

UK BASKETBALL

“While we were all disappointed to see a memorable season end

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on Sunday and we appreciate the support our fans showed our

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student-athletes all year, we encourage our fans to demonstrate good

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sportsmanship to everyone and discourage any other kind of behavior.”*

University should take stand against abusive fans

In choosing its words too carefully, the University of Kentucky has protected its reputation too carelessly. ¶ Rather than repudiating the violent threats and unconscionable abuse numerous UK fans have aimed at referee John Higgins since Sunday afternoon, the school has issued a vague, mealy mouthed statement discouraging any behavior other than good sportsmanship. ¶ This is not good enough. Not once the police and the FBI are involved. Not when the sane majority of Big Blue Nation risks being painted in broad, unflattering brushstrokes thanks to a small segment of contemptible clods. Not when those same contemptible clods might interpret a milquetoast message as tacit approval. ¶ Not when there's an opportunity to take a stand on higher ground.

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* THE UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY RELEASED THIS STATEMENT WEDNESDAY IN RESPONSE TO THE CONTROVERSY

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No combine, but Radcliff's dream of the NFL lives on

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Louisville running back Brandon Radcliff — a multi-year starter and 903-yard rusher this past season — expected he'd done enough as a college football player to warrant an invitation to the recent NFL scouting combine.

When he wasn't in the first wave of players invited to the NFL draft's biggest audition stage in Indianapolis, he began to get worried. Then he wasn't among the second set of invitations either.

Reality set in. If Radcliff was going to make it to the NFL,



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Brandon Radcliff runs through a drill Thursday during Louisville's pro day workouts for NFL scouts at the Trager Center.

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UK SPRING FOOTBALL

Robinson back home as Wildcats' safety

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LEXINGTON, Ky. - If Mark Stoops' rebuilding project has worked anywhere on his Kentucky football roster, it is in the secondary.

There the Wildcats' have developed an abundance of young talent with two-year starting cornerbacks Chris Westry and Derrick Baity still boasting two years of eligibility remaining. Coaches have also raved about the potential of sophomore cornerback Jordan Griffin and hope for an early impact from junior-college transfer Lonnie Johnson.

Depth at cornerback has improved so much that former three-star recruit Davonte Robinson, whom coaches generally



Davonte Robinson

mentioned in the same breath as Griffin when the duo signed in 2016, has moved from cornerback to safety this spring after a redshirt season.

“Honestly, I feel better there,” Robinson said. “I feel more comfortable.”

Robinson starred at safety for Henry Clay High School, where he was also a track standout. On signing day 2016, former UK defensive backs coach Derrick Ansley acknowledged Robinson would face an adjustment moving from safety to cornerback in college but said the staff thought the 6-foot-2, 187-pound

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