



# 2023 KENTUCKY QUICK FACTS

## INSTITUTE PERSONNEL

**President:** Dr. Eli Capilouto (Alabama, '71)  
**Faculty Representative:** Joseph L. Fink III  
 (Philadelphia College of Pharmacy & Science, '70)  
**Athletics Director:** Mitch Barnhart (Ottawa, '81)  
**Deputy AD/FB Liaison:** Marc Hill (Iowa Wesleyan, '93)  
**Athletics Phone Number:** (859) 257-8000  
**Internet Address:** UKathletics.com  
**Conference:** Southeastern Conference, Eastern Division  
**Nickname:** Wildcats  
**Colors:** Blue and White  
**Stadium:** Kroger Field  
**Overall Record at Kroger Field:** 182-141-4 (.563)  
**Under Stoops at Kroger Field:** 46-25 (.648)  
**Capacity:** 61,000  
**Playing Surface:** UBU Speed Series synthetic turf  
**First Year of Football:** 1881  
**Number of Years Playing Football:** Starting 133rd season  
**All-Time Overall Record:** 646-641-44 (.502)  
**All-Time SEC Record:** 190-401-12 (.325)  
**All-Time Bowl Record:** 12-10 (.545)

## FOOTBALL COACHING STAFF

**Head Coach:** Mark Stoops (Iowa, '89)  
**Overall College Coaching Record:**  
 Record at Kentucky (Years): 66-59 (10 years)  
 Career Record (Years): 66-59 (10 years)  
 SEC Record: 32-50 (.390)  
 Bowl Record: 4-3 (.571)  
**Bowl Games under Stoops (Record): 4-3**  
 2016 TaxSlayer, L, vs. Georgia Tech  
 2017 Franklin American Mortgage Music City Bowl, L, vs. Northwestern  
 2019 VRBO Citrus, W, vs. Penn State  
 2019 Belk, W, vs. Virginia Tech  
 2021 TaxSlayer Gator, W, vs. N.C. State  
 2022 Vrbo Citrus, W, vs. Iowa  
 2022 TransPerfect Music City, L, vs. Iowa

## Assistant Coaches:

**Jay Boulware (Texas, '96)**  
 Running Backs/Special Teams Coordinator, 1st year  
**Frank Buffano (Arizona, '06)**  
 Safeties, 4th year  
**Liam Coen (UMass, '08)**  
 Offensive Coord./QB, 2nd year, 1st in current term  
**Chris Collins (Western Carolina, '10)**  
 Defensive Backs, 3rd year  
**Vince Marrow (Toledo, '92)**  
 Assoc. Head Coach/TE/Recruiting Coordinator, 11th year  
**Anwar Stewart (Kentucky, '17)**  
 Defensive Line, 4th year  
**Mike Stoops (Iowa, '87)**  
 Inside Linebackers, 2nd year  
**Brad White (Wake Forest, '05)**  
 Defensive Coordinator/Outside Linebackers, 6th year  
**Scott Woodward (UMass, '09)**  
 Wide Receivers, 3rd year  
**Zach Yenser (Troy, '07)**  
 Offensive Line, 2nd year

## Quality Control:

Bryan Berezowitz (Kentucky, '19)  
 Josh Estes-Waugh (Kentucky, '12)  
 Mark Perry (Kentucky, '01)  
 Brian Picucci (Syracuse, '94)  
 Mike Preifer Jr. (Wisconsin-Eau Claire, '17)  
 Joe Scola (Dartmouth, '07)

## Graduate Assistants:

Kalon Humphries (defense)  
 Courtney Love (defense)  
 Drake Jackson (offense)  
 Cam Garner (off the field - offense)  
 Dan Hebert (off the field - offense)  
 Andrew Verboys (off the field - defense)

## KENTUCKY 2023 SCHEDULE

| Date      | Opponent             | Time/TV         | Location          |
|-----------|----------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Sept. 2   | Ball State           | Noon ET/SECN    | Lexington, Ky.    |
| Sept. 9   | Eastern Kentucky     | 3 p.m./SECN+    | Lexington, Ky.    |
| Sept. 16  | Akron                | 7:30 p.m./ESPNU | Lexington, Ky.    |
| Sept. 23* | at Vanderbilt        | TBA             | Nashville, Tenn.  |
| Sept. 30* | Florida              | TBA             | Lexington, Ky.    |
| Oct. 7*   | at Georgia           | TBA             | Athens, Ga.       |
| Oct. 14*  | Missouri             | TBA             | Lexington, Ky.    |
| Oct. 28*  | Tennessee            | TBA             | Lexington, Ky.    |
| Nov. 4*   | at Mississippi State | TBA             | Starkville, Miss. |
| Nov. 11*  | Alabama              | TBA             | Lexington, Ky.    |
| Nov. 18*  | at South Carolina    | TBA             | Columbia, S.C.    |
| Nov. 25   | at Louisville        | TBA             | Louisville, Ky.   |

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**Secondary Football Contact:** Cami Moore (Kentucky, '18)  
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**Moore's Phone:** (859) 396-0368  
**Press Box Coordinator/Credentials:** Evan Crane (Kentucky, '10)  
**Crane's Email:** wesley.crane@uky.edu  
**Crane's Phone:** (270) 559-8120

