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"Once he ran 23 miles per hour in practice coming off a quad injury and when he got to Kentucky he found out it was actually torn. That speaks to the kind of athlete he is. The quickest way to let him impact the game with the ball is on special teams but I really would not be surprised to see him line up at receiver some time. He's just that special on both sides of the ball."

#### Carr excited to wear blue and white

When Kentucky volleyball coach Craig Skinner reached out to Purdue sophomore Lizzie Carr after she entered the transfer portal in December, the timing could not have been better.

Carr was in Lexington to watch her brother, Andrew Carr, play for Kentucky against Louisville in Rupp Arena.

"I think I knew a lot about the program just through him and his experiences here," said Carr, who did transfer to join Skinner's team. "The facilities for basketball, both women's and men's basketball, and then volleyball are all close together, so he knew a lot about volleyball."

She said her brother would run into UK volleyball coaches getting lunch and got to also know a lot not only about the players but even the athletic trainers.

"Just different people who represented Kentucky volleyball, he got to know them and be around them," Lizzie Carr said. "When I went into the portal and they were one of the first schools that reached out, he had nothing but great things to say about Kentucky sports.

"He also had amazing interactions with every single person he met connected with volleyball and so have I."

#### Quotes of the week

"He's always told me to stop and smell the roses, not to get too ahead of yourself or live too far in the past and just be super present with what's happening, and it helped me tonight and it's going to help me going forward," point guard Georgia Amoore after she was the sixth



Kentucky coach Mark Pope shared insights on his first year at UK with BBN Tonight host Maggie Davis. (BBN Tonight/WLEX-TV photo)

pick in the WNBA draft on advice she's received from UK coach Kenny Brooks.

"He is the most important piece of rebuilding this front court. He learned so much and is now excited to take on this mentorship role. When he came, we talked about a twoyear plan. He has huge goals and ambitions and knows how important it is to have great players around him on the front line," Kentucky coach Mark Pope on sophomore Brandon Garrison.

"We really needed him. We feel good about the quarterback room but it is nice to have him there because you know what you are getting. He is so bright and such a team guy. The nice thing about him is you kind of know what you are going to get and he can mentally bank reps and come in and function," Kentucky coach Mark Stoops on backup quarterback Beau Allen returning for another season.



Lizzie Carr, right, got information on the UK volleyball program from her brother, Andrew Carr, before she transferred to Kentucky. (Photo by Vicky Graff)



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