

Bob Watkins' Sports In Kentucky

A Natural: Kid Kash commits to college on America's birthday



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Kash Daniel flexing his pipes and a commit to Kentucky football on America's birthday was as star-spangled-banner natural as Roy Hobbs holding a stick called Wonder Boy.

Paintsville-to-Kentucky, Kid Kash is like native sons Joey Couch going to Flagship U. in the '80s, Tim Couch in the 90s, Patrick Towles and Drew Barker more recently.

How is this commit different? Daniel is 19th commit in a class of much touted high schoolers going with him, including Wesley Jackson from Versailles, Landon Young and Davonte Robinson from Lexington, Zy'Aire Hughes from Paducah, and stay tuned.

And so, (re)born on the 4th of July, Daniel's commit represents newest sparkle of hope that prosperity is on the horizon for football at Kentucky. Again.

What does Daniel's commit mean?

√ Nine weeks before Kentucky's season opener, the word Yahtzee was back

in play. Football conversation put in in shadow for a moment or two, Karl Anthony Towns-to-Jamal Murray roundball, and whatever radio/television talk show John Calipari can get on these days.

√ A nationally rated linebacker staying home in the Bluegrass might cause a yawn in Tuscaloosa, but after On, On UofK, the sweet-to-the-ears chorus to Blue Nation is "... I wanna help the Cats win an SEC championship."

√ Rallies brethren in his class to help recruit more.

√ Daniel and pals could become transition men - their promising future to cool the not-quite-hot seat under Mark Stoop's rump as experts project no better than six wins in Lexington this autumn.

√ Daniel's commit came with a bit of theatric swagger and muscle-flex bravado to amuse the restless natives who will recognize it as linebacker body language and first signs of leadership to inspire teammates.

√ For long-time Wildcat fans, this could be an on-field personality to remind them of Swagger Men from Saturdays past - Wesley Woodyard, Sweetpea Burns, Jim Kovach, Tom Ranieri, Dave Roller, Mike Siganos and Lou Michaels.

√ Rally at the ticket window? Season opener two months away and ticket-buying for UK's eight home games, has been tepid. A media flurry of commit news might bolster ticket

sales. √ Finally, the name, Kash. Refreshing with a strut to it. And, a new emphasis on currency-with-a-K with nothing to do with cash-with-a-Calipari.

U20s HILLTOPPER THREE

Western Kentucky basketball fans can get a summertime preview of three Hilltoppers when they play for Britain and Latvia in the FIBA under 20-European championships this week in Italy.

Junior Ben Lawson and freshman Nathan Smith will play for England, and freshman Kristaps Gluditis for Latvia.

Lawson played for his homeland in the 2013 U18 European Championship and the 2014 U20 tournament.

Competition for all three should be critically to their futures playing for Ray Harper at WKU next winter.

U19s AND LOUISVILLE'S ONUAKU

One good thing going on in Greece last Sunday - USA's Under-19s team made it back-to-back titles at the FIBA World Championships for the first time since 1983, beating Croatia in overtime, 79-71, Sunday.

Louisville sophomore Chinanu Onuaku "provided valuable minutes as an additional interior defender," a FOX Sports release said. Onuaku had six points, eight rebounds and four blocked shots.

READERS (RIGHT) WRITE

"With UK fans hand-wringing lately about John Calipari leaving Kentucky for the NBA, what coach in college ranks today would be a good fit to replace Calipari, and what coach would not?"

Two who 'get it about UK' and could take over in Lexington seamlessly are Bruce Pearl at Auburn and Billy Donovan, Oklahoma City.

A list of college coaches who could never handle the Kentucky job might be more intriguing. Atop my list would be Bo Ryan at Wisconsin, followed by Brad Stevens, Boston Celtics.

In 21st century college hoops Ryan is too Adolph Rupp-like-honest, straightforward, blunt, demanding, committed to enriching young men by education, and to this remark he made after the Final Four: "I like trying to build from within. That's just the way I am."

