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JOHNSON WINS POLE

DRIVER ON THE FAST TRACK
TO RECORD FOURTH STRAIGHT TITLE - C9

Folgers gives jolt to Smucker's bottom line

UK BASKETBALL

Cats still have a lot to learn

CALIPARI: I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT THEY'RE GOING TO DO

By Jerry Tipton

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See offense improve. Watch defense decline.

That one-step-forward, one-step-backward start to his first season as Kentucky coach had John Calipari in search of an analogy on Friday.

"I've got five fingers in the dike," he said, "and we have water from seven different holes."

"Just because we're young."

With his team playing Rider on Saturday in Rupp Arena, Calipari reminded reporters (and perhaps himself) that Kentucky starts three fresh-

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men. UK uses a fourth freshman as a front-court regular.

So a day after railing about poor defense (33 — yes, 33 — three-pointers surrendered in the last two games), Calipari looked at the team half-full of improvement.

"We didn't take any bad shots," he said of the offensive improvement.

Not that Calipari spoke of smooth

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SATURDAY DOUBLEHEADER



Rider at Kentucky

When: 1 p.m. TV: FS South

Records: Rider 2-1; UK 3-0

Last meeting: UK won 90-65 on Dec. 27, 1995 in New York for the ECAC Holiday Festival.

Series: Kentucky leads 2-0

Radio: WBUL-FM 98.1, WLAP-AM 630



Kentucky at Georgia

When: 7:45 p.m. TV: ESPN2

Records: UK 6-4 (2-4 SEC); Georgia 6-4 (4-3 SEC)

Last meeting: Georgia won 42-38 on Nov. 8, 2008 in Lexington.

Series: Georgia leads 49-11-2

Radio: WBUL-FM 98.1, WLAP-AM 630

UK FOOTBALL

To get respect, regrets have to go

CATS MUST FIND A WAY TO CAPITALIZE DOWN THE STRETCH

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The games that got away still weigh heavily on the minds of the Kentucky football players.

It seems each time the Cats have had an opportunity to build momentum and climb the Southeastern Conference ladder, a close loss against a comparable opponent smacks them back into reality.

UK couldn't hold on to a 17-14 lead at South Carolina and dropped a 28-26 heartbreaker. The Wildcats rebounded for a big road win the next week, and visions of a 9-3 record started dancing

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in their heads. Then they came home and followed up a win over Louisiana-Monroe by blowing another halftime lead, getting outscored 21-7 in the third quarter of a painful 31-24 loss to Mississippi State.

Kentucky is at a crossroads again.

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Rider won't be intimidated, coach says. Page C6 | Syracuse thumps Tar Heels. Page C7

CLASS 4A: BOYLE CO. 34, LEX. CATHOLIC 20

Rebels end Knights' run again

MACSHARA SCORES 3 TOUCHDOWNS TO SET UP REMATCH WITH BELL COUNTY

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DANVILLE — Ever since Boyle County fell to Bell County in the Class 4A semifinals last year, Rees MacShara has been a Rebel with a cause.

"I thought about it all off-season, about getting a chance to play Bell County again," MacShara said.

MacShara made his wish come true by leading the Rebels past Lexington Catholic 34-20 in the third round of the playoffs Friday night.

No. 5 Boyle County (13-0) will host defending champ and No. 7 Bell County (12-1) in the semifinals next week.

"It's a great feeling to get to play them again," MacShara said. "We've just got to finish what we didn't finish last year."

MacShara helped Boyle County finish off Lexington

Catholic for the fourth time over the past two seasons.

The electrifying 5-foot-9 senior rushed for 215 yards and three touchdowns, pushing his season totals to 2,573 yards and 46 TDs.

"I don't think there's another one like him," said Boyle County quarterback Boone Goldsmith. "He's the man. He's as good as it gets."

MacShara jump-started the Rebels with a 69-yard TD run in the first quarter. He added a 30-yard scoring dash in the third quarter to stretch Boyle County's lead to 27-14.

