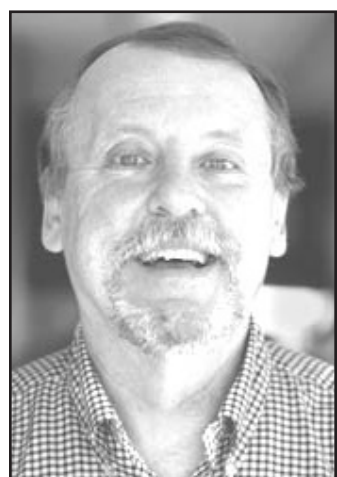


Stoops Knows Many Fans Are Disgruntled



Larry Vaught

After failing to get to a bowl the last two years despite having great chances to do so each year, coach Mark Stoops knows many fans are disgruntled and need to see improvements on the field to believe again in the program like they did when he first got to UK.

He said the maturity of quarterback Drew Barker, who started games at the end of last season, is one reason to be optimistic.

"I've seen a big change in Drew and I want to continue to see that. This is one semester. He needs to have a great summer; he needs to be a great leader in organizing all voluntary workouts and throwing with receivers and running backs and tight ends," said Stoops. "But I have seen a change. I've seen a maturity in him. I've seen him much more composed on and off the field. I see a guy who's very hungry to learn and just settle in and continue to grow."

But will that be enough to get Kentucky to a bowl game and make fans believe in Stoops again? That's what I asked four media members who cover Kentucky football regularly.

"I absolutely believe in Mark Stoops. He's banged his head against a wall trying to build the program back to respectability," Kentucky Sports Radio football columnist Freddie Maggard, a former UK quarterback, said. "I admire his work ethic and dedication."

"In 2013, UK was talent depleted. Morale was low coming off an abysmal 2012 season. He's recruited and sold the program based on blueprints. Now, facilities are concrete structures. By facilities standpoint alone, Mark Stoops has overwhelmingly achieved. Reconstructing a football program in the SEC takes time, he's on track. As for a bowl game, it's certainly possible. Schedule is challenging. I can see six wins, yes."

So does Tom Leach, play-by-play announcer for the UK Network and host of

the Leach Report.

"I like Kentucky's chances of playing in a bowl game because I look for significant improvement on the offensive side and that will take some pressure off a defense that lost some key players," Leach said. "I understand fans' frustration about not getting that sixth win the past two seasons but the talent level keeps getting better here. I think fans know that better and more talent is always the path to improvement in any program, so that belief is still there."

Kentucky Forward columnist Keith Taylor said most of the 10 wins the last two years have not been against SEC opponents, a point of frustration for fans.

"Although the program is making progress, another step is needed for the program to keep climbing the proverbial ladder, especially when it comes to beating SEC teams of the same caliber. I think the fans still believe in Mark Stoops, but anything short of a bowl game would be considered a disappointment to Big Blue Nation," Taylor said. "I think UK has a shot of becoming bowl eligible if the team can get fully on board and not look back, especially on the offensive side of the ball. A break-even record would be considered a success considering next year's schedule."

Herald-Leader columnist Mark Story has a simple way to break down Kentucky's chances of success that makes perfect sense to me.

"I think Kentucky's season may well come down to how many the Cats win from home games against South Carolina, Vanderbilt and Mississippi State. Win all three, UK should be able to get bowl eligible," Story said. "Don't win all three, then you are either going to have to beat Georgia in Commonwealth or upset an SEC team (Missouri might be 'do-able') or Louisville on the road to get bowl-eligible."

"Because of his contract buyout, I don't think this is a make-or-break year for Mark Stoops. But it would obviously be helpful in terms of keeping the fan base on board to get past the 5-7 level and make a bowl game."

UK Recruiting

Evan Daniels is Scout.com's national director of recruiting and goes coast to coast — and will even make a trip to Spain this summer — to cover recruiting.

Recently I caught up with

him between assignments to ask a few UK-related recruiting questions.

Question: Has it surprised you the number of 2017 offers -- and even 2018 offers -- that Kentucky coach John Calipari has already made?

Daniels: "Not necessarily, the majority of their 2016 class has been locked up for quite some time, that's given the Kentucky coaching staff ample time to get a jumpstart on the next two classes."

Question: What are the odds of a Michael Porter-Trae Young package deal to Kentucky and how do they compliment each other on the floor?

Daniels: "I think it's unlikely they end up a package deal anywhere. Is it possible? Certainly. But more often than not these things don't work out. In terms of their abilities, both of them can really shoot the ball from long distance. Young is crafty and creative, while Porter has terrific size for the position and impressive athleticism."

Question: How would Jared Vanderbilt fit in the UK system and when do you think he might start narrowing his large, large list of offers?

Daniels: "Vanderbilt is a terrific rebounder and arguably one of the best in the country, regardless of class. He'd fit in UK's system well, but he can play pretty much anywhere. He plays with a tremendous motor. I think he'll probably slightly narrow his list soon and get it to a working number. He'll then examine in throughout the summer and likely take fall visits."

Football Recruiter?

Mark Stoops has found a new recruiter in Kentucky basketball coach John Calipari.

According to Josh Edwards of CatsPause.com, Calipari told Florida defensive end Jordan Wright that he could join the UK basketball team as a walk-on if he signed to play football with the Cats and Stoops. It is the same offer that Syracuse had already made to the 6-6, 220-pound Wright. Wright, a point guard in basketball, has football offers from Alabama, Arkansas, Michigan, Miami, Oklahoma, Southern California, Mississippi State and more. Calipari made the same walk-on offer recently to Dayton (Ohio) junior athlete L'Christian Smith.

