

## BIGGEST GAMES

### KENTUCKY 20, GEORGIA 19

March 1, 1921

ATLANTA — Bill King's free throw with no time left on the clock lifted the Wildcats to the SIAA Championship, the first college basketball tournament ever played.

Georgia	8	11	—	19
Kentucky	7	13	—	20

### KENTUCKY 28, CINCINNATI 23

December 13, 1924

LEXINGTON — James McFarland scored 10 points and the Wildcats defeated the Bearcats in the first game played at Alumni Gym.

Cincinnati	9	14	—	23
Kentucky	13	15	—	28

### KENTUCKY 67, GEORGETOWN COLL. 19

December 18, 1930

LEXINGTON — The Wildcats pounded the Tigers in Adolph Rupp's debut as coach at Kentucky.

G'town Coll.	9	10	—	19
Kentucky	38	29	—	67

### KENTUCKY 35, MARQUETTE 33

February 14, 1938

LEXINGTON — Joe Hagan's 48-foot shot with 12 seconds left lifted the Wildcats over the Warriors. After the game, Gov. Chandler pounded a nail into the floor to mark the spot.

Marquette	18	15	—	33
Kentucky	18	17	—	35

### KENTUCKY 60, NOTRE DAME 55

January 23, 1943

LEXINGTON — Marvin Akers and Melvin Ticco combined for 33 points as the Wildcats beat the Fighting Irish for the first time in school history.

Notre Dame	33	22	—	55
Kentucky	27	33	—	60

### KENTUCKY 46, RHODE ISLAND 45

March 20, 1946

NEW YORK — Ralph Beard's free throw with 40 seconds left lifted the Wildcats to their first national title in the NIT.

Kentucky	26	20	—	46
Rhode Island	27	18	—	45

### UTAH 49, KENTUCKY 45

March 24, 1947

NEW YORK — Wat Misaka, a 5-8 center,

held high-scoring Ralph Beard to two points and the Utes won the NIT championship.

Kentucky	21	24	—	45
Utah	27	22	—	49

### KENTUCKY 73, WEST TEXAS STATE 43

December 1, 1950

LEXINGTON — The Wildcats made the first game played in Memorial Coliseum a memorable one as they routed the Buffaloes.

W. Texas St.	24	19	—	43
Kentucky	47	26	—	73

### GEORGIA TECH 59, KENTUCKY 58

January 8, 1955

LEXINGTON — Joe Helms' 12-foot jump shot with 12 seconds left ended the Wildcats' 129-game home winning streak.

Ga. Tech	26	33	—	59
Kentucky	23	35	—	58

### KENTUCKY 85, TEMPLE 83 (3 OT)

December 7, 1957

LEXINGTON — The longest game in UK history proved fruitful for the Wildcats as Vernon Hatton scored UK's final six points to edge the Owls.

Temple	35	30	6	4..
	8	—	83	
Kentucky	34	31	6	4..
	10	—	85	

### KENTUCKY 61, TEMPLE 60

March 21, 1958

LOUISVILLE — Vernon Hatton's layup with 17 seconds remaining pushed the Wildcats past the Owls and into the NCAA Championship game.

Temple	33	27	—	60
Kentucky	33	28	—	61

### TEXAS WESTERN 72, KENTUCKY 65

March 19, 1966

COLLEGE PARK — Bobby Joe Hill scored 20 points and Texas Western upset the top-ranked Wildcats to win the NCAA title.

Kentucky	28	37	—	65
Texas Western	31	41	—	72

### KENTUCKY 69, TENNESSEE 66

January 18, 1969

KNOXVILLE — On the road against its long-time rival, Kentucky became the first team in college basketball history to win 1,000

games.

Tennessee	36	30	—	66
Kentucky	35	34	—	69

### KENTUCKY 109, LSU 96

January 24, 1970

LEXINGTON — "Pistol" Pete Maravich poured in 64 points against the Wildcats, but Dan Issel answered with 51 as the Wildcats topped 100 points en route to victory. At the time, it was the most points ever scored (115) by opposing players in the same game.

Kentucky	56	53	—	109
LSU	48	48	—	96

### KENTUCKY 90, VANDERBILT 86

February 28, 1970

LEXINGTON — Dan Issel became the first UK player to score 2,000 career points as the Wildcats avenged their only loss of the season.

