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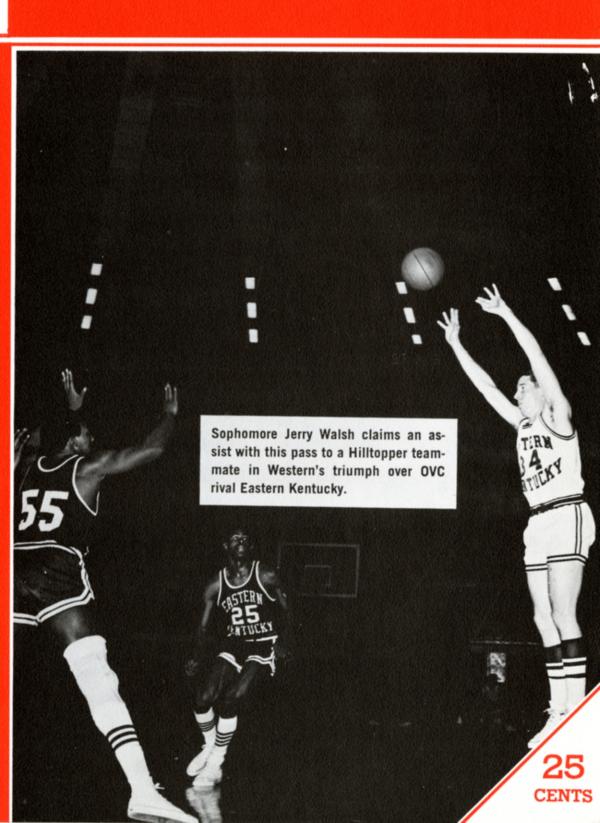
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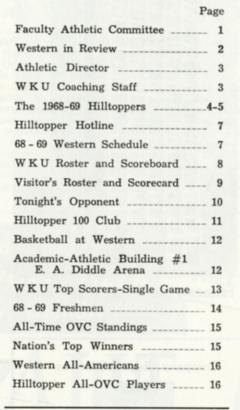
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ATHLETIC DIRECTOR Ted Hornback



Ted Hornback is a veteran of 30 years on Western's athletic staff. He graduated from Western in 1929 and, after a successful stint in the high school coaching ranks, returned to assist basketball coach E. A. Diddle in 1939. He held this position until the end of the 1963-64 season.

He was also head of Western's Department of Physical Education, Health and Recreation from 1947 until 1965, when he was named athletic director.

Hornback also coaches the Hilltopper tennis team, which has had phenomenal successs, winning 12 OVC championships.

Under Hornback's able guidance, Western Kentucky has won the Ohio Valley Conference's All-Sports Trophy for three of the past four years. Balanced excellence and overall strength are readily reflected by the Hilltoppers' winning or finishing among the leaders in this competition so consistently since Hornback took over direction of Western's athletic program.

HEAD BASKETBALL COACH

John Oldham



In four seasons as head coach at Western, John Oldham has posted an impressive 84-22 record and has guided the Hilltoppers to a postseason tournament berth three times (twice representing the Ohio Valley Conference in the NCAA

and one trip to the NIT). Oldham, who coached nine seasons at Tennessee Tech, has an enviable 13-year college coaching record of 202-105. His accomplishments as a college coach cap a career that has seen him excel at every level of the game—high school player, college player, professional player, high school coach and college coach.

Odham, recognized as one of the nation's top basketball strategists, graduated from Western after a spectacular athletic career topped by his selection as an All-American in 1949. During his four years as a member of the Western varsity, the Hilltoppers won 102 games, lost only 13 and appeared in the NIT three times.

ASSISTANT BASKETBALL COACHES Wallace B. "Buck" Sydnor | Jim Richards



Buck Sydnor was a veteran of 15 years of successful high school coaching when he joined the Western staff in the fall of 1964. Stints at Daviess County, Hopkinsville and Bowling Green High Schools earned him a well-deserved reputation as a great teacher of sound basketball fundamentals. Sydnor's main responsibility is to develop the potential of the Hilltopper freshmen. He also fulfills other coaching, scouting and recruiting duties. He was an outstanding guard on the first two Western teams to play in the NIT, in 1942 and 1943.

