

Star basketball recruit Taylen Kinney is still considering coming to Kentucky

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An elite college basketball recruit from the commonwealth continues to whittle the list of schools in his recruitment.

And Kentucky continues to make the cut.

On Thursday, standout class of 2026 point guard Taylen Kinney announced the final eight schools in his college recruitment. Mark Pope's UK program made the list for Kinney, along with Arkansas, Indiana, Kansas, Louisville, Miami (Florida), Oregon and Texas.

Kinney is a 6-foot-1 guard who is ranked by the 247Sports Composite as a five-star recruit and as the No. 16 national prospect in the rising high school senior class. Kinney is also ranked by that service as the top point guard prospect in the 2026 class.

In July, Kinney announced a list of 12 schools that he was still considering for college. Auburn, Purdue, Tennessee and Xavier failed to make the cut from Kinney's top 12 list to his top eight list.

Kinney is a former Kentucky high school star who burst onto the basketball scene while playing for Newport High School in Northern Kentucky. While playing for the Wildcats, Kinney earned all-state honors and led the school to appearances in the Sweet 16 state tournament in both 2023 and 2024. Newport won the small-school All "A" Classic



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Class of 2026 recruit Taylen Kinney is still considering playing for Mark Pope and the UK basketball program. Kinney is a former Kentucky high school basketball star at Newport.

state championship in 2024.

In total, Kinney played three seasons of Kentucky high school basketball at Newport. He played varsity for the Wildcats as an eighth grader, freshman and sophomore. Kinney scored 1,220 points during his Newport career.

Now, Kinney is about to begin his second and final high school season with the Overtime Elite program in Atlanta. That's the same basketball development pathway that produced former UK guard Rob Dillingham and incoming UK freshman Jasper Johnson, who, like Kinney, began his prep career in Kentucky.

The 17-year-old Kinney was a standout performer during his first season at Overtime Elite, where he was teammates with John-

son on the RWE team. Kinney finished the 2024-25 OTE regular season with per-game averages of 20.1 points, 5.0 assists, 4.0 rebounds and 2.3 steals.

"He's got a high ceiling," Corey Frazier, who coached Kinney's RWE team, told the Herald-Leader last fall. "He's going to be a tremendous point guard. He competes at a high level."

So far in his recruitment, Kinney has taken official visits to Kentucky, Louisville and Purdue. But a long list of official visits is still on the horizon for the talented guard.

Kinney is supposed to be visiting Kansas this coming weekend. He also has official visits set up to Indiana, Oregon, Texas and Arkansas, which is led by former UK coach John Calipari.

Kentucky first expressed recruiting interest in Kinney when Calipari led the Wildcats. Calipari hosted Kinney for Kentucky's 2023 Big Blue Madness and Kinney was also at Rupp Arena in February when Calipari's Arkansas squad beat Kentucky in an emotionally charged contest.

Something to monitor in Kinney's recruitment is his relationship with Adidas outfitted schools. Kinney has an NIL endorsement deal with Adidas and played AAU basketball on the Adidas 3Stripes Select Basketball circuit. Overtime Elite also has an apparel deal with Adidas.

Kinney is one of 20 uncommitted class of 2026 recruits with a UK

basketball scholarship offer. Pope and the Wildcats are still looking for their first commitment from the 2026 class.

Previously, Kinney told 247Sports that he plans to make his college commitment after he takes his official visits and probably before the OTE season begins.

247Sports national basketball analyst Travis Branham recently told the Herald-Leader that Kentucky is on the outside looking in for Kinney's recruitment, despite the Wildcats continuing to make Kinney's list cuts.

"They're trying really hard on Tay Kinney, but I don't necessarily like their chances with Tay Kinney," Branham said. "I think Louisville is very much in the driver's seat of that one, and that's going to be a tough one to kind of flip at the end of the day."

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The Kentucky Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, September 9, 2025, between 1:00 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. Eastern.

The purpose of the hearing is to solicit public comments regarding (i) the application of Triangle Park Property Owner I, LLC, a tourism development project located in Fayette County; and (ii) the designation of this eligible company as a preliminarily approved company, and its consideration for final approval by the Kentucky Tourism Development Finance Authority pursuant to KRS 148.850 - 148.860.

Persons wishing to present evidence or comment on the application may participate by Zoom, in person, or in writing. Contact Kimberly Gester, Hearing Agent, for details on participating by Zoom or in person at (502) 892-3198 or by email at kimberly.gester@ky.gov. Written submissions should be sent to the Kentucky Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet, 500 Mero Street, 5th Floor, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, ATTN: Kimberly Gester, and clearly marked RE: "Triangle Park Property Owner I, LLC." Written submissions should be mailed in sufficient time to be received on or before 4:30 p.m. Eastern, Monday, September 8, 2025.

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