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# 2025 NCAA TOURNAMENT PREVIEW

Otega Oweh leads Kentucky into  
the 2025 NCAA Tournament.

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## 2025 NCAA TOURNAMENT MIDWEST REGION

1		<b>Coach:</b> Kelvin Sampson <b>Record:</b> 30-4 (19-1) <b>NET Ranking:</b> 3	<b>Conference:</b> Big 12 <b>Odds to Win:</b> 8/1 <b>Quad 1 Record:</b> 14-3	<b>Bid:</b> Automatic Qualifier <b>Scoring Offense:</b> #163 (74.2 points) <b>Scoring Defense:</b> #2 (58.5 points)	<b>Houston vs. SIU-Edwardsville</b> <b>Thursday, March 20</b> <b>Wichita, KS</b> <b>2 pm TBS</b>
16		<b>Coach:</b> Brian Barone <b>Record:</b> 22-11 (13-7) <b>NET Ranking:</b> 216	<b>Conference:</b> Ohio Valley <b>Odds to Win:</b> 1,000,000/1 <b>Quad 1 Record:</b> 0-2	<b>Bid:</b> Automatic Qualifier <b>Scoring Offense:</b> #215 (72.6 points) <b>Scoring Defense:</b> #32 (66.1 points)	
8		<b>Coach:</b> Mark Few <b>Record:</b> 25-8 (14-4) <b>NET Ranking:</b> 8	<b>Conference:</b> West Coast <b>Odds to Win:</b> 60/1 <b>Quad 1 Record:</b> 4-6	<b>Bid:</b> Automatic Qualifier <b>Scoring Offense:</b> #2 (86.6 points) <b>Scoring Defense:</b> #102 (69.6 points)	<b>Gonzaga vs. Georgia</b> <b>Thursday, March 20</b> <b>Intrust Bank Arena</b> <b>Wichita, KS</b> <b>4:35 pm TBS</b>
9		<b>Coach:</b> Mike White <b>Record:</b> 20-12 (8-10) <b>NET Ranking:</b> 34	<b>Conference:</b> Southeastern <b>Odds to Win:</b> 500/1 <b>Quad 1 Record:</b> 4-11	<b>Bid:</b> At Large <b>Scoring Offense:</b> #127 (75.6 points) <b>Scoring Defense:</b> #95 (69.3 points)	
5		<b>Coach:</b> Brad Brownell <b>Record:</b> 27-6 (18-2) <b>NET Ranking:</b> 22	<b>Conference:</b> Atlantic Coast <b>Odds to Win:</b> 66/1 <b>Quad 1 Record:</b> 5-3	<b>Bid:</b> At Large <b>Scoring Offense:</b> #106 (76.3 points) <b>Scoring Defense:</b> #26 (65.7 points)	<b>Clemson vs. McNeese</b> <b>Thursday, March 20</b> <b>Amica Mutual Pavilion</b> <b>Providence, RI</b> <b>3:15 pm truTV</b>
12		<b>Coach:</b> Will Wade <b>Record:</b> 27-6 (19-1) <b>NET Ranking:</b> 58	<b>Conference:</b> Southland <b>Odds to Win:</b> 1,000/1 <b>Quad 1 Record:</b> 0-2	<b>Bid:</b> Automatic Qualifier <b>Scoring Offense:</b> #89 (77.2 points) <b>Scoring Defense:</b> #16 (64.0 points)	
4		<b>Coach:</b> Brad Painter <b>Record:</b> 22-11 (13-7) <b>NET Ranking:</b> 19	<b>Conference:</b> Big Ten <b>Odds to Win:</b> 60/1 <b>Quad 1 Record:</b> 7-11	<b>Bid:</b> At Large <b>Scoring Offense:</b> #72 (77.9 points) <b>Scoring Defense:</b> #149 (71.1 points)	<b>Purdue vs. High Point</b> <b>Thursday, March 20</b> <b>Amica Mutual Pavilion</b> <b>Providence, RI</b> <b>12:40 pm truTV</b>
13		<b>Coach:</b> Alan Huss <b>Record:</b> 29-5 (14-2) <b>NET Ranking:</b> 82	<b>Conference:</b> Big South <b>Odds to Win:</b> 1,000,000/1 <b>Quad 1 Record:</b> 0-0	<b>Bid:</b> Automatic Qualifier <b>Scoring Offense:</b> #18 (82.2 points) <b>Scoring Defense:</b> #85 (68.8 points)	




