Wrestlers break NCAA record with 17 wins

by DOLLY WISMAN

f we win 20 out of 31, it would be a successful season," said Fletcher Carr, head coach of UK's wrestling team, before the season began.

Expected to end up as one of the worst 10 teams in the nation, Kentucky not only had a "successful" season, the grapplers went on to win 26 matches, setting an all-time NCAA record for the most wins in one season.

Kentucky's team, only in its second year of existence, finished an amazing 18th in the country. It had been expected that Fletcher Carr would need at least eight years to put UK in the top twenty.

Proving that UK sports go beyond football and basketball, the wrestling team attracted a good deal of attention. The team earned 2nd place in the SEC, received national recognition in SPORTS ILLUSTRATED MAGAZINE and sent four wrestlers to the NCAA Tournament.

The first match of the season with **Morehead** was slightly surprising. UK won a decisive 33-9 victory, and a closer match was expected. Garrett Headley was outstanding as he pinned a European Junior Champion.

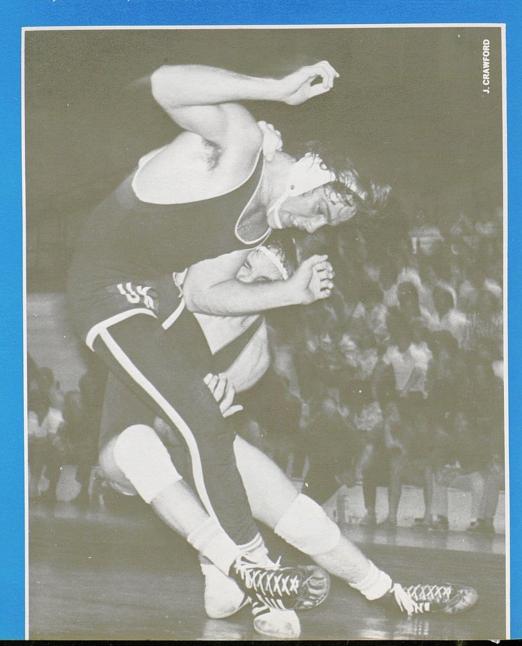
UK's 43-2 win over **Indiana** was a real shock. Kentucky expected to win, but felt the score would be closer since Indiana was an established team.

The Wildcats met Navy, Princeton and Franklin and Marshall at a quad meet. UK fell to Navy, 12-25. Navy had an established strong team and were pre-ranked in the country's top 20

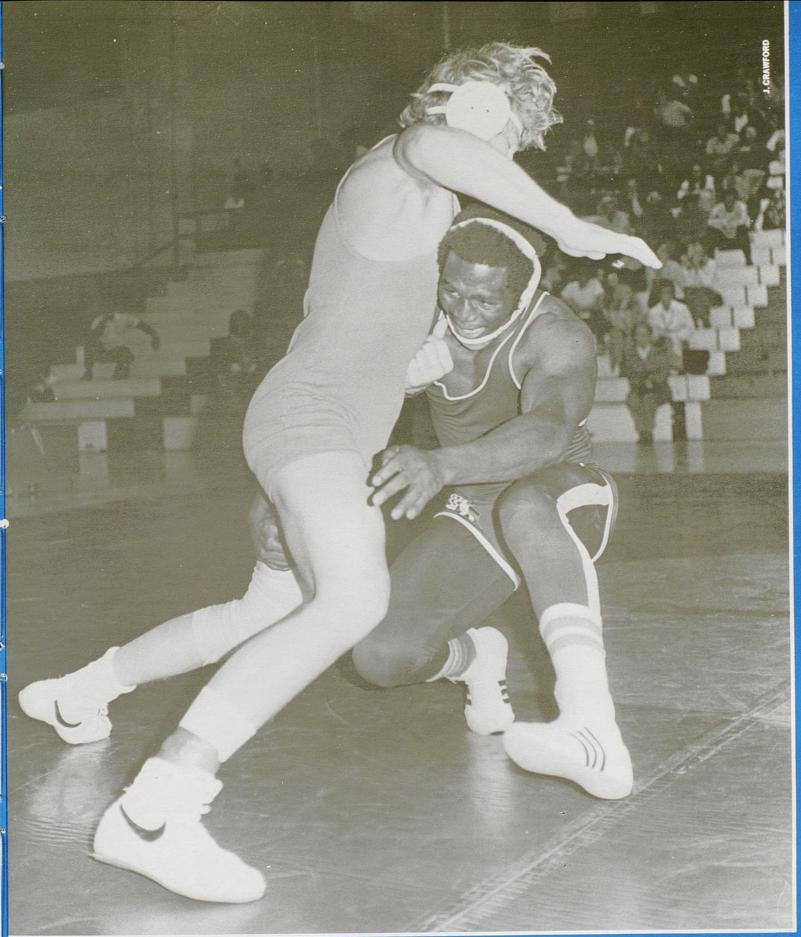
The Cats beat top ivy league Princeton, 24-18, in a game that called for real team effort. Several team members were asked to switch weight classes.

