

UK 31- UofL 21

I feel as if I am being generous here! UK has more talent, and better chemistry.

Davoe Ragone has struggled all through Spring Practice and two a days, Just trying to get on the same page with his new WR's and O-line. Unfortunately for UofL fans is that the Offense just has not clicked in all scrimmages vs the 2nd team defense. Last season UK was the one trying to get acquainted with each other and mid-season that tree took root and the UK Offense was at the top of the SEC box scores each week. The UK defensive line will not allow the UofL running game to get going, by doing so Ragone will have NO security blanket and will be pressured into making bad. 2001 Ragone and the Cards gave others a blue print of how to slow them down.

Keys to the game:

1. UK Defense will hold UofL to less than 3 yards per carry.
2. By doing #1 UK will be able to open up the blitz packages of John Goodner

By doing so, this will put the young O-line and inexperienced Wide Receivers on the hot seat. In 2001 when the Cards were held below 3 yards/rush:

- Were sacked 4 times more /game
- Through over 1 int/game (7 of Ragones 8 Int's were in games that they ran for < 2yds/ carry)
- Scored 16 points less than when running for > 3 yds/rsh
- Offense gaine 139 less total yards

For those of you considering that UofL is favored by 13.5. Don't be fooled the point spread it is simply a reflection of the general public public. It is # that will earn even Money. Same as LSU being favored by 16 last year and UT by 18.

TALENT COMPARISON

As I listen to the "so-called" experts talk about the Kentucky & Louisville game Sept. 1, 2002, the re-occurring comment that I hear is, "Louisville just has much better talent". Is this true? How can these guy's judge that? Are these guy scouts? If so, why are they working for newspapers, radio stations or Internet sites? Based on that I have taken a deeper look into this issue.

Phil Steele is with out question one of the very best analyst of college football in the country. He is one of the best sources to get a good understanding of how "any" team will be vs. the previous season. He does his homework. Rather than just regurgitating the roster with the previous seasons stats he actually spends the time and money to rate each "incoming player". This player rating is given to every player coming into a DIVIA Football program. Obviously, one person cannot rate all these players on his own. Phil Steele combines information from all of his sources and develops a PS rating,(Consensus of Parade, Super prep, Tom Lemming, Prepstar, G&W recruiting & The National recruiting advisor).

Because I do not have the funds to hire my own scouting service I have no way to measure each player, as their college career progresses. My player rating's are a combination of Phil Steele's Rating's + Experience. For every year a player is from his senior season I have added 25 pts to their PS rating. (For obvious reasons we cannot use the PS rating only, a true freshman rated #1 is NO where close to a #1 rated player w/ 4 years experience)

Formula for player Power Rating's (PR): (Lower the number the better)

True Freshman	PS# + 100
Red-shirt Freshmen	PS# + 75
Sophomore	PS# + 50
Junior	PS# + 25
Senior	PS# + 0

EXAMPLE:

UK QB Jared Lorenzen 21+25 = 46

UL WR James Taylor = 9+25= 34

However, some players do not quite work this way..

EXAMPLE:

UL DE Dewayne White PS#= 167. Based on his performance, I know he is much better than 167 so I manually adjusted to what I thought was a better reflection of his ability.

Some players never received a PS#. They were basically unknown coming out of high school Therefore I had to give them a fair rating before applying it to the formula above.

I do this by searching and finding the highest rated player that he is starting ahead of.

EXAMPLE:

"Sweat Pea" Burns 156+50= 206 (Trey Mielsch = 156)

Overall cumulative player PR's two deep at each position: (lowest is best)

Team	Total Team	Offense	Defense
Kentucky	6314	2983	3333
Louisville	8003	4268	3735
<i>As reference</i>			
Tennessee	3244	1785	1459
Texas	2958	1529	1429
Vandy	9637	4931	4706
Illinois 01'	5452	2748	3004
SEC avg	5315	1324	1335

