WR	12-5	9	160	17.8	0	41
Totals		12-5	9	160	17.8	0	41

RICHARDSON'S 2016 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. Southern Miss *	2	74	0	41
at Florida *	1	3	0	3
vs. New Mexico St.	0	0	0	0
vs. South Carolina *	1	19	9	19
at Alabama *	2	24	0	12
vs. Vanderbilt *	0	0	0	0
vs. Mississippi State	1	17	0	17
at Missouri	0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia	0	0	0	0
at Tennessee	1	17	0	17
vs. Austin Peay	0	0	0	0
at Louisville	1	6	0	6
Totals	9	160	0	41

RICHARDSON'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Receptions: 2, twice, last at Alabama, Oct 1, 2016
Receiving yards: 74, Southern Miss, Sept 3, 2016 (2 receptions)
Long reception: 41, Southern Miss, Sept 3, 2016
All-purpose yards: 74, Southern Miss, Sept 3, 2016



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KAYAUNE ROSS

WIDE RECEIVER

6-6 • 225 • Sophomore-JC
West Chester, Ohio
(Lakota West/Phoenix College)

2016 - Sophomore

- Has seen action in six games, missing the last four with injury
- Made his first career catch with a nine-yard touchdown reception in the first quarter vs. Southern Miss.

ROSS' CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
2016	WR	6-0	2	10	5.0	1	9
Totals		6-0	2	10	5.0	1	9

ROSS' 2016 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. Southern Miss	1	9	1	9
at Florida	0	0	0	0
vs. New Mexico St.	0	0	0	0
vs. South Carolina	1	1	0	0
at Alabama	0	0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt			DNP	
vs. Mississippi State			DNP	
at Missouri	0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia			DNP - Injured	
at Tennessee			DNP - Injured	
vs. Austin Peay			DNP - Injured	
at Louisville			DNP - Injured	
Totals	2	10	1	9

ROSS' SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Receptions: 1, twice, last vs. South Carolina, Sept 24, 2016
Receiving yards: 9, Southern Miss, Sept 3, 2016 (1 reception)
Receiving TDs: 1, Southern Miss, Sept 3, 2016
Long reception: 9, Southern Miss, Sept 3, 2016
All-purpose yards: 9, Southern Miss, Sept 3, 2016





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BENJAMIN SNELL JR.

RUNNING BACK

5-11 • 220 • Freshman-HS Westerville, Ohio (Westerville Central)

2016 - Freshman

- Named Freshman All-SEC by the league coaches and Athlon Sports
Second-team All-SEC pick by ProFootballFocus.com
Named a 2016 True Freshman All-American by ESPN and 247Sports
Two-time SEC Freshman of the Week
Leading freshman scorer in the SEC with 78 points
Currently has 1,057 rushing yards, a UK freshman record ... Moe Williams held the previous record with 928 yards in 1993
First freshman in school history to top 1,000 yards rushing
Has 13 rushing touchdowns (a UK freshman record) and tied for second-most in school history ... Moe Williams set the record with 17 rush TDs in 1995
Has five 100-yard games which is the UK freshman record, breaking the previous record of four held by Chris Jones in 1979 and Moe Williams in 1993
Tied for first in the SEC and ranks tied for 24th nationally in rushing TDs (13)
Second on the team, eighth in the SEC and 47th nationally in rushing yards per game with 88.1
Became the first UK player with a rushing touchdown in three consecutive games since Derrick Locke in 2010 (Missouri, Georgia, Tennessee) ... The first freshman to do so since Randall Cobb in 2008
Became the first freshman in school history with 100 rushing yards and a rushing touchdown in three consecutive games
First freshman with three consecutive 100-yard rushing games since Derick Logan on Oct. 26 - Nov. 9 - Nov. 16, 1996
Averaged 10.9 yards per carry against Austin Peay, the best average for a Wildcat with at least 14 carries since Mark Higgs averaged 13.7 per attempt vs. Ole Miss in 1987
Made his first career start vs. Georgia, rushing 21 times for 114 yards and two touchdowns
His 192 yards rushing yards at Missouri set a school record for most rushing yards by a freshman in a single game ... The previous high was Derick Logan's 186 yards against Mississippi State on Nov. 9, 1996
The 192 rushing yards tie for the ninth most in a single game in school history and the most since Rafael Little rushed for 198 yards vs. Vanderbilt on Nov. 12, 2005
Had a career-high 38 carries at Missouri, the most since Derick Logan had 41 attempts vs. Mississippi State in 1996

- Led UK in rushing with 19 carries for 128 yards and one touchdown in the win over Mississippi State
Rushed 20 times for 94 yards in the win over Vanderbilt ... On the last drive of the game, had 44 yards on eight carries
Rushed a game-high 16 times for 73 yards and the game-winning TD in the win over South Carolina
His four touchdowns vs. New Mexico State tied the school record for most rushing touchdowns in a single game, joining four previous Wildcats to reach that mark ... He is only the second freshman to do it, tying Don Phelps' four scores vs. Michigan State on Nov. 2, 1946

SNELL'S CAREER STATISTICS

Table with columns: Year, G-GS, Att., Yds., Avg., TD, LG, Rec., Yds., Avg., TD, LG. Totals: 12-1 179 1,079 5.9 13 48 1 28 28.0 0 28

SNELL'S 2016 GAME-BY-GAME

Table with columns: Opponent, Att., Yds., TD, Long, Rec., Yds., TD, Long. Totals: 179 1,057 13 48 1 28 0 28

SNELL'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Rush attempts: 38, at Missouri, Oct 29, 2016
Rush yards: 192, at Missouri, Oct 29, 2016 (38 carries)
Rush TDs: 4, vs New Mexico State, Sept 17, 2016
Long rush: 48, vs Austin Peay, Nov 21, 2016
Receptions: 1, at Louisville, Nov 26, 2016
Receiving yards: 28, at Louisville, Nov 26, 2016
Long reception: 28, at Louisville, Nov 26, 2016
Total offense yards: 192, at Missouri, Oct 29, 2016 (192 rush, 0 pass)
All-purpose yards: 192, at Missouri, Oct 29, 2016 (192 rush, 0 pass)
Kick returns: 2, Tennessee, Nov 12, 2016
Kick return yards: 35, Tennessee, Nov 12, 2016 (2 returns)
Long kick return: 32, South Carolina, Sept 24, 2016 (1 return)



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RYAN TIMMONS

WIDE RECEIVER

5-10 • 198 • Senior-3L Frankfort, Ky. (Franklin County)

2016 - Senior

- Has played in 48 career games with 20 starts
Has 109 career receptions for 1,224 yards and five touchdowns

- UK's third-leading receiver this season with 20 catches for 236 yards
Became the 26th player in school history to reach 1,000 career receiving yards vs. New Mexico St.
His 1,224 career receiving yards ranks him 20th all-time in program history ... Needs 56 more to tie Rick Kestner at No. 19 (1,280)
Became the 14th player in Kentucky history to have 100 career catches in UK's win at Missouri
Had four catches for 50 yards in UK's win at No. 11 Louisville
Had three catches for a season-high 77 yards in the win over Mississippi State
Won the state title in the 100-meter dash as a sophomore, junior and senior in high school and also won the 200-meters as a junior and senior

TIMMONS' CAREER STATISTICS

Table with columns: Year, G-GS, Rec., Yds., Avg., TD, LG, Att., Yds., Avg., TD, LG. Totals: 48-20 109 1224 11.2 5 56 20 94 4.7 0 33

TIMMONS' 2016 GAME-BY-GAME

Table with columns: Opponent, Rec., Yds., TD, Long. Totals: 20 236 0 32

TIMMONS' SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Rush attempts: 4, Miami, Sept 7, 2013
Rush yards: 37, Miami, Sept 7, 2013 (4 carries)
Long rush: 33, vs WKU, Aug 31, 2014
Receptions: 10, Ohio, Sept 6, 2014
Receiving yards: 114, Mississippi State, Oct 25, 2014 (5 receptions)
Receiving TDs: 1, 5 times, last at Vanderbilt, Nov 14, 2015
Long reception: 56, UT Martin, Aug 30, 2014
All-purpose yards: 114, Mississippi State, Oct 25, 2014
Punt returns: 2, twice, last at Georgia, Nov 7, 2015
Punt return yards: 19, Eastern Kentucky, Oct 3, 2015 (1 return)
Long punt return: 19, Eastern Kentucky, Oct 3, 2015
Kick returns: 2, Alabama State, Nov 2, 2013
Kick return yards: 38, Alabama State, Nov 2, 2013 (2 returns)
Long kick return: 35, Alabama State, Nov 2, 2013





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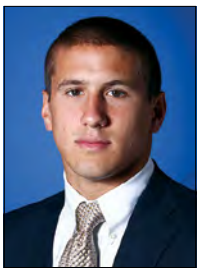
JON TOTH

CENTER

6-5 • 310 • Senior-3L Indianapolis, Ind. (Brebeuf Jesuit)

2016 - Senior

- Named a fourth-team All-American and first-team All-SEC selection by Phil Steele, was a first-team AP All-SEC choice and named second-team All-SEC by the league coaches and Athlon Sports
Anchors the offensive line for a record-breaking rushing attack
Was on the watch list for several national awards this season, including the National Football Foundation's Scholar-Athlete Award, the Rimington Trophy, given annually to the nation's most outstanding center and the Outland Trophy, given to the nation's best interior lineman
Has accepted invitation to the Senior Bowl
Leads team with 69 knockdown blocks
Had a season-high 10 knockdown blocks when UK amassed 581 yards total offense in 41-38 upset at Louisville
Had nine knockdowns when UK rolled up 443 rushing yards at Tennessee, most in history for the Wildcats against an SEC opponent
As a team, UK is averaging 5.5 yards per rushing attempt, on track to be a school record
UK is averaging 241.2 rushing yards per game, best mark in 40 years
Has allowed only one-half quarterback sack this season and has 195 blocks at the point of attack
Blocks for two players who have rushed for more than 1,000 yards this season, Boom Williams and Benny Snell
Williams is averaging 7.1 yards per carry, on track to be a school record
Snell has broken UK freshman records for most rushing yards, most total touchdowns, most rushing touchdowns and most 100-yard games
SEC Offensive Lineman of the Week for win over Vanderbilt
Mechanical engineering student with a 3.28 GPA



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CHARLES WALKER

WIDE RECEIVER

5-11 • 203 • Junior-2L Louisville, Ky. (St. Xavier)

2016 - Junior

- Has played in 36 career games with one start

- UK's punt returner, averaging 8.4 yards per return
Earned a scholarship during preseason camp
Returned a 65-yard punt vs. New Mexico State for a touchdown in the fourth quarter, marking Kentucky's first punt return for a touchdown since Randall Cobb accomplished the feat on Sept. 11, 2010 against WKU
The 65-yard return was the longest punt return for a touchdown since Randall Cobb had a 73-yard punt return for a touchdown against Louisiana-Monroe on Oct. 24, 2009
Walker's success is even more impressive when one considers that he primarily played running back in high school

WALKER'S CAREER STATISTICS

Table with columns: Year, G-GS, Rec., Yds., Avg., TD, LG, PR, Yds., Avg., TD, LG. Totals: 36-1, 9, 93, 10.3, 0, 20, 17, 140, 8.2, 1, 65

WALKER'S 2016 GAME-BY-GAME

Table with columns: Opponent, Rec., Yds., Avg., TD, LG, PR, Yds., Avg., TD, LG. Totals: 3, 28, 10.3, 0, 9, 14, 118, 8.4, 1, 65

WALKER'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Receptions: 1, 9 times, last vs Austin Peay, Nov 19, 2016
Receiving yards: 20, Auburn, Oct 15, 2015 (1 receptions)
Long reception: 20, Auburn, Oct 15, 2015
All-purpose yards: 101, New Mexico State, Sept 17, 2016
Punt returns: 5, New Mexico State, Sept 17, 2016
Punt return yards: 101, New Mexico State, Sept 17, 2016
Long punt return: 65, New Mexico State, Sept 17, 2016
Tackles: 3, at Georgia, Nov 7, 2015 (2-1)



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KOBIE WALKER

LINEBACKER

6-3 • 215 • Sophomore-SQ Baltimore, Md. (Our Lady of Good Counsel)

2016 - Sophomore

- Out for the season with injury

- Started his first career game and had 10 total tackles vs. Southern Miss, second-most on the team

WALKER'S CAREER STATISTICS

Table with columns: Year, Pos., G-GS, Tackles, TFL-Yds., Sacks-Yds., FC, FR, PBU. Totals: 3-2, 10, 0.5-1, 0.0, 0, 0, 0

WALKER'S 2016 GAME-BY-GAME

Table with columns: Opponent, Tkls., TFL-Yds., Sacks-Yds., FC, FR, Int., QBH. Totals: 10, 0.5-1, 0.0, 0, 0, 0, 0

WALKER'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 10, Southern Miss, Sept 3, 2016 (2-8)
Tackles for loss: .5, Southern Miss, Sept 3, 2016 (0-0)



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DENZIL WARE

DEFENSIVE END/LB

6-2 • 255 • Sophomore-1L Opp, Ala. (Senior)

2016 - Sophomore

- Has started in 23 of 24 career games played, including 18 consecutive
For his career, has 100 tackles, 17.5 tackles for loss and 6.5 sacks
Has 61 tackles this season (sixth on the team) and five QB hurries (second on the team)
Is second on the team with 5.5 total sacks and 12.0 tackles for loss
Tallied a career-high tying seven tackles with one TFL in the win over No. 11 Louisville
Also had seven tackles in wins vs. Mississippi State and Austin Peay
Had six tackles, including a career-high 2.5 tackles for loss and 1.5 sacks in UK's win over Vanderbilt
Named SEC Co-Defensive Lineman of the Week after totaling a season-high five tackles, two sacks and two TFLs in the win over South Carolina
The two sacks vs. USC are the most sacks by a UK player against an SEC opponent since Ridge Wilson against South Carolina in 2011
With South Carolina in UK territory, threatening to tie the game late in the fourth quarter, Ware sacked the quarterback for a 19-yard loss on fourth down; it turned out to be USC's final offensive play of the game





WARE'S CAREER STATISTICS								
Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tackles	TFL-Yds.	Sacks-Yds.	FC	FR	QBH
2015	DE/LB	12-11	39	5.5-13	1.0-4	1	1	2
2016	DE/LB	12-12	61	12.0-75	5.5-61	0	0	5
Totals		24-23	100	17.5-88	6.5-65	1	1	7

WARE'S 2016 GAME-BY-GAME							
Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Yds.	Sacks-Yds.	FC	FR	Int.	QBH
vs. Southern Miss *	4	2.0-14	1.0-13	0	0	0	0
at Florida *	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	2
vs. New Mexico St. *	4	0.5-1	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. South Carolina *	5	2.0-21	2.0-21	0	0	0	0
at Alabama *	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1
vs. Vanderbilt *	6	2.5-9	1.5-8	0	0	0	1
vs. Miss. State *	7	1.0-6	0-0	0	0	0	0
at Missouri *	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia *	4	0.5-0	0-0	0	0	0	1
at Tennessee *	9	2.5-23	1.0-9	0	0	0	0
vs. Austin Peay *	7	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at Louisville *	7	1.0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0
Totals	61	12.0-75	5.5-61	0	0	0	5

WARE'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS
Tackles: 7, four times, last at Louisville, Nov 26, 2016
Sacks: 2.0, South Carolina, Sept 24, 2016
Tackles for loss: 2.5, twice, last at Tennessee, Nov 12, 2016
Fumbles forced: 1, Florida, Sept 19, 2015
Fumbles recovered: 1, Charlotte, Nov 21, 2015



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CHRIS WESTRY
CORNERBACK

6-4 • 195 • Sophomore-1L
Orange Park, Fla. (Oakleaf)

2016 - Sophomore

- Has started all 24 games of his career at Kentucky
- Has three career interceptions, tied for a team high
- Racked up a career-high seven tackles in the win over Mississippi State
- Had a career-best two PBUs vs. NMSU
- Broke up a team-leading eight passes, finishing with 36 tackles, 1.5 tackles for a loss, one sack and two interceptions, adding a QB hurry last season

WESTRY'S CAREER STATISTICS									
Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tackles	Int.-Yds.	TFL	PBU	FR	FC	QBH
2015	CB	12-12	36	2-3	1.5-9	8	0	0	1
2016	CB	12-12	42	1-0	0.5-1	3	1	0	0
Totals		24-24	78	3-3	2.0-10	11	1	0	1

WESTRY'S 2016 GAME-BY-GAME							
Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FC/FR	PBU	Int.	QBH
vs. Southern Miss *	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at Florida *	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. New Mexico St. *	3	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	0
vs. South Carolina *	3	0-0	0.5-1	0	0	0	0
at Alabama *	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt *	5	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Miss. State *	7	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at Missouri *	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia *	2	0-0	0-0	0/1	0	0	0
at Tennessee *	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Austin Peay *	4	0-0	0-0	0	1	1-0	0
at Louisville *	6	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Totals	42	0-0	0.5-1	0/1	3	1-0	0

WESTRY' SINGLE-GAME HIGHS
Interceptions: 1, three times, last vs Austin Peay, Nov 19, 2016
Long interception return: 3, at South Carolina, Sept 12, 2015
Tackles: 7, vs. Mississippi State, Oct 22, 2016
Sacks: 1.0, at South Carolina, Sept 12, 2015 (1-0)
Tackles for loss: 1.0, at South Carolina, Sept 12, 2015 (1-0)
Pass breakups: 2, twice, last vs New Mexico State, Sept 17, 2016



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STANLEY "BOOM" WILLIAMS
RUNNING BACK

5-9 • 196 • Junior-2L
Monroe, Ga.
(George Walton Academy)

2016 - Junior

- Named third-team All-SEC by Phil Steele
- Leads the team with 1,135 yards this season, sixth on the UK single-season list ... Marks the most since Artose Pinner ran for 1,414 yards in 2002
- Ninth in the nation with 7.1 yards per carry, could break his own school record of 7.1 yards per career set last season
- Has another school record with seven career touchdown runs of 50+ yards
- Although a junior, already ranks seventh in school history with has 2,476 career rushing yards ... Needs 142 more to tie Derrick Locke at No. 6 (2,618)
- Reached 2,000 rushing yards on the 288th carry of his career in the game vs. Missouri, marking the least number of carries needed to reach 2,000 by a Wildcat
- Is just the seventh player in school history to rush for 1,000 yards in a season
- Became the fourth Wildcat to have a 1,000-yard season prior to his senior season, joining Sonny Collins, Rafael Little and Moe Williams
- Has four 100-yard games this season and 11 in his career which ties him with Artose Pinner for fourth place in career 100-yard games
- Ranks seventh in the SEC and 40th nationally in average rushing yards per game with 94.6

- Is just the second player in school history to have consecutive seasons of at least 850 rushing yards prior to his senior season ... The only other player to do so was Sonny Collins in 1973-1974
- Rushed a career-high tying 18 times for a career-high 182 yards at Missouri
- His 60-yard TD run at Missouri extended his school record of seven career rushing touchdowns of at least 50 yards ... It was the UK's longest rushing TD in an SEC road game since 2013
- Averaged 9.6 yards per carry at Missouri, the highest for a Wildcat (min. 19 attempts) since Alfred Rawls averaged 10.1 vs. LSU in 1989
- Recorded 181 rushing yards vs. New Mexico State, the eighth most by a UK player at CWS history and the most by a UK player in CWS since Artose Pinner had 224 vs. Vanderbilt on Nov. 16, 2002
- Became the fifth player in UK history to have at least three career games of at least 135 rushing yards at CWS ... The last UK player to accomplish this feat was Artose Pinner
- Set a new single-season UK record with a 7.1 yards per carry mark last season

WILLIAMS' CAREER STATISTICS											
Year	G-GS	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2014	10-1	74	486	6.6	5	58	17	162	9.5	1	32
2015	10-10	121	855	7.1	6	75	13	74	5.7	0	22
2016	12-10	160	1,135	7.1	7	63	7	48	6.9	1	15
Totals	32-21	355	2,476	7.1	18	75	37	284	7.7	2	32

WILLIAMS' CAREER STATISTICS					
Year	KOR	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
2014	19	511	26.9	0	75
2015	0	0	0.0	0	0
2016	0	0	0.0	0	0
Totals	19	511	26.9	0	75

WILLIAMS' 2016 GAME-BY-GAME						
Opponent	Att.	Yds.	TD	Rec.	Yds.	TD
vs. Southern Miss	13	94	0	2	16	0
at Florida *	12	66	0	1	7	0
vs. New Mexico St. *	18	181	1	0	0	0
vs. South Carolina *	15	123	1	0	0	0
at Alabama *	9	22	0	1	3	0
vs. Vanderbilt *	9	54	0	1	0	0
vs. Miss. State *	14	99	0	0	0	0
at Missouri *	19	182	1	1	13	1
vs. Georgia *	14	77	1	1	9	0
at Tennessee *	16	127	1	0	0	0
vs. Austin Peay	7	47	1	0	0	0
at Louisville *	14	63	1	0	0	0
Totals	160	1135	7	7	48	1



WILLIAMS' SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Rush attempts: 19, 4x, last at Missouri, Oct 29, 2016
Rush yards: 182, at Missouri, Oct 29, 2016 (19 carries)
Rush TDs: 2, 3x, last vs. Charlotte, Nov 21, 2015
Long rush: 75, UL Lafayette, Sept 5, 2015
Receptions: 5, at Missouri, Nov 1, 2014
Receiving yards: 58, at Missouri, Nov 1, 2014 (5 receptions)
Receiving TDs: 1, twice, last at Missouri, Oct 29, 2016
Long reception: 32, at Missouri, Nov 1, 2014
Total offense yards: 182, at Missouri, Oct 29, 2016 (182 rush, 13 rcv)
All-purpose yards: 195, at Missouri, Oct 29, 2016
Kick returns: 6, at Tennessee, Nov 15, 2014
Kick return yards: 136, at Tennessee, Nov 15, 2014 (6 returns)
Long kick return: 75, Louisiana-Monroe, Oct 11, 2014



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LUKE
WRIGHT

QUARTERBACK

6-4 • 206 • Sophomore-TR
 Atlanta, Ga. (Holy Innocents'
 Episcopal/Cincinnati)

2016 - Sophomore

- Earned his first starting spot vs. Austin Peay as starter Stephen Johnson nursed a sore knee
- Walk-on who transferred to UK from Cincinnati
- Played in four games as a redshirt freshman at Cincinnati last season

WRIGHT'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Comp.	Att.	Int.	Pct.	Yds.	TD	Long
2015*	4-0	1	3	0	33.3	16	0	16
2016	2-1	3	4	1	75.0	28	0	12
at UK	2-1	3	4	1	75.0	28	0	12
Totals	6-1	4	7	1	57.1	44	0	16

* at UC

WRIGHT'S 2016 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Comp.- Att.-Int.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rush	Yards	TD
vs. Austin Peay *	3-4-1	28	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	3-4-1	28	0	0	0	0	0



COURTNEY MIGGINS
SENIOR DEFENSIVE END

BOWL HISTORY

K E N T U C K Y W I L D C A T S



KENTUCKY BOWL HISTORY

Kentucky in the Bowls

All-Time Record: 8-7

Great Lakes Bowl

Dec. 6, 1947: UK 24, Villanova 14

Orange Bowl

Jan. 2, 1950: Santa Clara 21, UK 13

Sugar Bowl

Jan. 1, 1951: UK 13, Oklahoma 7

MVP: Walt Yowarsky

Cotton Bowl

Jan. 1, 1952: Kentucky 20, TCU 7

MVPs: Emery Clark, Ray Correll, Babe Parilli

Peach Bowl

Dec. 31, 1976: UK 21, North Carolina 0

Off. MVP: Rod Stewart

Def. MVP: Mike Martin

Hall of Fame Bowl

Dec. 22, 1983: West Virginia 20, UK 16

UK MVP: George Adams

Hall of Fame Bowl

Dec. 29, 1984: UK 20, Wisconsin 19

MVP: Marc Logan

Peach Bowl

Dec. 31, 1993: Clemson 14, UK 13

UK Offensive MVP: Pookie Jones

UK Defensive MVP: Zane Beehn

Outback Bowl

Jan. 1, 1999: Penn State 26, UK 14

HomePoint.com Music City Bowl

Dec. 29, 1999: Syracuse 20, UK 13

Gaylord Hotels Music City Bowl

Dec. 29, 2006: UK 28, Clemson 20

MVP: Andre' Woodson

Gaylord Hotels Music City Bowl

Dec. 31, 2007: UK 35, Florida State 28

MVP: Andre' Woodson

AutoZone Liberty Bowl

Jan. 2, 2009: UK 25, East Carolina 19

MVP: Ventrell Jenkins

UK Offensive MVP: Mike Hartline

UK Defensive MVP: Braxton Kelley

Gaylord Hotels Music City Bowl

Dec. 27, 2009: Clemson 21, UK 13

BBVA Compass Bowl

Jan. 8, 2011: Pittsburgh 27, UK 10



Andre' Woodson was named Most Valuable Player of Kentucky's 2006 and 2007 Music City Bowl championships.



Walt Yowarsky was named the Most Valuable Player of UK's 1951 Sugar Bowl triumph over Oklahoma, ending the Sooners' 31-game win streak.



Jim Howe returns a kickoff in Kentucky's first bowl appearance, a 24-14 victory over Villanova in the 1947 Great Lakes Bowl.



The Wildcats celebrate their 20-19 win over Wisconsin in the 1984 Hall of Fame Bowl.



KENTUCKY BOWL SUMMARIES

1947 • Great Lakes Bowl // Kentucky 24, Villanova 14

The Kentucky Wildcats made their first appearance on the bowl scene in the 1947 Great Lakes Bowl and came away with a 24-14 victory over Villanova before a crowd of 14,908 at Cleveland Municipal Stadium.

Kentucky, in its second year under head coach Paul "Bear" Bryant, finished at 8-3 on the season with the victory.

Quarterback/kicker George Blanda gave Kentucky a 3-0 lead in the first quarter. Blanda connected on a 27-yard field goal to put the Cats up and it remained that way until halftime.

In the third quarter, UK's Jim Howe scampered 29 yards for a score. Kentucky led 10-0 after three periods.

Bill Boller scored both Kentucky touchdowns in the fourth period, romping 15 yards on a handoff

from Blanda and racing 49 yards to paydirt with an interception. Blanda added both PATs to round out the Kentucky scoring.

Villanova also added a pair of fourth-quarter touchdowns, but it was not enough as Kentucky captured its first bowl victory in school history.

