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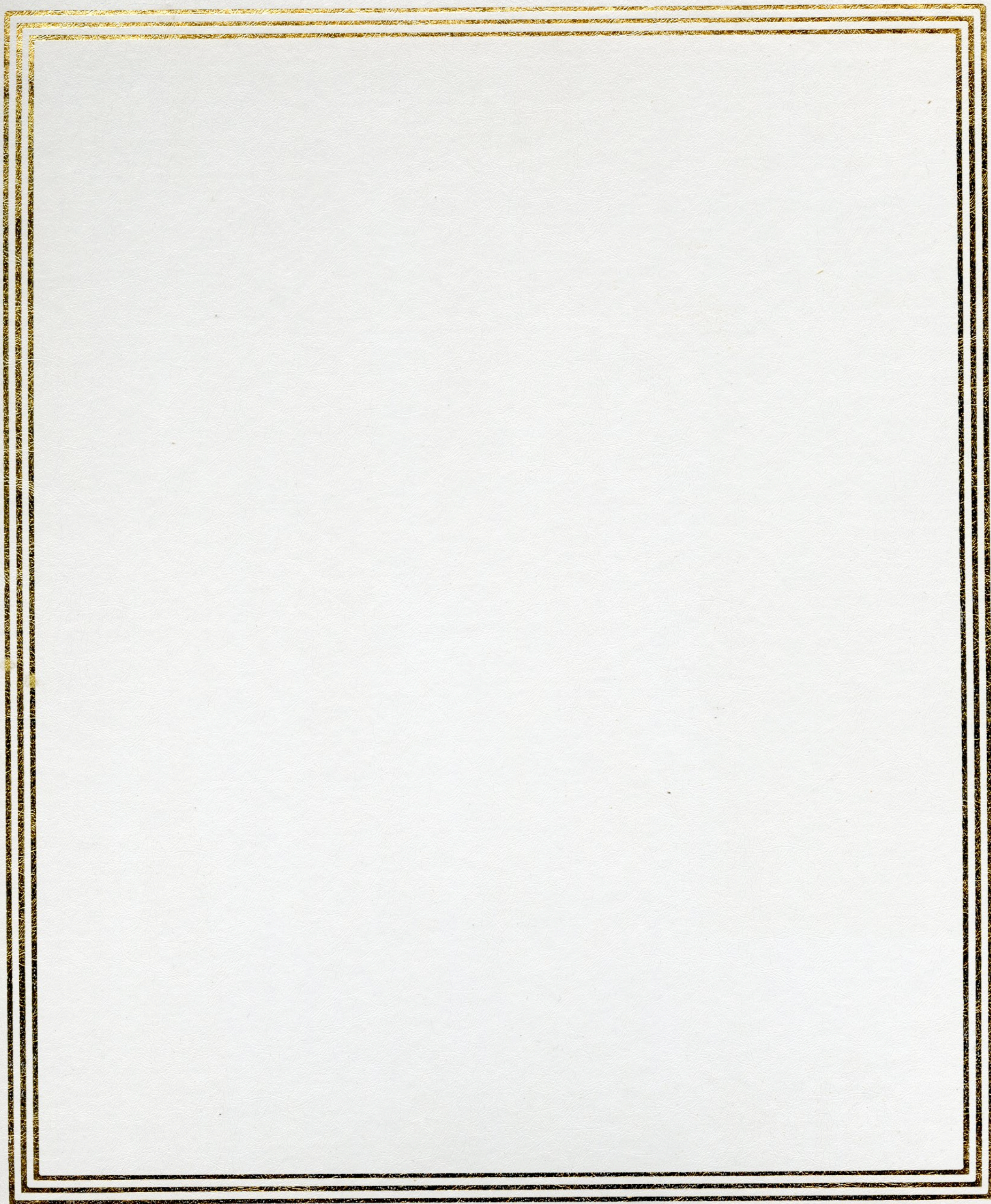
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# ALL-TIME GREATEST

Nashville's Tom Marshall has given Western Kentucky State the phenomenal record of 696 season and 1776 career points

By  
Grantland Rice II

**K**ENTUCKY has produced some great basketball teams and players over the years but it was up to Nashville to provide Western Kentucky State with its greatest player of all time.

Tom Marshall, 6-4, weighing 200 pounds and with tremendous hands, still has the basketball fanatics of Kentucky buzzing with his feats over the past three seasons.

Marshall, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Marshall of 4604 Utah ave., was the Hilltoppers' No. 1 meal ticket for a bid to the National Invitational tournament in Madison Square Garden this month.

When Western Kentucky accepted the tournament bid on Feb. 1 it marked the eighth time that the Toppers had been invited, and Marshall was a key figure in leading them to three straight shots at the crown. No other team outside the New York area has ever been invited over seven times.

Marshall, youngest of nine children, first drew attention of college scouts while playing for Mt. Juliet high in the Nashville Interscholastic league from 1948-50.

Despite playing on mediocre teams, Marshall set four Nashville high school records that still stand. The marks include most points scored in high school career (1236 in three seasons), best average for one season (22.33 in 27 games), most points scored in one season (603 in 27 games) and most points scored in regular season games (579 in 26 games).

**W**ESTERN Kentucky has had some outstanding players over the years and when Coach Ed Diddle, only college coach in the country to have won more than 600 games at one school, calls Marshall "the greatest" he is putting him on a mighty high pedestal.

"He is the greatest player I have ever coached. He can do more things at more positions than any player I have ever seen or coached in my 33 years at Western," Diddle says.

"Tawm," as he is affectionately called by Diddle, played any position for the Bowling Green school.

Not only did Marshall break every Western scoring record on the books but he set up numerous baskets with his phenomenal passing and his rebounding ranked him high in the nation all season.

But, scoring isn't all Marshall is famous for. He was a tremendous crowd pleaser as he put on a dazzling display of ball handling, a la Harlem Globetrotters, before each game. His ham-like hands can almost hide the ball as he fakes his defender out of position by grabbing the ball with one hand and flipping it around as if it were a tennis ball.

The 23-year-old senior made 31 points as a freshman on the 1950-51 Western club which finished the season with a 19-10 record, one of the worst in the history of the Bowling Green school.

The next year he caught fire, and Western

steadily moved to the front as a major college power with Marshall tossing in the points consistently.

He scored 456 points during the 1951-52 season for an average of 19 per game. The Hilltoppers posted a 26-5 mark that season, losing in the quarter finals of the NIT.

He dumped in 573 points during the 1952-53 season for an 18.5 average as Western chalked up a 25-6 record and again lost in the NIT quarter finals. Marshall's efforts that season gained him honorable mention on nearly every All-American squad.

**W**HILE scoring his 573 points in 1952-53 he proceeded to break the Western Kentucky career scoring records of 1071 points set by All-American Bob Lavoy from 1948-50. Marshall's career total jumped to 1080 following the outburst in his junior year.

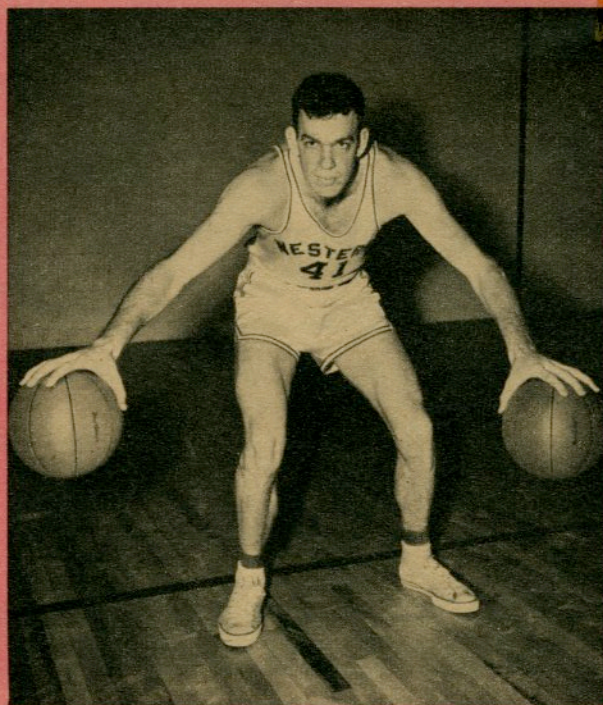
With each game this season he set a new record and it is now so far out of reach that Western fans will probably have to wait years before seeing it broken.

He opened the season scoring 38 points against Belmont in Nashville and never slowed down as he finished the regular season with 696 points and a career mark of 1776.

His 696 points this season also enabled him to set three more Western records. Those included most points scored in one season at Western, best average over one season and best career average.

In addition to his new Western marks Marshall also established a new career scoring record for the state of Kentucky. Kentucky's Alex Groza held the previous high of 1744 while playing for Coach Adolph Rupp at Lexington from 1947-49.

"Tawm" hopes to play pro ball, but after he finishes school this year he will probably be called into the service. He is a member of the ROTC at Western and upon graduation expects to enter the air corps flight training. After the service and a fling at pro ball, Marshall would like to enter the coaching field.



Tom Marshall, key man in a tournament bid

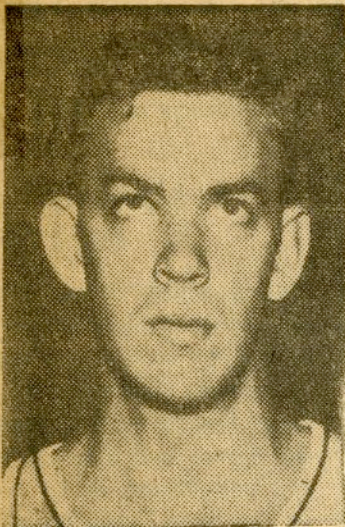
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## Marshall Named On Third Team All-America



All-America Marshall

Western's Tom Marshall is a third-team All-America on the Look Magazine honor squad.

Local subscribers received the magazine yesterday. News stand sales start Tuesday.

Marshall is on the NCAA District Three first team along with Bob Pettit of Louisiana State, Frank Selvy of Furman, Dan Finch of Vanderbilt and Bobby Speight of North Carolina State.

Look Sports Editor Tim Cohane reveals in the magazine article that Marshall was "under serious consideration" for a first-team berth. His junior status, the fact that he has another year of eligibility left, possibly kept him from making the first or second five.

The Look All-America team were selected by 489 sportswriters and sportscasters across the country. Daily News Sports Editor Bert Borone, is a member of the nomination panel.

On the first-team are Bob Houbregs of Washington, Johnny O'Brien of Seattle, Walt Dukes of Seton Hall, Dick Knostman of Kansas State and Ernie Beck of Pennsylvania.

The second team is composed of Pettit, Tom Gola of LaSalle, Joe Richey of Brigham Young, Irv Bermoras of Illinois and Paul Ebert of Ohio State.

With Marshall on the third team are Don Schlundt of Indiana, Togo Palazzi of Holy Cross, Ken Flower of Southern Cal and Arnold Short of Oklahoma City.

## Western Accepts Bid To Play In Kentucky Tourney

Western officially accepted an invitation to play in next December's Kentucky Invitational Basketball Tournament yesterday.

The athletic committee unanimously approved the Hilltoppers' participation in the eight-team event, set for Dec. 28-30 at Jefferson County Armory.

Three other Kentucky teams—Murray, Eastern and U. of L.—also are in the tournament. The four other teams are to come from outside the state.

## Toppers Popular Long-Shot Choice In National Tourney

NEW YORK, March 7—The National Invitation Tournament opened today and a cry from the big town was "Watch Western Kentucky."

Seton Hall and LaSalle are the chalk entries. Unseeded Duquesne is the sleeper. Western Kentucky shorter every minute.

One reason is that not since 1946 when University of Kentucky thwarted the jinx by one point has a favorite or the second choice won the title. On one day in 1949 all four seeded teams—the Hilltoppers and Wildcats among them—were expelled.

Another is that the Hilltoppers are the deans of the field. This is their seventh invitation, a record

for a team outside New York City. Still another is that Western Kentucky looked so good here in the Garden last December while losing a 77-74 decision to Seton Hall.

The idea that this may be the Hilltoppers' year is helped along by word from two Eastern coaches.

Eddie Melvin of St. Bonaventure, which absorbed a thorough beating from the Hilltoppers at Louisville two months ago, rates Western equal to Seton Hall, which also beat his Brown Indians by a hefty score.

"Why, Western Kentucky has a second team that averages 6-6," Melvin said. "And the entire squad is not only big, but knows what to do with a basketball."

He had special praise for 6-foot-9½ Art Spoelstra, player-of-all positions Tom Marshall and the squad's rotund little man and a game wrecker when he's right, Dick White.

Seton Hall's Honey Russell and his players consider the Hilltoppers their toughest opponent of the year.

Ted Hornback, the Western Kentucky coach who arrived today, wouldn't comment on how far he expects the Hilltoppers to go.

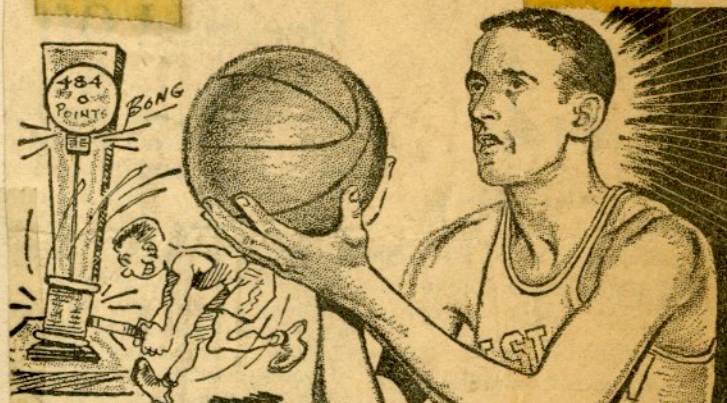
But excluding Western Kentucky for the moment, he likes LaSalle, Seton Hall and Duquesne in that order.

His team probably would have to defeat all three to win.

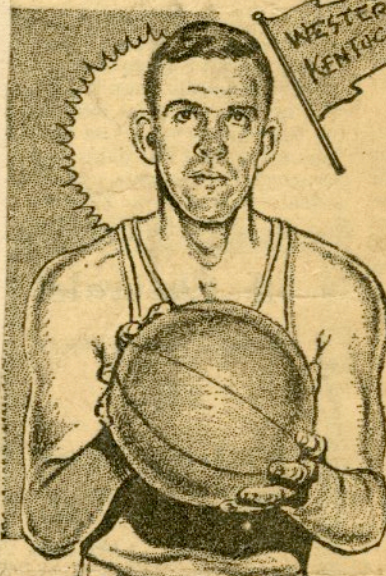
The Kentucky team leaves Bowling Green at 8:30 a. m. tomorrow. They will work out at the 69th Regimental Armory tomorrow afternoon. A scheduled drill at the Garden was called off because of a hockey match set there tomorrow night.

Players making the trip are White, Spoelstra, Marshall, Monie Beard, Jerry Whitsell, Dan King, Kay Greer, Dick Smith, Dyke Vest, Lynn Cole and Frank Wallace. They will be quartered at the Belvedere Hotel, right across the street from the Garden—and a handy spot for

## Western Kentucky Sharpshooters



ART SPOELSTRA, 6'9" CENTER, LED THE NATION LAST YEAR IN PERCENTAGE OF FIELD GOALS MADE WITH AN AMAZING AVERAGE OF 51.9%—HE SCORED 484 POINTS



TOM MARSHALL



TOM MARSHALL, 6'4" FORWARD, AVERAGED 19 POINTS PER GAME LAST YEAR, AND WAS 5TH. IN THE NATION IN PERCENTAGE OF FIELD GOALS MADE. HE EMPLOYS EVERY STYLE OF SHOOTING AND EVERY TYPE OF SHOT.

## Tempo All-America Team

For the first time, the men who have to know basketball best, the nine coaches of the professional National Basketball Association, have named their All-American selections for TEMPO MAGAZINE.

The selection:

FIRST TEAM	UNIVERSITY
Frank Selvy	Furman
Tom Gola	La Salle
Dick Ricketts	Duquesne
Bob Pettit	L. S. U.
Don Schlundt	Indiana
SECOND TEAM	UNIVERSITY
Togo Palazzi	Holy Cross
Cliff Hagan	Kentucky
Frank Ramsey	Kentucky
Bevo Francis	Rio Grande
Bob Mattick	Oklahoma A & M
THIRD TEAM	UNIVERSITY
Tom Marshall	Western Kentucky
Ed Conlin	Fordham
Si Green	Duquesne
Bob Leonard	Indiana
Larry Costello	Niagara

The coaches who made the selections for the TEMPO Magazine

All-American were Johnny Kundla, Minneapolis Lakers; Lester Harrison, Rochester Royals; Paul Birch, Fort Wayne Pistons; Red Holzman, Milwaukee Hawks; Joe Lapchick, New York Knickerbockers; Red Auerbach, Boston Celtics; Al Cervi, Syracuse Nats; Eddie Gottlieb, Philadelphia Warriors and Clair Bee, Baltimore Bullets.

## John Glenn Elected To Head Arts & Crafts Club

John Glenn, senior from Hardinsburg, was elected president of the Arts and Crafts Club at their regular meeting March 1.

Other officers elected to serve the second semester were Richard Baker, vice-president; Jim Blackwell, secretary; Owen Lawson and Jerry Plyman, treasurers; Owen Lawson, reporter; Kimble Johnson, sergeant-at-arms; and Joe Tebor-ek, historian.

## Western Five To Play At Morehead Tonight

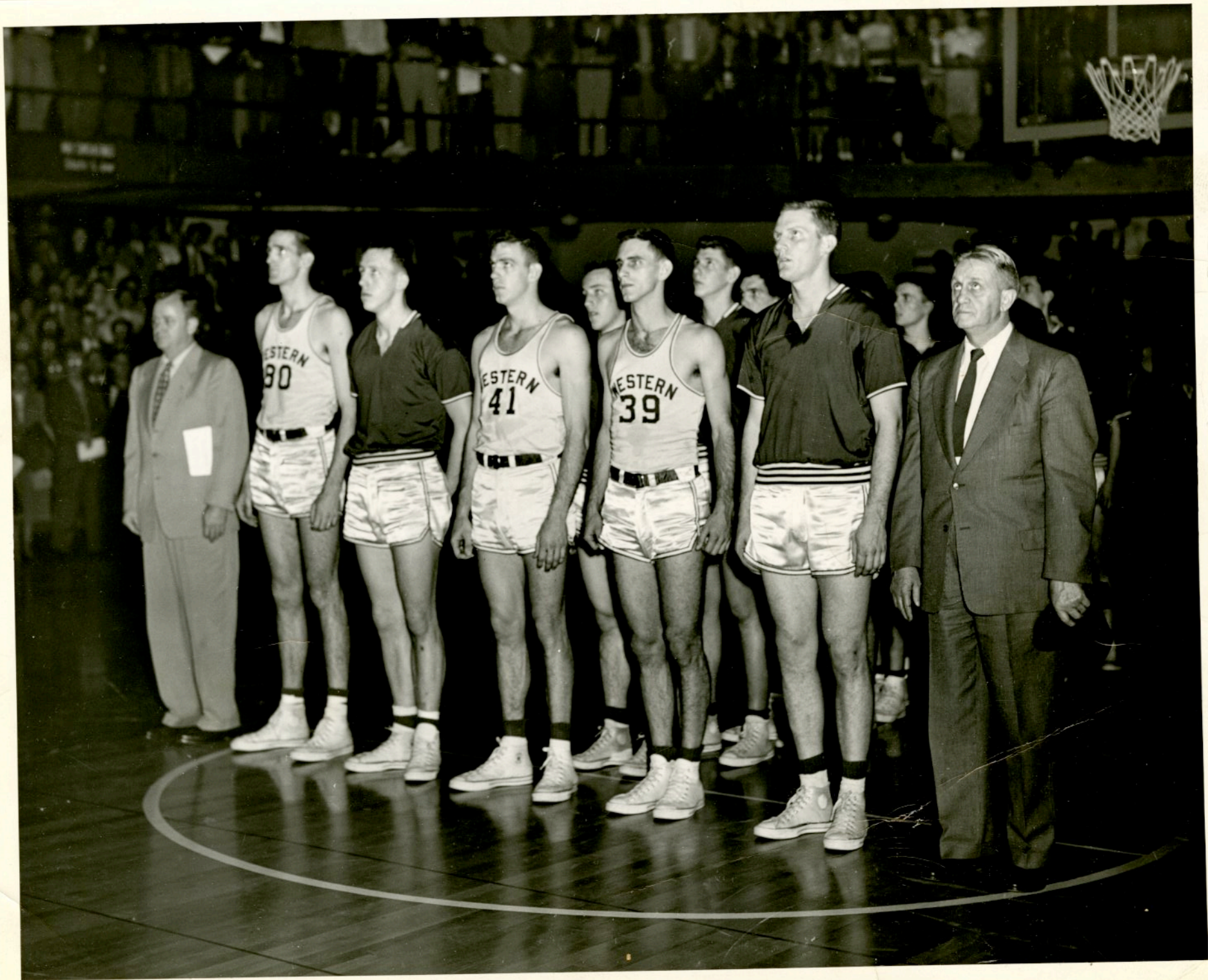
Special to The Courier-Journal

Morehead, Ky., Dec. 12.—The Western Hilltoppers will invade the Morehead campus tomorrow night to play their second O.V.C. game this week against the Eagles of Morehead. Game time is 7:30 (C.S.T.). A capacity crowd is expected to witness Morehead's first home O.V.C. game.

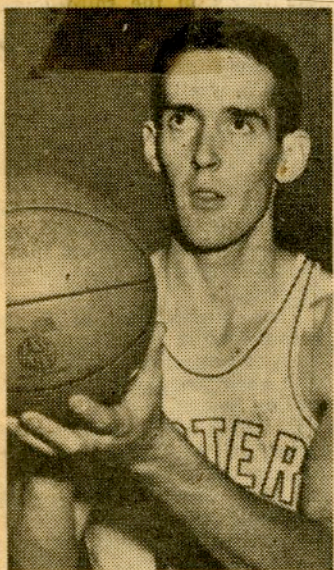
Coach Ellis Johnson is counting heavily on the return of 6-4 Ed Mobley, who will be playing his first game this year, to spark the Eagles against the highly touted basketweavers from Bowling Green.

In last week's encounter at Bowling Green, the tall Hilltoppers' scoring was by the possession type game played by Johnson's cagers. However, Morehead lacked the necessary height and Western went on to win 56-33.

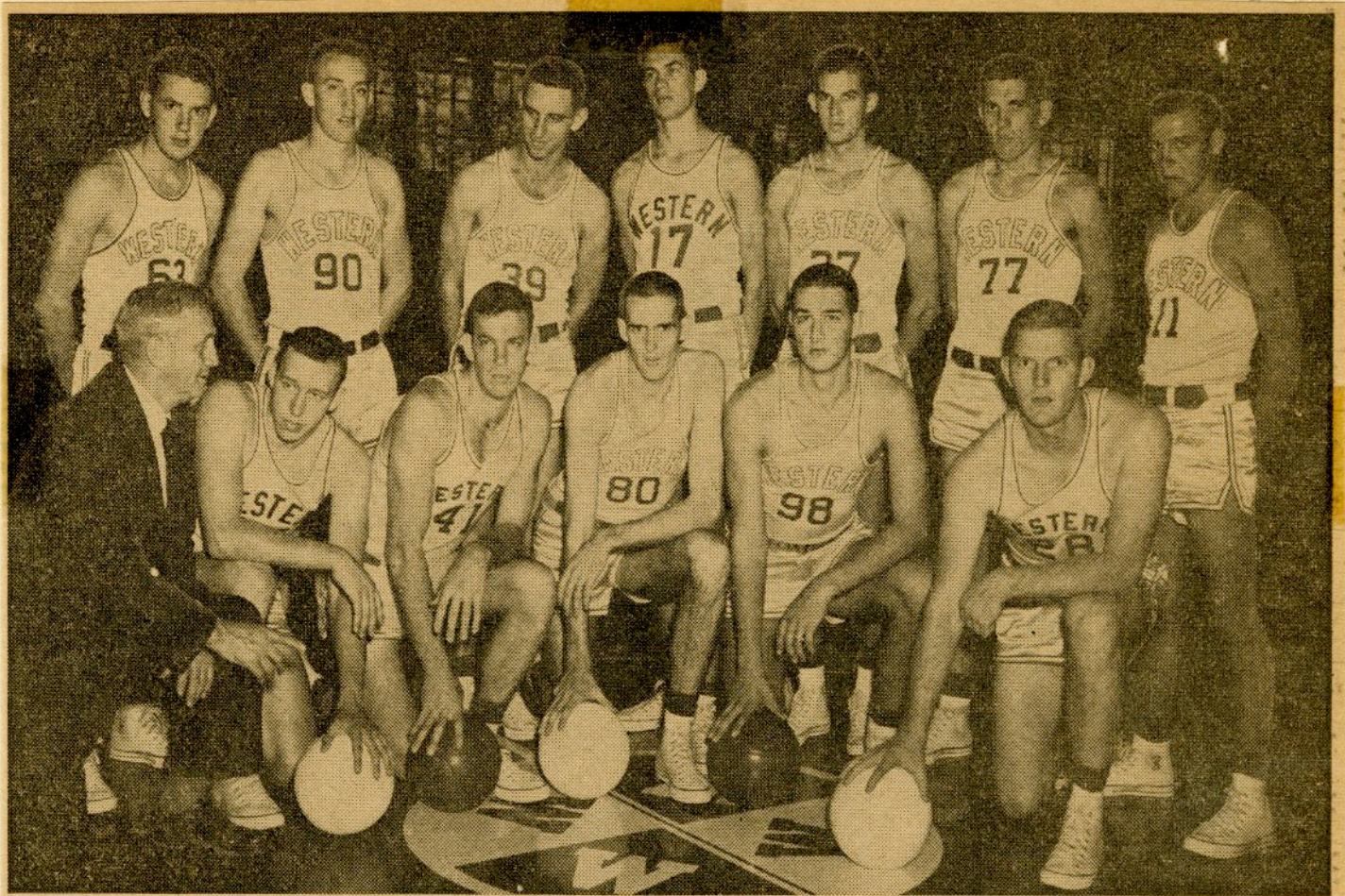








Art Spoelstra  
Sets State Scoring Mark



WESTERN'S HILLTOPPERS, who meet Morehead at Bowling Green tonight, go over their plans with veteran Coach Ed Diddle. From left, front row, are Diddle, Kay Greer, Tom Marshall, Art Spoelstra, Frank Wallace and Dan King; second row, Jim Callison, Ferrell Miller, Jack Turner, Jerry Whitsell, Lynn Cole, Forest Able and Dencel Miller.

# Spoelstra Scores 52 Points to Shatter Hagan's Record; Western Wins 98-77

By TOMMY FITZGERALD  
Courier-Journal Staff Writer

Bowling Green, Ky., Dec. 12.  
—The art of basketball point-making in the old Commonwealth of Kentucky reached an all-time record peak here tonight in the six feet, 10 inches of Mr. Art, himself.

This Mr. Art—Art Spoelstra—Western's towering center, pitched in 52 points as the Hilltoppers whipped a smaller but stubborn Morehead team 98-77 to take the lead in the Ohio Valley Conference.

He threw in 22 of them in a last-quarter rally by the pressed Hilltoppers. And it was unselfish feeding from Tom Marshall, who had Western's previous high for the season of 38, that enabled the grand and rapid scorer from Grand Rapids, Mich., to make basketball history.

His 52 points surpassed by a

single tally, the record for a major Kentucky college player that was set by Kentucky's Cliff Hagan just last Saturday night against Temple.

When Spoelstra's total hit 43 he had broken the all-time scoring mark of 42 established by Rip Gish against Eastern in 1951.

Spoelstra hit 22 field goals, all of them from close range on follow-ups, tip-ins and both right-handed and left-handed hook shots. His 22 goals came on 33 shots to give him the phenomenal shooting average of 66 2/3 per cent. He made eight of 12 free throws.

## Wins Sixth Straight

Even more remarkable is the fact that he made his 52 points in just 34 minutes of play. He sat out about six minutes of the game and left amid a wild and defening ovation from the crowd of about 4,500 when still a minute and 10 seconds remained.

In winning its sixth consecutive game and their second in

the O.V.C., Western called on its superior height to snatch the league lead from Morehead, which had won both of its other conference games.

It was the rebounding as well as the shooting of Mr. Spoelstra and his talented teammate, Mr. Marshall, that provided the big difference. In addition to helping Spoelstra dominate the defensive board most of the time, Marshall didn't have a bad night, himself, on offense. He merely lived up

to his 28-point-a-game average with 28 points.

For three quarters, Morehead played against Western a game similar in many ways to its 92-75 loss to Louisville. They got behind 20 points at 38-18 about the middle of the second quarter.

## Can't Break Fast

Up until this point, Western, playing probably its best game so far, was complete master. Morehead couldn't break fast because Western controlled the defensive rebounds. From a set offense, Morehead's attack was paralyzed by Western's towering, quick and alert defense.

Western led 23-12 at the end of the first period, in which Western's shooting at the start was quite erratic. The Hilltoppers then began hitting and quickly built up that 20-point lead in the second quarter.

Then the Hilltoppers, visibly relaxed. They quit leaping and their defense loosened.

You just can't do this against Morehead, because these guys just won't quit. Led by Don Swartz, who finished with 22 points, and by Jesse Mayabb, who also got 22 before the night was over, the Eagles cut Western's lead down to seven points at 66-59 with just a minute left in the third period.

## Repeat Louisville Feat

These never-conceding Eagles did about the same thing up in Louisville, whacking a 20-point Louisville lead in the third period down to a terrifying nine early in the fourth.

The third quarter ended 68-59 for Western and then the Hilltoppers, with Spoelstra back in there, began functioning again as they had done early in the game. It was their two big boys, Marshall and Spoelstra, who took command again.

Spoelstra scored, then Mar-

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Morehead (77)			Western (98)		
Player	fg.	ft.	Player	fg.	ft.
Mayabb f	8	7	Marshall f	11	6
Duff f	5	2	King f	3	2
Breeze f	0	0	Greer f	0	0
Gilvin f	0	2	Turner f	0	1
Swartz c	7	8	Whitsell f	0	0
Castle g	5	3	Spoelstra c	22	8
Whitehouse g	0	3	Daniels c	0	0
Riddle g	0	0	Able g	3	1
Gaunce g	0	0	Cole g	0	2
Harris g	0	0	Miller g	0	0
Carpenter g	1	0	Callison g	0	0
Totals	26	25	Totals	39	20
Morehead	12	21	Western	23	24
Western	23	24	Morehead	18	77
Morehead	23	24	Western	30	98

Free throws missed: Morehead—Mayabb 3, Swartz 3, Castle, Whitehouse 3, Harris 2, Carpenter 2, Gilvin 4, Western—Marshall, King 5, Spoelstra 4, Cole 2, Turner.



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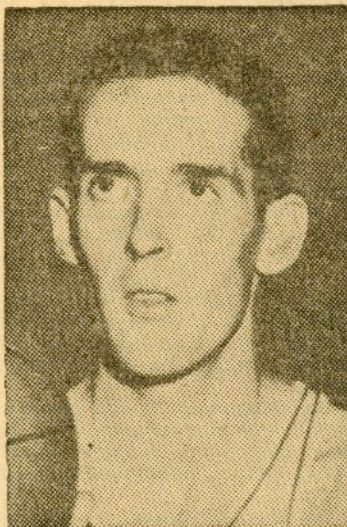
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## Cincinnati Next

Western	FG-A	FT-A	PF	TP
Marshall F	11-21	6-7	4	28
King F	3-9	2-7	4	8
Greer	0-0	0-0	1	0
Turner	0-0	1-2	1	1
Whitsell	0-0	0-0	1	0
Spoelstra C	22-33	8-12	4	52
Daniels	0-0	0-0	0	0
Able G	3-20	1-1	4	7
Cole G	0-0	2-4	4	2
Miller	0-0	0-0	2	0
Callison	0-0	0-0	1	0

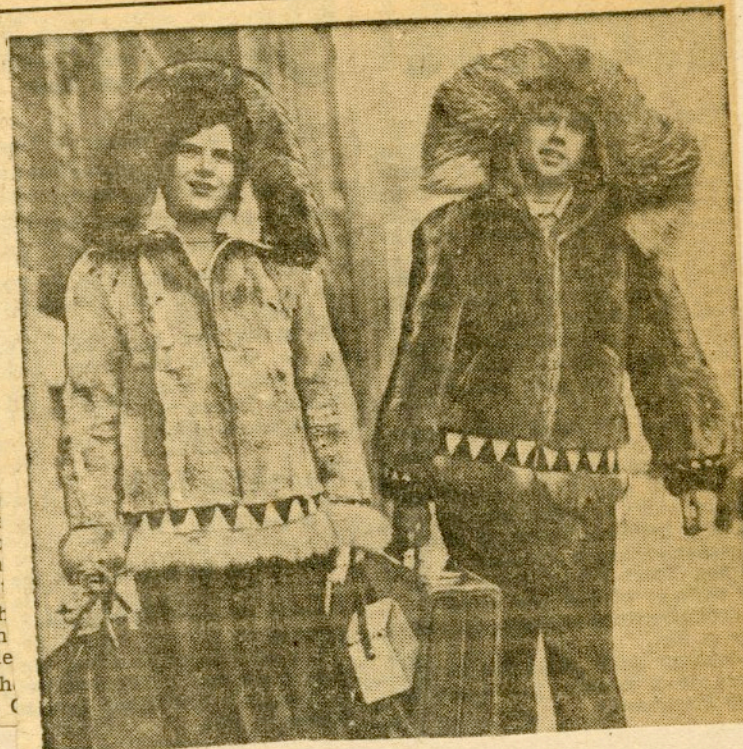
Totals	39-83	20-33	26	98
Morehead	FG-A	FT-A	PF	TP
Mayabb F	8-20	7-10	3	23
Duff F	5-12	2-2	6	12
Breeze	0-2	0-0	2	0
Swartz C	7-23	8-11	5	22
Gilvin	0-2	2-6	1	2
Castle G	5-11	3-4	4	13
Whitehouse G	0-2	3-6	2	3
Riddle	0-3	0-0	0	0
Gaunce	0-0	0-0	0	0
Harris	0-2	0-2	0	0
Carpenter	1-3	0-3	0	2

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Shooting percentages — From  
field: Western, 46.9. Morehead, 32.5.  
From foul line: Western, 60.6. More-  
head, 52.3.

## All-Time Highs

	FG-A	FT-A	PF	TP
VS Morehead—Dec. 12, 1953				
A. Spoelstra 22-33	8-12	4	52	
VS. Eastern—1951				
Rip Gish 16-27	10-16	2	42	
VS Morehead—1952				
T. Marshall 17-25	5-7	2	39	
VS Middle Tennessee—1939				
H. Saddler 15-	8-16	3	38	
VS Middle Tennessee—1941				
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VS Miami—1950				
B. Lavoy 16-29	4-7	3	36	

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TEA FOR 'TAWM'—Terrific Tom Marshall, described by Western Coach Ed Diddle as the finest basketball player he ever tutored, claims a handsome silver tea service which went with the Toppers' most valuable player award. Diddle and Bruce Dudley (left), principal speaker at the Western banquet Friday night, look on as Marshall accepts the top prize at the Bowling Green Junior Chamber of Commerce dinner.

Courier-Journal Photo



# Art Spoelstra Sets New Record In 52-Point Spree

By BERT BORRONE  
Daily News Sports Editor

Morehead scared Western with fearful stories of the point-making operatoin of its Dan Swartz, but the Hilltoppers came up with a Spook of their own last night, the most frightening scoring weapon in the history of Kentucky's major-college basketball.

Art (Spook) Spoelstra, a 6-foot-9½ monolith with a sledgehammer in both hands, exploded four major records with a majestic 52-point burst before a full house of 5,000, who shook the structure of the arena with every defense-defying move of this Spook.

That Western won, by 98-77, its sixth straight game of an unbeaten season is hardly worthy of recording.

This was the Spook's night, this crisp December evening when a new name in Kentucky college basketball, that of Swartz, threatened

Spook's stranglehold on pivot honors.

Spoelstra was fantastic. He scored 22 field goals in 33 shots. He sank eight of 12 frees. He played barely 34 minutes. He played 16 of those with first the pressure of three fouls and then of four riding on him. He cleared 21 rebounds.

What d'ya want? Bevo?

Here are the major records the Artful one wrecked:

1—The major-college scoring record in Kentucky, held at 51 points by Kentucky's Cliff Hagan.

2—The Ohio Valley Conference record of 42 points, held by Western's Rip Gish. It was set against Eastern here in 1951.

3—The Western record — Gish's 42.

4—The Hilltop floor record — Gish's 42.

Aside from that, the Spook set a

new field-goal standard with his 22 two-pointers.

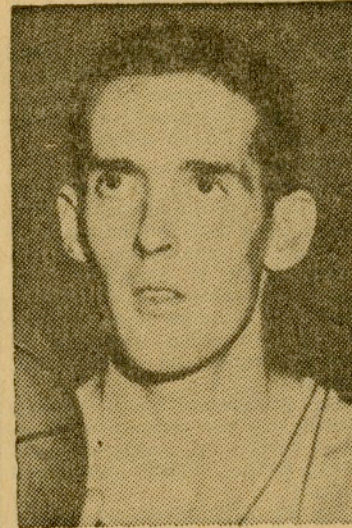
It was a personal challenge hurled by Swartz that Spoelstra answered last night. And the Spook also lent prophecy to his remarks quoted in the Daily News Friday.

"We're going to be all right," he said in reference to Western's adequate but considerably less than sensational play through the first five games. "When the challenge comes, we'll meet it."

Spoelstra canned 12 in the first quarter, eight in the second, 10 in the third.

And in the final period with Western really feeding him for the first time this season, the Spook helped himself to 22.

Spoelstra was fed superbly by Tom Marshall, who got 28 points himself and swept 22 off the boards, and Frosty Able and the rest of this gang. He was fed so devastatingly by Marshall that Tom wound up



ART SPOELSTRA — He met the challenge!

with 11 assists, highest for a Hilltopper in many a month.

Art hit five right hand hook shots, four off the left side, scored eight times on follows and taps, counted twice on one-handers of 15 to 20 feet and tallied three goals on crimps.

His left-hand hook with 3:35 to go tied the 42-point record. A hook off the right side on a Marshall pass broke the standard.

The Spook missed one then. But Marshall cleared, passed up a shot of his own and passed to Art for a looper from the circle.

Seconds later Jack Turner apparently intentionally missed the second of two frees and Art tapped it in. He got his 49th and 50th points on two frees.

The final two came on a perfect high pass from sub Guard Dencil Miller.

There were still 52 seconds to go. But Coach Ed Diddle took him out

then to an ovation that raised the hair on your scalp.

Sopelstra missed the last 1:50 of the first half. And he was withdrawn because of foul trouble for 4:42 of the third period.

For most of the first half, even discounting Spoelstra's point manufacturing, this was Western at by far its best this season.

The Hilltoppers passed crisply and decisively. They ran relentlessly. They were such complete masters of the boards that through the first 8:30 of this game Morehead scored only one field goal and cleared only six of 26 rebounds.

Western led 6-3, then 15-8, then 23-12 at the quarter. And then 32-16 and then 38-18 before they relented.

Morehead is nobody's set-up, though. They would not crack under this pressure and when Western relaxed Jim Duff and Swartz, who got his 22 the hard way too, brought them back.

They sliced Western's lead to 47-33 at the half. And in the third quarter they turned loose Jesse Mayabb, a brilliant shooter from around the ring. And these Eagles proceeded to put a fearful dent in Western's margin.

They cut it to 66-59 late in the third quarter and our Spook was in trouble with those fouls.

The rally had spent the Eagles, though, these smaller, not quite so racy guys who had refused to crack earlier.

And with the Spook warm again in both arms the race for the record with the clock was on.

Marshall played his finest all-around game yet. And Marshall at his best is one of the three or four finest collegians in the country. His 28 ran Tom's six-game tab to 172, an average of 28.7 per game.

Spoelstra owns 136 now, an average of 22.7.

Between them, these two scored more than enough points—80—to beat Morehead.

This was to be Western's first really decisive test. And Western passed it decisively. They beat Morehead, at its strongset this year four points worse than U. of L. did at Louisville when Morehead did not have Mayabb and had Swartz for just a half.

The Hilltoppers lead the OVC now, too, with a 2-0 record. Last night's was Morehead's first loss within the league, only their second in eight games overall.

## Spoelstra 16th To Bag 50 Points

Western's Art Spoelstra is the 16th major-college player to join the still exclusive 50-points-in-a-game club.

The all-time major-college single-game record is 73 points, set by Temple's Bill Milkvy against Wilkes in 1951.



# Spoelstra Set To Make Initial Start Of Season

Ted Hornback, who directed the first high school team he ever coached to third place in the national tournament, is perplexed as to just how far the first college team he has directed can go.

"It's still too early to get a good line on comparative strengths," noted. "But we will all be a lot wiser after tonight."

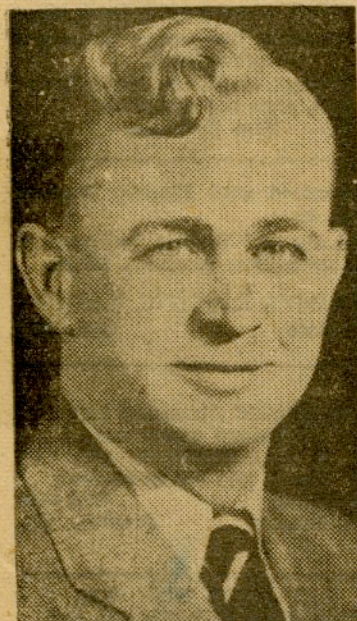
Morehead, which gave Louisville a terrific struggle for three quarters Saturday night, comes in tonight for the Hilltoppers' first home appearance. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

And this one will find Western at practically full strength.

Art Spoelstra, the 6-foot-9 pivot, is scheduled to start for the first time following his appendectomy. In there with him will be Tom Marshall, Dick White, Lynn Cole and either Dan King or Jerry Whit-sell.

King has a broken toe, but insists it does not hurt him. The team physician has said Hornback can play him.

The question of strength came up after Middle Tennessee dropped on-ly a 6-point decision to Eastern



**TED HORNBACK**—He expects to find out tonight just how good Western is.

at Murfreesboro Saturday night. Earlier in the week Western, with a make-shift lineup, had won by 30 points at Murfreesboro.

"I was pleased at the way the team came through at Murfreesboro because we had to use a number of replacements," said Hornback. "But I had no idea that Middle Tennessee could play Eastern such a close game. This looks like

## Spoelstra Set

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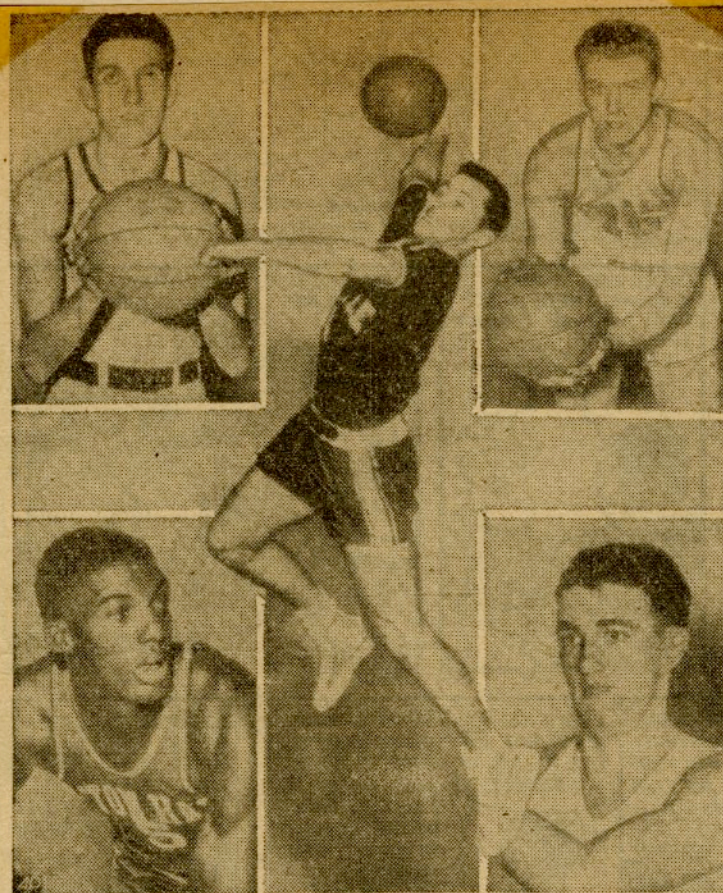
another one of those unpredictable seasons."

Hornback came back from Louisville with tremendous respect for Morehead's pair of fleet guards—Lindell Castle and Don Whitehouse.

Hornback places a lot of his victory hopes on his own out-front duo—White and Cole. "If they can handle Castle and Whitehouse—and I feel that they can—we will be all right," said Hornback. He is especially expecting a good defensive game out of White.

Ellis Johnson, Morehead's colorful coach, has had 48 hours now to think up something new. And Hornback, who knows him all too well, will almost be disappointed if Johnson doesn't come through.

Ellis' big problem tonight—as it usually is—is to combat Western's superior height.



(AP Wirephoto)

**ALL-AMERICA CAGERS**—These five stars make up the 1952 Associated Press All-America college basketball team. Johnny O'Brien (center), the mighty mite of Seattle University, is one of the nation's top scorers. Others reading clockwise from upper left, are Ernie Beck of Pennsylvania, Tom Gola of La Salle, Bob Houbregs of Washington, and Seton Hall's Walter Dukes, six-foot, eleven-inch giant who was top choice in the votes of 201 sportswriters and broadcasters polled.

## Dukes Tops All-America; 2 Hilltoppers Mentioned

By TED MEIER

NEW YORK, Feb. 28 (AP)—Topped by big 6-11 Walter Dukes of Seton Hall, three players from the Atlantic Coast and two from the Pacific Coast were named today to the 1953 Associated Press All-America collegiate basketball team.

Selected with Dukes were 5-9 Johnny O'Brien from Seattle University; 6-7 Bob Houbregs of the University of Washington; 6-6 Tom Gola of La Salle College and 6-4 Ernie Beck of the University of Pennsylvania.

They were chosen by a vote of 201 sportswriters and broadcasters from every section of the country.

Their selection emphasized the tremendous improvement in their play this season. Only a year ago when the 1952 team was picked, Dukes, Gola and Beck rated no better than honorable mention. O'Brien and Houbregs got sufficient votes to place a notch higher—on the third team. Now they are the first players from the Pacific Coast to win a first team berth on The Associated Press All-America.

On the basis of five points for a first team vote and two points for the second team, Dukes dominated the balloting. The Seton Hall star polled 134 first team votes for a total of 684 points. O'Brien got 502 points and Houbregs 450. Gola, a sophomore and the only non-senior on the first team, tallied an aggregate 380 points and Beck 364.

Bob Pettit, junior star at Louisi-

ana State, was the only other player to garner more than 300 points. He received 313 and thus earned the top spot on the second team. Pettit, who also made the 1952 second team as a sophomore, missed several games in January because of illness.

Don Schlundt of Indiana; Dick Knostman of Kansas State; Frank Selvy, Furman's "dead-eye" shot; and Paul Ebert of Ohio State completed the second quintet.

The surprise of the balloting, Clarence "Bevo" Francis of little Rio Grande, Ohio, College, received enough votes to gain the top berth on the third team. With him on the third team are Bob Leonard of Indiana; Jim Bredar of Illinois; Larry Hennessy of Villanova and Bob Speight of North Carolina State.

Francis, a freshman, gained national prominence in January by setting an individual single game scoring record of 116 points against Ashland, Ky., Junior College. Since then his feat has been minimized in some quarters because of Rio Grande's so-called weak opposition. Nevertheless those participating in the balloting apparently thought anyone who could score 116 points in one game, regardless of the caliber of opposition, rated further recognition.

Arnold Short of Oklahoma City and Bob McKeen of California head an honorable mention list of 20 additional players.

Others given honorable mention include Tom Marshall and Art Spoelstra of Western Kentucky.

Western	FG-A	FT-A	PF	TP
Marshall F	9-24	9-10	1	27
Greer F	6-7	0-0	2	12
Whitsell	2-4	2-4	2	7
F. Miller	0-0	0-0	0	0
Spoelstra C	4-14	2-2	4	10
Wallace	0-0	0-0	0	0
Able G	7-19	6-6	3	20
Cole G	2-4	1-4	2	5
Turner	0-3	0-0	3	0
D. Miller	3-4	1-2	3	7
Callison	1-1	0-0	0	2

Totals	34-80	22-28	20	90
Gustavus	FG-A	FT-A	PF	TP
Straka F	4-7	4-7	3	12
Kumlin F	3-10	0-1	4	6
Dahlstrom	1-1	1-2	2	3
Colvard	8-12	4-4	5	20
Springer C	5-10	6-10	3	16
Patzwold G	2-9	6-7	3	10
Wright G	2-3	2-3	3	6
Erdman	0-0	0-0	0	0

Totals	25-52	23-34	23	73
Western	22	22	19	27-90
Gustavus	18	18	12	25-73

Shooting percentages: From field—Western, 42.5; Gustavus Adolphus 48.1. From foul line—Western, 78.6. Gustavus Adolphus, 67.6.

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Marshall F	9-23	5-8	3	23
Greer F	6-7	2-2	4	14
Whitsell	2-9	1-1	4	5
Turner	0-2	3-4	0	3
Spoelstra C	5-14	5-7	4	15
Daniels	0-1	2-2	1	2
Weber	0-0	0-0	0	0
Able G	5-14	2-4	4	12
Cole G	3-11	0-2	1	6
D. Miller	2-4	0-0	3	4
Callison	0-1	0-0	0	0
Clark	0-1	0-0	1	0

Totals	32-87	20-30	25	84
S. E. La.	FG-A	FT-A	PF	TP
Marshall F	2-10	6-10	4	10
Kinsley F	3-14	3-5	5	9
Harris	0-2	0-0	0	0
Hess	0-0	0-0	0	0
Wagner C	3-7	3-6	5	9
Stiga	1-4	0-0	1	2
Sharp G	6-17	7-7	4	19
Hood G	3-11	5-6	1	11

Totals	18-65	24-34	20	60
Western	23	17	25	19-84
Southeastern	9	22	13	16-60

Shooting percentages: From field—Western, 30.9; Southeastern, 27.7. From foul line—Western, 66.7. Southeastern, 70.6.

Western	FG-A	FT-A	PF	TP
Marshall F	10-24	5-6	3	25
Greer F	4-6	1-3	3	9
Whitsell	0-0	0-0	1	0
King	4-14	2-3	0	10
Turner	0-0	0-0	1	0
Spoelstra C	9-12	5-9	4	23
Able G	3-17	2-2	3	8
Cole G	5-11	3-3	3	13
Miller	0-0	0-0	2	0

Totals	35-84	18-26	20	28
Middle Tenn.	FG-A	FT-A	PF	TP
Johnson F	5-20	7-12	2	17
Smith F	8-16	1-2	1	17
Carden	0-1	0-0	0	0
Price C	6-9	3-6	5	15
Christiansen	2-4	1-1	2	5
Trickey G	5-19	8-9	3	18
Hogshead G	2-5	0-2	5	4
Jones	0-2	0-0	1	0
Shrader	2-3	0-0	1	4

Totals	30-79	20-32	20	80
Western	22	26	21	19-83
Middle Tenn.	15	24	24	17-80

Shooting percentages: From field—Western, 41.7; Middle Tennessee, 38.9. From foul line—Western, 69.2; Middle Tennessee, 62.5.



# Shorties Star as Western Raps Stubborn Morehead

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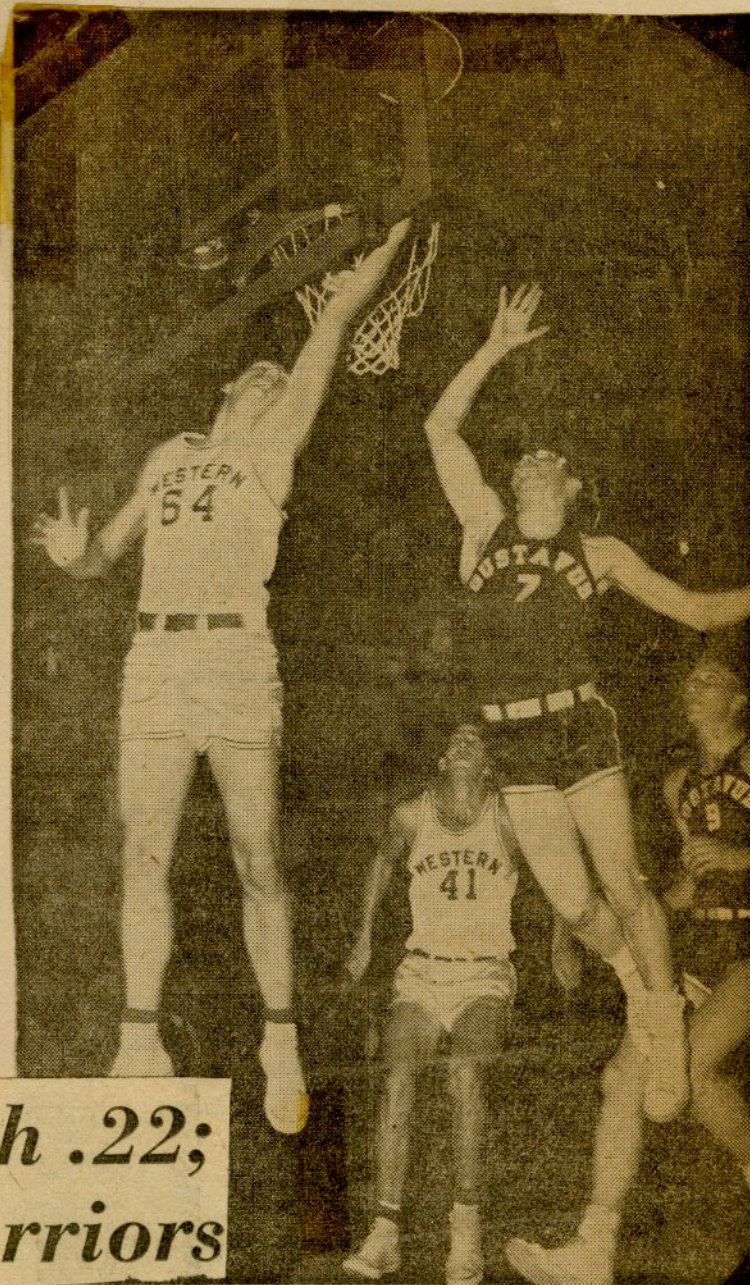
Richard White, Western guard, led all scorers with 23 points. Morehead's Don Whitehouse, also a guard, had 21 for second honors. Both are 5-11.