Kentucky Offense vs the Louisville Defense

** PR = Players Power Rating's PS# + Experience

Name **Floyd**
 Height **5'-10"**
 Weight **185**
 YR **SR**
 PR **30**

FS

Name **Burns**
 Height **6'-1"**
 Weight **215**
 YR **SR**
 PR **50**

SS

Name **Lee**
 Height **6'-2"**
 Weight **254**
 YR **SR**
 PR **164**

LB

Name **Day Jr.**
 Height **6'-1"**
 Weight **204**
 YR **JR**
 PR **287**

LB

Name **Brown Sr.**
 Height **5'-10"**
 Weight **215**
 YR **SR**
 PR **100**

Ban

Name **Johnson**
 Height **6'-0"**
 Weight **187**
 YR **SR**
 PR **81**

CB

Name **Thomas**
 Height **6'-1**
 Weight **254**
 YR **SR**
 PR **200**

DE

Name **Lopez**
 Height **6'-4"**
 Weight **265**
 YR **JR**
 PR **235**

DT

Name **Leffew**
 Height **6'-4**
 Weight **270**
 YR **SO**
 PR **202**

DT

Name **White**
 Height **6'-3**
 Weight **277**
 YR **JR**
 PR **35**

DE

Name **Gallishaw**
 Height **5'-11"**
 Weight **202**
 YR **SO**
 PR **120**

CB

Name **Bernard**
 Height **6'-1"**
 Weight **185**
 YR **JR**
 PR **98**

WR

Name **Huff**
 Height **6'-5"**
 Weight **304**
 YR **SO**
 PR **154**

OT

Name **Rollins**
 Height **6'-5"**
 Weight **275**
 YR **SO**
 PR **170**

OG

Name **Seitze**
 Height **6'-5"**
 Weight **280**
 YR **JR**
 PR **160**

C

Name **Chatelain**
 Height **6'-5"**
 Weight **330**
 YR **SR**
 PR **171**

OG

Name **Hall**
 Height **6'-5"**
 Weight **299**
 YR **JR**
 PR **29**

OT

Name **Harpe**
 Height **6'-4"**
 Weight **250**
 YR **SR**
 PR **109**

TE

Name **Boone**
 Height **6'-3"**
 Weight **206**
 YR **SR**
 PR **26**

WR

Name **Abney**
 Height **5'-10"**
 Weight **175**
 YR **JR**
 PR **74**

WR

Name **Lorenzen**
 Height **6'-4"**
 Weight **275**
 YR **JR**
 PR **46**

QB

Name **Pinner**
 Height **5'-11"**
 Weight **230**
 YR **SR**
 PR **135**

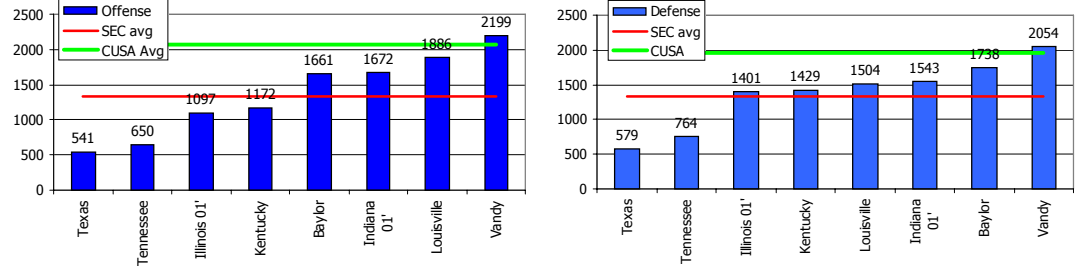
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Player Power Rating Match-up comparison
 Kentucky Offense vs Louisville Defense

	Kentucky O	Louisville D
Front 7	928	1223
Back 6	488	545
Total	1172	1504

Kentucky has a slight edge in each area. Not enough to make a large difference

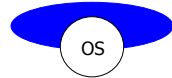
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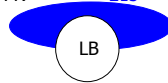
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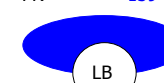
Name Johnson
Height 6'-0"
Weight 210
YR SR
PR 130