SCORING SUMMARY

VILLANOVA	0	0	0	14	—	14
KENTUCKY	3	0	7	14	—	24

- UK - Blanda, 27 FG
- UK - Howe, 29 run (Blanda PAT)
- UK - Boller, 15 run (Blanda PAT)
- UK - Boller, 49 interception return (Blanda PAT)
- VU - Shehhan, 9 pass from Gordon
- VU - Pasquariello, 10 run
- Attendance - 14,908



All-America quarterback Vito "Babe" Parilli led the Wildcats to the Orange, Sugar, and Cotton bowls in consecutive seasons.

1950 • Orange Bowl // Santa Clara 21, Kentucky 13

Kentucky committed three turnovers and let a seven-point halftime lead slip away in dropping its first major bowl game, 21-13, to Santa Clara in the 1950 Orange Bowl before a crowd of 64,816.

The Wildcats, 9-3, scored their first touchdown early in the second quarter as a result of a Santa Clara turnover. UK's John Netoskie recovered at fumble at the Wildcat 49 to set up Kentucky's first score. The Wildcats drove 51 yards in 14 plays as Wilbur Jamerson hammered over from two yards. Bobby Brooks added the PAT to make it 7-0.

Kentucky wasted a golden scoring opportunity late in the second quarter when Babe Parilli found Bill Leskovar for a 45-yard completion to the SC 3 with time running out. Leskovar and runningmate Don Phelps each were stopped short on their respective rush attempts and the clock ran out before UK could score. The Wildcats led 7-0 at halftime.

UK coach Paul "Bear" Bryant said afterward he should have sent in a pass play just before the half. "If it failed," he said, "the clock was killed then we could have tried a field goal."

A short 9-yard punt by Phelps set up Santa Clara's first score in the third quarter. After taking over on the SC 46, Bronco quarterback John Pasco hit Larry

Williams on a 25-yard pass. Santa Clara eventually scored on a 1-yard sneak by Pasco to tie the game, 7-7.

Santa Clara scored again later in the third period, thanks in part to a pass interference call against Kentucky. Hall Haynes went over from 4 yards to make it 14-7 after three quarters.

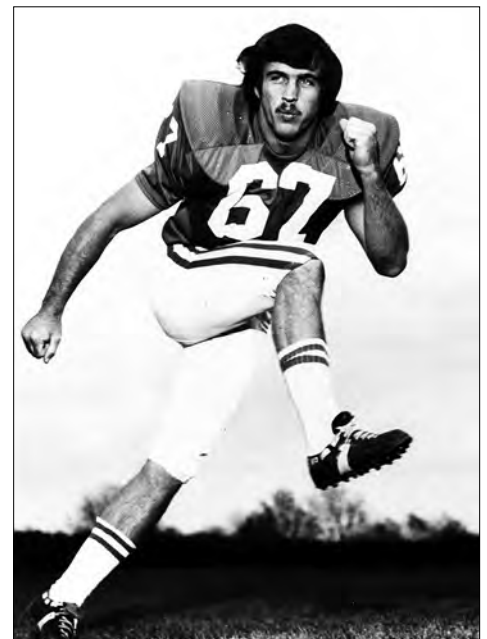
Parilli led Kentucky right back, hitting Emery Clark on a 52-yard touchdown strike. Brooks, however, missed the tying PAT, breaking a personal streak of 18 straight, as Santa Clara led 14-13 with 12 minutes left in the contest.

Santa Clara managed to hold off the Cats and added an insurance score with less than a minute left, a 16-yard TD run by Buster Wraith.

SCORING SUMMARY

KENTUCKY	0	7	0	6	—	13
SANTA CLARA	0	0	14	7	—	21

- UK - Jamerson, 2 run (Brooks PAT)
- SC - Pasco, 1 run (Vargas PAT)
- SC - Haynes, 4 run (Vargas PAT)
- UK - Clark, 52 pass from Parilli (PAT missed)
- SC - Wraith, 16 run (Vargas PAT)
- Attendance - 64,816



Mike Martin was the Defensive Most Valuable Player of the 1976 Peach Bowl when the Wildcats shut out North Carolina.

1951 • Sugar Bowl // Kentucky 13, Oklahoma 7

Kentucky arrived on the national football scene and stunned national champion Oklahoma, 13-7, to capture the 1951 Sugar Bowl before 82,000 in New Orleans.

The Wildcats, 11-1, displayed a tough defense and opportunistic offense in snapping Oklahoma's 31-game winning streak, the longest in the nation at that time. More than 13,000 Kentucky fans made the long trip to New Orleans to watch the Southeastern Conference champions pick up their school record 11th win.

Under the direction of coach Paul "Bear" Bryant, Kentucky continually confused the favored Sooners with different defensive looks. The Wildcats used three tackles much of the time, causing OU quarterback Claude Arnold to hasten his playmaking.

Inflicting the most damage on the Sooners was

Walt Yowarsky, a tackle who had played less than five minutes on the defensive side of the football in 1950. Yowarsky operated at left end, next to Outland Trophy winner Bob Gain, and repeatedly sliced into the Sooner backfield to break up passes and to make Arnold hurry his handoffs and laterals.

Yowarsky recovered a fumble on the OU 22 that set up UK's first touchdown. On the very next play, Babe Parilli hit Wilbur Jamerson in the right corner of the end zone for the score. Gain added the PAT to make it 7-0 in the first quarter.

Kentucky marched 81 yards in the second quarter to go up 13-0. Jamerson dove over from the one to cap the drive, but Gain missed wide on the PAT.

The Wildcat defense, ranked number two in the nation, showed Oklahoma why late in the third quarter. The Sooners drove 67 yards with the second-half



Marc Logan was the MVP of Kentucky's 1984 Hall of Fame Bowl win over Wisconsin.





kickoff, sitting at the UK 3 with a first-and-goal. Yowarsky helped UK turn back the Sooners, throwing an OU runner for a 5-yard loss on third down and Oklahoma eventually turned the ball over on downs.

Yowarsky, voted the game's MVP, thwarted another Oklahoma scoring threat in the fourth quarter as he recovered a fumbled punt.

Oklahoma did score with seven minutes to play as Billy Vessels hit Merrill Green on a 17-yard pass for the touchdown. Jim Weatherall added the PAT.

The Wildcats managed to hold on to the football for all but one play the rest of the way to claim a stirring 13-7 win.

1952 • Cotton Bowl // Kentucky 20, TCU 7

Quarterback Babe Parilli threw for two touchdowns to lead the Kentucky Wildcats to a 20-7 victory over the TCU Horned Frogs in the 1952 Cotton Bowl before a crowd of 75,349 in Dallas, Texas.

Parilli, who completed 8-of-20 passes for 85 yards, tossed both touchdown strikes to Emery Clark. With the victory, the Wildcats ended the season at 8-4.

Kentucky got on the scoreboard first, as Parilli found Clark for the first of two TDs. Parilli hit Clark with a 5-yard toss to culminate a 53-yard scoring march. Harry Jones added the PAT and Kentucky led 7-0 after one quarter.

In the second period, UK got its second touchdown when Parilli and Clark hooked up again. This time, Parilli found Clark on a 13-yard TD strike to cap a 57-yard drive. Jones missed on the PAT attempt and UK settled for a 13-0 lead in the second period with a little over 10 minutes left.

The Wildcat defense made that 13-point lead stand up until halftime as the Horned Frogs drove four times deep into UK territory. Led by All-American guard Ray Correll, the Wildcats turned TCU away on drives to the UK 4, 24, 5 and 2-yard lines to take a 13-0 lead at intermission.

TCU's Bobby Jack Floyd sliced the UK lead to 13-7 when he galloped 43 yards on a sweep. Floyd's run capped an 80-yard scoring drive which took only four plays. Keith Flowers added the PAT with 1:12 left in the third period.

Kentucky ended any thoughts of a TCU comeback, thwarting the only two Horned Frog offensive drives in the fourth period and scoring an insurance touchdown as well. Ed Hamilton sealed the UK victory with a 3-yard score off left tackle with 3:33 left. Jones added the PAT for the final 20-7 score.

SCORING SUMMARY table for 1952 Cotton Bowl

UK - Jamerson, 22 pass from Parilli (Gain PAT)
UK - Jamerson, 1 run (PAT missed)
OU - Green, 17 pass from Vessels (Weatherall PAT)
Attendance - 82,000

SCORING SUMMARY table for 1952 Cotton Bowl

UK - Clark, 5 pass from Parilli (Jones PAT)
UK - Clark, 13 pass from Parilli (PAT missed)
TC - Floyd, 43 run (Flowers PAT)
UK - Hamilton, 3 run (Jones PAT)
Attendance - 75,349



The Wildcats celebrate a victory over TCU in the 1952 Cotton Bowl.

1976 • Peach Bowl // Kentucky 21, North Carolina 0

Kentucky tailback Rod Stewart scored three touchdowns to lead the Wildcats to a 21-0 blanking of North Carolina before a sellout crowd of 54,132 in the 1976 Peach Bowl in Atlanta, Ga.

The Wildcats, after a 25-year absence from the postseason bowl scene, returned in fine fashion as Kentucky completely smothered the Tar Heels. Kentucky outgained North Carolina 334-108 in total yards, limiting the Tar Heels to just five first downs and forcing five UNC turnovers.

After a scoreless first half, Kentucky went to work in the third period after UNC quarterback Matt Kupec fumbled at the Tar Heel 21. UK's James Ramey recovered and the Wildcats were in business.

Seven plays later, Stewart busted over from the one for the touchdown. John Pierce added the PAT and Kentucky led 7-0 after three quarters.

Stewart sent the 37,000-plus Kentuckians, who had followed UK to the Peach Bowl, into a frenzy with his second touchdown early in the fourth quarter. The Wildcats marched 57 yards in 9 plays as Stewart capped the drive with a 13-yard gallop behind All-American tackle Warren Bryant.

Pierce was good on the PAT and Kentucky led 14-0 with 13:01 left to play.

The Big Blue had to go only 47 yards for their final score. Kentucky faced a fourth-and-one from the UNC 3 with a little over three minutes remaining. Once again, Stewart (104 yards on 19 carries) got the call and he picked up both - the first down and the touchdown. Pierce was true on the PAT and UK had put the game away.

Stewart tied the Peach Bowl record for most touchdowns and scoring with the three TDs and 18 points. He was named the game's MVP. The Most Valuable Defensive Player of the game was UK linebacker Mike Martin, who helped hold UNC to just over 100 yards.

SCORING SUMMARY table for 1976 Peach Bowl

UK - Stewart, 1 run (Pierce PAT)
UK - Stewart, 13 run (Pierce PAT)
UK - Stewart, 3 run (Pierce PAT)
Attendance - 54,132

Bowl Game Records

Team Records

Rushing
Rush Attempts:42 (Music City, 2009)
Net Rushing Yards:318 (Peach, 1976)
Touchdowns Rushing:3 (Great Lakes, 1947; Peach, 1976)

Passing
Pass Attempts:50 (Music City, 2007)
Pass Completions:32 (Music City, 2007)
Had Intercepted:2 (Orange, 1950; Outback, 1999)
Passing Yards:358 Music City, 2007)
Touchdowns Passing:4 (Music City, 2007)

Total Offense
Offensive Plays:82 (Music City, 2007)
Total Yards:501 (Music City, 2007)

Scoring
Points Scored:35 (Music City, 2007)
Most Touchdowns:5 (Music City, 2007)
Most Field Goals:2 (Hall of Fame, 1984; Peach, 1993; Music City, 1999, 2009; Liberty, 2009)

First Downs
Most First Downs:29 (Music City, 2007)
First Downs by Rush:17 (Peach, 1976)
First Downs by Pass:19 (Music City, 2007)

Fumbles
Most Fumbles:5 (Music City, 2007)
Fumbles Lost:3 (Music City, 2007)



1983 • Hall of Fame Bowl // West Virginia 20, Kentucky 16

Kentucky won much of the statistical battle but lost the war in dropping a tough 20-16 decision to the West Virginia Mountaineers in the 1983 Hall of Fame Bowl in Birmingham, Ala.

The Wildcats, in a bowl for the first time since 1976, out-gained West Virginia 306-288 in total offense and held the edge in first downs 19-18 and passing yards 216-88. But 17 second-half points by West Virginia were too much for the Wildcats to overcome.

WVU scratched first as placekicker Paul Woodside connected on a 39-yard field goal late in the first quarter.

Kentucky countered with 10 points in the second stanza to take a 10-3 lead at halftime.

The Wildcats marched 54 yards in eight plays for their first score. Facing a third-and-three from the Mountaineers' 26, Kentucky used some razzle-dazzle as Tony Mayes swept right, then threw-back to quarterback Randy Jenkins in the left corner of the endzone for the TD. John Hutcherson added the PAT and UK led 7-3 with 10:59 left in the second period.

Jenkins hit two big passes late in the second quarter to help set up a 32-yard field goal by Hutcherson. Jenkins connected with Joe Phillips for a 19-yard pass play and then hit George Adams for a 14-yarder as Hutcherson connected with 38 seconds left in the half.

WVU kicker Paul Woodside fooled everyone to begin the second half. Woodside tried an on-side kick to start the half and then recovered it to give the Mountaineers the football at the UK 48. Eight plays later, QB Jeff Hostetler found Rich Hollins for a 16-yard TD strike. Woodside added the PAT and it was 10-10 with 11:10 left in the third quarter.

West Virginia scored twice in a span of two minutes early in the fourth quarter to take a commanding 20-10 lead.

Hostetler capped off a 10-play, 81-yard drive with a 2-yard scoring toss to Rob Bennett to make it 17-10 with 11:15 left to play.

Two plays later, West Virginia took over after an interception of a Jenkins pass at the UK 16. The interception set up a 23-yard field goal by Woodside as the Mountaineers went up 20-10 with 9:18 remaining.

Kentucky freshman quarterback Bill Ransdell led the Wildcats back, marching UK 92 yards in 11 plays following the kickoff. Ransdell hit Phillips for a 13-yard scoring toss to make it 20-16 with 5:50 left. Hutcherson missed the PAT.

The Wildcats got one more shot, but could get no further than the UK 37.

SCORING SUMMARY

W. VIRGINIA	3	0	7	10	—	20
KENTUCKY	0	10	0	6	—	1

- WV - Woodside, 39 FG 3:54-1Q
- UK - Jenkins, 26 pass from Mayes (Hutcherson PAT) 10:59-2Q
- UK - Hutcherson, 32 FG 0:38-2Q
- WV - Hollins, 16 pass from Hostetler (Woodside PAT) 11:10-3Q
- WV - Bennett, 2 pass from Hostetler (Woodside PAT) 11:15-4Q
- WV - Woodside, 23 FG 9:18-4Q
- UK - Phillips, 13 pass from Ransdell (PAT missed) 5:50-4Q
- Attendance - 42,000

1984 • Hall of Fame Bowl // Kentucky 20, Wisconsin 19

Kentucky's Joey Worley booted a career-long 52-yard field goal with just under nine minutes remaining to give the Wildcats a thrilling 20-19 victory over the Wisconsin Badgers in the 1984 Hall of Fame Bowl in Birmingham, Ala.

Worley, a freshman, helped Kentucky overcome a nine-point deficit in the second half with his school and bowl record field goal.

Wisconsin jumped on top early, scoring twice in the first quarter. Todd Gregoire nailed a 40-yard field goal just under four minutes into the game and Michael Howard hit Thad McFadden with a 3-yard TD pass. Gregoire added the PAT and the Badgers led 10-0 with 5:34 left in the opening period.

Gregoire added another field goal, this one from 27 yards, to make it 13-0 with 7:05 left in the second period.

Kentucky got on the board after safety Paul Calhoun intercepted a Howard pass to give UK possession at the Badger 42. It took Kentucky just five plays to score as Marc Logan went over from nine yards. Worley added the PAT to cut the deficit to 13-7 with 1:29 left in the half.

Wisconsin was not through. The Badgers used four running plays, two passes and a costly 15-yard penalty to move the football to the UK 3 with two seconds left in the half. From there, Wisconsin decided on a Gregoire field goal (20-yarder) to take a 16-7 edge at halftime.

Kentucky narrowed the gap to 16-10 on a 22-yard field goal by Worley with 11:28 left in the third quarter. But Gregoire responded with a 40-yarder two minutes later to move the count back to nine, 19-10.

Behind UK quarterback Bill Ransdell, the Wildcats marched 82 yards in 11 plays later in the quarter to get within two, 19-17. Ransdell hit Logan on a screen pass to cover the final 27 yards and with the Worley PAT, UK was back in it

with 26 seconds left in the third quarter.

The next time Kentucky got the ball, Ransdell moved the Cats into position for Worley's 52-yarder. Starting from the UK 22, tailback Mark Higgs got the call four consecutive times, then it was Adams' turn the next four plays. Facing a fourth-and-two at the UW 34, Worley nailed the game-winner with 8:55 left.

Wisconsin came back and marched to the UK 8 with less than two minutes left. With the Badgers facing a fourth-and-six, Gregoire was called on for his fifth field goal attempt. This time, the snap from center was bobbled and UK sealed the victory.

SCORING SUMMARY

WISCONSIN	10	6	3	0	—	19
KENTUCKY	0	7	10	3	—	20

- UW - Gregoire, 40 FG 11:32-1Q
- UW - McFadden, 3 pass from Howard (Gregoire PAT) 5:34 -1Q
- UW - Gregoire, 27 FG 7:05-2Q
- UK - Logan, 9 run (Worley PAT) 1:29-2Q
- UW - Gregoire, 20 FG 0:02-2Q
- UK - Worley, 22 FG 11:28-3Q
- UW - Gregoire, 40 FG 9:04-3Q
- UK - Logan, 27 pass from Ransdell (Worley PAT) 0:26-3Q
- UK - Worley, 52 FG 8:55-4Q
- Attendance - 47,300

Bowl Game Records

Individual Records

Rushing

- 152 Rafael Little (28 att.) Music City, 2007
- 104 Rod Stewart (19 att.) Peach, 1976
- 89 Tony Dixon (28 att.) Liberty, 2009

Pass Attempts

- 50 André Woodson (32 comp.) Music City, 2007
- 48 Tim Couch (30 comp.), Outback, 1999
- 43 Dusty Bonner (30 comp.) Music City, 1999

Pass Completions

- 32 André Woodson (50 att.) Music City, 2007
- 30 Dusty Bonner (43 att.) Music City, 1999
- 30 Tim Couch (48 att.) Outback, 1999

Passing Yards

- 358 André Woodson (32 of 50) Music City, 2007
- 336 Tim Couch (30 of 48) Outback, 1999
- 308 Dusty Bonner (30 of 43) Music City, 1999

Offensive Plays

- 58 Tim Couch (8 rush, 48 pass), Outback, 1999
- 54 André Woodson (4 rush, 50 pass), Music City, 2007
- 52 Dusty Bonner (9 rush, 43 pass), Music City, 1999

Total Yards

- 344 Tim Couch (8 rush, 336 pass), Outback, 1999
- 332 André Woodson (-26 rush, 358 pass), Music City, 2007
- 324 Dusty Bonner (16 rush, 308 pass), Music City, 1999

Receptions

- 8 Anthony White (85 yards), Music City, 1999
- 8 Rafael Little (50 yards), Music City, 2007

Receiving Yards

- 124 Steve Johnson (7 rec.), Music City, 2007
- 85 Anthony White (8 rec.), Music City, 1999
- 79 James Whalen (4 rec.), Music City, 1999





1993 • Peach Bowl // Clemson 14, Kentucky 13

The Wildcats met the 24th-ranked Clemson Tigers in the 26th annual Peach Bowl and came within one minute of winning their sixth bowl in eight tries. But a Clemson TD in the closing seconds sent UK home with a 14-13 loss.

Kentucky took the opening kickoff and marched down the field to the Clemson 2-yard line, where what appeared to be a QB Pookie Jones-to-WB Alfonso Browning TD was instead a turnover when Browning fumbled the ball while attempting to extend it over the goal line.

Clemson took over on its own one and proceeded to march 99 yards for the game's first score, a 2-yard TD plunge by TB Emory Smith. The PAT gave the Tigers a 7-0 lead. Clemson ran the ball 15 times and attempted only three passes in the drive. Kentucky was stopped again at the 1-yard line before the Wildcats finally scored on Nicky Nickels' 34-yard FG in the second period, making the score Clemson 7, Kentucky 3.

UK captured the lead early in the fourth quarter when Jones hit WR Mark Chatmon with a 5-yard TD pass, making it UK 10, Clemson 7. Nickels added another FG, this one from 26 yards, to extend UK's lead to 13-7. But after Dan Ariza's 55-yard punt pinned the Tigers inside their own 18-yard line, QB Patrick Sapp hit Smith with a 57-yard screen pass to move Clemson into scoring position. With less than a minute remaining, LB Marty Moore intercepted a Sapp pass, but fumbled it back, giving Clemson a second chance. The Tigers capitalized when Sapp

hit WR Henry Smith with the game-winning 21-yard TD pass. Kentucky got the ball back with less than 20 seconds remaining, but could move no farther than its own 40.

SCORING SUMMARY

CLEMSON	7	0	0	7	-	14
KENTUCKY	0	3	0	10	-	13

CU - Smith, 2 run (Welch PAT)-1Q
UK - Nickels, 34 FG-2Q
UK - Chatmon, 5 pass from Jones (Nickels PAT)-4Q
UK - Nickels 26 FG-4Q
CU - Smith, 21 pass from Sapp (Welch PAT)-4Q
Attendance - 63,416



Pookie Jones threw for 154 yards and a touchdown in the 1993 Peach Bowl.

1999 • Outback Bowl // Penn State 26, Kentucky 14

Playing on New Year's Day for the first time in 47 years, the Kentucky Wildcats jumped out to an early lead, but the Penn State Nittany Lions rallied for a 26-14 victory in the Outback Bowl in Tampa, Fla.

Although the game was played in Tampa, the Wildcats certainly felt at home. Heavy ticket demand gave the Outback Bowl its first sellout ever, as more than 40,000 UK fans were packed among the 66,005 patrons in Raymond James Stadium.

Kentucky got on the board first with 7:36 remaining in the first quarter. At the PSU 36-yard line, under heavy pressure, quarterback Tim Couch lofted a rainbow into the end zone that wide receiver Lance Mickelsen caught for a touchdown.

Later in the opening period, UK stretched the lead to 14-3 with a 64-yard drive, capped by a 16-yard TD pass from Couch to halfback Anthony White. Key plays on the drive included a 22-yard pass from Couch to wide receiver Kevin Coleman and a 30-yard aerial to Mickelsen.

From the second quarter, however, Penn State chipped away. Quarterback Kevin Thompson hit flanker Joe Nastasi with a 56-yard touchdown bomb. A second field goal from Travis Forney narrowed the UK advantage to 14-13 at halftime.

The Nittany Lions took the lead for good in the third quarter on two more field goals by Forney, giving him four on the day. Penn State put the game away in the fourth quarter with a 19-yard end-around TD run by Chafie Fields.

Meanwhile, the PSU defense shut out the Wildcats the last three quarters. Kentucky continued to move the ball, but three scoring opportunities came up empty - one on an interception, one on a missed field

goal, and the other when the Wildcats were held on downs.

Kentucky actually outgained Penn State, 441 yards to 420. UK might have done even better, but the Wildcats offensive line was missing three senior starters, all of whom were replaced by freshmen.

Couch paced the attack by completing 30-of-48 passes for 336 yards and two TDs, completing his streak of at least 300 passing yards and at least one TD pass in every game of the season. Running backs Anthony White and Derek Homer caught seven balls each. White totaled 101 yards on the day, with eight rushes for 61 yards and seven receptions for 40 yards.

SCORING SUMMARY

KENTUCKY	14	0	0	0	-	14
PENN STATE	3	10	6	7	-	26

UK - Mickelsen, 36 pass from Couch (Hanson kick), 7:43 1Q
PSU - Forney, 43 FG, 5:25 1Q
UK - A. White, 16 pass from Couch (Hanson kick), 3:51 1Q
PSU - Nastasi, 56 pass from Thompson (Forney kick), 12:33 2Q
PSU - Forney, 26 FG, 1:03 2Q
PSU - Forney, 21 FG, 7:51 3Q
PSU - Forney, 25 FG, 0:13 3Q
PSU - Fields, 19 run (Forney kick), 11:03 4Q
Attendance - 66,005



Lance Mickelsen made a beautiful leaping catch for a 36-yard touchdown reception against Penn State in the Outback Bowl.



1999 • HomePoint.com Music City Bowl // Syracuse 20, Kentucky 13

Playing in back-to-back bowl games for the first time since 1983-84, the Kentucky Wildcats went down to the wire before falling to Syracuse, 20-13, in the HomePoint.com Music City Bowl in Nashville, Tenn. Kentucky played before a heavily partisan crowd, as almost all of the 59,221 fans were pulling for the Wildcats.

Kentucky blazed to a 10-0 lead in the first quarter. The Wildcats took the opening kickoff and maneuvered 79 yards for a touchdown. Tight end James Whalen set up the TD with a 45-yard reception and Kendrick Shanklin ran it in from the 3-yard line.

The Wildcats held on defense, forcing a punt. Quarterback Dusty Bonner again drove the Wildcats inside the 10-yard line before settling for a 22-yard field goal by Marc Samuel. Whalen, however, was injured during the series and was lost for the remainder of the game. Already having caught four passes for 79 yards midway through the first quarter, his presence was sorely missed.

The Kentucky defense continued to stop Syracuse, including two fumble recoveries and a blocked field goal, but the Orangemen got on the board late in the second quarter. The Wildcats led at halftime, 10-7.

A scoreless third quarter led to a dramatic final stanza. Samuel extended the UK lead to 13-7 with a 35-yard field goal. Syracuse countered with two scoring runs by James Mungro, taking a 20-13 lead.

Kentucky got its last chance by taking over on its own 4-yard line with only 1:35 remaining and no timeouts.

Bonner did a great job of moving the team to the Syracuse 41-yard line, but ran out of time, and a desperation heave on the game's final play fell incomplete.

Bonner led the UK attack by completing 30 of 43 passes for 308 yards and he also ran for 16 yards. In his final game as a Wildcat, running back Anthony White caught eight passes for 85 yards – both figures setting UK bowl records.

Linebacker Ryan Murphy led the defense in tackles with a career-high 15 stops. Linebacker Marlon McCree had an outstanding game. He tied his career high for tackles with 10, including two tackles for loss and a quarterback sack, caused two fumbles and recovered a fumble. Defensive tackle George Massey (nine) and free safety Anthony Wajda (eight) each tied his career high for tackles.

