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In the Huddle

WKU WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Volume I, Edition 1

November 8, 2003

COACH'S CORNER

Head Coach--Mary Taylor Cowles

Welcome to the first edition of *In the Huddle*! I hope that you will take a few minutes each month to read about the news and exciting events surrounding WKU Lady Topper Basketball. This newsletter will be filled with useful information about our Women's Basketball program and what's going on at Western Kentucky University.

I have always loved this time of year as the excitement builds for the new basketball season. Our players and coaching staff have been working extremely hard to prepare for this season and to defend our **2003 Sun Belt Conference Championship**. Things have been going great on the practice floor and our players continue to show tremendous effort each day. Things look bright for WKU Women's Basketball!



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Young Guns Shine in Exhibition Games

The Lady Toppers took the floor with confidence in their first two exhibition games. On Saturday, November 2nd, the team looked impressive with their 101-70 win over the Premier All-Stars. "It was good to get back on the basketball floor against some different competition other than ourselves," said Lady Topper head Coach Mary Taylor Cowles. "As a coach, you're always anxious to see what you've accomplished in the first weeks of practice. I saw a lot of good things out there today, and have some things we must continue to work on as well."

Six Lady Toppers finished in double figures with Sophomore Tiffany Porter-Talbert leading the team with 19 points. Junior Leslie Logsdon, freshmen Carla Bartee and Charlotte Marshall each added 15 points, while senior Elisha Ford and Sophomore Krystal Gardner contributed 12 and 10 points, respectively. Marshall finished with a game-high 14 rebounds and Gardner added 10 to complete their double-double performances.

The Lady Toppers returned to the floor for their second, and final, exhibition game on Saturday, November 8th. Carla Bartee paced the Lady Toppers with 28 points in their 99-59 win over the Houston Jaguars. Tiffany Porter-Talbert added 19, while Ford tossed in 14 and Junior Camryn Whitaker added 11 points, respectively.

The Lady Toppers open the 2003-04 regular season on Friday, Nov. 14th at 7 p.m. against Rhode Island in Diddle Arena in the first round of the WNIT.

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Friday	11/28/03	@ Fresno State Tournament	8:00 pm
Saturday	11/29/03	@ Fresno State Tournament	8 or 10 pm
Wednesday	12/03/03	Arkansas	7:00 pm
Saturday	12/06/03	@ University of Louisville	1:00 pm
Saturday	12/13/03	@ Clemson	6:00 pm
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WESTERN TOPS THE CONFERENCE AT ANNUAL MEDIA DAY

The Western Kentucky University Women's Basketball team, winners of the **2003 Sun Belt Conference Championship**, was picked to repeat as Champs at the Sun Belt Media Day. WKU guards Leslie Logsdon and Tiffany Porter-Talbert, were selected to represent the Lady Toppers on the Preseason all-conference team.

Lady Topper Head Coach, Mary Taylor Cowles, commented on the awards saying that "it's a great compliment to be picked first in the East division this year, but there is no doubt we have our work cut out for us. We are just trying to come into practice every day and improve on our weaknesses and continue to build on our strengths. I'm not as concerned about where we are picked right now, I'm just looking forward to seeing where this basketball team can finish in March."

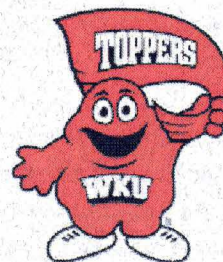
PLAYER SPOTLIGHT

#15 Elisha Ford

One of the two captains for this year's squad, Elisha Ford is looking lead the Lady Toppers to another Sun Belt Conference Championship. Being her senior year, Ford has taken it upon herself to lead by example. Ask any of her teammates or coaches and Ford's name will come up when identifying the hardest working player on the team.

Ford appeared in 27 of the team's 29 games last year, drawing 2 starting assignments against Tennessee Tech and Middle Tennessee State. She scored a career-high seven points against Butler and dished out a career-best 4 assists twice against TTU and Butler. Ford has been a mainstay for the team as a defensive spark and is often called upon to defend the opponent's toughest players.