As for Brad Stevens at Kentucky? Nada. Besides, he already has an on-the-books NBA job.

WORTH REPEATING DEPT.

Wealth after all, is a relative thing since he who has little and wants less is richer than he who has much and wants more. - Charles Caleb Colton

And so it goes.

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Wanderings from the Woods & Water

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Here We Go Again (Part 2)

I hadn't planned on doing a part 2 but due to some comments I got, I figured I needed to do a follow up. Over the 4th of July I was texting all the soldiers I knew, thanking them for my Freedom. Our Freedom has come at a high cost. Our Freedom has been paved by the blood of soldiers. As these brave men and women risk their life to protect Freedom our government is taking it away!

I mentioned in part 1 that nowhere in the Constitution did it say people had a right to free cell phones, free healthcare, and free food via the taxpayer. I did receive some negative comments on that statement even though it's a 100% true. Let me explain where I am coming from. I don't have a problem with taxes to pay for the necessities. I don't even have a problem with welfare. My problem is when welfare is abused. I have a problem when it is mis-used by politicians to buy votes. I guess I didn't pay as much attention to taxes until I started a business.

We work hard for our money. When we get a check, we automatically take 25% out for taxes. That's 25 cents out of every dollar. That's 25 dollars out of every 100 dollars. That's 250 dollars out of every 1000 dollars. That's 2500 out of every 10,000. That's 25,000 out of every 100,000. That's 250,000 out of every 1 million dollars. Actually the percentage of what gets taken out goes up with the more you make.

You see, we have to pay a ton of money for insurance because it's required. We have to pay our cell phone bills. We even have to pay out of pocket for our health insurance. When a piece of equipment breaks down nobody is there to pay for it. We had a 3000 dollar equipment fix the first month in business. So when I see my hard earned money go to Frankfort or DC so politicians can give it away while taking away my Freedoms, well, it ticks me off! If the IRS comes knocking I am guilty until I prove my innocence. I can't use the line, I lost all my emails that had my receipts or I destroyed the server that I stored my receipts on.

As of recent, a complete nut job shoots up a church. I really have not heard any-

one blame the nut job. They blame a gun and a confederate flag. So instead of going after the nut job, here the politicians go again. They are going after guns and now confederate flags. Heck apparently the Duke Boys aided in the shooting up of the church.

Our way of life is under attack. The country is being fundamentally changed. The 1st amendment only is upheld if it fits this administration's agenda. The 2nd amendment is being done away with. In some states it is a felony to be a legal gun owner with a gun in your car. The most strict gun laws are in liberal-controlled places like Chicago. These places also have the highest crime and shooting rates. Nine people died, 46 others wounded in shootings across Chicago this Fourth of July weekend. Liberal Mayor Rahm Emanuel says it's too many guns. Funny thing, all the shootings were at the hands of criminals. Strict gun laws only hurt law abiding citizens.

A few things I believe are true. God has been kicked out of this country. Due to being kicked out, God has lifted His hedge of protection from this country. Religious freedom is close to being gone. Guns are getting closer everyday of being banned. I can guarantee when they come to get my guns and Bible I will show them all my bullets first!

The silver lining in all of this is God is in control. If you know Jesus as your Savior, one day all the worries of this world will be wiped away. Are you ready for when Gabriel blows that horn? I am and looking forward to seeing the streets of gold!

Until next week, get out and enjoy God's creation!



Hawks vs. Doves
A sharp-shinned hawk has been patrolling my yard, catching doves for an evening meal. While I understand this is nature, it is a bit unsettling to watch. One way to protect the doves is to toss seed on the ground near brush cover. The doves always find it.
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God's Pantry serves lunch at Mt. Crest

God's Pantry Food Bank is participating in the Summer Food Service Program at the following Estill County location and other counties in the Food Banks' 50 county service area. Meals will be provided to all children without charge and are the same for all children regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service. Meals will be

provided at the sites and times includes:

Estill County:

Estill County Housing Authority, 285 Mountain Crest (Irvine, KY). June 1-July 31st lunch from 11:30 AM-1:30 PM.

