

# COMMONWEALTH STADIUM



**C**ommonwealth Stadium has had several upgrades over the years and the change for 2011 will be quite noticeable as new video boards are being installed in each end zone of the stadium.

The two boards, each measuring 39 by 79 feet, will bring a total of 6,162 square feet of video capability to the stadium. Installed by Daktronics, the project will cost approximately \$6 million dollars. Along with the video boards, a “ribbon board” will be installed around the upper deck of the stadium, adding more information and enjoyment to the fan experience.

In addition to the new video and ribbon boards, other changes in recent years include a new locker room for the Wildcats, a new playing surface and state-of-the-art drainage system, plus numerous concourse and seating area improvements.

The updates further enhance the home of Kentucky football, which is now in its 39th season as the lair of the Wildcats. When constructed in 1973, Commonwealth Stadium had a capacity of 57,800 and was completed at a cost of \$12 million by the firm of Huber, Hunt and Nichols. The stadium and parking areas rest on an 86-acre plot that was once part of the UK Experimental Station Farm Grounds.

New video and ribbon boards are being installed at Commonwealth for the 2011 season. The new screens will put UK among the nation's largest amounts of video square footage.

The stadium was officially opened on Sept. 15, 1973, as the Wildcats moved into their new home after spending 48 years at Stoll Field/McLean Stadium across from Memorial Coliseum. Kentucky defeated Virginia Tech in the stadium opener, 31-26, as quarterback Ernie Lewis ran for two touchdowns and threw for another TD to lead the Wildcats. Since its opening, Kentucky has played 242 games in the friendly confines, including a 130-108-4 (.545) record.

The playing area was named C.M. Newton Field, in honor of the former UK director of athletics, in 2001.

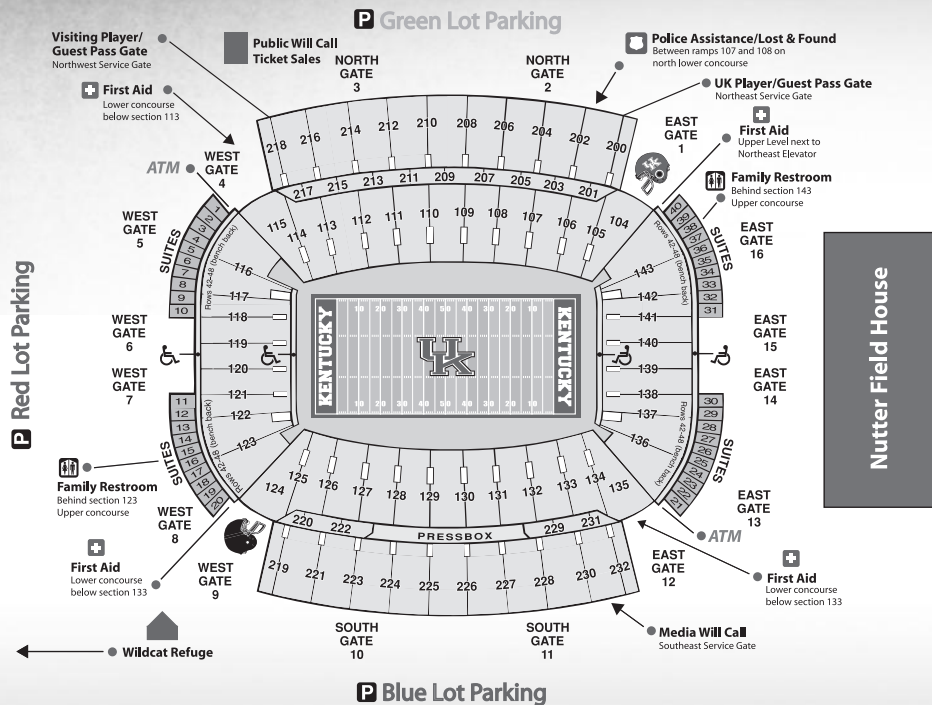
The stadium was expanded in 1999. Both end zones were enclosed, along with the construction of 40 suites, 10 in each corner of the stadium. The project was handled by HNTB of Kansas City, Mo., and Turner Construction of Cincinnati, Ohio. A total of \$27.6 million was

allocated for the expansion, which also included the original Mitsubishi Diamond Vision video boards, new scoreboards and additional restrooms and concession stands. Current capacity is now 67,942 and when the media, game workers, etc., are included, total attendance can exceed 71,000.