Jim Richards is serving his first year as an assistant coach at Western Kentucky University after compiling a brilliant high school coaching record. In eight years, his teams at Auburn and Glasgow High Schools won 186 games, while lossing only 57. His record at Glasgow, over the past five seasons, has been almost phenomenal. Under Richards' guidance, the Scotties fashioned a 122-27 record and won the 1967-68 Kentucky state championship. This state crown earned him recognition as Kentucky's "High School Coach-of-the-Year." Richards is a 1959 Western graduate.





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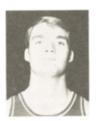
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15—RICH HENDRICK . . . 6-1 . . . 180 . . . Senior . . . Bristow, Ky. Rich is the squad's leading scorer returning from last year. The possessor of quick reflexes and fast hands, he has developed into a top passer and playmaker. A former high school All-American at Bristow, the same school which produced former Western All-American Darel Carrier, Hendrick is a deadly outside shooter and has learned to drive for the basket. One of the reasons Rich chose Western for his collegiate career was to allow him to help out on the family farm during his spare time.



22—WALKER BANKS . . . 6-9 . . . 205 . . . Junior . . . Clifton Forge, Va. Banks became a starter during the final half of last season and helped the Hilltoppers to a strong finish. He has the physical ability of a standout front-liner and owns a good touch with a fine variety of shots. Quick and agile, Walker is developing into an aggressive rebounder. Banks played center last year, but is expected to be used in some sort of tandem-post lineup with Jim McDaniels this year.



42—WAYNE BRIGHT . . . 6-8 . . . 235 . . . Junior . . . Greencastle, Ind. An ever-improving athlete, Wayne is an extremely good shooter, especially from around the free throw circle, and he uses his size well under the boards. Although not as quick as some of his teammates, Bright is a sizeable asset to the Hilltopper fast break because of his ability to get the ball off the boards and get it started up the floor in a hurry. He can play either center or forward.



44 — JIM McDANIELS . . . 7-0 210 . . . Sophomore . . . Scottsville, Ky. Jim is a prime All-American candidate. He is as agile and quick as most guards; he handles the ball and feeds off well; he is an almost phenomenal shooter—both inside and outside; and he is a steadily improving rebounder. In addition the fast break does not leave him behind. A former high school All-American, McDaniels led last year's frosh in scoring (27.1) and rebounding (16.3). He is tabbed by many to become one of the Hilltoppers all-time greats.



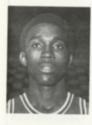
11—JIM ROSE...6-3...180...Sophomore...
Hazard, Ky. Jim possesses all the qualities of an outstanding guard. He is very quick, a fine shooter, an excellent ball-handler, and a good jumper. Although primarily an outside shooter, Rose is capable of going to the boards in spite of his size. On last year's freshman squad, Jim rated as the team's number two scorer with a 16.4 average while making the transition from a Kentucky high school all-state forward to a college guard.



4—CLARENCE GLOVER . . . 6-7½ . . . 205 . . . Sophomore . . . Horse Cave, Ky. Clarence exhibits outstanding quickness and agility for his size. He is a good inside shooter but excels on defense. He uses his height and strength well and has an adept eye for blocking shots. Last year, as a member of Western's heralded freshman team, Glover averaged 10.3 points and 13.9 rebounds per contest.



20 — JOHNNY RUSSELL . . . 6-2 . . . 180 . . . Senior . . . Hardyville, Ky. Johnny has played as a reserve guard for two seasons since performing at both the forward and guard positions as a freshman. A good scrapper and hustler, Russell has become a fine defensive player. And, he possesses one of the team's better shooting eyes from outside.



