Meeks
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ebrated individual achievements in Kentucky basketball history, also discussed his relationship with former coaches and teammates, the evolution of college basketball and the importance of helping young athletes manage their finances.

Meeks, a 2024 inductee into the UK Athletics Hall of Fame, enjoyed a successful collegiate career before being selected 41st overall in the 2009 NBA Draft. His professional career included stops with Milwaukee, Philadelphia, Los Angeles, Detroit, Orlando, Washington and Toronto, where he was part of the Raptors' 2019 NBA championship team.

During the interview, Meeks reflected on the people who influenced him long before he became a professional basketball player. While Michael Jordan, Reggie Miller and Ray Allen were among his basketball idols, he credited his parents with establishing the foundation for his character.

"My parents were kind of my heroes," Meeks said, explaining that they emphasized academic success, discipline and staying out of trouble.

That emphasis on accountability eventually played a role in his decision to attend Kentucky.

Meeks revealed that his final five college choices were Kentucky, Florida, Alabama, Connecticut and Oklahoma State. Although Florida would likely have been his second choice, he said then-Kentucky coach Tubby Smith distinguished himself during the recruiting process by refusing to guarantee playing time or a starting position.

"He didn't promise me anything," Meeks said. "You're going to earn everything that you get in basketball."

Meeks explained that Smith's approach made him more trustworthy than coaches who promised immediate opportunities. After an in-home visit with Smith and his family, Meeks became convinced Kentucky was the right destination.

That decision eventually led to one of the most memorable nights in Wildcats history.

On Jan. 13, 2009, Meeks scored 54 points against Tennessee, establishing Kentucky's single-game scoring record. He also made 10 three-pointers in the performance, another school record.

More than 17 years later, Meeks described the experience as almost dreamlike.

"That game was a surreal moment," he said. "It seemed like every time I just got the ball, I got my arms straight, it was going in."

Meeks recalled experiencing stretches of exceptional shooting throughout high school, AAU basketball and college, but said the Tennessee game was different because that feeling lasted virtually the entire contest.

He also credited the nationally televised ESPN broadcast with introducing him to a much larger audience.

"That's kind of put me on the map," Meeks said.

The performance remains especially meaningful to Kentucky supporters, many of whom remember watching the game on television or listening on the radio. One of the show's hosts recalled being a teenager during the historic performance and realizing he was witnessing a moment that would become part of the program's history.

Meeks also remembered the exhausting aftermath of the victory. Kentucky's traveling party returned to Lexington around 4 a.m., leaving him with little time to rest before a 9:30 a.m. economics class.

Beyond his college achievements, Meeks discussed the relationships that shaped his professional career.

He identified former Kentucky teammate Joe Crawford as someone who helped him understand the importance of changing speeds on the basketball court rather than playing at maximum intensity on every possession.

In the NBA, Meeks singled out former Kentucky star Tayshaun Prince, who became a valuable mentor when the two played together in Detroit.

Prince provided guidance on nutrition, daily routines and the habits necessary to sustain a lengthy professional career.

Meeks described Prince as someone who offered an older-brother presence and genuinely cared about his development.

He also praised Andre Iguodala, his former Philadelphia 76ers teammate, for demonstrating an unselfish approach to basketball.

According to Meeks, Iguodala regularly made an effort to involve teammates offensively, even when he could have pursued his own scoring opportunities.

"He wanted everybody to be involved," Meeks said.

Meeks recalled occasions when Iguodala would ask how long it had been since he last attempted a shot. If Meeks had gone several quarters without an opportunity, Iguodala would deliberately look for him on subsequent possessions.

The former Kentucky guard said Iguodala's defensive commitment and willingness to prioritize teammates were qualities that did not always receive sufficient recognition.

Perhaps the most influential professional teammate Meeks discussed was the late Kobe Bryant.

Meeks played alongside Bryant with the Los Angeles Lakers and said the five-time NBA champion established an extraordinarily demanding standard for preparation and competitiveness.

According to Meeks, Bryant approached practices, film sessions and regular-season games with the intensity normally associated with Game 7 of the NBA Finals.

Although Bryant's competitive personality could be intimidating, Meeks said observing that mindset changed the way he approached the remainder of his career.

"Every practice, every film session, every game," Meeks said when describing Bryant's consistent expectations.

Meeks also defended Bryant against perceptions that his demanding approach reflected poor character.

"He wasn't a bad person," Meeks said, acknowledging that Bryant could be difficult while emphasizing the difference between competitive intensity and personal character.

When asked to compare basketball's greatest players, Meeks selected Michael Jordan over LeBron James, although he placed both James and Bryant among his five greatest players of all time.

Meeks said his familiarity with Bryant could influence his evaluation, given that he witnessed the Lakers legend's work ethic and ability firsthand.