UK beat Franklin and Marshall, a small college, 21-8.

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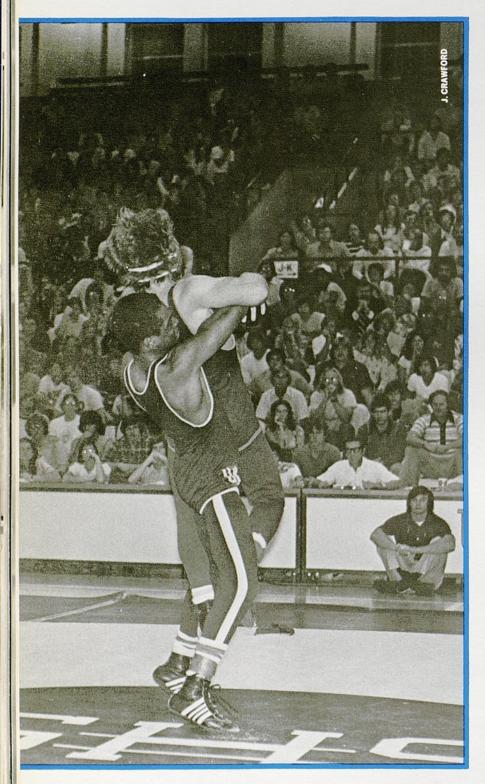
RIGHT: Mike Cassity is taken down by an opponent.



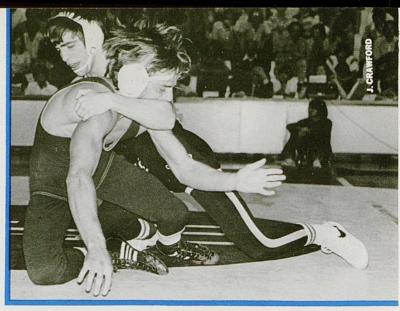


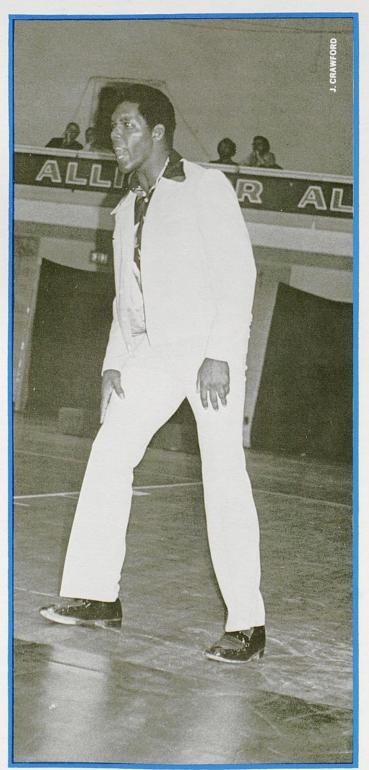
ABOVE: Joe Carr prepares to lift an opponent. LEFT: Jimmy Carr looks at the clock.

Grapplers take 2nd in SEC



ABOVE: Jimmy Carr performs a take down. **UPPER RIGHT:** Tim Mousetis squeezes the opposition. **RIGHT:** Coach Fletcher Carr screams instructions.





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Kentucky beat **Auburn**, 1973's SEC champs, at home, 33-9. They then downed **Wright State College**, 51-6.

Olivet from Michigan gave UK a scare, but the Cats won, 26-21.

A Canadian trip was the highlight of the season. Kentucky was placed against **West Ontario, Waterloo and Guelph.** UK won all three with scores of 27-19, 43-8, and 30-10. The Canadians gave the wrestlers gifts, flags and provided social entertainment. There were sellout crowds for each match.

