

Bob Watkins' Sports In Kentucky

Pirates to Blue Mist in October to Secret Santa at Christmas, 2013 had its moments



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Reflections.

Kentucky 73, Louisville 66. Fans (and CBS) got their money's worth at Rupp Arena last week. Louisville at Kentucky was entertainment at its delicious best: Adrenaline, antagonist-protagonist (coaches), passion, rise-and-fall drama, more passion, players appreciated the crowd, then a Bill Keightly "whew, glad that's over!" joy. For the other side, a few tears, lots of jeers, "we got cheated!" rant then, "How about those Charlie Strong Cards!?"

Beautiful college game. With personal bias toward the idea - home team should win for sake of those who fill an arena."

Kentucky 73, Louisville 66. It served to remind us of these things.

√ Fans shouldn't have to wait 13 games into a season for a high caliber home game. Until Saturday neither team had played a home game worthy of their fans. Zero.

Likes of UNC Asheville and Texas Arlington at Rupp Area, and Fairfield-Uncasville and Missouri-Kansas City at Yum Center were no more than show time for sideline screaming coaches. **Kentucky 73, Louisville 66 observations.**

√ Russ Smith's flying dunk over Julius Randle was large on style points and might have been a five-pointer except it was more a statement of one-on-everybody that counted two.

√ Where a game is played, how it is officiated makes national rankings irrelevant

and is a sucker bet for those who believe point spreads.

√ A Louisville newspaper story was bound to tell UofL fans - Peyton Siva and Gorgui Dieng don't play here anymore.

√ A Lexington newspaper story was bound to elevate a John Calipari remark into papal encyclical: "We grew up today."

If Kentucky grew up last week, and UofL too, forgive me, but I am left to wonder - for two-and-half months and 13 games in - two ball coaches who could balance the Bluegrass State's budget by writing one check each, what on earth have they been doing?

2013 REFLECTIONS Sports Person of the Year candidates?

1. Teddy Bridgewater quarterbacked Louisville to a 12-1 season, bowl win and earned his college degree.

2. Antonio Andrews at Western Kentucky was first team All-American and led the nation (Football Bowl Subdivision) with 3,161 all-purpose yards, second-highest single season total in history.

3. Rick Pitino led Louisville to an NCAA title and was inducted into the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame.

4. Bowling Green High School football team won another state title, had a 14-0 season and extended its win streak to 44 in a row.

Sports Person of 2013 winner is ...

The Secret Santa in Louisville.

Insisting on anonymity, a person connected to UofL athletics went to a Wal-Mart in Jefferson County a week before Christmas and paid \$13,000 to cover all lay-away items for 169 families. Merry Christmas.

2013 HIGHLIGHTS

√ In April, second time in three years a team from Kentucky won the NCAA men's basketball championship. Louisville Cardinals.

√ Rick Pitino, His Hall of Fame induction speech included: "If a person has five great friends in life,

then I'm the Warren Buffett (of friendships). I've had and have so many. Being at Louisville has taught me what true family is about."

√ In September Dr. Orlando 'Tubby' Smith was inducted into the University of Kentucky Athletics Hall of Fame. A place next to Adolph Rupp.

√ In December Cumberland University's football team played in the NAIA championship game. Patriots fans celebrated a 13-0 regular season.

√ Ex-Kentucky player DeMarcus Cousins took more than 100 San Diego-area children Christmas shopping, picked up the tab and gave their families \$50 each.

√ Ex-Western Kentucky running back Bobby Rainey, after three NFL teams in three seasons, became feature back at Tampa Bay.

√ In October the Pittsburgh Pirates' first winning season in 21 years, earned a playoff spot, after which Clint Hurdle and Andrew McCutchen won Manager of the Year and Most Valuable Player Awards respectively.

√ In November at Slugger Museum in Louisville, Hall of Famer Bill Mazeroski auctioned his Pirates memorabilia. His family and Pirates charities will share \$1.79 million. Mazeroski's Uniform worn in Game 7 of the 1960 World Series sold for \$632,500.

√ E-mail item from a lifelong Cincinnati Reds fan in Whitesburg. Recalling Big Red Machine 1970s playoffs games with the Pittsburgh Pirates, "... me and a bunch of high school friends, some of whom were Pirates fans, cut class in the afternoons to watch NL playoff games. (But) the best ever was April 4, 1974. Six of us were at Riverfront Coliseum to see Hank Aaron tie Babe Ruth's home run record. I still have my ticket stub." - Ben Gish

√ In December 13 percent of 900-plus Heisman Trophy voters did not include Florida State's Jameis Winston on their ballots.

