UK at the Half’ featuring Doug Boyd and Kyle Macy

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Harvard at UK men’s basketball

**CARL NATHE:** THANKS, CHRIS.

**Doug Boyd:** Interviewing University of Kentucky basketball players has always been a major priority. It's just really finding the right way to get access to those players and to get the right interviewer who can connect with them.

**CARL NATHE:** DOUG BOYD, DIRECTOR OF UK LIBRARIES' LOUIE B NUNN CENTER FOR ORAL HISTORY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY TALKING ABOUT A PROJECT TO DRAMATICALLY INCREASE THE NUMBER OF INTERVIEWS IN THE COLLECTION WITH FORMER WILDCAT BASKETBALL PLAYERS AND COACHES. IN 2015, DENNIS EMORY, LEGENDARY TENNIS COACH EMERITUS, INTRODUCED BOYD TO 1978 NATIONAL CHAMPION AND ALL AMERICA, KYLE MACY.

**Kyle Macy:** So, I came up with this idea on my own to interview everybody that's still alive that has their jersey hanging from the rafters of Rupp.

**Doug Boyd:** As it turns out, Kyla Macy is a pretty incredible oral history interviewer. When he showed me the program he did with coach Hall, I was really blown away and I thought, "this is important, this is going to have research value for generations to come"

**CARL NATHE:** MORE THAN 20 LONG-FORM INTERVIEWS LATER, WITH MORE ON THE WAY, WILDCAT BASKETBALL LEGENDS ARE TELLING THEIR STORIES. LOUIE DAMPIER, KEVIN GREVEY, KENNY WALKER, AND

**Kyle Macy:** It's amazing some of the older gentleman that I've interviewed - Dale Barnstable, Frank Ramsey, Cliff Hagan - they recall games, and opponents' name, and how much each of them scored, rebounds, all the different details like it was just yesterday. They have all these vivid, great memories in their mind. That’s the thing that'll last forever now.

**Doug Boyd:** These interviews, in this project, are primarily video interviews. So, not only do you get to listen to these interviews but you actually also get to watch these interviews.

**CARL NATHE:** UK'S NUNN CENTER FOR ORAL HISTORY NOW HAS MORE AN 11,000 INTERVIEWS IN ITS COLLECTION, INCLUDING WITH MARTIN LUTHER KING JR., JAQUELINE KENNEDY, KENTUCKY GOVERNORS, KENTUCKY AUTHORS, AND SO MUCH MORE. THESE NEW UK BASKETBALL ORAL HISTORIES ARE AVAILABLE TO ANYONE AND EVERYONE WITH ONLINE ACCESS AT KENTUCKYORALHISTORY.ORG. AND, THANKS TO A SOFTWARE PROGRAM CALLED "OHMS," DEVELOPED BY DOUG BOYD, YOU CAN CLICK ON A PERSON'S NAME, OR A KEY MOMENT IN A GAME AND YOU'RE TAKEN RIGHT THERE. THE 40TH REUNION OF THE 1978 WILDCAT NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM TAKES PLACE LATER THIS SEASON IN RUPP ARENA. KYLE MACY AND HIS TEAMMATES CAN HARDLY WAIT.

**Kyle Macy:** To this day, yeah, we're still close and still having a lot of fun. To work out the way it did, to win a national championship and have the experience I've had at the University of Kentucky, I couldn't have written a story any better and have it turn out like it did.

**CARL NATHE:** A TREASURE TROVE OF KENTUCKY BASKETBALL MEMORIES ACCESSIBLE AT KENTUCKYORALHISTORY.ORG AND YOU CAN LEARN MORE ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY AT UKY.EDU. SEEING BLUE, I'M CARL NATHE WITH UK AT THE HALF.