After Lexington Catholic rallied to within 27-20 on Nic Ward's 68-yard touchdown pass to Billy Jack Brown, MacShara sealed the victory with a 6-yard scoring run with four minutes left in the game.

MacShara had plenty of help in eliminating the

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Scott County's James Happy caught the game-winning touchdown pass in front of Henry Clay's Ryan Duzyk on Friday night.

CLASS 6A: SCOTT COUNTY 16, HENRY CLAY 13

Cards' long drive derails Devils

10-YARD TD PASS COMPLETES COMEBACK, SETS UP DATE WITH TRINITY

By Mark Maloney

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GEORGETOWN — When push came to shove Friday night, Scott County manufactured The Drive.

Tevin Buffin's 10-yard touchdown pass to James Happy with 3:59 left completed the Cardinals' 16-13 comeback victory over Henry Clay in a Class 6A regional final, the third round of the state playoffs, at Toyota Stadium.

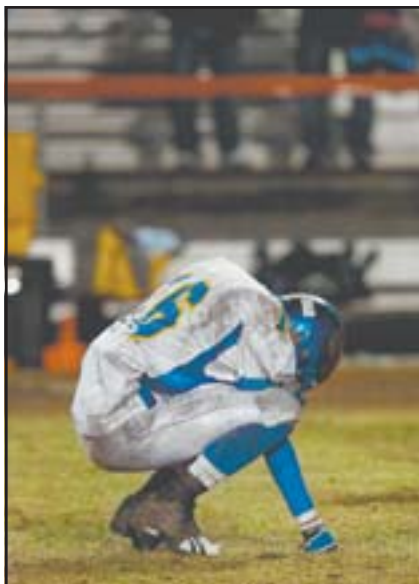
Scott County (10-3) will visit Trinity in next weekend's state semifinals.

"Playoffs are about three things," Cardinals Coach Jim McKee said. "Turnovers, special teams and making plays."

Happy's big play culminated a 19-play, 84-yard drive that took nearly 10 minutes (9:57). The pass came on fourth-and-seven — the third fourth-down conversion of the drive (including one by an off-side penalty).

"That's all I needed, was just one time to make a play," Happy said. "That's all I need."

He finished with four catches for 44 yards. Buffin completed eight of 12



Henry Clay's Matt Cox showed his disappointment as the game ended. The Devils had beaten Scott County earlier.

passes for 112 yards. And Marcus Hill ran 17 times for 67 yards.

Chris Ramsey led the defense with 5.5 tackles.

Henry Clay (10-3) beat Scott County 21-7 on Sept. 11, but the Cardinals won the game that mattered most.

The Cardinals also knocked off Henry Clay in the playoffs five years ago, 45-42, and advanced to the state championship game before losing to St. Xavier.

"A tough way to lose a ball game," said Sam Simpson, coach of the Blue Devils. "I don't think the real Henry Clay was here the whole game tonight. But you've got an offense that hides the ball in their back pocket, you can't get it, that hurts you. So congratulations to them and good luck to them."

Henry Clay had one chance to answer. The Devils moved from their 27 to the Scott 32 before and a pass fell incomplete on fourth-and-seven with 42 seconds left.

Hill, carrying the ball for the first time since suffering an ankle injury last month, carried 10 times for 41 yards on the winning drive and caught a pass for another six yards.

His presence was a boost as the Cardinals lost fullback Brooks Barber to injury on the second play of the game.

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Boyle County senior Rees MacShara rushed for 215 yards and three touchdowns during the Rebels' win against the Knights.



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FRIDAY'S TOP SCORES

Lexington Christian	62	Pulaski County	31
Raceland	12	Letcher County Central	14
Highlands	42	Sheldon Clark	26
Johnson Central	21	Pike County Central	12
Prestonsburg	23	Bell County	41
Corbin	7	Lawrence County	0
Somerset	51	St. Xavier	48
Breathitt County	33	Simon Kenton	34