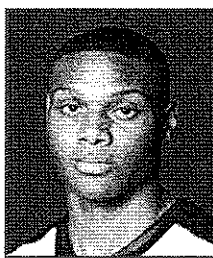




**DANIEL ORTON**  
**KENTUCKY**

# KENTUCKY BASKETBALL



**Daniel Orton**

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(Bishop McGuiness)

**Season Update:** Played in all 38 games, averaging 3.4 points, 3.3 rebounds and 1.4 blocks ... Had 17 games with two or more blocked shots ... Posted eight points, seven rebounds and three blocks vs. ETSU in the NCAA Tournament ... Tied a season high with four blocks vs. Florida ... Posted six points, five rebounds and two steals in 14 minutes in win over South Carolina ... Totaled five points, five rebounds and two blocks at LSU ... Recorded four blocks to go along with six points and five rebounds vs. Arkansas ... Totaled a career-high nine boards and four blocks on the road at Florida ... Posted double-figure points for the second time in his short career with 10 points on 5-of-6 shooting vs. Hartford ... Grabbed a season-high seven rebounds in UK's win over Drexel ... Totaled six points and four rebounds vs. Austin Peay ... Posted his fifth straight game with two blocks vs. UConn ... Set career highs with 14 points and six rebounds, including 5-of-7 from the field and 4-of-5 from the free throw line vs. Rider ... Swatted four blocked shots in 10 minutes vs. Sam Houston State ... Posted six points along with two rebounds and two steals against Miami-Ohio ... Totaled four points and five rebounds in UK's season opening win vs. Morehead State ... Led the team with seven rebounds in UK's first exhibition over Campbellsville ...

## SEASON/CAREER HIGHS

<b>Points</b>	
Season	14 vs. Rider (11/21/09)
Career	14 vs. Rider (11/21/09)
<b>Rebounds</b>	
Season	9 at Florida (1/12/10)
Career	9 at Florida (1/12/10)
<b>Field Goals</b>	
Season	5, twice
Career	5, twice
<b>Field Goal Attempts</b>	
Season	7 vs. Rider (11/21/09)
Career	7 vs. Rider (11/21/09)
<b>Three-Point Field Goals</b>	
Season	0
Career	0
<b>Three-Point Attempts</b>	
Season	1, twice
Career	1, twice
<b>Free Throws</b>	
Season	4, twice
Career	4, twice
<b>Free Throw Attempts</b>	
Season	6 vs. Morehead St. (11/13/09)
Career	6 vs. Morehead St. (11/13/09)
<b>Assists</b>	
Season	2, three times
Career	2, three times
<b>Steals</b>	
Season	2, three times
Career	2, three times
<b>Blocked Shots</b>	
Season	4, three times
Career	4, three times
<b>Minutes Played</b>	
Season	23 vs. Rider (11/21/09)
Career	23 vs. Rider (11/21/09)

## 2009-10 Orton Game-by-Game

Opponent	Min	FG-A	Pct	3PT-A	Pct	FT-A	Pct	O-D-T	PF	A	TO	BS	ST	Pts
MOREHEAD STATE	13	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	4-6	.667	3-2-5	4	0	1	1	0	4
MIAMI-OHIO	12	3-5	.600	0-0	.000	0-1	.000	1-1-2	2	1	1	1	2	6
SAM HOUSTON STATE	10	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-2-2	2	1	0	4	1	2
RIDER	23	5-7	.714	0-0	.000	4-5	.800	2-4-6	5	1	3	0	1	14
vs. Cleveland St. [Cancun]	20	2-4	.500	0-1	.000	2-4	.500	0-1-1	3	2	1	2	1	6
vs. Stanford [Cancun]	9	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1-1-2	0	0	2	2	0	0
vs. UNC Asheville [Lville]	16	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	3-1	.750	3-2-5	1	1	2	2	1	5
NORTH CAROLINA	18	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1-3-4	4	1	1	2	1	0
vs. UConn [New York]	9	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	1-1-2	5	0	1	2	1	1
at Indiana	18	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1-3-4	5	0	0	0	2	2
AUSTIN PEAY	17	2-3	.667	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	2-2-4	1	2	1	1	1	6
DREXEL	16	1-5	.200	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1-6-7	0	2	0	1	0	2
LONG BEACH STATE	10	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-2-2	0	1	0	0	0	0
HARTFORD	13	5-6	.833	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-3-3	1	0	0	2	0	10
LOUISVILLE	8	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-1	.000	0-0-0	4	0	1	2	1	0
GEORGIA	8	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	1-2-3	3	0	1	1	0	3
at Florida	17	1-6	.167	0-0	.000	0-1	.000	4-5-9	3	0	0	4	1	2
at Auburn	7	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	3-6	.500	1-2-3	2	1	2	1	0	3
ARKANSAS	13	2-2	1.000	0-0	.000	2-3	.667	3-2-5	2	0	2	4	1	6
at South Carolina	8	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	0-2	.000	4-0-4	2	0	1	0	1	2
VANDERBILT	7	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	0-1-1	5	0	2	1	0	1
OLE MISS	16	2-2	1.000	0-0	.000	0-1	.000	0-5-5	1	0	0	0	0	4
at LSU	15	2-2	1.000	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	1-4-5	3	0	2	2	0	5
ALABAMA	16	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	1-3	.333	0-3-3	2	0	1	1	0	3
TENNESSEE	13	2-2	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1-2-3	4	0	1	2	0	4
at Mississippi State	14	1-4	.250	0-0	.000	0-1	.000	2-2-4	2	0	1	2	0	2
at Vanderbilt	13	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-3	.000	0-1-1	2	0	0	1	1	0
SOUTH CAROLINA	14	2-4	.500	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	2-3-5	0	0	0	0	2	6
at Tennessee	13	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	1-2	.500	3-2-5	1	0	1	0	1	1
at Georgia	16	2-2	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1-3-4	1	0	0	1	0	4
FLORIDA	13	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	1-2-3	3	1	2	4	0	2
vs. Alabama [SEC]	8	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-1-1	3	0	0	0	0	2
vs. Tennessee [SEC]	14	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1-2-3	2	0	2	1	0	0
vs. Mississippi St. [SEC]	17	3-3	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1-1-2	0	0	0	0	1	6
vs. ETSU [NCAA]	14	3-5	.600	0-0	.000	2-4	.500	0-3-3	3	5	0	0	2	4
vs. Wake Forest [NCAA]	12	3-3	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0-0	5	0	1	1	1	6
vs. Cornell [NCAA]	13	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	0-1-1	1	0	0	2	0	3
vs. West Va. [NCAA]	9	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0-0	1	0	1	0	0	0