WORTH REPEATING DEPT.

√ FOX News reporter Jen Floyd Engel said "We have come to believe, in college basketball nobody is more important than the coach. We have built a Mt. Rushmore of Dean, Coach K, Bob Knight, Jim Boeheim, Bill Self, John Calipari, Rick Pitino, on and on and on while relegating players to props they expertly move around on dry-erase boards. This, too, is a lie."

√ In July ex-Indiana star Cody Zeller was asked, "any regrets about going back to college for 2012 season.?"

"No regrets at all. I wanted the college experience and I enjoyed being on campus. College is a one time thing. You can't get it back."

√ Former Western Kentucky U. basketball player Orlando Mendez-Valdez said: "Playing in the NBA is the dream of every kid, but as you get older, you start realizing there's a lot more to life than basketball. That's the direction my life has taken. Before, basketball was everything to me. But I realize it's also important to be a good husband and a good father when we start having kids."

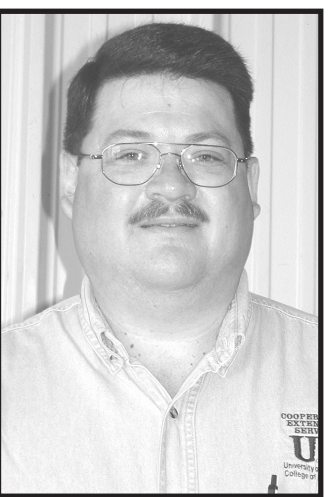
√ In October NBA commissioner David Stern who is credited for one-and-done, said, "The drum beat I hear about colleges not liking what they refer to one-and-done, (our) developmental league will accept players (who) are 18 and (we) will do a better job of educating them than the college programs they are in."

FINALLY

In October John Calipari said "We are borderless. We're everywhere. No corner is left untouched by the blue mist. UK (is) the gold standard of college athletics. We don't just play college basketball. We ARE college basketball."

So, Catch Phrase-of-the-Year for '13? Posterize? Sequstration? Duck Dynasty? Obamacare?

My choice: Blue Mist. And so it went in 2013.



Eric Baker

Estill County Extension Agent for Agriculture & Natural Resources

The Estill County Cooperative Extension Service will be ordering apple and pear rootstocks this month. If you want to propagate a favorite

Apple Rootstock, Strawberries & More

apple or pear, grafting is one of the easiest ways to preserve that cultivar. To graft, you will need scion wood (terminal branch segments from last year's growth collected at the end of February) and rootstock. If you do not know how to graft, come by the office for assistance.

We typically order Malling7 (55% of standard size) and/or MM.111 (80% of standard) semi-dwarf apple rootstock and a pear rootstock. Please submit and pre-pay your order by January 24th. The rootstocks usually arrive by the first week of March.

In addition, we are taking orders for strawberry, blackberry, blueberry, rasp-

berry, asparagus, and Candy onion slips through March 21st. Call our office for pricing and details. Orders must be prepaid with delivery in early April. If you are interested, call 723-4557.

GRAIN MEETING ON JANUARY 14

Clark, Bourbon, Estill, and Madison County Extension will have a joint grain production meeting on Tuesday, January 14th, 6:00 p.m. at the Clark County Extension Office, 1400 Fortune Drive Winchester, KY. All grain producers are encouraged to attend.

Guest speakers include UK Extension grain special-

ist Chad Lee and weed specialist J.D. Green. They will discuss corn and soybean production including weed control, plant populations, and other timely topics.

A sponsored meal will be provided. In order to prepare for the meal, please call 723-4557 to pre-register no later than January 10th. Educational programs of the Cooperative Extension Service serve all people regardless of race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

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Recycling Christmas trees
Pine needles dry quickly but decompose slowly, making excellent groundcover around foliage, especially creeping plants such as strawberries.

If you live near a lake or pond and your tree is chemical-free, toss branches into the water to make sheltering habitat for fish.

Use branches as "starters" for an outdoor fire pit.