A 16-19 loss to Buffalo was a

disappointment. A 19-21 loss to **Penn State** followed.

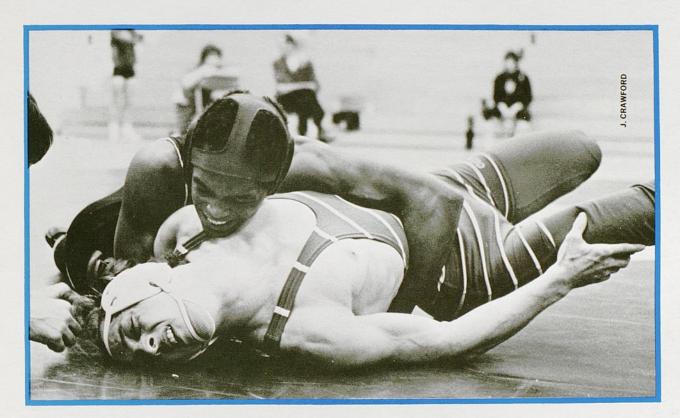
UK beat LSU 32-12, Marshall 28-15, and Eastern 40-3. Chattanooga, Middle Tennessee and Cincinnatti followed, falling 20-16, 34-3, and 34-4, respectively.

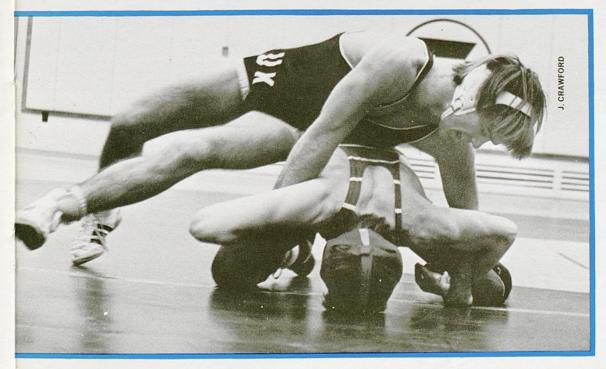
The Wildcats faced Pennsylvannia, Notre

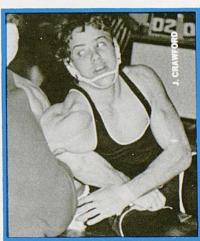
Dame and Temple in a quad meet in

Philadelphia. This was one of the team's best performances, according to assistant coach Ed Brown, as UK lost only 6 of 30 bouts. UK defeated Pennsylvannia 36-7, Notre Dame 28-9, and Temple 31-7.

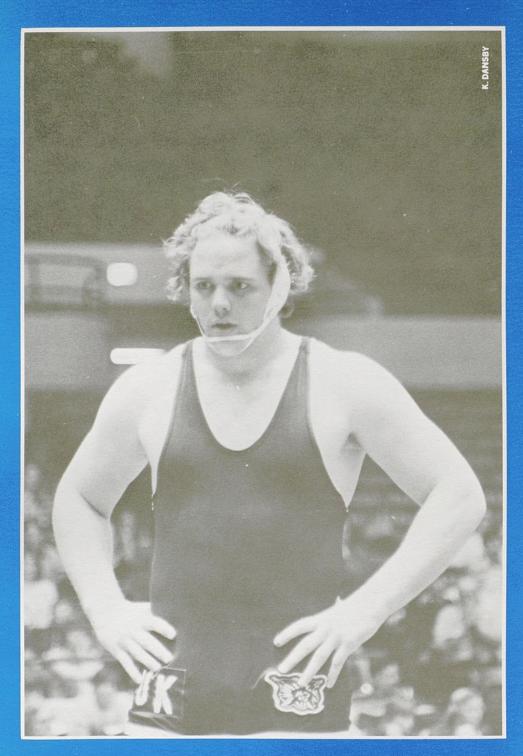
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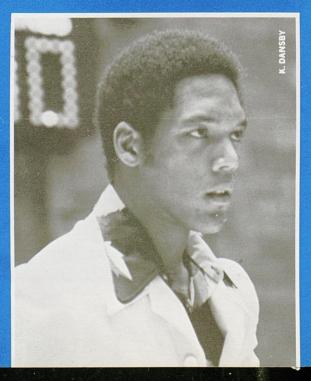