His time in Los Angeles also represented a significant professional opportunity.

Meeks said playing for Kentucky helped prepare him for the attention surrounding the Lakers because both programs operate under enormous expectations and attract national audiences.

He described his Lakers tenure as the period when he received his greatest opportunity in terms of playing time and scoring production.

Despite those individual accomplishments, Meeks identified winning the 2019 NBA championship with Toronto as the defining conclusion to his playing career.

He explained that standing on the championship podium was especially meaningful after spending years watching other teams celebrate titles.

"It's just a feeling of all the hard work that you've had," Meeks said.

The championship came during his final NBA season, providing what he considered a fitting conclusion to his professional career.

Since retiring as a player, Meeks has remained involved in basketball through coaching, including work with the New Orleans Pelicans organization.

That experience prompted one of the interview's most intriguing questions: Would he consider joining Kentucky coach Mark Pope's staff?

Meeks did not dismiss the possibility.

"That would be a very flattering offer, but this year I'm taking time with my family," he said. "Maybe in the future."

He explained that a return to Lexington would be something he would seriously consider, although he is currently prioritizing family time over another coaching commitment.

His remarks were hypothetical and did not indicate that Pope or Kentucky had extended an offer.

Meeks also expressed optimism about the Wildcats under Pope, acknowledging the challenges the program has faced while voicing confidence in its direction.

The conversation occasionally turned to more controversial subjects from Kentucky basketball history.

During a segment called "Foul or No Foul," Meeks was asked whether fans should boo former Kentucky coach John Calipari when he returns to Rupp Arena as an opposing coach.

Meeks said he did not consider it inappropriate, explaining that competition changes the relationship between fans and former coaches.

"He's the enemy now," Meeks said.

He later clarified that the reaction need not be personal. Meeks compared the situation to fans booing Michael Jordan despite admiring him as a player.

His position was that supporters can respect a coach's previous accomplishments while still passionately supporting their own team.

The discussion also addressed several stories involving former Kentucky players and disciplinary practices. Meeks criticized the idea of requiring a player to return to Lexington in an equipment van instead of the team bus, describing the incident discussed by the hosts as inappropriate.

When asked about another alleged incident involving a player being required to eat Pop-Tarts to gain weight, Meeks said he was unfamiliar with the specific circumstances but considered the hypothetical practice objectionable.

In a separate discussion about the changing college basketball landscape, Meeks expressed support for athletes receiving compensation through name, image and likeness opportunities.

However, he raised concerns about the financial responsibilities facing teenagers who suddenly gain access to substantial sums of money.

"I'm always down for the players getting paid," Meeks said.

He suggested that young athletes could benefit from receiving a smaller percentage of their compensation in regular payments, with the remainder placed in a trust or another savings arrangement.

Meeks said such a system could help athletes avoid financial mistakes while preserving resources for their futures.

He also acknowledged that some young players lack experienced advisers who can help them make informed financial decisions.

The show's hosts agreed that financial education and professional guidance should become more prominent parts of college athletics as compensation opportunities continue to expand.

Throughout the appearance, Meeks also participated in games, answered audience questions and shared personal details unrelated to basketball.

When asked about a memorable rookie initiation, Meeks recalled being required to wear a diaper and sing "My Girl" in front of teammates at a restaurant during his early NBA career.

The story provided a glimpse into the locker-room traditions he encountered before social media became a dominant part of professional sports.

As the interview concluded, Meeks encouraged the show's organizers to consider future appearances by Prince and former Kentucky star John Wall.

For Kentucky supporters, the conversation offered an opportunity to revisit the career of a player whose place in program history was secured on a remarkable January night in Knoxville.

His 54-point performance remains a defining achievement, but Meeks' reflections illustrated a career shaped by far more than scoring records.

From Smith's insistence that opportunities must be earned to Bryant's relentless competitive standards, Meeks repeatedly returned to the importance of preparation, accountability and relationships.

And while his immediate future appears focused on family rather than coaching, his willingness to consider a return to Kentucky leaves open the possibility that one of the program's most accomplished guards would be willing to someday contribute to the Wildcats from the sidelines.

Lady Lions Defeated 4-0 by LCA in Last Regular Season Game

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Lexington Christian Academy delivered a commanding performance on Tuesday, October 6, defeating Garrard County High School 4-0 in girls varsity soccer at Turner Stadium in Lexington. Behind a standout offensive performance from Josie Williams and a shutout effort from goalkeeper Brie Cross, the Lady Eagles controlled the scoreboard and secured their 13th victory of the season.

Williams, wearing No. 22 for Lexington Christian, played a central role in the victory, scoring two goals and contributing two assists. Her six-point performance accounted for half of the Lady Eagles' scoring total and made her the game's leading offensive contributor.