33—PAUL HASKINS . . . 6-4 . . . 195 . . . Junior . . . Campbellsville, Ky. Paul is the younger brother of ex-Hilltopper great Clem Haskins, now with the Chicago Bulls. A solid rebounder and a good defensive forward, Haskins has improved greatly over last season in ability to drive for the bucket and in outside shooting. He is a fine jumper and is very fast.



51—LARRY BARNETT . . . 6-0 . . . 170 . . . Junior . . . Tulsa, Okla. Larry, a junior college transfer from the College of Southern Idaho, will play guard for the Hilltoppers. A quick and pesky defender, Barnett also possesses a good outside shot. He averaged 12 points per game for an outstanding junior college team at CSI last season.



34 — JERRY WALSH . . . 6-4 . . . 197 . . . Sophomore . . . Louisville, Ky. Another of Western's sensational sophs, Jerry is well-grounded in every aspect of the game. A determined defender and rebounder, Walsh has developed a knack for being wherever the loose ball is. He is also a good shot and may well push for a starting position by mid-season.



25—JEROME PERRY . . . 6-3½ . . . 190 . . . Sophomore . . . Louisville, Ky. Extremely fast and quick, Jerome is a well-rounded cage player. He has the ability to "hang" in the air on jump shots, getting his shots off without difficulty. Perry, a former high school All-Stater in both basketball and football, can play either guard or forward, but will probaby see most action in the corner.



10—LOWELL TARRANTS . . . 6-0 . . . 175 . . . Sophomore . . . Beaver Dam, Ky. Tarrants came to Western with a reputation as a playmaker, but developed into a dependable, steady scorer over the last half of his freshman season. Averaging 5.2 points for the frosh, Lowell hit over .500 on his field goal attempts. A good passer, he is especially adept at getting the ball into the front line.



21—KEN MICHAELS . . . 6-0 . . . 170 . . . Sophomore . . . Chattanooga, Tenn. A good defensive player and a steady performer on offense, Ken becomes eligible for the first time this season after transferring last year from the University of Chattanooga. Michaels value to Western is expected to increase as he becomes more accustomed to the Hilltopper system of play.

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The Hilltoppers and Murray are still tied for the Ohio Valley Conference lead, each with 4-1 league records. Western hosts one of the Conference's most improved teams, Middle Tennessee, tonight, while Murray is on the road against Austin Peay.

Western will risk an 11-6 overall record against the visiting Blue Raiders, who are 10-6 in all games and 2-4 in league play.

Despite having a superior record, the Hilltoppers will be facing a distinct challenge against MTSU. The Raiders are the No. 1 rebounding team in the nation, averaging 67.8 recoveries per game. Tops in getting the ball for Middle Tennessee seven-foot center Booker Brown, a transfer from the University of Missouri. The 225-pound pivotman leads the OVC and is fourth in the nation with his

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Mar. 1—*Murray	Away
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average of 18.5 rebounds per game.

The Raiders also present two top scoring threats, 6-4 forward Art Polk and 6-3 guard Willie Brown. Both are fine jumpers and Brown led the league in scoring last year with a 23.2 average. He has averaged a shade higher than that through most of this season.

Middle Tennessee put together a fast start this season, winning seven of the first nine games. Then it dropped four of its first five league encounters before bouncing back strongly last week with wins over Tennessee Wesleyan and Austin Peay.

In facing Booker Brown tonight, Western's Jim McDaniels gets his biggest physical challenge so far this season. "Big Mac" continues to lead the Hilltoppers in both scoring, with a 25.3 average, and in rebounding, with 12.6 per game.

Right behind him is senior guard Rich Hendrick, averaging 16.5 points per game, while Jim Rose and Jerome Perry round out the double-figure scorers with 11.6 and 11.4 averages, respectively.

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	30	Roger FISHER — F So., 6-5, 200, Lebanon, Tenn.			
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Western Kentucky University is fielding its 50th basketball team this season. Since its inauguration in 1914, Hilltopper basketball has remained in the national spotlight and has greatly added to the popularity of the game.