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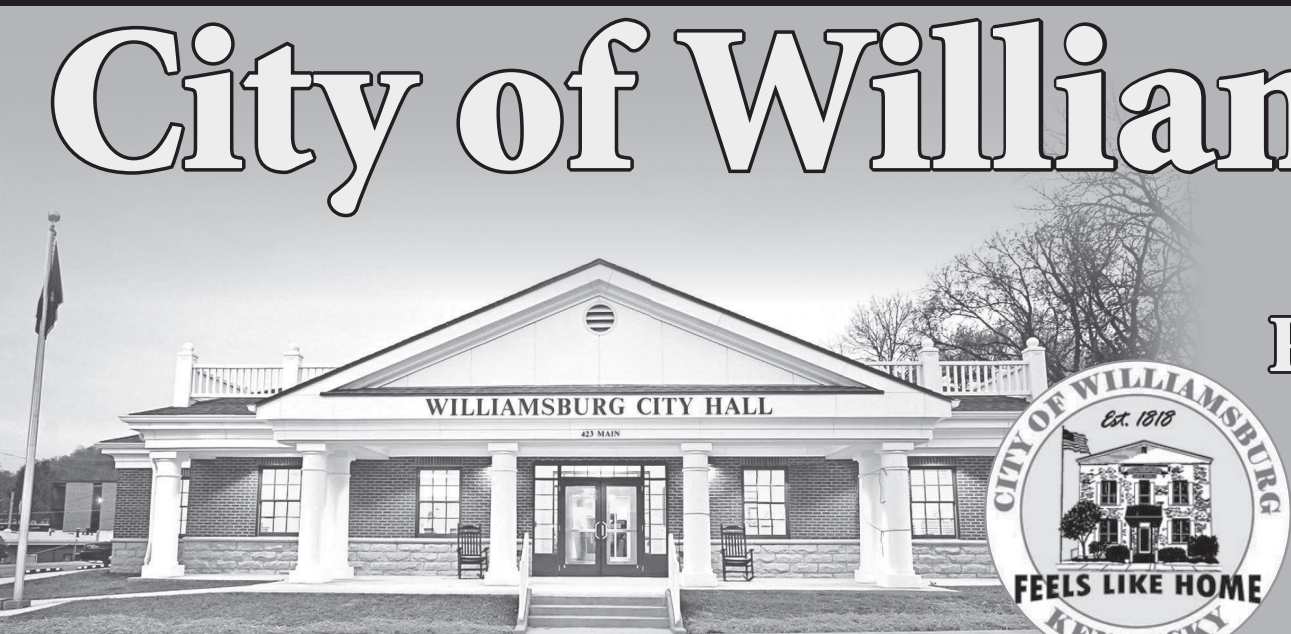
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6	ILLINOIS	<b>Coach:</b> Brad Underwood <b>Record:</b> 21-12 (12-8) <b>NET Ranking:</b> 17	<b>Conference:</b> Big Ten <b>Odds to Win:</b> 75/1 <b>Quad 1 Record:</b> 8-10	<b>Bid:</b> At Large <b>Scoring Offense:</b> #11 (83.8 points) <b>Scoring Defense:</b> #255 (74.6 points)	<b>Illinois vs. Texas/Xavier</b> <b>Friday, March 21</b> <b>Milwaukee, WI</b> <b>9:45 pm TNT</b>	
11	TEXAS XAVIER	<b>Coach:</b> Rodney Terry <b>Coach:</b> Sean Miller	<b>Conference:</b> SEC <b>Conference:</b> Big East	<b>Record:</b> 19-15 (6-12) <b>Record:</b> 23-11 (13-7)		
3	UK	<b>Coach:</b> Mark Pope <b>Record:</b> 22-11 (10-8) <b>NET Ranking:</b> 14	<b>Conference:</b> Southeastern <b>Odds to Win:</b> 40/1 <b>Quad 1 Record:</b> 11-10	<b>Bid:</b> At Large <b>Scoring Offense:</b> #3 (85.3 points) <b>Scoring Defense:</b> #317 (77.9 points)	<b>Kentucky vs. Troy</b> <b>Friday, March 21</b> <b>Fiserv Arena</b> <b>Milwaukee, WI</b> <b>7:10 CBS</b>	
14	TROY	<b>Coach:</b> Scott Cross <b>Record:</b> 23-10 (13-5) <b>NET Ranking:</b> 100	<b>Conference:</b> Sun Belt <b>Odds to Win:</b> 1,000,000/1 <b>Quad 1 Record:</b> 0-3	<b>Bid:</b> Automatic Qualifier <b>Scoring Offense:</b> #179 (73.9 points) <b>Scoring Defense:</b> #27 (65.4 points)		
7	UCLA BRUINS	<b>Coach:</b> Mick Cronin <b>Record:</b> 22-10 (13-7) <b>NET Ranking:</b> 26	<b>Conference:</b> Big Ten <b>Odds to Win:</b> 75/1 <b>Quad 1 Record:</b> 9-8	<b>Bid:</b> At Large <b>Scoring Offense:</b> #146 (74.8 points) <b>Scoring Defense:</b> #27 (65.7 points)	<b>UCLA vs. Utah State</b> <b>Thursday, March 20</b> <b>Rupp Arena</b> <b>Lexington, KY</b> <b>9:25 pm TNT</b>	
10	UTAH STATE	<b>Coach:</b> Jerrod Calhoun <b>Record:</b> 26-7 (15-5) <b>NET Ranking:</b> 37	<b>Conference:</b> Mountain West <b>Odds to Win:</b> 300/1 <b>Quad 1 Record:</b> 2-4	<b>Bid:</b> At Large <b>Scoring Offense:</b> #30 (80.9 points) <b>Scoring Defense:</b> #117 (70.0 points)		
2	TENNESSE	<b>Coach:</b> Rick Barnes <b>Record:</b> 27-7 (12-6) <b>NET Ranking:</b> 5	<b>Conference:</b> Southeastern <b>Odds to Win:</b> 14/1 <b>Quad 1 Record:</b> 11-7	<b>Bid:</b> At Large <b>Scoring Offense:</b> #148 (74.5 points) <b>Scoring Defense:</b> #8 (62.3 points)	<b>Tennessee vs. Wofford</b> <b>Thursday, March 20</b> <b>Rupp Arena</b> <b>Lexington, KY</b> <b>6:50 pm TNT</b>	
15	WOFFORD	<b>Coach:</b> Dwight Perry <b>Record:</b> 19-15 (10-8) <b>NET Ranking:</b> 130	<b>Conference:</b> Southern <b>Odds to Win:</b> 1,000,000/1 <b>Quad 1 Record:</b> 0-1	<b>Bid:</b> Automatic Qualifier <b>Scoring Offense:</b> #139 (75.3 points) <b>Scoring Defense:</b> #110 (69.8 points)		