If you have questions regarding the Program, please contact Katie Landon at 859-288-5316

About GPFB

The mission of God's Pantry Food Bank is to reduce hunger in Kentucky through community co-

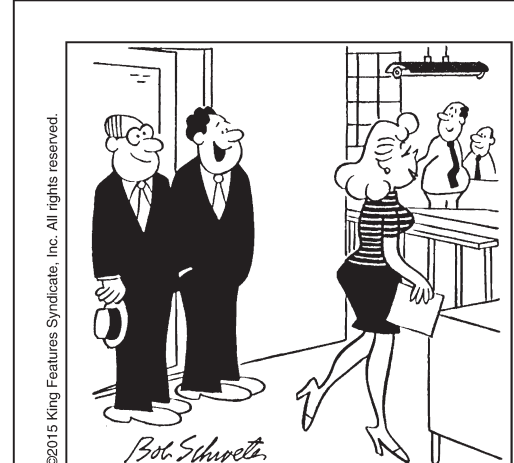
operation making the best possible use of all available resources. Along with our network of nearly 400 member agencies the Food Bank serves 50 counties of Central and Eastern Kentucky distributing \$100 worth of food for every \$10 donated.

Last year, God's Pantry Food Bank and its member agencies distributed more than 26 million pounds of groceries to more than 190,000 individuals, including 8.2

million pounds of fresh produce. God's Pantry Food Bank is a member of Feeding America.

Through community partnerships and distribution of food to 50,000 agencies, Feeding America collectively works to assure that people in need have access to a balanced diet.

For more information visit us at <http://www.godspantryfoodbank.org> or www.feedingamerica.org



"Think they'll ever come up with a 36-24-36 ?"

SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

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ROSEPUF

Blunt

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LIMBEN

TODAY'S WORD

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Back to School Night

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West Irvine Intermediate

Monday, August 3
4 p.m. - 7 p.m.

The new school year is right around the corner and we can't wait to see all of our student's smiling faces! You and your family are invited to Back to School Night at West Irvine Intermediate. Students and families will have the opportunity to meet their new teacher, tour the school, visit the Resource Fair, pick-up their student's new drive-thru car tags and enjoy a FREE dinner.

Parents and guardians will also have the opportunity to review West Irvine Intermediate's Title 1 Parent Compact and Policy. We value your feedback and input. Your comments will play an active role in your child's education at West Irvine Intermediate.

School Supplies
Don't forget the Family Resource Center can help with Back to School supplies. Please call 606-723-7733 for assistance.

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TWIN CITY CRUZERS - schedule of events

- July 10 - American Legion Car Show
- July 11 - 5-9pm - Cruise In (downtown Irvine)
- July 13 - 9am - leaving from Pizza Hut driving to Camp Nelson stopping to eat on the route
- Aug 3 - 7pm - meeting
- Aug 8 - 5-9pm - Hospice Cruise In (downtown Irvine)
- Sept 7 - noon - Cookout Cruise - leave from Pizza Hut, return to Darrell & Dorothy Hall's. for cookout and pot luck dinner at 4pm
- Sept 8 - 7pm - meeting
- Sept 12 - 5-9pm - Cruise In (downtown Irvine)
- Sept 19 - 5-8pm - Railroad Festival Car Show in Ravenna
- Oct 5 - 7pm - meeting
- Oct 10 - 5-9pm - Toys for Tots Cruise In

Estill Patriots Football

All 6th, 7th and 8th graders interested in playing Estill County Middle School Patriots football, our first meeting with players and parents will be Tuesday, July 14th at 5:30 p.m. in the middle school cafeteria. Practice will begin Wednesday, July 15th, from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Thanks, and I look forward to a great season!

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