Morehead fought Western to a standstill through the first two periods and held a 37-34 half-time lead. Western took command in the third quarter.

The victory was Western's fourth straight and its third in league competition. Morehead had won two and dropped three. In its only other loop battle, it lost to Western at Bowling Green 56-33.

Western	fg	ft	pf	Morehead	fg	ft	pf
Marshall f	6	1	3	Parks f	1	0	3
Greer f	1	0	0	Combs f	1	0	0
King f	3	4	3	Whalen f	3	4	5
Whitell f	0	0	0	Ashton f	2	0	0
Spoelstra c	5	7	3	Mobley c	5	6	5
Smith c	0	0	2	Sammons c	0	0	1
White g	9	5	4	Castle g	4	3	4
Schutz g	0	0	0	Whitehouse g	6	9	4
Cole g	2	0	4	Totals	22	22	22
Vest g	0	0	1				
Totals	31	17	20				

Western 79, Morehead 66. Free throws missed: Western—Marshall, King, Spoelstra 3, White 3; Morehead—Whalen 2.



**OLD RELIABLE**—Western's Kay Greer, his hand well above the rim, has just deflected a left-handed tip-in toward the hoop. This one went in. So did five others he batted. No. 7 is Gustavus Adolphus' Johnny Patzwold in background are Tom Marshall (41) and Dick Kumlin (9).

## Marshall Could Hit Rabbit With .22; Fulks To Return Here With Warriors

By LARRY BOECK

It will come as no surprise to opponents of Western that Tom Marshall is majoring in geography.

He covers the basketball floor like the points of a compass and, as one pundit put it, "Whoever you assign to guard him is going to get a Cook's Tour of the place."

There is speculation among rivals that the 6-4 junior from Nashville comes equipped with radar.

There's no other way they can figure his amazing shooting percentage—45.5 per cent of his shots are field goals—or his unique ability to be on the receiving end of rebounds. He leads the team in both scoring (18.7 points a game) and in rebounding (307, or 13 a contest).

### He'd 'Bag The Limit'

"He's one of the few persons I know who could go rabbit hunting with a .22-caliber rifle and bag the limit," says "Big Six" Henderson of Bowling Green, a sports and hunting devotee when he isn't searching out moonshiners for the Government.

"Tom has wonderful eyes. His sense of touch is on the extraordinary side, too, and he has size and speed. He's worthy of

All-American consideration if ever a player was."

Coming from Henderson, this is superlative tribute, indeed. For Henderson, who divides his basketball allegiance between University of Kentucky and Western, is a second father to U.K.'s brilliant Cliff Hagan.

The versatile Marshall recently



Tom Marshall  
Western's All-Around Great

was shuttled from forward to guard. If anything, it improved his game.

### Firing More Now

A weakness of his, if it can be called that, has been the modest young man's reluctance to shoot more often. At guard, he's firing more than he did. His long-range efforts broke the back of Western's ancient rival, Eastern, several weeks ago.

A clue to the character of Marshall is his comment on going to guard:

"I find I can pass the ball off better than I did," he said.

He is an excellent "feeder," as they say in the trade, passing to big Art Spoelstra at the pivot or to teammates who are in position for a scoring opportunity.

Marshall, who was fifth in the nation in field-goal percentages with 49.1 last season, is a natural athlete, says Coach Ted Hornback. He points to Marshall's golf game—in the 70's—as an example.

Just to round out this little sketch on the "Marvelous Marshall," as they call him in Bowling Green, he hopes to play pro ball and coach. He's minoring in physical education and Spanish at Western.



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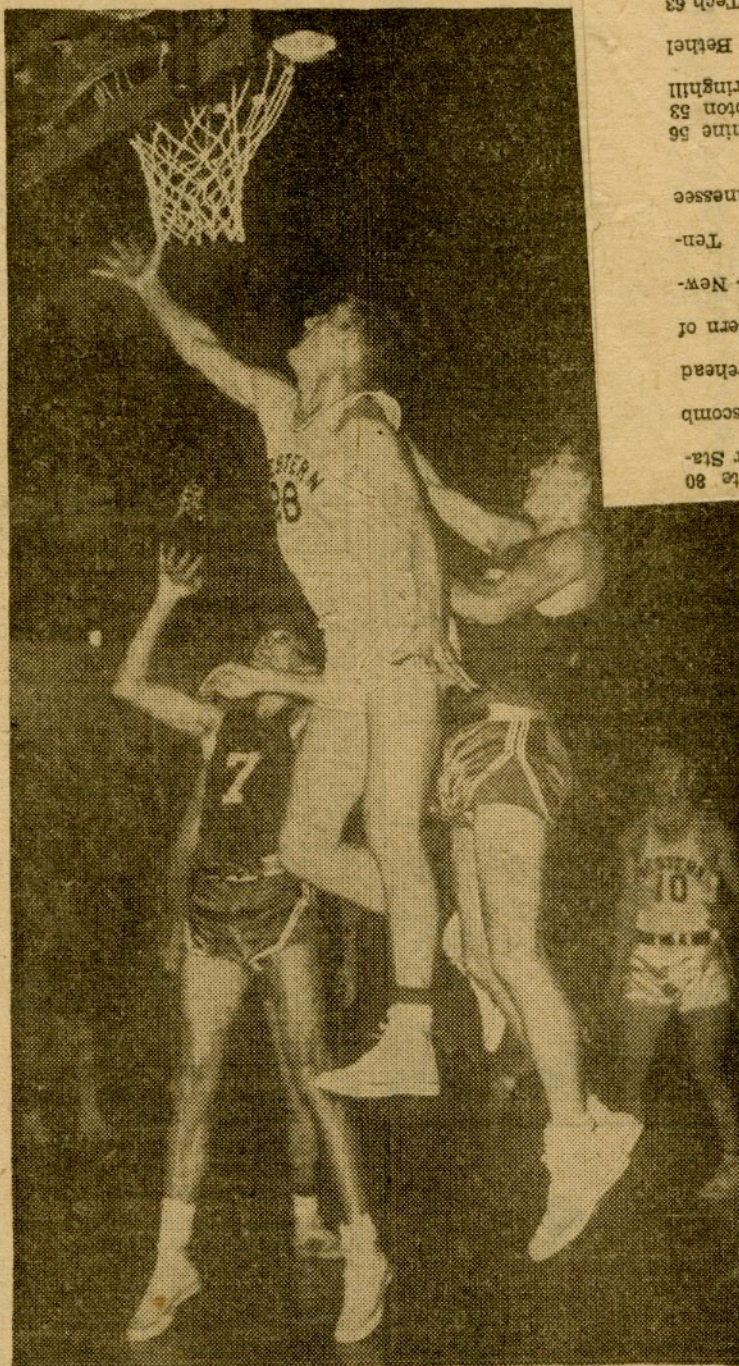
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Most times lead league in passing: six '37, '40, '43, '45, '47, '49.

Most passes thrown: 3,016.

Most passes completed: 1,709.

Most yards gained: 22,085.

Most touchdown passes: 187.

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Hawaii 75 Pepperdine 53  
Colorado 70 Utah State 66  
FAR WEST  
Memphis State 70 Louisiana Tech 63  
(Tenn) 71  
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Tennessee A & L 67 Hampton 53  
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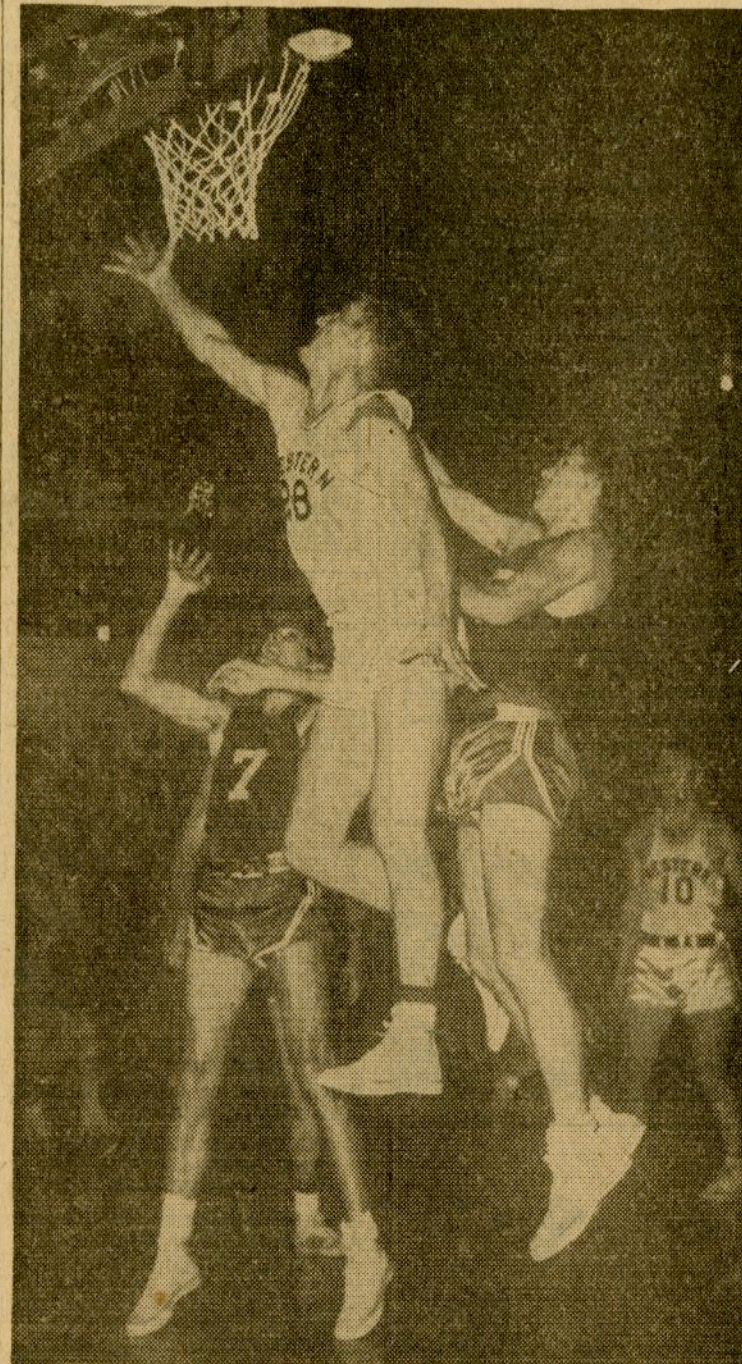
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The professionals have outlawed the kind of basketball Morehead played last night and 4,500 customers who saw Western win its home debut 56-33 are bitter that the NCAA hasn't done likewise.

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Western has turned down an invitation to play a second post-season football game.

Camp Breckinridge, one of the top service teams in the nation, had invited Coach Jack Clayton's club to play at the army post Christmas Day.

But the Hilltoppers, who already had had their season stretched out two weeks longer than usual, voted against any more football this year.

## Net Scores

By The Associated Press

**EAST**  
Duquesne 65 St. Francis (Pa) 53  
Niagara 65 Bowling Green, (Ohio) 55

**MIDWEST**  
Minnesota 76 Xavier, Ohio, 71  
Marquette 83 Ripon 55  
Eastern Illinois 86 Illinois College 45  
Western Illinois 75 Loras 58  
Illinois Normal 77 Evansville Tchrs 62  
Oklahoma City 49 Drake 45

**SOUTH**  
Wisconsin 81 Loyola (New Orleans) 60  
Louisville 89 Purdue 85  
Mississippi 100 Arkansas State 80  
Tulane 79 Pensacola Naval Air Station 49  
Vanderbilt 62 David Lipscomb (Tenn) 66  
Western Kentucky 56 Morehead (Ky) 33  
Louisiana State 124 Southwestern of Memphis 33  
Western Carolina 95 Carson - Newman (Tenn) 56  
Sewanee (Tenn) 70 Middle Tennessee 60  
Eastern Kentucky 93 Tennessee Tech 69  
Fisk 84 Alabama A & M 49  
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Top - rung opposition from the Southeastern and Southwest conferences makes up eight of nine games carded. The ninth team will be Villanova, which had a claim to championship of the East this season.

One date, now open will be filled to give the Wildcats, a test before the annual game with Tennessee.

The schedule:

Sept. 19 — Texas A. & M. at Lexington

Sept. 26 — Mississippi at Oxford, Miss.

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The Eagles shot but three times in the third quarter and Western got only six shots. Both teams scored five points. That made it 38-22.

Marshall, King and reliefer Dick Smith collaborated for 15 close-in points the last chapter.

The Hilltoppers got their 56 points while controlling the ball only about 12 of the 40 minutes.

Western is idle until Saturday when they meet Morehead again. And if it's any consolation, last night's victory was the most decisive over Morehead since 1948.

MOREHEAD	FG-A	FT-A	PF	TP
Whalen F.	3-12	6-13	1	12
Ashton F.	0-0	2-4	2	2
Sammons C.	0-2	1-1	5	1
Combs	0-2	1-2	3	1
Castle G.	0-4	4-7	0	4
Whitehouse G.	4-11	5-9	2	13
<b>Totals</b>	<b>7-31</b>	<b>19-36</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>33</b>
Western	FG-A	FT-A	PF	TP
Marshall F.	4-8	3-4	4	11
King F.	7-13	3-5	2	17
Greer	0-0	0-0	1	0
Whitsell	0-0	0-0	0	0
Spoelstra C.	3-10	4-6	5	10
Smith	2-4	3-5	2	7
White G.	3-11	0-0	4	6
Cole G.	1-6	1-2	2	3
Vest	0-1	0-0	1	0
Beard	0-0	2-2	1	2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>20-53</b>	<b>16-24</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>56</b>

Score by periods:

Morehead	9	8	5	11—33
Western	12	21	5	18—56

Shooting percentages: Western—From field 37.7; from foul line, 66.6. Morehead — From field 22.6; from foul line, 52.8.

Officials: Jack Keys (Knoxville), Tim O'Brien (Galconda, Ill)

## Maryland's Passing Combination To Play For South In Bowl

MOBILE, Ala., Dec. 9 (AP) — Maryland's passing combination of All-American Jack Scarbath and Lloyd Colteryahn will perform with South forces in the Senior Bowl game here Jan. 3.

Announcement was made today that Colteryahn, 6 feet 2 inch offensive end, had accepted a bid to the all-star game. Scarbath had been announced previously.

TODAY A YEAR AGO — The Cleveland Browns defeated the Pittsburgh Steelers, 28-0, to win the American Conference title of the National Football League.

FIVE YEARS AGO—Fred Fitzsimmons resigned as general manager of the Brooklyn Dodgers football team to take a coaching assignment with the Boston Braves of the National Baseball League.



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But probably the most deciding weapon they had was Spoelstra—that 6-foot 9-inch monolith. His worth last night won't show too much in the individual scoring statistics.

## Only 11 Points, But . . .

He made only 11 points and seven of those on fouls. King and Marshall got more defensive rebounds. White's shooting from the floor helped to keep Western in more or less command throughout.

But, when Spoelstra wasn't in the game, Eastern won it! And altitudinous Art was bench-bound with three fouls on him almost a total of 16 minutes of the game.

While he was out, Eastern outscored Western 26-21.

His presence seemed to have a worrisome effect on Eastern's defense. It loosened the guarding on his teammates and it seemed to give his pals more confidence.

Western looked great in spurring into a 6-1 lead that was upped to 15-8 with 2:58 left in the first period.

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Cole f	1	2	2	Holbrook f	0	0	2
Spoelstra c	2	7	4	Doherty f	0	0	0
Smith c	1	2	2	Tolson c	10	5	4
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Marshall g	4	4	1	Kearns g	3	5	4
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Eastern				14	13	13	20—60

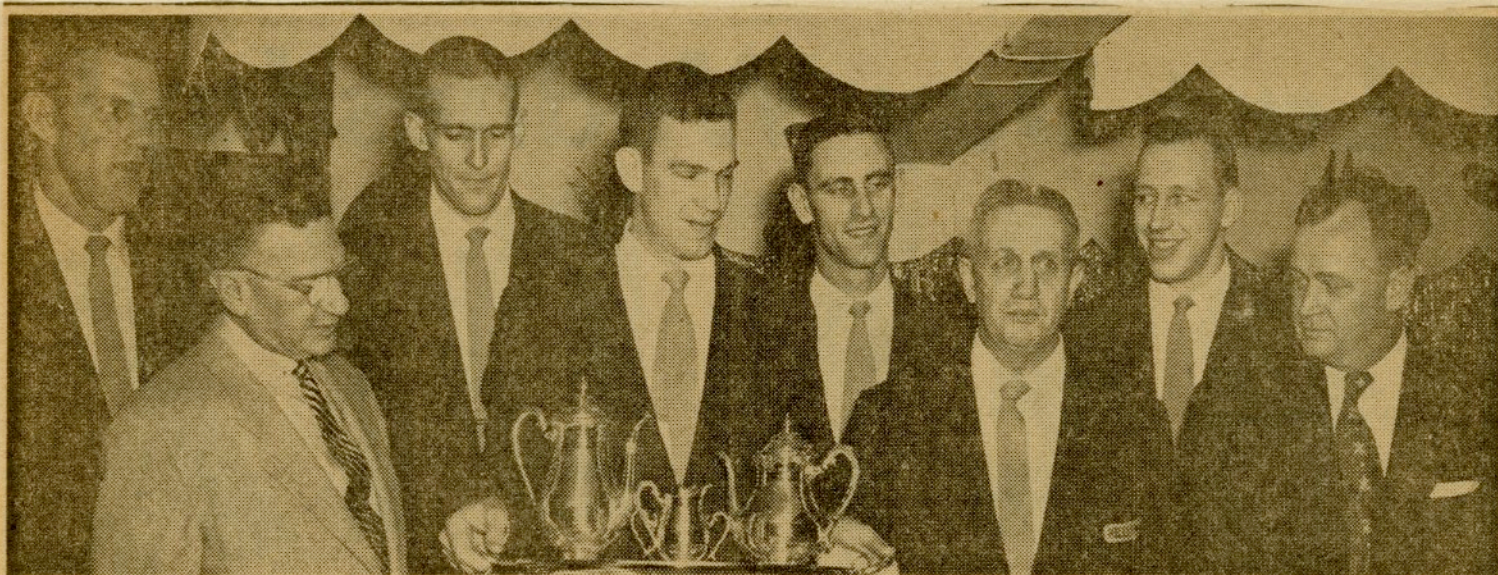
Free throws missed: Western—King 4, Cole. Eastern—Mulcahy 2, Doherty 2, Tolson, Bales, Kearns 5.

## Last Call!

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The Courier-Journal's annual Pick-the-Sixteen Contest closes at midnight tonight. All postcards with selections of the 16 regional winners must be postmarked prior to midnight. The winner and his guest will receive an all-expense trip to the State High School Basketball Tournament at Lexington March 18-21.





"MOST VALUABLE PLAYER"—All-America Tom Marshall holds the silver tea service he was awarded as Western's "most valuable player" Friday night at the Jaycees' annual basketball appreciation dinner. Admiring the trophy are, left to right, Dan King, Bruce Dudley, principal speaker of the evening; Art Spoelstra, Marshall, Jack Turner, Coach Ed Diddle, Kay Greer and Assistant Coach Ted Hornback. The five Western stars pictured have played their last game in Hilltopper uniforms.

## Marshall Receives Western's "Most Valuable Award"

Tom Marshall, a selection on many All-American squads, was named Western's "most valuable player" of the 1953-54 season at the annual basketball appreciation dinner at the Boots and Saddle Club Friday night.

In recognition of his achievement he was presented a silver tea service as a climax to the Junior Chamber of Commerce-sponsored event, which is held annually to pay tribute to the Western basketball team.

Others receiving awards, presented by Carroll Brooks, member of the Jaycee committee in charge, were Dan King, Art Spoelstra, Jack Turner, Kay Greer, Forrest Able, Jerry Whitsell, Jim Callison,

Lynn Cole, Dencil Miller, Ronnie Clark, Bob Daniel and Coaches Ed Diddle and Ted Hornback.

Each was presented a gift certificate.

In the principal address of the evening, Bruce Dudley, former president of the American Association and one-time sports editor of the Louisville Courier-Journal, praised the record that Diddle has established as a coach at Western.

He called attention to the fact that Diddle was described on the program as "America's greatest coach," and then added, "I don't know who could dispute that. I don't know of anyone born in Kentucky who is more beloved."

Dudley, who now is engaged in

a campaign to raise funds for the Kentucky Independent College Foundation, devoted most of his address to recounting experiences as a sports editor, president of the Louisville Colonels and president of the American Association. He was presented a country ham at the conclusion of the program.

In addition to the presentation of awards and Dudley's address, the program included introduction of members of the Western squad by Diddle and brief talks by Hornback E. Kelly Thompson, assistant to the president at Western, and Dean F. C. Grise.

Paul R. Huddleston, local attorney and president of the Western Alumni Association, acted as master of ceremonies. Opening remarks

of welcome were made by Capt. Fred Lane, Jaycee president.

In introducing the squad, Diddle paid particular tribute to five seniors who have played their last game for Western, and warned Hilltopper fans not to expect a record comparable to this year's 29 victories and three defeats of next year's club.

He remarked that Turner made such a fine impression on professional scouts during the National Invitation Tournament that he is slated to be the first or second draft choice of the New York Knickerbockers.

Besides Brooks, the Jaycee committee in charge of the dinner was composed of James Brite, chairman; Noel Ennis Jr., Charles Kelley and David Chesnut.

## East Dominates All-State Basketball Poll

By JOHNNY CARRICO

Kentucky's basketball stars rose in the East this year.

Half of the 10-man squad selected in the Courier-Journal's 11th annual all-State basketball team comes from the sunrise section of the Commonwealth.

Heading the glittering delegation is Lafayette's Vernon Hatton, who polled the most votes to gain the honorary captaincy of the team. The powerful Generals also landed big Bill Florence.

Others chosen by vote of coaches, sportswriters, sportscasters and basketball officials were Ken Kuhn of Male, John Lee Butcher of Pikeville, Billy Ray Cassidy of Inez, Kenny Sidwell of Caverna, Larry Redmond of Newport, Clayton Stivers of Clay County, Nelson White of Powell County and Jerry Henderson of Ashland.

Kuhn, Hatton Repeat

Hatton and Kuhn also were named on last year's team; Sidwell was chosen two years ago. Kuhn and White are the only

underclassmen in the star-studded ten; both are juniors.

Hatton, who was named on 56 per cent of the record number of ballots, polled the fourth highest majority in all-State history. Harlan's "Wah-Wah" Jones is the all-time champion with 83 per cent. Ralph Beard was named on 67 per cent and Cliff Hagan on 63 per cent. Kuhn finished second to Hatton.

Clark County's Larry Thornberry, who was selected last year as a junior, was placed on the third team. The Cardinal ace

was hampered by injuries all year.

Highlighting the talented ten:

**NELSON WHITE**—Scored 1,022 points as a junior this year, hit for 50 in one game and 40 in the 14th Region semi-finals. His ambition is to play basketball at Kentucky and become a major league pitcher. As a hurler, he won 12 and lost two last spring. Tallied 231 points as an eighth-grader, 333 as a sophomore and 870 as a junior. With 2,225 points in three years, has a good chance to break the four-year

American prep record of 2,989 points held by Albert "Junior" White of Meade Memorial. Coached by Bill Orme.

**KENNY KUHN**—One of those brilliant athletes who come along once in a decade, Kenny, a guard, does everything in spectacular fashion. He set four Louisville records this past season, averaged close to 25 points per game. Chosen all-district, all-region, all-Louisville Invitational and all-state tournament. Considered one of the best T quarterbacks in Kentucky, Kenny

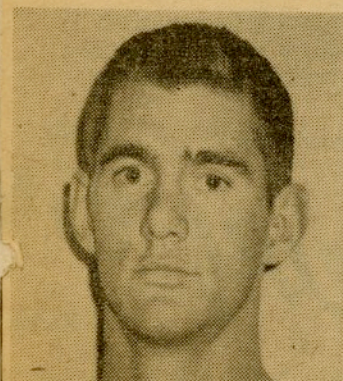
also is an outstanding baseball prospect. Coached by Harry Glenn.

**JOHN LEE BUTCHER**—A guard, Butcher rang up 985 points in 33 games this season and a four-year total of 2,050. Basketball isn't his only talent; he quarterbacked in football, played first base and was Pikeville's junior tennis champion. An honor roll student, he has been class president for four years. Twice all-district and all-

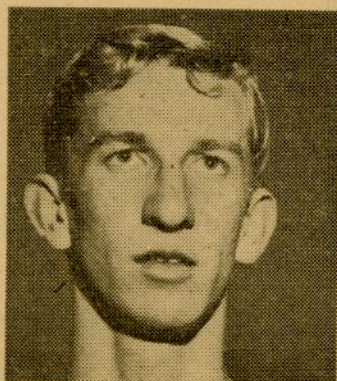
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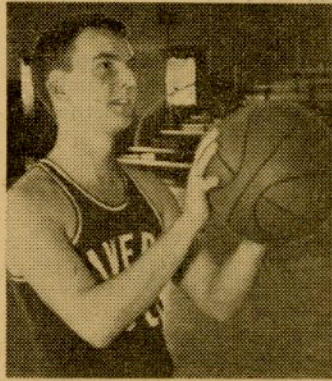
Player.	School.	Age.	Ht.	Yr.	Harold Ross, Hickman	Frank Waggoner, Wingo
Vernon Hatton, Lafayette	-----	18	6-3½	Sr.	Doug Shively, Lafayette	Orbie Arnold, Mayfield
Ken Kuhn, Male	-----	17	5-10	Jr.	Vic Thorndale, Henry Clay	Jerry Keller, Dixon
Bill Florence, Lafayette	-----	19	6-8½	Sr.	Lincoln Collingsworth, Salyersville	Bobby Green, Morgantown
John Lee Butcher, Pikeville	-----	18	5-11	Sr.	"Corky" Withrow, Central City	Billy Case, Bourbon County
Billy Ray Cassidy, Inez	-----	18	6-2	Sr.	Tommy Long, Allen County	Norris Flynn, Lafayette
Kenny Sidwell, Caverna	-----	18	5-10	Sr.	John Crigler, Hebron	Bill Back, Dilce Combs
Larry Redmond, Newport	-----	17	6-2	Sr.	Earl Noe, Mt. Vernon	Larry Thornberry, Clark County
Clayton Stivers, Clay County	-----	19	6-5	Sr.	Bill Gray, Ashland	County
Nelson White, Powell County	-----	17	5-11½	Jr.	Ralph Shearer, Adair County	Ralph Gilliam, Pikeville
Jerry Henderson, Ashland	-----	17	6-2	Sr.		Phil Stone, Olive Hill



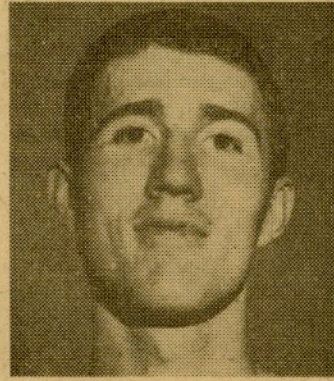
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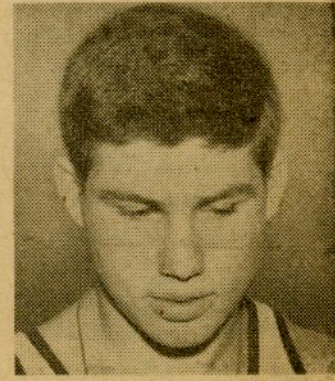
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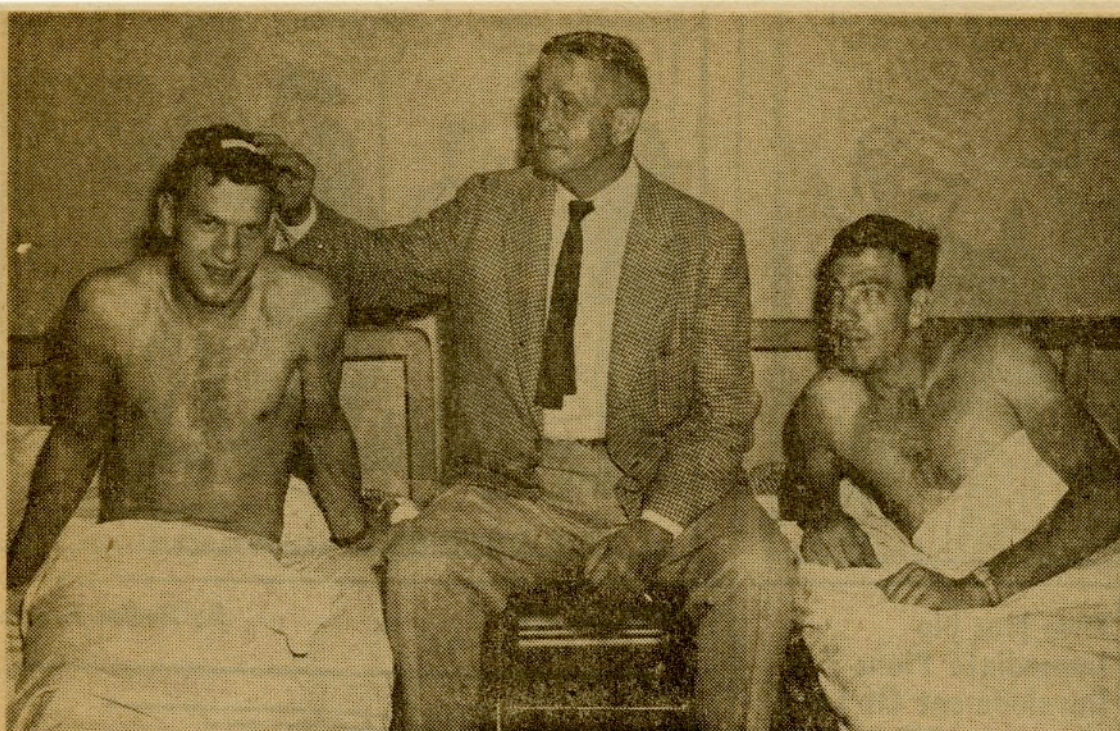


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**ALL AMERICANS AT EASE** — Record basketball scorer Frank Selvy (left) of Furman and Western's Tom Marshall rest for tonight's big game with the Yankee All-Stars and listen to words of wisdom from Hilltopper Coach Ed Diddle. Selvy said a scalp wound, suffered in a game last night, will not affect his play.

## Greatest Collection Of Kentucky Court Talent Meets Yanks Tonight

Basketball's all-time record scorer, Mr. Frank Selvy of Corbin, who plays here tonight in the All-America game is living proof that All-Americans are made, not born.

Nursing an aching head incurred in a basketball scramble at Bedford, Ind., last night, Mr. Selvy sleepily admitted he has spent around 70 hours a year the past four years just practicing basketball.

"It would add up to at least two hours a day the year around," the All-American said. "There's no easy way to learn basketball."

Selvy is a 21-year-old who has grown from 6-foot-1 and 155 pounds to 6-foot-3 and 185 in the past four years. But his head is not one fraction of an inch bigger.

Asked what was his biggest thrill, the good-looking Furman ace said unhesitatingly it was the night his parents saw him play last season. "First time they'd seen me play since I went away to college," he explained.



**THIS FORMER** Indiana University ace, who will play here tonight, got 33 last night in the Hoosiers' 103-86 victory over Western seniors.

Let's see. That was the night Selvy scored his 100 points wasn't it? Frank had to think a minute to be sure. "Guess it was, but it was my family being there that counted," he insisted.

The experts had the audacity to say that Mr. Selvy was as good as our Tom Marshall and he teams with the Hilltop's nonpareil in tonight's big game.

Billed for Bowling Green High's gymnasium at 8 p.m., it matches the greatest collection of Kentucky court talent ever assembled against the Yankee All-Stars.

Admission is \$2 and \$1.50, with children under 14 getting in for 50 cents.

The Kentuckians own Selvy, Marshall, Western's Art Spoelstra and University of Kentucky's Frank Ramsey, Cliff Hagan and Lou Tsiropoulos.

The Yankees feature Indiana's All-America Bob Leonard, Charley Kraak and Dick Farley, Illinois' Johnny Kerr, Notre Dame's Joe Bertrand and Dick Rosenthal and Minnesota's Ed Kalafat.

Leonard scored 33 at Bedford last night as ex-Indiana University stars defeated a gang of Hilltop seniors 103-86.

Kerr played with the Indianans. Selvy joined the Hilltoppers. But he played only a minute before the top of his head came in violent con-

tact with Leonard's teeth. Stitches were required to close the wound in Selvy's scalp, but he said he will be okay tonight.

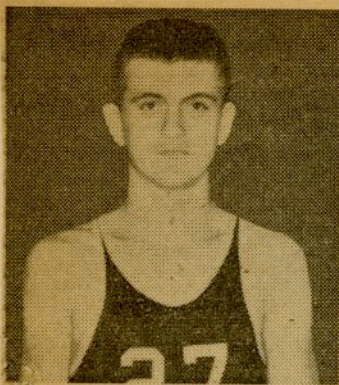
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Western's Hall of Fame coach, Ed Diddle, looks for the Kentuckians to revenge Wednesday night's loss to these Yankees at Owensboro.

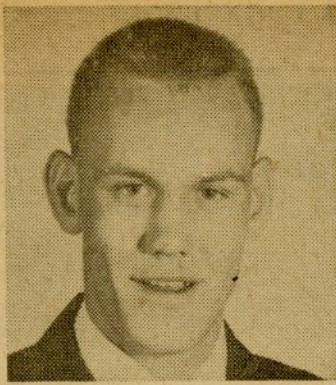
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"We'll get 'em," said Marshall.

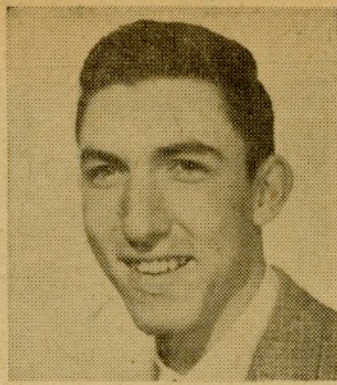




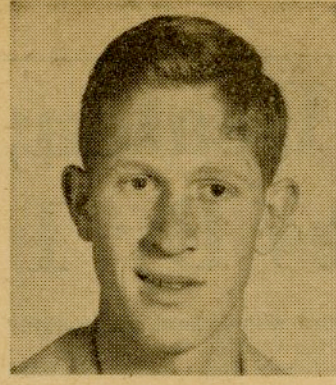
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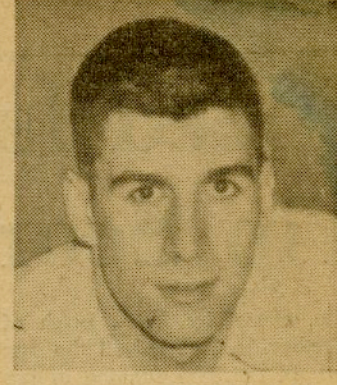
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# Butcher, Cassady, Stivers on First Team

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**CLAYTON STIVERS**—Clay County won two straight 13th Region titles with his fine play. Chalked up 641 points this season and 1,223 in a four-year

span. A pivotman, he was named three times to all-district teams and twice was all-regional. Probably will choose Eastern, alma mater of his coach, "Spider" Thurman, but Western and others want him.

**LARRY REDMOND**—A third team choice last year, Redmond has lettered in three sports at Newport. Made the all-Northern Conference and Louisville Invita-

tional team two years and was chosen to the all-state tournament ten this year. An excellent shot and an outstanding defensive performer. Louisville, Cincinnati, Xavier, Western, Eastern and North Carolina State have expressed interest in him. Coached by Stan Arnzen.

**BILLY CASSADY**—A big reason why Inez won the state title, Cassady tallied 843 points this

season and 2,195 in his four-year career with the Indians. Twice all-district and all-regional, he was chosen this year on the Louisville Invitational and all-state tournament teams. A pitcher-first baseman who has interested the Pittsburgh Pirates. Nine colleges are interested in him, including Kentucky, Western and Vanderbilt. Coached by Claude Mills.

A vigorous rebounder and keen competitor, he was named to the all-state tournament as well as all-district and all-regional teams. He has heard overtures from Eastern, Western and Kentucky among others. Coached by George Conley.

**VERNON HATTON**—Chosen to an All-American high school team last season, Hatton may be remembered as one of Kentucky's great all-time high prep guards. A hard driver and an accurate outside shot, Hatton specialized in offense, but is equally able on defense. Sought by Kentucky, Indiana, North Carolina State, Eastern and Western among others. Coached by Ralph Carlisle.

**BILL FLORENCE**—"Big Bill," the tallest high school player in the state, is "the man who whipped you," according to Lafayette foes. A great rebounder and a potent scorer, few defensive men could handle him. "The best I've had anyplace," is the tribute paid him by his coach, Ralph Carlisle. Kentucky and Western are prominent bidders for his services.

**KENNY SIDWELL**—Owns a total of 2,110 points in four years, 617 of them this season. He was named to the all-district and all-regional teams four years and was all-state tournament in 1953. He is an excellent catcher and plays No. 1 on the tennis team. Kenny was the nation's No. 1 passer in completions and total yardage in 1953 as Caverna's quarterback. Louisville, Murray, Tennessee are among numerous schools who want him. Coached by Ralph Dorsey.

**JERRY HENDERSON**—Hard-working Jerry was the wheelhorse in Ashland's spectacular performance in the state tourna-

## ALL-STATE HONORABLE MENTION

### Region 1

Gene Mathis (New Concord), Dick Cochran (St. Mary's), Bill Kingins (New Concord), Bob Barrett (Sharpe), Ken Wray (Wingo), Gaylon Hawkins (Reidland), Franklin McClain (Cuba), Glyn Shrodes (Bardwell), Tommy Mullins (Wingo), Cary Moore (Ballard Memorial), Bob Austin (Paducah Tilghman), Adrian Smith (Farmington), Martin Holland (Heath).

### Region 2

Howard Garrett (Todd County), Gerald Tabor (Marion), Gayle Clayton (Trigg County), Owen Blanton (Guthrie), Wayne McCollum (Lacy), Gene Walker (Hopkinsville).

### Region 3

Jerry Villines (Dixon), Kenny Chandler (Morganfield), Jack King (Henderson), Bob Williams (Holy Name), Kelly Chapman (Owensboro Tech), Jimmy Clark (Clay), Goldsberry (Hebbardsville).

### Region 4

Carl Carver (Hughes-Kirkpatrick), Bobby Millard (Central City), H. L. Hope (Central City), Jim Williams (Graham), Roger Newman (Greenville), Charles Tharp (Calhoun), Charles Escue (Dunmore), Bobby Broyles (Hartford), Adrian Cooksey (Horse Branch).

### Region 5

Franklin Davis (Lewisburg), Keith Gerald (Allen County), Larry McDonald (Cumberland County), Bob Williamson (Bowling Green), Phil Stover (Marrowbone), Billy Kinslow (Glasgow), Charles Stinson (Franklin-Simpson), Henry McCauley (Auburn), Dan Turner (Alvaton), Ken Rush (Glasgow).

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# Hilltoppers Race To 19th Victory 80

## Spoelstra, Marshall Score 55 Points In Loss Avenger

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Tom Marshall opened up the middle of Eastern's celebrated defense with fabulous outcourt shooting and Art Spoelstra exploited the gap for 33 points last night as Western wrecked the Maroons 86-76 and vaulted into a virtual tie for the OVC lead.

The 5,000 customers who packed the Hilltop's storied arena and the floor itself, on which have trod some of the basketball greats of our time, never saw the kind of long-range shot-making Marshall displayed for three quarters nor a greater exhibition of under-the-baskets operation than Spoelstra provided in the same span.

Getting all of his goals from 25 feet out or farther, Marshall canned his first three in a row, six of his first eight, and eight of his first 12 while fashioning 22 of the most decisive points you ever saw.

If Marshall was fabulous, Spoelstra, even though firing from a much shorter range, was incredible. He sank his first four in a row, six of his first eight, 12 of his first 15 on a monstrous collection of left and right-hand hooks and taps.

The only thing that prevented this from taking its place with the all-time Hilltop classics was Western's lack of a killer's instinct. The 1947-48 team would have murdered the Maroons by 35 points shooting like this. This combination last night could have. Mercifully, sometimes frighteningly, it didn't.

The nationally 8th-ranked Hilltoppers finished breezing in this 19th victory in 22 games. But they trailed for a brief, early moment and saw a 15-point lead sliced to four later on.

Coach Paul McBrayer, though, said, he felt his team was never in contention. "Two great ball-players, Marshall and Spoelstra, had great nights. What chance did we have?" he asked. Mac, the only fellow to beat Western here in 78 games now, feels Marshall just may be the greatest Hilltopper of them all.

Eastern's lone lead was at 6-4 on a lay-up by Stan Stanford. Spoelstra regained the edge for Western with a tap-in and a free.

For the next seven minutes of this quarter and the first seven of the second period, no college team in the country could have survived the brilliantly versatile assault of these Hilltoppers.

Five times Marshall, hardly rippling the net, shook the structure of the arena with 25-foot sinkers. Four times Spoelstra hit from the post. Four times Dan King moved his 220-pound bulk through the Maroons defense for short-range goals. Kay Greer added a tap-in and a stolen-ball two-pointer.

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Eastern still has a theoretical lead in the Ohio Valley Conference. The Maroons' record is 7-1. Western is 6-1 and is even in the all-important loss column. Murray in third with 5-2 and hosts both leaders later in the season.

It was the fifth defeat overall for Eastern against 12 victories.

And it was Western's 51st series triumph against 23 for Eastern in a series dating back to 1915.

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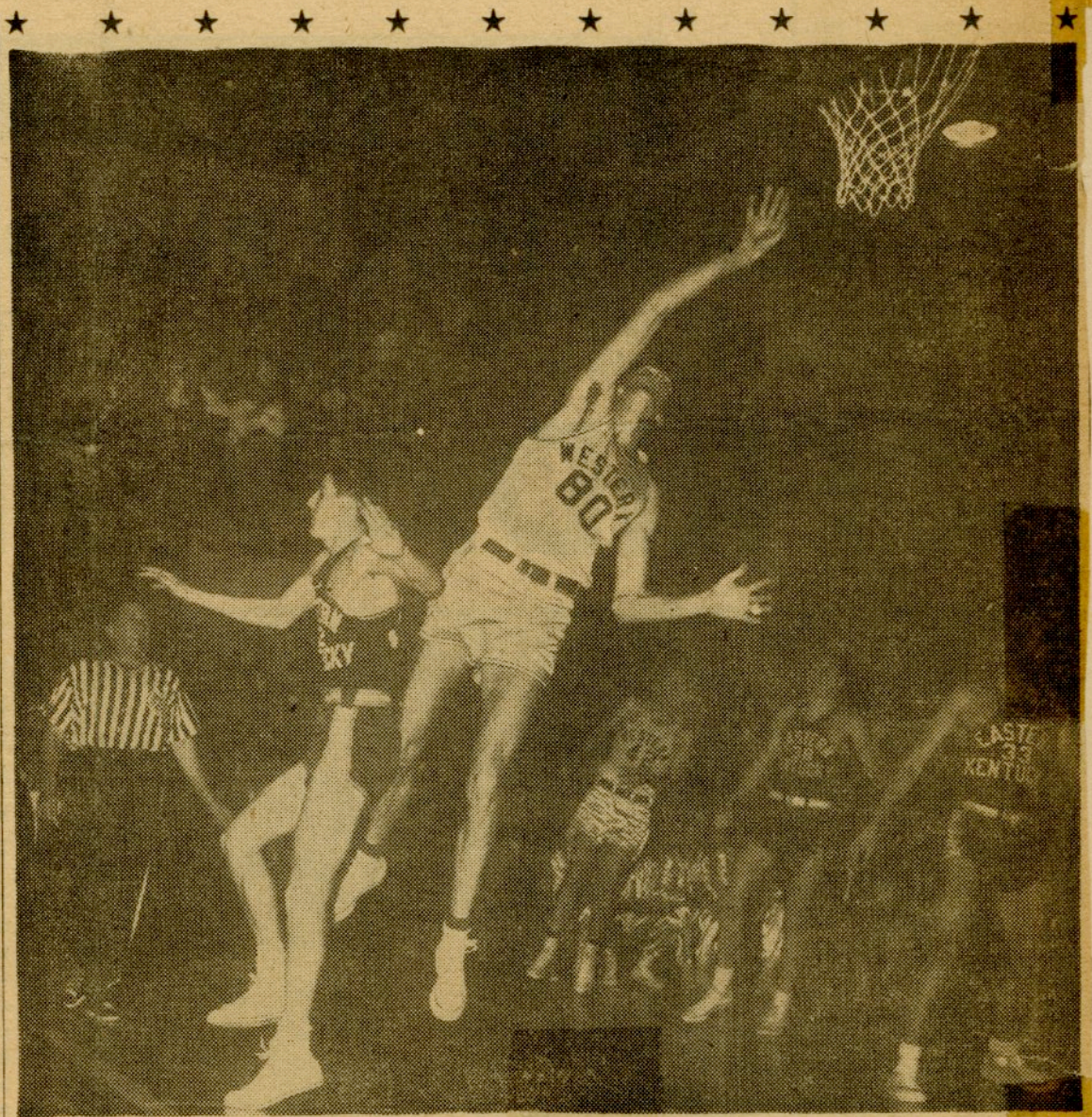
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Greer F	2-3	6-11	5	10
Whitsell	0-0	0-2	2	0
Spoelstra C	13-20	7-14	3	33
White G	0-7	2-5	1	2
Marshall G	8-16	6-8	3	22
Beard	0-1	0-0	0	0
Vest	2-4	0-0	0	4

Totals	32-70	22-45	17	86
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Davis	1-3	0-0	2	2
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Kearns G	2-7	2-4	3	6
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Shooting percentages: From field—Western, 45.7%. Eastern, 40.5%. From foul line—Western, 48.9%. Eastern, 64.0%.

Officials: Vince Zachem (Madisonville), Dick Looney (Pikeville).



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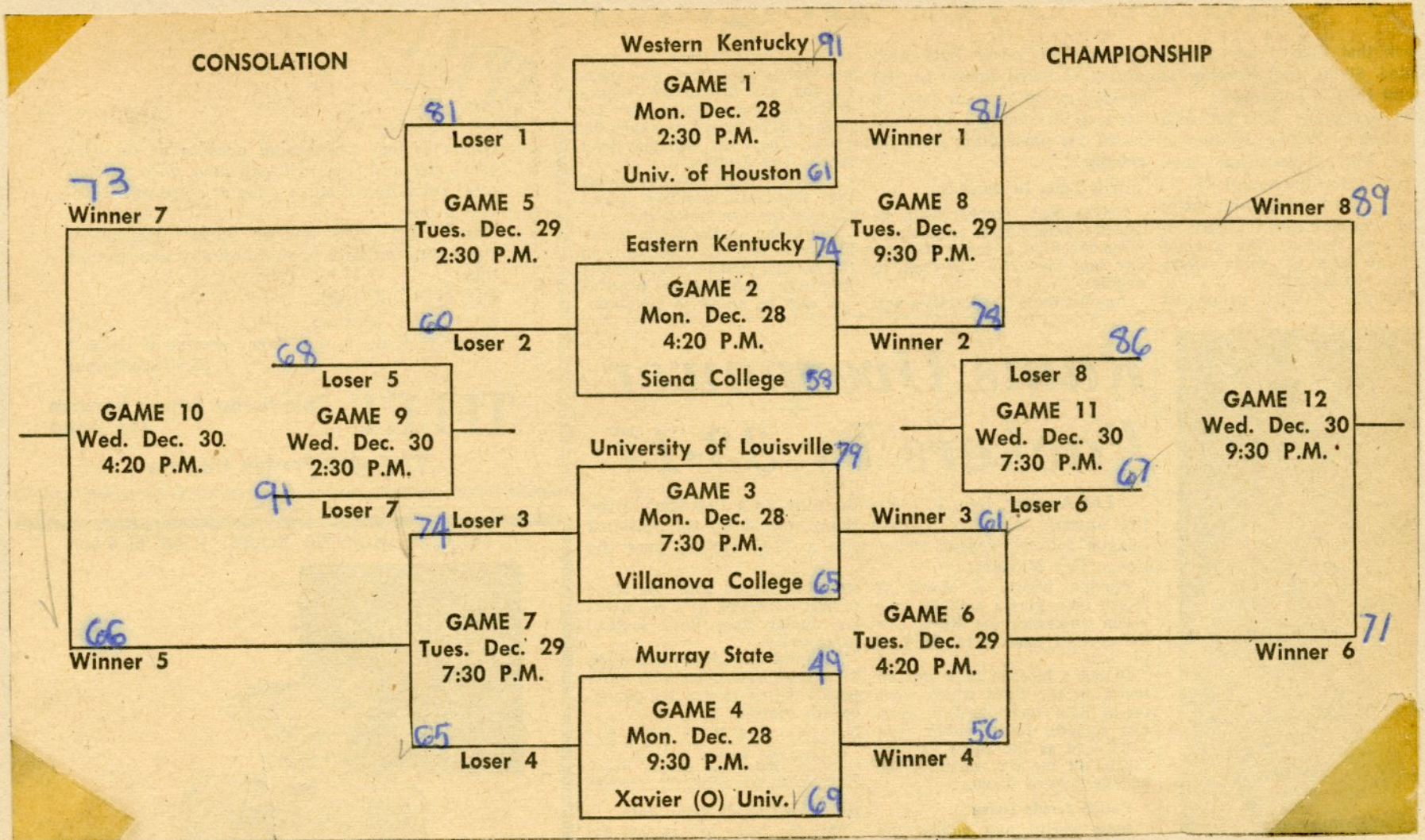
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H. carried a 15.4 average into the game. If he'd equalled it, Eastern might have won. He got only six points, just four of them off Greer.

King with 14 rebounds, Spoelstra with 14 and Marshall with 12—despite the fact he played outside—were primarily instrumental in Western having a 55-36 edge in the



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And yet, as a team, it still is an enigma to its fans, perhaps even to Coach Diddle and to Ted Hornback.

Diddle himself has said you can't very well criticize them so long as they keep winning. Well, they haven't trailed at even a single quarter's end yet. He also has said it may take a defeat or two to bring out the best that's in them.

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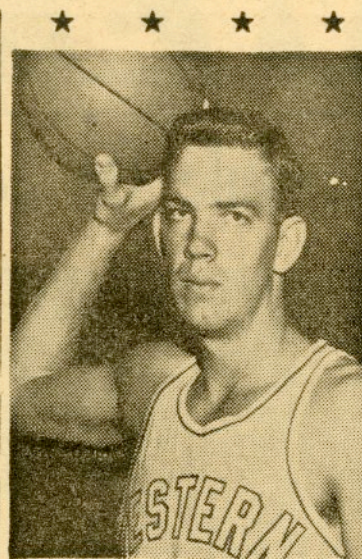
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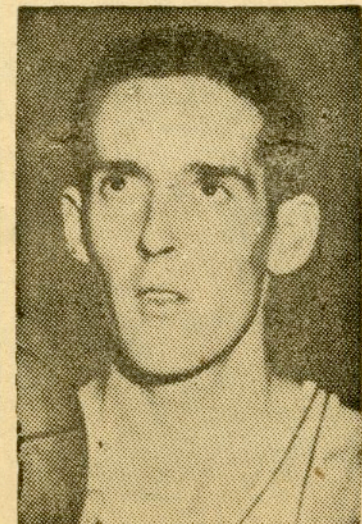
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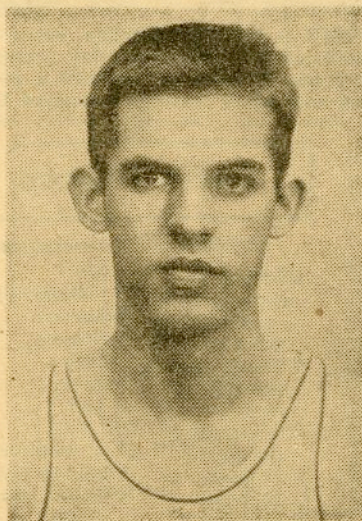
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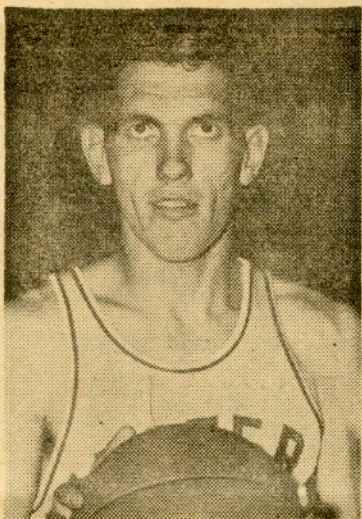
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Eastern Kentucky and Siena College clash in the afternoon's second game.

That night, Louisville challenges Villanova in a lower round battle while Murray State winds up the first night's action against Xavier (Ohio) University.

Semi-finals come off Tuesday afternoon and night and the runner-up and championship games on Wednesday night.

A consolation championship game is set for Wednesday afternoon.

The tournament is sponsored by the Kentucky Junior Chamber of Commerce. It is one of three holiday tourneys in Kentucky this year.

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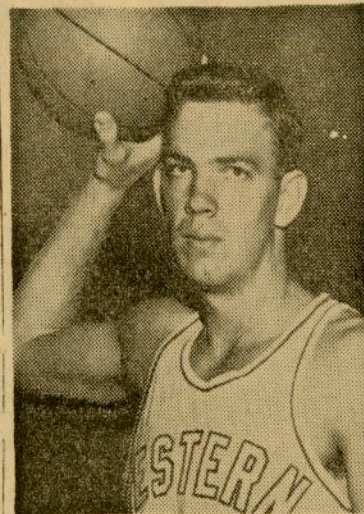
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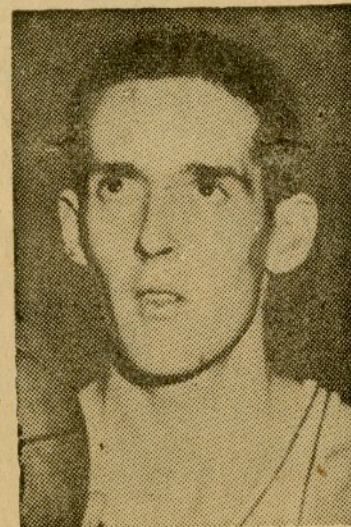
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The Hilltoppers are ranked No. 6 in the nation, so all of the pressure of this rating plus a nine-game winning streak will be on them. Houston can go in relaxed and the Cougars, upsets of Oklahoma A&M and St. Louis last season, relish the underdog role.

