

1947-48 NATIONAL CHAMPIONS



Sitting: Coach Adolph Rupp, Johnny Stough, Ralph Beard, Kenneth Rollins, Cliff Barker, Dale Barnstable, Assistant Coach Harry Lancaster
Standing: Manager Humzey Yessin, Garland Townes, Jim Jordan, Joe Holland, Alex Groza, Wallace Jones, Jim Line, Roger Day, Trainer Wilbert Bud Berger

KENTUCKY 58, BAYLOR 42

March 23, 1948 • New York

SEASON RECAP

Behind the Fabulous Five of Ralph Beard, Wah Wah Jones, Alex Groza, Kenny Rollins and Cliff Barker, the 1947-48 Kentucky men's basketball team went 36-3 en route to win the school's first national championship.

Kentucky got off to a quick start to the season, winning its first seven games before falling to Temple in a one-point buzzer-beater. The Wildcats, however, won 27 of their next 28 games, including a 58-38 victory retribution matchup over the Temple Owls. All five of the Wildcat starters were recognized by the Southeastern Conference with Jones, Beard and Rollins being named to the first team. Beard was also named the True Magazine Player of the Year for the second consecutive season.

Following the regular season, the Wildcats breezed through the SEC Tournament, winning the four games by a total of 111 points, including a narrow 54-53 victory over Georgia Tech in the championship game. The NCAA Tournament went much as the conference tourney did. Jones scored 19 points in the opener over Columbia and then UK won an eight-point decision over Holy Cross in the second round to advance to the championship game against Baylor. Groza poured in 23 points for the 58-42 victory over the Bears.

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Alex Groza and Ralph Beard combined for 26 points and the Wildcats' defense held the Bears to 16 first-half points to capture UK's first NCAA title.

The title victory enabled the Wildcats to become only the second team ever to win both the NIT and NCAA titles. UK, which finished the season at 34-2, won the NIT title in 1946.

Paced by Groza and Beard, the Wildcats turned a 29-16 halftime lead into a 44-28 bulge midway through the second half. After Baylor rallied to cut the lead to 11, UK put the game out of reach as Wallace "Wah Wah" Jones scored four points to give the Wildcats a 15-point lead.

In addition to Groza and Beard, the Wildcats also got nine points apiece from Jones and Kenneth Rollins.



GAME REVIEW

Kentucky

PLAYER	FG	FTM	FTA	PF	TP
Jones	4	1	1	3	9
Barker	2	1	3	4	5
Line	3	1	1	3	7
Groza	6	2	4	4	14
Holland	1	0	0	1	2
Beard	4	4	4	1	12
Rollins	3	3	5	3	9
Barnstable	0	0	1	0	0
Totals	23	12	19	19	58

Baylor

PLAYER	FG	FTM	FTA	PF	TP
Owen	2	1	2	0	5
DeWitt	3	2	4	3	8
Hickman	1	0	0	0	2
Pulley	0	1	1	0	1
Heathington	3	2	4	5	8
Preston	0	0	2	2	0
Johnson	3	4	7	5	10
Robinson	3	2	4	4	8
Brack	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	15	12	24	19	42

Halftime: UK 29, Baylor 16



1948-49 NATIONAL CHAMPIONS



Sitting: Coach Adolph Rupp, Jim Line, Cliff Barker, John Stough, Ralph Beard, Joe B. Hall, Garland Townes, Assistant Coach Harry Lancaster
Standing: Dale Barnstable, Walt Hirsch, Wallace Jones, Alex Groza, Bob Henne, Roger Day, Manager Humzey Yessin

KENTUCKY 46, OKLAHOMA A&M 36 MARCH 26, 1949 • SEATTLE

SEASON RECAP

With a familiar four starters returning from the Fabulous Five, the 1948-49 Kentucky men's basketball team appeared poised to make a second consecutive title run. The Wildcats raced through the regular season with only one loss, and only three teams throughout the year came within even 10 points of Kentucky. Alex Groza led the team in scoring in 13 of its last 15 games and he broke a UK and Southeastern Conference record with 38 points in a 95-40 win over Georgia on Feb. 21.