The larger stadium and additional fan amenities helped spark a rise in Kentucky football attendance. Since the 1999 expansion, UK has averaged 65,250 fans per game and ranked in the nation's top 25 teams in attendance for 11 seasons. Every single game and season attendance record has been broken in recent years. More than 14,000,000 people have attended games at Commonwealth Stadium.

Media facilities at the stadium begin with the enclosed press box, situated between the lower and upper decks of the stadium, which offers perhaps the closest media view of any major college stadium in the country. Included in the press box are a television broadcast booth, two radio broadcast booths, coaches booths, instant replay facility and three VIP booths. A spacious photo deck, featuring space for videographers and two auxiliary broadcast booths, is located in front of the press box. There is also a field-level room to service photographers, located in the same tunnel that the visiting team enters and exits the field.

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## KENTUCKY FOOTBALL ATTENDANCE IN COMMONWEALTH STADIUM

Year	G	Total	Avg./Game
1973	5	250,055	50,011
1974	6	328,785	54,797
1975	6	341,204	56,867
1976	7	393,483	56,211
1977	5	288,990	57,798
1978	6	346,341	57,723
1979	5	289,042	57,808
1980	7	392,898	56,128
1981	6	334,837	55,809
1982	6	329,207	54,867
1983	7	395,365	56,480
1984	7	387,959	55,422
1985	7	398,788	56,969
1986	7	348,802	54,971
1987	6	331,923	55,321
1988	7	337,972	48,292
1989	7	374,248	53,464
1990	6	332,840	55,473
1991	6	327,250	54,542
1992	6	324,875	54,146
1993	6	318,178	53,030
1994	7	352,012	50,287
1995	6	299,772	49,446
1996	6	243,884	40,647
1997	6	354,662	59,110
1998	6	346,422	57,737
1999	6	406,536	67,756
2000	6	392,772	65,462
2001	6	380,881	63,480
2002	7	449,084	64,155
2003	7	454,457	64,922
2004	6	374,002	62,334
2005	6	374,697	62,450
2006	7	401,307	57,330
2007	8	550,588	68,824
2008	7	486,038	69,434
2009	7	487,156	69,594
2010	7	462,488	66,070
<b>Total</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>14,057,083</b>	<b>58,087</b>
<b>Since 1999</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>5,220,006</b>	<b>65,250</b>

(Note: stadium was expanded in 1999)

Former Kentucky linebacker Terry Clayton, who is deaf, could not hear the roar of the crowd at Commonwealth Stadium. "But," Clayton said, "I can feel the rumble!"



RECAP OF GAMES PLAYED AT THE HOME OF THE WILDCATS

1973	Opponent	UK-Op	Attend
Sept. 15	Va. Tech	W 31-26	44,865
Sept. 22	Alabama	L 14-28	53,209
Oct. 13	No. Carolina	L 10-16	51,655
Nov. 3	Tulane	W 34-7	47,105
Nov. 24	Tennessee	L 14-16	53,221
		103-93	

1974	Opponent	UK-Op	Attend
Sept. 28	Indiana	W 28-22	56,191
Oct. 5	Miami (Ohio)	L 10-14	53,859
Oct. 19	LSU	W 20-13	56,535
Oct. 26	Georgia	L 20-24	54,362
Nov. 9	Vanderbilt	W 38-12	56,449
Nov. 16	Florida	W 42-24	51,389
		158-109	

1975	Opponent	UK-Op	Attend
Sept. 13	Va. Tech	W 27-8	57,149
Sept. 20	Kansas	L 10-14	57,504
Sept. 27	Maryland	T 10-10	55,292
Oct. 11	Auburn	L 9-15	57,722
Nov. 1	Tulane	W 23-10	57,505
Nov. 22	Tennessee	L 13-17	56,487
		92-74	

1976	Opponent	UK-Op	Attend
Sept. 11	Oregon State	W 38-13	54,367
Sept. 25	W. Virginia	W 14-10	57,672
Oct. 2	Penn State	W 22-6	57,330
Oct. 16	LSU	W 21-7	57,732
Oct. 23	Georgia	L 7-31	57,733
Nov. 6	Vanderbilt	W 14-0	56,042
Nov. 13	Florida	W 28-9	52,207
		144-76	