The game matches conference leaders. Houston vans the Missouri Valley with a 2-0 record and is 5-1 overall. Both wins were over Detroit. Western tops the Ohio Valley Conference, likewise with a 2-0 record.

Houston's hopes ride on a better-

balanced scoring punch than Western has exhibited and on hustle, a prime game factor in which they yield to no team.

Fiery little Jack Mosher, reminiscent of the Dick White who played for Western last year, leads the six-game scoring with a 16.7 average.

Gary Shiver, 6-foot-9 post man whom Houston counts on to handle Western's 6-9½ Art Spoelstra, is next with 14.3. Then come Guard Jack Bell (12.3) and Forward Jack Foster (11.0). The fifth starter, Forward Jim Hatton, is hitting 9.3 a game and this redhead is a fine leader.

Three of the five starters are hitting better than 40 per cent of their shots. Shives leads with .455. Then come Mosher, .434, and Doster, .412. Bell is .382 accurate and Hatton's field-goal average is .308.

The Cougars are deadly at the foul line. They show a team accuracy of .814.

While the Houston entry in the Kentucky cage classic will not suffer on shooting accuracy, they will certainly be at a disadvantage in height. Bell and Mosher are both 5-11, Hatton is 6-4 and Mosher is 6-2.

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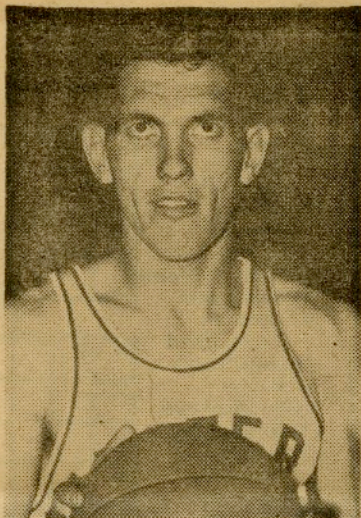
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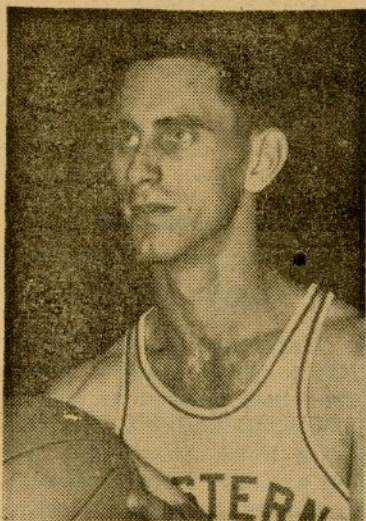
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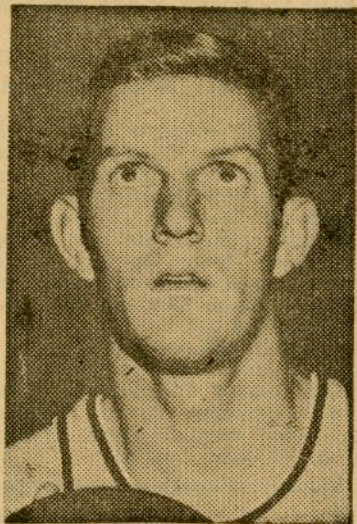
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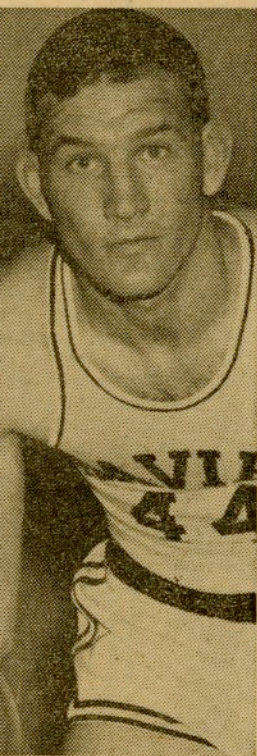
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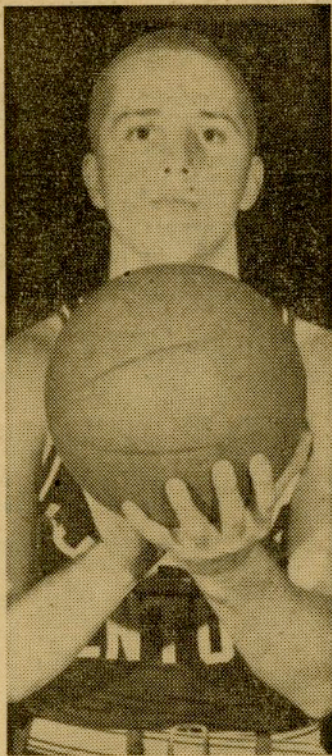
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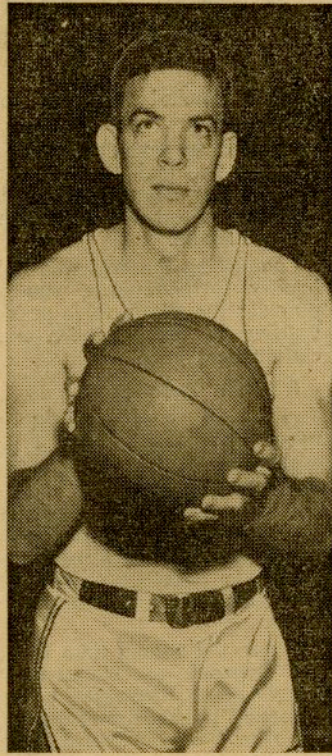
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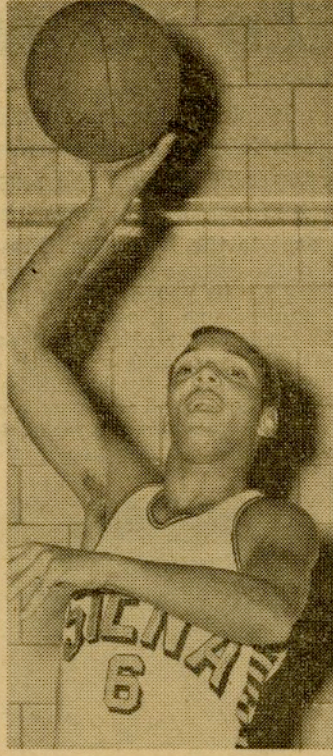
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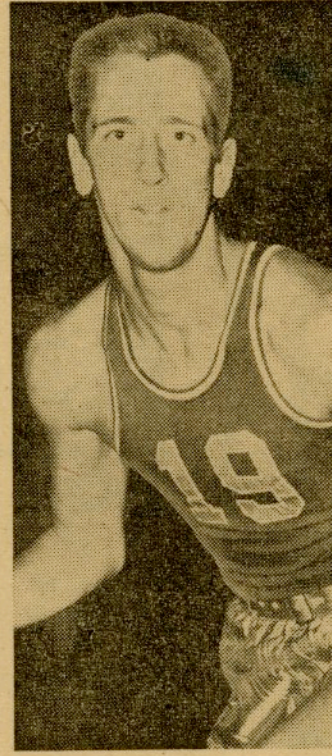
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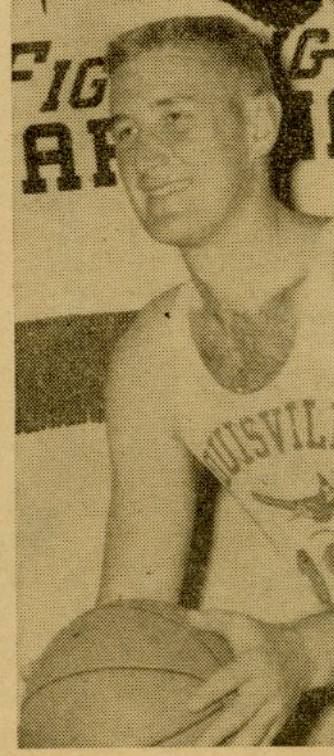
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Louisville, the pick to triumph in the other bracket and oppose Western in a "dream game" final between these two estranged basketball rivals, is 14th in the nation in offense and second best, in this respect, in the tournament.

The Cardinals have collected 666 points for an average of 83.3.

The leading individual point-maker in the meet is Bob Schafer of Villanova, the first-round opponent of Louisville at 7:30 tomorrow night. He is seventh in the nation with 215 points in eight games for an average of 26.9.

Three other players in the K.I.T. are among the nation's first 50 ball-dunkers.

Tom Marshall of Western is 13th with an average of 25.9, Art Spoelstra of Western is 36th with 21.7 and Chuck Noble of Louisville is 49th with 19.6.

Up among the nation's field goal accuracy leaders are Tom Holbrook of Eastern with 49 goals in 97 attempts for 50.5 per cent and Spoelstra with 72 buckets in 145 throws for 49.6.

The tournament offers some of the keenest eyes from the free-throw line you'll find anywhere. Four of them are among the 13 most accurate free-throw tossers in the country.

Forest Able of Western, who has connected 25 times in 29 charity attempts, is No. 3 nationally with a percentage of 86.2.

Chet Beam of Louisville (17 of 20) is sixth with 85 per cent. Corkie Cox of Louisville (41 of 49) is 11th with 83.7 per cent and Noble (31 of 38) is 13th with 81.6 per cent.

The tournament also presents two of the nation's top defensive rebounders in Spoelstra, with an average of 15.8 a game, and Marshall, with 15 a game. Spoelstra is 13th in the nation and Marshall is 19th.

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Rosters of K.I.T. competing teams are on Page 2 of this section.

nation with 198 of 260 for 76.2 per cent and Western is 12th with 200 of 287 for 69.7 per cent.

On the unbragging side is Eastern's supreme position in the foul-committing department.

The Maroons are No. 1 in the nation in personal fouls made with 194 in six games for an average of 32.3. Louisville is not far behind, being fifth in the nation with 204 fouls for an average of 25.5.

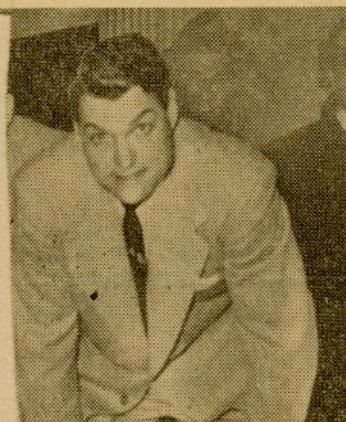
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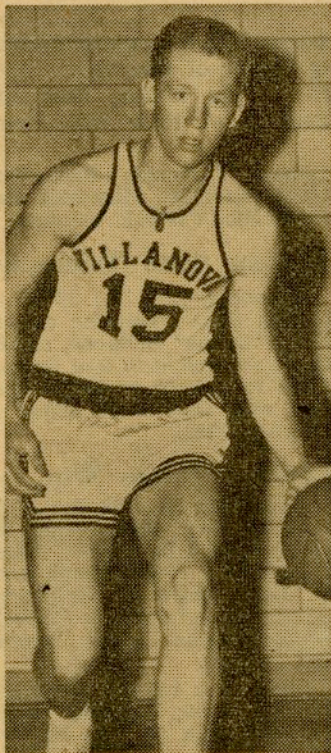


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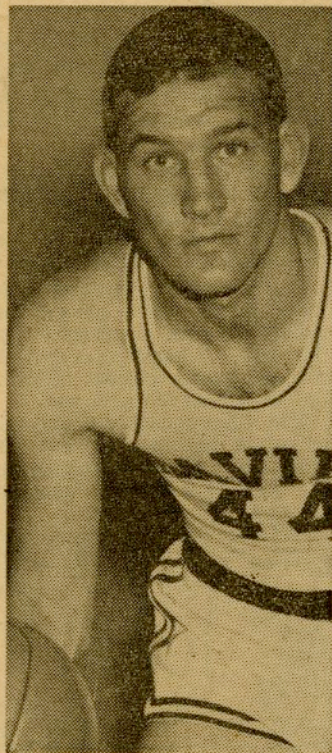
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**STARS REACH FOR STAR**—Basketball stars here for the Kentucky Invitational Basketball Tournament reached for a "star" yesterday they found hanging on a hotel lobby Christmas tree. It had K.I.T. on it, standing for Kentucky Invitational Tournament. From left the players are Charley Sermons (Murray), Gary Shivers (Houston), Bill Kirsch (Siena), Jack Curry (Siena), Art Spoelstra (Western) and Tom Marshall (Western).

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has played three of the teams in the tournament and has beaten two of them—Louisville (78-71) and Murray (62-49)—while losing to Xavier (66-54). All three games were played on Siena's home court.

The Indians should advance against Eastern, which is rebuilding and which has managed to win only two of six games.

Louisville, hurt by the loss of Phil Rollins, its star guard, is the second best offensive team in the meet with an average of 83.3 points a game. Their big boy is Chuck Noble, with an

average of 22.8 points a game, and, unless Villanova can curb Chuck, the team from Philadelphia should find the Cardinals too tough to handle.

Their only common foe has been Canisius. Louisville was able to beat that club by 13 points while Villanova got by them by only four.

## Most Prolific Scorer

Villanova has the most prolific point-maker entered in the meet in Bob Schafer, a 6-3 forward who has averaged 26.9 points a game.

Xavier, the long-shot favorite to go all the way, gained renown by giving University of Kentucky a struggle before the glamorous Wildcats won 81-66. And just the other night, the Musketeers led Minnesota by 12 points at the half before losing by three.

In addition, Xavier went up East and won four straight—over Georgetown (D. C.), Villanova (81-73), Iona and Siena (66-54). Xavier and Louisville will clash in the second round if they win their openers.

Xavier's leading man is Bob Heim, who has made 15.2 points a game, but Murray, Xavier's opponent this afternoon, can't be taken lightly. At least, not so long as they have Howie Crittenden around. This superb dribbler and floor-man also ex-

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Game 6: 4:20 p.m.—Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4.

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### WEDNESDAY

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Game 10: 4:20 p.m.—Winner Game 5 vs. Winner Game 7.

#### Night Session

Game 11: 7:30 p.m.—Loser Game 8 vs. Loser Game 6.  
Game 12: 9:30 p.m.—Winner Game 8 vs. Winner Game 6.

## Xavier Five Is 'Dark Horse' As Meet Opens

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The tournament is sponsored by the Kentucky Junior Chamber of Commerce. Members of the Louisville Jaycees met the teams with a police escort as they arrived yesterday and escorted them to downtown hotels.

## Anti-Noise Drive

The police escorts had instructions not "to use sirens, to go through redlights or to speed."

"What's a police escort without siren?" complained Tournament Manager Kelly Thompson to Police Chief Carl Heustis.

"The mayor has an anti-noise drive on," explained Heustis.

Thompson wants the public to know, though, they can come to the Armory the next three days and make all the noise they want at reasonable prices.



# Western Wins 'Big' Game By Leading All Way

By BERT BORRONE  
Daily News Sports Editor  
LOUISVILLE, Ky., Feb. 28 — Good for only three quarters most of the last two weeks, Western came up with full charge for a dollar tonight and wrecked Eastern 70-60 to win its third Ohio Valley Conference tournament championship.

Seven thousand Jefferson County Armory customers saw the Hilltoppers break in front, never trail and display such superb all-court prowess that they brilliantly defended the third-seeded position the National Invitational Tournament accorded them this afternoon.

Western's little dynamo, Senior Dick White, played the game of his life, clubbing Eastern's big and vicious defense for 22 points. The little Scottsville ace got 10 of them in the final quarter when the Hilltoppers opened up a 12-point bulge, had it slashed to five, and then won going away with some of the finest clutch out-court shooting any Western-team ever produced.

Eastern Coach Paul McBrayer said before the game that he expected Western to go a long way in the NIT. He said he personally would rate them over LaSalle, which beat his Maroons earlier this year.

But McBrayer thought he had a chance to beat Western tonight, even though the odds makers had it Western by 7½. The Hilltoppers have been lack-luster in recent showings. They've had one bad quarter almost every game for almost two weeks.

But they came up with full change for a dollar tonight, and in the process made the NIT look very good. For Eastern is bound for the NCAA and this one tonight was billed as a preliminary test of strength between the two major post-season eliminations.

Western broke on top 3-0 on Art Spoelstra's foul shot and Dan King's relay into the goal of a perfect looping pass from White. And they never faltered.

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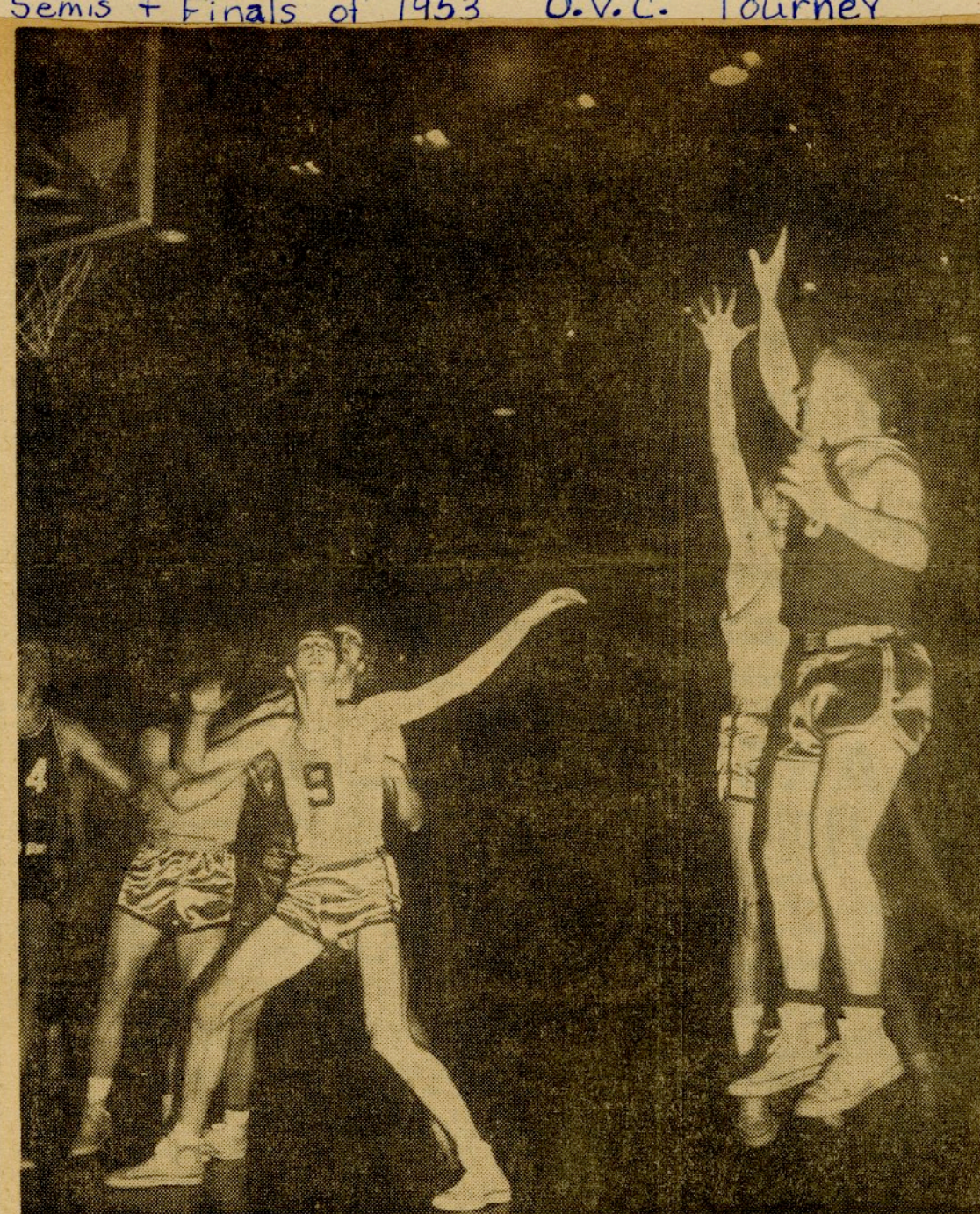
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Marshall G	4-12	4-4	1	12
Cole	1-2	2-3	2	4

Totals	22-57	26-31	21	70
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Tolson F	10-20	5-6	4	25
Mulcahy F	2-3	0-2	4	4
Holbrook	0-1	0-0	2	0
Doherty	0-2	0-2	0	0
Bingham C	0-10	5-5	1	5
Bales G	3-11	5-6	3	11
Kearns G	3-5	5-10	4	11
Geyer	2-5	0-0	5	4

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Shooting percentages — From field: Western, 38.6 per cent. Eastern, 35.1 per cent. From foul line: Western, 83.9 per cent. Eastern, 64.5 per cent.  
Officials: Tommy Bell, Lexington, Bob Miller, Cincinnati.

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At Barren River Road and Crewdson Avenue  
DAY, MARCH 8th  
LIST OF ITEMS



WHITE CONNECTS—Western's senior guard from Scottsville, Dick White, is shown connecting on his favorite shot, a jumping onehanded stab, in the second half of the Western-Morehead clash Friday night at Louisville. The Toppers downed stubborn Morehead 75-65 to advance to the finals of the Ohio Valley Conference tournament. Jockeying for position for the rebound are Morehead's open-mouthed Eddie Mobley (No. 19), Western's Dick Smith, partially obscured in the photo by Mobley; an unidentified Eagle, and Topper star Tom Marshall, at extreme left.

## Western Is Seeded 3rd

NEW YORK, Feb. 28 (AP)—St. Louis University tentatively joined the ranks of the National Invitational Basketball Tournament today, while Seton Hall—the nation's No. 1 team—was seeded No. 1 for the 16th annual event starting one week from tonight.

The St. Louis Billikens, a Madison Square Garden favorite and still in the race for the Missouri Valley Conference crown, placed a couple of "ifs" before Asa Bushnell, tournament committee chairman.

"St. Louis accepted, subject to playoff obligations in event of a tie in the Missouri Valley Conference," Bushnell said.

Oklahoma A & M leads the conference with a 6-2 record, while St. Louis and Houston are next with 5-4 marks. The Aggies play at St. Louis Monday night, while Houston plays A & M at Stillwater, Okla., Thursday.

Victory in either would clinch it for Oklahoma A & M, but two defeats would leave the circuit tied in a triple deadlock.

In such event, St. Louis possibly would let Houston and the Aggies play off the deadlock for a NCAA Tournament berth, and come to the NIT.

Nine of the other 12 tournament teams who begin play with a triple header next Saturday at the garden have been named. Bushnell

## Western Wins 'Big' Game

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Western's greatest margin of the game.

Elmer Tolson, Eastern's tricky and spring-legged jumper who crammed 10 of his 24 points into the game's last 6½ minutes, set off a stirring Eastern charge.

Tolson canned three straight deuces from the circle and the Hilltopper's lead was slashed to 56-50 with five minutes to go.

But Spoelstra, who hit seven foul shots without a miss, and White, who had a perfect 8-for-8 night, collaborated for four consecutive one-pointers, it was 60 to 50 and Eastern must have known this was it.

They kept close enough conceivably to have won, though, until the final 1:47 when Marshall cleaved the defense with a pass that King relayed into the goal all alone and Tom came right back with a 20 footer.

Western was superior in every phase of play. They were more accurate from the field and the free line. They cleared exactly 40 rebounds to Eastern's 31. They committed but 11 errors to Eastern's 16.

Western actually was making an astonishing rout of it with 8:15 gone when Spoelstra incurred his third personal foul and had to sit out nearly all of the next 22 minutes. He was the guy McBrayer really feared most of all. Mac calls him the most under rated player in the nation. Art had scored 33 against the Maroons at Bowling Green three weeks ago.

Western led 15-8 when he had to go out and even though a second starter, Kay Greer, soon followed

They collaborated for Western's next six points and ran the count to 42-35.

Art scored on a layup on a perfect high pass from King and Greer crammed a missed shot back into the hoop in the most explosive single play of the game. Art came back with two frees.

Western had all the answers tonight with the out court firing of White and Marshall, the tapping of Spoelstra and Greer and King's occasional hoists from the corners.

And when all of these failed, King, who wound up with 14 points, would slip behind the defense Western drew out by posting Spoelstra at the top of the circle and merely relayed those looping passes home.

You know the rest. How Western won its 25th game in 30 starts. How they won the big one they had to have before going to the garden next week. How they beat Eastern with masterfulness in this third and decisive meeting between the two. How Eastern lost its seventh game out of 26.

And how Western, for the third time in the league's five-year history, had that wonderful touch in the clutch and won the tournament championship.

They felt pretty good about it, too. They hoisted the happy warrior, Ed Diddle, to their shoulders when it was all over so all of the assembled 7,000 could see the man they almost counted 10 over only five months ago.

And they mauled Hornback, the marvelous basketball tactician who shouldered the massive pressure when Diddle was sidelined and

# Western Bests Eagles 76-65 In OVC Semis

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LOUISVILLE, Ky., Feb. 28 — (Spl) — Sinking almost 52 per cent of its shots, holding Morehead without a field goal for 14 minutes midway of the game, Western yet started a massive upset loss in the eye twice last night before scoring a 76-65 Ohio Valley Conference Tournament semifinal victory.

In the other semifinals, a chess game of gambles and strategy in which Murray made two fatal mistakes, Eastern gained the finals with Western off a 52-43 decision.

So frantic was the action in which two vast underdogs gave their all in superb efforts to unseat national tournament entries, that blood flowed three times and three times players were knocked senseless to the floor of a Jefferson County Armory bulging with 6,000 uproarious customers.

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Spoelstra C	3-8	2-5	4	8
Smith	0-0	1-1	1	1
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Totals	31-59	14-27	27	78
Morehead	FG-A	FT-A	PT	TP
Harris F	2-28	2-3	1	6
Whelan F	7-13	7-10	2	21
Ashton	0-1	0-0	1	0
Mobley C	4-12	1-1	5	9
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Marshall G	4-12	4-4	1	12
Cole	1-2	2-3	2	4

Totals	22-57	26-31	21	70
FG-A	FT-A	PF	TP	
Eastern	10-20	5-6	4	25
Tolson F	2-3	0-2	4	4
Mulcahy F	0-1	0-0	2	0
Holbrook	0-2	0-2	0	0
Doherty	0-10	5-5	1	5
Bingham C	3-11	5-6	3	11
Bales G	3-5	5-10	4	11
Kearns G	2-5	0-0	5	4
Geyer				

**Totals** 20-57 20-31 23 60  
 Western 20 13 13 24-70  
 Eastern 14 13 13 20-60  
 Shooting percentages — From field: Western, 38.6 per cent. Eastern, 35.1 per cent. From foul line: Western, 83.9 per cent. Eastern, 64.5 per cent.

Officials: Tommy Bell, Lexington, Bob Miller, Cincinnati.

the Hilltoppers led 20-14 at the first stop, 33-27 at halftime and 46-40 heading into the fourth quarter, when the pressure was so excruciating on both teams that the crowd was almost silent for long seconds at a time, entranced by this magnificent duel between brain, muscle and guts.

There was 8:50 to go and Western led 48-41 when White and Marshall in one 12-second burst actually wrapped up the victory. Tom leaped and goaled a one hander from 20 feet. Eastern lost the ball and White made them pay dearly for his error with a 30-footer that never was in doubt.

A free by King and another by White hopped the lead to 53-41.

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## ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Marshall, Spoelstra Named To OVC All- Tournament Team

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Feb. 28 (P)—Western, Eastern, Murray and Morehead each placed two men tonight on the Ohio Valley Conference all-tournament squad, the two remaining positions going to Middle Tennessee and Tennessee Tech.

The squad:

Art Spoelstra and Tom Marshall, Western; Bill Bales and Elmer Tolson, Eastern; Garrett Beshear and Rich Gott, Murray; Lindle Castle and Elza Whalen, Morehead; Kenneth Trickey, Middle Tennessee, and Paul Hughes, Tennessee Tech.

## Western Is Seeded 3rd

NEW YORK, Feb. 28 (P)—St. Louis University tentatively joined the ranks of the National Invitation Basketball Tournament today, while Seton Hall—the nation's No. 1 team—was seeded No. 1 for the 16th annual event starting one week from tonight.

The St. Louis Billikens, a Madison Square Garden favorite and still in the race for the Missouri Valley Conference crown, placed a couple of "ifs" before Asa Bushnell, tournament committee chairman.

"St. Louis accepted, subject to playoff obligations in event of a tie in the Missouri Valley Conference," Bushnell said.

Oklahoma A & M leads the conference with a 6-2 record, while St. Louis and Houston are next with 5-4 marks. The Aggies play at St. Louis Monday night, while Houston plays A & M at Stillwater, Okla., Thursday.

Victory in either would clinch it for Oklahoma A & M, but two defeats would leave the circuit tied in a triple deadlock.

In such event, St. Louis possibly would let Houston and the Aggies play off the deadlock for a NCAA Tournament berth, and come to the NIT.

Nine of the other 12 tournament teams who begin play with a triple header next Saturday at the garden have been named. Bushnell said the other two would be announced Monday morning, and the draw would be disclosed at the weekly luncheon of the metropolitan basketball writers.

Bushnell said LaSalle, winner of last year's NIT, had been seeded No. 2, Western Kentucky, which finished its regular season with a 23-5 mark, is No. 3, and Manhattan is No. 4.

Others in the tourney are Duquesne, St. John's (Brooklyn), Louisville, Tulsa and Niagara.

Seton Hall and Western Kentucky will play first round winners in the quarterfinals Tuesday, March 10. On Monday, March 9, La Salle and Manhattan will play first round winners in a triple-header, with the other game on the program a first round contest.

The semifinals will be played March 12, and the finals March 14.

## Western Wins 'Big' Game

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Western's gratest margin of the game.

Elmer Tolson, Eastern's tricky and spring-legged jumper who crammed 10 of his 24 points into the game's last 6½ minutes, set off a stirring Eastern charge.

Tolson canned three straight deuces from the circle and the Hilltopper's lead was slashed to 56-50 with five minutes to go.

But Spoelstra, who hit seven foul shots without a miss, and White, who had a perfect 8-for-8 night, collaborated for four consecutive one-pointers, it was 60 to 50 and Eastern must have known this was it.

They kept close enough conceivably to have won, though, until the final 1:47 when Marshall cleaved the defense with a pass that King relayed into the goal all alone and Tom came right back with a 20 footer.

Western was superior in every phase of play. They were more accurate from the field and the free line. They cleared exactly 40 rebounds to Eastern's 31. They committed but 11 errors to Eastern's 16.

Western actually was making an astonishing rout of it with 8:15 gone when Spoelstra incurred his third personal foul and had to sit out nearly all of the next 22 minutes. He was the guy McBrayer really feared most of all. Mac calls him the most under rated player in the nation. Art had scored 33 against the Maroons at Bowling Green three weeks ago.

Western led 15-8 when he had to go out and even though a second starter, Kay Greer, soon followed with four personals, Western stayed on top with Dick Smith and Lynn Cole delivering in relief.

Only three times in the first half did Eastern get inside Western's defense for goals. The rest of them came from outside. The Hilltoppers man-for-man defense kept the right side of the goal where Eastern likes to operate, jammed with its shuttling defense. The Maroons do not hit well from the left.

So it was that after the opening minutes when they once trailed only 6-5, the Maroons never got closer than two points. They got within this range three times — at 21-19 early in the second quarter, 28-26 later in the second period, and 36-34 early in the third stanza.

Spoelstra and Greer came back in then. And, by golly, what Coach Ted Hornback and Coach Ed Diddle told them on that bench must have been inspirational indeed.

They collaborated for Western's next six points and ran the count to 42-35.

Art scored on a layup on a perfect high pass from King and Greer crammed a missed shot back into the hoop in the most explosive single play of the game. Art came back with two frees.

Western had all the answers tonight with the out court firing of White and Marshall, the tapping of Spoelstra and Greer and King's occasional hoists from the corners.

And when all of these failed, King, who wound up with 14 points, would slip behind the defense Western drew out by posting Spoelstra at the top of the circle and merely relayed those looping passes home.

You know the rest. How Western won its 25th game in 30 starts. How they won the big one they had to have before going to the garden next week. How they beat Eastern with masterfulness in this third and decisive meeting between the two. How Eastern lost its seventh game out of 26.

And how Western, for the third time in the league's five-year history, had that wonderful touch in the clutch and won the tournament championship.

They felt pretty good about it, too. They hoisted the happy warrior, Ed Diddle, to their shoulders when it was all over so all of the assembled 7,000 could see the man they almost counted 10 over only five months ago.

And they mauled Hornback, the marvelous basketball tactician who shouldered the massive pressure when Diddle was sidelined and now truly qualifies for coach of the year.

What other head-coaching rookie ever took a ball club to the NIT? And after having to play 19 of his 30 games off the Hilltop . . . . .



# U. of L. Joins Western, Eastern, Xavier in Semis

By TOMMY FITZGERALD, Courier-Journal Staff Writer

Xavier of Cincinnati defeated Murray State, 69-49, to join U. of L., Western Kentucky and Eastern Kentucky in the semi-finals of the Kentucky Invitational Basketball Tournament.

Louisville went rollin' without Rollins last night.

They rolled as they had never rolled before this season, flattening a tough, smart, sharp Villanova team 79-65 to convince a crowd of 5,000 or more at the Armory that adversity has not downed them a single chin-wisker.

And they made other victors yesterday in the first annual Kentucky Invitational Basketball Tournament—Western Kentucky and Eastern Kentucky—sit up and take notice. Made them recognize the fact that Louisville still means to have a lot to say about who wins this cherished championship even without Phil Rollins, sensational sophomore guard who is lost maybe for the season with a lung ailment.

## Toppers Win 91-61

In the afternoon, rich University of Houston, which has gotten 33 millions from one Texas oil tycoon alone, saw something that looked like a million, but for once couldn't touch it.

The Cougars couldn't come close to gilt-edged Western as the unbeaten (10-0) Hilltoppers, the Nation's seventh-ranked team and the tournament favorite, struck a gusher of points to win 91-61 in the first afternoon game.

But Western had to share the center of the stage in the afternoon session with Eastern, which beat little Siena College 74-58, strangely entering the game a three-point favorite despite Siena's wins over Louisville and Murray Kentucky up East.

## Today's Lineup

So, it was an all-Kentucky survival in the first three of yesterday's four opening-round games that produced this line-up for today's semi-finals:

2:30 p.m.—Houston vs. Siena (losers' bracket).

4:20 p.m.—Louisville vs. Murray-Xavier winner (final game last night) (championship bracket).

7:30 p.m.—Villanova vs. Murray-Xavier loser (losers' bracket).

9:30 p.m.—Western vs. Eastern (championship bracket).

## 4,000 On Hand

The afternoon crowd of 4,000 saw a sharp-shooting Western team that hit for exactly half of its shots from the field. The Hilltoppers cashed 36 of its flings.

The congregation not only saw some fancy shooting, but when Western turned on all its steam, they saw a team that has everything—fast-breaking speed, power and size—to uphold its role of

favorite and sweep on to the championship.

Western, though, was never seriously pressed and was able to use its subs quite a bit, revealing to the pew-holders another quality, good depth.

Western led all the way—26-14 at the end of the quarter, 49-30 at the half and 76-42 at the close of the third.

The Hilltoppers held a 37-point 81-44 lead with 8:32 to go when they decided to turn the project over entirely to subs.

## Marshall Gets 21

Tom Marshall, Western all-round talented performer and probably the most versatile player in the tournament, pitched in 21 points. But Western was able

## U. K. On Top

### Cats No. 1 In A.P. Poll As I. U. Slips to 3d

New York, Dec. 28 (AP)—Kentucky's unbeaten Wildcats held a comfortable lead over the field today as the college basketball season reached the stage where holiday tournaments outweighed season records in immediate importance.

Kentucky moved to the top in the weekly Associated Press ranking poll after Indiana, last season's N.C.A.A. champions, suffered its first defeat of the season.

Duquesne, another unbeaten team, took second place as Indiana fell to third.

1. Kentucky (46) (6-0)	776
2. Duquesne (5) (8-0)	626
3. Indiana (3) (6-1)	497
4. Oregon State (14) (6-1)	481
5. Oklahoma A. & M. (5) (9-1)	396
6. Minnesota (7-0)	259
7. Western Kentucky (4) (9-0)	255
8. Illinois (5-1)	196
9. North Carolina State (7-1)	184
10. Fordham (1) (6-0)	130
11. Oklahoma City (2) (6-0)	115
12. Holy Cross (5) (5-0)	107
13. LaSalle (7-2)	92
14. U.C.L.A. (1) (8-1)	75
15. Seattle (8-1)	70
16. Rice (7-0)	66
17. Idaho (2) (5-0)	50
18. Louisiana State (5-1)	48
19. Brigham Young (8-0)	43
20. Wyoming (6-1) and Vanderbilt (5-1)	31

to strike from a number of quarters.

Four other players scored in the double digits, Jack Turner with 16, Art Spoelstra with 15, Forest Able with 16 and Lynn Cole with 13.

Houston, not a bad club at all and one that has won some games and will win some more, called on Jack Mosher and John Foster for the most help. Mosher had 14 points and Foster made 10.

## Close First Half

Siena gave Eastern a battle throughout the first half.

But, after trailing 12-16 at the quarter and leading only 35-32 at the half, the Maroons, sparked by Jack Adams and Alan Doherty, three times moved into 12-point leads in the third period. They led 60-49 at its conclusion and were never endangered after that.

Eastern's superior height, rebounding and fast-breaking game finally broke them loose from small Siena, which played a typical Eastern style of ball. The Indians moved the ball carefully and weaved in and out and around for an opening for the basket and this attack worked for a half.

Eastern, which entered the tournament topping the nation in fouls committed with 196 in six games, had been in the habit of losing on free throws.

## Cut Down on Fouls

But yesterday they had only 23 called against them while Siena was charged with 32. Siena lost three men on fouls while Eastern didn't forfeit a single one.

Adams finally finished as Eastern's chief point-getter with 19. Ronnie Pellegrinon was next with 16. Ronnie made 11 of his in the first half to keep the Maroons within clubbing distance.

Siena started its second team to feel Eastern out and this second team gave them an early lead, but soon Eastern's size, speed and shooting began demanding a ransom.

## FIRST ROUND SCORES K.I.T.

## Indefinite

PHIL Rollins sat on the Louisville bench in his street clothes and watched his mates whip Villanova last night.

"The doctor told me today I'll just have to lay off basketball indefinitely until this lung thing clears up," Phil said.

Phil added:

"It's a lung cavity with a long name. The doctor said it may take two or three weeks and it may take longer. I feel fine, and I sure hope I can get back soon."

## Facts

Event—Kentucky Invitational Basketball Tournament.

Place—Jefferson County Armory, 6th and Walnut.

Dates—Today and tomorrow (games start daily at 2:30, 4:20, 7:30 and 9:30 p.m.).

Tickets—On sale at Armory Box-office, CL 2768. Prices for single sessions are \$2.50, 2.00 and 1.50.

YESTERDAY'S SCORES

Afternoon Session

Game 1: Western 91 Houston 61.

Game 2: Eastern 74, Siena 58.

Night Session

Game 3: Louisville 79, Villanova 65.

Game 4: 9:30 p.m.—Murray vs. Xavier.

TODAY'S GAMES

Game 5: 2:30 p.m.—Houston vs. Siena.

Game 6: 4:20 p.m.—Louisville vs. Winner Game 4.

Night Session

Game 7: 7:30 p.m.—Villanova vs. Loser Game 4.

Game 8: 9:30 p.m.—Western vs. Eastern.

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES

Afternoon Session

Game 9: 2:30 p.m.—Loser Game 5 vs. Loser Game 7.

Game 10: 4:20 p.m.—Winner Game 5 vs. Winner Game 7.

Night Session

Game 11: 7:30 p.m.—Loser Game 8 vs. Loser Game 6.

Game 12: 9:30 p.m.—Winner Game 8 vs. Winner Game 6.

## Tourney Boxes

Louisville (79)				(65) Villanova			
Player	fg.	ft.	pf.	Player	fg.	ft.	pf.
Noble f	8	5	3	Tierney f	2	2	2
Gastevich f	4	1	2	Shafer f	9	10	4
Harrah f	0	2	0	Devine c	7	4	4
York f	1	0	0	Servon c	0	0	0
Hinton f	0	0	0	Cirino g	3	3	5
Prudhoe c	5	1	3	Foley g	3	0	1
Powell c	1	0	1	Sigalove g	0	0	0
Cox g	5	6	3				
Beam g	2	1	1				
Moreman g	4	1	5				
Keffer g	1	0	1				
Totals	31	17	19	Totals	23	19	16

Louisville	27	19	14	19-79
Villanova	23	10	16	14-65

Free throws missed: Louisville—Gastevich, Prudhoe, Powell 2, Cox 2, Moreman, Beam, Villanova—Tierney, Shafer 2, Servon 2, Cirino 4.

Siena (58)				(74) Eastern			
Player	fg.	ft.	pf.	Player	fg.	ft.	pf.
Walsh f	0	1	5	Adams f	7	5	4
Kennedy f	3	3	4	Doherty f	3	4	0
Curry f	3	5	3	Pellegrinon f	4	8	4
Kirsch f	1	2	4	Allison f	0	0	3
Koenig c	0	2	2	Floyd c	2	1	4
Hill c	4	2	5	Lovington c	1	4	1
Whyte c	1	0	0	Baxter c	0	0	1
Skiff c	0	1	1	Mulcahy g	2	3	2
Zampier g	0	3	2	Holbrook g	5	1	4
Gunderman g	4	2	5	Mitchell g	0	0	0
McCrudden g	2	1	0				
Rutnik g	0	0	1				
Totals	18	22	32	Totals	24	26	23

Siena	16	16	17	9-58
Eastern	12	23	25	14-74

Free throws missed: Siena—Curry 2, Walsh, Kennedy 2, Koenig, Hill 3, Zampier 2, Gunderman, McCrudden 2, Eastern—Adams 5, Doherty 3, Mulcahy 2, Holbrook 2, Pellegrinon 3, Mitchell 2.

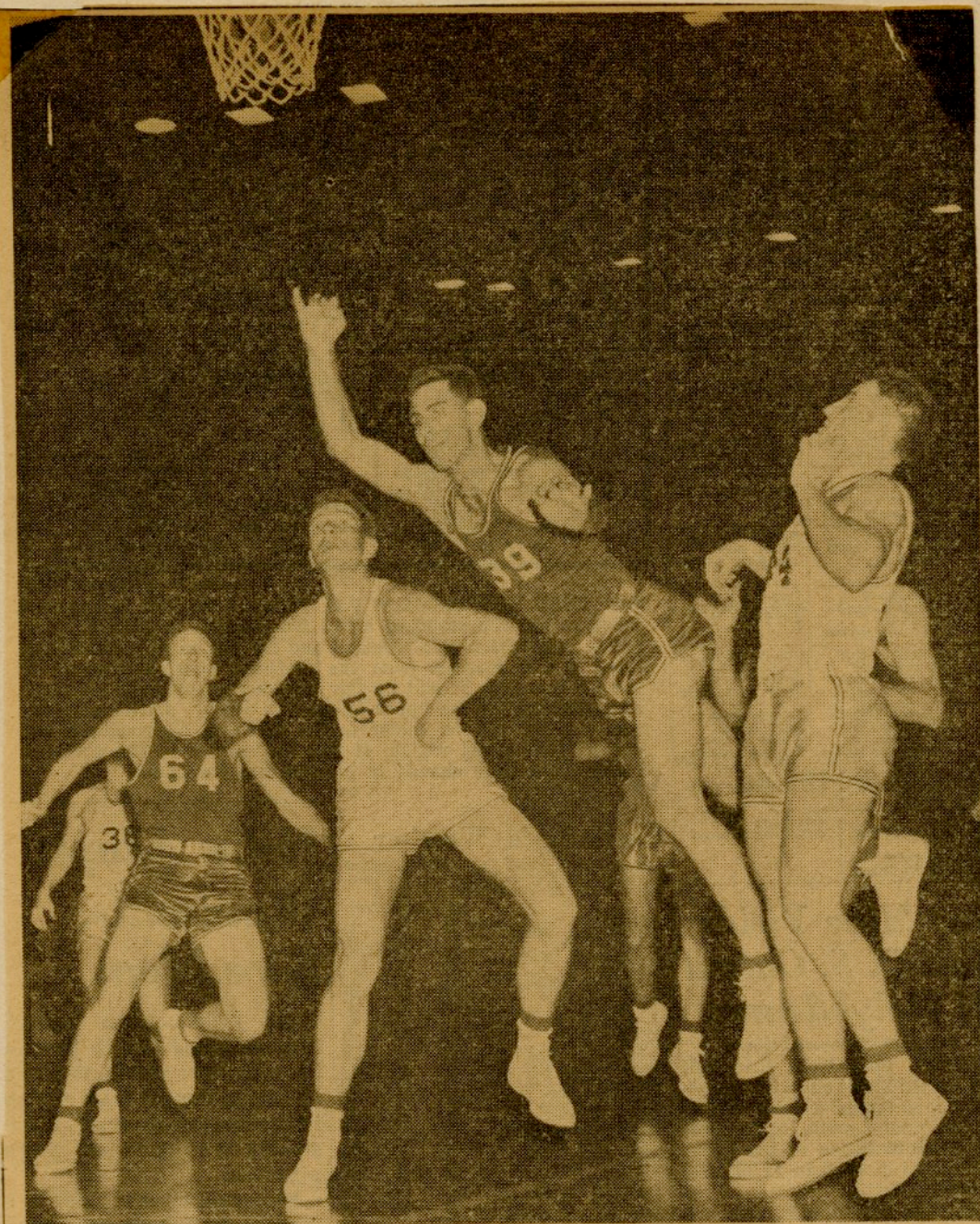
Houston (61)				(91) Western			
Players	fg.	fp.	pf.	Players	fg.	fp.	pf.
Foster f	3	4	1	Marshall f	9	3	2
Hatton f	1	1	5	King f	0	0	0
Petteltte f	2	2	2	Turner f	6	4	3
Rochester f	0	4	1	Spoelstra c	7	1	1
Shivers c	4	1	3	Greer c	1	1	2
Bell g	4	0	2	Daniel c	0	1	3
Mosher g	5	5	2	Cole g	7	2	4
Grigsby g	0	1	1	Able g	7	2	4
Hoskins g	2	1	1	Miller g	0	2	1
Booher g	0	0	0	Whitsell g	1	2	1
				Callison g	0	0	1
				Clark g	0	0	0
Totals	21	19	20	Totals	36	19	22

Houston	14	16	12	19-61
Western	26	23	27	15-91

Free throws missed: Houston—Foster 3, Hatton, Petteltte 2, Rochester 4, Shivers 2, Bell 2, Grigsby, Western—Marshall 2, King 2, Turner, Cole 2, Able, Miller, Callison 2.

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**THREE-POINT DRIVE** is executed by Western's Jack Turner (39), shown falling to the Armory floor after caging a short push shot. Turner, fouled on the play by Houston's James Hatton (56), also hit the free throw. While Turner is looking for a place to land, Western's Kay Greer (64), Hatton and Houston's Jack Mosher (34) are watching the ball drop through the hoop. Turner, subbing for Dan King, hit 16 points.



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**BLOCKING** is called against Houston's James Hatton (56) as Western's Tom Marshall unleashes a driving one-hander. Marshall led scorers for both teams with 21 as the favored Hilltoppers romped past Houston 91-61 in the opening game of the Kentucky Invitational Tourney.

### Spoelstra 11th In Nation In Field Goal Accuracy

Western's Art Spoelstra, battling to retain his national field-goal accuracy title, has moved up to 11th place in the nation, the NCAA's service bureau reported yesterday.

Spoelstra is canning at a 50.5 per cent pace. The national leader is Chuck Hoxie of Niagara with 58.2 per cent. Hoxie has scored only 78 field goals, though, less than three-fourths of Spoelstra's production a that of most other leaders.

Hilltopper Tim Marshall is 19th with 46.2 per cent. Marshall is 43rd in the nation in scoring.

As a team, the Hilltoppers rank No. 6 in field-goal accuracy with 40.9 per cent. Seton Hall is the national leader with 43.8. Western is 8th in team offense, 4.9 points off George Washington's national leading 87.4 pace.

## Hilltoppers Favor NIT, Diddle Says

Western's basketball players, themselves, would like to go back to the National Invitation Tournament.

And Coach Ed Diddle said last night he has every reason to think "the NIT. . . . desires our presence."

The announcement that the Hilltoppers favor the NIT came during last night's ceremony honoring Coach Ed Diddle for his distinguished service to Western and basketball.

Here was Diddle's statement to the packed gymnasium:

"As successful as we have been so far this season, I know that we might get knocked off in any game we play. Our goal now is only one thing and that is doing well in the nine games we have left and in the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament.

"In order to concentrate on the immediate business at hand and to settle any speculation as to tournaments, we feel that it would be a great honor to be invited to any.

"But I have asked the boys today what they would desire in the event that we do deserve invitations. They have voted that they would like to go back to New York City and try to do what we have barely missed doing several times.

"That means the NIT, if they desire our presence, and I have every reason to think they do."

There had been speculation that several of Western's top players, including three regulars, would not be eligible for the NCAA tournament because of play as freshmen.

Western had previously planned, according to unofficial statements, to wait until any NCAA bid came and then query the association as to the players' eligibility since it had been questioned.

But last night's statement appears to mean that Western will get an NIT bid, barring a complete collapse, and shoot for the title they have sought seven previous years.



# Western, Louisville Advance to K

By TOMMY FITZGERALD  
Courier-Journal Staff Writer

Forest Able kept Western out of the woods last night.

The mighty Hilltoppers, unbeaten in 10 games and ranked No. 7 in the nation, met more than their match in an inspired, hot, little-regarded Eastern team but they contrived to win 81-78 only because Able was sensationally perfect from the free-throw line in the last five minutes.

Eight times he shot from there and eight times he hit in those last five, pulsating minutes.

These were all the points West-

ern made during this stretch. But they were enough to match the spectacular long shooting of Tom Holbrook and move Western into the final of the Kentucky Invitational Basketball Tournament at the Armory.

## Victim of Whistle

There, at 9:30 tonight, they will tangle for the championship with Louisville, which scored a thrilling 61-56 triumph over Xavier yesterday afternoon in a furious defensive battle that went doubtfully down to the final, gasping minute as did the Eastern-Western game.

Eastern, which leads the nation in personal fouls committed,

found itself at the half of its own defensive blunders.

The Maroons matched Western in field goals this half with 14. But they fouled 13 times and free throws from these infractions gave Western a seven-point 40-33 lead at the half.

Eastern got to shoot only five free throws and it made all five.

It was a poor-shooting half for both clubs. Western hit 14 of 43 for 32.5 per cent. Eastern took more shots, a total of 50, but was able to deposit only 14 for 28 per cent.

On the boards, Western had the best of it, 36 defensive rebounds to 26. Eastern had some big men to match Western's height, but Western's giants seemed faster and more agile.

## Start Out Fast

It looked in the first quarter as if Western would put this game away early. The Hilltoppers led 21-10 at the end of this period. Eastern had gained an early 4-1 edge.

Western was rebounding terrifically and was getting a devastating fast break going. The team looked invincible.

But, after building up its lead to 25-12 early in the second whirl, Western seemed to lag or tire. The "Toppers didn't seem to be going at it as hard and they weren't getting back as fast on defense.

## Outplay Hilltoppers

Eastern began outrunning them and outshooting them and continued to fight them. The Maroons also became more alert and, led by Doherty with nine points and Holbrook with eight, found themselves very much in the ball game when the third quarter began.

In the third quarter, Western continued to get more sour and Eastern continued to get sweet-

## One To Go!

### CHAMPIONSHIP BRACKET

Louisville (61)				Xavier (56)			
Player	fg.	ft.	pf.	Player	fg.	ft.	pf.
Noble f.	3	4	5	Heim f.	3	3	2
Gastevich f.	1	2	1	Hofmann f.	2	4	3
Prudhoe c.	2	4	5	Piontek c.	8	7	5
Harrah c.	1	0	2	Margerum g.	2	4	2
Hinton c.	2	1	2	Vonbrink g.	1	2	5
Beam g.	2	1	4	Schneider g-c.	0	1	1
Cox g.	7	2	3	DeBoer g.	1	0	1
Moreman g.	1	3	1	Cahill g.	0	1	0
Keffer g.	3	0	0				
Totals	22	17	23	Totals	17	22	19

Louisville	18	11	18	14—61
Xavier	14	15	15	12—56

Free throws missed: Louisville—Noble 5, Gastevich, Prudhoe 2, Beam, Cox 4. Xavier—Heim, Hofmann 4, Piontek 5, Margerum 2, Vonbrink, Schneider 2, Cahill.

