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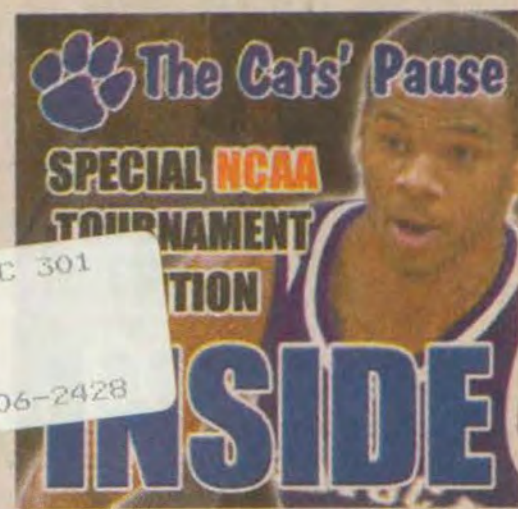
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RAISING THE STAKES

101st, other Fort Campbell units outlined

Associated Press

The 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) is the main unit based at Fort Campbell in western Kentucky on the Tennessee border. Two highly secretive units also call Fort Campbell home.

The 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault):

Nicknamed the "Screaming Eagles," the 101st is a rapid-deployment division trained to go anywhere in the world in 36 hours. The division's 187th Regiment is the only airborne regiment in the history of the Army to fight in every war since the inception of airborne tactics. The 187th's fighters are nicknamed the "Rakkasans." They earned the nickname during their post-World War II of Japan when they were parachute-equipped. Loosely translated, it means, "falling down umbrella." More recently, its soldiers hunted suspected Taliban and al-Qaida fighters in the mountains of Afghanistan. All three brigades of the 101st received deployment orders in February. It was the first time since the Persian Gulf War that the entire division has been deployed. Soldiers of the 101st Airborne are among the troops assembled in the Kuwaiti desert within striking distance of Iraq.

160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment:

The "Night Stalkers" of the 160th are elite aviators who drop special forces commandos

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photo by CPL. DOUGLASS P. GILHOOLY
 Gunnery Sgt. David R. Hargroves, points his .50 caliber machine gun to any threat during a routine convoy to Bagram Airbase for supplies and mail yesterday.

Artillery barrage across border, ground assault may be next

by DAVID ESPO
 AP SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

American bombs and missiles found targets in Baghdad for the second straight night Thursday and ground troops bombarded Iraqi forces in the desert with artillery in a gradual escalation of the war to drive Saddam Hussein from power.

Iraqi missiles fell harmlessly in Kuwait. Half a world away from the war theater, U.S. intelligence officials sought to determine whether the Iraqi leader had been killed hours earlier in a pre-dawn attack by cruise missiles and precision-guided bombs.

State-run television denied it, and said the Iraqi dictator had met with aides during the day.

Either way, said Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld, "The days of the Saddam Hussein regime are numbered."

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Key developments for Iraq

Associated Press

Latest changes in the Iraq crisis:

■ Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said "the days of the Saddam Hussein regime are numbered," adding that the first attack of the war hit a senior Iraqi leadership position.

■ With orange flames visible in the direction of the southern Iraqi oil center Basra, Rumsfeld confirmed there are reports that the Saddam regime may have ignited "three or four" oil wells.

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photo by Richard Moore
 The first Tomahawk missile to be fired into Iraq was launched yesterday from USS Bunker Hill.

FIRST STRIKE

Bush, Pentagon look at damage of initial attacks on Iraq

by JENNIFER LOVEN
 ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON — President Bush conferred with his national security adviser early Thursday on the initial strikes against Iraq, as officials tried to determine whether the attack aimed at killing Saddam Hussein had succeeded.

Bush called his Cabinet to the White House for a mid-afternoon war

update, a day after he told a global audience that war in Iraq "could be long and more difficult than some expected."

Thirty police cars guarded the front entrances to the White House, where security was unusually intense hours after the first salvo in the war to disarm Iraq. There was no word from Bush or his spokesman on whether

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LOCALS RESPOND TO WAR



Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson:

"I support the decisions made by President Bush and I support the troops that are doing their jobs."



Paintsville Mayor Doug Pugh:

"I think they should have started bombing at 9:11 on Wednesday night. That would have been poetic justice."



Chris Wicker Prestonsburg:

"I think that the war is more than justified. If they let Saddam keep his power he will not stop."



Fred Goble Prestonsburg:

"If we have our troops over there, then I support the war and our president."



Suzanne Walker Prestonsburg:

"I think if we had done this in 1933, Hitler would not have had the chance to kill six million Jews."



Wilma Dye Prestonsburg:

"At first I didn't think that war was justified, but now I do. If we don't take care of it now it will get worse in the future."



Bonnie McCoy Prestonsburg:

"I think that we are doing what we should, but I just wish that it didn't have to come down to this."



Sidney Cline Allen:

"Anything to avoid war and death should be done, but now that we are there we should give them hell."



Jim Short Prestonsburg:

"I've been to war and I don't believe in it, but sometimes there is no other choice."



Summer Jackson Pikeville:

"This has gone on for 12 years, we have already given Saddam enough time."

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Ground

He called on Iraqi leaders to surrender — and said the alternative was an attack “of a force and scope and scale that has been beyond what has been seen before.”

With more than 250,000 troops, 1,000 combat aircraft and a naval armada in the Persian Gulf region, administration officials said the full-scale invasion was just over the horizon.

In the capital, red and white anti-aircraft tracers lit the night sky and a huge plume of smoke rose into the night from the west bank of the Tigris River in central Baghdad. A 10-story office building in the main presidential compound caught fire.

A senior defense official with direct knowledge of the operation said the attack included sea-launched cruise missiles fired at Special Republican Guard strongholds in Baghdad.

But two officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the night strikes were not the beginning of the massive air assault that Pentagon plans to unleash.

In southern Iraq, white light glowed in the desert sky, and the sound of explosions could be heard from across the Kuwait-Iraq frontier as the 3rd Infantry Division unleashed its artillery barrage. Troops eager to cross the border into Iraq cheered.

The 101st Airborne Division rumbled across the desert in a vast convoy — trucks, tankers, humvees and more rolling along under a round white moon.

Iraq sent its missiles toward Kuwait in retaliation for the pre-dawn attack against Saddam.

Inside Iraq, flames shot skyward from the area of the southern oil center of Basra, and American military officials told reporters that three or four oil wells had been set ablaze. Pentagon officials, speaking on the basis of overhead surveillance photographs, said the fires were less than two miles north of the Kuwaiti border.

Iraq lit fires at Kuwait's oil fields as it withdrew its forces in the 1991 Persian Gulf war, and Pentagon officials have expressed fears that the this time, the regime could order the destruction of its own wells.

In the Kuwaiti desert, officials said none of the Iraqi missiles caused injuries, and one was intercepted by a Patriot missile. Thousands of American and British troops donned protective gear, but there was no evidence the missiles carried chemical or biological weapons.

The onset of war sparked large anti-war demonstrations at U.S. embassies around the world, and the State Department warned U.S. citizens abroad of an increased danger of terrorism.

In Washington, protesters briefly blocked one of the Potomac River bridges carrying traffic into the capital. Outside the White House, demonstrators shouted “no blood for oil.”

Inside the executive mansion, Bush was in the Oval Office before 7 a.m. EST, and summoned his Cabinet to a mid-afternoon meeting to discuss the war.

“There's no question we've sent the finest of our citizens into harm's way,” he told reporters. “They performed with great skill and great bravery....We appreciate

their sacrifice.”

Despite continued opposition overseas, including criticism from Russian President Vladimir Putin, Bush said 40 nations backed the American-led effort to topple Saddam.

Turkey, which borders Iraq to the north, approved a limited form of cooperation during the day. The parliament, which earlier had rejected a plan to let U.S. forces mass on Turkish soil, voted to let aircraft fly over the country's airspace during the war.

Bush approved the cruise missile attack on Wednesday night after receiving intelligence information that Saddam and his two sons were sleeping at a specified location, according to officials.

Iraqi Information Minister Mohammed Saeed al-Sahhaf said one person was killed and doctors said 14 were injured in the attack.

Hours later, Shabab television, owned by Saddam's son Odai, reported that the Iraqi leader met with his top aides to “review military and other measures to resist the aggression.”

But American intelligence officials scrutinized videotape of a televised speech broadcast after the attack to see whether the man

shown was Saddam, or perhaps a double.

Asked whether officials believe the puffy-faced man on the tape was the Iraqi leader, Rumsfeld said, “There's debate about that.”

Other officials, who spoke to The Associated Press only on condition of anonymity, said there was growing optimism the strike had left the Iraqi leadership in disarray.

Early intelligence reports suggested Iraq's leadership was not organizing any coordinated response to the U.S. attack, suggesting the Iraqi regime might be in chaos or cut off from the military, these officials said.

Units

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5th Special Forces Group:

One of the five active duty Army special forces groups known as the “quiet professionals.” Their motto is “To Free the Oppressed.” The special forces are elite fighters who specialize in unconventional

In addition to the strikes that were visible in Baghdad on Wednesday night, the commander of one of five U.S. aircraft carriers in the region said warplanes under his command flew 54 overnight sorties.

Rear Adm. Barry Costello, commander of the USS Constellation, also said some were aimed at “military installations and communications facilities” in Iraq.

The strikes were part of a “transition period” in which U.S. planes “continue to prep the battlefield, to clear a path for further air strikes and ground operations,” Costello said.

warfare. They conduct special reconnaissance and counter-terrorism missions. In peacetime, special forces members help train military and police forces in “friendly” developing nations.

The 160th and the 5th Special Forces are part of the Army's Special Operation Command. The Army does not disclose which units within that command are currently deployed.

OPPOSE ANNEXATION

The City of Prestonsburg has proposed to annex 7,578 acres of the Dewey Lake Wildlife Management Area to create, as they say, a simple 4-foot-wide horse trail. This annexation includes all of the management area from Dewey Dam to German Bridge. It appears they need big shoulders on this trail. The opposition is not about a horse trail, its about annexation, taxation, development, and control of the only public wildlife management area in Floyd County.

If you are opposed to the City of Prestonsburg annexing your Dewey Lake Wildlife Management Area, contact your public officials or sign one of the many petitions circulating through the county.

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Attacks

the mission was a success.

“The president is not going to be a play-by-play commentator on it,” White House press secretary Ari Fleischer said. “The president has a long approach to this.”

A senior military official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said military intelligence was picking up signs and “circumstantial evidence” that Saddam and his senior leadership were either incapacitated or out of communication with battlefield commanders, but it was too early to say if they were killed or wounded.

The officials said U.S. military leaders saw significance in Iraq's failure to wage a coordinated response to the first strikes.

Amid the questions, the White House held out the still-available option for Saddam to choose exile.

“We continue to hope Saddam Hussein will leave Iraq,” Fleischer said. “If Iraqi leaders turn themselves in, that would be very welcome.”

Bush worked the phones to place “a large number” of calls to world leaders, Fleischer said without specifying the recipients or the content of the conversations. Official news agency reports from Arab nations said Bush had called Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak; the emir of Qatar, Sheik Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani; and the king of Bahrain, Sheik Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, to discuss the military operation in Iraq.

Mubarak stressed to Bush the importance of ending the hostilities as soon as possible and respecting Iraq's current territorial boundaries, the semi-official Middle East News Agency said.

U.S. officials said there are some indications that several oil wells in southern Iraq had been set on fire. Officials said the wells numbered less than five. “Saddam Hussein is trying to destroy the wealth of his own people,” Fleischer said.

Outside the White House, some 50 anti-war protesters gathered in the chilly rain. “No blood for oil!” they chanted.

Fleischer said Bush signed an execution order before Wednesday night's strikes and gave military leaders a verbal go-ahead after lengthy meetings. The attack was greeted with criticism and regret across the globe, but Fleischer shrugged off the mostly negative world reaction.

“The president understands

and respect the thoughts of those who disagree but the United States and the coalition of willing will not be deterred from the mission to disarm Saddam Hussein,” he told reporters.

Fleischer announced that the Cabinet would meet with Bush on Thursday afternoon to get an update from the president, who would urge the advisers to press forward with his domestic agenda.

On Wednesday night, Bush said the hostilities began with a narrow focus on “selected targets of military importance” and will grow to a “broad and concerted campaign.”

After a brief night of sleep, the president talked to National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice at 6 a.m. EST Thursday to learn of overnight events, said a senior administration official. Bush began work in the Oval Office at 6:50 a.m.

U.S. officials were trying to determine whether it was indeed Saddam who appeared on state-run television Thursday, mocking Bush and calling the attack a “shameful crime.”

It was also uncertain whether the broadcast was taped after the U.S. strikes or in advance of them, since nothing on the tape

IRAQ

■ The Turkish parliament approved a plan to let U.S. warplanes fly over Turkey in the war against Iraq. The measure falls short of Washington's initial request for permission to base 62,000 troops in the country.

■ President Bush, after a brief night of sleep, conferred with National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice at 6 a.m. Thursday. Bush began work in the Oval Office at 6:50 a.m.

■ Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham expressed confidence there are adequate oil supplies available to the United States to compensate for any losses of crude oil as a result of the war.

■ The U.S. military opened its military campaign against Iraq, striking “targets of military opportunity” with cruise missiles and precision-guided bombs.

■ U.S. officials said the initial volleys did not mean the main air offensive against Iraq had begun.

■ Saddam gave his own televised speech, promising an Iraqi victory and calling the U.S. attack “a shameful crime.”

Baghdad echoed with the thud of explosions and the shrieks of air sirens; anti-aircraft tracers crisscrossed its skies.

■ Across the United States, cities and towns battened down under security unseen since the Sept. 11 attacks. Authorities fanned out to power plants, bridges, state capitols and other facilities to shield them against possible retaliatory strikes.

■ Coinciding with the initial blitz near Baghdad, about 1,000 U.S. troops launched a raid on mountain villages in southeastern Afghanistan, hunting for members of the al-Qaida terrorist network.

■ A dust storm that buffeted U.S. troops grouped in Kuwait near the border with Iraq had largely dissipated, giving way to a relatively cool Thursday morning.

■ The Iraqi envoy to the United Nations, Mohammad Al-Douri, said he plans to submit a letter to U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan calling the start of U.S. military action against Iraq “a violation of international law.”

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Hager indicted for wife's murder

— Officials say death penalty a possibility —



Thomas L. Hager II

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE—A McCarr man was indicted on murder charges by the Pike County Grand Jury on Wednesday, in relation to an incident in which he allegedly beat and stabbed his former girl friend to death in the presence of their three-year-old child.

As previously reported, Thomas L. Hager II, 23, allegedly forced his way into the

residence of former girlfriend Crystal L. Hammond, 22, on March 14, where he beat and stabbed her to death only 30 minutes after being served with a domestic violence related show cause order. According to investigating officer Det. Eddie Crum, KSP, Hammond was stabbed multiple times.

Crum reported that Hager and Hammond were never married, but had a child together. She had sought an emergency protective order against Hager,

which was served at McCarr. Crum stated that Hager drove the 10 minute distance to Hammond's residence right after being served with the protective order, where he entered and killed Hammond while the their child was in the residence. Hager then took the child with

him. "In 15 years, it's one of the most violent murders I've ever seen," stated Crum. According to the indictment handed down on March 19, Hager is charged with murder, a capital offense, and burglary first-degree, a class B felony.

Det. Crum stated that since Hager committed the murder while a protective order was in effect, he is eligible for the death penalty. Hager was extradited from Matewan, where he was arrested, to the Pike County Detention Center yesterday.

School board files truancy charges against 8 parents

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

Attempting to keep Floyd County's youth from "falling through the cracks" of the school system, the board of education has filed a total of 36 charges against parents who have failed to meet attendance requirements.

According to Kristina Springer, Floyd County Board of Education director of pupil personnel, that number does not include the charges that go through the family court system and are confidential, as opposed to the district court. Springer stated that this change in filing procedures is the cause of a drop in number of charges that appeared in the district court system from the 2000-2001 to the 2001-2002 school years.

School funding is based on average daily attendance, but that is not the reason the board took action in this situation says Springer.

"Our purpose is to get kids back in school," reported Springer. "We don't want them to fall through the cracks."

She reported that a number of the children that had been failing to attend school in an acceptable manner were elementary age students and the board wanted to get them back in class before they fell behind.

The fine for the charge of parent failure to send child to school is a misdemeanor that involves a \$100 fine plus court costs for the first time around, but increases with the third violation resulting in possible jail time.

According to Springer and the Kentucky Courts System, some of the charges are against parents that have been charged in prior years.

One of these that showed up in charges filed on Wednesday, is Kimberly Hurst, 30, Langley, who is charged with allowing her minor child to miss more than 31 unexcused absences and tardies

from Aug. 23, 2002 through March 6, 2003. Hurst was charged with failure to send a child to school in 1999, with the last action taken in the case being reported as an arraignment set for April 19, 2000. She was also charged in 2001, and the Kentucky Courts System shows an active bench warrant against Hurst for failing to appear on Feb. 21.

Others charges filed on March 18, were against Kathy A. Allen, 38, Garrett, for allowing her child to miss 40 days and be tardy 12 days; Judy Lynn Craft, 28, Prestonsburg, for allowing her child to miss more than 47 unexcused absences or tardies;

Darlene McCoy Qualls, 37, Martin, for allowing her child to be tardy 32 times and absent 17 days; Mary E. Eplin, 47, Martin, for allowing her child to miss more than 36 unexcused tardies or absences; Randy Joe Adams, 41, Galveston, for allowing his child to miss more than 18 unexcused absences or tardies; Audrey Ann Hamilton, 24, Teaberry, for more than 29 tardies or absences; and Candase Mullins Newsome, 27, was charged with two counts of parent failure to send child to school for allowing her two minor children to miss more than 30 days of school and be tardy 20 days.

Teacher charged with failing to send her child to school

by JARRID DEATON
STAFF WRITER

A former Floyd County and current Johnson County teacher has been charged with failure to send her child to school.

Darlene McCoy Qualls, 39, of Martin, was a former teacher at Adams Middle School in

Prestonsburg. According to court documents, Qualls committed the offense of compulsory attendance when she allowed her minor child to be tardy from school 32 times and absent from school on 17 days.

Qualls left her position at the end of last year and is now teaching in Johnson County.

Minors charged with trying to buy alcohol

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

Documents filed in Floyd District Court could be a warning to underage drinkers, as three were charged for trying to purchase alcohol, with two attempts witnessed by an Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) officers.

According to court documents, Christopher T. Ginter, 20, Morehead, was charged with minor enter premises to purchase alcohol and misrepresentation of age by minor for allegedly entering the premises of Top Cat Liquors and attempting to buy alcohol with a false I.D. on March 7. The faulty identification represented Ginter as being 22-years-old. The attempted transaction was witnessed by ABC officer John A. Adkins.

Jesse V. Sammons, 20,

Prestonsburg, was also charged with minor enter premises to purchase a six pack of Bud Light on March 7. This attempt to purchase was witnessed by John Ray Roberts, ABC.

According to Diane Carter of Top Cat Liquors, the ABC was present when the two attempted to purchase the beverages. She stated that the store does not know when the ABC will show up, as they do not inform vendors. She said that they sit around or browse the store as if they are customers and monitor those who attempt to buy alcohol.

Another incident, occurring on Feb. 7, involved Zechariah Willie Chaffins, 20, Garrett, who was charged with minor enter premises to purchase alcohol from a vendor at Lackey. The witness in that case was Anthony Taulbee, KSP.



Above, Prestonsburg Elementary students are pictured with Scott Tackett, left, teacher, 1st place classroom winner, Asst. Principal Sherrie Slone, coordinator, Puppy Love project, and Phyllis Allison, far right, 2nd place classroom winner.

Valentine's Day not just for humans

The students and staff at Prestonsburg Elementary decided that Valentine's Day was a perfect time to show some love and support for area animals. They held a "Puppy Love" food drive at the school during the month of February in which they collected a grand total of 2,060 pounds of food for the Floyd County Animal Shelter, located on Salley Stevens Branch Road, Prestonsburg. The staff at the shelter were thrilled with the arrival of the food, informing the students that their storage shelves were almost empty until the arrival of their dona-

tion. Ms. Sherrie Slone, assistant principal, extends a heartfelt "thank you" to all who participated in the Puppy Love food drive. "It is never too late to learn to help those who can't help themselves, and one of the sweetest things we saw was the kindergarten children helping to load the truck. It took 5 or 6 of them to carry a 20 pound bag, but they wanted to help," she said. The following classrooms participated in the animal food drive: Mr. Hackworth's class, Mrs. Walker's class, Mrs. Conn's class, Mrs. Damron's classes,

Mrs. Stumbo's class, Ms. Clay's classes, Mrs. Little's class, Ms. Griffith's class, and Mrs. Comb's class. In addition, the following classes were in the top five of those who collected the most food: Mrs. Justice's class, 101 lbs.; Mrs. Minix's class, 140 lbs.; Mrs. Parsons' class, 186 lbs.; Mrs. Allison's class, 344 lbs.; and, Mr. Tackett's class, 1,023 lbs. Mrs. Parsons' class also collected lots of towels and chew snacks. The items were delivered to the shelter on February 13, 2003.

Banner man arrested on Florida warrant

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

A Banner man was arrested on Tuesday on a fugitive warrant from Tampa, Fla., where he is wanted for fleeing after being convicted of a crime.

According to court documents, Fred Greer, 41, was served with the warrant on Tuesday afternoon at the Floyd County Jail by George Tussey, PPD. A document, that is signed by Tussey, states that he received the warrant for violation of probation on Monday.

Greer was arrested on June 19, of last year after being released from the Floyd County Detention Center, where he was incarcerated on charges of aggravated assault fourth-degree/spouse, to visit with his critically ill son in a Tennessee hospital.

Greer was supposed to report back to the Floyd County Detention Center on that day. However, after receiving a complaint of an intoxicated person in the parking lot by the Floyd County Rescue Squad breaking out the windows of a parked vehicle, police arrested Greer late that evening.

As previously reported, Officer Mike Conn, Prestonsburg City Police, arrived to find Greer walking around the parked vehicle — that had a broken passenger side window — with a tire tool.

Conn reported that Greer was extremely intoxicated and had possession of a controlled substance that was not in the original container. Greer was arrested and charged with alcohol intoxication, prescription in an improper container, criminal mischief in the first-degree, and resisting arrest when he jerked away from Lt. William Petry, PPD, and became violent.

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Worth Repeating ...

"Whoever battled with monsters had better see that it does not turn him into a monster. And if you gaze into an abyss, the abyss will gaze back to you."

—Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche

Our View

With war, time for talk has passed

With what has been characterized as an unceremonious strike in Baghdad late Wednesday night, the United States began a calculated military campaign against Saddam Hussein and ended the long debate as to whether or not America should start a war to disarm Iraq.

In a four minute long address shortly after the first strike, President Bush told the nation that war had begun, an announcement that should now bring a different perspective to America and her citizens.

With the prospect of war now a reality, it is time we set aside our differences and come together and offer support for a war that President Bush has already told us could last longer than some might expect.

Regardless of prior support or opposition, aside from where our views may or may not rest, a firm decision has been made and force has been administered to back that decision. Our energy should now be focused on support for our troops who are today following orders and moving into combat. Our thoughts and prayers should be with many of the anxious families who are innocent in this campaign and whose gaze remains set on the horizon in search of resolution.

Unity has been a term used extensively since the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, the event which has perhaps played the most critical role in bringing us to our current position, but it has never been more crucial to put this idea to practice.

To come together in support, if not in agreement, means establishing strength, whereas dissension and continued debate about a forgone decision is nothing less debilitating than a waste of logical resources.

The time for such talk has passed. The beginning of the end for war exists most notably in how cohesive we can now become as nation. How well we fair in this campaign will not only rest in the hands of our political figures and soldiers, but also in the hands of those again given the choice to embrace the concept of a united people.

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"IT LOOKS LIKE JUST ABOUT EVERY DEMOCRAT IS RUNNING FOR PRESIDENT..."

In the moment

What happened to Bobby Joe?

by LORETTA BLACKBURN

My mother said that I was around two when I got him. He looked real to me and I cared for him as best that a two-year-old could. I named him Bobby Joe, after the man my daddy worked for. My mother said that she asked me why I wanted to name my baby Bobby Joe and I made reference to both of them being characterized by hair loss.

"He don't have hair," I said. My mother later shared with me that she was always on edge whenever my father's employer would come by, because she never knew when I might spill the reasons behind my decision to name my doll after him.

I would wrap him in my brothers' blankets and would be thrilled when my mother would give me an outgrown article of baby clothing. He was the only thing I worried about when we were ready to move, which happened frequently as my mother's Indian ancestry seemed to have influenced nomadic tendencies. I would hold him safely in my

lap as we moved the last of our belongings to the new residence.

I remember a time when I thought I had lost him when my oldest brother decided to get back at me by throwing Bobby Joe in the Creek. I was furious and scared as I chased him down the swift part to a calm stretch of the small waterway, where he floated and waited for me to catch up. I don't know if my brother knew he wouldn't go very far or not.

As time went on, I became less protective of him as my mother gave me more freedom to do things on my own. I was about nine-years-old when I forgot him by the creek bank that rainy day. I didn't think about him when I laid down to sleep, as I had stopped sleeping with him. I got up the next morning to see the water raging down the little creek and immediately remembered that my doll was out there somewhere. I ran to see if I could find him, but the rains that produced the 1977 flood had washed my Bobbie Joe away. I was heartbroken and thought of him often, wondering where he was as I grieved his absence.

The flood water receded and I

returned to school. I was still smarting from the loss of my seven-year friend. I was standing in the hallway at school one day when I saw a girl that lived near me holding a doll. It looked just like my Bobby Joe and I began to wonder if this could be him.

I rationalized that the rain could have washed him down to her house and that she could have pulled him out of the creek. I convinced myself that she had my Bobby Joe and I wanted him back. But how was I to approach this situation? I watched this younger girl and saw that she held on to him tight, frequently hugging him. She was good to him.

I went home and told my mother about the situation, convinced that she had my doll, but not knowing what to do about it. My mom told me that doubted this girl had my doll and that the river had probably carried it far away by now. I didn't believe her, because I wanted to believe the little neighbor girl had my prized doll.

Well, the little girl didn't bring the anonymous doll back to school and eventually I decided that I would be all right without him. I thought that, if she did have him, it was okay, because she was younger than me and she needed him worse.



LORETTA BLACKBURN

Guest Column

President Bush addresses the nation

My fellow citizens, at this hour, American and coalition forces are in the early stages of military operations to disarm Iraq, to free its people and to defend the world from grave danger.

On my orders, coalition forces have begun striking selected targets of military importance to undermine Saddam Hussein's ability to wage war. These are opening stages of what will be a broad and concerted campaign. More than 35 countries are giving crucial support — from the use of naval and air bases, to help with intelligence and logistics, to the deployment of combat units. Every nation in this coalition

has chosen to bear the duty and share the honor of serving in our common defense.

To all the men and women of the United States Armed Forces now in the Middle East, the peace of a troubled world and the hopes of an oppressed people now depend on you. That trust is well placed.

The enemies you confront will come to know your skill and bravery. The people you liberate will witness the honorable and decent spirit of the American military. In this conflict, America faces an enemy who has no regard for conventions of war or rules of morality. Saddam Hussein has placed Iraqi troops and

equipment in civilian areas, attempting to use innocent men, women and children as shields for his own military — a final atrocity against his people.

I want Americans and all the world to know that coalition forces will make every effort to spare innocent civilians from harm. A campaign on the harsh terrain of a nation as large as California could be longer and more difficult than some predict. And helping Iraqis achieve a united, stable and free country will require our sustained commitment.

We come to Iraq with respect for its citizens, for their great civilization and for

the religious faiths they practice. We have no ambition in Iraq, except to remove a threat and restore control of that country to its own people.

I know that the families of our military are praying that all those who serve will return safely and soon. Millions of Americans are praying with you for the safety of your loved ones and for the protection of the innocent. For your sacrifice, you have the gratitude and respect of the American people. And you can know that our forces will be coming home as soon

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At the Movies:

"Piglet's Big Movie"



"Piglet's Big Movie," a Walt Disney Pictures release, is rated G. It was directed by Francis Glebas from a script by Brian Hohlfeld. Running time: 75 minute.

Three stars out of four

by CHRISTY LEMIRE
AP ENTERTAINMENT WRITER

"Piglet's Big Movie" is so sweet, so earnest, so utterly guileless, it's hard not to be charmed.

And the 75-minute running time makes it the perfect first

movie for very young children. The tykes at a recent Saturday morning screening barely shifted or stirred, they were so enraptured.

For slightly older kids — as in 6 years old, max — there are positive messages about teamwork and friendship and

appreciating the people who are important to you.

Seeing A.A. Milne's familiar Winnie the Pooh characters brought to life through hand-drawn animation and voiced by the same actors we've heard for years, is so quaint, it's downright comforting.

This is only the second original Pooh feature created for the screen — 2000's "The Tigger Movie" came first — but it reunites many longtime players from the franchise's animated shorts and videos.

Piglet (voiced by John Fiedler for the past 35 years) wants desperately to be a part of his buddies' activities in the Hundred Acre Wood. But when Pooh and Tigger (both voiced by Jim Cummings), Rabbit (Ken Sansom) and Eeyore concoct an elaborate scheme for harvesting honey, they leave Piglet out because they think he's too small to

help. Tigger promises he can participate "when you're a bit bigger of a Piglet."

But Piglet's pals are so caught up in themselves, they don't realize that they only acquired the honey because the petite porky guy was in the right place at the right time. They also don't realize at first that Piglet ends up lost when a big storm comes.

But then Pooh and his pals use their unique brand of literal logic to determine that they can use Piglet's book of memories to find him, because the book will remember where he is.

Thus we have the film's structure: a series of flashbacks to previous adventures in which Piglet always manages to save the day, from building a house for Eeyore

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FBI issues alert for suspected terrorist

by CURT ANDERSON
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON — The FBI issued a worldwide alert Thursday for Adnan G. El Shukri Jumah, Abu Arif, Ja'far Al-Tayer, Jaffar Al-Tayyar, Jafar Tayar and Jaafar Al-Tayyar.

The FBI alert did not specify the nature of the threats El Shukri Jumah may pose to U.S. interests. One FBI official said El Shukri Jumah only recently came to the agency's attention, but the official did not say how.

The alert came as the FBI intensified its effort to interview thousands of Iraqi-born individuals living in the United States to uncover any potential terrorist attacks planned by Iraqi operatives or sympathizers. The FBI said the interviews also could help protect Iraqis from hate crimes.

Additionally, the FBI is actively investigating "others who have links to terrorism," including potential al-Qaida members or sympathizers in America.

Several thousand FBI agents are being diverted from regular duties to do the interviews and to man command posts at each

of the bureau's 56 field offices. They are to gather intelligence and respond quickly to any terrorist threats. A national command center was set up at FBI headquarters in Washington.

"We are bringing to bear the full weight of our resources, expertise, and partnerships," FBI Director Robert Mueller said. "We are running down every lead, responding to every threat, coordinating with every partner, and doing our utmost to

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and we will accept no outcome but victory.

My fellow citizens, the dangers to our country and the world will be overcome. We will pass through this time of peril and carry on the work of peace. We will defend our freedom. We will bring freedom to others and we will prevail.

May God bless our country and all who defend her.

Kentucky Jazz Repertory Orchestra spices up the stage

PIKEVILLE — Spend an evening with the Kentucky Jazz Repertory Orchestra and experience the timeless music of jazz great Duke Ellington. The performance is part of the Pikeville Concert Association's 2002-03 concert series and is set for Tuesday, March 25, at 7:30 p.m. in Pikeville College's Booth Auditorium.

The Kentucky Jazz Repertory Orchestra is comprised of music faculty from a number of central Kentucky colleges and universities, as well as free-lance professional musicians. The 17-piece band has received wide-spread acclaim for their performances, which are said to capture the energy and soul that Ellington's music so forcefully generates. Musicians in the group have performed with notables such as Clark Terry, Doc Severinsen, Henry Mancini, The Temptations, Rosemary Clooney, and the Manhattan Transfer.

Miles Osland, University of Kentucky professor of saxophone and director jazz studies, and Dick Domek, a professor of music theory and composition at UK, are co-directors for the orchestra. Domek is a contributing composer and arranger to the CDs "More Money Jungle" and "Christmas Time is Here," by Rhythm and Brass. Performances of his Duke Ellington transcriptions have been featured by the Smithsonian Institution's Jazz Masterworks Orchestra on their Washington, D.C., concerts and national tours. Miles Osland

has distinguished himself as an educator, recording and performing artist, author, arranger and composer. Two of his recordings, "Saxercise" and "My Old Kentucky Home" have been submitted for Grammy nominations by Sea Breeze Jazz Records, one of the most respected labels in jazz.

His scholarly work includes over 60 published articles in saxophone technique and jazz improvisation.

Tickets to the performance are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students. For more information about the Pikeville Concert Association, please call (606) 432-5407 or (606) 437-7878.

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Candidate for governor Bruce Lunsford and Barbara Edelman, lieutenant governor candidate, stopped by the Around the Clock Waffle and More restaurant in Water Gap on Thursday to talk with the public.

Lunsford visits Water Gap, outlines views

by JARRID DEATON
STAFF WRITER

Candidate for governor Bruce Lunsford stopped for breakfast and a meeting with the public at the Around the Clock Waffle and More Restaurant in Water Gap on Thursday.

Lunsford said that his campaign will be centered on the issues that the public cares

about.

"I am going to focus on jobs, education and health care," Lunsford said. "I want people to feel comfortable with the state of those things."

According to Lunsford, the current state of the government in Frankfort is due to the special interest groups and career politi-

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Odds & Ends

FOND DU LAC, Wis. — Don Gorske is already in the Guinness Book of World Records for eating Big Macs. Gorske, who downed his 19,000th Big Mac Tuesday, said he wouldn't know what else to eat if it weren't for Big Macs.

"I'd be clueless," he said, adding that he ate a piece of pizza recently, but it "just wasn't the same."

"It wasn't my first choice," he said.

Gorske, 49, of Fond du Lac, eats two Big Macs per day and drinks little else beside Coke. He also keeps track of everything he eats in a notebook.

"I admit I'm obsessive compulsive," he says. "I have so many compulsions."

At 6 feet tall and 180 pounds, Gorske said he proves that foods you love don't have to make you fat.

In fact, attorneys defending McDonald's against a lawsuit claiming its food makes people fat used Gorske as an example of someone who frequently ate fast food but stayed slim.

ATHENS, Texas — A man who pleaded guilty to aggravated assault had an additional six months tacked onto his eight-year sentence after he mooned the judge.

Judge Jim Parsons held 40-

year-old Ray Mason in contempt of court Monday after he dropped his pants and showed Parsons and the rest of the court his backside.

"He said something like, 'Hey, judge, look at this,'" Assistant District Attorney Barry Spencer recalled. About 70 other people were in the courtroom at the time, Spencer said.

"I've been practicing criminal law for well over 20 years, and I've seen a lot of things," said Mason's defense attorney John Sichel. "This is the first time anything like that has happened."

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. —

Wearing nothing more than masks and body paint, nine women protested the war in Iraq at a busy intersection just blocks from the University of Arkansas campus.

Calling it a "Code Pink" emergency, the bare protesters, who ranged in age from 18 to 71, stopped traffic at an intersection Wednesday while carrying a banner that read "Women of the World Say No War." The words "No War" were painted in pink on their backs. They also used the pink paint to cover their private parts.

Diana Rivers, 71, who helped organize the protest, said the women were putting their bodies on the line because nothing else had worked.

"I've been telephoning and writing, and nothing was happening," she said. "So, we decided to do a little drama here."

Fayetteville police allowed the women to disrobe but quickly asked them to move out of the intersection. A police spokeswoman said since the women were covered with body paint in the right places they were free to protest as long as they didn't block traffic.

Some motorists honked their car horns and offered support by flashing the "V" peace sign with their hands.

"This went way better than we had expected," Rivers said. "Nobody was angry at us. This was a spontaneous happening today. We put on the masks to make it more theatrical."

Pike man sues, claims surgery left him blind

by JARRID DEATON
STAFF WRITER

A Pike County man has filed a lawsuit against Pikeville United Methodist Hospital and Dr. Charles P. Wheeler, claiming that negligence during surgery on his one functioning eye left him blind.

Raymond Boyd and Lydia Boyd, his wife, claim that on May 28, 2002, Dr. Charles P. Wheeler undertook the treatment and care of Raymond Boyd. According to the lawsuit, Wheeler was negligent in his care and treatment of Boyd causing the loss of his eyesight.

According to the lawsuit, Boyd had previously lost sight in his left eye and was dependent on the success of the procedure to improve his vision.

Michael Hance, attorney for Boyd, said that the surgery left his client legally blind.

"He had an accident 20 years ago that left him blind in one eye, now they managed to screw up during the procedure and blind him in the other," Hance said.

The Boyds are asking for compensatory damages, punitive damages, prejudgement interest, all costs expended, a trial by jury and any and all other relief to which they are entitled.

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Marriages

Licenses

Carolyn Rena Ousley, 21, of Prestonsburg, to Putnam Lawson, 26, of Garrett.
 Marianne Charles, 23., to Dennis Wayne Miller, 35, both of Indiana.
 Stephanie Anne Marshall, 21, of David, to Anthony Lee Hamilton, 24, of Frankfort.
 Michelle Renee Morrison, 27, of Allen, to Shawn Lee Chaffins, 27, of Prestonsburg.
 May Bernice Lee, 36, to Darrin Eli Johnson, 30, both of Bevinsville.
 Brandie Nicole Keathley, 16, to Anthony Joe Blackburn, 20, both of Prestonsburg.
 Natasha Hope Bowling, 15, of Grethel, to Alvin Shain Moore, 19, of Pikeville.
 Melanie Renee Lafferty, 23, to donald Douglas Wilcox III., 23, both of East Point.
 Lisa Marie Varney, 37, to George Edward Kidd, 45, both of Betsy Layne.
 Linda Lou Jarrell, 33, to Thomas Kevin Thomsbury, 28, both of Garrett.

Civil Suits Filed

US Bancorp vs. Yvonne Honeycutt; debt collection.
 Pikeville College vs. Narcie Scott; debt collection.
 Joe Steele vs. Melissa B.