Born Feb. 3, 1981, in Nashville, TN, Ford is the daughter of Ronnie Ford and Terry Bryant. She is majoring in public health with a minor in nursing.



#35 Charlotte Marshall

Charlotte Marshall has made an immediate impact since coming to the Hill this Fall. One of five freshmen, she has demonstrated her desire to play. That was evident in the team's first exhibition game win this year against the Premier All-Stars. Marshall helped the Lady Toppers to a 101-70 victory by tossing in 15 points and grabbing a game-high 14 rebounds.

Marshall came to Western from Shelbyville, Ky, where she led Shelby County High School to three appearances in the Kentucky Girls' Sweet Sixteen. During her senior season, Charlotte helped lead SCHS to a 29-4 mark and a second straight Eighth Region title. She averaged 17.5 points, 12.2 rebounds, 4 assists and three steals for the Lady Rockets. Those numbers earned her second-state honors as a senior, and a spot on the Kentucky all-star team.

Marshall was born on June 25, 1985 in Shelbyville, KY. She is the daughter of Dwayne Cardwell and Lucille Marshall.

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December 15, 2003

Lady Toppers Ink New Players

Head Coach Mary T. Cowles announced the recruits that have signed a National Letter-of-Intent during the 2003 early signing period. Guard Bridjette Brown and forward Raquel Mattis will join the Lady Topper squad for the 2004-05 season.

Brown, a 5-10 wing player from Beechcroft High School in Columbus, Ohio, averaged 18.7 points, 5.5 rebounds, 3.8 steals and 5 assists as a junior for Coach Byron Mattox at Beechcroft. She has appeared on the all-city league, all-district and all-state teams in Ohio. Brown also excels in the classroom as she has a 4.0 GPA and is in line to be the valedictorian of her senior class.

Mattis is a 6-1 post player from Coral Springs High School in Coral Springs, FL. She averaged 18 points and 10.5 rebounds for Coach Misty Nee's Lady Colts last season. Mattis was named to the all-Broward Class 6A-4A third team last spring and led CSHS to the regional semifinals of the Florida High School state tournament.

"These young ladies are exactly what we wanted to bring in during the early signing period," said Cowles. "Each demonstrates great ability and knows how to play the game. They are great young ladies and will be a very nice asset to our women's basketball program both on and off the court."

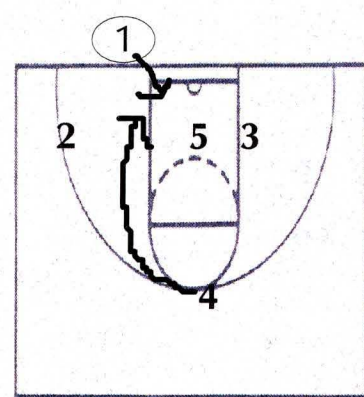
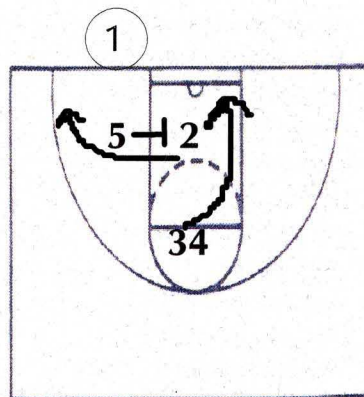
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COACH'S CORNER

Head Coach--Mary Taylor Cowles

This month, I thought you might enjoy a play that we have found successful. This is an out-of-bounds play that we run vs. a zone defense. We call it "Big Red."



NOTES

#2 to corner

#5 pin middle of zone

#3 gets inside the bottom of the zone opposite opposite side of ball

#4 cuts off of #3's tail to the ball

#1 has several options in this order:

#4 for a bank shot

#5

#3

#2



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Saturday	11/29/03	@ Fresno State Tournament vs. Louisiana Monroe	W 62-45
Wednesday	12/03/03	Arkansas	L 67-65
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PLAYER SPOTLIGHT

#4 Camryn Whitaker

After suffering an ACL tear, Camryn Whitaker spent the 2002-03 season on the sidelines looking at the game from a coach's perspective. That experience will help the junior lead the Lady Toppers to another NCAA berth. The 5-8 guard has been in the starting line-up for each of the team's six games this year and is averaging 5.7 points and 3.6 assists for the Lady Toppers so far this season.