## 2023 RETURNING STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING:         | ATT.  | YARDS | AVG.  | TDS      |          |           |
|------------------|-------|-------|-------|----------|----------|-----------|
| JuTahn McClain   | 59    | 278   | 4.7   | 0        |          |           |
| La'Ve'll Wright  | 39    | 120   | 3.1   | 0        |          |           |
| Ramon Jefferson  | 2     | 10    | 5.0   | 0        |          |           |
| PASSING:         | COMP. | ATT.  | INT.  | TDS      | YARDS    | PCT.      |
| Kaiya Sheron     | 17    | 29    | 1     | 2        | 187      | 58.6      |
| Destin Wade      | 16    | 30    | 2     | 0        | 98       | 53.3      |
| Deuce Hogan      | 6     | 7     | 0     | 0        | 19       | 86.7      |
| RECEIVING:       | REC.  | YARDS | AVG.  | AVG/GAME | TDS      |           |
| Barion Brown     | 50    | 628   | 12.6  | 48.3     | 4        |           |
| Tayvion Robinson | 40    | 497   | 12.4  | 45.2     | 3        |           |
| Dane Key         | 37    | 519   | 14.0  | 39.9     | 6        |           |
| Jordan Dingle    | 20    | 220   | 11.0  | 16.9     | 3        |           |
| TACKLES:         | TOTAL | SOLO  | ASST. | INT.     | SACKS    | TFL (YDS) |
| D'Eryk Jackson   | 67    | 27    | 40    | 0        | 0        | 4 (11)    |
| Jordan Lovett    | 62    | 36    | 26    | 2        | 0        | 1.5 (3)   |
| Trevin Wallace   | 54    | 32    | 22    | 2        | 2.5 (14) | 9.5 (31)  |
| J.J. Weaver      | 47    | 27    | 20    | 0        | 3 (37)   | 6 (45)    |
| Deone Walker     | 40    | 12    | 28    | 0        | 1 (8)    | 4.5 (15)  |

**TEAM INFORMATION****BASIC OFFENSE:** Multiple pro-style**BASIC DEFENSE:** 3-4, 4-3**LETTERWINNERS RETURNING: 36**Offense: 15  
Defense: 19  
Specialty: 2**LETTERWINNERS LOST: 25**Offense: 13  
Defense: 10  
Specialty: 2**STARTERS RETURNING: 14**Offense: 7  
Defense: 5  
Specialty: 2**STARTERS LOST: 13**Offense: 3  
Defense: 7  
Specialty: 3**RETURNING OFFENSIVE STARTERS:**

| No. | Name             | Pos. | Ht.  | Wt. | Class-EXP | Hometown            |
|-----|------------------|------|------|-----|-----------|---------------------|
| 6   | Dane Key         | WR   | 6-3  | 195 | So-1L     | Lexington, Ky.      |
| 9   | Tayvion Robinson | WR   | 5-11 | 194 | %Sr-1L    | Virginia Beach, Va. |
| 62  | Jager Burton     | OL   | 6-4  | 307 | So-1L     | Lexington, Ky.      |
| 68  | Kenneth Horsey   | OL   | 6-3  | 311 | %Sr-4L    | Sanford, Fla.       |
| 77  | Jeremy Flax      | OL   | 6-6  | 325 | Sr-1L     | Detroit, Mich.      |
| 80  | Brenden Bates    | TE   | 6-5  | 251 | %Sr-4L    | Cincinnati, Ohio    |
| 85  | Jordan Dingle    | TE   | 6-4  | 238 | So-1L     | Bowling Green, Ky.  |

**RETURNING DEFENSIVE STARTERS:**

| No. | Name           | Pos. | Ht. | Wt. | Class-Exp. | Hometown        |
|-----|----------------|------|-----|-----|------------|-----------------|
| 0   | Deone Walker   | DL   | 6-6 | 348 | So-1L      | Detroit, Mich.  |
| 13  | J.J. Weaver    | OLB  | 6-5 | 244 | Sr-3L      | Louisville, Ky. |
| 25  | Jordan Lovett  | DB   | 6-2 | 195 | So-1L      | Radcliff, Ky.   |
| 54  | D'Eryk Jackson | ILB  | 6-1 | 245 | Sr-3L      | Dublin, Ga.     |
| 90  | Tre'vonn Rybka | DL   | 6-4 | 276 | Jr-2L      | Dickson, Tenn.  |

**SPECIALISTS STARTERS:**

| No. | Name         | Pos. | Ht. | Wt. | Class-Exp. | Hometown               |
|-----|--------------|------|-----|-----|------------|------------------------|
| 93  | Wilson Berry | P    | 6-4 | 213 | So-Sq      | Maribyrnong, Australia |
| 12  | Chance Poore | K    | 6-2 | 213 | %Sr-4L     | Anderson, S.C.         |

**OFFENSIVE / DEFENSIVE STARTERS LOST:**

| Name                 | Pos. | Class |
|----------------------|------|-------|
| Tyrell Ajian         | SS   | Sr.   |
| Jacquez Jones        | ILB  | Sr.   |
| Will Levis           | QB   | Sr.   |
| Tashawn Manning,     | RG   | Sr.   |
| Chris Rodriguez Jr.  | RB   | Sr.   |
| Justin Rogers        | NG   | Jr.   |
| Keidron Smith        | CB   | Sr.   |
| DeAndre Square       | WLB  | Sr.   |
| Carrington Valentine | CB   | Jr.   |
| Jordan Wright        | OLB  | Sr.   |