Lunsford

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 "It's lacking on leadership in many ways," Lunsford said. "The problem with the budget was caused by bickering between a bunch of career politicians."
 Lunsford's running mate, Barbara Edelman, also believes that many of the governmental problems in the state are caused by career politicians.
 "I'm clearly not a Frankfort insider, but I have children in

Steele; divorce.
 Bobbi D. Hamilton vs. Aaron B. Ratliff; petition for child support and health care insurance.
 Harold D. Mitchell vs. Sherry Durish; petition for child support and health care insurance.
 Remit Corp. vs. Cynthia Eplin; debt collection.
 AIG Insurance Co. vs. James T. Martin; debt collection.
 Diana M. Webb vs. Charles D. Webb; petition for health care insurance.
 Suntrust Bank vs. Johnny E. Gibson; debt collection.
 Chris Robinson vs. Irvin Shepherd Jr.; compensation for injuries in automobile accident.
 Ernie R. Jones vs. Davon A. Jones; petition for child support and health care insurance.
 Helen Mullins vs. Gregory G. Mullins; petition for health care insurance.
 Charlie Stewart vs. Norma Masanetti; petition for child support.
 Charity Petry vs. Randall E. Lemaster; compensation for injuries in automobile accident.

Small Claims Filings

Charles R. Wells vs. Shirley Innes; debt collection.
 Vickie Bryant vs. Judy Vance Hall; debt collection.

Charges Filed

Bobby Murphy, 24, Martin, theft by failure to make required distribution of property.
 Frankie Lynn George, 26, Prestonsburg, theft by deception.
 Jason Ike England, 32, Harold, sex abuse first-degree of mentally incapacitated.
 Randall B. Slone, 55, Shepherdsville, trafficking marijuana 8 oz. to 5 lbs. and use/possession drug paraphernalia.
 Johnny Ray Collins, 52, Printer, alcohol intoxication third or more.
 Chad B. Cole, 19, Melvin, alcohol intoxication and disorderly conduct.
 Rachel Bee Cordle, 22, Prestonsburg, public intoxication.
 Lisa L. Slone, 25, Prestonsburg, alcohol intoxication.
 Freddy Shell, 48, East Point, alcohol intoxication.
 Mark Patton, 21, Langley, harassing comments.
 Timothy Matthew Johnson, 18, Garrett, disorderly conduct and terroristic threatening.
 James Isaacs, age unknown, Prestonsburg, criminal trespassing second-degree.
 Tammy Ann Cooper, 36, Harold, parent failure to send child to school.
 Tina Shetley, age unknown, Hueysville, terroristic threatening and criminal trespassing third-degree.
 Tonya Renee Shepherd, 24, Langley, theft by deception.
 Randall J. Vicars, 22, Ligon, terroristic threatening.
 Joey Lewis Jr., 19, Banner, public intoxication.
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Vickie Bryant vs. Zackery Kisor; debt collection.
 Vickie Bryant vs. Amanda Jenkins; debt collection.
 Jerry Bow and Barbie Bow vs. Eddie Blair and Rhonda Blair; debt collection.

Charges Filed

Bobby Murphy, 24, Martin, theft by failure to make required distribution of property.
 Frankie Lynn George, 26, Prestonsburg, theft by deception.
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Prestonsburg, falsely reporting an incident.
 Derek R. Stanley, 23, Honaker, public intoxication.
 Johnathan W. Madden, 17, DUI, possession marijuana, and use/possession drug paraphernalia.
 Michael Alan Puckett, 29, Prestonsburg, custodial interference.
 Karen Bevins, 31, Stanville, terroristic threatening.
 Sophia Bentley, 37, Minnie, assault fourth-degree.
 Gary Tackett, 37, Beaver, alcohol intoxication.
 Randy Tackett, 47, Hi Hat, alcohol intoxication.
 Robert W. Bishop, 44, Teaberry, alcohol intoxication.
 Steven C. McDavid, 32, Paintsville, public intoxication, possession marijuana, and use/possession of drug paraphernalia.
 Keith S. Hall, 30, Teaberry, disorderly conduct and alcohol intoxication.
 Sherman O. Wallen, 63, Hueysville, assault fourth-degree.
 Larry Vernon Curtsinger Jr., 29, Chaplin, public intoxication.
 Mark L. Freet Sr., 36, address unknown, two counts of forgery second-degree.
 John Osborne, 37, Ligon, two counts of wanton endangerment first-degree and two counts of criminal mischief first-degree.
 Michael Marcelli, 23, Geneva, Ohio, possession cocaine and possession controlled substance.
 Clifton Boyd, 24, Harold, forgery.
 Deborah Lynn Fitch, 37, Prestonsburg, falsely reporting incident.
 Christopher Gayheart, 18, address unknown, assault fourth, carrying concealed deadly weapon, possession marijuana, and assault fourth-spouse.
 John R. Lemaster, 35, Hagar Hill, public intoxication.
 Michael E. Murphy, 18, Langley, alcohol intoxication.
 James N. Gilliam, 23, Pine

Piglet

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 (Peter Cullen) to introducing the gang to their new neighbors, mama Kanga (Kath Soucie) and her bouncy young son, Roo (Nikita Hopkins).
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FBI

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 keep terrorists from striking back."
 The FBI also has new authority from Attorney General John Ashcroft to arrest people on immigration charges if they are believed to post a wartime threat. Officials declined to say Thursday if any such arrests had occurred since the onset of war with Iraq.

Top, assault fourth/spouse, alcohol intoxication, disorderly conduct, and resisting arrest.
 Laura B. Hall, 20, Prestonsburg, alcohol intoxication.
 Ivan Turner, age unknown, Prestonsburg, criminal mischief second-degree.
 Darlene Mccooy Qualls, 39, Martin, parent failure to sent child to school.
 Kimberly Hurst, 30, Langley, parent failure to sent child to school.
 Audrey Ann Hamilton, 27, Teaberry, parent failure to sent child to school.
 Randy Joe Adams, 43, Galveston, parent failure to sent child to school.
 Mary E. Eplin, 46, Martin, parent failure to sent child to school.
 Judy Lynn Craft, 28, Prestonsburg, parent failure to sent child to school.
 Candace Mullins Newsome, 27, Beaver, two counts of parent failure to sent child to school.
 Kathy A. allen, 38, Garrett, parent failure to sent child to school.
 Jessie V. Sammons, 20, Prestonsburg, minor enter premises to purchase alcohol.
 Christopher T. Ginter, 29, Morehead, minor enter premises to purchase alcohol, and misrepresentation of age by minor to buy alcohol.
 Zechariah Willie Chaffins, 19, Garrett, minor enter premises to purchase alcohol.

Property transfers

John L. Maddox to Sparkle Brown, property located in Martin;
 Maxine Rose to Loretta Jude, property located on Pigeon Roost of Branhams Creek;
 George Hale and Edna Hale to William Gary Hale, property location not listed;
 Vickie Lynn Hamilton Bryant to Grant Newsome and Estalene

Newsome, property location not listed;
 Larry W. Burke and Mary Lou Burke to Larry W. Burke and Mary Lou Burke, property location not listed;
 Donald Hatfield and Georgia Hatfield to Tammy Noble, property located on Right Fork of Bull Creek Road;
 First Commonwealth Bank of Prestonsburg Inc. to the City of Prestonsburg, property located, on North Front Avenue, Prestonsburg;
 Afion Martin and Phyllis Martin, Fred Martin Jr., and Gloria J. Martin, Tandy Martin and Regina Martin, David Woods, John Woods, Jerry Woods, Tina Gosnell and Roy Lee Gosnell, Linda Smith and Otis B. Smith, Dora Mullins and Jimmy Mullins, Rickie Gibson and Phillip Gibson to Randy Allen, property location not listed;
 Tommie Laven Hampton to Von Whitaker and Dolly Whitaker, property located on Stephens Branch;
 Adrian Lafferty and Wanda J. Lafferty to Sandra L. Archer, property located in the Briarwood Addition, Prestonsburg;
 Freddy W. Hall and Gloria Hall, Montgomery Hall and Peggy Sue Hall, Oliver Dale Hall and Marla Hall, Annette H. Murch and Richard Murch, Noel Hall and Pam Hall to Keith Allen Tucker, property located on Left Beaver Creek.

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Obituaries

Critt Conn

Critt Conn, age 75, of Richmond, formerly of Dana, husband of Eula Smiley Conn, passed away Monday, March 17, 2003, at Samaritan Hospital, Lexington.
 He was born August 5, 1927, in Dana, the son of the late Charlie L. Conn and Mayte Boyd Conn. He was a self-employed carpenter, a World War II Army veteran, and a member of the Little Salem Regular Baptist Church, at Dana.
 Survivors, other than his wife, include two sons, Tim Conn of Richmond, and Randy Conn of Florence; two brothers, Norman Conn of Dana, and Hershel Conn of Prestonsburg; two sisters, Myrtle Akers of Dana, and June Akers of Vermilion, Ohio; three grandchildren, Tamyra Frazier, Jonathon Conn and Charles Conn, and one great-grandchild, Matthew Isaiah Frazier.
 Funeral services for Critt Conn will be conducted Friday, March 21, at 11 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, with Regular Baptist ministers officiating.
 Burial will follow in the Akers Cemetery, at Dana, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home, Martin.
 Visitation is at the funeral home.
 Sign the register for the family at www.hallfuneralservice.com
 (Paid obituary)

James Edward Fultz

James Edward Fultz, age 69, of Geismar, Louisiana, formerly of Wayland, passed away Tuesday, March 18, 2003, at the Saint Elizabeth Hospital, Gonzales, Louisiana.
 He was born September 4, 1933, in Rowan County, the son of the late Charley C. Fultz and Ada Puckett Fultz Mosley. He was a construction worker, and a U.S. Navy veteran.
 Survivors include his loving companion, Erma Theriot of Geismar, Louisiana; his stepfather, Clabe Mosley of Wayland; two sons, James Fultz Jr., of Demopolis, Alabama, and Charley C. Fultz of Las Cruces New Mexico; four daughters, Elizabeth A. Crawford of Phoenix, Arizona, Marjorie "Monnie" Winters of Zion Grover, Pennsylvania, Charlene Barber of Collinsville, Mississippi, and Debra A. Davidson of Sebastopol, Mississippi; four brothers, Billy R. Fultz of Linden, Alabama, Bobby G. Fultz and Leroy Fultz, both of Demopolis, Alabama, and Jerry A. Fultz of Wayland; one sister, Darlene F. Wiggins Arnett of Salyersville.
 In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, Roger Fultz.
 Funeral services for James Edward Fultz will be conducted Saturday, March 22, at 11 a.m., at the Zion Deliverance Church, at Wayland, with Clergyman Harvey Puckett officiating.
 Burial will follow in the Fultz Cemetery, at Christy Creek, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home, Martin.
 Visitation is at the funeral home.
 Sign the register for the family at www.hallfuneralservice.com
 (Paid obituary)

Palmer D. Hopson

Palmer D. "P.D." Hopson, 59, of 421 Shawnee Trail, husband of Mary Sue Wright Hopson, died at 7:13 a.m., Tuesday, March 18, 2003, at his home.
 A native of Auxier, he was the son of the late James W. and Draxie Hall Hopson. He was a chemical weapons inspector at the Bluegrass Army Depot, Richmond, an Army veteran of the Vietnam conflict, and a member of Machinists Union.
 Survivors, in addition to his wife, include a son and daughter-in-law, Glenn and Kimberly Ann Hopson, of Winchester; a stepson and daughter-in-law, Alex W. and Jennifer Berryman, of Winchester; two stepdaughters, M. Layne Cornette, of Lexington, and Susan E. Berryman, of Winchester; and three step-grandchildren, Mia Cornette, Alex Queen and Jahde Berryman; three brothers, Glenn Hopson, of Thelma, Johnson County; Alexander W. Hopson, of Omar, West Virginia, and James R. Hopson, of Evans, Georgia; two sisters, Ilene Davis, of Alexandria, and Opal June Doth, of Cleveland, Ohio; and several nieces and nephews.
 Services will be conducted at 10 a.m. Friday, March 21, at the Scobee Funeral Home, in Winchester, by Rev. Scott Buck.
 Burial will be in Clarmont Memorial Gardens.
 Pallbearers will be Garry Stanfield, Donald Pelphrey, Michael Flynn, Thomas Wells, Rod and Skip Hopson, Andrew Hunter and Alex Berryman; honorary, members of the Bluegrass Chemical Crew, Bluegrass Army Depot, at Richmond.
 Visitation is at the funeral home.
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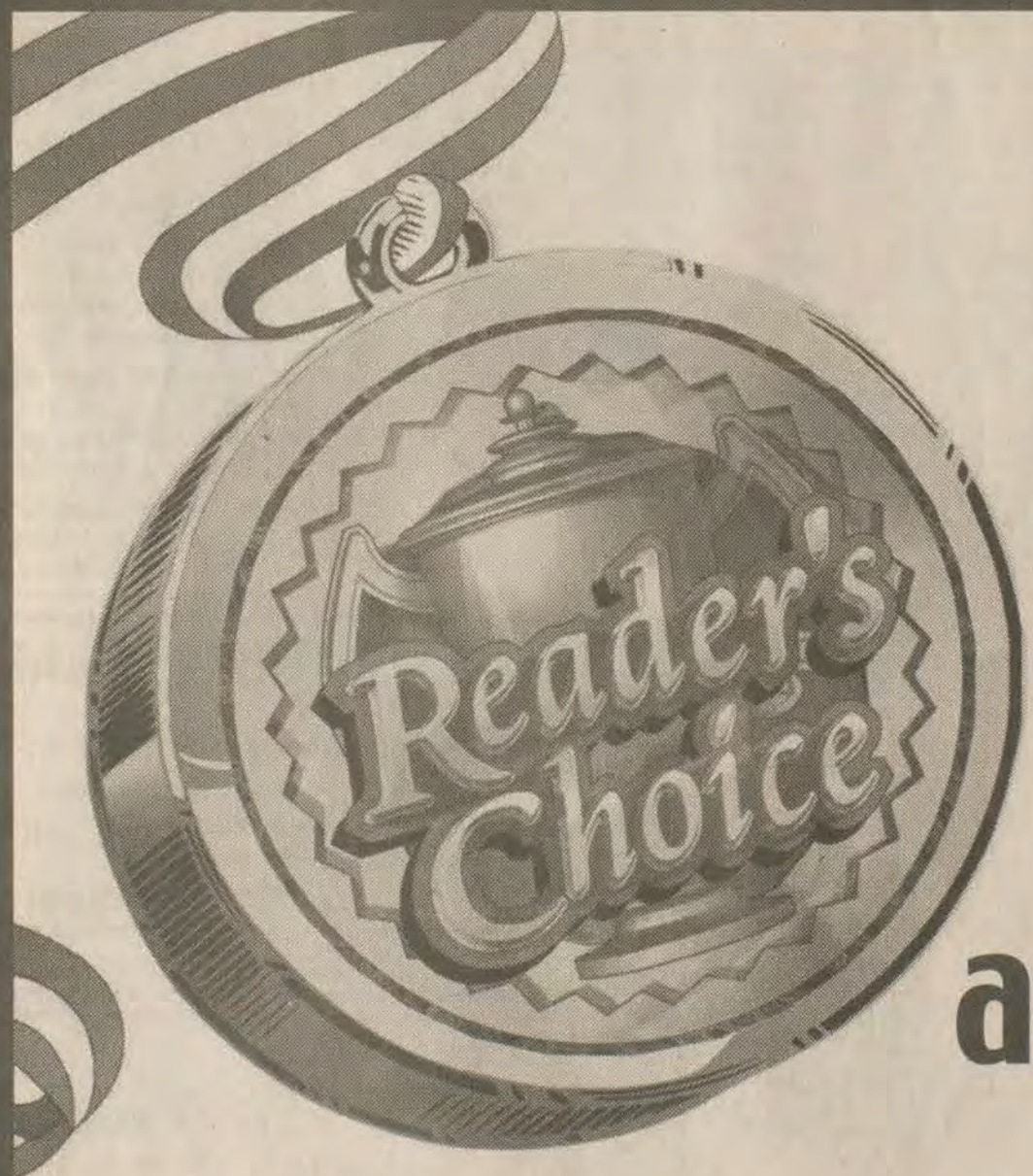
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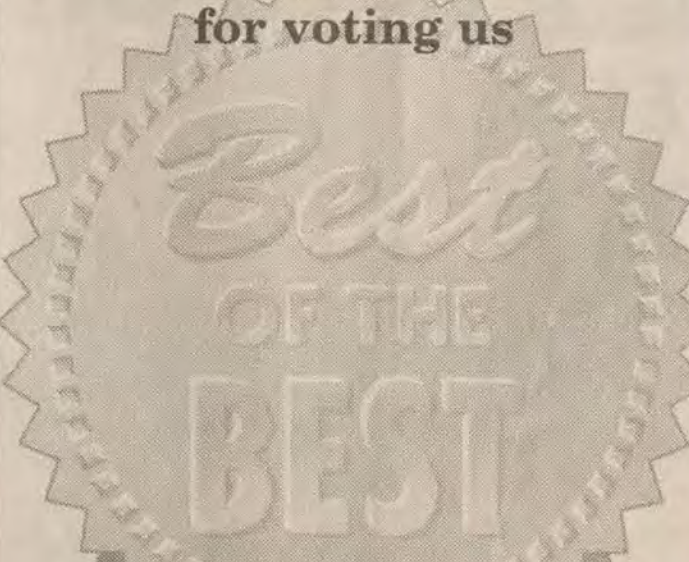



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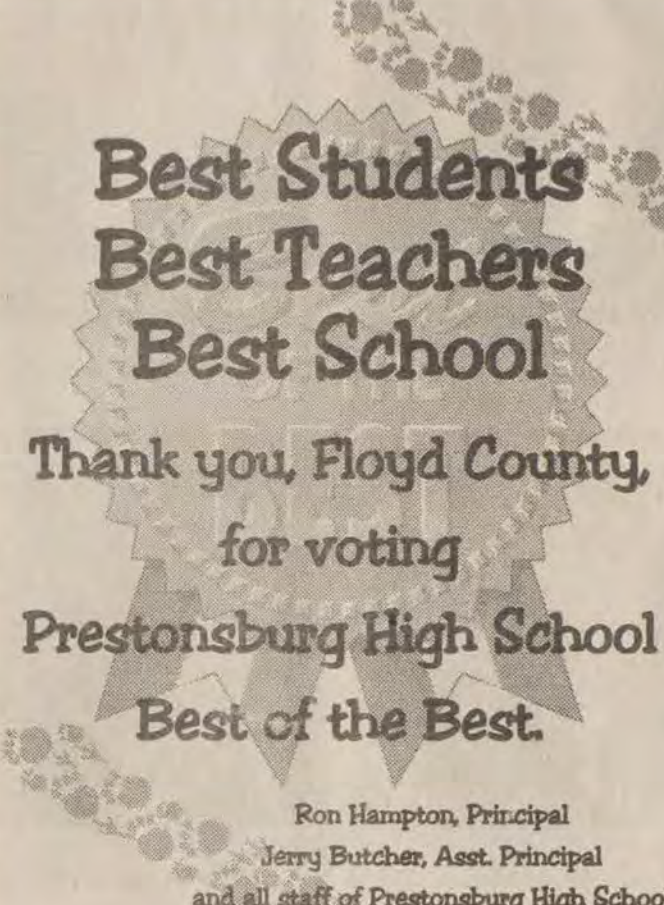
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Deli

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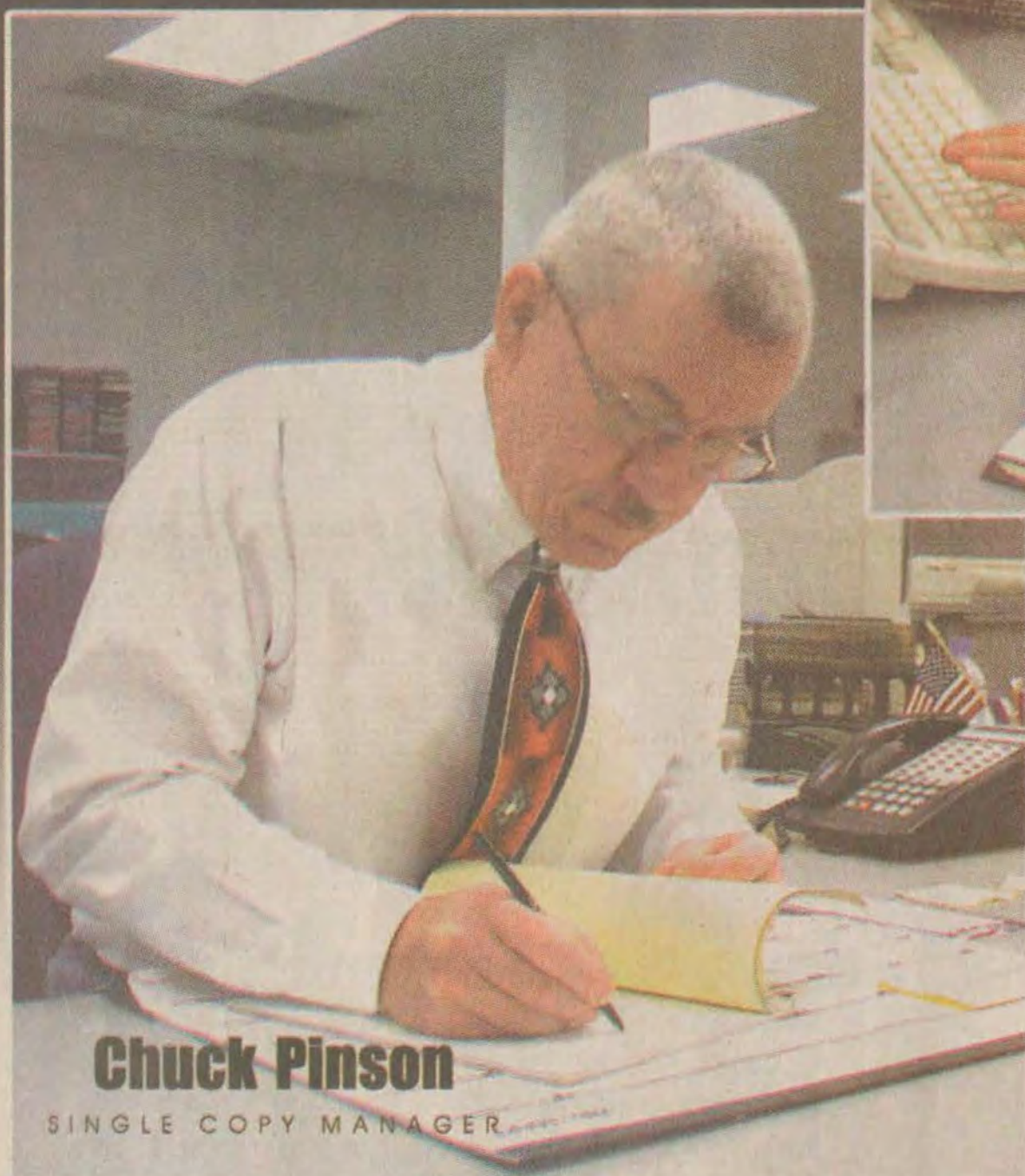
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COMMENTARY

The hoopla

by BILLY REED
 TIMES COLUMNIST

The Boy's State High School basketball tournament was held in the University of Kentucky's huge arena, and the usual mix of big-city powers and small-town hopefuls drew large crowds who were enchanted by the pep

bands, the cheerleaders, and, of course, the drama inherent in trying to become champion of the state.



Although many were blissfully unaware of it, this would be one of their last celebrations of innocence in a world teetering on the brink of war. The newspapers had been full of spirited debate about whether the president of the United States should commit American troops to fight overseas.

But there in the arena, all that seemed so remote and far away. Nobody thought that some of the players and fans soon would be trading their sneakers for combat

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YOUTH BASKETBALL

AAU signups scheduled for Allen Central

by STEVE LeMASTER
 SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN - AAU league signups will be held Tuesday night at Allen Central High School from 6-8 p.m. for girls ages 7-11. Signups will also be held for the 12/13U traveling team. Players who plan to signup need to bring their birth certificates, insurance cards and a copy of a physical they have had in the last year. They also need to bring \$12 to pay for their AAU membership cards which includes the AAU Added Benefit Insurance. They must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Information about practice, games, uniforms and other topics will be passed out at that time. For more information, call 285-3445 or 794-3131.

ACHS Lady Rebels

Allen Central girls' basketball coach Cindy Halbert is currently working on next year's schedule for her team. The team will be playing in the Covington Holmes North-South Classic (1 game Dec 13), Blue Chips Shooting For The Cure (January 10 1 game) and are trying to plan .to go to Phoenix for the Cactus Jam after

(See AAU, page two)



Tiffany Meade



Candice Meade

SISTER ACT

Another Meade sister will step up

by STEVE LeMASTER
 SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE - You have one set of sisters on the Betsy Layne girls' basketball team. Senior point guard Tiffany Meade is the older of

the two sisters and has quietly helped lead her team to a 15th Region championship.

While she may not lead the team in several statistical categories, Meade contributes many things that don't always show up in the stat

sheets. As a senior starter, she has helped lead the team from the point. Obstacles for the Betsy Layne team this season have included injuries and a 58th District runner-up finish

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- Sweet 16 Preview -



photo by Steve LeMaster

Betsy Layne senior Tiffany Meade applied defense during the Ladycats' win over Johnson Central in the 15th Region Finals. Betsy Layne will meet 10th Region winner Campbell County in the State Tournament. The two teams - Betsy Layne and Campbell County - didn't meet during the regular-season.

Girls' Sweet Sixteen State Basketball Tournament

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BL girls to face Campbell County

by STEVE LeMASTER
 SPORTS EDITOR

BOWLING GREEN - Campbell County has emerged as the champion out of Region 10. The Lady Camels beat Bishop Brossart 43-37 Tuesday night to claim the championship. For Campbell County, it was a rematch of a 38th District title game.

Campbell County is coached by Ed

Cravens. The Campbell County girls program has a couple of regular-season championships to its credit this season, having won the Dixie Heights Invitational and the Ballin' at the Ryle Challenge. Campbell County was joined in the Ryle tournament by 15th Region member Allen Central, among others. The Lady Camels beat Powell

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BETSY LAYNE

Ladycats to get pep rally Monday

by STEVE LeMASTER
 SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE - Representatives of Houchens Industries, Inc. will host a pep rally for each girls Sweet Sixteen team. Region 15 winner Betsy Layne will have a pep rally on Monday at 5 p.m.

Pizza, Coca-Cola, chips and cookies will be furnished while supplies last. The pep rally will include ticket giveaways, performances by the cheerleaders and maps for fans traveling to Bowling Green for the tournament.

All players, families, faculty and fans are invited to attend.

The Betsy Layne girls will hit the E.A. Diddle Arena hardwood Wednesday for a first-round game (6:30 p.m.) against Region 10 winner Campbell County.

Hall will have shot at All-Stars

by STEVE LeMASTER
 SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT - Michael Hall's high school playing days are now over. Or are they? The Pikeville College signee posted over 30 points in his final game as a South Floyd player in the first round of the 15th Region Tournament against Johnson Central earlier this month. Just recently, it was announced that Hall had received the KABC (Kentucky Association of Basketball Coaches) Player of the Year award for the 15th Region. With that honor, he'll have a chance to tryout for the Kentucky All-Stars. The same Kentucky All-Stars who play the Indiana All-Stars each summer. Tryouts will be held later this year.

Hall added another honor to his impressive long list earlier this week when he was named Honored Mention by the Associated Press.

2003 Kentucky High School

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YOUTH WRESTLING

P'burg youth wrestlers place in W.Va. event

by STEVE LeMASTER
 SPORTS EDITOR

SHADY SPRING, W.Va. - Young grapplers with the Prestonsburg Youth Wrestling Club hit the road over the past weekend, traveling to West Virginia to compete in a tournament.

The group, comprised of some of Floyd County's top young

(See P'BURG, page two)



Members of the P'burg Youth Wrestling Club returned to Floyd County with hardware won during a tournament in West Virginia last weekend.

BASKETBALL CAMP

Allen Central Lady Rebs announce team camp

by STEVE LeMASTER
 SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN - The Allen Central girls came within just seconds of knocking off 15th Region power Johnson Central before Betsy Layne even had a chance. AC head coach Cindy Halbert has wasted little time in preparation for next season. She's already getting things together for this summer and next sea-

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boots. All that mattered were the games, the parties, the flirting, the aching joy of being young.

Heck, one coach from a rural school was so concerned about Lexington's temptations that he locked his players' shoes in a closet so they couldn't go looking for trouble.

We're not talking, of course, about the 86th State Tournament currently being played in Lexington's Rupp Arena, but about the 24th edition that unfolded in UK's Alumni Gym in March 1941.

On December 7 of that year, less than nine months after Coach Russell Williamson's

Inez team defeated Louisville St. Xavier, 35-27, to take the title back to the mountains, the Japanese air force pulled a sneak attack on U.S. forces based at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, to plunge America into World War II.

It's impossible to know how many who played or attended the '41 State Tournament lost their lives in either Europe or the Pacific over the next four years. All that's certain is that the life of every coach, player, cheerleader, and spectator would never be the same as it was that sweet March 62 years ago.

It was hoped that World War

II would be the war to end all wars. But now, as we bask in the feverish glow of another State Tournament, our young people in the military, men and women, are again locked into a cataclysmic overseas battle with the forces of evil.

The same cloud, invisible but real, hung over another boy's state tournament in March 1941. The Kentucky High School Athletic League, which consisted of the state's all-black schools in those segregationist days, was won by Frankfort Mayo-Underwood, which defeated Lincoln Institute, in the title game played in the Kentucky State College gym in Frankfort.

Many of the youngsters who participated in that tournament also were destined to lose their lives fighting for America, even though the country treated them like dirt. The bigots apparently didn't notice that their blood was red, too, because it wasn't until 1957 that the black schools were allowed to compete against the white schools in the same State Tournament, a fact that today's youngsters probably find incomprehensible.

In 1960, Louisville Flaget, which had produced such magnificent football players as Paul Hornung and Howard Schnellenberger, became the first integrated team to win the championship. The Braves' starting lineup included John

McGill, an African-American who also was a standout tennis player.

Lexington Henry Clay is the tie that binds the 1941 State Tournament with the current one. The Blue Devils, who played Iroquois in yesterday's opening round, advanced to the '41 semifinals before losing to St. X, 35-33, when the Tigers' Ed Bell intercepted a pass and scored on a lay-up with five seconds remaining.

In that night's third-place game, which hasn't been played for years, Henry Clay lost another heart-breaker when Hardin's Tommy Trimble made a free throw with 25 seconds remaining to give his team a 32-31 victory.

The stars of the Inez champions were Alex Harmon, Joe Kirk, and Lester West.

The tournament's total attendance was 18,873, which wouldn't fill Rupp Arena today, but the average of 2,359 per session was terrific for Alumni Gym, which had a seating capacity of 2,800.

Wrote Larry Shropshire of The Lexington Leader:

"It was a problem enough trying to stay alive in the smoke-clogged, sweltering, odiferous old hayloft, where what you breathed was a lot nearer carbon monoxide, or something, than it was fresh air. But added complications were provided by ambitious vendors of this and that.

They walked and wiggled, shove and shouldered, through places where aisles were supposed to be, and also place where aisles were never intended or even thought about."

In 1943, the "Sweet 16" was

reduced to a "Final Four" because of wartime travel restrictions. In the championship game, Hindman, Coached by Pearl

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NAIA

Defending champ awaits Bears in national tourney

TIMES STAFF REPORT

The University of Science & Arts of Oklahoma will be the first-round opponent of the Pikeville College Bears when the 66th Annual NAIA Div. I Men's Basketball National Tournament begins next week.

USAO, as the school is commonly known, is the defending champion of the tournament, and has played in the championship game the last two years. In 2001 Science & Arts lost in

the championship game to Faulkner (Ala.) one night after they beat the Bears in the semifinals. The Dovers are seeded 15th in this year's event.

Pikeville College qualified for the tournament via the Mid-South Conference automatic bid. The Bears secured the offer on Tuesday night when they beat Georgetown College 70-52 in the championship game of the

(See CHAMP, page three)

BASEBALL

Three-sport star on the diamond for Colonels

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

DANVILLE - From the gridiron to the baseball diamond, Prestonsburg High graduate John Ortega is now full throttle in sport No. 3 this school year.

Ortega, who is listed on the Centre College baseball roster as an outfielder/third-baseman, played center field in a game the Colonels played against Kenyon College on Sunday. Centre banged out 11 hits against Kenyon, but still fell short, losing 5-3.

Ortega went 0-3 in the game, but did reach base on a walk. He batted in the fifth slot in the Colonel batting order.

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



BLHS Ladycats Region champ

Michael Hall, 15th Region Player of the Year



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Camp

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son. "This summer we will be hosting at team camp to be held at Allen Central High School and Allen Central Middle School June 13-15, which is a Friday-Sunday," Halbert said.

To say the Allen Central coach is excited about the summer event would be somewhat of an understatement.

"We're excited about this summer and the camp," added Halbert. "I have gone to the High School AAU before which is that same weekend, but don't feel like it's cost-effective to spend all that money and only be guaranteed 3-4 games. As a result, we have decided to stay home and host our own camp.

"About 5-6 years ago I ran a league for several summers while at Belfry," Halbert came to Allen Central

from Belfry where she starred as a Lady Pirate and helped lead the girls' program at the Pike County school to state tournaments as both a player and a head coach.

"I will be running this camp in much the same fashion. We will play varsity games at the high school and JV games at the middle school. We will play 10 games over the course of 3 days starting at 9 a.m. and ending at 9 p.m."

The charge will be \$300 per varsity team and \$250 for each JV squad. This will go to pay for officials, t-shirts, and insurance.

In order to not get "too big" Halbert and the Allen Central program needs to limit this to 8-10 varsity and 8-10 JV teams.

"If this is successful, I may plan another one towards the end of July, right before school starts," concluded Halbert.

Halbert can be reached at Allen Central Middle School by calling 606/358-0110, at home at 606-285-3445, or 606/794-3131 (cell).

The Lady Rebel mentor also noted that the loss to Johnson Central in the regional semifinals only made her team hungrier. Open gym is expected to keep the Lady Rebels in form during the off-season.

AAU

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Christmas. If for some reason the Cactus Jam event doesn't work out, the team will play in another out-of-state toumey.

Hall

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All-State Team

The 2003 Kentucky High School Boys' All-State basketball team, as selected by 15 members of The Associated Press (with school, height, class, position and number of combined first-and second-team votes):

FIRST TEAM

Rajon Rondo, Louisville Eastern, 6-2, Jr., G (12); Michael Bush, Louisville Male, 6-3, Sr., F (11); Ross Neltner, Fort Thomas Highlands, 6-8, Sr., F (11); Kevin Bridgewater, Adair County, 6-1, Sr., G (10); Chris Lofton, Mason County, 6-3, Jr., G (10).

SECOND TEAM

Demetrius Green, Lexington Catholic, 6-3, Jr., G (9); Justin Doellman, Ryle, 6-8, Sr., F (9); O.J. Mayo, Rose Hill Christian, 6-4, 8th Grade, G (8); Mike Brock, Simon Kenton, 6-7, Sr., F (6); Chris Current, Frankfort, 6-4, Sr., G (6).

THIRD TEAM

Rontreal Braxton, Hopkinsville, 6-4, Sr., F (4); Andre Woodson, North Hardin, 6-6, Sr., F (4); Blake Hubbs, Cawood, 6-2, Soph., G (4); Lartavious Banks, Hopkinsville, 5-10, Sr., G (3); Aaron Cash, Rockcastle County, 5-10, Soph., G (3); Russ Gibson, Henderson County, 6-9, Sr., F (3); T.J. Johnson, Todd County Central,

6-3, Jr., G (3); Tyler Jones, Grant County, 6-4, Sr., G (3); Guy Ngarndi, Louisville Western, 6-8, Sr., F (3).

COACH OF THE YEAR - David Faust, St. Henry

HONORABLE MENTION (with votes, unless only one received):

Sean Booker, Louisville Ballard (2); Russ Bramlage, Dixie Heights (2); Steven Driver, Lawrence County (2); Jerome Givens, Woodford County (2); William Graham, Lexington Catholic (2); Richard Long, Owensboro Apollo (2); Isaiah Mills, Corbin (2); Trey Sharpe, Somerset (2); Todd Vieth, St. Henry (2); Josh Artis, Hopkinsville; Brandon Bailey, Christian County; Trey Cape, Louisville Butler; Eddie Creech, Cumberland; Michael Cross, Lexington Bates Creek; Marques Dawson, Rose Hill Christian; Lonell Dewalt, Warren Central; Bryan Eades, Muhlenberg North; Terrence Farley, Louisville PRP; Jerome Gibbons, Wayne County; Keon Grant, Hopkinsville; Michael Hall, South Floyd; Jeremy Howell, Ashland; Ryan Isom, Christian County; Michael James, Owensboro Apollo; Brett Johnson, West Jessamine; Jeremy Jones, Powell County; Pat Kelly, Louisville St. Xavier; Steven Kidd, Rowan County; Ryan Kizer, Owensboro Apollo; Eric McKee, Anderson County; Brett Meredith, Edmonson County; Harrison Morton, Lexington Catholic; Mark Parsons, South Laurel; Andrew Preston, Clark County; Curtis Pulley, Hopkinsville; Jacob Raymond, Ohio County; Roman Ritchey, LaRue County; Johan Rivera, South Laurel; Donte Sweat, Louisville PRP; Chris Taylor, Elizabethtown; Josh Taylor, Elizabethtown; Justin Taylor, Lexington Bates Creek; Matt West, Daviess County; Joe White, Mercer County; Tewayne Willis, Perry County Central; Brandon Wilson, Pulaski County; Chris Wilson, Evarts.

Ladycats

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County in the finals of the Ryle event.

Betsy Layne is among a tournament field which features such perennial powers as Jackson County and Lexington Catholic. The Ladycats will try their luck at winning a state

tourney game for the 15th Region, something the Johnson Central girls team has been unable to do each of the last two seasons. The Lady Eagles fell to Perry County Central in the opening round of last season's state tourney.

Meade

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which could be viewed as either a setback or a learning process. Through it all, Tiffany Meade has been at the front of the attack for the Ladycats. Her play this season has drawn the attention and respect of many opposing coaches.

Determined is one word that could best describe Tiffany Meade's senior season.

"Tiffany Meade is a player that Betsy Layne will miss next season," said Allen Central head coach Cindy Halbert. "She's solid, knows her role, and doesn't make a lot of mistakes."

The senior point guard's younger sister, Candice, is a freshman on this year's team. She's on this year's varsity team after a successful grade school playing career at Betsy Layne Elementary.

While a member of the Betsy Layne Elementary girls team in recent seasons, Candice Meade left lasting memories through regular-season games and the Floyd County Grade School Tournament.

While the younger Meade's playing time has been limited with talented upperclassmen playing in front of her, more PT is on the way. A key role on the team could unfold for Candice as early as next season.

Similarities and differences in both players' games are evident as is the case for most all basketball players.

