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New Kentucky coach Will Stein will seek to lead the Wildcats to only their third all-time win over Alabama when the Crimson Tide visit Kroger Field on Saturday.

Stein wants SEC debut to be loudest game in UK history

BY KEITH TAYLOR
KENTUCKY TODAY

LEXINGTON — Kentucky coach Will Stein wants Kroger Field to be loud and proud when the Wildcats host No. 12 Alabama on Saturday in the Southeastern Conference opener for both teams.

"We have to make this the loudest game in the history of Kentucky football," Stein said Tuesday. "That's my goal for our fans. The loudest it has ever been, and we need them to be at their best. Like I want people in the stands for pregame. Let's have 65,000 watching us warm up. ... When the ball is kicked, everybody in their seats, cheering as loud as they humanly can. I want people's voices hoarse when they leave here. All right, they got to take off work on Monday because they can't talk. That's what. That's how loud I want this place to be."

Stein and the Wildcats (1-0) face a daunting task, considering past history between the two conference foes. Kentucky has won just two games against Alabama, the last of which ended a 75-year losing streak in 1997. Since then, the Crimson Tide have won eight straight over the Wildcats.

While Stein wants a loud crowd for the 3:30 p.m. nationally televised game, he doesn't want to get tangled up in the emotional aspect of the contest.

"I think emotions get you beat. I think it's about playing each play and being really dialed in and focused. We want our fans to be emotional. We don't want us as players or coaches to be emotional."

Kentucky opened the Stein era with a 45-13 win over Youngstown State and will have a full roster intact in the conference opener.

"Getting a win was huge, but coming out healthy as a team, I thought, was very beneficial as we move forward into conference play," Stein said. "I'm expecting us to be at full strength for this game, which is really exciting as well for us as a team."

One of those players will be defensive back Alex Afari, who has made 31 starts in his career and recently won a court case for a fifth season.

"(We're) planning on ramping up his workload this week and playing him as much as we can," Stein said.

One UK player has close ties with the Tide. Offensive lineman Olaus Allen played three seasons in Alabama including appearances in all 15 games last season, most of which were on special teams. He also split time on the offensive line.

"He's been a great addition to our team," Stein said. "He's a great leader. He's vocal. You know, he's obviously got position flex, which is huge on the offensive line. I thought he played a really good game (in the opener)."

Trimble, Carroll play for NCKC golf

Abby Hooven

Kendal Holbrook shot a 116 to lead Trimble County girls golf at the North Cenrtral Kentucky girls golf touranement Tuesday at Henry County Country Club.

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Carroll County's Luke Taylor shot an 80 Tuesday at Henry County Country Cliub in New Castle to finish fifth individually at the 2026 North Central Kentucky Conference boys golf tournament to make the all-tournament team.

BY PAXTON MEDIA GROUP

Carroll County boys golf placed third at the 2026 North Central Kentucky Conference tournament at Henry County Country Club in New Castle.

The Panthers shot a 371 team score and put No. 1 player Luke Taylor on the All-Conference team.

Taylor shot an 80 to finish fifth overall in the conference and earn all-conference honors. Teammates Rennin Sanders had a 96, Mason Ogden a 97, Trey Miller a 98, and Rylan Kinman carded a non-scoring 103.

Trimble County's boys placed fifth as a team with a 407 and Liam Taylor led the Raiders with a 91. Logan Newton shot a 102, Noah Chilton had a 103, and Trevor Lile a 111 while Nate Hance did not finish his 18-hole round.

In the girls NCKC tourney, Trimble County placed 4th as a team with a 531. Kendal Holbrook was Trimble's top golfer with a 116 while Alyssa Ritchie carded a 126, Sarah Kate Chilton a 128 and Brynlee Callis fired a 161. Harper Welty shot a 162 in a noon-scoring round.

Carroll County did not field a girls team.