The Wildcats blocked two field goals, one each by defensive end Dennis Johnson and another by linebacker Jamal White.

SCORING SUMMARY

SYRACUSE	0	7	0	13	—	20
KENTUCKY	10	0	0	3	—	13

UK – Shanklin 3 run (Samuel kick)...11:58 1st Qtr
 UK – Samuel 22 FG...6:31 1st Qtr
 SU – Johnson 2 run (Trout kick)...1:56 2nd Qtr
 UK – Samuel 35 FG...10:39 4th Qtr
 SU – Mungro 32 run (Trout kick)...9:08 4th Qtr
 SU – Mungro 20 run (Brown run failed)...1:42 4th Qtr
 Attendance - 59,221



Team Stats

	UK	Syracuse
First Downs	18	19
Rush Attempts/		
Net Rushing Yds	23/57	47/276
Passing C/A/I	30/43/1	11/15/0
Net Passing Yrds	308	128
Offensive Plays	68	62
Total Offense	365	404
Fumbles/Lost	3/1	3/2
Penalties/Yards	4/20	3/20
Punts/Average	4/45	3/33
Third Down	8 of 17	6 of 12
Conversions		
Time of Possession	28:36	31:24

Individual Stats

Rushing

Kentucky:	Homer	1-24
	Bonner	9-16
	Pinner	7-5
	Shanklin	1-3-1
Syracuse:	Mungro	12-162-2
	Brown	22-87
	Johnson	6-28-1

Passing

Kentucky:	Bonner	30/43/1/308/0
	team	0/2/0/0/0
Syracuse:	Nunes	11/15/0/128/0

Receiving

Kentucky:	White	8-85
	D. Smith	5-56
	Shanklin	5-34
	Whalen	4-79
Syracuse:	Spotwood	5-77
	Woodcock	2-37

Tackles

Kentucky:	Murphy	15
	McCree	10
	Massey	9
	Wajda	8
Syracuse:	Bullock	20
	Pettijohn	10
	Ford	8
	McIntosh	8



Kendrick Shanklin bulled his way into the end zone for a 3-yard touchdown run.



Dennis Johnson (56) blocked this Syracuse field goal attempt. Later in the game, Jamal White (47) also blocked a field goal attempt.



2006 • Gaylord Hotels Music City Bowl // Kentucky 28, Clemson 20

Kentucky quarterback André Woodson threw for 299 yards with three touchdowns and the Wildcats won their first bowl game in 22 years with a 28-20 victory over Clemson in front of a record 68,024 fans at the 2006 Gaylord Hotels Music City Bowl in Nashville, Tenn.

Woodson, the game's Most Valuable Player, completed 20-of-28 passes and finished the season with 31 touchdown strikes, joining Tim Couch as the only Wildcats in school history to reach 30 TD tosses in a season. Woodson directed an offense that gave the Wildcats their sixth bowl win in school history by setting a UK record for most points scored in a bowl game.

Kentucky, making its first postseason appearance since 1999, used some offensive wrinkles to score its first-half points. The Wildcats quickly got on the board with a one-yard run by Micah Johnson less than four minutes into the game. Johnson, normally a linebacker, was called upon in the short-yardage situation and the 270-pounder bulldozed his way into the end zone for his first collegiate score.

The Wildcat defense gave ground early, but Clemson stayed off the scoreboard after a pair of missed field goals. The Tigers finally tallied and came within one, 7-6, after a 32-yard pass by quarterback Will Proctor to Durrell Barry in the second quarter.

From there, both teams combined for four turnovers on the next seven plays, but UK closed the half with another surprise maneuver. Facing fourth down and four yards to go from his own 20-yard line, Wildcat punter Tim Masthay faked

a punt and completed a 10-yard pass to Marcus McClinton for the first down. On the next play, Woodson followed with a 70-yard bomb to receiver DeMoreo Ford to go into the locker room up 14-6.

Meanwhile, the Kentucky defense stiffened, stopping the Tigers on six consecutive possessions in the second and third quarters. The Wildcat offense took advantage, making it 21-6 early in the second half after a Clemson fumble. Woodson found wide receiver Dicky Lyons Jr. on a short sideline pass and Lyons took it the rest of the way for a 24-yard score. UK built its lead to 28-6 with a touchdown pass to tight end Jacob Tamme with 11:29 remaining in the game.

Trading yardage for time, Kentucky gave up a pair of clock-eating scoring drives and clinched the victory when Tamme recovered an onside kick with less than a minute to go. That set off a wild celebration among the Wildcats and the 50,000-plus UK fans who packed LP Field.

SCORING SUMMARY

CLEMSON	0	6	0	14	-	20
KENTUCKY	7	7	7	7	-	28

UK – M. Johnson 1 run (Seiber kick) ... 11:04 1st qtr.
 CU – Barry 32 pass from Proctor (Early kick failed) ... 8:14 2nd qtr.
 UK – Ford 70 pass from Woodson (Seiber kick) ... 2:14 2nd qtr.
 UK – Lyons 24 pass from Woodson (Seiber kick) ... 8:09 3rd qtr.
 UK – Tamme 13 pass from Woodson (Seiber kick) ... 11:29 4th qtr.
 CU – Grisham 17 pass from Proctor (Proctor rush failed) ... 7:25 4th qtr.
 CU – Kelly 17 pass from Proctor (Palmer pass from Proctor) ... 0:44 4th qtr.
 Attendance - 68,024



Team Stats

	Clemson	UK
First Downs	19	21
Rush Attempts/ Net Rushing Yds.	25/130	40/100
Passing C/A/I	23/39/1	21/29/0
Net Passing Yards	272	309
Offensive Plays	64	69
Total Offense	402	409
Fumbles/Lost	3/3	2/2
Penalties/Yards	5/50	8/84
Punts/Average	3/43.7	4/25.0
Third-Down Conv.	4-of-11	7-of-14
Time of Possession	26:16	33:44

Individual Stats

Rushing

Kentucky:	Little	17-57
	Bankhead	3-37
	Dixon	8-29
	Conner	1-1
	M. Johnson	2-1-1
	team	1-0
	Woodson	8-(-22)
Clemson:	Davis	8-53
	Proctor	9-32
	Spiller	5-24
	Ford	1-15
	Stuckey	1-5
	Merriweather	1-1

Passing

Kentucky:	Woodson	20-28-0-299-3
	Masthay	1-1-0-10-0
Clemson:	Proctor	23-39-1-272-3

Receiving

Kentucky:	Burton	5-30
	Tamme	4-59-1
	S. Johnson	3-67
	Lyons	2-50-1
	Little	2-15
	Dixon	2-2
	Ford	1-70-1
	McClinton	1-10
	Pulley	1-6
Clemson:	Kelly	6-66-1
	Stuckey	5-93
	Grisham	5-49-1
	Davis	2-13
	Barry	1-32-1
	Ford	1-8
	Harris	1-5
	Merriweather	1-4
	Palmer	1-2

Tackles

Kentucky:	Woodyard	12
	McClinton	9
	R. Williams	7
Clemson:	Hamlin	13
	Scott	8
	Adams, Watkins, Gaddis	6





2007 • Gaylord Hotels Music City Bowl // Kentucky 35, Florida State 28

It was a case of "Deja Blue" as Kentucky defeated perennial national power Florida State, 35-28, in the 2007 Gaylord Hotels Music City Bowl.

For the second consecutive year, the Wildcats claimed the Music City Bowl championship, quarterback Andre' Woodson won the Most Valuable Player Award and a heavily blue-tinted record sellout crowd of 68,661 packed LP Field in Nashville, Tenn.

Woodson capped his UK career in fine fashion, completing 32 of 50 passes for 358 yards and four touchdowns. And, as was typical of the season, a variety of players contributed to UK tallying its most points ever in a bowl game.

Versatile tailback Rafael Little had one of his best games as a Wildcat, rushing for 152 yards while catching eight passes for 50 yards and a touchdown. Wide receiver Steve Johnson caught seven balls for 124 yards and two TDs. Not expected to participate because of a knee injury, determined wideout Keenan Burton played anyway and also snagged seven passes. Linebacker Wesley Woodyard checked in with his usual solid performance, a game-high 15 tackles.

Kentucky struck quickly and never trailed. Safety Roger Williams blocked a punt on the first possession of the game and tight end Jacob Tamme got the Wildcats on the board with a 14-yard touchdown catch. However, a fumble near the FSU goal line and a missed field goal ruined other UK scoring chances and the teams were tied at 14 apiece at halftime.

Like the year before, Kentucky took control in the third quarter. Woodson directed a pair of 80-yard touchdown

drives, with Little scoring on a two-yard pass reception and tailback Tony Dixon running it home from four yards away.

UK made the score 35-21 in the fourth quarter on a 38-yard pass to Johnson, but just like the previous year, the opponent rallied late. FSU drove for a touchdown, got the ball back and was able to throw a bomb to the end zone on the game's final play, but cornerback David Jones knocked down the pass to preserve the victory.

The win marked some big milestones for the Kentucky football program. This was the first time since the 1950 and '51 seasons that the Wildcats notched bowl victories in consecutive years. It was the first time since 1976-77 that UK won eight games in back-to-back seasons.

SCORING SUMMARY

KENTUCKY	7	7	14	7	—	35
FLORIDA ST.	7	7	0	14	—	28

UK – Tamme 14 pass from Woodson (Seiber kick) ... 10:39 1st qtr.
 FSU – Weatherford 6 run (Cismesia kick) ... 1:49 1st qtr.
 UK – S. Johnson 13 pass from Woodson (Seiber kick) ... 8:28 2nd qtr.
 FSU – Carter 24 interception return (Cismesia kick) ... 3:28 2nd qtr.
 UK – Little 2 pass from Woodson (Seiber kick) ... 6:49 3rd qtr.
 UK – Dixon 4 run (Seiber kick) ... 0:04 3rd qtr.
 FSU – Weatherford 1 run (Cismesia kick) ... 8:02 4th qtr.
 UK – S. Johnson 38 pass from Woodson (Seiber kick) ... 5:19 4th qtr.
 FSU – Carr 7 pass from Weatherford (Cismesia kick) ... 2:14 4th qtr.
 Attendance - 68,661



Team Stats

	UK	FSU
First Downs	29	22
Rush Attempts/		
Net Rushing Yds.	36-143	33-204
Passing C/A/I	32/50/1	22/50/2
Net Passing Yards	358	276
Offensive Plays	86	83
Total Offense	501	480
Fumbles/Lost	5-3	1-0
Penalties/Yards	7/45	10/102
Punts/Average	5/39.8	6/41.7
Third-Down	6-of-14	6-of-16
Conversions		
Time of Possession	30:25	29:35

Individual Stats

Rushing

Kentucky:	Little	28-152
	Dixon	4-17-1
	Woodson	4-(-26)
FSU:	Smith	17-156
	Weatherford	12-48-2
	Parker	2-1
	Holloway	1-0
	team	1-(-1)

Passing

Kentucky:	Woodson	32-50-1-358-4
FSU:	Weatherford	22-48-2-276-1
	Parker	0-1-0-0-0

Receiving

Kentucky:	Little	8-50-1
	S. Johnson	7-124-2
	Burton	7-56
	Lyons	5-78
	Tamme	3-35-1
	Dixon	1-8
	Grinter	1-7
FSU:	Parker	8-105
	Carr	6-99-1
	Fagg	5-51
	Owens	2-10
	Smith	1-11

Tackles

Kentucky:	Woodyard	15
	Kelley	6
	Moore	6
	Warford	5
	McClinton	5
FSU:	Nicholson	13
	Williams	10
	Rolle	8
	Hayes	8



Defensive tackle Corey Peters enjoyed a rare treat for a defensive lineman when he intercepted a pass.



Andre' Woodson was the Music City Bowl Most Valuable Player for the second-consecutive year.





2009 • AutoZone Liberty Bowl // Kentucky 25, East Carolina 19

Defensive end Ventrell Jenkins scored the game-winning touchdown on a 56-yard fumble return as the Kentucky Wildcats defeated East Carolina 25-19 in the AutoZone Liberty Bowl and won their third-straight bowl game for the first time in school history.

With the game tied at 19 and less than four minutes remaining, UK defensive tackle Myron Pryor knocked the ball away from an ECU running back. The 6-foot-2, 285-pound Jenkins scooped up the ball, stiff-armed a Pirate lineman, and thundered his way down the sideline towards the end zone. The senior from Columbia, S.C., pulled a double move on East Carolina quarterback Patrick Pinkney with a devastating stiff arm – knocking an earpad out of Pinkney’s helmet – and a high step. Jenkins said the next thing he remembered was lying in the end zone with his teammates on top of him.

Jenkins’ return capped a big Kentucky comeback. East Carolina led 16-3 at halftime, but senior cornerback David Jones gave a huge lift to the Wildcats by opening the second half with a 99-yard kickoff return for a touchdown. It set a record for the longest kickoff return in the 50-year history of the Liberty Bowl.

Kentucky’s lone offensive touchdown came minutes after Jones’ kickoff return. Sophomore wide receiver Kyrus Lanxter caught a pass from quarterback Mike Hartline, broke a tackle, and made a nice inside move to avoid another defender and get into the end zone for a 19-yard touchdown reception. Lones Seiber’s extra point tied the game at 16 and the teams traded field goals before Jenkins’ game-winning fumble rumble.

Following Jenkins’ TD, Kentucky got a huge break when East Carolina accidentally downed the kickoff on its own one-yard line. With the help of two pass breakups from freshman cornerback Randall Burden, who was subbing for injured All-American Trevard Lindley, the UK defense forced a punt. UK took over with 2:34 to play and senior tailback Tony Dixon clinched the victory with six straight running plays, grinding out two first downs to run out the clock.

Dixon led all rushers with 89 yards on a career-high 28 carries. Hartline completed 19 of 31 passes for 204 yards and a touchdown. Lanxter set career highs with five catches for 46 yards.

Kentucky’s defense held up its end of the bargain with several big plays, totaling nine tackles for loss, three quarterback sacks, seven pass breakups and the game’s decisive touchdown. Senior linebacker Braxton Kelley made eight tackles, 2.5 tackles for loss and one sack. Defensive tackle Myron Pryor went out with a bang with a career-high seven tackles, one for loss, the caused fumble and a pass breakup.

East Carolina took an early 10-0 lead in the first quarter after a Ben Hartman field goal and a 28-yard rushing touchdown by Brandon Simmons. Kentucky got on the board midway through the second quarter with a 21-yard field goal by Seiber, but 12 seconds later East Carolina increased its lead with an 80-yard touchdown pass from Pinkney to Darryl Freeny. That gave the Pirates a 16-3 lead at halftime and set the stage for UK’s second-half heroics.

Jenkins was named the game’s overall Most Valuable player, while Hartline and Kelley were selected UK’s most outstanding offensive and defensive players, respectively. After all the bowl games were completed, Jones and Pryor were named to “All-Bowl Teams” by various college football websites in honor of their outstanding performances.

SCORING SUMMARY

Table with 6 columns: Team, FG, TD, PAT, P, Yards. Rows for Kentucky and E. Carolina.

ECU – Hartman 22 FG ... 5:39 1st qtr.
ECU – Simmons 28 run (Hartman kick) ... 14:14 2nd qtr.
UK – Seiber 21 FG ... 8:59 2nd qtr.
ECU – Freeny 80 pass from Pinkney (kick blocked) ... 8:47 2nd qtr.
UK – Jones 99 kickoff return (kick blocked) ... 14:48 3rd qtr.
UK – Lanxter 19 pass from Hartline (Seiber kick) ... 8:13 3rd qtr.
ECU – Hartman 43 FG ... 0:06 3rd qtr.
UK – Seiber 34 FG ... 14:07 4th qtr.
UK – Jenkins 56 fumble return (kick blocked) ... 3:02 4th qtr.
Attendance - 56,125



David Jones changed the game’s momentum by opening the second half with a 99-yard kickoff return for a touchdown, the longest return in the 50-year history of the Liberty Bowl.



Defensive end Ventrell Jenkins scored the game-winning touchdown with his 56-yard “fumble rumble,” including a stiffarm that knocked an earpad out of the opponent’s helmet.



Team Stats

Table comparing UK and ECU stats: First Downs, Rushing Attempts, Net Rushing Yards, Passing C/A/I, Net Passing Yards, Offensive Plays, Total Offense, Fumbles/Lost, Penalties/Yards, Punts/Average, Third-Down, Conversations, Time of Possession.

Individual Stats

Table for Rushing stats: Kentucky (Dixon, Smith, Conner, Hartline) and E. Carolina (Simmons, Whitley, Rogers, Bowman, Pinkney).

Table for Passing stats: Kentucky (Hartline) and E. Carolina (Pinkney).

Table for Receiving stats: Kentucky (Lanxter, McCaskill, Dixon, Smith, Adeyemi, Grinter, Drake, Conner) and E. Carolina (Drew, Freeny, Simmons, Bowman, Womack, Gidrey, Rogers).

Table for Tackles stats: Kentucky (Kelley, Pryor, McClinton, M. Johnson, Harrison, Jarmon).



2009 • Gaylord Hotels Music City Bowl // Clemson 21, Kentucky 13

The exciting duo of Derrick Locke and Randall Cobb combined for 224 all-purpose yards and senior Lones Seiber kicked two field goals, but Clemson downed the Kentucky 21-13 in what would turn out to be head coach Rich Brooks' final game on the sidelines.

Played at Nashville's LP Field before a crowd of 57,280, the game was primarily dominated by the defenses. Kentucky gained 277 total yards and Clemson's potent attack was limited to 321 total yards.

Kentucky got on the board on its first possession of the game. True freshman quarterback Morgan Newton drove the Wildcats 61 yards, the final 17 on a touchdown pass to junior wide receiver Chris Matthews. Seiber provided the rest of the scoring for the Wildcats, booting field goals of 39 and 44 yards.

Clemson, champion of the Atlantic Division of the Atlantic Coast Conference, gradually moved back into contention. The Tigers tied the score at 7-7 on a 32-yard touchdown pass from Kyle Parker to Jacoby Ford, then went ahead 14-10 at halftime with one-yard run by Jamie Harper.

Trailing 14-13 to start the fourth quarter, the Wildcats forced a three-and-out and took over at their own 13-yard line. Newton completed a short pass, but Clemson linebacker Kavell Konnor forced the ball loose and the Tigers recovered the only turnover of the game. All-America tailback C.J. Spiller scored three plays later as Clemson went up 21-13.

Kentucky tried to battle back on the following possession, keeping the drive alive on a fourth-down conversion by punter Ryan Tydlacka. Four plays later, Newton came up inches short on a fourth-and-eight scramble, and the Wildcats

turned the ball over on downs. Clemson was able to run out the remaining time on the clock.

Spiller, the ACC Player of the Year, was the game's Most Valuable Player. Despite his gaudy numbers entering the game and Heisman-caliber resume, the Kentucky defense did a solid job on Spiller, allowing him just 67 rushing yards and one TD.

Sophomore linebacker Danny Trevathan led the UK defense with eight tackles, including one for loss, and caused one fumble. Junior cornerback Paul Warford and senior linebacker Micah Johnson added five tackles each.

The loss snapped Kentucky's three-game bowl winning streak, the longest in school history. Following the game, Brooks announced he probably would step down as head coach and turn the headset over to offensive head coach, and selected coach-in-waiting, Joker Phillips. Brooks finalized the decision a week later.

The game marked the second time in four seasons Kentucky played Clemson in the Music City Bowl. The Wildcats won the previous meeting in 2006, 28-20.

SCORING SUMMARY

KENTUCKY	7	3	3	0	-	13
CLEMSON	7	7	0	7	-	21

UK – Matthews 17 pass from Newton (Seiber kick) ... 10:08 1st qtr.

CU – Ford 32 pass from Parker (Jackson kick) ... 0:16 1st qtr.

UK – Seiber 39 FG ... 7:29 2nd qtr.

CU – Harper 1 run (Jackson kick) ... 5:19 2nd qtr.

UK – Seiber 44 FG ... 10:15 3rd qtr.

CU – Spiller 8 run (Jackson kick) ... 10:14 4th qtr.

Attendance - 57,280



Team Stats

	UK	Clemson
First Downs	19	14
Rush Attempts/		
Net Yards	42-167	33-180
Passing C/A/I	15/26/0	8/14/0
Net Passing Yards	110	141
Offensive Plays	68	47
Total Offense	277	321
Fumbles/Lost	1-1	2-0
Penalties/Yards	3-15	7-75
Punts/Average	4-29.2	4-36.5
Third-Down		
Conversions	6 of 16	4 of 10
Time of Possession	34:26	25:34

Individual Stats

Rushing

Kentucky:	Locke	18-64
	Newton	10-37
	R. Cobb	10-36
	Allen	2-19
	Tydlacka	1-9
	Conner	1-2
Clemson:	Harper	8-79-1
	Spiller	15-67-1
	Ellington	4-20
	Parker	3-16
	Ford	1-2
	team	2-(-4)

Passing

Kentucky:	Newton	13-23-0-98-1
	R. Cobb	2-3-0-12-0
Clemson:	Parker	8-14-0-141-1

Receiving

Kentucky:	Locke	6-30
	McCaskill	4-31
	R. Cobb	2-20
	Grinter	2-12
	Matthews	1-17-1
Clemson:	Spiller	3-58
	Ford	3-44-1
	Palmer	2-39

Tackles

Kentucky:	Trevathan	8
	P. Warford	5
	M. Johnson	5
	Peters	4



Chris Matthews got the scoring started with a 17-yard touchdown reception from Morgan Newton.



Coach Rich Brooks concluded his career by taking Kentucky to a school-record four-straight bowl games.





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In what would eventually be his final game as a Kentucky Wildcat, UK All-American Randall Cobb earned a game-high 204 all-purpose yards, breaking the Southeastern Conference single-season record as Kentucky fell 27-10 to Big East tri-champion Pittsburgh in the 2011 BBVA Compass Bowl.

The bowl appearance was the school-record fifth consecutive for the Wildcats, who have now appeared in postseason play a total of 15 times with an 8-7 record. The bowl appearance for head coach Joker Phillips marked the first time in school history that a UK coach has gone to a bowl game in his first season on the job.

Kentucky entered the game with new faces on the coaching staff and at quarterback as co-defensive coordinator Rick Minter coached his first game with the Wildcats, while sophomore Morgan Newton gained his first start of the season at quarterback after the suspension of senior Mike Hartline.

Minter's defense performed well in the game, limiting Pittsburgh to 96 passing yards on just nine completions while Randall Burden grabbed a key interception in the first quarter. Danny Trevathan led UK in tackles with 14, while Winston Guy had eight tackles, a tackle-for-loss and a pass breakup.

On the offensive side, Newton was 21-for-36 for 211 yards, while senior Derrick Locke paced UK in rushing and receiving with 12 rushes for 71 yards and six receptions for 61 yards. Cobb ended his UK career with three rushes for 23 yards and five catches for 62 yards.

The game started with Pittsburgh receiving the ball and marching 53 yards down the field before Tino Sunseri was picked off by Burden to swing momentum to the Wildcats. After Newton completed three consecutive passes and Locke

had a brilliant 28-yard rush into Pitt territory, the Wildcats made their only turnover of the game and fumbled the ball. The Panthers then went three and out and on the ensuing position, Craig McIntosh drilled a 50-yard field goal to give the Wildcats their lone lead of the game 3-0.

Pittsburgh took the lead late in the second quarter 6-3 after Dan Hutchins hit back-to-back field goals from 21 and 33 yards. The Panthers scored their first touchdown late in the quarter on a one-yard quarterback sneak by Sunseri to go up 13-3 at halftime.

The teams traded touchdowns in the third quarter. On Pitt's first possession of the half, Sunseri hit Brock DeCicco for a touchdown to give the Panthers their biggest lead of the game at 20-3.

The Wildcats put together a good drive later in the quarter. Newton guided the Cats 74 yards on 14 plays, capped when senior fullback Moncell Allen bulldozed in from one-yard out to cut the lead to 20-10. Pittsburgh tacked on its final touchdown in the fourth quarter.

SCORING SUMMARY						
PITTSBURGH	0	13	7	7	-	27
KENTUCKY	3	0	7	0	-	10

UK – McIntosh 50 FG ... 3:15 1st qtr.
 PITT – Hutchins 21 FG ... 11:29 2nd qtr.
 PITT – Hutchins 33 FG ... 3:30 2nd qtr.
 PITT – Sunseri 1 run (Hutchins kick) ... 00:34 2nd qtr.
 PITT – DeCicco 13 pass from Sunseri (Hutchins kick) ... 10:47 3rd qtr.
 UK – Allen 1 run (McIntosh kick) ... 00:41 3rd qtr.
 PITT – Lewis 2 run (Hutchins kick) ... 10:26 4th qtr.
Attendance - 41,207



Team Stats

	PITT	UK
First Downs	20	20
Rush Attempts/ Net Yards	46-261	32-104
Passing C/A/I	9/19/1	21/36/0
Net Passing Yards	96	211
Offensive Plays	65	68
Total Offense	357	315
Fumbles/Lost	0-0	1-1
Penalties/Yards	3-30	5-55
Punts/Average	3-39.3	2-25.0
Third-Down Conversions	6 of 12	5 of 13
Time of Possession	32:38	27:22

Individual Stats

Rushing

Kentucky:	Locke	12-71
	Cobb	3-23
	Newton	12-18
	Sanders	3-3
	Allen	1-1-1
	Roark	1-(-12)
Pittsburgh:	Lewis	22-105-1
	Graham	17-90
	Sunseri	4-53-1
	Street	2-15
	Team	1-(-2)

Passing

Kentucky:	Newton	21-36-0-211-0
Pittsburgh:	Sunseri	9-19-1-96-1

Receiving

Kentucky:	Locke	6-61
	Cobb	5-62
	Matthews	4-28
	King	3-42
	Kendrick	2-19
	Sanders	1-(-1)
Pittsburgh:	Cruz	2-24
	Hynoski	2-19
	Graham	1-14
	DeCicco	1-13
	Baldwin	1-12
	Shanahan	1-12
	Street	1-2

Tackles

Kentucky:	Trevathan	14
	Guy	8
	Wilson	6



Randall Cobb broke the SEC single-season record for all-purpose yardage, finishing the season with 2,396 all-purpose yards.



Moncell Allen celebrates his touchdown run.



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Three UK football transfers experience trip of a lifetime before suiting up for Cats

By Jen Smith
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Fall camp is exhausting and endless. Even in a brand-new, shiny, perfect weight room with 15,000 square feet of space, it's hard to get up for working out every day. But you will never hear a word of complaint from three Kentucky players. This \$45 million practice facility built for building bigger, faster football players is a surreal juxtaposition for Courtney Love, De'Niro Laster and Greg Hart.

