

# Kentucky Football '89

## Offense

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### '88 Big Blue Review

- ✓ Points scored: 217 (19.7 ppg)
- ✓ Total yards: 3,198 (290.7)
- ✓ Yards per play: 4.5
- ✓ Net rushing yards: 1,440 (130.9)
- ✓ Yards per rush: 3.4
- ✓ Net passing yards: 1,758 (159.8)
- ✓ Yards per completion: 13.4

"With Chuck's throwing ability and his height, well, we don't have to change our offense when we put him in there."  
—assistant Jerry Eisaman

## Veterans give 'D' reason to be optimistic

By TCP Associate Editor Nick Nicholas

Losing the services of veteran defensive guard Vic Adams should give reason for major concern in the Kentucky football camp. Anxiety attacks, if one is Jerry Claiborne or an assistant associated with handling duties on the defensive side, would be expected and rightly so. Right?

Yes and no.

Adams' early retirement from football (neck injuries forced the All-SEC candidate to the sidelines) has been the low point of this spring, no sense in arguing that. Despite his absence, Kentucky's defense remains heavily equipped to take the fight to any of its 1989 opponents.

Senior All-America candidate Oliver Barnett is an enormous reason why high expectations remain. UK's Defensive Lineman of the Year is stronger than ever, recording a school-record 850 lift (squat), and at 6-foot-3, 285 pounds displays better-than-average quickness for a DT—4.8 speed in the 40.

Barnett's quickness and strength enabled him to catch up and harness opposing quarterbacks nine times last season, the most ever by a Wildcat.

Included also in his 80-tackle season were 69 solos, eight other stops behind the line, eight fumbles caused and four deflected aeri-als, the latter two being team-high marks.

"When I first came here they had a guy a lot of people knew about and his name was Art Still," remembers assistant coach Bill Glaser, recalling the top defensive player he's worked with at UK. "Art was a great player and, in his own way, Oliver could be. But Art made more big plays than Oliver has at this point.

"Up to the LSU game last year Oliver Barnett was as good as any I've been around. Then after the LSU game, Georgia and other people started double-teaming him and he got a little frustrated.

"That will frustrate you at times. Now he has to learn how to deal with that because when you become good, the compliment of being good and being respected is that they're going to give you special attention—double-team you and run away from you when they can. So you have to learn how to live with that."

First-team All-SEC linebacker Randy Holleran has two more seasons devoted to Claiborne's Big Blue. Holleran, 6-1, 240, will have his eyes on surpassing his 101 solo tackle mark, which again would set a school record.

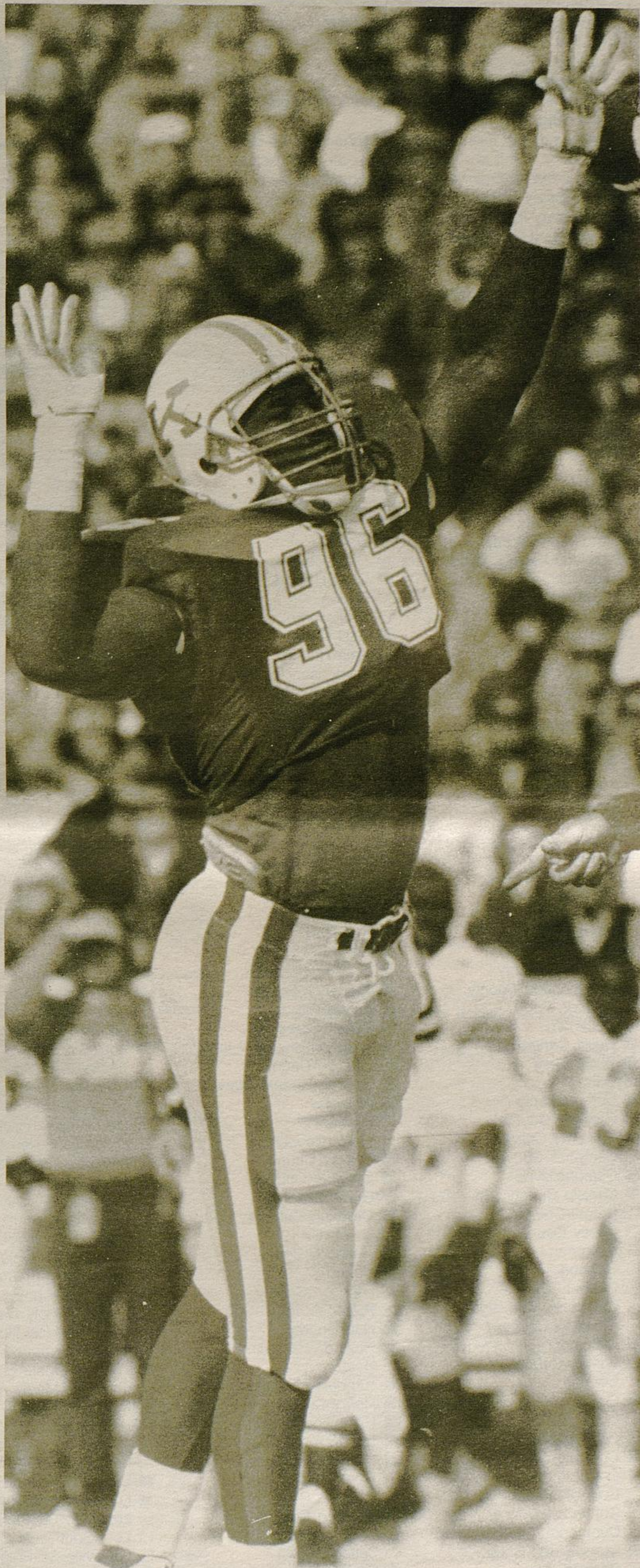
If any 'Cat can sniff out a ballcarrier, it's Holleran. In a five-week stretch he helped wrestle to the turf 82 ballcarriers, including 18-tackle performances against LSU, Georgia and Vanderbilt.