Regardless of how Betsy Layne finishes in next week's State Tournament, the playing days for Tiffany Meade are numbered. But what a way to go out. An appearance in the State Tournament is a dream of nearly every kid in the state who ever picks up a basketball and plays any kind of organized ball. For sisters Tiffany and Candice Meade, center stage is next week in Western Kentucky University's E.A. Diddle Arena. A senior in the starting five and a freshman waiting her turn. It may be a while before this scenario plays out again in these parts.

P'burg

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wrestling talent, fared quite well.

Kevin Burchett placed second in the 11-12 division. Josh Whitaker also placed second in his division (9-10). Third-place finishers in their respective divisions included brothers Nick and Zack Rowe and Jordan Baldrige. Nick Rowe took third in the six-and-under division. Zack Rowe placed third in the 7-8 group and Baldrige took his third-place honor in the 11-12 division.

Another third-place finisher for Prestonsburg was Cody Hamilton. Andrew Hall placed fourth.

Steven Thompson finished first in the 152-pound weight class in the high school division. He placed third in the weight class in the open adult division.

The tournament was held at Shady Spring High School.



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Senior Ryan Osborne, Wellston (Ohio) High School, is pictured above signing with Glenville State College. Osborne is pictured in the front seated with parents Dennis and Cindy Osborne. In the back are Patricia Canada, Don Osborne, Wellston High School Principal David Rains, Wellston Coach Dave Lucas, assistant coach Jay Lucas and Betty Osborne. Grandparents Don and Betty Osborne are originally from Wheelwright.

Ryan Osborne signs with Pioneers

by BRAD SHERMAN
WELLSTON TELEGRAM

WELLSTON, Ohio — Wellston (Ohio) High School senior Ryan Osborne has been playing football since the fourth grade, and he now has the opportunity to continue his gridiron playing career for another four years.

Osborne has signed a letter of intent to attend Glenville State College, an NCAA Division II school located in central West Virginia, and will don the blue and white of the Pioneers beginning in this fall.

Osborne is the son of Dennis and Cindy Osborne of Wellston, Ohio.

The 6-foot-6 inch 265-pound right tackle was a mainstay on the Wellston Golden Rocket offensive line the past three years including their back-to-back Tri-Valley Conference championship teams, the first in team history.

"Ryan was a good hard worker," said Wellston Head Football Coach Dave Lucas. "When we came here, he cracked the starting lineup due to an injury, but once he got into that lineup he never relinquished it and became one of our better linemen."

During his three years as a starting right tackle on the Wellston line, his blocking helped pave the way to four 1,000 yard-plus seasons by three Rocket running backs.

The Rockets have been a running machine the past three seasons, with Wellston's backs rushing for more than 6,000 yards during that time span. They nearly made the playoffs in this, Osborne's senior season, as they finished ninth in District IV Region 15.

Osborne was an All-TVC selection and also won the Wellston High School Offensive Lineman of the Year Award in 2002. And he is excited about

taking his game to the next level and having the opportunity to further his education.

"It's a great honor for me to be able to go on to college and I'm glad that I am going to be able to play football for at least four more years," said Osborne.

Osborne said that he chose Glenville State because of the individual attention that he will be able to receive both on the football field and in the classroom. There are approximately 20 students per instructor at the college, and it has an excellent education program in which Osborne plans to major.

He would like to thank all those who have touched his life personally and helped him to get to this level in his football career... God, his parents, his grandparents, aunts and uncles, Coach Lucas and Coach Luke.

The senior signee's grandparents, Don and Betty Osborne, are originally from Wheelwright.

BENTLEY'S COMMENTS

Notes from the Volunteer State

by RICK BENTLEY
TIMES COLUMNIST

JACKSON, Tenn. — Notes in support of our troops everywhere:

■ Have any doubts that Kentucky is still the top basketball state in all the land?

The Sweet 16 kicked off Wednesday in Rupp Arena, where teenagers from across the Commonwealth come together to compete ... and to decide who will etch their names in the memory banks of graduating seniors all across the state. Only one will get to trim the nets, but all will live with the memory: *I played in the state tournament.*

For the second time in three years, we'll miss The Greatest Show on Earth. Duties at my principal job — and the love I have for it — have me following the Pikeville College teams, but I can assure you we'll be checking in often on the events coming from "the heart of the Bluegrass," as they say.

And on the college level, take a look around:

Kentucky, Louisville and Western are all in the Big Dance.

Kentucky Wesleyan is in the NCAA Div. II Elite Eight.

Union College's women played in last week's NAIA Div. II tournament.

In this week's NAIA Div. I women's tournament, Pikeville, Brescia, Georgetown, Campbellsville and Transylvania will play.

In next week's NAIA Div. I men's tournament, Pikeville will be joined by Georgetown, Cumberland and Lindsey Wilson.

By my count, that's 14 schools from the Bluegrass who made their respective Big Dance this season.

All in all, that's pretty special, I'd say.

■ At the women's tournament on Wednesday, the ball got lodged between the rim and backboard

on a soft three-point try. Of course, none of the young ladies could do anything about it, so a male cheerleader from Langston (Okla.) stepped up to do the honors.

But instead of tipping it free, the 5-10ish youngster took two

steps, leaped and pulled the ball down with two hands. The appreciative crowd cheered. Some of us wanted a dunk on the finish.

■ By the way, while we're on the road following the Bears and

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BOYS' STATE TOURNAMENT

Oldham County 69, Powell County 46

LEXINGTON — Max Kuiper scored 23 points as Oldham County used its height advantage to beat Powell County 69-46 Wednesday in the opening game of the Boys' Sweet 16 at Rupp Arena.

Brock Neal added 14 points and 12 rebounds for the Region Eight champion Colonels (26-6), who hit 27 of 55 shots (49 percent) — most of them from close range — and outrebounded the Pirates 41-32.

Jeremy Jones scored 15 to lead Powell County (25-6), which was making its first Sweet 16 appearance since 1974.

The Pirates, who averaged 77 points per game during the regular season, went 19 of 60 from the field (32 percent) and committed 19 turnovers.

Oldham County trailed 5-0, but forced five Powell turnovers during a 14-2 run. Jones kept the Pirates close early with six first-quarter points.

The Pirates cut the lead to four early in the second quarter, but Matt Jacobson started a 9-0 Oldham run with a hook shot in the lane with 5:49 left before halftime.

Jones ended a three-minute scoring drought with a baseline shot. His free throw with 3:17 left

in the half trimmed Powell's deficit to 27-17.

The Colonels finished the half with an 8-2 spurt, as Powell County missed five of its last six shots before the break.

The Pirates extended their zone defense to full-court in the second half, but they never found their shooting range against the taller Colonels and lost for the first time in 10 games.

Mason County escapes St. Henry 59-57

Mason County used a 15-5 third quarter run to turn a four point halftime deficit into a six point, and held off St. Henry down the stretch, winning 59-57 in Wednesday's second game.

After trailing 28-24 at the half, Mason County turned up its defensive pressure in the third quarter, and took advantage of eight Crusader turnovers in that period to grab the lead.

"I thought the start of the second half was the difference in the

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PIKEVILLE COLLEGE

Bears win Mid-South crown

TIMES STAFF REPORT

GEORGETOWN — No. 20 Pikeville College hit 10-of-18 from the arc to come from the fourth seed to win the Mid-South Conference title with a 70-58 win over No. 4 Georgetown College on Tuesday night.

The win pushed the Bears to 26-9 on the season and gave them their second tournament title in three years of play in the MSC. "I'm starting to have a little confidence in this thing if we can just get to the championship game," said McCoy. The Bears won the MSC crown in their inaugural season in the league in 2001.

On Tuesday, it was largely a matter of shooting. Pikeville hit 25-of-54 (46.3 percent) while holding the Tigers to only 17-of-61 (27.9 percent).

Georgetown's all-conference players, Quintin Bailey and George Baker, hit only 5-of-24 from the floor and made only one of nine from the arc.

The Bears jumped on the Tigers early, much as they had Cumberland on Saturday. Leading 6-4, the Bears went on a 16-4 run and when senior Toni Anderson hit a three with 8:31 remaining, the lead was 21-8.

Georgetown went on a 7-2

run late in the half, and a tip-in by Kip Kirchbaum with 10 seconds left cut the lead down to 26-20. But senior Charles Sanders came through and took all the momentum into the Pikeville College locker room when he hit a three-pointer, drew the foul and sank the toss with 1.7 seconds left to make the lead 30-20 at the break.

The Tigers cut the lead to single figures only once in the second half, with the 18:49 mark when Andre Mahorn made 3-of-4.

But over the next couple of minutes, Jason Robinson first and then Sanders on consecutive trips including one double-pump shot hit three three-point shots pushed the lead out to 18 (41-23) with 16:05 left.

After that, the Tigers couldn't rally. In fact, Anderson's second three in as

many attempts came with 10:34 left and stretched the lead out to 20 (51-31).

The Tigers continued to battle, and finally got it down to nine on a layup by Kyle Schueller. But be then, the score was 67-58 with only 31 seconds left and the Bears hit three of four from the line to clinch the win.

Sanders had 14 to lead a balanced attack for Pikeville. Kevin Gaines followed with 12 while Jason Robinson and Greg Davis added 11 each. Robinson had four assists, three steals and three rebounds. Michael Thomas led the team with eight rebounds, and Jairus Michael added seven.

Despite his poor shooting, Quintin Bailey had 17 thanks to going 6-of-7 from the line. Andre Mahorn added 15, and both players had six rebounds.

Champ

league tournament. The Bears will take a 26-9 record into the tournament. It is the fourth in school history. Four teams from the six-school Mid-South Conference qualified for the tournament, as Georgetown, Cumberland and Lindsey Wilson colleges all received at-

large bids. USAO is 20-7 and finished 13-5 in the Sooner Athletic Conference. That record was good for second place, but the Drovers were upset in the opening round of the league tournament.

USAO finished second in the loaded SAC, a league that put six teams in the tournament. The Drovers average 84.8 points per game while they allow 77.3. They shoot 47 percent from the floor and 40.4 percent from the arc. Additionally, they shoot 72.5 percent from the line on the season.

Michael Williamson, a 6-2 senior, leads the Drovers in scoring, averaging 19.7 points per game, followed closely by Corey Wicker's 18.6 average. Wicker, a 6-4 junior from Garland, Texas, is a tremendous shooter, hitting 47.4 percent on three-point shots and a sizzling 86.5 percent from the line on the season.

Reed

Combs, handed St. X another tough loss, 29-26. A year later, the 16-team format returned in time for Harlan's Wallace "Wah Wah" Jones to lead his team to the championship.

The world's stability may be even shakier today than it was during the turbulence of World War II. Nobody who enters Rupp Arena this week knows for sure where he, or she, will be a year or two from now. The threat of terrorism stalks us all, all the time.

So it's probably better to not even think about it. For the moment — and that's really all any of us can count on — the only bombs that count are those launched from behind the three-point arc. The only shots that matter are the ones that win games. The only deaths to mourn are the dreams of teams.

Soon enough, it will be time to confront grim reality.

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2003 State Champion

SPORTS CALENDAR

BASEBALL

Little League

Paintsville - Paintsville Little League will hold tryouts Saturday at the Minor League field at the following times: seven year olds, 9:30 a.m.; eight year olds, 10:30 a.m.; nine year olds, 11:30 a.m.; 10 year olds, 12:15 p.m.; 11 years olds, 1 p.m.; 12 year olds, 1:45 p.m.; girls' softball, 2:30 p.m.; 13-14, 15-16 year olds, 3 p.m.

Players may also tryout this afternoon at Paintsville Elementary School.

Martin County - Martin County Little League is now conducting signups for Little League, tee-ball, coach-pitch and junior and senior leagues. For more information, contact league president Randy Lafferty at 606/298-4285.

Harold-Allen-Prater - The Harold-Allen-Prater Little League Association will host a golf scramble on Saturday, April 12 at 8 a.m. at Stumbo Park in Allen. There will be prize money awarded as follows: First-place - \$1,000; Second-place - \$750, Third-place \$500.

There will be a chance to win \$10,000 with a hole-in-one contest, along with a \$100 prize for the closest-to-the-hole.

The tournament will be a captain's choice, four-man team, best ball format. Allen Park does not allow metal cleats on its course. Members of participating teams are urged to inform their members of this rule.

The cost of playing in the upcoming tournament is \$50 per player. The entry fee will include a free pig roast and free beverages. The league is encouraging all companies to be a hole

sponsor at \$100 per hole.

For additional information on the tournament, contact Mike Jarrell at 606/874-8165, after 6 p.m.; Tommie Layne at 606/874-9481, after 6 p.m., or Mindi Watson at 606/478-1482, anytime.

HAP Little League will hold its final signups this weekend along with tryouts. The first set of signups will be held tonight from 5-7 p.m. at the Allen Park concession stand with tryouts to take place during the same time frame.

Signups and tryouts will also take place on Saturday beginning at 10 a.m. and ending when every child has signed up and completed tryouts.

All new players in the Little League division must tryout this weekend and all players must be signed up before Saturday.

New to the league this season is girls' softball. The girls' softball league is for girls ages 7-12. The pee wee league, which is a coach-pitch league, is for ages 5-8. Little League is for players ages 9-12.

Shootout is scheduled for April 4-6 in Covington. The tournament will have 12-and-under, 13-and-under and 14-and-under divisions. For more information, contact James Pouncy at 859/491-5478 or via email at jamespouncy@hotmail.com

RUNNING

Tug Valley Road Runners Club

The Tug Valley Road Runners Club and the city of Williamson, W.Va. will present a 10k run on Saturday, April 26. The race will start at 8 a.m. at the SWVCTC campus in Williamson, W.Va.

Later this year, the Hatfield-McCoy Marathon/Half marathon will be held. Saturday, June 14 is the date slated for the Hatfield-McCoy races. The half marathon will start in Goody in Pike County and end in Matewan, W.Va. The full marathon will also start in Goody, but will end in Williamson.

Both the half marathon and the marathon will begin at 7 a.m.

For information on any of the aforementioned races, contact David Hatfield by calling 606/353-1626 or email tvrrcc@hotmail.com.

Castle falls to 1-1

TIMES STAFF REPORT

OXFORD, Miss. - Ole Miss (12-6, 2-0 SEC) broke the game open in the bottom of the seventh inning, sending 11 batters to the plate and scoring five runs on four hits, to turn a 2-1 deficit into a 6-2 lead. Ole Miss chased UK starter Heath Castle (1-1) from the game and reliever James Rodriguez failed to record an out, giving up two hits and hitting a batter, before Rob Bland came in to finish the inning. The Rebels tacked on three more in the eighth en route to a 9-2 victory. In the end, even if Castle would have kept the Bat Cats in the game, the UK bats wouldn't come alive enough in to help the former Johnson Central hurler. This is Castle's first season on the UK

baseball team. He is a junior.

Caleb Stewart unloaded on a T.J. Beam fastball to lead off the top of the seventh inning, sending it over the wall in left center field for his first long ball of the season, giving Kentucky a 2-1 lead. Jake Kungl then reached on a walk and UK catcher Caleb Brock, a graduate of Whitesburg High School, singled to center, chasing Beam from the mound. After Ole Miss reliever Brae Wright (1-1) struck Brad Pickrell out, Kungl was called out at the plate on a safety bunt attempt from Joe Naill. Casey Gilvin laid down a bunt single to load the bases with two outs, but Wright struck Spencer Graeter out to end the UK rally.

The game began as a pitcher's duel between Castle and Beam, with neither team able to

scratch the scoring column in the first five innings. Castle threw 6 2/3 innings, allowing four runs, three earned, and striking out six. Beam threw six solid innings for the Rebels, giving up two earned runs while striking out six and scattering seven hits.

Kentucky started the scoring in the top of the sixth inning when Mike Breyman ripped a two-out single back up the middle to score Spencer Graeter from second base. Ole Miss knotted the game back up at 1-1 in the bottom of the sixth. Jonathan Swearingen reached first on an error and scored on a Chad Sterbens double.

The two teams finished their weekend series on Sunday with Ole Miss completing the sweep.

BASEBALL

No area teams appear in pre-season state baseball poll

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

There was a time when a pre-season state baseball poll without Paintsville in it was a set of rankings incomplete. Coach Charlie Adkins guided the Paintsville program to a state title in 1990. Before the championship, and even in years after the triumph, Paintsville has remained a consistent performer along with a variety of other area squads.

Paintsville is absent from this year's pre-season poll. Perennial power Pleasure Ridge Park (PRP) is again on top in the pre-

season rankings. The Kentucky High School Baseball Coaches Association (KHSBCA) pre-season poll -1. PRP; 2. Covington Catholic; 3. Lexington Catholic; 4. Tates Creek; 5. Apollo; 6. Trinity; 7. Male; 8. St. Xavier; 9. Henry Clay; 10. Middleboro; 11. Ballard; 12. Webster; 13. Pulaski County; 14. Henderson County; 15. Dunbar; 16. Elizabethtown; 17. Christian County; 18. Franklin-Simpson; 19. Boyle County; 20. Heath; 21. Bowling Green; 22. Butler; 23. Hopkinsville; 24. Eastern; 25. Clark County; 25. Daviess County; 25. McLean County.

HUNTING

Education course

The Pike County Extension Service Educational Center will host a hunter education course from 6-9 p.m. March 27-29. For more information or to register call 606/432-2534 or 800/233-1390. Instructor Larry Dotson may also be contacted by calling 606/432-3702 after 6 p.m.

BASKETBALL

Boys' tournament

The fourth annual Northern Kentucky Tar Heels Spring

AROUND THE BASES

Baseball the game for many now

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

With basketball over for most all area high school teams, thoughts now turn to baseball.

Prestonsburg High School has a new head baseball coach. He is John DeRossett. The same John DeRossett who has coached the Prestonsburg High football team, and who in 2001, guided the Blackcats to the Class 2A State Finals.

Expect great things from a senior-dominated Prestonsburg team. The Blackcats, themselves, expect to rank near the top in the 15th Region.

DeRossett takes over for long-

time coach Russell Shepherd who stepped away from the program after a lengthy tenure.

Harmon expected to be ready

Paintsville senior Tate Harmon, after missing his final seasons in both football and basketball, following an injury suffered in the football pre-season, will likely line up at second base for the Tigers this spring. Paintsville will again be one of the top teams in the 15th Region.

Harris a preseason selection

Spencer Harris is a preseason All-Big East Conference selection

He will lead Virginia Tech into Morehead for two games this weekend.

Virginia Tech plays Morehead State at 2 p.m. Saturday, and 1 p.m. Sunday.

Harris, a senior, is in his fourth year as the Hokies' starting shortstop after starring at Lawrence County High School in Louisa.

Last season, Harris batted .292 with five homers. He drove in 40 runs, scored 39 and stole 10 bases. Harris also received All-Big East Academic honors with a 3.92 grade point average.

Virginia Tech entered this week with an 8-6 record. A preseason poll of Big East Conference coaches targeted the Hokies for second

place behind Notre Dame.

Harris joins with Virginia Tech second baseman Marc Tugwell to form one of the best double-play combinations in school history.

In high school, Harris was a four-year starter for coach Randy Keeton. Harris batted .442 as a senior, stole a school-record 53 bases and scored 52 runs for the Bulldogs.

Lawrence County is expected to once again have a strong team in Louisa.

Around the bases will appear in each Friday edition now through June of this year. The column will consist of news and notes from area baseball and softball teams.

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Lady Bears in the NAIA tournaments, we'll write a diary and post it to the Pikeville College Web site. Check it out at athletics.pc.edu, then select the news and notes link.

We'll update it at least daily, so stop by to see what we're into, and the silly things we tend to say.

■ What's this? You mean to tell me that people actually have office pools on the NCAA tournament? You must be joking.

Don't people realize those are illegal?

I'm shocked. Stunned, really, is what I am.

■ The NCAA selection committee showed how much attention it paid to detail when it placed BYU in a bracket that would have the Mormon-based school playing on Sunday in the regional finals.

The fact that the Cougars have basically no chance of getting there isn't the point. The committee has to realize the rules and bylaws of its membership - particularly when the chair is a BYU graduate.

■ Hats off to Greg Napier, beyond question the biggest fan of Shelby Valley children of them all. Go to any Shelby Valley event

other than football and softball, and you're apt to see Napier often on the edge of his seat and just as often standing in front of it cheering them on.

In fact, that's the only problem I have with Napier: I had the misfortune of sitting behind him at the 59th District finals. Greg's a sizable guy; he was a very talented athlete in his day. But he's impossible to see through.

I would never complain to him. That's what going to an event is all about, and I'll promise you in years to come these talented Wildcats and Lady Wildcats will remember him and his support.

Talk to Napier, and you hear what adults should love to hear from the educators of their children: Athletics teach our young people things such as teamwork and how to handle themselves in challenging situations. The support he and those like him offer tell these youngsters that they're important and can contribute in a positive way to society.

But enough about philosophical and sociological issues. Let's play ball.

State

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game," said St. Henry coach Dave Faust. "You can't simulate the quickness that they have on defense."

Mason County coach Kelly Wells knew his team had to change the tempo of the game.

"The second half was our pace," Wells said. "And when we play our pace, we're pretty good."

Chris Lofton and Wes Jones each had 17 points for Mason County (32-2), which advances to Friday's first quarterfinal against Oldham County.

St. Henry (31-5) turned the ball over 23 times in the game, but was still able to have a chance to win at the end. But Mason County's Nathan Myrick stole the ball and called a timeout with just under three seconds left to seal the victory.

Michael Schmidt, who played 24 minutes in the game despite possibly tearing a left knee ligament, scored 17 points to lead the Crusaders, while Matt Otte added 16 and Todd Vieth had 12.

Hopkinsville downs North Hardin 69-62

The Hopkinsville Tigers beat North Hardin 69-62 in first round action of the Boys Sweet 16 on Wednesday at Rupp Arena.

Rontreal Braxton scored 21 points and Curtis Pulley added 16 as the Tigers (32-2) won their 26th straight game.

Hopkinsville was able to over-

come a strong effort from the Trojans, who were led by Andre Woodson's 25 points and 10 rebounds, and Demetrius Guions' 21 points and 10 boards.

Lartavious Banks added 12 points for the Tigers, who forced North Hardin into 17 turnovers on the game.

Hopkinsville shot only 41.7 percent (25 of 60) for the game, but the Tigers only turned the ball over seven times

Daviess County 68, Cumberland 35

Daviess County's pressure defense forced 27 Cumberland turnovers, and the Panthers scored 28 points off of those turnovers en route to winning 68-35.

Daviess County shot 49 percent (27 of 55) for the game and held a 36-28 rebounding advantage in the game, but turnovers were the story. While the Panthers (27-6) were scoring 28 points off of Cumberland turnovers, the Redskins could only turn Daviess County's turnovers into six points.

Johnny Worth led the Panthers with 21 points and Matt West added 20 for Daviess County, which will now play Hopkinsville in Friday's second quarterfinal.

Cumberland (16-14) was led by Matt Haynes, who scored 10 points.

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THROUGH MY EYES

'All that...?'

So, that little Natalie Maines has gone and done it again, I see. If you happen to be a regular reader of this column (and I hope you are), you may recall my gripe against this Dixie Chick member in regard to a comment she made to James Taylor a few weeks back. Maines referred to Taylor, who was graciously appearing in concert with her as "special guest" as her "back-up singer." The words did not sit well with me and I found her comment more than a little disrespectful. Granted, she may have meant it good-naturedly, but it certainly came across as though the little "chick" was feeling just a little too full of herself.



Kathy Prater
Lifestyles editor

Anyway, I was not even the least bit surprised when I clicked on CNN.com early Monday morning to find a headline that read, "Stations Boycott Dixie Chicks Over Remark." "What's that little sass said this time," I wondered to myself. I would

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POSTSCRIPT

Good with the bad

Last Saturday, I had just come inside from working in the yard. (Nobody with a yard could have missed that day outside.) The phone rang and I reluctantly got up from my falling-into chair to answer. It was Bonnie Faulkner, an animal lover whom I wrote about a few years ago. In addition to having several dogs, she is owned by some award-winning show cats.



Pam Shingler
Contributing Writer

Bonnie reported that she had read my piece about the little "collie" I took to the animal shelter a few weeks ago. She and husband John are shelter volunteers and supporters, and they had been keeping an eye on the sweet dog.

Well, they are keeping an even closer eye on her now. Bonnie said John went out last Friday and when he came back home, he said, "Come, see what I brought home."

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EAST KY SCIENCE CENTER



photo by Janice Shepherd

Jamie Lee Ciro, a fifth-grader from Emmalena Elementary, Knott County, prepares for judging. Ciro's project was a study in how different chemicals affect the process of rusting.

THIS TOWN, THAT WORLD

Editor's Note: For years, Floyd County Times founder and former publisher Norman Allen wrote a weekly column that looked at Floyd County through his eyes. His columns are being reprinted due to request. The following column was written in 1961.

I read the other day, that the only things done well are those things which come easy. Well, that finished this column.

AH, SPRING!

It's that time of year again. The wind may whip the seat of your pants out, but you have the assurance it's not for long, that the sun will be brighter and warmer tomorrow. These days, one gets the feeling he's standing by to watch something suddenly happen. But, really, it isn't that dramatic; it doesn't burst upon you, all in one moment. There is, first, the peep of a frog, the appearance of a bud; a crocus blooms, the air grows a bit softer. So it is that spring comes upon us, and I hope we never grow so old or tough or unfeeling that the miracle of it all escapes us.

THE KILL-JOY

It's the time of year when friends stop saluting me with weather comments and suggest its time we go fishin'. One day there was a dour fellow of saturnine mien standing nearby when the conversation hit this line, and this man heartlessly remarked, "Time to start gardenin'."

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'SCIENCE IS COOL'



photo by Janice Shepherd

Skyley Slone, right, a fourth grade student from Hindman Elementary, Knott County, arrived bright and early with his project.

by WILLIE ELLIOTT
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

During the East Kentucky Regional Science Fair, presented by East Kentucky Science Center and co sponsored by Citizens National Bank and East Kentucky GEAR-UP Project, some of the top future scientists of eastern Kentucky convened in Prestonsburg at the Stumbo-Wilkinson Convention Center on Saturday, March 15 to show their expertise in science and compete for prizes totaling more than \$8,000 as they submitted their projects to a panel of judges who are from the eastern Kentucky area and work in a field of science.

Most readers will readily identify with many of the judges that included Clark Allison, Dr. Reza Akhiagia, Robert W. Arts, Christie Cook, Jacklynn K. Darling,

Ken Fuller, Phil Hysell, Michael Lewis, Michael McLane, Rob Jones, Charles Noble, Chris Slone, Jayson Plaxico, Johnnie Ross, Ray Tackett and Shawn Riley.

The projects were submitted by winners at individual area schools. First place Science Fair school winners from the following counties were invited to the fair: Breathitt, Elliott, Floyd, Johnson, Knott, Lawrence, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Magoffin, Martin, Menifee, Morgan, Owsley, Perry, Pike and Wolfe.

One middle school principal, Liz Allen, from Duff Elementary, was overheard saying, "I want my students to take part in this every year because it grounds the students so well in the scientific method." Ms. Allen knows

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THINGS TO PONDER

Knowing when to quit-success

Many topics come up over a day's time around here. A client and I will typically discuss at length their particular concerns, behaviors, decisions, etc. It is not unusual for a client to be asked to consider how a specific attitude or viewpoint might be correct or incorrect for them. Often they cannot think of anything that had actually helped a troubled situation. Nothing seems to have changed, no matter who said "what" or

who did "what." Frequently, they feel "stuck" in the same old way of life. A suggestion might be finally offered for the person to try stopping their repeating "motions" and "to get on with the show." How would you rate your ability to evaluate your life and your relationships, and make a decision to do something differently without there being a crisis?
What I really stress is the value of

"knowing when to quit." The observations of the closed convenience store next door are an example of how people generally cannot stop reacting to something that is "just too good to be true!" When it is open and business is as usual, the sale of gasoline is one of its major products. However, the store has been closed for almost six or seven months, it seems. In the meanwhile, the big sign with its last price of gasoline has never

been changed. It is hard to believe that regular gas was often \$1.45 per gallon then, in comparison to the recent price locally of about \$1.73. No wonder so many people have stopped to get the liquid gold-like substance needed for their automobiles. They have unknowingly parked at the silent pumps and inserted the nozzle into their needy tank, only to

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Mable Rowe Lineberger,

School Happenings

ADAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

Center distributes school activity calendars and newsletters on the last day of each month to all students. Parents please be advised to be watching for these informational materials as a way of staying informed with your school's happenings.

Health Records Update: Parents who have health records to bring in to the school may bring them to the Youth Services Center any weekday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Homework Hotline - 886-9314 - Homework information available from 4 p.m. to 7 a.m. Updated each day after 4:00 p.m.

Center is open each day from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. or later by appointment. For more information about the center or any listed activities, call 886-9812.

Center coordinator, Michelle Keathley. Assistant coordinator, Sheila Allen. Center offers services to students regardless of income. Center telephone: 886-9812.

School is collecting Food City receipts. Receipts may be given to any AMS student or staff member, or dropped off at the Youth Services Center.

ALLEN CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

April 18 - ACHS will host its annual "Math Day." Registration will be from 11:15 - 11:30 a.m. Events will begin shortly after and end around 2:00 p.m. Event will be held for 7th and 8th grade students. Students will be placed on teams that will compete in a variety of fun and challenging activities.

The ACHS Class of 1993 will hold a meeting to plan their 10-year class reunion on

Thursday, March 20, at 7 p.m., in the ACHS lunchroom. For questions, call Evelyn at 358-4347.

ALLEN CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH SERVICE CENTER

March 21 - Baby-Sitting classes for 8th grade girls.

March 24 - Wulfe Brothers.

March 24 - "Respect" class, 7th grade girls.

March 28 - MAC trip, 6th grade.

March 31 - "Respect" class, 7th grade girls.

Each Monday, 8:30-9:25 a.m., "Respect Class," for 7th grade girls.

Please turn in all your Food City receipts to your home room teachers.

Youth Service Center office hours are from 8 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

ALLEN ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE YOUTH SERVICE CENTER

Call Allen Elementary Youth Service Center at 874-0621 to schedule your child's 6th grade entry physical, Hepatitis B vaccination, immunizations, and WIC appointment.

G.E.D. classes offered-FREE-each Friday, beginning 8:30 a.m. and lasting through 11:30 a.m. Instructor: Linda Bailey

BETSY LAYNE ELEMENTARY

The Family Resource Youth Service Center provides services and referral services to all families regardless of income. The center is located in the middle building of the Betsy Layne Elementary School. Office hours are Mon. - Fri., 8 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Open enrollment for After School Child Care is available through the Family Resource Center. Service hours are 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Contact the center at 478-5550. Contact persons are Brian Akers and Charlotte Rogers.

CLARK ELEMENTARY

March 27 - "Manners Matter" presentations, 5th grade.

March 27 - Special called SBDM Council meeting, 4 p.m.

March 21 - "Health Careers" presentation, K-5.

March 24 - "Street Smarts" assembly, 9 a.m.

April 17 - SBDM Council meeting, 6 p.m.

All SBDM Council meetings open to public. All are welcome to attend.

School now collecting "Box Tops for Education" from General Mills products. Parents

and community members, please send your "Box Top" coupons to the school Family Resource Center.

A nurse from the Floyd County Health Dept. is in the center weekly. Please call to schedule an appointment. The center is currently scheduling Hep B immunizations and physicals for students who will enter the 6th grade in the upcoming school year, kindergarten entrance exams and TD boosters for sophomores. Also scheduling appointments for WIC services. These nursing services are available to anyone in the community.

The Clark Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the Clark Elementary School building and can be

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New Arrivals

HRMC New Arrivals

March 11, 2003
A son, Owen Cade LeMaster, to Janie Carol and Steven Ray LeMaster

March 12, 2003
A daughter, Natasha Marie Slone, to Melody Leah and William Douglas Slone

March 13, 2003
A son, Andrew Logan Preston, to Lyle Jason and Jayme Preston

March 13, 2003
A son, Jakkob Dwayne Isaacs, to Anna Grace McGuire

March 13, 2003
A son, Bradyn Michael Price, to Regina Gaye and Ted Michael Price Jr.

March 14, 2003
A son, Dalton Weil Dingus, to Jessica Nicole and Tommy Neil Dingus

March 16, 2003
A son, Travis Lee Trusty, to Melissa Trusty

Anniversary

50th wedding anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Hopkins, of Grayson, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Wednesday, March 26, 2003. A reception in their honor will be held on Saturday, March 29, 2003 at the Senior Citizens Building, in Grayson, from 1-4 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins have two daughters, Teresa (Allan) Roe, of Grayson, and Ailsa (Keith) Mason, of Sandy Hook. They have three grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. Mrs. Hopkins is the former Patty Reed, of Lackey.



Cool

how much emphasis is placed on the scientific method in the CATS testing program.

The titles to a few of the projects illustrate the range and complexity of these projects—titles such as: Geometry Effects on Gravity, Facing Friction, What Chemicals Speed up the Rusting Process, Static Sparkler, Density, Tornado Emulator, and The Effect of Circulation on Tactile Sensitivity.

Once the judges rated the projects, each student met with a panel of judges for an interview about his/her project. This interview was factored in to determine the final standings. First, second, and third prizes were given in grades four through twelve (in some instances there were not enough

entries to have three winners at certain grade levels). The prizes were U.S. Savings Bonds and students were encouraged to hold their bonds until they matured as their value doubles if held to maturity.

Tyler McPeke, a student at G. F. Johnson in Pike County said, "It (the competition) is a lot of fun. I learned that dogs have fewer germs in their mouths than people." When asked if it were safer for me to kiss a dog than my wife, Tyler just walked off without comment.

Judge Ray Tackett said the students did well. "Their research method was good and the use of computers to compile and display data was excellent."

As could be expected, the process of judging and interviewing took quite a bit of time. The East Kentucky Science Center staff recognized this from last year's event and scheduled entertainment by the Jr. Pro Fiddlers from the Kentucky Opry organization. The foot-stomping (even though the program included some classical music) numbers got everyone in the mood for the presentation of trophies and cash awards. Locally known radio and television personality "Dr. Don" Bevins presented the trophies.

During the awards ceremony, the audience was treated to a talk by guest speaker Michael E. Bakich, associate editor for ASTRONOMY Magazine. Mr. Bakich's theme was "science is cool." He pointed out that there are many exciting fields in science and the old stereotype of a person cooped up in a lab is not what he has in mind when he challenges students to become interested in science. Bakich gave the students some concrete ways to get started in science—"take all the math and science you can and volunteer at the East Kentucky Science Center." Nothing would please Raymond Shubinski and his staff more than for students to do just that.

In the meantime, Shubinski and his staff ask that people keep an eye on the building project going on at the Prestonsburg Community College campus. The staff is hopeful that next year's fair can be held in the new building. Check it out—you'll be impressed.

Winners of the East Kentucky Science Center's East KY Regional Science Fair were:

4th Grade

First Place, \$100 Savings Bond-Elizabeth Hardt of Salyersville, Our Lady of the Mountains School, Johnson County

Second Place, \$50 Savings Bond-Skyler Slone of Hindman, Hindman Elementary, Knott County

Third Place, \$25 Savings Bond-Katherine Borders of Louisa, Trinity Christian Academy, Lawrence County

School winner* \$100-Our Lady of the Mountains, Johnson County

5th Grade

First Place, \$100 Savings Bond-Lawson Whites of Louisa, Trinity Christian Academy, Lawrence Co.

Second Place, \$50-John Sybriwsky of Paintsville,

Our Lady of the Mountains, Johnson County

Third Place, \$25-Leannra Padgett of Prestonsburg, Wesley Christian Academy, Floyd County

School winner* \$100-Trinity Christian Academy, Lawrence County

6th Grade

First Place, \$100-Hannah Yount of Jackson, Jackson Independent, Breathitt County

Second Place, \$50 - Andrew Coleman of Paintsville, Paintsville Elementary, Johnson County

Third Place, \$25-Lasha Meade of Hueysville, Allen Central Middle School, Floyd County

School winner* \$100-Jackson Independent, Breathitt County

7th Grade

First Place, \$250-Eric Poulos of Pikeville, Pikeville High School, Pike County

Second Place, \$100-Nate Hovee of Pippa Passes, June Buchanan

Third Place, \$50-Laryssa Sybriwsky of Paintsville, Our Lady of the Mountains

School Winner* \$250-Pikeville High School, Pike County

8th Grade

First Place, \$250-Shamima Akther of Hazard, June Buchanan, Knott County

Second Place, \$100-John Turner of Allen, Wesley Christian Academy

Third Place, \$50-Melissa Noble of Garrett, Allen Central Middle

School winner* \$250-June Buchanan School, Knott County

9th Grade

First Place, \$500-Melissa Slone of Garner, June Buchanan School, Knott County

School winner* \$100-June Buchanan School, Knott County

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Bonnie knew right away what he was talking about. In the car was the lucky pup. The Faulkners are now the proud owners of Shelly, who, it turns out, is a Sheltie shepherd, perhaps full-blooded. When you see the picture Bonnie sent me, the Sheltie lines are much clearer. When I picked the dog up, she was drenched and all I could think of was collie.

I was so tickled the dog had found a home that it was all I could do to keep from crying for joy. Thank you so much, Bonnie and John and all your other pets, for taking in this sweet animal.

This, of course, is one of the happy-ending stories. There really aren't very many when it comes to lost or abandoned cats and dogs. We're most likely to see them alongside the road dead or starving to death in the woods after being turned away from too many other doors.

If you can't keep an animal for whatever reason, please, please, please, take it to the shelter. Maybe, just maybe, it will be one of the lucky ones who are adopted; if not, at least it will be fed and taken care of until it must be disposed of in a humane way. And if you're thinking of getting a pet, consider first the ones at the shelter who desperately need a good home.

Thank goodness, there is that spot of good news.

I'm writing this on Monday night, and by the time it is printed, who knows what will have passed. I'm not going to belabor the matter as I had intended to do when I opened the page and started to write, but I think I am more frightened for my country than I have ever been in my life.

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have bet my car that it was Natalie causing the uproar and, it was.

Seems this time, she's managed to insult our president, along with an awesome percentage of the American population. In case you haven't heard, I will reiterate: During a Dixie Chicks appearance last week in London (England, not KY), Maines commented to the British audience, "Just so you know, we're ashamed the president of the United States is from Texas." Maines, herself, is from Lubbock.

From what I'm reading over the wire service, the folks of Texas are feelin' kinda ashamed that it's Maines that's from Texas, and not President Bush.

Apparently, the comment hit a discord among the families of those who have relatives currently serving our country overseas, as well as those veterans who have fought in previous wars. Folks are reacting by bombarding radio stations with requests to boycott Dixie Chicks tunes and by tossing their Dixie Chicks CD's into trash cans set up outside some of the stations.

Wonder, didn't "Granny" tell her about the wisdom of holdin' that flappin' tongue 'till your common sense catches up with your mindlessness?

