

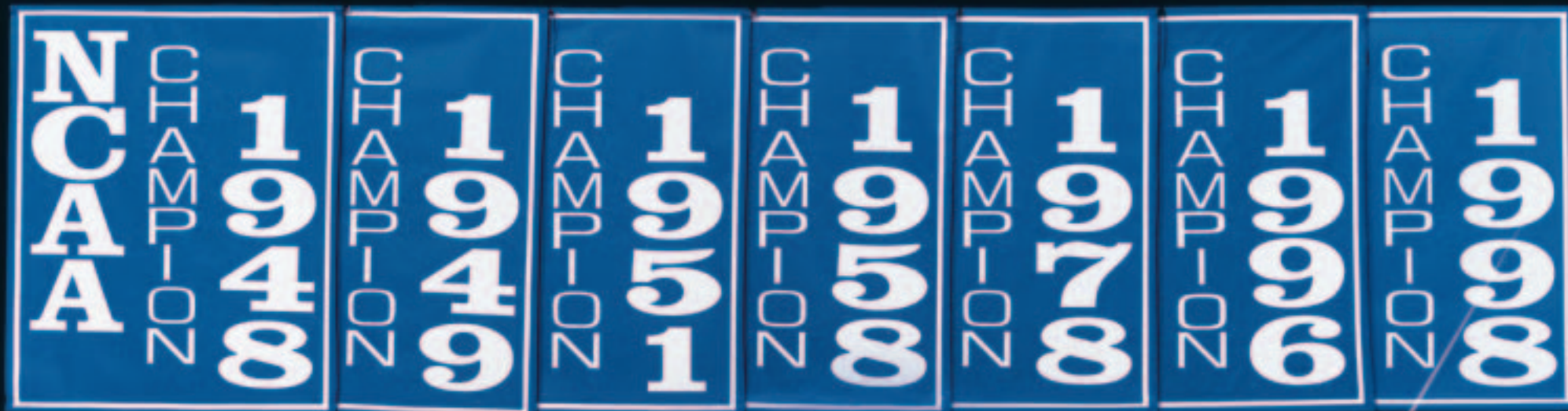
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Kentucky Basketball is King of College Hoops

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- Golf Coach Brian Craig
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- Kids Club
- 1950 Football National Champions

and much more!

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- 1: a succession of rulers from the same family or line
2: a group that maintains power for several generations

1. Say you're a writer. And say you have received an assignment that requires you to portray an entire glorious century — 101 years, to be precise — of University of Kentucky basketball. Within the confines of 1300 words.

2. (Gulp.) Say what?

3. Talk about a daunting task. Can you truly depict a dynasty on paper?

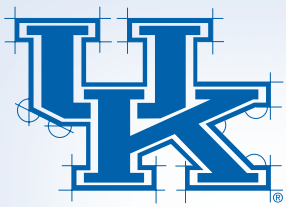
4. Well, you could try.

5. And you could start by using records and statistics. After all, they say there's strength in numbers. And when it comes to UK hoops, oh, is there ever.

6. But heading into the 2003-04 season, what single number should represent UK's illustrious program? Tough call, because you have a statistical buffet of NCAA bests at your disposal.

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Big Blue Thoughts

With Mitch Barnhart



I spend a great deal of time, and rightly so, discussing the wonderful student-athletes who represent the Big Blue. We are blessed to have some special young men and women wearing the Kentucky uniform and making us proud.

However, for this holiday edition of the Blueprint, I'd like to say "thanks" to the behind the scenes individuals who work here in the athletics department. None of them have the notoriety of Tubby Smith or Rich Brooks, but all make important contributions to the successes UK enjoys.

The good folks in the business office, the ticket office, media relations, marketing, publications, the K Fund, compliance, equipment room, training room, academics, computing services, video, facilities and event management are critical to what gets done here. They don't have glamorous jobs. They aren't quoted in the paper. They don't have their own TV shows. But they are invaluable.

One of the things I enjoy about working in a collegiate athletic department is the family atmosphere that exists. It's a family affair for the people who work in the department. They bring their spouse and kids to games. It's not uncommon to see their children up at the offices visiting mom or dad. It's a neat environment that puts an emphasis on what I believe is important – faith, family and work.

The people who work in the Kentucky athletics department spend a lot of hours to make the Wildcats the best they can be. I don't tell them often enough how much they mean to me, both personally and professionally. But I do appreciate them.