# Williams redefines UK center position



Amari Williams, a transfer from Drexel, has enjoyed a banner season at Kentucky.

● AARON GERSHON  
The Cats' Pause

While Otega Oweh, who scored 10 points or more in Kentucky’s first 26 games, may be the team’s most consistent player, it would be hard to imagine the Wildcats surviving injuries to Lamont Butler and Jaxson Robinson if it weren’t for the incredible production from 7-foot Nottingham, England, native Amari Williams.

Simply put, Williams is doing things not seen in college basketball in 50 years. Since the 1974-75 season, Williams is the only player to average 19+ points, 16+ rebounds, and 5+ assists per 40 minutes per College Basketball Reference data.

“We are witnessing and seeing all of these metrics right now where Amari is top five all time in the SEC in terms of PAR (Points + Assists + Rebounds) per 40 minutes,” UK coach Mark Pope said. “Top five all-time. That’s insane what we are witnessing him do.”

Pope is known for his explosive offenses, but when he began building his first Kentucky roster from scratch in April the three-time Colonial Athletic Association Defensive Player of the Year was his first addition. He did so believing Williams could quickly adapt to a new offense where the center often operates more like a point guard in terms of distributing the basketball and starting the half-court offensive sets.

“Amari Williams is like a one of one,” Pope said. “I’m asking him to do an impossible job right now and he’s just getting more and more confident and more and more comfortable. I’m telling you now, he’s a special kid.”

Williams averages 11 points, a team-high 8.8 rebounds, 3 assists, and 1.4 blocks while shooting 59 percent from the field. He has had multiple double-doubles and on Feb. 4 at Ole Miss Williams recorded only the fourth triple-double in UK program history with 12 points, 11 rebounds and 10 assists.

Against Vanderbilt on Feb. 19 with both Butler and Robinson out, Williams pitched a perfect game in an 82-61 home win, becoming one of only nine players in program history to go perfect

from the field (6-for-6) and the free throw line (5-for-5) while also becoming the first player, college or pro, with 15 or more points (17), four or more blocks (4), shoot a perfect clip from the field and free throw line and not commit a foul since six-time NBA All-Star Pau Gasol did so for the Los Angeles Lakers on Nov. 21, 2010.

“We’re in the process of witnessing just an incredible analytic guy right now in terms of what he’s doing,” Pope said. “It’s fun to coach him. He’s grown so much and he’s taken on so much and he’s like, give me more, give me more, let’s keep getting better.”

Williams’ improved touch at the rim has been a major factor in his recent run of success.

“I would just say confidence,” Williams said. “At the start of the year, I was not used to the physicality and kind of trying to figure it out. But now that I’ve figured it out, I realized how I can bang up against some of the other bigs. I took advantage of it and it’s working out well.”

“He’s getting more conflict around the rim,” Pope added. “He was not unstoppable at the rim early in the season because he would get rushed. Now he’s like, ‘Yep, I’m just going to go to work down here and I’m going to get to two feet.’”

Williams is also proven to be a solid rebounding force.

Per KenPom data, Williams has posted a 30.4 percent defensive rebound rate that ranks sixth best in the country and is only 4.2 percent behind Oscar Tshiebwe’s record-setting 34.6 percent rate that earned him 2022 National Player of the Year Award.

He has also started to improve his shot-blocking production as after going four games without a block (Jan. 28 vs. Tennessee-Feb. 8 vs. South Carolina), Williams has blocked six shots, with four coming in the win over Vanderbilt.

It is one thing to improve in three key areas of the typical criteria for a center; to do so while being asked to run the point at 7-foot, 262 pounds is simply special.

“There’s not a center in the country that’s had to carry a load like he’s had to carry,” Pope said. “It’s incredible.”