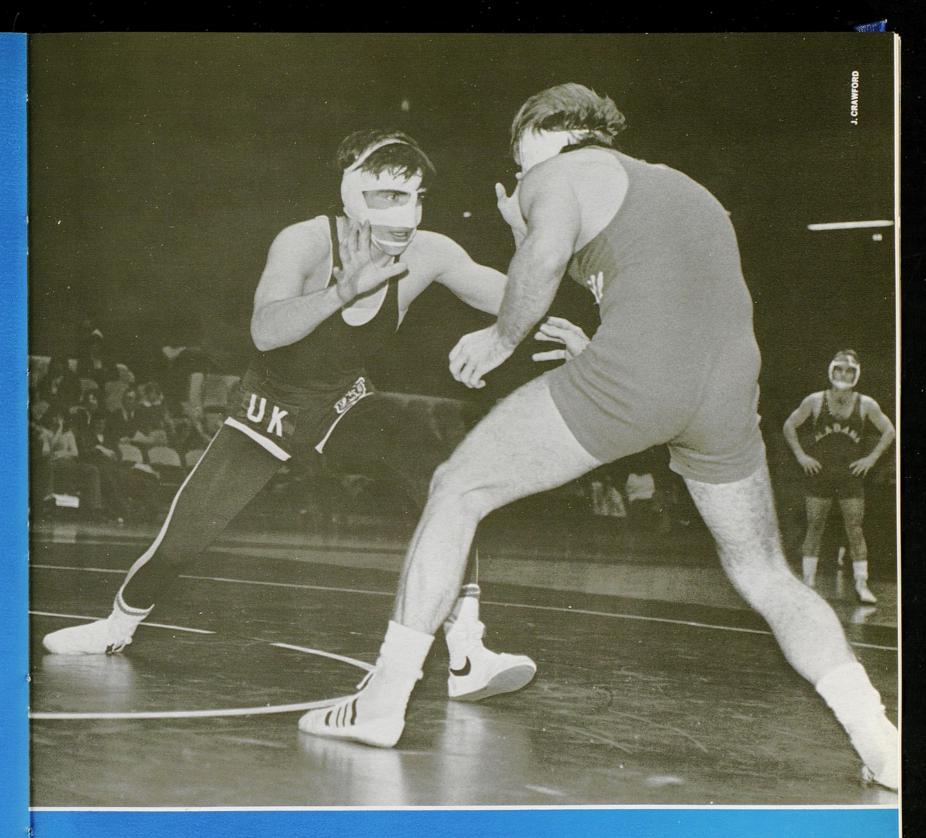
CENTER: Jimmy Carr tries for a pin. **LEFT:** Garrett Headley gets on top of his opponent. **ABOVE:** Scott Crowell eyes the opposition.

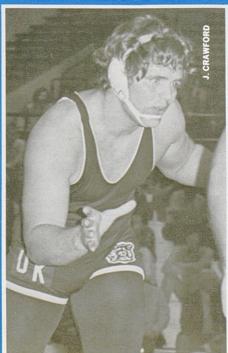


UK sends four to NAACP









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Florida was the most disappointing duel meet of the season. Traveling without heavy weight star Pat Donley and injured Tim Mousetis, UK lost the meet with the loss of the last match. The score was Florida 24, UK 18.

Tampa, Fletcher Carr's alma mater, was an easy victory, 32-10.