As a sophomore, Whitaker started 26 of the team's 30 games. She led WKU with 92 assists on the season, recording team-high assists 13 times and taking game-high assist honors in four different games. Whitaker was the hero that year in a 78-77 overtime win against Denver as she drove the length of the court to knock down a game-winning three at the buzzer.

As a freshman, Whitaker was one of two Lady Toppers to start all 33 games. She averaged 32.5 minutes per game in 2001-02 as well as 5.6 points and 5.15 assists. She set a new WKU freshman record with 170 assists, shattering the previous record of 129 set by Clemette Haskins during the 1983-84 season. Whitaker finished the season ranking second in the SBC in assists, and was also among the leaders in steals and assist-to-turnover ratio (1.35).

Whitaker came to the Hill from Harrison County, KY, where she led HCHS to its first-ever "Sweet Sixteen" in the Kentucky State Tournament in 2000. For her efforts, she was a second-team all-state and USA Today honorable mention All-American selection, as well as a Kentucky All-Star pick.

The Winning Continues

Western Kentucky has always been known as one of the elite women's basketball programs in the country. The 2002-03 team continued that tradition with 22 wins. Those victories earned them first place in the 2003 regular season Sun Belt East Division, the Sun Belt Conference Tournament championship and a trip to the NCAA Tournament for the 15th time in school history. WKU enters this year having put together 21 consecutive winning seasons. Expanding on that further, the Lady Toppers have finished with a winning season 25 times in the 29-year modern era of Lady Topper basketball (1973-74 to present). In this modern era, WKU has posted 20-or-more wins 19 times, including five in the last seven years.



Happy Holidays

Born July 21, 1981, Whitaker is the daughter of Mac and Connie Whitaker. She is currently pursuing a marketing degree at WKU.

#5 Carla Bartee

Carla Bartee has started 3 of the team's 6 games this year, and is averaging 9.5 points and 7.7 rebounds for the Lady Toppers. She scored a game-high 16 points in the season-opener against Rhode Island. She also grabbed a career-high 12 rebounds against Louisiana-Monroe in the second game of the Fresno State Tournament.

Bartee came to WKU from Waynesboro, Miss., where she averaged 24.4 points, 12.3 rebounds and 2.0 blocks during her senior season. She was named first-team all-state in 2003 after leading her WCHS team to a 26-5 record and a 5A state runner-up finish.

Bartee was born July 20, 1985, and is the daughter of Rev. A.L. and Cynthia Bartee. She has not yet decided on a major.

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January 14, 2004

NEWS AND NOTES

The Lady Toppers got their sixth win of the season on Sunday with a 62-54 victory over the University of Illinois-Chicago and will enter Sun Belt Conference play on a positive note. The Lady Toppers have found their niche with shooting the ball as they have shot forty percent or better from the field the last four times they have taken the floor.

Sophomore Tiffany Porter-Talbert led all scorers with a career-high 28 points, while pulling down 11 rebounds for her fifth double-double of the season. Junior Leslie Logsdon also finished in double figures with 13 points, and set a new career high with eight steals.

The game on Sunday also marked the return of freshman forward, Charlotte Marshall. It was the first time that Marshall was able to step back on the floor since dislocating her shoulder during practice in mid-December. Marshall will provide much needed assistance in the post area. She is averaging 7.0 ppg and 4.6 rpg for the Lady Toppers.



Junior Leslie Logsdon

Western opens Sun Belt Conference play on the road this weekend, traveling to Arkansas-Little Rock on Thursday (Jan. 15) and Arkansas State on Saturday (Jan. 17).

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COACH'S CORNER

2004 Lady Topper Summer Camps

Team Camp--June 10th-13th

Provides an opportunity to learn, grow and improve with your high school team. Each team is provided with a competitive schedule, trained officials, and a professional atmosphere. Summer team camp is a great time to work on your basketball strategies while building team morale.

