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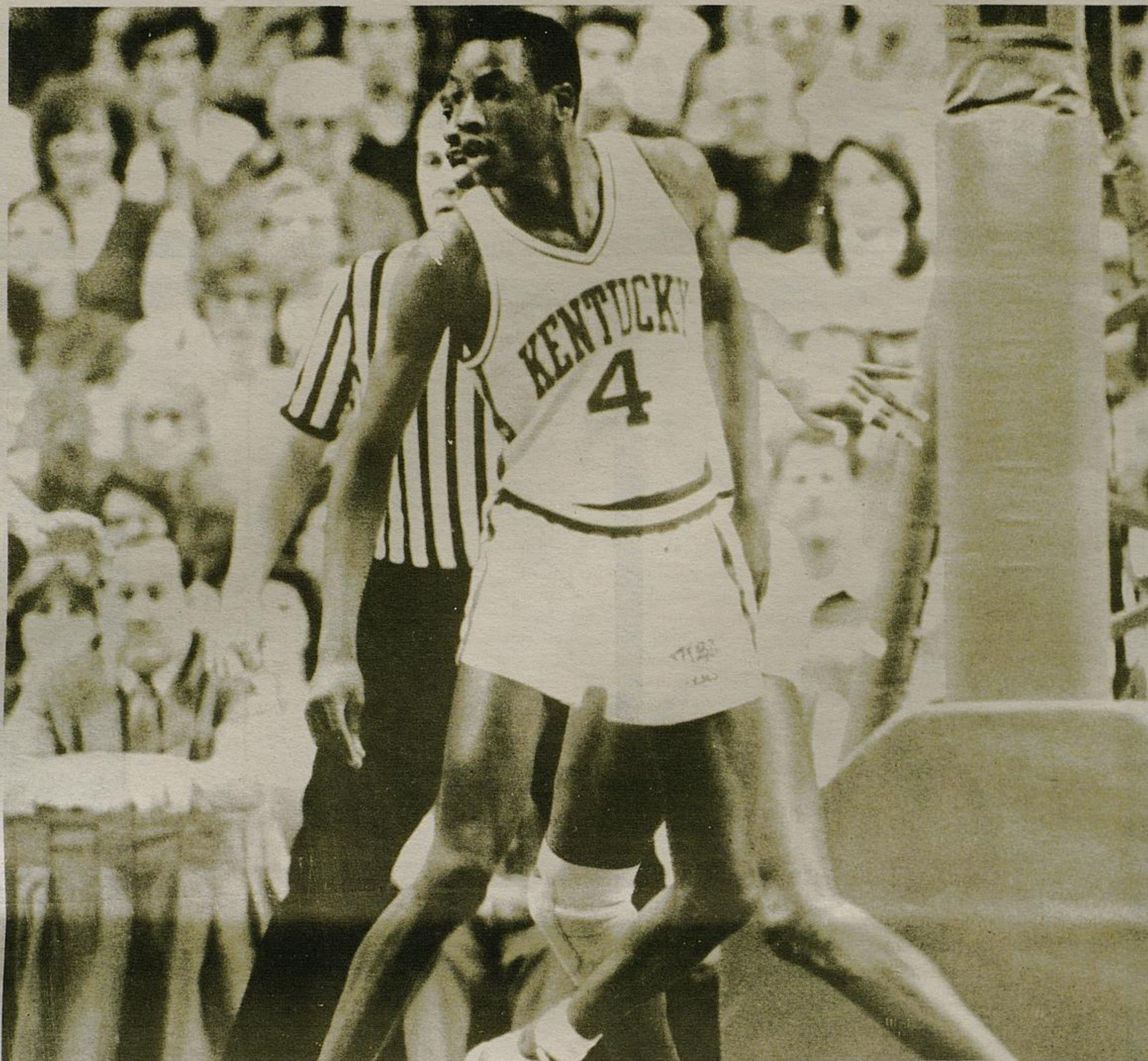
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KENTUCKY 89, CALIFORNIA 71: Just as TCP was going to press, Derrick Miller was lighting up the scoreboard for 36 points as Kentucky claimed to third place in the Alaska Shootout last Monday. Miller hit on an incredible 13 of 15 from the field, including a near-perfect seven-of-eight from three-point territory. Kentucky, 2-2 on the season, will next play in the Big Four against Notre Dame Saturday. Look for the UK-California and the UK-Notre Dame game stories in the next issue.

Women's cross country team wins NCAA title; four 'Cats earn All-American status

The University of Kentucky's No. 1 ranked women's cross country team proved that it was the best in the nation by capturing the NCAA Cross Country Championship earlier last month (Nov. 21) in 30 degree weather at Jester National Park in Des Moines, Iowa. The only battle the women's team had was against the cold weather as UK coasted to a 53-point victory over second place Oregon. The final score for Kentucky was 75, followed by runner-up Oregon with 128 and third place Nebraska with 142.

Junior Lisa Breiding and Valerie McGovern were the top finishers for UK in 11th and 12th place. Both runners qualified for All-American status as did 24th place Kristy Orre and 33rd place Sherry Hoover. Also assisting in anchoring the win for UK was 47th place Denise Bushallow, 88th place Lynne Segreti and 119th place Donna Combs. "It hasn't sunk in yet that we are the best in the nation," said head coach Don Weber. "It's very satisfying. The girls were expected to do well and they handled the stress and performed very, very well. They focused on their performance and didn't get caught in

the winning."

□ The men's team also had reason to celebrate.

Although UK's squad finished eighth in the NCAA meet, the finish is the highest ever recorded in the meet for a UK men's team. Senior Richard Ede was the 16th place finisher in the meet, while his UK teammate Benny McIntosh finished in 18th place. Both Ede and McIntosh qualified for All-American status with their high finishes.

University of Kentucky runner Charles Kern finished the NCAA championship meet in 81st place.

Other UK runners are as follows: Jim B. Kaiser, 83rd; Bob Whelan, 119th place; Joe Butler, 134th place; and Alan Thomas, 176th place.

"I've been as pleased with the men as I have with the women," said Weber afterward. "If Kaiser had been healthy, we probably would have finished around fifth. Their SEC win was a tremendous satisfaction and to finish eighth in the country was very significant."

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Last weekend the University of Kentucky's Lady Volleyball team captured the SEC Tournament with wins over Tennessee and Louisiana State.

Next on tap for Kathy DeBoer's 11th ranked Lady Kats is the NCAA Division I tournament. Kentucky is scheduled to play No. 19 New Mexico this week.

Kentucky defeated Tennessee in the finals 3-0 (15-9, 15-12, 15-8) last Saturday in Pensacola, Fla. UK got to the finals by defeating LSU, 3-1 (8-15, 15-2, 15-11, 15-12).

Kim Thompson, 5-foot-10 senior from Rising Sun, Ind., was named the SEC Tourney's Most Valuable Player. Thompson also was named second-team All-SEC. Joining Thompson on the All-Tournament team were teammates Laura Linder (sophomore, Muncie, Ind.) and Lisa Bokovoy (senior, Livonia, Mich.). Both Linder and Bokovoy earned first-team All-Conference honors.

The two wins raised Kentucky's record to an impressive 25-6 mark as it prepares for NCAA play.