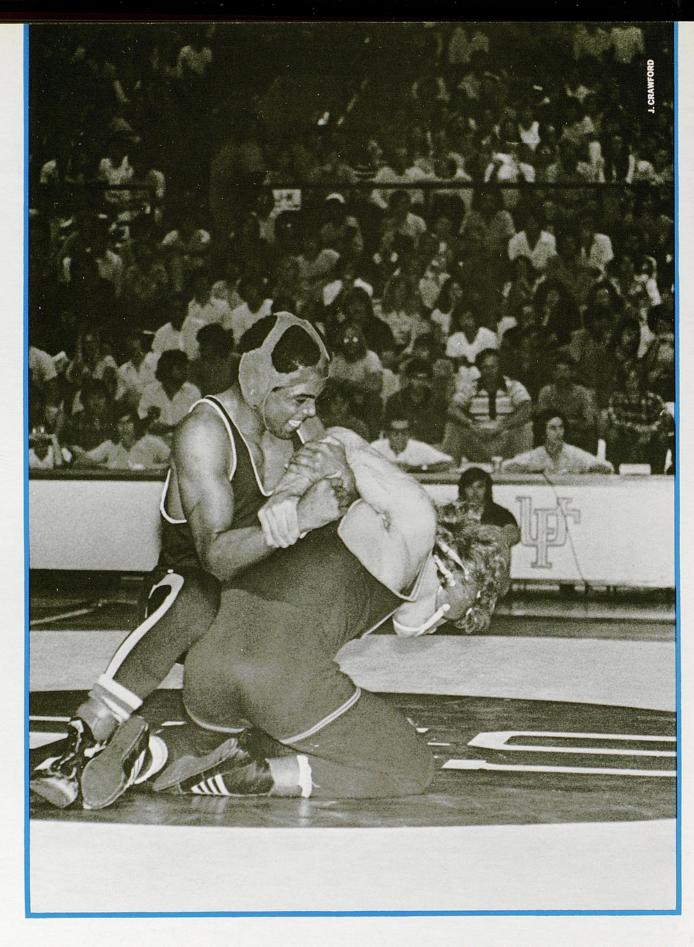
Florida Tech was a good, small team, and UK surprised them with a marginal victory, 35-2.

In the Alabama meet, UK's Pat Donley defeated a three-time SEC champion. The Wildcats won, 32-9.

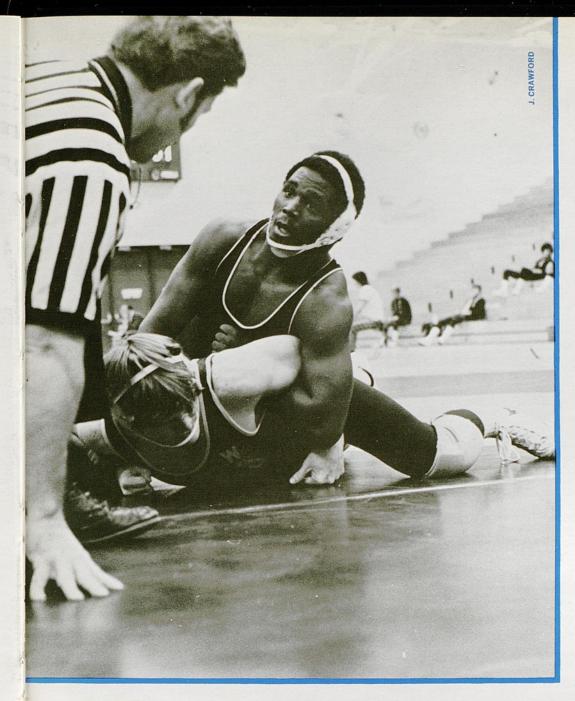
Tennessee was expected to be a real power in the next few years, but UK beat them 28-18.

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ABOVE: Tim Mousetis prepares to grab his opponent. LEFT: Pat Donley moves in. OPP. PG., UPPER RIGHT: Pat Donley begins a match. LOWER LEFT: The team huddles before a match. LOWER RIGHT: Fletcher Carr observes a contest.



Wrestlers finish
18th in the nation



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The **Northern Kentucky** match was cancelled, but **Southern Illinois** called for a real team effort from the Cats. Kentucky won 21-20, before defeating **Eastern Illinois** 33-9.

The Cats didn't look good in the **Michigan** State match, but they won, 25-9.

Kentucky took second in the SEC. Garrett Headley, Joe Carr and Jimmy Carr all won their divisions. Kurt Mock, Tim Mousetis and Pat Donley took second.

Kurt Mock set a UK record with 17 pins.
The three SEC winners and Mock went to the
National Tourney. Joe Carr, an All-American in
1973, placed third in the NCAA, while Jimmy
Carr and Garrett Headley both earned team
points.

UK's wrestlers faced the toughest schedule in the nation in 1974. As for next yea-, Fletcher Carr said, "I'm definitely satisfied with this year's season. It'll be hard to do that next year."

UK's outstanding record had greatly aided the recruiting program, however, and great things were expected in the coming season.

UPPER LEFT: Joe Carr looks for the referee's decision. **LOWER LEFT:** The team congratulates a winner. **OPP. PG.:** Jimmy Carr holds his opponent.