Lexington Christian also received goals from Eleanore Clemmons and Caroline Bivens, who each found the back of the net once. Clemmons, wearing No. 15, and Bivens, wearing No. 29, contributed two points apiece to help complete the four-goal victory.

The Lady Eagles' offensive production extended beyond their goal scorers. Eliza Jane Ray and Isabella Brown each recorded an assist, while Williams added two assists of her own. Lexington Christian finished with four goals and four assists, demonstrating a balanced scoring effort that involved multiple players.

While Lexington Christian's offense provided the scoring, its defense and goalkeeping ensured Garrard County would not find a way onto the scoreboard.

Goalkeeper Brie Cross, wearing No. 1, recorded seven saves and earned the shutout. Cross finished with a perfect 1.000 save percentage, turning away all seven shots on goal she faced. Her performance helped preserve the four-goal margin and prevented Garrard County from gaining offensive momentum through a goal.

Despite the final score, Garrard County goalkeeper Claire Weaver faced considerable pressure and made several important stops. Weaver recorded eight saves while allowing four goals, finishing with a .667 save percentage. Her performance reflected the challenges presented by Lexington Christian's attacking players throughout the contest.

The goalkeeping statistics indicate that Lexington Christian registered 12 shots on goal, with four resulting in goals and eight stopped by Weaver. Garrard County, meanwhile, placed seven shots on target, all of which were saved by Cross.

The difference in finishing proved decisive. Lexington Christian converted four of its 12 shots on goal, while Garrard County was unable to convert any of its seven opportunities on target.

Williams' contributions were particularly significant. In addition to scoring twice, she helped create two additional goals through her assists, giving her a direct contribution to all four Lexington Christian goals. Her ability to contribute as both a scorer and a playmaker distinguished her performance in a contest that featured several productive offensive players.

The victory brought Lexington Christian Academy's record to 13-5-2, while Garrard County stood at 8-6-2 following the defeat.

For Garrard County, the result represented a difficult outing against an opponent that combined effective finishing with dependable goalkeeping. Although the Lady Lions generated seven shots on goal, Cross and the Lexington Christian defense prevented those opportunities from producing a goal.

The contest also highlighted the importance of goalkeeper performance on both sides. Cross delivered a clean sheet with seven saves, while Weaver's eight saves prevented Lexington Christian from adding further to its scoring total.

Lexington Christian's four-goal victory showcased the Lady Eagles' ability to produce offense through multiple players while maintaining a shutout defensively. With Williams leading the attack, Clemmons and Bivens adding goals, and Cross protecting the net, Lexington Christian put together a complete performance on its home field.

For Garrard County, the loss underscored the challenge of converting scoring opportunities against a strong defensive opponent. The Lady Lions will look to build on their offensive chances and Weaver's goalkeeping effort as they move forward.

The final result was a decisive 4-0 victory for Lexington Christian Academy, powered by Williams' two goals and two assists and Cross' seven-save shutout.

Retired Teachers
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Elleman opened the meeting by announcing the court would move proclamations to the front so guests would not have to sit through the rest of the business. He then welcomed Sam Fielder to read the proclamation aloud.

The proclamation begins by recognizing the scale of retired teachers' work, stating they devoted their careers to educating and training "literally thousands upon thousands of Kentucky's youth."

It also credits them with reaching people outside the traditional classroom. According to the document, Kentucky's retired teachers retrained or provided basic education to hundreds of adults across the state who, for one reason or another, had fallen behind in the formal education they needed for jobs and social skills.

The proclamation notes that teachers' service extended beyond their lesson plans. It states they filled valuable and diverse leadership roles in their communities and institutions throughout their careers, and that they continue that service in retirement.

It also describes teaching as the profession given the basic responsibility for launching the careers of state and national leaders and for laying the foundation for the welfare of all members of society.

The proclamation does not gloss over the conditions many educators worked under. It states that Kentucky's retired teachers "toiled ceaselessly to improve the quality of life in the state and nation," too often in less than adequate circumstances and for less than adequate pay.

The proclamation emphasizes that retired teachers remain an asset after they leave the classroom, describing them as "a tremendous pool of experience and training" that remains dedicated to bettering society.

It closes its list of reasons by describing retired teachers as "a loyal, patriotic, and conservative citizenry" that has given dedicated and dependable support to leaders in the community, state and nation.

The proclamation is issued by Elleman under the authority vested in the office of judge-executive by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

After the reading, Elleman thanked Fielder. The court also heard a second proclamation, read by County Treasurer Jennifer Seagraves, recognizing Kentucky Extension Homemakers Week, and then approved both proclamations on a single motion with no opposition.

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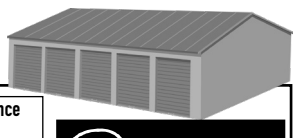

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