Vanderbilt	33	53	—	86
Kentucky	46	44	—	90

### FLORIDA STATE 73, KENTUCKY 54

March 18, 1972

DAYTON — The Seminoles won the Mideast Region title by routing the Wildcats in Adolph Rupp's final game as coach.

Kentucky	28	26	—	54
Florida State	34	39	—	73

### KENTUCKY 92, INDIANA 90

March 22, 1975

DAYTON — The Wildcats captured the Mideast Region title by handing the Hoosiers their first loss in 34 games.

Kentucky	44	48	—	92
Indiana	44	46	—	90

### UCLA 92, KENTUCKY 85

March 31, 1975

SAN DIEGO — Coach John Wooden closed out his coaching career by leading the Bruins to their 10th NCAA title in 12 years.

Kentucky	40	45	—	85
UCLA	43	49	—	92

**KENTUCKY 94,  
MISSISSIPPI ST. 93 (OT)**

March 8, 1976

LEXINGTON — Jack Givens keyed a late rally as the Wildcats outlasted the Bulldogs in the last game played at Memorial Coliseum.

Miss. State	50	35	8	—	93
Kentucky	42	43	9	—	94

**KENTUCKY 72,  
WISCONSIN 64**

November 27, 1976

LEXINGTON — With Adolph Rupp looking on from the stands, the Wildcats dumped the Badgers in the first game played at Rupp Arena.

Wisconsin	24	40	—	64
Kentucky	34	38	—	72

**KENTUCKY 94,  
DUKE 88**

March 27, 1978

ST. LOUIS — Jack Givens scored 41 points as the Wildcats captured their fifth NCAA title.

Kentucky	45	49	—	94
Duke	38	50	—	88

**KENTUCKY 67,  
KANSAS 66 (OT)**

December 9, 1978

LEXINGTON — After forcing overtime, the Cats were down 66-60 with 31 seconds to go. Dwight Anderson scored back-to-back baskets then stole the inbounds pass and fed Kyle Macy for the tying jumper. Macy completed the comeback by adding a technical free throw when Kansas called a timeout it didn't have.

Kansas	35	21	10	—	66
Kentucky	28	28	11	—	67

**LOUISVILLE 80,  
KENTUCKY 68 (OT)**

March 26, 1983

KNOXVILLE — The first meeting between the two teams in more than 24 years proved memorable as the Cardinals outscored the Wildcats 18-6 in overtime to advance to the Final Four.

Kentucky	37	25	6	—	68
Louisville	30	32	18	—	80

**KENTUCKY 65,  
LOUISVILLE 44**

November 26, 1983

LEXINGTON — In the first regular-season meeting in 61 years between the two in-state rivals, the Wildcats employed a swarming defense and balanced offense to roll to victory.

Louisville	20	24	—	44
Kentucky	35	30	—	65

**KENTUCKY 72,  
LOUISVILLE 67**

March 22, 1984

LEXINGTON — Winston Bennett's three-point play with 13 seconds left pushed the Wildcats into the Mideast Regional Final.

Louisville	36	31	—	67
Kentucky	32	40	—	72

**GEORGETOWN 53,  
KENTUCKY 40**

March 31, 1984

SEATTLE — The Hoyas outscored the Wildcats 23-2 at the start of the second half on their way to the NCAA title game. UK sank only three of 33 field goal attempts in the second half.

Georgetown	22	31	—	53
Kentucky	29	11	—	40

**KENTUCKY 64,  
UNLV 61**

March 16, 1985

SALT LAKE CITY — Kenny Walker scored 23 points and provided a key block in the final minutes as the Wildcats advanced to the West Regional final.

Kentucky	30	34	—	64
UNLV	30	31	—	61

**St. JOHN'S 86,  
KENTUCKY 70**

March 22, 1985

DENVER — Having announced he would retire following the game, Coach Joe B. Hall watched as the Redmen ended the Wildcats' Final Four hopes.

Kentucky	38	32	—	70
St. John's	39	47	—	86

**KENTUCKY 75,  
OKLAHOMA 74**

February 29, 1987

LEXINGTON — Richard Madison's basket with eight seconds left enabled the Wildcats to upset the No. 12 Sooners.