And I appreciate you, the people who love Kentucky, too. Have a safe and happy holiday!

Go Big Blue!

Mitch Barnhart
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Corporate Partner Highlight



Welcome Delta - UK Athletics' newest corporate partner.



2003 Football

Senior Day



(above) Montgomery Gentry sings the National Anthem.

(right) Jared Lorenzen kisses his daughter Taylor.

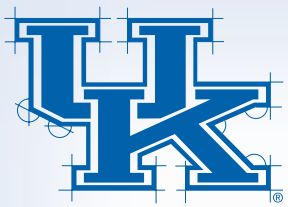


(above) Jeremy Caudill waves to the crowd.

(left) It was a bittersweet day for Antonio Hall as he says goodbye, then isn't allowed to suit up because of injury.

(below) Record-setter Derek Abney and his family take a final bow.





UK Swimmer Serves Army Duty in Bosnia

Eddie Clement

Senior, Swimming



University of Kentucky swimmer Eddie Clement has lived a lifetime of experiences already.

Clement has lived in four countries, been a collegiate student-athlete, gotten married, and seen the realities of world politics as a soldier in the United States military, all by the age of 24.

A senior on the Kentucky swimming and diving team, Clement recently returned to the United States after a year of duty in the Army National Guard. He spent seven months, March through September, in Bosnia as part of the peacekeeping efforts there.

"It's very war-torn," Clement said of Bosnia. "We were trying to keep the peace by keeping different factions at bay."

Clement is an Infantry Specialist in a U. S. National Guard unit based in Ravenna, Ky. He is a member of Charlie Company, First Battalion of the 149th Infantry Brigade.

The majority of the duty was spent in physical training and patrolling various sites. Ironically, one of the areas his unit frequently patrolled was the town of Tuzla – the hometown of current Wildcat football player Sevin Sucurovic. Clement also was involved in dangerous duty of bunker raids and the sobering experience of uncovering a mass gravesite.

"You appreciate what we take for granted every day," Clement said of his time overseas. "Vehicles ... everybody over there is walking. The educational system has severely bad equipment. Medical and dental aid is limited or nonexistent."

While in Bosnia, Clement was able to stay in contact with his wife, April, and keep up with life in the States.

"I was able to call home frequently and we had e-mail access," Clement said. "April was very supportive. She finished her master's degree in May and has been teaching at (Lexington's) Bryan Station High School. Fortunately, she was very busy and that helped her keep her mind off it."

"Three other UK students, Scott Flynn, Jonathan Agnew, and Jeremy Day, were with me and we were able to keep up with the Kentucky teams on the Armed Forces Television Network. We saw some football and basketball games while we were gone."

Still, Clement admits it was a relief when it was time to come home.

"It was an awesome feeling to fly from Bosnia to Bangor, Maine. Being on American soil again was a great uplift, a great feeling."

Those are warm words, indeed, from a man who had only been on American soil since August of 1999.

A native of Essex, England, Clement was recruited to the Kentucky swim team by Coach Gary Conelly. As a freshman, he met April Widener, a UK student from Pineville, and they were married in 2001. Contemplating a potential career in the Royal Marines, Clement joined the Army National Guard that year in order to get some military



A member of the National Guard, UK swimmer Eddie Clement recently returned to Lexington after seven months on a peacekeeping mission in Bosnia. Clement is shown here with some children he befriended during his stay in Bosnia.

experience. He underwent basic training at Fort Benning, Ga., in the summer of 2002, and was called to active duty in October of '02.

Clement was sent to Fort Riley, Kansas, and was stationed in Germany before arriving in Bosnia in March. Obviously, it was a potential disruption in his academic career, but thanks to his professors, the situation has worked out well.

"I was taking 18 hours (a heavy class load) in the fall semester of 2002, but every one of my teachers allowed me to send in coursework and take exams," Clement explained.

Although he was more than a month behind in school when he returned to Lexington in October, Clement's professors have allowed him to catch up and he will graduate in December with a degree in Secondary English Education. He plans to stay at UK and enroll in a master's program in that field in January.

Clement also has had to play catch-up with his swimming training, as he has been away from the sport for a year. He participated in his first meet, the Nike Cup, on Nov. 19.

