

# Back Thru The Wildcat Years

## One Year Ago

\*Kentucky football coach Jerry Claiborne gave his Wildcats a few days off before getting down to business in preparation for the Dec. 22 clash against West Virginia in the Hall of Fame Bowl at Birmingham. Claiborne and his Cats said they were excited about making UK's first trip to post season action since 1976.

\*Kentucky flexed its muscles in rolling to a convincing win over Louisville in the season opener for both schools at Rupp Arena. Built up as a dream game of sorts, the Wildcats roared out to a big lead in the first half and never looked back as Sam Bowie returned to the line-up with awesome shot-blocking feats.

\*Following UK's win over Louisville, Sports Illustrated spotlight the

game with Sam Bowie rejecting a Jeff Hall shot on the cover. The story went on to talk about the Cardinals' plea for years to play the game and how the Cats finally agree under political pressure.

## Five Years Ago

\*With Kyle Macy and Sam Bowie leading the way, Kentucky won the Great Alaska Shootout in Anchorage, Alaska, by turning back Iona in the championship game. Earlier in the tourney, UK whipped Bradley and Alaska-Anchorage to advance to the finals as the Wildcats improved their season record to 3-1.

\*For the second straight year, Fran Curci's Wildcats failed to post a winning mark, but hopes were high that the football Cats would bounce back in 1980 with a bowl-contending

team. Sophomore Randy Jenkins would be returning at quarterback and the offense should be in high gear.

\*Although Joe B. Hall's Wildcats were young, it included veteran All-American Kyle Macy and a highly-recruited bunch of freshmen. With the Mideast Regional slated for Rupp Arena, Kentucky fans were hoping for immediate maturity and a possible trip to the Final Four.



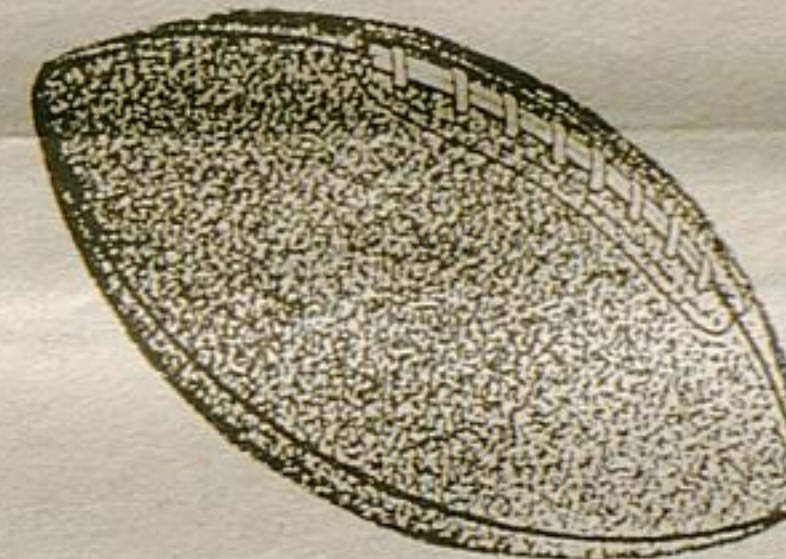
## Hoop Prep Star Shot And Killed In Chicago

Last Wednesday (November 21) Ben Wilson, one of the nation's top college basketball recruits, was shot and killed near his high school in Chicago. Wilson, 17, was highly recruited by Indiana, DePaul, and Illinois.

According to police reports, Wilson was shot down while walking with his girlfriend near Simeon High School. Two teenagers have been charged with the killing.

While leading his team to the Illinois State AA championship last year, the 6-foot-8 product was thought to be the best high school player in the nation by some.

The funeral for Wilson was held last Saturday in Chicago. During the funeral The Rev. Jesse L. Jackson eulogized Wilson as "one day the No. 1 treasure, the next day the No. 1 tragedy."



