

1979-80 KENTUCKY VARSITY BASKETBALL STATISTICS (35 GAMES)—FINAL

| Player | G-St | Min. | Fg-Fga | Pct. | Ft-Fga | Pct. | Reb-Ave. | A | Pf-D | Pts. | Ave. | TO |
|-----------------|-------|------|-----------|------|---------|------|-----------|-----|--------|------|------|-----|
| MACY | 35-35 | 1182 | 218-415 | 52.5 | 104-114 | 91.2 | 85- 2.4 | 163 | 52-0 | 540 | 15.4 | 60 |
| BOWIE | 34-33 | 886 | 165-311 | 53.1 | 110-144 | 76.4 | 276- 8.1 | 26 | 110-8 | 440 | 12.9 | 80 |
| COWAN | 35-35 | 892 | 168-318 | 52.8 | 100-141 | 70.9 | 201- 5.7 | 31 | 101-5 | 436 | 12.5 | 78 |
| WILLIAMS | 35-33 | 858 | 100-190 | 52.6 | 64- 75 | 85.3 | 185- 5.3 | 26 | 106-8 | 264 | 7.4 | 63 |
| SHIDLER | 35- 8 | 631 | 89-180 | 49.4 | 40- 50 | 80.0 | 46- 1.3 | 59 | 57-1 | 218 | 6.2 | 54 |
| HORD | 35- 2 | 677 | 78-166 | 47.0 | 49- 64 | 76.6 | 37- 2.5 | 37 | 66-2 | 205 | 5.9 | 55 |
| MINNIEFIELD | 34-18 | 691 | 68-142 | 47.9 | 35- 49 | 71.4 | 70- 2.1 | 126 | 82-3 | 171 | 5.0 | 75 |
| HURT | 35- 1 | 475 | 52- 86 | 60.5 | 32- 52 | 61.5 | 87- 2.5 | 14 | 74-2 | 136 | 3.9 | 22 |
| VERDERBER | 23- 1 | 374 | 37- 71 | 52.1 | 28- 38 | 73.7 | 74- 2.2 | 12 | 54-2 | 102 | 3.0 | 30 |
| HEITZ | 24- 0 | 108 | 6- 22 | 27.3 | 18- 33 | 54.6 | 20- 0.8 | 3 | 13-0 | 30 | 1.3 | 7 |
| LANTER | 17- 0 | 55 | 5- 13 | 38.5 | 3- 8 | 37.5 | 9- 0.5 | 8 | 12-0 | 13 | 0.8 | 9 |
| GETTELFINGER | 12- 0 | 26 | 5- 7 | 71.4 | 2- 3 | 66.7 | 3- 0.3 | 4 | 3-0 | 12 | 1.0 | 3 |
| ANDERSON | 11- 9 | 282 | 47-101 | 46.5 | 24- 31 | 77.4 | 13- 1.1 | 29 | 25-1 | 118 | 10.7 | 25 |
| TEAM | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| KENTUCKY TOTALS | 35 | | 1038-2022 | 51.3 | 609-802 | 75.9 | 1265-36.1 | 538 | 755-32 | 2685 | 76.7 | 564 |
| OPPONENT TOTALS | 35 | | 880-1971 | 44.7 | 563-794 | 70.9 | 1052-30.1 | 440 | 753-33 | 2323 | 66.4 | 551 |

109 KY-OPP Deadball 80-102

BLOCKED SHOTS—STEALS: Kentucky 125-216, Opp 77-242. Bowie 73-12, Macy 2-58, Cowan 27-31, Minniefield 2-34, Shidler 3-30, Williams 8-18, Hord 3-15, Hurt 6-13, Verderber 0-6, Heitz 0-1, Gettelfinger 0-1, Lanter 0-2, Anderson 1-4.

SEASON RECORD — 1979-80

ALL GAMES: WON 29, LOST 6—SEC ONLY: WON 15, LOST 3

| Opponent | Site | UK | Opp. | Crowd |
|-------------------|-----------|-----|------|--------|
| Duke | (N1) | 76* | 82 | 8,939 |
| Bradley | (N2) | 79 | 58 | 3,000 |
| Alaska | (N2) | 97 | 68 | 3,000 |
| Iona | (N2) | 57 | 50 | 3,750 |
| Baylor | (H) | 80 | 46 | 23,493 |
| South Carolina | (H) | 126 | 81 | 23,428 |
| Kansas | (A) | 57 | 56 | 15,700 |
| Indiana | (H) | 69 | 58 | 23,789 |
| Georgia | (N3) | 95 | 52 | 15,700 |
| California | (UKIT) | 78 | 60 | 23,768 |
| Purdue | (UKIT) | 61 | 60 | 23,768 |
| Notre Dame | (N4) | 86 | 80 | 16,613 |
| Auburn | (H) | 67 | 65 | 23,425 |
| Tennessee | (A) | 47 | 49 | 12,700 |
| Mississippi | (A) | 79 | 73 | 8,728 |
| Alabama | (H) | 64 | 78 | 23,425 |
| Florida | (H) | 76 | 63 | 5,381 |
| Vanderbilt | (H) | 106 | 90 | 23,425 |
| Mississippi State | (A) | 89 | 67 | 9,513 |
| Georgia | (H) | 56* | 49 | 23,441 |
| Louisiana State | (H) | 60 | 65 | 23,491 |
| Auburn | (A) | 64 | 62 | 9,271 |
| Tennessee | (H) | 83 | 75 | 23,513 |
| Mississippi | (H) | 86 | 72 | 23,425 |
| Alabama | (A) | 72 | 63 | 15,000 |
| Florida | (H) | 95 | 70 | 23,375 |
| Vanderbilt | (A) | 91 | 73 | 15,626 |
| Nevada Las Vegas | (H) | 74 | 69 | 6,380 |
| Mississippi State | (H) | 71 | 65 | 23,425 |
| Louisiana State | (A) | 76* | 74 | 13,937 |
| Auburn | (N5-SEC) | 69 | 61 | 13,429 |
| Mississippi | (N5-SEC) | 69 | 67 | 13,482 |
| Louisiana State | (N5-SEC) | 78 | 80 | 8,400 |
| Florida State | (N6-NCAA) | 97 | 78 | 12,100 |
| Duke | (H-NCAA) | 54 | 55 | 23,320 |

Home Attendance—352,511

*—Overtime

N1—Springfield, Mass.; N2-Anchorage, Alaska; N3-Atlanta, Ga.; N4-Louisville, Ky.; N5-Birmingham, Al.; N6-Bowling Green, Ky.

ORIGIN OF "WILDCATS" NICKNAME

Kentucky's athletic teams are known to sports fans as the Wildcats. This first and only nickname borne by University varsities had its origin in 1909 in a speech made by Commandant C. H. ... then head of the military department of old State College. Speaking to a chapel audience of students on the showing of the Kentucky football team in defeating Illinois six to ... the Commandant declared "they fought like Wildcats." The tag was popularized by word of mouth and by the press with the result that it has since become synonymous with all major Kentucky athletic teams.