The three players, on their UK-sponsored service trip to Ethiopia this summer, saw the lengths others will go to just to work out.

While there, the UK players saw a makeshift workout area in the backyard of a house that takes in street children and educates them. In the yard was a homemade set of monkey bars and a makeshift curl bar made of wood, paint cans and cement.

"It was crazy to see the innovation they had, the want to work out," Love said. "And the initiative. ... They want to work out. They still have dreams to be body builders and professional athletes."

The Kentucky players offered up some workouts the boys could do to get bigger and stronger in their makeshift gym, and worked out a little with them, too.

"Sometimes we complain we have to go work out and we've got this beautiful weight room, beautiful weights and they're lifting with cement, paint cans and a piece of wood, which is just crazy," Love said. "Just helps us appreciate things we have here more."

Something all three appreciated, too, was the opportunity to take that trip even though none of them has played a down of football in a Kentucky jersey.

It just so happened that the three selected for the trip, Love and Hart, players from Nebraska, and Laster, a former Minnesota standout, were transfers.

"We always look for three guys that we feel like it can make an impact ... and it just worked out that way," Coach Mark Stoops said of picking the transfers.

The trip ended up being just another bonding experience for the new Cats, who became fast friends while waiting out per NCAA transfer rules.

"We were already kind of bonded because we had to sit out last year," explained Laster, a linebacker. "So we worked out together every day and we've seen each other through our ups and downs."

Being part of the program from a distance was difficult, said Hart, who recalled the three watching home games from the Commonwealth Stadium stands last season and watching road games from their couches.

"Us three, we went through a hard time with transferring and going through that whole process," the tight end said.

All three said their goal as scout team members last season was to make the other players play better. It was that sort of servant leadership that made them a natural fit for this trip, Laster said.

"I love to help people," he said. "I feel like I have the biggest, loving heart ever. So going to Ethiopia it just made me more appreciative of what I have. I already love helping people."

The plan is to keep helping the people of Ethiopia that they met, one of whom was a single mother whose children hadn't eaten anything substantial in two weeks. The UK players offered her food and gave her money for three month's rent.

"She was losing hope," Laster said. "She wasn't expecting money. She knew she might get some food and clothing, but she wasn't expecting the money."

Love got quiet as he recalled that moment. "She burst in tears because she was so thankful for that."

The three transfers are collecting money from teammates to help build several homes for people there. The coaches have promised to match whatever funds they raise, Laster said.

It's just a small part of the leadership that Stoops said he's seen from the three transfers who likely will play significant roles for Kentucky this season.

"You can see the players be grateful and talk about all the things that we have — not all the things that we don't have — whether we're in the old building, old stadium, new stadium, new building, whatever it is," Stoops said. "We're all very blessed and sometimes we don't always look at it that way. ...

"They've been very good at getting the message across and talking with the guys and being grateful for what we have."

Kentucky's Toth gets his drive from a mother like no other

By Jen Smith
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About a year ago, Jon Toth was on the phone with his mom, grumbling about the difficulties of carrying a full course load in mechanical engineering and balancing it with football.

Being the calculating, measured sort, Kentucky's starting center should've known better than to complain to her.

"Jonathon, really?" she said with an inflection and tone that only mothers master.

"I'm an engineer, too," Stacy Reifeis said. "Don't complain to me. It's not that hard. The fact that you have to think hard about a couple classes is good for you."

In hindsight, Toth should've known that just about anyone whining to Reifeis about his struggles is fighting a losing battle.

Toth's mother is something of nursery rhyme and a fairy-tale ending all rolled into one.

"I was basically Humpty Dumpty, and they put me back together," she said.

It's something she can joke about now, 10 years after an accident that had at least one set of doctors saying she might never walk again.

When those doctors told Reifeis that her crushed and mangled legs were beyond repair, that her new normal might involve a wheelchair or worse, the mother of three boys was defiant.

"They told me there's a strong possibility that I

might not walk again," Reifeis said. "That was preposterous and ridiculous, and I just don't accept that as an answer."

'She's about to die'

Stacy Reifeis is not a cookie-baking, hair bow-wearing type of girl.

Having grown up with brothers and having three active boys of her own, Reifeis is a bit of a daredevil. She was a slalom skier. She rides all-terrain vehicles. She goes tubing and water skiing.

So she was excited to travel with her brother and older sons Erich and Jon from their home in Indianapolis to London, Ky., where there was a motocross track.

On a beautiful day on a beautiful course, something went terribly wrong.

Reifeis missed a turn, went through a fence and cartwheeled along with her bike 25 feet down an embankment.

It's almost easier for her to name the bones that didn't get broken that day.

"I did not break my back; I did not break my hip; I did not break my neck," she said, although her helmet was crushed.

Reifeis suffered compound fractures (in which the bone punctures the skin) in three bones in her left leg and in her left wrist. She broke all of the bones in her right leg.

She broke her knees, ribs, jaw, nose. Cuts covered her body.

When Erich and Jon saw her lying motionless at the bottom of the hill, they went tearing down after her. She was barely conscious and in shock.

"Me and my brother were in shock ourselves," Jon said. "Our mom is out of it; she's about to die. Those kind of thoughts run through your head. This really important person in your life is on the ground and might die."

Reifeis, then 43, was flown of all places to UK Chandler Hospital, just a few blocks away from where Toth has played football for the past three seasons.

She was in a medically induced coma for three days, one of which was her youngest son Matthew's birthday.

When she woke up, she found herself "strung up with monkey bars" keeping both legs and her left arm stabilized. In a painkiller-induced haze, Reifeis called her boss and told him she'd be back to work in a week but she'd need some room at her desk to put her legs up.

It took a bit longer than that.

Eventually, Reifeis was transported home to Indianapolis, where she met with a doctor team that helps put race-car drivers back together after horrific accidents.

"Can I walk again?" she asked them.

When they replied yes, she said simply: "You're hired."

In all, Reifeis had 15 surgeries and spent six weeks in the hospital and then another six weeks in a rehab center. She took her first excruciating but hopeful step on Nov. 20, four months after the wreck.

There are 12-inch plates on her femurs, another holds together her wrist along with "more screws and pins than you can imagine on both sides," she said.



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It took nearly three years, but Reifeis finally felt normal again.

"I live a very happy and productive life," she said. "I walk just fine. I don't run, because I can't articulate my ankles beyond 90 degrees."

But she still gets her thrills with rides on all-terrain vehicles with her boys and trips on snowmobiles and skiing. She water skis, hunts and more.

"We try to approach it very safely, and when Jonathon goes with us, we don't always tell his coaches because they would probably wig out if they saw Jonathon on some of this equipment we go on," she laughed.

They would wig indeed. This summer, UK offensive line coach John Schlarman asked his center what his plans were.

He said they involved ATV riding with his family. "I kind of paused for a second and said, 'So now I've got to worry about that over the weekend?'" Schlarman smiled. "Some of those things, I say to take it easy. But on that particular one, he might have been going with his mom, so how can you say no to that?"

Overcoming obstacles

Even though he was only 12 at the time, Toth remembers watching his mom struggle and persevere. The senior carries that with him, mostly in his DNA.

"The biggest thing I took from all of that is that you can overcome anything, and if you set your mind to something and you work hard, you can achieve what you want," he said.

Thus the scoffing from his mom when he grumbled about his heavy course load and demanding football schedule last year.

"I did feel for him, but I wasn't going to let him know that," she confided later.

Reifeis hopes that even though her children saw her at her worst moments, they use it as motivation going forward.

"Rehab was really difficult, a very painful thing," she said. "But I was undeterred to be able to overcome, I guess. I never thought there was anything to do but that."

"That's just my way. I never let the boys behave any differently growing up. I was like 'suck it up.' Life throws you curveballs."

So it's no wonder that Toth is at the practice facility at 5:45 a.m. stretching before his 8 a.m. meetings or that he spends as much time there watching film as his coaches.

"His work ethic and his habits, what he does is unbelievable," UK offensive lineman Nick Haynes said of his good friend, who has started 35 straight games and is considered one of the nation's top centers. "We're all trying to raise ourselves up and be like him, and if we can all be like him, we'll be a pretty good offensive line."

Ask offensive coordinator Eddie Gran about his most consistent player and he says Toth without hesitation.

"Toth for sure. He hasn't missed a snap, hasn't missed anything," Gran said. "A couple of our guys have had cramps, gone out, and he's the workhorse. He's that guy."

And some of that, he surely gets from his mom.

Kentucky QB Stephen Johnson II overcame childhood disorder, now faces a new obstacle

**By Joe Mussatto
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He snaps his fingers once. Click. It's a fleeting sound with a segment of time on either side. The noise usually is meaningless, but not when Stephen Johnson II makes it.

One click, one instant, changed everything for Kentucky's second-team quarterback.

He suffered from Tourette's syndrome as a kid. He can't remember a time in his childhood when he didn't have it, but he was diagnosed at 8 years old. His eyes blinked too fast. He hiccuped when he breathed. He tried to hold in the symptoms at school, restricting his tics to a noise that sounded like he was coughing with his mouth closed.

Then one day he woke up and, in a snap, it was gone.

Parents are only as happy as their least happy child, said Stephen Johnson, for whom Johnson II is named. The younger Johnson is the oldest of Paula and Stephen Johnson's three children. During a four-year period in their son's life, happiness was hard to come by.

Tourette's syndrome, according to the Tourette Association of America, is a neuro-developmental disorder that affects one out of every 160 children in the U.S. between the ages of 5 and 17. Tics may be transient but some can continue into adulthood.

Treatment is possible but no cure exists. After Johnson II's Little League baseball coach, also a special education teacher, noticed his eye and mouth twitches, his parents started looking for answers.

"We started to wonder, 'Oh how long has this been here,'" Paula Johnson says.

He was diagnosed with Tourette's syndrome shortly after and prescribed different medications, some for ailments the boy didn't have.

"Why would we give this child ADHD medication when he doesn't have ADHD?" Stephen Johnson used to ask. "He's an A student, he's a great kid. Why would he get all these medications? That was really discouraging."

After fourth, fifth and sixth opinions, the Johnsons decided on holistic herbal remedies and, above all, prayer.

Mother, father and son exude faith. It's ingrained in how they think and respond. Paula Johnson understands it's not for everybody, but the family is comfortable in its convictions.

It's the only way they know how to understand the following account from the quarterback's father: "When Stephen got on his hands and knees and asked God to heal him, he woke up the next day and said, 'I am healed.'"

Johnson II took the long way to Lexington. Grambling State offered him a scholarship after high school in Southern California, and he earned the starting gig his redshirt freshman season. But a high-ankle sprain ended his year early, and he wasn't able to earn back his job.

He returned to California and enrolled at College of the Desert, just more than one hour's drive from his hometown of Rancho Cucamonga, Calif. It was there that coach Jack Steptoe, who was aware of Johnson II's high school career and was the one who had referred him to then-Grambling State coach Doug Williams, gave Johnson II control of the passing game and his next shot to prove himself as a high-caliber quarterback.

Steptoe considers Johnson II the best quarterback he's ever coached — both in skill and attitude.

"He always believed he could win regardless what the score was," Steptoe says, never knowing Johnson II had suffered from Tourette's syndrome.

As a kid, Johnson II felt safe on the football field. Just as he believes prayer zapped the tics from his body, football provided a similarly unexplained cure. So did baseball, basketball and piano. His dad wonders if his son's mind was too busy to show the signs of Tourette's syndrome that a quiet classroom exploited. His son always played the focal position in every sport: Shortstop and pitcher in baseball, point guard in basketball, quarterback in football. All positions that require the most thought.

"It would be weird because I would recognize it right before practice, and during practice it would stop," Johnson II said. "Then as soon as practice was done," he snapped his fingers, "it would start up again. I didn't know why that was. 'It was miraculous almost.'"

Johnson II is a world removed from Tourette's syndrome. He hasn't had a tic since before high school.

"We used to ask Stephen all the time: 'How do you feel, how do you feel, how do you feel?'" his dad says. "And my wife used to say, 'Stop asking him how he feels. He feels great. Look at him.'"

"We had to stop asking him because he was doing all of the things a 14,15, 16 year old should be doing. Having fun, going out on dates, going to movies, being with his buddies and going to the beach. We had to kind of get those thoughts out of our head. When Stephen said he was healed, he was healed."

Now the 6-foot-2 signal caller has a new obstacle in front of him: He wants to start. But there's no quarterback competition heading into UK's Sept. 3 season opener against Southern Miss. Sophomore Drew Barker will start.

"My goal is to have (Johnson II) be able to lead the offense and have exactly zero transition between quarterbacks, if that has to happen, whatever the situation," UK quarterbacks coach Darin Hinshaw, who recruited Johnson II, said.

But like Steptoe said, Johnson II believes he can win no matter the score.

"Me and Drew compete every day," he says. "They've obviously given him the No. 1 job but I'm going to keep working at him, keep him on his toes."

He knows it can happen in a snap, a moment in time when everything can change.

"It was definitely challenging growing up having those things," he says, "but I do feel like I can accomplish anything now."





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Once abandoned himself, Kentucky linebacker never leaves a teammate behind

By Jen Smith
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He stood on the sidewalk outside of a Burger King. His quivering hands matched only by his quivering lips, the 11-year-old boy held a cup with a few coins in it. He quietly asked for spare change as people went in and out the glass door.

A car across the parking lot idled nearby with his father inside.

Cory Love adored his son, but he had to teach him a lesson.

"You might as well start practicing now," the former U.S. Marine had just finished telling Courtney, his son.

"He cried and cried. I said, 'Nope. You start practicing right now.' If you're going to be a beggar and not do your school work, this is what you've got to look forward to when you get older."

Courtney Love had gotten in trouble at school for mouthing off to the bus driver. His grades had been plummeting.

The younger Love remembers that lecture well: "He told me, 'You want to get grades like a bum? You want to act like a bum? Then go be a bum.'"

It's a whopper of a tale, but it's one that both father and son are comfortable sharing now.

"It was tough, but in the long run I thank him and thank God he was in my life and did that for me," Courtney Love said. "He was the one that raised me and put me in this position I am today."

People see Courtney Love and see Kentucky's 6-foot-2, 242-pound broad-shouldered and even broader-smiled middle linebacker.

To a man, coaches and teammates call him a charismatic, selfless, encouraging leader of the defense.

Faye Madison sees all of that, too. But she also still sees the little boy.

"I don't want anyone to think he's had an easy life," said Madison, part of the vast village that helped raise Love. "He hasn't, far from it.

"Maybe people think it's been easy because he's always been a football star, but not at all. He was abandoned. He had to find his own way in so many ways."

Stepping stones in life

When Courtney Love was 8 years old, he ran away from home. He always had a complicated, difficult relationship with his mother and had hit his breaking point.

So one night, he jumped out a window and walked to a relative's house and called his dad to come and pick him up.

"That's pretty much the last time I was there," Love said of his nearly nonexistent relationship with his mother.

The linebacker doesn't expound much about what led up to his split with her, just saying: "She just didn't have things going right with her. She was young."

So he moved in full-time with his dad, a strict disciplinarian who had a lot of rules. Growing up without a father himself, Cory Love wanted to make sure Courtney never felt that pain.

"That's not a good feeling for me, and I didn't want to put that on no kid of mine," he said. "I wouldn't want to be responsible for any kid feeling like that."

A few months ago, Courtney saw his mother at his sister's graduation. It was awkward and uncomfortable, but he's been going to counseling and working with UK's team chaplain to find his way to forgiveness.

"I don't think it could ever get to a point where we're bosom buddies and things like that," he said of his relationship with his mother. "I just feel like she missed so much of my life.

"She's my mom, but my great grandmother, my grandmother and Faye, those are my real mothers. Those are the people who nourished me and kept me warm."

Courtney especially had to lean on those special women in his life, his grandmother, Sandra Penny, and his great-grandmother, Rose Allen, who passed away within 10 months of each other last year when he was sitting out at UK after transferring from Nebraska.

It was Madison, Penny and Allen that had to pick up where his dad left off when Cory Love went to prison for two years on drug conspiracy and trafficking charges for events that transpired in the 1990s.

"When his dad went away it was hard, it was a struggle," said Madison, who was in a relationship with Cory for a time. Her children from previous relationships and his form a group of eight brothers and sisters for Courtney.

"Blood couldn't make us any closer," Courtney says of his siblings, four younger, four older. "They're awesome. ... We've been through so much together."

When Cory was in prison for those two years, Madison worked multiple jobs. She wanted to keep Courtney at the private school where he was thriving, so she made an arrangement with the principal to pay tuition each year with her tax refund checks.

It was during that time when Cory was in prison that Courtney really had to become a man.

"Courtney was mischievous, but once his dad went away, I think that changed," Madison said. "He didn't act out. He was hurt, granted, but he took that role as the man."

Courtney was the only boy in the house full of sisters, and Madison was working midnight shifts to make ends meet for the family. "We were home alone a lot," he said. "We just had to grow up and do our own thing and really mature."

There's no choice but to grow up when something like that happens and you're a young kid, explained UK senior safety Marcus McWilson, Love's cousin.

"His dad and my dad were incarcerated together at that time" and involved in the same incident, McWilson said. "Definitely caused him to grow up a little bit more, me to grow up a little bit more on both our parts because we didn't have a father figure that was there all the time. There are stepping stones in life."

Second chances

When Cory Love got out of prison, he made the most of his second chance and started offering them to others.

He's now the successful owner of an industrial cleaning business in Youngstown, Ohio, that services

General Motors, Ford and other factories. He hires guys freshly out of prison.

"He's a big deal," Courtney bragged on his dad. "His story is nuts, the way he went from where he was at and starting out to where he is now as he's a successful business owner."

Cory Love didn't stop being hard on his son. There were still lots of rules in the house, but the one that has stuck most with Courtney wasn't even that hard to follow.

If his son wanted to have a group of friends over, he wasn't allowed to just invite his football player friends.

If that happened, "then I'll be shutting the party down," Cory Love told his son. "If the band members aren't there and regular kids that don't play sports, then there is no party."

Treat all people the same. Find a way to relate to all people was the message.

It's something the woman he calls his second mother saw his senior year at Cardinal Mooney. Even as Love was receiving accolade after accolade and multiple scholarship offers, she said he was often seen helping freshman teammates cut tape off their feet after games.

He'd carry equipment, do whatever was asked.

"There's nobody that's going to be left behind when we're on the same team," Courtney said when asked about it. "I don't want anyone to think, 'He's some big jock, so he's too good. I want to treat everyone on every team the same.'"

It's that mentality, that ability to relate, that discipline he had that has made Love a natural leader for Kentucky's defense.

"He's a different kind of kid," fellow transfer linebacker De'Niro Laster said of Love. "Just a natural leader and he cares more about others than they care about themselves.

"At first it was hard for some of our teammates to understand when Courtney would get on them and everything, but Courtney just wants to win and he cares about other people a lot more than he cares about himself."

Redshirt freshman linebacker Eli Brown said to listen closely at practice.

"You can hear Courtney yelling, 'Let's run. Let's run,'" Brown said. "That pushes everybody. I love that we have a leader like that. Growing up, I never had a leader like that who pushed me."

Courtney Love did. It was his dad and his now-departed grandmothers.

And his Faye, whom he has daily races with to see who can text the other "good morning" the fastest.

Even on the phone, the smile in her voice is clear as she recounts watching him grow up.

"I know what he's went through," she said. "I know what he's endured. ... He's always been special and now hopefully everyone else will get to see it."



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Spring setbacks have turned into fall fun for Kentucky wide receiver Johnson

By Jennifer Smith
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To understand Garrett Johnson's frustrations from a few months ago, one needs to go back to his high school cafeteria in Florida.

It was there in the West Orange lunchroom that Kentucky's soon-to-be wide receiver would spend his breaks memorizing the routes and the plays for his future school's offense.

At nights, he'd text his friend Jeff Badet, who already was a wide-out at UK, to ask specific questions about alignments and assignments.

"I was trying to get an edge," Johnson explained in 2014. "As soon as I finished with my high school season, I was trying to do anything I could to get an edge. So when I got up here it made everything so much smoother."

The problem is, nothing is ever smooth, not even for the player who takes pride in his preparation and unending film study.

Now a junior wide receiver, Johnson is on his third offensive coordinator in as many seasons. These newest ones, Eddie Gran and Darin Hinshaw, are not running some variation of the Air Raid offense, the one for which Johnson had memorized every nuance.

So this spring under a new offense and new coaches, Johnson struggled at times.

Those coaches openly questioned his commitment, his leadership.

"I told him in the spring I thought he was a follower," new wide receivers coach Lamar Thomas said of Johnson, who led the team in receiving yards last season with 694 on 46 catches with two scores.

It bothered Johnson.

"I could sense it a little bit," his good friend and UK defensive back Blake McClain said of Johnson's frustrations. "But he's a strong-minded individual and he tried not to let it get to him."

But it did get to him.

"I've got to be honest, it took a toll on me," Johnson said in August.

Then Johnson did what Johnson has always done: "I took it upon myself to dial in, dig in more and just get more work."

The wide receiver spent his Saturdays this summer in the indoor facility running routes and working non-stop with quarterback Drew Barker.

"So not just mental reps, but being out there physically running the routes," he explained. "It makes it way easier. Just coming out here and getting the extra work."

Part of the difficulty for Johnson with the new offense was its flexibility, especially for the wide receivers.

While so many plays in the previous offenses were black and white, this offense offered 50 shades of gray for a wide receiver.

He's had to adjust to that, too.

"The coaching, just knowing what they want," he said of the differences. "That may be the hardest part. A route is a route. You see it on paper and you

know how to do that, but the way the coaches want certain things to be ran, the flexibility and everything. That was probably the hardest part."

He had to figure out this offense, the way he obsessively figured out the Air Raid offense.

And once that happened, a light came on for him.

"Night and day," Gran said of Johnson from spring practices to the end of fall camp. "He's playing faster, making plays. Exactly what we need from him. ... He worked his tail off. I remember on Saturdays he'd be in the indoor facility. He was working extra. So, he earned what he's getting right now."

What he got Saturday in the loss to Southern Miss was six catches for 143 yards and two touchdowns.

He also takes a ton of confidence in himself and the new offense into The Swamp, a place where he put on a show two seasons ago as a true freshman. In his last go in Gainesville, Fla., Johnson had six catches for 154 yards and two scores.

Football is back to being fun for Johnson.

The freedom of the new offense is something he's starting to enjoy.

And now he's bringing other players along, said Thomas, the coach who called out Johnson for being a follower just a few short months ago.

"He's stepping up and becoming a guy in the room that's becoming a leader," Thomas said. "He's definitely becoming a guy out here on the field, he's pointing guys in the right direction."

"You can tell he's put the time in to learn the offense and it means something to him. Most importantly, he's just having fun out here and he's enjoying it now."

What makes Benny Snell special? Kentucky's coaches break it down

By Jennifer Smith
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It was a bright, clear, calm morning broken by a fierce hit.

It was a freshman-on-freshman collision near the end of fall camp when linebacker Roland Walder popped running back Benny Snell hard.

But Snell got up off the ground faster than his coaches could blink. It brought running backs coach Eddie Gran boundless joy.

"I love him right now, you know what I mean?" said Gran, UK's offensive coordinator, of Snell. "For a freshman and some of the hits, he's shown that he can have yards after contact. He's really far ahead for a true freshman."

After the play had ended, Gran ran over to the 5-foot-11, 220-pounder from Westerville, Ohio, and celebrated with him.

"Two weeks ago, Benny would've reacted differently," Gran explained of his rowdy reaction. "Here he got up like a grown man, jogged, did his deal, came back to the huddle. That's how you're supposed to act. That's what I was excited about."

What Gran didn't say — and didn't add until nearly a month later, after Snell had scored a school record-tying four rushing touchdowns and 136 yards against New Mexico State — was that the freshman

had shown them similar things in scrimmages all fall. So when did Gran start to see that Snell was going to be special?

"The first scrimmage," Gran said. "It was that he was hard to tackle. He knows what to do and that's very important."

Snell keeps a low pad level and carries tacklers with him, which Gran called "a lunch pail mentality. Just goes to work and gets the job done."

Snell's overall size and the fact that he keeps his legs moving and keeps pushing for extra yards makes him a difficult down.

There was plenty of evidence of that in Saturday's game against the Aggies. On Snell's first career carry, coming in as a third-string back on a third-and-one, he broke two tackles and then carried three defenders with him for 18 yards.

On his next carry, he took his first hit at his shoulders and then surged forward for four more yards.

On one of his four touchdown plays, Snell carried four defenders the final three yards for the score.

The running back, who once ran for 241 yards and three touchdowns on 20 carries in a high school game, didn't think it was anything special.

"I just wanted to do my job and that's to run the ball," said a nonchalant Snell, who had the most rushing yards in a game by a true freshman at UK since Derek Homer in 1997.

Running the ball was a job he did well his final two seasons at Westerville Central, a place where he had a 35-6 career. In his final two seasons there, Snell ran for 3,903 yards, caught for 555 more and accounted for 57 touchdowns.

"He impressed us right from the start," Coach Mark Stoops said of Snell. "Much like he did (Saturday), very consistent, physical, disciplined and all the things you're looking for. He's very good in pass protections, he's good with vision and he runs the ball hard. We needed that."

Snell also showed some prowess in a package that had become Jojo Kemp's specialty in recent seasons, including hurting South Carolina the last time the Gamecocks were at Commonwealth Stadium.

"That was frustrating," South Carolina safety D.J. Smith said of going against Kemp in the Wildcat package. "That's not going to happen again, I don't think. Hopefully, it don't."

With Kemp on the sideline nursing an ankle injury (he's expected to be back this week), Snell took several direct snaps in the Wildcat package last Saturday, including running one in for a score.

It's something all of UK's backs practice on a regular basis, he said, and it's something he did in high school as well.

Look for some of that from Kentucky on Saturday versus the Gamecocks, likely with Kemp and Snell.

South Carolina was susceptible to it versus East Carolina last weekend. James Summers gashed them with it, Coach Will Muschamp said.

Summers, listed as a wide receiver, finished as the leading rusher for the Pirates with 71 yards on 11 carries.

"We were soft in the run game about the third series, and that drive was about 60 yards of their rushing total," said Muschamp, whose rushing defense is





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No. 97 in the nation, giving up an average of 192.7 yards a game but just one rushing touchdown in the first three games.

"We played blocks well up front. We didn't fit the run well. That was the disappointing thing."