The team concluded the regular season with a 70-37 win over Vanderbilt at Alumni Gym, including a last-second 65-foot shot by Cliff Barker. The Cats again swept through the SEC Tournament in nearby Louisville, winning their opening-round game over Florida, 73-36. Kentucky outscored its SEC Tournament opponents by a total of 123 points in a four-game span, including a 68-52 win over Tulane in the conference final.

After being surprisingly upset in the first round of the NIT, the Wildcats had no trouble in NCAA play. Kentucky defeated Villanova, 85-72, and Illinois, 76-47, to advance to the national title game. Groza, Ralph Beard and Wah Wah Jones were all named All-America and Groza was named the tournament's MVP.

It was no surprise that when the first-ever Associated Press poll was released the following season, the Cats were ranked preseason No. 1.

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Paced by Alex Groza's 25 points and a defense that limited the Aggies to a mere nine field goals, the Wildcats were crowned NCAA champions for the second straight year.

Groza, a unanimous selection as the "Player of the Tournament," scored more than twice as many points as any other player. A&M's Jack Shelton was the game's only other player to score in double figures. He finished with 12 points.

The Aggies, coached by Hank Iba, led 5-2, but the Wildcats scored seven straight points, five by Groza, and never trailed again as they took a 25-20 first-half lead.

UK extended the lead to 31-21 early in the second half and coasted the rest of the way.

GAME REVIEW

Kentucky

PLAYER	FG	FTM	FTA	PF	TP
Jones	1	1	3	3	3
Line	2	1	2	3	5
Groza	9	7	8	5	25
Beard	1	1	2	4	3
Barker	1	3	3	4	5
Barnstable	1	1	1	1	3
Hirsch	1	0	0	1	2
Totals	16	14	19	21	46

Oklahoma A&M

PLAYER	FG	FTM	FTA	PF	TP
Yates	1	0	0	1	2
Bradley	0	3	5	3	3
Harris	3	1	1	5	7
Parks	2	3	4	5	7
Shelton	3	6	7	4	12
Jaquet	0	1	2	0	1
McArthur	0	2	2	1	2
Pilgrim	0	2	2	1	2
Smith	0	0	0	1	0
Totals	9	18	23	21	36

Halftime: UK 25, Oklahoma A&M 20

1950-51 NATIONAL CHAMPIONS



Standing: Frank Ramsey, Shelby Linville, Bill Spivey, Roger Layne, Lou Tsioropoulos, Read Morgan **Seated:** Coach Adolph Rupp, Cliff Hagan, C.M. Newton, Walt Hirsch, Paul Lansaw, Dwight Price, Assistant Coach Harry Lancaster **Bottom Row:** Lindle Castle, Lucian Whitaker, Bobby Watson, Guy Strong, T. Riddle



KENTUCKY 68, KANSAS STATE 58 MARCH 27, 1951 • MINNEAPOLIS

SEASON RECAP

Kentucky opened the 1950-51 season on an 84-game home winning streak and the Wildcats began the year by moving from the antiquated Alumni Gym to the new 11,500-seat Memorial Coliseum that was designed to commemorate the Kentuckians who died in World War I, World War II and the Korean War.

Though illness plagued the team and its coach throughout the season, Kentucky compiled a 32-2 record and its third national title in four years. UK defeated archrival Louisville by 11 points, 79-68, in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament before breezing by St. John's in the next round. After posting a narrow 76-74 victory over Illinois in the East Regional championship, the Cats toppled Kansas State, 68-58, in the championship game.

Seven-foot center Bill Spivey led Kentucky, scoring 19.2 points per game during the season. He was followed by the junior duo of Shelby Linville and Bobby Watson, who each averaged 10.4 points per game. The Cats outscored their opponents by 757 points in UK's third championship season.

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Bill Spivey scored 22 points and an ailing Cliff Hagan sparked the Wildcats to their third NCAA title.

With a squad consisting of only six healthy players — Walt Hirsch was ineligible and Hagan was plagued by an infected throat — the Wildcats hardly looked like championship material as Kansas State broke out to a 20-12 lead.