Oklahoma	34	40	—	74
Kentucky	35	40	—	75

**KENTUCKY 76,  
OHIO 73**

November 28, 1989

LEXINGTON — The long-awaited debut of Coach Rick Pitino and the Wildcats was worth waiting for as Reggie Hanson scored 24 points and UK held off the Bobcats.

Ohio	30	43	—	73
Kentucky	44	32	—	76

**KENTUCKY 100,  
LSU 95**

February 15, 1990

LEXINGTON — Described by many as one of the most exciting games ever played at Rupp Arena, the Wildcats burst out to an early lead and then held off Chris Jackson and the Tigers.

LSU	36	59	—	95
Kentucky	48	52	—	100

**KENTUCKY 90,  
FLORIDA 74**

February 23, 1991

LEXINGTON — Kentucky beat the Gators to become one of two schools (along with North Carolina) to win 1,500 basketball games.

Kentucky	37	53	—	90
Florida	29	45	—	74

**KENTUCKY 114,  
AUBURN 93**

March 2, 1991

LEXINGTON — Before the then-largest crowd in Rupp Arena history, the Wildcats closed out the 1990-91 season with a 22-6 overall record. Although UK was ineligible for the SEC title because of probation, the Wildcats secured the best record in the league (14-4) with the win over Auburn. A ceremony and parade followed.

Auburn	43	50	—	93
Kentucky	65	49	—	114

**KENTUCKY 80,  
ALABAMA 54**

March 15, 1992

BIRMINGHAM — Kentucky roared back from a 32-29 halftime deficit to crush Alabama, 80-54, and take the SEC Tournament championship after being banned from the event for two years.

Kentucky	29	51	—	80
Alabama	32	22	—	54

**DUKE 104,**

**KENTUCKY 103 (OT)**

March 28, 1992

PHILADELPHIA — In what many called the "greatest NCAA Tournament game ever played," Kentucky took top-ranked defending champion Duke to overtime before a desperation shot by Christian Laettner sent the Blue Devils to the Final Four.

Kentucky	45	48	10	—	103
Duke	50	43	11	—	104

**KENTUCKY 106,  
FLORIDA STATE 81**

March 27, 1993

CHARLOTTE — Kentucky beat Florida State to advance to the NCAA Final Four in New Orleans. The victory completed a string of four games in which the Wildcats

blitzed their Southeast Region opponents by an average of 31.0 points — the largest margin of victory by a team through four games en route to the Final Four.

Florida St.	46	35	—	81
Kentucky	54	52	—	106

**MICHIGAN 81,  
KENTUCKY 78 (OT)**

**April 3, 1993**  
NEW ORLEANS — Kentucky faced Michigan in the NCAA semifinals, marking UK's 10th Final Four appearance. An 81-78 overtime loss to the Wolverines ended the Cats' season at 30-4 and marked All-American Jamal Mashburn's last game in UK blue.

Kentucky	35	36	7	—	78
Michigan	40	31	10	—	81

**KENTUCKY 99,  
LSU 95**

**February 15, 1994**  
BATON ROUGE — Trailing by 31 points with 15:34 remaining in the game, the Wildcats went on a tear. They hit 11 three-pointers and outscored the Tigers 62-27 during the final 15:34. UK's 99-95 win marked the greatest comeback in school history.

Kentucky	32	67	—	99
LSU	48	47	—	95

**KENTUCKY 73,  
FLORIDA 60**

**March 13, 1994**  
MEMPHIS — Kentucky faced Florida for the second time in 11 days, and for the second time, the Wildcats beat the Gators. The triumph in Memphis gave UK its third consecutive SEC Tournament title and improved the Pitino-era SEC Tourney mark to a perfect 9-0.

Kentucky	33	40	—	73
Florida	27	33	—	60

**KENTUCKY 95,  
ARKANSAS 93 (OT)**

**March 12, 1995**  
ATLANTA — Kentucky repeatedly clawed its way back in the SEC Tournament final — finding itself trailing by 19 in the first half, 12 points with nine minutes left in the second half and nine points with 1:33 remaining in overtime.

Kentucky	44	36	15	—	95
Arkansas	50	30	13	—	93

**KENTUCKY 81,  
MASSACHUSETTS 74**

**March 30, 1996**  
EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — In a rematch from an early season loss, the Wildcats fought off a late rally in the national semifinals to advance to the championship game for the first time in 18 years.

