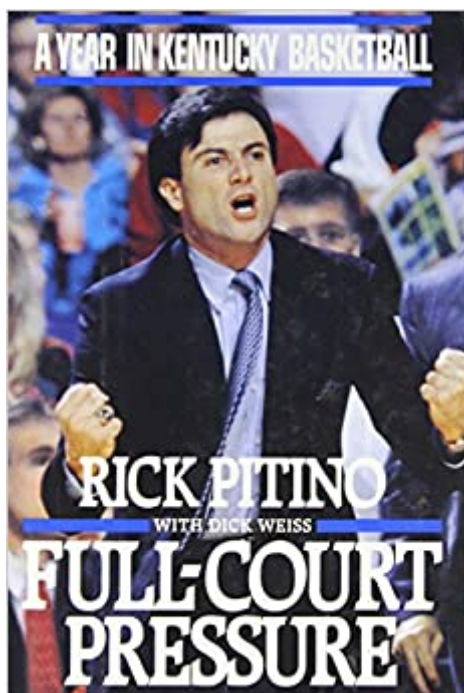


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# Full-Court Pressure: A Year In Kentucky Basketball



## Synopsis

One of the winningest coaches in basketball speaks out on his experiences with the Kentucky Wildcats and the Knicks, his views on rival coaches and players, and more.

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Pitino's ( Born to Coach ) reputation as a leader able to resuscitate moribund teams grew from his work in college ball with Boston University and Providence College and in the pros with the New York Knicks. When he was named head coach at the University of Kentucky in 1989, he faced a special problem: found guilty of numerous recruiting and other violations, the university had received a severe two-year penalty from the National Collegiate Athletic Association that forbade post-season play and live TV broadcasts. In three years, Pitino took the team from a win-loss record of 14-14 to a much-improved 22-6 and, in its first year off probation, a dazzling 29-7. Aided by Weiss, coauthor of *Time Out, Baby* , Pitino tells the story of that '91-'92 season, when Kentucky almost made it to the Final Four, edged out by a single point scored by eventual champion Duke. More than an account of a team and its season, the book provides an absorbing look at a state where basketball is virtually a religion. Copyright 1992 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Reading this book is like turning on the television and finding there's a University of Kentucky basketball game on with 8:32 left in the second half. It's too bad you can't buy a program because, unless you're a diehard fan, you won't know many of the on- and off-court players being mentioned: current and former college and pro players, coaches, a cast of fans, supporters, and families. No

matter. Pitino ( Born To Coach , NAL, 1988) and Weiss's ( Time Out, Baby , LJ 11/1/91, with Dick Vitale) fast-breaking narrative reads like a play trying to beat a 45-second shot clock. Readers will quickly and willingly be immersed into University of Kentucky basketball hysteria, a program that Pitino brought from the ashes of a 1989-91 NCAA recruiting violations suspension to the Final Four in 1992.- Donald W. Maxwell, Stone Hills Lib. Network, Bloomington, Ind.Copyright 1992 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Great book! Pitino took you behind-the-scenes for one fantastic ride of a season which ended in heartbreak, a little Laettner magic in a game that's considered to be the greatest college basketball game ever played.

This actually is not a bad sports book -- it covers Pitino's transition from the New York Knicks to restoring the University of Kentucky Wildcats. Do not expect a beautifully written book, but it is interesting nonetheless. I was pleasantly surprised!

I really liked the book Full Court Pressure and Success is a Choice I really learned alot from those two books.

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