"I have so much thanks to Coach Conelly," said Clement, who swims the 200-meter butterfly and the 200- and 400-meter individual medley events. "He has been a great help, very understanding through the entire process."

In a fitting tribute for a man who had just returned to Lexington, Clement served as Honorary Captain for the Homecoming football game against Ohio and the members of his National Guard unit were guests of UK Athletics at the Mississippi State game.

Upon finishing his swimming eligibility and his master's degree, Clement will decide whether to teach or go into full-time military service. Regardless of the decision, Eddie and April plan to stay in the United States and he cherishes the experiences gained over the past four years.

"I've learned so much about discipline, respect, integrity, and teamwork," Clement said. "After living here a couple of years, I started feeling like an American. America is the most patriotic country in the world and being a part of that is a great feeling."



Aronda Primault

Senior, Gymnastics



Kentucky gymnast Aronda Primault is set to put an exclamation point on an already outstanding career at the University of Kentucky in her senior season under the direction of first-year head coach "Mo" Muhammad. "Aronda is a phenomenal all-around gymnast," Muhammad said. "She is extremely confident and has a work ethic that is second-to-none. I think she is one of the best gymnasts in the NCAA and this year she will go out and prove it."

Since her inaugural season at Kentucky, Primault has consistently performed at a high level. As a freshman, she won the all-around title in a head-to-head competition against national power Alabama, scoring a 39.125, and she finished seventh at the Central Region Championships, missing the cut for the NCAA Championships by 0.100.

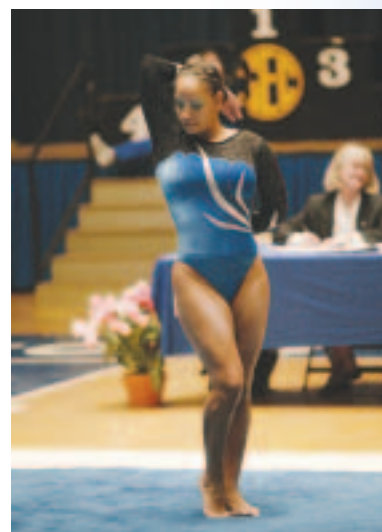
In 2002, Primault had one of the best seasons in Kentucky gymnastics history as she led the team in all-around, vault, beam and floor averages and garnered first-team All-SEC recognition. At the NCAA

Southeast Regional Championships, she scored an all-around 39.225 and qualified for the national championships, where she scored a 9.875 on vault and earned second-team All-America honors, the third UK gymnast to do so.

Last season, the Canton, Ohio native led the team in beam, vault and all-around averages for the second-consecutive season. In a meet against Brigham Young University (1/31/03), Primault scored a 9.950 on vault, which is the third-highest score on the apparatus in Kentucky history.

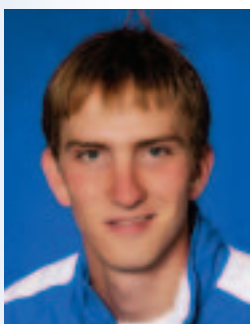
As the 2004 season quickly approaches, Muhammad is relying on Primault and fellow senior Julie Joy to guide a young group of Wildcats to a successful season.

"A team's success is directly proportional to its senior leadership," Muhammad said. "I feel that if our seniors buy into the program that we are building that will go a long way in the success of this team."



Thomas Morgan

Senior, Cross Country



Since stepping foot on UK's campus in 1999, Thomas Morgan has made his mark in the Kentucky cross country program. In addition to being a two-time All-American selection and three-time All-SEC pick, Morgan also has etched his name into the books at UK with two school records. But in November 2003, Morgan achieved success on the UK men's cross country team that even he didn't expect.

"I have surprised myself," Morgan said. "I knew that it could be done, but I didn't know that it would ever happen this way, all of the sudden. It's always been a dream, but now I think I have the training to back it up."