Name Riley
Height 6'-2"
Weight 234
YR SR
PR 215



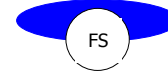
Name Lane
Height 6'-2"
Weight 220
YR SR
PR 139



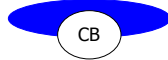
Name Williams
Height 5'-11"
Weight 180
YR SO
PR 150



Name Cumby
Height 6'-1"
Weight 206
YR SR
PR 102



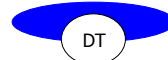
Name Tatum
Height 6'-0"
Weight 190
YR SR
PR 44



Name Grigsby
Height 6'-4"
Weight 265
YR SR
PR 273



Name Robertson
Height 6'-3"
Weight 308
YR JR
PR 30



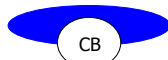
Name Caudill
Height 6'-3"
Weight 295
YR JR
PR 51



Name Burns
Height 6'-2"
Weight 265
YR SO
PR 206



Name Burress
Height 5'-11"
Weight 186
YR JR
PR 89



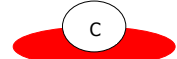
Name Russell
Height 6'-4"
Weight 199
YR SO
PR 324



Name Leffew
Height 6'-4"
Weight 295
YR RSF
PR 157



Name Sims
Height 6'-2"
Weight 291
YR SR
PR 168



Name Koons Jr.
Height 6'-4"
Weight 281
YR JR
PR 166



Name Spitz
Height 6'-4"
Weight 308
YR RFR
PR 317



Name Spencer
Height 6'-2"
Weight 318
YR JR
PR 80



Name Ghent
Height 6'-3"
Weight 237
YR SR
PR 30



Name Glenn
Height 6'-1"
Weight 176
YR SO
PR 166



Name Dorsey
Height 5'-7"
Weight 171
YR SR
PR 200



Name Ragone
Height 6'-4"
Weight 250
YR SR
PR 10



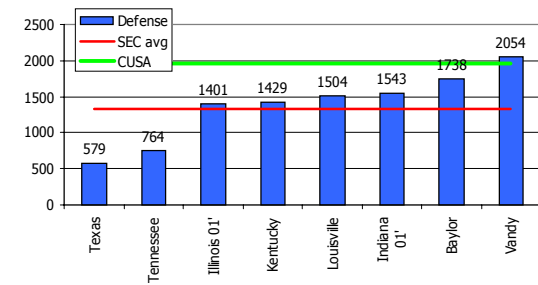
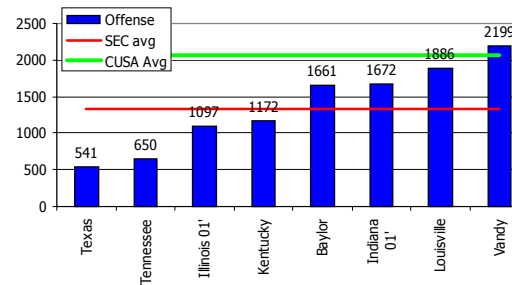
Name Patterson
Height 6'-0"
Weight 228
YR JR
PR 268

Player Power Rating Match-up comparison Kentucky Offense vs Louisville Defense

	Kentucky D	Louisville O
Front 7	1044	1186
Back 6	515	530
Total	1429	1205

The D-Line is a major edge to UK. This will show to be the difference in the game. Yds/Rsh & Sacks will lead to TO's!!

Comparison of Starters compared to other notable teams and the SEC & CUSA Avg







SUMMARY:




In 2000 when Jared Lorenzen and Dave Ragone first squared off in the lightning bowl, the odds makers had UK marked as a 5 point favorite. As we all know, this game was a double OT game that UofL won 40-34. Other than UofL going to two bowls very little has changed. The talent has been a constant. For UK many things have changed. Mumme out, and the NCAA in. *(Remember that we are talking about talent level on the field)* Since that 2000 game neither team has separated themselves from the other with one exception. John L Smith's players were already in the middle of transforming their bodies. A system & coaches were in place to improve the abilities of each incoming player. Mumme never had such, he felt that his offense was all that was needed, therefore players were out of shape and considerably weaker than those on the UK schedule. Enter Guy Morris and Company, with this comes a conditioning program and strength-training program to level up the current players. Last season (2001) we could see an improvement in this area. Not as much as I would like but much better than the team Mumme put on the field. For 2002 UK has finally caught up to where they should have been all along. Otis Grigsby is up to 270, Morris Lane @ 220 and weight lifting records are being set daily. **Unconfirmed**, UK has increased their team strength by around 27%.