1977	Opponent	UK-Op	Attend
Sept. 10	No. Carolina	W 10-7	57,720
Sept. 24	W. Virginia	W 28-13	57,791
Oct. 8	Miss. State	W 23-7	57,793
Oct. 29	Va. Tech	W 32-0	57,793
Nov. 19	Tennessee	W 21-17	57,893
		114-44	

1978	Opponent	UK-Op	Attend
Sept. 23	Baylor	W 25-21	57,849
Oct. 7	Penn State	L 0-30	57,968
Oct. 21	LSU	L 0-21	57,849
Oct. 28	Georgia	L 16-17	57,022
Nov. 11	Vanderbilt	W 53-2	57,800
Nov. 18	Florida	L 16-18	57,853
		110-109	

1979	Opponent	UK-Op	Attend
Sept. 15	Miami (Ohio)	L 14-15	57,849
Sept. 29	Maryland	W 14-7	57,847
Oct. 13	Ole Miss	W 14-3	57,847
Nov. 3	BGSU	W 20-14	57,500
Nov. 24	Tennessee	L 17-20	57,999
		79-59	

1980	Opponent	UK-Op	Attend
Sept. 6	Utah State	W 17-10	57,900
Sept. 20	Indiana	L 30-36	57,808
Sept. 27	BGSU	W 21-20	55,627
Oct. 18	LSU	L 10-17	57,853
Oct. 25	Georgia	L 0-27	57,239
Nov. 8	Vanderbilt	W 31-10	54,705
Nov. 15	Florida	L 15-17	51,766
		124-137	

1981	Opponent	UK-Op	Attend
Sept. 5	N. Texas St.	W 28-6	53,276
Sept. 19	Alabama	L 10-19	57,853
Oct. 3	Clemson	L 3-21	57,071
Oct. 10	So. Carolina	L 14-28	57,553
Oct. 31	Va. Tech	L 3-29	54,500
Nov. 21	Tennessee	W 21-10	54,604
		79-113	

1982	Opponent	UK-Op	Attend
Sept. 18	Oklahoma	L 8-29	57,850
Sept. 25	Kansas	T 13-13	54,942
Oct. 16	LSU	L 10-34	55,557
Oct. 23	Georgia	L 14-27	56,897
Nov. 6	Vanderbilt	L 10-23	55,102
Nov. 13	Florida	L 13-39	49,059
		68-165	

1983	Opponent	UK-Op	Attend
Sept. 3	C. Michigan	W 31-14	51,232
Sept. 10	Kansas State	W 31-12	56,123
Sept. 17	Indiana	W 24-13	56,825
Sept. 24	Tulane	W 26-14	57,424
Oct. 8	Auburn	L 21-49	57,987
Oct. 29	Cincinnati	T 13-13	57,789
Nov. 19	Tennessee	L 0-10	57,985
		146-125	



Fans tore down the Commonwealth Stadium goalposts twice, following the 1997 win over Alabama and the 2006 victory (shown here) vs. Georgia.

1984	Opponent	UK-Op	Attend
Sept. 8	Kent State	W 42-0	56,402
Oct. 6	Rutgers	W 27-14	58,010
Oct. 20	LSU	L 10-36	57,252
Oct. 27	Georgia	L 7-37	56,032
Nov. 3	N. Texas St.	W 31-7	54,328
Nov. 10	Vanderbilt	W 27-18	53,112
Nov. 17	Florida	L 17-25	52,823
		161-137	

1985	Opponent	UK-Op	Attend
Sept. 14	BGSU	L 26-30	57,620
Sept. 21	Tulane	W 16-11	56,812
Sept. 28	Cincinnati	W 27-7	57,192
Oct. 5	Clemson	W 26-7	58,230
Oct. 12	Miss. State	W 33-19	58,345
Nov. 2	E. Tennessee	W 23-13	53,429
Nov. 23	Tennessee	L 0-42	57,160
		151-129	

1986	Opponent	UK-Op	Attend
Sept. 13	Rutgers	T 16-16	57,424
Sept. 20	Kent State	W 37-12	54,865
Oct. 4	So. Miss.	W 32-0	58,102
Oct. 18	LSU	L 16-25	57,201
Oct. 25	Georgia	L 9-31	56,820
Nov. 8	Vanderbilt	W 34-22	48,230
Nov. 15	Florida	W 10-3	52,160
		154-109	

1987	Opponent	UK-Op	Attend
Sept. 12	Utah State	W 41-0	55,279
Sept. 19	Indiana	W 34-15	57,924
Oct. 3	Ohio	W 28-0	53,329
Oct. 10	Ole Miss	W 35-6	57,832
Oct. 31	Va. Tech	W 14-7	50,432
Nov. 21	Tennessee	L 22-24	57,127
		174-52	