Lil' Lady Topper Camp--June 21st-25th

This day camp targets girls ages 6-9. Campers are divided into appropriate age groups where they work with WKU coaches and players in a fun and exciting environment. Campers will be instructed in all fundamentals areas of the game including ball handling, shooting, footwork, rebounding, and passing. All these activities are provided in a team atmosphere that makes basketball fun, exciting, and competitive.

Day Team Camp--July 16th-18th

Another opportunity for teams to grow and improve together. This camp offers a competitive schedule, with all games played during the day.

Individual Camp--July 19th-22nd

Individual camp will target girls ages 7 to high school senior. Campers will be instructed in all areas of the game including ball-handling, shooting, footwork, rebounding, defense and working as a team. This is a great camp for those players just beginning to experience the game but still need individual improvement. Current and former Lady Toppers, high school and college coaches and the Lady Topper coaching staff will instruct the camp.



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Red Towel Tradition

The tradition of the "Red Towel" originated with one of the most successful coaches in history--Western's very own E.A. Diddle. Coach Diddle clutched, chewed on, threw, cried into, waved into the infamous red towel through 1,062 Hilltopper athletic events.

Though Coach Diddle is always thought of when the topic is basketball, he actually coached four different sports during his career on the Hill. Besides basketball, Coach Diddle was involved with football, baseball and **Lady Topper Basketball!** All four sports combined, his win-loss ratio was an astounding 1,040-487-5 (68%).

The Red Towel became synonymous with Coach Diddle as he became the face of WKU athletics. Today, at every WKU sporting event, a red towel is waved as fans cheer for Western and Big Red.



Former Hilltopper athlete, coach, and athletics director John Oldham, incorporated the Red Towel into the WKU athletics logo in 1971. Dr. Chuck Crum, a long time faculty member in the Department of Physical Education and Recreation, and a well-known wildlife artist, rendered the original artwork for the logo.

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Lady Toppers on the Tube

The Hilltopper Sports Satellite Network (HSSN) will broadcast six more games in the Lady Topper's 2003-04 season. The next opportunity Lady Topper fans will be able to catch the team will be January 17th as they travel to Jonesboro to take on Arkansas State. That game is being aired by ESPN Regional as part of the Sun Belt Conference television package. All games can be seen live outside of the Bowling Green/Warren County area, while they will be aired on a delayed basis at 10 p.m. (CST) following the action locally. The following is a listing of the Lady Topper games that can be seen on the HSSN this season:

Jan. 17-@ Arkansas State (ESPN Regional)	Feb. 9-Florida International
Jan. 22-New Orleans	Feb. 12-Denver
Jan. 24-South Alabama	Feb. 26-Middle Tennessee

PLAYER SPOTLIGHT

#34 Tiffany Porter-Talbert



Following an impressive freshman year, Tiffany Porter-Talbert has continued to be a dominant player for the Lady Toppers. Fourteen games into her sophomore campaign, Porter-Talbert leads the team in steals

(29) and is second in scoring (14.3 ppg) and rebounding (8.6 rpg). Most recently, she led all scorers in the win over UIC with a career-high 28 points, while also pulling down 11 rebounds and recording her fifth double-double of the season.

Porter-Talbert made her presence known to the Lady Toppers and the Sun Belt Conference the moment she stepped on the court last year as a freshman. She started every game for the Lady Toppers before giving way to the seniors in the regular season finale. That was followed up with a stellar performance in the SBC tournament as she averaged 10.7 ppg, 9.7 rpg, and 4.3 apg. Those numbers earned her a spot on the all-tournament team. Adding to her accolades, she led all Sun Belt freshmen in points (12.4 ppg), rebounds (7.7 rpg) and assists (3.97 apg), which earned her the league's Freshman-of-the-Year award. Porter-Talbert also finished her rookie season with a team-best 54 steals, and ranked second on the squad with 10 blocked shots.

