



their rhythm and fell 3-1 despite a season-best .327 hitting efficiency and four UK players tallying double digit kills.

Kentucky hit the road in league play and was able to come up with a 3-2 victory at South Carolina. The Cats received an amazing performance from sophomore libero Jenni Casper, who tallied 30 digs in the victory, three shy of her career best, and a season-high five assists. Danielle Wallace turned in another valuable performance for the Cats with 20 kills on .292 hitting with nine digs and three blocks. Freshman setter Ki Eveland registered 43 assists and a career-best nine digs in the victory.

The Wildcats then traveled to Knoxville, Tenn., to face league-leading Tennessee, but the Vols were too much for the Cats and won an easy 3-0 decision.

UK returned home the next weekend, but Georgia and No. 8 Florida were not much solace for the weary Kentucky team. Georgia, coached by former Wildcat Mary (Jones) Buczek, got an amazing performance from Alexandra Oquendo, who registered 35 kills on .778 hitting to set a new NCAA record. The Gators, headed by former UK assistant Mary Wise, dropped the Wildcats 3-0 the following Sunday.

The Wildcats remained at home for the second weekend of a four-game homestand and were able to pull off a 3-1 victory over Mississippi State in a regionally televised match. Spinner turned in a superstar performance with a career-best 26

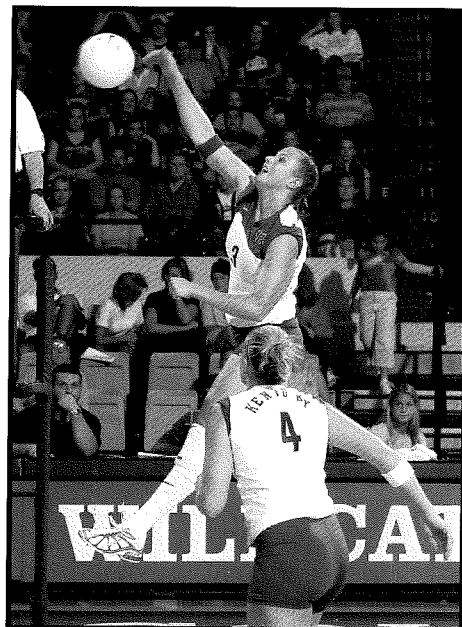
kills, 14 digs, five blocks and two service aces on .404 hitting to give the Cats their first home SEC victory. UK lost to Ole Miss, 3-1, to end the weekend despite a career-best 21 kills by Kaplan to finish 1-3 on the homestand.

The Cats would fall in three consecutive conference matches to Arkansas, Louisiana State and Tennessee, before hosting South Carolina for Senior Day Sunday. Seniors Katie Bright and Spinner were honored before the match. Kentucky quickly fell behind 2-0 before rallying back to take the third frame. It appeared the Gamecocks were well on their way to the victory with a late 27-22 lead in the fourth game, but UK regrouped to take a 36-34 win and force a fifth game. The Cats led throughout the entire fifth game rolling to the 3-2 victory, sweeping the season series with the Gamecocks.

Rematches on the road with Georgia and Florida proved no more successful than the earlier meetings as the Cats dropped back-to-back matches before returning home to face in-state rival Louisville.

The Cardinals controlled the entire match, winning 3-0. Louisville's Lena Ustymenko drew much of the attention on the evening after totaling 24 kills on .537 hitting. Spinner led Kentucky in her final home match with 14 kills on .333 hitting and a team-high 10 digs. Montefalco added 13 kills, while Wallace had 12 putdowns

UK then lost road re-matches to Auburn and Alabama, which eliminated the Cats from partic-



ipating in the SEC Tournament, leaving only the final Long Beach State Tournament left in the season. The Cats fell to LBSU 3-0 and narrowly lost to American 3-2 as Spinner tied the school record for kills with 36 in the American match.

Eighth-year head coach Jona Braden announced her resignation following the 2004 season, making way for head coach Craig Skinner and a new era of Kentucky Volleyball.

2004 Final Statistics

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL MATCHES	12-18	6-7	2-9	4-2
CONFERENCE	3-13	2-6	1-7	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	9-5	4-1	1-2	4-2

No.	Player	G	ATTACK				Pct	Set		SERVE			DIG			BLOCKING						Pts
			K	K/G	E	TA		A	A/G	SA	SE	SA/G	RE	DIG	Dig/G	BS	BA	Total	B/G	BE	BHE	
3	Amy Kaplan	107	323	3.02	108	705	.305	9	0.08	19	12	0.18	1	104	0.97	6	91	97	0.91	14	2	393.5
8	Danielle Wallace	109	395	3.62	147	969	.256	27	0.25	7	30	0.06	4	74	0.68	6	73	79	0.72	8	8	444.5
15	Ki Eveland	42	40	0.95	10	121	.248	491	11.69	5	11	0.12	0	61	1.45	2	14	16	0.38	2	26	54.0
4	Leigh Marcum	76	54	0.71	21	155	.213	936	12.32	14	26	0.18	1	171	2.25	7	42	49	0.64	11	39	96.0
14	Sarah Spinner	107	420	3.93	194	1068	.212	29	0.27	27	86	0.25	17	281	2.63	12	67	79	0.74	24	6	492.5
5	Julie Gagnon	87	42	0.48	21	120	.175	26	0.30	9	16	0.10	19	177	2.03	0	5	5	0.06	1	6	53.5
6	Alex Montefalco	97	322	3.32	173	949	.157	12	0.12	11	33	0.11	23	213	2.20	10	24	34	0.35	14	2	355.0
7	Kristen Cunningham	109	85	0.78	48	272	.136	5	0.05	1	3	0.01	2	18	0.17	8	94	102	0.94	10	3	141.0
1	Melissa Popp	36	49	1.36	31	182	.099	8	0.22	4	4	0.11	6	63	1.75	0	11	11	0.31	1	0	58.5
16	Jes Wilkinson	3	0	0.00	0	0	.000	1	0.33	3	1	1.00	0	3	1.00	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	3.0
18	Katie Knytych	4	0	0.00	0	0	.000	1	0.25	0	0	0.00	0	3	0.75	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.0
10	Jenni Casper	111	6	0.05	9	68	-.044	41	0.37	17	61	0.15	41	478	4.31	0	2	2	0.02	0	5	24.0
2	Kathleen Bowler	57	1	0.021	3	9	-.222	9	0.16	5	10	0.09	11	75	1.32	0	0	0	0.00	0	3	6.0
TEAM		9																				
KENTUCKY		112	1737	15.51	765	4618	.210	1595	14.24	122	293	1.09	134	1721	15.37	51	423	262.5	2.34	85	100	2121.5
Opponents		112	1714	15.30	693	4472	.228	1574	14.05	134	228	1.20	122	1793	16.01	50	416	258.0	2.30	64	64	2106.0