Just another lesson 'bout gettin' too big for your britches. There's an old saying that our eastern Kentuckians have heard all our lives that I think Maines might do good to have access to. It goes something like this: "No matter how good life is to you and no matter how 'successful' you become, it never pays to get above your raising."

Yep, start actin' like you're "all that" as the young folks say, and before you know it, it'll come back to bite you right on the butt.

Bet her's is achin' and bet, too, that "Sweet Baby James" is grinnin' just a little more than usual today.

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too." I didn't wait to tell him I usually "lay by" my crop by Washington's birthday when I finish perusing the seed catalogs.

chieftain and the newspaperman who was brought captive to him.

The newsman did a good deal of hemming and hawing, trying to delay the proceedings which he feared were about to take place. Finally, the chief asked, "What you do?"

"I am an editor," was the reply.

"Um," commented the chief, "me soon make you editor in chief."

OF-TOLD TALES

You've doubtless heard the one about the cannibal who, finding the big-game hunter sound asleep in his sleeping bag, remarked, "Ah! Breakfast in bed!" Then there's the one told me this week about the cannibal

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become frustrated when they realize that the sign's price is "old history." Some of the folks even go up to the locked door and give it a hard shake to make sure that they are not wrong in their efforts. Guess the point in this situation is the need to stop accepting that one can always get "a deal that can't be beat."

When do you stop pounding on the door that won't open? Over the past week or so, a couple of families have shown the value of where someone needed to stop trying to resolve difficulties in the "same old thing." Their perceptions, their strategies, their decisions, and their efforts were just not working! The sad part was that the individuals whom they were attempting to assist, were also not benefiting from the intense, continuous, and ineffective plan to "solve it all." From my viewpoint, it was even sadder when the incorrect "assumptions" involve the behaviors of a child or teen, and the youngster is thought to be at fault. Typically, in these cases, no one is completely to blame. There is the possibility that the circumstances existed due to the lack of adequate knowledge. The parents seemed to have had limited resources for support, themselves. Thus they were unaware of what "other things it might be," and alternatives to consider in making appropriate changes. This brings up my "two times rule." After attempting to identify all of the possible contributing factors, the first step is to

think of every possible solution, and how an "honest" and strict attempt has been made on at least two occasions. If there was an unsuccessful or unwanted outcome, then one needs to stop and think, "How many other things could it be?"

Of course, there is the likelihood of there being another side of this not stopping to try "something else." It seems at times that the people, who are continuing to do the same thing over and over, just don't have confidence in their view of the situation. It also seems that they do not value their perspective, much less their conclusions. They just don't trust their own judgment. In one recent instance, the "die-hard" had been working hard with the same plan for about four years, without feeling a sense of accomplishment. An impression was that the "emotional spirit" had been broken for the one with the "problem," and for whom all of the effort "to save" was supposedly being made. So much time and energy had been utilized. A guess is that the saddest part was that they had worked so consistently and hard, without receiving a reward, because the repeater so loved the one that they wanted to "save." They must have felt extremely frustrated, when they realized that significant time had been lost and the "center of attention" had not benefited from all that energy. Even though efforts can be made to correct situations,

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Family Medicine

By Martha A. Simpson, D.O., M.B.A.



Q A few weeks ago, I went to my eye doctor, who is an O.D. She referred me to a D.O. who is also an ophthalmologist, because I may need eye surgery for my cataracts. Right next to my O.D.'s office there is an optician's office, where I go to get my glasses. The person that I deal with in this office has a diploma on the wall saying that he has something called an A.A.S. degree. I'm totally confused by all these degrees and terms. Can you help explain the differences? Thanks.

A Your question is a good one. These medical terms and degree abbreviations are, indeed, confusing. Because of the similar sounding names, many people are understandably confused about the difference between various eye-care professionals. Basically you can divide the territory into three kinds of practitioners: opticians, optometrists and ophthalmologists. First, let's talk about opticians. The man you described who dispenses your glasses is one of these professionals. As you know, he doesn't examine you or determine what kind of glasses you need; he's the one who adapts and fits corrective eyewear, including eyeglasses and contact

lenses, as prescribed by an optometrist or ophthalmologist. The A.A.S. degree that he has is probably an associate's — or two year — degree from a school accredited by the Commission on Opticianry Accreditation. Twenty-two states — including Ohio — require opticians to pass qualifying board exams and complete appropriate education before they can receive certification.

Optometrists graduate with an O.D. degree and are trained to examine your eyes and prescribe glasses and contact lenses. They are not physicians, but they do have significant training in the visual system, including diseases of the eye. Graduates of modern optometric colleges have four years of undergraduate education followed by four years of professional school.

For a number of years optometrists have used medications to help them

examine patients' eyes. Now, in all fifty states, optometrists can also legally prescribe medicine to treat eye conditions like infections and glaucoma.

An ophthalmologist has either an M.D. or a D.O. degree. He or she is a fully licensed physician who has completed additional training in the diagnosis and treatment of conditions of the eye. An ophthalmologist can also perform eye surgery, like cataract removal and LASIK vision-correction procedures.

As your question testifies, my own degree — the doctor of osteopathic medicine, or D.O. — is often confused with the doctor of optometry degree, or O.D. As I mentioned earlier, D.O.s are physicians and treat all kinds of medical problems, like M.D.s. O.D.s are not physicians, but are highly skilled health-care providers who treat a wide variety of eye problems. So, if you think you need glasses,

should you see an optometrist (O.D.) or an ophthalmologist (D.O. or M.D.)? The choice is really yours.

Both do an excellent job of examining the eye and prescribing corrective lenses — either traditional glasses or contact lenses. These prescriptions are filled by the optician (A.A.S., or other similar degree). For surgical needs of the eye, though, you should see an ophthalmologist — either by making an appointment or through referral from your optometrist.

Family Medicine® is a weekly column. To submit questions, write to Martha A. Simpson, D.O., M.B.A., Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine, P.O. Box 110, Athens, Ohio 45701. Or, e-mail Dr. Simpson at simpsonm@ohio.edu. Past columns are available online at www.fhradio.org/fm.

Aviation Association of America recognizes Floyd native



The American Aviation Association of America (AAAA) honored Corporal Michael L. Taylor, 1st Battalion, 58th AVN RGT, 159th Aviation Brigade, as the Air Traffic Controller of the Year for his service in Task Force Talon and Task Force Rakkasan, in Afghanistan, December 2001-January 2002.

The AAAA presents awards annually to soldiers and functions throughout the Army Aviation Branch "that make lasting contributions and do things above and beyond the normal duties," according to Maj. Chris Carlile, Vice-President of Awards, Air Assault Chapter of the Army Aviation

Association of America.

For Taylor, the recognition is just another feather in the cap of a soldier already admired by all in his unit. "Outstanding in every way," said Staff Sgt. Martin E. Griffith, of Corporal Taylor. "He always presents a professional appearance, he always does what he thinks is right. He has the motivation, the integrity, and the drive to continue to do what's right without any kind of supervision," he continued.

Taylor, the son of Tommy and Grace Fraley Taylor, of Wayland, lives in Oak Grove, with his wife, Chasity, and their children. He is currently stationed in Kuwait.

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10th Grade

- First Place, \$500-Marci Cornett of Viper, June Buchanan School, Knott County
- Second Place, \$200-Ashley Gunnell of Martin, The Piarist School, Floyd County
- Third Place, \$100-Paula Sexton of Leburn, Knott County Central, Knott County
- School winner* \$500-June Buchanan School

11th Grade

- First Place, \$500-Christina Breeding of Fisty, Knott County Central, Knott County
- Second Place, 200-Sarah Banks of Topmost, Knott County Central
- Third Place, \$100-Shah Ashfaq of Jeremiah, June Buchanan School, Knott County
- School winner* \$500-Knott County Central High School, Knott County

12th Grade

- First Place, \$500-Melanie Veneracion of Whitesburg, June Buchanan School, Knott County
- School winner* \$500-June Buchanan School, Knott County
- Schools with first place winning students at the Regional Science Fair are also awarded. The Science Center asks that these schools use these funds to purchase equipment or supplies for their science departments.

The Science Center also presented its first Tony Turner Award. The award was given to an eighth grade student and was based on oral, written and visual communication. This year's winner was Shamima Akther of Hazard. She is a student at June Buchanan in Knott County.

For additional information about the East Kentucky Science Center, visit the Center's website at www.wedo-science.org

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Michael Bakich, associate editor for ASTRONOMY magazine, was the event's featured guest speaker. Bakich encouraged students to explore career opportunities in the field of science because "science is cool."

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reached by calling 886-0815.

DUFF ELEMENTARY

■ April 7, 8, 9 - Kindergarten Registration - 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Please call 358-9420 for information on what to bring with you when you register your child.

■ Call school Family Resource Center at 358-9878, to make an appointment for a free physical for your child who plans to enter Kindergarten in the fall semester, 2003.

■ Floyd County Health Dept. is at the school each Tuesday. Services include 6th grade school entry physical; kindergarten, Head Start and Well-Child physicals; T.B. skin test; and WIC services. Please call for appointment if you are in need of any of these services.

■ School is collecting Food City receipts that will be used toward receiving free computers and other educational items. Please send your receipts to school with your child or drop them off at the Family Resource Center, or the school's front office. Any help with this valuable school project is very appreciated.

MAY VALLEY ELEMENTARY

■ March 27 - Wulfe Brothers, school assembly program, 9:20 a.m.

■ April 1 - Community Blood Drive, 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., in school gym.

■ April 3 - "Stranger Danger" programs, primary grades.

■ April 4 - "Birds of Prey" school assembly program.

■ April 3, 4 - Kindergarten Registration, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

■ Lending Library available for use of students, parents and teachers. Videos on a variety of topics are available.

■ Floyd Co. Health Dept. is at the school each Wednesday. Services include 6th grade physicals and immunizations; WIC; well-child physicals; Kindergarten and Head Start physicals; blood pressure checks; TB skin tests, and more. Must call the FRC at 285-0321 for an appointment. Donna

Samons-Bartrum, FRC Director.

MCDOWELL ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

■ School is collecting Food City receipts. Have your students turn receipts in to their homeroom teachers. Community members may also turn receipts in to school office. Help McDowell Elementary receive computers, audio visual equipment, etc. through the "Apples for Students" program.

■ SBDM Council meets on the 3rd Tuesday of every month.

■ FRC Advisory Council meets first Thursday of each month in FRC office at 5:30 p.m.

■ GED classes are held in FRC each Monday and Wednesday from 8-11:30 a.m. Classes are FREE. Please bring paper and pencil. Instructor, Teresa Allen, David School.

■ Parents of fifth-graders should call now to have their child scheduled for school physicals and immunizations. A series of three HEP B vaccines are required for entry into sixth grade next fall. Students should begin the series now in order to be ready by next fall. Call 377-2678 for appointment.

■ Floyd County Health Department Nurse Joy Moore, is at the center each Monday to administer immunizations, T.B. skin tests, well-child exams, WIC, prenatal and post-partum services, and school physicals. Call 377-2678 for an appointment.

PRESTONSBURG ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

■ *PES is collecting Food City receipts. Have your child turn in receipts to their homeroom teachers. Community members may also turn in receipts to the school office or Family Resource Center.*

■ MCCC services available at the center. Call for additional information.

■ Center is open weekdays 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

■ After School Child Care, 3-6 p.m., school days.

■ Call 886-7088 for additional information regarding the Prestonsburg Elementary Family Resource Center or its programs.

PRESTONSBURG HIGH SCHOOL

■ March 25 - SBDM Council meeting, 5 p.m., in school library. All are invited to attend.

SOUTH FLOYD YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

■ Walking track open to public (except during special event).

■ Center has a one-stop career station satellite station that is available to the community, as well as students.

■ Anyone interested in Adult Ed may contact the center for information.

■ All new students and visitors, stop by the Center, located on the South Floyd campus, Room 232, and see Mable Hall.

■ The center is located on the South Floyd campus in room 232. For more information call 452-9600 or 9607 and ask for Mable Hall, ext. 243, or Keith Smallwood, ext. 242, or Donna Johnson, ext. 153.

STUMBO ELEMENTARY/MUD CREEK FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

■ March 21 - Tour Toyota Plant, 8th grade. Bus leaves school at 6:00 a.m.

■ March 24 - TWISA, (Alcohol Prevention program), 5th grade, 9:00 a.m.

■ March 25 - Rain Forest program, 4th and 5th.

■ March 26, 27 - TWISA, (Alcohol Prevention program), 9:00 a.m., 5th grade.

■ The Bridges Project is located in the school each day, Monday thru Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. If you have any questions about the Bridges Project, call 587-2644.

■ Resource Center hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Parents and community members are welcome to visit. For questions, call 587-2233 - ask for Tristan Parsons, Center Coordinator, or Anita Tackett, Assistant.

THE DAVID SCHOOL

Adult Education Class

Schedule

■ Monday and Wednesday Betsy Layne High School, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Call 478-3389 for more information.

Morehead State Prestonsburg Campus, 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Call 886-2405 for more info.

■ Tuesday and Thursday St. James Episcopal Church, 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Church is located on University Drive, Prestonsburg, between PCC and the BP station.

ALL GED CLASSES ARE FREE. BOOKS AND MATERIALS ARE ALSO FREE, EVEN THE ACTUAL GED TEST IS FREE! So, please take advantage of this wonderful learning opportunity. For more information about the free GED program, call Crissy Compton at The David School at 886-8374 (Fridays).

WESLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

■ March 28 - *Spring Fundraiser Dinner* - 7 p.m. For more information, contact the school at 874-8328. A \$1,000 door prize will be given away.

■ School is participating in Food City "Apples for Students" program. Please send your register receipts to school with your student, or drop them off or mail them in to school office at: P.O. Box 454, 103 Methodist Lane, Allen, KY 41601.

■ Weekly Chapel Services, each Wednesday morning, 10 a.m.

W.D. OSBORNE RAINBOW JUNCTION FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

■ TBA- Recycling program, all grades.

■ "Lost and Found" located in the Center. Parents need to pick up their children's items within two weeks. Any items not claimed within two weeks, becomes the property of the FRC.

■ Rainbow Junction Family Resource Center is located in the W. D. Osborne Elementary School. Hours of operation - 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, or later by appointment. Call 452-4553 and ask for Cissy or Karen. Parents/community members free to visit any time.

Ponder

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one just cannot go back in time.

Another situation over the winter had to do with a man who was seen a couple of years ago. An impression was that he would benefit from medication, and all the pros and cons were discussed. Then, when he came back this winter, he acknowledged that he had decided in the past that he "did not want to take medication at that time, but wanted to do it himself." As expected, he had tried all of the "tricks" he knew, but he really had not felt that much better. In fact, it seemed that things had become worse.

He felt as though he was almost out of control. Now, he was ready to listen and take notes. He wanted as much information as possible regarding his choices for a physician and medication. His reaction to the recent situation was, "If I had only known when to quit. Why can't I take care of myself." Do you ever feel that you have so many problems for which you can't seem to find the correct solution, and you have tried to "fix it?" How do you view yourself in regards to knowing when to quit?

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I'm frightened of what we stand to lose - our integrity, our trustworthiness, our sense of truth and our morality.

I'm frightened of what we will do next. If we are going after Iraq because it has nuclear armaments, then when do we attack Pakistan, India, Israel, North Korea and all the other countries that also have them? What of our own store? Are we willing to get rid of our capability of destroying the world or do we really believe we are the only people on earth worthy of that capability? And, will we then go after all the other tyrants in the world? That's certainly a tall order.

I'm frightened of what we will surely open up. If we destroy one country, are we not justifying to millions of people around the world their own irrational acts of terrorism?

I'm frightened of what we are giving up for what some call our own protection - things such as our freedom of speech, our freedom of movement, our freedom of thought. Folks, it's already happening. Ask your librarian.

I'm frightened of the incomprehensible cost of this war. What is going to be sacrificed,

in addition to lives? Couldn't that money be better used in schools, particularly in Floyd County schools? Couldn't that money be better used in creating decent jobs for the millions who are out of work or who are working two jobs and still not making the ends meet? Couldn't that money be better used for cancer research, diabetes research, heart disease research, and research on other killer diseases? Couldn't that money be better used to bring down the skyrocketing costs of medical treatments? Couldn't that money be better used to help people living in poverty to be productive citizens?

I'm frightened as I see people afraid to criticize or question their government. All around I see people who are terrified of being called unpatriotic or un-American if they dare to utter a doubt about what is going on. I'm frightened as I see people claim to believe in freedom, but their concept of freedom is so restricted that it applies only to those who agree with them.

I hate to be such a pessimist, and I hope I am wrong, but I do not believe this story will have a happy ending.

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HOW THE LORD TOOK CARE OF ISRAEL IN THE WILDERNESS...

WHEN THE ISRAELITES, UNDER MOSES' GUIDANCE, ESCAPED FROM EGYPT INTO THE WILDERNESS IT WAS NOT LONG BEFORE THE PEOPLE BEGAN TO HAVE THEIR DOUBTS AND MISGIVINGS. AS THEIR MEAGER FOOD SUPPLIES PETERED OUT THEY BEGAN TO PAINT A DIMSAL PICTURE OF THEIR FUTURE....

...THEY RANT AND RAVE BEFORE MOSES AND HIS BROTHER, AARON, FILLING THE AIR WITH THEIR BITTER RECRIMINATIONS—MOSES HAS LED THEM HERE TO STARVE TO DEATH!

...BUT THE LORD SPEAKS TO MOSES: "I HAVE HEARD THE MURMURINGS OF THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL, AND I SHALL GIVE THEM FLESH TO EAT IN THE EVENING, AND IN THE MORNING THEY SHALL HAVE BREAD!"

JOHN LEHTI

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New Bethel Assembly of God, Burning Fork Rd., Salyersville, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m. Arthur (Sam) Smith, Minister.

Prairie Assembly, 1 mile S. of Prestonsburg, intersection of Rt. 90 and U.S. 23, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; J.M. Sloce, Minister.

BAPTIST

Allen First Baptist, Allen, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Arnold Turner, Minister.

Auxler Freewill Baptist, Auxler, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.; Bobby Spencer, Pastor.

Benedict Baptist, Slack Rock Branch, Cow Creek, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Gordon Fitch, Minister.

Betsy Layne Free Will Baptist, Betsy Layne, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tracy Patton, Minister.

Bonanza Freewill Baptist, Abbott Creek Road, Bonanza, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jimmy D. Brown, Minister.

Brandy Keg Freewill Baptist, Com Fork, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Roger Mize, Minister.

Calvary Southern Baptist, Betsy Layne, Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Doug Lewis, Minister.

Community Freewill Baptist, Goble Roberts Addition, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Paul D. Coleman, Minister.

Cow Creek Freewill Baptist, Cow Creek, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Nathan Lafferty, Minister.

Daniels Creek Baptist Fellowship Church of God, Benner, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.; Drift Freewill Baptist, Drift, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6:30 p.m.; Thursday, 6:30 p.m.; Randy Turner, Minister.

Endicott Freewill Baptist, Buffalo, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; James H. Smith, Pastor.

Faith Freewill Baptist, 1/4 mile above Worldwide Ego on Rt. 1428, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Buddy Jones, Minister.

First Baptist, Garrett, Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Randy Osborne, Minister.

First Baptist, Martin, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Greydon Howard, Minister.

First Baptist, 54 S. Front St. (Irene Cole Memorial), Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Dr. Floyd Price, minister.

Fitzpatrick First Baptist, 2655 West Mt. Parkway, Prestonsburg, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jennings West, Minister.

Free United Baptist, West Prestonsburg, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.

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Grethel Baptist, State Rt. 2379, (Branch's Creek Rd.), Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

Highland Avenue Freewill Baptist, Sunday School, 9:50 a.m.; David Garrett, Minister.

Jacks Creek Baptist, Bovinsville, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jeff Barnett, Minister.

Katy Friend Freewill Baptist, 2 miles up Abbott, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jim Price, Minister.

Lucky Freewill Baptist, Lucky, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Johnny J. Collins, Minister.

Lancer Baptist Church, 71 Cooley St., Prestonsburg, Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m., Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m., Wednesday Prayer Meeting and Bible Study, 7:00 p.m., Pastor Bobby Carpenter.

Liberty Baptist, Denver, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Merle Little, Minister.

Ligon Community Freewill Baptist, Ligon Worship Service, Sunday, 11:00 a.m. Thursday, 7 p.m.

Martin Branch Freewill Baptist, East, Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11:15 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; James (Red) Morris, Minister.

Martin Freewill Baptist, Martin, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; John L. Blair, Minister.

Maytown First Baptist, Main St., Maytown, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Bob Varney, Minister.

McDowell First Baptist, McDowell, Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Harry Hargis, Minister.

Middle Creek Baptist, Blue River, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Vernon Stone, Minister.

Lighthouse Baptist, 2194 KY Rt. 1428, Prestonsburg, Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Donald Crisp, Minister. home phone 285-5395

Pleasant Home Baptist, Water Gap Road, Martin, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Mark Tackett, Pastor.

Prater Creek Baptist, Berner, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Gary Fish, Minister.

Prestonsburg Community College Baptist Student Union, J 102, Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.; French B. Harmon, Director, Ella C. Goble, President; 874-9468/478-2978.

Rock Fork Freewill Baptist, Garrett Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Wendol Cramer, Minister.

Rock Fork Regular Baptist, Garrett: Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.; Earl Stone, Minister, Jerry Manns, Assistant Minister.

Salt Lick United Baptist, Salt Lick, Hueysville, Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.; 4th Sunday, Thursday, 6:30 p.m.; Pastor, Chester Lucas.

Semmy Clark Branch Freewill Baptist, Dana, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Pastor, Robert Shane Powers.

Stephens Branch Missionary Baptist, Stephens Branch, Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.

The Third Avenue Freewill Baptist, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Marford Fannin, Minister.

Tom's Creek Freewill Baptist, U.S. 23 (north of Layne Brothers), Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Chuck Ferguson, Minister.

Tom Moore Memorial Freewill Baptist, Cliff Road, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Youth Service, 5:00 p.m.; Evening Service, 6:00 p.m.; No Service the 1st Sunday of each month; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jody Spencer, Minister.

Tribble Chapel Freewill Baptist, Intersection of U.S. 23 and KY 80, Water Gap, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship Service, 11 a.m. and Evening Worship Service 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study, 7 p.m.; Youth Services 7 p.m.; Everyone Welcome.

United Community Baptist, Hwy. 7, Hueysville, Worship Service, 2 p.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; Carlos Beverly, Minister.

Wheelwright Freewill Baptist, Wheelwright Junction, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Louis Ferrar, Minister.

Mother's Home Church, Toler Creek, Harold, 9:30 the 2nd Saturday and Sunday of every month. Moderator, Kermit Newsome.

CATHOLIC

St. Martha, Water Gap, Mass: Sunday, 11:15 a.m.; Saturday, 5 p.m.; Sunday, Father Robert Damron, pastor.

CHRISTIAN

First Christian, 560 North Arnold Avenue, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Jim Sherman, Minister.

Garrett Community Christian, Route 550, Garrett, Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Donnie Hackworth, Minister.

Victory Christian Ministries, 1428 E.; Sunday School, 11:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Sherm Williams, Minister.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Betsy Layne Church of Christ, Betsy Layne, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tommy J. Speers, Minister.

Church of Christ, South Lake Drive, Worship Service, 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Benny Blankenship, Minister.

Harold Church of Christ, Harold, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; James H. Harmon, Minister.

Highland Church of Christ, Rt. 23, Hager Hill, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.

Hueysville Church of Christ, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Chester Varney, Minister.

Lower Toler Church of Christ, Harold, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Lonie Meade, Minister.

Mare Creek Church of Christ, Stanville, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

Martin Church of Christ, Martin, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Gary Mitchell, Minister.

Upper Toler Church of Christ, 3.5 miles up Toler Creek on right, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tommy Dale Bush, Minister.

Weeksburg Church of Christ, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Mike Hall, Minister.

CHURCH OF GOD

Betsy Layne Church of God, Old U.S. 23, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Judith Caudill, Minister.

Community Church of God, Arkansas Creek, Martin, Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; Bud Crum, Minister.

First Church of God, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Steven V. Williams, Pastor.

Garrett Church of God, Garrett, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Donald Bragg, Minister.

Landmark Church of God, Goble Roberts Addition, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11:10 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Kenneth E. Prater, Jr., Minister.

Little Paint First Church of God, 671 Little Paint Road, East Point, Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Charles Heester Jr., Minister.

The Church of God of Prophecy, H Hat, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Don Frisley, Jr., Minister.

EPISCOPAL

St. James Episcopal, Sunday Service, 9:45 a.m.; Holy Eucharist 11:00 a.m. Wednesday Study Group 6:00 p.m., Holy Eucharist & Healing 7:30 p.m. Father Johnnie E. Ross, Pastor.

LUTHERAN

Our Savior Lutheran, Sipp Bayes Room Carriage House Motel, Paintsville, Sunday Service, 11 a.m.; WKLW (800 am) 12:05 p.m.; Roland Benrup, Minister.

METHODIST

Auxler United Methodist, Auxler, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Doug Lawson, Minister.

Betsy Layne United Methodist, next to B.L. Gymnasium, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Randy Blackburn, Minister.

Christ United Methodist, Allen, Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Kenneth Lamaster, Minister.

Community United Methodist, 141 Burke Avenue (off University Drive and Newley St.), Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Steve Pescoscollo, Minister.

Elliott's Chapel Free Methodist, Rt. 979, Beaver, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Philip T. Smith, Minister.

Emma United Methodist, Emma, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Paul Aiken, Minister.

First United Methodist, 256 South Arnold Avenue, 9 a.m. Contemporary Service; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:55 a.m. and 5 p.m. UMYS Service; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Mark D. Walz, Pastor.

Horn Chapel Methodist, Auxler Road, Auxler, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Garfield Potter, Minister.

Martin Methodist, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Roy Harlow, Minister.

Maytown United Methodist, Langley, Sunday Service, 11 a.m.; Worship Service, 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Roy Harlow, Minister.

Salisbury United Methodist, Printer, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Bobby G. Lawson, Minister.

Wayland United Methodist, Rt. 7, Wayland, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Brad Tackett, Minister.

Wheelwright United Methodist, Wheelwright, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Bobby Isaac, Minister.

Drift Pentecostal, Drift, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, Saturday/Sunday, 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Ted Shannon, Minister.

Free Pentecostal Church of God, Rt. 1428, East Point, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Thursday, 6:30 p.m.; Buster Hayton, Minister.

Free Pentecostal Church of God, Weeksburg, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Wednesday/Saturday, 7 p.m.; John 'Jay' Patton, Minister.

Free Pentecostal Deliverance, Ext. 46 of Mt. Parkway at Campton, Worship Service, Saturday and Sunday, 7 p.m.; Patricia Grider, Minister.

Free Pentecostal Holiness, Rt. 122, Upper Burton, Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; Louis Sanlan, Minister; David Pike, Associate Minister.

Goodloe Pentecostal, Rt. 850, David, Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Malcolm Stone, Minister.

Parway First Calvary Pentecostal, Floyd and Magoffin County Line, Sunday Service, 6:30 p.m.; Miss D. Caldwell, Minister; 297-6262.

Trinity Chapel Pentecostal Holiness, Main St., Martin, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; 2nd Saturday, 7 p.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.; Ellis J. Stevens, Minister.

PRESBYTERIAN

Drift Presbyterian, Route 1101, Drift, Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Mary Alice Murray, Minister.

First Presbyterian, North Lake Drive, Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; George C. Love, Minister.

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

Seventh-Day Adventist, 5 miles West on Mountain Parkway, Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.; Gary Shephard, Minister.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints; Relief Society/Presthood/Primary, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday service 11 a.m.

Drift Independent, Drift, Sunday, 11 a.m.; Thursday, 6:30 p.m.

Dwale House of Prayer, Dwale, Worship Service, 7 p.m., Sunday, 6 p.m.; Woodrow Crum, Minister.

Grace Fellowship Prestonsburg, (next to old flea market), Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.; Bill Stuenkel, Pastor; 889-0905.

Faith Bible, Martin, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.

Faith Deliverance Tabernacle, West Prestonsburg, Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.; Don Shepherd, Minister.

Faith Revelation Ministry, 1/4 mile above Worldwide Equipment, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Randy Hagens, Minister.

Faith Worship Center, US 460, Paintsville, Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Thursday, 6 p.m.; Buddy and Maude Fye, Minister.

Full Gospel Community, (formerly of Martin) moved to Old Allen, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Sunday evening, 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Lavonne Lafferty, Minister.

Lighthouse Temple, Main St. and Hall St., Worship Service, 12 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday/Friday, 7 p.m.; Roy Cooby, Minister.

Martin House of Worship, Old Post Office St., Worship Service, 7 p.m., Saturday/Sunday.

Old Time Holiness, 2 miles up Arkansas Creek, Martin, Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; John W. Patton, Minister.

Spurlock Bible (Baptist), 6227 Spurlock Creek Rd., Prestonsburg, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Dan Heitzsman, Minister.

Town Branch Church, Sunday School 10 a.m. except for first Sunday in each month; Worship Service, Sun. morning 10:00 a.m., Evening 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; No Sunday night services on first Sunday of each month; Tom Nelson, Minister.

The Father House, Big Branch, Abbott Creek, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; J.J. Wright, Minister.

Youth Fellowship Center, Wheelwright, Monday-Tuesday, 6 p.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.

Zion Deliverance, Wayland, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday/Saturday, 7 p.m.; Prayer Line: 358-2001; Darlene Arnett, Pastor.

Taylor Chapel Community Church, formerly the old Price Food Service building, located 1/4 mile above Worldwide Equipment Rt. 1428, Sun. Bible Study 10 a.m.; Sun. Morning Service, 11 a.m.; Sun. Evening, 6:30 p.m.; Kenny Vanderpool, Pastor.

International Pentecostal Holiness Church, 10374 N. Main St., Martin; Rev. Ellis J. Stevens, Senior Pastor.

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Friday, March 21, 2003

Shredded belts mean a pulley problem

by TOM AND RAY MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray:

I have a problem with the belt on my '89 six-cylinder Jeep Cherokee. It was fine, but then the serpentine belt began to shred. I replaced it, and the new one began to shred, too. I noticed that the belt was shifting off of the pulley that is located on the crankshaft. It wasn't moving much, but it had moved exactly one groove closer to the engine. I tried another new belt and tightened it more. But halfway through a test drive, it was shredding, too. Can you give me any advice? -- Ricky

RAY:

Yeah. Buy your belts by the caseload, Ricky.

TOM:

Back in the old days, cars had one belt for each accessory: the alternator, water pump, fan, power steering, etc. But that was too easy.

RAY:

So, now most cars have a serpentine belt, which is a long belt that runs all over the engine and runs everything. The real advantage of a serpentine belt is that it's easier to change. You don't have to reach your fat arms into little skinny openings to change multiple belts. You change one belt, and it's done.

TOM:

This belt runs over and around many pulleys that power the accessories, and it sounds to me like one of those pulleys is out of alignment. That's what's pulling the belt off-line and causing it to shred.

RAY:

If you've had one of the accessories replaced recently -- like the alternator or water pump -- I'd suspect that that pulley is now lined up incorrectly. It could have been manufactured incorrectly, or it could have been the wrong pulley for your engine. A pulley only has to be a few millimeters off to set a belt a-shred-din'.

TOM:

Another possibility is a bad idler pulley or tensioner pulley. Those are sort of "dummy" pulleys that are used to alter the direction of the belt. If a bearing goes bad on one of those pulleys, it tends to tilt, and that could cause the belt to shred.

RAY:

The worst possibility (for you -- if your mechanic has kids with tuition payments due, this will be good news for him) is the crankshaft pulley itself. It could be the harmonic balancer portion of the crankshaft pulley, or -- the worst-case scenario -- too much end play in your crankshaft.

TOM:

And if you have too much crankshaft end play, even Viagra won't help. That means you need an engine rebuild.

RAY:

But unless you can clearly see that one of the pulleys is not in the same plane as the others, it's going to be hard for you to figure this out yourself. So I'd recommend taking it to a mechanic. I know it'll cost you a few bucks, but think of the fortune you'll be saving on belts, Ricky.

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What's the deal with traction control?

Dear Tom and Ray:

I own a '99 Pontiac Grand Prix with traction control, which makes sense to have in the Midwest, my fair region. There is a button on the dash that allows me to turn it off, should I desire to do so. I travel and rent cars frequently, and I've noticed that other makes that have traction control have an on/off button as well. Why, in the name of Britney Spears' bare midriff, is this the case? Under what circumstances would the

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TEST DRIVE by Greg Zyla



2003 Honda Civic Si

This week, we test drive Honda's sporty 2003 Civic Si, which first appeared on the Civic menu back in 1986. The Si Hatchback disappeared in 1996, but by 2002 -- fueled by the youth segment's love of small, quick imports -- Si reappeared in Honda showrooms. This new model is based on the European version, and it's built for go as

well as fuel economy. Outwardly, the Si SSRS shares no body panels with the Civic sedan. Up front, large headlights, an Si racing-style mesh grille and a front chin spoiler stamp this car as a real performer. Working rearward, large taillamps, a small rear spoiler and side i-VTEC DOHC graphics lead the way. The Si receives a dual-tipped chrome

exhaust and color-coordinated bumpers, and there's also a power moonroof that comes as standard equipment. Alloy wheels and 15-inch tires finish the exterior treatment. The Si is only available in the three-door hatchback design. Under the hood, get ready for some real power from the high-

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The Associated Press

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Wheel

be to get away for a while. EuroVan sales in the United States have increased in the last two years — from 2,714 in calendar 2001 to 6,673 last year. It may not be due to a sudden, getaway mentality, though. In the 2001 model year, Volkswagen of America Inc. lowered the EuroVan's price by 15 percent. The 2003 model, which is the final EuroVan until VW brings out a new-generation van in 2005, has a starting manufac-

turer's suggested retail price, including destination charge, of \$26,815 for a base GLS. Yes, the price is higher than the base prices of popular minivans like the \$24,860 base Honda Odyssey LX and \$23,320 base Dodge Grand Caravan SE. The EuroVan pricing is more on a par with mid-range Odyssey and Grand Caravans, in fact. But this is no regular minivan. At 76.4 inches tall, the

EuroVan is considerably taller than the 68-plus-inch Odyssey and Grand Caravan. It's shorter than the Odyssey and Grand Caravan by at least a foot. It's much boxier in its styling, too. The EuroVan continues with just one sliding side door, and this door continues to operate manually. There's no power-sliding door or power-raising liftgate at the back here. And many of the other van's modern conveniences — fold-

into-the-floor third-row seats, movable, floor-mounted consoles and DVD-based rear entertainment system aren't offered. Still, the EuroVan has other qualities — specifically a unique ride and driving character that's tailored for a German buyer. After all, the EuroVan is a sales leader overseas, where it has held some 60 percent market share. In the test GLS, the driver's

feels like a truck or bus seat. My legs dangled downward and the front wheel well intruded where a dead pedal might normally be found. I had to climb aboard with a small step at the doorway, too. And the four-spoke steering wheel is sizable. But the 2003 EuroVan GLS managed road bumps with little fuss, sending only mild vibrations through to passengers. The ride was especially pleasing on long, straight highway runs where the EuroVan seemed to skim the road surface and provided great views out the good-sized side and rear windows. The EuroVan did feel tippy, however, in aggressive driving on curvy roads, and wind noise grew louder and louder the faster I drove. It almost became a whistle sound from somewhere around the driver's door as I neared 80 miles an hour in the tester. There was some tire noise on certain pavement surfaces, too. The front suspension uses an independent double wishbone arrangement. The rear suspension has an independent diagonal trailing arms setup. Note that wheels and tires are 16-inches and four-wheel antilock brakes are standard. There's only one engine for the EuroVan — VW's 2.8-liter, 15-degree, VR6.

It provides 201 horsepower and 181 foot-pounds of torque at between 2,500 and 5,500 rpm. Both numbers are lower than the 240 horses and 242 foot-pounds at 4,500 rpm in the V6-powered Odyssey and the 215 horsepower and 245 foot-pounds of torque in the Grand Caravan with 3.8-liter V6. The EuroVan's engine is readily heard on acceleration, and it pulled this front-drive van along steadily. But this more-than-4,200-pound van can sap the engine power a bit at high speeds if all seven seats have passengers. Premium fuel is recommended for maximum performance, and the government fuel economy rating of 17 miles a gallon in the city and 20 mpg on the highway is less than the 18 and 25 mpg, respectively, for the Odyssey and the 17 and 24 mpg, respectively, for the Grand Caravan with 3.8-liter V6. But there are fun as well as unusual features in this van. Example: Every one of the seven seats in the GLS comes standard with pull-down armrests that help riders get more comfortable. I found that as a driver I could look down on the roofs of Toyota Camry sedans, look over small pickup trucks and through the windows of many sport utility vehicles, so forward visibility was commendable. Gauges are illuminated in VW's trademark bright blue at night, making for a jazzy appearance. Every one of the seven seats in the Eurovan GLS came with a height-adjustable and lockable head restraint as well as shoulder belt. All seating positions were comfortable, too, with decent legroom, headroom and shoulder room. Seats are

the usual, firm VW style. Second-row riders have windows that open quite a ways to let in fresh air. They operate manually. The European influence in the EuroVan GLS is apparent when you notice that a standard ashtray is provided on the side wall for second- and third-row seats. In many U.S.-built vehicles, ashtrays are disappearing as fewer Americans smoke. And in contrast with competitors, such as the Odyssey and Grand Caravan, the mid-range EuroVan MV can be had with a pop-up roof, two-person bed, window curtains and other items in a Weekender package that makes the vehicle ready for any getaway. In addition, the top-of-the-line EuroVan Camper even includes such things as a two-burner gas stove, stainless steel sink and countertop, closet and two tables. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has no reported test results of the low-volume EuroVan. There have been no safety recalls of the 2002 and 2003 models. The most recent recall — in May 2002 on 2001 EuroVans — was for updating instructions on how to install a child safety seat in the rearmost seats of the vehicle. EuroVan buyers tend to come from two groups. One is older, in their 50s, with a large proportion being men. The other is in the mid-30s and into stylish, unique transportation. Household income averages some \$80,000 a year, and many EuroVan buyers here have seen the vehicle previously on the streets of Europe during their travels. Because the EuroVan is a low-volume model, Consumer Reports does not list owner trouble complaints.

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RAY: Actually, the off switch is for situations where the traction control works too well. Traction control prevents the wheels from spinning when you accelerate. This prevents the driven wheels from breaking away and skidding.

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RAY: So by turning off the traction control, you can allow the wheels to spin, and you can try to get out of the snow the old-fashioned way -- by rocking the car back and forth ... and digging a 2-foot hole under each wheel that you'll never get out of.

TOM: No; it's possible that by turning off the traction control, you can create a little momentum and blow out of a pile of snow. The same thing can happen in sand or mud, too.