Tony Massey is another talented star on UK's defensive stage, preparing for his third season as a first-string performer. Although he slacked off in the interception department (only one in '88), Massey improved considerably last season, recording 96 total stops. He turned in 62 as a full-time starter in '87.

Massey's '88 review earned him selections to *The Sporting News* Honorable Mention All-America team and WTBS' All-SEC squad.

"Getting recognition on the All-SEC team helped Tony a lot," says Glaser. "I think he sees now he has a chance to be all-conference. If that's not motivation for him nothing would be.

"I would hope that he stays motivated and



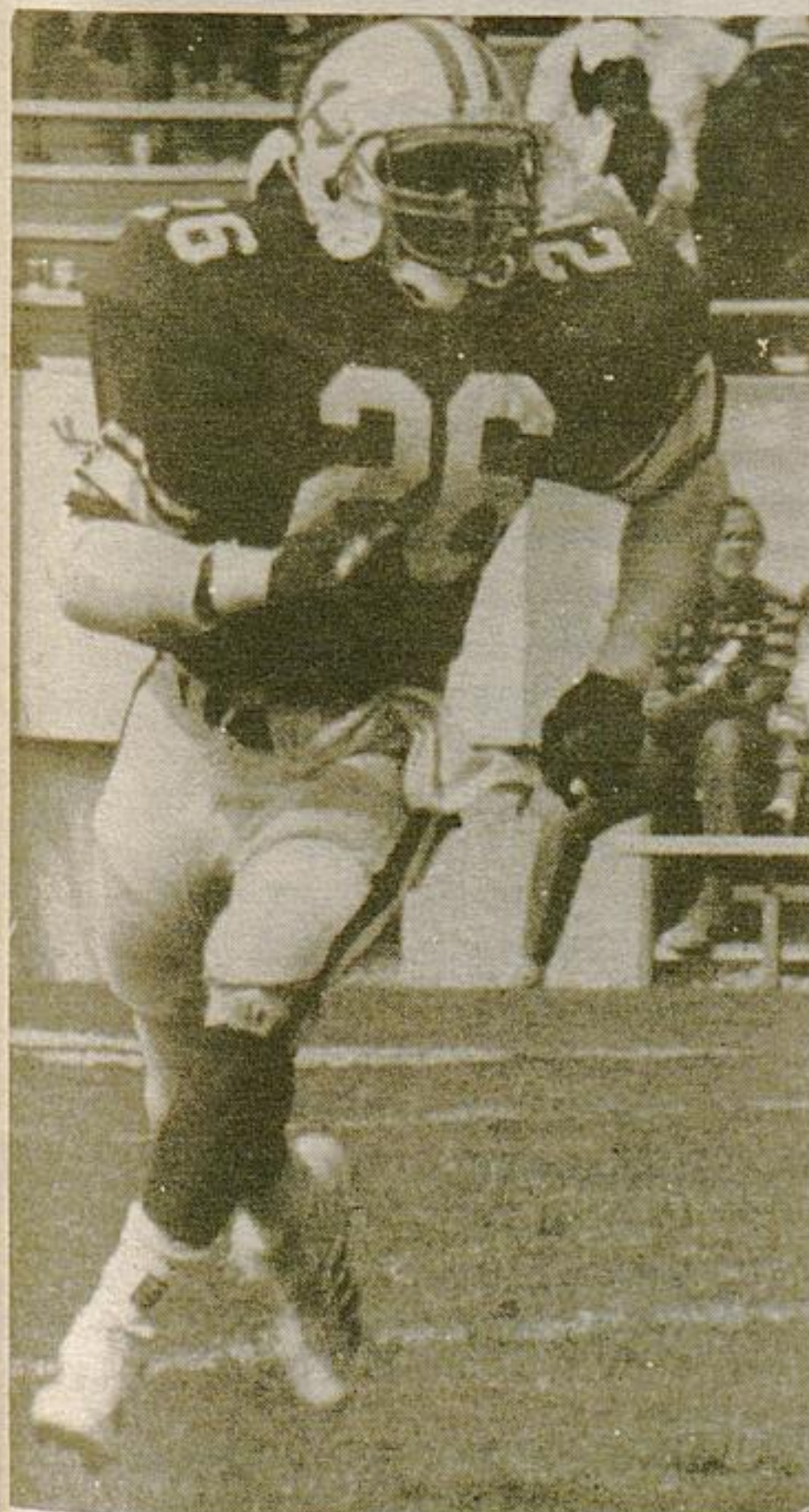
Donnie Gardner turned in his best season in '88 with 64 tackles

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## Defense

Ron Robinson



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