

# Emotional loss to Calipari, Razorbacks leaves Cats feeling hurt

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John Calipari got his first signature win at Arkansas at the expense of his former team on Saturday night.

Making a highly anticipated return to Rupp Arena, Calipari and the Razorbacks stunned No. 12 Kentucky, 89-79, handing UK its second straight home loss under first-year coach Mark Pope. The Wildcats suffered a 102-97 to No. 4 Alabama in its previous home game on Jan. 18.

Arkansas, which had lost six of its first seven Southeastern Conference encounters, relied on its outside shooting to defeat the Wildcats. The Razorbacks made 13 3-pointers and outscored Kentucky 12-2 to open the second half to fend off Kentucky.

"It's hard to win — it's hard to win in here," Calipari said. "I've got to be honest with you, Adou (Thiero) said he did the same thing — I looked up a couple of times and I thought we were losing because I kept looking at Kentucky (on the scoreboard) instead of Arkansas."

More than anything, Calipari was glad his team simply won its first road game in the league.

"We needed to win a game so it didn't matter who it was against," he said. "I made it clear it was a privilege and an honor to



Kentucky's Travis Perry has his shot blocked during the Wildcats' loss to Arkansas Saturday night. (Photo by Les Nicholson)

coach here. We had 15 unbelievable years of a great run and support."

Coming off a 78-73 win at Tennessee earlier this week, the Wildcats failed to emulate a similar performance against the struggling Razorbacks.

"Congrats to Arkansas," Pope said. "They played great basketball and they played really tough and really hard. Our guys are pretty disappointed."

Pope said his squad wasn't distracted by Calipari's return but added the Wildcats were emotionally drained following the con-

test.

"Tonight is about as hurt as we have been all season long and we talked after the game, actually," Pope said. "... It's super painful and we just can't indulge in this for very long."

Arkansas (23-8, 2-6 Southeastern Conference) notched its first conference road victory under Calipari and three former Kentucky players — Thiero, D.J. Wagner, Zvonimir Ivisic combined for 52 points for the Razorbacks. Thiero scored 21 points, followed by Wagner with 17.

Amari Williams led

Kentucky with a double-double with 22 points and 11 rebounds. Williams treated the contest just like the team's previous 20 games.

"I don't know if it was a distraction for other guys, but for me, I really have no relations to (Arkansas) and it was just another game," he said. "I felt it was like that for a few of those players too."

Jaxson Robinson followed with 20, while Ansley Almonor scored 12 and Otega Oweh finished with 10.

"Kentucky's a really

good team," Calipari said. "I mean, we're fortunate. We had to shoot 70 percent to win the game. If we don't do that, we lose the game."

Robinson said there wasn't "much to say" about the loss, but added the Wildcats can't dwell on the disappointing setback.

"We know what we did wrong and we got a game and not that 'long to prepare,'" he said (We have to focus on) just moving on — it's conference play."

For the second straight game, the Wildcats were without point guard Lamont

Butler, who sat out because of an undisclosed injury as the hosts used a makeshift backcourt in the absence of Butler.

## Tubby returns

Former Kentucky coach Tubby Smith, who led the Wildcats to a national title in 1998, also made an appearance and was introduced as the "Y" during the second half. Smith retired from coaching after a four-year stint at High Point.

## Boobirds for Calipari

There were definitely more boos, but some applause and cheers as well in Calipari's first time back in Lexington.

The Hall of Fame coach is the winningest active coach in men's college basketball and has an 867-271 mark during his stops at Massachusetts, Memphis, Kentucky and now Arkansas. He was 248-26 at Rupp Arena and led the Wildcats to a 93-77 win over Vanderbilt in his last home game at Kentucky last March 6.

Despite the early success, Calipari struggled his last two years, especially in the postseason where the Wildcats were eliminated early in the SEC Tournament and in the first weekend of the NCAA Tournament. His last game as Wildcats coach was an 80-76 loss to Oakland in the NCAA Tournament.

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Jessamine County Circuit Clerk

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**Old Business**  
**Case #9943** - Application for new ownership to continue use of Conditional Use Permit #7776 to operate a Country Club, allowing alcohol sales, and for the expansion of Conditional Use Permit #7776 to construct an additional 19,530 square foot recreational facility and an additional 5,574 square foot event facility submitted by Equestrian Woods, LLC for property zoned R-1 and located at 4932 Harrodsburg Road (formerly known as 107 Clubhouse Drive), Jessamine County, Kentucky.  
**Case #10099** - Application for a Dimensional Variance to reduce the required minimum lot size from 5- acres to 0.77-acres, the required road frontage from 200' to 64', the required rear yard setback from 25' to 10' and the required right side yard setback from 25' to 5' submitted by Yevgeniya Nesenchuk for property zoned A-1 and located at 83 Dillingham Lane, Jessamine County, Kentucky.  
**Case #10104** - Application for a Conditional Use Permit to operate a Religious Center with space for prayer gathering, athletic and classroom facilities, and 216 parking spaces submitted by Vision Engineering on behalf of Bluegrass Educational and Social Services for property zoned A-1 and located at 6289 Harrodsburg Road, Jessamine County, Kentucky.

**New Business**  
**Case #10095** - Application for a Dimensional Variance to reduce the required minimum side yard setback from 35' to 20' submitted by Shawn Combs for property zoned A-1 and located at 2238 Union Mill Road, Jessamine County, Kentucky.

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**Case #10142** - Application for a Dimensional Variance to reduce the minimum required front yard setback required by Jessamine County Zoning Ordinance Section 3.2448(2) to 30' for 14 lots proposed as a Major Subdivision Preliminary Plat submitted by Turner Management, LLC for property zoned R-1V and located at 5447 Tates Creek Road, Jessamine County, Kentucky.  
**Case #10153** - Application for a Dimensional Variance to reduce the required minimum setback from Clubhouse Drive from 30' to 23' submitted by Equestrian Woods, LLC for property zoned R-1 and located at 4932 Harrodsburg Road (formerly known as 107 Clubhouse Drive), Jessamine County, Kentucky.  
**Case #10155** - Application for a Dimensional Variance to reduce the required minimum lot size from 5- acres to 0.39- acres, the required minimum road frontage from 200' to 82.5', the required minimum front yard setback from 60' to 40', and the required

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minimum left and right side yard setbacks from 25' to 10' submitted by Ron McCoy for property zoned A-1 and located at 171 Church Street, Jessamine County, Kentucky.  
**Case #10156** - Application for a Dimensional Variance to create a new non-conforming parcel that lacks the minimum road frontage required by Section 3.221 of the Jessamine County Zoning Ordinance submitted by Pauline Rhineheimer for property zoned A-1 and located at 1821 Rhineheimer Lane, Jessamine County, Kentucky.

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