Test

output 2.0-liter i-VTEC engine. With 160 horsepower on tap, passing, merging or higher-speed freeway driving is a breeze. The only transmission available is a five-speed manual, which we liked very much. The transmission shifted well during our two-week test and is geared properly for good acceleration throughout the speed bands. The engine utilizes Honda's VTEC variable-valve timing technology for better engine breathing, fuel distribution and performance. This is a high-revving engine (6,800 rpm redline), and in fifth gear you'll be turning over 3,000 rpm when traveling at 65. Still, the Si will deliver 26 mpg city and 30 mpg highway in normal driving, while accelerating from 0-60 mph in just under 8 seconds.

Underneath, a firm McPherson-strut front mates to a double wishbone rear setup for great, sports-car-like handling. We pushed the Si several times in the turns, and it does very well with just a hint of push. We wonder how much better the performance would be with performance-rated 16-inchers. However, rest assured that the standard 15-inch tires do well, just not great when pushed. The ride is actually very good for a performance car, although there is a lot of road noise that enters the cabin. When it comes to stopping, the four-wheel disc brakes with ABS will be ready

for any situation. Inside, Si's excellent bucket seats and shifter position (which comes right out of the dashboard) mimics the best of unique designs. Honda says the design is inspired by cars running in the World Rally Championship. It's really fun, and the shifter is actually positioned perfectly. The instrumentation features white-faced gauges with amber illumination, making everything easy on the eyes. There is ample room in the back seat for two passengers, and the rear seat splits 60/40, allowing a complete fold down to a flat floor. There is also a very nice AM/FM stereo with CD, and several areas for storing cups both front and rear. A rear wiper/washer is also standard on the Si. Important numbers include a wheelbase of 101.2-inches, 13.2-gallon fuel tank, 2,744 pound curb weight and 15.7 cubic-feet of cargo space. The price came in at \$19,710 with \$460 added for destination from a \$19,250 base.

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mately 0.75 mile west from KY Route 979's junction with Mitchell Branch Road and located in the head of Mitchell Branch. The operation is located on the McDowell USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map at latitude 37°24'37" and longitude 82°39'55". The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments or objections must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. All comments or objections must be received within fifteen (15) days of today's date.

LEGAL NOTICE
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A. BEGINNING at the corner of the road; thence East with the fence to the Branch, a straight line to a corner post; thence left straight line to corner post on the North; turn straight West to a corner post at the road, thence with the road back to corner post, place of beginning.

Being the same property conveyed to Millard Pennington by deed dated June 2, 1993, of record in Deed Book 366, Page 776, in the office of the Floyd County Clerk, and being a certain tract or parcel of land located in Floyd County, Kentucky, on Dotson Branch of Prestonsburg.

B. Tract No. 1 Beginning on a cross at concrete walk and running north 25 feet more or less to the line of Gilton's Restaurant 10 feet from corner of

building. Thence straight line east to the center of Beaver Creek, thence north 25 feet to Jack Blackburn's line. Thence straight line west to the beginning.

Tract No. II Beginning on a stone 10 feet from the corner of Restaurant Building Gilton; running north 50 feet more or less to stone walk. Thence with stone walk and bridge to center of Beaver Creek, Thence running with creek south 50 feet more or less. Thence straight line back to the beginning.

Being the same property conveyed to Millard Pennington and Stephanie Lynn Pennington, by deed dated July 14, 1997, of record in Deed Book 409, Page 28, in the office of Floyd County Clerk, and being certain tracts or parcels of land lying in Floyd County, Kentucky.

C. Beginning at road on west side at a corner post between Jim Hubbard and thence due east with Jim Hubbard's line fence to a corner post, thence north a straight line to opposite corner post of lot; thence left to a corner post; thence with the fence to the corner post at road; thence with the fence up the road to the beginning point. The well on the line is to belong to

Eric Vanderpool and Julia Vanderpool, grantees to Pennington, jointly with Mart Wallen or his successors.

Being the same property conveyed to Millard Pennington by deed dated November 3, 1997 and recorded in Deed Book 412, Page 590, records of the Floyd County Court Clerk's Office.

D. A certain tract or parcel of land lying and being on Mining Branch Road of Water Gap, Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the corner of Lizzie Wallen line and Mining Camp Branch Road and running up road 150 feet to a stake corner to L & F Development Company; thence running up hill with L & F Development; thence running up hill with L & F Development Company 70 feet to a stake; thence running back toward Lizzie Wallen line 150 feet to a stake corner to Lizzie Wallen; thence running with Lizzie Wallen Line 77 feet back to beginning.

Being the same property conveyed to Millard E. Pennington by Deed dated April 23, 2001, recorded in Deed Book 458, Page 622, in the Floyd County Clerk's Office.

E. Beginning at an iron stake at Rice Branch; thence 125

feet along said creek to another iron stake; thence 200 feet along Pamela Brown's property line to another iron stake; thence 125 feet to another iron stake; thence 200 feet along Alah Ryan's property line to another iron stake, point beginning.

Being the same property conveyed to Millard Pennington and Brenda Pennington, by deed dated May 27, 1987, and recorded in Deed Book 310, page 665, records of the Floyd County Court Clerk's Office.

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms posted the above-described property on February 5, 2003, pursuant to a Verified Complaint For Forfeiture In Rem and Warrant Of Arrest In Rem And Order For Notice For Real Property issued by the Clerk of the Court in accordance With Rule C, Supplemental Rules for Certain Admiralty and Maritime Claims as made applicable to this case by 21 U.S.C. §§ 881(a)(6) and (a)(7). The complaint charges the defendant real property with federal statutory violations and seeks their forfeiture to the United States.

All persons claiming an interest in property are hereby notified to file a claim within thirty (30) days and to

serve an answer within twenty (20) days after filing of the claim as provided by 18 U.S.C. § 983 (a)(4) or suffer entry of Judgement by default. Additional procedures and regulations regarding this forfeiture action are found at 19 U.S.C. §§ 1602-1619, and Title 21, Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.), Sections 1316.71-1316.81. All persons and entities who have

an interest in the defendant property may, in addition to filing a claim or in lieu of the filing of a claim, submit a Petition for Remission or Mitigation of the forfeiture for a non-judicial determination of this action pursuant to 28 C.F.R. Part 9, to David Y. Olinger, Jr., Assistant United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky, 110 West

Vine Street, Suite 400, Lexington, Kentucky 40507-1671, (859) 233-2661, Ext. 155, Attorney for Plaintiff.

Coordinates, N. 458,417.25, E. 2,863,067.16, a point at the Southeast corner of Rush Properties, Inc. (Ordinance No. 01-05). Thence with Ordinance No. 01-05 to the BEGINNING, containing 18.79 acres.

It is the intent of this description to encompass the Martin Community Center located on Rt. 80.

ORDINANCE NO. 03-01 CITY OF MARTIN, KENTUCKY

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARTIN, KENTUCKY, ANNEXING INTO THE CITY OF MARTIN, KENTUCKY, CERTAIN TERRITORY WHICH IS BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, AND MADE A PART OF THIS ORDINANCE.

BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Martin, Kentucky, as follows:

SECTION ONE:

That the territory, hereinafter described, be made a part of the City of Martin, Kentucky, as it is now incorporated, to be annexed and made a part of the City of Martin, Kentucky.

BEGINNING at an un-monumented point near the Southwest corner of the intersection of Ky. Rt. 1210 and Ky. Rt. 80, having Kentucky State Plane coordinate (North Section, NAD 27) N. 458,895.09 E. 2,863,155.04. Said point is located at the most Easterly corner of ordinance 01-05 at the Southeast corner of the entrance from Ky. Rt. 1210 to the Rush Properties, Inc., occupied by Dollar General Store and Save-a-Lot. Thence running across Ky. Rt. 80 to a point having Kentucky State Plane Coordinate, N. 458,710.24, E 2,863,336.40 and located at the Northwest corner of the Christian Appalachian Project, Inc. property, occupied by Mountain Christian Academy which is

described in ordinance No. 00-04. Thence running with said ordinance boundary to a point located 100 feet East of the centerline of Rt. 80 having Kentucky State Plane Coordinate N. 458,524.90 E. 2,863,307.61. Thence running with a line 100 feet East of Rt. 80 in a Southerly direction to a point in the ditch on the North side of the Community Center having Ky. State Plane Coordinate: N. 455,123.13, E. 2,862,864.26. Thence running with said ditch, ascending up the hollow in an Easterly direction to a point having Ky. State Plane Coordinates, N. 455,120.94, E. 2,863,170.50. Thence running in a Southerly direction so as to be 100 feet behind (up the hollow from) and parallel to the most Easterly edge of the concrete pad behind the Community Center Building to a point in the drain having Ky. State Plane Coordinate, N. 454,991.51, E. 2,863,173.23. Thence running down the drain in a Westerly direction, passing the Community Center Building to a point 100 feet East of the centerline of Ky. Rt. 80. Thence running in a Southerly direction to a point 100 feet East of the centerline of Rt. 80 to a point having Ky. State Coordinates, N. 454,962.71, E. 2,862,842.78. Thence running in a Westerly direction, crossing Rt. 80 to a point 100 feet West of the centerline of Rt. 80, having Ky. State Plane Coordinates, N. 454,962.71, E. 2,862,842.78. Thence running in a Northerly direction along a line 100 feet West of the centerline of Rt. 80 to a point having Ky. State Plane coordinates, N. 458,417.25, E. 2,863,067.16. Thence running in a Westerly direction to a point having Ky. State Plane

Coordinates, N. 458,417.25, E. 2,863,067.16, a point at the Southeast corner of Rush Properties, Inc. (Ordinance No. 01-05). Thence with Ordinance No. 01-05 to the BEGINNING, containing 18.79 acres.

It is the intent of this description to encompass the Martin Community Center located on Rt. 80.

SO ORDAINED, This the 25th day of February, 2003, by the full City Council of Martin, Floyd County, Kentucky.

Thomasine Robinson
THOMASINE ROBINSON, MAYOR
CITY OF MARTIN

ATTEST:

Pamela Justice
Pamela Justice, City Clerk

1st reading 01-28-03
2nd reading 02-25-03
Advertised 03-14-03

Clerk's Certification

I certify I am the duly qualified City Clerk of the City of Martin, Kentucky, and the foregoing two pages of Ordinance No.03-01 is a true, correct and complete copy duly adopted by the Martin City Council at a duly convened meeting held on February 25, 2003, all as appears in the official records of said City. WITNESS, my hand and Seal, this the 25th day of February, 2003.

Pamela Justice
Pamela Justice, City Clerk

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2003 NCAA TOURNAMENT SPECIAL SECTION

OKLAHOMASOONERS

Coach: Kelvin Sampson Conference: Big 12 Location: Norman, Okla. Website: www.sooners.com
 Record: 24-6 (12-4) RPI Rank: 3 Sagarin Rank: 8 RPI Schedule Rank: 3

Skinny: The Sooners are an outstanding defensive team that has held opponents to 60.1 points per game, the fewest in the Big 12. They have struggled, though, against ranked opponents going just 2-5 on the season against the nation's top teams. Oklahoma's success in tournament play will depend largely on the play of their senior guard trio of Ebi Ere, Quannas White, and Hollis Price. Price is a great leader and has made a case for himself as the nation's best player and will be looking to once again prove himself this March.



| Starting Five | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
|------------------------|-----|------|-----|-----|------|------|
| 10 Hollis Price | G | 6-1 | 170 | Sr. | 19.3 | 2.9 |
| 4 Quannas White | G | 6-1 | 190 | Sr. | 8.3 | 4.0* |
| 2 Ebi Ere | G | 6-5 | 215 | Sr. | 13.9 | 4.9 |
| 34 Kevin Bookout | F | 6-8 | 260 | Fr. | 9.5 | 6.0 |
| 21 Jabahri Brown | C | 6-10 | 310 | Jr. | 6.5 | 5.6 |
| * Assists per game | | | | | | |
| Key Reserves | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
| 15 De'Angelo Alexander | G | 6-4 | 215 | Fr. | 6.6 | 3.3 |
| 42 Jozsef Szendrei | C | 6-9 | 240 | Sr. | 1.6 | 2.7 |

#1 OKLAHOMA (24-6) vs. #16 SOUTH CAROLINA STATE (20-10)

SOUTHCAROLINASTATEBULLDOGS

Coach: Cy Alexander Conference: Mid-Eastern Athletic Location: Orangeburg, S.C. Website: www.scsusports.com

Record: 20-10 (15-3) RPI Standing: 178 Sagarin Rating: 231 RPI Schedule Rank: 314

Skinny: South Carolina State had to come back from a huge early deficit in the MEAC final to get past Hampton, but the Bulldogs are in after starting the season 2-7. SCSU has Moses Malone, even if it is the junior version, and the kid can play. But blowout losses to South Carolina, Auburn and Wake Forest showed the Bulldogs aren't a real threat to knock anyone off in the Big Dance.



| Starting Five | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
|----------------------|-----|------|-----|-----|------|-----|
| 3 Moses Malone, Jr. | G | 6-5 | 220 | Sr. | 16.5 | 3.6 |
| 42 Thurman Zimmerman | G | 6-5 | 230 | So. | 16.0 | 7.7 |
| 14 Dustin Braddick | G | 6-5 | 210 | Sr. | 12.5 | 5.8 |
| 2 Charles Gilmore | F | 6-9 | 265 | Sr. | 7.0 | 4.5 |
| 24 Dakin Braddick | F | 6-11 | 200 | Fr. | 5.4 | 2.8 |
| * Assists per game | | | | | | |
| Key Reserves | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
| 1 Demeco Heath | G | 6-2 | 185 | So. | 5.2 | 3.5 |
| 12 Clary Judge | G | 6-0 | 185 | So. | 4.1 | 2.3 |

CALIFORNIABEARS

Coach: Ben Braun Conference: Pacific 10 Location: Berkeley, Calif. Website: calbears.ocsn.com
 Record: 21-8 (13-5) RPI Rank: 33 Sagarin Rank: 40 RPI Schedule Rank: 68

Skinny: Despite senior leadership in the frontcourt and backcourt, Cal is making a lot of mental mistakes. Their shot selection continues to be questionable and at times their offense becomes dependent on players going one-on-one. Joe Shipp is a scoring machine and he has plenty of support, but the Bears don't have a dominant rebounder and at times get pisted on the offensive glass. Better ball distribution, shot selection and rebounding would make Cal a scary team, but that's a lot to fix this late in the season.

Best wins: vs. Stanford 72-59, at Oregon 86-75



| Starting Five | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
|--------------------|-----|------|-----|-----|------|------|
| 15 Richard Midgley | G | 6-1 | 190 | Fr. | 9.4 | 3.0* |
| 25 Brian Wethers | G/F | 6-5 | 210 | Sr. | 15.3 | 3.2* |
| 34 Joe Shipp | F | 6-5 | 220 | Sr. | 21.0 | 6.0 |
| 24 Amit Tamir | F | 6-11 | 250 | So. | 16.7 | 6.4 |
| 33 Gabriel Hughes | C | 6-11 | 220 | Jr. | 2.7 | 3.4 |
| * Assists per game | | | | | | |
| Key Reserves | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
| 30 Erik Bond | G/F | 6-7 | 190 | Fr. | 1.9 | 1.2 |
| 2 A.J. Diggs | G | 5-10 | 155 | Jr. | 3.2 | 2.2* |
| 40 Conor Famulener | F | 6-6 | 225 | Jr. | 3.0 | 3.4 |

#8 CALIFORNIA (21-8) vs. #9 N.C. STATE (18-12)

N.C. STATE WOLFPACK

Coach: Herb Sandek Conference: ACC Location: Raleigh, N.C. Website: www.gopack.com
 Record: 18-12 (9-7) RPI Standing: 53 Sagarin Rating: 44 RPI Schedule Rank: 45

Skinny: N.C. State squeaked in mainly because there is the notion that the ACC should get four bids no matter what, especially if a team finishes over .500 in the league. Well, the Wolfpack will have their chance to prove they deserved a bid to the dance, but it will take a big effort from star Julius Hodge to get State any more than one victory this season. State also has some issues with depth, going just one-man deep on its bench.

Best Wins: Duke, 80-71; at North Carolina, 75-67

Worst Losses: at Umass, 56-68; at Temple, 54-76; at Georgia Tech, 61-85



| Starting Five | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
|----------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|
| 30 Clifford Crawford | G | 6-3 | 190 | Sr. | 9.3 | 4.2* |
| 24 Julius Hodge | G | 6-6 | 180 | So. | 17.6 | 5.9 |
| 23 Scooter Sherill | G | 6-3 | 185 | Jr. | 10.2 | 2.7 |
| 54 Marcus Melvin | F | 6-8 | 235 | Jr. | 12.3 | 5.9 |
| 33 Josh Powell | F | 6-9 | 210 | So. | 11.4 | 4.9 |
| * Assists per game | | | | | | |
| Key Reserves | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
| 21 Levi Watkins | F | 6-7 | 220 | So. | 6.3 | 2.5 |

MISSISSIPPI STATE BULLDOGS

Coach: Rick Stansbury Conference: SEC Location: Starkville, Miss. Website: www.mstateathletics.com
 Record: 21-9 (9-7) RPI Standing: 24 Sagarin Rating: 16 RPI Schedule Rank: 18

Skinny: Early in the season, State looked like perhaps the SEC's best team, but then the Bulldogs began league play with three straight losses to Florida, LSU and Alabama. State righted the ship and looked to be back to maybe the best team behind Kentucky, but stumbled some down the stretch as well. It depends on what team shows up, but MSU could either be an Elite Eight team or a second round upset waiting to happen.

Best Wins: vs. Xavier, 71-61; vs. Oklahoma, 54-45

Worst Losses: at LSU, 72-85; La.-Lafayette, 76-79; at Arkansas, 51-53



| Starting Five | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
|----------------------|-----|------|-----|-----|------|------|
| 22 Derrick Zimmerman | G | 6-3 | 195 | Sr. | 8.8 | 5.4* |
| 15 Timmy Bowers | G | 6-2 | 180 | Jr. | 14.5 | 3.1* |
| 31 Ontario Harper | G/F | 6-5 | 210 | So. | 7.6 | 5.1 |
| 44 Michael Ignerski | F | 6-10 | 225 | Sr. | 9.5 | 5.1 |
| 33 Mario Austin | F/C | 6-9 | 260 | Jr. | 15.6 | 7.9 |
| * Assists per game | | | | | | |
| Key Reserves | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
| 23 Winsome Frazier | G/F | 6-4 | 175 | So. | 6.6 | 1.7 |
| 11 Marcus Campbell | C | 7-0 | 255 | So. | 4.0 | 2.5 |
| 32 Brandon Vincent | F | 6-8 | 235 | Jr. | 4.4 | 4.3 |

#5 MISSISSIPPI STATE (21-9) vs. #12 BUTLER (25-5)

BUTLER BULLDOGS

Coach: Todd Lickliter Conference: Horizon Location: Indianapolis, Ind. Website: butlersports.ocsn.com
 Record: 25-5 (14-2) RPI Rank: 35 Sagarin Rank: 35 RPI Schedule Rank: 133

Skinny: Defense and offensive execution is the name of Butler's game. The Bulldogs shoot 48 percent from the floor as a team and nearly 40 percent from behind the 3-point arc. Five different Bulldog players average at least one 3-pointer per game, led by Darnell Archey's 65. Butler only surrenders 59.8 points per game, which ranks ninth nationally. The Bulldogs are still annoyed at being left out of last year's NCAA field, and want to prove they belong in such select company.

Best wins: vs. St. Louis, 68-46; vs. Western Kentucky, 63-60; vs. UW-Milwaukee, 76-74

Worst Losses: vs. Loyola, 73-63



| Starting Five | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
|-----------------------|-----|------|-----|-----|------|------|
| 51 Lewis Curry | F | 6-7 | 230 | Sr. | 4.9 | 1.2 |
| 22 Mike Monserez | G | 6-6 | 225 | Jr. | 9.6 | 5.5 |
| 33 Joel Cornette | F/C | 6-10 | 230 | Sr. | 11.4 | 6.2 |
| 4 Brandon Miller | G | 6-0 | 170 | Sr. | 12.6 | 3.4* |
| 10 Darnell Archey | G | 6-1 | 160 | Sr. | 10.3 | 2.4 |
| * Assists per game | | | | | | |
| Key Reserves | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
| 1 Duane Lightfoot Jr. | G-F | 6-5 | 220 | Jr. | 10.9 | 4.2 |
| 21 Avery Sheets | G | 6-0 | 170 | Fr. | 5.3 | 1.0 |
| 3 Bruce Horan | G | 6-3 | 180 | Fr. | 2.3 | 0.8 |

LOUISVILLE CARDINALS

Coach: Rick Pitino Conference: Conference USA Location: Louisville, Ky. Website: www.uoflsports.com
 Record: 24-6 (11-5) RPI Standing: 11 Sagarin Rating: 6 RPI Schedule Rank: 26

Skinny: Trying to figure out who will start, or even play, for the Cardinals is a task in and of itself. Marvin Stone's eligibility seems to be a daily proposition and Rick Pitino changes his lineup nearly every game. With all that, the Cards lost their heart and soul when Ellis Myles went down with a horrible knee injury just weeks ago, leaving Reece Gaines to shoulder the entire load of both scoring and providing leadership in the Big Dance. Pitino has pulled off miracles before, but this would need to be one for the ages.

Best Wins: Kentucky, 81-63; at Marquette, 73-70; Indiana, 95-76



| Starting Five | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
|---------------------|-----|------|-----|-----|------|------|
| 5 Taquan Dean | G | 6-0 | 175 | Fr. | 8.9 | 3.2 |
| 22 Reece Gaines | G | 6-6 | 205 | Sr. | 18.6 | 5.2* |
| 32 Francisco Garcia | G/F | 6-7 | 175 | Fr. | 11.0 | 2.7 |
| 21 Marvin Stone | C | 6-10 | 240 | Sr. | 10.6 | 7.4 |
| 24 Luke Whitehead | F | 6-7 | 220 | Jr. | 7.6 | 4.0 |
| * Assists per game | | | | | | |
| Key Reserves | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
| 1 Kendall Dartez | C | 6-10 | 225 | Jr. | 4.0 | 3.2 |
| 3 Bryant Northern | G | 6-0 | 175 | Jr. | 3.3 | 1.3* |
| 33 Erik Brown | F | 6-5 | 210 | Sr. | 6.9 | 2.1 |

#4 LOUISVILLE (24-6) vs. #13 AUSTIN PEAY (23-7)

AUSTIN PEAY GOVERNORS

Coach: Dave Loos Conference: Ohio Valley Location: Clarksville, Tenn. Website: www.apsu.edu/letsapeay
 Record: 23-7 (13-3) RPI Standing: 73 Sagarin Ranking: 103 RPI Schedule Rank: 179

Skinny: The Ohio Valley Conference isn't anywhere near a powerhouse, or even really a mid-major college, but the league is extremely competitive within its own ranks, which instantly gives Austin Peay some credibility. Mix in that the Governors beat Memphis on its own floor and this team could scare the heck out of someone if the matchup is favorable. Another reason to love Austin Peay? Any group of fans that yells, "Let's go Peay!" all game deserves some credit.

Best Wins: at Memphis, 81-80; at Morehead State, 66-59

Worst Losses: at Wisconsin-Green Bay, 69-74; at Ole Miss, 46-74



| Starting Five | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
|--------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|
| 3 Corey Gipson | G | 6-1 | 185 | Jr. | 8.5 | 2.5* |
| 23 Anthony Davis | G | 6-2 | 190 | So. | 14.0 | 4.7 |
| 32 Rhett Wierzba | G | 6-4 | 190 | Jr. | 8.9 | 3.8 |
| 14 Adrian Henning | F | 6-6 | 205 | Jr. | 15.4 | 7.1 |
| 24 Josh Lewis | C | 6-8 | 210 | Jr. | 12.6 | 7.0 |
| * Assists per game | | | | | | |
| Key Reserves | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
| 21 Maurice Hampton | G | 6-2 | 175 | Fr. | 4.5 | 1.5 |
| 10 Levi Carmichael | G | 6-0 | 165 | So. | 3.1 | 2.0* |
| 4 Zac Schlader | C | 6-9 | 220 | Fr. | 2.3 | 2.0 |

SYRACUSE ORANGEMEN

Coach: Jim Boeheim **Conference:** Big East **Location:** Syracuse, N.Y. **Website:** www.suathletics.com
Record: 24-5 (13-3) **RPI Standing:** 9 **Sagarin Rating:** 12 **RPI Schedule Rank:** 40
Skinny: Carmelo Anthony is not only the best freshman in America, he could quite possibly be the best PLAYER in the nation in all classes. Anthony has been unstoppable, with no one really being able to guard the explosive youngster. Throw in Hakim Warrick and a trio of solid guards and the 'Cuse can score at will. The key will be how well teams attack the 2-3 zone that the Orangemen play for the entire 40 minutes. If you aren't used to it, teams can shoot themselves right out of the game.
Best Wins: Pittsburgh, 67-65; Missouri, 76-69; at Notre Dame, 92-88
Worst Losses: at Rutgers, 65-68; Memphis, 63-70



| Starting Five | | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
|--------------------|-----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|
| 3 | Gerry McNamara | G | 6-2 | 172 | Fr. | 14.0 | 4.7* |
| 13 | Kueth Duany | G | 6-6 | 185 | Sr. | 11.9 | 3.8 |
| 1 | Hakim Warrick | F | 6-8 | 205 | So. | 15.4 | 9.1 |
| 15 | Carmelo Anthony | F | 6-8 | 220 | Fr. | 22.5 | 10.0 |
| 51 | Craig Forth | C | 7-0 | 265 | So. | 4.4 | 3.3 |
| * Assists per game | | | | | | | |
| Key Reserves | | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
| 14 | Billy Edelin | G | 6-4 | 195 | Fr. | 8.5 | 3.4 |
| 5 | Josh Pace | G | 6-5 | 190 | So. | 3.6 | 2.6 |
| 34 | Jeremy McNeil | F | 6-8 | 257 | Jr. | 3.4 | 4.1 |

#3 SYRACUSE (24-5) vs. #14 MANHATTAN (23-6)

MANHATTAN JASPERS

Coach: Bobby Gonzalez **Conference:** Metro Atlantic **Location:** Riverdale, N.Y. **Website:** www.gojaspers.com
Record: 23-6 (14-4) **RPI Rank:** 55 **Sagarin Rank:** 69 **RPI Schedule Rank:** 161
Skinny: Manhattan earned its first invitation to the Big Dance since 1995 by winning its postseason tournament, but probably deserved an invite regardless. Unlike many mid-majors, Manhattan scheduled some high-profile programs – most notably Seton Hall, St. John's and Louisville – and won two of those three contests. Luis Flores ranks seventh nationally in scoring and led the team in the category in all but four games. Reserve Dave Holmes is the team's best post player, but is foul-prone. He's fouled out of eight games.
Best wins: at St. John's, 72-65; vs. Seton Hall, 74-70



| Starting Five | | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
|--------------------|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|
| 30 | Jared Johnson | F | 6-7 | 230 | Sr. | 12.3 | 6.1 |
| 51 | Jason Benton | C/F | 6-6 | 250 | Jr. | 5.8 | 3.6 |
| 13 | Justin Jackette | G | 6-2 | 215 | Sr. | 5.6 | 2.7 |
| 3 | Luis Flores | G | 6-2 | 195 | Jr. | 24.9 | 5.5 |
| 5 | Jason Wingate | G | 6-0 | 175 | Fr. | 4.7 | 2.3* |
| * Assists per game | | | | | | | |
| Key Reserves | | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
| 11 | Kenny Minor | G | 5-8 | 170 | Fr. | 3.7 | 3.3* |
| 15 | Dave Holmes | F | 6-7 | 225 | Jr. | 12.7 | 7.4 |
| 33 | Mike Konovelchick | F | 6-5 | 220 | Fr. | 8.1 | 3.3 |

ST. JOSEPH'S HAWKS

Coach: Phil Martelli **Conference:** Atlantic 10 **Location:** Philadelphia, Penn. **Website:** www.sjuhawks.com
Record: 23-6 (12-4) **RPI Rank:** 27 **Sagarin Rank:** 20 **RPI Schedule Rank:** 86
Skinny: St. Joe's has one of the nation's premier backcourts, led by 6-0 point guard Jameer Nelson. Nelson led the A-10 in assists during the last two seasons, and is widely-considered one of the country's best players. He's had to shoulder more of the scoring responsibilities, though, since the injury to backcourt mate Delonte West. West has been sidelined with a stress fracture in his right leg. St. Joe's is one of the nation's best defensive units, allowing just 59 ppg and limiting its foes to a nation's best 36.8 percent shooting.
Best wins: at Boston College, 85-58; at Gonzaga, 79-78 (OT).



| Starting Five | | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
|--------------------|-------------------|-----|------|-----|-----|------|------|
| 40 | Dave Mallon | F | 6-10 | 230 | Fr. | 1.6 | 1.9 |
| 51 | Alexandre Sazonov | C | 7-1 | 235 | Sr. | 3.4 | 2.3 |
| 14 | Jameer Nelson | G | 6-0 | 190 | Jr. | 18.7 | 4.9* |
| 15 | Delonte West | G | 6-3 | 180 | So. | 18.5 | 4.7 |
| 33 | Pat Carroll | G | 6-5 | 190 | So. | 12.0 | 3.4 |
| * Assists per game | | | | | | | |
| Key Reserves | | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
| 12 | Tyrone Barley | G | 6-1 | 185 | Jr. | 6.3 | 2.3 |
| 21 | Dwayne Jones | C | 6-11 | 225 | Fr. | 3.8 | 5.9 |
| 34 | John Bryant | F | 6-7 | 220 | So. | 2.9 | 3.6 |

#7 ST. JOSEPH'S (23-6) vs. #10 AUBURN (21-11)

AUBURN TIGERS

Coach: Cliff Ellis **Conference:** SEC **Location:** Auburn, Ala. **Website:** www.auburntigers.com
Record: 21-11 (8-8) **RPI Standing:** 36 **Sagarin Rating:** 43 **RPI Schedule Rank:** 27
Skinny: The Tigers sealed their berth by beating Tennessee and playing Kentucky tough for a half before faltering. Auburn is an interesting team because it didn't have any prominent victories, but the Tigers beat everyone they should have once conference play started. Marquis Daniels is a tremendous all-around player, while Brandon Robinson and Marco Killingsworth are solid sidekicks. Playing in the SEC can only help Auburn in the tournament, but they are going to have to play one of its best games to advance.
Best Wins: Alabama, 77-68; LSU, 56-54.



| Starting Five | | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
|--------------------|---------------------|-----|------|-----|-----|------|------|
| 11 | Derrick Bird | G | 6-4 | 195 | Sr. | 9.9 | 3.1 |
| 22 | Lewis Monroe | G | 6-5 | 190 | So. | 5.8 | 3.3* |
| 3 | Marquis Daniels | F | 6-6 | 200 | Sr. | 18.2 | 6.2 |
| 4 | Marco Killingsworth | F | 6-7 | 235 | So. | 13.8 | 6.4 |
| 34 | Kyle Davis | C | 6-10 | 235 | Jr. | 6.6 | 3.7* |
| * Assists per game | | | | | | | |
| Key Reserves | | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
| 13 | Brandon Robinson | F | 6-8 | 215 | So. | 7.8 | 4.1 |
| 24 | Nathan Watson | G | 6-3 | 180 | So. | 5.7 | 3.1 |
| 10 | Troy Gaines | G | 5-11 | 180 | So. | 4.9 | 1.1 |

OKLAHOMA STATE COWBOYS

Coach: Eddie Sutton **Conference:** Big 12 **Location:** Stillwater, Okla. **Website:** www.okstate.com
Record: 21-9 (10-6) **RPI Rank:** 22 **Sagarin Rank:** 25 **RPI Schedule Rank:** 11
Skinny: Oklahoma State started their season with a bang by jumping out to a 17-1 record, but they faltered down the stretch losing seven of their last 11 games. For any tournament success the Cowboys must have superb play from their pair of All Big 12 guards Victor Williams and Melvin Sanders. Williams leads the team in scoring and assists while backcourt mate Sanders balances the duo as the team's defensive stopper.
Best wins: vs. Oklahoma, 48-46; vs. Texas, 82-77; vs. Michigan State, 64-61
Worst Losses: vs. College of Charleston, 66-58



| Starting Five | | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
|--------------------|-----------------|-----|------|-----|-----|------|------|
| 5 | Victor Williams | G | 5-10 | 187 | Sr. | 15.3 | 3.2* |
| 24 | Tony Allen | G | 6-4 | 205 | Jr. | 14.7 | 5.5 |
| 34 | Melvin Sanders | G | 6-5 | 210 | Sr. | 13.5 | 4.9 |
| 23 | Ivan McFarland | F | 6-8 | 237 | Jr. | 10.7 | 7.3 |
| 4 | Andre Williams | F | 6-8 | 225 | Sr. | 4.1 | 5.8 |
| * Assists per game | | | | | | | |
| Key Reserves | | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
| 30 | Cheyene Gadson | G | 6-3 | 190 | Sr. | 5.7 | 2.1 |
| 33 | Jason Miller | F | 6-9 | 245 | Jr. | 2.8 | 3.0 |

#6 OKLAHOMA STATE (21-9) vs. #11 PENNSYLVANIA (22-5)

PENNSYLVANIA QUAKERS

Coach: Fran Dunphy **Conference:** Ivy League **Location:** Philadelphia, Penn. **Website:** www.pennathletics.com
Record: 22-5 (13-0) **RPI Standing:** 59 **Sagarin Rating:** 49 **RPI Schedule Rank:** 206
Skinny: If you think the Ivy League is all about brains and books, you are dead wrong about this team. Penn ripped Philadelphia rivals Temple and Villanova this season, as well as state flagship school Penn State to start the season. Penn is long on athleticism and talent to go along with the smarts they display on the court. The Quakers one downfall is size, but they have been able to make up for that by spreading the floor and using quickness instead.
Best Wins: Penn State, 62-37; Temple, 71-46; at Villanova, 72-58
Worst Losses: Drexel, 61-72; at Delaware, 59-60



| Starting Five | | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
|--------------------|----------------|-----|------|-----|-----|------|-----|
| 20 | Andrew Toole | G | 6-2 | 195 | Sr. | 10.6 | 2.9 |
| 31 | Tim Begley | G | 6-5 | 205 | So. | 7.1 | 4.8 |
| 4 | Jeff Schiffner | G | 6-6 | 205 | Jr. | 11.6 | 3.2 |
| 1 | Ugonna Onyekwe | F | 6-8 | 225 | Sr. | 15.9 | 6.5 |
| 2 | Koko Archibong | F | 6-8 | 215 | Sr. | 10.8 | 4.9 |
| * Assists per game | | | | | | | |
| Key Reserves | | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
| 3 | David Klatsky | G | 5-11 | 175 | Sr. | 5.8 | 2.7 |
| 15 | Adam Chubb | C | 6-9 | 225 | Jr. | 3.9 | 2.2 |

WAKE FOREST DEMON DEACONS

Coach: Skip Prosser **Conference:** ACC **Location:** Winston-Salem, N.C. **Website:** www.wakeforestsports.com
Record: 24-5 (13-3) **RPI Standing:** 7 **Sagarin Rating:** 9 **RPI Schedule Rank:** 36
Skinny: Josh Howard could win National Player of the Year, which is enough to make the Deacons a serious threat in the Big Dance, but you have to wonder about having seven of your top eight players be freshmen and sophomores. That doesn't exactly scream successful recipe when those kids hit the spotlight as a favorite in March. The return of Justin Gray from a broken jaw in February re-ignited the late run Wake went on to seal the regular season ACC title.
Best Wins: Duke, 94-80 (2ot); at Wisconsin, 90-80; Maryland, 81-72
Worst Losses: at Virginia, 75-85; at Maryland, 67-90



| Starting Five | | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
|--------------------|------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|
| 1 | Justin Gray | G | 6-2 | 185 | Fr. | 11.9 | 3.2* |
| 4 | Taron Downey | G | 6-2 | 171 | So. | 9.7 | 4.4* |
| 5 | Josh Howard | G/F | 6-6 | 203 | Sr. | 20.1 | 8.0 |
| 13 | Vytas Danelius | F | 6-8 | 228 | So. | 13.0 | 7.6 |
| 31 | Eric Williams | C | 6-9 | 270 | Fr. | 8.4 | 4.3 |
| * Assists per game | | | | | | | |
| Key Reserves | | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
| 10 | Jamaal Levy | F | 6-9 | 180 | So. | 7.2 | 6.6 |
| 34 | Trent Strickland | G | 6-5 | 190 | Fr. | 4.8 | 2.0 |
| 0 | Chris Ellis | F | 6-8 | 250 | Fr. | 3.1 | 2.7 |

#2 WAKE FOREST (24-5) vs. #15 EAST TENN. STATE (20-10)

EAST TENNESSEE STATE BUCCANEERS

Coach: Ed DeChillis **Conference:** Southern **Location:** Johnson City, Tenn. **Website:** www.etsubucs.com
Record: 20-10 (11-5) **RPI Standing:** 125 **Sagarin Rating:** 133 **RPI Schedule Rank:** 189
Skinny: When leading scorer Tiras Wade (16.0 ppg) left the team midway through the conference season for personal reasons, few suspected ETSU could contend for the conference crown. But paced by the play of freshman Tim Smith, ETSU went 9-3 down the stretch. This is its first NCAA appearance since 1992 and fifth overall. ETSU hasn't been a pushover in the NCAA's, either. In 1989 they lost to No. 1 seed Oklahoma 72-71; in 1991 they lost to No. 7 seed Iowa 76-73; and in 1992 they defeated No. 3 seed Arizona.
Best wins: vs. Coll. Of Charleston, 65-61 & 64-55; vs. Chattanooga, 97-90



| Starting Five | | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
|--------------------|---------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|
| 1 | Jerald Fields | F | 6-7 | 270 | Jr. | 12.7 | 6.5 |
| 44 | Zakee Wadood | F | 6-5 | 220 | Jr. | 14.5 | 7.9 |
| 4 | Ben Rhoda | G | 6-4 | 195 | Fr. | 8.8 | 3.0 |
| 5 | Tim Smith | G | 5-9 | 155 | Fr. | 15.1 | 3.7* |
| 20 | James Anthony | G | 6-2 | 185 | So. | 6.0 | 2.4 |
| * Assists per game | | | | | | | |
| Key Reserves | | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
| 3 | Ryan Lawson | G | 6-2 | 195 | Sr. | 7.8 | 1.8* |
| 51 | Brad Nuckles | F | 6-9 | 245 | Fr. | 5.6 | 4.2 |

