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CARRYING BIG HOPES in the Mason-Dixon's shotput event (from left) are Western Kentucky's Jesse Stuart, brother John and Chuck Enick. The competition at Freedom Hall begins Feb 19.

Stuart down to 222 for Mason-Dixon

Jesse sheds muscle for speed

BY TOM PATTERSON

COURIER JOURNAL & TIMES Staff writer

When Jesse Stuart gets ready to heave a shot, a police track coach once noted: "It's like a washing machine charging clothes from nine to spin dry."

The Bengals, Ky., native, now in his sophomore year at Western Kentucky University will be doing his laundry chores in Louisville on Feb. 19. Young Jesse and older brother John will be in the Mason-Dixon Games at Freedom Hall.

Track enthusiasts will notice that Jesse is sporting a bushy full beard and John a 40-inch mustache and porkchop shoulders. Other than this, the duo still differ very little from last year, when they swept the blue ribbons with a put of 122.2 and John finished third (113.4 1/2).

"I really look forward to the Louisville meet because it is one of the few times I get to preform before a Kentucky crowd," said Jesse pedantically between one of his weightlifting sessions.

However, he definitely won't beat his best when he steps into the ring to defend his title. He started training after a winter layoff—three weeks ago. During that span he practiced only five sessions with the shot. Most of the time has been spent lifting weights.

"I switched from light to heavy lifting here soon as hell," said Jesse. "And my technique has to be way off. I never get around to it until the more important competition begins."

The "more important" competition comes in June with the NCAA finals, something that Jesse is determined to win.

Chief competition for the brother act in the Mason-Dixon Games will come from Brian O'Brien of the Chicago Track Club. Member finished second last year. "I'm every time I faced him last year indoors," said Jesse. "But he beat me twice outdoors."

Brother act has advantages

Joining Jesse and John as entries from Western will be Chuck Enick, whose outdoor specialty is the discus. The trio is hoping to become the second school to have three 60-foot shuttlers on the same team. Kansas was the first.

At 6-foot-6, 222 pounds, Jesse is 20 pounds lighter than last season when he finished eighth in the Olympic trials. However, the loss, Jesse feels, has been made up with quickness. His best throw—122.2—came in the Games and People Meet in Louisville last August.

"Having my brother to throw against really helps me," said Jesse. "When I throw against him, it's not like throwing against anyone else. We have an ad

vantange because we can talk each other. We do wrong.

While the most important part of putting a shot is the two or three seconds of blurred action before the release. Jesse claims much is mental. "Coaching only goes so far," he said. "A lot depends on the individual and the mood. It's not as easy as one might think getting the body to do what the mind wants."

Of 32 members on Western's track team, 23 are from Louisville and several will be appearing at the Mason-Dixon. David Jagger, a Butler graduate and state high school record holder in the 800, is entered in the Kentucky half mile. Jagger's best time is 1:59.8.

Don Thomas of Male, Mike Moore of Eastern and John Hunt of St. Xavier will attend.

Wayne Phillips, a Nebraska, in the BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Western's highly-touted track and field team, expected to be one of the Toppers' strongest in history, got its 1973 campaign off to a good start here over the weekend.

The Hilltoppers competed in their first record-meet at Indiana University, while Western's junior college transfer sprinter Bobby Ware ran solo in the Knights of Columbus Invitational at Cleveland, Ohio, and stole the show.

Ware, running the 50-yard dash in his home town, won the event in the prestigious invitational with a time of 5.1, establishing a new meet and field house record and tying the existing world record.

The major portion of Western's squad also made a name for itself here at IU by finishing third behind Indiana and Alabama in wins and places.

Tapper short putter Jesse Stuart took one throw to win and established a new school, meet and field house record in his specialty.

Stuart, a transfer from the University of Kentucky, finished competition with a best throw of 62 feet, 6 inches.

Also starting for the Hilltoppers was All-American Nick Rose, who won the mile run and established a new meet record of 4:49.5.

Rose also ran in the two-mile event, and finished fourth with a good time of 9:04.

And in another distance event, the Toppers' Dave Jagger opened his collegiate track career by winning the 1000-yard run and setting a new school record with a time of 2:13.6.

Other highlights for the Toppers' squad included:

Wayne Phillips, who set a school record in the 800-yard run with a time of 1:27.2, and finished fifth overall.

-Freshman hurdler Joey Ammerman, who narrowly missed the finals in a talented field but managed to better the school record of 6.8 seconds in the 10-yard high hurdles.

-Eugene Briggs, who placed fourth in the triple jump with a distance of 48-3, and sixth in the long jump with a leap of 22-8.

-Cecil Ward, who finished fifth in the triple jump with a mark of 45-3 ½, and freshman Chuck Darrard, who came in sixth in both the high jump with a leap of 6-0.

-Jesse Stuart's season opened fourth in the shot put, and the 4-by-400 yard relay team of Dee F. Fair, Donald J. Lewis, Philadelphia and Wayne Phillips placed fourth with a time of 3:32.1.