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
UNIFIED COURT OF JUSTICE
CARROLL CIRCUIT COURT
Civil Action No. 26-CI-00082

FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION PLAINTIFF

VS. **NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE**

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DONALD DEE BENNETT DEFENDANTS
UNKNOWN DEFENDANT, SPOUSE OF DONALD DEE BENNETT
UNKNOWN DEFENDANT, SPOUSE OF CHRIS BENNETT, a/k/a CHRISTOPHER ROBERT BENNETT
UNKNOWN DEFENDANTS, WHO ARE THE HEIRS, DEVISEES OR LEGATEES OF CHRIS BENNETT, a/k/a CHRISTOPHER ROBERT BENNETT AND THEIR SPOUSES, AND ANY UNKNOWN PERSON WHO MAY HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY WHICH IS THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION

** ** ** ** **

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale entered in the Carroll Circuit Court on the 11th day of August, 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, SEPTEMBER 25, 2026**, at the hour of **9:00 a.m. (EST); 8:00 a.m. (CST)**, and more particularly described as follows:

Property Address: 1492 Zen Forest Road, Turners Station, KY 40075
Map ID #: 26-01-10 thru 20

Being the same property conveyed to Chris Bennett, unmarried, from Delmer Hall and Holly B. Hall, a/k/a Holly Burns Hall, husband and wife, by Deed dated January 18, 2022, of record in Deed Book 222, Page 506, 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 $290,819.42, including accrued interest in the amount of $23,259.85, as of July 30, 2026, and with interest continuing to accrue from July 30, 2026, at the rate of $23.20 per day or 3.375% per annum until fully paid, together with advancements for the protection of the property, including taxes and insurance of $13,654.79, late charges of $518.84, Inspection fees of $645.00, Property Preservation of $1,775.00, reasonable attorneys fees of $2,950.00 and court costs of $921.96.

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 Freedom Mortgage 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:

a. All unpaid state, county and city real estate taxes for the year 2026;
b. Easements, restrictions, and stipulations of record;
c. Assessments for public improvements levied against the property; and,
d. 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
MASTER COMMISSIONER
CARROLL CIRCUIT COURT

ALLISON BALL
AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Independent Auditor's Report

To the People of Kentucky
The Honorable Andy Beshear, Governor
Holly M. Johnson, Secretary
Finance and Administration Cabinet
The Honorable John D. Ogburn, Jr., Trimble County Judge/Executive
Members of the Trimble County Fiscal Court

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statement

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Fund Balances – Regulatory Basis of the Trimble County Fiscal Court, for the year ended June 30, 2025, and the related notes to the financial statement, which collectively comprise the Trimble County Fiscal Court's financial statement as listed in the table of contents.

Unmodified Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the receipts, disbursements, and changes in fund balances – regulatory basis of the Trimble County Fiscal Court, for the year ended June 30, 2025, in accordance with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Commonwealth of Kentucky as described in Note 1.

Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles section of our report, the financial statements do not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of each fund of the Trimble County Fiscal Court, for the year ended June 30, 2025, or the changes in financial position and cash flows thereof for the year then ended.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS), the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards,* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the *Fiscal Court Audit Guide* issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts, Commonwealth of Kentucky. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statement section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Trimble County Fiscal Court and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

As described in Note 1 of the financial statement, the financial statement is prepared by the Trimble County Fiscal Court on the basis of the accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Department for Local Government to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting and budget laws, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The effects on the financial statement of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 1 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material and pervasive.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statement

Trimble County Fiscal Court's management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement in accordance with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Department for Local Government to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting and budget laws. This includes determining that the regulatory basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statement in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of a financial statement that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Trimble County Fiscal Court's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statement

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statement.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statement, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Trimble County Fiscal Court's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statement.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Trimble County Fiscal Court's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Other Matters

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statement taken as a whole of the Trimble County Fiscal Court. The Budgetary Comparison Schedules are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statement; however, they are required to be presented in accordance with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Department for Local Government to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting and budget laws.

The accompanying Budgetary Comparison Schedules are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statement. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statement and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statement or to the financial statement itself, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the Budgetary Comparison Schedules are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statement as a whole.

Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information included in this report. The other information is comprised of the schedule of capital assets but does not include the financial statement and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinions on the financial statement do not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon. In connection with our audit of the financial statement, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the financial statement, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 2, 2026, on our consideration of the Trimble County Fiscal Court's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Trimble County Fiscal Court's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Based on the results of our audit, we present the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Responses included herein, which discusses the following report findings:

2025-001 The Trimble County Fiscal Court Did Not Accurately Report The General Fund Beginning Balance On The Quarterly Financial Statement

Respectfully submitted,
Allison Ball
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Auditor of Public Accounts
Frankfort, Ky