The Wildcat package was a regular option in Gran and Darin Hinshaw's playbook at Cincinnati mainly because of its versatility, Gran said: "Just gives you an opportunity to spread people out, and you can do a lot of things with it whether it be the fly sweep, whether it be throw the ball, whether it be sprint out, whether it be anything."

No matter what the formation, the package, the quarter, Snell said he's ready.

The freshman has no expectation of more carries because of his huge game Saturday, though.

He said: "Still going to be the same: I just want to get on the field and make plays, so whenever they need me, I'm going to be ready."

Stephen Johnson's path to Kentucky steered by quarterbacks coach Darin Hinshaw

By Joe Mussatto
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When Darin Hinshaw was hired as Kentucky's quarterbacks coach in December, Mark Stoops gave him a task — find a quarterback and do it quick.

Former UK quarterback Patrick Towles transferred 11 days prior to Hinshaw's hiring and the Wildcats needed bodies to back up presumed starter Drew Barker.

The Bearcats backup quarterback Luke Wright followed Hinshaw and offensive coordinator Eddie Gran from Cincinnati to UK, but the Wildcats were targeting one more signal caller.

Hinshaw evaluated 20-25 junior college quarterbacks. He settled on a guy more than 2,000 miles away in Southern California. His name was Stephen Johnson.

"In the process I thought he was the best," Hinshaw said. "For what we do offensively, I said, 'this kid can really be a weapon.'"

And now it's Johnson who will be leading the Wildcats offense at 7:30 p.m. ET Saturday against South Carolina. Johnson came to College of the Desert, about an hour and a half drive from his hometown of Rancho Cucamonga, Calif. as a 168-pound quarterback. Johnson, who had gone to Grambling State out of high school, started as a redshirt freshman, but saw his season end at the mercy of a high ankle sprain. He found himself buried in the depth chart the next year after a new coaching staff came in.

That's when College of the Desert coach Jack Steptoe brought him in. Steptoe had seen Johnson play in high school and pointed him toward Grambling State in the first place. Steptoe knew Grambling coach and former Super Bowl winning quarterback Doug Williams.

"He came down and threw the ball for me for about a half hour and I made a phone call to Doug Williams when he was the head coach at Grambling," Steptoe said. "I said 'Hey you need to take a look at this kid. I

think this kid's a sleeper. He's been overlooked.' Sent Doug video the next day. Doug said 'I've gotta have him.'"

Johnson went to Grambling from Steptoe's recommendation, then back home to play for Steptoe after losing his job and then from the desert to the Bluegrass after Hinshaw whittled a list of two dozen or so down to one.

"It's a long ways from California so if you have your California personality that can sometimes have to mesh with a southern, Kentucky personality," Johnson's dad, also named Stephen, said. "I think he's doing really well for that."

It's Johnson and Wright as the top two quarterbacks on UK's depth chart. Johnson has been thrown into the starting role after arriving in January. Wright is the student of the playbook after playing in Gran and Hinshaw's system at Cincinnati.

"With Patrick Towles deciding to transfer for his senior year, it left the cupboard bare," Stoops said. "I'm sure glad we have Stephen, that's for sure."

Johnson threw for 310 yards and three touchdowns against New Mexico State last Saturday. He and the UK offense tallied 62 points. Johnson stood behind the podium after practice Tuesday, the spot formerly occupied by Barker, and was asked about his performance.

"I was a little bit pleased," Johnson said. "For me, I'm my own greatest critic. I wanna go 100 for 100 completions and have no incompletions at all and execute everything perfectly. Have every perfect pass, but it went pretty well I guess."

As Steptoe said: Johnson isn't a "rah rah" guy. He's a "doer."

When it was clear Barker wasn't going to return last Saturday, Hinshaw turned to the junior college transfer he saw so much promise in.

"Stephen, you're the quarterback now," Hinshaw told him. "He played within himself, took a deep breath, and played like Stephen Johnson can."

Williams, Snell a winning combination for UK

By Alex Forkner
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Boom and Benny. No, it's not the title of a sitcom or a buddy cop movie coming to theaters near you.

Those are the two stars of Kentucky's backfield that pierced then pounded South Carolina's defense and ultimately punctuated the Cats' 17-10 victory.

"I thought it was a good one-two punch," said offensive coordinator Eddie Gran. "We got some of that inside stuff Benny's really good at. He's proven it now, not only fall camp but last week and this week, too. We got some big plays with Boom and right now it's a good combination."

From the outset, it was Boom Williams who gashed the Gamecocks, running 10 times in the first half for 50 yards. UK, though, couldn't capitalize on his success. After halftime, that quickly changed. On the Cats' first drive of the third quarter, Williams bounced to the outside and nimbly avoided a would-be tackler while staying in bounds to prance into the

end zone for a 43-yard score.

"Just hungry to make a play," said Williams. "I know we were down 7-3 and we wanted to come out and score that first drive after halftime. And me as a leader of the offense, my teammates look for me to be able to spark and be able to get us going."

If Williams is the lightning, then Benny Snell is without a doubt the thunder. With the game knotted at 10-10, Gran opted to hand the ball to Snell on seven straight plays.

"Well, it was working," Gran said. "We were mixing it up a little bit with a couple different plays out of the same formation."

Snell delivered, picking up 50 of his 73 rushing yards on the drive, the final yard coming on a direct out of the wildcat formation that Snell took into the end zone for the decisive score.

"He's a strong guy," UK head coach Mark Stoops said of Snell. "Boom is super explosive and can take it the distance at any time, but Benny's a little different change-up. He has really good vision, really good patience and he's very strong."

The true freshman hardly ever seems to go down on first contact, pushing piles for extra yardage and churning his way to every inch.

"My dad used to tell me, 'Never let one man take you down,' so that's a big part of my run game," Snell said. "Even on the one touchdown, I just couldn't let one man take me down, so I took the chance and bounced it outside and I won on my one-on-one."

Thirteen of Snell's 15 carries came in the fourth quarter, bruising a South Carolina defense already winded by chasing Williams, who finished with 15 carries for 123 yards for his second straight game past the century mark.

Stoops: 'I'm never going to flinch'

By Jon Hale
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After a 17-10 win over South Carolina, several Kentucky players said they wanted to win for UK coach Mark Stoops.

On Monday, Stoops said he was grateful for those comments but suggested they weren't needed.

"I appreciate them," Stoops said. "They know I love and respect those players as they do me. We know what goes on in our locker room and I told them, don't ever worry about me. I'm never going to flinch and they can't either."

Two consecutive losses to start the season followed by surrendering 42 points and 500 yards to Sun Belt Conference-foe New Mexico State had Stoops under fire entering the South Carolina game.

After the win, junior nose guard Matt Elam made sure to point out Stoops had the full support of players with a tweet.

"I love my coach and we will go to war for him, and that's not a rumor!" Elam tweeted.

Twice during his Monday news conference Stoops alluded to mounting negativity online.

"When the season doesn't start the way you want it to, there's always going to be a lot of outside noise and distraction," Stoops said. "I was very proud of the



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team and the coaching staff of focusing on the task at hand. We know who we are and what we're capable of and putting our head down and going to work. I was proud of the effort and I was proud of the outcome."

Later in the news conference Stoops was asked about the firing of former LSU coach Les Miles.

"I was sorry to hear that," Stoops said. "Obviously news travels very fast, I hear, on social media. So I was in there working on the game plan and somebody said that. I was very disappointed to hear that."

Regardless of the "outside noise" surrounding the program, Stoops was pleased with the way his players focused on the South Carolina game.

"It was poised," Stoops said. "It was exciting. They were energetic. But we knew what we had to do. It's about getting out there and executing and playing and there's a lot of things for us to clean up still and that's the good part. You can do that after a win and after you do some things good, but there's still several plays we'll get cleaned up and we'll execute better."

UK lineman's message to kids: Do your work, don't lose sight of goals

By Jennifer Smith
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Naquez Pringle had a lot of people in his ear telling him he was the man.

"I was the top player, everybody was like, 'Pringle this. Pringle that,'" Kentucky's junior defensive tackle recalled of his high school days. "I thought I didn't have to do anything and I got the big head."

The 6-foot-3, 320-pound player from Georgetown, S.C., had Division I offers from places like South Carolina and Clemson.

Strong with good footwork and the ability to get to opposing quarterbacks, Pringle had NFL visions.

Then he hit a roadblock bigger than any college center he might go up against this season.

Pringle didn't qualify to go to college.

"I could've gone straight to Division I out of high school if I'd done what I had to do," Pringle explained. Test scores and other academic shortcomings kept him from reaching his goals right away.

Instead he found himself at Itawamba Community College in Mississippi for two years.

The defensive lineman who had people in his ear telling him he was the man now gets in younger kids' ears to tell them that being the man means taking care of your business.

"My goal is just to help student-athletes like myself do the things they should've done," Pringle said. "I don't want them to have to suffer like how I did. I messed myself up.

"I don't want them to have to follow in my footsteps. I want them to be able to get the work. ... When I go back home, I tell them, 'Don't do like me and wait till the last minute to get your work.' I'm trying to help them now where I can be a leader and an example to them."

He's not just making those speeches at home in South Carolina now, either. Pringle found a way to spread that word in his new home in Kentucky.

This summer, Pringle joined with Gear Up (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs) Kentucky to work with middle and high school students, reminding them to do all of the little things to get ready for college.

"I got one-on-one and personal with them," Pringle said. "I told them, 'You can strive for excellence, you just have to work.' My goal of leading the community hasn't stopped even though I'm not home. While I'm here, I'm still encouraging kids to do their best and focus on school and do the right things."

It was in junior college, where Pringle combined for 40 tackles, three for a loss, an interception and a fumble recovery, that he said he learned that he has to work hard off the field, too.

"It helped me grow; JUCO makes a man out of you," he said. "It teaches you about your life and what you've got to do and to take advantage of everything."

He's getting his second chance at Kentucky thanks to a long-term connection with defensive line coach Jimmy Brumbaugh.

It hasn't been a cakewalk since he arrived at UK in December. Pringle struggled early and went into fall camp fourth on the depth chart at nose tackle.

"He was like a fish out of water when he first got here," Brumbaugh said of Pringle.

Added UK defensive coordinator D.J. Eliot: "He just didn't have the techniques or assignments down."

So the lineman leaned on some of the things he'd been preaching to the kids.

"Every day I come back after practice and get extra work and also go watch film," he said last week. "If you're not willing to put in overtime to get better at your own craft, then why do it? It helps me, helps the team."

That extra work has meant a significant jump in playing time for Pringle, who has 12 tackles, including 1.5 for loss and a half-sack in three games so far.

"He's already got that many tackles in a backup role and he hasn't been here that long," Brumbaugh said. "So the kid, he wants it and he works hard at it and he wants to be good. That's what I love about him."

After the second week of camp, Pringle's coaches started to see a light come on for the player. His hard work was paying off.

"We've seen him become a technician. He's a guy that now understands how to use his strength and be a good nose guard," Eliot said.

After being singled out by his head coach for struggling, Pringle has been part of a surge for Kentucky's interior defensive line, which will get its biggest challenge of the season at top-ranked Alabama with its powerful offense.

The Crimson Tide are No. 8 nationally and tops in the Southeastern Conference in scoring offense (46.5 points a game) and second in the league in rushing offense, amassing 246.4 yards a game.

For his part, Pringle said the more reps he gets the better he plays.

It's all been an important learning experience, much like the last few years for the new UK defensive lineman.

"I'm really living my dream right now," he said, even if it was a dream temporarily deferred.

The maturation of Boom Williams

By Alex Forkner
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When Boom Williams wasn't on the field for Kentucky's final drive against South Carolina, watching as true freshman Benny Snell closed out the Cats' win, he did not sulk.

That, said head coach Mark Stoops, was a welcome sight.

"He's really grown up. He's really maturing," Stoops said. "It's great to see him on the sidelines smacking Benny on the head and giving him a high five and cheering it with that complement, instead of it just being about Boom."

Freshman Boom and sophomore Boom may have seen the situation differently, but junior Boom's has a new outlook, a new mentality.

"It's all about the team," Williams said. "I wanted to be a team player and (do) whatever it takes to win."

Of course, Williams has been an integral part of the Cats' offense. Through four games, he has averaged 116.0 yards per game and 8.0 yards per carry. When he gets his opportunities, Williams said, he wants to deliver.

"As one of the leaders of the offense, I think that's huge," Williams said. "When you have a lot of guys that look up to you and look to you during games for you to step up and be that guy to make plays, you have to."

Just as important, though, is what Williams is doing when the ball isn't in his hands, when he's not even on the field.

As Williams' position coach, offensive coordinator Eddie Gran has spent a lot of time with UK's star tailback over the past year, and the coach has been impressed with how Williams has developed as a teammate.

"I'm really proud of him," Gran said. "I think he matured like crazy just looking at the game and how excited he was just to win the game and be a part of a victory, congratulating everybody on the sideline, his demeanor and everything has been fantastic."

Snell, who has emerged as a sidekick of sorts in UK's backfield, said Williams has helped his development early in his college career.

"He's just a guy that's always giving me knowledge," Snell said. "Anytime I mess up, Gran gets on me, but Boom is able to talk to me as a player how to correct myself, and that helps a lot."

As much as Williams has grown, his game is continuing to develop. Gran wants Williams to focus on being a "one-cut back."

"We can't go side to side on any of these SEC teams. I will say this, he can sometimes, but you've got to pick and choose when you do that," Gran said. "I think he's still gotta learn that when it's not there, stick your foot in the ground and get us three yards. And I think he has progressed that way. We're not there yet but we're getting closer."

In another sign of his newfound maturity, Williams welcomes the critique with open arms.

"It's not that hard at all, not when you've got Coach Gran leading you and coaching you and telling you all





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the things you need to be successful," Williams said. "He's had a lot of guys he's put at the next level, so you just got to be able to take coaching."

Kentucky linebacker Jordan Jones leading Wildcats in tackles and energy

By Joe Mussatto

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Jordan Jones doesn't get tired.

The Kentucky sophomore linebacker and second-leading tackler in the SEC can often be found wherever the ball is, as his instincts overcome the parameters of a single position.

Jones is averaging more than 10 tackles per game and his relentless style and energy can hardly be contained.

"He's one of those guys," coach Mark Stoops said. "He's just wired very different."

The coach had trouble explaining what Jones brings to the Wildcats defense.

"He just, there's not, you know, he loves playing football," Stoops said. "He loves practicing, he loves it all."

Jones was a consensus 3-star recruit in Kentucky's 2015 class. He went to Youngstown, Ohio's Cardinal Mooney High School, the alma mater of his head coach. And while he wasn't a top-flight recruit, Jones played in eight games as a true freshman and has been the Wildcats most dynamic defensive player a year later.

While Jones has lit up the stat book, opponents lit up the Wildcats defense in their first three games. Kentucky surrendered 40 or more points to Southern Miss, Florida and New Mexico State. After a 45-7 loss to Florida in Week 2, Jones let out a bit of his frustration:

"Sometimes when we're down, a lot of people on our team just tend to quit and think it's over, and I don't think it's over until it's actually over," Jones said after the game.

But despite the comment, Stoops defended him, saying he didn't know what Jones' intent was, but that the sophomore linebacker "backs it up."

And he's backed it up ever since.

Jones was second on the team with 8 tackles against Alabama. Before the game, he was pumping himself up outside the visitor's locker room at Bryant-Denny Stadium. With headphones pulled over the top of a backward Chicago Blackhawks cap, Jones bobbed up and down next to nearby teammates as if rubbing his energy off on them.

That energy exists throughout each week of preparation.

"Man, there's never a dull moment in the meeting room with Jordan," redshirt freshman LB Eli Brown said. "He's always up yelling, and coming from classes and straight to meetings, you need something like that, something to help you wake up."

Brown was beaten out by Jones for the starting weak-side linebacker spot, but there were never any hard feelings, Brown said. He's learned a lot from watching Jones on film or from the sidelines. As is often the case with Jones, it's his energy that stands out.

"You'll never see Jordan loaf," Brown said. "He's gonna fly to the ball. Me, coming from high school, I ain't gonna lie, man, I was lazy. And now just watching Jordan, I want to get to the ball just like him."

Jones will no doubt try to make every play as Kentucky welcomes Vanderbilt at 4 p.m. Saturday at Commonwealth Stadium. He'll be wearing No. 34, always darting to the ball, and of course, never getting tired.

"I just, it's how I've always been," he said.

UK's Snell carrying on family legacy at RB

By Jon Hale

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For Kentucky freshman Benny Snell Jr. rushing success is a family matter.

Before Benny began wowing Kentucky fans with his bone-jarring runs, his father, Ben Snell Sr., starred as a running back at Ohio Northern, was drafted by the Baltimore Ravens then played in NFL Europe and the XFL. His grandfather was a high school coach. Numerous other relatives played at the collegiate level.

The Snell family running back legacy dates all the way back to Super Bowl III.

History remembers that game for New York Jets quarterback Joe Namath's guarantee of a win, and while Namath was named Super Bowl MVP it was a running back named Matt Snell who totaled 121 yards on 30 carries and scored the Jets' only touchdown.

One of Matt Snell's first cousins happens to be Ben Snell Sr.'s father and Benny's grandfather.

"My dad used to kind of show me the footage and watch me watch Matt Snell playing fullback," Ben Snell Sr. said. "Then as I got even older than that I kind of realized how he was a dual athlete at Ohio State, playing tight end and fullback. I just knew offensively, I had an offensive mind and kind of wanted to make my own path but at the same time wanted to keep the offensive mind and play running back. Then it kind of just trickled down from me right to Benny."

Halfway through Benny's freshman season the Snell family legacy is already paying dividends for Kentucky.

Benny is tied for third in the Southeastern Conference with five rushing touchdowns. He has totaled 341 yards on 61 carries in the last four games and is coming off a season-high 20 carries for 94 yards in a win over Vanderbilt.

After failing to record a carry in Kentucky's first two games, Snell erupted for 136 yards and a school-record four touchdowns on 17 carries against New Mexico State. A week later he totaled 73 yards and one touchdown on 16 carries in a win over South Carolina.

"I really have a lot of confidence in him and, for being a true freshman, it's amazing, but you love that," UK coach Mark Stoops said.

While Stoops and his assistants are thrilled with Benny's production on the field, it's his work off it that may have been most impressive early in his collegiate career.

"I think the things I'm talking about are his intangibles," Stoops said. "Off the field, the accountability that he has, the work ethic that he has, that rubs off on a lot of guys."

That praise comes as no surprise to John Magistro, Benny's former coach at Westerville Central High School.

"I've been doing this for a long time and I've coached some pretty good football players over the years, guys that made it in the pros and so forth," Magistro said. "He's by far the best practice player of anybody I've coached. By far. And I think the fact that he's so focused in practice allows him to be that way in a game."

That mentality was something Ben Snell Sr. worked to instill in his son from a young age.

Ben Snell Sr.'s professional career ended around the time Benny was old enough to start playing football. While he experimented with several positions in youth football, Benny was destined to follow his father's footsteps at running back.

Around 10 years old, Benny started dominating his age group. His dad made sure to emphasize the fundamentals early in Benny's career.

"Some of the mistakes I made with football, I try to gear him away from that," Ben Snell Sr. said. "A lot of the things I was able to learn later in my career I kind of gave it to him a lot earlier."

As Benny grew, his dad added more moves to his arsenal.

One year it was the stiff arm. The next a spin move. Ben Snell Sr. is a firm believer in Malcolm Gladwell's rule that 10,000 hours of practice are needed to achieve expertise at a given skill.

So the father-son combo put in hours of work away from organized practice.

"Growing up I didn't want him to take a lot of punishment, so we would always work on when he's one-on-one pick a side, run through, stay low and keep driving your legs," Ben Snell Sr. said. "Once he got that down to a science, the arm tackle, somebody grabbing on his jersey or somebody one-on-one shouldn't be able to tackle him because he's too strong for that to happen."

While Benny worked to perfect his skills on the field, his father made sure he was learning lessons off it as well.

Lesson No. 1 was staying humble.

"It's just a matter of talking to him and making sure that he stays focused on his goals and the things that he wants to accomplish in his lifetime," Ben Snell Sr. said. "We set small goals and then we just try to knock them down and build them up."

As Benny's career progressed more and more reasons to grow overconfident mounted.

He rushed for more than 2,000 yards as a junior, then totaled 1,826 yards and 29 touchdowns as senior. Twice he was named to the Division I All-Ohio team.

Questions about his speed limited him to a three-star ranking from recruiting pundits, but Snell still attracted the interest of college coaches, including Kentucky tight ends coach and recruiting coordinator Vince Marrow.

Marrow was no stranger to the Snell family. He and



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Ben Snell Sr. briefly crossed paths while playing in Europe and the XFL. Both grew up in Ohio.

It did not take Marrow long to realize he had found something special in Benny. And the recruiting interest had no effect on Benny's humility.

"What I really saw in him was his work ethic, his parents," Marrow said. "His dad played in the league, played college ball. He's a driven kid. He didn't care what backs we signed. He said he was coming in, ready to go."

Benny quickly won over the rest of the Kentucky staff after attending camp in Lexington.

The relationship he developed with Kentucky's coaches was enough to even overcome late interest from his hometown Ohio State Buckeyes.

Snell had met new UK offensive coordinator Eddie Gran when he was being recruiting by Cincinnati. When Gran was hired in Lexington, the two reconnected at one of Benny's basketball games during a spring recruiting visit.

Upon arriving on campus this summer, Benny had no trouble adapting his no-nonsense approach to the college game.

"I was learning still, but I studied, I did a lot in the summer," Benny said. "I knew everything, so when my time to play there was no error, there was no type of anything where I would mess up. I knew I was ready."

And for once Benny was able to surprise even his father.

Benny's high school and college coaches are in agreement: They expected him to develop into a productive player; they just didn't expect it this quickly.

Ben Snell Sr. had similar expectations.

"Once he got down there he always would say, 'I don't feel like a freshman,'" Ben Snell Sr. said. "I know I can play at this level and make an immediate impact. The competition, I know, is ahead of me, but at the same time I'm going to work hard, get better every day.' Didn't see it coming this soon, to be honest with you, but I think he's grasped it very well."

Benny's power running style has quickly endeared him to Kentucky fans.

Ben Snell Sr. was in the Commonwealth Stadium stands for the New Mexico State win as his son tied the school record for rushing touchdowns in the game. In the first of what has become a weekly ritual, Benny helped grind out the victory by pounding through tackles to extend drives and keep the Wildcat offense on the field.

As he heard fans begin to chant his son's name, Ben Snell Sr. realized that adjustment period so many expected had been significantly accelerated for Benny.

"It was just overwhelming and made me very proud of him," he said.

While Benny has left home for Lexington, Ben Snell Sr. continues to play an active role in his son's development.

He usually sends video of his Ohio Northern highlights to Benny early in the week. Benny takes those plays to heart to adapt to his own game.

"One of the main things he taught me first was always to stay humble and thank God, but just on the field I've always got to fall forward, I can never let one man take me down and anytime you're in the red zone you've got to score," Benny said.

After Benny was held out of the end zone against Vanderbilt despite several red-zone carries, he sought out his father after the game for advice.

Ben Snell Sr. knew Benny would focus on that failure instead of his role in securing the win. Benny is too competitive to expect anything else.

"No BS about him," Stoops said. "He's here to work and win football games and get better. And I love that."

That attitude has already turned Benny into a key player for Kentucky as a freshman. With senior running back Jojo Kemp set to graduate after the season and junior running back Boom Williams considered a NFL draft prospect, Benny's role is only likely to grow in the coming years.

That progress will be one more addition to the Snell running back legacy.

Benny stresses that playing football was ultimately his decision but he was proud to learn of the history his father and Matt Snell had created at the position. Like his dad, he watched film of Matt Snell's Super Bowl triumph as a child and has read the family collection of newspaper clippings. He met Matt once as a child.

Having already surprised almost everyone with his immediate impact at UK, Benny is well on his way to forging his own legacy now.

His father agrees:

"I think it's just in our bloodlines."

Friendly competition fueling Ware and Allen By Alex Forkner The Cats' Pause October 15, 2016

Kentucky edge rushers Denzil Ware and Josh Allen are locked in a dead heat in a sack race this season.

No, the two hybrid outside linebackers/defensive ends aren't hopping gleefully across picnic grounds in burlap bags (although that would probably be fun to watch). The duo is instead in constant competition on who can get to the quarterback first, both in practice and on Saturdays, and having fun while doing it.

"When he gets a sack in a game," Allen said, "I'll be like, 'Oh, man. I got to get me one!' He'll be like, 'Yeah, you got to get you one.'"

The friendly rivalry is paying off. Both Allen and Ware have 4.5 sacks apiece this season. That number would have been enough to lead UK last season, when middle linebacker Josh Forrest was tops on the team with 3.5 quarterback takedowns. Those 9.0 sacks between Ware and Allen at the season's midway point are more than halfway to eclipsing the Cats' sack total (17.0) in 2015. Ware and Allen had but 1.5 sacks between them last year.

The impetus behind the improvement? Competition.

"We trash talk every day," Ware said. "We'll probably start trash talking in a minute, whoever gets done (with interviews) first. We're very competitive, but we both want to do whatever it takes for this team to win, for us to be successful."

Allen, though, believes he has the upper hand when it comes running his mouth.

"I do, because I don't stop talking. We can be three plays in, I'm still talking about the same thing," Allen said. "But that just pushes us, because when I talk trash, it's just making him go harder. Be like, 'Yeah, you can't do that.' And then when he does, I do it, and we just go back and forth, back and forth."

That battle has propelled Allen and Ware into a tie for 6th in sacks among all SEC players, 2.5 off the lead. Alabama is the only other team with two players in the top 10.

After finishing last in the league in sacks in 2015, Kentucky is only three shy of equaling that output, ranking fifth in the league (14.0) through six games. Defensive coordinator D.J. Eliot said better run defense has led to more chances for Ware and Allen to affect the game.

"When we stop the run it gets the offense in a passing situation and then it opens up some opportunities for good pass rush," Eliot said. "Ultimately, I think that they're playing the run better and they're getting more opportunities against an offense in a pass situation."

It also helps that the young defense is starting to build trust, Allen said.

"I've just been doing my job, and they've been opening up things for me," Allen said. "If the four-technique is doing his job, it's freeing it up for me and the tackle to go one-on-one, and I know I'm gonna win that battle."

Ware agreed, and is eager to find out whether he and Allen makes it to the finish line first.

"Our confidence is very high. We feel way better with the defense, we know it better, so we're playing faster," Ware said. "I can't wait to see how the second half of the season goes."