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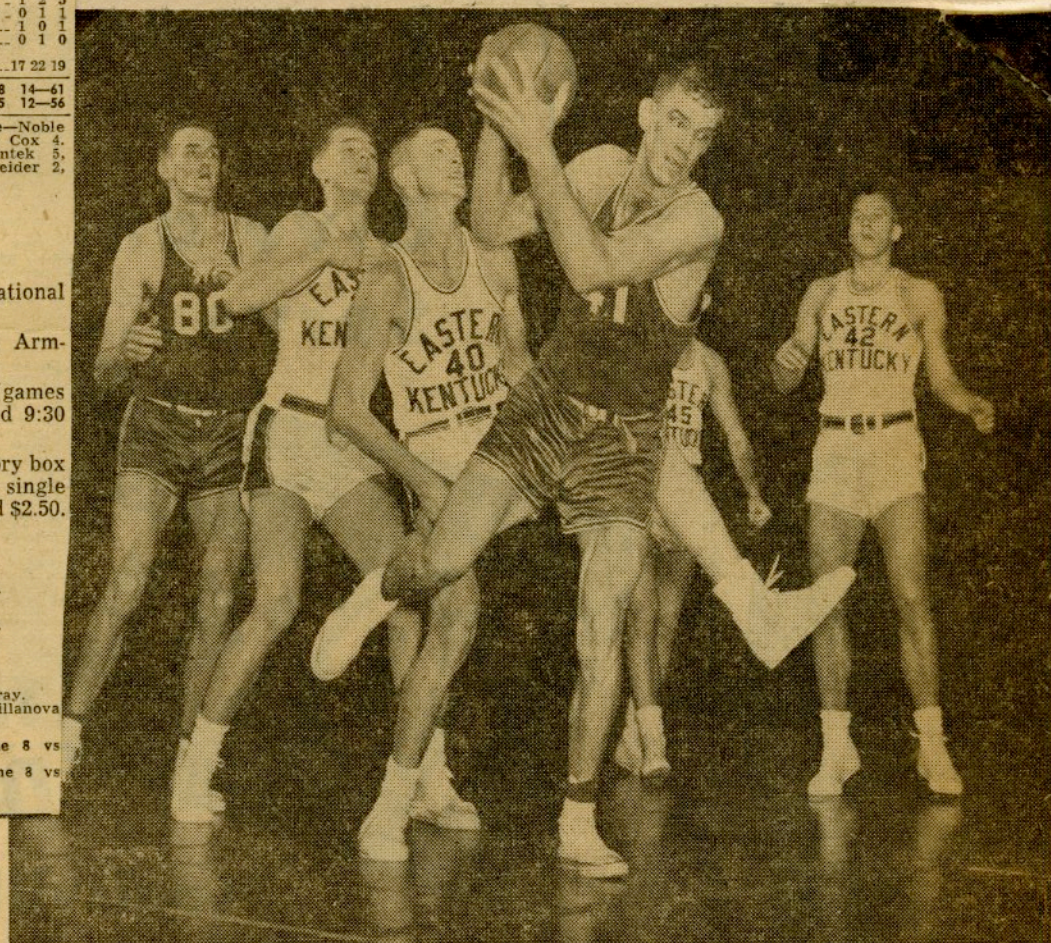
## They're More

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But Eastern three men w



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COME TO ME, BABY!—Western's Tom Marshall gathers in a rebound although surrounded by Eastern players in last night's semi-final tournament game at the Armory. No. 40 is Eastern's Jack Adams and 42, at right, is Alan Doherty. Western's No. 80, at left, is Art Spoelstra.



# Western Takes Crown

## Toppers Tame U. L. 89-71; Xavier 3d And Eastern 4th In Play

By TOMMY FITZGERALD

Western won the first Kentucky Invitational Basketball Tournament last night by romping over Louisville 89-71.

The game was a wild-thriller for a capacity Armory crowd of 8,000 for the first half. Western led by a point, 44-43, at the end of this speedy, sharpshooting and frantically fought first half. And they had to overcome an eight point Louisville lead in the first quarter to achieve this margin.

The rangy Hilltoppers, however, cracked the ball game wide open in the third quarter. They steadily drew away from a Louisville team that suddenly collapsed and couldn't do anything right.

So Western won its 11th game without a defeat and Louisville dropped its third contest of the season.

Big Art Spoelstra led the blazing Western attack with 29 points and Tom Marshall had 24.

### U. L. Loses Beam

Right off the bat—with a minute and 25 seconds gone—Louisville lost Beam. He re-injured his ankle landing from a rebounding leap and left the game with his face contorted in pain.

On this play, Louisville had gained a three-on-one offensive situation and Cox went in for a lay-up to put Louisville on top 4-3.

Up to this point, it had 1-0 Western, 2-1 Louisville and then 3-2 Western.

Now ahead 4-3, Louisville clung to the lead, with Moreman in there for Beam, the rest of the quarter.

They were outshooting and out-rebounding Western on both boards at this stage. Prudhoe was getting up there and so was Gastevich.

### Fouls A Factor

But Prudhoe, working on big Spoelstra, and Moreman were gathering fouls at a concerning pace. Prudhoe had three in the first four minutes and a half.

The score at this point was 10-9 Louisville. A bat-in by Noble was countered with a long by Able.

Moreman got a lay-up. Cox hit from the corner, Noble made one of two frees on a fast-break foul, Moreman connected from the side and these seven straight points puffed Louisville's lead to 19-11.

A medium by Cole, a bat-in by Turner and a free by Cole and Western was breathing on Louisville's spine again. It was 19-17.

### Louisville Leads

Gastevich and Spoelstra matched goals. Prudhoe tapped in a missed free by Noble and Louisville went into the second quarter on top 23-19.

On a neat pass from Noble, Prudhoe dunked one. Cole equaled this from the corner and Able followed with a free. But again Prudhoe came through, with an over head shot, and it was 27-22 now for Louisville.

Spoelstra cut it to three points. Gastevich's free made it four.

Hinton came in for Gastevich and immediately sank a goal from the corner and then fouled Marshall, who hit. It was 30-25.

### Moreman Fouls Out

Marshall got two frees and a goal for five straight points. On his goal, Moreman committed his fifth and disqualifying foul and Turner made the free. This tied it up, 30-30, with Moreman out of the game with Beam and 5:46 to go in the half.

Keefer was in there for Moreman. Noble couldn't hit and he was being bothered by Cole. Cox was giving Able a battle and was getting very much the best of it.

He was to outscore Able 14-3 this half. At this point, he hit from the side to regain the lead for Louisville, but Spoelstra pulled Western even again and then put them ahead with two frees, 34-32, for the first time since that first minute.

Cox got a free. But Turner struck from the corner and then made a foul and Western had a four-point lead.

### Last-Second Basket

Cox made three points when fouled by Cole on a jump goal, but Spoelstra scored a goal and Turner a free and Marshall a lay-up. Western was ahead by six, 42-36.

Harrah slipped under for one and Cox dribbled around Able for one. Then Harrah got a free and Cox a leaping goal and Louisville was back in the lead, 43-42. But with four seconds left, Marshall got a jump shot from the side and Western went into the dressing room in front 44-43.

In the first minute of the third whirl, Marshall and Spoelstra made it 48-43 for Western. Prudhoe made an overhead, but Spoelstra nullified this with two frees.

Then what was the definite turning point of the game came.

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## Xavier 3d And Eastern 4th In Play

### Muskies Rout Maroons 86-67; Murray Romps

And here is the order of finish in the Kentucky Invitation Tournament:

- 1—Western
- 2—Louisville
- 3—Xavier
- 4—Eastern
- 5—Villanova
- 6—Houston
- 7—Murray
- 8—Siena

The dashing Xavier Musketeers of Cincinnati captured third place by blasting Eastern 86-67 in the first game last night. Murray warded off finishing last by romping past Siena 91-68 and Villanova took the consolation title by defeating Houston 73-66 in afternoon games.

Xavier, which gave Louisville a tough go of it night before last and which plays Kentucky at Lexington on Monday, hit its stride at the outset. Eastern, meanwhile, was a cold ball club and, in fact, could connect on just two field goals in the second quarter.

Xavier, the best defensive team in the tournament, hounded the ball last night and repeatedly stole it from the Maroons. So, at the half, the Musketeers virtually had the game won at 43-25.

By the end of the third quarter, the hustling Musketeers had a rout going at 60-38. That was all for Eastern, which came within three points of Western in the tourney.

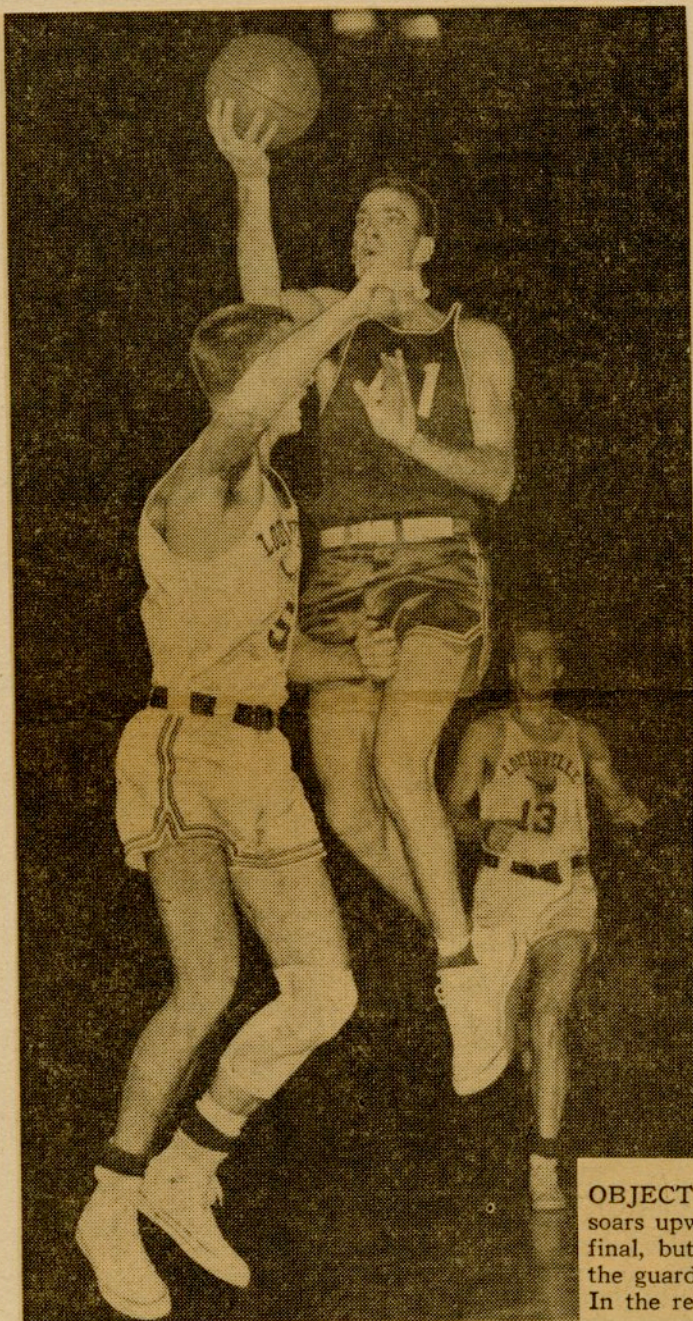
Only Tom Holbrook had any scoring success against Xavier. Shooting mostly from 25 feet out, he connected for 24 points.

Xavier's scoring honors were shared by five men. Top man was Paul Margerum, who tallied 14.

### Murray Sharp

Playing what Coach Harlan Hodges described as their best ball of the season, the Murray Thoroughbreds not only got even

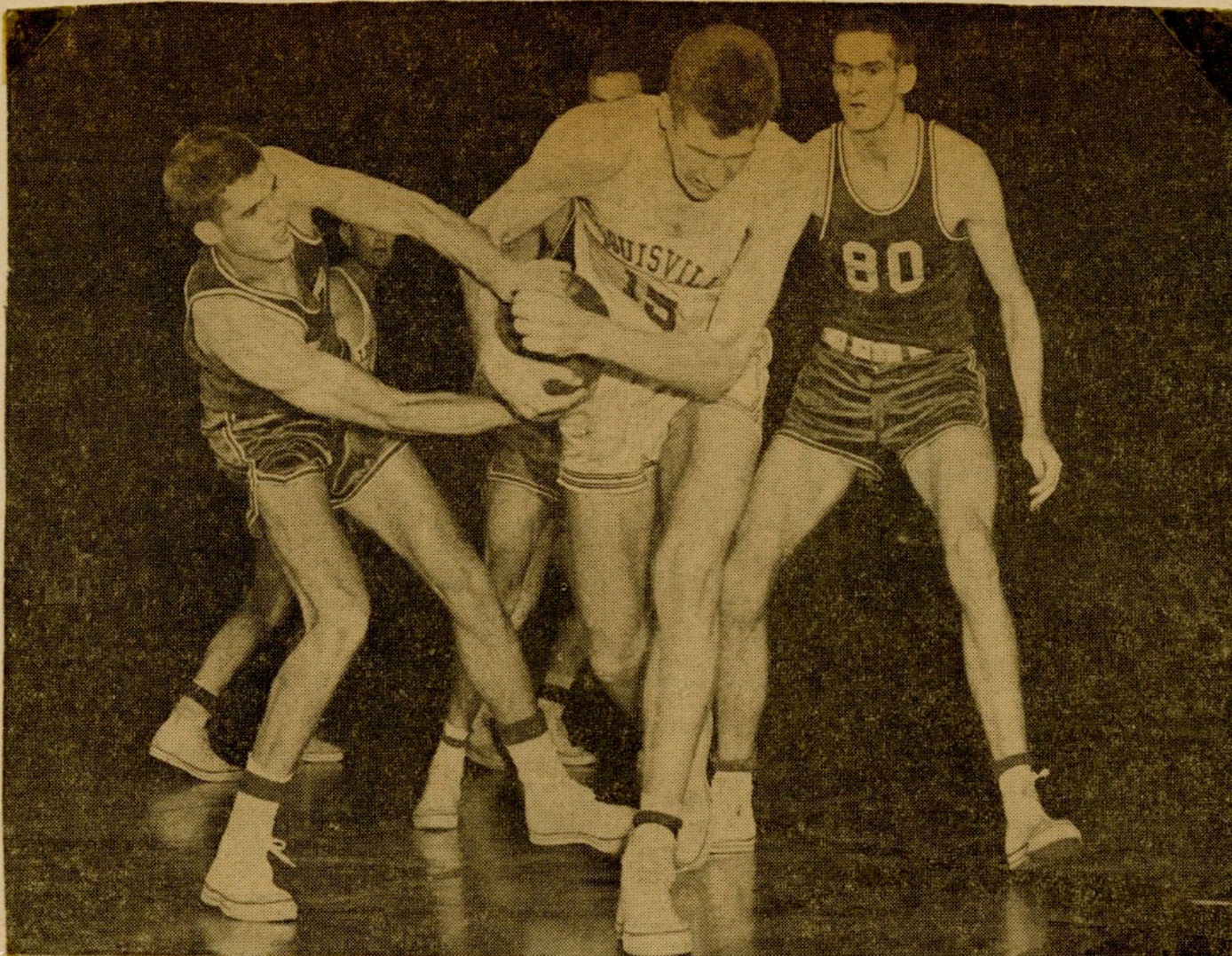
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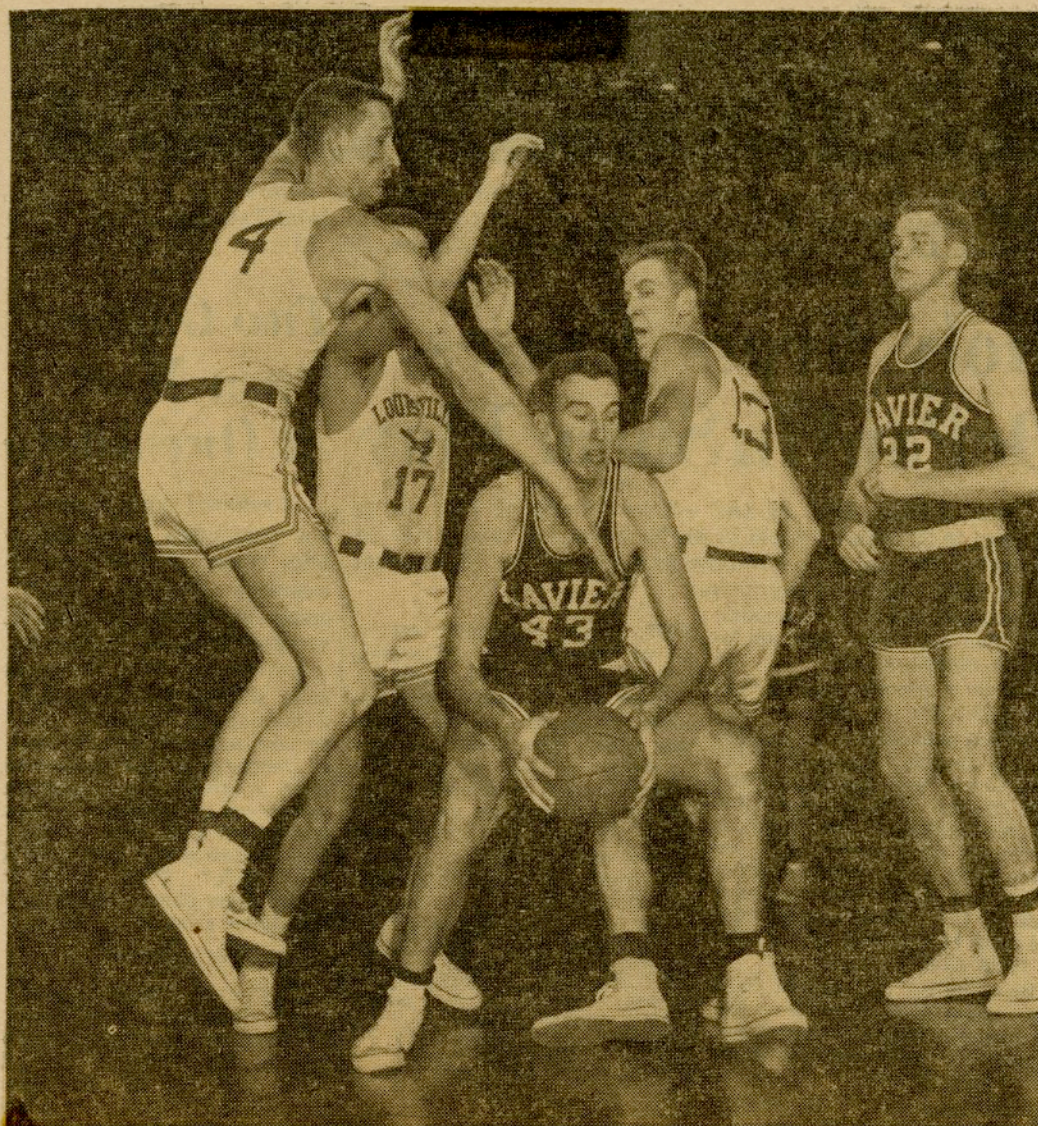
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OBJECT: FIELD GOAL!—Western's Tom Marshall soars upward for a shot in the first quarter of the K.I.T. final, but the ball misses the basket, mainly because of the guarding of Louisville's Jerry Moreman (foreground). In the rear is U. L.'s Vlad Gastevich.





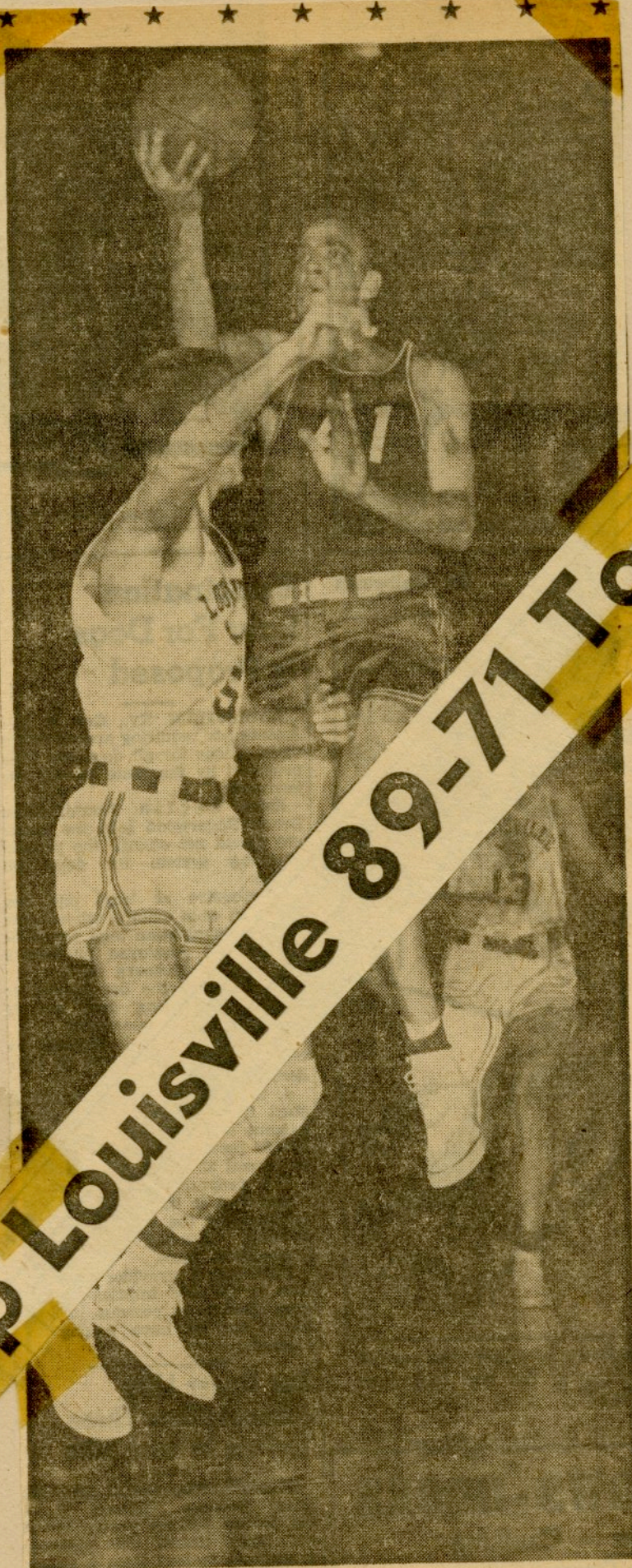
**HIT THAT LINE!**—Big John Prudhoe, Louisville center, looks like a fullback carrying the ball in the first quarter of the K.I.T. championship game at the Armory last night. Actually, it was a battle for a rebound, with Western's Lynn Cole (left) also staking a claim on the ball. No. 80 is Art Spoelstra of Western.



**SURROUNDED**—Xavier's Chuck Hoffman (43) was surrounded by Louisville players during yesterday's play in the second quarter. Cardinal players were (left to right) Herb Harrah (4), Chet Beam (17) and Vlad Gasteovich (13). Dick Schneider (22) of Xavier was at right. Louisville defeated the Musketeers 61-56.



# Topppers Drop Louisville 89-71 To Capture KIT Title



(AP Photo)  
**MARSHALL FIRES**—Hilltopper all-court ace Tom Marshall soars into the air on a lay-up shot in Western's 89-71 title win over Louisville in the KIT last night. He missed on this one, but ended up with 23 points for the evening. Shown guarding Marshall is Jerry Moreman (5) of Louisville, who left the game in the first half on personal fouls. Coming up in the rear is Louisville's Vlad Gastevich.



# Marshall, Cole, Spoelstra Star In 12th Straight Win

By BERT BORRONE  
Daily News Sports Editor

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 31—A big Tom from Western was the cat's meow in the KIT last night.

This Big Tom from Western was Western's big Tom Marshall who made the sweetest music a sell-out 8,000 ever heard as he howled along the University of Louisville's back fence—its offensive backboard—in as devastating a fashion as those 8,000 ever saw.

This big Tom cleared 23 defensive rebounds — better than a third of all the shots U. of L. missed — as Western wrought a dramatic come-from-behind 89-71 victory to capture the first annual Kentucky Invitation Tournament — and incidentally its 12th straight triumph of an all-winning season.

This big Tom did not howl alone, though.

U. of L. has to paraphrase the popular song, "Baby It's Cold Outside," into "Baby, It's Cole Inside, Too," today.

Western's Lynn Cole, in the greatest defensive performance of a notable defensive career, held the bigger Chuck Noble, the 6-4 stickout forward U. of L. is plugging for All-America, to one field goal and three points for 27 minutes and wound up permitting Chuck just nine, less than half of his average, for the game.

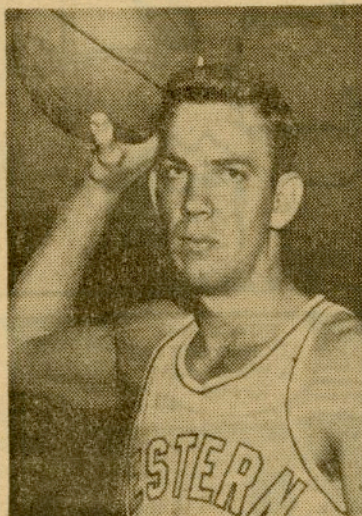
Howling louder than anybody in the scorebook was Western's spook Art Spoelstra, maybe the most terrifying big man offensively in the country, got himself 29 points, six more than even Marshall scored and 12 more than Louisville's big scorer, little Corky Cox.

That big Tom really decided it, though. Because it was after U. of L. had constructed a fearsome eight-point, 19-11 advantage and had the victory in its grasp with control of its own board that big Tom started howling.

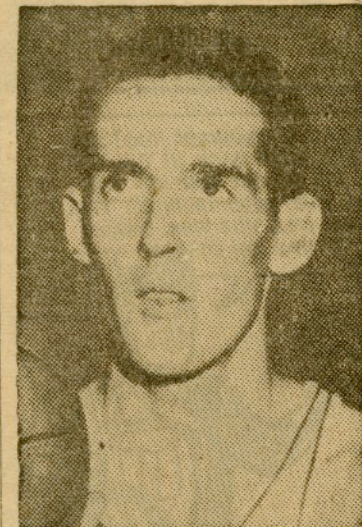
During the next two quarters as

Western	FG-A	FT-A	PF	TP
Marshall F	5-14	13-16	2	23
Turner F	4-8	9-10	3	17
Greer	1-2	0-0	1	2
Whitsell	0-0	0-0	0	0
Spoelstra C	9-21	11-18	2	29
Daniel	0-0	0-0	1	0
Cole G	2-8	3-3	4	7
Able G	2-11	2-3	5	6
D. Miller	1-1	0-0	0	2
King	0-0	3-4	0	3
<b>Totals</b>	<b>24-65</b>	<b>41-54</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>89</b>
Louisville	FG-A	FT-A	PF	TP
Noble F	4-16	1-6	5	9
Gastevich F	4-7	0-0	2	8
Hinton	2-4	0-0	3	4
Harrah	1-5	2-2	5	4
Prudhoe C	5-13	3-4	5	13
York	1-5	2-4	4	4
Powell	0-2	4-6	4	4
Cox G	6-23	5-5	3	17
Beam G	1-2	0-0	1	2
Moreman	2-3	0-0	5	4
Keffer	0-8	2-2	1	2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>26-88</b>	<b>19-29</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>71</b>
Western	19	25	24	89
Louisville	23	20	11	71

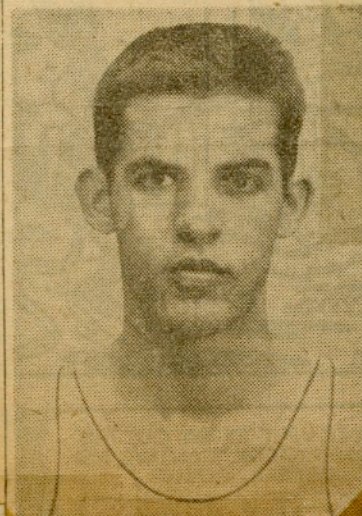
Western fashioned a 68-54 lead, big Tom recovered an utterly fantastic 17 defensive rebounds and drew 12 fouls from the Cardinals who tried to challenge his mastery down there. The ones Marshall did not get, Spoelstra grabbed. And Art was forcing them to foul him 16 times in this game.



REBOUND ARTIST—Tom Marshall grabbed 23 defensive rebounds and contributed 23 points to Western's cause.



SCORING LEADER—Art Spoelstra tossed in a game-high 29 points and aided Marshall in the rebounding chores.



DEFENSIVE DEMON — Lynn Cole limited Louisville's scoring ace Chuck Noble to nine points

Those foul shots are what actually won it for Western so far as the scorebook is concerned. U. of L. had a 26-24 margin in field goals. Western, though, scored on 41 of 54 free throws, with Marshall sinking a tournament record 13 straight. U. of L. was awarded just 29 charity flips and hit on 19 of them.

Before we get into any summary of this game, which was Western's third straight victory over U. of L., by the way, it should be noted that Western's coach, Ed Diddle, and his aide, Ted Hornback, took a gigantic gamble by sacking Cole on Noble.

Lynn had to give away an inch in height and almost 40 pounds in weight. Lynn had to operate defensively inside, where he almost never plays, he faced these handicaps plus the knowledge that this was a possible all-America he was guarding.

By game's end, Noble was such a harassed, forlorn figure that he once blew two straight lay-ups and finally fouled out.

For 20 minutes of this game, while they fashioned a 23-19 quarter lead and trailed by just 44-43 at the half, the Cardinals gave Western a lesson in feeder play off the post and in player juggling.

Coach Peck Hickman, forced to

## ★ ★ ★ ★ Three Western Players Named On All-Tourney Team

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 31 (AP)—Champion Western Kentucky placed three players on the 13 man all-Kentucky Invitation Basketball Tournament squad announced after last night's finals. The squad:

Tom Marshall, Forest Able and Art Spoelstra, Western; Corky Cox and Chuck Noble, Louisville; Tom Holbrook and Jack Adams, Eastern; Dave Piontek and Bob Heim, Xavier; Bob Shafer, Villanova; Howie Crittenden, Murray; John Foster, Houston, and William Kirsch, Siena.

play all through this tournament, without star guard Phil Rollins, saw another starter, Chet Beam, go out to stay with a re-injury of a bum knee with the game just two minutes old. Peck juggled three subs successfully the rest of the half.

Louisville got virtually every one of its first half points on the surprisingly agile pivot operations of 6-9 John Prudhoe and the big boy's clever passing to mates who drove off him or stopped and used him as a screen for short jump shots.

Little Corky Cox was the big villain. The wispy little guy scored 14 points this half on drives and short shots. But this was to be his only moment of glory. Western's Frosty Able held him without a field goal the entire last half.

Western never succeeded in tying the score until there was 4:20 gone in the second quarter. Marshall's first field goal, a shot from far out, and Jack Turner's free knotted it at 30-all.

Louisville regained the lead on Cox's short jump shot from the side. But the Spook, incensed again at the operations of a rival pivot, hung up his fifth field goal of the half, a left-handed hook, to tie it again.

Two frees by the Spook right after that sent Western ahead to stay but for five seconds just before the half's end.

Two goals from the corner by Turner shot the Hilltoppers into a six-point lead. But Louisville whacked at it and finally overcame it at 43-42 on a layup by Cox. Marshall regained the advantage for Western a split second before the

## Marshall, Cole

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half's end on a goal set up by an adroit Turner pass.

Marshall's set and Spoelstra's hook got Western away to a flying third-quarter start. And after the harassed Noble, in a matter of no more than 20 seconds, missed two of-balance layups, U. of L. was never a factor.

The Cardinals had had some success early in the game at forcing Spoelstra out high on the post and double-teaming him when he had the ball.

But Marshall's threat from outside and Turner's from the corners made this porous, and finally Western started floating high passes by Marshall and Able into the Spook, who broke around his defender and laid in layups on the run.

Western proved it could play defense, too, this last half when it held U. of L. to just eight field goals and employed a possession game with unexpected success in the final period.

Western's starting five — Marshall, Turner, Spoelstra, Able and Cole—played without relief until the final three minutes in a superb iron-man performance.

You know what, if Dan King and Kay Greer can lick their injuries, this team just might go all the way.

Authority for the howl is big Tom himself.



# Western Socks St. Bonaventure By 94-63 Margin

## Bonnies Have Only One Spurt; Spoelstra Scores 20, King 18

By LARRY BOECK

Western's basketball team taught St. Bonaventure something last night that the Bonnies should have learned in their economic class—a quarter doesn't go very far these days.

That's all St. Bonaventure had, one good quarter, as the rangy, keen-eyed Hilltoppers sharpened in the second half and triumphed handily 94-63.

The one quarter the Bonnies had, however, was just enough to keep them in the ball game for a half before 7,000 Armory spectators. The half ended with Western out front 39-33, thanks to a splurge of three baskets in the final 33 seconds of the session.

At that, Western had to come from behind a four-point deficit, 33-29, after wasting an eight-point lead of 16-8 it had built up early in the game.

### Splurge In Third

A flurry of buckets in the first five minutes of the third quarter doomed the Bonnies. And this basket-barrage sent the now fast, alert and polished Hilltoppers on to their ninth victory in 11 encounters.

It was a different Western, this second half, that it was for the first 20 minutes. Whereas the Hilltoppers had been slow, shooting erratically and handling the ball sloppily most of the first half, they were an unbeatable combination the second session—paced by big Art Spoelstra, Dan King and Tom Marshall.

Tom White and Lynn Cole also chipped in. And so in the last 33 seconds of the first half and through five minutes of the second half Western outscored harried St. Bonaventure 18-6 and built up a 51-37 margin.

Dropping their third straight game after five victories in a row, the Bonnies were in the game for that half only because their semi-zone defense was difficult for Western to solve and they had a good second quarter.

### Bonnies Lack Size

The Bonnies were at a definite height disadvantage. To compensate for this, they played a semi-zone, hoping to bottle up the 6-9 Spoelstra and other big men of Western whenever they moved into the area of the basket.

This worked fine, for a half. Three Bonnies patrolled the area of the basket and two played out front, picking up Hilltoppers who set to shoot from outside. And since Western was missing from outside and ragged by blowing crips, St. Bonaventure managed to make a fight of it.

Western solved this defense with speed, not allowing the Bonnies to set up their defense, in the second half and with some sharp shooting. St. Bonaventure also contributed to Western's success by electing to run with the Hilltoppers, something it couldn't do. At the same time, the Bonnies were blowing what shots they did get.

Spoelstra also broke free and scored 10 of his total 20 points in the third quarter. Behind him were King with 18 points, Marshall with 14 and White and Cole with 11 each in what was truly a team victory.

the night and allowed the Bonnies to make a go of it the first half.

His free throws, five of thme, accounted for all St. Bonaventure's points the first five minutes as it trailed 11-5. The Bonnies, cold at the firing line, didn't sink their first basket until a little over eight and one-half minutes of playing time had elapsed.

Western was cold, too, and led just 19-16 at the end of the first quarter.

But in the second half it was a different story, as statistics reflect. For the night Western connected on 37 of 90 shots for a hefty 41 per cent. St. Bonaventure, meanwhile, was connecting on just 20 of 69 for 29 per cent.

The Hilltoppers outrebounded the Bonnies 41-31, with Marshall getting 10 of these, King nine, Spoelstra seven and Cole six.

The difference in the Toppers in the first and second halves was so pronounced one observer along press row turned to another and said, "What do you think Coach Ted Hornback told them at the half?"

"He probably reminded them," said the other guy, "that they'll be on television Thursday night when they play Cincinnati."

The Bowling Green game is being televised by a Nashville station for a Southern network.

### Bednar Leads Bonnies

Forward Mike Bednar easily was St. Bonaventure's best man and one of the outstanding players on the floor. His 21 points, scored before he fouled out with 7:46 of playing time left, was high for

Western (94)				(63) St. Bonaventure			
Player	fg.	ft.	pf.	Player	fg.	ft.	pf.
King f	8	2	2	Bednar f	6	9	5
Marshall f	6	2	2	Kenbille f	5	4	3
Greer f	1	0	2	Black f	0	0	0
Whitsell f	1	4	1	Edwards c	2	1	2
Spoelstra c	9	2	5	Schlee c	1	0	3
Smith c	1	1	2	Saglimben c	1	4	1
Wallace c	1	0	0	Davis g	3	0	2
White g	5	1	0	Sassone g	2	0	0
Cole g	3	5	2	Quinones g	0	1	3
Vest g	0	0	0	Schalk g	0	4	0
Hutchens g	0	0	0				
Schutz g	1	3	1				
Beard g	1	0	1				
Total	37	20	18	Total	20	23	19

Western	19	39	65	94
St. Bonaventure	16	33	47	63
Free throws missed: Western—King, Marshall 2, Cole. St. Bonaventure—Bednar 2, Schlee 2, Saglimben, Schalk 2.				

Western	FG-A	FT-A	PF	TP
Marshall F	10-20	11-13	4	31
Turner F	7-16	6-6	3	20
Greer	0-0	0-0	2	0
Whitsell	2-4	1-1	1	5
F. Miller	0-0	0-0	0	0
Spoelstra C	6-12	2-2	2	14
King	3-7	0-0	1	6
Wallace	0-0	0-0	1	0
Able G	5-11	1-1	1	11
Cole G	5-10	1-2	4	11
D. Miller	0-2	0-0	2	0
Callison	0-0	0-0	2	0

Totals	38-82	22-25	24	98
Middle Tenn.	FG-A	FT-A	PF	TP
Carden F	5-11	1-2	3	11
Johnson F	7-19	8-12	1	22
Christiansen	0-4	1-1	1	1
Price C	6-17	7-9	4	19
Trickey G	2-15	1-2	1	5
Hogshead G	1-8	1-1	5	3
Jones	0-3	1-1	3	1
Griffith	0-0	1-2	3	1
Bratton	0-1	4-6	0	4

Totals	21-78	25-36	21	67
Western	23	26	26	23-98
Mid. Tenn.	16	15	13	23-67

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Shooting percentages: From field — Western, 46.3. Middle Tennessee, 26.9. From foul line — Western, 88.0. Middle Tennessee, 69.4.

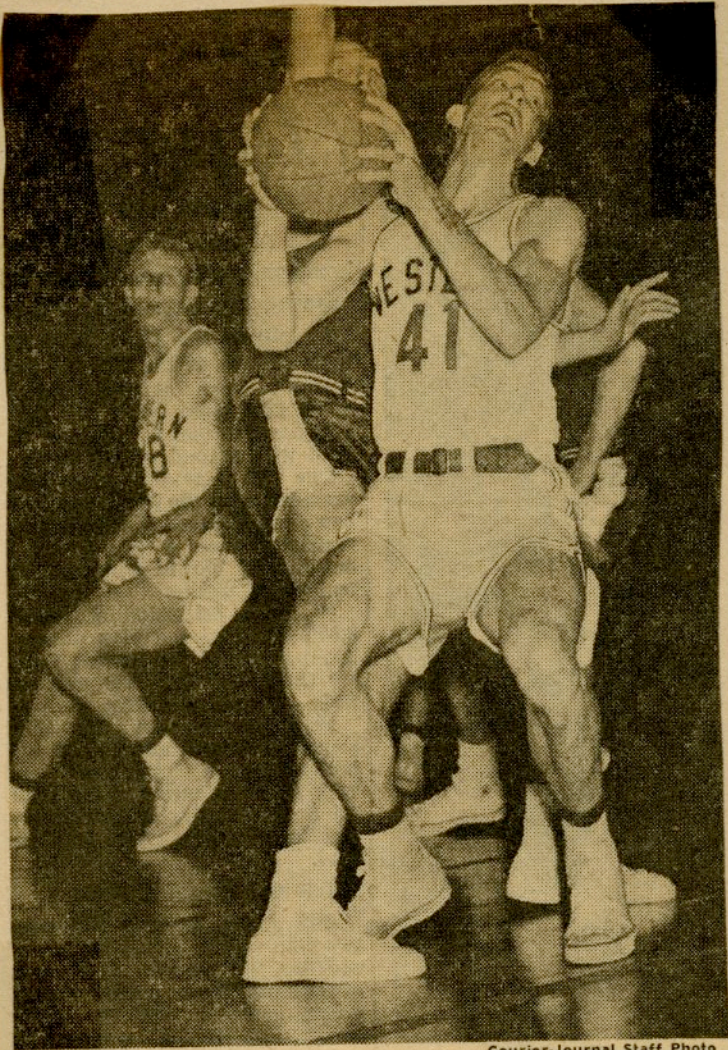
Western	FG-A	FT-A	PF	TP
Daniels F	4-11	1-4	4	9
Harned F	6-11	3-7	4	15
Vahlkamp	4-8	0-2	0	8
Rader	0-1	0-2	1	0
Weber C	3-8	5-12	5	11
Litke	2-2	0-0	5	4
Clark G	6-11	2-2	3	14
Whouse G	4-11	2-5	3	10
S'field	11-17	0-0	2	22
Benbrook	3-7	1-1	1	7

Totals	43-87	14-35	28	100
Mid. Tenn.	FG-A	FT-A	PF	TP
Earle F	2-10	5-14	3	9
Sellars F	1-7	6-7	5	8
Griffith	2-3	1-2	0	5
Burks C	6-17	2-4	4	14
Bratton G	7-26	7-9	4	21
Stotser G	5-13	3-8	4	13
Henry	0-1	0-0	1	0

Totals	23-77	24-44	21	70
Western	28	19	25	28-100
Mid. Tenn.	19	12	23	16-70

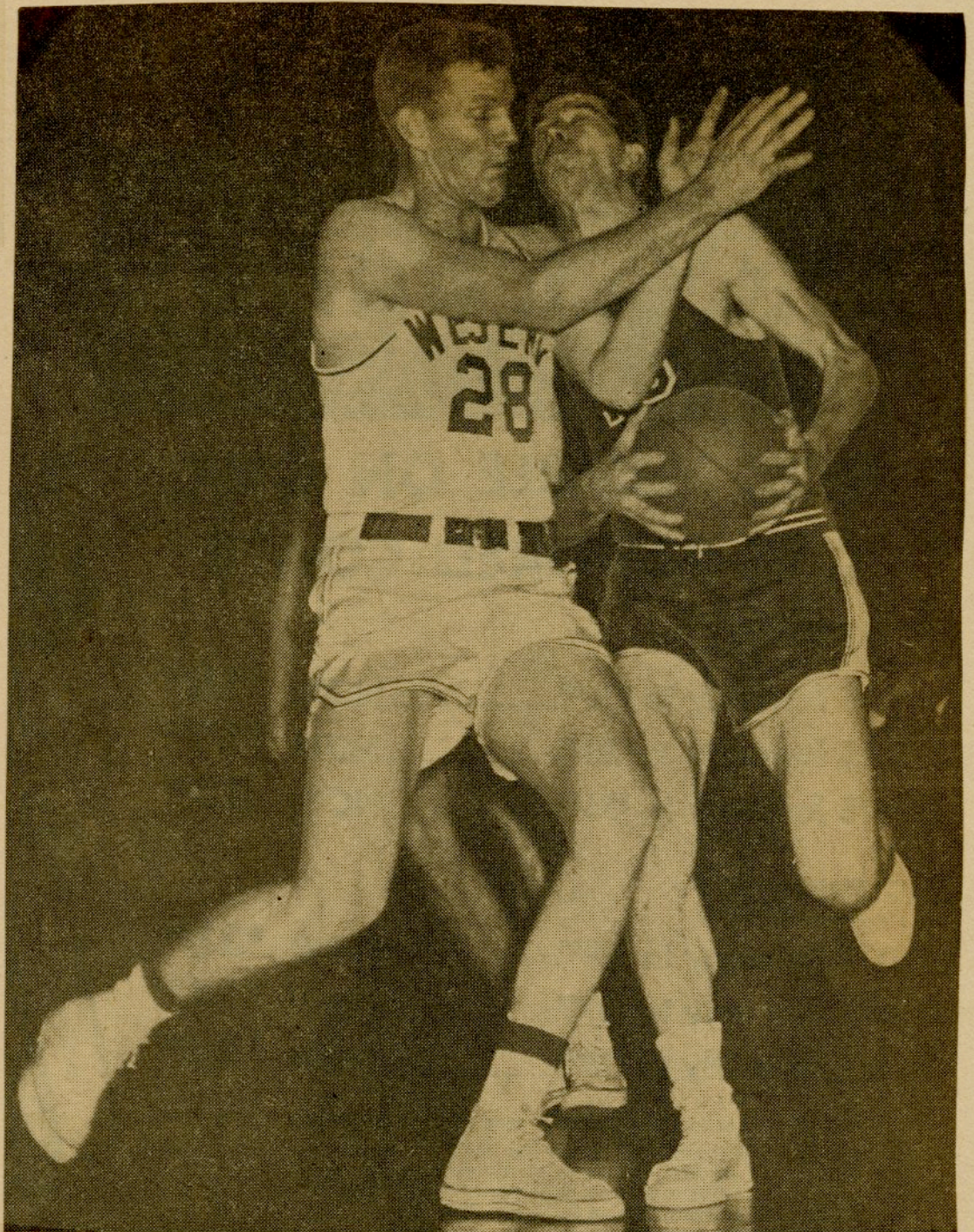
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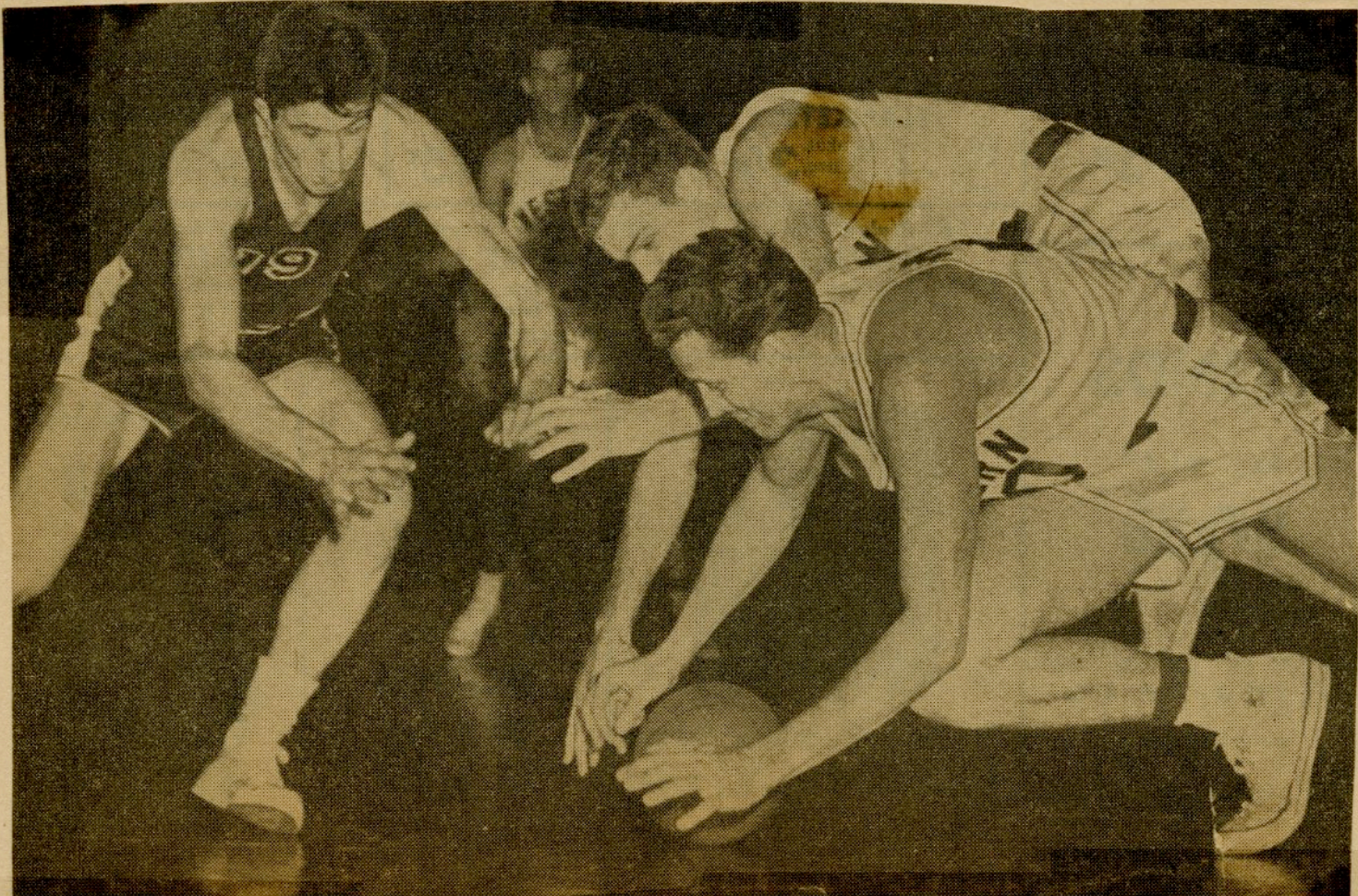
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**WESTERN SCORE**—Tom Marshall, Western Kentucky forward, was snapped just as he started to jump for a basket in last night's game with St. Bonaventure. Bill Edwards of the Bonnies tries to block the shot, and Dan King of the Hilltoppers is at the left.



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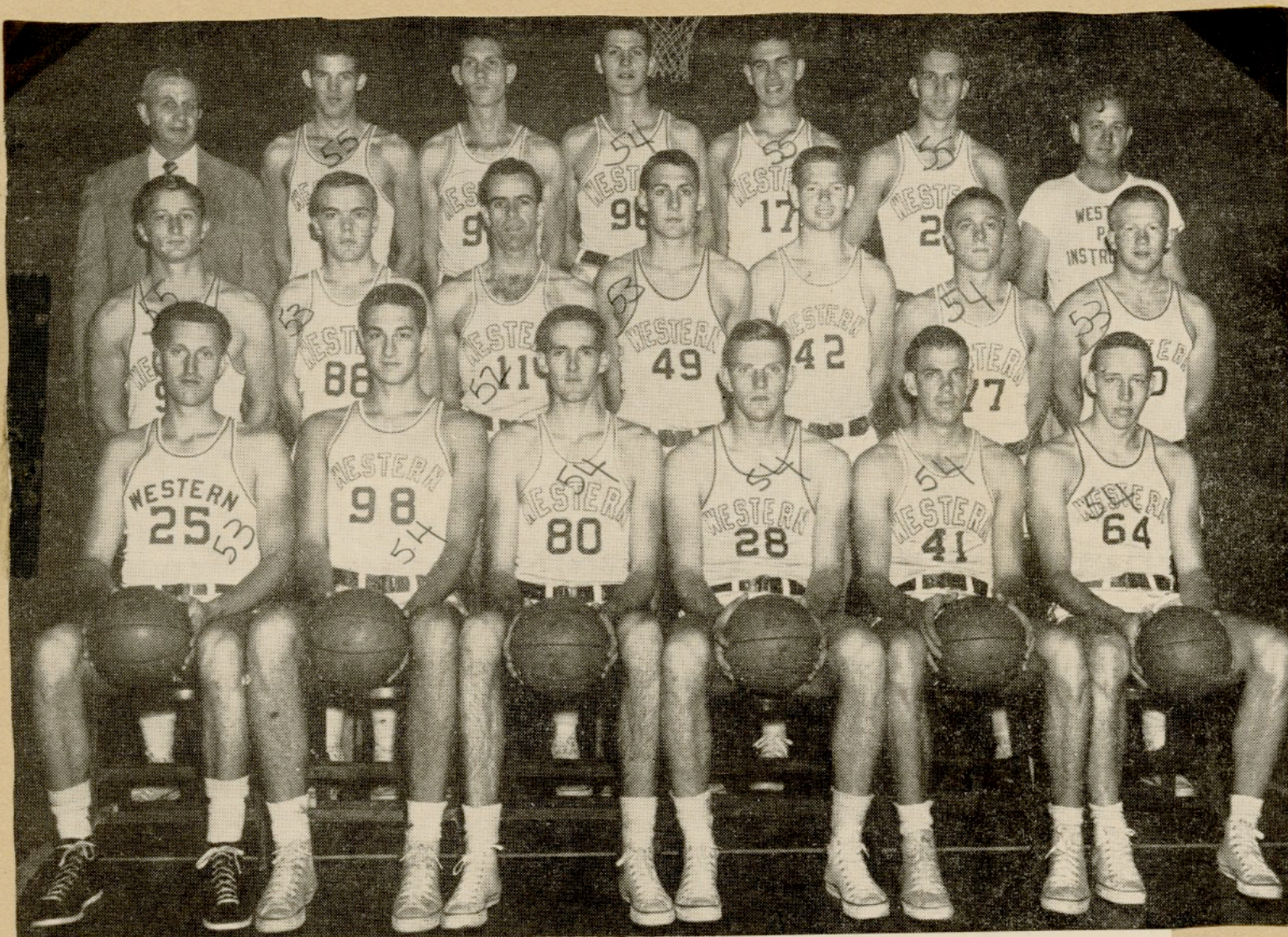
**FOUL!** Mike Bednar of St. Bonaventure winces as Western's Dan King collides with him during the early moments of their game in the Armory last night.



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**TWO ON ONE**—Scrambling for the ball are two Hilltoppers and one Bonnie cager. St. Bonaventure's Mike Bednar is at left, while waiting to gobble up the loose ball are Western's Tom Marshall and Dick Smith.





## WESTERN KENTUCKY STATE HILLTOPPERS 1951-1952

First Row, sitting, left to right: Dick Smith, Frank Wallace, Art Spoelstra, Dan King, Tom Marshall and Kay Greer.

Second Row, standing, left to right: Jimmy Hutchens, Don McGuire, Gene Rhodes, Monie Beard, Bill Scott, Dike Vest and Richard White.

Back Row, standing, left to right: Coach Ed Diddle, Lynn Cole, Lou Sandefur, Eddie Ward, Jerry Whitsell, Howard Dodds and Assistant Coach Ted Hornback.