It has been said that UK has NO depth. That is not the case at all when facing a Conf. USA team. UK does not have "SEC depth". Big Difference! What all this means is that anybody who says UofL has more talent is sorely incorrect. Not that I think UK is far superior but it is safe to say that the talent level will not be the reason of a win or loss for the Cats or the Cards (As it is in each teams Conference play)

+’s & -’s from 2001 game (UofL 36 – UK 10)

Key Changes for Kentucky Wildcats		
Subtractions	Results	Additions
<u>Defensive Ends</u> Dennis Johnson (3rd round pick by Arizona, All SEC as a Jr) Chris Demaree	<u>EVEN</u>	“Sweat Pea” Burns Very tough to replace all SEC player. UK coaches have stated the Sweat Pea was a terror for the 1 st team offense in 2001. Sweat pea will have the luxury of a completely better healthy & experienced DT rotation. Otis Grigsby (Transformed) With Cat like quicks and additional 25 lbs
<u>Defensive Backs:</u> Coach Rick Smith This could simply be improvement by subtraction. Smith a respected DC for other schools was thought to be the perfect candidate to work with 1 st year DC John Goodner seeing as they were together in the same role at Baylor in the 80’s. However, philosophy has changed and Smith Soft DB coverage was not a good fit for Goodner aggressive style.		Wesley McGriff (DB Coach) It is not rare that the biggest change to any given team is the coach of weakest area. However, it is rare in that the Coach to replace the departed one comes from the other side of the ball. In this case, coach McGriff was actually out of place in 2001 with the RB’s
<u>New Coaches & New Systems:</u> Last year was the first year for the offensive and defensive systems. Early in the season as UK struggled in every area.		<u>Familiar w/ Coaches & Systems:</u> As noted the second half of the season UK noticeably improved on Offense and Defense as they nearly beat SEC champ and runner up. (LSU & Tenn.) Last 5 gms 456 yds/gm 33pts First 5 gm 303 yds/gm 17 pts
<u>Linebackers:</u> Chris Gayton (Converted Safety 205lbs) Mike Beirne (Converted WR 210lbs) Jamal White PS# 208 (220 lbs)		<u>Linebackers:</u> Ronnie Riley (team leader 230 lbs) Dustin Williams PS# 52 (240lbs) Kamal Ahmad 239lbs Chad Anderson PS#19 (240lbs) This year the LB spot is NOT undersized
<u>Wide Receivers / Tight Ends:</u> Derrick Smith (30 rec. 396 yds)		<u>Wide Receivers:</u> Chris Bernard Glenn Holt First legitimate Deep threats for UK! The field can be stretched horizontal as in the past and also vertical with the addition of these two. Some chemistry will need to be developed.

+’s & -’s from 2001 game (UofL 36 – UK 10)