The 'natural' Mike Edwards leads UK defense By Fletcher Page Louisville Courier-Journal October 18, 2016

Terri Edwards called her son Mike last week to take his order.

"The usual," Mike said.

The UK redshirt sophomore defensive back returned to his parents Cincinnati home during the bye weekend to relax and get his fix.

Fried chicken, mac and cheese, sweet potatoes and green beans — that's what Edwards looked forward to all week.

"I love her cooking," he said.

Edwards' second home is in the UK secondary, where he is first on the team in pass breakups (eight), second in tackles (56) and an unquestioned leader of the defense.

When asked what he liked about Edwards' game, UK defensive coordinator D.J. Eliot instead provided something that resembled a five-star Yelp rating: "Mike is our best player on the defense. Mike is very smart. Mike is very athletic. Mike is our best cover guy. Mike is probably our best football-IQ guy on defense. Mike may be our best tackler. Mike may be our best blitzler."

All of those traits are made possible, according to UK defensive backs coach Steve Clinkscale, because





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Edwards is both "a natural" and a hard worker.

"He's done a lot of studying in the film room to get better, to understand the game," Clinkscale said, "but he's just one of those guys that just naturally has that ability and is going out every week and performing the way he needs to."

Clinkscale first recruited Edwards when he was an assistant at Illinois and then again when he worked at Cincinnati. He says the high school version of Edwards was, "just happy to get offers. I don't think he really understood what we all believed – how good of a player we all thought he could be."

When Clinkscale arrived at UK in the offseason, he found a third-year player in Edwards, ready for his second season as a starter, that had followed the right track to fulfill his potential.

"He's starting to better understand the concepts and how to be a leader out there," Clinkscale said. "Every once in a while you get a couple guys who just naturally make things happen."

Edwards can play corner, nickel and both safety spots, and Clinkscale claims he could excel at wide receiver or running back, too. That's part of the "natural" tag, a description that gives Edwards pause. But he figures his coaches say that because of "instincts, finding where the ball is at, triggering" quickly as plays develop.

Maybe most importantly, Edwards says he enjoys learning and his coaches say he does so quickly. UK coach Mark Stoops played defensive back at Iowa (Edwards jokes that the student is much better than the mentor) and pays close attention to his UK secondary. Edwards says he likes when Stoops checks in – "we focus up," he said – to critique play following games.

"He harps on everybody," Edwards said.

"He very, very rarely makes the same mistake twice," Stoops said of Edwards. "It's always fun to be able to communicate with a player like that and some guys they need to be communicated (with) differently. Some guys you've really got to lean on and some guys you've got to show them on film, you've got to show them on the board, you've got to show them with a lot of reps. And some guys just like Mike, you show them one time. You see why. You get that fixed very quickly. It's always fun to coach guys like that."

Standing out on a defense credited for improvement in recent weeks, Edwards totaled 12 tackles against Vanderbilt in a must-win circumstance two weekends ago. With a bowl trip as the clear goal and winnable games coming up against Mississippi State and Missouri providing a path, UK needs something from Edwards in the second half of the season.

The usual.

"I do have to perfect my craft," Edwards said, "but some things do come natural to me."

Group of 6 sophomores leading Kentucky's defensive turnaround

By Joe Mussatto

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Past their wide-eyed freshman days, a group of sophomores is responsible for Kentucky's newfound defensive success.

Orchestrating the turnaround are a trio of developing sophomore linebackers: Jordan Jones, Josh Allen and Denzil Ware. Behind them are three sophomore defensive backs making strides: Mike Edwards, Chris Westry and Derrick Baity.

After surrendering at least 40 points in their first three games, the young Wildcats defense is allowing 19 points per game over their last three. Defensive coordinator D.J. Eliot leaned back in a chair after his defense held Vanderbilt to 13 points and said nothing had changed as far as strategy.

"We needed reps," was all he said.

And although two of the three games in that stretch were against South Carolina and Vanderbilt, the two lowest-scoring teams in the SEC, Kentucky held Alabama to a season-low 34 points. That compared to the 44 points a 4-3 Southern Miss team scored against the Wildcats and the 42 points a 2-4 New Mexico State team posted at Commonwealth Stadium.

The results from the first three games to the last three have shown a world of difference, much like the progression the sophomores have made from their freshman campaigns. Baity played in all 12 games as a freshman last season and started the last four. His development is reflective of his fellow sophomores.

"Last year, I just felt like I was being thrust into the action," Baity said. "I was kinda hesitant with things that I seen and the game was going too fast for me. That's just because I was hesitant on moving. But now that I got more reps, I'm trusting my eyes, trusting my technique and it's slowing down."

Allen said the same goes for him.

"I have more feel for the game because I'm out there every snap," the linebacker said. "You know, run plays, pass plays, just being out there. Seeing keys, seeing what I have to do, seeing what I don't have to do. Last year, I was out there for one play, then I'm out of the game."

Jones leads the team in tackles and coach Mark Stoops praises him at nearly every news conference. Last week, Eliot tabbed Edwards as arguably the team's best defensive player. The defensive outlook looks promising for the rest of the season, but the future forecast projects even better.

"I think it's a little swag come with you like, 'Oh, this is our class,'" Baity said. "Our class is the one that turned it around for everyone."

Kentucky's offensive linemen becoming their own best critics

By Jennifer Smith

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The shift is so subtle you might never even notice it. But it's something Kentucky offensive lineman Nick Haynes has been diligently trying to correct for the past three weeks.

"In my stance, I give away pass or run sometimes," UK's left guard confided. "I've really been trying to get that fixed."

Haynes might not have even noticed it himself. But center Jon Toth mentioned it in a meeting a few

weeks ago and now Haynes is keenly aware he might be inadvertently showing defenses what UK's plans are.

A year or two ago, Toth never would have brought it up to his friend and teammate, and Haynes might not have responded so positively.

"People would've been upset, would've shut it down," Haynes said of the free-flowing assessments among Kentucky's offensive linemen.

But something has changed for the Cats linemen, mostly juniors and seniors who have been in the program for several years.

These days, their position room isn't so much about offensive line coach John Schlarman lecturing them on stances, positioning and footwork. It's now each player openly comfortably critiquing what his fellow offensive linemen are doing or not doing.

The dialogue wasn't always as easy as it is now, right tackle Kyle Meadows said.

"For me it was hard at first. I thought I did do it right and then I go back and look on film and it's like, 'OK, I see what you're saying. I understand where you're coming from,'" Meadows said. "We don't try to take it too personal now."

This strategy of breaking down individual film of one another started slowly in the offensive line room with a comment here or an encouraging criticism there.

It's evolved into a relaxed exchange of ideas among a dozen 300-plus pound players with the singular goal of getting better.

"We get on each other," right guard Bunchy Stallings said. "If you're having this issue, you have to go out and work on it. You have to do whatever you need to do because when it comes game time, that doesn't need to happen. We just try to stay on each other."

Who better to offer suggestions and constructive criticism than the guy who has been right next to you for three or more years?

"The things we're doing out here and in there right now are really turning our season around," Haynes said of the open dialogue in the meeting room.

"It's good for us. The critiques are always a good thing for all the linemen, the whole open environment of talking and open conversation is good, it's worked out."

So much of Kentucky's ability to move the ball has rested on the UK offensive line. The Cats are seventh in the league in rushing offense, averaging 186.2 yards a game.

In the context of wins and losses, the line's role becomes even more clear. In Kentucky's three victories, it is averaging 285 yards a game on the ground (5.6 yards per carry). Nine of UK's 11 rushing touchdowns have come in those wins.

In the three losses, UK is averaging just 87.3 yards a game rushing and 2.8 yards per carry.

And while Kentucky is tied for last in the league in sacks allowed with 17, only four of those were given up in victories. Twice this season, including the most recent game against Vanderbilt, the Cats didn't allow a single sack.

"Our o-line has matured," Coach Mark Stoops said. "We've played with a true freshman at left tackle for



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most of the season, but he's surrounded by guys that have experience."

That experience is the reason the linemen are so comfortable working together to make the entire unit better, Schlarman said.

"A lot of times when you're young, which we've been young the last couple years, you're just worried about your job, much less everybody else's job," the offensive line coach said. "You're just trying to survive in there. Now that guys understand the big picture and not just their job, they can help other guys."

That group is learning to play at a higher level now, its head coach said.

So much happens in a matter of seconds in the trenches on each play, it's not just "simply big guys in there going one direction or another," said Stoops, whose offensive line will get a big test Saturday against Mississippi State, which is among the top 40 nationally in total defense (351.3 yards per game) and rushing defense (136.2 yards a game).

"People don't realize how hard it is on the offensive line on the run game inside. Things happen so quick against some very talented guys. And that experience is really paying off for those guys."

The collective critiques are the ultimate form of teamwork for a group that relies almost exclusively on it.

"It helps us out tremendously because we don't try to focus on our own weaknesses," Meadows said. "And hearing it from your own teammates, your own players you're close with every day, it's like, 'OK, maybe there is something to that.' Then you work on it and it becomes really helpful."

Kentucky's Mark Stoops back to feeling comfortable as defensive play caller

By Joe Mussatto
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Mark Stoops is back where he feels comfortable.

The Kentucky coach, now in his fourth year, took a "much more involved" role on defense after the Wildcats gave up 45 points to Florida in Week 2. That decision took him back to his roots as a defensive coach, he said on his SEC Teleconference Wednesday.

"I think certainly I feel more comfortable with being a defensive play caller now, that I assumed this year," Stoops said. "That was certainly not the case four years ago. There's just so many things that need to be done to build a program, and we're continuing to build this program in many ways."

Kentucky's defensive improvement has been apparent. The Wildcats have held their opponents to 10, 34 and 13 points in their last three games compared to 44, 45 and 42 points in their first three.

Defensive coordinator D.J. Eliot said the partnership with Stoops is similar to what the two were doing when Stoops was defensive coordinator at Florida State.

"Now, he's had to relieve some head coaching responsibilities but he, going into his fourth year, there's not as much strain on him," Eliot said last Wednesday. "You know? So he's been able to come in there and work with us on defense more."

Stoops said Kentucky is getting back to a level playing field with the rest of the conference, "from being six feet underground like we were," Stoops said.

Now he's able to go back to focus on his area of expertise.

"I certainly feel like I have the ability to be a defensive play caller because with that you have to spend so much time with the fine details of being involved in calling a defense and coordinating a defense," Stoops said. "I think that area alone is something I'm much more comfortable in now than I was year one."

Stephen Johnson II deserves more respect for what he's doing for UK

By Mark Story
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Jared Lorenzen started 16 Southeastern Conference games for Kentucky at quarterback before he won his third.

Tim Couch started 13 SEC games for UK before he earned his third league victory.

In his 10th SEC start, Andre Woodson led the Wildcats to a win for the third time.

Those are the three best Kentucky quarterbacks of the past 25 years.

Against that back drop, I don't think current UK QB Stephen Johnson II is getting enough respect for what he has achieved this season.

Pressed into the Wildcats starting role by Drew Barker's back injury, Johnson won his third Southeastern Conference game Saturday night, beating Mississippi State in his SEC fourth start.

Kentucky as a team hadn't won three SEC games in a season since 2009. It hasn't won four — which the Cats (4-3, 3-2 SEC) will go for at Missouri (2-5, 0-3) Saturday — since 2006.

So I've been surprised by how much fan griping I've heard directed at Johnson. In the only statistical category that matters — the team win/loss ledger — the transfer from California's College of the Desert has been stellar.

An injured Barker left after the first series of UK's third game against New Mexico State. The Wildcats have pretty much been Johnson's team since.

Kentucky is 4-1 in that time.

"I like the way he's been doing things," Kentucky Coach Mark Stoops said Monday at his weekly news conference of Johnson.

It hasn't always been pretty. Against Vanderbilt, Johnson was dreadful through the air.

The QB was one week removed from taking a physical pounding from the Alabama defense and seemed uncomfortable in the pocket. A swirling wind roiled Commonwealth Stadium. Johnson went 10-of-24 for 49 yards with one pick.

Yet after an open week to rebuild confidence, Johnson overcame some early drops against Mississippi State and threw for 292 yards and two touchdowns. "I felt like we threw the ball better," Stoops said. "And we had some drops in there early, we could have moved the ball better."

Seemingly due to a lack of physical strength, the 6-foot-3, 183-pound Johnson has been fumble

prone. Eight times this season, Johnson has put the ball on the ground; five times, those fumbles have been recovered by UK opponents.

"Stephen, physically, he has some work to do in the offseason getting stronger," Stoops said.

On the season, Kentucky QBs have committed 14 turnovers — Barker five interceptions, two lost fumbles; Johnson two interceptions, five lost fumbles.

Johnson lost two of those fumbles in UK's 40-38 victory over Mississippi State Saturday. The second one, in the fourth quarter with Kentucky leading 34-24, was stripped away while the Kentucky QB was fighting for yardage on a 2nd-and-goal run from the MSU 6.

Instead of the Cats icing the game, State's Mark McLaurin turned the miscue into an 81-yard scoop-and-score that completely flipped the momentum.

Because it did not show game-management awareness, the play incensed the Kentucky coaching staff.

"That extra yard (Johnson was fighting for) is meaningless," Stoops said. "Another 40 seconds (run off the clock), go to third down and, at worse, (kick a field goal and) go up 13 is really all he needed to be worried about. That late fumble when you are leading the game, that can't happen. It was inexcusable."

Yet here's where Johnson should have deposited some goodwill in the First National Bank of the BBN.

After his lost fumble turned the game's tide and Mississippi State eventually went ahead 38-37, the QB came back and drove UK from its own 21 with 1:09 left and into range for Austin MacGinnis' game-winning field goal with three seconds left.

"I don't know what (that drive) said about me," Johnson said after the game. "But I think this offense, it shows we can do anything."

During his putrid passing game against Vandy, Johnson still picked up a crucial first down with his legs on a 4th-and-1 play in a time-consuming UK fourth-quarter drive that helped secure a 20-13 Cats win.

He did the same thing in UK's game-winning drive against South Carolina, making a cut-back run for eight yards on 3rd-&-7 from the Carolina 9 to set up Benny Snell's go-ahead TD run.

"He really does have good poise and resiliency," Stoops said of Johnson. "In a quarterback, those are good qualities to have."

Qualities worthy of some respect.

It's complicated: Kentucky's Stoops, McWilson have had interesting relationship

By Jennifer Smith
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It has to be the most common phrase written on an elementary school report card: "If (insert name here) would just apply himself ..."

It also is the most regular assessment by Kentucky football coach Mark Stoops when he has discussed safety Marcus McWilson over the past four years.

Rarely is a compliment uttered about the senior without an immediate caveat:

"He's got great ability, and it's just a matter of just really being disciplined in his preparation," Stoops





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said of McWilson in his freshman season. "He means well. He's just gotta concentrate and be more precise in his practice habits."

The broken record continued to spin in 2014, when Stoops said this about McWilson: "We need to continue to lean on him to play with a greater sense of urgency, a greater passion for the game. He's got the ability."

Then there was this one a month ago: "Marcus McWilson is a guy that needs to play better. I was counting on him coming into the year to play well."

Against Mississippi State last week, the 6-foot senior safety finally impressed his coach with a key 45-yard interception for a touchdown that gave UK its largest lead of the game.

"What he did Saturday, that's how he can play," Stoops said Monday of McWilson, who is fourth on the team in tackles this season, with 36.

When McWilson ran to the sideline after the pick-six, an eager Stoops was there waiting for an embrace that nearly turned into a full-on takedown.

"He was just as excited as I was," McWilson said of his head coach's hug. "He's a guy who's always pulling for me, and I'm glad he's got my back."

Stoops said he was glad to get a "good tackle" on McWilson, who had a season-high eight tackles — not including the collision with his coach — in Saturday's UK victory. "I'm very happy for him because I am hard on him and he's wonderful. He's one of my favorites.

"I'm just harder on him because he can play like that all the time. To see him make some big plays and contribute, I couldn't be more happy for him."

Maybe it's that McWilson is a safety from Cardinal Mooney in Youngstown, Ohio, just like Stoops.

Maybe it's that Stoops has seen flashes of star power in the four seasons that McWilson has been at UK, including 14 starts in 38 games.

It's probably all of the above.

The pick-six wasn't the only play that had Stoops excited Saturday. In the first quarter, Stoops saw McWilson make a huge open-field tackle on third down. He looked like a player on a mission, coming from the other side of the field to take down Aeris Williams for a two-yard loss.

"I'm really encouraged by that," Stoops said of that play. "I thought he would play good down the stretch. I thought he's really been playing well."

What Stoops is seeing from McWilson is a greater sense of urgency, a more complete understanding of the game, a willingness to go above and beyond.

That 45-yard interception return for a touchdown clearly was a product of McWilson applying himself. He said he spent extra time studying film of quarterback Nick Fitzgerald.

McWilson knew the route that was coming and was able to slide in front of the receiver.

That extra work no doubt came thanks to a nudge from Stoops.

"I definitely had to accept the challenge myself and be the player he expected me to be," McWilson said Saturday. "I had to hold myself to a higher standard and above the standard he even holds me to.

"They tell us that all the time that a coach is someone that takes you to a place that you cannot get to on your own. So as he pushes me, I push myself."

Don't expect the pushing of McWilson to lessen now, though, especially with a challenging assignment against Missouri and its Big 12-style offense that creates coverage problems for opposing secondaries. The Tigers are averaging 304.6 yards a game and are 18th nationally in passing offense.

"We will be challenged heavily this week, but this past week, I thought our DBs played exceptionally well," Stoops said.

One defensive back in particular.

But Stoops probably won't tell McWilson that just yet.

"He and I still have a very close relationship, and most players I coach like I coach him probably wouldn't have a personal relationship because I'm very hard on him," Stoops said. "I know he can take it and I know he needs it."

'Kick in the butt' helps spur UK's Badet

By Jon Hale

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For the briefest of moments, UK wide receiver Jeff Badet considered trying to gain a few extra yards out of his last reception against Mississippi State.

The play was snapped with just nine seconds on the clock and Kentucky trailing 38-37. Quarterback Stephen Johnson found Badet for an 18-yard gain to the Mississippi State 33-yard line to set up what turned out to be a 51-yard field goal attempt, but Badet wondered if he needed a few more yards for a more reasonable field-goal attempt.

Reason won out, Badet quickly fell to the ground, Kentucky called a timeout with just three seconds on the clock and kicker Austin MacGinnis converted the last-second field goal to send the Wildcats to a 40-38 win.

"That last catch he had that put us in field-goal range was huge, because he could have been selfish, but he thought about the team first," UK wide receivers coach Lamar Thomas said. "He said, 'Coach, I think I could have split those guys but I know I would have heard your mouth so I got down.' So that shows he's growing."

Badet's catch to set up the game-winning field goal was just the cap to an impressive night against Mississippi State.

He totaled seven catches for a career-high 139 yards and two touchdowns in the win. UK's entire offense had totaled no more than 135 passing yards in the three previous games.

"It was just the opportunity was given to me and I just had to capitalize," Badet said. "I don't want to say nothing was different. It was just my number was called, so I just had to make the play."

Those opportunities had been few and far between while the Wildcat passing game struggled and the offense leaned heavily on a run game to carry it to wins over South Carolina and Vanderbilt.

"It was hard," Badet said. "A lot of guys feel like they put in a lot of work and they feel like their work may go unnoticed sometimes...It don't really matter to me. As long as we win the games it's fine with me. We can go out there and do whatever we have to do

to help this team win, and if that's blocking we'll just go out there and block."

Still, a conversation with UK coach Mark Stoops before the Mississippi State game helped Badet regain his focus.

"I don't want to get into all the details, but Jeff and I had a good heart to heart on Friday and he comes out and plays one of his best games, and it was really good to see," Stoops said.

Badet also declined to elaborate on his conversation with Stoops but acknowledged it helped him regain confidence.

Thomas, a former star receiver at Miami and in the NFL, knows something about managing egos from wide receivers.

Asked before the Mississippi State game about keeping his position group motivated despite a lack of success in the passing game, Thomas noted all receivers want the ball, whether in "elementary ball or all the way up to the pros."

A reporter suggested Thomas was hinting receivers could be considered divas, but the former standout pass catcher refused to use that word.

"I wasn't going to use that word," he said with a smile. "That word's not in my vocabulary — being a receivers coach."

Thomas thinks Badet is no different than any other receiver who wants the ball as much as possible.

"He's a true receiver," Thomas said. "Some people like to use the words, but I'm not going to use them. Every now and then you have to get a little swift kick in the butt just to get you going and let you know why you're here and what your main job is. He's matured a lot. The old Jeff, from what I've heard, might not have been on the same page."

Stoops has emphasized throughout the season he wants a selfless attitude from all his players, especially those at the skill positions on offense competing for carries or catches.

While the passing game struggled, he and the other UK coaches continued to ask the receivers to stay the course.

Badet responded against Mississippi State.

"He's been making progress," Stoops said. "And we need him to, and that was part of the message Friday. We need him to have a strong mindset, to be a leader, to make plays when his number is called, whenever that may be. He certainly came up big Saturday."

Williams, Snell power UK past milestones, Mizzou

By Alex Forkner

The Cats' Pause

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What does offensive coordinator Eddie Gran call it when Kentucky running backs Boom Williams and Benny Snell combined for 374 rushing yards and four total touchdowns?

"Good day's work," Gran said after UK's 35-21 win over Missouri when the Cats gained their most total yards (582) in an SEC game since 2010.

Williams (19 carries, 182 yards) and Snell (38 carries, 192 yards) carried Kentucky's offense to its second straight 500-yard performance, the first time



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that's happened since 2001. Even more notable, the Cats have now rushed for over 250 yards against three consecutive conference foes since 1977. The duo is the first in program history to each rush for over 175 yards in an SEC contest.

A few more milestones met: Williams became the fastest player to reach 2,000 yards in his career, while Snell toppled the record for freshman rushing touchdowns set by Randall Cobb.

With Jojo Kemp sporting a cast on his left hand, it was up to the junior and freshman tailbacks to handle the rock. Even with Williams getting banged up on a blindside hit following his first quarter fumble, they were up to the task.

"It's fun to see Benny in there doing his thing," Williams said. "When Benny's in there going, going, going, I'm waiting for him to get tired. I'm like, 'Well now it's my turn. I want to get in and do something.' Offensive line and wide receivers, everybody did their part, did a great job of blocking. That's how me and Benny do what we do. Once they do their part, it's our job to get to the secondary and make some plays for us."

The offensive line was the talk of post-game interviews, earning praise from head coach Mark Stoops and Gran.

"I thought up front we played really, really well," Gran said. "They had a lot of movement for us. They were playing in seven, eight, nine-man box. They were making some guys miss, they were getting yards after contact and I thought our offensive line did a fantastic job."

UK's newfound physicality is the product of patience and hard work, Stoops said, both of which are starting to pay dividends.

"You see the run game and you see how it helps a program," Stoops said. "You have to be able to have that physicality. I've talked about that since Day 1. It's a process to get there that nobody wants to go through and wait, but we weren't ever discouraged. You just got to stay the course and get better. Some of those linemen are grown up. We have some backs, the receivers are always a threat even when we're not throwing the ball extremely well. They are a threat. Stephen got the ball down the field and threw a beautiful post on 3rd and 8. That stretches people. That gets you off your back a little bit, and I feel like it's a great combination."

UK offensive linemen taking pride in run game

By Jon Hale
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Offensive linemen are used to watching their skill position teammates get most of the attention from fans and media. Kentucky players know Mark Stoops generally applauds the efforts of the entire team instead of singling out individuals or positions after a game.

So when Stoops made special note of the offensive line's effort after a 35-21 win at Missouri Saturday, players took notice.

"That moment, it was special because Coach

Stoops really not the guy just point out an individual group of people because we're firm believers we're all a team," sophomore guard Bunchy Stallings said. "It was just special to see him just point us out because we know we've put in a lot of work."

To be sure, the Wildcat offensive line has been worthy of praise during the team's surge from 0-2 to 5-3 and Southeastern Conference East Division contenders.

Kentucky now ranks fifth in the SEC and 30th nationally in rushing offense (219.5 yards per game). In the team's five wins, the Wildcats are averaging 298.8 yards per game.

Against Missouri, the Wildcats totaled 377 rushing yards, the program's largest total against an SEC opponent since 1953.

The UK offensive linemen know they have paved the way for much of that success.

"We're taking a lot of pride in it," junior guard Nick Haynes said. "That's really our little thing. We make the things go. We see big holes and we're proud of that or we see people get pancaked we're proud of that."

Depth and experience have been key to the offensive line's performance this season.

For much of the year, offensive line coach John Schlarman has been able to rotate two players at four of the five offensive line positions without losing much production. Only senior center Jon Toth, an All-SEC contender who is expected to be drafted in June, has carried the load alone at his position, but even he may receive support soon with Stallings taking more reps at center in practice Tuesday.

In addition to the fifth-year senior Toth, the nine-man offensive line rotation includes four fourth-year juniors, a third-year sophomore, a true sophomore, a redshirt freshman and a true freshman who is a former five-star recruit.

"I think it's been a big testament to that, redshirting all those guys, developing them in the weight room," offensive line coach John Schlarman said. "I mean there's a lot of work that goes into this thing. It's not about any one person in particular, that's for sure, or any one player."

Even the relatively inexperienced players in the rotation – redshirt freshman backup guard Logan Stenberg and true freshman backup tackle Landon Young – have been eased into action thanks to their veteran teammates.

The younger offensive linemen have learned through mistakes, but there is still room for improvement from the entire unit.

The Wildcats still rank 80th nationally in sacks allowed (19). Quarterback Stephen Johnson has contributed to those struggles by holding onto the ball too long at times, but pressure on Johnson has also contributed to the offense's turnover problems.

"If they think they've arrived then we're in trouble," UK offensive coordinator Eddie Gran said. "And we got to keep that edge. But yes, I am proud of them and their success. But we've got a long way to go."

If the offensive linemen's response to their rare stint in the spotlight is any indication, becoming overconfident appears unlikely to be an issue.

"I didn't feel any love, to be honest with you,"

Haynes said. "That's our job. That's what we do. If we go out on Saturday and have 50 yards rushing you all are going to be on us again, so I'm not really worried about that."

Haynes acknowledged the criticism the line has taken in recent years – Kentucky ranked no better than 85th nationally in sacks allowed in the first three years of the Stoops era without the 2016 rushing success to boost the linemen's profile – has helped motivate the group this season.

"If you look out there it's the same people playing from our freshman year until now," Haynes said. "So every time we take it as a great insult if people think we're not good or something like that. So that fuels us. That's what we use. That's how we get our edge."

