

Pope, UK need next team to look more like Final Four squads

BY MARK MATHIS
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If you watched the NCAA championship game Monday night, you saw two power teams in college basketball playing for the biggest trophy.

Michigan and Connecticut were the two grown men teams fighting for the NCAA championship in Indianapolis. Before those teams took the court, Kentucky fans could see their team was nowhere close to either of those squads in terms of talent, toughness or basketball ability.

Kentucky couldn't come close to matching either of the losing semifinalists, either. Arizona was disposed of by Michigan, although Arizona was on a significant list of teams that Kentucky didn't want to see in then NCAA Tournament this year.

Illinois was the home team of the Final Four, which its campus just a few hours away from Indianapolis.

This Illinois team is vastly different from the one that Kentucky beat 84-75 to reach the Sweet 16 of the 2025 NCAA Tournament.

This Illinois team seemed to grow into a squad that could make the Final Four, from that team that came close to advancing past the first

weekend last year.

Kentucky had to replace most of the best players from coach Mark Pope's first Kentucky team. Working the transfer portal and getting what were thought to be a few key high school signees appeared to be a winning recipe that could get Kentucky in position to have a Final Four kind of season.

A \$22 million NIL price tag was put on this Kentucky squad, and it didn't play anywhere near that level. Injuries were a major cause for that, but a lot of the focus turned to Pope throughout the season. Pope's roster construction, his substitution patterns, his demeanor on the sidelines and after games, were all called into questions by those looking for answers without offering much in the way of solutions.

Change had to be an operative word for Pope this offseason. There are some staff changes coming. UK appears to be at work in the transfer portal, which officially opened on Tuesday. This needs to be Pope's best offseason working the portal in his coaching career.

He needs players who fit how he coaches. He also needs to fully develop whoever returns from this year's team.

Pope has already seen some players decide to depart Lexington. Mouhamed Dioubate was the latest Kentucky player to announce he was leaving Lexington and entering the transfer portal.

Pope wants to reset UK's roster next season, and some players who had higher compensation tags are being let go as Pope looks to build a team that can fit in its budget and on-court plans for the upcoming season.

Jaland Lowe won't be back at point guard after he missed much of this past season with a shoulder injury. Lowe will enter the transfer portal, along with freshman guard Jasper Johnson and junior center Brandon Garrison.

Roster retention of who Pope and company want to keep was pointed to as key factors on his final radio show of the season, but it was retention within the realm of the financial cap big time college athletic programs now work under.

The next few weeks will be vital in how Pope constructs his next Kentucky basketball team. Pope needs for that third UK team to look a lot more like the two that played for the NCAA championship Monday night.

Moreno declares for NBA Draft, but leaves chance for return to UK

BY KEITH TAYLOR
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LEXINGTON — Malachi Moreno is the first Kentucky player to declare for the NBA Draft this season.

In a social media post Monday, Moreno announced his plans to test the waters and enter the NBA Draft.

"After a lot of prayer and after sitting down with my family and the people I trust the most, I've decided to take the next step in chasing my dream," he said. "I will be entering the NBA Draft, while maintaining my eligibility. I'm looking forward to learning through this process, competing and continuing to develop my game as I evaluate what's best for my future."

If he opts to return to college, Moreno will remain with the Wildcats.

"Representing this state and wearing Kentucky across my chest is something I've never taken for granted," he said. "If I'm back in college next season, it'll be right here with Big Blue Nation."

As a freshman, the 2025 Kentucky Mr. Basketball from Great Crossing in Scott County averaged 7.8 points per game and 6.3 rebounds per outing. Moreno played



KEITH TAYLOR/Kentucky Today

Malachi Moreno, shown during an interview at the NCAA Tournament in St. Louis, has declared for the NBA Draft with the option of returning to Kentucky.

in 36 games and started in 30. He added a team-high 53 blocks and recorded 19 steals. He made the game-winning shot at the buzzer in a 75-74 win at LSU on Jan. 14.

Moreno was named to the All-Southeastern Conference All-Freshman Team.

"I think one of the best freshman in the country certainly has a big role on Kentucky's team," Texas coach Sean Miller said after his team's 85-80 loss to the Wildcats this season.

Following Kentucky's 82-63 loss to Iowa State in the second round of the NCAA

Tournament, Kentucky coach Mark Pope said next year's roster rebuild would be centered around Moreno and others on last year's squad.

"You're starting a first-year center and a first-year power forward and a sophomore No. 2 guard," he said. "It wasn't the plan coming into the season, but it's what we ended up with, and those guys have gained some great experience, and they're going to get better and better and better. We'll start there and kind of build out from there. We've done this for two years, and we'll continue to do a good job at it."

