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## Sports

### UK NOTEBOOK: Lorenzen likes options UK's new offense offers

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LEXINGTON -- Junior quarterback Jared Lorenzen likes the option that Kentucky's new offense gives him.

"It's going to be hard to master this offense in a hurry because there is a lot to learn and it is just going to take time," said Lorenzen. "But I really like what this offense can do."

That includes a new look by offensive coordinator Ron Hudson, who came to UK from Kansas State, that may have Kentucky's quarterback running the option.

Considering that Lorenzen's forte is passing, that might seem an uncomfortable notion for the senior-to-be. Lorenzen has completed 671 of 1,178 passes for 8,133 yards and 62 touchdowns during his three years at Kentucky. He's ran 190 times for only 208 yards and most of the runs came only when he was either sacked or pressured to get out of the pocket to avoid defenders.

"But this is not (former UK) coach (Bill) Curry's triple option, Veer-type thing," Lorenzen said. "That is not it. It is something that honestly if I am happy with, everybody else should be happy. It's not a big deal. I am not going to run it 20 times a game. I can guarantee you that."

"It is there as a check. If I see it, we will run it and it will get the guys out of the gate in a hurry. I doubt if I will run the ball much. I will just sit there, make my read, pitch the ball out and let the other guys run."

Lorenzen has had four practices, including two in pads after Saturday's workout, under new coach Rich Brooks and his offensive staff. He thinks the Cats will have a productive offense next season when they try to put together a second straight winning season.

"This offense could produce a lot of points," Lorenzen said. "I was talking to (offensive line) coach (Paul) Dunn in the sauna one morning. He said the lowest point total they averaged (at Kansas State) was 32 points a game. Last year they averaged over 40."

"The offense works because the quarterback has so much control. You can see what is going on out there. The linemen and receivers know what the heck is going on, too. That way you can change to plays that work. Everybody loves points, especially around Kentucky, and I think we are going to put a lot of points up for them next season."

**Workout:** Aaron Boone, one of UK's top receivers last year, will have a workout for NFL scouts Tuesday.

He did not finish his 40-yard dash during UK's Pro Day last month because of a pulled leg muscle. However, he did so well in the other four tests given by pro scouts that day that several are coming back to let him run the 40 again.

"They will also either bring in a quarterback to throw balls to me or have one of the scouts do it," Boone said. "They'll throw the ball everywhere to see how I handle it."

"They are going to look at everything about you. It's a real meat market and they inspect you from head to toe."

Boone says several NFL teams have expressed an interest in him, but he has no preference about which team he hopes will draft him later this month.

"I just hope I can find a team that will give me a chance to make the roster," Boone said.



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For more on Boone's draft status, go to his website at [aaronboone.com](http://aaronboone.com).

"My sister designed it and does the work," he said. "You have to promote yourself, too, in this business."

**Looking:** New running backs coach Ron Caragher isn't sure he'll come out of spring practice with a No. 1 tailback as Kentucky looks for a replacement for Artose Pinner, one of the best backs in the SEC last year.

"You would like to have a top one, or two," Caragher said. "But if it is not clear, then we'll let them compete in the fall. Actually, I hate to label one guy one, another two and another three. If you do, the guy who is one might go on cruise and the guy who is three might feel left out. I like to compete all the time. Hopefully the competition will bring out the best in all of them."

Sophomore Alexis Bwenge went into spring drills at No. 1 with sophomore Arliss Beach, freshman Monquantae Gibson and sophomore Andrew Hopewell behind him.

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