

UK football team mourns death of defensive lineman

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LEXINGTON — The University of Kentucky football team is mourning the passing of one of its players. Nic "Happy" Smith was a defensive lineman and a redshirt freshman from Loganville, Georgia. Smith was a sophomore in the community leadership and



Nic Smith

development program at the Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment.

School spokesman Jay Blanton said the UK Police Department received a call at 10:03 a.m. Monday reporting that a student had been found dead in a residence hall. The university announced Smith's death in

a statement later in the day. Blanton said the police department was working with the Lexington-Fayette County Coroner, and an initial investigation did not indicate that foul play was involved.

"We extend our deepest condolences to his family, friends and teammates. We ask that you respect their privacy during this difficult time," the university said in a release. "We want to remind members of our community that you do not have to

navigate this loss alone, and that support resources are available through the Office for Student Success."

"Today our hearts are broken," Kentucky football coach Will Stein said. "Our thoughts and prayers are with Nic's family, friends, teammates and everyone who knew and loved him. This is a tremendous loss for our program and university community. We will continue to support one another and honor his memory."



Tom Barr

Carroll County's Mya Hall throws the ball upcourt during summer league play last weekend in Shelbyville. Hall, the Lady Panthers' top scorer and rebounder last year as an eighth grader, is preparing for her freshman season at Carroll County.

Louisville advances to UFL title game 29-20

BY PAXTON MEDIA GROUP

ST. LOUIS — The Louisville Kings defeated the St. Louis Battlehawks 29-20 Sunday to continue the Kings' comeback from an 0-3 start on the season with a fifth straight win that sends Louisville into the United Football League's United Bowl championship in their inaugural season.

The expansion Kings opened the season with three straight losses but have now won seven of their last eight games to earn a spot in the league's title game against the DC Defenders on Saturday at Audi Field in Washington, D.C. (TV: Live on ABC at 3 p.m.). Both teams entered the playoffs with 6-4 records.

Kings' kicker Tanner Brown sealed the victory with the second of his two four-point field goals — the UFL awards four points on any successful kick longer than



60 years — to push the game out of reach in the final minutes.

Louisville also got scores when James Robinson broke free and raced 53 yards to the end zone in the first quarter against the UFL's top-ranked rush defense.

Brown's first four-point field goal — his second on the season but first in the playoffs — came on a 60-yarder for a 11-3 lead.

However, St. Louis took a 17-11 lead into halftime after the Battlehawks outscored Louisville 14-0 in the second quarter.

Louisville quickly flipped

the script to begin the second half when quarterback Chandler Rogers hit Isaiah Winstead on a 52-yard catch-and-run who then out-leap a St. Louis defender in the end zone for a score that put Louisville on top 18-17.

Battlehawks kicker Ramiz Ahmed drilled a 45-yard field goal to put St. Louis back up 20-18 before the momentum shifted to Louisville in the fourth quarter.

Louisville running back Ian Wheeler broke the game open with an 11-yard first down run followed by a 51-yard touchdown scamper and Louisville led 25-20.

St. Louis had chances late but penalties and stalled drives cost the Battlehawks including a successful challenge by Louisville coach Chris Redman that wiped out a key first down.

Louisville gained possession near midfield with seven minutes remaining only to see that drive stall. However, Brown once again came to

the rescue with a clutch 63-yard field goal for his second four-pointer of the game — the second-longest made field goal in UFL history and Brown's third four-pointer of the season — as Louisville expanded its lead to 29-20 with under five minutes to play.

The Battlehawks had one final chance when St. Louis quarterback Luis Perez drove deep into Louisville territory into the red zone late. With St. Louis needing a touchdown to keep its season alive, the Louisville defense held strong.

Louisville's Cam Gill and Lonnie Phelps recorded sacks on the final drive before Steele Chambers dived in front of a pass in the end zone for a game-clinching interception.

The Defenders, 5-5 during the regular season, upset the top-seeded Orlando Storm (8-2) 28-22 on Sunday in Daytona Beach, Florida, to advance to the league championship.

Summer Leagues

With school out and summer break underway, summer leagues are active in multiple high school sports as Kentucky high schools get in their offseason drills and conditioning before

the Kentucky High School Athletic Association's mandatory two-week summer break — known traditionally as the dead period — begins June 25 and runs through July 9.

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Ford — have ever made 100 3s in a single season. Murray (40.8%) and Monk (39.7%) had accuracy to go with the volume, but each fell well short of Momcilovic in both categories.

Only five Kentucky players have ever shot better than 45% from deep in a single season. None of those players attempted 200 shots from the perimeter. Momcilovic took 279 last season.

Ford shot 52.9% from deep during the 1992-93 season, with fellow floor-spacers like Jamal Mashburn and Dale Brown alongside him.