Haynes knows that criticism could come back at any moment. It's the life of an offensive linemen.

But UK coaches are confident the group has turned a corner for good.

"They're a fun group to coach," Stoops said. "They're good guys. They mean well. When you come together, you have some depth, you see some results."

Kentucky Wildcats' "selfless" mindset has fueled offensive transformation

By Jeff Drummond
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It's safe to say that no one sitting in the locker room at halftime of Kentucky's season opener could have envisioned the twists and turns that the Wildcats' season would take from that point moving forward.

Kentucky led Southern Miss 35-17 and appeared to be rolling toward a decisive victory on the strength of Drew Barker's right arm and some explosive plays from the Cats' receiving corps, which had accounted for almost 300 yards through the air and four touchdowns.

The "Air Raid" was officially back in Lexington. Or so we thought.

The Cats wound up getting blanked in the second half, losing that game 44-35, losing its starting quarterback to injury two weeks later, and basically starting over from scratch on the offensive side of the ball with a 1-2 record and the heart of the SEC schedule looming.

Fast-forward six weeks. Kentucky brings a 5-3 record into this week's game against Georgia and the Cats occupy second place in the SEC East thanks to a punishing ground attack that currently ranks fifth in the league and 30th nationally at 219.5 yards per game.

Last week, UK plowed through the Missouri defense for 377 yards rushing in a 35-21 road win. It marked the third consecutive league game that the Cats topped 250 yards rushing.

So how did this transformation from pass-happy to smashmouth take place in such a short period of time?

During Wednesday's SEC coaches teleconference, UK head coach Mark Stoops credited the character of his team, particularly the players whose roles have changed to help place the Cats in a position to reach their first bowl game since 2010.



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"It's something that we talk about all the time, being selfless," Stoops said. "That's not always the easiest trait to get accomplished within a football team because we've got some very competitive guys, guys who want to make plays for their team."

Like a Jeff Badet, who leads the SEC at 24.8 yards per catch and, if he looked back to halftime on Sept. 3, would have rationally expected to have more than 20 receptions entering Week 9. Or a C.J. Conrad, a preseason All-American candidate at tight end who now has 13 catches for 196 yards. Or perhaps Dorian Baker, last year's leading receiver, who, thanks in part to an injury that cost him half of this season, currently has only four catches.

"We've got some very talented wide receivers, and they've been called upon to do quite a bit of blocking," Stoops said. "We've made our fair share of big catches and big plays in the pass game, but it takes that selfless attitude and team-first mentality to go downfield and be aggressive in our blocking, finishing off blocks."

"We've been very good and very selfless with that and with our approach to blocking and springing big plays. You wouldn't get as many big runs if those guys aren't down there doing that."

The UK boss also noted the importance of film study and never taking a play off, a process that has gradually improved as the season -- and wins -- have advanced.

The main beneficiaries have been junior running back Boom Williams, who leads the team and ranks third in the SEC with 821 yards rushing, and freshman breakout star Benny Snell, who ranks seventh in the league with 661 yards despite playing only six games. Last week, they became only the second SEC duo in the last 10 years to each top the 175-yard rushing mark in a league game.

Afterward, they were the first to praise the UK offensive line and receivers.

"Whatever it takes to win," junior receiver Garrett Johnson said after a recent UK practice session. "Getting that win is the only thing that matters."

"A group effort," Stoops said. "The whole team trying to be very selfless and play for each other."

One of Kentucky's biggest question marks coming into season has turned into a bright spot

By Jennifer Smith
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Jimmy Brumbaugh has become a sensei of sorts in the way he's taken a young, inexperienced Kentucky defensive line and turned it into a physical force this season.

For the third straight year, UK's defensive line coach has had to mold an almost entirely new group of players into a cohesive unit.

He makes the process for a defensive lineman sound almost elementary.

"It's like going to get on that bike, you're like 'Uhh-hhh, boom!'" he described, wobbling back and forth before leaning heavily to one side for illustrative purposes.

"Then when you get on it, you've practiced, you're smooth and you start jumping and doing tricks because now you feel like you can control it."

There's a similar simplicity to the way he explained the job to nose guard Naquez Pringle, who barely registered on the depth chart in the spring, and has worked his way into a starting spot now.

Brumbaugh urged the junior-college transfer to stop looking around and worrying about everything. "I tell him, 'When you chase two rabbits, you get none. When you chase one, you've got an opportunity,'" the coach explained.

When the defensive line's only regular returning starter from last season, Regie Meant, left the team unexpectedly at the start of training camp, there was much hand wringing over the defensive line.

Was there enough talent among the starters? Any useable depth behind them? Would UK be serviceable enough up front to get to any opposing quarterbacks or stop any running backs?

This group has answered a lot of those questions, defensive coordinator D.J. Eliot said.

"They've come a long way," he said, adding: "These guys had to grow up fast. And they had to get their reps and learn from mistakes. I'm very proud of their effort and where they've come. And they've gotten a lot better. They played one of their better games, if not their best game on Saturday."

On Saturday at Missouri, Eliot saw a significant development from his defensive line: UK's players knocking back Tigers offensive linemen, getting into their backfield.

He specifically mentioned a third-and-1 where Adrian Middleton got push, caused Missouri to lose 2 yards and forced a punt. Middleton, who was named Southeastern Conference defensive lineman of the week on Monday, had four tackles in the win.

"You saw him finishing some plays behind the line of scrimmage when earlier you saw him back there disrupting but not always finishing," Coach Mark Stoops said of Middleton, who has 19 tackles this season, including two for a loss.

As a group, the line showed it could play at a higher level on Saturday versus Missouri and it will need to get even higher than that against Georgia this weekend at Commonwealth Stadium. The Bulldogs have two of the nation's elite running backs in Nick Chubb and Sony Michel.

"They really played physical," Eliot said of UK's defensive line against Missouri. "And that came with playing with better technique and better understanding of what we're doing. Our younger players played more."

The defensive line went eight players deep against Missouri, and the more experience all of them get, the better UK will be.

"You're starting to see our defensive line doing good things," Stoops said. "I'm proud of them. I was very proud of their effort on Saturday."

Against a Missouri team that thrives on tempo and wearing down opposing defenses, Kentucky was able to play a lot of players. They all came in and gave good effort.

That effort has been a key component in the Cats' statistical turnaround defensively, which includes

opponents averaging nearly 75 fewer yards on the ground and 100 fewer yards through the air in the past five games compared to the first three.

In those first three games, UK foes were averaging 528 yards of offense compared to 357.2 in the last five games.

But most importantly, Kentucky has allowed just 23.2 points a game instead of the 43.7 points it surrendered on average in the first three games.

A chunk of that credit goes to the interior defensive line, led by Pringle's 24 tackles in seven games, followed by Courtney Miggins' 21 tackles, including three for loss.

"He was very physical, very disruptive," Stoops said of Pringle. "Doesn't always pop up on the stat chart, but he commanded two guys to block him quite a bit and was very strong at the point of attack."

Others like Alvonte Bell (19 tackles), T.J. Carter (six tackles), Tymere Dubose (five tackles) and Matt Elam (four tackles) are helping, too.

"We've developed some leadership at that position and they're playing hard and executing their technique and assignment," Eliot said. "They've come a long way. ... It was a real concern going into this season and I'm pleased with where they are."

UK's Baker aiming to make up for missed time

By Jon Hale
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For junior wide receiver Dorian Baker an otherwise forgettable play in Kentucky's Oct. 29 win at Missouri was one of the most important of the season.

On the first play of Kentucky's opening drive, UK quarterback Stephen Johnson found an open Baker for a 31-yard gain. Baker later grabbed a 6-yard completion on the drive that eventually stalled and ended with a 47-yard missed field goal.

Kentucky's win over Missouri was the most comfortable of its four Southeastern Conference victories and Baker's opening catch did little to affect the final outcome, but it marked his first reception of the season.

"That was real big for me," Baker said. "I don't even know if people understand how big that was for me, because (of) just being out so long."

As a sophomore in 2015, Baker led Kentucky in catches (55) and receiving touchdowns (three). He ranked second on the team in receiving yards (694).

Entering the season, Baker was expected to play a primary role in a UK passing game centered around quarterback Drew Barker, but a hamstring injury early in preseason kept him out of the season-opening loss to Southern Mississippi. He returned to the field in a limited role a week later at Florida but reinjured the hamstring early in the Week 3 win over New Mexico State.

Baker did not play at all against South Carolina and Alabama. By the time he returned to the field for games against Vanderbilt and Mississippi State, Barker had been lost to a back injury and UK's offense had shifted to a run-heavy attack with Johnson at quarterback. Baker did not record a reception in either game. Against Mississippi State, he almost cost Ken-



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tucky a chance at a dramatic win when he dropped a possible touchdown pass on the Wildcats' final drive, but Austin MacGinnis converted a last-second, game-winning field goal two plays later.

Wide receivers coach Lamar Thomas was not surprised by Baker's early struggles after returning from the injury.

"That's to be expected," Thomas said. "You're the leading receiver on the team the year before and you have no catches. But we do a lot of time talking to him - I do - just about when your time comes you'll be ready. I think he's buying into it."

Baker finished the Missouri game with four catches for 48 yards. In this past Saturday's loss to Georgia, he added three more receptions for 42 yards.

As he has worked his way back into the offensive game plan, Baker has still experienced some bumps along the road. Dropped passes have continued to plague him at times, as they did in 2015, and he and Johnson were unable to hook up on a fade route in the end zone for a possible go-ahead touchdown late in the fourth quarter against Georgia.

"Things happen that we can't control, but we can work harder to make sure we shorten those mistakes," Baker said. "So it's good for us to come back and work on jugs machines and stay after practice to do what we need to do to make ourselves better so those mistakes won't happen again."

Baker was not surprised Johnson looked his way on a third-and-goal play with the game on the line: "They expect big things out of me and I expect to do big things," he said.

But after missing so much time this season, Baker is itching to make a play like that to help Kentucky cap its season with a strong finish.

"That was just real big for me to be able to overcome that injury," he said. "I was kind of down. I was able to overcome that, and now I'm feeling good."

Count UK coach Mark Stoops among those who expect Baker to play a key role down the stretch.

"He didn't start the way he wanted to," Stoops said. "He was unhealthy, and then when he got back we weren't throwing the ball around that much. We got to running the ball in certain games, but he is back to full-strength. I think he is very confident, and we're looking forward to him making some big plays. I know I am."

Moe Williams' advice: 'Don't leave a record unbroken; break them all'

By Jennifer Smith
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Before a recent game, Benny Snell's coach looked him right in the eye and said: "Don't leave a record unbroken; break them all."

That Kentucky coach doesn't even seem to mind that many of those records belong to him.

In a fascinating twist of timing, former Cats running back Moe Williams arrived back on campus to become a student assistant coach at the same time Snell showed up as a true freshman from Westerville, Ohio.

It's meant Williams has had a sideline view of re-

cords being smashed by the freshman phenom this season.

"He told me I broke one of his records the last game," Snell said of Williams. "He told me just keep it moving, keep it going."

There's no doubt Williams will pull Snell aside before Saturday's game at Tennessee with a similar message. The 5-foot-11, 220-pound freshman needs just 154 yards to break Williams' school record for most rushing yards by a freshman.

"I believe records are made to be broken and he's doing a great job of it," Williams told the Herald-Leader recently in between taking a full load of classes to finish his undergraduate degree and student coaching.

"It's awesome for me, too, because I'm part of the coaching staff that's helped him break the record. ... Win-win for me."

It's been a win for all of Kentucky's running backs - including junior Boom Williams, who has broken a couple of the elder Williams' records as well - to have a 10-year NFL veteran on the staff.

"He's a really big part of how the running backs got their arsenal and moves," Snell said of Moe Williams.

The elder Williams, who said he's learned an incredible amount from coaching under Cats offensive coordinator Eddie Gran this season, tries to offer as many tips and tricks as he can to the current Cats.

There's been a lot of talk recently about going through the hole and not switching the ball into your other arm in traffic.

"You've got to hold the ball where it is," Williams tells the newest UK running backs. "Work on stiff-arming and stuff. I've noticed (Snell has) used that a lot more lately with his strength and power and all that. Just little things we're going to keep working on."

The stiff arm is definitely something Williams has helped him develop, Snell said. And there's a spin move and some other extras the former UK running back has offered tips on.

Williams, who is second all-time in the Kentucky record books in rushing with 3,333 career yards, sees some similarities between himself and Snell.

"He doesn't get to contact and stop then restart his legs," Williams said of Snell, who is on pace to have more than 1,200 rushing yards if the Cats play in a bowl game. "His legs are just constantly moving through contact. Those are things you can teach them, but that's more natural to Benny."

Kentucky's defenders can attest to that. When asked what makes Snell, who has 775 yards and 10 touchdowns in nine games (only seven where he got a carry), so difficult to stop, Blake McClain laughed.

The senior defensive back has run up against Snell enough times to feel for opposing defenders.

"His legs are huge," McClain said of Snell, his eyes getting wide. "That's what it is and he don't stop moving them. When you hit him, he keeps moving them."

It's easy to see what makes Snell special, especially late in the game like against Georgia when the freshman had 10 of his 21 carries on the last drive, Moe Williams said.

"As a running back, it's good to get into a rhythm,

get into a flow and make your cuts against a defense that's getting tired," Williams said. "You wear them down, especially when you run as hard as Benny runs. As a defensive back, you don't want to come up and take that punishment."

And when defenders do come up expecting Snell to try and run them over, he's now able to make a quick cut to the outside.

"When you establish a way of running and then when the game goes, you have the ability to switch it up, it's very difficult for the defense," continued Moe Williams, of Snell, who is the only individual to rush for more than 100 yards against Georgia this season and the first UK player to do it since Artose Pinner in 2002.

Snell's 100-plus yards against the Bulldogs last week tied the Cats' record for most 100-yard rushing games by a freshman with four.

The other players who did that? Chris Jones in 1979 and, yes, Moe Williams in 1993.

There likely will be more Williams records to fall this season, including Snell and Boom Williams needing just 207 yards to set a school record for combined rushing yards by a pair of players in a single season. The current record of 1,879 yards was set even before Moe Williams, back in 1974 by Sonny Collins and Mike Fanuzzi.

Moe Williams had 13 career games of 100 yards or more and Boom Williams has 10.

So it's likely the 42-year-old former Kentucky stand-out will be in the ears of both running backs in the coming weeks, not just as a coach, but as a cheerleader.

"I'm very glad to have him," Snell said of Moe Williams. "He's a great guy - a great part of history - who wouldn't want to have him?"

With bowl trip at stake, Stephen Johnson rides to UK's rescue again

By Mark Story
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Stephen Johnson came onto the C.M. Newton Field for warm-ups Saturday wearing a bulky brace on his left knee.

The Kentucky starting quarterback practiced barely at all in the week leading up to UK's meeting with Austin Peay.

With UK needing to extend Austin Peay's losing streak to 27 games to secure bowl eligibility, the announcement was made about 30 minutes before kickoff that Johnson would be used only in an emergency.

When Kentucky walk-on Luke Wright threw a pick-six that left UK trailing 13-0 one play into the second quarter, a five-alarm, Big Blue emergency was at hand.

So Johnson did for UK in its bowl-securing win what he had already done for the Cats' overall season: He saved the day.

With Johnson throwing for two second-quarter touchdowns to steady the Cats, UK (6-5) unleashed a 49-0 barrage that led to a 49-13 win that should send Kentucky to the postseason for the first time since 2010.



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"We needed to calm them down, and we did," Kentucky Coach Mark Stoops said of changing quarterbacks. "Stephen is that way. We've talked about that all year, his poise, and he showed that again tonight."

Johnson came out of Kentucky's loss to Tennessee with his left knee aching.

"He was banged up, was not able to practice, not able to be on his leg very much," Stoops said.

On Wednesday, Johnson was able to practice a little. On Friday, Johnson said the UK coaching staff decided he would only play against Austin Peay in a crisis situation.

The Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., product arrived at Commonwealth Stadium on Saturday expecting a relaxing time spent watching his teammates become bowl-eligible from the sidelines.

"I did, I did. But they did tell me any dire emergencies, I would have to go in," Johnson said.

What Johnson saw in the first quarter was Austin Peay (0-11) run 24 plays and gain 134 yards, while UK ran six plays that gained 22. The Governors entered the second quarter up 7-0.

On the first play of the second period, Austin Peay linebacker Gunnar Scholato stepped in front of a Wright pass and rambled 25 yards into the end zone. APSU botched the extra point but led 13-0.

Johnson, listening over the headsets to talk among the UK offensive brain trust, heard his name.

"Tell Stephen to warm up," Johnson said he heard. "Basically, they were going back and forth 'Do you want to put Stephen in now?' So I put my headsets down and started warming up."

On his first play from scrimmage, Johnson uncorked a perfectly thrown bomb to Jeff Badet on a post pattern. It hit the UK wideout in stride and was a certain touchdown pass.

Badet dropped it.

On Johnson's second drive, he guided Kentucky into the end zone, with fab freshman Benny Snell running for a 30-yard TD on a third-and-15 play.

The third time Johnson got the ball, he went back to Badet on the post and this time the duo connected for 42 yards. That set up a Johnson 14-yard scoring pass to C.J. Conrad.

Johnson concluded his fourth drive by hitting Garrett Johnson for a 40-yard touchdown pass.

That put the Cats up 21-13 at halftime and calmed the jagged nerves of the Big Blue Nation.

In the second half, Johnson did not throw a pass. For the game, he finished 5-for-9 passing for 101 yards and two touchdowns.

Johnson became the UK QB after Drew Barker's back injury sidelined him after the first series of the third game. At the time, Kentucky was 0-2.

Since, in games Johnson has taken the majority of snaps, the Cats have gone 6-3. The quarterback's numbers aren't always gaudy, but under stress, he tends to make winning football plays when they need to be made.

This time, Johnson did it wearing a bulky knee brace on a leg that had been hurting too bad to practice.

Said Stoops: "He's tough as nails. He came in there tonight and came through again."

That made the game that made Kentucky bowl-eligible a pretty good metaphor for the 2016 Wildcats season.

Kentucky's Boom Williams and Benny Snell are record-setting duo

By Joe Mussatto
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In Kentucky's backfield, Boom Williams is the shifty upperclassman, Benny Snell the bruising freshman.

Where one has speed, the other has strength. Together they became the first Kentucky duo to independently reach 1,000-yard rushing seasons in Saturday night's win against Austin Peay.

Snell was the star of the duo on a crisp night at Commonwealth Stadium. The freshman carried 14 times for 152 yards and two scores. He came into the night tied for second in the conference in touchdowns after not playing in the first two games of the season.

And in addition to the shared record with Williams, Snell set another of his own against the Governors. He surpassed Moe Williams' 1993 mark for most freshman rushing yards in school history. Snell is at 1,006 rushing yards with the Louisville matchup next week and a bowl game to go.

"I congratulated Benny," Boom Williams said. "That's a big accomplishment, especially as a freshman. That's something I wasn't able to do so it's huge for him. It's just an honor and a blessing to be able to have that achievement for both of us."

Williams rushed for 47 yards and a score on Saturday. The junior had a 94-yard weaving rush called back by a holding penalty.

The Wildcats underwent an offensive transition after former starter Drew Barker got hurt in Week 3 and never returned. The weight of the offense shifted to the shoulders of Williams first, who then shared the burden with Snell.

"It's awesome," offensive coordinator Eddie Gran said of the record. "Awesome for the program to recruit running backs. It says a lot about our offensive line and the unselfishness we talked about with our receivers."

Kentucky entered Saturday's slate of games third in the SEC with 239 rushing yards per game. The Wildcats added 281 more yards against Austin Peay with five rushing touchdowns.

"To have two over 1,000 was a great mark for the team," coach Mark Stoops said. "And all those guys, it was good to get Jojo [Kemp] in there and get him some touchdowns. So it was just a good night overall."

Jojo Kemp hopes seniors have set new path for Kentucky football

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Jojo Kemp's voice was hoarse, but his message was clear.

Qualifying for a bowl game — which was clinched by beating Austin Peay 49-13 Saturday — was four years in the making for seniors such as Kemp. That it happened on Kentucky's Senior Day made it even better.

Having endured a 2-10 season and back-to-back 5-7 campaigns, the Wildcats are going bowling for the first time since 2010.

"It's a feeling I'm probably not even describing in the words I'm using," said Kemp, a senior running back. "I just feel so good right now knowing that today we took a step forward. Big Blue Nation took a step forward today."

Kemp's confidence can hardly ever be questioned. Despite playing behind Boom Williams and Benny Snell on the running back depth chart, Kemp's presence is the biggest in the backfield. He rushed for 54 yards and 2 touchdowns on a blustery November night.

Coach Mark Stoops has a favorite saying: "Don't flinch."

The message has stuck with Kemp, who's not lacking for his own sayings.

"Why not us? Why not Kentucky? Change the game. We are the new UK. I could say it over and over again," Kemp said. "I could say it in my sleep."

The new UK could be one where six-plus wins is an expectation rather than an achievement. Kentucky's win on Saturday crashed through an obstacle fortified by past failures.

"I'd say the best way to describe it is relief," tight end C.J. Conrad said. "Like, 'Man we did it. All this hard work we put in, all this talk, we finally did it.'"

It was a parting gift, their last game at Commonwealth Stadium, for the likes of Kemp, Jon Toth, J.D. Harmon and Ryan Timmons, as well as fellow seniors such as Marcus McWilson, Blake McClain and Courtney Miggins.

"We're going to have our picture up hanging on that wall forever," Kemp said. "I'm going to see myself right on that, knowing I was part of change."

Kentucky knocks off No. 11 Louisville 41-38 on late field goal

By Jennifer Smith
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It seemed only appropriate that a game that started with a video montage of Muhammad Ali would turn into a prize fight.

The knock-down, drag-out affair that included five lead changes and four ties ended in a 47-yard field goal with 12 seconds to go by Austin MacGinnis. It was the junior kicker's second game-winning field goal this season and it put Kentucky up for good 41-38 on Saturday.

"Best feeling I've had on a football field," MacGinnis said. "To get the win in the home state, there's nothing like it."

There was nothing like the feeling in the locker room either. Coach Mark Stoops said he had trouble getting the team to calm down long enough to address them.

The party continued for more than 30 minutes after the final horn.



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"The excitement in the locker room," a beaming Jojo Kemp said. "I wish you guys were in there. We had fun. We had a ball."

Offensive coordinator Eddie Gran, whose side of the ball racked up 581 yards against the Cardinals, joked that he should get some hazard pay for being in the UK locker room afterward.

"I just kind of sit back, because for me as a coach it's really fun to just – and they hurt you," he laughed. "They hurt you in there when they hug you and they beat on you. I've learned, I'm wise to it, so I sat back and just watched, and it was awesome."

If the game was the main event, the undercard was the battle between two quarterbacks, with UK's Stephen Johnson amassing 338 passing yards and three touchdowns to go with eight carries for 83 yards.

And likely Heisman Trophy frontrunner Lamar Jackson, who had 281 yards passing with two touchdowns (and three picks, including one in the final second into the hands of Mike Edward to seal the win) and 171 yards rushing with two more scores.

"It was really big," said Johnson, who had a career high 338 yards passing in the win. "To come out here and play a complete game, we've been waiting for that the entire season, to show what we can do."

The victory snapped a five-game losing streak in the Governor's Cup to the Cardinals (9-3) and was the Cats' first win over a ranked opponent since 2002.

Kentucky (7-5) amassed 581 yards of total offense, including 352 passing. The Cardinals put up 561 yards of offense, but turned the ball over four times, three at crucial times. UK scored 10 points off those miscues.

"They're an explosive bunch, and we knew we needed to get some turnovers," Stoops said.

There was a Jackson fumble with less than two minutes to play corralled by UK's Courtney Love to set up the winning field goal. "For it to end like that, it was awesome," said Love, who had six tackles and his first fumble recovery.

And two interceptions for Edwards, including one in a cluster of players as time expired to seal the win.

As the team went on the field, Edwards said the team said one thing: "We just told ourselves: one stop and we have this game."

Both teams found their own special way to say good morning to the 54,075 fans at Papa John's Cardinal Stadium.

Just two minutes ran off the clock before the Cardinals surgically knifed through the Cats defense, first with a 42-yard pass to open the game, then a 20-yard slant pass.

Two straight Brandon Radcliff runs set up a 19-yard score for Jackson, helping the quarterback set a new Atlantic Coast Conference record for touchdowns in a season.

On its first play of the game, Kentucky's Johnson found Garrett Johnson for a 75-yard scoring pass to even it up 7-7. It was a career long for Garrett Johnson and a UK long for Stephen Johnson.

Boom Williams' 36-yard zig-zagging run through the Louisville defense put UK up 14-7 with four minutes left in the first quarter.

Louisville responded with a 12-play, 70-yard drive

that ended in an 18-yard pass to a wide open Reggie Bonnafon in the left corner of the Kentucky end zone.

On its next go-around, the Kentucky defense held the Cardinals to three points, on a 19-yard field goal by Blanton Creque, to make it 17-14 Louisville midway through the second quarter.

A Trumaine Washington interception late in the second quarter helped set up an 18-yard shovel pass from Jackson to Hikutini to put the Cardinals up 24-14. Opponents have now scored 106 points off Cats miscues this season.

That didn't last long. On the second play of the next drive, Stephen Johnson again found Garrett Johnson for another bomb, this one for 63 yards to pull within three points, 24-21 with two minutes left in the half.

Johnson, the receiver, had a career night with 164 yards and two touchdowns on five catches.

Kentucky grabbed the lead back, 28-24, on its opening drive of the second half. Benny Snell needed a few inches for a first down and took about 18 yards for the touchdown. UK's 229 yards on the ground was the most given up this season by the Cards.

Louisville punched back, also going 75 yards on its opening series, and getting in the end zone on a 3-yard run by Jeremy Smith to reclaim the lead 31-28 six minutes into the second half.

The Cats took several long shots to Ryan Timmons in the corner to try and go back up, but the Cardinals secondary made some big plays to force a 35-yard game-tying field goal from MacGinnis late in the third quarter.

A Mike Edwards interception of Jackson, the safety's second in as many games and second of the season, helped set up another big touchdown pass for Johnson, this time a 35-yarder to Dorian Baker, his first catch of the game and first TD catch of the season.

A short punt gave Louisville and Jackson great field position and the quarterback made the Cats pay with a 1-yard touchdown run to even it up again, 38-38.

It set up the wild final minutes, the final kick and the locker room craziness.