2025 NCAA TOURNAMENT SOUTH REGION

1



Coach: Bruce Pearl

Record: 28-5 (15-3)

NET Ranking: 2

Conference: Southeastern

Odds to Win: 7/2

Quad 1 Record: 16-4

Bid: At Large

Scoring Offense: #10 (83.8 points)

Scoring Defense: #102 (69.6 points)

Auburn vs. Alabama St./St. Francis

Thursday, March 20

Lexington, KY

2:50 pm CBS

16



ALABAMA STATE

Coach: Tony Madlock

Conference: SWAC

Record: 19-15 (12-6)

ST. FRANCIS

Coach: Rob Krimmel

Conference: Northeast

Record: 16-17 (8-8)

Louisville vs. Creighton

Thursday, March 20

Rupp Arena

Lexington, KY

12:15 pm CBS

8



Coach: Pat Kelsey

Record: 27-7 (18-2)

NET Ranking: 23

Conference: Atlantic Coast

Odds to Win: 80/1

Quad 1 Record: 4-6

Bid: At Large

Scoring Offense: #68 (78.6 points)

Scoring Defense: #86 (68.9 points)

Michigan vs. UC-San Diego

Thursday, March 20

Ball Arena

Denver, CO

10 pm TBS

9



Coach: Greg McDermott

Record: 24-10 (15-5)

NET Ranking: 38

Conference: Big East

Odds to Win: 100/1

Quad 1 Record: 6-6

Bid: At Large

Scoring Offense: #135 (75.2 points)

Scoring Defense: #98 (69.5 points)

Texas A&M vs. Yale

Thursday, March 20

Ball Arena

Denver, CO

7:25 TBS

5



Coach: Dusty May

Record: 25-9 (14-6)

NET Ranking: 25

Conference: Big Ten

Odds to Win: 75/1

Quad 1 Record: 12-7

Bid: Automatic Qualifier

Scoring Offense: #58 (78.8 points)

Scoring Defense: #173 (71.8 points)

12



Coach: Eric Olen

Record: 30-4 (18-2)

NET Ranking: 35

Conference: Big West

Odds to Win: 1,000/1

Quad 1 Record: 2-1

Bid: Automatic Qualifier

Scoring Offense: #43 (79.8 points)

Scoring Defense: #6 (61.6 points)

4



Coach: Buzz Williams

Record: 22-10 (11-7)

NET Ranking: 19

Conference: Southeastern

Odds to Win: 60/1

Quad 1 Record: 7-9

Bid: At Large

Scoring Offense: #159 (74.3 points)

Scoring Defense: #60 (67.9 points)

13



Coach: James Jones

Record: 22-7 (13-1)

NET Ranking: 72

Conference: Ivy League

Odds to Win: 1,000,000/1



Quad 1 Record: 0-1

Bid: Automatic Qualifier

Scoring Offense: #23 (81.4 points)



Scoring Defense: #94 (69.2 points)



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6		<b>Coach:</b> Chris Beard <b>Record:</b> 21-11 (10-8) <b>NET Ranking:</b> 28	<b>Conference:</b> Southeastern <b>Odds to Win:</b> 100/1 <b>Quad 1 Record:</b> 8-10	<b>Bid:</b> At Large <b>Scoring Offense:</b> #92 (77.2 points) <b>Scoring Defense:</b> #170 (71.6 points)	<b>Ole Miss vs. San Diego St/No. Carolina</b> <b>Friday, March 21</b> <b>Milwaukee, WI</b> <b>4:05 pm TNT</b>
11		<b>SAN DIEGO STATE</b>  <b>NORTH CAROLINA</b>	<b>Coach:</b> Brian Dutcher  <b>Coach:</b> Hubert Davis	<b>Conference:</b> Mountain West  <b>Conference:</b> ACC	
		<b>Record:</b> 21-9 (14-6)	<b>Record:</b> 22-13 (13-7)		

3		<b>Coach:</b> TJ Ozelberger <b>Record:</b> 24-9 (13-7) <b>NET Ranking:</b> 10	<b>Conference:</b> Big 12 <b>Odds to Win:</b> 20/1 <b>Quad 1 Record:</b> 9-7	<b>Bid:</b> At Large <b>Scoring Offense:</b> #37 (80.4 points) <b>Scoring Defense:</b> #63 (68.1 points)	<b>Iowa State vs. Lipscomb</b> <b>Friday, March 21</b> <b>Fiserv Arena</b> <b>Milwaukee, WI</b> <b>1:30 pm TNT</b>
14		<b>Coach:</b> Lennie Acuff <b>Record:</b> 25-9 (14-4) <b>NET Ranking:</b> 84	<b>Conference:</b> Atlantic Sun <b>Odds to Win:</b> 1,000,000/1 <b>Quad 1 Record:</b> 0-2	<b>Bid:</b> Automatic Qualifier <b>Scoring Offense:</b> #51 (79.3 points) <b>Scoring Defense:</b> #52 (67.3 points)	

7		<b>Coach:</b> Shaka Smart <b>Record:</b> 23-10 (13-7) <b>NET Ranking:</b> 25	<b>Conference:</b> Big East <b>Odds to Win:</b> 100/1 <b>Quad 1 Record:</b> 6-8	<b>Bid:</b> At Large <b>Scoring Offense:</b> #95 (76.9 points) <b>Scoring Defense:</b> #73 (68.5 points)	<b>Marquette vs. New Mexico</b> <b>Friday, March 21</b> <b>Rocket Arena</b> <b>Cleveland, OH</b> <b>7:25 pm TBS</b>
10		<b>Coach:</b> Richard Pitino <b>Record:</b> 25-7 (17-3) <b>NET Ranking:</b> 42	<b>Conference:</b> Mountain West <b>Odds to Win:</b> 150/1 <b>Quad 1 Record:</b> 3-4	<b>Bid:</b> At Large <b>Scoring Offense:</b> #25 (81.2 points) <b>Scoring Defense:</b> #141 (70.8 points)	