It was then that Rupp inserted the ailing Hagan. It was a move that may have proved the difference as the sophomore forward sparked a rally that saw UK cut the Kansas State lead to 29-27 at the half.

Led by Hagan and Spivey, who dominated the boards, UK outscored Kansas State 41-29 in the second half to complete the come-from-behind victory.

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Kentucky

PLAYER	FG	FTM	FTA	PF	TP
Whitaker	4	1	0	2	9
Linville	2	4	8	5	8
Spivey	9	4	6	2	22
Ramsey	4	1	3	5	9
Watson	3	2	4	3	8
Hagan	5	0	2	5	10
Tsioropoulos	1	0	0	1	2
Newton	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	28	12	23	23	68

Kansas State

PLAYER	FG	FTM	FTA	PF	TP
Head	3	2	2	5	8
Stone	3	6	8	5	12
Hitch	6	1	1	5	13
Barrett	2	0	2	1	4
Iverson	3	1	2	3	7
Housey	2	0	0	3	4
Gibson	0	1	1	5	1
Upson	0	0	0	1	0
Knostman	1	1	2	1	3
Peck	2	0	1	1	4
Schuyler	1	0	1	1	2
Totals	23	12	20	31	58

Halftime: Kansas State 29, UK 27



1957-58 NATIONAL CHAMPIONS



Sitting: Coach Adolph Rupp, Adrian Smith, John Crigler, Ed Beck, Don Mills, Johnny Cox, Vernon Hatton, Assistant Coach Harry Lancaster
Standing: Student Manager Jay Atkerson, Earl Adkins, Billy Smith, Phil Johnson, Bill Cassidy, Lincoln Collinsworth, Harold Ross

KENTUCKY 84, SEATTLE 72 MARCH 22, 1958 • LOUISVILLE, KY.

SEASON RECAP

After finishing the previous year with a second-round NCAA Tournament loss on their home court, the 1957-58 Kentucky Wildcats, behind the starting lineup of Vernon Hatton, Johnny Cox, John Crigler, Adrian Smith and Ed Beck — known affectionately as the Fiddlin' Five — lost two of their final five games and appeared an unlikely contender for the national championship.

The Cats were led by Hatton's 17.1 points per game and Cox's 14.9 points per game. Hatton proved his effectiveness as a clutch player by sinking a 47-foot shot at the end of regulation to send UK into overtime against Temple, a game that the Wildcats would win 85-83 after three extra periods. Kentucky breezed past the first two rounds of the NCAA Tournament, held in Lexington, with wins over Miami of Ohio and Notre Dame. UK then faced Temple in the next round and again won a close 61-60 decision.

The Wildcats defeated Seattle 84-72 in an anti-climactic national title, the fourth and final national championship for Adolph Rupp.

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Senior Vernon Hatton scored 30 points and the Wildcats overcame a 25-point, 19-rebound performance by Elgin Baylor to capture their fourth NCAA championship.

Led by Hatton and Johnny Cox, who finished with 24 points, the Wildcats twice battled back from 11-point deficits to gain the victory.

Trailing for much of the game, UK grabbed its first lead with 6:08 left when Don Mills hit a hook shot to give the Wildcats a 61-60 lead. Moments later, Cox hit a jump shot to make it 63-60 and UK never trailed again.

John Crigler added 14 points and 14 rebounds for the victors. Mills and Adrian Smith finished with nine and seven points, respectively.

Aside from Baylor, Seattle received 17 points from Charley Brown and 16 from Jerry Frizzell.

GAME REVIEW

Kentucky

PLAYER	FGM	FGA	FTM	FTA	REB	PF	TP
Crigler	5	12	4	7	14	4	14
Cox	10	23	4	4	16	3	24
Beck	0	1	0	1	3	4	0
A. Smith	2	8	3	5	6	4	7
Hatton	9	20	12	15	3	3	30
Mills	4	9	1	4	5	3	9
Totals	30	73	24	36	47	21	84