Key Changes for the Louisville Cardinals		
<p><u>Offensive Coordinator:</u> Scott Lineham OC/QB’s</p> <p><u>O-Line Coach</u> <u>Art Valero</u></p>	<p>1/2</p> 	<p><u>Offensive Coordinator:</u> John Pettas (Wash Wr Coach 1yr & Az St. RB’s/QB, OC in 2000)</p> <p><u>Offensive Line:</u> Danny Hope (Purdue OL coach, Player @ ECU 1971)</p> <p><u>Defensive Backs</u> Paul Haynes (Jaguars, scouting reports, opponent breakdown, playbook)</p> <p>Thumbs down only for the first few games while chemistry is being developed.</p> <p>It is hard to improve teams that among the nations best with new coaches.</p>
<p><u>Wide Receivers:</u> Deion Branch (Sporting News third team all American Honorable mention. 2nd rd New England</p> <p>Jets Coach “ Dieon Branch is not replaceable”</p> <p>Zek Parker</p> <p>Both Combined for 45% of Cards total Yards.</p>		<p>James Taylor JC trans PS#9 Dontay Spillman JC Trans PS#117 Jimmy Riley PS#127 Victor Glenn PS# 116 Antoine Harris</p> <p>Two of these guy’s must step up!</p> <p>Can these guy’s pick up the slack in week1? Hard to say.</p>
<p><u>Left Guard:</u> Aaron Dardzinski CUSA 1st team</p> <p><u>Left Tackle:</u> Jonta Woodard??</p> <p><u>Right Tackle:</u> Rob Eble CUSA 2nd team</p> <p><u>Center</u> Michaels Bowers (not a major loss)</p>	<p>1/2</p> 	<p><u>Various New comers:</u> Travis Leffew RSF PS# 82 Jerry Spencer JC trans PS#54 Edrik Contreras JC Trans PS#166 Antoine Sims (7 starts in 01’) Jason Hilliard Chris Thigpen</p> <p>Not that these guy’s are talented and not that last years are hard to replace. UofL has not been known for opening holes and protecting QB’s.</p> <p>New Players and Coach will need a little time to develop.</p>

Summary of +’s & -’s from 2001 game (UofL 36 – UK 10)

26 points is a lot to make up, whether or not it’s can be done, is yet to be seen. UK has made large improvement from where a 2-9 team was 1 year ago. Being an 11-2 Louisville had a lot more to lose and will have a lot of shoes to fill to match last years Squad. Reflecting on last year’s game. If you were to ask any UK fan who is the player that UK can ill afford to lose the most? You would have received 100%, the emotional leader Ronnie Riley. As you recall with UofL leading 16-10 when the 4th quarter started Riley tears up a knee and is out the entire season. Replacing the Sr would be an out of shape true freshman. 26-0 run by the Cards !

UK is clearly has improved much more this year than the Cards have.

KEY TO THE GAME!!

In 1998 when John L Smith came to Louisville many UK fans and media used to cliché of "Keeping up with the Johnson's", "Monkey see Monkey do", "Like father Like son" or in this case the "little Brother" following in "Big Brother's" footsteps. This of course being said because of the high flying offense that John L Smith would bring in was just like Hal Mumme's "Air Raid System" or "Mumme Ball". Unfortunately for Cat fans this is not the case. Unlike Mumme Smith emphasizes areas of the game such special teams, Defense, Running the ball, Defense, Hitting in practice & have I said DEFENSE! You get my point.

However, the Key to this game will not be defense at least not Louisville's. I want to focus on the 3rd item listed above, Running the ball. Unlike Mumme who used to Pass to set-up the Run, Smith is more conventional. He uses the Run to set-up the pass.

This game will be determined by how well UK stops the Run!

Louisville offense (Comparison of rushing Yds/Rush, > 3.0 vs < 3.0)																
Rush yds/att	FD	Rsh att	Rsh Yds	yds/rsh	Pcomp	Patt	Comp %	Pss Yds	Yds/Pss	Yds/cmpl	Ply/gm	Yds/gm	Yds/ply	Int/gm	Sacked	Pts
Games that UL gains > 3 yds/rsh	21	38	160	4.2	17	29	0.63	242	8.2	14.2	68	402	5.9	0.3	1.4	37
Games that UL gains < 3yds/rsh	17	33	15	0.5	22	35	0.61	249	7.1	11.4	68	263	3.9	1.00	4.00	21
Key points (Margin)	4			3.75		-5.40		-6.79	1.08	2.84		139			2.6	16