The sophomore hails from Manhattan Beach, California, where she played for Coach Sylvia Holly at Mira Costa high school. During her senior year, she averaged 22 points and 11 rebounds, earning team MVP and Most Outstanding Player of the Bay League, one of the toughest high school conferences in Southern California. She is the daughter of Reginold Talbert and Patricia Miller and is pursuing a degree in business while at WKU.

#1 Tiffany Zaragoza



The Lady Toppers look for Tiffany Zaragoza to make a tremendous impact at the guard position for the next four years while in uniform.

After pacing Chandler High School in nearly every category (19 ppg, 5 rpg, 9 apg, 5 spg), the Lady Wolves ended with a 20-11 mark during her senior campaign. Those numbers helped her earn a spot on the 2003 first team all-region squad.

Tiffany has become a fan favorite this year because of her spectacular passes and ability to find the open player. She currently ranks fourth on the team in assists (28) and steals (18) while averaging 17.5 minutes per game.

The daughter of Andrew Zaragoza and Veronica Garcia, Tiffany has not yet declared a major.

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February 17, 2004

LADY TOPPERS ON A ROLL

The Lady Toppers are now riding a four game win streak following a 65-60 win over North Texas on Saturday. The Lady Toppers were able to overcome a 10-point second half deficit to pull out the win and improve to 13-11 on the season. Tiffany Porter-Talbert led the Lady Tops with a 21 points and 12 rebounds. Two other Lady Toppers, Leslie Logsdon and Carla Bartee ended in double figures with 15 and 10 points respectively.

WKU got over that .500 hump earlier in the week with a huge win over Denver at Diddle Arena. The Lady Tops took control of the game early and never looked back en route to a 73-53 victory over the Pioneers. Tiffany Porter-Talbert Freshman Carla Bartee led the way by posting her eighth double-double of the season with a game high 21 points and 13 rebounds.

Western will return home on Thursday (Feb. 19) to start a three-game homestand against Arkansas-Little Rock at 7 p.m.



Tiffany Porter-Talbert

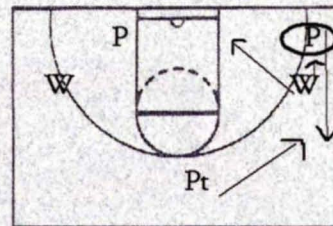
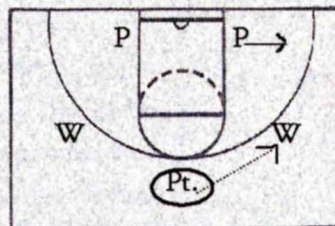
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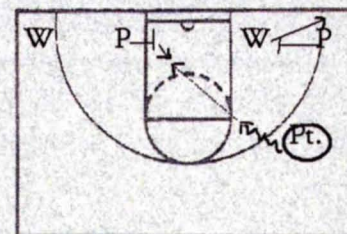
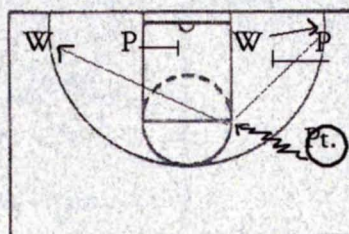
"RED"

This is a play that we call "Red." It is a quick hitter vs. 2-3 zone we have found to be successful.



NOTES

- Point passes to a wing, post pops out.
- Wing passes to the post and cuts to basket looking for the ball. Point must get wide on ballside for easy pass.
- Post passes back to point.



NOTES

- On the pass back to the point, the post goes to the block and screens the outside of the zone. The point should drive it hard to the elbow and look for the skip throw or back to the original wing to pass back if the skip is denied.
- Sometimes the defender will play the play and the post should step to the ball



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UPCOMING GAMES

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@ Diddle Arena TBA

PLAYER SPOTLIGHT



#25 Krystal Gardner

Krystal Gardner knew what she wanted when she came to WKU last year--and that was to be a Lady Topper. She asked Coach Cowles for a chance to walk on the team and Gardner has made an impact ever since. After not seeing action in her first two games, Gardner played in each of the last 29 games, drawing 21 starts her freshman year. Krystal stepped up her play in the Sun Belt Conference tournament, averaging 9.3 points and 5.0 rebounds in the three games. She tossed in 12 points against North Texas and grabbed a team-high 10 boards two days later against South Alabama.