Kentucky	36	45	—	81
UMass	28	46	—	74

**KENTUCKY 76,  
SYRACUSE 67**

**April 1, 1996**  
EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Behind an NCAA title game record-tying seven three-pointers from Tony Delk, UK won its sixth national title.

Kentucky	42	34	—	76
Syracuse	33	34	—	67

**ARIZONA 84,  
KENTUCKY 79 (OT)**

**March 31, 1997**  
INDIANAPOLIS — Trying to become the second team in 24 years to repeat as national champion, Ron Mercer and Anthony Epps nailed three-pointers inside the last minute to force overtime. But with four Wildcats fouling out, Arizona outscored UK in the extra period in Rick Pitino's final game as coach at Kentucky.

Arizona	33	41	10	—	84
Kentucky	32	42	5	—	79

**KENTUCKY 86,  
DUKE 84**

**March 22, 1998**  
ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — The Wildcats fell behind by 18 points in the first half and by 17 points with 9:38 remaining in the game before avenging a 1992 loss to the Blue Devils. Cameron Mills' three-pointer with 2:15 left gave UK its first lead, 80-79, before Scott Padgett's trey with 39.4 seconds remaining broke an 81-81 tie as Kentucky advanced to the Final Four for the third consecutive year.

Kentucky	39	47	—	86
Duke	49	35	—	84

**KENTUCKY 86,  
STANFORD 85 (OT)**

**March 28, 1998**  
SAN ANTONIO — Kentucky rallied from a 10-point second-half deficit, then grabbed a five-point overtime lead, before fending off the Cardinal to advance to the title game for the third straight season. Jeff Sheppard canned three long-range three-pointers — two in the final three minutes and one in overtime — en route to a career-high 27 points.

Stanford	37	36	12	—	85
Kentucky	32	41	13	—	86

**KENTUCKY 78,  
UTAH 69**

**March 30, 1998**  
SAN ANTONIO — After being outrebounded 24-6 in the first half and trailing 41-31 at the break, the "Comeback Cats" charged from behind to win the school's seventh national title, its second in three years. It was the largest halftime deficit overcome in a title game.

Utah	41	28	—	69
Kentucky	31	47	—	78

**KENTUCKY 103,  
MARYLAND 91**

**December 12, 1998**  
LEXINGTON — The senior trio of Heshimu Evans, Scott Padgett and Wayne Turner combined to tally 73 points, 22 rebounds and 14 assists as the fifth-ranked Cats knocked off the No. 2 Terrapins, ending their 13-game win streak.

Maryland	41	50	—	91
Kentucky	54	49	—	103

**KENTUCKY 82,  
LOUISVILLE 62**

**December 29, 2001**  
LEXINGTON — Rick Pitino returned to Rupp Arena for the first time as coach of archrival Louisville but watched as Tayschaun Prince scored a game-high 18 points as UK won by 20. UK dedicated the new playing floor as "Cawood's Court" before chants of "Tub-by, Tub-by" filled the arena throughout the game.

Kentucky	36	46	—	82
Louisville	32	30	—	62

**KENTUCKY 70,  
FLORIDA 55**

February 4, 2003

LEXINGTON — Florida came to Lexington sporting a No. 1 ranking for the first time in school history, but were quickly stifled by UK's defense. The Wildcats were able to jump out to a 23-point lead at halftime, which grew to as much as 29 points during the final half as a Rupp Arena-record crowd of 24,459 watched UK earn the 70-55 victory.

Kentucky	45	23	—	70
Florida	22	33	—	55

**KENTUCKY 79, MICHIGAN  
STATE 74**

December 13, 2003

DETROIT — A basketball world-record crowd of 78,129 watch No. 8 Kentucky beat No. 21 Michigan State at Ford Field. Unlike basketball games at domes that have attracted 40,000-plus fans, the court was not tucked into an end zone, but placed on the 50-yard line in the Detroit Lions' home stadium - a true site to see.

Kentucky	49	30	—	79
Michigan St.	43	31	—	74

**KENTUCKY 67, CENTRAL  
ARKANSAS 40**

November 6, 2007

LEXINGTON — The Billy Gillispie era opened, as the Graford, Texas native made his regular season debut as the 21st coach in Kentucky history. Joe Crawford paced the Cats with 20 points while Mark Coury recorded a double-double, giving Gillispie a successful debut.