2		<b>Coach:</b> Tom Izzo <b>Record:</b> 27-6 (17-3) <b>NET Ranking:</b> 11	<b>Conference:</b> Big Ten <b>Odds to Win:</b> 25/1 <b>Quad 1 Record:</b> 13-5	<b>Bid:</b> At Large <b>Scoring Offense:</b> #73 (78.2 points) <b>Scoring Defense:</b> #48 (67.2 points)	<b>Michigan State vs. Bryant</b> <b>Friday, March 21</b> <b>Rocket Arena</b> <b>Cleveland, OH</b> <b>10 pm TBS</b>
15		<b>Coach:</b> Phil Martelli Jr. <b>Record:</b> 23-11 (14-2) <b>NET Ranking:</b> 141	<b>Conference:</b> America East <b>Odds to Win:</b> 1,000,000/1 <b>Quad 1 Record:</b> 0-1	<b>Bid:</b> Automatic Qualifier <b>Scoring Offense:</b> #17 (82.4 points) <b>Scoring Defense:</b> #235 (73.9 points)	

# Kentucky opens NCAA play in Milwaukee

● AARON GERSHON  
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Mark Pope is going home, sort of, with his first Kentucky team earning a No. 3 seed for NCAA Tournament play and starting its journey Friday at Fiserv Forum in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Pope played for the NBA Milwaukee Bucks at the old Bradley Arena under head coach George Karl from 2000-02. He was teammates with now-UK assistant coach Jason Hart. Even UK assistant Cody Fueger is a Milwaukee native.

“I have so many memories there,” Pope said of Milwaukee. “George Karl was the only coach – sorry George – dumb enough to actually start me in the NBA. He started me most of the season on a great team. We made an epic run all the way through the Eastern Conference finals to a Game Seven.”

It was a huge time for his new family, too.  
“My first daughter, Ella, was born in Milwaukee,” Pope said. “And I would drive home every day. We lived right off Blue Mound Road and drove right by the Kopp’s Custard and on the placard they have the custard of the day. I’d call Lee Ann and be like, ‘Are we getting it or not?’ We have great friends there. Milwaukee is a special place to us.”

The Bucks now play in the Fiserv Forum, site of Kentucky’s NCAA Tournament debut against No. 14 seed Troy, champions of the Sun Belt Conference.  
Troy won the Sun Belt as the conference’s No. 3 seed. Led by sixth-year coach Scott Cross, the Trojans went 23-10. They are ranked No. 99 in the NET, have a 2-1 record against Quad 2 opponents, and rank 11th in the country, averaging 13.9 offensive rebounds per game.

“I’ve seen them a little bit this year,” Pope said. “I think they’re the No. 7 steals team in the country; they’re one of the top 20 or 30 offensive-rebounding teams in the country. They’re an elite-level defensive team. They’ve won a boatload of games this year.

“Scott Cross is a great coach who has been doing this for a long time at a high level,” Pope said. “I got a ton of respect for him, so I haven’t gotten into the nuts and bolts of them yet, but it’s a terrific team.”

Kentucky guard Koby Brea played against Troy last season while at Dayton. The Flyers won at home 82-70, and Brea scored eight points.

“I think they have a pretty similar team after looking at the roster just now for a little bit,” Brea said. “Every team that’s in this tournament is pretty good so we just have to be able to lock in on them.”

The only other Cat with a history against Troy is starting point guard Lamont Butler, who scored five points, dished three assists, and picked up two steals in a 60-55 victory for San Diego State over Troy in 2022.

All-time, UK is 1-0 against Troy, as the Wildcats beat the Trojans 70-62 in Lexington on Nov. 20, 2017. Kevin Knox scored a team-high 17 points for the John Calipari-led Wildcats.

If Kentucky were to advance, it would play the winner of No. 6 seed Illinois and either Texas or Xavier.

Seeded No. 11, Texas and Xavier will play in a First Four matchup in Dayton, Ohio, Wednesday, with the winner getting Illinois in Milwaukee Friday. Illinois’



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Andrew Carr and Kentucky opens the NCAA Tournament as a No. 3 seed in the Midwest Region.

coaching staff features former UK assistant Orlando Antigua.

Texas beat Kentucky 82-78 in Austin on Feb. 15 in a game that saw UK blow a late lead. Xavier, located just 87 miles from Lexington in Cincinnati, snuck into the dance despite posing just a 1-9 Quad 1 record this season.

Looking even further ahead, a possible Sweet 16 matchup in Indianapolis against an arch-rival could be on the table for the Wildcats.

Tennessee, the Midwest Region’s No. 2 seed, will play at Lexington’s Rupp Arena against No. 15 seed Wofford. With a win, they would face either No. 7-seed UCLA or No. 10-seed Utah State. Victories would be UK and Tennessee on a collision course in the Sweet 16.

On the CBS television broadcast about the tournament, a commentator predicted Tennessee would beat Kentucky despite the fact the Cats swept the Vols this year.

“Just us being doubted again,” Lamont Butler said. “I feel like we’ve been doubted a lot this season with everything we had going on this year. We continue to prove people wrong so I’m ready to prove them wrong again.”