# Wildcat Quiz

1. What UK player led the Wildcats in scoring last season averaging 15.2 points per game?

- a) Kenny Walker
- b) Melvin Turpin
- c) Sam Bowie
- d) Jim Master

2. What UK player was the leading rebounder for the Wildcats last year?

- a) Sam Bowie
- b) Kenny Walker
- c) Melvin Turpin
- d) Bret Bearup

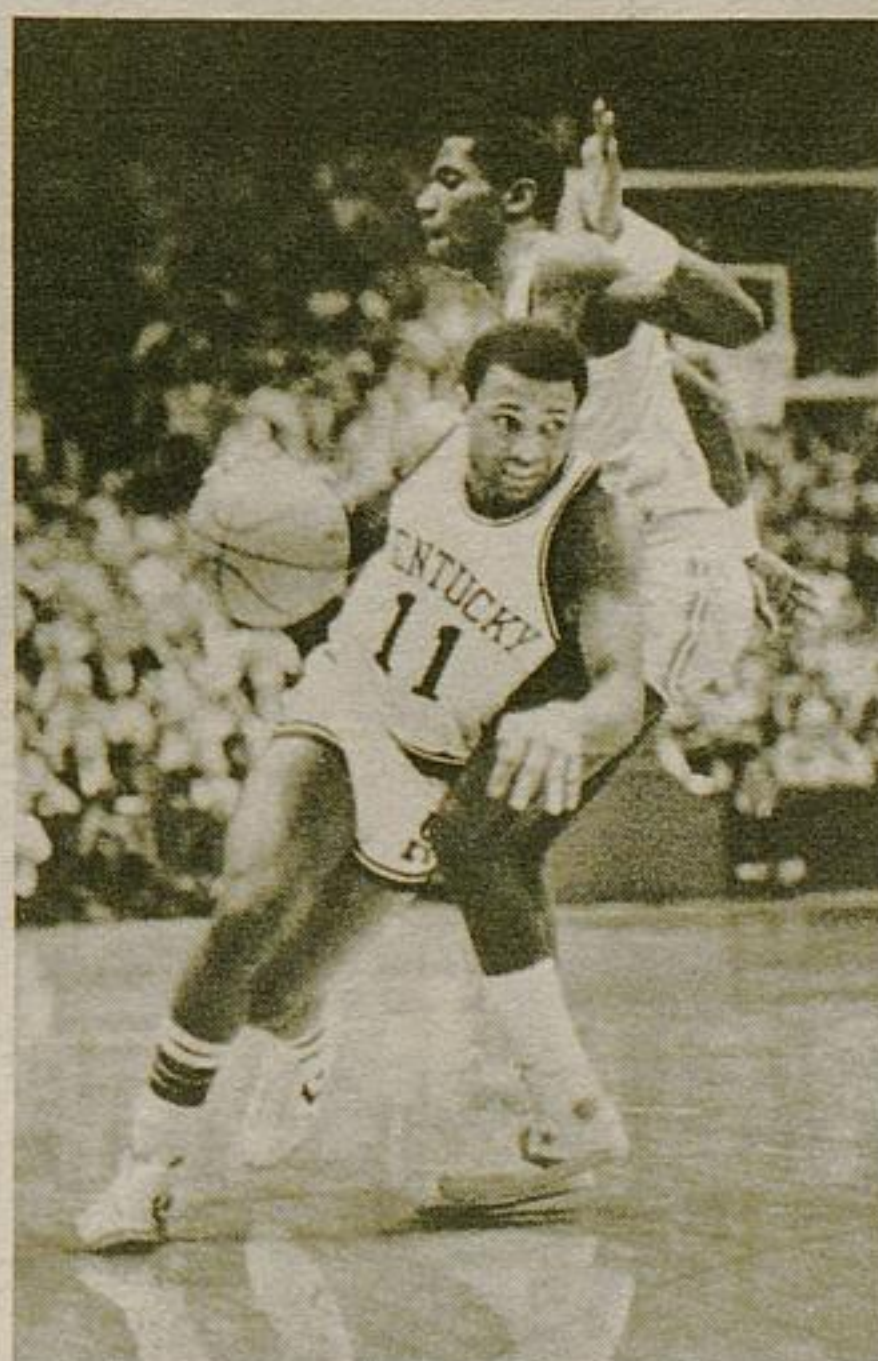
3. Who led the Wildcats in assists last season?

- a) Dicky Beal
- b) Roger Harden
- c) Jim Master
- d) James Blackmon

4. True or False. Kentucky led the nation in home attendance last year?

5. Against which team did Kentucky have its greatest margin of victory. Hint, the game was played in Rupp Arena?

- a) Tulane
- b) Maine
- c) TCU
- d) Butler



**Dicky Beal**

### Last Weeks Answers

- 1. Melvin Turpin
- 2. Sam Bowie
- 3. Dicky Beal
- 4. True
- 5. TCU
- 6. Alex Groza
- 7. Mike Phillips
- 8. Two
- 9. Troy McKinley
- 10. Kenny Walker

6. What UK player holds the record for most consecutive games started?

- a) Lou Dampier
- b) Wallace Jones
- c) Ralph Beard
- d) Alex Groza

7. Which Wildcat set the record for most personal fouls in a career?

- a) Tom Heitz
- b) Rick Robey
- c) Mike Phillips
- d) Charles Hurt

8. How many players on the current UK roster are from the state of Indiana?

- a) none
- b) one
- c) two
- d) three

9. Who led UK in field goal percentage last season?

- a) Melvin Turpin
- b) Kenny Walker
- c) Troy McKinley
- d) Dicky Beal

10. Which UK player was the leader in steals last season?

- a) Dicky Beal
- b) Kenny Walker
- c) James Blackmon
- d) Roger Hardin



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