**Hard-Luck Monie**—One of the hard-luck boys of the year is Western's Monie Beard from Louisville. . . . Monie fractured his left arm in practice before the season opened. He missed seven contests, and passed up the coveted eastern trip to prepare himself for the jaunt out west for the All-College



Monie Beard

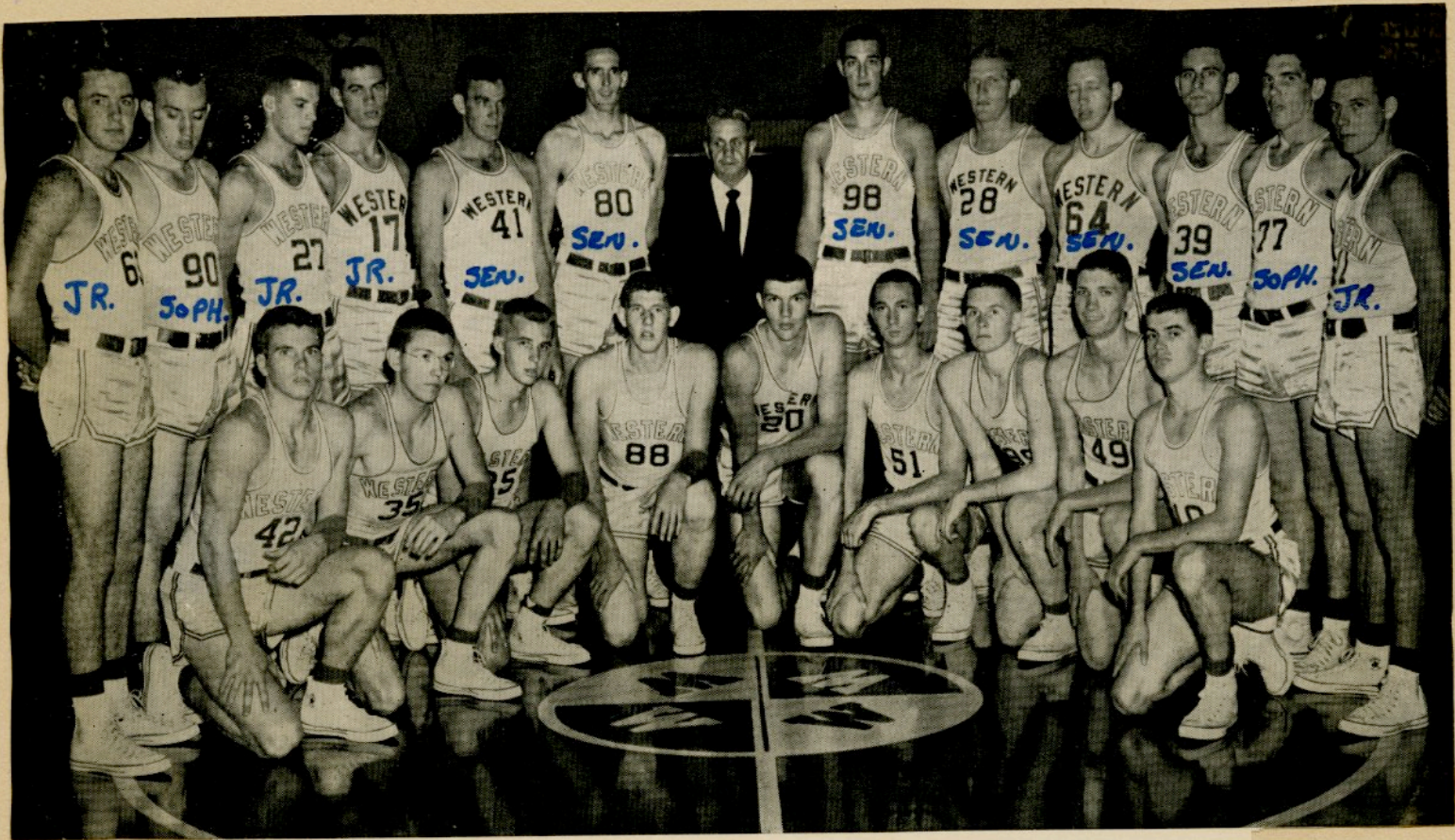
Tournament. . . . He started all three games of the tournament and hurt his arm again. An X-ray showed the same old crack—and another one beside it. . . . He's all strapped up again, and probably won't see much service again for several more games. . . . Fortunately, bone fractures are not considered as serious as they once were. . . . Dan King, for instance, has been playing all season with a broken toe encased in a thimble-like guard.

## Western's Marshall Shows Family Picture



NEW YORK—Western Kentucky's All America basketball star Tom Marshall points out his picture in the current issue of Look magazine to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Marshall of 4604 Utah ave., Nashville, his brother, and sister-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. C. B. Marshall of Ardmore. Tom's family was in New York to watch him play in the National Invitational tournament. He played his last collegiate game against Niagara in the consolation game last night.

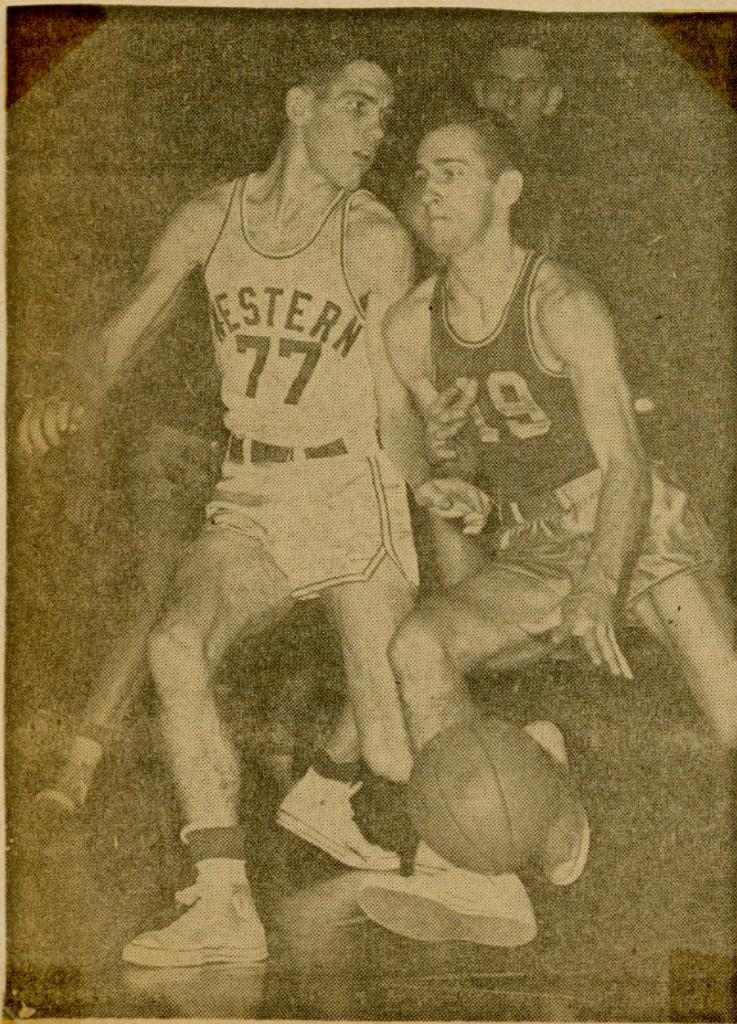




## WESTERN KENTUCKY STATE COLLEGE 1953-54 BASKETBALL SQUAD

Front row, kneeling, left to right: Ronnie Whitehouse, Charlie Vahlkamp, Walter Litke, Bob Daniel, Jerry Weber, Bob Rader, Dan Murphy, Vic Harned and Ronnie Clark.

Back row, standing, left to right: James Callison, Ferrell Miller, Lynn Cole, Jerry Whitsell, Tom Marshall, Art Spoelstra, Coach Ed Diddle, Frank Wallace, Dan King, Kay Greer, Jack Turner, Forest Able and Dencel Miller.



**DANGEROUS INTERSECTION** — Murray's Howie Crittenden (No. 19) had some difficulty with Western's Forest Able as he turned to cut along the baseline in this play last night. Able and Lynn Cole collaborated to hold Crittenden to 11 points, almost 16 below his average.

## Play-By-Play

### FIRST QUARTER

	W	D
Turner (Harris)	1	0
Horan tap-in	1	2
Turner (Horan)	2	2
Uhl southpaw hook	2	4
Uhl on a follow	2	6
Marshall set	4	6
Uhl (Spoelstra)	4	7
Donoher on a drive	4	9
Spoelstra layup	6	9
Donoher jump	6	11
Turner driving from side	8	11
Uhl layup on high pass	8	13
Spoelstra crip	10	13
Donoher jump on side	10	15
Turner tap-in	12	15
Sallee set	12	17
Donoher crip	12	19
Marshall (Donoher)	13	19
Horan (Cole)	13	20
Turner full-court drive	15	20

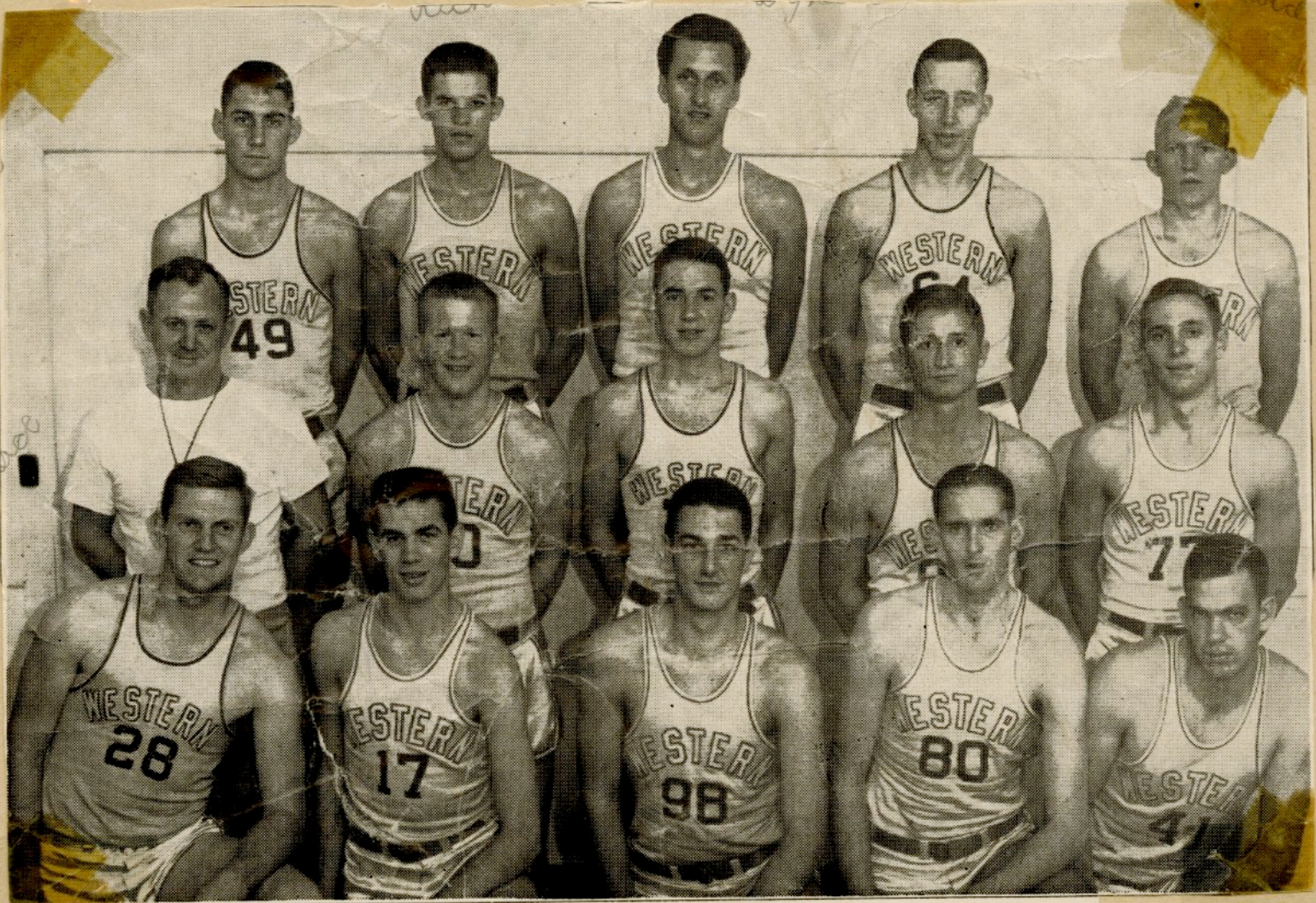
### SECOND QUARTER

	W	D
Cole jumps from corner	17	20
Horan (Turner)	17	21
Cole (Sallee)	19	21
Fiely rebound	19	23
Harris set	19	25
Spoelstra (Horan)	20	25
Harris (Spoelstra)	20	27
Horan jump spin	20	29
Marshall (Fiely)	21	29
Horan right-hand hook	21	31
Marshall (Horan)	22	31
Sallee (Miller)	22	32
Turner drive jump	24	32
Harris rebound	24	34
Uhl (King)	24	35
King tip-in	26	35
Marshall jump spin	28	35

### THIRD QUARTER

	W	D
Horan (Spoelstra)	28	36
Turner (Sallee)	29	36
Donoher (Marshall)	30	37
Sallee driving from side	30	39
Marshall layup	32	39
Donoher (Able)	32	40
Horan layup	32	42
Marshall jump spin	34	42
Harris set	34	44
Cole jump	36	44
Sallee (Marshall)	36	45
Marshall (Fiely)	37	45
Donoher (Able)	37	46
Cole from corner	39	46
Marshall on drive	41	46
Harris (Turner)	41	47





### WESTERN KENTUCKY STATE HILLTOPPERS 1952-1953

First Row, left to right: Dan King, Jerry Whitsell, Frank Wallace, Art Spoelstra and Tom Marshall.

Second Row, left to right: Coach Ted Hornback, Richard White, Jim Callison, Jim Hutchens and Dyke Vest.

Third Row, left to right: Monie Beard, Lynn Cole, Dick Smith, Kay Greer and Tom Schutz.

### 1953-54 Ohio Valley Tournament

MOREHEAD	92		
7:30 p.m.		MOREHEAD	79
TENN. TECH	55		WESTERN 85
		WESTERN	97
Thurs. Feb. 25.		FEB. 26.	FEB. 27.
MURRAY	84		
9:20		MIDDLE TENN.	69
MIDDLE TENN	86		EASTERN 69
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ALL TOURNAMENT TEAM: SWARTZ-MOREHEAD  
MARSHALL-WESTERN  
HOWELL-TENN. TECH  
SPOELSTRA-WESTERN  
COLE-WESTERN  
TURNER-WESTERN  
KEN TRICKEY-MIDDLE TENN.  
SAM SMITH-TENN-TECH  
GARRETT-MURRAY  
CRITTENDEN-"  
HOLBROOK-EASTERN  
ADAMS-"



## 'Tops In Sports

By TOD OLIVER

Basketball is like any other contest.

There's a winner and a loser in every game. The Hilltoppers were the former 29 times this season and the latter three times. Yet despite this spectacular record, there are always the individuals who have followed the team through a remarkable season with reverence in their hearts for adulthood probably).

when they lose a game. (Human nature supposedly, belated "those marvelous Hilltoppers," only to be the first ones to come up with derogatory remarks about the same team

Those Hilltoppers won more games than any other team in the nation this year, were third in the nation in total offense with 85.3 points per game, landed one player on several All-American teams and on the All - N.I.T. first team, and another received All - American Honorable Mention several times.

Western was sixth in the nation in the field goal shooting department with a 42.1 percentage, and ninth in the nation at the free throw line hitting 70.6 per cent. Tom Marshall was seventh in the nation in scoring with 25.3 points per game, and Art Spoelstra was fourth in the nation in field goal shooting with a 54.3 percentage. Marshall was 18th in rebounding with 435 for an even 15 a game. Tom's 829 points this season is the fifth highest total ever scored in the history of the game, and his career total of 1,909 points is now the state record.

Those are the records established by the Hilltopper basketball team this season, and we haven't

even mentioned Coach Ed Diddle's 612 wins while at one school, which is a record that may never be surpassed by any other coach, or the fact that we are the second school in history to possess three 1,000 point scorers simultaneously. Certainly nobody can take anything away from the great team that walked off with two out of three tournament championship trophies during the season, and held the acclaim of basketball coaches and sportswriters all over the country throughout the whole year.

It's always an easy thing to blame a defeat on the referees, but going under the assumption that the Hilltoppers couldn't have won the Holy Cross game anyway despite the controversial decision, let's take a look at what really happened.

With a little over eight minutes gone in the first quarter, Jack Turner reached out to take the ball away from a Crusader who was heading up the floor on the fast break, Jack twisted an ankle falling to the floor, but the referee who was right next to Jack when it happened failed to call for a time-out. In the meantime Togo Palazzi, of Holy Cross, was driving in for two points. Then the whistle blew, and Jack was helped from the floor, but the damage was done and Holy Cross was given credit for the basket.

Then late in the game, with less than three minutes to play, a Holy Cross player fell to the floor as Western was heading up the court on the fast break. The whistle blew just as Tom Marshall was driving into the free - throw cricle for a jump-shot which he hit. It was not allowed, however, and two vital points were taken away from the Hilltoppers. Call it yourselves, referees.

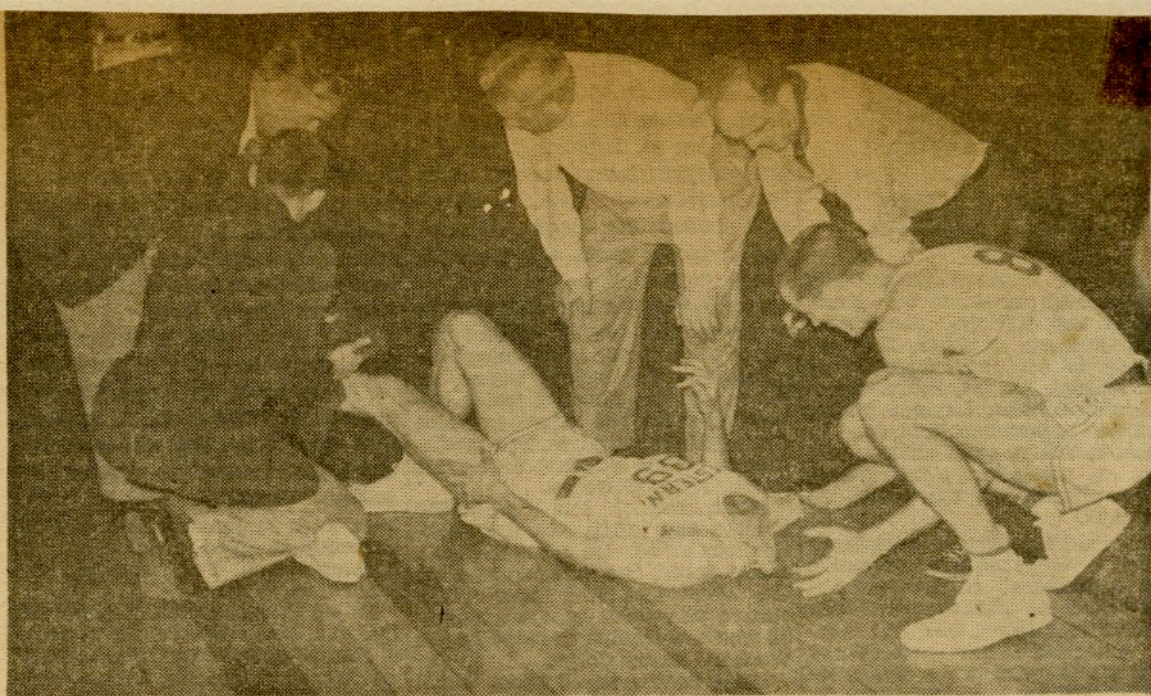
Basketball season is over now, and it won't be long before we'll hear the crack of hickory on cowhide and the harsh cry of "play ball" ringing across the lower athletic field.

Yes, it won't be long before that season comes when a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of baseball, and all those other spring sports.

### Selvy Edges Marshall By One Point On All Oponent Team

All - American Frank Selvy of Furman, the nation's top point-maker, edged out Western's Tom Marshall by a single vote to become the most outstanding player the University of Cincinnati faced this season.

Western was also voted as the best team met during the season in a close race with Duquesne, Dayton, and Indiana. The Bearcat players also voted Jack Turner as having Honorable Mention on their all - opponent team.



AT THIS POINT WESTERN LOST THE NIT—The above picture was taken just after Jack Turner sprained his ankle in the first quarter of the semi-final event with Holy Cross. Western lead at this point. Looking on are Coaches Diddle and Hornback, Hardin McLean, Art Spoelstra, and one of the officials.

## Marshall To Play With College All Stars

Tom Marshall has played his last basketball game for Western, but he is still a busy man as far as basketball is concerned.

The Hilltopper ace, who wound up his college career with 1,909 points, will be with the College All-Stars who play the "World Series" of basketball with the Harlem Globetrotters this spring.

Marshall will play in the last 11 games of the tour. He joins the troupe at St. Louis April 7 and will go all the way to the West Coast and back before the series ends April 17.

Tom will warm up for the series by playing in the East - West All-Star game at Kansas City next Monday. He leaves Friday and will get to see the NCAA finals at Kansas City Saturday night.

Marshall and Western's other four senior basketball stars also play a series with the University of Kentucky's seniors. They may play a game or two in this area with an all-star Army team.

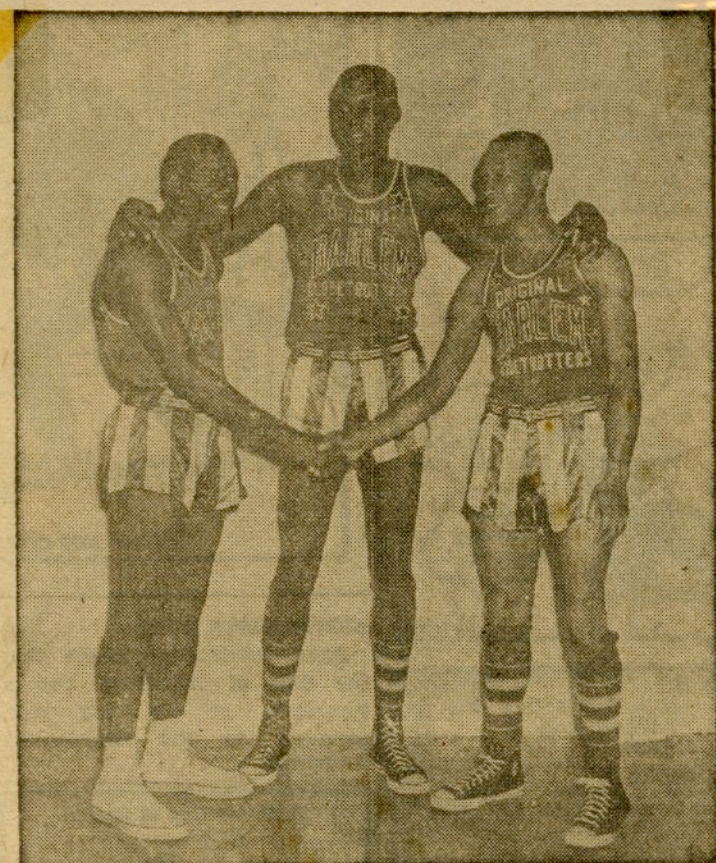
Best of luck to these boys who have been "Tops for the Toppers" during the past four years.

Tom Marshall, who was the leading scorer in the National Invitational Tournament with 82 points, made the all - tournament team, announced by the Associated Press.

Names along with Tom were: Togo Palazzi of Holy Cross, who was voted the tournament's most valuable player; Tom Heishon of Holy Cross; Dick Ricketts of Duquesne, and Maurice Stocks of St. Francis of Loretto, Pennsylvania.

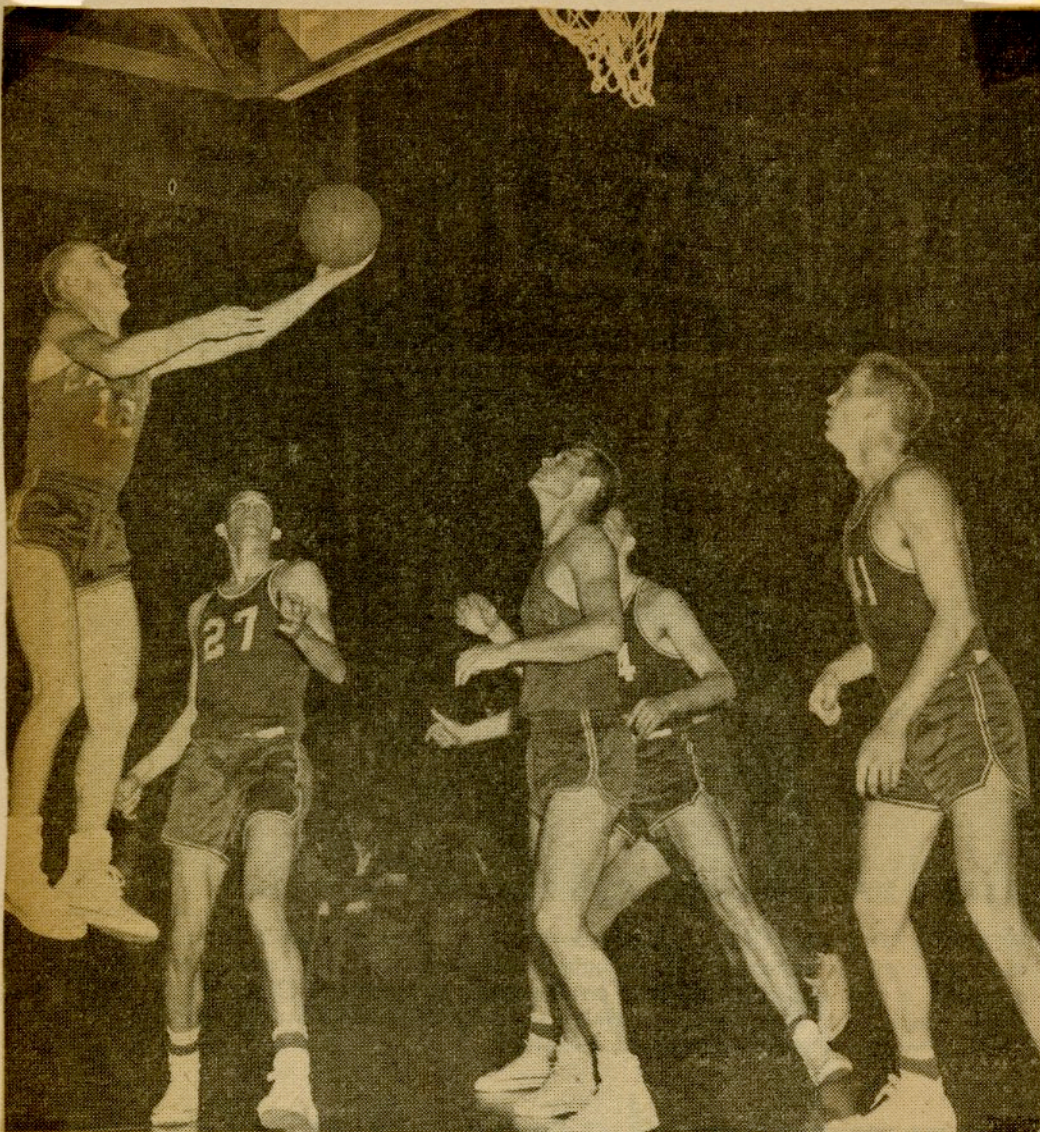
On the second team were: Ronnie Perry of Holy Cross; Si Green of Duquesne; Jim Gerber of Bowling Green; Jack Horan of Dayton and Larry Costello of Niagara.

Frosty Able of Western made a strong bid for an all-star berth.



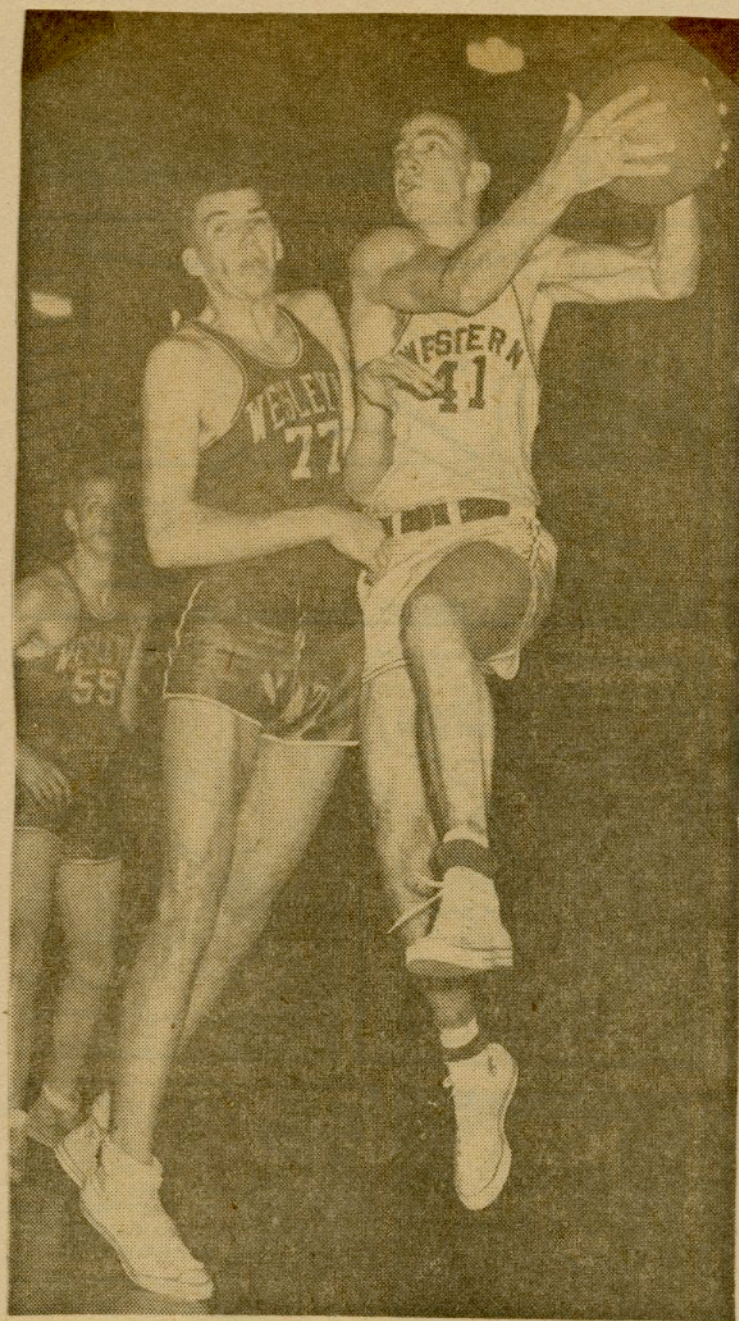
GLOBETROTTERS HERE TOMORROW—Reece (Goose) Tatum, Walt Dukes and Bill Garrett headline the stars who will show for the Harlem Globetrotters tomorrow night at Bowling Green High's gymnasium. The basketball doubleheader, spiced with four variety acts, opens at 8 p. m.





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AROUND AND IN—Morehead's Don Gaunce (17) lays up a field goal from an awkward angle against Western last night at the Armory. Watching the action are Western's Lynn Cole (27) and Tom Marshall (41), Morehead's Don Whitehouse (center) and the Hilltoppers' Kay Greer (behind Whitehouse).



HE FLOATS THROUGH THE AIR does Western's Tom Marshall on driving lay-ups like this one in last night's game with Kentucky Wesleyan. He sank this goal and was fouled by Harry Tibbs (No. 77), who appears to seriously doubt it is worthwhile to get in this man's way. In background is Wesleyan's Ernie Abernathy.

## "Giant Killers Are Slain By Hilltoppers

By BEN PHLEGAR

NEW YORK, Jan. 14 (AP)—The University of Dayton basketball team probably will have to give up its lease on the title of "giant killers" after what happened last night.

The Ohio Flyers blew a six-point lead in 80 seconds and bowed to Western Kentucky 79-75 in a triple overtime battle. The victory was No. 15 for Western, longest unbeaten streak in the nation.

Just a year ago Dayton wrecked Seton Hall's string of 27 triumphs, longest ever compiled by a major college in a single season.

The Flyers led the fifth-ranking Hilltoppers until the final three minutes of regulation time. In the first overtime they built a 62-56 advantage with 80 seconds to play. But Western fought back to take a 64-62 lead and Dayton tied the score on Jack Sallee's driving jump shot with two seconds left.

Tom Marshall of Western collected a field goal and two other Hilltoppers netted free throws early in the third overtime and the Flyers never again caught up.

Oklahoma City University, No. 8, whipped Houston 70-62 in the only other action involving ranking teams. Arnold Short scored 18 points in the first quarter and ended the night with 41 for the Oklahomans.



# Western Faces Big Test Tonight

## Unbeaten Toppers Invade Dayton To Tangle With 17th-Ranked Flyers

By TOMMY FITZGERALD  
Courier-Journal Staff Writer

Dayton, Ohio, Jan. 12.—University of Dayton was hoping tonight that Western Kentucky is still allergic to icy steps. They have 12 steps on the national basketball ladder all slicked up for the Hilltoppers here tomorrow night.

They are determined to bring the fifth-ranked and unbeaten Hilltoppers down to their own level—the 17th rung on the national ratings—and to do some slipping up, themselves.

Except for some bruises and scratches and pains, though, from his icy tumble down a flight of 15 steps Sunday, Tom Marshall, Western's big star, is reported ready to go.

### Boast 14-0 Record

Even with an upright Marshall, Western may find its battle here at 8 o'clock tomorrow night its toughest of the season and its greatest threat to an unbeaten season.

Western will enter the game with a record of 14 victories—a skein that ties the Toppers with Duquesne for the longest winning streak among major colleges this season.

Dayton has been waiting for this game for a whole year, rankling over a little rhubarb that marked their 88-77 loss to Western in Bowling Green, Ky., last season.

On that occasion, a Dayton player and a Western fan sitting behind the Dayton bench almost came to blows.

Four veterans from that Dayton club, plus a 7-foot sophomore pivotman, Billy Uhl, will seek to take this one and enhance their record, already an impressive one.

So far, the Flyers have won 11 13 games and are unbeaten in eight games at home. Their only losses have been to second-ranked Duquesne (70-52) and to Miami of Ohio (72-70).

### Scores Favor Dayton

They've whipped Canisius, Gustavus Adolphus, Eastern Kentucky, Ohio Wesleyan, Louisville, Baldwin-Wallace, Toledo, Arizona State, Murray, Iona, and Seton Hall.

If you have any faith in comparative scores, Dayton should be favored. The Flyers and Western have met four common foes and Dayton has beaten three of them by a wider margin than Western did.

They took Louisville by 16 and Western took Louisville by 18. They won from Eastern by 18 and Western won from Eastern by only three. They whipped Murray by 30 and Western whipped Gustavus Adolphus by 28 and Western slapped the Gusties by only 17.

### Topper Shooting

Name	G	FGA	FG	Pct	FT	TP	Avg
Marshall	14	290	124	41.1	92	340	24.3
Spoelstra	14	205	101	49.3	78	280	20.0
Able	14	194	62	31.9	38	162	11.6
Cole	14	127	47	37.1	28	122	8.7
Turner	12	96	35	36.4	40	110	9.2
Greer	10	27	20	74.1	7	47	4.7
Whitsell	11	33	17	48.5	11	45	4.1
King	11	55	16	29.1	15	47	4.3
Miller	13	26	13	50.0	6	32	2.5
Others		28	7		5	19	
Totals	141	1,092	442	40.5	320	1,204	86.0

In "Jumpin Jack" Sallee and John "Vertical Hyphen" Horan, the Hilltoppers will face one of their greatest defensive problems. These two aces plus the giant Uhl, Mickey Donohoe and Chris Harris form Dayton's starting line-up.

Entering the game as one of the top scoring teams in the nation with an average of 86 points, Western will put its main reliance on Marshall, top scorer with an average of 24.3, on 6-9½ Art Spoelstra, on improving Jack Turner and on two aggressive, sharp-shooting guards, Forest Able and Lynn Cole.

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★	★	★	★	★
Western	FG-A	FT-A	PF	TP
Marshall F	3-13	7-9	3	13
Turner F	6-14	7-7	3	19
King	1-3	1-1	1	3
Whitsell	0-1	0-0	0	0
Spoelstra C	2-5	3-4	3	7
Greer	0-1	2-3	0	2
Able G	8-20	0-0	2	16
Cole G	0-4	3-5	3	3
D. Miller	0-2	0-0	2	0
Callison	0-0	0-0	1	0
Totals	20-63	23-29	18	63

★	★	★	★	★
Memphis St.	FG-A	FT-A	PF	TF
McLain F	3-6	1-2	4	7
Scott F	2-8	2-2	4	6
Jones	0-0	0-0	2	0
Arnold C	3-13	4-4	5	10
Sims	0-2	0-2	0	0
Davis G	4-9	3-5	2	11
Fortner G	0-6	1-2	1	1
Caldwell	3-5	3-4	2	9
Winn	3-4	1-3	1	7
Wilson	1-1	0-4	1	2
Totals	19-54	15-28	22	53

Shooting percentages: From field—Western, 31.8. Memphis, 35.2. From foul line—Western, 79.3. Memphis, 53.6.

## Toppers Trail Marshall In Collegiate Net Scoring Race

NEW YORK, Jan. 14 (AP)—Marshall College of West Virginia is finding it easier to score in major college basketball than it did in the small college class last year.

NCAA Service Bureau figures released today show that Marshall ranks No. 1 among the majors in games played through Tuesday, with 86.7 points a game. In 1953, it placed third in the final small college listings.

Two three-digit performances last week brought Marshall to the top, although one was in the course of a double-overtime defeat at the hands of Miami of Ohio. In second place is Western Kentucky, unbeaten in 14 games, with 86 and third is Duke with 84.8. Tied at 84.5 points a game are Miami of Ohio, Seattle, George Washington and Holy Cross.

FOURTH QUARTER		
	W	D
Turner jumping	43	47
Donohoe on drive	43	49
Cole one-hander	45	49
Sallee driving	45	51
Spoelstra (Harris)	46	51
Marshall turn-around	48	51
Horan (Cole)	48	52
King tipping a miss	50	52
3:51 to go		
Sallee driving	50	54
Marshall batting a miss	52	54
3:16 to go		
Marshall layup	54	54
FIRST OVERTIME		
	W	D
Donohoe tap-in	54	56
Marshall jump spin	56	56
Horan right hook	56	58
Sallee (Able)	56	60
(Able fouls out)		
Sallee on a drive	56	62
1:20 to go		
Cole on a steal	58	62
1:02 to go		
Turner (Horan)	60	62
(Horan fouls out)		
23 seconds left		
King layup	62	62
Turner (Harris)	64	62
Sallee 30-footer	64	64
SECOND OVERTIME		
	W	D
Donohoe tap-in	64	66
3:23 to go		
Marshall driving	66	66
3:07 left		
THIRD OVERTIME		
	W	D
Marshall hooking	68	66
Cole (Donohoe)	69	66
Turner (Donohoe)	70	66
Uhl on a hook	70	68
Cole (Harris)	72	68
Spoelstra (Sallee)	73	68
Uhl tap-in	73	70
Marshall (Harris)	75	70
Uhl (Spoelstra)	75	71
Fiely on a steal	75	73
Miller on a fast break	77	73
32 seconds left		
Uhl tip-in	77	75
Turner driving under	79	75

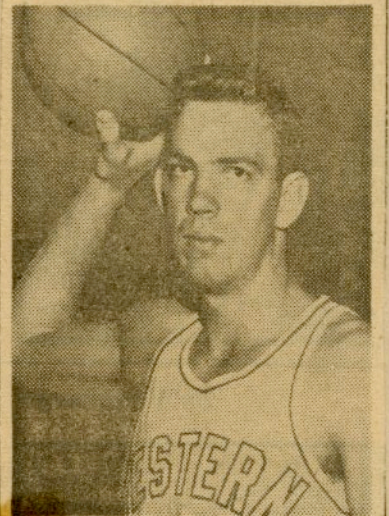


# Crippled Marshall Scores 29

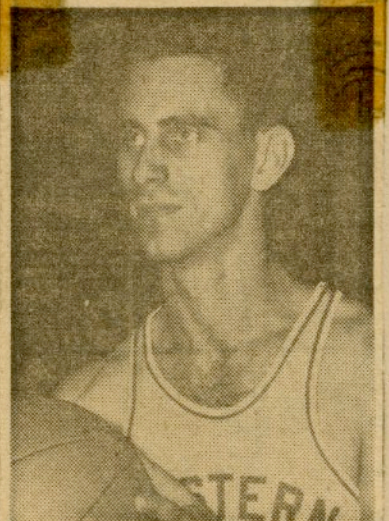
# Points

# Triple-Overtime Win Over Dayton As Hilltoppers Rally For 79-75

## Shot Down The Flyers



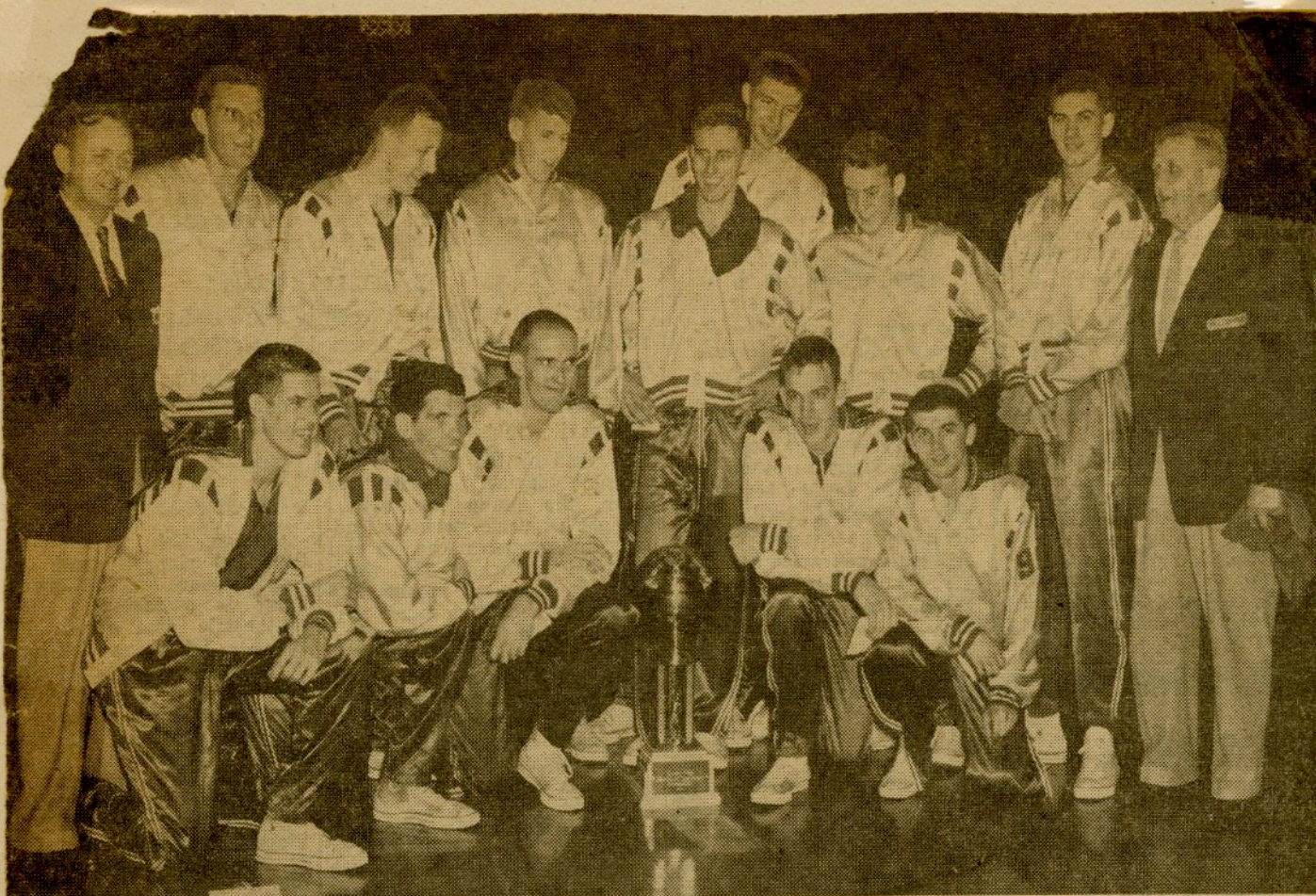
Tom Marshall



Jack Turner



Lynn Cole



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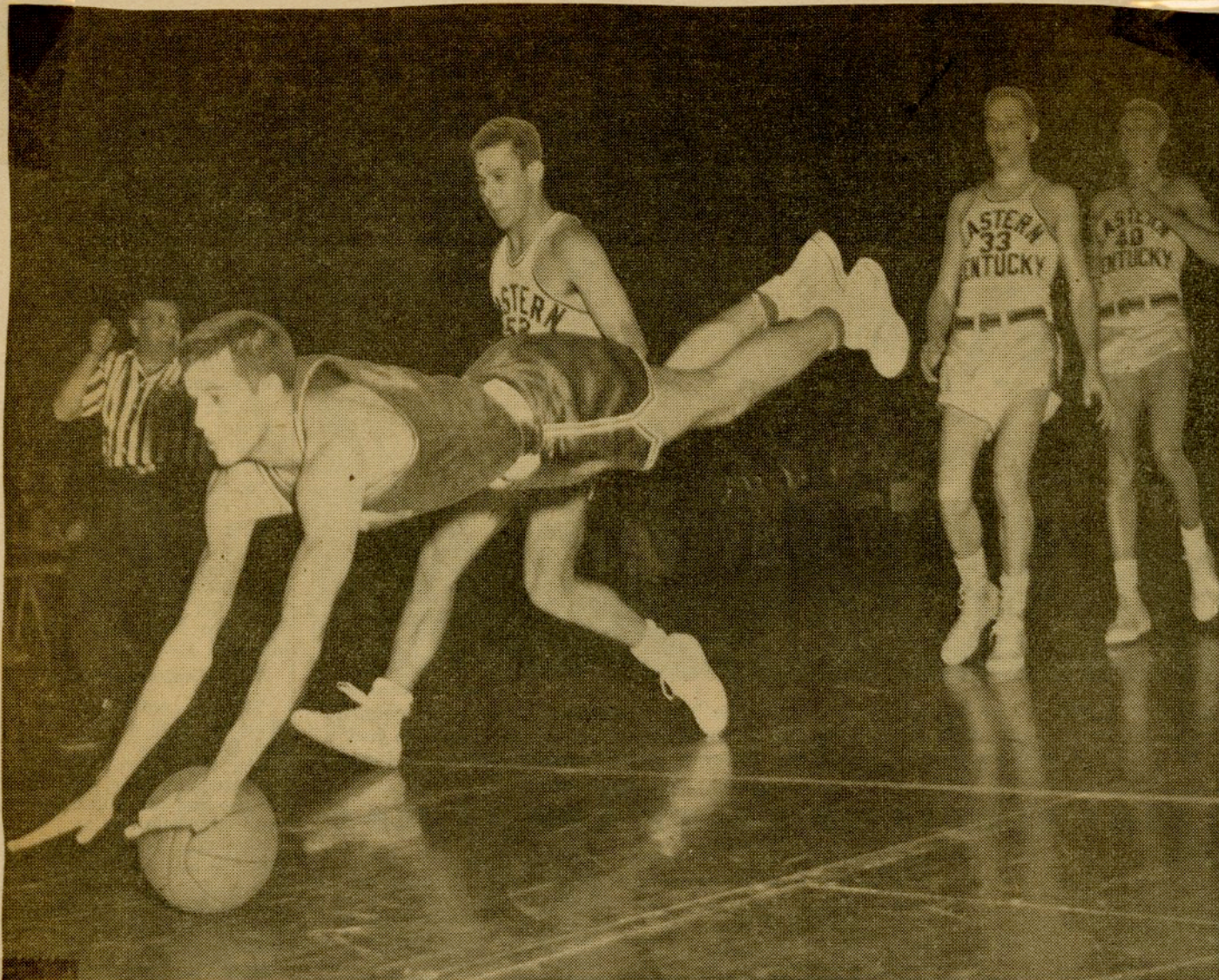
**TOURNAMENT CHAMPS**—Members of the Western Kentucky basketball squad gather around their new trophy following Monday night's battle at the Louisville Armory in which they defeated Eastern Kentucky 85-69 to capture the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament crown. Standing, from left, are Ted Hornback, assistant coach; Dan King, Kay Greer, Daniels, Jack Turner, Jerry Weber, Jim Callison, Jerry Whitsell, and Head Coach Ed Diddle. Kneeling, from left, Lynn Cole, Forest Able, Art Spoelstra, Tom Marshall, and Ronnie Clark.





**SHOT BLOCKED**—Western's Art Spoelstra (80) goes high into the air to block a shot put up by Morehead's Dan Swartz (3) in Friday night's OVC tourney semifinals at Louisville. Hilltoppers' Jack Turner (39) is shown jumping back of Swartz, while Tom Marshall of Western (41) is getting set for the rebound. Lynn Cole of Western and a Morehead player are jockeying for positions at the left. Western won 97-79.



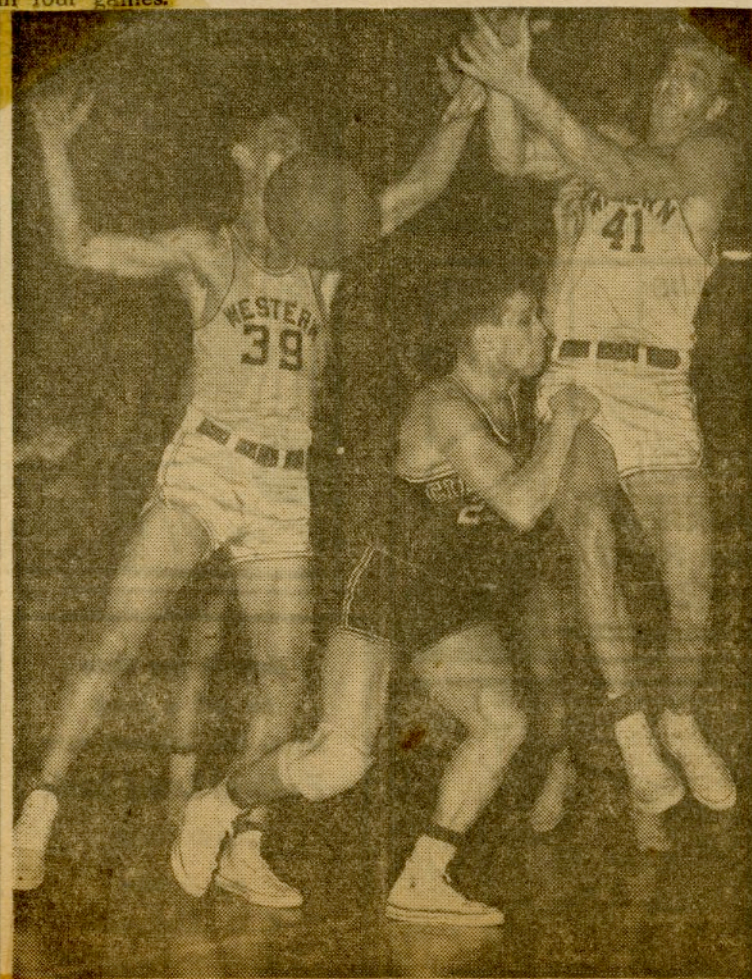


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**RIGHT THROUGH THE AIR! . . .** A glider has nothing on Western's Lynn Cole, who comes in in for a landing during a scramble for the ball in last night's Ohio Valley Conference final at the Armory. It happened in the second period. Eastern players, from left, are J. D. Brock, Tom Holbrook and Jack Adams. Western won 85-69 to capture the tourney title for the third straight year. It was Western's third triumph over Eastern in four games.



Assistant Coach Ted Hornback of the nationally famous Hilltoppers goes over a play with this year's team. They'll play in the N.I.T.



WESTERN'S JACK TURNER appears to be blowing a big bubble in this action shot of last night's game. Plowing into the Hilltopper's Tom Marshall is Cincinnati's Joe Okruhlica.







# Clark Posts 20.6 Mean In 10 Freshman Games

Ronnie Clark, the Western freshman who got a chance at a scholarship because of his defense, finds himself today the holder of two school offensive records.

With the freshman season ended, Clark's 43 points in one game and his 20.6 scoring average are both tops in the history of freshman basketball on the Hill.

But for Clark, teammate Bob Daniels might have claimed both records. His game high was 34 points and he averaged 18.8.

The frosh team ended with a record 93.8-point scoring mean and

its average scoring margin over 16 foes was a gaint 29 points.

Clark was a virtual unknown despite fabulous scoring feats at Henderson for four years.

At the insistence of Henderson's Ralph Gadd, a former Hilltopper, Coach Ed Diddle invited the 5-foot-11 guard to try out for the all-star team last summer.

He made no impression at all among some dozen "name" players, all of them far bigger, whom Diddle had assembled.

But one day he got a chance to guard Ashland's 6-foot-3 All-Stater Earl Adkins and turned in such an outstanding performance he got to play later in the two-game series with Ohio. He scored 40 points in the two games.

Diddle actually is the last fellow to stop Clark.

Ed called time out late in the final quarter of the last of the all-star games to offer Ronnie a scholarship.

The scoring summary:

Player	G	Pts	Avg
Clark	10	206	20.6
Daniels	10	188	18.8
Harned	9	128	14.2
Weber	10	118	11.8
Whitehouse	9	100	11.1
Stringfield	10	63	6.3
Vahlkamp	9	46	5.1
Benbrook	10	42	4.2
Litke	9	30	3.3
Others	—	17	—

Team Tot.	10	938	93.8
Opp. Tot.	10	647	64.7

The record:

100—Middle Tenn.	70
81—Lindsey Wilson	61
84—Murray	78
72—Lindsey Wilson	77
92—Tenn. Tech	70
88—Bethel	48
97—Paducah J. C.	78
92—Tenn. Tech	45
114—Paducah J. C.	65
118—Bethel	55

# Turner, Cole Brilliant In 15th Straight Win

By BERT BORRONE  
Daily News Sports Editor

DAYTON, O., Jan. 14—The Incredible Cripple cashed in his crutches last night.

In an utterly fantastic three-overtime game in which Western once made up a six-point deficit with a minute to play to stay alive, the Incredible Cripple was incredible as the Hilltoppers overcame Dayton to preserve their 15-game all-winning streak, 79-75.

The Incredible Cripple threw in 29 points, six of them in the last quarter, two in the first overtime, two in the second and four in the third as Western made up a 47-41 deficit and set up the greatest finish these 6,000 madmen ever will see.

Is it necessary to identify the Incredible Cripple as Tom Marshall, who barely could walk just 48 hours before this game?

"I don't know how he did it," said ashen-faced Ed Diddle. "He just found some extra guts somewhere and tied them up and played on them, played on 'em for 55 minutes without a second of relief."

But even the Incredible Cripple had to share top billing today with a "retread," soldier-boy Jack Turner, and with Lynn Cole. These two scored 35 points between them, were sensational on defense and it really was a series of steals by them in the heart-choking final moments of the fourth period and the first overtime that made the cripple incredible.

At the end of only the first overtime, Dayton Daily News Sports Editor, Si Furick observed that "This is the greatest game in the history of this field house."

By the time it was over, you had to rank it with maybe the three greatest Western ever has played.

And yet, mechanically, Western played poorly throughout. Western rarely has shot so erratically. Western has rarely been so drum-tight.

But Western took care of that ball. And Western won in the end on absolutely nothing but desire and heart.

And finally Western won at Armagedon Arena itself, sites of historic upsets topped by the snapping of Seton Hall's fabulous 27-

game all-winning streak last year.

Western survived the fourth quarter when the Incredible Cripple crippled off a brilliant pass from Frosty Able with 2:43 left. That tied it at 54-all.

Dayton froze the ball then until only five seconds were left when Able and Art Spoelstra collaborated on a steal. Marshall had time only for a 50-footer which missed.

There never has been an overtime anywhere like that first one.

Dayton moved out front immediately and led 62-56 with just 62 seconds left. Western was dead. They could not come back from a deficit like that.

But Dayton forget to tell them to quit.

Cole stole the ball at mid-court and soloed in for a goal.

With just 36 seconds left this Cole, who simply cannot get much better than he was last night, tied up Dayton and then got the tip.