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Ware wins at Cleveland

Toppers' track squad shows well in IU meet
Western has 14 entries

Mason-Dixon Games set

Western's track team goes to Louisville for the prestigious Mason-Dixon Games this Saturday.

A number of the Western's squad members have been accepted into the outstanding field. The Hilltopper entries include: John Rice, Mike McCoy, and Nick Rose in the intermediate mile and two mile, respectively; Ross Munn and David Jaggers in the Kentucky mile; Emmett Briggs in the triple jump; Robert Ware in the 100 yard dash; and Donald Thornton. John Rice, Wayne Phipps and Mike McCoy in the Kentucky mile relay.

The Hilltoppers opened the 1973 indoor season in 'Grand style' on Feb. 3. Competing against the 14 teams at the Indiana Relays, the Hilltoppers won three events and placed in twelve.

Discussing the season opener, Coach Jerry Bean stated, "We have to discipline ourselves to live up to our expectations this year. My athletes are working hard and not letting up the day before the meet. This approach limits performances this time of the year, but pays great dividends in May and June."

Jesse Stuart paced the Hilltopper field crew as he won the shot put with a throw of 42 feet and 64 inches. This mark established meet, field house, and school records.

We are performing better than we did at Indiana last year despite the fact this year's meet was a week earlier," said Bean.

Daily track

Keeping everything in proper perspective, I am very pleased at this stage..."

David Jaggers and Nick Rose headed the Western runners. Jaggers, a freshman from Louisville, won the 1,000 yard run in 2:13.4. Rose, a cross-country All-American, won the mile in 4:49.5. Jaggers' time was a new school record. He placed fifth in the half mile and Rose was fourth in the two mile run.

Wayne Phipps and Mike McCoy set new school records in their events. Phipps posted a 1:27.2 in the 200 yard dash and Ammerman ran 5:03 to tie the 1,500 yard high school mark.

Jumpers Emmett Briggs, Cecil Ward and Chuck Harter also placed in the meet. Briggs leaped 6 feet and 3 inches in the triple jump, and 22 feet and 10 inches in the long jump. Ward leaped fourth and sixth, respectively. Ward's 46 feet and 14 inches gave him fifth place in the triple jump. Harter finished second in the high jump at 6 feet, 6 inches.

Robert Ware, junior college transfer from Cleveland, Ohio, returned home for the Knights of Columbus meet Feb. 3. The fleet junior with the 50 yard dash is an outstanding field that included Olympian Gerald Tinker and Mot Mil. Pender. His time of 6.1 was 1.1 second above the existing world record.

Robert's run..."}

Western track troops head for E. Illinois

Western's track team shoots for a measure of revenge against a strong Eastern Illinois squad in an indoor meet Saturday at Charleston, Ill.

The Hilltoppers suffered a 74-48 loss to Eastern Illinois last year.

"We are vastly improved over last year at this time. As a team, we have more depth and are performing better at this stage. We will, however, require top efforts from every member of our squad if we are to defeat Eastern Illinois," Eastern Illinois has all of last year's top performers returning for this season. The Panthers finished third in the college division of the NCAA Championships last June.

Eastern Illinois is led by sprinter Donnie Brown, triple jumper Donnie Brown, and long jumper Daniel Brown. Jackson and Brown were second in the 1973 NCAA competition in their events.

"The acceleration of the sports and has run a 6.1 second time in the 50-yard dash at this water," in addition, the Panthers have shown strength in the high jump, distance events and shot put. Bean stated. Eastern Illinois has tremendous balance and several blue chip athletes.

Discussing the Hilltoppers showing at last week's Mason-Dixon Games in Louisville, Bean stated, "Our performances were more than adequate in most cases. Nick Rose had a fine run in his winning effort of 4:07.5 in the two-mile run. Emmett Briggs set a new school record in the Triple Jump.

Ross Munn had a personal best..."
Top tracksters dominate relays

Other highlights for the Toppers were:
- The mile run, where Ross Muro finished third with a time of 4:12.4, and Chris Rider was fourth at 4:13.4.
- The 800, where Wayne Phillips placed second with a time of 1:50.5.
- The high jump, where Chuck Dumas leaped six feet and a half inch to finish in the No. 3 spot.
- The distance medley relay, where Western's team of Jagers, Muro, Hulter and Mike Yates came in fourth with a time of 10:17.4.
- The mile relay, where the team of Phillips, Donald Thornton, John Ride and Mike McCoy finished third with a time of 3:17.8.

A total of 23 teams competed in the prestigious relays.

Western track, tennis schedules are released

Western's track teams hosted a mid-season invitational meet in preparation for consecutive Ohio Valley Conference championship which will open the indoor season at the Rexall Installations March 20.