KEYPOINTS

- First Downs = 4 less in games UL does not average 3 yards or better. For obvious reasons the ability to move the chains is by gaining the difficult yards.
- Yards per pass attempt = 1.08 less yds/pss in games UofL can NOT run the ball
- Yards per pass completion = 2.84 yards less each completion in games UofL cannot run the ball.
- Total Yards gained per game = 139 less yards each game when UofL cannot run the ball.
- Interceptions thrown by UofL = 7 of Ragone's 8 INT's came in game the Cards were not able to achieve 3 yds/rsh (1.0 / game)
- Opponents sacked Cards = 4 times / game in games that UofL could not run the ball.
- Points scored = In games that UofL could NOT achieve 3 yds or better UofL averaged 21 points. (16 pts less per game)

It is clear to me that John L Smith would rather be able to run the ball for positive yardage to set-up the pass. The numbers reflect a much more conservative passing game in those games where the QB was asked to handle the load. Yards / completion is down dramatically by almost 3 yards for every catch. If you are UK and your concern is deep balls, you will protect those CB's by making the offensive plays one-dimensional. Of course yards per rush is a combination of yards gained or loss while running plays. Also included are sacks and busted plays (QB scrambles) UK put good pressure on Ragone in 2001, however they were only got him down for 1 official sack for 11 yards. This is another reason the Yds/pass & yds/cmpl drops off so much. Hot reads lead to short passes. Officially reported as 6 carries for 13 yards Ragone was able to move the chains on multiple occasions by escaping pressure. If the Cardinals are unable to run for positive yards on a consistent basis it will allow UK & Goodner to open up the blitz package and force Ragone to make passes he doesn't want to make.

Can UK hold the Cards to less than 3 yards per carry?

Considering that Louisville gained only 3.4 yards per/carry while allowing only 1 sack in last years game, it seems that the Cats do not have far to go. (As noted in the +’s-’s) UK has another year under John Goodner, linebackers that look and run like line backer, team leader back and a completely healthy veteran set of DT’s (Last year they had 1 true frosh & a hurt Soph), 2002 Two healthy JR’s and a solid Sophomore. But does that mean UK can achieve the less than 3 yds/carry?

Most notably the Offense made the great strides in 2001. With a Safety and Wide receiver playing line backer the Rushing defense also improved greatly. Over the first 5 games of the season UK allowed 5 yds/rsh, over the last 5 games UK managed to hold teams to 4.06. Not that this is an astounding stat, but it is a stat that shows how well an injury riddled defense learned a system and made improvements against the better teams on the their schedule.

Considering that UofL only averaged 3.2 yds/rsh last season and has yet to determine which back is going to run behind the new Offensive line. UK should not have a problem in this area. Keeping pressure on Ragone and not allowing him positive yardage with his feet will be the key. UK Defensive line is their strength and should be dominate this game more so than any other match-up for either team.

Louisville Offensive stats 2001

Opp.	FD	Rsh	Yds	yds/rsh	Pcomp	Patt	Comp %	Pss Yds	Yds/Pss	Yds/cmpl	Ply/gm	Yds/gm	Yds/ply	Int	Pts	Sacked
New Mexiso St	18	30	101	3.4	18	32	0.64	272	8.5	15.1	62	373	6.0	1	45	2
Kentucky	24	35	118	3.4	21	34	0.62	368	10.8	17.5	69	486	7.0		36	1
W. Carolina	18	32	176	5.5	14	25	0.64	218	8.7	15.6	57	394	6.9		31	0
Illinois	13	25	29	1.2	22	39	0.64	309	7.9	14.0	64	338	5.3	3	10	3
Memphis	20	40	235	5.9	15	27	0.64	207	7.7	13.8	67	442	6.6		38	1
Colorado St.	15	32	32	1.0	20	28	0.58	213	7.6	10.7	60	245	4.1	2	7	3
So. Miss	17	44	42	1.0	17	32	0.65	186	5.8	10.9	76	228	3.0		24	6
Cincinnati	19	51	222	4.4	12	28	0.70	154	5.5	12.8	79	376	4.8		28	2
Tulane	28	42	328	7.8	20	32	0.62	245	7.7	12.3	74	573	7.7		52	3
Houston	17	34	91	2.7	20	30	0.60	174	5.8	8.7	64	265	4.1		34	2
East Car.	22	44	138	3.0	22	34	0.61	292	8.6	13.3	78	430	5.5	1	39	2
TCU	20	25	-47	-1.9	33	52	0.61	381	7.3	11.5	77	334	4.3		22	9
BYU	17	37	-58	-1.6	19	28	0.60	228	8.1	12.0	65	170	2.6	1	28	1
Average /gm	19.1	36	108	3.0	19	32	0.62	250	7.7	12.83	69	358	5.2	1.6	30.3	2.7