Seattle

PLAYER	FGM	FGA	FTM	FTA	REB	PF	TP
Frizzell	4	6	8	11	5	3	16
Brown	6	17	5	7	5	5	17
Baylor	9	32	7	9	19	4	25
Harney	2	5	0	1	1	1	4
Saunders	0	2	0	0	2	3	0
Ogorek	4	7	2	2	11	5	10
Plasecki	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	25	69	22	30	43	21	72

Halftime: Seattle 39, UK 36

1977-78 NATIONAL CHAMPIONS



Sitting: Coach Joe Hall, Jay Shidler, Dwane Casey, Kyle Macy, Jack Givens, Tim Stephens, Chris Gettelfinger, Truman Claytor, Assistant Coach Dick Parsons **Standing:** Assistant Trainer Walt McCombs, Manager Don Sullivan, LaVon Williams, Scott Courts, Mike Phillips, Rick Robey, Chuck Aleksinas, Fred Cowan, James Lee, Assistant Coach Leonard Hamilton, Assistant Coach Joe Dean Jr.

KENTUCKY 94, DUKE 88 MARCH 27, 1978 • ST. LOUIS

SEASON RECAP

Regular-season losses to Alabama and LSU were the only blemishes on Kentucky's 1977-78 record, as UK and senior Jack Givens, who averaged 18.1 points per game, went 30-2 for its first NCAA title in 20 years. UK outscored its opponents by 459 points during the season and were aided by 14.4 points per game from 6-foot-10 center Rick Robey.

Originally hailed as an underachieving team, Kentucky overcame obstacles to win the SEC championship and the first NCAA title under head coach Joe B. Hall. The Cats won their last eight regular-season games, including a 92-70 win over UNLV in the home finale, led by 26 points from Robey, and a 78-68 win over Vanderbilt in Nashville, Tennessee.

Characteristically, the Cats had no trouble with their early-round competition in the NCAA Tournament, as Florida State, Miami (Ohio) and Michigan State fell along the way. UK met up with Arkansas in the national semifinal game, which the Wildcats won 64-59, before defeating Duke, 94-88, in the championship final.

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Senior Jack Givens put on one of the finest individual performances in NCAA championship history in leading the Wildcats past the Blue Devils.

With many Kentucky fans among the crowd of 18,271 chanting "Goose, Goose," Givens scored 41 points, three short of the record for a championship game, to help the Wildcats to their fifth NCAA title and first in 20 years.

Givens' dominance was clearly evident in the first half as he scored 23 points, including UK's last 16 of the half, to turn a 29-28 UK lead into a 45-38 cushion. It was a deficit from which the Blue Devils would not recover.

Overall, Givens made 18 of 27 field-goal attempts, 5 of 8 free throws, and added eight rebounds and three assists.

GAME REVIEW

Kentucky

PLAYER	MIN	FG	FT	REB	A	PF	TP
Givens	37	18-27	5-8	8	3	4	41
Robey	32	8-11	4-6	11	0	2	20
Phillips	11	1-4	2-2	2	1	5	4
Macy	38	3-3	3-4	0	8	1	9
Claytor	24	3-5	2-4	0	3	2	8
Lee	20	4-8	0-0	4	2	4	8
Shidler	16	1-5	0-1	1	3	3	2
Aleksinas	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0
Williams	10	1-3	0-0	4	0	2	2
Cowan	8	0-2	0-0	2	0	1	0
Stephens	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Courts	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Gettelfinger	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Casey	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0
Totals	200	39-68	16-25	32	20	26	94

Duke

PLAYER	MIN	FG	FT	REB	A	PF	TP
Banks	37	6-12	10-12	8	2	2	22
Dennard	30	5-7	0-0	8	2	5	12
Gminski	37	6-16	8-8	12	2	3	20
Harrell	24	2-2	0-0	0	1	3	4
Spanarkel	40	8-16	5-6	2	3	4	21
Suddath	9	1-3	2-3	2	0	1	2
Bender	17	1-2	5-5	1	4	3	7
Goetsch	6	0-1	0-0	1	0	1	0
Totals	200	29-59	30-34	35	14	22	88