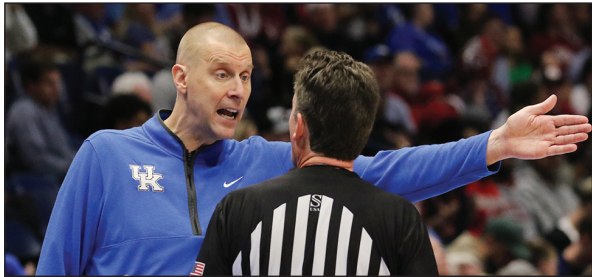
Houston will be the No. 1 seed in the Midwest Region. Its pod includes No. 8 seed Gonzaga, and No. 9 Georgia.

Overall, Pope had no complaints about the draw. It was simply pure excitement as the former captain of the 1996 national championship Wildcats seeks his first NCAA Tournament win as a head coach and to deliver on his promise to Big Blue Nation to “win banners.”



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Kentucky coach Mark Pope argues a call with referee Doug Shows.

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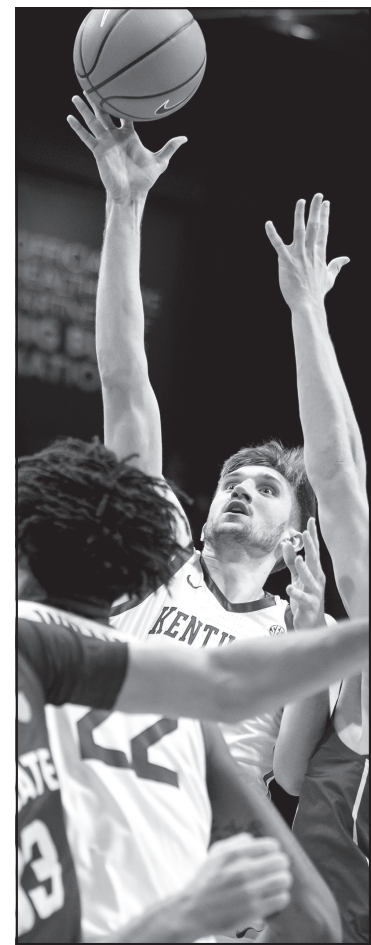


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## 2025 NCAA TOURNAMENT EAST REGION

**BYU vs. VCU**  
**Thursday, March 20**  
**Ball Arena**  
**Denver, CO**  
**4:05 pm TNT**

		<b>Coch:</b> Ryan Odom <b>Record:</b> 28-6 (15-3) <b>NET Ranking:</b> 31	<b>Conference:</b> Atlantic 10 <b>Odds to Win:</b> 1,000,000/1 <b>Quad 1 Record:</b> 2-1	<b>Bid:</b> Automatic Qualifier <b>Scoring Offense:</b> #83 (77.4 points) <b>Scoring Defense:</b> #9 (62.4 points)
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**Wisconsin vs. Montana**  
**Thursday, March 20**  
**Ball Arena**  
**Denver, CO**  
**1:30 pm TNT**

14

Griz

**Coach:** Travis DeCuire

**Record:** 29-5 (15-3)

**NET Ranking:** 144

**Conference:** Big Sky

**Odds to Win:** 1,000,000/1

**Quad 1 Record:** 0-4

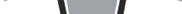
**Bid:** Automatic Qualifier

**Scoring Offense:** #98 (76.9 points)

**Scoring Defense:** #211 (72.9 points)

**St. Mary's vs. Vanderbilt**  
**Friday, March 21**  
**Rocket Arena**  
**Cleveland, OH**  
**3:15 pm truTV**

10



**Coin:** 2012-S

**Coach:** Mike Byington

**Record:** 20-12 (8-10)

**NET Ranking:** 48

**Conference:** Southeastern

**Odds to Win:** 250/1


**Quad 1 Record:** 5-9

**Bid:** At Large

**Scoring Offense:** #46 (79.6 points)

**Scoring Defense:** #259 (74.8 points)

**Alabama vs.  
Robert Morris  
Friday, March 21  
Cleveland, OH  
12:40 pm truTV**

<b>15</b>		<b>Coch:</b> Andrew Toole <b>Record:</b> 25-8 (15-5) <b>NET Ranking:</b> 140	<b>Conference:</b> Horizon <b>Odds to Win:</b> 1,000,000/1 <b>Quad 1 Record:</b> 0-1	<b>Bid:</b> Automatic Qualifier <b>Scoring Offense:</b> #96 (76.9 points) <b>Scoring Defense:</b> #131 (70.4 points)
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2025 NCAA TOURNAMENT WEST REGION