1988	Opponent	UK-Op	Attend
Sept. 3	C. Michigan	W 18-7	41,736
Sept. 24	Kent State	W 38-14	47,989
Oct. 1	Alabama	L 27-31	53,442
Oct. 22	Georgia	W 16-10	50,416
Oct. 29	So. Illinois	W 24-10	50,093
Nov. 5	Vanderbilt	W 14-13	44,105
Nov. 12	Florida	L 19-24	50,191
		156-109	

1989	Opponent	UK-Op	Attend
Sept. 9	Indiana	W 17-14	58,216
Sept. 16	N. Carolina	W 13-6	50,174
Oct. 7	Auburn	L 12-24	55,688
Oct. 14	Rutgers	W 33-26	54,771
Oct. 21	LSU	W 27-21	53,967
Nov. 4	Cincinnati	W 31-0	46,195
Nov. 25	Tennessee	L 10-31	55,237
		143-122	

1990	Opponent	UK-Op	Attend
Sept. 1	C. Michigan	W 20-17	57,550
Sept. 15	Indiana	L 24-45	58,150
Oct. 13	Miss. State	W 17-15	56,375
Oct. 27	Georgia	W 26-24	55,225
Nov. 10	Vanderbilt	W 28-21	50,400
Nov. 17	Florida	L 15-47	55,140
		130-169	

1991	Opponent	UK-Op	Attend
Sept. 7	Miami (Ohio)	W 23-20	58,100
Sept. 28	Kent State	W 24-6	56,150
Oct. 5	Ole Miss	L 14-35	56,375
Oct. 19	LSU	L 26-29	53,650
Nov. 2	Cincinnati	W 20-17	45,850
Nov. 23	Tennessee	L 7-16	57,125
		114-123	

1992	Opponent	UK-Op	Attend
Sept. 5	Central Michigan	W 21-14	56,800
Sept. 19	Indiana	W 37-25	58,450
Sept. 26	South Carolina	W 13-9	55,700
Oct. 24	Georgia	L 7-40	58,200
Oct. 31	Mississippi State	L 36-37	50,375
Nov. 7	Vanderbilt	L 7-20	45,350
		121-145	

1993	Opponent	UK-Op	Attend
Sept. 4	Kent	W 35-0	55,800
Sept. 11	Florida	L 20-24	58,175
Oct. 2	Ole Miss	W 21-0	57,075
Oct. 16	LSU	W 35-17	54,750
Nov. 13	East Carolina	W 6-3	34,500
Nov. 20	Tennessee	L 0-48	57,878
		117-92	

1994	Opponent	UK-Op	Attend
Sept. 3	Louisville	W 20-14	59,162
Sept. 17	Indiana	L 29-59	57,825
Sept. 24	South Carolina	L 9-23	56,900
Oct. 22	Georgia	L 30-34	56,125
Oct. 29	Mississippi State	L 7-47	49,500
Nov. 5	Vanderbilt	L 6-24	40,500
Nov. 12	NE Louisiana	L 14-21	32,000
		115-222	

1995	Opponent	UK-Op	Attend
Sept. 2	Louisville	L 10-13	58,967
Sept. 9	Florida	L 7-42	53,524
Sept. 30	Auburn	L 21-42	58,250
Oct. 14	LSU	W 24-16	51,500
Nov. 11	Cincinnati	W 33-14	25,231
Nov. 18	Tennessee	L 31-34	52,300
		126-161	

1996	Opponent	UK-Op	Attend
Aug. 31	Louisville	L 14-38	59,384
Sept. 21	Indiana	W 3-0	40,500
Oct. 12	South Carolina	L 14-25	50,500
Oct. 26	Georgia	W 24-17	34,000
Nov. 9	Mississippi State	W 24-21	26,500
Nov. 16	Vanderbilt	W 25-0	33,000
		104-101	

1997	Opponent	UK-Op	Attend
Aug. 30	Louisville	W 38-24	59,186
Sept. 27	Florida	L 28-55	59,224
Oct. 4	Alabama (1 OT)	W 40-34	59,226
Oct. 18	NE Louisiana	W 49-14	57,500
Nov. 1	LSU	L 28-63	58,450
Nov. 22	Tennessee	L 31-59	61,076
		214-249	