- Brenda Weaver
Source: www.thisoldhouse.com

Stickeler's Answer

Stickelers Answer
corn **M E A L** time
fresh **W A T E R** spout
night **S H I R T** sleeve
three **S C O R E** card

Stickeler's Puzzle on Page 2

Wishing Well®

6	7	6	5	3	7	6	7	6	7	3	8	4
G	R	A	A	B	E	I	L	N	A	E	S	F
6	5	2	3	6	5	2	3	2	8	2	7	6
B	S	L	O	Y	U	I	P	F	P	E	T	U
4	7	4	5	3	5	2	6	4	6	7	6	7
E	I	A	N	E	N	C	N	R	S	V	E	E
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3	8	3	6	8	6	2	4	3	6	8	3	6
O	O	C	H	V	L	N	P	H	O	E	A	V
4	6	4	5	4	2	3	4	2	3	4	2	3
P	E	E	Y	A	G	N	R	E	G	S	S	E

HERE IS A PLEASANT LITTLE GAME that will give you a message every day. It's a numerical puzzle designed to spell out your fortune. Count the letters in your first name. If the number of letters is 6 or more, subtract 4. If the number is less than 6, add 3. The result is your key number. Start at the upper left-hand corner and check one of your key numbers, left to right. Then read the message the letters under the checked figures give you.

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CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR
is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.

Y P B U M K Y O B Q A M K M B K M
Q S X O C B T T M T X Z Q K B H M C
- Z Y K T Q O C B T T B P G S Y Q A
O A Y C G K M P . - K X L M K Q
L M P O A C M N

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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: N equals Y

C D Q O R Z S D L F T Y Q G O Z Z J L T Q G
C G T C Q G Y L Q F , T Z N Z X R I C G J I L
K Z X F T V Z X S Z G Q F Z R Z D
O Z S L N V Z K T L S ?

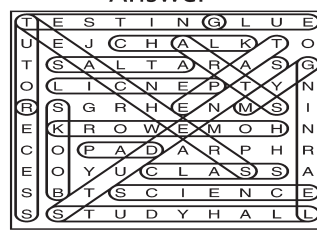
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Puzzle Answers

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Puzzles4Kids

Answer



Riddle Answer:
Jog-raphy

FEAR & KNIGHT

answer

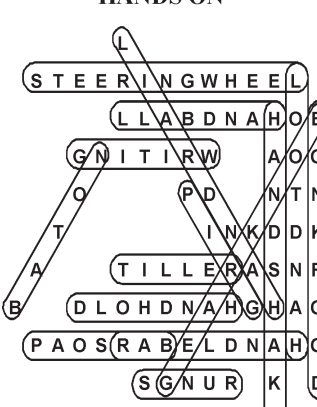


Letter Box

Solution

R	T	K	W	C	E	O	H	I
C	W	I	O	R	H	K	E	T
O	E	H	T	K	I	C	W	R
H	I	C	R	O	W	E	T	K
T	K	E	I	H	C	R	O	W
W	O	R	K	E	T	H	I	C
I	C	O	H	T	K	W	R	E
K	H	T	E	W	R	I	C	O
E	R	W	C	I	O	T	K	H

HANDS ON



CryptoQuote

answer

In America there are two classes of travel - first class and with children. - Robert Benchley

CryptoQuip

answer

If actor Feldman cooked an Indian meal, do you think he would pour on a lot of Corey powder?

Even Exchange

answers

- Lather, Father
- Moose, Mouse
- Margin, Martin
- Tiger, Timer
- Plank, Prank
- Assume, Assure
- Wafer, Water
- Thumb, Thump
- Button, Burton
- Cloud, Clout

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

5	1	6	8	9	3	4	7	2
8	7	9	4	2	1	6	3	5
4	2	3	5	6	7	9	8	1
1	9	2	7	8	5	3	4	6
7	3	5	6	4	9	1	2	8
6	4	8	1	3	2	7	5	9
2	5	4	9	7	6	8	1	3
3	6	7	2	1	8	5	9	4
9	8	1	3	5	4	2	6	7

King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 25 mins.

S	H	A	H	C	O	B	P	H	I	L
P	O	C	O	R	U	E	S	A	N	E
E	A	R	N	O	R	T	E	L	S	E
C	R	E	E	D	S	A	D	U	L	T
S	O	S	E	D	O					
D	A	F	T	B	E	L	L	O	W	E
E	G	O	C	R	O	R	O	E	R	A
W	A	L	L	O	W	E	D	G	Y	
L	E	N								
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A	B	E	T	M	A	G	L	I	K	E
M	O	D	E							

Bible Trivia Answers

Casey's trivia book "Know It? ... or Not?" is available from BearManorMedia.com

ANSWERS: (1) Neither; (2) Paths; (3) Church; (4) Simon Peter; (5) No-where; (6) Malachi!

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