Bob Watkins' **Sports In Kentucky**

Baseball playoff races: Give me time with Lilliputians from Bowling Green



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Watching a baseball game at a Major League big yard via television then, clicking the remote to a game in Williamsport, Pennsylvania brings to mind another of those "only in America" moments.

First, the big people recognizable mostly by whiskers of various fullness and glove adjustment. Click! Presto, the Lilliputians from Gulliver's Travels. In a monant race in the NL Central, open last week and out came 2024. Game III will be at Meput down the remote.

Kelley, manager of Bowling Green East's All-Stars: "To come here, be here, and then get a win is just huge," he told the Bowling Green fodder. Daily News.

a kids game for money and kinda perfect. fame. Yawn.

(starry-eyed) play for pals Atlanta. in the dugout, Mom and Dad, friends at school, and tucky opens at Vanderbilt. a some-day-dream-maybe.

a Never-Forget-Place at a ranked 61st. special time of life.

 $\sqrt{10}$ For the kids, bonding

in success and learn how to handle the other kind (on national television too).

 $\sqrt{1}$ For kids, in our instant digital age, Bowling Green ville and Indiana will play of-who they are.

 $\sqrt{10}$ For us, when games are done, tournament fin- made fashionable in 1980s ished, and star-struck kids are back on the school bus, found the reset button in the there are the delicious re- no-go-zone made by Unisiduals – photographs, videos, newspaper clips and John Calipari who said memories brought home 'nyet' to an IU reset three from Williamsport.

For Bowling Green's baseball best, for all their sier fans and forward-look- land, no rivalry has higher lives, Priceless.

KENTUCKY FOOTBALL

Things we can say with tucky Wildcats?

lots of spitting and hitting offense and defense, UK is. September 2023 at India-Can they run and be SEC napolis. quick enough?

> to say. Goal is being in Atlanta in November.

locker room bulletin board ington, fan attractive.

• At No. 26, Louisville Louisville is. Click: Little Leaguers opens with No. 3 Auburn in

• At 77th, Kentucky Kids decked out in fancy opens at home with La. La- 50. baseball duds playin' ball at fayette. Ragin' Cajuns are

Finally ...

LOUISVILLE-IU PERESTROIKA

Universities of Louisnext year.

- UofL and IU officials versity of Kentucky CEO years ago.

Bully for Cards and Hoo-America, Ilove this place! all, River City-to-Bloomington is as geographically natural for any fan-passionate rivalry, isn't it?

FOOTBALL. As ridiccertainty about the Ken- ulous it is, this series will begin during second term $\sqrt{\text{Large. Across its front, of the next U.S. president,}}$

 $\sqrt{\text{Quarterback is Patrick John's Cardinal Stadium playing."}}$ because he thinks ment, never mind the pen- Towles whose mouth came a year later, September 7, bravado everybody wanted morial Stadium in Bloom- Jurich whistling past the From Williamsport, Rick to hear, but few have nerve ington on Sept. 6, 2025. graveyard. Perestroika ...

USA Today rankings bition: an upgrade. Series Click: Big Leaguers play D-I teams in Kentucky are with UofL is opportunity knocking, climb to where comes up in 2020, we could

• UofL stands at a reputa- from Lexington, tion level where its program • At 37th, Western Ken- can afford a non-ACC intersectional marquee series. • Ticket sales will be 50-

 $\sqrt{10}$ If the coach ain't hap- ers Life Arena in Indianap-(on national television too). py, ain't nobody happy. Last olis. Game II, December 9,

in Louisville. Game III December 8, at Assembly Hall in Bloomington.

Bottom lines? Officials arranging the East's Little Leaguers, op- football and basketball Louisville-Indiana series portunity to show the best- three times each beginning are more profit-driven than noble. We get that. But a Perestroika - restructure fan-interest-first is refreshing, a kind of Perestroika.

> By contrast, UK decision-makers, by rejecting Indiana overtures, demonstrates no vision and ignores fans.

 $\sqrt{\text{Kentucky}}$ and Indiana football need each other.

 $\sqrt{1}$ In basketball's hearting school officials. After interest nationally. **JURICH ON**

KENTUCKY SERIES

The Governor's Cup would be more popular at the front of the schedule, Tom Jurich opined at a Louisville luncheon last week, but doesn't think it will happen. But, "... only con-Game II is set for Papa cern I have is that we keep it's good for the state.

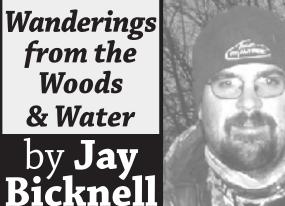
Noble idea, but could be

Says here, if, Louisville • Game sites: Indianapo- makes consistent its rise to $\sqrt{}$ Polls. In August are lis, Louisville and Bloom- national prominence, continues to beat UK, and wins • IU football prime am- recruiting battles for Jefferson County high school talent, when contract renewal see a new Plan A or Plan B

A. "Getting to the SEC title game, we don't need a non-league game like this at the end of regular season."

And so it goes.

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Bicknell #2, #3 & #4 And A Birthday Squirrel Hunt

A big "Happy Birthday" shout out to #3 Bicknell Josh. He turned the big 06.

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Josh wanted to go squirrel hunting for his birthday. So that's what we did. We had #2 and #4 Bicknell join us.

Josh had been asking me for a while to go squirrel hunting for his birthday. The plan started out as just Josh and dad going hunting. His brother Jake AKA #2 asked if he could go. Josh gave Jake the green light to go. The boys were ready to go after some tree rats. They only asked me around 8000 times "is it time to go dad!!"

When we finally got ready to leave the house and hit the woods, we made it to the door when little sister #4 Brinley informed us she was going. I told her she needed to change. In the blink of an eye she had her camo and boots on. Out the door to the woods behind the house we went.

Something I knew that was reinforced on our hunt. Trying to keep a 4 year old, 6 year old, and a 7 year old quiet and still is impossible. We did have a hard time sitting tried sitting for a few minutes still. Josh was getting a little and watch a patch of woods upset because his sister was were the squirrels had been being a little fidgety. cutting.

ley said quietly while holdlittle squirrel"! I think she was ready to shoot a squirrel. She





#4 Brinley Bicknell ready for some squirrel hunting

We decided to make a While we were sitting Brin- move. We hadn't walked too far when a squirrel walked ing her cricket "come here out on a limb at 20 yards. We tried getting Josh's gun loaded, but by the time we did the squirrel took off.



B. "... playing in the al-BASKETBALL. First ways-tough SEC, we need game is New Year's Eve, to go in another direction in 2016. At neutral site Bank- our none-league games."