Gardner has continued to be a factor the Lady Toppers this year. Playing in all 24 games for the Lady Toppers, including 18 starts, Gardner is averaging 7.9 points and 6.7 rebounds per game. Gardner had a career night at Murray State earlier this year as she scored 19 points against the Lady Racers. She had a career high 14 rebounds against Utah at the Fresno State Tournament in November.

Gardner hails from Munfordville, KY, where she led Hart County HS to three straight Sweet Sixteen appearances. During her senior campaign, she averaged 15 points and 12 rebounds for Coach Tommy Adams' Lady Raiders, earning her honorable-mention all-state honors. Gardner was also a member of the track team in high school and qualified for the state meet twice.

Born March 20, 1984 in Bowling Green, she is the daughter of Rudy and Nora Gardner. Krystal is majoring in physical education.



#3 Shardae Butler

Shardae Butler has emerged as a defensive specialist for the Lady Toppers during her first season on the Hill. Although she has seen limited playing time, Butler continues to be a force on the defensive end when on the floor. She has appeared in 15 games for the Lady Toppers, averaging 6.4 minutes per game. She had a career night against the University of New Orleans late in January as she played a career-high 16 minutes. She scored a career-high 4 points against the Privateers that night, as well.

Butler comes to the Hill from East St. Louis High School, where she averaged 15.2 points per game her senior season. She spent seven years playing for coach Tim Hill's St. Louis Crusaders AAU squad, where she averaged 13 points, eight assists and four steals per game. While in high school, Butler also played volleyball and ran track. Listed at 5'3", Butler uses her size well as she has registered a near 30" vertical leap.

Born on April 20, 1986 in East St. Louis, IL, Butler is the daughter of Hubert and Francine Butler. She plans to major in pre-physical therapy while at Western.

Attention High School Coaches--If you would like to bring your team to one of the remaining Lady Topper regular season home games, please call 270-745-3543 for free tickets.

In the Huddle

WKU WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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LADY TOPS MEET BEARCATS IN FIRST ROUND OF WNIT

Lady Topper Basketball has continued the tradition of post season play again this year with a bid in the Women's National Invitational Tournament. WKU will be hosting the first round of the WNIT on Friday, March 19, at 7:00 p.m. in E. A. Diddle Arena. The Lady Toppers (18-13) will host the Bearcats of Cincinnati.

The Lady Toppers enter the WNIT having won nine of its last 11 games. WKU also earned its second straight Sun Belt East Division Championship, tying Middle Tennessee and Arkansas State for the division title. They also advanced to a second straight Sun Belt Conference Tournament championship game.



Cincinnati (15-15) finished ninth in the Conference USA regular season with a 5-9 league record. The Bearcats fell to eventual C-USA Tournament champion Houston in the second round of their conference tournament.

This will be Western's fifth appearance in the WNIT, and its 20th postseason appearance in the last 21 seasons. The winner of the WKU/UC match-up will face Memphis in the second round of the 32-team tournament on Sunday.

2004 Camp Dates

Team Camp	June 10-13
Lil' Lady Topper Camp	June 21-25
Day Team Camp	July 16-18
Individual Camp	July 19-22

COACH'S CORNER

Greetings from the Hill,

First off, I would like to thank all of you for supporting us this season. We've had a solid year and are excited about the opportunity to continue in post season play. I hope that you will be in Diddle Arena to support us during the WNIT as we begin play with Cincinnati in the first round.

I would also like to take a moment and congratulate all of the high school programs for a great year. The state of Kentucky has always been blessed with great basketball, and this year is no exception. We look forward to seeing many of you in Diddle Arena next week for the KY Girls State Tournament. Good luck to all of the participants in the tournament!

As basketball season draws to a close, it is time to think about summer plans and improving one's game. Our players here at WKU take the summer and fall very seriously as they know it is the time when athletes improve. I hope that many of you will encourage the young ladies around you to get out and practice. Hardwork and dedication are the key to improvement in this game.