TEXASLONGHORNS

Coach: Rick Barnes **Conference:** Big 12 **Location:** Austin, Texas **Website:** www.texasports.com
Record: 22-6 (13-3) **RPI Standing:** 4 **Sagarin Rank:** 5 **RPI Schedule Rank:** 4
Skinny: Texas is coming off one of the school's best regular season record ever and a 2nd place finish in the Big 12. The Longhorns use a balanced attack that keeps opponents honest with tough inside play and great guard play. Center James Thomas is one of the nation's best rebounders and guard T.J. Ford is the team's heartbeat. The lightning-quick Ford is an explosive playmaker who excels at setting his teammates up as well as hitting key buckets when his team needs them.
Best Wins: vs. Oklahoma, 67-61; at Oklahoma, 76-71; at Georgia, 77-71
Worst Losses: vs. Texas Tech, 81-92



| Starting Five | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
|--------------------|-----|------|-----|-----|------|------|
| 24 Royal Ivey | G | 6-3 | 192 | Jr. | 8.1 | 3.1 |
| 11 T.J. Ford | G | 5-10 | 165 | So. | 14.8 | 7.2* |
| 3 Brandon Mouton | G | 6-4 | 205 | Jr. | 14.2 | 4.4 |
| 33 Brian Boddicker | F | 6-8 | 228 | Jr. | 8.0 | 3.6 |
| 00 James Thomas | C | 6-8 | 235 | Jr. | 11.6 | 11.3 |
| * Assists per game | | | | | | |
| Key Reserves | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
| 13 Sydmill Harris | G | 6-5 | 197 | So. | 5.9 | 1.0 |
| 33 Brad Buckman | F | 6-8 | 220 | Fr. | 6.5 | 5.5 |

#1 TEXAS (22-6) vs. #16 UNC-ASHEVILLE/Texas Southern

UNC-ASHEVILLEBULLDOGS

Coach: Eddie Bledenbach **Conference:** Big South **Location:** Asheville, N.C. **Website:** www.unca.edu/athletics
Record: 14-16 (6-7) **RPI Standing:** 186 **Sagarin Rating:** 251 **RPI Schedule Rank:** 154
Skinny: UNC-Asheville is what March Madness is all about and why it's such a great time on the sports calendar. The Bulldogs will head into the NCAA Tournament with a sub-.500 record, having won just 14 of 30 games. But it was a one-point win over conference favorite Winthrop in the Big South semifinals and then a convincing victory over Radford in the finals that earned UNC-Asheville a slipper.
Best Wins: at High Point, 64-60; High Point, 78-76; at Winthrop, 81-80
Worst Losses: at Holy Cross, 53-84; Mercer, 66-86

TEXASSOUTHERN

Coach: Ronnie Courtney **Conference:** SWAC **Location:** Houston, Texas **Website:** www.tsu.edu/athletics/index.asp
Record: 18-12 (11-7) **RPI Standing:** 217 **Sagarin Rank:** 257 **RPI Schedule Rank:** 320
Skinny: The Tigers finished strong, winning their last five games, to get into the Dance despite just an 18-12 record. Texas Southern doesn't go extremely deep and it is undersized, but the guard play the Tigers possess is solid. The dynamic duo of Ra Kim Hollis and Allen Lovett combine for around 35 points and 12 rebounds a game, good by any team's standards. Of course, the Tigers have to win the play-in game to get into the real tournament.
Best Wins: Alcorn State, 77-68; Stephen F. Austin, 80-75
Worst Losses: at Chicago State, 74-79; SW Texas State, 71-79

LSUTIGERS

Coach: John Brady **Conference:** SEC **Location:** Baton Rouge, La. **Website:** www.lsusports.net
Record: 21-10 (8-8) **RPI Standing:** 39 **Sagarin Rating:** 27 **RPI Schedule Rank:** 57
Skinny: Until they ran out of gas against Mississippi State in the SEC semifinals, LSU was playing the best ball of anyone in the league except for Kentucky. Ronald Dupree and Collis Temple III are terrific on the wings, and Jaime Lloreda has been a major force down the stretch for the Tigers. Throw in Torris Bright and a deep bench, and LSU could be a sleeper pick.
Best Wins: Arizona, 66-65; Miss. State, 85-72; at Tennessee, 89-67
Worst Losses: at Arkansas, 65-73; Ole Miss, 57-67; vs. Texas A&M, 77-79



| Starting Five | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
|----------------------|-----|------|-----|-----|------|------|
| 3 Torris Bright | G | 6-4 | 195 | Sr. | 11.3 | 4.9* |
| 22 Xavier Whipple | G | 6-2 | 170 | So. | 2.5 | 1.5* |
| 41 Collis Temple III | G/F | 6-7 | 215 | Sr. | 10.8 | 3.8 |
| 12 Ronald Dupree | F | 6-7 | 210 | Sr. | 16.0 | 7.8 |
| 14 Jaime Lloreda | F | 6-9 | 240 | Jr. | 12.0 | 8.6 |
| * Assists per game | | | | | | |
| Key Reserves | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
| 2 Darrel Mitchell | G | 5-11 | 174 | Fr. | 7.4 | 2.2 |
| 42 Antonio Hudson | G | 6-4 | 197 | So. | 7.5 | 2.9 |
| 54 Brad Bridgewater | F | 6-8 | 250 | Sr. | 3.2 | 1.9 |

#8 LSU (21-10) vs. #9 PURDUE (18-10)

PURDUEBOILERMAKERS

Coach: Gene Keady **Conference:** Big Ten **Location:** West Lafayette, Ind. **Website:** purduesports.ocsn.com
Record: 18-10 (10-6) **RPI Rank:** 30 **Sagarin Rank:** 34 **RPI Schedule Rank:** 19
Skinny: After a two-year absence from the NCAAs, Keady has the Boilers back in the Big Dance. The biggest question mark for the Boilers is the health of junior Kenneth Lowe, who missed the last two games of the regular season with a separated shoulder. Lowe is a double-digit scorer who is also the leader of the squad. Deane has developed into a solid go-to player, capable of shooting from deep or putting the ball on the floor and getting to the line.
Best Wins: vs. Louisville, 86-84; vs. Wisconsin, 78-60; vs. Illinois, 70-61



| Starting Five | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
|----------------------|------|-----|----|----|------|------|
| 31 Chris Booker | 6-10 | 247 | F | JR | 9.9 | 5.6 |
| 5 Ivan Kartelo | 6-11 | 265 | C | JR | 3.3 | 2.7 |
| 0 Willie Deane | 6-1 | 196 | G | SR | 17.6 | 5.1 |
| 10 Brandon McKnight | 6-2 | 183 | G | SO | 5.4 | 2.4* |
| 20 Kenneth Lowe | 6-3 | 197 | G | JR | 11.8 | 2.6 |
| * Assists per game | | | | | | |
| Key Reserves | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
| 2 David Teague | 6-5 | 183 | G | FR | 5.8 | 2.2 |
| 3 Brett Buscher | 6-8 | 242 | F | JR | 6.1 | 3.0 |
| 33 Darnetrel Kilgore | 6-5 | 204 | G | SR | 7.4 | 2.5 |

CONNECTICUTHUSKIES

Coach: Jim Calhoun **Conference:** Big East **Location:** Storrs, Conn. **Website:** www.uconnhuskies.com
Record: 21-9 (10-6) **RPI Standing:** 28 **Sagarin Rating:** 24 **RPI Schedule Rank:** 47
Skinny: Connecticut has had some impressive wins and equally perplexing losses this season, so trying to figure out which UConn team is the real one is difficult. No one has as dominating a shot blocking presence as Emeka Okafor and Ben Gordon can score with anyone. The question is whether the Huskies' penchant for falling way behind at the beginning of games will come back to haunt them in the Dance or not.
Best Wins: at Notre Dame, 87-79; at Syracuse, 75-61; at Boston College, 91-54
Worst Losses: at Virginia Tech, 65-83; at Villanova, 70-79; Boston College, 74-95



| Starting Five | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
|--------------------------------|-----|------|-----|-----|------|-------|
| 12 Talek Brown | G | 6-1 | 185 | Jr. | 7.3 | 5.0* |
| 4 Ben Gordon | G | 6-2 | 185 | So. | 19.9 | 5.1* |
| 33 Denham Brown | G/F | 6-5 | 220 | Fr. | 8.0 | 3.8 |
| 11 Hilton Armstrong | F | 6-10 | 210 | Fr. | 3.2 | 3.3 |
| 50 Emeka Okafor | F | 6-9 | 240 | So. | 16.1 | 11.0* |
| #also averages 4.8 blocks/game | | | | | | |
| * Assists per game | | | | | | |
| Key Reserves | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
| 32 Tony Robertson | G | 6-2 | 200 | Sr. | 10.5 | 3.2 |
| 31 Rashad Anderson | G | 6-4 | 190 | Fr. | 8.3 | 1.2 |
| 25 Mike Hayes | F | 6-8 | 215 | Sr. | 1.9 | 3.1 |

#5 CONNECTICUT (21-9) vs. #12 BYU (23-8)

BYUCOUGARS

Coach: Steve Cleveland **Conference:** Mountain West **Location:** Provo, Utah **Website:** www.byucougars.com
Record: 23-8 (11-3) **RPI Standing:** 19 **Sagarin Rating:** 28 **RPI Schedule Rank:** 24
Skinny: BYU played one of the toughest schedules in the nation this season and should be tournament tested enough to not be freaked out by the pressure of the dance. The Cougars are led by their guards, which is critical in tournament play. If BYU can get the right matchup, it can be a Cinderella-like team similar to the run Kent State made last season because of stellar perimeter play.
Best Wins: at Arizona State, 64-60; at Wyoming, 74-66; Wyoming, 69-50
Worst Losses: at San Francisco, 72-84; at UNLV, 54-61



| Starting Five | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
|--------------------|-----|------|-----|-----|------|------|
| 24 Kevin Woodberry | G | 6-0 | 170 | Jr. | 6.2 | 2.3* |
| 2 Travis Hansen | G | 6-6 | 210 | Sr. | 16.7 | 4.7 |
| 3 Mark Bigelow | G | 6-7 | 190 | Jr. | 13.8 | 3.7 |
| 52 Jared Jensen | F | 6-9 | 245 | So. | 8.1 | 3.4 |
| 55 Ratael Araujo | C | 6-11 | 260 | Jr. | 11.9 | 8.8 |
| * Assists per game | | | | | | |
| Key Reserves | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
| 14 Ricky Bower | G | 6-4 | 185 | Jr. | 5.6 | 1.5 |
| 10 Terry Nashif | G | 5-10 | 165 | So. | 2.2 | 2.3* |

STANFORDCARDINAL

Coach: Mike Montgomery **Conference:** Pacific 10 **Location:** Stanford, Calif. **Website:** gostanford.ocsn.com
Record: 23-8 (14-4) **RPI Rank:** 21 **Sagarin Rank:** 29 **RPI Schedule Rank:** 28
Skinny: Few coaches in the country can boast an effort comparable to Montgomery's. Stanford lost Casey Jacobsen and Curtis Borchardt to the NBA after Jacobsen led the Pac 10 in scoring and Borchardt led the league in rebounding. Those are some big holes, but Montgomery found a way to fill them. There's balance on offense and with Justin Davis, Stanford might be a tad better defensively. The Cardinal is no fluke. Montgomery's team is 5-1 against ranked opponents and has Sweet 16 potential.
Best Wins: at Arizona 82-77, vs. California 72-60



| Starting Five | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
|--------------------|-----|------|-----|-----|------|------|
| 24 Julius Barnes | G | 6-1 | 185 | Sr. | 15.9 | 3.8* |
| 33 Matt Leticich | G | 6-4 | 205 | Jr. | 11.0 | 3.1* |
| 1 Josh Childress | G/F | 6-8 | 200 | So. | 14.1 | 8.1 |
| 22 Justin Davis | F | 6-9 | 245 | Jr. | 10.6 | 8.1 |
| 42 Rob Little | C | 6-10 | 275 | So. | 8.9 | 5.6 |
| * Assists per game | | | | | | |
| Key Reserves | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
| 21 Nick Robinson | G/F | 6-6 | 200 | So. | 4.6 | 4.1 |
| 20 Dan Grunfeld | G/F | 6-6 | 210 | Fr. | 3.9 | 1.1 |
| 52 Matt Haryasz | F | 6-10 | 215 | Fr. | 1.9 | 1.9 |

#4 STANFORD (23-8) vs. #13 SAN DIEGO (18-11)

SANDIEGOTOREROS

Coach: Brad Holland **Conference:** West Coast **Location:** San Diego, Calif. **Website:** www.usdtoreros.com
Record: 18-11 (11-4) **RPI Standing:** 62 **Sagarin Rating:** 87 **RPI Schedule Rank:** 97
Skinny: San Diego benefited from having the West Coast Conference Tournament on its home floor, but now that it is in the Toreros have the ingredients to spring an upset. The Jason & Jason Show in the frontcourt can match up with any of the size most of the major programs can boast, which should allow them to stay in the game. Although beating UCLA isn't what it used to be, the Toreros did win in Pauley Pavilion against a team with a load of talent.
Best Wins: at UCLA, 86-81; vs. Gonzaga, 72-63; at Pepperdine, 88-73
Worst Losses: CS-Northridge, 61-64; at Nevada, 70-81



| Starting Five | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
|--------------------|-----|------|-----|-----|------|------|
| 10 Roy Morris | G | 6-2 | 182 | Sr. | 12.4 | 3.3* |
| 14 Matt Delzell | G | 6-2 | 180 | Sr. | 8.0 | 3.5* |
| 32 Corey Belser | G | 6-6 | 208 | So. | 4.2 | 4.5 |
| 34 Jason Blair | F | 6-7 | 230 | Jr. | 16.8 | 7.4 |
| 43 Jason Keep | C | 6-10 | 290 | Sr. | 18.2 | 9.1 |
| * Assists per game | | | | | | |
| Key Reserves | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
| 42 Nick Lewis | F | 6-10 | 235 | Fr. | 8.6 | 3.7 |
| 3 Travis Smith | G | 6-3 | 180 | Fr. | 1.9 | 1.7 |
| 20 Michael McGrain | G | 6-3 | 210 | So. | 1.9 | 2.7* |

XAVIERMUSKETEERS

Coach: Thad Matta Conference: Atlantic 10 Location: Cincinnati, Ohio Website: athletics.xu.edu
 Record: 25-5 (15-1) RPI Rank: 20 Sagarin Rank: 13 RPI Schedule Rank: 71

Skinny: Xavier might just have the nation's best college player in David West. He's one of a select few to record 2,000 points and 1,000 rebounds during his career, and his No. 30 has already been retired by the Xavier Athletic Department. Add in wing forward Romain Sato and center Anthony Myles, and Xavier is loaded up front. The biggest mark is depth, as three starters average more than 33 minutes per game, and XU uses a seven-man rotation.
Best Wins: vs. Purdue, 74-59; at Cincinnati, 50-44; vs. Creighton, 75-73
Worst Losses: vs. Richmond, 67-59



| Starting Five | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
|--------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|
| 10 Romain Sato | F | 6-5 | 205 | Jr. | 18.1 | 7.1 |
| 30 David West | F | 6-9 | 240 | Sr. | 20.4 | 11.9 |
| 24 Anthony Myles | C | 6-9 | 245 | Jr. | 10.6 | 5.9 |
| 0 Lionel Chalmers | G | 6-0 | 180 | Sr. | 11.5 | 4.0* |
| 12 Dedrick Finn | G | 6-1 | 180 | Fr. | 7.8 | 4.4* |
| * Assists per game | | | | | | |
| Key Reserves | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
| 25 Keith Jackson | G/F | 6-5 | 215 | So. | 5.4 | 2.6 |
| 52 Will Caudle | F/C | 6-9 | 240 | Fr. | 4.0 | 1.8 |

#3 XAVIER (25-5) vs. #14 TROY STATE (26-5)

TROYSTATETROJANS

Coach: Don Maestri Conference: Atlantic Sun Location: Troy, Alab. Website: www.troystate.com
 Record: 26-5 (14-2) RPI standing: 66 Sagarin rating: 77 RPI Schedule rank: 255

Skinny: Troy State is making its first-ever NCAA Tourney appearance after winning the Atlantic Sun postseason crown. The Trojans have won or shared the regular season A-Sun crown in three of the past four seasons before finally breaking through in this year's tournament. The Trojans don't have a lot of size, but they like to push the pace (average 80.5 points/game), and they cause nearly 18 turnovers per game. Maestri uses his bench extensively, as no player averages more than 26 minutes per game.
Best Wins: at Arkansas, 74-66; vs. Mercer, 89-61



| Starting Five | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
|----------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|
| 10 Greg Davis | G | 6-1 | 165 | Jr. | 10.7 | 4.8* |
| 15 Ben Fletcher | G | 6-3 | 185 | Sr. | 14.2 | 2.5 |
| 25 Marcus Millhouse | F | 6-4 | 170 | Sr. | 8.3 | 6.1 |
| 31 Rob Lewin | F | 6-7 | 230 | Jr. | 12.3 | 8.0 |
| 32 Lacedrick Pettway | F | 6-6 | 210 | Sr. | 6.6 | 3.9 |
| * Assists per game | | | | | | |
| Key Reserves | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
| 1 Eddie Baker | F | 6-7 | 210 | Jr. | 6.9 | 3.7 |
| 5 Herbert Evans | G | 6-2 | 185 | Jr. | 7.1 | 3.2* |
| 35 Lovell Craig | C | 6-9 | 210 | Sr. | 4.9 | 3.6 |

MARYLANDTERRAPINS

Coach: Gary Williams Conference: ACC Location: College Park, Md. Website: www.umterps.com
 Record: 19-9 (11-5) RPI Standing: 37 Sagarin Rating: 21 RPI Schedule Rank: 52

Skinny: The defending national champions will have a lot of work to do to get back to the Final Four, but they could make a nice little run to the Elite Eight, if for no other reason than they have four starters who are seniors and know what it takes. Steve Blake is as good as it gets distributing the ball and Drew Nicholas is a Juan Dixon clone. Just imagine if Chris Wilcox had stayed around for another year how dangerous this Terps team would have been.
Best Wins: Duke, 87-72; Wake Forest, 90-67; North Carolina, 96-56
Worst Losses: at Indiana, 74-80; at Georgia Tech, 84-90; Virginia, 78-86



| Starting Five | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
|----------------------|-----|------|-----|-----|------|------|
| 25 Steve Blake | G | 6-3 | 160 | Sr. | 11.3 | 6.9* |
| 12 Drew Nicholas | G | 6-3 | 160 | Sr. | 17.2 | 3.6 |
| 22 Nick Caner-Medley | F | 6-7 | 210 | Fr. | 5.9 | 3.7 |
| 33 Ryan Randle | F | 6-9 | 245 | Sr. | 12.5 | 7.1 |
| 45 Tahj Holden | C | 6-10 | 247 | Sr. | 8.8 | 4.1 |
| * Assists per game | | | | | | |
| Key Reserves | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
| 5 Calvin McCall | G | 6-3 | 200 | Sr. | 3.8 | 3.4 |
| 1 Jamar Smith | F | 6-9 | 225 | Jr. | 5.4 | 4.0 |
| 4 Travis Garrison | F | 6-9 | 215 | Fr. | 4.3 | 3.3 |

#6 MARYLAND (19-9) vs. #11 UNC-WILMINGTON (24-6)

UNC-WILMINGTONSEAHAWKS

Coach: Brad Brownell Conference: Colonial Location: Wilmington, N.C. Website: www.uncwil.edu/athletics/
 Record: 24-6 (15-3) RPI Standing: 51 Sagarin Rating: 51 RPI Schedule Rank: 152

Skinny: UNC-Wilmington is making its second consecutive NCAA Tournament appearance hoping to spring another upset like the shocking defeat it handed Southern Cal in last season's tournament. Brett Blizzard is widely considered one of the nation's top shooters, having made 97 three-pointers on the year, over half his made baskets. The Seahawks also come into March Madness as hot as anyone, having won 17 of their last 19 games and nine straight overall.
Best Wins: Coll. of Charleston, 78-69; at Va. Commonwealth, 81-50; at Drexel, 88-86
Worst Losses: at Fairfield, 60-69; Old Dominion, 57-67



| Starting Five | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
|--------------------|-----|------|-----|-----|------|------|
| 3 John Goldsberry | G | 6-3 | 185 | Fr. | 4.1 | 3.6* |
| 11 Brett Blizzard | G | 6-4 | 195 | Sr. | 21.3 | 3.6* |
| 22 Tim Burnette | G | 6-2 | 185 | Jr. | 11.4 | 3.4 |
| 54 Craig Callahan | F | 6-8 | 250 | Sr. | 16.4 | 7.0 |
| 23 Anthony Terrell | F | 6-7 | 230 | Jr. | 7.9 | 5.0 |
| * Assists per game | | | | | | |
| Key Reserves | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
| 5 Joel Justus | G | 6-6 | 210 | Jr. | 3.1 | 1.7 |
| 42 Beckham Wyrick | F | 6-6 | 210 | Fr. | 2.4 | 2.5 |
| 0 Aaron Coombs | F | 6-11 | 245 | So. | 2.3 | 1.7 |

MICHIGANSTATESPARTANS

Coach: Tom Izzo Conference: Big Ten Location: East Lansing, Mich. Website: msuspartans.ocsn.com
 Record: 19-12 (10-6) RPI Rank: 31 Sagarin Rank: 36 RPI Schedule Rank: 12

Skinny: A preseason favorite to win the Big Ten, the Spartans needed four straight wins to close the regular season to secure its spot in the Field of 65. Sophomore guard Chris Hill is the only Spartan averaging double figures, although five players average at least seven. The Spartans rely on defense and rebounding to win games, and the NCAA tourney will be no different. A pair of bench players - highly touted freshman Paul Davis and struggling senior Adam Ballinger - could be keys to any post-season success.
Best Wins: at Kentucky, 71-67; vs. Illinois, 68-65; at Indiana, 67-62 (OT)



| Starting Five | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
|------------------------|-----|------|-----|-----|------|------|
| 5 Hill, Chris | G | 6-3 | 190 | So. | 14.0 | 3.7* |
| 15 Anderson, Alan | F | 6-6 | 220 | So. | 9.7 | 3.7 |
| 23 Torbert, Kelvin | G | 6-4 | 215 | So. | 9.5 | 3.8 |
| 25 Anagnonye, Aloysius | F | 6-8 | 260 | Sr. | 8.0 | 5.6 |
| 41 Lorbek, Erazem | F | 6-10 | 240 | Fr. | 5.8 | 2.9 |
| * Assists per game | | | | | | |
| Key Reserves | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
| 13 Ager, Maurice | G | 6-4 | 180 | G | 5.7 | 2.3 |
| 40 Davis, Paul | F | 6-11 | 240 | C | 7.4 | 4.8 |
| 55 Ballinger, Adam | F | 6-9 | 250 | F | 5.9 | 3.0 |

#7 MICHIGAN STATE (19-12) vs. #10 COLORADO (20-11)

COLORADOBUFFALOES

Coach: Ricardo Patton Conference: Big 12 Location: Boulder, Colo. Website: www.cubuffs.ocsn.com
 Record: 20-11 (9-7) RPI Rank: 46 Sagarin Rank: 33 RPI Schedule Rank: 49

Skinny: Colorado ended Big 12 play in solid fashion winning seven of their last 10 to finish tied for fifth in what was arguably the nation's toughest conference. The Buffaloes rely on a balanced scoring attack led by junior guard Michel Morandis. Morandis had a break-out season this year in large part due to the development of David Harrison, who has two triple-doubles on the year and continues to improve each game. The Buffaloes are at their best when their defense is playing well.
Best Wins: vs. Kansas, 60-59; vs. Texas, 93-80; vs. Missouri, 89-68
Worst Losses: at Rice, 80-61; at Kansas State, 62-54; at Iowa State, 81-55



| Starting Five | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
|--------------------|-----|------|-----|-----|------|------|
| 30 Michel Morandis | G | 6-5 | 200 | Jr. | 17.4 | 5.4 |
| 42 Antoine McGee | G | 5-10 | 170 | Fr. | 2.7 | 3.1* |
| 43 Blair Wilson | F | 6-6 | 220 | Jr. | 13.2 | 3.4 |
| 34 Stephanie Pelle | F | 6-8 | 250 | Sr. | 12.4 | 9.6 |
| 13 David Harrison | C | 7-0 | 250 | So. | 13.8 | 8.5 |
| * Assists per game | | | | | | |
| Key Reserves | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
| 44 Lamar Harris | F | 6-7 | 205 | Jr. | 4.6 | 5.4 |
| 1 Glean Eddy | F | 6-5 | 200 | Fr. | 3.5 | 3.1 |
| 11 James Wright | G | 6-0 | 165 | Sr. | 6.4 | 4.0* |

FLORIDAGATORS

Coach: Billy Donovan Conference: SEC Location: Gainesville, Fla. Website: www.gatorzone.com
 Record: 24-7 (12-4) RPI Standing: 15 Sagarin Rating: 7 RPI Schedule Rank: 33

Skinny: About the only blemish of Florida's resumé is that it lost to Kentucky twice and struggled at times on the road, but the Gators are pretty darn good. Although two freshmen start and two more come off the bench, the group is pretty precocious, so they shouldn't be fazed by the bright lights of the NCAA Tournament. The Gators were upset by Creighton in the first round last year, and to make a deep run in 2003, they will likely need senior Brett Nelson to break out of his season-long slump and start making some jumpers.
Best Wins: vs. Kansas, 83-73; at Maryland, 69-64; at Mississippi State, 74-66
Worst Losses: at West Virginia, 66-68; at Tennessee, 59-66



| Starting Five | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
|---------------------|-----|------|-----|-----|------|------|
| 1 Anthony Roberson | G | 6-1 | 180 | Fr. | 12.8 | 2.5 |
| 12 Justin Hamilton | G | 6-3 | 225 | Sr. | 7.9 | 3.7* |
| 44 Matt Walsh | F | 6-6 | 205 | Fr. | 12.8 | 4.7 |
| 15 Matt Bonner | F | 6-10 | 240 | Sr. | 15.8 | 6.1 |
| 24 David Lee | C | 6-9 | 240 | So. | 10.8 | 7.1 |
| * Assists per game | | | | | | |
| Key Reserves | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
| 10 Brett Nelson | G | 6-4 | 205 | Sr. | 6.6 | 2.2* |
| 42 Bonell Colas | F | 6-9 | 225 | Jr. | 4.8 | 2.7 |
| 11 Christian Drejer | G/F | 6-9 | 210 | Fr. | 3.7 | 2.6* |

#2 FLORIDA (24-7) vs. #15 SAM HOUSTON STATE (23-6)

SAMHOUSTONSTATEBEARKATS

Coach: Bob Marlin Conference: Southland Location: Huntsville, Texas Website: www.shsu.edu/~ath_www
 Record: 23-6 (17-3) RPI Rank: 91 Sagarin Rank: 138 RPI Schedule Rank: 259

Skinny: Southland Conference Player of the Year Tony Cole is the key for the Bearkats, who are making their first ever NCAA tourney appearance. His 3-pointer with 14 seconds left gave Sam Houston State a 69-66 overtime win over Stephen F. Austin to earn the NCAA ticket. Cole can go inside and out and will be the player for opposing teams to stop. Sam Houston also relies on a stingy defense that allowed opponents to shoot just 38 percent from the field and 31 percent from behind the 3-point arc.
Best Wins: vs. Stephen F. Austin, 69-66 (OT); vs. Stephen F. Austin, 69-62
Worst Losses: vs. St. Mary's, 75-66; vs. La-Monroe, 78-71 (OT)



| Starting Five | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
|---------------------|-----|------|-----|-----|------|------|
| 4 Jay Oliphant | F | 6-5 | 226 | Sr. | 4.4 | 4.8 |
| 32 Felton Freeman | F | 6-5 | 193 | Sr. | 10.2 | 4.3 |
| 44 Donald Cole | F | 6-8 | 222 | Sr. | 17.3 | 8.1 |
| 10 Eddy Barlow | G | 6-0 | 160 | Sr. | 6.4 | 1.3 |
| 20 Robert Shannon | G | 5-11 | 162 | Sr. | 10.3 | 5.8* |
| * Assists per game | | | | | | |
| Key Reserves | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
| 23 Jason Stephenson | G | 6-2 | 156 | Jr. | 5.4 | 1.0 |
| 31 Chris Jordan | G | 6-4 | 175 | Fr. | 4.2 | 2.2 |
| 33 Eddy Fobbs | C | 6-11 | 226 | Jr. | 7.1 | 5.3 |

KENTUCKYWILDCATS

Coach: Tubby Smith **Conference:** SEC **Location:** Lexington, Ky. **Website:** www.ukathletics.com
Record: 29-3 (16-0) **RPI Standing:** 1 **Sagarin Rating:** 1 **RPI Schedule Rank:** 15
Skinny: Along with Arizona, the favorite to win the championship, UK has had a sensational year that really didn't get started until after a humbling defeat in Louisville. The Cats are big, talented, deep and athletic and possess all the parts necessary to make a serious run at a title. With the defensive pressure UK puts on opponents, an off shooting night shouldn't derail their hopes either. Anything less than a Final Four would be severely disappointing for this group.
Best Wins: Florida, 70-55; Notre Dame, 88-73; at Georgia, 74-66; at Florida, 69-67
Worst Losses: vs. Virginia, 61-75; Michigan State, 67-71



| Starting Five | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|
| 4 Gerald Fitch | G | 6-3 | 188 | Jr. | 12.6 | 2.3* |
| 10 Keith Bogans | G | 6-5 | 213 | Sr. | 15.9 | 3.8 |
| 44 Chuck Hayes | F | 6-6 | 247 | So. | 8.9 | 6.7 |
| 14 Erik Daniels | F | 6-8 | 214 | Jr. | 9.8 | 5.1 |
| 50 Marquis Estill | C | 6-9 | 247 | Sr. | 11.0 | 5.8 |

* Assists per game

| Key Reserves | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
|--------------------|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|------|
| 1 Cliff Hawkins | G | 6-1 | 187 | Jr. | 5.9 | 3.7* |
| 40 Jules Camara | C | 6-11 | 215 | Sr. | 6.8 | 3.5 |
| 33 Antwain Barbour | G/F | 6-5 | 195 | Jr. | 3.7 | 1.8 |

#1 KENTUCKY (29-3) vs. #16 IUPUI (20-13)

IUPUIJAGUARS

Coach: Ron Hunter **Conference:** Mid-Continent **Location:** Indianapolis, Ind. **Website:** www.iupui.edu/~jagsport
Record: 20-13 (12-4) **RPI Rank:** 160 **Sagarin Rank:** 162 **RPI Schedule Rank:** 242
Skinny: Coach Ron Hunter's team is only in its fifth year of Division I basketball, but advanced to their first-ever NCAA tourney by beating perennial NCAA participant Valparaiso in the Mid-Continent final. A year ago, IUPUI was beaten by Valpo by 33 in the MCC tourney finale. No IUPUI player of significance stands taller than 6-7, so size is an issue. Odell Bradley's 14.8 ppg leads four starters in double figures, but MCC tourney MVP Josh Murray is the key as he is the team's lone interior force.
Best Wins: at Northwestern, 56-53; vs. Valparaiso, 66-64
Worst Losses: Oakland, 78-79; Oral Roberts, 63-66; IUPUI-Fort Wayne, 80-86



| Starting Five | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
|------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|
| 24 Josh Mullins | F | 6-5 | 225 | Sr. | 12.1 | 3.9 |
| 25 Josh Murray | F | 6-7 | 215 | Sr. | 12.5 | 7.8 |
| 40 Odell Bradley | F/G | 6-4 | 240 | Jr. | 14.8 | 4.8 |
| 21 Matt Crenshaw | G | 6-3 | 208 | Jr. | 8.2 | 4.2* |
| 33 Chris Sanders | F | 6-5 | 225 | Sr. | 11.5 | 3.1 |

* Assists per game

| Key Reserves | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
|------------------|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|------|
| 41 Antoine Lewis | F | 6-7 | 240 | Sr. | 6.7 | 2.6 |
| 20 Marcus May | G | 5-11 | 175 | Sr. | 5.4 | 2.2* |
| 30 Brandon Cole | G | 6-6 | 210 | Fr. | 4.1 | 2.5 |

OREGONDUCKS

Coach: Ernie Kant **Conference:** Pacific 10 **Location:** Eugene, Ore. **Website:** goducks.ocsn.com
Record: 23-9 (10-8) **RPI Rank:** 50 **Sagarin Rank:** 30 **RPI Schedule Rank:** 88
Skinny: With a playmaker like Luke Ridnour, an athletic scorer like Luke Jackson and a pure shooter like James Davis, the Ducks are always a scary draw. Oregon's offense, however, is too dependent on transition and can't seem to execute in halfcourt. That's trouble, considering the Ducks aren't good enough defensively to win a low-scoring game. Oregon needs to run to hide a questionable frontline that struggles against physical teams and takes a beating on the boards. The pace of the game will determine how far the Ducks fly.
Best Wins: vs. Kansas 84-78, vs. Minnesota 90-81, vs. Arizona State 94-73
Worst Losses: vs. Cincinnati 52-77, at USC 91-76, at Washington 78-66



| Starting Five | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
|-------------------|-----|------|-----|-----|------|------|
| 13 Luke Ridnour | G | 6-2 | 175 | Jr. | 20.0 | 6.5* |
| 33 Luke Jackson | G | 6-7 | 210 | Jr. | 16.1 | 6.6 |
| 1 James Davis | G | 5-10 | 175 | Jr. | 10.3 | 2.0* |
| 3 Robert Johnson | F | 6-8 | 245 | Sr. | 7.2 | 6.2 |
| 40 Brian Helquist | C | 6-9 | 260 | Sr. | 3.3 | 3.0 |

* Assists per game

| Key Reserves | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
|-------------------|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 11 Ian Crosswhite | F | 6-11 | 245 | Fr. | 9.6 | 3.8 |
| 35 Andre Joseph | G | 6-3 | 195 | Jr. | 9.8 | 3.2 |
| 55 Jay Anderson | C | 6-9 | 230 | Jr. | 2.5 | 1.7 |

#8 OREGON (23-9) vs. #9 UTAH (24-7)

UTAHUTES

Coach: Rick Majerus **Conference:** Mountain West **Location:** Salt Lake City, Utah **Website:** www.utahutes.com
Record: 24-7 (11-3) **RPI Standing:** 16 **Sagarin Rating:** 38 **RPI Schedule Rank:** 38
Skinny: A classic throwback Utah team that plays defense, shoots the three-pointer exceedingly well and has total trust and belief in its terrific head coach Rick Majerus. After losing twice in Maui to start the season, Utah took off, knocking off Alabama when it was No. 1 in the nation. As is usually the knock on the Utes, you have to wonder if they have enough athleticism to hang with some of the better teams in the country, but if anyone is capable of overcoming that, it's Majerus and Utah.
Best Wins: at BYU, 79-75; at Wyoming, 69-56; Alabama, 51-49
Worst Losses: at Utah State, 54-59; at UNLV, 69-76; at San Diego State, 56-58



| Starting Five | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
|--------------------|-----|------|-----|-----|------|------|
| 11 Tim Drisdorn | G | 6-3 | 195 | Fr. | 5.0 | 3.2* |
| 21 Trace Catton | G | 6-5 | 214 | Sr. | 5.1 | 2.6 |
| 15 Nick Jacobson | F | 6-4 | 198 | Jr. | 13.1 | 2.9 |
| 31 Britton Johnson | F | 6-9 | 213 | Sr. | 11.6 | 6.7 |
| 54 Tim Frost | C | 6-10 | 234 | Jr. | 13.3 | 4.9 |

* Assists per game

| Key Reserves | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
|-------------------|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|------|
| 2 Marc Jackson | G | 6-1 | 185 | So. | 9.1 | 2.4* |
| 13 Richard Chaney | G | 6-5 | 180 | Fr. | 5.5 | 3.3 |
| 42 Cameron Koford | C | 6-11 | 230 | Sr. | 3.0 | 2.2 |

WISCONSINBADGERS

Coach: Bo Ryan **Conference:** Big Ten **Location:** Madison, Wisc. **Website:** www.uwbadgers.com
Record: 22-7 (12-4) **RPI Rank:** 25 **Sagarin Rank:** 19 **RPI Schedule Rank:** 59
Skinny: Bo Ryan has led the Badgers to back-to-back Big Ten championships in his first two seasons at the helm of the program. As was the case a year ago, Wisconsin tries to control the tempo and plays aggressive defense. They're a bit undersized, with 6-5, 195-pound freshman Alando Tucker at the power forward position. Two-time first team All-Big Ten guard Kirk Penney is the key to the Badgers' success, as he is a big-time shooter that also excels in crunch time.
Best Wins: vs. Michigan State, 64-53; at Minnesota, 69-61; vs. Illinois, 60-59
Worst Losses: at Penn State, 58-57



| Starting Five | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|
| 20 Kirk Penney | G | 6-5 | 220 | Sr. | 16.4 | 6.0 |
| 24 Freddie Owens | G | 6-2 | 185 | Jr. | 10.9 | 1.9 |
| 34 Devin Harris | G | 6-3 | 185 | So. | 12.8 | 4.6 |
| 42 Alando Tucker | G/F | 6-5 | 195 | Fr. | 12.4 | 5.9 |
| 54 Mike Wilkinson | F | 6-8 | 235 | So. | 9.9 | 6.7 |

* Assists per game

| Key Reserves | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
|---------------|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|------|
| 12 Boo Wade | G | 6-3 | 185 | Fr. | 3.2 | 2.0* |
| 30 Dave Mader | F/C | 6-11 | 255 | Jr. | 2.6 | 2.2 |

#5 WISCONSIN (22-7) vs. #12 WEBER STATE (26-5)

WEBERSTATEWILDCATS

Coach: Joe Cravens **Conference:** Big Sky **Location:** Ogden, Utah **Website:** departments.weber.edu/athletics
Record: 26-5 (15-0) **RPI Rank:** 41 **Sagarin Rank:** 59 **RPI Schedule Rank:** 178
Skinny: They're not a big name, but Weber State is far from a newcomer to the NCAA Tournament - this will be Weber's 15th trip to the NCAA tourney. Weber heads into the NAAs with a 17-game win streak. Point guard Jermaine Boyette is a high-scoring playmaker that earned conference MVP honors. Ocofoljic is a transfer from Ohio State who provides some beef in the paint. The last time Weber earned an NCAA invite, in 1999, they stunned North Carolina in the opening round.
Best Wins: vs. BYU, 75-69
Worst Losses: at Alaska-Fairbanks, 77-65; vs. North Texas, 72-56



| Starting Five | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
|----------------------|-----|------|-----|-----|------|------|
| 2 Nic Sparrow | F | 6-4 | 205 | Jr. | 10.0 | 4.5 |
| 5 Slobodan Ocofoljic | F | 6-8 | 235 | Jr. | 15.4 | 8.1 |
| 35 Stephan Bachmann | C | 6-10 | 245 | Sr. | 7.3 | 2.9 |
| 3 Jermaine Boyette | G | 6-2 | 185 | Sr. | 20.1 | 3.4* |
| 22 John Hamilton | G | 6-3 | 185 | Jr. | 11.2 | 2.3 |

* Assists per game

| Key Reserves | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
|--------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 23 Brad Barton | G | 6-3 | 215 | Sr. | 3.2 | 3.8 |
| 42 Talmage Eyre | F | 6-8 | 225 | Sr. | 2.2 | 3.2 |
| 43 Stevie Morrison | G | 6-0 | 215 | Sr. | 4.1 | 2.0 |

DAYTONFLYERS

Coach: Oliver Purnell **Conference:** Atlantic 10 **Location:** Dayton, Ohio **Website:** www.daytonflyers.com
Record: 24-5 (14-2) **RPI Rank:** 13 **Sagarin Rank:** 26 **RPI Schedule Rank:** 54
Skinny: This is a battle-tested team from one of the better conferences in the country. Dayton doesn't have a superstar like conference comrades Xavier (David West) and St. Joseph's (Jameer Nelson), but they get it done with a balanced offensive attack led by the lone starting senior, forward Brooks Hall. Heading into the A-10 conference tourney, the Flyers were 9-1 in games decided by six points or less and they won another in overtime, so don't expect Oliver Purnell's squad to wilt under NCAA pressure.
Best Wins: vs. Cincinnati, 75-69; vs. Marquette, 92-85 (OT); vs. St. Joseph's 66-56;
Worst Losses: vs. Miami (Ohio), 78-63



| Starting Five | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
|----------------------|-----|------|-----|-----|------|------|
| 33 Brooks Hall | F/G | 6-6 | 205 | Sr. | 13.3 | 7.0 |
| 45 Keith Waleskowski | C/F | 6-8 | 230 | Jr. | 12.9 | 8.2 |
| 54 Sean Finn | C | 6-11 | 245 | Jr. | 9.5 | 5.0 |
| 3 Ramod Marshall | G | 6-2 | 175 | Jr. | 11.8 | 4.7* |
| 14 Mark Jones | G | 6-1 | 170 | So. | 7.7 | 3.4* |

* Assists per game

| Key Reserves | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
|--------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 2 D.J. Stelly | G/F | 6-4 | 193 | Sr. | 7.3 | 3.2 |
| 5 Nate Green | F | 6-6 | 245 | Sr. | 6.7 | 3.5 |
| 11 Warren Williams | G | 6-0 | 175 | Fr. | 2.0 | 1.2 |

#4 DAYTON (24-5) vs. #13 TULSA (22-9)

TULSAGOLDENHURRICANES

Coach: John Phillips **Conference:** Western Athletic **Location:** Tulsa, Okla. **Website:** tulsahurricane.ocsn.com
Record: 22-9 (12-6) **RPI Rank:** 64 **Sagarin Rank:** 58 **RPI Schedule Rank:** 124
Skinny: The Hurricane is on a roll and isn't a team anyone is looking forward to playing. There's plenty of experience on Tulsa's roster and unlike many small schools this squad is multi-dimensional. Every starter, with the exception of Charlie Davis, can shoot the 3 and there's enough weapons to keep defenses from keying on a single player. The starting five is strong and proved it by hanging with Kansas' first wave. However, Tulsa has very little production off the bench and that means long minutes for the Hurricane's top five.
Best Wins: at Arkansas 61-60, vs. Fresno State 62-59
Worst Losses: Boise State, 74-78; SMU, 84-86; La. Tech, 82-93



| Starting Five | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
|------------------|-----|------|-----|-----|------|------|
| 1 Dante Swanson | G | 5-10 | 180 | Sr. | 15.1 | 4.4 |
| 14 Jason Parker | G | 6-2 | 180 | Jr. | 15.1 | 4.0* |
| 24 Kevin Johnson | F | 6-8 | 222 | Sr. | 14.9 | 7.1 |
| 11 Jarius Glenn | F | 6-6 | 220 | So. | 9.6 | 5.3 |
| 33 Charlie Davis | F | 6.7 | 232 | Sr. | 5.9 | 7.0 |

* Assists per game

| Key Reserves | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|
| 24 Seneca Collins | G | 6-5 | 220 | Fr. | 1.9 | 0.8 |
| 50 Anthony Price | F | 6-8 | 235 | Fr. | 2.3 | 1.6* |
| 32 Marqus Ledoux | F | 6-8 | 210 | Sr. | 4.3 | 2.6 |

Cats, Cards wouldn't meet until final game

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LOUISVILLE — If Kentucky and Louisville play again this season, it will be for the national championship.