> 3 yds/rsh

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Illinois	13	25	29	1.2	22	39	0.64	309	7.9	14.0	64	338	5.3	3	10	3
Colorado St.	15	32	32	1.0	20	28	0.58	213	7.6	10.7	60	245	4.1	2	7	3
So. Miss	17	44	42	1.0	17	32	0.65	186	5.8	10.9	76	228	3.0	0	24	6
Houston	17	34	91	2.7	20	30	0.60	174	5.8	8.7	64	265	4.1	0	34	2
TCU	20	25	-47	-1.9	33	52	0.61	381	7.3	11.5	77	334	4.3	0	22	9
BYU	17	37	-58	-1.6	19	28	0.60	228	8.1	12.0	65	170	2.6	1	28	1
Average /gm	16.5	33	15	0.5	22	35	0.61	249	7.1	11.4	68	263	3.9	1	20.8	4.0

LONG TERM TURNOVER IMPACT

If you are a believer in "what goes up must come down", then you will love my next point of interest. If you ever get the opportunity, try rolling a football end over end and predict where it will end up? Or what direction it will travel? You will find out very quickly that predicting the direction is more difficult than predicting who will win the next Power Ball. What does this have to do with UK vs UofL? ALOT!

In 1999 When Dusty Bonner was the starting QB, the Big Blue Nation was expecting no better results than what Bill Curry was able to deliver year in and year out. However, Dusty chose to accept sacks rather launch misguided missiles. By doing so UK was able to minimize Turn-overs while their defense was very opportunistic creating them. That season UK was a whopping +3 for the season? Whopping? Not really but it is considering, Tim Couch's final two seasons UK had a terrible TO ratio -19 over the two seasons. Does this mean Bonner was a better QB than Couch? NO, From what I hear he was no better than Lorenzen? much less Tim Couch. This is an example of "what goes up must come down" and vice versa. That ball bounces strange ways that nobody can predict or determine. But we do know that the bad & good bounces even out over the long run. This is theory of course, Which I decided to investigate and check out!

Going back over the past 6 seasons, I counted up teams (All DIVIA) that either +15 or -15 in Turnover ratio over a two year period and compared to the results of the 3rd year.

Teams that earn 15 or more Turn-overs over a two year span, on average drop -10 turnovers below that 2 year average the 3rd year

Example: Arizona State 1996+1997 = +18 Turnovers (+9/yr) 1998 = -2 (-11 TO's from the avg.)

Teams that give up a 15 or more Turn-overs over a two year span, on average gain +13.5 Turnovers above the 2 yr average the 3rd year.

Example: Texas 1996 +1997 = -25 (-12.5/yr) 1998 = -1 (+11 TO's from avg.)

This is perfect evidence to back the theory of Turnovers even out over the long run. However there are two teams that may be the exception Kansas State & Virginia Tech.

With that said Here are the Turn Over ratios for Kentucky & Louisville each for the past two seasons

Teams	2000	2001	Avg.	2002 Forecast
Kentucky	-12	-8	-10 / yr	0 (even)
Louisville	+11	+10	+10.5 / yr	-3 TO's

Not that this is a definite, However I would always prefer to have history and the law of averages on my side. With that said this may have nothing to with this season match-up. This forecast is for the results are the end of the season.

The first few games are the most likely opportunity for the Cards to put the ball in the opponents hands as the QB, WR and O-line will not be on the same page...just not yet!