Technicals: Duke bench

Halftime: UK 45, Duke 38



1995-96 NATIONAL CHAMPIONS



Sitting: Assistant Coach Delray Brooks, Head Coach Rick Pitino, Allen Edwards, Derek Anderson, Jeff Sheppard, Tony Delk, Anthony Epps, Cameron Mills, Wayne Turner, Associate Coach Jim O'Brien, Assistant Coach Winston Bennett **Standing:** Equipment Manager Bill Keightley, Administrative Assistant George Barber, Jason Lathrem, Oliver Simmons, Nazr Mohammed, Mark Pope, Walter McCarty, Antoine Walker, Jared Prickett, Ron Mercer, Trainer Eddie Jamiel, Assistant Strength Coach Layne Kaufman, Strength Coach Shaun Brown

KENTUCKY 76, SYRACUSE 67 APRIL 1, 1996 • EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J.

SEASON RECAP

Kentucky strung together 25 consecutive wins, including a 16-0 mark in Southeastern Conference play, midway through the 1995-96 season and rolled to its sixth national championship. The dynamic duo of Tony Delk (17.8 ppg) and Antoine Walker (15.2 ppg) led the team dubbed "The Untouchables" by head coach Rick Pitino.

A 10-point loss to UMass in the second game of the season would be the only smudge on the Wildcats' schedule as they entered SEC Tournament play. UK posted dominating wins over Florida (100-76) and Arkansas (95-75) in the first two rounds of the tournament, but an upstart Mississippi State team shot 60% from the 3-point arc to hand UK a shocking 84-73 loss in the title game.

Kentucky still earned a No. 1 seed in the NCAA Tournament's Dallas Regional and stomped San Jose State and Virginia Tech to easily advance to the Sweet 16. The competition proved no tougher in the next two rounds as the Wildcats outscored Utah and Wake Forest by a combined 62 points. A rematch with UMass awaited in the national semifinal, but Kentucky had no trouble with John Calipari's Minutemen, surpassing them 81-74. The Wildcats, behind six first-half 3-pointers by Delk, defeated Syracuse, 76-67, in the national title game.

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Tony Delk tied a championship game record with seven 3-pointers and the Wildcats withstood a late Orangemen rally to win UK's sixth national title before a capacity crowd of 19,229 in the Continental Airlines Arena at the Meadowlands.

Delk, the Final Four's Most Outstanding Player, canned seven of 12 3-pointers to lead the Cats with 24 points. But after Syracuse had cut the lead to two, 64-62, with 4:46 remaining, a Delk misfire was tipped in by Walter McCarty to extend UK's lead to four. After holding the Orangemen on the next possession, Derek Anderson drained a 3 to push the lead to seven. SU would get no closer than five in the final minutes.

GAME REVIEW

Kentucky												
PLAYER	MIN	FG	3FG	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP	
Anderson	16	4-8	2-3	1-1	4	2	1	2	0	3	11	
Walker	32	4-12	0-1	3-6	9	2	4	0	0	4	11	
McCarty	19	2-6	0-0	0-0	7	3	3	1	0	0	4	
Delk	37	8-20	7-12	1-2	7	2	2	3	1	2	24	
Epps	35	0-6	0-3	0-0	4	1	7	1	0	0	0	
Pope	27	1-6	0-2	2-2	3	3	2	4	0	1	4	
Mercer	24	8-12	3-4	1-1	2	3	2	0	0	1	20	
Sheppard	7	1-2	0-1	0-1	2	3	0	3	0	0	2	
Edwards	3	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	
Team								2				
Totals		28-73	12-27	8-13	40	19	22	15	1	11	76	

Syracuse												
PLAYER	MIN	FG	3FG	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP	
Burgan	39	7-10	3-5	2-5	8	5	1	5	0	1	19	
Wallace	38	11-19	2-3	5-5	10	5	1	6	1	0	29	
Hill	28	3-9	0-0	1-1	10	2	1	3	1	0	7	
Sims	39	2-5	1-4	1-2	2	2	7	7	0	1	6	
Cipolla	35	3-8	0-3	0-0	1	1	2	0	4	6		
Reafsnnyder	13	0-1	0-0	0-0	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	
Janulis	8	0-0	0-0	0-0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	
Nelson	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Team								1				
Totals		26-52	6-15	9-13	38	17	12	24	2	6	67	

Halftime: UK 42, Syracuse 33

Delk was joined on the Final Four All-Tournament team by freshman Ron Mercer, who was sensational off the bench, scoring a career-high 20 points on 8-of-12 shooting from the field, including 3 of 4 from 3-point range.