1



**Coach:** Todd Golden  
**Record:** 30-4 (14-4)  
**NET Ranking:** 4

**Conference:** Southeastern  
**Odds to Win:** 8.5/1  
**Quad 1 Record:** 11-4

**Bid:** Automatic Qualifier  
**Scoring Offense:** #3 (85.4 points)  
**Scoring Defense:** #88 (69.0 points)

16



**Coach:** Robert Jones  
**Record:** 24-10 (11-3)  
**NET Ranking:** 183

**Conference:** Mid-Eastern Ath.  
**Odds to Win:** 1,000,000/1  
**Quad 1 Record:** 0-2

**Bid:** Automatic Qualifier  
**Scoring Offense:** #88 (77.3 points)  
**Scoring Defense:** #87 (69.0 points)

Florida vs. Norfolk State

Friday, March 21

Lenovo Center

Raleigh, NC

6:50 pm TNT

8



**Coach:** Dan Hurley  
**Record:** 23-10 (14-6)  
**NET Ranking:** 32

**Conference:** Big East  
**Odds to Win:** 66/1  
**Quad 1 Record:** 6-6

**Bid:** At Large  
**Scoring Offense:** #86 (77.4 points)  
**Scoring Defense:** #61 (68.0 points)

9



**Coach:** Porter Moser  
**Record:** 20-13 (6-12)  
**NET Ranking:** 44

**Conference:** Southeastern  
**Odds to Win:** 500/1  
**Quad 1 Record:** 7-11

**Bid:** At Large  
**Scoring Offense:** #59 (78.8 points)  
**Scoring Defense:** #261 (74.8 points)

UConn vs. Oklahoma

Friday, March 21

Lenovo Center

Raleigh, NC

9:25 pm TNT

5



**Coach:** Penny Hardaway  
**Record:** 29-5 (16-2)  
**NET Ranking:** 50

**Conference:** American Athletic  
**Odds to Win:** 150/1  
**Quad 1 Record:** 6-1

**Bid:** Automatic Qualifier  
**Scoring Offense:** #38 (80.0 points)  
**Scoring Defense:** #218 (73.3 points)

12



**Coach:** Niko Medved  
**Record:** 25-9 (16-4)  
**NET Ranking:** 47

**Conference:** Mountain West  
**Odds to Win:** 1,000/1  
**Quad 1 Record:** 3-5

**Bid:** At Large  
**Scoring Offense:** #137 (75.2 points)  
**Scoring Defense:** #45 (67.1 points)

Memphis vs. Colorado State


Friday, March 21

Climate Pledge Arena

Seattle, WA

2 pm TBS

4




**Coach:** Kevin Willard  
**Record:** 25-8 (14-6)  
**NET Ranking:** 10

**Conference:** Big Ten  
**Odds to Win:** 50/1  
**Quad 1 Record:** 8-7

**Bid:** At Large  
**Scoring Offense:** #22 (81.7 points)  
**Scoring Defense:** #43 (67.0 points)

13



**Coach:** Bryce Drew  
**Record:** 26-7 (13-3)  
**NET Ranking:** 92

**Conference:** Western Athletic  
**Odds to Win:** 1,000/1  
**Quad 1 Record:** 0-1

**Bid:** Automatic Qualifier  
**Scoring Offense:** #54 (79.2 points)  
**Scoring Defense:** #90 (69.1 points)

Maryland vs. Grand Canyon

Friday, March 21

Climate Pledge Arena

Seattle, WA

4:35 pm TBS

2025 NCAA TOURNAMENT WEST REGION

6



**Coach:** Dennis Gates  
**Record:** 22-11 (10-8)  
**NET Ranking:** 16

**Conference:** Southeastern  
**Odds to Win:** 50/1  
**Quad 1 Record:** 7-11

**Bid:** At Large  
**Scoring Offense:** #9 (84.5 points)  
**Scoring Defense:** #232 (73.8 points)

11