INSKEEP

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headed back to Indiana — this time at his alma mater — where he spent the last seven years as an assistant coach at Madison under head coaches Willie Humes, Sonja Bowyer and Adam Dennis.

Dennis said he could always rely on Inskeep to bring him back down to earth. If he was anxious or stressing, it was Inskeep who provided a calming influence.

"For me, he was just this steady influence. When I was freaking out, he was there to

say, 'Coach, it's not a big deal. We'll figure it out,'" Dennis said. "He was always there to put everything in the right perspective."

Inskeep had an impressive prep sports career with the Cubs and later earned his Bachelor's from Ashford University. He held several jobs during his life, including with the Boys and Girls Club in Connersville, Indiana; the City of Madison Water Department; and Arvin-Sango, but coaching was his true passion in life.

In January, MCHS honored Inskeep for 50 years of coaching before one of its girls game.

"It was really kind of a happy accident. We had no idea that


he was as sick as he was. We just wanted to honor him," Dennis said. "I'm really glad that he was able to have that night and see people treat him the way he has always treated others. It was a great night."

Funeral services for Inskeep are at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 11, at Lytle Welty Funeral Home and Cremation Service on Madison's hilltop, with internment to follow at Springdale Cemetery in downtown Madison. Visitation is 1-8 p.m. Friday, April 10 and 9 a.m. until the time of the service Saturday.

"All of us who had the privilege to work with Dwight, coaches and players, will cherish

the time we shared. He was a true blessing to the Trimble County girls' basketball program and to all of us who were fortunate enough to be a part of his life," Stewart said. "He will be missed but his legacy will continue to live in all of those whose lives he impacted."

"Everybody just loved having him around," said Dennis. "The girls just adored him and he was one of my best friends. I love him and I'll miss him but I'm also excited for him. Both he and I are men of faith and we had a lot of conversations about our faith and I know he gets a chance to be with Jesus. I'm happy for him."



LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
UNIFIED COURT OF JUSTICE
CARROLL CIRCUIT COURT

Civil Action No. 25-CI-00187

KENTUCKY HOUSING CORPORATION PLAINTIFF
VS. NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE
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SHERMA L. ARVIN DEFENDANTS
UNKNOWN SPOUSE, IF ANY, OF
SHERMA L. ARVIN
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND
URBAN DEVELOPMENT

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale entered in the Carroll Circuit Court on the 23rd day of March, 2026, I will sell at public auction on the front steps (south door facing Highland Avenue) of the Carroll County Courthouse, 440 Main Street, Carrollton, Kentucky, the property described herein located in Carroll County, Kentucky, on FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2026, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., prevailing time, and more particularly described as follows:

Property Address: 603 Eighth Street, Carrollton, KY 41008
Map ID #: C1-50-02

Being the same property conveyed to Sherma L. Arvin, unmarried, from Danny Perkins and Jeannine Blackburn Perkins, married, et al., by Deed dated October 13, 2023, of record in Deed Book 229, Page 218, in the Office of the Carroll County Court Clerk.

There is included on this property and in this sale a 1991 Sunh, 28' x 44', Manufactured Home which was converted to real property pursuant to Affidavit of Conversion of record in Misc. Book 3, Page 628, in the Office aforesaid.

The amount of money to be raised by this sale is the principal sum of \$112,671.03, with accrued interest at the rate of 6.5% per annum from November 1, 2024, until fully paid, together with late fees, reasonable attorneys fees and other advances made and its costs herein expended.


The real estate shall be sold on the terms of ten (10%) percent cash at the time of the sale, except that said deposit shall be waived if the Plaintiff is the successful bidder at the sale, and the balance on a credit of thirty (30) days bearing interest at the rate the judgment bears per annum from date of sale. When the purchase price is paid in full, the deed will be delivered to the purchaser. It is further provided that the property sold includes insurable improvements and the successful bidder at said sale shall, at bidder's own expense, carry fire and extended insurance coverage on said improvements from the date of sale until the purchase price is fully paid, to the extent of the Court appraised value of said improvements or the unpaid balance of the purchase price whichever is less, as a minimum, with a loss payable clause to the Commissioner of the Carroll Circuit Court or the Plaintiff herein. Failure of the purchaser to effect such insurance shall not affect the validity of the sale or the purchaser's liability thereunder, but shall entitle, but not require, the Plaintiff Kentucky Housing Corporation, to effect said insurance and furnish the policy or evidence thereof to the Commissioner if it so desires, and the premium thereon or the proper portion thereof shall be charged to the purchaser as purchaser's costs.

The Master Commissioner does not warrant title, and the Purchaser herein buys the property as-is, in all respects, and the aforesaid property shall be sold free and clear of all liens and encumbrances listed in the Complaint, except the following:

- All unpaid state, county and city real estate taxes for the year 2026;
- Easements, restrictions, and stipulations of record;
- Assessments for public improvements levied against the property; and,
- Any facts which a title exam, inspection and/or accurate survey of the property may disclose.