It all started in 1914 when Western defeated Bethel (Ky.) College 38-21, under Coach J. L. Arthur. Basketball was discontinued from 1917 to 1922 when Coach L. T. Smith guided the Toppers.

The real history of Western basketball began with the appointment of E. A. Diddle as basketball coach in the 1922-23 season. As if looking into a future of winning basketball, Diddle opened his collegiate basketball coaching career with a 103-7 victory.

After Western played 149 games in the original "Little Red Barn", the Hilltoppers moved into the Physical Education Building (now Margie Helm Library) where Western was to win 336 of 374 home games in 32 seasons.

During the 1933-34 season, Diddle's 'Toppers posted the first of 18 seasons with 20-or-more victories — it was also the first of ten straight 20-win years. Western won 30 of 33 games in 1937-38, which was Ted Hornback's first season as Diddle's assistant.

Under Coach Diddle, Western captured 13 Kentucky Intercollegiate Athletic Conference championships and eight Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association titles.

In 1948, Western became a charter member of the newly-formed Ohio Valley Conference. Under Coach Diddle, the Hilltoppers won ten OVC season titles and four conference tournaments.

Coach Diddle retired following the 1963-64 season, the first played in Diddle Arena. In 42 seasons, Diddle won 759 games while lossing only 302—a winning percentage of .715.

John Oldham took the coaching helm in 1964 and guided the Hilltoppers to their ninth appearance in the National Invitational Tournament. The next two years saw Oldham's 'Toppers posting records of 25-3 and 23-3, twice winning the OVC championship and tournament.

Last season, Western (18-7) finished third in the OVC race but managed to help determine the conference champ with two late-season victories over arch-rival Murray.

Academic - Athletic Building

- Diddle Arena -

Western Kentucky University's Academic-Athletic Building — E. A. Diddle Arena was officially dedicated on December 7, 1963. One of the most modern and efficient facilities of its kind on any college campus in the nation, it was the first step in a new era of athletic facilities for the University.

Since its completion, Western has also built new physical accomodations for almost every other intercollegiate sport. Thus the University's basketball arena has become a segment of a comprehensive Athletic Complex that also includes the new Academic-Athletic Building #2 — L. T. Smith Staduim, which has 19,250 seats for football and an all-weather track; a lighted field for varsity football practice, physical education activities and intramural sports; a battery of lighted tennis courts; and a varsity baseball diamond.

Both of the Academic-Athletic Buildings also contain classrooms and activity areas for the Department of Physical Education, Health, and Recreation. The first of the two structures, E. A. Diddle Arena, contains an Olympic-size swimming pool, an auxiliary gymnasium, numerous offices and equipment rooms, and 30 classrooms that provide for the needs of the Departments of Miltiary Science and Foreign Languages as well as those of the Department of Physical Education.

The Arena, named for the coach who so successfully and colorfully headed the Hilltoppers' basketball fortunes for forty-two seasons, had an original seating capacity of 8,500 fans. That capacity was increased to 12,500 in 1965 with the addition of rollaway bleachers on the upper concourse.

A portable stage transforms the main playing floor into an auditorium. The utility and versatility of the Arena has been amply demonstrated. It has hosted the NCAA Tournament's Mid-East Regional first-round games, as well the district and regional tournaments of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association, which have played to capacity crowds. It has also been the site of numerous concerts and other types of programs, including Western's annual spring graduation exercises