Basketball camp is a great way to work on fundamentals and improve on skills. We are offering 4 different camps this year at Western. If you know of a young lady or team that would benefit from camp, please contact the WKU Lady Topper Basketball office or visit our website at www.wkusports.com.

Thank you again for your continued support! I look forward to seeing you soon in Diddle Arena.



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Lady Toppers Earn Individual Honors

WKU guards Tiffany Porter-Talbert and Leslie Logsdon represented the Lady Toppers on the 10-player all-Sun Belt Conference team. This is the second time Logsdon has been honored with the award, and the first all-conference selection for Porter-Talbert. Freshman forward Carla Bartee was also recognized for her play in the Sun Belt Conference Tournament.

Porter-Talbert was named to the all-conference team for the first time in her career after earning Freshman-of-the-Year and all-SBC Tournament honors in 2003.



This season, Porter-Talbert is averaging a team-high 16.4 ppg and 8.3 rpg. She has scored in double figures in 23 of 27 regular season games, and posted a team-high nine double-doubles. Porter-Talbert was also named Sun Belt Player-of-the-Week this season after a career-high 34 points against Arkansas-Little Rock. Following her performance in the 2004 Aeropastle Sun Belt Conference Tournament, Porter was named to the All-Tournament Team.



This is Logsdon's second all-conference selection as she was named to all-league and all-Sun Belt Tournament teams in 2003. Logsdon was named Sun Belt Player-of-the-Week earlier this year after scoring a season-high 28 points at Florida International. For the season, she ranks second on the team and ninth in the conference at 14.8 ppg. Earlier this year, Logsdon became the 27th member of the Lady Topper 1,000 Point Club. She currently ranks 12th on WKU's all-time scoring list.

Freshman forward, Carla Bartee, was named to the All-Conference Tournament team for her performance on the hardwood. Against ULL, Bartee scored 18 points, while going 3 for 3 from behind the three-point line. She also grabbed 8 rebounds in only 20 minutes of action. The next day, Bartee continued with the hot hand as she recorded 18 points and 8 rebounds against NMSU. In the championship game, Bartee had 9 points and 5 rebounds. She was also recognized earlier in the season as Player-of-the-Week.



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FIND IT...

Find it inside of yourself to be the best of who you are...
God didn't make a mistake when he decided to make a star

He blessed you with the sight-to see the open shot
He blessed you with the feet-to jump and get a block
He blessed you with the hands-for yet another steal
He blessed you with the mouth-to express how you feel
He blessed you with the knowledge-of the game your know sincere
He blessed you with the courage-to use at times of fear

Now remember when you were a little girl and would dream the perfect dream-a championship was up to your last shot as easy as it seemed.
Don't let go now or drop your head because you're a little mad.
Think of the times when you were young of opportunities you wish you had.

It's your time, it's your game, so get your teammates on your side...
because when it's all over and done--you'll wish you would have tried.
So find it inside of yourself to push HARD until the end.
A little girl is watching you and in your shoes she'll pretend.

The last shot, the last play, the last game is near to you-
so take it upon yourself to elevate your game and remember what was so dear to you.

Please don't think to leave this place with a bunch of games you almost had
Find it inside yourself to make the most of every moment good or bad.

When it's gone, it's gone-no smoke, no band, last dance.
There's nothing worse than wanting another shot...another board...just another chance.

Find it inside yourself to be the best of who you are-
regardless of what you think now-from now on, believe that you're a star!

-Author Unknown

Player Spotlight

#00 Kelly Frericks

WKU junior, Kelly Frericks, joined the Lady Topper Basketball team after Christmas this year as a walk-on. She made her first appearance in a Lady Topper uniform on January 8, 2004, at Liberty. Frericks scored a career-high 2 points and grabbed 1 rebound in her first outing. She has appeared in 6 games for the Lady Toppers this season.

The Greenwood High School graduate is also a member of the WKU Women's Soccer Team. Kelly is the daughter of Tom and Sue Frericks of Bowling Green. Her younger sister, Megan, is a freshman on the Lady Topper Volleyball team.