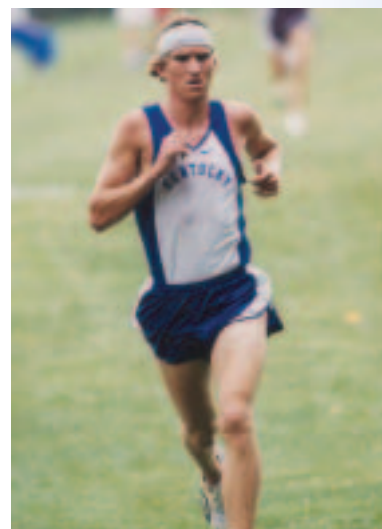
This "dream" Morgan is talking about is consecutive wins at the Southeastern Conference Championships and the NCAA Southeast Regional. The former Lexington Catholic standout was one of the most consistent runners for the Cats throughout the season, claiming top-10 finishes in each race he competed during the regular season schedule, but it wasn't

until the 10k SEC race that he ran – literally – into the spotlight.

With his first-place finish at the SEC Championships, Morgan became the ninth individual from UK to take home the individual title and the first to do so since Richard Ede in 1987. He also broke the UGA Golf Course record with a time of 24:59.25 and was the only runner from the 11 participating schools to finish under 25 minutes.

Morgan continued his streak into the NCAA Regionals, where he led his team to a second-place finish in its first NCAA berth since 1992 with another first-place performance among the 181 competitors. With that accomplishment, Morgan was aptly named Southeast Region "Runner of the Year."

"I wanted to finish the year as strong as I could," Morgan said. "I put in a lot of work and made a lot of sacrifices for this season, especially with it being my last. I just really decided to put more into it, and then I got more out of it."



Sara Potts

Senior, Women's Basketball



Label Sara Potts whatever you want. Some say she's a "star" on the Kentucky women's basketball team after becoming one of the most prolific shooters in UK history. Many call her a "point-scoring machine" after she averaged 12.1 points per game last season and knocked down a school-record 74 three-pointers. In truth, she may be a "star," but she is so much more than a three-point shooter.

The junior from Rochester Hills, Mich., is on track to break every three-point record at UK before the end of her UK career. She probably will leave Kentucky as one of the best pure shooters the program has ever seen. But this year, Potts has added other dimensions to her arsenal. Not only will she shoot from beyond the arc, fans will see Potts slashing through the lane, running the floor in transition, grabbing rebounds and steals.

"I want to continue to bring my three-point ability to games," Potts said. "But my goal is to be more of an all-around player. I want to improve defensively and do better rebounding."

That's just what Potts has done. Through the first few games of this

season, Potts has shown the ability to attack the basket in transition, grab rebounds, knock down free throws, nail the long bomb and force turnovers.

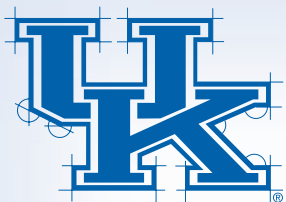
"I do not want to be a one-dimensional player," Potts said. "I have confidence in this team and this program. I want to step up my game and become more of a threat besides just three-point shooting."

Potts scored 15 points (only one three-pointer), pulled down seven rebounds, dished out two assists and grabbed a steal in the season opener against IPFW. She followed that performance with 17 points (three treys), three rebounds and three steals vs. Northwestern.

Then, 10 days later, against Louisville in Rupp Arena, Potts scored six of the Cats' 15 points in overtime to lead UK to an 84-80 victory over the Cards. She also posted the first double-double of her career with 14 points and 11 rebounds, breaking a previous career high of nine boards.

Label Sara Potts whatever you want. But don't call her "just" a three-pointer shooter.





Coaches Profile

Ace in the Hole

Head Coach

Brian Craig

Brian Craig is in his third season as the head coach of the University of Kentucky men's golf team. In just two and a half seasons, Craig has elevated the program to unprecedented heights. In the 2003 spring season, Craig led the Cats to their first NCAA Championships appearance in 15 years.

"I am extremely proud of last year's team," Craig said. "To make it to the NCAA Championships with a team as young as ours was quite an accomplishment. The experience that we gained in the post-season should prove to be invaluable as we pursue loftier goals this season."

This season has started where last year's left off with four outstanding performances in the fall. In its first competition, Kentucky took first place at the Cleveland Golf/Kiawah Island Intercollegiate in Kiawah Island, S.C. The Wildcats rallied from a six-stroke deficit in the final round to overcome Georgia State and claim the title by three strokes.

UK also recorded a sixth-place finish at the Mason Rudolph Championships in Nashville (Sept. 22-23) and a third-place showing at the Franklin Street Trust Invitational in Chapel Hill, N.C. (Oct. 3-5). Craig and the Cats concluded the fall slate with a fifth-place finish at the Gary Koch/Cleveland Golf Intercollegiate in Tampa, Fla.