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WESTERN'S ALL-TIME TOP SCORERS TOP TEN — SINGLE GAME

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Player	Fgm	Fga	Pct	Ftm	Fta	Pct	Reb	Tp	Opp.	Season	Place
1. Clem Haskins	25	38	.658	5	9	.556	12	55	MTSU	1964-65	Home*
2. Art Spoelstra	22	33	.667	8	11	.727	21	52	Morehead	1953-54	Home
3. Darel Carrier	22	44	.500	6	10	.600	4	50	Morehead	1963-64	Away
4. Tom Marshall	13	25	.520	18	20	.900	22	44	Eastern Ky.	1953-54	Home
5. Darel Carrier	18	32	.563	6	7	.857	7	42	Austin Peay	1963-64	Away
5. Darel Carrier	17	33	.515	8	9	.889	6	42	Tampa	1963-64	Home
5. Rip Gish	16	27	.592	10	16	.625		42	Eastern Ky.	1950-51	Home
8. Eric Back	17	25	.680	6	8	.750	6	40	MTSU	1955-56	Away
8. Forest Able	14	23	.609	12	13	.923	8	40	Cincinnati	1955-56	Home
10. Tom Marshall	17	25	.680	5	7	.714		39	Morehead	1951-52	Away
10. Tom Marshall	13	28	.464	13	18	.722	25	39	Regis	1953-54	Home
10. Ralph Crosthwaite	11	17	.647	17	24	.708	11	39	Eastern Ky.	1956-57	Away

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ALL-TIME OVC STANDINGS 1948 — 1968

Team No. Titles*	w.	L.	Pct.
WESTERN KENTUCKY12	167	61	.733
Louisville (withdrew, '49) 0	5	3	.625
Eastern Kentucky4	141	92	.605
Murray3	134	103	.565
Morehead4	118	114	.509
Tennessee Tech3	95	121	.439
Marshall (withdrew, '52)0	14	18	.438
East Tennessee1	51	79	.392
Evansville (withdrew, '52) 0	14	26	.350
Austin Peay0	23	54	.297
Middle Tennessee0	48	142	.253
*Won or Shared			

NATION'S 5 WINNINGEST TEAMS FOR PAST 30 SEASONS*

Rank Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
1. Kentucky	753	174	.812
2. WESTERN KENTUCKY	599	230	.723
3. Bradley	_550	221	.713
4. St. John's (N. Y.)	_519	212	.70999
5. West Virginia	_563	230	.70996

NATION'S TOP FIVE IN VICTORIES FOR PAST 30 SEASONS*

Rank Team	Victorie
1. Kentucky	753
2. WESTERN KENTUCKY	599
3. West Virginia	563
4. Oklahoma State	559
5. Bradley	550

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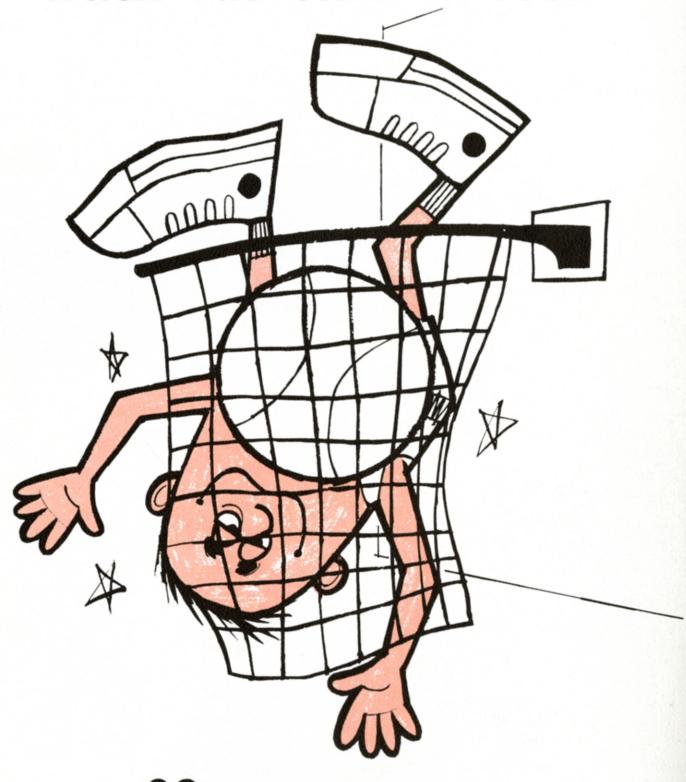
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