There's no way to know what impact Calipari's walk-on offer might have



Selected media members believe Mark Stoops could get UK to a bowl game next season primarily because of improvements expected on offense.

(Vicky Graff Photo)

for two high-profile football players, but it does prove he's all-in trying to help the football program and will continue to do whatever he can to help Stoops. He constantly finds time to meet with recruits who come to UK basketball games and just him being willing to do that and give out walk-on offers like he has sends a positive message about Stoops.

Ohio Recruiting

Kentucky football recruiting coordinator Vince Marrow has made Ohio his territory since coming to Kentucky with Stoops. He has helped Stoops develop a pipeline for recruiting in Ohio. However, Marrow is also protective of his territory.

Last week he fired out this not so discreet message on Twitter: "It's funny some coaches didn't like recruiting Ohio now they are somewhere else and they are all up in it. Let's battle go Big Blue."

Not exactly sure which former UK assistant that message was directed at but it appeared to be a shot at Alabama assistant Derrick Ansley, UK's defensive backs coach before he left to join Nick Saban.

Cobb Graduates

Staying with Kentucky football recruiting, what about the message it sends

that Green Bay Packers receiver Randall Cobb went through graduation ceremonies Sunday at UK even though he still has to finish two classes this summer to earn his degree.

To make it even more significant, Green Bay quarterback Aaron Rodgers came to Lexington for the ceremony. He posted on Twitter: "Great player, even better guy, now a college graduate. So proud of you brother @rcobb18 #UKgrad #derbyweekend."

Cobb, who signed a \$13 million contract extension last year, is the first person in his family to graduate from college.

Kentucky produced a video where Cobb noted that he wanted to "be successful in as many fields as I can." He also added again that even though he grew up in Tennessee just outside Knoxville that "Kentucky made me who I am."

Lady Cats

Kentucky also made freshman basketball player Maci Morris who she is. The Bell County native grew up a Kentucky fan and everyone in her family is a Kentucky fan.

Her freshman teammate, Taylor Murray, is from Odenton, Md. It is a town of almost 40,000 that is west of Annapolis, south of Baltimore and east of Washing-

ton, D.C.

"Maci is like one of my best friends. We are roommates. She helps me with a lot of different things and I help her, too. We just help each other whether it is the classroom or basketball court," Murray said.

Has she made a trip to Bell County with Morris?

"I went for Thanksgiving and it was really fun just to meet her family and see what her life was like. One day she's going to come to Maryland and see what that is like," Murray said. "I was surprised at the lack of size of the town (Middlesboro). There is not much there, but she has a beautiful home. Lot of mountains, but it was a nice, beautiful day."

Yet despite their different backgrounds, Murray said the two freshmen bonded instantly and that could be huge for UK going forward as coach Matthew Mitchell tries to restock the roster.

"We played against each other (in AAU) but she didn't know I was coming to Kentucky at the time," Murray said. "We just got that bond when you come to college and both of you are freshmen. We just clicked and I enjoy being with her every single day."

"We are roommates, too. We both have our own rooms. Everything is good. We don't even fight that often."

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OF HOUSE AND LOT
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An open house will be held on June 08, 2016 from 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm.

The minimum acceptable bid for this property is \$30,150.00.

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Clear title to this property is not warranted. The U.S. Marshal's Deed is not a general warranty deed. Buyers are advised to have the property's title examined. Written notification regarding encumbrances on the property must be made to the Nicholasville Rural Development Office within 30 days.

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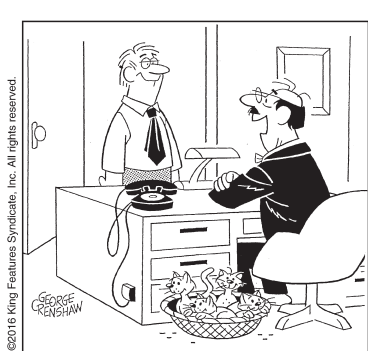
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A certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in Estill County, Kentucky, on the south side of Wall Street, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at an iron pin set on the south side of Wall Street and located 15 feet south of the centerline of Wall Street, said iron pin south 74-42-50 west, 677.60 feet from the northeast corner of the James B. Harrison property (a set stone, found); thence dividing the property of James B. Harrison three (3) calls in all: south 6-45-19 west, 22.50 feet to an iron pin (set), south 87-49-46 west, 200.00 feet to an iron pin (set), north 4-42-01 east, 220.65 feet to an iron pin set on the south side of Wall Street, 15 feet south of the centerline of same; thence with the south line of Wall Street 15 feet from the centerline of the same, two (2) calls in all: south 86-54-21 east, 120.47 feet to an iron pin (set), north 80-12-47 east, 88.95 feet to the beginning containing 1.00 acres, more or less, by survey of Michael Oliver, Registered Land Surveyor #2505, Astec Engineering, Inc., dated May 19, 1993. Being the same property conveyed to Adam Harrison and Alicia Harrison, husband and wife, from James B. Harrison and Linda Harrison, husband and wife, by deed dated May 29, 1993, and recorded in Deed Book 203, Page 312, Estill County Court Clerk's Office, Irvine, Kentucky.

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