## MISCELLANEOUS 2009-10 CAR

Dunks	13	13
Double-Figure Scoring Games	2	2
Double-Figure Rebounding Games	0	0
Games With Double-Double	0	0
Games Led UK in Scoring	0	0
Games Led UK in Rebounding	1	1
Games Led UK in Assists	0	0
Games With 3+ Assists	0	0
Games With 3+ Blocks	4	4
Games With 3+ Steals	0	0
Games With 3+ Three-Pointers	0	0

## Orton's Career Stats

Year	GP-S	Min.-Avg.	FG-A	Pct.	3FG-A	Pct.	FT-A	Pct.	Reb.-Avg.	PF-D	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts.-Avg.
2009-10	38-0	502-13.2	48-91	.527	0-2	.000	33-63	.524	126-3.3	88-5	15	38	53	21	129-3.4
Total	38-0	502-13.2	48-91	.527	0-2	.000	33-63	.524	126-3.3	88-5	15	38	53	21	129-3.4

## Orton's NCAA Tournament Career Stats

Year	GP-S	Min.-Avg.	FG-A	Pct.	3FG-A	Pct.	FT-A	Pct.	Reb.-Avg.	PF-D	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts.-Avg.
2009-10	4-0	48-12	7-10	.700	0-0	.000	3-6	.500	8-2.0	10-1	1	6	6	1	17-4.3
Total	4-0	48-12	7-10	.700	0-0	.000	3-6	.500	8-2.0	10-1	1	6	6	1	17-4.3



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## Orton's D earns an 'A' from Kentucky

But they'd love to see offense to match

By Brett Dawson

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GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Daniel Orton missed a shot from point-blank range, and then another. The University of Kentucky forward was a virtual non-factor offensively in Tuesday night's 89-77 win at Florida.

But when the game was over, UK coach John Calipari said, he had Orton stand up in the locker room. The coach hugged his freshman in front of his teammates. Minutes later Calipari told the media that Orton was "probably the difference in the game."

It was a bold statement, one likely meant to motivate Orton, who was 1for6 from the floor against the Gators but at times dominated the game defensively.

Orton, a 6-foot-10 255-pounder from Oklahoma City, finished with two points, nine rebounds and four blocked shots.

"Daniel Orton, if he'll do the things he did (against Florida), it's hard to beat us," Calipari said. "He went in and blocked every ball, made baskets. He got a steal late. That steal was, like, *the* play late."

But that steal — with fewer than four minutes remaining and No.2 UK (17-0, 2-0 Southeastern Conference) leading by seven points — was hardly Orton's most eye-popping defensive stand of the night.

That came in the first half, when he swatted three Florida shots on one possession, including a layup attempt by Kenny Boynton and a short shot by Dan Werner that were blocked so emphatically that Orton ended up on the top-10 plays on ESPN's "SportsCenter" on Tuesday night.

It's no surprise that Orton's highlight-reel moments against the Gators came on defense. In 17 games Orton has blocked 27 shots, second among UK players only to DeMarcus Cousins' 29.

"I've obviously proven I'm a defensive player," Orton said Monday in Lexington, Ky. "I'm trying to bring my offensive game along with it. It's something I've been working on. My teammates, Coach Cal say that they lack confidence in me in the low post because early on I didn't show that much progression or positive influence in the low post."

Orton is averaging 3.6 points per game. Twice this season he's scored in double figures; nine times he's scored two or fewer points.

