

Stein adds 4-Star recruit with WR Iveon Lewis

By Larry Vaught
Vaught's Views

He was supposed to make his official visit to Kentucky next month but 6-foot-2, 185-pound Iveon Lewis of Richmond, Va., already knew he wanted to play for UK coach Will Stein so he committed to the Wildcats Saturday.

Lewis is a four-star prospect, the No. 6 player in Virginia, No. 43 receiver and No. 334 player in the nation in the 2027 class in the 247Sports Composite. The only 2027 UK commit

rated higher than Lewis is Illinois quarterback Jake Nawrot,

His scholarship offer list included Georgia, Ohio State, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Indiana, Maryland, Virginia Tech and South Carolina, but he opted to play for Stein, offensive coordinator Joe Sloan and receivers coach Joe Price. He had made two unofficial visits to Kentucky since he was offered a scholarship in February and UK coaches were in Richmond to see him last week.

"The second visit was

what did it for me," Lewis told Rivals. "I really got to spend time with them, watch the coaches coach and see who was going to be coaching me. Being up there a couple of times, they checked all the boxes. I knew it when I left, and after talking to my family about it, we all said, 'Let's do it.'"

Lewis had 45 catches for 1,069 yards — 23.8 yards per catch — and 14 touchdowns. Last season he had 42 catches for 1,046 yards — 24.9 yards per catch — and 12 touch-

downs. Lewis has elite speed and is not shy about contact. He takes hits and often runs away from would-be tacklers.

Adding Lewis is a huge building block for Stein. Kentucky now has a top 10 recruiting class for 2027 with 13 commitments, including four-star players Nawrot, safety Marquis Bryant of North Carolina, safety Tristin Hughes of Ohio and defensive lineman Elijah Brown of Alabama. Lewis gives UK a big-time playmaker with size for Nawrot or any

other UK quarterback Andrew Irving, 247Sports director of scouting, posted this report/evaluation of Lewis:

-Powerful big-play receiver that can stress defenses vertically and horizontally.

-Aces the eye-test with a sturdy 6-foot-2, 195-pound frame.

-Rolls out the gate and can overwhelm defensive backs with his momentum.

-Makes impressive adjustments on tosses

towards the boundary and will get large when tracking over the middle on in-breaking routes.

-Tends to ignite after the catch and can shed tackles as he fights for yardage.

-Can create easy separation by firing out of breaks, but top-end speed remains a work in progress as he embarks on senior season.

-Projects as a potential multi-year starter at the Power Four level that can be positioned outside or inside depending on the situation.

Kentucky youth invited to learn fishing skills

By Tom Latek
Kentucky Today

FRANKFORT — You can join the Union Sportsmen's Alliance (USA) in helping create lasting memories for families at Kentucky Take Kids Fishing Events at three locations across the state on Saturday, May 16.

Hosted by the USA, Kentucky Department of Fish & Wildlife Resources and Sheet, Metal, Air, Rail and Transportation Workers (SMART) Local 110, volunteers representing local labor unions will provide hands-on fishing instruction and assistance. Youths and their families will learn fishing techniques, safety and conservation.

The events will take place from 9 a.m. until noon (local time), at the following locations:

--Lexington: Jacobson Park (Shelter #1), 4001 Athens-Boonesboro Rd.

--Louisville: Waverly Park, 4800 Waverly Park Rd.

--Paducah: Bob Noble Park, 2801 Park Avenue.

Organized by the USA, the events are part of a series of free, community-based youth outreach activities under Work Boots on the Ground (WBG), the USA's flagship conservation program. All youths must be accompanied by a parent, guardian or chaperone.

These family-friendly events are designed to spark a lifelong passion for

the outdoors in youths. As today's outdoor enthusiasts fuel billions in retail sales and contribute millions to conservation and wildlife management through federal excise taxes, the future of our outdoor heritage depends on engaging the next generation—now.

Take Kids Fishing Day offers hands-on activities that introduce children from all backgrounds to the wonders of nature, while spotlighting the powerful connection between outdoor recreation and environmental stewardship. It helps cultivate tomorrow's conservation leaders by giving kids a meaningful start in the great outdoors.

The USA is a union-

dedicated, 501(c)(3) non-profit organization whose members hunt, fish, shoot and volunteer their skills for conservation. The USA is uniting the union community through conservation to preserve North America's outdoor heritage.

WBG is the USA's flagship conservation program that brings together union members willing to volunteer their time and expertise to conservation projects that improve and enhance public access to the outdoors, conserve wildlife habitats, restore America's parks and mentor youth in the outdoors. WBG works closely with federal, state

and local agencies and other conservation groups to provide manpower

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