Turner drove for the goal and was fouled by Horan. Old "Five Star" sank them both.

It was 62-60 now. There were 23 seconds to go.

Again Western pressed Dayton in to an error with a full-court pick-up.

And this time the Incredible Cripple found a Dan King who was as flaming as his red head last night with a pass under the goal and the redhead dropped it in.

There were only seven seconds to play now. But four more points were to be scored before this fantastic extra period was over.

Dayton's Dave Harris went frantically for his goal and ran over Turner. Harris was charged with a charging foul.

Turner again laid both frees in the ring. Western led 64-62.

The lead lasted four seconds.

Down court came Jack Sallee, who had been held to just six points in the first three quarters by this Cole. And from 30 feet out Sallee skidded to a stop and threw

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# Turner, Cole

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up a one-hander that beat the gun by one slim second.

There were just four points scored in the tense second five-minute extra period. Don Donohue tossed in a rebound goal at 1:45.

Twenty seconds later Marshall matched it for Western with a lay-up.

Dayton again held the ball until with two seconds to go Donohue missed a short one and Bill Uhl's tap rolled around and came out.

This third overtime almost matched the first one.

Marshall's hook and frees by Cole and Turner gave Western a 70-66 lead. Uhl's tap-in cut it to two. Cole made it four again with two foul tosses. Another free by Spoelstra upped it to 73-68.

Uhl scored again on a tap-in. But Marshall matched these two points with a pair from the foul line.

Dayton whacked the edge to 75-73 on Bob Fiely's steal.

Sub Dencil Miller scored the winner for Western then on a lay-up set up by Turner's adroit faking and pass.

Uhl tapped once more for Dayton and it was just 77-75. But there were only six seconds to go now. And just before the final horn Turner saw daylight, drilled under and hooked back over his head for the night's final goal.

Western never led in this game from the first 30 seconds until the final six seconds of the first overtime.

Mostly they were confronted by stark disaster.

Art Spoelstra sprained an ankle early and his timing on his hook shots was badly off after that. The big guy really cleared those boards in the overtimes, though, finishing with a team-high 13 recoveries.

Western trailed by 10 points five times in this game. Once, they were down by 11.

The turning point really came late in the third period when Marshall moved to the post and started tossing in hook shots and turnaround jumps with tremendous leaps that nobody could match.

Marshall would have finished with close to 40 points once he got in the slot but for fouls by Dayton. Three times he had goals nullified. At least twice more he had driven under for sure things when fouls were called before he could get the ball away.

Dayton badly out-rebounded Western.

At the half, Dayton had a 34-13 edge in recoveries as the 6-11 Uhl and the 6-8 Johnny Horan claimed every Western miss and steered their own misses back into the goal.

For the game, Dayton had a 62-48 margin in recoveries. Western, though, lost the ball just seven times on floor errors in 55 minutes, an incredibly small figure. Dayton was pressured into 17 errors.

And in the end, this plus their decision to stall in the final quarter, the Incredible Cripple and Cole beat them.





WESTERN'S **ED DIDDLE** AND HIS  
ONE-TWO PUNCH MAKE 'EM SEE STARS.

THREE



# This Fellow Knows How To Stop The Hilltoppers

By BERT BORRONE  
Daily News Sports Editor

"I know how opposing teams can stop Western," the man said out of a clear blue sky.

Yeah, we've heard that one before. Sit on the ball.

"Naw, naw," this guy said. "My idea is entirely new."

"You know that in football a lot of conferences number their players by positions. Maybe the quarterbacks have to wear numbers 1 through 9, halfbacks 10 through 19, tackles 40 through 49 and so.

"Think what would happen if the Ohio Valley conference did the same thing in basketball.

"Imagine what would happen to Western's fast-break if Tom Marshall had to stop on the way down court to change jerseys every other minute.

"Western probably would have to limit him to one position.

"But what really gave me this idea was not Marshall, but Jack Turner," the man said. "This Turner is unfair to basketball scouts.

"They tell me that while he was at Bedford, Ind., Turner was rated one of Indiana's five best players. He got this rep through exclusive use of a two-hand shot.

"I've been following him ever since he came to Western. I've seen him score nearly all of those 1,003 points and I'll be dad-blamed if I've ever seen him shoot a two-hand shot.

"For 3½ seasons at Western, Coach Ed Diddle used him at forward for all but a few minutes.

"Then up at Morehead Monday Diddle sends him outside to a guard and they tell me Morehead Coach Bobby Laughlin was incoherent. He had personally scouted Western at least five times this year and Turner had never played anything but forward.

"And take this guy Kay Greer. Wasn't it Notre Dame's coach, Johnny Jordan, who said Greer was the most remarkable combination of offensive forward and defensive guard he'd seen in some time up at the OVC last winter.

"What I'm waiting for, though, is the night Diddle assigns Art Spoelstra, that 6-foot-9½ guy, to bring the ball up the floor. The night Spoelstra sinks a 40-footer against some guy like U. of L.'s Peck Hickman. . . that's the night I want to be there.

"I think one real reason Western can win that national tournament is because so many of these guys—you can add Lynn Cole who has been playing forward and guard both to the list—can play so many different positions."

That really is the biggest problem Ed Diddle had at Western today—deciding how best to utilize all of this bonus equipment.

Off the Morehead game when Jim Callison gave a remarkable performance in the clutch and Dan King operated with fierce desire,

Diddle has never had so strong a bench nor so versatile a unit.

Cole, who became violently ill from something he had eaten Monday afternoon, missed yesterday's drill, first since the return to Bowling Green.

He was scheduled to return to the wars today, but he's still weak.

Western literally is heading down the home stretch of the season now. All four remaining games are set for the Big Red Barn—Murray on Saturday, Wesleyan next Monday, Tennessee Tech on the 10th and Cincinnati on the 22nd.

If they win those four, and nobody doubts they will now, they'll finish with a 26-1 record, best ever compiled through the regular season at Western.

The 1948 team holds the current standard for excellence, 23-1.

Indeed, the only Hilltop record which may be beyond the grasp of this team before it writes finis in mid-March is that for total games won over the season and tournaments.

The 1938 aggregation won 30 games, seven of them in the KIAC and SIAA tournaments.

It is considered almost a probability that Western will bye through the first round of both the OVC and National Invitation.

If they do, the Hilltoppers will have to capture the NIT title to pass the 30-win mark.

**A TRAIT UNTOLD—** "There were many kind and deserving things said about Coach Ed Diddle at the celebration of his 600th victory at Western," reads a letter from John D. Gregory, City.

"But one of his best traits of character was left untold.

"After many years of reading quotes and listening to him over the radio, I have never heard him express anything but healthy respect for an opponent, no matter how weak the team appeared to be.

"This has been Uncle Ed at his best. What a contrast to this recent quote attributed to another coach, 'Playing Georgia is as ridiculous as kissing your own sister.'

"Let us not forget that, although we are most interested in the home team boys, the opponents are somebody's boys also. For a coach or a sportswriter, in an attempt to be witty, to ridicule is certainly very poor sportsmanship. . ."

Mr. Gregory has told very well this trait of character which was left untold. Diddle has been mildly reproving at times of opposing crowds. But almost never has he had an unkind word to say about an opposing team.

"We've got to remember that basketball is just a game," says the man who has made it something more than a game for Southern Kentuckians.

Diddle has another remarkable talent—for saying exactly the right thing in defeat.

"You boys get your heads up," Diddle ordered. "Ted (Hornback)

and I looked McBrayer (Eastern Coach Paul McBrayer) and his players right in the eye when we congratulated them. When you walk out of here tonight, I want you to look everybody you pass right in the eye."

Discussion of all the things Western had done wrong could wait. The restoration of dignity came first.

At Madison Square Garden in 1948 after Western had just lost to St. Louis in the semifinals of the National Invitation Tournament, Diddle made one of the most moving little talks you ever heard.

He wound up something like this:

"And I want you to know that out there a few minutes ago when the clock said it was too late for you to pull this one out, I started thinking about all of those games you've won for us and I was thinking I'm a pretty lucky man to be coach of a gang like this."

One of the guiding principles Diddle lives by is to look all men in the eye. It is almost a fetish with him.

"In all my years of coaching, I have known just one really good athlete who could not look you in the eye," he has said.

## The Scoreboard

	fg-fga	ft-fta	tp	avg
Marshall	204-496	184-254	592	25.7
Spoelstra	143-286	119-169	405	17.6
Able	97-312	50-66	244	10.6
Turner	73-190	90-117	236	11.8
Cole	70-199	53-67	193	8.8
King	30-89	22-45	82	4.6
Greer	28-39	13-34	69	4.3
Whitsell	19-39	13-16	51	3.0
D. Miller	17-36	7-12	41	2.6
Others	8-34	5-9	21	—

Totals 689-1720 556-789 1934 84.1

Opp. 560-1691 456-724 1573 68.3

(Marshall, Spoelstra and Able have appeared in 23 games, Cole in 22, Turner in 20, King in 18, Whitsell in 17 and Greer and D. Miller in 16.)



# At Least 7 Records Smashed as Western Blasts Eastern 122-78; Marshall Gets 44

Special to The Courier-Journal

Bowling Green, Ky., Jan. 16. —Western Kentucky's amazing Hilltoppers gave the record book a terrific workout here tonight as they threw the "history" book at the Eastern Maroons with a smashing 122-78 triumph.

Western, which only Wednesday night had stirred the cage world with an epic three-overtime victory at Dayton, entered the following seven records in the book:

1. An all-time Western mark, exceeding the former record of 117, scored against Tampa last year at Tampa.
2. A new home-court standard, breaking their old mark of 108, also set last year against Kentucky Wesleyan.
3. A new scoring record for Kentucky college teams.

4. A new record for total points by two teams in the Hilltopper gym.

5. The 89 points scored in three quarters also set a new standard.

6. A new record of 17 straight free throws by Western's Tom Marshall.

7. Another Marshall record of 18 of 20 free throws.

In addition, a more minute search of the records, might produce some new ones.

## History Doesn't Repeat

From the opening whistle here tonight, Western made certain that history did not repeat itself.

On January 29, 1949, these same Eastern Maroons came in to Bowling Green as underdogs and proceeded to whip the high-flying Hilltoppers 42-40. That defeat snapped a 15-game winning streak and a 32-game home-court

string. It was the last time the Toppers have been beaten at home.

Tonight, the situation was much the same. Here was an other 15-game winning streak on the line, as well as a 51-game home-court string.

But the Hilltoppers rolled un-

## 16 In Row!

Eastern (78)			(122) Western		
Players	fg.	ft.	Players	fg.	ft.
Allison f	1	1	Marshall f	13	18
Adams f	3	1	Turner f	6	5
Baxter f	5	1	Wallace f	0	0
Mitchell f	0	0	Whitell f	2	2
Brock f	1	0	Spoelstra c	7	3
Doherty c	1	2	King c	3	2
Lovington c	3	1	Cole g	6	4
Holbrook g	10	5	Able g	3	1
Pellegrinon g	1	5	D. Miller g	3	1
Mulachy g	4	2	Callison g	0	0
Totals	29	20	Totals	43	23

Free throws missed: Eastern—Adams 2, Doherty, Holbrook 2, Pellegrinon 3, Lovington 2, Mitchell 4. Western—Marshall 2, Turner 2, Spoelstra 2, Able 3, King, D. Miller.

bridled to their 16th straight victory and it kept Western, ranked fifth in the nation, out front as the country's winningest major team.

## Collects 44 Points

The superb Marshall, in addition to hitting his amazing free throw total, collected 44 points, which is only eight points short of Art Spoelstra's all-time Western single game mark of 52.

Marshall had only 12 points at the half and had collected four fouls. But what a performance he turned in the second half. All told, he hit 13 of 25 shots during the game.

The Maroons are Western's oldest rivals. Any time these two teams meet, the favorite must be especially watchful. The Maroons proved that in Louisville in the semi-finals of the

Kentucky Invitational Tournament.

The Hilltoppers just managed to squeeze out a narrow 81-78 win as the Maroons went out to prove that the favorite in this series must fight and fight hard for everything.

Although three of the Western regulars, Spoelstra, Forest Able and Jack Turner, sat out a great deal of the last half, Jerry Whitell, Dencel Miller and Dan King, their replacements, were just as tough.

Marshall, on a fast-break crip, made the score 100. Marshall, with two foul shots, got the 108th and 109th points to break the old home-court record.

King, with a free throw, made it 118 to snap the former all-time mark. With an easy crip shot,

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## Western Wallops Eastern 122-78

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King also made the 122nd point.

It was expected that perhaps the Hilltoppers might suffer a letdown after that hectic three-overtime battle Wednesday at Dayton, which they won 79-75.

But every man in the Western lineup tonight was terrific. Marshall's performance did not far overshadow that of Lynn Cole, who has been improving with every game despite the fact Coach Diddle has said he didn't see how Cole could improve any more.

## Scores 16 Points

Cole scored only 16 points but he made life miserable for the Maroons as he teamed with his running mate, Forest Able, to keep the stealing the ball.

The other Hilltoppers were very much in the act as the scoreboard kept spinning.

Eastern was never in the game from the opening whistle. They stayed within shouting distance through the first half, trailing 29-20 at the quarter and 53-38 at the half. After that, it was all over.

The only question was how great the final score would be.

For the night, the Hilltoppers shot a phenomenal 50 per cent from the field as they connected on 43 of 86 shots. Eastern hit for 34 per cent on 29 baskets in 84 shots.

## Holbrook Gets 25

Tom Holbrook, the sharpshooting guard who almost downed the Hilltoppers in the K.I.T. with his sensational fourth-quarter shoot-

ing, was high for Eastern tonight with 25 points.

Behind Marshall, with his 44 points, came Spoelstra and Turner, each with 17, and Cole with 16.

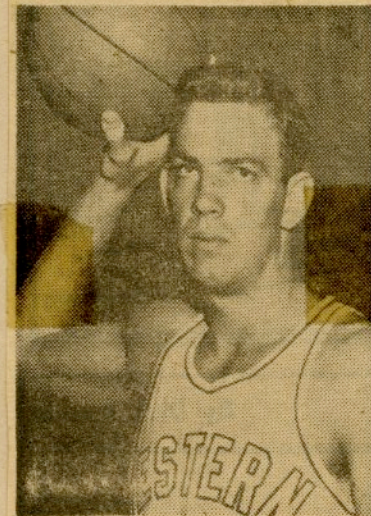
Western completely dominated the backboards as they outrebounded the Maroons 79-33. Marshall led this parade, too, as he dragged down 22. Big Art, during the time he was in the game, collected 21.

So, Western's 16th straight for the season, 52nd consecutive home-court win and Coach Diddle's 599th victory goes in the books. It will long be remembered just as that three-overtime, come-from-behind triumph last Wednesday at Dayton.

Next Wednesday night, the Hilltoppers will be at Tennessee Tech for another Ohio Valley Conference clash with the Tech Golden Eagles. On Saturday night, the Hilltoppers come home to play Memphis State.

Tonight's victory was Western's fifth in the O.V.C. and strengthened their grip on first place.

## Toppers Leading Offensive Team In Nation



**TOM MARSHALL—Top Scorer of top scoring team.**

Western was only four points off the all-time major-college record scoring pace today even though in three of their last four games the Hilltoppers have run into a freeze.

The NCAA Service Bureau's weekly ratings, covering games through Tuesday night, show the Toppers No. 1 in the nation with an 87.8 average.

Counting Wednesday's win over Tennessee Tech, Western is hitting 86.3 a game.

The all-time record is 90.2, hung up in 27 games last year by Furman, Southern conference member.

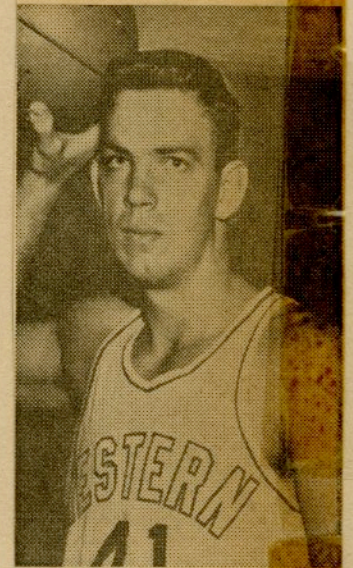
Furman went over 100 points in nine games last year and the record book shows that not once did the South Carolinians have to contend with a serious stall.

Western ran into the out-court freeze in successive games with Murray and Dayton and had it thrown at them again against Tennessee Tech.

The important thing, though, as Ed Diddle says, is not that they win by 50, but that they win.

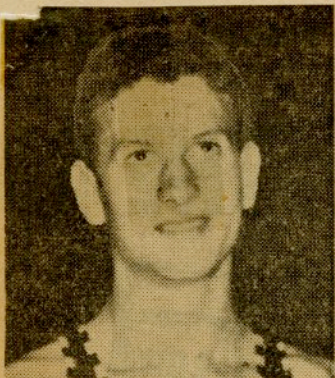
Here are the averages for games through Tuesday:

## Can't Stop This Man!



**Tom Marshall Hits For 44 Points**





Frank Selvy  
Corbin Cager Tops Vote

# Selvy, Hagan Make AP's All-America

New York, Feb. 26 (AP)—Frank Selvy, Don Schlundt, Tom Gola, Cliff Hagan and Bob Pettit were perhaps the happiest college basketball players in the country tonight.

And these young men from Furman, Indiana, LaSalle, Kentucky and Louisiana State, respectively, had good reason to be elated. They were picked for the 1954 Associated Press collegiate All-America basketball team.

Selvy topped the voting by 365

sports writers and broadcasters who participated in the selection.

Obviously thrilled, Selvy said:

"My selection is something to dream about. It's not something you plan for. It sure is a wonderful feeling."

## AP ALL-AMERICA

Player	School	1st-Team	Votes	Pts.	Ht.	Cl.	Home Town
Frank Selvy,	Furman	(280)	----	1,482	6.03	Sr.	Corbin, Ky.
Don Schlundt,	Indiana	(209)	----	1,209	6:10	Jr.	South Bend, Ind.
Tom Gola,	LaSalle	(202)	-----	1,146	6:06	Jr.	Philadelphia
Cliff Hagan,	Kentucky	(193)	-----	1,101	6:04	Sr.	Owensboro, Ky.
Bob Pettitt	Louisiana State	(102)	-----	784	6:09	Sr.	Baton Rouge

### SECOND TEAM

Bevo Francis, Rio Grande (119)	-----	767
Bob Leonard, Indiana (93)	-----	595
Frank Ramsey, Kentucky (82)	-----	580
Dick Ricketts, Duquesne (70)	-----	496
Tom Marshall, Western Kentucky (51)	-----	406

### THIRD TEAM

Togo Palazzi, Holy Cross (39)	-----	337
Arnold Short, Oklahoma City (36)	-----	264
Bob Mattick, Oklahoma A. & M. (27)	-----	261
Johnny Kerr, Illinois (21)	-----	191
Dickie Hemric, Wake Forest (25)	-----	191

### HONORABLE MENTION

Gene Shue, Maryland, 148. Si Green, Duquesne, 124. Paul Ebert, Ohio State, 117. Jim Tucker, Duquesne, 108. Bud Matheny, California, 88.

Ed Conlin, Fordham, 83. Cleo Littleton, Wichita, 82. Dick Garmaker, Minnesota, 81. Lou Tsioropoulos, Kentucky, 74. Wade "Swede" Halbrook, Oregon State, 74.

B. H. Born, Kansas, 68. Bob McKeen, California, 64. Dick Rosenthal, Notre Dame, 63. John Clune, Navy, 59. Larry Costello, Niagara, 58.

Rudy D'Emilio, Duke, 58. Bob Schafer, Villanova, 58. Gene Schwinger, Rice, 56. Joe Holup, George Washington, 56. Don Bragg, U.C.L.A., 51.

Lon Lange, Navy, 50. Ken Sears, Santa Clara, 50. Joe Pehanick, Seattle, 50. Mel Thompson, North Carolina State, 50. Ed Kalafat, Minnesota, 50. Buzz Wilkinson, Virginia, 50. Jessee Arnette, Penn State, 50.

## MARSHALL IS CALLED 'MUST'

# Johnson Rejects AP Team;

By TOMMY FITZGERALD

Ellis Johnson, who quit a long career in coaching at Morehead to go into the insurance business this year, took a look at the Associated Press All-American basketball team and observed:

"This isn't an All-American basketball team. There couldn't be an All-American team unless Tom Marshall was on it. He's the greatest all-round basketball player I've ever seen."

Hugh Poland, the former Western athlete and now professional baseball man who manages the Nashville Vols, agreed with him.

"He can do everything," Poland said. "Of one thing I'm sure. He's a better player than Bob Pettitt and if they can put Pettitt on it, I don't see how they can leave Marshall off. I've seen both of them play a lot."

Pettitt, the L.S.U. star, was named on the first A. P. all-American and Marshall, Western's luminary, just made the second team.

### Throws Like Bullet

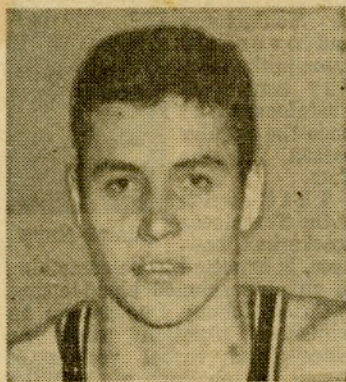
"You know," said Poland, "Marshall would make a great baseball player. One of those big, loose guys with good coordination. He would make a great baseball player."

"Are you telling me?" spoke

up Uncle Ed Diddle, Western's basketball coach. "I've been after him to go out for baseball ever since he's been at Western, but he won't. He can wrap his hand around a baseball and throw it like a bullet."

"Ellis," a listener to this conversation, said, "you mentioned a little while ago that Dan Swartz was one of the five best basketball players you've ever seen come out of a Kentucky high school. Who would be the other four?"

To the name of Dan Swartz, the Morehead sophomore who broke all kinds of scoring records at Owingsville High, Johnson added these four: Ralph Beard, Wah-Wah Jones, Sonny Allen and Cliff Hagan.



Cliff Hagan  
Wildcat Star Repeats

"You were a pretty good high school player yourself, Ellis," someone remarked. "Maybe you should put yourself on that team."

Johnson played on Ashland High's National championship High School team 26 years ago before going on to University of Kentucky and starring.

Ellis grinned and said: "I didn't see me play."

TEAM OFFENSE		
Team	W-L	Avg
1—Western	16-0	87.8
2—Miami, O.	9-3	85.6
3—Seattle	14-1	84.9
4—Marshall	6-4	84.9
5—Duke	12-4	84.8
6—Kentucky	11-0	84.4
7—Holy Cross	13-1	83.9
8—Connecticut	14-0	83.0
9—G. Wash.	11-1	82.5
10—N. C. State	1-24	82.3

### The 17-game totals:

Player	fg-fga	ft-fa	tp	avg
Marshall	156-366	122-167	434	25.5
Spoelstra	114-233	88-127	316	18.6
Able	65-221	44-56	174	10.2
Cole	61-164	41-51	163	9.6
Turner	51-134	59-74	161	10.7
King	22-65	17-35	61	4.7
Whitsell	19-38	13-16	51	4.3
Greer	20-27	7-17	47	4.7
D. Miller	17-33	7-12	41	2.7

## 600th Win

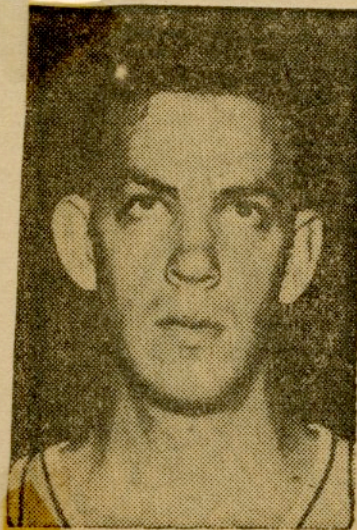
Western	FG-A	FT-A	PF	TP
Marshall F	8-18	5-6	2	21
Turner F	4-8	6-8	3	14
Spoelstra C	4-8	4-9	2	12
Able G	0-7	5-6	4	5
Cole G	3-5	4-4	3	10

Tenn. Tech	FG-A	FT-A	PF	TP
Hughes F	4-13	2-2	5	10
Harris F	5-9	3-3	3	13
Wall	0-0	0-0	0	0
Merritt C	0-0	1-2	0	1
Winningham	3-10	1-1	5	7
Howell G	3-9	1-3	4	7
O'Neil G	0-3	1-1	0	1
Reed	3-7	6-6	4	12

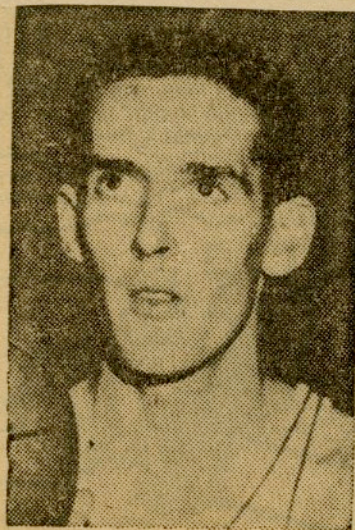
Tenn. Tech	FG-A	FT-A	PF	TP
Tenn. Tech	18-51	15-18	21	51
Western	20	15	11	16-62
Officials:	10	14	12	15-51

Officials: Charley Clift, Columbia, and Jack Keys, Knoxville.

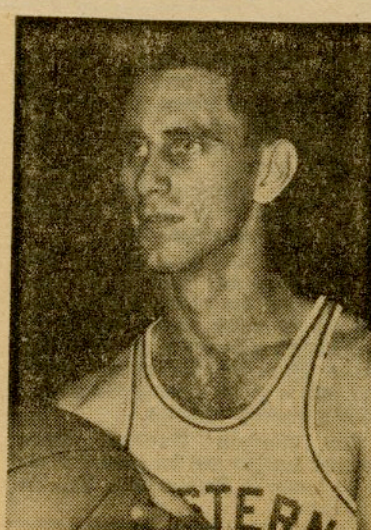




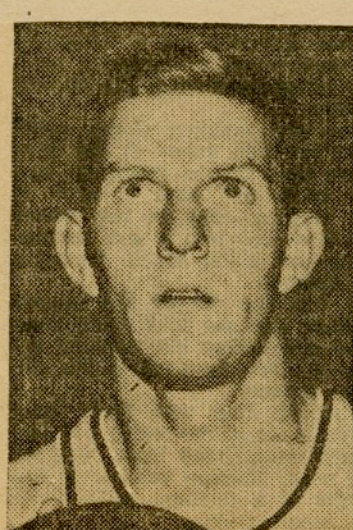
Tom Marshall



Art Spoelstra



Jack Turner



Dan King



Kay Greer

**500TH VICTORY**  
At Richmond, Jan. 21, 1950

Western 69	Pos	51 Eastern
Cate 21	F	9 Fryz
Gish 3	F	0 Baechtold
Lavoy 14	C	7 Mrazovich
Rhodes 3	G	4 Eagle
Givens 7	G	6 Shemelya

Subs — Western: Turner 19, Walheiser 2, McGuire, Gibson, Johnson, Waters, Eastern: Harper 9, Moberly 5, Stevens 3, Hicks 7, Roberts 1, Reid 0.

**400TH VICTORY**  
At Miami, Ohio, Dec. 18, 1945

Western 37	Pos	27 Miami
Huter 6	F	2 Ball
Schafer 3	F	9 Daniels
Morris 7	C	7 Bowman
Heller 3	C	0 Marquard
Emby 13	G	0 Mohler

Subs — Western: Kirk 3, Parrish 2, Miami: Porter 5, Wittig 4.

**300TH VICTORY**  
At Bowling Green, Jan. 22, 1941

Western 63	Pos	47 Miss. State
Fulks 8	F	11 Welsford
Shelton 18	F	11 Beard
Towery 26	C	2 Conway
H. Downing 4	G	3 Harrison
A. Downing 1	G	7 Moore

Subs — Western: Sydnor 4, Day 2, D. Downing, McGuffey, Combs, Woodward, Mississippi State: Spragins 8, Hughes 2, Farris 3.

**200TH VICTORY**  
At Nashville, Feb. 2, 1937.

Western 36	Pos	15 Vanderbilt
Reed 14	F	2 Coleman
Saddler 6	F	7 Overby
McCrocklin 2	C	2 Throgmorton
Dudgeon 9	G	1 Field
Batsel 1	G	0 Rymer

Subs — Western: Lamar 3, McCreary 1, Cherry, Moulton, Stemm, Hackett, Roland, Vanderbilt: Shanklin 2, Hight 1.

**100TH VICTORY**  
At Bowling Green, Jan. 7, 1933.

Western 31	Pos	25 Union
McGown 0	F	6 Carver
Hardin 9	F	0 Maples
Hobbs 8	C	14 Stripling
Hickman 6	C	3 Prider
W. Johnson 2	G	1 Mullins

Subs — Western: Aaron 2, Broderick 4, Walker, Goranflo, Poland, Union: Peterson 1.

## How To Beat U. K.: Do It With Midgets

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pared for a career in anything but basketball, I ask you?"

"That's fine, Professor," we said, feeling the only course was to humor him. "But how in the world will your midgets beat U. K. Why, U. K. will score a million points on your Tom Thumbs."

"That's what you think," laughed the professor, kind of crazily. "We'll beat them 87-86 by just fouling them and making 50 per cent of our long shots. The basketball rules will see to that."

"The rules?"  
"Yes, son, the rules. Who is punished most when a one-and-one foul is called? The team committing the foul or the team fouled?"

"In case you never figured it out, son, the team sinned against is potentially hurt most. It gets a chance to make only one point while being obliged to relinquish the ball and give the sinning team a chance to make a maximum of three. Remember how Western caught up with Dayton?"

### Wrong Again

The professor extracted from his pocket a sheet of paper, on which were scribbled figures and charts, and continued:

"We will foul Kentucky every time they get their hands on the ball, making it appear we're honestly trying to get the ball. Statistics show they make about 70 per cent of their free throws. That leaves 30 per cent they'll miss."

"So, the ones they miss they'll tip in against your midgets for easy field goals," we interrupted. "It just won't work, Professor."

"That's where you're wrong. On every free shot, one of my midgets will step into the free-throw lane. If Kentucky misses, it will keep getting shots because of these violations. With this ruse, we'll keep them shooting until they make 100 per cent of their free throws."

Refreshing his memory with a look at his figures, the professor continued:

"We hope to limit our fouling

to one foul every 30 seconds—counting the time it takes U. K. to bring the ball up the floor, shoot its foul and for us to come up the floor, stall as much as we can and then take our shot.

"This means we'll make 74 fouls in the first 37 minutes of the 40-minute game. We will lose 14 of our 21 midgets on fouls, but getting the ball 74 times after those 74 free throws and making 50 per cent of our shots, we will have scored 74 points and will go into the last three minutes tied 74-74."

### Got That Figured

"But every foul in the last three minutes is a two-foul shot," we reminded. "In those last three minutes, Kentucky will be scoring four free throws to your every field goal. You're bound to lose."

"Wrong again, son. We intend to have that ball when the clock hits three minutes. The score will be tied 74-74. They'll have to foul us to get the ball. I forgot to mention, my midgets will be perfect free-throw shooters. We'll jump ahead two points and Kentucky will always be shooting free throws to tie us."

### That Winning Point

"So the game will end in a tie," we concluded.

"No, we will win by one point—87-86—the way I figure it. We will have lost two more of our midgets on personals, making a total of 16, but we'll still have a full quota of five."

"How will you get the winning point?"

"Well, by this time, I figure Coach Adolph Rupp of U. K. will be so raving m-d, he'll be hopping on everybody, especially the officials. They'll call a technical on him, we'll make it and win by one point. Now where is the advertising department? I want to place this ad."

We directed him down the hall to the third door on the right and told him that was the proper place to deposit his ad.

It was the incinerator.

## Midgets 87 to 86

college—U. K. plays only colleges."

"I'll have a college, son, along with a snap course to keep my midget basketball players eligible. The beauty part of it is you don't need much room to establish a college for midgets. One second-hand bookmobile ought to do it."

"My snap course? Basketweaving, rope-skipping, cutting

out paper dolls? No, son. It'll be a course in elocution! Every midget is just waiting for Johnny to die so they can get his job. All I have to teach them is to holler, 'Call for Philip Morris—reeeezzz!'"

"How many other basketball players will leave college pre-

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Western	FG-A	FT-A	PF	TP
Marshall F	11-28	7-10	3	29
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Spoelstra C	2-12	3-6	5	7
King	3-6	0-2	1	6
Cole G	5-15	5-6	4	15
Able G	0-8	0-0	5	0
Miller	1-3	0-0	1	2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>28-89</b>	<b>23-34</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>79</b>
Dayton	FG-A	FT-A	PF	TP
Donohoe F	7-19	3-5	3	17
Horan F	5-9	4-5	5	14
Fiely	2-6	0-0	3	4
Uhl C	6-17	3-4	1	15
Pedicord	0-0	0-0	0	0
Sallee G	6-16	4-9	3	16
Harris G	3-6	3-9	5	9
Miller	0-0	0-0	0	0
Jacoby	0-0	0-0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>29-73</b>	<b>17-32</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>75</b>
Western	15 13 13	10-2-13	79	
Dayton	20 15 12	7-10-2-9	75	

Shooting percentages: From field — Western, 31.4. Dayton, 39.7. From foul line — Western, 67.7. Dayton 53.1.

Officials: George Conley, Ashland, and Dan Tehan, Cincinnati.

## S. Carew Ball Proposition : Professor Edges Kentucky Five With His 2

By TOMMY FITZGERALD  
"I'd like to place this ad in the paper," said Prof. S. Carew Ball, the eminent mathematician and basketball nut.

He had wandered into the sports department, presumably thinking it was the advertising department, a mistake not unusual among promoters, pub-

licity men and even sports writers, but rare with professors.

Before redirecting him, we glanced at his ad and were startled to read:

"Wanted—Twenty-one midgets who can make 50 per cent of their basketball shots from mid-floor. Get in touch at once with Prof. S. Carew Ball, Psychiatric Ward, General Hospital."

Our curiosity clamored for an explanation.

"What in the world do you want with 21 midget basketball players?"

"With 21 midgets who can make 50 per cent of their long shots, I can beat the University of Kentucky," the professor firmly stated. "Got it all figured out."

"Any squad of 21 normal-sized basketball players who could hit

50 per cent of their shots would be hard to beat—even for U. K. to beat," we objected. "Why midgets? Nobody plays midgets in basketball. It's a big man's game, the bigger the better. No basketball coach would look twice—or even once—at a midget."

### Field Wide Open

"Now you got it, son," exclaimed the professor, his eyes lighting up like a visionary's.

"That's why I've got to get midgets to execute my plan. Every coach in America is after every normal-sized player who can hit 50 per cent. I can't outbid them—not on a professor's salary."

"Limiting my recruiting to midgets, I won't have any competition and it will be possible for me to get together a squad

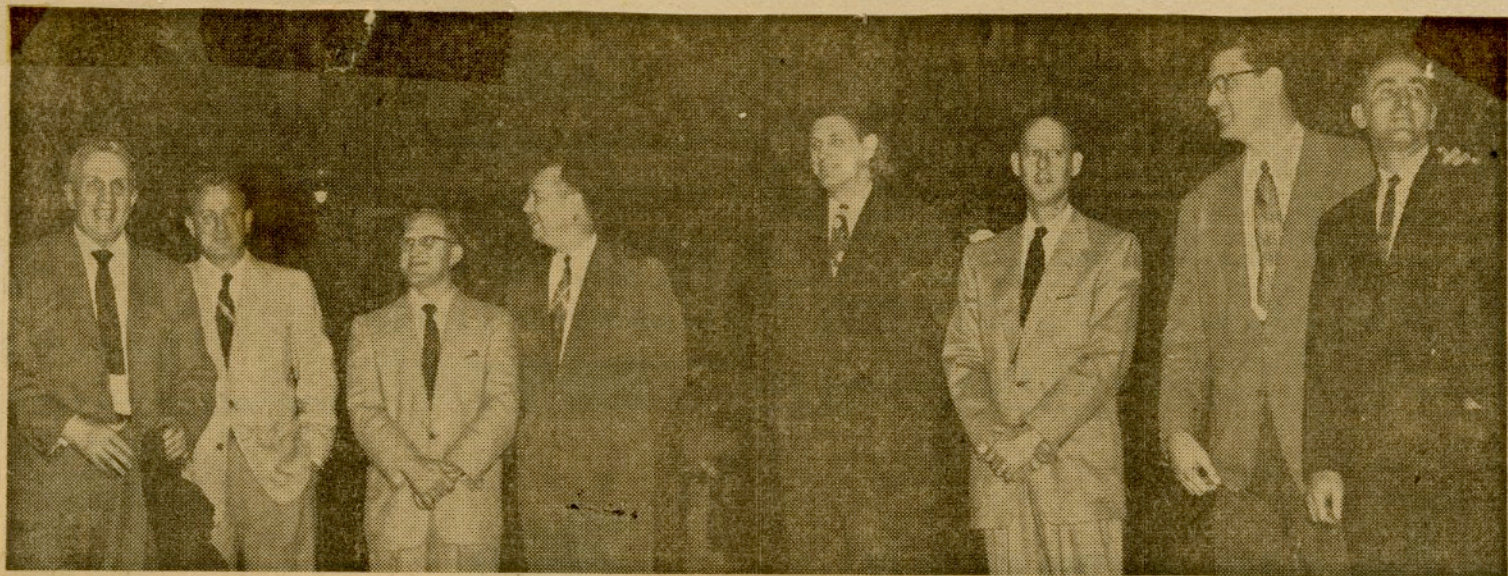
of 21 players who can hit 50 per cent of their shots."

"But, Professor—"

### Readied for Career

"No buts to it, son. B. No other basketball college them, I'll be able to get midgets for practically 1 No convertibles. Just a ca two of Philip Morris ciga "But, Professor, you





THE STARS OF YESTERYEAR CAME BACK TO WESTERN last night to be with Coach Ed Diddle in his finest hour, a ceremony honoring him for 32 years of distinguished service to Western. From left are Diddle, Assistant Coach Ted Hornback of 1925-28, Harry Hardin of 1932-35, John McGown of 1931-34, Brad Mutchler of 1933-36, Harry Saddler of 1935-38, Max Reed of the same period and Alex Downing of 1938-41. There were half a dozen others, too.

## Stars Of Past Years On Hand As Ed Diddle Honored For 600 Wins

The past marched in review last night for Ed Diddle.

The veteran Western coach, whose record is without parallel in intercollegiate athletics, saw again on the floor where Western had just presented him with his 601st victory the ghosts of 600 games past.

As Ed stood at center court and 4,500 fans watched and listened, the years came alive again in the person of a score of Diddle's greatest stars, who stepped from out of the darkness to greet him as a commentator recalled the years.

Leading off was Ted Hornback of 1925-28, the one-time skinny kid from Sonora who has walked with Diddle the past 15 years as assistant coach.

"1933 came," the P. A. announcer said. "Basketball was going big time. And so were you, Ed Diddle."

That was the year of Diddle's 100th victory. Of Peck Hickman, now coach at U. of L. Of Wendell Johnson. Of Tom Hobbs. They couldn't get here. But the other two starters stepped out to join the ring of stars around Diddle—Harry Hardin of Jefferson County, and John McGown of Bowling Green.

Western's first national tournament year, the Olympic Trials of 1936, was next. The star of that team, Brad Mutchler of Scottsville, joined Diddle at mid-court.

"1937 produced your 200th victory," the P. A. announcer said. "It was Western 36, Vanderbilt 15."

### Diddle Presented Helms Foundation, W Club Awards

The Helms Athletic Foundation, parent organization of sports' Hall of Fame, and Western's letter-winners Club both presented awards to Coach Ed Diddle last night.

The Helms award was a silver tumbler set into an onyx base. On it was engraved: "E. A. Diddle, Noteworthy Coaching Achievement, Basketball, Western Kentucky State, 600 Victories."

It was presented to Diddle by Daily News Sports Editor Bert Borrone.

The Club award was a large gold engraved plaque, listing notable facts connected with Coach Diddle's 600 victories.

L. R. Sherrill, a director of the club and a former Hilltopper basketball, presented this award.

The awards were made during a ceremony following the Western-Memphis State game.

Coming out of the past at Diddle was Harry Saddler, whose one-game scoring record of 38 points was to stand for 13 years, and all-sports ace Max Reed.

"Western was rolling now, Ed Diddle," said the announcer. "It was 1941. You had just won your ninth straight KIAC championship. When up bobbed victory No. 300. Western walloped Mississippi State 63-47."

The first Hilltopper ever to score 1,000 points, Carlyle Towery of Union County, and playmaker Alex Downing of Louisville joined the stars ringing Diddle.

The war years were lean years. But Diddle took Western to the finals of the National Invitation Tournament in 1942. And in '45 came his 400th win, 37-27 over Miami (Ohio) University. Stepping out to recall that one with Ed was perhaps the greatest outside shooter he has ever coached—Chalmers Embry of Louisville.

"Wait a minute for No. 500, Ed," the announcer said. "Wait for the 1948 team most fans would say was your best up to now. Wait a minute

for the guys who won 21 in a row. For Johnny Oldham and Oran McKinney and Odie Spears. And for a couple of Tennessee kids—for Dee Gibson and Don Ray."

Gibson and Ray, both of Louisville, came out of the darkness to embrace Diddle. The other three strained but could not be there last night.

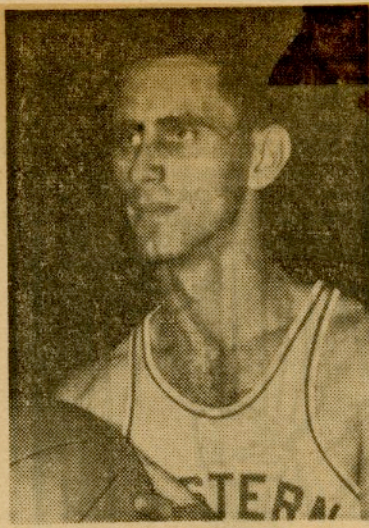
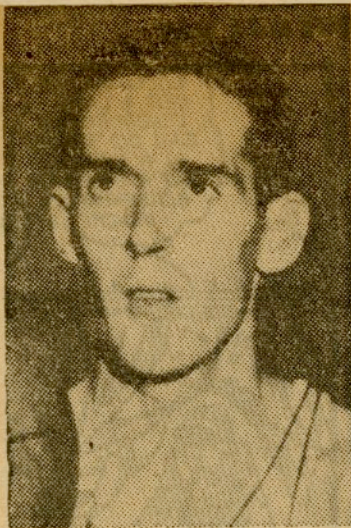
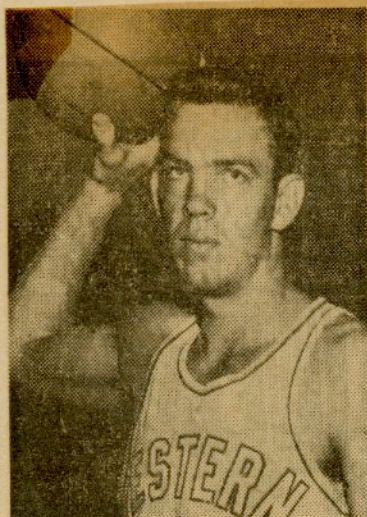
All that was left were No. 500, a 69-51 victory over Eastern in 1950 and No. 600, the 62-51 decision over Tennessee Tech last Wednesday night.

Enjoying a unique position in Western athletics is Jack Turner, who starred in both the 500th and the 600th. He came out to join Diddle, too. The rest of the present gang joined him.

That was it. Western's band played the Cheer Song.

In a small way, Ed Diddle had been shown that he's something pretty special. That he always will be.





**HILLTOP MURDERERS ROW**—Tom Marshall (left), Art Spoelstra (center) and Jack Turner have collaborated to score an astonishing 3,758 points for Western during their varsity careers. Marshall owns 1,527, Spoelstra 1,248 and Turner 947.

## Jack Turner Only 57 Points Away From Toppers' 1,000-Point Club

By **BERT BORRONE**  
Daily News Sports Editor  
Murderers Row — Western's basketball variety — will grow to three members soon.

Jack Turner, some time in the next three weeks, will become the sixth Hilltopper of all time—**AND THE THIRD MEMBER OF THE PRESENT TEAM** — to join the "Thousand Points Club."

Murderers Row will get a little more murderous, too, when Tom Marshall fires just 53 more points. That's all Big Tom needs to become the greatest scorer in the history of Kentucky's major college basketball.

Alex Groza of the University of Kentucky holds the present standard with 1,579, accumulated in a career which ended in 1949. Marshall currently owns 1,527.

(Murray's ex-ace, Garrett Beshear, threw in 1,798 points in a four-year career. But all came while Murray was classified an NCAA minor college.)

A check of the record book shows that going into this season no major college ever possessed three 1,000-point scorers simultaneously. Few ever floored two in the same season.

But Western's Marshall and Art Spoelstra (1,248 points) already are there. And Turner needs just 53 more points for membership.

Among them, these three have scored a fantastic 3,758 points for Western in varsity play.

A look at the points and the career shooting percentages of this Murderers Row show you why this Western team packs the nation's greatest offensive punch.

Marshall has accumulated his 1,527 points on a .440 field-goal shooting percentage, an extraordinary figure when you consider that he plays all positions.

Spoelstra has bagged his 1,248 points on .513 field-goal shooting, perhaps a national record for a career.

Turner's 947 points have come on an average-looking .350 accuracy from the field. But in foul shooting, over a four-year varsity period, Jack is close to being in a class

by himself nationally. His career figure is 81 per cent.

That confidence has a lot to do with shooting is backed up by the story his teammates tell on Turner.

With just five seconds to play in the first overtime of the "Game of the Century" with Dayton, Jack was fouled. The score was tied. Western called time out.

You would expect Turner to be shaking with cold chills over the frightening prospect of having to shoot those two frees with all the pressure of an all-winning streak a high national ranking and 6,000 pair of hostile eyes on him.

But the old soldier was the coolest man in the house.

"Bet you," he said to Marshall, "a milk shake I make both of them."

Of course, he did.

Western has not looked so out-classed all years as in the final quarter against Memphis State Saturday night. You might expect Coach Ed Diddle to be a little concerned that maybe this is the beginning of a slump few teams ever have avoided.

But Diddle owns that Murders Row and youngsters like Frosty Able and Lynn Cole and Dencil Miller and vets like Dan King and Kay Greer, whose ankles are sound again now.

"When you can play below par and still win," said Ed, "you know you've got a great ball club."

The next real objective is Bowling Green University, to be met at Louisville next Monday night. The lone assignment of this week of semester-end exams is Regis College of Denver, due here Friday night.

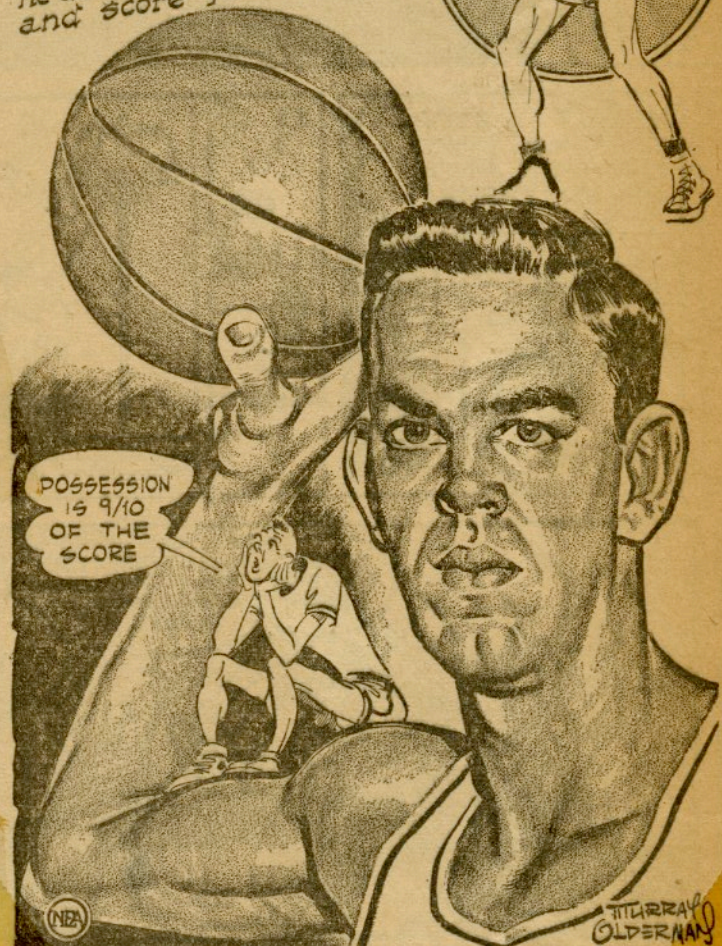
The Ohio Valley Conference standings:

Team	OVC W-L	All W-L
Western	6-0	18-0
Morehead	3-1	10-3
Murray	2-2	9-11
Tenn. Tech.	1-3	6-6
Eastern	1-4	3-11
Middle Tenn.	1-4	5-10

## All-America Way ...

**TOM MARSHALL**  
OF WESTERN KENTUCKY  
EXPOUNDS A PHILOSOPHY  
OF DEFENSE FITTING  
FOR TODAY'S HELTER-  
SKELTER BASKETBALL

SAYS TOM:  
"Never let an opponent get  
away a good shot, and when  
he does shoot, get the ball  
and score yourself!"



## Toppers' Totals

Player	Won 28		Lost 1		Rbd	Pt
	Fg%	Ft%	Fg%	Ft%		
Marshall	41.6	73.7	15.0	25.4		
Spoelstra	54.3	70.4	13.3	17.9		
Turner	41.0	78.1	6.1	12.9		
Able	32.8	70.7	3.8	10.5		
Cole	39.4	77.6	4.1	9.7		
King	34.9	56.4	3.6	5.1		
Greer	69.5	32.5	4.7	3.5		
Whitsell	48.9	83.3	1.9	2.9		
Team Tot.	42.1	70.6	56.7	86.2		
Opp. Tot.	33.1	63.0	41.8	68.7		



# Fans Here Can Compare Top Fives, Ramsey, Marshall

By LARRY BOECK

Basketball fans can sit down to a feast here next week.

Western and Kentucky will come to town on successive nights, the Hilltoppers meeting Bowling Green of Ohio Monday and the Wildcats facing Georgia Tech Tuesday.

The bill of fare for this basketball banquet whets the fan's appetite with these items:

1. Western is the nation's winningest ball club. Only Seattle can match its 18 straight victories, but the Chieftains have lost a game.

2. Kentucky is the country's No. 1-ranked team in both the Associated Press poll of writers and the United Press surveys of coaches. Western is tied for fourth.

3. U. K. and Western are among the nation's four major undefeated quintets.

4. Three of the country's most brilliant stars will perform. Fans can compare the versatility of Frank Ramsey of Kentucky and the all-around greatness of Western's Tom Marshall, as well as the teams themselves. And, of course, All-American Cliff Hagan will cavort for the Wildcats. He is expected to be recovered from his leg injury by then.

## Plenty Seats Available

Plenty of seats, although all are behind the baskets, are available for both games. Armory Manager Herman Penn said there are approximately 3,000 tickets

remaining for the Western tiff and 1,500 for Kentucky's game.

More tickets became available for the Wildcat encounter, said Penn, when the Alumni Association here returned a batch. Duckets remaining for both games are priced at \$2 and \$1.50.

Bowling Green has won eight games and lost four. Probably its most notable triumph was a 77-68 conquest of Toledo.

The Kentucky-Georgia Tech game is something of a sports phenomenon, a game that has promoters over the country drooling at the mouth and arching their eyebrows.

## Georgia Tech Winless

Georgia Tech not only is winless in 12 games, but the Wildcats already have whipped the

## Topper Firing

Player	G	FGA	FG	Pct.	FT	TP	Avg.
Marshall	18	381	159	41.2	129	447	24.8
Spaelstra	18	237	116	48.9	91	323	17.9
Able	18	240	73	34.2	44	190	10.6
Turner	16	149	57	38.2	66	180	11.2
Cole	18	168	61	36.4	44	166	9.2
King	14	68	23	33.8	18	64	4.6
Whitsell	13	39	19	48.7	13	51	3.9
Greer	11	28	20	71.4	9	49	4.5
Miller	16	36	17	47.2	7	41	2.6

Engineers once this season by a whopping 105-53 at Lexington.

Despite the obvious mismatch (of the kind that a boxing commissioner wouldn't allow if it were a fight), almost 8,000 fans are expected.

It's a real tribute to the color and drawing power of the Cats.

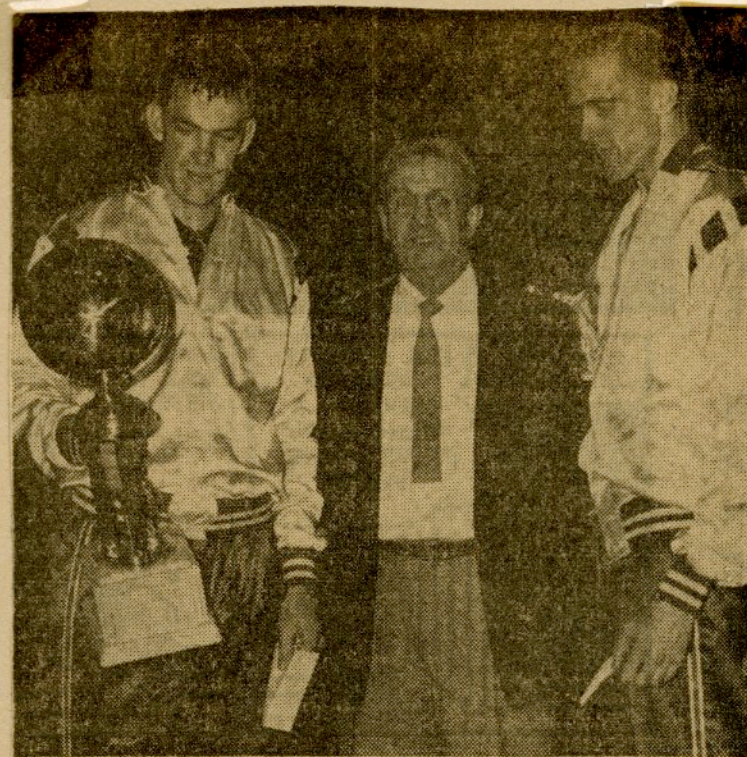
Before the Western and Kentucky invasion, both teams will play this week.

