



## Tracking the Cats

By Jim Master

The "Dream Game" was fantasy for the Kentucky Wildcats and a nightmare for the Louisville Cardinals. Kentucky would upstage its cross-town rival, but not by the final margin of 14 points. The pregame line favored the Wildcats by 10 and that appeared generous. Especially against a Louisville squad that upset Louisiana State in Baton Rouge a week earlier.

Score the knockout in this one to experience and savvy. The gifted Cardinals made several runs at Kentucky, but the men in blue failed to crumble to the constant pocking. Big-play men like Jamaal Mashburn, John Polphrey, Richie Farmer and Dale Brown continually thwarted the Louisville surges. They shot down the high flying Cardinals with a shotgun.

One more game stands in the way of opening its defense last season's Southeastern Conference-best record

of 14-4. Notre Dame arrives in Lexington for a Thursday night tipoff. This is the first game in recent memory for the Wildcats and Irish in Lexington. For years, the rivalry was renewed in Louisville and later in South Bend as well.

I've said that great teams make great rivalries for Kentucky and in the past, Notre Dame was nearly as heated as it could get. The Irish, then coached by Digger Phelps, always had very good teams with great talent. Back in 1980, when I was a freshman, Kentucky was ranked number one in the nation. Notre Dame

came into Louisville as the underdog, but pulled off the upset. Looking back, you have to wonder how we were supposed to wipe the Irish clean off the floor. After all, the two starting forwards were Kelly Tripucka and Orlando Woolridge, longtime NBA standouts.

Phelps never liked the neutral court in Louisville, but he only needed to look to his athletics director to blame. When the contract ran out, we played in South Bend in 1982 and the Irish were licking their chops. "Kentucky Fried Chicken" signs abounded on the Notre Dame campus, but in the end, we played a near perfect game against the John Paxson-led Irish and won going away. Derrick Ford and I played and shot as well as we could and it remains one of the highlights of my UK playing career.

As everyone knows, Phelps stepped down after a losing season last year and the Irish brought in John MacLeod from the New York Knicks. This could be the worst Notre Dame team in over 20 years. Still, they have

some good talent, lead by LaPhoso Ellis, an inconsistent but talented center. Still, Notre Dame lost to Butler by 17 points and sports only one victory to its credit. Look for a Kentucky win, but the Irish could show a little fight. They lost to Louisville by three earlier this year.

On Saturday night, Kentucky makes its first true road trip of the year to SEC newcomer South Carolina. The Gamecocks have a reputation as a heavy hitter on their home court and Kentucky must be at its best to win. At 9-2, every game is important for Kentucky as it seeks an NCAA bid and a high seed.

## Sue Bennett to expand athletic program.

Sue Bennett's athletic program will be undergoing some dramatic changes

during the next two to three years according to Athletic Director, Owen Barker.

Traditionally, Sue Bennett has supported four sports: baseball, men's basketball, women's basketball, and women's softball. With planned expansion, the size of the athletic program will double. Four new sports will be introduced beginning next fall, including men's soccer, women's soccer, women's volleyball, and co-educational cross country.

At their fall meeting, Sue Bennett's Board of Trustees approved the funds to start these programs, and if all goes as planned, the new athletics would be in operation by the beginning of the fall term. At this point, the athletic department is in the initial stages of recruiting and hiring coaches.

The development of new playing fields for the additional programs is one of the central issues facing the athletic department. Sue Bennett has adequate space, but the construction of these facilities will extend into the

1992-93 school year and beyond. Until that time, the new teams will have to practice and compete off campus until facilities can be built.

At this point, plans call for the soccer teams to play behind London Elementary School. The volleyball team will play in Sue Bennett's Health and Physical Education Center, and the cross country team will practice at Levi Jackson State Park and compete at various schools in the area.

One of the hopes of everyone at Sue Bennett is that by offering additional athletic opportunities that school will attract a more diversified student body, as well as increase the residential student population.

In addition to the introduction of the new sports, the athletic department is committed to developing existing programs. The last eight months have seen the gradual renovation of the baseball field with hopes of completion in early March. Additional plans include putting in a grass infield, practice pitcher mounds, and batting cages.

## "Lady Rockets"

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The Lady Rockets could only extend their lead by one point in the third quarter, 38-20. But thanks to superb play early on, were able to nurse their lead throughout the final period of play for the win, 44-28.

"We fundamentally played a pretty good ball game against McCreary," Beaver said. "Kristy (Sargent) highlighted the evening by playing a great game both offensively and defensively," she added.

Lady Rockets scoring against McCreary were: Kristy Sargent, 15; Jennifer Thacker, 10; Beth Amyx, 9; Cindy McCauley, 8 and Irene Gruter with 2.

The Lady Rockets were involved in, what some thought to be, the best game of the tournament when they took on host Wayne County Monday night. Although the Lady Rockets led throughout the game, Wayne rallied in the second half, especially in the fourth quarter, to pull within only two points. However, the Lady Rockets held on for the nailbiting win, by two, 47-45.

"We made stupid mental mistakes, we let up in the second half," Beaver said, "but they managed to hang on and win," she added.

"Kristy Sargent and Cindy McCauley played good games," Beaver said.

Scoring for the Rockets were: Kristy Sargent, 17; Jennifer Thacker, 12; Cindy McCauley, 12; Beth Amyx, 4 and Christy Coleman, 2.

The Lady Rockets now have a weekend trip when they play at Johnson Central Friday night and Phelps Saturday.

## "Bowling"

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honors with a 827. NAPA held onto second with a 801 and the Jets followed with a 797.

The high team series in the handicapped division went to Dale Winstead with 625, Henry Vanzant with a 621 and Dale Bray with a 620. The high team game in the handicapped division went to Jack Noe with a 237, followed by Dale Winstead with a 231 and Dale Bray with a 230.

Henry Vanzant took the high men's series with a 567 while Jack Noe took second with a 543 and Dale Bray was third with a 533.

The high men's game was won by Jack Noe with a 217 while Henry Vanzant and Dale Bray both had a 201.

The high women's series went to Jamie Bryant with a 618. Virginia Winstead held second with a 590 and Lavern Winstead took third with a 588.

Judy Lawless took the top honors in the high women's game with a 223 while Jamie Bryant and Virginia Winstead was close behind with a 222.

The high women's series was awarded to Jamie Bryant with a 518 while Virginia Winstead followed with a 470 and Lavern Winstead had a 456.

Jamie Bryant's 187 was at the top of the high women's game and Virginia Winstead held second with a 182. Alice Faulkner and Judy Lawless tied for third with a 178.

Henry Vanzant has high men's average with a 178. James Noe has the second highest average with a 176 while Jack Noe follows with a 175.

High women's average is held by Debbie Bugg with a 165, while Jamie Bryant has second high with a 157 and Alice Faulkner has third high with a 151.

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