Ford's showing is arguably the best 3-point shooting season in program history. Only Cameron Mills has shot at a higher percentage, hitting a school-record 53.2% of his 3-pointers in 1996-97, but Ford had made (and attempted) more than twice Mills' number four years earlier.

Still, Ford made only (relatively speaking) 101 3s that season. Momcilovic made 136 last season. That's a difference of 105 points from

the perimeter.

A handful of other memorable 3-point shooting seasons by Kentucky players:

Reed Sheppard joins Mills and Ford as the only UK players to hit better than Momcilovic's 48.7% rate in a season. Sheppard shot 52.1% from deep in his only year as a Wildcat, making 75 3s that season. That's 61 fewer than Momcilovic's 2025-26 output.

Doron Lamb was perhaps the deadliest shooter of the Calipari era. He shot 48.6% as a freshman and 46.6% as a sophomore. But his total number of makes as a Wildcat was 144 3s, just eight more than Momcilovic managed in one season alone.

Tony Delk holds the all-time UK record with 283 3-pointers over his four years. As great as he was, Delk never made more than 95 3s in a single season and never shot better than 44.3%.

Keith Bogans is No. 2 on that career list, but his single-season highs were 80 makes and a 38.3% hit rate. Tayshaun Prince is No. 3 on UK's all-time list. Prince never made more than 65 3s in a single season and never shot better

than 35.8%.

Koby Brea leads the Pope era so far with 93 3s (tied for seventh in school history) and a 43.5% hit rate (14th all-time at UK) two seasons ago. Both pale in comparison to Momcilovic's Iowa State numbers.

Brea was also regarded as the nation's best 3-point shooter when he transferred to Kentucky, and his ability to space the floor by drawing in defenders opened up opportunities for other Cats, just as Pope hopes Momcilovic's presence will create better looks for teammates such as Kam Williams, Braydon Hawthorne and Alex Wilkins next season.

Momcilovic appears to be a perfect fit for Pope's offensive approach, and while Iowa State tried to find ways to create scoring chances, the Cyclones' offense wasn't necessarily built with a player like him in mind.

It's possible, perhaps likely, that Momcilovic attempts even more 3-pointers at Kentucky next season than he did last season, and if he can come close to that 2025-26 hit rate, he could very well go down as the best perimeter shooter to ever play for the Cats.



LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO CARROLL COUNTY TAXPAYERS

Danielle Maiden Kinman, Carroll County Clerk, and the Carroll County Fiscal Court, pursuant to KRS 424.330 announce that the 2025 Delinquent Real Property Tax Bills (Certificates of Delinquency) will be published in the News Democrat on June 19th, 2026. The list of Certificates of Delinquency is also available for public inspection during the hours of 8:30am - 4:30pm, Monday- Friday at the County Clerk's office located at 440 Main Street, Carrollton, KY 41008. This list may also be inspected on the Carroll County website.

The Uniform Resource Locator (URL) of the website is <http://carrollcountyclerk.ky.gov>.

The tax sale will be held on July 24th, 2026 beginning at 9:30 am. **ALL INTERESTED PARTICIPANTS MUST REGISTER WITH THE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE BY THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON July 14th, 2026.**

Please contact the County Clerk's office if you need additional information about the tax sale registration process and the required registration fee, that will be needed.

Taxpayers can continue to pay their delinquent tax bills to the County Clerk's office anytime prior to the tax sale. **Please note: All payments must be received in the County Clerk's office prior to the tax sale date listed in this advertisement. Payments receive after the tax sale has been conducted, will be returned without exception, if bill was purchased by third party.**

The following methods of payment will be accepted by the Clerk's Office from third-party purchasers: cash, check and credit card (additional charges will apply if using debit/credit card.) If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact: Danielle Kinman or Rachel Cayton at the County Clerk's Office at (502) 732-7005.

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Notice is hereby given that Carroll County Water District ("District") plans to file with the Public Service Commission on or before June 1, 2026, to adjust certain non-recurring charges. The proposed effective date is July 5, 2026. The proposed changes are as follows:

Non-Recurring Charges	Existing	Proposed	\$ Change	% Change
5/8 X3/4 Inch Meter Connection/Tap On Charges	\$ 1,040.00	\$ 1,835.00	\$ 795.00	76%

Any person may examine this tariff filing at the District office located at 205 Main Cross Street, Ghent, KY 41045; telephone (502) 347-9500.

Any person may examine this tariff filing at the PSC located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, Monday - Friday, 8:00 am - 4:30 pm or on the PSC website at <http://psc.ky.gov>; telephone (502) 564-3940.

Any person may submit comments regarding this tariff filing by mail to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, KY 40602; or through its website at <http://psc.ky.gov>.

The rates contained in this notice are the rates proposed by the District, but the PSC may order rates to be charged that differ from the proposed rates contained in this notice.

Any person may submit a timely written request for intervention by mail to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, KY 40602. The request for intervention must establish the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party.

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