

U of L hopes homecoming will be fond farewell

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Marshall. The Cards led Murray only 10-7 at halftime before pulling away to a 34-10 victory, and they were upset by Division I-AA Marshall 34-31.

"We've got such a young team, it's important for us to get a win this week so people have something to look forward to and can see us progressing," Gruden said. "If we keep going downhill, they won't see any progress and we'll never get any people in the stands. We've got to have something to build on."

Since its exciting 42-40 victory over Tulane in its season opener,

UK's Rogerson leads Tar Heel golf tourney

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LEXINGTON, Ky. — University of Kentucky senior Kate Rogerson is leading all golfers after 18 holes in the Lady Tar Heel Invitational at Chapel Hill, N.C.

Rogerson, looking for her third consecutive tournament title, fired a one-under-par 72 to claim the first-round lead at the 5,980-yard Finley Golf Course. A pack of five, including defending champion Sara LeBrum of Duke University, is one stroke back.

Kentucky also got a strong performance from freshman Ann Kroot of Indianapolis, who shot a five-over-par 78 to place 15th in the field.

The Lady Kats are tied for fourth with Duke in the 18-team field. Leading is the University of Texas, followed by Ohio State and Georgia.

U of L has reached double figures against only one Division I-A team — Purdue — and has been outscored 144-37. After the Akron game, the erratic Cards close the season with road games at Tulsa, Tennessee and Memphis State.

Akron (2-5) has allowed 27.7 points per game and was bombed 52-26 last week by Delaware State, ranked 13th in Division I-AA.

Technically, the Zips are I-A, but in reality they are playing at the top level in name only. They've taken the unprecedented step of making the jump from I-AA to I-A in just one year and their schedule and scholarship levels are still much more oriented to I-AA than I-A.

"Louisville is way above us," Akron coach Gerry Faust said. "They're pretty good and they've played some good teams. I'm glad we didn't have to play Florida State. Not only are we going I-A for the first time, but we're rebuilding. Even if we had stayed I-AA, we knew it would be a tough year."

Akron has only 68 players on scholarship and just five of them are seniors. Furthermore, the Zips returned a mere 23 lettermen from last year's 7-4 club and 25 of their players are first-year transfers.

Still, Faust has no quarrel with vaulting from I-AA to I-A in a single bound rather than gradually.

"That's a tough jump and we're doing it quickly, but I think that's the only way to do it," he said. "You've got to take your lumps and go from there."

Many of Akron's lumps have come as the result of turnovers. The Zips have a minus-five turnover ratio and Delaware State returned

three pass interceptions for touchdowns.

Akron's biggest offensive weapons are 5-foot-10 sophomore tailback Derek Alston, who has rushed for 513 yards and caught 18 passes for 139 yards, and sophomore quarterback Andy Kubik, who has thrown for 936 yards and six touchdowns.

Akron might not appear to pose much of a threat, but the U of L players say they're taking no chances.

"We're not to the point where we can not worry about anybody," Gruden said. "Everyone is Florida State to us."

"Maybe if we had a 56-game winning streak, there would be a tendency to say, 'Akron? They're sure not Florida State,'" Thieneman said. "But right now, we just want to win to show everybody we're back on track and playing like we should be."

Little League board sets dates for seven '88 series

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. (AP) — Dates for Little League's seven baseball and softball world series in 1988 were established yesterday at the annual board of directors meeting. They are:

■ Baseball: Little League (age 11-12), Williamsport, Pa., Aug. 23-27; Junior (age 13), Taylor, Mich., Aug. 15-20; Senior (14-15), Kissimmee, Fla., Aug. 15-20; Big League (16-18), Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Aug. 13-20.

■ Softball: Little League (11-12) and Senior (13-15), Kalamazoo, Mich., Aug. 15-20; Big League (16-18), Indianapolis, Ind., Aug. 15-20.

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