The NCAA tournament pairings were announced Sunday.

The Wildcats (29-3) are the No. 1 seeds in the

Midwest Region and will open tournament play against Indiana-Purdue-Indianapolis (20-13) on Friday in Nashville, Tenn. The Cardinals (24-6) are the No. 4 seeds in the East Region and will play Ohio Valley Conference champion Austin Peay (23-7) on Friday in Birmingham, Ala.

Western Kentucky (24-8), the Sun Belt regular-season

and tournament champions for the third straight season, earned a No. 13 seed in the West Region. The Hilltoppers will play Big Ten tournament champion Illinois (24-6) on Thursday in Indianapolis.

The Hilltoppers have lost their last two NCAA tournament openers, to Florida in 2001 and to Stanford last season.

Kentucky is expected to enter the tournament as the No. 1 team in the nation. The Wildcats have won 23 games in a row since an 81-63 loss to Louisville on Dec. 28.

A much-anticipated rematch would not occur until the NCAA championship game, on Monday, April 7.

If the Wildcats advance past their first game — and

no No. 1 seed has ever lost to a 16 seed — they would play either Pac-10 tournament champion Oregon (23-9) or Utah (24-7), the regular-season champions of the Mountain West.

The Wildcats have now been No. 1 seeds six times since the tournament expanded to 64 teams in 1985. They've only won the championship once as a top seed, in 1996.

Kentucky was also a No. 1 seed in 1986 (lost to LSU in the regional finals), 1993 (lost to Michigan in the national semifinals), 1995 (lost to North Carolina in the regional finals) and 1997 (lost to Arizona in the national championship).

Kentucky was a No. 2 seed when it won the 1998 NCAA championship.

Louisville lost five of its last eight regular-season games, but regrouped to win its first Conference USA tournament championship on Saturday. If the Cardinals advance past their opener, they would play either fifth-seeded Mississippi State (21-9) or No. 12 seed Butler (25-5) in the second round.

Louisville has lost three straight NCAA tournament games, dating to its 1997 run to the regional finals.

The Cardinals were No. 2 seeds when they won the 1980 and 1986 NCAA cham-

pionships. They came out of the Midwest Region in 1980 and the West Region in 1986.

Louisville coach Rick Pitino has been in the NCAA tournament six times — once with Boston University, once with Providence and four times with Kentucky.

Of the current Cardinals, only Reece Gaines and Kentucky transfer Marvin Stone have played in the NCAA tournament. But Pitino doesn't see that inexperience as a handicap — as long as his team plays without fear.

"You've got to be more of a risk-taker. You've got to run more, press more and have some more fun," he said Sunday night. "Don't be afraid to fail. Our players will do that."

Pitino said if his team lacks one trait necessary for a deep postseason run, it's focus.

"You don't get nervous if you focus. We're weak at that," Pitino said. "We need concentration and communication. We hope, that by Thursday, that will become a strength."

"In a four-day period, if our guys are really serious about getting out of the first round, then they have to change their basketball personality and improve their focus, which is very poor."

UNC-Asheville 92, Texas Southern 84

by RUSTY MILLER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DAYTON, Ohio — North Carolina-Asheville thrives in overtime.

The Bulldogs blew a four-point lead with 17.1 seconds left in regulation, but then dominated the extra period to edge Texas Southern 92-84 on Tuesday night in the play-in game.

The victory improved the Bulldogs (15-16) to 5-0 in overtime this season, and they play top-seeded Texas in the first round of the South Regional on Friday in Birmingham, Ala.

"I just hope we take Texas to overtime," Asheville coach Eddie Biedenbach said jokingly.

After closing the regular season with four consecutive losses, the Bulldogs have won four in a row — three in overtime.

The Bulldogs' game with the Longhorns will reunite Texas coach Rick Barnes with Biedenbach, who gave Barnes his first coaching job when he was the coach at Davidson in 1978.

"We've got our hands full with Texas, but we've played most of the top seeds in the country in the last few years," Biedenbach said. "We're not going to back down from anyone. Our margin of error will go down considerably when we play Texas, though."

Andre Smith was a force in overtime for the Bulldogs, scoring 10 of his 28 points. He almost immediately hit a 3-

pointer when the extra period started — and the Bulldogs never trailed again.

"We got in the huddle and my teammates said, 'It's your time,'" Smith said.

Bryan McCullough added 15 points, Alex Kragel hit three second-half 3-pointers and finished with 14 points, Ben McGonagil had 12 points and Joseph Barber 11 for Asheville, in the NCAA tournament for the first time.

The Bulldogs are the unlikeliest of NCAA entrants. They're the only team with a losing record and were just 1-14 on the road — granted, while playing heavyweights such as Kansas, Oklahoma, Michigan State and Connecticut — before their 3-0 run in the Big South Conference tournament 10 days ago.

"We've got a little saying: Do not be denied," Kragel said.

Allan Lovett, who started his college career at Asheville, led Texas Southern (18-13) with 28 points and 14 rebounds. Ra'Kim Hollis, MVP of last weekend's Southwestern Athletic Conference championship run, added 18 points and Lionel Willis had 17.

Smith scored six of Asheville's first eight points in the overtime before Chad Mohn's 3-pointer from the right corner upped the lead to 86-79 with 2:22 left.

Smith added a layup with 47.6 seconds left and then made two more free throws with 28.6 seconds remaining to push the lead to 90-82.

"When it got to overtime,

just as we got back to the bench, some of the coaches said, 'Are we going to lose in overtime?'" Smith said. "We said we wouldn't. That's just been our motto — we don't lose in overtime."

Texas Southern led by as many as nine points early in the second half, but the Tigers found themselves down 74-70 after Kragel's free throw with 17.1 seconds left in regulation. Marquel Timmons hit a 3-pointer to cut the deficit to one before Smith made another foul shot.

Down by two with 5.5 seconds to play, Texas Southern inbounced under its own basket. Hollis passed to Lovett near the right block and he powered up for a layup that went over the rim. Teammate Lionel Willis caught the ball in the air and put

it back to tie the game with 3.4 seconds left and force the overtime.

The Tigers lost the game at the line, hitting just 3-of-10 free throws in the overtime and finishing 14-of-31.

"That's something that has bothered us all year and it really hurt us tonight," Tigers coach Ronnie Courtney said. "We won about every category, but we just didn't make our free throws."

Lovett quit at Asheville midway through his freshman year two seasons ago. He was a force all night against the bigger Bulldogs.

"We just didn't take care of business. We wanted to play Texas and now we're going home," he said. "They didn't outplay us — they just made their free throws."

Awards continue to roll in for Smith

by STEVE LeMASTER
TIMES SPORTS EDITOR

Many of those who once doubted the current top basketball coach in the state of Kentucky now have to eat their words and swallow their pride on a daily basis. But the nonbelievers now number fewer than say this time last season.

Kentucky men's coach Orlando "Tubby" Smith captured two awards on Tuesday as The Sporting News named him its National Coach of the Year and the United States Basketball Writers Association announced that he had won the Henry Iba Coach of the

Year Award.

Smith has guided the Wildcats to the Southeastern Conference regular-season and tournament championships, a 29-3 record entering NCAA Tournament play this week and a No. 1 ranking in the final AP poll.

He is the first Kentucky coach to earn USBWA Coach of the Year honors since Adolph Rupp won the award in 1966. Former UK coach Rick Pitino earned TSN's annual award in 1991.

Earlier this month, Smith was named SEC Coach of the Year by both The Associated Press and the league's coaches and earned National Coach of the Year honors by ESPN and

FoxSports.com. In 1998, Basketball Weekly named Smith its National Coach of the Year.

Smith and the Wildcats entered NCAA Tournament play last night against UIPUI.

Kentucky spent the past four weeks ranked second nationally. The Wildcats had more No. 1 finishes prior to NCAA Tournament play than any other team in the nation. The Cats also topped the final poll in 1949, '51, '52, '54, '66, '70 and '78. The AP began its weekly rankings in 1949.

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| 5 | Connecticut (21-9) |
| 12 | BYU (23-8) |
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| 13 | San Diego (18-11) |
| 6 | Maryland (19-9) |
| 11 | UNC-Wilmington (24-6) |
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| 3 | Xavier (25-5) |
| 14 | Troy State (26-5) |
| 7 | Michigan State (19-12) |
| 10 | Colorado (20-11) |
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| Kentucky (29-3) | 1 |
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| Oregon (23-9) | 8 |
| Utah (24-7) | 9 |
| Wisconsin (22-7) | 5 |
| Weber State (26-5) | 12 |
| MARCH 20 & 22; SPOKANE (WASH.) ARENA | |
| Dayton (24-5) | 4 |
| Tulsa (22-9) | 13 |
| Missouri (21-10) | 6 |
| Southern Illinois (24-6) | 11 |
| MARCH 20 & 22; RCA DOME; INDIANAPOLIS, IND. | |
| Marquette (23-5) | 3 |
| Holy Cross (25-4) | 14 |
| Indiana (20-12) | 7 |
| Alabama (17-11) | 10 |
| MARCH 21 & 23; FLEET CENTER; BOSTON, MASS. | |
| Pittsburgh (26-4) | 2 |
| Wagner (21-10) | 15 |
| Arizona (25-3) | 1 |
| Vermont (21-11) | 18 |
| MARCH 20 & 22; HUNTSMAN CENTER; SALT LAKE CITY | |
| Cincinnati (17-11) | 8 |
| Gonzaga (23-8) | 9 |
| Notre Dame (22-10) | 5 |
| Wisc.-Milwaukee (24-7) | 12 |
| MARCH 20 & 22; RCA DOME; INDIANAPOLIS, IND. | |
| Illinois (24-6) | 4 |
| Western Kentucky (24-8) | 13 |
| Creighton (29-4) | 6 |
| Central Michigan (24-6) | 11 |
| MARCH 20 & 22; HUNTSMAN CENTER; SALT LAKE CITY | |
| Duke (24-6) | 3 |
| Colorado State (19-13) | 14 |
| Memphis (23-6) | 7 |
| Arizona State (19-11) | 10 |
| MARCH 20 & 22; FORD CENTER; OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA. | |
| Kansas (25-7) | 2 |
| Utah State (24-8) | 15 |

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Cats face Mid-Continent Tournament champs

SCOUTING REPORT: A LOOK AT THE STARTING LINEUP AND BENCH FOR UK'S NEXT OPPONENT

BACKCOURT

IUPUI gets a lot of production out of its three-guard lineup of Odell Bradley, Matt Crenshaw and Marcus May. Bradley leads the team at 14.7 points a game, while also pulling in 4.8 rebounds and hitting nearly 50 percent of his shots. Crenshaw and May are the distributors, with Crenshaw also chipping in 8.1 points and 3.5 rebounds a game. Both Bradley and Crenshaw have good size in the 6-foot-3, 6-foot-4 range.

FRONTCOURT

As is the case with a lot of the smaller schools around Division I hoops, the size in the frontcourt is what separates them from the big boys. IUPUI has some talent up front, but the biggest player on the roster who plays much is 6-foot-7 Antoine Lewis. Josh Murray (6-7) and Josh Mullins (6-5) have a lot of skill and can score the basketball, but they won't be able to matchup up with UK. Murray averages 12.7 points and 7.9 rebounds while shooting 57 percent. Mullins is a mad bomber, hitting 45 percent of his three-pointers in scoring 12.3 points.

BENCH

The Jaguars have three more long forwards off the bench in 6-foot-5 Chris Sanders, 6-foot-7 Antoine Lewis and 6-foot-6 Dannorris Harvey. The trio combines for 23 points and 10 rebounds a game. Sanders is also a terrific shooter from long range, which can help extend the defense.

Game at a Glance

When: Time TBA; Friday, March 21, 2003

Where: Gaylord Entertainment Center, Nashville, Tenn.

TV: CBS (stations could change in event of possible war coverage)

Radio: UK Radio Network.

Last Meeting: First meeting

Series: First meeting

Notable: For the second consecutive year, Kentucky faces a team in the first round it has never played before...IUPUI also hosts the Nike All-America Camp for prep basketball players each summer...This is the eighth time UK has been a No. 1 seed, the others were (1980, 84, 86, 93, 95-97)...UK went 3-0 in the Gaylord Center in the 2001 SEC Tournament.

IUPUI ROSTER

| Name | Pos. | Ht. | Wt. | Yr. |
|--------------------|------|------|-----|-----|
| 40 Odell Bradley | F | 6-4 | 240 | Jr. |
| 30 Brandon Cole | G | 6-6 | 210 | Fr. |
| 22 Blair Crawford | G | 6-3 | 200 | So. |
| 21 Matt Crenshaw | G | 6-3 | 208 | Jr. |
| 4 Dannorris Harvey | F | 6-6 | 225 | Sr. |
| 55 Herbert Lambert | C | 6-10 | 235 | Sr. |
| 41 Antoine Lewis | F | 6-7 | 240 | Sr. |
| 42 Fred Long | F | 6-8 | 240 | Jr. |
| 23 Petar Macura | F | 6-7 | 215 | Fr. |
| 20 Marcus May | G | 5-11 | 175 | Sr. |
| 24 Josh Mullins | F | 6-5 | 225 | Sr. |
| 25 Josh Murray | F | 6-7 | 215 | Sr. |
| 11 Ryan Osborn | G | 6-0 | 175 | Jr. |
| 5 Rashad Pace | G | 6-1 | 180 | Fr. |
| 64 Nick Rollins | F | 6-8 | 225 | Fr. |
| 33 Chris Sanders | F | 6-5 | 225 | Sr. |

MATT MAY

The Cats' Pause

The Mid-Continent Conference has to be wondering what the NCAA Tournament Selection Committee has against them.

For the second consecutive season, the representative from that conference watched the selection show only to find out they would be facing the NCAA's all-time winningest program in history.

This time around, IUPUI will tip-off with Kentucky in the first round of the Big Dance, following Valparaiso's loss to the Cats last season. For the Jaguars, it will likely be a short-lived stay in the tournament, but they will give UK their best shot.

Tubby talks about seeding

Kentucky enters the NCAA Tournament this week as the No. 1 seed in the Midwest Region, and will face IUPUI (Indiana University Purdue University at Indianapolis).

"I'm very happy that we secured a No. 1 seed in the Midwest and have a chance to compete for a national championship with the other 64 teams," coach Tubby Smith said in a release Sunday night.

Kentucky meets No. 16 seed IUPUI on Friday. Because of the new pod system where better teams are placed closer to home, the Cats get to open the tournament in Nashville.

"We're getting the chance to compete in Nashville at the Gaylord Center where we have a strong fan base," Smith said. "We've played in that venue before and experienced success, so I'm looking forward to returning to the Music City."

It will be the second straight year that Kentucky has opened the tournament against the representative of the Mid-Continent Conference.

"We played a member of the Mid-Continent Conference

Although upsets can always happen, not a single No. 16 seed has ever beaten a top seed in the tournament, and judging by IUPUI's performances against teams from major conferences, it likely won't happen this time around.

IUPUI has traveled to Notre Dame, Creighton and Michigan this season, losing all three, but the Jags did play Michigan close, losing by just five points early in the year. The Jags do have one very good victory on their resumé, upsetting Northwestern by three in Evanston.

But IUPUI will have confidence because it finished strong after struggling to a 6-9 start to the season. The Jags also received a huge boost by knocking off the heavily favored Valpo team in the conference tournament final.

The time for the matchup hasn't been set, but it will be Friday at the Gaylord Entertainment Center.

last season when we matched up against Valparaiso, so we know the quality of competition that league produces," Smith said. "I've known coach Ron Hunter for quite some and he's done a great job there."

One interesting connection between UK and IUPUI, according to Smith, is through former student manager Aaron Howard.

"Their associate head coach is Todd Howard, who is the brother of our former student manager, Aaron Howard," Smith said. "So for the previous five seasons, Aaron kept us up to date on the Jaguars."

Beyond the IUPUI matchup, Kentucky is joined in the Midwest Region by No. 2 seed Pittsburgh, No. 3 Marquette and No. 4 Dayton.

"It has great teams in the region, very balanced," Smith said. "It stacks up against any of the other regions. But we'll turn our attention to IUPUI and maintain our same focus that we have all season — one game at a time."

IUPUI 2002-03 RESULTS

| Date | Opponent | W-L | Score | Date | Opponent | W-L | Score |
|---------|--------------------|-----|-------|---------|---------------------|-----|-------|
| Jan. 16 | at Oral Roberts | L | 63-66 | Jan. 16 | at Oral Roberts | L | 63-66 |
| Nov. 17 | at Brown | W | 66-65 | Jan. 18 | UMKC | W | 74-65 |
| Nov. 18 | at Notre Dame | L | 95-89 | Jan. 23 | Valparaiso | L | 62-72 |
| Nov. 23 | St. Joseph's Ind. | W | 79-58 | Jan. 25 | Western Illinois | W | 76-62 |
| Nov. 25 | Creighton | L | 52-99 | Jan. 30 | at Southern Utah | W | 56-53 |
| Nov. 26 | at Furman | L | 62-70 | Feb. 1 | at Chicago State | W | 89-69 |
| Nov. 27 | at Northwestern | W | 56-53 | Feb. 4 | Pipscomb | W | 77-61 |
| Dec. 3 | at Ball State | L | 69-85 | Feb. 8 | at Oakland | L | 78-79 |
| Dec. 6 | San Diego | L | 74-81 | Feb. 13 | WMKC | W | 73-61 |
| Dec. 7 | Middle Tennessee | L | 60-64 | Feb. 15 | Oral Roberts | W | 76-65 |
| Dec. 18 | at Cleveland State | W | 90-74 | Feb. 20 | at Western Illinois | W | 75-59 |
| Dec. 21 | Bradley | W | 75-73 | Feb. 22 | at Valparaiso | L | 71-77 |
| Dec. 28 | at Morehead State | W | 98-89 | Feb. 27 | Southern Utah | W | 77-58 |
| Dec. 30 | Western Michigan | L | 51-75 | Mar. 1 | Chicago State | W | 67-55 |
| Jan. 4 | at Michigan | L | 79-84 | Mar. 9 | Western Illinois | W | 75-51 |
| Jan. 7 | IUPUI-Fort. Wayne | L | 80-86 | Mar. 10 | Southern Utah | W | 72-67 |
| Jan. 11 | Oakland | W | 96-82 | Mar. 11 | at Valparaiso | W | 66-64 |

MARQUETTE GOLDENEAGLES

Coach: Tom Crean **Conference:** Conference USA **Location:** Milwaukee, Wisc. **Website:** www.marquette.edu/athletics
Record: 23-5 (14-2) **RPI Standing:** 10 **Sagarin Rating:** 14 **RPI Schedule Rank:** 39
Skinny: Dwyane Wade should be the National Player of the Year for what he has done this season, which includes 20-point efforts in well over half the Golden Eagles' games. Wade is as good as it gets, but sidekicks Travis Diener and Robert Jackson give Marquette a terrific trio. Diener is deadly from outside, while Jackson is a load in the paint and Scott Merritt is the quintessential role player. This team could go a long way.
Best Wins: at Cincinnati, 82-76; at Louisville, 78-73; Wake Forest, 68-61
Worst Losses: at East Carolina, 70-73; at Notre Dame, 71-92



| Starting Five | | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
|--------------------|----------------|-----|------|-----|-----|------|------|
| 34 | Travis Diener | G | 6-0 | 165 | So. | 11.2 | 5.7* |
| 5 | Dwayne Wade | G | 6-4 | 210 | Jr. | 21.9 | 6.3 |
| 1 | Todd Townsend | F | 6-7 | 215 | So. | 6.6 | 2.7 |
| 5 | Scott Merritt | F | 6-10 | 245 | Jr. | 9.8 | 6.7 |
| 55 | Robert Jackson | C | 6-9 | 255 | Sr. | 15.7 | 7.4 |
| * Assists per game | | | | | | | |
| Key Reserves | | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
| 20 | Steve Novak | F | 6-9 | 200 | Fr. | 6.0 | 2.2 |
| 40 | Terry Sanders | F | 6-8 | 225 | Jr. | 2.9 | 2.8 |

#3 MARQUETTE (23-5) vs. #14 HOLY CROSS (25-4)

HOLY CROSS CRUSADERS

Coach: Ralph Willard **Conference:** Patriot **Location:** Worcester, Mass. **Website:** www.holycross.edu
Record: 25-4 (13-1) **RPI Standing:** 61 **Sagarin Rating:** 68 **RPI Schedule Rank:** 251
Skinny: Holy Cross is making its third consecutive NCAA Tournament appearance, which is pretty impressive for the Crusaders. Coach Ralph Willard has his team playing excellent basketball, having won 12 straight games and 20 of its last 21 outings. The Crusaders basically have the same team they had last season when they took No. 1 seed Kansas to the wire before falling in the first round in St. Louis. If Holy Cross can hang athletically, they can be a very tough first round out for one of the big boys.
Best Wins: Boston College, 71-70; Princeton, 55-54
Worst Losses: at Yale, 66-70; at Marist, 63-66



| Starting Five | | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
|--------------------|-----------------|-----|------|-----|-----|------|------|
| 15 | Jave Meade | G | 6-1 | 195 | Jr. | 10.8 | 5.8* |
| 23 | Greg Kinsey | G | 6-4 | 190 | So. | 4.7 | 3.3 |
| 3 | Brian Wilson | G | 6-2 | 185 | Sr. | 11.8 | 2.7 |
| 35 | Tim Szatko | F | 8-8 | 220 | Sr. | 11.1 | 6.4 |
| 45 | Patrick Whearty | C | 6-10 | 255 | Sr. | 12.1 | 6.6 |
| * Assists per game | | | | | | | |
| Key Reserves | | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
| 22 | Mark Jerz | G | 6-0 | 170 | Sr. | 5.4 | 1.8 |
| 40 | Nate Lufkin | C | 6-11 | 220 | So. | 5.1 | 3.5 |
| 14 | Kevin Hamilton | G | 6-4 | 175 | Fr. | 4.2 | 2.1 |

INDIANA HOOSIERS

Coach: Mike Davis **Conference:** Big Ten **Location:** Bloomington, Ind. **Website:** www.iuhoosiers.com/
Record: 20-12 (8-8) **RPI Standing:** 47 **Sagarin Rating:** 41 **RPI Schedule Rank:** 43
Skinny: It's been a tale of two seasons in Bloomington. After winning the Maui Invitational in November and knocking off defending national champion Maryland in overtime, the Hoosiers were ranked in the nation's top 10. But Indiana struggled to a .500 conference record and were 1-7 in Big Ten road games. Senior forward Jeff Newton and freshman guard Bracey Wright have been consistent offensive weapons, but the team's defensive effort has been lacking.
Best Wins: vs. Maryland, 80-74 (OT); vs. Illinois, 74-66; vs. Purdue, 66-63
Worst Losses: at Northwestern, 74-61; at Penn State, 74-66



| Starting Five | | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
|--------------------|---------------------|-----|------|-----|-----|------|------|
| 3 | Tom Coverdale | G | 6-2 | 185 | Sr. | 11.6 | 4.5* |
| 4 | Bracey Wright | G | 6-3 | 185 | Fr. | 16.9 | 5.1 |
| 5 | George Leach | C | 6-11 | 240 | Jr. | 6.2 | 6.0 |
| 22 | Marshall Strickland | G | 6-2 | 185 | Fr. | 6.3 | 2.0* |
| 50 | Jeff Newton | F | 6-9 | 225 | Sr. | 15.1 | 8.5 |
| * Assists per game | | | | | | | |
| Key Reserves | | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
| 2 | A.J. Moye | F/G | 6-3 | 215 | Jr. | 5.5 | 4.0 |
| 32 | Kyle Hornsby | G/F | 6-5 | 205 | Sr. | 7.0 | 3.0 |
| 23 | Sean Kline | F | 6-8 | 230 | Fr. | 3.0 | 2.0 |

#7 INDIANA (20-12) vs. #10 ALABAMA (17-11)

ALABAMA CRIMSON TIDE

Coach: Mark Gottfried **Conference:** SEC **Location:** Tuscaloosa, Ala. **Website:** www.rolltide.com
Record: 17-11 (8-8) **RPI Standing:** 38 **Sagarin Rating:** 37 **RPI Schedule Rank:** 20
Skinny: To be honest, Alabama probably shouldn't have gotten a bid, but now that the Crimson Tide is in, they could be a scary team because they guard and do have some playmakers. The Tide was great early on, even ranking No. 1 in the polls at one point, but they collapsed in the SEC and finished with a 6-10 regular season mark and first round exit in the conference tournament. The inside-outside duo of Maurice Williams and Erwin Dudley, plus freshman Kennedy Winston give Alabama a chance.
Best Wins: vs. Oklahoma, 68-62; Xavier, 65-58; Mississippi State, 68-62 (ot)
Worst Losses: at Arkansas, 70-81; at Ole Miss, 57-76; at Vanderbilt, 69-70



| Starting Five | | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
|--------------------|------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|
| 25 | Maurice Williams | G | 6-1 | 183 | So. | 15.7 | 4.0* |
| 50 | Antoine Pettway | G | 6-0 | 170 | Jr. | 6.1 | 2.4* |
| 3 | Kennedy Winston | F | 6-7 | 200 | Fr. | 11.6 | 4.5 |
| 42 | Kenny Walker | F | 6-9 | 220 | Sr. | 9.4 | 5.5 |
| 35 | Erwin Dudley | F/C | 6-8 | 240 | Sr. | 15.0 | 9.7 |
| * Assists per game | | | | | | | |
| Key Reserves | | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
| 5 | Earnest Shelton | G | 6-3 | 190 | So. | 4.9 | 2.8 |
| 14 | Terrance Meade | G | 6-2 | 190 | Sr. | 4.3 | 2.5 |
| 2 | Emmett Thomas | F | 6-4 | 205 | Jr. | 6.0 | 2.2 |

MISSOURI TIGERS

Coach: Quin Snyder **Conference:** Big 12 **Location:** Columbia, Mo. **Website:** www.mutigers.oscn.com
Record: 21-10 (9-7) **RPI Standing:** 17 **Sagarin Rating:** 22 **RPI Schedule Rank:** 5
Skinny: Missouri came into conference play this season sporting a 9-1 record. The rigors of conference soon caught up with them, though, as they finished conference play with a respectable 9-7 record. The Tigers have three of the Big 12's top eleven scorers in guards Ricky Clemons and Ricky Paulding, and center Arthur Johnson. Missouri's backcourt duo is one of the nation's best 3-point shooting tandems while center Arthur Johnson nearly averages a double-double with 15.4 points and 9.2 rebounds a game.
Best Wins: vs. Colorado, 73-70; vs. Oklahoma, 67-52
Worst Losses: at Oklahoma State, 76-56; at Iowa State, 71-55



| Starting Five | | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
|--------------------|------------------|-----|------|-----|-----|------|------|
| 00 | Ricky Clemons | G | 5-11 | 172 | Jr. | 15.7 | 4.1* |
| 1 | Jimmy McKinney | G | 6-3 | 200 | Fr. | 8.5 | 4.0 |
| 23 | Ricky Paulding | G | 6-5 | 212 | Jr. | 17.1 | 5.4 |
| 5 | Travon Bryant | F | 6-9 | 236 | Jr. | 9.0 | 6.1 |
| 50 | Arthur Johnson | C | 6-9 | 265 | Jr. | 15.4 | 9.2 |
| * Assists per game | | | | | | | |
| Key Reserves | | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
| 15 | Josh Kroenke | G | 6-4 | 195 | Jr. | 3.6 | 2.6 |
| 32 | Jeffrey Ferguson | F | 6-10 | 238 | So. | 1.6 | 2.7 |

#6 MISSOURI (21-10) vs. #11 SOUTHERN ILLINOIS (24-6)

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS SALUKIS

Coach: Bruce Weber **Conference:** Missouri Valley **Location:** Carbondale, Ill. **Website:** www.sisalukis.com
Record: 24-6 (16-2) **RPI Standing:** 34 **Sagarin Rating:** 50 **RPI Schedule Rank:** 112
Skinny: The pasting Southern Illinois took in the Missouri Valley Tournament at the hands of Creighton was not a true indication of this team's ability. The Salukis ran through both Bobby Knight's Texas Tech squad and Georgia in last year's NCAA Tournament before bowing out late in the Sweet 16 against Connecticut. SIU didn't have a lot of big-time opponents on the schedule this season, so they had no real shot at a statement game, but you can bet no No. 4, 5 or 6 seed wants to see the Salukis in their bracket.
Best Wins: Creighton, 70-62; Wisconsin-Milwaukee, 66-64
Worst Losses: at St. Louis, 60-71; at Bradley, 73-77; vs. Creighton, 56-80



| Starting Five | | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
|--------------------|------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|
| 1 | Darren Brooks | G | 6-3 | 205 | So. | 12.9 | 5.6 |
| 25 | Stetson Hairston | G | 6-3 | 200 | So. | 10.9 | 4.3 |
| 33 | Kent Williams | G | 6-2 | 180 | Sr. | 15.4 | 3.1* |
| 11 | Sylvester Willis | F | 6-7 | 225 | Jr. | 4.4 | 4.1 |
| 23 | Jermaine Dearman | F | 6-8 | 220 | Sr. | 14.6 | 6.3 |
| * Assists per game | | | | | | | |
| Key Reserves | | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
| 13 | Brad Korn | F | 6-9 | 195 | Jr. | 5.7 | 1.8 |
| 21 | Josh Warren | C | 6-8 | 250 | So. | 5.6 | 3.7 |
| 14 | Bryan Turner | G | 6-1 | 180 | Jr. | 3.7 | 1.5 |

PITTSBURGH PANTHERS

Coach: Ben Howland **Conference:** Big East **Location:** Pittsburgh, Penn. **Website:** www.pittsburghpanthers.com
Record: 26-4 (13-3) **RPI Standing:** 8 **Sagarin Rating:** 3 **RPI Schedule Rank:** 56
Skinny: Pittsburgh seems to once again be an underrated squad capable of either flaming out early or running all the way to the Final Four. The Panthers are as balanced as it gets with six players averaging between 10.0 and 12.2 points a game and are led by senior star Brandin Knight. Pitt will defend the heck out of you, much like Kentucky, allowing opponents to hit just 38.5 percent against them, which is a perfect recipe for NCAA Tournament success.
Best Wins: Notre Dame, 72-55; Syracuse, 73-60; Connecticut, 71-67
Worst Losses: at Seton Hall, 61-73



| Starting Five | | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
|--------------------|------------------|-----|------|-----|-----|------|------|
| 20 | Brandin Knight | G | 6-0 | 183 | Sr. | 10.8 | 6.4* |
| 1 | Julius Page | G | 6-3 | 191 | Jr. | 12.2 | 3.7 |
| 4 | Jaron Brown | G | 6-4 | 229 | Jr. | 10.2 | 4.7 |
| 5 | Donatas Zavackas | F | 6-8 | 238 | Sr. | 10.0 | 4.2 |
| 50 | Ontario Lett | F | 6-6 | 265 | Sr. | 10.2 | 5.0 |
| * Assists per game | | | | | | | |
| Key Reserves | | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
| 2 | Chevron Troutman | F | 6-7 | 236 | So. | 11.4 | 5.3 |
| 11 | Carl Krauser | G | 6-2 | 200 | Fr. | 6.0 | 2.9* |
| 55 | Toree Morris | C | 6-10 | 282 | Jr. | 3.9 | 3.2 |

#2 PITTSBURGH (26-4) vs. #15 WAGNER (21-10)

WAGNER SEAHAWKS

Coach: Dereck Whittenburg **Conference:** Northeast **Location:** Staten Island, N.Y. **Website:** www.wagner.edu/athletics
Record: 21-10 (14-4) **RPI Standing:** 103 **Sagarin Rating:** 174 **RPI Schedule Rank:** 196
Skinny: On the 20th anniversary of one of the most famous airballs in NCAA Tournament history, Dereck Whittenburg is headed back to the Big Dance. Now the Wagner head coach, Whittenburg is the former N.C. State guard who launched the shot that Lorenzo Charles caught out of the air and dunked to give N.C. State the 1983 NCAA title. Northeast Conference Player of the Year Jermaine Hall is one of four starters averaging double figures.
Best Wins: at Virginia Commonwealth, 80-72
Worst Losses: at UNC-Greensboro, 84-65



| Starting Five | | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
|--------------------|--------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|
| 21 | Nigel Wyatte | F | 6-9 | 215 | Jr. | 11.5 | 8.6 |
| 24 | Jermaine Hall | F | 6-5 | 220 | Sr. | 21.6 | 7.2 |
| 5 | Dedrick Dye | G | 6-0 | 185 | Sr. | 12.4 | 3.2 |
| 12 | Courtney Pritchard | G | 6-0 | 180 | Jr. | 10.3 | 5.1* |
| 33 | Teoine Carroll | G | 6-2 | 180 | Jr. | 9.3 | 2.8 |
| * Assists per game | | | | | | | |
| Key Reserves | | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
| 3 | DeEarnest McLamore | G | 6-1 | 180 | Fr. | 2.1 | 1.8* |
| 32 | Sean Munson | F | 6-8 | 230 | So. | 6.4 | 4.7 |

WEST REGIONAL: MARCH 20 & 22; SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

ARIZONAWILDCATS

Coach: Lute Olson **Conference:** Pacific 10 **Location:** Tucson, Ariz. **Website:** arizonaathletics.ocsn.com
Record: 25-3 (17-1) **RPI Rank:** 2 **Sagarin Rank:** 2 **RPI Schedule Rank:** 30
Skinny: The Wildcats have it all. The talent, depth and leadership are all there. Offensively, Arizona's scoring can come from anywhere, making this team nearly impossible to stop. The Wildcats aren't a shutdown defensive team, but that's not their style. Lute Olson wants his team going full throttle for 40 minutes, a style that's forced opponents into more than 17 turnovers a game. No team is unbeatable, but Arizona is the next best thing unless Luke Walton's ankle acts up. The Wildcats aren't the same without him.
Best wins: vs. Texas 73-70, at Kansas 91-74
Worst losses: at LSU 65-66, vs. Stanford 77-82



| Starting Five | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
|---------------------|-----|------|-----|-----|------|------|
| 22 Jason Gardner | G | 5-10 | 190 | Sr. | 14.3 | 5.1* |
| 20 Salim Stoudamire | G | 6-1 | 175 | So. | 12.8 | 1.9* |
| 4 Luke Walton | F | 6-8 | 240 | Sr. | 10.2 | 4.6* |
| 33 Rick Anderson | F | 6-9 | 225 | Sr. | 10.2 | 6.0 |
| 45 Channing Frye | C | 6-10 | 230 | So. | 12.0 | 7.7 |
| * Assists per game | | | | | | |
| Key Reserves | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
| 21 Hassan Adams | G | 6-4 | 205 | Fr. | 9.4 | 3.7 |
| 24 Andre Iguodala | F | 6-6 | 200 | Fr. | 6.8 | 4.9 |
| 2 Isaiah Fox | C | 6-9 | 265 | So. | 4.4 | 3.6 |