C. Arkansas	20	20	—	40
Kentucky	34	33	—	67

**KENTUCKY 90,  
TENNESSEE 72**

January 13, 2009

KNOXVILLE — Jodie Meeks had a night to remember when he broke the UK single-game scoring record scoring 54 points in leading the Wildcats to victory. Meeks finished the night 15-22 from the field (10-15 three-point range) and 14-14 from the free throw line.

Kentucky	41	49	—	90
Tennessee	37	35	—	72

**KENTUCKY 88,  
DREXEL 44**

December 21, 2009

LEXINGTON — Kentucky became the first program in college basketball history to reach the 2,000-win plateau. The Wildcats defeated Drexel 88-44 to achieve the milestone.

Drexel	20	24	—	44
Kentucky	56	32	—	88

**KENTUCKY 62,  
OHIO STATE 60**

March 25, 2011

NEWARK — Kentucky knocked off number one overall seed, Ohio State, in the Sweet 16. Brandon Knight's jumper with five seconds remaining led the fourth-seeded Wildcats over the number one-seeded Buckeyes.

Kentucky	30	32	—	62
Ohio State	30	30	—	60

**KENTUCKY 76,  
NORTH CAROLINA 69**

March 27, 2011

NEWARK — Kentucky's Elite Eight victory over North Carolina sent the Wildcats to their first Final Four in 13 years. Brandon Knight led UK with 22 points as the Cats advanced to the Final Four on a 10-game win streak.

Kentucky	38	38	—	76
North Carolina	30	39	—	69

# BIGGEST SHOTS

**A. Ralph Beard**

Mar. 20, 1946 vs. Rhode Island  
This free throw with 43 seconds left gave Adolph Rupp his first national title, 46-45.

**B. Ralph Beard**

Feb. 14, 1948 vs. Tennessee  
The buzzer-beater is still one of the longest shots (52.5") in UK history.

**C. Vernon Hatton**

Dec. 7, 1957 vs. Temple  
Hatton's 47-foot bomb from midcourt tied the game at the end of the first overtime

**D. Terry Mobley**

Dec. 31, 1963 vs. Duke  
Mobley's shot, with 7 seconds left, propelled UK past No. 1 Duke, 81-79.

**E. Kyle Macy**

Feb. 24, 1980 vs. LSU  
Macy's jumper gave the Cats the 1980 SEC crown, 76-74 in overtime.

**F. Kenny Walker**

Mar. 10, 1984 vs. Auburn  
The sophomore's 15-footer at the buzzer defeated Charles Barkley's squad for the SEC Tourney title.

**G. Cedric Jenkins**

Dec. 12, 1987 vs. Louisville  
Jenkins' tip-in gave UK a 76-75 win against its arch rival.

**H. Jeff Brassow**

Dec. 23, 1993 vs. Arizona  
Brassow tipped in a Rodrick Rhodes' miss as UK won the Maui Invitational, 93-92.

**I. Walter McCarty**

Feb. 15, 1994 vs. LSU

McCarty's three capped a 31-point comeback against the Tigers.

**J. Tony Delk**

April 1, 1996 vs. Syracuse  
His three was part of a four-point play that lifted UK to its sixth NCAA title.

**K. Scott Padgett**

Mar. 22, 1998 vs. Duke  
The three-pointer broke an 81-81 tie with 39.4 seconds left and capped a 17-point comeback.

**L. Tayshaun Prince**

Dec. 8, 2001 vs. North Carolina  
This nearly 30' 3FG from just inside the mid-court logo capped five consecutive threes by Prince to open the game.

**M. Patrick Sparks**

Dec. 18, 2004 at Louisville  
Sparks' three free-throws with no time remaining helped UK overcome a 16-point halftime deficit for a 60-58 win.

**N. DeMarcus Cousins**

Mar. 14, 2010 vs. Mississippi State  
Cousins' tip-in at the buzzer sent the game in overtime en route to UK's 26th SEC Tourney title.

**O. Brandon Knight**

Mar. 17, 2011 vs. Princeton  
Knight's driving layup with 2 secs remaining lifts UK to a 59-57 win in its NCAA Tourney opener.

**P. Brandon Knight**

Mar. 25, 2011 vs. Ohio State  
Knight knocked down a jumper with 5 secs remaining to beat No. 1 and top-seeded Ohio State 62-60 to advance to the Elite Eight.