"Our goal is to win every tournament that we play," Craig said. "However, our number one goal is to win the SEC Championship. No Kentucky team has ever won the SEC title and we would like to be the first to do so. This team has the talent to make that goal a reality."

Team Facts

Head Coach: Brian Craig

Alma Mater: University of Florida ('92)

Year at UK: Third year

Year coaching overall: Fifth year
(2 years at University of Central Florida)

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Assistant Coach: Dan Utley

Alma Mater: University of Louisville ('95)

Year at UK: First year

Year coaching overall: First year

Top Returnees: Mark Blakefield, John Holmes, Matt Kohn, Brandon Waldrop

Top Newcomers: Cale Barr, Brad Doster

Top Losses: Ryan Coyne, Andy Dustman

Lettermen Returning/Lost: 4/2

2003 Conference Finish: 9th

Home Courses: University Club of Kentucky
Big Blue Course – (par 72, 7,018 yds.)
Wildcat Course – (par 71, 6,680 yds.)

This year's Kentucky team features a strong junior class led by All-American John Holmes. Holmes medaled at the U.S. Amateur Championships in Oakmont, Pa. this past summer and competed in the 103rd U.S. Open Championship at Olympia Fields Country Club near Chicago. He has had the best stroke average on Kentucky's team for the past two seasons.

“It was a neat experience to see my name on the top of the leader board next to the greatest player to ever play the game, even though it was short-lived.”
— UK Coach Brian Craig on the highlight of his professional career in 1994 when he was tied briefly for the U.S. Open lead with Jack Nicklaus.”

Craig, a Gastonia, N.C. native, was an accomplished high school, collegiate and professional golfer himself. When he graduated high school, he was rated as the fifth-best junior golfer in the nation. He won the Carolinas Junior Championship in 1986 and advanced to the semifinals of the Carolina Amateur Championship in 1987. Two of Craig's finest accomplishments came in 1987, when he was the North-South Junior Champion and captured the Insurance Youth Golf Classic title, which earned him an exemption into the 1988 PGA Tour Houston Open.

Craig went on to compete at the University of Florida, where he was a part of three Florida teams that won SEC Championships and claimed runner-up honors at the 1990 NCAA Championships. He finished his career at Florida ranked among the leaders in UF history for the most top-10 finishes. Perhaps more impressive, he was a three-time Academic All-SEC honoree and a 1992 Academic All-American.

Following a successful collegiate career, Craig

played professionally for three years. He competed in numerous mini-tour events, winning the Powerbilt Tour Northwoods Championship in 1995 and the 1996 Future Majors Tour Harbor Hills Championship.

The highlight of his professional career came in 1994 when he participated in the U.S. Open at the Oakmont Country Club. After recording birdies on his first two holes, Craig was tied with Jack Nicklaus for the lead.

"It was a neat experience to see my name on the top of the leader board next to the greatest player to ever play the game," Craig said, "even though it was short-lived."

Craig spent a total of three years in the professional ranks before returning to UF as an assistant. After serving as an assistant coach at his alma mater for two years, Craig took a head coaching position at the University of Central Florida, where he led the Golden Knights to a second-place finish at the 2001 Trans America Athletic Conference Tournament.

In 2001, Craig assumed his current position as head coach of the men's golf team at UK. He cites his experience playing with other professionals as a positive in helping him teach his players how to be consummate professionals.

"I got a chance to be around a lot of great players. While I was pretty good, I wasn't

good enough to make a living at it, but I watched the guys who were and learned from them," Craig said. "I saw how meticulous and dedicated they were as professionals. I'm able to parlay that information into helping these young guys to take the path that will lead them to achieve their goals and be the best they can be."

Craig emphasizes the importance of academic success to his student-athletes. Thirteen of his athletes have been named to the SEC Academic Honor Roll a total of 16 times during his UK tenure. And that doesn't include the current academic year. In addition, Andrew Dustman and Philip Schardein received Academic All-America honors in 2002.

The Cats open their 2004 spring schedule at the Gator Invitational in Gainesville, Fla., Jan. 31 – Feb. 1. Kentucky is scheduled to play in six regular-season tournaments, including the 18th annual Johnny Owens Invitational on April 2-3 at the University Club of Kentucky.