Western will be host to Regis tomorrow night and, on Saturday, Kentucky faces a Vanderbilt team that could be dangerous.

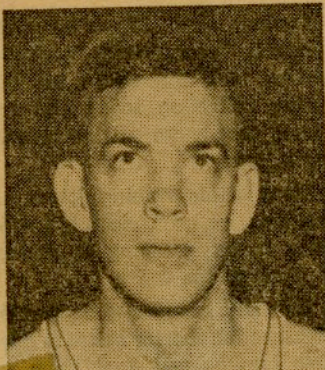
**Secret Sessions** — Vanderbilt really is getting souped up for Kentucky. Taking a leaf from the football book, Vanderbilt is conducting something rare in basketball—secret practices!

"I hate to close practice," said Coach Bob Polk. "But we've got a lot of work to do in trying to devise some method of holding down the score against Kentucky."

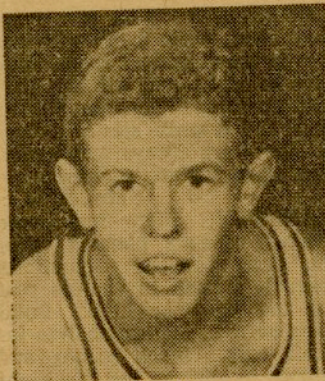
"I don't know what we can do to stop them but we are going to make an all-out effort."



**THREE TIME ALL-CONFERENCE CHOICES** — Tom Marshall (left) and Art Spoelstra help Coach Ed Diddle admire the third straight Ohio Valley Conference Tournament championship trophy Western won at Louisville Saturday night.



**Tom Marshall**  
Western's All-Around Great



**Frank Ramsey**  
Kentucky's Versatile Star



**Ed Diddle**  
Finds Medicine For Heart

# Marshall Is Best Heart Medicine for Diddle

By KYLE VANCE

Associated Press Staff Writer

Western Kentucky basketball Coach Ed Diddle has some advice for other coaches with bad hearts:

"Get yourself a team that can't lose, boys."

Diddle suffered three heart attacks last year that doctors say should have stopped a mule.

Everybody counted Diddle out of the coaching business—except Diddle. He's back this season with a team that he thinks could be his best, although he won't say so yet.

"Tawm' and the rest of my

boys are the best heart medicine any coach could possibly have," he drawled.

## Marshall 'The Best'

"Tawm" is Tom Marshall, rated by Diddle as the finest player he has coached in 33 years at Western—"the best all-around player I have ever seen."

Diddle, who has come through several close games unshaken this season, including a three-overtime victory over Dayton two weeks ago, said:

"I just learned that I had to exercise a little more self-control than I used to. Mother Nature is man's finest teacher. She served

notice on me that I had to take it easier if I wanted to stay in the game, and I wanted to stay."

And stay he did. He stayed to watch his Hilltoppers present him with his 601st victory last Saturday, the most ever won at one school by a coach. He stayed to watch them climb steadily in the Associated Press poll until they now are tied for fourth in the nation. He stayed to watch them extend their win streak this season to 18 games. And he intends to keep on coaching until he decides for himself he should quit.

Diddle still considers his 1947-

48 team his greatest, but says the current one can change his opinion.

He raves on and on over Marshall, an outstanding All-America candidate. The senior sharpshooter from Tennessee, Diddle points out, can play any position and play it well.

"He gets tip-ins, hits from far out, hits over head two-hand jumps from around the circle, hits with his falling-away one-hand push, and goes into the pivot and hooks them in," the coach declared.

Marshall and Jack Turner, the other starting forward, are the cool-headed play-masters who help most in the close ones.

In the triple-overtime Dayton marathon, Diddle said, Marshall and Turner were relaxed and kidding, "which had a lot to do with us winning."

Marshall is Western's all-time leading scorer with a career total of 1,527 points.

"The way he plays is my best heart medicine," Diddle grinned.



# Western Eyes Records of 'Fabulous Five'

## Topper Trio Has Hit 3,485 Points; Marshall Seeks Individual Mark

By LARRY BOECK

Western's "Murderer's Row" is about to apply a stranglehold on one state scoring record. And the chief assassin among the Hilltoppers' three leading scorers, the gifted Tom Marshall, appears a cinch to blast another mark.

Marshall, Art Spoelstra and Jack Turner, who'll be seen at the Armory here against Bowling Green of Ohio tomorrow night, are threatening the scoring record set by the mighty three of Kentucky's "Fabulous Five."

### Near 'Fabulous Five' Mark

The Wildcats had three 1,000-point scorers on the floor at the same time during their last season, 1948-1949. Between them, the brilliant Alex Groza, Ralph Beard and Wah-Wah Jones contributed 4,412 points to the Kentucky cause during their historic four-season careers.

Groza netted 1,744 of these points, including a peak season

of 698; Beard had 1,517 and Jones, now the sheriff of Fayette County, tabbed 1,151.

Western's "Murderer's Row" now has accumulated 3,845 points.

So, with eight regular season games left and the tournaments coming up, it appears a cinch Western can score the 567 points it needs to break the Kentucky standard.

And, likewise, Marshall seems to be a virtual cinch to gather the 179 points needed to surpass Groza's record.

Since Western has at least 10 more games to play—eight or more regular schedule and one each in the O.V.C. and N.I.T. meets—the Hilltoppers would have to average only 56.7 points per game to top the Kentucky team mark.

### Marshall Seems Cinch

Marshall, similarly, must average 17.9 points per contest to shatter the Groza record.

Western Kentucky right now is

fourth nationally with a per-game scoring average of 85 points (U. of K. is third with 85.4). Marshall is ninth in individual tallying, averaging 24.8 points before his 39-point spree against Regis Friday night. (Kentucky's Cliff Hagan, who played less than a half after being injured against Tennessee, is 18th with an average of 23.4.)

From these scoring averages, it would appear as almost a certainty that Western will erase the team and individual records set by the "Fabulous Five."

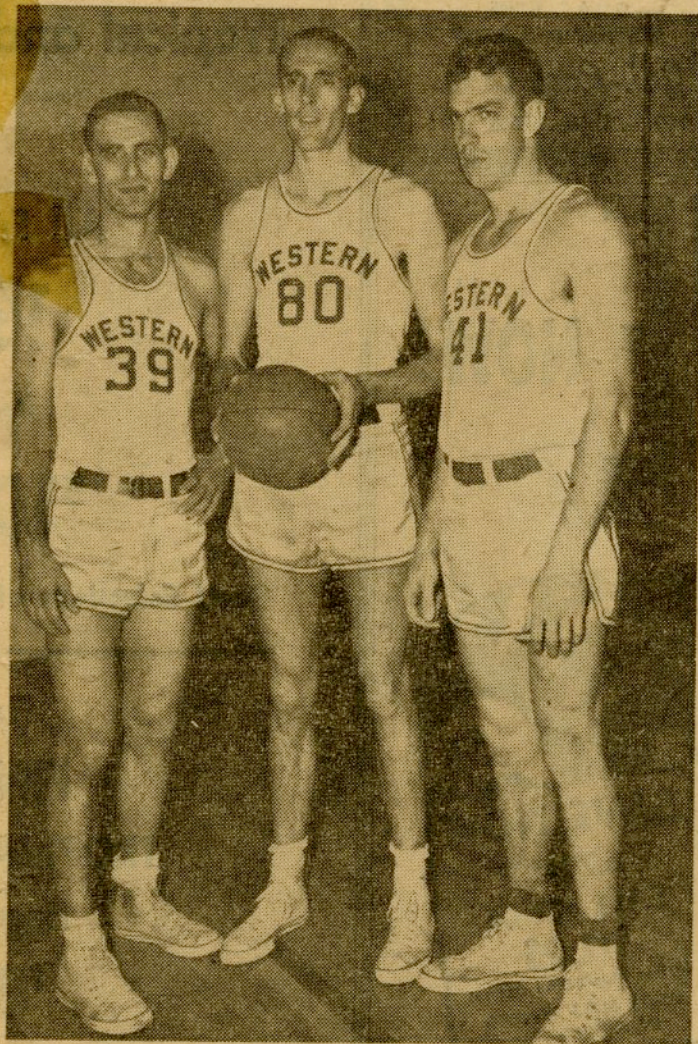
After the Regis encounter, Marshall had 1,466 points, Spoelstra 1,266 and Turner 955. When Turner hits the 1,000 mark within the next few weeks, Western then will share a state distinction held only by Kentucky previously—having three 1,000-point producers on the floor at the same time.

And these two magnificent state teams also could make more basketball history this season. Both are undefeated with

the less rugged parts of their schedules confronting them. So far, no modern major basketball team has gone undefeated through a regular season.

This season, the state of Kentucky may have two.

# Tom Gets 39, Art 6-For-8 Against Regis

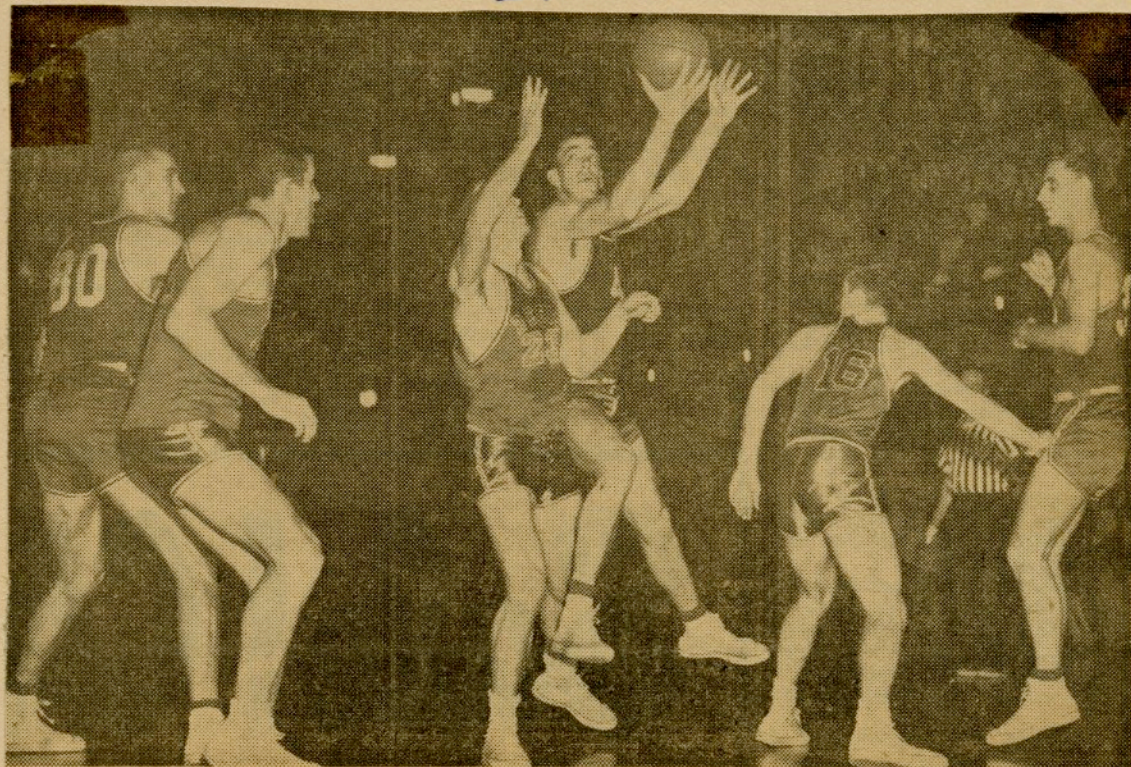


**TRIO OF DEAD EYES**—These Western Hilltoppers are on the verge of eclipsing some of the scoring records set by Kentucky's "Fabulous Five." Big guns in unbeaten Western's attack are Jack Turner, left, Art Spoelstra and All-America candidate Tom Marshall, right.

★	★	★	★	
Western	FG-A	FT-A	PF	TP
Marshall F	13-30	13-18	2	39
Turner F	2-6	4-5	2	8
King	0-3	2-2	1	2
Spoelstra C	6-8	6-7	3	18
Greer	1-1	0-0	4	2
Able G	4-12	0-2	2	8
Cole G	3-6	4-5	4	10
Whitsell	0-0	0-0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>29-66</b>	<b>29-39</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>87</b>
Regis	FG-A	FT-A	PF	TP
Gleason F	5-10	2-3	4	12
Hower F	1-9	3-5	2	5
Eckhard	4-13	1-2	4	9
Powell	0-3	2-2	1	2
Shannon C	2-13	8-12	4	12
Hoogerwerf G	7-10	4-4	5	18
Ernst G	2-5	0-0	2	4
Cavins	4-12	0-0	4	8
Hudak	1-1	0-0	0	2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>26-76</b>	<b>20-28</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>72</b>
Western	19	29	20	19-87
Regis	12	16	22	22-72
Shooting percentages: From field				
—Western, 42.6. Regis, 34.2. From				
71.4.				

W. Frosh	FG	FT	PF	TP
Daniels F	11	3	3	25
Harned F	7	1	2	15
Vahlkamp	2	0	2	4
F. Miller	0	0	2	0
Weber C	4	4	1	12
Litke	1	1	3	3
Clark G	3	0	5	6
Whitehouse G	9	1	1	19
Stringfield	1	0	0	2
Benbrook	1	0	2	2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>88</b>
Bethel	FG	FT	PF	TP
Clark F	5	1	3	11
Mason F	2	1	1	5
Francis	0	0	1	0
Bowman	0	0	0	0
Wilkins C	6	11	1	23
McCord	0	0	0	0
Maddox G	0	1	4	1
Harper G	1	1	1	3
Keller	1	0	0	2
Vaught	1	3	0	3
<b>Totals</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>48</b>
Frosh	27	18	24	19-88
Bethel	21	8	8	11-48

19<sup>th</sup>



**CENTER OF ATTRACTION** ON THIS PLAY in Friday night's Western-Regis game was Hilltopper Tom Marshall (with ball). Fouled by Gil Gavins (No. 23), Marshall sank two of his 39 points seconds later. To left are Western's Art Spoelstra (80) and Regis' Allen Hower. Regis' Hom Hoogerwerf (16) has grabbed Topper Jack Turner by the pants while he turns to watch Marshall.



# Corbin's Frank Selvy Sets New Scoring Mark for Major Teams

Clemson, S. C., Feb. 1 (AP)—Furman's Frank Selvy tonight set a new three-year scoring record for a major college basketball player.

The 6-3 senior from Corbin, Ky., brought his career total to 1,904 points with 12 regular season games to play by scoring 25 points as Furman defeated Clemson 70-53. The old record of 1,888 points was set by Clyde Lovellette of Kansas in March, 1952.

Selvy scored six free throws during the first period and the early part of the second period. A field goal midway in the second period brought him within one point of the record. Seconds later he tallied with a one-hand push shot to break Lovellette's mark.

## Now Has 575

The partisan crowd of 3,500 packed into the Clemson gym gave the Corbin flash a standing ovation when the record tumbled. At halftime, Co-Capt. Ames Wells of Clemson presented Selvy with the basketball.

The Southern Conference star entered the game with 1,879 points scored in 63 varsity games over the last 2½ years.

"I was glad to make the record, of course," Selvy said after the game, "but I wasn't thinking in terms of a record on the shot. I was thinking of cut-

ting down that seven-point Clemson lead."

Clemson led at halftime 43-36 but Selvy scored 15 points to lead a second-half Furman victory drive.

Furman coach, Lyles Alley, obviously pleased with Selvy and the late Furman surge, confined himself to: "We came here to win a ball game and I'm content to win it."

## Furman Clicks In Third

Furman's fierce third-period attack wrapped up the game. Selvy and Co. hit for 20 points as the Tigers' offense faded to 10 points. Furman entered the final period with a 56-53 lead and scored eight quick points before the game slowed to a walk. The Tigers'

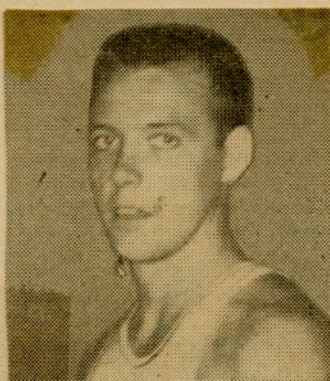
Clemson (55)				Furman (70)			
Player	fg.	ft.	pf.	Player	fg.	ft.	pf.
Shook f	5	2	4	Floyd f	7	4	3
Smith f	0	0	0	Bennett f	1	2	3
Ryan f	4	2	3	Fraley f	3	7	3
Cage c	3	1	3	Thomas c	4	0	3
Holzschuh g	0	3	5	Deardorff g	1	0	2
Crosland g	0	0	3	Selvy g	7	11	2
Wells g	8	7	4				
Totals	20	15	22	Totals	23	24	16

Clemson	22	21	10	2-55
Furman	11	25	20	14-70

Free throws missed: Clemson—Shook 2, Ryan, Holzschuh 2, Wells. Furman—Floyd, Thomas 2, Selvy 5.

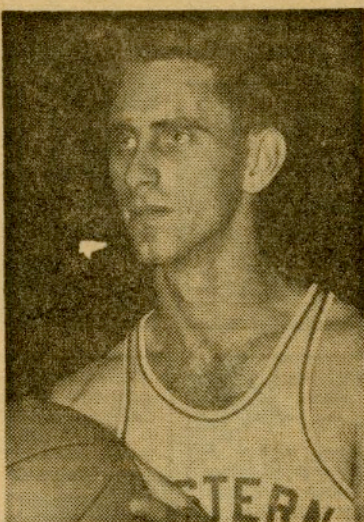
tight zone defense had Selvy and Fred Fraley dribbling the ball for more than three minutes without any effort to score.

Selvy set a national record for major schools last year when he scored 738 points in 25 games for a 29.5 average. Two seasons ago he scored 591 points in 24 games, averaging 24.6 and was ranked No. 6 in the nation.



Dencel Miller  
Target of Controversy

## 1,000 Points



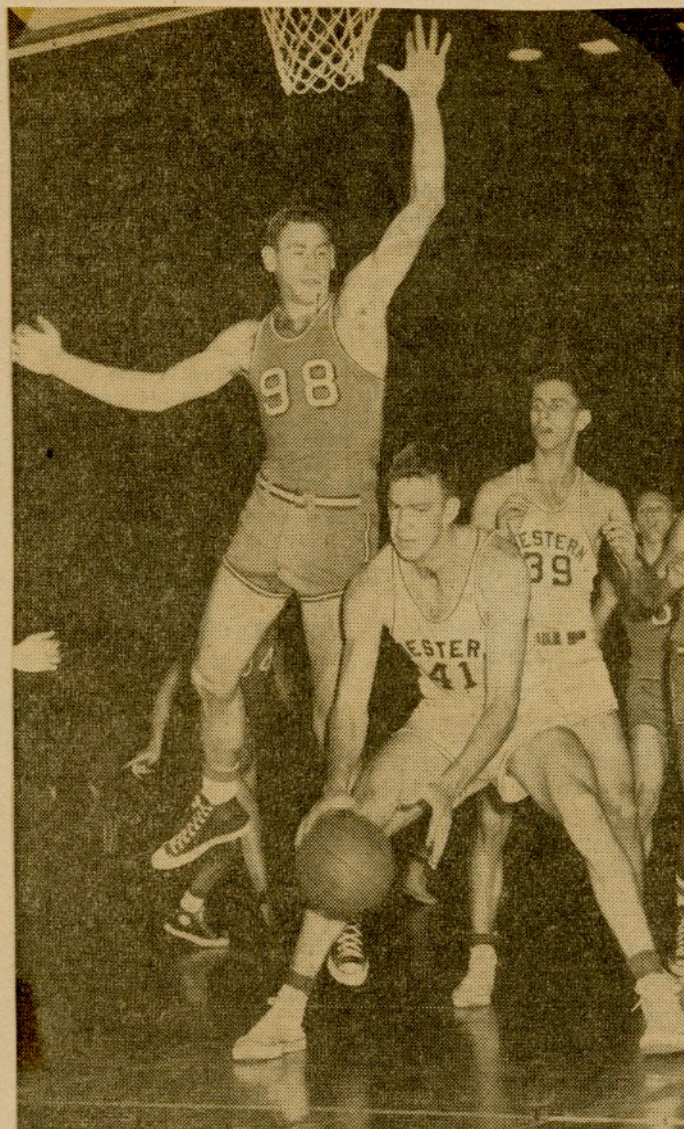
Jack Turner

Jack Turner last night became the sixth Western basketball player—and the third member of the present team—to score 1,000 points.

His 22 against Morehead gave the Bedford senior 1,003. He scored 94 as a freshman, 325 as a sophomore, 348 in his junior season and owns 236 so far this campaign.

The other two present Hilltoppers over 1,000 are Tom Marshall, who holds the career record with 1,672, and Art Spoelstra, in second place among Western's all-time scorers with 1,366.

Others who scored over 1,000 are Bob Lavoy, 1,071 in a career ending in 1950; Gene Rhodes, 1029 in a career ending in 1952, and Carlyle Towery, 1,010 in a career ending in 1941.



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**MARSHALL FOULED**—Western's Tom Marshall (41) is fouled by Bowling Green's Clarence Yackey (98) under the Western basket in this first-half action at the Armory last night. Jack Turner (39) is back of Marshall. The unbeaten Hilltoppers defeated the Ohioians 98-42 for their 20th straight victory.

## Western's Miller To Be Withheld Rest Of This Season

Western's junior guard, Dencel Miller, will play no more this season, Coach Ed Diddle disclosed today.

Miller is eligible under NCAA rules. But there has been doubt as to his eligibility under Ohio Valley Conference regulations since the newest issue of the OVC by-laws was released.

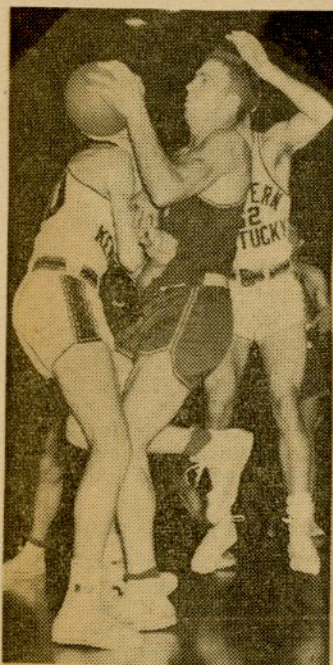
Miller is a war veteran transfer from Baldwin Wallace College. He had been withheld from play since Jan. 28 when the latest issue of OVC regulations was received here.

After World War II, athletes discharged from service could enroll wherever they chose and become immediately eligible, without waiting for the usual period required for transfer students.

No such provision affecting Korean War veterans is contained in the new OVC rules.

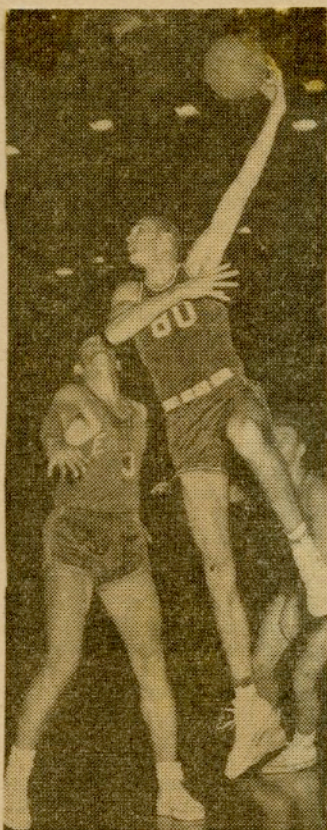
The United Press reported from Louisville that eligibility of Morehead's Jesse Mayabb also has been questioned.

Officers of the OVC have declined comment on what league action, if any, has been taken regarding Mayabb.



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**OUCH! . . .** Western's great forward, Tom Marshall, is caught in a squeeze between Eastern players.



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**HOOKED**—Dan Swartz of Morehead stands helplessly by as Western's Art Spoelstra hooks in a field goal during their semi-final clash last night at the Armory.



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# Hilltoppers In Undisputed Possession Of 4th Place

The leading teams (first - place votes in parentheses):

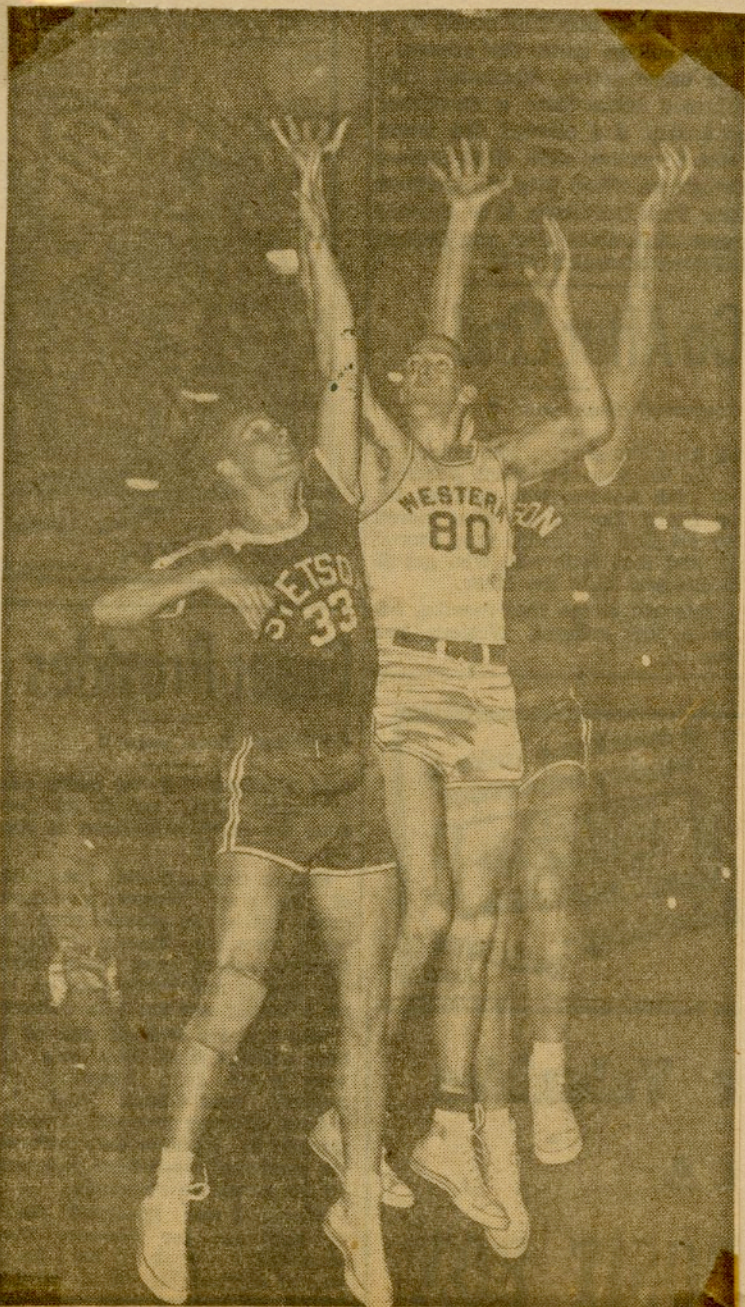
1. Kentucky (27) .....798
2. Duquesne (12) .....696
3. Indiana (16) .....649
4. Western Kentucky (7) ...603
5. Oklahoma A&M (9) ....547
6. Seattle (5) .....208
7. Notre Dame .....202
8. Duke .....167
9. La Salle (2) .....165
10. Holy Cross (1) .....160
11. George Washington (10) ..159
12. Minnesota .....142
13. Maryland (3) .....141
14. Wichita .....87
15. California (1) .....82
16. Oklahoma City .....65
17. Louisiana State .....64
18. Bradley (3) .....62
19. Kansas .....58
20. Louisville (1) .....43

20<sup>th</sup>

★	★	★	★	★
Western	FG-A	FT-A	PF	TP
Marshall F	9-22	13-15	2	31
Turner F	5-14	2-4	4	12
Greer	0-0	0-0	1	0
Whitsell	0-0	0-0	0	0
Spoelstra C	8-14	4-5	2	20
King	0-0	0-0	0	0
Able G	12-25	1-1	4	25
Cole G	2-8	2-3	5	6
Clark	0-1	0-0	0	0
Totals	36-84	22-28	18	94
B. Green	FG-A	FT-A	PF	TP
Bianchi F	7-15	5-8	5	19
Yackey F	8-15	4-4	3	20
Reis	0-2	1-1	2	1
Gerber C	9-19	6-6	4	24
Drago G	5-14	1-1	5	11
Rogers G	3-7	1-2	2	7
Server	0-2	0-2	1	0
Hecker	0-2	0-1	0	0
Totals	32-76	18-25	22	82
Western	24	23	25	22-94
B. Green	19	25	24	14-82
Shooting percentages: From field — Western, 42.7. Bowling Green, 42.1. From foul line — Western, 78.6. Bowling Green, 72.0.				
Officials: Bennie Edelen, Louisville; Moose Zachem, Madisonville.				

21<sup>st</sup>

★	★	★	★	★
Western	FG-A	FT-A	PF	TP
Marshall F	9-24	11-19	3	29
King F	5-13	2-5	1	12
Greer	2-2	2-5	4	6
Daniels	0-1	0-0	0	0
Spoelstra C	4-12	7-11	3	15
Whitsell	0-0	0-0	0	0
Able G	4-16	2-4	3	10
Cole G	4-13	1-1	3	9
Clark	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	28-81	25-45	17	81
Stetson	FG-A	FT-A	PF	TP
Hansel F	6-11	2-3	3	14
Imgrund F	5-23	6-9	4	16
Yonge C	1-9	1-1	4	3
Cassidy	1-3	0-2	4	2
Carlin G	4-7	2-2	5	10
Crumpton G	2-10	5-6	4	9
Howard	2-5	0-0	3	4
Smith	1-1	1-1	1	3
Silvers	1-1	0-0	0	2
Totals	23-70	17-24	28	63
Western	17	16	17	31-81
Stetson	18	14	14	17-63
Shooting percentages: From field — Western, 34.6. Stetson, 32.9. From foul line — Western, 55.6. Stetson, 70.8.				
Officials — Hickman Duncan, Nashville, and Moose Zachem, Madisonville.				



THE SQUEEZE PLAY—Western's Art Spoelstra (No. 80) attempts to toss this rebound back into the hoop as Stetson's John Imgrund (33) and Jim Yonge apply the mousetrap treatment.

21-(Lost) after 21 straight wins.

★	★	★	★	★
Western	FG-A	FT-A	PF	TP
Marshall F	2-14	4-11	4	8
Turner F	2-8	10-16	5	14
King	0-0	0-0	1	0
Spoelstra C	7-12	9-13	4	23
Greer	1-2	1-1	2	3
Able G	2-10	0-0	3	4
Cole G	0-2	2-2	5	2
Whitsell	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	14-48	26-43	24	54
Eastern	FG-A	FT-A	PF	TP
Adams F	8-14	7-10	5	28
Mulcahy F	0-0	1-1	0	2
Francis	0-0	2-2	0	2
Allison C	0-1	0-0	0	0
Floyd	2-2	1-3	5	5
Baxter	1-1	0-0	5	2
Holbrook G	3-5	2-2	4	8
Pellegrinon G	4-8	6-7	2	14
Mitchell	0-1	8-9	1	8
Totals	18-34	27-34	27	63
Western	14	13	16	11-54
Eastern	13	20	14	16-63
Officials: Zechmen, Madisonville; Edelen, Louisville.				

Western	FG-A	FT-A	PF	TP
Marshall F	12-25	14-16	4	38
Greer F	4-6	1-8	5	9
King	2-5	0-2	1	4
Daniels	0-0	0-0	0	0
Spoelstra C	2-9	2-2	3	6
Whitsell	0-0	0-0	2	0
Turner G	7-14	8-11	4	22
Able G	2-9	3-3	4	7
Callison	1-4	0-0	4	2
Clark	0-0	0-0	1	0
Totals	30-27	28-42	28	88
Morehead	FG-A	FT-A	PF	TP
Mayabb F	5-15	3-3	4	13
Duff F	1-10	1-1	5	3
Breeze	0-0	1-1	5	1
Parks	1-1	0-0	0	2
Swartz C	8-22	10-13	3	26
Gaunce G	3-11	2-2	5	8
Whouse G	4-12	10-12	4	18
Harris	0-2	1-2	1	1
Riddle	1-4	1-3	0	3
Totals	23-77	29-37	27	75
Western	22	21	19	26-88
Morehead	14	22	14	25-75
Officials: George Conley of Ashland and Dick Looney of Lexington.				

Marshall Hits 31 To Post New Season Standard  
Raises Career Point Total To 1,745



TOM MARSHALL

ALL-AMERICAN

2ND. TEAM - AP, UP, and  
LOOK 1954.

3RD. TEAM - LOOK - 1953.

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ALL O.V.C. - '52, '53, '54.

2ND. TEAM - LOOK - 1954

Most points in 1954  
N.I.T. ————— 82

RECORDS.

Most points one season - 819

Most points in Ky in 4 yrs. - 1909

most free throws one game - 18

most points for a Soph. - 456

best average Sophomore - 19

most points for a Junior - 573

best average for a Junior - 18.5

most points for a senior - 819

best average for a " - 25.8

Second highest total points in  
one game ————— 44



Western	FG-A	FT-A	PF	TP
Marshall F	10-25	12-16	3	32
Turner F	5-10	3-3	2	13
King	1-8	5-5	2	7
Spoelstra C	4-6	7-7	1	15
Greer	1-2	1-1	0	3
Able G	5-13	1-2	5	11
Cole G	0-4	0-0	5	0
Callison	0-0	0-0	0	0

Totals	FG-A	FT-A	PF	TP
Wesleyan	26-68	29-34	18	81
Snowden F	8-28	3-4	4	19
Roop F	2-7	3-6	5	7
Harrison	0-1	0-0	0	0
Johnson	0-0	0-0	1	0
Wood	0-0	0-0	0	0
Tibbs C	3-14	1-1	4	7
Abernathy	3-8	0-2	2	6
H'worth G	5-8	5-5	4	15
W'spoon G	3-13	5-6	2	11

Totals	FG-A	FT-A	PF	TP
Western	24-79	17-24	22	65
Wesleyan	18 25	23 15	81	
Shooting percentages: From				
30.4. From foul line—Western, 85.3; Wesleyan, 70.8.				

Officials: Moose Zachem, Madisonville, and Jack Keys, Knoxville.

Western	FG-A	FT-A	PF	TP
Marshall F	9-24	15-23	4	33
Turner F	5-8	4-5	4	14
Whitsell	2-3	2-2	2	6
Daniels	1-1	0-0	0	2
Spoelstra C	7-9	2-3	2	16
King	6-15	3-3	1	15
Able G	5-8	1-2	4	11
Cole G	4-6	1-1	4	9
Greer	0-2	0-0	5	0
Callison	1-1	0-0	2	2
Clark	0-1	0-0	0	0
Harned	0-0	0-0	1	0

Totals	FG-A	FT-A	PF	TP
Tenn. Tech	40-78	28-39	29	108
Harris F	4-9	1-4	5	9
Hughes F	1-4	0-0	4	2
Wall	3-5	1-4	2	7
Boyd	1-1	0-0	2	2
Birk	0-0	0-0	0	0
Merritt C	5-9	2-3	1	12
Win'gham	0-4	1-2	0	1
Reed G	2-4	6-12	2	10
Howell G	3-14	10-16	5	16
O'Neil	0-4	3-5	5	3
Phillips	0-0	1-2	0	1

Totals	FG-A	FT-A	PF	TP
Western	19-54	25-48	26	63
Tenn. Tech	29 22	34 23	108	
Shooting percentages: From field				
—Western, 51.3, Tennessee Tech, 35.2. From foul line — Western, 71.8, Tennessee Tech, 52.1.				

Officials: Jack Keys, Knoxville, and Tim O'Brien, Galconda, Ill.

Western Fr.	FG-A	FT-A	PF	TP
Harned F	2-9	3-6	1	7
Daniels F	5-9	9-14	1	19
Vahlkamp	2-5	1-2	0	5
Weber C	8-9	4-9	4	20
Litke	1-4	1-2	1	3
Clark G	8-22	5-7	2	21
W'house G	0-3	0-0	4	0
Stringfield	6-9	1-2	3	13
Benbrook	0-1	4-6	0	4

Totals	FG-A	FT-A	PF	TP
T. Tech Fr.	32-71	28-48	16	92
Klein F	2-11	1-1	1	5
Thurman F	2-10	1-2	5	5
Phillips	3-6	2-2	2	8
Reid	1-1	1-1	1	3
Oliver C	1-9	3-4	4	5
Moore	2-5	2-4	4	6
Egbert G	4-6	0-4	1	8
Fowler G	2-9	1-5	3	5
Boyd	0-5	0-0	5	0

Totals	FG-A	FT-A	PF	TP
Western	17-62	11-23	26	65
Tech	23 22	22 25	92	

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Western	FG-A	FT-A	PF	TP
Marshall F	7-16	17-19	3	31
Turner F	8-15	3-5	3	19
Spoelstra C	8-11	2-4	3	18
Cole G	7-11	0-0	0	14
Able G	5-13	0-0	4	10
King	0-2	0-0	0	0
Greer	0-0	0-2	2	0

Totals	FG-A	FT-A	PF	TP
Cincinnati	35-68	22-30	15	92
Lammert F	9-18	2-4	5	20
Wheeler F	1-9	2-4	5	4
Vogele	1-3	2-3	1	4
Twyman C	12-25	4-4	2	28
Hall	0-0	1-0	0	1
Moeves G	4-11	2-2	2	10
Okruhlica G	1-4	0-0	1	2
Ernst	3-6	2-2	3	8
Cutter	0-1	0-0	0	0

Totals	FG-A	FT-A	PF	TP
Western	31-77	15-21	19	77
Cincinnati	25 21	27 19	92	
Shooting percentages: From field				
—Western, 51.5, Cincinnati, 40.3.				
From foul line — Western, 73.3, Cincinnati, 71.4.				

Western	FG-A	FT-A	PF	TP
Marshall F	10-18	6-7	3	26
Turner F	5-13	7-7	3	17
King	1-1	0-0	0	2
Whitsell	1-1	0-0	0	2
Spoelstra C	8-16	3-4	5	19
Greer	2-2	0-4	4	4
Cole G	7-10	1-1	2	15
Able G	4-14	2-2	4	10
Callison	1-1	0-0	2	0
Clark	0-0	0-2	2	0

Totals	FG-A	FT-A	PF	TP
Morehead	39-76	19-27	23	97
Duff F	3-6	0-2	1	6
Mayabb F	4-14	1-1	5	9
Breeze	3-5	0-0	4	6
Swartz C	9-19	9-14	5	27
W'house G	1-7	10-15	2	12
Gaunce G	8-16	4-6	3	20
Totals	28-67	23-38	20	79
Western	26 18	21 32	97	
Morehead	20 22	15 22	79	

Shooting percentages: from field—Western, 51.3, Morehead, 41.8. From foul line—Western, 70.4, Morehead, 60.8.

Western	FG-A	FT-A	PF	TP
Marshall F	10-21	6-6	2	25
Turner F	4-10	5-8	3	13
King	0-1	0-0	1	0
Whitsell	0-1	0-0	1	0
Daniels	0-0	0-0	0	0
Spoelstra C	8-10	9-13	4	25
Greer	1-1	0-0	1	2
Cole G	5-13	3-6	4	13
Able G	1-5	4-8	4	6
Callison	0-0	0-0	0	0
Clark	0-0	1-2	0	1

Totals	FG-A	FT-A	PF	TP
Eastern	29-62	27-43	20	85
Adams F	4-10	9-9	5	17
Allison F	3-7	0-0	1	6
Mitchell	3-4	5-14	4	11
Mulcahy	5-12	1-2	2	11
Floyd C	0-0	0-0	4	0
Baxter	2-3	1-2	5	5
Brock	0-1	0-0	2	0
P'grinnon G	6-15	3-3	4	15
P'grinnon G	2-7	0-0	3	4
Francis	0-0	0-0	0	0

Totals	FG-A	FT-A	PF	TP
Western	25-59	19-30	30	69
Eastern	14 26	23 22	85	
	9 18	24 18	69	

## Frosh Blast Paducah By 114-65

Western's freshman court squad, paced by 6-6 Bob Daniels this time, flattened Paducah Junior College 114-65 in another record-breaker yesterday.

The point total is the highest ever recorded by a freshman team on the Hilltop and raised this club's record to 8-1 for the season.

Daniels gave a performance reminiscent of Tom Marshall at his freshman best. The powerfully-built yearling scored 32 points and very nearly out-rebounded the entire Paducah squad.

Daniels finished with 29 off the boards against only 31 for the whole Paducah team.

The frosh had six operatives in double figures, Vic Harned cashed 20, Ronnie Clark, 17, Ronnie Whitehouse 11, Charley Vahlkamp 10 and Max Stringfield 10.

They hit 49 per cent from the field, with Daniels cashing 14 goals in 24 shots from all ranges.

The frosh wind up their campaign at Hopkinsville against Bethel Junior College tonight.

W. Frosh	FG-A	FT-A	PF	TP
Daniels F	14-24	4-4	2	32
Harned F	9-21	2-6	4	20
Vahlkamp	5-9	0-0	2	10
Weber C	4-8	1-2	4	9
Litke	0-2	1-1	2	1
W'house G	5-9	1-2	2	11
Clark G	7-15	3-5	3	17
Benbrook	2-7	0-0	1	4
Stringfield	4-6	2-2	3	10

Totals	FG-A	FT-A	PF	TP
P. J. C.	50-101	14-22	23	114
S'son F	2-11	4-4	0	8
Jones F	4-10	3-4	0	11
Ligon	0-2	0-0	1	0
Harris	1-7	3-5	0	5
Allen C	0-2	0-0	1	0
Metcalfe	1-3	2-7	1	4
Walker G	4-13	7-12	3	15
Hubbs G	3-5	2-4	2	8
Baker	1-2	0-0	2	2
Champion	5-12	2-3	3	12

Totals	FG-A	FT-A	PF	TP
W. Frosh	21-67	23-39	13	65
Paducah J. C.	27 31	27 29	114	
	16 14	14 21	65	

## Topper Figures

Player	G.	Fga.	Fg.	Pct.	Reb.	TP.	Avg.
Marshall	23	496	204	.41	349	592	25.7
Spoelstra	23	286	143	.50	305	405	17.6
Able	23	312	97	.31	100	244	10.6
Turner	20	190	73	.38	125	236	11.8
Cole	22	199	70	.35	82	193	8.8
King	18	89	30	.33	65	82	4.6
Greer	16	39	28	.71	84	69	4.3

## U. of L. Firing

Player	G.	Fga.	Fg.	Pct.	Reb.	TP.	Avg.
Noble	21	380	148	.40	133	366	17.4
Cox	22	328	118	.36	96	337	15.4
Prudhoe	22	235	84	.36	241	253	11.6
Gastevich	22	171	68	.38	180	182	8.5
Moreman	21	86	38	.44	51	119	5.7
Keffer	19	113	39	.35	34	92	4.8
Harrah	22	79	24	.30	82	80	3.7
Hinton	21	73	28	.39	38	59	2.9

## U. K. Shooting

Player	G.	Fga.	Fg.	Pct.	Reb.	TP.	Avg.
Hagan	17	355	151	.42	236	395	23.3
Ramsey	17	302	128	.42	161	351	20.6
Tsioropoulos	17	272	96	.35	174	251	14.8
Evans	17	180	64	.35	147	164	9.6
Grawmey'r	17	135	50	.37	117	116	6.8
Rose	16	114	41	.36	19	111	6.9
Puckett	16	84	26	.31	23	71	4.4



## 57 Per Cent!

Western	FG-A	FT-A	PF	TP
Marshall F	3-8	2-2	4	8
Turner F	5-11	12-15	4	22
Greer	0-0	0-2	3	0
Whitsell	1-3	0-0	1	2
Spoelstra C	12-16	4-7	1	28
King	6-10	5-9	3	17
Cole G	4-7	1-1	1	9
Able G	7-11	0-2	3	14
Callison	1-2	2-2	2	4
F. Miller	0-0	0-0	0	0

Totals	39-68	26-40	22	104
Murray	FG-A	FT-A	PF	TP
Garrett F	4-17	4-7	3	12
Koe'mark F	3-7	2-2	4	8
Powless	3-9	5-5	4	11
Hanvey	0-4	2-2	0	2
Watrous C	0-2	0-0	4	0
Tauck	0-3	0-2	0	0
Crittenden G	4-18	3-4	2	11
McLemore G	3-11	0-0	2	6
Smith	1-3	2-2	3	4
Akridge	3-5	8-9	4	14

Totals	21-79	26-33	26	68
Western	18	28	25	33-104
Murray	7	19	18	24-68

Shooting percentages: From field—Western, 57.3. Murray, 26.6. From foul line—Western, 60.0. Murray, 78.8.

Officials: Moose Zachem, Madisonville, and Walter Wells, Nashville.

## Next Year?

Those Ohio Valley Conference teams who are "waiting 'til next year" may wind up waiting for three more.

If Western's current freshman corps keeps coming along, that is.

In seven games—they've lost once—now the frosh have piled up an 87.7-point a game average to the opposition's 68.9 and Guard Ronnie Clark is even scoring ahead of Tom Marshall's celebrated pace in his yearling season.

Marshall fired 248 points in 15 games for the 1951 frosh, an average of 16.5.

Clark has thrown in 125 in seven games for a 17.9 average and has hit more than 50 per cent of his shots.

The frosh have only three more games remaining—with Tennessee Tech here next Saturday, Paducah Junior College on Feb. 22 and at Bethel on Feb. 23.

Here is the current dope on 7-foot Jerry Weber, 6-6 Bob Daniels, 6-3 Vic Harned, 6-3 Ronnie Whitehouse, Clark & Co.:

Player	G	Pts	Avg
Clark	7	125	17.9
Daniels	7	111	15.9
Harned	6	95	15.8
Whitehouse	6	87	14.5
Weber	7	74	10.6
Stringfield	7	36	5.1
Litke	7	26	3.7

### The record:

100—Middle Tennessee	70
81—Lindsey Wilson	61
84—Murray	78
72—Lindsey Wilson	77
92—Tenn. Tech	70
88—Bethel	48
97—Paducah	78



# Win Avenges Only Loss Of Regular Season

By BERT BORRONE

Daily News Sports Editor  
LOUISVILLE, Ky., Feb. 27 — Eastern kept the ball nearly all night, but Western kept something for more important this stormy evening—it's Ohio Valley Conference tournament championship.

The Hilltoppers, striking like storm and sunshine to steal the ball from an Eastern team whose strategy was never to give up, broke their lone conqueror in 29 games, 85-69, to win their third straight title in a dramatic and stormy fourth meeting.

They actually sealed this decision, which anchors their bid for No. 1 nation ranking and top seeding in the National Invitation Tournament now that Duquesne has lost two in a row, in the first 12 minutes.

They exploited the middle of Eastern's savage defense with their 6-9½ giant, Art Spoelstra, who scored 14 of their first 20 points. And they wrecked Eastern's attempt to control the game through control of the ball with critical steals that directly led to 12 points and kept Eastern perhaps from making 14.

This makes a maximum possible difference in the game of 26 points, 10 more than Western's winning margin.

It was storm-filled, knock-down ball game in which a vocal 7,000 Armory customers never lost interest, even though Western, with both Spoelstra and Tom Marshall scoring 25 points, put it away early.

There was only one casualty, although elbows were thrown all over the place, and once Western's Frosty Able and Eastern's Tom Holbrook almost squared off.

Eastern's starter Roy Allison was helped off the floor late in the second quarter when Kay Greer came charging in from left field to score a tip-in. Allison was knocked down, suffered a leg bruise, and played no more.

Western, with its half-court press, extracted 19 errors from Eastern, which started out freezing the ball and ran only in the closing minutes in a futile bid to whack down Western's lead.

Seven of these were direct steals, and Western turned them into five field goals and two foul tosses.

Each of the starters—Spoelstra, Marshall, Jack Turner, Lynn Cole, and Able—scored a goal on these steals. Cole and Turner added foul shots after steals.

These points, plus the possession they cost Eastern, were enough to decide this game in which Western for all of its furious play was not at its inspired best.

That Spoelstra, though, was taking no chance on just steals.

# Win Avenges Only Loss

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He hit six of his first seven shots and eight of 10 in all. He out-scored three opposing centers 25-5, and not even George Mikan can do much better than that.

Spoelstra scored Western's first eight points—on two tap-ins, a right-hand hook and two foul shots.

He single-handedly overcame the first of Eastern's two leads with a three-point tap that tied it at four-all. His seventh and eighth points, coming on another tip-in, wiped out Eastern's second and, last lead at 8-7.

Western led 14-9 at the end of the quarter on a steal by Able, another hook by Spoelstra and Marshall's layup.

They quickly ran it to 20-10 on two more goals by Spoelstra and frees by Able and Marshall.

Instead of trying to run with Western, these unruffled Eastern sophomores bore down all the harder and protected that ball even more savagely.

But Western was pressing hard in the half-court, and three more steals helped balloon the lead to 31-17 and then 36-22.

Western led comfortably 40-27 at the half.

Eastern made its big effort in the third quarter behind Sophomore Jack Adams, whose brilliant all-round play had been the difference in Eastern's astonishing astonishing nine-point win over Western at Richmond a month ago, an upset that broke Western's 21-game all-winning streak.

With Adams scoring seven of their 11 points on angled-drives at the middle in one burst and with another sophomore, Jimmy Mitchell, getting inside for close goals, Eastern whacked Western's lead to just seven points, 54-47, with four minutes left in the third quarter.

At that very moment they lost Adams on fouls. They had no one now who could handle Marshall. Adams had held Tom to 12 points. Eastern was behind 63-51, but

still was within challenging distance at the start of the fourth period when the last of the steals finally broke their poise.

It was Cole this time who swiped it and passed to Turner for a layup. On its next two advances Eastern failed to get the ball across the center line as Western pressed in the back-court now. Those two errors cost them three more points, a goal by Spoelstra and a free by Cole.

Western led now 68-51. With Marshall and Spoelstra hitting alternately from the post, Western moved on to a 75-57 advantage midway of this fourth period when Coach Ed Diddle broke up his combination.

Behind Spoelstra and Marshall were Cole and Turner with 13 points apiece. Cole played brilliantly all-around, holding Eastern's Ronnie Pellegrinon to just four points.

Holbrook, Eastern's leading scorer all season, got 15 off Able, but nearly all of them were late when they made no difference. Mitchell got 11 and so did Mulcahy, one of just two seniors on this whole squad.

Marshall with 13 rebounds was mainly responsible for Western's enjoying a 45-34 margin in this department.

In all, this was Western's fourth OVC tournament win in the league's six-year history. It was the second straight time they have whipped Eastern in the finals.

Owner of a 28-1 record the Hilltoppers are idle until the National Invitational Tournament March 6-13.

This may have been the last one for Eastern under Coach Paul McBrayer. If the Maroons don't withdraw from the OVC in protest of the league's failure to punish Western and Morehead for using ineligible players, his friends think McBrayer will resign. Indications now are that Eastern will remain in the league.

# Clark Cans 43 As Frosh Win 118-55

Guard Ronnie Clark broke Western's freshman scoring record for the second time in four games with a 43-point performance against Bethel Junior College at Hopkinsville last night.

The freshman team broke its own point-making record also by recording a 118-55 victory.

The frosh had set the standard Monday with a 114-65 decision over Paducah Junior College. Thus, in two games in two days this astonishing crew has scored 232 points.

It was the finale for the frosh, who won nine of 10 games, losing only to Lindsey Wilson by five points in a game in which starter Vic Harned did not play.

Clark sacked 13 of his first 14 shots, all but a couple of them from 18 feet out or farther. He finished with 21 field goals and added one foul toss.

Bob Daniels hooped 26 and Jerry Weber got 15, all of them in the last half. Sub Guard Tom Benbrook cashed 14.

# Art Spoelstra Near Career Accuracy Mark

Western's Art Spoelstra, in a neck-and-neck race with Niagara's Charley Hoxie for a national title, is working on his hottest shooting string of the season.

The big guy will carry into tomorrow night's OVC Tournament semifinals at Louisville a fancy 31 field goals in his last 41 shots.

This is a 76 per cent pace which has boosted Art's season field-goal percentage to 53.2 and his career tab to 52.5.

At last count, Hoxie's was 52.1 for his career. It is believed to be a fraction higher now.

No major-college cager has ever compiled a career mark as high as 50 per cent. Only Spoelstra and Hoxie, both seniors, have a chance to attain that magic figure this year.

Before the OVC ends, too, Tom Marshall should own every state scoring record except this one—for most points in a single game—that Spoelstra holds.

The all-court ace needs just three to break Alex Groza's one-season mark of 698 points. He needs only 23 to surpass the career standard of 1,798, assembled (in small-college play) by Murray's Garrett Beshear.

Coach Ed Diddle and aide Ted Hornback apparently have never had a Western team any readier for a tournament than this one is.

They've bettered 50 per cent in three of their last four games and scored over 100 points in two of them.

And they found a solution to the freeze in their pressing defense against Tennessee Tech.

Diddle is not saying his Toppers can crack the freeze consistently with it. It will cost him some fouls and he can ill afford to lose any of his top seven operatives.

"It sure was the answer against Tech, though," the head man admitted. And he is prepared to employ it in stretches this week end.

The Hilltoppers see their first tournament action tomorrow night against the winner of tonight's Morehead-Tennessee Tech game.

If they get by this one, they likely meet either Murray or Eastern in Saturday's 8 p.m. championship game.

A Western-Eastern finals probably would sell out the Armory. Eastern handed the Toppers their only defeat in 27 games.

