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conversation with Givens.

"We can't finish (defensive) possessions in the last five seconds of the shot clock. We just have to find a way to finish that," he said. "I think we need all five guys to rebound. That is No. 1. We just can't leak out any more (on the fast break). We need everyone to rebound to finish possessions."

Kentucky guards Zoom Diallo, Alex Wilkins and Mason Williams combined for five rebounds in 66 minutes of play.

"Indiana outworked Kentucky a few times, especially late in the game," Givens said. "They doubled Kentucky on second-chance points 18-9. It's hard to win even if you do as many good things offensively as Kentucky did when that happens."

Givens admitted he "could live" with eight turnovers and "go home and be happy" most games, but the problem was UK forced only five Indiana miscues.

"Indiana is not the kind of team that will beat themselves. They do little things to make you a good team. Keep turnovers low, assist ratio is always good, the other thing they do is they make free throws," Givens said.

Indiana got to shoot a lot — 31 — and made a lot — 28. That's a 90 percent mark. Kentucky was 3-for-7 at the foul line.

But don't blame officiating. Indiana was the tougher, more physical, more aggressive team that forced UK to foul.

"It was just a game Kentucky needed to excel on the defensive end of the floor and by fouling so much made it difficult to do so," Givens said.

Kentucky scored just 29 points in the second half and went 1-for-8 from 3 in the second half, but coach Mark Pope said if "we can finish possessions we can still be a really special team."

Maybe, but that is seeming more and more unlikely.

"It is kind of tough in the locker room. We need to get some momentum going, and this is a game we should have won," Momcilovic said. "We fouled four 3-point shooters and didn't get the 50-50 balls at the end. A lot of it just came down to discipline."

Or in Kentucky's case, it came down to a lack of defensive discipline.

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a toll on Kentucky, and a win over Louisville is now badly needed for future momentum.

Stein, a Louisville native and former Louisville quarterback, knows UK has a "big" game coming up and admits it is the "most important one of the year" for his team to win.

"I am very confident this team can bounce back," UK defensive lineman Mi'Quise Humphrey-Grace said. "Obviously we have not won our last three. I know the work we put in, and we are not going to hang our heads. I have been trying to be vocal the whole season. In these moments, it is critical because younger guys look up to me and understand my words."

So is Stein.

"I know they are hurting. I am hurting. I know this one is going to sting for a while, but we have a big one coming up (against Louisville). It is the most important game of the year, and we have to make sure we go out and play our best."

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Speaking at the end of the evening, Stamper and Johnson, who were also named this year's Homecoming Queen and King, offered some reflection.

"It was fun. The whole community came out. It was a great environment," said Stamper.

"We play our game. We don't really worry about rankings. We just try to go out there and win," said Johnson.

Community Softball League champs named



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INVITATION FOR BIDS

The Housing Authority of Winchester (hereinafter called the "PHA") will receive sealed bids from qualified, licensed contractors for a total bathroom remodeling project.

Bidders are required to submit two separate prices: (1) labor-only, with all materials supplied by the PHA; and (2) a complete price including contractor-supplied materials and labor.

Bids are to be delivered in person by 4:00pm to the Housing Authority by the 14th business day after newspaper publication date.

All bidding documents can be requested by visiting the office of the Housing Authority of Winchester at 200 Canewood Drive, Winchester, KY 40391. Bid documents will be available for pickup during regular office hours.

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