**Coach:** Ben McCollum  
**Record:** 30-3 (17-3)  
**NET Ranking:** 56

**Conference:** Missouri Valley  
**Odds to Win:** 1,000/1  
**Quad 1 Record:** 2-0

**Bid:** Automatic Qualifier  
**Scoring Offense:** #280 (70.1 points)  
**Scoring Defense:** #2 (58.4 points)

Missouri vs. Drake


Thursday, March 20

Intrust Bank Arena

Wichita, KS

7:35 pm Tru TV

3



**Coach:** Grant McCasland  
**Record:** 25-8 (15-5)  
**NET Ranking:** 7

**Conference:** Big 12  
**Odds to Win:** 33/1  
**Quad 1 Record:** 9-5

**Bid:** At Large  
**Scoring Offense:** #29 (80.9 points)  
**Scoring Defense:** #56 (67.6 points)

14



**Coach:** Takayo Siddle  
**Record:** 27-7 (14-4)  
**NET Ranking:** 103

**Conference:** Colonial Athletic  
**Odds to Win:** 1,000,000/1  
**Quad 1 Record:** 0-1

**Bid:** Automatic Qualifier  
**Scoring Offense:** #49 (79.4 points)  
**Scoring Defense:** #113 (69.9 points)

Texas Tech vs. UNCW

Thursday, March 20

Intrust Bank Arena

Wichita, KS

10:10 pm Tru TV

7




**Coach:** Bill Self  
**Record:** 20-11 (11-9)  
**NET Ranking:** 18

**Conference:** Big 12  
**Odds to Win:** 75/1  
**Quad 1 Record:** 5-10

**Bid:** At Large  
**Scoring Offense:** #131 (75.5 points)  
**Scoring Defense:** #61 (67.9 points)

10



**Coach:** John Calipari  
**Record:** 19-12 (8-10)  
**NET Ranking:** 39

**Conference:** Southeastern  
**Odds to Win:** 150/1  
**Quad 1 Record:** 6-9

**Bid:** At Large  
**Scoring Offense:** #101 (76.6 points)  
**Scoring Defense:** #142 (70.9 points)

Kansas vs. Arkansas


Thursday, March 20

Amica Mutual Pavilion

Providence, RI

7:10 pm CBS

2




**Coach:** Rick Pitino  
**Record:** 30-4 (18-2)  
**NET Ranking:** 13

**Conference:** Big East  
**Odds to Win:** 25/1  
**Quad 1 Record:** 6-4

**Bid:** Automatic Qualifier  
**Scoring Offense:** #66 (78.7 points)  
**Scoring Defense:** #31 (65.9 points)

15



**Coach:** Chris Crutchfield  
**Record:** 22-12 (13-3)  
**NET Ranking:** 165

**Conference:** Summit League  
**Odds to Win:** 1,000,000/1  
**Quad 1 Record:** 0-1

**Bid:** Automatic Qualifier  
**Scoring Offense:** #78 (78.1 points)  
**Scoring Defense:** #263 (75.0 points)

St. John's vs. Omaha

Thursday, March 20

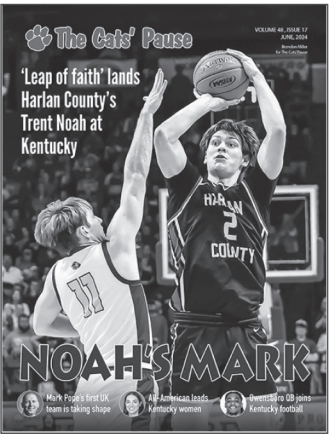
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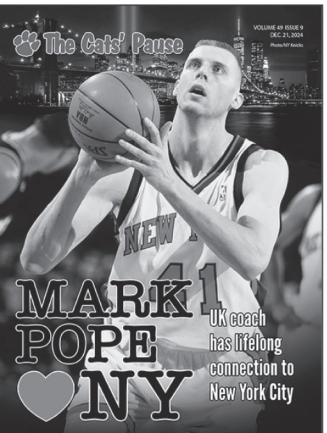
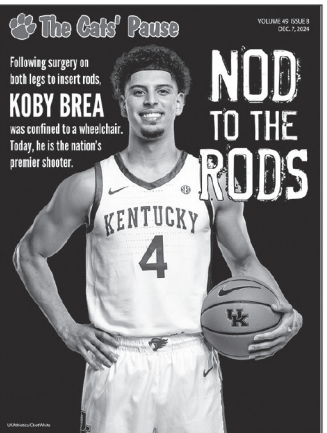
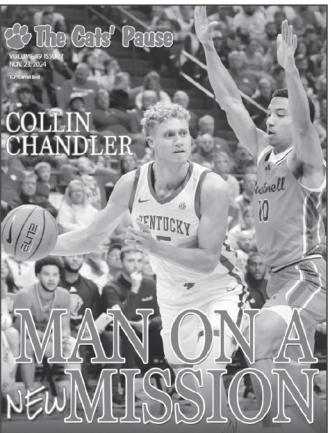
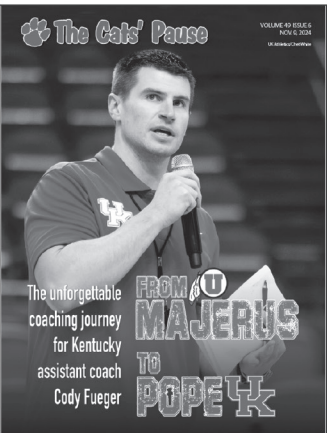
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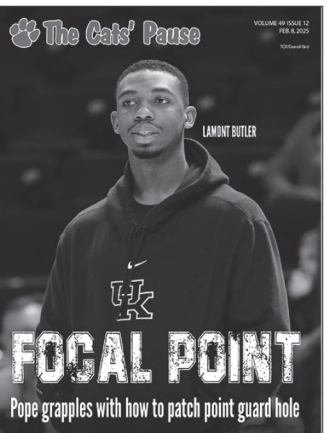
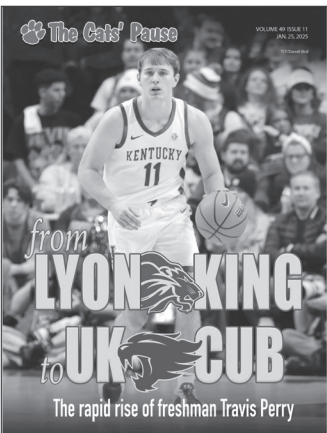
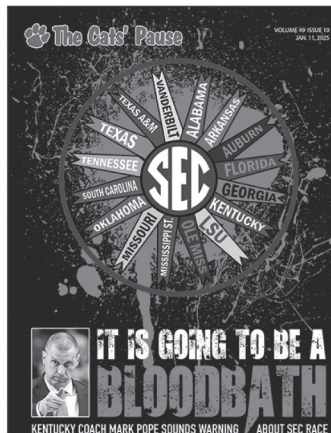
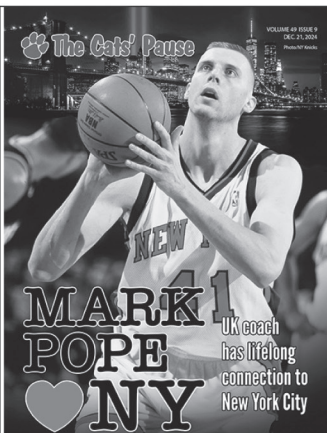
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