1998	Opponent	UK-Op	Attend
Sept. 12	Eastern Kentucky	W 52-7	57,776
Sept. 19	Indiana	W 31-27	57,788
Oct. 10	South Carolina	W 33-28	57,739
Oct. 24	Georgia	L 26-28	57,838
Nov. 7	Mississippi State	W 37-35	57,760
Nov. 14	Vanderbilt	W 55-17	57,521
		234-142	

1999	Opponent	UK-Op	Attend
Sept. 4	Louisville	L 28-56	70,692
Sept. 11	Connecticut	W 45-14	63,879
Sept. 25	Florida	L 10-38	70,971
Oct. 2	Arkansas	W 31-20	62,602
Oct. 16	Louisiana State	W 31-5	67,370
Nov. 20	Tennessee	L 21-56	71,022
		166-189	

2000	Opponent	UK-Op	Attend
Sept. 9	South Florida	W 27-9	63,821
Sept. 16	Indiana	W 41-34	70,776
Oct. 7	South Carolina	L 17-20	69,334
Oct. 21	Georgia	L 30-34	68,565

# COMMONWEALTH STADIUM RECORDS

## KENTUCKY VS. ALL OPPONENTS IN COMMONWEALTH STADIUM

Team	G	W	L	T	Pct.	Streak
Akron	1	1	0	0	1.000	Won 1
Alabama	6	1	5	0	.167	Lost 2
Arkansas	3	2	1	0	.667	Won 1
Auburn	6	0	6	0	.000	Lost 6
Ball State	1	1	0	0	1.000	Won 1
Baylor	1	1	0	0	1.000	Won 1
Bowling Green	3	2	1	0	.667	Lost 1
Central Michigan	5	5	0	0	1.000	Won 5
Charleston Southern	1	1	0	0	1.000	Won 1
Cincinnati	5	4	0	1	.900	Won 4
Clemson	2	1	1	0	.500	Won 1
Connecticut	1	1	0	0	1.00	Won 1
East Carolina	1	1	0	0	1.000	Won 1
Eastern Kentucky	3	3	0	0	1.000	Won 3
East Tennessee State	1	1	0	0	1.000	Won 1
Florida	18	3	15	0	.167	Lost 11
Florida Atlantic	1	1	0	0	1.000	Won 1
Georgia	19	4	15	0	.210	Lost 2
Idaho State	1	1	0	0	1.000	Won 1
Indiana	13	10	3	0	.769	Won 5
Kansas	2	0	1	1	.250	Tied 1
Kansas State	1	1	0	0	1.000	Won 1
Kent State	6	6	0	0	1.000	Won 6
Louisiana-Monroe	4	3	1	0	.750	Won 3
Louisiana State	16	7	9	0	.438	Won 1
Louisville	10	4	6	0	.400	Won 2
Maryland	2	1	0	1	.750	Won 1
Miami (Ohio)	3	1	2	0	.333	Won 1
Middle Tennessee	2	2	0	0	1.000	Won 2
Mississippi	6	4	2	0	.667	Won 1
Mississippi State	12	7	5	0	.583	Lost 2
Murray State	1	1	0	0	1.000	Won 1
Norfolk State	1	1	0	0	1.000	Won 1
North Carolina	3	2	1	0	.667	Won 2
North Texas State	2	2	0	0	1.000	Won 2
Ohio	3	2	1	0	.667	Lost 1
Oklahoma	1	0	1	0	.000	Lost 1
Oregon State	1	1	0	0	1.000	Won 1
Penn State	2	1	1	0	.500	Lost 1
Rutgers	3	2	0	1	.833	Won 1
South Carolina	11	3	8	0	.272	Won 1
South Florida	1	1	0	0	1.000	Won 1
Southern Illinois	1	1	0	0	1.000	Won 1
Southern Mississippi	1	1	0	0	1.000	Won 1
Tennessee	19	2	17	0	.105	Lost 14
Texas-El Paso	1	1	0	0	1.000	Won 1
Texas State	1	1	0	0	1.000	Won 1
Tulane	4	4	0	0	1.000	Won 4
Utah State	2	2	0	0	1.000	Won 2
Vanderbilt	19	14	5	0	.737	Won 1
Virginia Tech	5	4	1	0	.800	Won 1
Western Kentucky	2	2	0	0	1.000	Won 2
West Virginia	2	2	0	0	1.000	Won 2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>.242</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>.545</b>	<b>Won 2</b>

