John Calipari Has a Winning Return to Memphis as Kentucky Tops U.C.L.A.

At halftime Kentucky Coach John Calipari relayed a set of instructions to his players. "Guys are you watching this game?" he recalled asking them. "They said 'Yeah.' I said 'Good. Then you know we're playing through De'Aaron Fox. The rest of you take a back seat.'" Sometimes basketball is simple. Such was the case for Kentucky on Friday night at FedEx Forum. Fox a freshman guard was halfway through eviscerating U.C.L.A. in a South regional semifinal of the N.C.A.A. tournament and Calipari reminded his players to continue feeding him the ball. The second-seeded Wildcats heeded that message in an 86-75 victory that put them one game from the Final Four. On Sunday afternoon Kentucky will play top-seeded North Carolina in the regional final. "I'm looking forward to the game just because I like my team said Calipari, adding: I'm jacked up. I'll sleep tonight because I'm old and I'm tired."