Player	fg%	ft%	tp	avg.
Marshall	40.9	73.2	696	25.8
Spoelstra	53.2	70.5	482	17.8
Turner	41.0	77.7	304	12.7
Able	33.2	72.2	290	10.7
Cole	37.6	79.7	225	8.6
King	34.9	56.4	121	5.5
Greer	67.4	35.9	72	3.6
Whitsell	48.9	83.3	59	3.1
Team Tot.	41.4	70.9	2319	85.9
Opp. Tot.	33.1	63.1	1846	68.4

Western Fr.	FG	FT	PF	TP
Daniels F	11	4	3	26
Harned F	2	2	5	6
Weber C	6	3	5	15
Clark G	21	1	3	43
House G	1	0	5	2
Vahlkamp	4	0	1	8
Stfield	1	2	0	4
Benbrook	7	0	0	14

Totals	53	12	22	118
Bethel J. C.	FG	FT	PF	TP
Clark F	4	5	3	13
Mason F	0	1	1	1
Wilkins C	8	5	2	21
McCord G	1	0	1	2
Voight G	2	3	1	7
Francis	1	1	1	3
Bowman	1	0	0	2
Keller	1	0	1	2
Maddox	1	1	4	3
Harper	0	1	0	1

Totals	19	17	14	55
Western	29	27	26	118
Bethel	16	9	16	55



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Hilltopper Basketball  
Schedule



Western Kentucky State  
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BOWLING GREEN, KENTUCKY



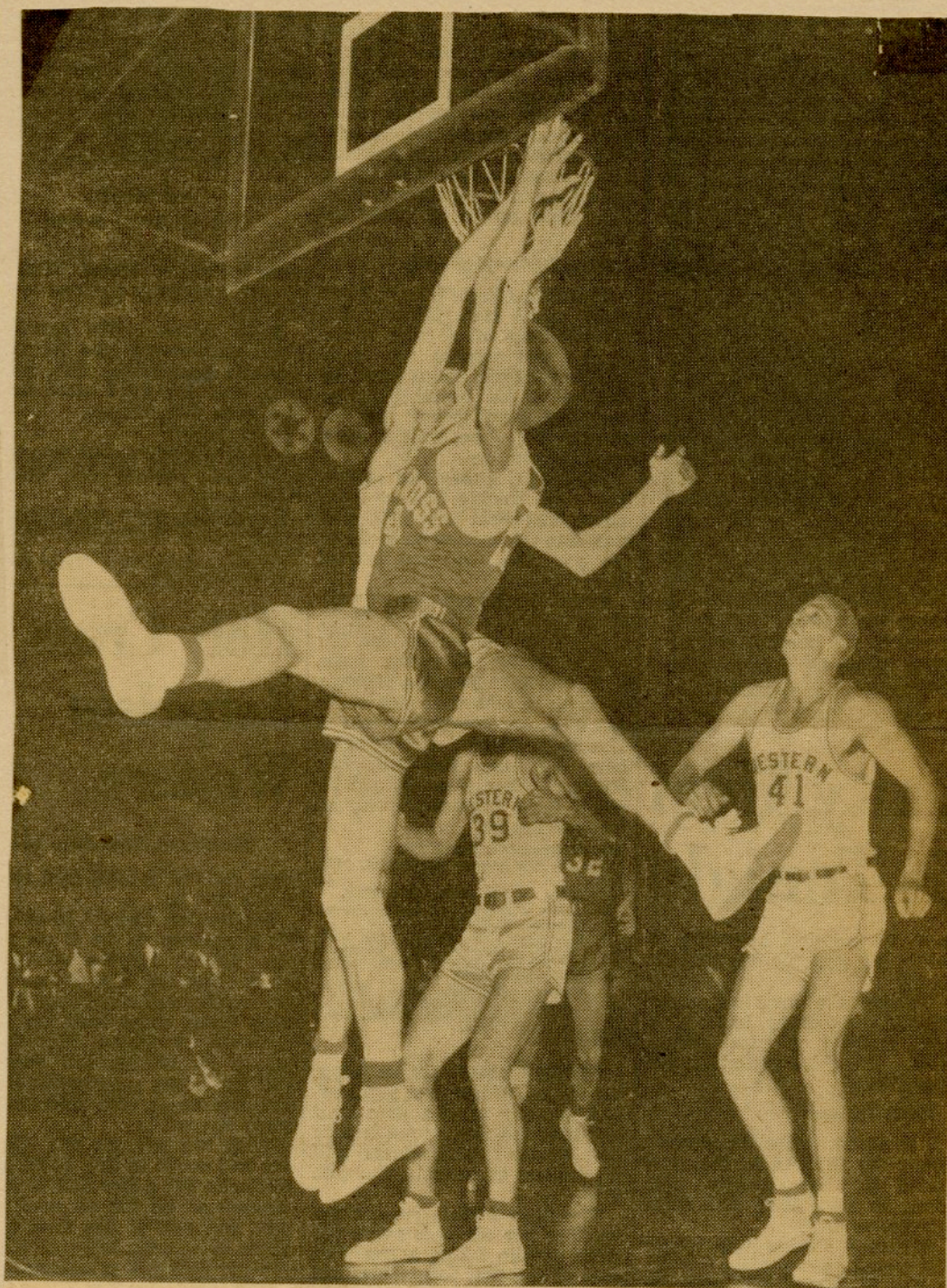
Nov. 25—Wednesday	108-75	Belmont College, Nashville, Tenn.
Nov. 28—Saturday	86-74	Kentucky Wesleyan, Owensboro, Ky.
Dec. 4—Friday	90-73	Gustavus Adolphus, Bowling Green, Ky.
Dec. 5—Saturday	84-60	Southeastern La., Bowling Green, Ky.
Dec. 8—Tuesday	88-80	Middle Tenn. State College, Murfreesboro, Tenn.
Dec. 12—Saturday	88-77	Morehead Ky. State College, Bowling Green, Ky.
Dec. 15—Tuesday	74-71	University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio
Dec. 17—Thursday	78-55	St. Francis College, Madison Square Garden, N. Y.
Dec. 19—Saturday	82-76	St. Bonaventure College, Buffalo, N. Y.
Dec. 28, 29, 30—Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday		Kentucky Invitation Basketball
		Tournament, Jefferson County Armory, Louisville, Ky.
Jan. 5—Tuesday	98-67	Middle Tenn. State College, Bowling Green, Ky.
Jan. 9—Saturday	57-45	Murray Ky. State College, Murray, Ky.
Jan. 13—Wednesday	79-75	University of Dayton, Dayton, Ohio
Jan. 16—Saturday	122-78	Eastern Ky. State College, Bowling Green, Ky.
Jan. 20—Wednesday	82-51	Tennessee Tech, Cookeville, Tenn.
Jan. 23—Saturday	89-33	Memphis State College, Bowling Green, Ky.
Jan. 29—Friday	87-32	Regis College, Bowling Green, Ky.
Feb. 1—Monday	94-82	Bowling Green (O) University, Louisville, Ky.
Feb. 4—Thursday	81-63	Stetson University, Bowling Green, Ky.
Feb. 6—Saturday	84-63	Eastern Ky. State College, Richmond, Ky.
Feb. 8—Monday	88-75	Morehead Ky. State College, Morehead, Ky.
Feb. 13—Saturday		Murray Ky. State College, Bowling Green, Ky.
Feb. 15—Monday		Kentucky Wesleyan, Bowling Green, Ky.
Feb. 20—Saturday		Tennessee Tech, Bowling Green, Ky.
Feb. 22—Monday		University of Cincinnati, Bowling Green, Ky.
Feb. 25, 26, 27—Thursday, Friday, Saturday		Ohio Valley Conference Tournament
		Jefferson County Armory, Louisville, Ky.

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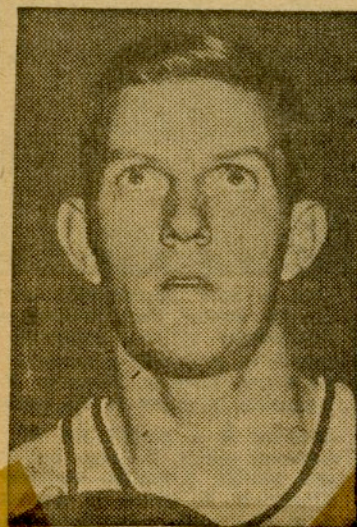
# Tops Lose Turner, Fall Before Crusaders By 75-69

★	★	★	★	★
Niagara	FG-A	FT-A	PF	TP
Erias F	9-21	3-5	0	21
Brown F	0-0	0-0	0	0
Hemans F	4-9	1-3	4	9
McDonald F	0-0	0-0	0	0
Fleming C	6-20	5-5	1	17
Osa C	1-1	0-0	0	2
Costello G	6-18	5-5	2	17
McConnell G	2-8	1-2	3	5
Donohue G	0-0	0-0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>28-87</b>	<b>15-20</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>71</b>
Western	FG-A	FT-A	PF	TP
Marshall F	10-27	9-13	2	29
King F	2-7	2-2	0	6
Spoelstra C	5-18	0-0	2	10
Whitsell C	0-1	1-2	0	1
Greer C	0-1	0-0	1	0
Daniel C	0-0	0-0	1	0
Able G	4-11	1-2	4	7
Cole G	4-11	0-0	4	8
Clark G	2-3	0-0	0	4
Callison G	0-0	0-0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>26-79</b>	<b>13-19</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>65</b>
Niagara	14	26	14	17
Western	19	11	13	22
Shooting percentages — From				
field: Niagara, 32.2. Western, 32.9.				
From foul line: Niagara, 75.0.				
Western, 68.4.				



LONG ARMS OF N. I. T.—Tom Heinsohn of Holy Cross stretches for a lay-up but Western's Art Spoelstra (behind him) blocks the shot in the first quarter of their N. I. T. game last night. Following the play are Jack Turner (No. 39) and Tom Marshall (41). Turner was forced out shortly afterward by a sprained ankle. Holy Cross won 75-69.

★	★	★	★	★
Western	FG-A	FT-A	PF	TP
Marshall F	12-32	7-9	0	31
Turner F	6-15	9-11	3	21
Whitsell	0-0	0-0	0	0
Daniels	0-0	0-0	0	0
Spoelstra C	2-4	0-0	3	4
King	2-6	4-6	5	8
Greer	0-1	0-0	5	0
Cole G	2-6	4-5	4	8
Able G	11-19	1-1	3	23
Callison	0-1	0-0	0	0
Clark	0-0	0-0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>35-84</b>	<b>25-32</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>95</b>
B. Green	FG-A	FT-A	PF	TP
Bianchi F	7-22	2-3	3	16
Yackey F	2-10	5-7	4	9
Reis	1-1	0-0	0	2
Chapman	0-0	0-0	0	0
Gerber C	14-29	11-18	4	39
Drago G	5-12	3-4	4	13
Rogers G	0-7	0-2	3	0
Server	0-1	2-2	2	2
Hecker	0-0	0-0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>29-82</b>	<b>23-36</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>81</b>
Western	31	28	21	15
Bowling Gr.	28	25	13	15
Shooting percentages: From				
field — Western, 41.7. Bowling				
Green, 35.4 From foul line—West-				
ern, 78.1 Bowling Green, 63.9.				



DAN KING—"The difference"

Associated Press Wirephoto





Walt Dukes fires push shot against Dayton. He got 39 points in game.

## ALL AMERICA BASKETBALL continued

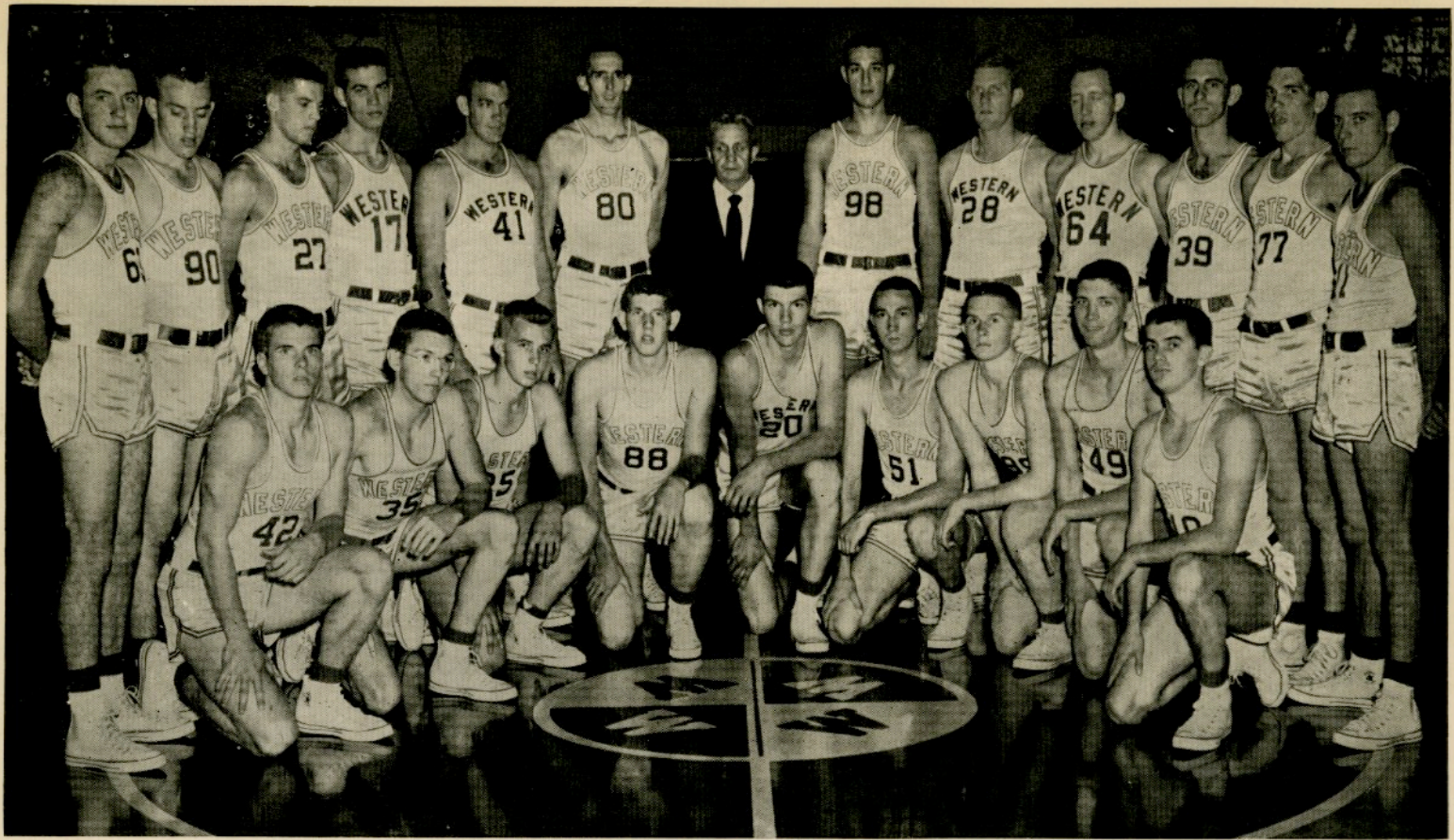
The nation's top stars are on  
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Present as well  
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DISTRICT 1		DISTRICT 2	
TOGO PALAZZI <small>Holy Cross</small>		WALTER DUKES <small>Seton Hall</small>	
EARLE MARKEY <small>Holy Cross</small>		ERNIE BECK <small>Pennsylvania</small>	
WORTHY PATTERSON <small>Connecticut</small>		TOM GOLA <small>La Salle</small>	
ART QUIMBY <small>Connecticut</small>		DICK RICKETTS <small>Duquesne</small>	
ALAN SCHUTTS <small>Springfield</small>		LARRY HENNESSEY <small>Villanova</small>	
DISTRICT 3		DISTRICT 4	
BOB PETTIT <small>Louisiana State</small>		PAUL EBERT <small>Ohio State</small>	
TOM MARSHALL <small>Western Kentucky</small>		IRV BEMORAS <small>Illinois</small>	
FRANK SELVY <small>Furman</small>		DON SCHLUNDT <small>Indiana</small>	
DAN FINCH <small>Vanderbilt</small>		CHARLES MENCEL <small>Minnesota</small>	
BOBBY SPEIGHT <small>North Carolina State</small>		RON FEIEREISEL <small>De Paul</small>	
DISTRICT 5		DISTRICT 6	
DICK KNOTSMAN <small>Kansas State</small>		GENE SCHWINGER <small>Rice</small>	
ARNOLD SHORT <small>Oklahoma City</small>		GEORGE SCALING <small>Texas</small>	
DICK BOUSHKA <small>St. Louis</small>		PAUL NOLEN <small>Texas Tech</small>	
B. H. BORN <small>Kansas</small>		GENE LAMBERT <small>Arkansas</small>	
CLEO LITTLETON <small>Wichita</small>		JOHN STARKEY <small>Baylor</small>	
DISTRICT 7		DISTRICT 8	
JOE RICHEY <small>Brigham Young</small>		BOB HOUBREGS <small>Washington</small>	
BILL SHARP <small>Wyoming</small>		JOHN O'BRIEN <small>Seattle</small>	
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BRUCE GOODRICH <small>Utah</small>		PHIL VUKICEVICH <small>San Francisco</small>	

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## WESTERN KENTUCKY STATE COLLEGE 1953-54 BASKETBALL SQUAD

Front row, kneeling, left to right: Ronnie Whitehouse, Charlie Vahlkamp, Walter Litke, Bob Daniel, Jerry Weber, Bob Rader, Dan Murphy, Vic Harned and Ronnie Clark.

Back row, standing, left to right: James Callison, Ferrell Miller, Lynn Cole, Jerry Whitsell, Tom Marshall, Art Spoelstra, Coach Ed Diddle, Frank Wallace, Dan King, Kay Greer, Jack Turner, Forest Able and Dencel Miller.

### • WESTERN SCHEDULE

Nov. 28—Kentucky Wesleyan	Away
Dec. 4—Gustavus Adolphus	Home
Dec. 5—Southeastern Louisiana	Home
Dec. 8—Middle Tennessee	Away
Dec. 12—Morehead	Home
Dec. 15—Cincinnati	Away
Dec. 17—St. Francis	Away
Dec. 19—St. Bonaventure	Away
Jan. 5—Middle Tennessee	Home
Jan. 9—Murray	Away
Jan. 13—Dayton	Away
Jan. 16—Eastern	Home
Jan. 20—Tennessee Tech	Away
Jan. 23—Memphis State	Home
Jan. 29—Regis	Home
Feb. 1—Bowling Green (O)	Away
Feb. 4—Stetson	Home
Feb. 6—Eastern	Away
Feb. 8—Morehead	Away
Feb. 13—Murray	Home
Feb. 15—Kentucky Wesleyan	Home
Feb. 20—Tennessee Tech	Home
Feb. 22—Cincinnati	Home

### • University of Kentucky Schedule

Dec. 5—Temple	Home
Dec. 12—Xavier	Away
Dec. 14—Wake Forest	Home
Dec. 18—St. Louis	Away
Dec. 21—Invitational	Home
Dec. 22—Invitational	Home
Dec. 28—Minnesota	Home
Jan. 4—Xavier	Home
Jan. 9—Georgia Tech	Home
Jan. 11—DePaul	Home
Jan. 16—Tulane	Home
Jan. 23—Tennessee	Away
Jan. 30—Vanderbilt	Away
Feb. 2—Georgia Tech	Away
Feb. 4—Georgia	Home
Feb. 6—Georgia	Away
Feb. 8—Florida	Away
Feb. 13—Mississippi	Home
Feb. 15—Mississippi State	Home
Feb. 18—Tennessee	Home
Feb. 20—DePaul	Away
Feb. 22—Vanderbilt	Home
Feb. 27—Auburn	Away
Mar. 1—Alabama	Away

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# MISTER DIDDLE

He's almost a legend, this fabulous coach, called "Uncle Ed" only by sports writers, who has led Western fives to 600 victories

By **JOE CREASON**  
 COURIER-JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

**T**HIS large party, who for nearly 33 years has been performing magic from behind a red towel, bath size, just stood there and watched while chapters in his coaching career went on review before his eyes.

The large party heard his praises as a coach and as a gentleman sung by individuals who stepped out of the shadows and then returned to take their place in the passing parade of his life.

He saw and greeted star players from the teams which won for him his 100th, 200th, 300th, 400th, 500th and 600th games. All about him folks laughed and shouted and carried on no little.

Once or twice the large party wiped a tear from his eyes as the pages turned back on the most amazing coaching career in the history of collegiate basketball.

The large party was, of course, Mr. Edgar Allen Diddle, the towel-waving head basketball coach at Western Kentucky State College in Bowling Green. All the to-do was over the fact that only three nights earlier his great 1953-54 Western team had presented him with the 600th victory of his career, a mark that is far and away the best ever made by a coach at one college.

Western and Bowling Green went all out to make this partial replay of the Diddle story a success. The thing was modeled somewhat after the radio and television program "This Is Your Life." The packed house of 5,000 persons who had turned out to see Western run Mr. Diddle's record to 601 wins

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Courier-Journal Photos by Thomas V. Miller, Except at Bottom  
 A program featuring Ed Diddle's own life honored him after he won No. 601 the other night. The famed towel over his shoulder was handy for misty glasses—and eyes, too.



Diddle at Western in 1929.



He looked like this in 1940.



The 1947-model Coach Diddle.



The fabulous coach of today.





**100th** Harry Hardin, right, coach at Southern, was on Western quint scoring 100th win.



**200th** Harry Saddler, right, was a star on the 1937 team that scored the 200th victory.



**300th** Up walks Carlyle Towery, big wheel of the 1941 team which scored Win No. 300.



The stars from his teams in the past walked up to greet him in front of 5,000 standing, cheering, shouting, crying fans

and make it 18 straight this year stayed on for the after-game ceremony.

Western plays Bowling Green of Ohio at the Armory in Louisville tomorrow night.

All the elements were present to make "This Is Diddle's Life" heart-warming as well as noisy. For Mr. Edgar Allen Diddle is a man with quite some biography, to be sure.

He has been eminently successful, as his 601 wins in 791 games proved. His teams annually rank with the very best in all the land. He personally is colorful, one given to saying things that keep his name and picture before the public.

Yet, Bowling Green folks tell you, all this never has changed him. He still is one of the nicest guys who ever stepped into shoe leather, a large, sad-eyed, 58-year-old individual who puts a lot of emphasis on such away-from-the-game traits as good manners and neat grooming among his players.

"This Is Diddle's Life" wasn't a slick, well-drilled, Broadway-like production. There was a slight delay at the outset while Mr. Diddle called for the red towel, bath size, that has become his personal trademark.

But maybe it was the little unrehearsed hitches that made it so effective some in the audience, along with the large party for whom it was thrown, let occasional tears trickle unashamed down their cheeks.

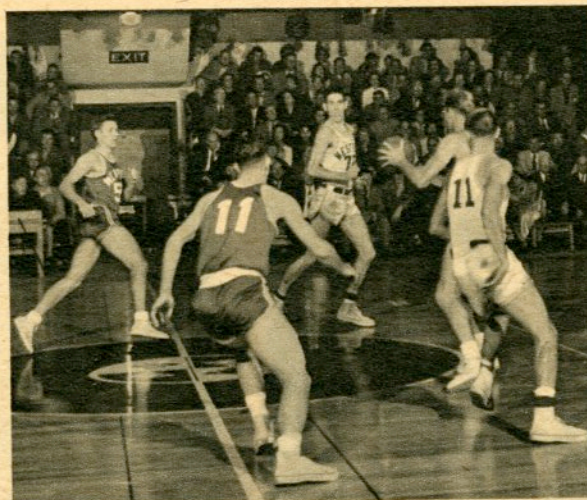
Above all, the affair was sincere and honest and touching, a fine tribute to the Connie Mack of college basketball. The audience stood and made the rafters ring when Bert Barrone, Bowling Green sports writer, called Mr. Diddle to the center of the floor.

And the crowd remained standing as star after star from former Western teams single-filed forward to shake Mr. Diddle's hand and step back into his past.

There was Ted Hornback, the first sophomore ever to captain a Western team, and now Mr. Diddle's

assistant; there were Harry Hardin and John McGown from the 1933 team, the one that racked up win No. 100. There was Brad Mutchler from the 1936 team which competed in the Olympic Trials. There were Max Reed and Harry Saddler from the 1937 squad that reached the 200 mark, and Alex Downing and Carlyle Towery from 1941 when the string hit 300.

Chalmers Embry represented the 1945 team that recorded No. 400; Dee Gibson and Don Ray were there from the great 1948 team that won 21 games in a row and was considered the greatest squad in the lot until maybe this year. Jack Turner, a member of the current crop of Hilltoppers, stepped up for the 1950 team which won the 500th game. And the entire present squad all but mobbed Mr. Diddle when the 600th link in the chain was called out.



Western drubbed Memphis State 63 to 53 before they staged the big celebration for the coach.

After awards were presented from the W-Club and from the Helms Athletic Foundation, the spectators spilled onto the floor to pat Mr. Diddle on the back and wish him well.

The program and the demonstration afterwards emphasized all over again the near-legend into which the colorful and emotional Mr. Diddle has developed.

Even those who have been most closely associated with him over the years refer to him almost in reverence as "Mr. Diddle." The "Cousin Ed" or "Uncle Ed" stuff is purely sports-writing color. Last year, when he suffered a severe heart attack and was forced to sit out much of the season, the standard form of greeting on the Western campus and throughout Bowling Green became "How is Mr. Diddle today?"

Which is not to infer that Mr. Diddle is without his scoffers, those who show their true critter instinct by trying to belittle a man because he has risen to the top.

You'll hear it said sometimes that, with the great material Western attracts, any one of the Andrews Sisters could coach a winning team.

But for every person who digs with such remarks, several dozen will line up to counter by pointing to the great players Mr. Diddle literally has made. They'll point to "Red" McCrocklin, who became an All-America star under Diddle direction even though he never had played in high school. They'll point to Tip Downing, another who became an all-time Western great without having played high-school basketball.

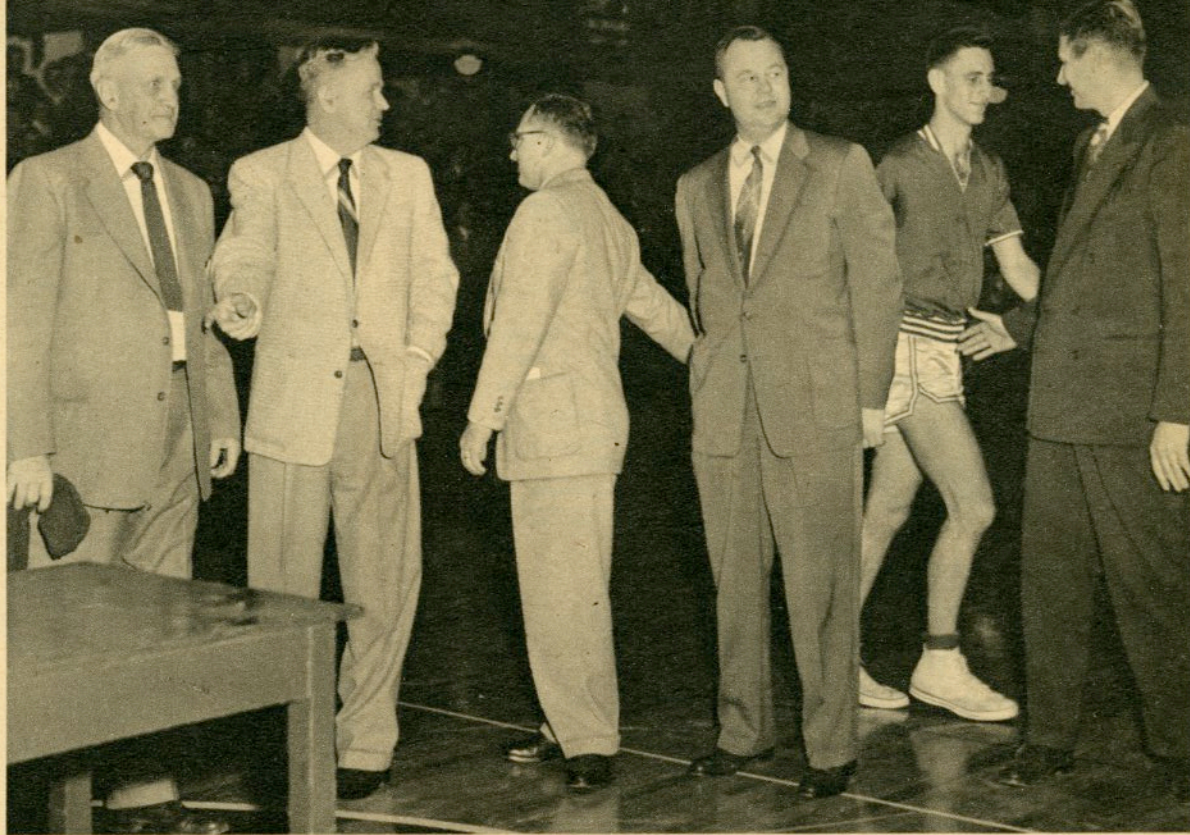
And they'll point to Art Spoelstra, this season's center. He, they say, was as awkward as two left feet when he came to Western. Now, after Diddle and Hornback have worked tirelessly with him, he is a polished performer, one sure to attract a lot of offers to play professionally.

Perhaps, as the brief ceremony pointed out, one of Mr. Diddle's great talents is the ability to spot

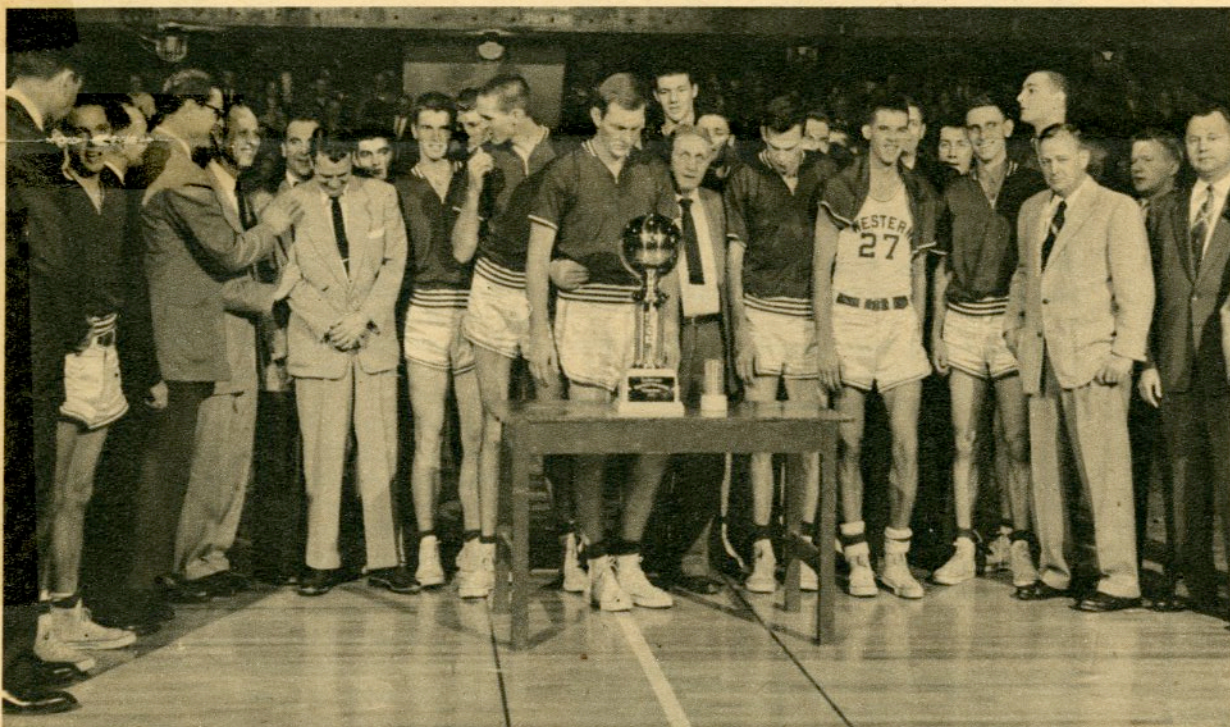




**400th** Chalmers Embry was on the 1945 team that won the 400th victory for Western's famed coach.



**500th** Jack Turner, second from right, was on the 1950 team that won No. 500. He also is a member of this year's team. Ted Hornback, Diddle's aide, stands second from the left.



**600th** Here's the crew that won No. 600, with Diddle in the center, almost dwarfed physically by the players. But it will take some doing for his coaching record to become dwarfed.

good prospects. With him, the search never ends.

A few years back he was selected as a judge on the Horace Heidt musical-talent-search program when it played in Louisville.

"What in the world are you doing as judge of a musical contest?" he was asked.

"I'm hoping," he replied in his distinctively lisping voice, "that maybe I'll find myself a 7-foot piccolo player."

That and other remarks Mr. Diddle has made are repeated over and over wherever Western graduates gather. Since he is one whose tongue sometimes gets tied up in knots that would defy a Boy Scout, first class, there is a good store of Diddle stories. He even has been known to introduce entirely new words into the language.

After the program the other night folks were trad-

ing Diddle stories around and about. One of the best concerned the day in practice when he was having trouble getting McCrocklin to pivot right. Finally, he could stand it no longer.

"McCrocklin, the trouble with you," he fumed, "is you're just too inde—damn—pendent!"

Once, another teller related, Mr. Diddle and several other coaches were comparing the quantity of adhesive tape used by their teams. As he talked, Mr. Diddle became more and more excited.

"I'll tell you one thing," he sputtered finally, "we may not have the best playing, but we have the usingest tape team in America!"

Max Reed it was who told about the time Mr. Diddle called a halt in practice to pass out jerseys.

"Come over here, boys," he called, "I want you all to line up alphabetically according to height!"

Another person in the crowd spun the story about how in the late 1920's Mr. Diddle was one of the first to use the pivot man and the screen shot. Doing the shooting on the play was "Curly" Ellis. One day in practice Curly was especially hot on the shot.

"Coach," some spectator called out, "I believe he could hit a million from that spot."

"A million!" fired back Mr. Diddle, his tongue wrapping itself up in a half-hitch. "Why, why, he could hit a thousand!"

And so the stories went, long after the program had ended.

Just for the record, it was in the fall of 1922 that Mr. Diddle and Western were introduced. He then wasn't long out of Centre College, where he had been blocking back on the first "Bo" McMillin football team. He had coached a year at Monticello and a year at Greenville when the Western job opened up. And so began one of the happiest unions since ham and eggs.

It took him nearly 11 years to hit the first-century mark in games won—until January 7, 1933, in fact, when Union College was beaten 31-25. After that the wins began to mount up rapidly as Western grew into a national powerhouse.

As of right now, Mr. Diddle stands second among all college coaches in total games won. His over-all mark, not counting last Friday's game, is 601 wins, 190 losses. That is surpassed only by the 736 wins and 212 losses of Dr. Phog Allen of Kansas. However, Dr. Allen has compiled his record at four different colleges, not at just one. Adolph Rupp of Kentucky has compiled 482 wins against 82 losses in 23 years.

Although he missed most of last season because of his heart acting up, Mr. Diddle has been credited with the team's record of 25 victories by the record-guarding agencies.

In rolling up his wins, Mr. Diddle has received enough awards and plaques to burden down a pack horse. But the simple, 15-minute tribute the other night seemed to top most of them in his eyes.

"Now wasn't that nice of them," he kept saying over and over.

The affair was a success except for one thing. Western's No. 1 rooter was absent.

Dr. Paul L. Garrett, the college president, was confined at home where he is recovering from a heart ailment.



Bowling Green	28	53	66	81
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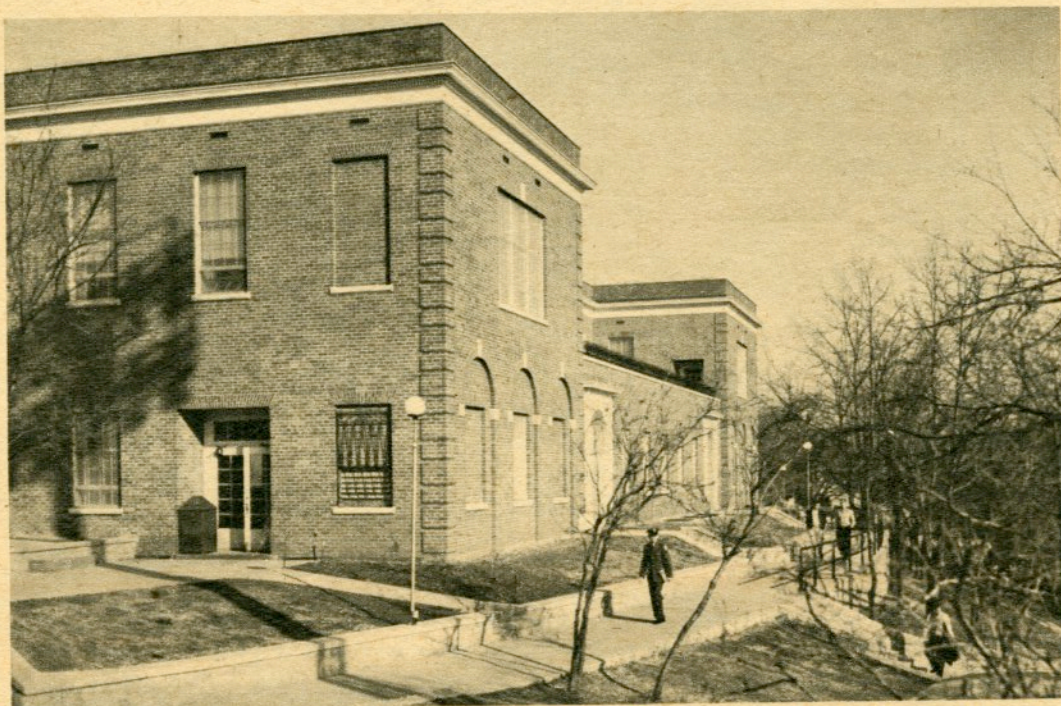
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Main classroom building is Henry H. Cherry Hall. Standing before the statue of the president are Dr. Lee F. Jones, education department head, Dean F. C. Grise; Dr. A. M. Stickles, of the history department. Dr. Cherry was the school's first president; he died in 1937.



The exterior of the new Student Union Building. It was opened this fall. Before it was built, students had no meeting place on the hilly campus that holds the college.

# Hail, Western!

The Bowling Green college is an institution that seems to specialize in school spirit

By JOE CREASON

Courier-Journal Staff Writer

*Kentucky colleges are making news in many ways, setting records in athletics, putting up new buildings, establishing new courses. This is the first of a series we'll run from time to time telling of Kentucky college achievements.*

SEVERAL individuals were talking about this and that and one thing and another, with more than just some few words being devoted to Kentucky colleges.

Finally one party addressed the group somewhat as follows:

"I've never understood why," he said, "but you can start criticizing almost any college in Kentucky and you'll wind up with a lot of graduates who agree with every word you say.

"However, you aim the mildest kind of dig at Western and before you know it there'll be a mob of graduates lining up, not to agree with you, but to knock you stiff as a board, or stiffer."

Which is overstated just enough to make a near-perfect way to introduce a piece about the particular Western the talker had in mind—Western Kentucky State College, the school which perches in tiers on the top and side of a steep hill on the western edge of Bowling Green.

For, while Western graduates might not exactly attempt to harm the health of one who speaks unkindly of their school, there's no denying the fact they might seriously consider suing for slander if any college were rated as being better.

That feeling, which for lack of a better word must be called school spirit or loyalty or something equally intangible, is perhaps the most impressive feature about Western. The feeling, this almost reverent attitude for the school, is so apparent that it even diverts the attention of the campus visitor from the picturesque hilltop setting of the college.

THE old Western spirit really is crowding the 100 per cent mark among students, faculty and graduates right now. Not only is the basketball team, annually a national powerhouse, enjoying an especially good year, but the newness still hasn't worn off the fine \$750,000 Student Union Building that was opened this fall. Everybody concerned is popping buttons off their vests over the Student Union.

Actually, all factors considered, it is entirely proper to say that Western is a college with a distinct personality that reflects the Kentucky background of the vast majority of its students. There is a casual, first-name familiarity about the place that has been retained over the years as the school grew steadily during its 48 years from a handful to nearly 1,700 students.

More than that, there is a personal relationship among students, faculty and staff that has been lost in many

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## Students drop in to see the President on matters ranging from money to leaky faucets

HAIL, WESTERN! *Continued*

colleges. The office of any faculty or staff member is never closed. No student ever has been required to make an appointment to see Dr. Paul L. Garrett, the president, on any matter. Consequently, Dr. Garrett personally has reviewed student problems ranging from the need for financial help to leaky faucets in the dormitories.

Although Western, founded in 1906, isn't old as some colleges go, nearly half of its faculty of 110 has 25 years or more of service at the school. The administrative and maintenance staffs number about 110 more men and women.

Western is a good example for those who insist a college should not be evaluated on the number of fancy new buildings it has erected recently or on the sophistication of its students.

**A**LONG that line, Western has erected only two new major buildings since 1939. And more of its students dress in blue jeans and saddle shoes than in starched collars and high heels.

Until the Student Union was opened this past fall, there never had been an adequate campus gathering place for students.

The other new building is McLean Hall, a beautiful dormitory for women completed nearly six years ago. When McLean was ready, Potter Hall, which had been used by women, was remade into a dorm for men, the first hall for men the college ever had. There are two other dormitories for women, West Hall and the Rock House, a converted private residence on the edge of the campus.

In round numbers, some 800 students live in dormitories. Others reside in private homes approved and checked periodically by the school.

Western's 60-acre hilltop campus dominates the scene on every road leading into Bowling Green. From a distance the buildings, erected in three tiers along the sides of the hill, seem almost to be stacked one on top of the other. From the campus the view of the broad valley of the Barren River, which spreads out for miles to the north and east, is spectacular.

Because of its dominating heights, the hill that became the Western campus was a choice prize during the Civil War. Cannon planted there could command rail, river and road traffic in all directions.

The Confederates were quick to occupy the hill when late in 1861 General Simon B. Buckner, himself a Kentuckian, moved in and started a fortification which he named Fort Albert Sidney Johnston in honor of another native of the state who was a top-ranking Southern general.

The fall of Forts Donelson and Henry in Tennessee in 1862 made the fort untenable and the Confederates pulled out rather than risk being outflanked. Northern troops then moved in and completed the fortifications.

**T**HE upper tier of Western buildings block in what remains of the fort. The deep, rock-lined trenches now serve as campus walkways.

The three tiers of buildings are tied together with drive-ways which circle up the hill. The top ring of buildings includes Cherry Hall, the main classroom building; the library, Administration Building, Potter Hall and the Student Union. The next ring down includes the Training School, Home Economics Building, Industrial Arts Building, gym, McLean and West Halls and the president's home. The bottom row includes Ogden and Snell Halls, the Kentucky Building, the heating plant, swimming pool, veterans housing village and the demonstration home where home economics majors live for some time in learning how to manage a home.

Generally speaking, the main part of the campus is

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Western Kentucky State College from the air. The labels identify the principal buildings. The hill on which it stands dominates the city.







CENTRAL HEATING  
PLANT

N HALL

WEST HALL

KENTUCKY BUILDING

PRESIDENT'S HOME

POTTER HALL

VAN METER AUDITORIUM

CIVIL WAR TRENCHES

STUDENT UNION

LIBRARY

CHERRY HALL

WOMEN'S  
DORMITORY

SCHOOL





A view inside the \$750,000 Student Union Building. It has a fine cafeteria and meeting rooms. This main room can be cleared to hold dances.

## The whole town wants to see Western play, but students and faculty get seats first



McLean Hall, a dormitory for women, was opened in 1948 and has space for about 200 students.

bounded by 15th Street on the east, State Street on the south and Highway 68 on the north. Except for Ogden and Snell Halls and the stately Kentucky Building, all main buildings lie inside that outline. Downtown Bowling Green is about six blocks east.

Since two thirds of all Western graduates enter some kind of school work, education is the largest department of the college. It was to train teachers and school administrators that the college was founded.

However, courses are offered for those entering technical and professional schools. Both the Army Ground Forces and Air Force maintain Reserve Officer Training Corps units on the campus.

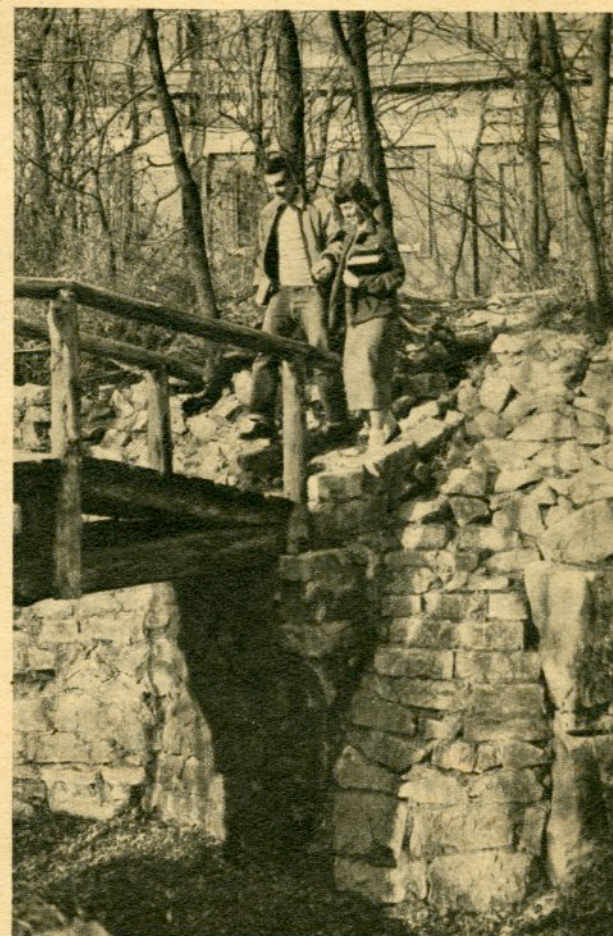
It has been estimated that more than 500 Western graduates are coaching athletics of some kind at Kentucky schools. This system of scouts who keep Western coaches posted on promising athletes in their sections has been cited as one reason for the success of Hilltopper teams. Last year Western won five of seven championships in the Ohio Valley Conference and shared the title in a sixth sport. The big trophy case in the Student Union is packed already with more than 60 trophies won in sports.

Despite that success, Western has taken steps to keep athletics as only one part of the college program. The policy has been that the teams belong to the students. Practice sessions never are closed or secret.

Coach Ed Diddle's basketball teams draw so well that there is a great rush for seats. However, seats for students and faculty are reserved before tickets for the general public go on sale.

There was considerable pressure brought to bear to have school authorities use available money to build a new fieldhouse instead of the Student Union. That way, many argued, more outsiders could attend basketball games.

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Maggie Roberts, Louisville, and Dick Smoot, Jr., Ashland, on a bridge that crosses an old trench.



WESTERN Vs MEMPHIS STATE  
Jan. 23, 1954

HILLTOPPERS

Coach E. A. Diddle

NO.	NAME	POSITION
10	CLARK, Ronnie	Guard
11	MILLER, Dencil	Guard
17	WHITSELL, Jerry	Forward
20	WEBER, Jerry	Center
21	BENBROOK, Tom	Guard
25	LITKE, Walter	Forward
26	STRINGFIELD, Max	Guard
27	COLE, Lynn	Forward
28	KING, Dan	Forward
35	VAHLKAMP, Chas.	Forward
39	TURNER, Jack	Guard
41	MARSHALL, Tom	Forward
42	WHITEHOUSE, Ronnie	Guard
47	KEMP, Bobby	Guard
49	HARNED, Victor	Forward
51	RADER, Bobby	Forward
63	CALLISON, Jim	Guard
64	GREER, Kay	Guard
77	ABLE, Forest	Guard
80	SPOLESTRA, Art	Center
88	DANIELS, Bob	Forward
90	MILLER, Ferrell	Guard
98	WALLACE, Frank	Center

TIGERS

Coach Eugene "Doc" Lambert

NO.	NAME	POSITION
3	DOYLE, Neal	Guard
11	CALDWELL, K.	Guard
13	ARNOLD, Forest	Forward & Center
15	SCOTT, Hoover	Center
17	SIMS, Bill	Forward
22	McLAIN, Bill	Forward
43	KINDER, Dick	Guard
44	DAVIS, Millard	Center
45	WILSON, Wayne	Guard
55	FORTNER, Elmore	Guard
99	WINN, Don	Guard
	Edrington, D.	Guard
	Sevier, Charles	
	Smith, Welborn	Forward

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Officials: Tim O'Brien (Galconda, Ill.)  
Walter Wells (Nashville, Tenn.)

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	6'7" KING ★★ 1	1		1		1		1
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✓✓✓✓	6'3" COLE ★★ 1	1		1	211	5	22112	13
✓✓✓✓	6' ABLE ★★ 1	1	2	3	22	7		Fouled Out 7
✓✓	6'3" TURNER ★ 2	2	22	6	1121	11	211	16
	6'6" WHITSELL							
✓	6'4" GREER ★							
	5'11" MILLER ★					1		1
	6'2" CALLISON							
	6'3" F. MILLER							
	6'7" DANIELS							
	6'11" WALLACE							
	7' WEBER							
✓✓✓	DUFFY			19	112112	27	212	

WESTERN-	15	29	48	57
MURRAY-	6	18	32	43

III	MARSHALL	21	3		3	222	9		9
III	TURNER	2	2	121	6	1221	12	112	17
I	SPOELSTRA	212	3	2121	9	11	10	2	12
III	COLE	212	5	2	7	22	11		11
III	ABLE	2	2		2		2		2
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	KING		2		2		2		4
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	WALLACE								
	WHITSELL								



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VANDY VS. L.S.U.

# KENTUCKY

HAGAN - 2222222	14	22211	22
RAMSEY - 22222	10	112212122	24
TSIOROPOULOS - 11122	7	2	9
EVANS - 21211	7	212	12
GRAWEMEYER -	0	22	4
ROSE - 22	4	112	8
PUCKETT -	0	11	2

43%

# VANDERBILT

TAYLOR - 2222222	14	112211	22
HARRISON -	0		0
FINCH - 11111	5	11121222	17
THYM - 2	2	212	7
MEKENZIE - 122	5	12	8
FREDRICK - 2	2	22	6
NORDHAUS - 2	2	1	3

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Pick the 16.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sharps - Tilghman
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Fredonia - Madisonville
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Dixon - Owensboro - Ni - Bassett
- 4<sup>th</sup> Central City - Greenville - Morgantown
- 5<sup>th</sup> Allen Co. - Cumberland Co. - Glasgow - Bensenville
- 6<sup>th</sup> Caverna - Vine Grove - Adair Co. - Campbellsville
- 7<sup>th</sup> Manual - Flagit - male - St. x.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Shelbyville - Oldham Co. - Gallatin Co.
- 9<sup>th</sup> Newport Cath. - Covington - Helms - Helton.
- 10<sup>th</sup> Burdon Co. - Bracken Co. - Georgetown - Paris
- 11<sup>th</sup> Lafayette
- 12<sup>th</sup> Danville - Russell Co.
- 13<sup>th</sup> Wallins - Mc Kee - Lynch - Hall - Cumberland Clay Co.
- 14<sup>th</sup> Powell Co. - Hindman - Oiler Co. - Carr Creek.
- 15<sup>th</sup> Pikeville - Inez - Belfry - Meade mem.
- 16<sup>th</sup> Ashland - Clark Co.



## WESTERN Vs TENN. TECH

Feb. 20, 1954

HILLTOPPERS			:	EAGLES		
Coach E. A. Diddle			:	Coach Raymond Brown		
NO.	NAME	POSITION	:	NO.	NAME	POSITION
10	CLARK, RONNIE	Guard	:	10	WALL, Bobby	Forward
11	MILLER, Dencil	Guard	:	11	HARRIS, Bruce	Forward
17	WHITSELL, Jerry	Forward	:	12	PHILLIPS, Frank	Guard
20	WEBER, Jerry	Center	:	13	INMAN, Charles	Guard
21	BENBROOK, Tom	Guard	:	14	REED, Marvin	Guard
25	LITKE, Walter	Forward	:	15	BOYD, Richard	Forward
26	STRINGFIELD, Max	Guard	:	16	MERRITT, Herbie	Center
27	COLE, Lynn	Guard	:	18	HOWELL, "Buddy"	Guard
28	KING, Dan	Forward	:	19	HUGHES, Paul	Forward
35	VAHLKAMP, Chas.	Forward	:	20	REID, Wilbur	Forward
39	TURNER, Jack	Guard	:	21	BIRK, Paul	Forward
41	MARSHALL, Tom	Forward	:	22	O'Neil, Palo	Guard
42	WHITEHOUSE, Ronnie	Guard	:	23	WINNINGHAM, Ken	Center
49	HARNED, Victor	Forward	:			
63	CALLISON, Jim	Guard	:			
64	GREER, Kay	Guard	:			
77	ABLE, Forest	Guard	:			
80	SPOELSTRA, Art	Center	:			
88	DANIELS, Bob	Forward	:			

Officials: Jack Keys (Knoxville, Tenn.)  
Tim O'Brien (Galconda, Ill.)

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NEXT AND FINAL GAME OF THE SEASON

Monday, February 22  
WESTERN VS U. OF CINCINNATI

## WESTERN Vs SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA

Dec. 5, 1953

HILLTOPPERS			:	SOUTHEASTERN LIONS		
Coach E. A. Diddle			:	Coach Luther Marlar		
NO.	NAME	POSITION	:	NO.	NAME	POSITION
10	CLARK, RONNIE	Guard	:	3	SHARP, Dick	Guard
11	MILLER, Dencil	Guard	:	4	HOOD, Donald	Guard
17	WHITSELL, Jerry	Forward	:	5	FACIANE, Huey	Guard
20	WEBER, Jerry	Center	:	11	FOSTER, Clifford	Forward
21	BENBROOK, Tom	Guard	::	12	KINSLEY, Charles	Forward
25	LITKE, WALTER	Forward	:	13	COMBS, Bobby	Guard
26	STRINGFIELD, Max	Guard	:	14	SCHIEBER, Bob	Guard
27	COLE, Lynn	Guard	:	15	HESS, George	Forward
28	KING, Dan	Forward	:	21	PITT, Dudley	Forward
35	VAHLKAMP, Chas.	Forward	:	22	MITCHELL, James	Guard
39	TURNER, Jack	Guard	:	23	WAGNER, Dennis	Center
41	MARSHALL, Tom	Forward	:	24	STIGA, Richard	Center
42	WHITEHOUSE, Ronnie	Guard	:	25	ASKEROTH, Jerry	Forward
47	KEMP, Bobby	Guard	:	31	HARVEY, Mack	Forward
49	HARNED, Victor	Forward	:	32	HARRIS, Raymond	Forward
51	RADER, Bobby	Forward	:			
63	CALLISON, Jim	Guard	:			
64	GREER, Kay	Guard	::			
77	ABLE, Forest	Guard	:			
80	SPOELSTRA, Art	Center	:			
88	DANIELS, Bob	Forward	::			
90	MILLER, Ferrell	Guard	:			
98	WALLACE, Frank	Center	:			

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Officials: Hickman Duncan (Nashville, Tenn.)  
Vincent Zachem (Madisonville, Ky.)



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