## COACHES' RECORDS IN COMMONWEALTH STADIUM

Coach	G	W	L	T	Pct.
Fran Curci (1973-81)	53	29	23	1	.557
Jerry Claiborne (1982-89)	54	32	19	3	.620
Bill Curry (1990-96)	43	21	22	0	.488
Hal Mumme (1997-2000)	24	13	11	0	.542
Guy Morriss (2001-02)	13	5	8	0	.385
Rich Brooks (2003-09)	48	25	23	0	.521
Joker Phillips (2010-present)	7	5	2	0	.714

## COMMONWEALTH STADIUM RECORDS



Most UK Consecutive Losses — 9  
(from Sept. 17, 1994 vs. Indiana through  
Sept. 30, 1995 vs. Auburn)

### INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

#### Kentucky, Single Game

Most Rushing Yards — 272, Moe Williams vs.  
Cincinnati, 1995  
Most Passing Yards — 528, Jared Lorenzen vs.  
Georgia, 2000  
Most Receptions — 16, Craig Yeast vs. Vanderbilt,  
1998  
Most Receiving Yards — 269, Craig Yeast vs.  
Vanderbilt, 1998

#### Opponent, Single Game

Most Rushing Yards — 221, Alex Smith (Indiana),  
1994; Kevin Faulk (LSU), 1997  
Most Passing Yards — 523, Peyton Manning  
(Tennessee), 1997  
Most Receptions — 15, Keith Edwards (Vanderbilt),  
1984  
Most Receiving Yards — 223, Harry Douglas  
(Louisville), 2007

### LONG PLAYS

#### Kentucky

Rushing — t85, Mark Higgs vs. Utah State, 1987  
Passing — 89, Jared Lorenzen/Derek Smith vs.  
Georgia, 2000  
Field Goal — 53, Doug Pelfrey vs. Cincinnati, 1991  
Punt — 80, Paul Calhoun vs. Indiana, 1983  
KO Return — t100, Derrick Locke vs. Western  
Kentucky, 2008  
Punt Return — t84, Rafael Little vs. Louisiana-  
Monroe, 2006  
Interception Return — t91, Greg Long vs. North  
Texas, 1981

### Opponents

Rushing — t80, Stanley Morgan (Tennessee), 1975  
Passing — t91, Buck Belue/Amp Arnold (Georgia),  
1980  
Field Goal — 54, Hap Hines (Georgia), 1996  
KO Return — t100, Willie Shelby (Alabama), 1973;  
Tyrone Prothro (Alabama), 2004; Trent Guy  
(Louisville), 2007; Brandon Boykin (Ga.), 2010  
Punt Return — t74, Todd Kinchen (LSU), 1991;  
74, Thomas Flowers (Georgia), 2004

### COMMONWEALTH STADIUM FIRSTS

First Game — Sept. 15, 1973 (UK vs. Virginia Tech)  
First Victory — UK 31, Virginia Tech 26  
(Sept. 15, 1973)  
First UK TD Run — Sonny Collins, 7 yards, vs.  
Virginia Tech (1973)  
First UK TD Pass — Ernie Lewis/Ray Barga, 13  
yards, vs. Virginia Tech (1973)  
First Overtime Game — Oct. 4, 1997 (UK 40,  
Alabama 34)

### TEAM RECORDS

#### Miscellaneous, Single Game

Most UK Points — 77 vs. Texas-El Paso (2002)  
Most Opponent Points — 63 by LSU (1997)  
Most Opponent Points (overtime) — 71 by Arkansas  
(2003)  
Most Combined Points — 94 vs. Texas-El Paso  
(2002, UK 77, UTEP 17)  
Most Combined Points (overtime) — 134 vs.  
Arkansas (2003, UA 71, UK 63)  
Widest UK Margin of Victory — 60 vs. Texas-El Paso  
(2002, UK 77, UTEP 17)  
Widest UK Margin of Defeat — 48 by Tennessee  
(1993, UT 48, UK 0)

### MISCELLANEOUS, SEASON

Most UK Wins — 6 in 1976 and 2006 (7 games)  
Most UK Losses — 6 in 1994 (7 games)  
Most UK Consecutive Wins — 8  
(from Nov. 6, 1976 vs. Vanderbilt through  
Sept. 23, 1978 vs. Baylor; also from Nov. 4, 2006  
vs. Georgia through Oct. 13, 2007 vs. LSU)