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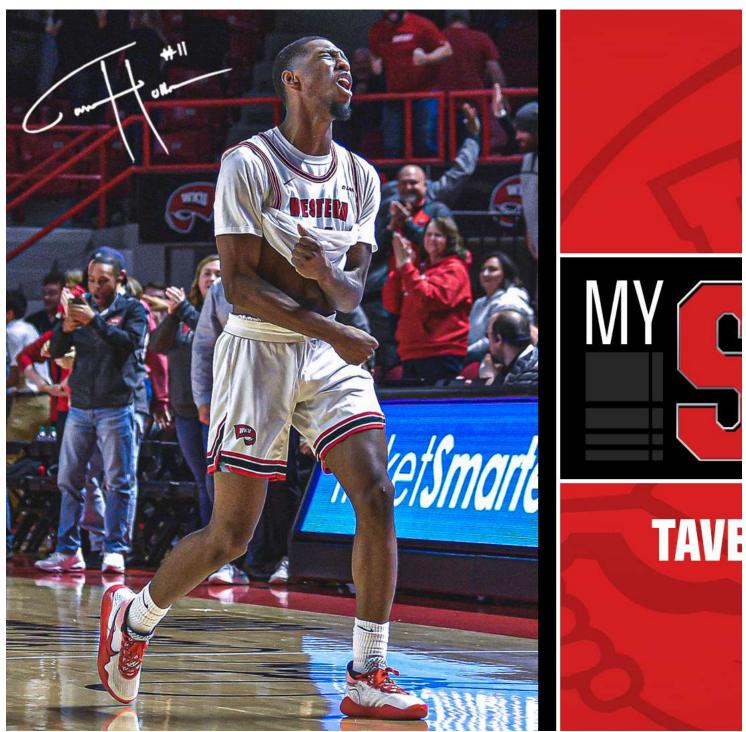
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Western Kentucky University Athletics



My Story: Men's Basketball's Taveion Hollingsworth

Men's Basketball

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'My Story' is a new series on WKUSports.com of first-person feature articles written by WKU student-athletes. The student-athletes will be telling their own stories in their own words. Our second article in the series was written by men's basketball junior guard <u>Taveion Hollingsworth</u>, whose mission of advancing to the NCAA Tournament with his teammates was halted when the COVID-19 pandemic hit.

I just want to start out by thanking the staff, team, my family, and Hilltopper Nation, and I wish everybody the best and hope and pray that everybody is safe and can get through this horrible tragedy going on right now.

I honestly don't know where to start.

A couple months from now we'll all hopefully be back for workouts and school and life will be back to normal.

What hurts me the most out of all this is that me and the team have worked so hard, and I mean tirelessly, for the opportunity that we were about to get. It hurts to think about all the off-season running, all the off-season weights – just the off-season grinding period just feels like a waste.

So much pain and so much sweat. We worked so hard, and then the season comes, we find out Coop won't be with us this season, but we understood that because we were prepared for that situation. Then a couple games before our non-conference season wrapped up, we lose CB to a heartbreaking injury that hurt us all.

Just when everybody lost hope in us, the only people who knew it was just getting started was the team. When absolutely nobody believed in us, that's what made the team closer because we were all we had. We were fighting so many obstacles, we deserved everything that we were getting.

I'm going to keep this short and just skip forward and skip to what's going on right now. Currently I'm just stuck in the house with my daughter and my family and that is what has really saved me from being upset about the whole coronavirus thing.

I get to make up missed time with my family, and most importantly with my daughter. I've had so much fun and feel completely refreshed from their presence. I haven't been able to be around them this long in years, so I'm going to take complete advantage of this.

Lastly I just wanted to say that I loved everything about my team, and I wouldn't have wanted to go through anything that we did with anybody else. And I'm sorry to Cam, Jared, and Matt for how our season ended, and sad to say my last time being with you guys was our last day in Frisco.

But I feel like me and the team have had enough time off and are already hungry for this next off-season grind. We're ready to put everything we've got into this summer and get ready to have another great year. We are going to be ready for everything in this season coming up.

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My Story: Women's Basketball's Sandra Skinner (March 26)

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