Jones anticipates a little more crazy after the bowl. "It's kind of exciting, but we're not done yet, though," the sophomore linebacker promised. "We still got one more left."

UK, Stoops just getting started

By Fletcher Page
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Mark Stoops told his team he was proud and left to meet reporters as players danced and hugged and posed for pictures in the locker room following Kentucky's 41-38 upset of No. 11 Louisville on Saturday.

The UK coach walked out a door with a sign that said "Finish" in big, bold, blue letters.

For the Wildcats' football program, the feeling is more like things are just getting started. This was the signature win Stoops needed to prove the culture has changed and goals will be obtained.

"It's just really a lot of things going through your mind, and there's so many people that these wins and losses affect," Stoops said. "Our fanbase has

waited a long time and again, we know the ups and downs that we've gone through, but they deserve a football team that they're proud of. These players care. They work hard."

Stoops is Youngstown, Ohio tough. He doesn't flinch, and he rarely shows emotions. He talks toughness all the time, and prior to his arrival at Kentucky in 2013, he had lived a life of football success to prove how tough he is. He's said before that his program is Youngstown-style and that his boys were as tough as him. Until this season and until Saturday, Kentucky failed to back up those words.

Talk fades out when you sit home in December, skipped over for bowl games, for six years. Talk means nothing when Louisville owns the Governor's Cup for a half-decade.

"We talked about all the time, 'When are we going to put it all together? When are we going to play our best football?'" Stoops said.

Now, it isn't just words. Kentucky has wins. Seven of them. Enough for a bowl and one to make the Birds in the 'Ville real angry.

Stoops has his proof. Kentucky has postseason eligibility and a victory that resonates nationwide. The Wildcats did it the Youngstown way. They didn't flinch. The defense forced probable Heisman Trophy winner Lamar Jackson into committing four second-half turnovers. Quarterback Stephen Johnson played the game of his life. Kicker Austin MacGinnis drilled a 47-yard field goal to simultaneously take the win and avoid another devastating letdown.

And follow along with this ... Johnson threw for three touchdowns and 461 total yards. Receiver Garrett Johnson had 164 yards and two scores. Safety Mike Edwards had two interceptions. Linebacker Jordan Jones had a team-high 10 tackles. Running back Boom Williams had a 36-yard touchdown. Running back Benny Snell found the end zone. Linebacker Courtney Love recovered the fumble that set up the game-winning drive.

Know what all those players have in common? They're coming back next year. And for some, multiple years.

"We're going to have a hell of a team next season," Jones said.

Those guys finished with seven wins in 10 games after losing the first two games of this season. Those guys came back from a fourth-quarter deficit and finished with a win over the best player in the country. Those guys are going to work through the extra practices in December and play in a bowl game.

"It changes this program," Love said. "I love Kentucky. I love everything about it. I can't really explain the feeling I'm going through right now. I love it."

Those guys finished. And they're just getting started.

UK's Johnson comes out on top in QB battle

By Jon Hale
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This was supposed to be Lamar Jackson's Heisman Trophy-clinching performance.

Instead, it was Kentucky quarterback Stephen





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Johnson, who no one would have confused with the best player in the country for much of an up-and-down season, that left Papa John's Cardinal Stadium having carried his team to an upset win in the annual Governor's Cup rivalry.

"His decision making, his accuracy, I thought he was phenomenal," UK offensive coordinator Eddie Gran said. "In this type of a situation? He was great. Unbelievable."

From Kentucky's first play – a 75-yard touchdown bomb – Johnson was at the top of his game.

He finished the Wildcats' 41-38 win having completed 16 of 27 passes for 338 yards, three touchdowns and one interception. Johnson also gained a team-high 83 yards on eight carries.

Jackson more than held his own with 281 passing yards, 171 rushing yards and four total touchdowns, but he also threw three interceptions and lost a fumble at the Kentucky 10-yard line with 1:45 remaining.

Meanwhile Johnson's only miscue came on a tipped pass that looked close to pass interference. When he was handed the ball with a chance to mount his own game-winning drive, Johnson found Jeff Badet for a 29 yard gain on a second-down play to move the ball to midfield then scrambled for 15 yards and completed a 5-yard pass to put Kentucky in field goal range.

Junior kicker Austin MacGinnis did the rest with a 47-yard field goal with 12 seconds remaining.

"Stephen Johnson was really amazing," UK coach Mark Stoops said. "Really...He's so poised. He pulls it down, he scrambles, he runs when he has to."

For Johnson, the chance to measure himself against Jackson was impossible to ignore heading into the matchup: "Anybody I play against, I want to go out and try to compete and do a little bit better than them," Johnson said.

A player often praised by coaches and teammates for his competitiveness, Johnson acknowledged the rivalry atmosphere may have helped bring the most out of him.

Still, he shrugged off the spotlight shined on him after leading Kentucky to the rivalry win.

"I'm my own biggest critic," Johnson said. "I had a lot of misthrows that really could've sealed the deal on some of the plays. But really happy with the offense and what we did today."

While Johnson had never showed the level of sustained excellence he exhibited against Louisville, there were signs the potential for such a performance was in the former junior-college transfer who was added to the program when quarterbacks coach Darin Hinshaw was tasked with finding depth after being hired at Kentucky in the offseason.

When Johnson came off the bench after the first possession of Kentucky's week three win over New Mexico State in place of injured starter Drew Barker, he threw for 310 yards and three touchdowns, overcoming the pressure of an unhappy fan base voicing its displeasure about an 0-2 start and less-than-stellar showing against the Sun Belt foe.

UK relied heavily on its run game for close wins throughout Southeastern Conference play, but Johnson was key in the upset of Mississippi State with 292 passing yards and two touchdowns. His throw to set up MacGinnis' last-second field goal in that game was a

prelude to his late heroics against Louisville.

Throughout the season Johnson has shown an impressive touch on deep passes – he completed passes of at least 65 yards in three previous games – and exploited that skill against Louisville with touchdown passes for 75, 63 and 47 yards.

But for every sign of hope, Johnson opened the door to doubts about his potential as an SEC quarterback with an inconsistent short and mid-range passing game and a propensity to fumble.

It was putting a complete performance together against Louisville that most impressed Hinshaw.

"You've seen Stephen complete balls and do things throughout the year," Hinshaw said. "He just did it consistently all the way through the game, which is what I've been preaching on him to do."

"I don't want to say finally did it; He put it all together. When we needed it against a big ranked opponent, he had to play good for us to win and he did it."

Asked to rank Johnson's performance on a scale of one to 10, Gran awarded his junior quarterback a "10." Hinshaw was perhaps more pragmatic, allowing that there was still room for improvement, but both coaches agreed Johnson's trademark even-keeled demeanor was key to the offense's success in the rivalry game.

"Stephen has been like that all the time," Hinshaw said. "So, there was no change at all with how he's been in week five to now, as far as his demeanor, which is huge. Now we've just got him doing a lot more pluses on the grade sheet, which is what we need to keep doing."

Something about the name Stephen Johnson has proved magical for Kentucky against Louisville. It was the former Wildcat turned NFL wide receiver Stevie Johnson who caught the game-winning touchdown in Kentucky's 2007 upset of Louisville, one of just two times UK had beaten a ranked Louisville team before Saturday.

Even with a win over Jackson and Louisville, Johnson remains a work in progress. He is not even guaranteed to be the starting quarterback in 2017 with Barker due back from back surgery in the spring, but for at least one night Johnson went head to head with the best quarterback in the country and came out on top.

Even if this Johnson never again is mentioned in the same sentence as Jackson, a top NFL prospect, his performance is unlikely to be forgotten by Kentucky fans any time soon.

"Stephen is a remarkable, remarkable young man," UK athletics director Mitch Barnhart said. "I think we need to go get more Stevie Johnsons... His humility, his emotional presence is unbelievable. He's never too high; he's never too low. He's really steady. His Christian faith is very evident to those around him."

"He's a remarkable young man, and I love his presence. He's an encourager. He doesn't have an ounce of pride in him, and it's been a real pleasure to have him in our program."

Austin MacGinnis' clutch kicking crucial to Kentucky's surprise season

By Joe Mussatto

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Austin MacGinnis clinched both fists, his eyes focused on the spot the snap would soon be coming. His hands opened seconds later, both index fingers pointing to the sky as his kick sliced through the uprights and stunned the Louisville crowd.

MacGinnis' 47-yard field goal with 12 seconds left in a 41-38 win over the Cardinals was his second game-winning kick of the season. It came five weeks after he nailed a 51-yarder to beat Mississippi State 40-38 as the clock expired.

"This one tops the other one for sure," MacGinnis said Saturday. "To get the win in the home state, there's nothing like it."

Where would the Wildcats be without MacGinnis' right foot? If his kick against Mississippi State didn't go through, the Wildcats would've lost in regulation. If Saturday's field goal was no good, Kentucky would've gone to overtime and who knows what would've happened.

Kentucky finished the regular season 7-5 and will go to its first bowl game since 2010. MacGinnis has been in the middle of it all. The sophomore kicker was 15 for 18 on field-goal attempts and made his two biggest count.

MacGinnis said he knew he had enough on the kick, but his coach was "numb" as the ball sailed end over end.

Athletic director Mitch Barnhart didn't have a good angle on the kick from where he stood on the field, but he watched MacGinnis. He knew the kicker's reaction would hold the result.

"You can watch Austin and when Austin threw his hands up, I knew we were good," Barnhart said. "He knew he nailed it. He's had two unbelievable kicks this year to finish games and then my next glance was to the clock to see how much time we had left, to see what we had to fight through."

It was just a six-second fight sealed by Mike Edwards' interception.

"You've just got to stay calm, trust your technique and kick it like it's an extra point," MacGinnis said. "Every kick has to be the same if you want to be a good kicker." Kentucky is surely thankful to have one.

Kentucky QB Johnson 'gives you some real peace when you know that he's back there'

By Jennifer Smith

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There are times when Darin Hinshaw is ready to pick up the phone and scream.

In the heat of the game, he sees his quarterback throw into double coverage and get picked off. Kentucky's co-offensive coordinator has some choice words ready to fire.

On the other end of the call, a steady voice says: "Coach, I just threw a really bad pass."

It's the calming, dulcet tones of UK's Stephen Johnson. As first-year Southeastern Conference quarterbacks are sometimes apt to do, Johnson has made a mistake.



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He owns it. Immediately.

"Stephen Johnson is one of the most honest human beings," Hinshaw said of the quarterback. "I mean, he'll tell me exactly what happened."

There's no blaming teammates or the called play. There are no curse words, no thrown tantrums.

"He already knows what I did wrong," Johnson explained of the back-and-forth with his position coach. "Letting him know that I know what I did wrong really helps out."

As a former fiery quarterback himself, Hinshaw admits that he struggled a bit with Johnson's calm, casual demeanor at first.

Does he want a more emotive quarterback? "I do," Hinshaw admitted last week.

But the coach has learned something along the way — perhaps in part from Johnson — that not every player fits the mold. Not every quarterback is going to be a boisterous, natural-born leader with an ego the size of his arm.

"I never ever want them to be somebody they're not," Hinshaw said. "So I say, 'Look, if you don't want to get excited over something, that's fine.' ... It's the same thing when things go wrong. He doesn't let it affect him at all, which is good because it affects me sometimes where I'm going a little crazy."

It's meant a more open, honest dialogue about what the quarterback sees from his perspective, which often is different than Hinshaw's angle high above the field.

The give-and-take, the back-and-forth, the throw-and-catch have all grown at Kentucky as has the Cats' quarterback, who took over the position after starter Drew Barker injured his back early this season.

Since taking over early in the third game, Johnson has guided the Cats to seven wins and just three losses (one at top-ranked and Southeastern Conference West champion Alabama, one at SEC East champ Florida, and a 27-24 loss to Georgia).

Johnson, the transfer from College of the Desert in California, has thrown for 1,862 yards and 12 touchdowns (six interceptions) at a 54.5 percent clip this season.

Not Player of the Year numbers per se, but he's become a player at the right time for Kentucky because of how steady he is and how strong of a communicator he is.

"He's really gotten to the point now where he's learned from his mistakes," Hinshaw said after the Louisville victory in which Johnson threw for a career-high 338 yards and three touchdowns while running eight times for 83 yards.

Johnson has run 83 times for 278 yards and two touchdowns, and the threat of him running — as he did several times on third down against Louisville — makes UK harder to defend.

"Stephen did a great job of knowing when to tuck the ball away and run," said co-offensive coordinator Eddie Gran, whose group converted on 55.6 percent of its third downs in that win.

After his career day, Johnson was no different when he picked up the phone to talk with Hinshaw than he was in games when he was struggling.

That's the sign of an emotionally strong, humble player, UK Athletics Director Mitch Barnhart said of Johnson.

"His emotional presence is unbelievable," Barnhart said after the win over Louisville. "He's never too high; he's never too low. He's really steady. ... Gives you some real peace when you know that he's back there."

The 6-foot-3, 183-pound junior from Rancho Cucamonga, said a few weeks ago that peace was probably the "California cool" people were seeing in him.

But it's deeper than that for the kid who grew up battling Tourette syndrome, something he said he overcame through prayer and support from his family.

"The main thing was that it just humbled me," he explained, of battling the illness, this week on the "Paul Finebaum Show." "It really got me down to where I know that I'm not 'the man.' I shouldn't be the center of attention all the time.

"It really humbled me to where I know I can lead a team by example and not just be the rah-rah guy all the time. It just humbled me to where I can lead a team by example."

And what an example he can be, his coaches said.

Not once has Gran seen Johnson get distressed.

"I've been asked that question a lot about him and he doesn't get rattled about anything," Gran said. "He doesn't get overexcited when things are going good. It's just back to the next series, next play. So you love that in a quarterback."

Football Cats positioned to take another step forward in 2017

By John Clay
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Kentucky football's season isn't done. Bowl preparation is on tap, the reward for a successful campaign. Success comes in steps. With seven wins, Kentucky took a significant step forward.

Still, we can't help but peek beyond the bowl to 2017 when Kentucky should be in position to take another step forward and them some.

A look at the depth chart heading into last Saturday's 41-38 win at Louisville, shows just five seniors (center Jon Toth, wide receiver Ryan Timmons, defensive end Courtney Miggins, nickelback Blake McClain, safety Marcus McWilson) listed among the 24 starting positions.

Meanwhile, nine of the remaining 19 were sophomores. Right guard Bunchy Stallings and tight end C.J. Conrad were sophomore starters on offense. Strongside linebacker Josh Allen, defensive tackle Adrian Middleton, defensive end Denzil Ware, linebacker Jordan Jones, cornerbacks Derrick Baity and Chris Westry, plus strong safety Mike Edwards were all sophomore starters on defense.

"Our players are young," said defensive coordinator D.J. Eliot after the win at Louisville. "This is a group of young men who came to this program believing in the future and they all still have a lot of future left. A bright future."

Kentucky could have as many as eight senior starters on offense in 2017, though it will be interesting to see what 1,135-yard rusher Boom Williams decides about his future. Given the short shelf life of NFL run-

ning backs, Williams might decide to take the jump, joining fellow back and senior leader Jojo Kemp.

We do know another important junior will return, however. Quarterback Stephen Johnson saved the season when he replaced the injured Drew Barker after the first series of the third game. With Johnson taking a majority of the snaps, Kentucky went 7-3. Even if Barker returns fully healthy from back surgery, Johnson will be hard to displace.

Garrett Johnson, who led the team with 36 receptions, will be back. Jeff Badet, whose 639 receiving yards led the team, will return. Dorian Baker, who was hampered by injuries the first half of the season but caught the big 35-yard fourth-quarter touchdown pass at Louisville, should also return.

They'll be joined by Benny Snell, who rushed for a record-setting 1,057 yards as a freshman. Siihim King should see a bigger role in the running game next season. The coaches are high on freshman A.J. Rose, who redshirted.

UK loses one offensive line starter, though the most important, in Toth. Still, the Cats built unusual depth along the front while rushing for the most yards per game (241.2) by a UK offense since 1994 (272.2).

Where the Cats have real room for optimism is on defense. Jones is a star in the making. Ware and Allen proved effective pass rushers off the edge. Defensive tackles Middleton and Tymere Dubose both improved. Freshman linebacker Kash Daniel earned valuable playing time behind junior Courtney Love. Head coach Mark Stoops must find replacements for McClain and McWilson, but then the secondary is Stoops' specialty.

Aside from a shaky punting game, Kentucky's special teams were improved in 2016. Maybe the Most Valuable Cat to the bowl effort will also be back. Austin MacGinnis beat Mississippi State with a 51-yard field goal at the final horn. It was his 47-yard field goal with 12 seconds left that beat Louisville.

Afterward, the fourth-year junior talked about the players who worked to put Kentucky in that position. MacGinnis said he was just glad to do his part.

Next year, Kentucky should be in position to step forward once again.

Stephen Johnson's JuCo coach: 'You ain't seen nothin' yet'

By Chris Fisher
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After an 0-2 start that saw starting quarterback Drew Barker lost for the season with a back injury, a lot of Kentucky fans flushed any idea of going to a bowl game.

After the first series against New Mexico State, junior college transfer Stephen Johnson came on in relief of Barker to complete 17 of 22 passes for 310 yards and three touchdowns plus 51 yards rushing in a 62-42 victory.

Johnson would go on to lead the Wildcats to wins in six of its next nine games to become bowl eligible for the first time since 2010.

Still, many fans weren't convinced.

Then, Saturday at Louisville, Johnson stood toe-to-





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toe with Heisman Trophy frontrunner Lamar Jackson, setting career-highs in passing yards (338), passing touchdowns (3), rushing yards (83) and total yards (421).

Johnson's College of the Desert head coach, Jack Steptoe, told CatsPause.com that he's just getting started.

"He's got a lot of games like that in him," Steptoe said. "Y'all ain't seen nothin' yet. He's the full package."

With the game tied 38-38 after a Jackson fumble with 1:45 remaining, Johnson calmly led the Wildcats down the field, completing two passes for 34 yards and scrambling for 15 more and a first down to set up Austin MacGinnis' game-winning 47-yard field goal.

Steptoe said he wasn't surprised in the least.

"When Lamar fumbled, I said, 'watch Stephen go down and win this.' I wasn't surprised," Steptoe said Monday. "He outplayed the Heisman Trophy candidate because he controlled the football. He keeps his poise. He doesn't get rattled. He's always been like that. Most players have that built in. It's not something you can coach. When the chips are down, players make plays and he always believes he can win."

Johnson was particularly accurate with his deep ball against the Cardinals, completing touchdown passes of 75, 63 and 35 yards. He had two more intended for Ryan Timmons in the end zone knocked away at the last second.

"He should have had five [touchdown passes]," Steptoe said. "[College football Hall of Famer] Doug Williams said he's the best quarterback that he's ever coached as far as anticipating a route. Once you plant, the ball is on its way. If he makes a mistake, he doesn't make it twice. He knows how to read defenses. He has the ability to understand the concept of the defense and where the ball needs to go. Placement of the ball is not a problem for Stephen."

On the season, Johnson has passed for 1,862 yards and 12 touchdowns while rushing for 278 yards and two scores with a quarterback rating of 134.2 in helping lead the Wildcats to its first winning season since 2009 and its best finish in the SEC East since 1992.

"When you bring a Stephen Johnson into the mix, you have to account for him," Steptoe said. "He adds a whole other dimension to your offense."

After the departures of Patrick Towles and Reese Phillips last offseason, many thought Kentucky signed Johnson, for the most part, just to bolster depth at quarterback behind Barker.

Johnson signed with the Wildcats because of his fit within the offense and his relationship with quarterbacks coach and co-offensive coordinator Darin Hinshaw.

"Coming from an offense like we had, Kentucky was tailor-made for him," Steptoe said. "A lot of motion, a lot of swap routes. He was already groomed for Hinshaw. He just needed some reps to get comfortable."

Steptoe says Johnson never resigned himself to being Barker's backup.

"He was never distraught. He was always confident," Steptoe said. "He told me, 'when my opportunity comes, I'm going to make the best of it' and he did."

Despite fighting for the same spot, Steptoe says Johnson and Barker have developed a good relationship.

"People ask me about their relationship. Those guys respect each other. He supported Barker and Barker supported him. Those guys respect each other," Steptoe said.

"But he should be the guy and deservedly so. He saved that season."

UK football players creating connections through Connect Four?

By Jennifer Smith
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Want to start a fight in the Kentucky locker room? It takes just two words: Connect Four.

"You'd think it was fourth-and-1 on the goal line," described longtime Kentucky football media relations guru Tony Neely. "They'll lay on the floor of the locker room, yelling and screaming at each other."

It all started months ago when wide receiver Alexander Montgomery brought in his Connect Four board game and declared himself the undisputed ruler of the vertical board with the colorful discs and detachable legs.

"I'm the best Connect Four player ever," he confirmed a few weeks ago.

And who's second best? "Me."

As one might imagine, when a player declares himself the best at something in a locker room full of 100 crazy-competitive Southeastern Conference football players, that doesn't go over well.

"J.D. Harmon will tell you he's the best," explained center Jon Toth. "The defensive backs, I thought they were going to get in a fight the other day arguing about who was the best."

Ask senior running back Jojo Kemp who's atop the locker room leaderboard for the game trademarked by Milton Bradley in 1974 — before some of the players' parents were born — and he doesn't hesitate.

"I'm putting myself on top," Kemp replied. "Then probably Alex and then Toth. We thought Toth was going to be good, you know 'cause he's an engineering major, but nah, it doesn't work that way."

The center lamented that there is zero math involved, which might have given the mechanical engineering major an upper hand.

Nope, no calculations necessary, but "there's definitely strategy," he explained. "It's like chess almost because you have to play offense and defense at the same time to set it up."

It requires "brains," Kemp said. "Brains and a little technique."

And Montgomery claims to be the leader in both brains and technique.

"J.D. came to my house one time and said, 'Let's play,'" the junior wideout recalled. "He thought he was really good. I killed him. Jojo thought he was really good and I killed him. Jojo is really good, but he over-thinks, so I beat him every time."

The back and forth of the game has spilled into the digital world, with many of the UK players now facing off in Connect Four against one another on their phones.

Ask any of the individual players involved — and there are loads of them on both sides of the ball — and he knows his given record against other players.

"Alex might be the best," said Harmon, a senior defensive back. "He has real good strategy, but I've beat him twice. So right now I'm winning that right now. But Alex is probably the best."

Montgomery, who had to give up football after a third ligament tear in his knees, said he tries to gain an advantage by playing the game on his laptop set on expert level.

"I lose a majority of the time," he continued. "It's on expert. You can't beat expert, but I learn from that game so when I play somebody normal, I can win easy."

One of the best parts of the game is that it doesn't take long, which is good for a group of players with limited time on their hands between football practices, classwork, lifting, running and other obligations.

"It's a quick, little fun game and you can get a bunch of games in," Toth said. "It's fun to play that when you're just sitting around the locker room."

It's perfect to fill the short spurts of downtime for the Cats.

"We just hang out in the locker room and sometimes we're waiting for meetings or waiting for practice or waiting for workouts," Kemp explained. "So in our free time, we play a little Connect Four, play a couple of board games. You know, family, sticking together."

And like many family gatherings, it can get a little bit contentious.

"There's some heated reactions for a while when you catch a guy off-guard," Toth said. "You're setting something up for a while and they didn't see it. Sometimes you catch a guy off-guard, he gets a little upset. But it's all in good fun."

While other people their age in college might be fixated on the latest gaming station, this collection of Cats is obsessed with not only Connect Four, but also Trouble, as well as the card game Spades and even competitive rock-paper-scissors.

"Jojo has to be one of the luckiest guys when it comes to Trouble," said Harmon of the old school board game with the dice in the middle of a large bubble. "I'm the best at Trouble, though."

Harmon, a senior who will play his last game in a Kentucky jersey on Dec. 31 in the TaxSlayer Bowl, got a little nostalgic thinking about gathering around a table playing games with his teammates.

"It brings back a lot of old memories, things you used to do as a kid. Playing with them is a lot more fun," he said. "It's a great time with those guys."

A connection via Connect Four.

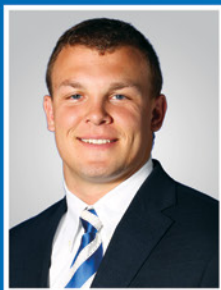
Who knew?

"It builds a lot of good chemistry between players," Harmon continued. "Building those relationships is fun. You've got guys in different position groups who aren't usually bonding, it's something we can all do together."

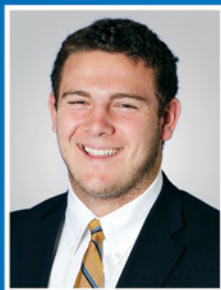
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WILL THOMAS COLLINS / FB
Jackson, Ky.



TANNER FINK / TE/FB
Louisville, Ky.



J.D. HARMON / CB
Paducah, Ky.



JOJO KEMP / RB
DeLand, Fla.



BLAKE McCLAIN / DB
Winter Park, Fla.



MARCUS McWILSON / S
Youngstown, Ohio



COURTNEY MIGGINS / DE
Lithonia, Ga.



ZACH MYERS / C
Miamisburg, Ohio



RYAN TIMMONS / WR
Frankfort, Ky.



JON TOTH / C
Indianapolis, Ind.



ZANE WILLIAMS / DT
Lexington, Ky.



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DYLAN GREENBERG / OG
Tucson, Ariz.



RAMSEY MEYERS / OG
Orange Park, Fla.



ALEX MONTGOMERY / WR
Weston, Fla.



One Wildcat (Zach Myers pictured above) has already graduated with a degree in communications, while seven Wildcats (Will Thomas Collins, Tanner Fink, Dylan Greenberg, J.D. Harmon, Blake McClain, Jon Toth and Zane Williams) are all expected to graduate in December with their bachelor's degrees.



GARRETT JOHNSON / WR

DENZIL WARE / DE/LB

MARK STOOPS

JOJO KEMP / RB

MIKE EDWARDS / S
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2016 RESULTS

9.3	9.10	9.17	9.24	10.1	10.8	10.22	10.29	11.5	11.12	11.19	11.26
SOUTHERN MISS L, 35-44	AT #25 FLORIDA L, 7-45	NEW MEXICO STATE W, 62-42	SOUTH CAROLINA W, 17-10	AT #1 ALABAMA L, 6-34	VANDERBILT W, 20-13	MISSISSIPPI STATE W, 40-38	AT MISSOURI W, 35-21	GEORGIA L, 24-27	AT TENNESSEE L, 36-49	AUSTIN PEAY W, 49-13	AT #11 LOUISVILLE W, 41-38

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