1997-98 NATIONAL CHAMPIONS



Sitting: Assistant Coach Mike Sutton, Head Coach Orlando “Tubby” Smith, Saul Smith, Cameron Mills, Jeff Sheppard, Wayne Turner, Steve Masiello, Assistant Coach George Felton, Assistant Coach Shawn Finney **Standing:** Special Assistant Leon Smith, Administrative Assistant Simeon Mars, Equipment Manager Bill Keightley, Ryan Hogan, Heshimu Evans, Scott Padgett, Nazr Mohammed, Jamaal Magloire, Michael Bradley, Myron Anthony, Allen Edwards, Trainer Eddie Jamiel, Strength Coach Tom Boyd

KENTUCKY 78, UTAH 69 MARCH 30, 1998 • SAN ANTONIO

SEASON RECAP

The team that became known as the “Comeback Cats,” the 1997-98 Kentucky Wildcats captured their second NCAA title in three years after overcoming a 10-point halftime deficit against Utah in the national championship game. UK was 10-3 in games decided by 10 points or less and 7-1 in games decided by three points or less during the season.

Kentucky’s players provided a balanced attack, as all five starters averaged more than nine points per game with senior guard Jeff Sheppard averaging 13.7 points per game and junior center Nazr Mohammed averaging 12.0 points per game. The Wildcats rolled to an 86-56 victory over South Carolina in the Southeastern Conference Tournament final and then sprinted past South Carolina State, St. Louis and UCLA in the first three rounds of the NCAA Tournament.

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Kentucky battled back from a 41-31 halftime deficit to Utah — the largest halftime margin ever overcome in an NCAA title game — to claim the school’s seventh national championship before 40,509 fans in the Alamodome.

Utah was propelled to the early lead thanks to a 24-6 rebounding advantage in the first half. But Heshimu Evans sparked the “Comeback Cats” off the bench with seven straight points early in the second half. Later, Final Four Most Outstanding Player Jeff Sheppard canned a baseline jumper with 4:54 remaining to give UK a 65-64 lead. The exhausted Utes then missed 11 consecutive field goals as the Wildcats claimed their second NCAA championship in three years.

Scott Padgett joined Sheppard on the All-Final Four Team after scoring 17 points. UK outrebounded the Utes 18-15 in the second half.

GAME REVIEW

Kentucky												
PLAYER	MIN	FG	3FG	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP	
Edwards	24	2-7	0-3	0-0	1	0	5	0	0	1	4	
Padgett	33	6-11	1-5	4-4	5	4	1	0	0	0	17	
Mohammed	13	5-9	0-0	0-0	2	4	0	1	2	0	10	
Turner	27	2-5	0-1	2-4	2	0	4	5	0	3	6	
Sheppard	34	7-14	0-2	2-2	4	1	3	2	0	2	16	
Magloire	22	2-3	0-0	3-3	2	4	1	0	3	0	7	
Evans	23	3-4	2-2	2-2	6	1	0	3	1	1	10	
Mills	12	2-4	2-4	2-2	0	0	1	0	0	0	8	
Smith	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Bradley	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	
Team							1					
Totals	29-57	5-17	15-17	24	15	15	11	6	7	8	78	

Utah												
PLAYER	MIN	FG	3FG	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP	
Mottola	28	4-10	1-3	6-6	8	4	0	3	0	0	15	
Jensen	35	5-6	1-1	3-3	2	2	2	1	0	0	14	
Doleac	34	5-12	1-1	4-6	10	2	1	1	2	3	15	
Miller	37	6-15	0-3	4-7	6	5	5	8	0	2	16	
Hansen	32	1-6	0-2	0-0	5	2	1	2	0	3	2	
Johnsen	16	3-4	1-2	0-0	4	0	0	3	0	0	7	
McTavish	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	
Jackson	10	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	
Caton	5	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Team							4					
Totals	24-55	4-14	17-22	39	18	12	18	2	8	6	69	