Offensive development from Orton "would be a big plus," UK point guard John Wall said, because it would offset the loss of Cousins' scoring when Cousins is on the bench with foul trouble.

For now, though, the Cats are content with Orton's development.

"When Daniel's coming in and blocking shots, rebounding, scoring in the low post, that helps us out a lot," Wall said. "Some games he just doesn't bring it, just doesn't have it. Lately, he's been going really hard in practice, preparing himself for the games."

Orton, who's shooting 44.9 percent from the floor, concedes he's not where he wants to be offensively.

Part of his stunted growth in the post, he said, can be traced back to the knee injury that cost him most of his high school senior season. Orton tore cartilage in his left knee in November 2008 — the month he signed a letter of intent with UK, then coached by Billy Gillispie.

Orton returned to play at the end of his senior season at Bishop McGuinness High School and went through a rigorous rehabilitation process, followed by a summer under the tutelage of Frank Matriciano, known in basketball circles as "Hell's Trainer."

Still, Orton said, he's not fully adjusted to life on a surgically repaired knee.

"I'm not mentally all the way back from it," Orton said. "I really don't jump off it like I should... I understand it's going to take time, and it's something I'm willing to put time into."

If Orton continues to improve at his current pace, he could be drawing more postgame embraces from his coach.

After the Florida game, Calipari said he's been "begging" Orton to understand his importance to the team and the significance of his high ceiling for improvement.

"You are the difference in our team," Calipari said he's told Orton. "You are it. The other guys are what they are. You're the guy."

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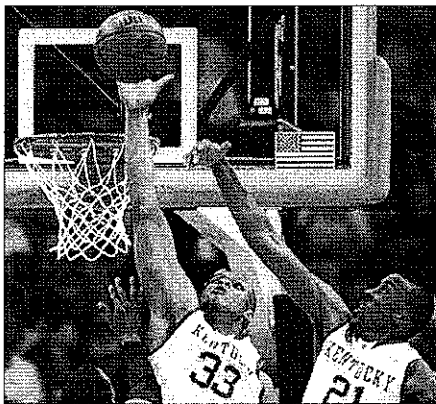
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# Fast-improving Orton continues to shine

Darrell Bird  
Staff Writer

**NEW ORLEANS** - Despite all the consistent, uber productive play in his 14 minutes, Daniel Orton's NCAA Tournament debut in Kentucky's 100-71 rout of East Tennessee State will always be remembered for his alley oop pass to Patrick Patterson.

Y'all know I'm The House of Blue



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Daniel Orton blocked three straight shots in one possession in UK's NCAA win.

he hesitated for a little bit and then he kept going. So I'm thinking, he's about to throw it.

"It was a little too high, but luckily I've got the hops to go up and get it," Patterson joked for his intended audience of one. "I thought he'd throw it over the backboard, but it was a great pass."

Orton's pass was on target as was his entire game. He came off the bench to record eight points, seven rebounds, one assist and three blocked shots in just 14 minutes. It is a continuation of the most improving players on UK's roster down the stretch of the season.

"I played pretty well today. I did what I could," Orton said. "I played within myself and that's what I'm going to try to do throughout this tournament. Hopefully, I can do what I need to do to help carry us through the tournament."

His favorite stat line was predictable.

"Three blocks in the same possession," he said, "that's always good."

Patterson, after the joking subsided, was the first to praise the big freshman.

"People doubt his offensive game, but none of us do," Patterson said. "We know he can score just as well as DeMarcus can. On the defensive end, he got three blocks in a row. We know we've got a shot blocker out there."

"He battles against DeMarcus every day so, of course, he's got to think up some different offensive moves," Patterson added. "Daniel is improving day to day."

The lone black mark, which may be a black and blue mark, was when Orton landed hard fell hard during a second half play. He laid on the court for several minutes before limping to the bench, saying afterwards it was just an impact blow not a twisting or muscle pull type of injury.

"My back hurts and I've got a little limp, but I think I'll be fine by tomorrow," Orton said. "It was my lower back. I just hit it really hard."

Thanks to Orton and friends, Kentucky buried East Tennessee State early to avoid the upsets that wreak havoc in the early days of the NCAA Tournament each year. The day before the game, Orton said UK had to "crush their spirit."

"We did a good job of that today and that's something we need to learn soon," Orton said. "When we've

You read right. The 6-foot-10 reserve center led the fast break before launching a pass to the streaking 6-9 Patterson for a dunk a few minutes before halftime.

"It's something I'm able to do, you just don't see it that often," Orton said afterwards. "I got the opportunity, so I went ahead and delivered the pass to him."

Orton got the opportunity, then he got all the business from teammates.

"As soon as I came to the bench," he said with a smile. "I caught so much grief over it."

Afterwards, it was the recipient of the assist who was leading the grief brigade. With Orton sitting on the chair next to him in the locker room, Patterson took great delight in reliving the moment.

"Daniel even threw an alley oop to me, which surprised me. I didn't know he could do that," Patterson said. "He started dribbling and then

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got a chance to put teams away, we need to go ahead and put them away because in the tournament any team can come back. We've seen it for years in this tournament, teams come back and things happen."

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