#1 ARIZONA (25-3) vs. #16 VERMONT (21-11)

VERMONT CATAMOUNTS

Coach: Tom Brennan **Conference:** American East **Location:** Burlington, Vt. **Website:** www.uvm.edu/athletics
Record: 21-11 (11-5) **RPI Standing:** 144 **Sagarin Rating:** 158 **RPI Schedule Rank:** 265
Skinny: Vermont had to go through Boston University, a team many observers thought could possibly win a first round game, in Boston, to get to the Big Dance, which says a lot about their moxie. The Catamounts are extremely athletic and are led by all-everything forward Taylor Coppentrath, who leads the team in points, rebounds and assists per game at 6-foot-9. Still, it's awfully hard to take a team that lost to Hawaii Hilo seriously when it comes tournament time.
Best Wins: Boston U., 60-53; vs. Boston U., 56-55; Eastern Michigan, 71-64
Worst Losses: at Hawaii Hilo, 66-69; Drake, 78-83



| Starting Five | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
|-----------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|
| 24 David Hehn | G | 6-5 | 200 | So. | 7.2 | 3.6 |
| 32 Germain Njila | G/F | 6-4 | 200 | So. | 6.2 | 4.1 |
| 42 Grant Anderson | F | 6-7 | 215 | Sr. | 7.9 | 7.1 |
| 22 Taylor Coppentrath | F | 6-9 | 225 | So. | 20.6 | 7.4 |
| 52 Matt Shefic | C | 6-8 | 260 | Jr. | 10.4 | 6.4 |
| * Assists per game | | | | | | |
| Key Reserves | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
| 43 Scotty Jones | F | 6-7 | 225 | Jr. | 7.2 | 5.2 |
| 15 Andre Anderson | G | 6-1 | 175 | Sr. | 2.2 | 1.0 |
| 21 Mike Gola | G | 6-4 | 205 | So. | 5.8 | 1.8 |

NOTREDAME FIGHTING IRISH

Coach: Mike Brey **Conference:** Big East **Location:** South Bend, Ind. **Website:** www.und.com
Record: 22-10 (10-6) **RPI Standing:** 14 **Sagarin Rating:** 17 **RPI Schedule Rank:** 7
Skinny: Notre Dame will go as far as Chris Thomas and Matt Carroll can shoot them, which could very well be a long, long way. But the Irish have some major issues guarding people, which is why they give up nearly 80 points a game to opponents. If Notre Dame can't figure out a way to at least slow people down defensively, a good team will dissect them enough to offset the Irish's shooting and scoring ability.
Best Wins: vs. Texas, 98-92; Marquette, 92-71; Pittsburgh, 66-64
Worst Losses: at Rutgers, 82-95; at Seton Hall, 72-78



| Starting Five | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
|--------------------|-----|------|-----|-----|------|------|
| 1 Chris Thomas | G | 6-1 | 182 | So. | 18.5 | 7.1* |
| 13 Matt Carroll | G | 6-6 | 212 | Sr. | 20.9 | 5.2 |
| 21 Danny Miller | F | 6-8 | 220 | Sr. | 13.6 | 5.6 |
| 12 Jordan Comette | F | 6-9 | 235 | So. | 3.0 | 4.2 |
| 34 Torin Francis | F/C | 6-10 | 240 | Fr. | 10.2 | 8.0 |
| * Assists per game | | | | | | |
| Key Reserves | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
| 20 Torrian Jones | G | 6-4 | 195 | Jr. | 5.3 | 3.5 |
| 2 Chris Quinn | G | 6-2 | 178 | Fr. | 3.8 | 1.5* |
| 50 Tom Timmermans | C | 6-11 | 253 | Jr. | 3.6 | 3.0 |

#5 NOTRE DAME (22-10) vs. #12 WISC.-MILWAUKEE (24-7)

WISCONSIN-MILWAUKEE PANTHERS

Coach: Bruce Pearl **Conference:** Horizon **Location:** Milwaukee, Wisc. **Website:** uwmpanters.ocsn.com
Record: 24-7 (13-3) **RPI Rank:** 45 **Sagarin Rank:** 45 **RPI Schedule Rank:** 116
Skinny: Former Iowa assistant coach Bruce Pearl is back in the NCAA Tournament with a veteran squad that features three senior starters. The Panthers only played two games against major conference foes, and were handed an 11-point loss at Wisconsin and a 20-point setback at Georgia. UWM likes to push the pace, as it averages nearly 80 points per game and causes nearly 18 turnovers per contest. Junior forward Dylan Page is shooting better than 61 percent from the floor, ranking him 10th nationally.
Best wins: vs. Butler, 69-65; vs. SW Missouri State, 86-77; vs. Valparaiso, 75-61
Worst Losses: at UW-Green Bay, 79-68



| Starting Five | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
|------------------------|-----|------|-----|-----|------|------|
| 15 Dylan Page | F | 6-8 | 225 | Jr. | 18.1 | 6.6 |
| 30 Clay Tucker | F | 6-3 | 195 | Sr. | 18.2 | 6.6 |
| 40 Nate Mielke | C | 6-11 | 220 | Jr. | 6.5 | 4.9 |
| 5 Ronnie Jones | G | 5-9 | 165 | Sr. | 10.4 | 3.1* |
| 24 Jason Frederick | G | 6-4 | 185 | Sr. | 10.6 | 2.4* |
| * Assists per game | | | | | | |
| Key Reserves | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
| 33 Justin Lettenberger | F | 6-5 | 190 | Sr. | 6.1 | 4.3 |
| 14 Dan Weisse | G | 5-11 | 175 | Sr. | 3.5 | 1.4 |
| 22 Jose Winston | G | 5-11 | 180 | Sr. | 1.9 | 2.6* |

CINCINNATI BEARCATS

Coach: Bob Huggins **Conference:** Conference USA **Location:** Cincinnati, Ohio **Website:** www.ucbearcats.com
Record: 17-11 (9-7) **RPI Standing:** 29 **Sagarin Rating:** 42 **RPI Schedule Rank:** 9
Skinny: Cincinnati faded badly down the stretch, going 4-7 over its last 11 regular-season games, not exactly how you want to enter the postseason. Cincy will guard the heck out of you and try to grind out a 60-point game, but the Bearcats are at their best when Bobbitt, Williams and Stokes get out in transition and make plays, much like they did when UC routed Louisville several weeks ago. Bob Huggins has flamed out with much more talented teams, does he win with this edition?
Best Wins: Louisville, 101-80; Oklahoma State, 61-50; vs. Oregon, 77-52
Worst Losses: at Clemson, 51-58; at DePaul, 52-56; at Charlotte, 64-74



| Starting Five | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
|--------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|
| 20 Taron Barker | G | 6-1 | 200 | Sr. | 6.5 | 5.1* |
| 13 Leonard Stokes | G | 6-6 | 200 | Sr. | 16.0 | 4.9 |
| 2 Field Williams | G | 6-3 | 185 | Jr. | 11.7 | 2.1 |
| 42 Kareem Johnson | F | 6-7 | 250 | Jr. | 2.3 | 4.3 |
| 54 Jason Maxiell | F | 6-7 | 235 | So. | 11.8 | 6.7 |
| * Assists per game | | | | | | |
| Key Reserves | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
| 15 Tony Bobbitt | G | 6-4 | 180 | Jr. | 8.1 | 1.8 |
| 33 Armein Kirkland | G/F | 6-8 | 190 | Fr. | 3.2 | 1.8 |
| 14 Eric Hicks | F | 6-6 | 230 | Fr. | 2.6 | 3.5 |

#8 CINCINNATI (17-11) vs. #9 GONZAGA (23-8)

GONZAGA BULLDOGS

Coach: Mark Few **Conference:** West Coast **Location:** Spokane, Wash. **Website:** www.gozags.com
Record: 23-8 (12-3) **RPI Standing:** 43 **Sagarin Rating:** 39 **RPI Schedule Rank:** 92
Skinny: Gonzaga has gained such a reputation for NCAA Tournament upsets, the Zags no longer qualify as Cinderellas, nor should they. Blake Stepp is this year's Dan Dickau, capable of hitting shots from anywhere on the floor, while Ronny Turiaf is very similar to former Maryland player Chris Wilcox - quick, explosive and immensely talented. The Zags didn't have as good a regular season as in recent years, mainly because they don't score as well they have, but they still have to be considered a serious threat for the Sweet 16.
Best Wins: vs. Utah, 71-52; at N.C. State, 69-60; Tulsa, 69-60
Worst Losses: at Loyola Marymount, 74-80; Portland, 68-72; vs. San Diego, 63-72



| Starting Five | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
|--------------------|-----|------|-----|-----|------|------|
| 25 Tony Skinner | G | 6-5 | 195 | Jr. | 8.9 | 3.5 |
| 10 Blake Stepp | G | 6-4 | 192 | Jr. | 18.2 | 5.9* |
| 24 Kyle Bankhead | G | 6-3 | 188 | Jr. | 7.9 | 2.2* |
| 33 Cory Violette | F | 6-8 | 255 | Jr. | 11.5 | 8.1 |
| 35 Ronny Turiaf | F | 6-9 | 228 | So. | 15.0 | 6.0 |
| * Assists per game | | | | | | |
| Key Reserves | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
| 32 Zach Gourde | F | 6-8 | 249 | Sr. | 4.7 | 2.9 |
| 34 Richard Fox | C | 6-11 | 289 | Jr. | 6.8 | 3.6 |
| 1 Winston Brooks | G | 6-0 | 190 | Sr. | 2.6 | 3.0* |

ILLINOIS FIGHTING ILLINI

Coach: Bill Self **Conference:** Big Ten **Location:** Champaign, Ill. **Website:** fightingillini.ocsn.com
Record: 24-6 (11-5) **RPI Rank:** 18 **Sagarin Rank:** 11 **RPI Schedule Rank:** 55
Skinny: A one-point loss at Wisconsin ended Illinois' hopes of a third straight Big Ten championship, but the Illini appear to be the league's best hope for a deep tournament run. Six-foot-10 forward Brian Cook is a fourth-year starter and likely Big Ten Player of the Year. He can score both inside and out. The Illini start a pair of freshman guards in Williams and Brown, which could be their undoing in a tight tournament game.
Best Wins: vs. Missouri, 85-70; vs. Wisconsin, 69-63; at Michigan, 82-79
Worst Losses: at Iowa, 68-61; at Indiana, 74-66



| Starting Five | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
|--------------------|-----|------|-----|-----|------|------|
| 5 Deron Williams | G | 6-3 | 210 | Fr. | 6.3 | 4.7* |
| 11 Dee Brown | G | 6-0 | 175 | Fr. | 12.4 | 4.6* |
| 34 Brian Cook | F | 6-10 | 240 | Sr. | 20.0 | 7.1 |
| 40 James Augustine | F/C | 6-10 | 220 | Fr. | 7.1 | 5.7 |
| 43 Roger Rowell | F | 6-7 | 220 | So. | 8.6 | 3.5 |
| * Assists per game | | | | | | |
| Key Reserves | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
| 4 Luther Head | G | 6-3 | 175 | So. | 7.8 | 2.9 |
| 24 Sean Barrington | G | 6-3 | 185 | Fr. | 7.5 | 2.2* |
| 45 Nick Smith | C | 7-2 | 240 | So. | 5.4 | 2.9 |

#4 ILLINOIS (24-6) vs. #13 WESTERN KENTUCKY (24-8)

WESTERN KENTUCKY HILLTOPPERS

Coach: Dennis Felton **Conference:** Sun Belt **Location:** Bowling Green, Ky. **Website:** www.wkusports.com
Record: 24-8 (12-2) **RPI Standing:** 58 **Sagarin Rating:** 80 **RPI Schedule:** 135
Skinny: The Toppers were counting on star center Chris Marcus coming back from a foot injury to lead them into a long NCAA run, but Marcus played just four games all year. Still, Western won 17 of its last 19 games, including 12 consecutive to find its way to the Big Dance for the third straight year. WKU was a trendy upset pick last season over Stanford, but struggled to make shots and was blown out, but this team could be just as dangerous, especially if Kentucky-bred Patrick Sparks gets hot and make shots.
Best Wins: Auburn, 89-70; Southern Miss, 64-54; at La.-Lafayette, 69-66
Worst Losses: at Evansville, 76-81; at Pacific, 57-70; at Detroit, 65-86



| Starting Five | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
|-----------------------|-----|------|-----|-----|------|------|
| 22 Patrick Sparks | G | 6-1 | 170 | So. | 13.6 | 5.9* |
| 15 Mike Wells | G | 6-3 | 190 | Jr. | 10.9 | 4.4 |
| 13 Filip Videnov | F | 6-4 | 200 | Sr. | 9.7 | 4.9 |
| 34 David Boyden | F | 6-8 | 230 | Sr. | 12.6 | 5.3 |
| 30 Nate Williams | F | 6-8 | 240 | Sr. | 9.9 | 5.2 |
| * Assists per game | | | | | | |
| Key Reserves | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
| 10 Anthony Winchester | G | 6-4 | 200 | Fr. | 5.8 | 3.3 |
| 20 Jamaal Brown | F | 6-7 | 235 | Fr. | 5.4 | 2.8 |
| 3 Caleb Holcomb | F | 6-10 | 225 | Jr. | 3.0 | 2.1 |

WEST REGIONAL: MARCH 20 & 22; INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

DUKEBLUEDEVILS

Coach: Mike Krzyzewski **Conference:** ACC **Location:** Durham, N.C. **Website:** www.goduke.com
Record: 24-6 (11-5) **RPI Standing:** 12 **Sagarin Rating:** 10 **RPI Schedule Rank:** 32
Skinny: This isn't a typical Duke team because the Blue Devils can't win away from Cameron Indoor (4-6 on road) and don't have the experience level Coach K usually possesses. Still, don't ever count out the Devils because the NCAA Tournament is when they are at their best. One question mark though is will point guard Chris Duhon crack under the pressure of being "the man" come the bright lights of the NCAA?
Best Wins: Wake Forest, 74-55; Maryland, 75-70
Worst Losses: at Florida State, 70-75; at N.C. State, 71-80; at St. John's, 71-72



| Starting Five | | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
|--------------------|------------------|-----|------|-----|-----|------|------|
| 21 | Chris Duhon | G | 6-1 | 190 | Jr. | 9.3 | 6.7* |
| 4 | J.J. Redick | G | 6-4 | 200 | Fr. | 14.7 | 2.3 |
| 30 | Dahntay Jones | F | 6-6 | 210 | Sr. | 17.2 | 5.3 |
| 23 | Sheldon Williams | F | 6-9 | 255 | Fr. | 8.3 | 6.0 |
| 5 | Daniel Ewing | G | 6-3 | 170 | So. | 11.2 | 3.2 |
| * Assists per game | | | | | | | |
| Key Reserves | | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
| 20 | Casey Sanders | C | 6-11 | 235 | Sr. | 4.7 | 5.4 |
| 42 | Shaylik Randolph | F | 6-10 | 215 | Fr. | 7.4 | 3.9 |
| 3 | Nick Horvath | F | 6-10 | 235 | Jr. | 4.1 | 3.0 |

#3 DUKE (24-6) vs. #14 COLORADO STATE (19-13)

COLORADOSTATERAMS

Coach: Dale Layer **Conference:** Mountain West **Location:** Fort Collins, Colo. **Website:** www.csurams.com
Record: 19-13 (5-9) **RPI Standing:** 75 **Sagarin Rating:** 89 **RPI Schedule Rank:** 67
Skinny: Colorado State made an impressive run in the Mountain West Conference to get into the tournament, beating both BYU and then UNLV on its home floor to earn the automatic bid. The Rams have size, but they didn't beat very many good teams, so it should be a short tournament for them. It wasn't too long ago that Colorado State had lost seven consecutive games and eight of nine during that stretch.
Best Wins: South Carolina, 81-67; at Utah, 66-65; BYU, 86-80
Worst Losses: at Arkansas Little-Rock, 75-84; at New Mexico, 60-62; at Purdue, 56-84



| Starting Five | | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
|--------------------|-----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|
| 11 | Andy Birley | G | 6-4 | 200 | Jr. | 10.8 | 3.2* |
| 20 | Ronnie Clark | G | 6-5 | 210 | Jr. | 11.0 | 4.6 |
| 33 | Brian Greene | F | 6-8 | 225 | Sr. | 13.9 | 6.1 |
| 42 | Matt Williams | F | 6-6 | 215 | So. | 7.3 | 3.9 |
| 54 | Matt Nelson | C | 7-0 | 245 | So. | 16.9 | 5.6 |
| * Assists per game | | | | | | | |
| Key Reserves | | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
| 32 | Michael Morris | G | 6-4 | 185 | Fr. | 5.8 | 3.7* |
| 22 | Shelton Johnson | G | 6-3 | 205 | Fr. | 2.7 | 2.5 |
| 3 | Quantone Smith | F | 6-8 | 245 | Sr. | 5.6 | 2.6 |

MEMPHISTIGERS

Coach: John Calipari **Conference:** Conference USA **Location:** Memphis, Tenn. **Website:** www.gotigersgo.com
Record: 23-6 (13-3) **RPI Standing:** 26 **Sagarin Rating:** 23 **RPI Schedule Rank:** 77
Skinny: Memphis has eight players averaging at least eight points, six of which are between eight and 9.7 a game, giving them as much depth as anyone in the dance not named Arizona. Chris Massie is a dominant force on the inside, almost unguardable on the low block. If this team gets into an athletic, up-and-down game, the Tigers will be as tough to beat as anyone else in the tournament.
Best Wins: at Louisville, 80-73; Illinois, 77-74; Cincinnati, 67-48
Worst Losses: Austin Peay, 80-81; at Southern Miss, 67-84; at St. Louis, 66-69



| Starting Five | | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
|--------------------|----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|
| 1 | Antonio Burks | G | 6-0 | 200 | Jr. | 9.5 | 4.6* |
| 23 | Anthony Rice | G | 6-4 | 205 | So. | 9.3 | 3.0 |
| 20 | John Grice | F | 6-6 | 205 | Sr. | 11.4 | 6.5 |
| 10 | Rodney Carney | F | 6-7 | 205 | Fr. | 9.7 | 4.8 |
| 4 | Chris Massie | F | 6-9 | 253 | Sr. | 17.3 | 10.9 |
| * Assists per game | | | | | | | |
| Key Reserves | | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
| 5 | Jeremy Hunt | F | 6-4 | 195 | Fr. | 9.6 | 2.4 |
| 12 | Billy Richmond | G | 6-5 | 207 | So. | 9.4 | 3.5 |
| 30 | Earl Barron | C | 7-0 | 268 | Sr. | 8.0 | 5.2 |

#7 MEMPHIS (23-6) vs. #10 ARIZONA STATE (19-11)

ARIZONA STATESUNDEVILS

Coach: Rob Evans **Conference:** Pacific 10 **Location:** Tempe, Ariz. **Website:** thesundevils.ocsn.com
Record: 19-11 (11-7) **RPI Rank:** 32 **Sagarin Rank:** 32 **RPI Schedule Rank:** 14
Skinny: A physical, athletic team anchored by freshman center Ike Diogu, who is easily one of the finest newcomers in the country. No one had an answer for him in the Pac 10 unless double- and triple-teaming was involved. Arizona State's guards can take it to the hole and do a nice job defensively. However, the Sun Devils are awful shooters from the perimeter and that allows defenses to clog the interior against Diogu without consequences. Still, ASU is solid and could surprise some people.
Best wins: vs. Utah 83-79 (OT), vs. Purdue 70-53, vs. Oregon 91-77
Worst losses: vs. BYU 60-64, at Utah 55-78, at USC 76-74



| Starting Five | | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
|--------------------|----------------|-----|------|-----|-----|------|------|
| 14 | Curtis Millage | G | 6-2 | 175 | Sr. | 15.8 | 2.7 |
| 1 | Jason Braxton | G | 6-2 | 180 | So. | 4.5 | 2.5* |
| 4 | Tommy Smith | F | 6-10 | 215 | Sr. | 11.0 | 6.3 |
| 21 | Donnell Knight | F | 6-7 | 200 | Sr. | 5.7 | 4.2 |
| 5 | Ike Diogu | F/C | 6-8 | 242 | Fr. | 18.8 | 7.6 |
| * Assists per game | | | | | | | |
| Key Reserves | | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
| 42 | Shawn Redhage | F | 6-8 | 225 | Sr. | 7.7 | 2.7 |
| 22 | Jamal Hill | F | 6-6 | 200 | Jr. | 7.0 | 2.0 |
| 3 | Kyle Dodd | G | 6-0 | 175 | Sr. | 4.0 | 3.2* |

CREIGHTONBLUEJAYS

Coach: Dana Altman **Conference:** Missouri Valley **Location:** Omaha, Neb. **Website:** www.gocreighton.com
Record: 29-4 (15-3) **RPI Standing:** 23 **Sagarin Rating:** 18 **RPI Schedule Rank:** 115
Skinny: This season's Gonzaga of a few years ago, Creighton has been ranked nearly all season and has one of the country's best shooters in Kyle Korver, who has made 122 three-pointers this season. The Blue Jays upset vaunted Florida in the 2002 NCAA Tournament as a No. 12 seed, so they should be considered a strong candidate for the second round and even Sweet 16. Could this be a team like Kent State last year where if the draw falls the right way, the Jays are fighting for a Final Four?
Best Wins: at Notre Dame, 80-75; vs. Southern Illinois, 80-56; BYU, 74-64
Worst Losses: at Wichita State, 74-80; at Evansville, 66-74



| Starting Five | | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
|--------------------|------------------|-----|------|-----|-----|------|------|
| 24 | Tyler McKinney | G | 6-2 | 175 | So. | 5.3 | 3.9* |
| 20 | Larry House | G | 6-4 | 205 | Sr. | 10.8 | 3.2 |
| 22 | Michael Lindeman | G/F | 6-6 | 190 | Jr. | 7.7 | 3.4 |
| 25 | Kyle Korver | F | 6-7 | 210 | Sr. | 17.8 | 6.2 |
| 43 | Brody Deren | F | 6-8 | 245 | Jr. | 7.9 | 5.2 |
| * Assists per game | | | | | | | |
| Key Reserves | | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
| 34 | Mike Grimes | F | 6-7 | 215 | Jr. | 8.2 | 3.8 |
| 3 | DeAnthony Bowden | G | 6-1 | 180 | Sr. | 6.9 | 2.1* |
| 21 | Joe Dabbert | C | 6-10 | 230 | Jr. | 5.2 | 2.6 |

#6 CREIGHTON (29-4) vs. #11 CENTRAL MICHIGAN (24-6)

CENTRALMICHIGANCHIPPEWAS

Coach: Bobby Gonzalez **Conference:** Mid-American **Location:** Mt. Pleasant, Mich. **Website:** cmuchippewas.ocsn.com
Record: 24-6 (14-4) **RPI Rank:** 44 **Sagarin Rank:** 48 **RPI Schedule Rank:** 128
Skinny: 7-0 center Chris Kaman is the key. He ranked second in the league in both scoring and rebounding, and is one of only four players in Division I to average at least 20 points and 10 rebounds (Xavier's David West, Ohio's Brandon Hunter and Georgetown's Michael Sweetney). He also ranks ninth nationally in blocks (3.2), and was voted the MAC's Defensive Player of the Year. The Chippewas are one of only five Division I teams shooting better than 50 percent as a team.
Best wins: at Michigan, 85-78; at Western Michigan, 80-75
Worst Losses: at DePaul, 92-56; at Valparaiso, 65-51; at Eastern Michigan, 84-68



| Starting Five | | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
|--------------------|------------------|-----|------|-----|-----|------|------|
| 25 | Mike Mancel | F | 6-5 | 235 | Sr. | 16.6 | 4.8 |
| 35 | Chris Kaman | C | 7-0 | 255 | Jr. | 22.5 | 12.2 |
| 2 | J.R. Wallace | G | 6-0 | 170 | Sr. | 13.9 | 3.4* |
| 12 | Tony Bowne | G | 6-3 | 210 | So. | 4.3 | 3.2* |
| 15 | T.J. Meerman | G | 6-3 | 185 | Jr. | 5.3 | 2.9* |
| * Assists per game | | | | | | | |
| Key Reserves | | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
| 1 | Whitney Robinson | G | 5-11 | 170 | Sr. | 7.8 | 1.8 |
| 20 | Kevin Nelson | G | 6-3 | 160 | Fr. | 2.8 | 1.0* |
| 23 | Joe Carr | G | 5-6 | 160 | Fr. | 2.0 | 0.9* |

KANSASJAYHAWKS

Coach: Roy Williams **Conference:** Big 12 **Location:** Lawrence, Kans. **Website:** www.kuathletics.com
Record: 25-7 (14-2) **RPI Rank:** 6 **Sagarin Rank:** 4 **RPI Schedule Rank:** 6
Skinny: For the second year in a row the Kansas Jayhawks enter tournament play as the Big 12 conference regular season champions. Kansas is an excellent offensive team who led the Big 12 in scoring and has the 2nd best rebounding margin in the nation at +8.2 per game. The glaring weakness is their lack of depth on the bench. After another successful regular season the Jayhawks will look to improve upon the Final Four appearance they made last year in Atlanta.
Best Wins: vs. Texas, 90-87; at Missouri, 79-74; vs. Oklahoma State 79-61
Worst losses: vs. North Carolina, 56-67



| Starting Five | | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
|--------------------|----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|
| 11 | Aaron Miles | G | 6-1 | 175 | So. | 8.9 | 6.9* |
| 10 | Kirk Hinrich | G | 6-3 | 190 | Sr. | 17.9 | 3.9 |
| 5 | Keith Langford | G | 6-4 | 205 | So. | 15.3 | 4.9 |
| 42 | Jeff Graves | F | 6-9 | 275 | Jr. | 5.1 | 5.9 |
| 4 | Nick Collison | F | 6-9 | 255 | Sr. | 18.6 | 9.4 |
| * Assists per game | | | | | | | |
| Key Reserves | | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
| 25 | Michael Lee | G | 6-3 | 215 | So. | 4.5 | 2.3 |
| 33 | Bryant Nash | F | 6-6 | 205 | Jr. | 2.9 | 2.6 |

#2 KANSAS (25-7) vs. #15 UTAH STATE (24-8)

UTAHSTATEAGGIES

Coach: Stew Morrill **Conference:** Big West **Location:** Logan, Utah **Website:** utahstateaggies.ocsn.com
Record: 24-8 (12-6) **RPI Standing:** 79 **Sagarin Rating:** 100 **RPI Schedule Rank:** 197
Skinny: Defense and rebounding are the name of the game for Coach Stew Morrill's squad, which is making its third trip to the tournament in the past four seasons. Utah State allows its opponents only 59.8 points per game, and their +7.1 rebounding margin is among the best in the country. Outside shooting is a problem for UTSU, as they shoot only 34 percent from behind the arc and average only four 3-pointers per game.
Best Wins: vs. Utah, 59-54; vs. Weber State, 66-64
Worst Losses: at Jackson State, 63-57; at Pacific, 66-54



| Starting Five | | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
|--------------------|------------------|-----|------|-----|-----|------|------|
| 2 | Penigar, Desmond | F | 6-7 | 245 | Sr. | 15.4 | 6.5 |
| 5 | Johnson, Toraino | F | 6-4 | 215 | Sr. | 7.8 | 3.6 |
| 32 | Nelson, Spencer | F | 6-8 | 225 | So. | 10.2 | 7.3 |
| 1 | Ross, Ronnie | G | 6-1 | 190 | Sr. | 5.8 | 1.7* |
| 20 | Brown, Mark | G | 5-10 | 150 | Jr. | 8.7 | 4.6* |
| * Assists per game | | | | | | | |
| Key Reserves | | pos | ht | wt | yr | ppg | rpg |
| 4 | Harris, Nate | F | 6-7 | 230 | Fr. | 5.2 | 3.3 |
| 11 | Puzey, Mike | F/C | 6-9 | 240 | Sr. | 1.8 | 2.8 |
| 15 | Butler, Cardell | F | 6-4 | 200 | Jr. | 8.8 | 2.5 |

Bizarre seedings set pace for wild ride

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Kentucky had to rise above many off-court obstacles to produce a season of historic proportions in 2003. How fitting, then, that the Cats will now have to overcome flagrant NCAA buffoonery to win the school's eighth national championship.

In what is clearly the worst bit of pairing since

Cindy Crawford and Lyle Lovett, the NCAA Tournament Selection Committee has set a bracket that could force Kentucky to beat Pittsburgh, the Big East champion, and Arizona, ranked No. 1 for much of the season, just for the opportunity to play for the title April 7 in New Orleans. Waiting across the great divide are two No. 1 seeds from the same conference – Texas and Oklahoma – that failed to sweep its conference and tournament.

It's one of a dozen perplexing decisions by the committee – Alabama making the field, Pitt not being a No. 1, Florida hanging onto a No. 2 seed, and an overloaded West Region that would scare even John Wayne back East.

But most troubling of all is that group assembled in Indianapolis actually congratulated itself for its efforts, apparently unaware that it had run afoul of history and tradition built on two decades of NCAA Tournaments.

Committee chairman Jim Livengood, the SpongeBob Squarepants to a collection of Patricks, defended the peculiar pairings by saying that, "It would be an injustice if the committee tried to predict ahead."

Injustice? Avoiding an embarrassment like Kentucky and Arizona meeting in anything other than the championship game is one of the chief duties of the group. Otherwise, why not just separate the seeds into piles and do a blind draw for 1 vs. 16, 2 vs. 15 and so on?

To some degree, that's exactly what the committee did with SpongeBob saying that the group determined four No. 1 seeds without regard for which team was the best of the group.

However, a time-honored standard on

Selection Sunday is that the best No. 1 seed is matched with the weakest No. 2 seed, a final pre-tournament reward for a season well done, or as Livengood calls it, "a total body of work."

Instead, Kentucky, with its No. 1 ranking, unbeaten SEC status and nation-best 23-game win streak, is joined in the Midwest Region by the very best of the No. 2 seeds in Pittsburgh, a team visibly upset that it wasn't awarded a No. 1 seed after sweeping to the Big East Tournament title.

Pitt has good reason to be miffed. South No. 1 Texas and East No. 1 Oklahoma each lost six games compared to only four for the Panthers. Texas won the Big 12, but stumbled in the tournament. Oklahoma fell short in the final stages of the regular season, but rallied to win the postseason tournament. Pitt won both, the Big East and Big East Tournament, and got Kentucky as its prize.

Another oddity for Kentucky is that the clear No. 1 team traditionally gets the weakest No. 16 seed, the winner of the play-in game. Instead, that honor fell to Texas, which one could argue is the weakest of the No. 1 seeds.

Sadly, Kentucky is not the only team to get the back hand. West Region No. 1 seed Arizona held the top spot in the polls for much of the season and won the Pac-10 regular season. For its part, the Wildcats are in a bracket with No. 2 seed Kansas, No. 3 Duke and No. 4 Illinois. Duke and Illinois won their respective conference tournaments on Sunday, yet languish behind teams like Florida and Wake Forest, which bombed in their respective conference tournaments.

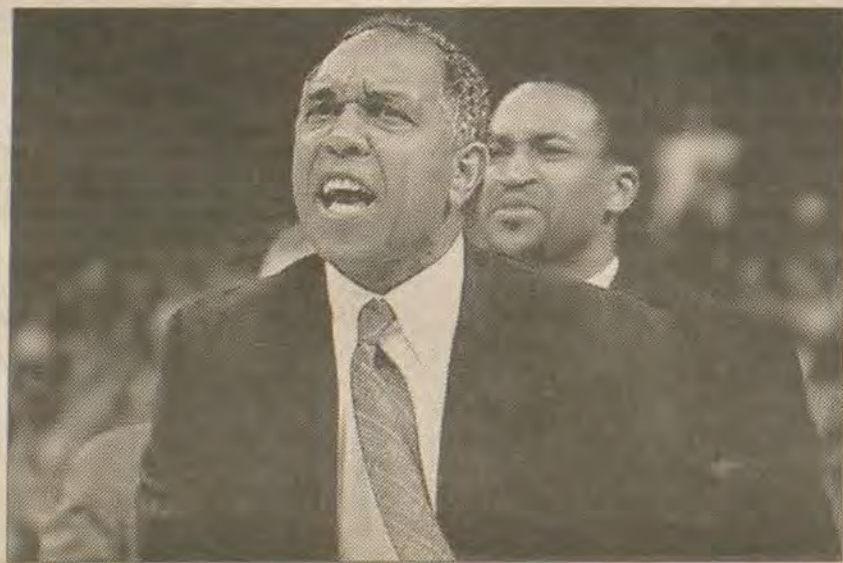
There is no question that developing this field of 65 teams is one of the most challenging jobs in college sports, and no one is suggesting that any malice was intentional. If anything, Livengood, the Arizona athletics director, let the pendulum swing too far in proving his impartiality toward Lute Olson's Wildcats.

But none of that changes the fact or explains away the reality that some glaring mistakes, obvious even to the SpongeBob aficionados among us, were made. Let us hope that the committee digests any criticism and improves the process in 2004.

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The committee placed Tubby Smith's Cats in the Midwest Region where they'd have to play Arizona in the National Semifinals if both teams advance that far.

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BIRD CALLS

Observations from Darrell Bird

EIGHT REASONS TO HOPE TUBBY STAYS AT UK: As Kentucky basketball fans shamelessly celebrated the rediscovery of their hero with chants of "Tubby! Tubby!" that echoed through Rupp Arena this winter, you know at some point there was a dreadful realization among the revelers – "Uh-oh, what if Tubby leaves after this season?"

Certainly, the NBA will be courting **Tubby Smith** (right), and his marketability will never be higher. Atlanta and Philadelphia are hot topics and national basketball followers say ownership of the new Charlotte expansion team is quite smitten with Tubby.

As disconcerting as that might be, it's actually much worse because Kentucky stands to lose much more than a basketball coach.

Consider, if you will, eight reasons to hope Tubby remains in Lexington, in honor of UK beginning pursuit of its eighth national championship this week.

1 Lots of people are good coaches, very few of us are outstanding people – a Tubby trait that even his most ardent detractors have always conceded. On Sunday night, **Bernadette Mattox** resigned as women's coach after eight seasons. The next day, Smith broke ranks from his SEC Tourney preparation to have lunch with several of the women's players who were struggling with the news. Name another big-time men's basketball coach who would do that.

2 In what may have been a first, Smith included the parents of **John Stewart** in UK's Senior Day activities. The Stewart's son signed with UK in 1999 but died of a heart attack during the high school state tournament. A season never passed without some mention of Big John by Tubby, and his inclusion of the Stewarts in what would have been the player's senior year made for an unforgettable memory.

3 **Alan Elstun** writes of Tubby: "My wife works for NorthKey Community Care in northern Kentucky, and one of her clients, **Dan Lipnicki**, wrote the University of Kentucky athletics department concerning a ramp for the handicapped at Rupp Arena that was hard to see because it wasn't painted. Dan is 37, has cerebral palsy and is limited to a wheelchair, and loves his Wildcats.

"Not only did the department get the ramp painted, they held Dan two tickets to the Notre Dame game on Jan. 18. Dan had asked if it would be possible to meet the team but the 1978 team reunion celebration was that same day. Tubby sent Dan a letter to call his assistant to set up meeting the team at a practice.

"Dan got to sit at mid-court on the floor during an entire practice. Tubby sat and talked with Dan and we got plenty of pictures. It really was a special day for Dan and I just wanted everyone to know that Tubby is a wonderful human being."

4 The coach shakes hands with everyone in what is a simple but powerful testimony of decency and upbringing. The big-time coach could ignore us commoners and we would think nothing of it. It's the norm. But Tubby demonstrates neither big-time nor elitist attitudes. If he had, his daddy would long ago have taken him down a notch or two.

5 Tubby Smith rescued **Gerald Fitch**, from himself and an environment the youngster was struggling to move beyond. Most coaches would have sent Fitch packing and been applauded on the public stage. Tubby took the lonesome path and stood alongside Fitch, choosing person over player. Both have benefited enormously, as have fans of Kentucky basketball.

6 Though he stayed long and strong with Fitch, Tubby had the honesty to admit recruiting mistakes and the courage to make numerous roster changes last spring after a tumultuous season. It was his best coaching move of the 2003 season.

7 Tubby has ushered in a new day for UK basketball in regards to recruiting. Tubby will now find kids with talent and character. If a choice must be made between the No. 5 rated player who is a jerk with his own entourage versus No. 25 who has solid skills and is a good citizen, make a roster spot for No. 25 and be glad of it. An extra benefit is that he'll likely be at UK the full four years, too.

"We're talking about guys who are going to do something for the program," Smith said, "not that the program is going to do something for them."

8 The man can coach basketball, but don't feel too bad about not recognizing that fact right away. It took most of the season before the 1998 champs came to that realization, and it was not until his senior season that the stubborn **Keith Bogans** surrendered to Tubby's teachings.

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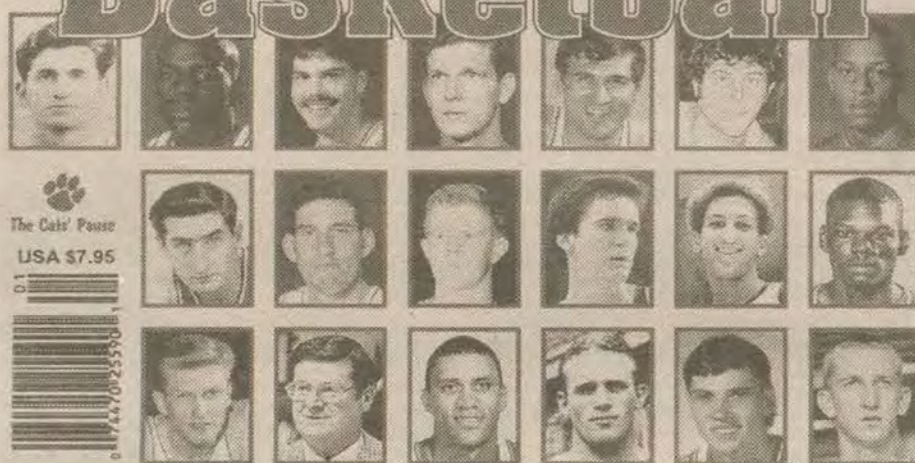
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