For further information, see the Final Judgment and Order of Sale and pleadings of record in the Office of the Circuit Court of Carroll County.

/s/ Jake A. Thompson
JAKE A. THOMPSON
MASTER COMMISSIONER
CARROLL CIRCUIT COURT



LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
UNIFIED COURT OF JUSTICE
CARROLL CIRCUIT COURT

Civil Action No. 25-CI-00233

CLICK N' CLOSE, INC. PLAINTIFF
VS. NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE
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NICHOLAS A. GROVES DEFENDANTS
MELANIE A. GROVES
ROSEBUD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

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Property address: 214 Deatherage Drive, Carrollton, KY 41008
Map ID #: 23-17A-11

Being the same property conveyed to Nicholas A. Groves and Melanie A. Groves, husband and wife, from Amy McDonald, f/k/a Amy Scudder, now married, and Wesley Ty McDonald, her spouse, by Deed dated August 28, 2023, of record in Deed Book 228, Page 596, in the Office of the Carroll County Court Clerk.

THERE IS NO MOBILE HOME, DOUBLEWIDE AND/OR MANUFACTURED HOME INCLUDED IN THIS SALE.

The amount of money to be raised by this sale is the sum of \$296,996.58, with accrued interest in the amount of \$33,206.64, as of January 9, 2026, and with interest continuing to accrue from January 9, 2026, at the rate of \$67.12 per day until fully paid, together with Escrows/Impounds of \$10,127.30; FHA Premium of \$264.10; Late Charges of \$1,079.52; Property Inspections of \$90.00; Fees required with Payoff Funds of \$46.00; Buyer Assistance of \$10,672.00. Expense Advances of \$5,818.31, plus advances for taxes and insurance premiums, its costs herein expended and reasonable attorneys fees.

The real estate shall be sold on the terms of ten (10%) percent cash at the time of the sale, except that said deposit shall be waived if the Plaintiff is the successful bidder at the sale, and the balance on a credit of thirty (30) days bearing interest at the rate the judgment bears per annum from date of sale. When the purchase price is paid in full, the deed will be delivered to the purchaser. It is further provided that the property sold includes insurable improvements and the successful bidder at said sale shall, at bidder's own expense, carry fire and extended insurance coverage on said improvements from the date of sale until the purchase price is fully paid, to the extent of the Court appraised value of said improvements or the unpaid balance of the purchase price whichever is less, as a minimum, with a loss payable clause to the Commissioner of the Carroll Circuit Court or the Plaintiff herein. Failure of the purchaser to effect such insurance shall not affect the validity of the sale or the purchaser's liability thereunder, but shall entitle, but not require, the Plaintiff Click N' Close, Inc., to effect said insurance and furnish the policy or evidence thereof to the Commissioner if it so desires, and the premium thereon or the proper portion thereof shall be charged to the purchaser as purchaser's costs.

The Master Commissioner does not warrant title, and the Purchaser herein buys the property as-is, in all respects, and the aforesaid property shall be sold free and clear of all liens and encumbrances listed in the Complaint, except the following:

- All unpaid state, county and city real estate taxes for the year 2026;
- Easements, restrictions, and stipulations of record;
- Assessments for public improvements levied against the property; and,
- Any facts which a title exam, inspection and/or accurate survey of the property may disclose.

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/s/ Jake A. Thompson
JAKE A. THOMPSON
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VINCENT J. EIDEN, MASTER COMMISSIONER

Per Judgment in Trimble Circuit Court, Master Commissioner will sell at 11:00 am on Friday, April 24, 2026 at public auction to the highest bidder at the Trimble County Courthouse, Bedford, Kentucky 40006, the property described as:

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 4121 Mt. Pleasant Road, Bedford, KY. 40006.
Parcel No.: 010-00-00-008.02, Deed Book 139, Page 699. Indivisible.

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EcoValley Farms LLC proposes to submit an application for a registered permit-by-rule composting facility to the Energy and Environment Cabinet, division of Waste Management, pursuant to **401 KAR 47:110**. The registration shall become effective thirty (30) days after the Cabinet receives it unless the Cabinet denies the registration within that time. The proposed facility will: produce compost.

The proposed facility will be located at the following address:

61 Hunter Heights Road
Milton, Kentucky 40045

For questions regarding this proposed facility, contact EcoValley Farms LLC at (740) 843-3348.

Questions concerning the application process for registered permits-by-rule can be directed to the:

Energy and Environment Cabinet
Division of Waste Management
300 Sower Blvd, Frankfort, KY 40601
(501) 564-6716.