Halftime: Utah 41, UK 31



2011-12 NATIONAL CHAMPIONS



Sitting: Assistant Coach Kenny Payne, Assistant Coach Orlando Antigua, Brian Long, Sam Malone, Doron Lamb, Marquis Teague, Ryan Harrow, Jarrod Polson, Head Coach John Calipari, Assistant Coach John Robic **Standing:** Jon Hood, Michael Kidd-Gilchrist, Terrence Jones, Kyle Wiltjer, Anthony Davis, Eloy Vargas, Darius Miller, Twany Beckham

KENTUCKY 67, KANSAS 59 APRIL 2, 2012 • NEW ORLEANS

SEASON RECAP

On the heels of a school record 30-win regular season, including a 24-game winning streak and 16-0 mark in league play, Kentucky earned the overall No. 1 seed in the NCAA Tournament. The Wildcats defeated in-state rival Louisville, 69-61, to earn a spot in the championship game en route to Kentucky's eighth national title and John Calipari's first.

The Wildcats scoring was as balanced as ever with five players averaging double figures, led by Anthony Davis' 14.2. Doron Lamb (13.7), Terrence Jones (12.3), Michael Kidd-Gilchrist (11.9) and Marquis Teague (10.0) rounded out UK's top five in scoring.

Davis finished with a 10.4 rebounding average and a national-best 4.7 blocks per game shattering the school, Southeastern Conference and NCAA freshman records for blocks in a season.

UK lost just two games all season and cruised through the SEC regular season with a spotless 16-0 record.

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Kentucky's top freshman, Anthony Davis, had a rough shooting night, but John Calipari coached this team to a wire-to-wire victory to cap a season that cried for no less than a championship for their ol' Kentucky home.

Doron Lamb led the Wildcats with 22 points, including back-to-back 3-pointers that put them up by 16 with 10 minutes left.

The Jayhawks, kings of the comeback all season, fought to the finish and trimmed that deficit to five with 1:37 left. But Kentucky made five free throws down the stretch to seal the win.

Michael Kidd-Gilchrist was another headliner, creating space for himself to score all 11 of his points in the first half.

Davis, meanwhile, might have had the most dominating six-point night in the history of college basketball, earning the nod as the most outstanding player. He finished with 16 rebounds, six blocks, five assists and three steals - and made his only field goal with 5:13 left in the game. It was

GAME REVIEW

Kansas												
PLAYER	MIN	FG	3FG	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP	
Robinson	36	6-17	0-0	6-7	17	2	1	1	0	0	18	
Withey	32	2-8	0-0	1-1	7	2	1	1	4	2	5	
Taylor	36	8-17	1-1	2-3	4	1	3	5	0	1	19	
Johnson	36	5-13	3-7	0-0	2	1	2	2	0	1	13	
Relieford	30	1-6	1-2	1-2	1	5	1	0	0	1	4	
Teahan	17	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	
Wesley	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Young	11	0-0	0-0	0-2	3	4	0	0	1	0	0	
Team							1					
Totals		22-62	5-11	10-15	35	16	9	9	5	6	59	

Kentucky												
PLAYER	MIN	FG	3FG	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP	
Jones	29	4-7	0-1	1-2	7	4	0	2	2	1	9	
Davis	36	1-10	0-0	4-6	16	2	5	3	6	3	6	
Kidd-Gilchrist	35	4-7	0-1	3-4	6	2	1	1	1	0	11	
Lamb	35	7-12	3-6	5-6	2	2	3	1	0	0	22	
Teague	34	5-14	2-3	2-3	2	2	3	2	0	0	14	
Miller	25	2-5	1-2	0-0	6	2	0	2	2	0	5	
Vargas	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	
Wiltjer	3	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Team							4					
Totals		23-56	6-14	15-21	43	15	12	11	11	4	67	

Halftime: UK 41, KU 27

a surefire illustration of how the 6-foot-10 freshman could exert his will on a game even on a rare night when the shots weren't falling.