

# 2013 NCAA Rifle Champs Previews

## University of Kentucky

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### Team Roster

| Name                                | Year  | Hometown/High School                       |
|-------------------------------------|-------|--|
| <a href="#">Davis, Connor</a>       | FR    | Shelbyville, Ky./Shelby County High School |
| * <a href="#">Ellis, Elijah</a>     | SO    | Kingsport, Tenn./Cedar View Christian      |
| <a href="#">Greathouse, Heather</a> | SR    | Nelson, N.H./Keene                         |
| <a href="#">Holsopple, Aaron</a>    | JR    | Wilcox, Pa./Johnsonburg Area               |
| <a href="#">Holsopple, Emily</a>    | JR    | Wilcox, Pa./Johnsonburg Area               |
| <a href="#">Junghänel, Henri</a>    | RS SR | Breuberg, Germany                          |



\*denotes NCAA Individual Qualifier and won't figure into overall team points.

**Coaches:** [Harry Mullins](#) - Head Coach; [Amy Sowash](#) - Assistant Coach

### Season Results (10-2)

| Date     | Opponent / Event                    | Location         | Time / Result      |
|----------|-------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| 10/13/12 | at Nebraska *                       | Lincoln, Neb.    | Win (4666 - 4643)  |
| 10/19/12 | vs. Murray State                    | Lexington, Ky.   | Win (4676 - 4605)  |
| 10/21/12 | vs. Army *                          | Lexington, Ky.   | Win (4716 - 4638)  |
| 10/28/12 | vs. Tennessee-Martin                | Lexington, Ky.   | Win (4656 - 4577)  |
| 11/03/12 | vs. North Carolina State            | Charleston, S.C. | Win (4686 - 4604)  |
| 11/10/12 | vs. Navy                            | Lexington, Ky.   | Win (4697 - 4591)  |
| 11/17/12 | vs. TCU                             | Lexington, Ky.   | Loss (4718 - 4693) |
| 01/13/13 | vs. Alaska-Fairbanks                | Murray, Ky.      | Win (4705 - 4687)  |
| 01/19/13 | at Ole Miss *                       | Oxford, Miss.    | Win (4670 - 4611)  |
| 01/20/13 | vs. Memphis *                       | Oxford, Miss.    | Win (4646 - 4598)  |
| 01/25/13 | Withrow Invitational                | Murray, Ky.      | 4633               |
| 02/02/13 | vs. West Virginia *                 | Lexington, Ky.   | Win (4704 - 4695)  |
| 02/16/13 | vs. NCAA Qualifier                  | Lexington, Ky.   | N/A                |
| 02/17/13 | vs. NCAA Qualifier                  | Lexington, Ky.   | 4697               |
| 02/23/13 | vs. GARC Conference Championships * | Oxford, Miss.    | All Day            |
| 02/24/13 | vs. GARC Conference Championships * | Oxford, Miss.    | 2nd, 4690          |

### Team Superlatives

- Kentucky earned a second-place overall finish and second consecutive smallbore national championship in 2011-12 and began the year as the No.2-ranked NCAA Rifle Team.
- Ranked No. 3, the Wildcats wrapped up a strong overall season that included a third consecutive Great American Rifle Conference Regular Season Championship. The Wildcats broke numerous program records vs. Army earlier in the year, including total aggregate score (4716), aggregate smallbore (2348), individual aggregate score (**Henri Junghänel** – 1186) and individual smallbore (Junghänel – 592).
- Ranked No. 3 in the country, Kentucky delivered top-ranked West Virginia its only loss of the season on February 2, 4704 – 4695, to clinch the regular season conference title.

- Freshman **Connor Davis** tied a school record on Nov. 17 against TCU with a 597 in Air Rifle. Also, senior Henri Junghänel's 597 in air rifle on November 10 against Navy ties a program best as well.
- Former Kentucky All-America shooter and long-time USA Shooting National Team member **Amy Sowash** was named the new assistant coach of the UK rifle program before the season began. Sowash boasts an impressive resume from international competition. At the 2011 World Cup in Sydney, Sowash earned a Silver Medal in the 50m Rifle Three Position. From 2007-2010, she won five medals at the National Championships, including gold in 2010 in Three Position and 2008 in Air Rifle. Silver Medals came in Air Rifle in 2009 and Three Position in 2008 with a bronze in 2007 in Three Position.
- Team is tied with TCU and West Virginia for top smallbore score (2348) and the second-best air rifle score (2374) while they sit third in top combined score of (4716).
- Of the top 10 Air Rifle scores on the year, Kentucky shooters have of them. Junghanel (597), Davis (597).
- Of the top 10 Smallbore scores on the year, Kentucky shooters have four of them. Junghanel (592), Emily Holsopple (590), Aaron Holsopple (588), Greathouse (586).



### USA Shooting Spotlights

Led by the rise of freshman standout **Connor Davis**, Kentucky Rifle boasts of three USA Shooting National Junior Team members. **Emily Holsopple** and **Elijah Ellis** also earn the distinction after shooting performances in 2012 earned them their USA Shooting Team jackets.

Holsopple finished second among junior women in the prone event at the 2012 USA Shooting National Championships and was a second-place finisher in Air Rifle at the Junior Olympic Shooting Championships as well.

Ellis finished second in the junior category of Men's Air Rifle and finished third in the same category of three-position rifle at the 2012 USA Shooting National Championships.

### The Quotables . . . **Elijah Ellis, Kentucky Sophomore and USA Shooting National Junior Team Member** . . .

*"My personal performance both here and abroad has steadily increased, and I expect that to be reflected in the championships this weekend. I am eager to compete in my first NCAA Championship as well as seeing a good performance pay off in the end."*

**Harry Mullins, UK Head Rifle Coach** . . . *"We have to go out and work the next couple weeks and tweak a few things to make sure we can perform the way we want to at the NCAA Championships and not let some points slip away," Mullins said. "I thought the team worked really hard and battled out of a few tough situations. You always want the athletes to reap the rewards they work for but there is the potential for the team to learn from this and finish the season strong at NCAA Championships."*

