



## GAME NIGHT POCKET GUIDE



### Mississippi State at UK

Tuesday, Feb. 3 | 7 p.m.

Rupp Arena

**HERALD-LEADER**

## CATCHING UP WITH THE CATS

### TIME TO STOP THE SKID

**Record**  
16-6 (5-2 SEC)

**All-time record**  
1,982-627-1

**Current rankings**  
UK is not ranked in either poll.

**Worth noting**  
Mississippi State has beaten Kentucky only four times ever in Lexington and only one time (1995) in the past 40 years.

**Scouting report**  
Coach Billy Gillispie called his Cats "soft" after a second consecutive shaky defensive effort, and now the turnover bug has returned as well. Suddenly, no game on UK's remaining schedule looks like a gimme if the Cats can't hide their warts.

**Key statistic**  
■ Jodie Meeks needs 46 points to become the 56th player in UK history to score 1,000 career points.

### BIG BLUE TRIVIA

Name the top five scorers in the history of UK men's basketball?

**Answer:** 1. Dan Issel; 2. Kenny Walker; 3. Jack Givens; 4. Keith Bogans; 5. Tony Delk.

## SEC UPDATE

STANDINGS	RPI RANKINGS
<b>Eastern Division</b>	<b>Eastern Division</b>
S. Carolina 16-4	Tennessee 61
Florida 18-4	Florida 34
Kentucky 16-6	South Carolina 47
Tennessee 13-1	Kentucky 99
Vanderbilt 13-8	Vanderbilt 101
Georgia 12-6	Georgia 102
<b>Western Division</b>	<b>Western Division</b>
LSU 17-4	LSU 59
Miss. State 14-7	Mississippi 65
Alabama 13-8	Arkansas 82
Mississippi 12-9	Miss. State 103
Auburn 13-8	Auburn 111
Arkansas 13-4	Alabama 111
Alabama 11-5	Arkansas 121

### Tuesday's other game

South Carolina at Florida, 9 p.m.

### Wednesday's games

LSU at Georgia 7:30 p.m.

Tennessee at Arkansas, 8 p.m.

Auburn at Mississippi, 8 p.m.

### Thursday's game

Alabama at Vanderbilt, 7 p.m.

## TUESDAY'S OPPONENT

### MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY

**Location**  
Starkeville, Miss.

**Enrollment**  
17,824

**Nickname**  
Bulldogs

**Colors**  
Maroon, White

**Head coach**  
Rick Stansbury

### Record

14-7 (4-2)

**All-time vs. UK**  
19-84

**Last meeting**  
MSU won 69-64

**Scouting report**  
MSU won its first three SEC games but has been blown out by LSU, squeaked past Georgia and been stunned by Ole Miss in its past three. The Bulldogs are badly in need of a signature victory.

**Key statistics**  
■ MSU has made 36 percent of its shots in its past three SEC games after hitting 48 percent in its previous three.

**Key statistics**  
■ MSU leads the nation in blocks (8.1 per game).

**Fun Fact**  
MSU Coach Rick Stansbury, assistant Phil Cunningham and players Twany Beckham and Riley Benock are Kentucky natives.

## KENTUCKY SCORES, SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
Jan. 10	VANDERBILT	W, 74-71
Jan. 13	Tennessee	W, 84-72
Jan. 18	Georgia	W, 89-54
Jan. 21	AUBURN	W, 72-69
Jan. 24	Alabama	W, 85-80
Jan. 27	At Mississippi	W, 85-80
Jan. 31	SOUTH CAROLINA	L, 78-77
Feb. 3	MISSISSIPPI ST.	L, 78-77
Feb. 10	At Florida	L, 85-80
Feb. 17	At Vanderbilt	W, 85-80
Feb. 24	At Arkansas	W, 85-80
Feb. 28	At South Carolina	W, 85-80
March 7	At Florida	W, 85-80
March 12-15	SEC Tournament at Tampa, Fla.	W, 85-80

a - Las Vegas Invit. in Rupp Arena; b - Las Vegas Invit. at Las Vegas; c - At Louisville.

## KENTUCKY ROSTER

No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
1	Darius Miller	6-7	223	Fr.
2	x-Matt Scherbenkske	6-1	178	Jr.
3	Kevin Galloway	6-7	215	Jr.
10	x-Landon Stone	6-3	188	Fr.
11	x-Adam Delph	6-1	161	Fr.
12	x-Mark Krebs	6-5	207	Jr.
13	Michael Porter	6-3	198	Jr.
14	x-Mark Halsell	5-11	182	Fr.
15	A.J. Stewart	6-7	218	So.
21	Perry Stevenson	6-9	207	Jr.
22	Ramon Harris	6-7	218	Jr.
23	Jodie Meeks	6-4	208	Jr.
25	Donald Williams	6-3	205	Fr.
30	Dwight Perry	6-1	173	Jr.
34	DeAndre Liggins	6-6	202	Fr.
43	Jared Carter	7-2	270	Sr.
54	Patrick Patterson	6-9	235	So.
55	Josh Harrelson	6-10	265	So.

UK does not list players by position (x-walk-on).

## KENTUCKY SCORES, SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
Nov. 3	ST. LOUIS	W, 85-77
Nov. 7	SIU	W, 85-77
Nov. 11	MILITARY INSTITUTE	W, 85-77
Nov. 14	North Carolina	W, 85-77
Nov. 18	At Delaware St.-a	W, 85-77
Nov. 22	LONGWOOD-a	W, 85-77
Nov. 25	Kansas St.-b	W, 85-77
Nov. 29	West Virginia-b	W, 85-77
Dec. 3	LAMAR	W, 85-77
Dec. 6	MIAMI (FLA.)	W, 85-77
Dec. 7	MISSISSIPPI VALLEY ST.	W, 85-77
Dec. 13	INDIANA	W, 85-77
Dec. 20	APPALACHIAN ST.-c	W, 85-77
Dec. 22	TENNESSEE STATE	W, 85-77
Dec. 29	CENTRAL MICHIGAN	W, 85-77
Jan. 4	At Louisville	W, 85-77

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## MISSISSIPPI STATE ROSTER

No.	Name	P.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
1	Jacquese Holcombe	F	6-6	205	Jr.
2	Raven Johnson	G/F	6-7	175	So.
4	Tyany Beckham	G	6-2	170	Fr.
5	Romero Osby	F	6-5	190	Fr.
10	Christopher Gay	G	6-0	180	Sr.
14	Rod Bryant	G	6-1	165	So.
15	Riley Benock	G	6-4	180	So.
20	Taylor Luczak	F	6-8	220	Fr.
22	Barry Stewart	G	6-2	170	Jr.
24	Kodi Augustus	F	6-8	220	So.
25	Phil Turner	G	6-3	170	So.
32	Jarvis Varnado	F/C	6-9	210	Jr.
33	Brandon Bolen	G	6-3	195	So.
44	Brian Johnson	F/C	6-9	245	Sr.
45	Elgin Bailey	F/C	6-8	265	So.

**2008-09 leaders:** Johnson (12.8 ppg, 53 -110 3FG/48 percent); Varnado (12.7 ppg, 9.5 rpg, 4.7 blocks per game); Stewart (10.5 ppg); Bost (9.9 ppg, 4.4 apg).

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## How to prepare your UK basketball pocket guide