The schedule for Coach Jerry Bean's Hilltoppers announced this week:
- The Hilltoppers will face four opponents from the Big Ten traveling to Bloomington, Ind., to take on Indiana April 7.
- Other home meets for Western are triangular events.
- The Hilltoppers beat Murray State and Memphis State April 7 and lost to Eastern Kentucky and Arkansas State April 21.
- The OVC Championships are set for May 18-19 at Morehead, Ky.
- The schedule:
  - March 25 Memphis State
  - March 31 Michigan, April 7 Murray State, Memphis State
  - April 12 Indiana, April 21 Eastern Kentucky, Arkansas State
  - April 28 Tennessee Tech
  - April 27-28 Drake Relays
  - May 2 Southeast Missouri State

The schedule:
- March 1-2 Portland State
- March 10-12 Chattanooga
- March 12 Colgate
- March 18 Notre Dame
- March 19-20 Ohio State
- March 20-21 St. Louis
- March 22-23 Western Illinois
- March 21-22 Troy State
- April 10-11 Georgia Tech
- April 12-13 Alabama
- April 12-13 Arkansas State
- April 17-18 Austin Peay
- April 19-20 Louisville
- April 20-21 Tennessee
- April 21-22 Alabama State
- April 23-24 Middle Tennessee State
- April 24-25 Morehead State
- April 25-26 Eastern Kentucky
- April 26-27 Tennessee Tech
- April 28-29 Indiana State
- April 28-29 Kentucky
- May 11-12 Kentucky State
- May 11-12 Illinois State
- May 12-13 Murray State
- May 14-15 Missouri State
- May 15-16 Western Kentucky
- May 16-17 Morehead State
- May 16-17 Charleston Southern
- May 17-18 Western Kentucky

Meanwhile Coach Ted Hornback's Western Kentucky tennis team will open the 1973 season March 6 against the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga.

That match will mark the beginning of a 14-day road trip and a 7-match schedule for the Hilltoppers, who won their 10th Ohio Valley Conference championship last spring.

The Hilltoppers will face for their 18th OVC title at the end of this year's regular season schedule. The league championships are set May 18-19 at Morehead State.
Top tracksters breeze

The six-mile run, won by Chris Riddle on a time of 30 minutes, 26.3 seconds, is a new school event record.

- The three-mile run, won by Riddle and Nick Rose, won by a time of 14 minutes, 22.2 seconds.
- The mile run, won by Riddle, won by a time of 4 minutes, 41 seconds.
- The half-mile run, won by Rose, won by a time of 1 minute, 39.4 seconds.
- The shot put, where Nick Rose won with a toss of 59 feet, 11 inches.

Western's Emmett poured a second in the pole vault with a distance of 1 feet, 11 inches, and Mike Vikes won second in the 440-yard intermediate hurdles with a time of 54.5 seconds.

The entire meet was conducted in a steady rain, with crosswinds of 20-30 miles per hour hampering the efforts of all the participants.

The Topppers home opener is scheduled for 1 p.m. Saturday against powerful Michigan, with the meet moved up to Indiana in the recent Big Ten indoor meet.
In Saturday meet

Top tracksters host Michigan

Several nationally ranked track and field stars will feature Saturday's clash between Western's defending Ohio Valley, Conference championships and Michigan of the Big Ten.

The main portion of the meet gets underway at 1 p.m., in Western's L.T. Smith Stadium, with the six-mile run scheduled at 10:30 a.m.

The meet is the 1973 home opener for the Hilltoppers and marks the first time they have ever faced Michigan in dual meet competition.

"Michigan has an excellent track program and great athletic tradition," said Western Coach Jerry Bean in previewing the meet. "Coach Don Farmer has brought their program a long way in the past three years. They finished second in the Big Ten indoor championships last month."

The Wolverines will be led by a pair of Olympians, Godfrey Murray and Kim Rowe. Both competed for Jamaica in the most recent Olympics and Pan American Games.

Godfrey has a personal best of 11.5 seconds (wind aided) in the high hurdles and has run 9.6 in the 100-yard dash. He has won a total of five Big Ten hurdle titles.

"Rowe ran a 45.4 on Jamaica's 100-meter relay team in Munich," Bean explained. "He owns a personal best of 10.3 in the outdoor 100 and he won the Big Ten outdoor title in 1972 and repeated as champion indoors last month."

Western has some stars of national reputation, too. Distance standout Nick Rose and shot putter Jesse Stuart were both named All-Americans for the second time in their careers last month at the NCAA Indoor Championships in Detroit.

Junior sprinter Bobby Ware is also among the nation's best and teammates like long jumper and triple Emmett Briggs and discus thrower Chuck Evers are on the brink of breaking into the national spotlight.

"This should be a great meet for the spectators," said Bean. "We hope for good weather and a nice crowd. Most events will have at least one nationally ranked athlete and some will have one or two that qualify for the superstars."
In biggest dual meet ever?

Top tracksters host Michigan

By CLARK HANES
Daily News Sports Editor

It should be the best track meet Western has ever hosted, not only in the history of L.T. Smith Stadium but in the history of the school's nationally-known track program.

Western's highly-touted track squad, fresh off a resounding win in the Memphis Invitational Tournament last weekend in its outdoor debut, hosts powerful Michigan at 1 p.m. Saturday in the Toppers' biggest dual meet in history.

The meet will feature a host of nationally ranked track and field stars from both squads, and will be the Toppers' home opener.

Saturday's meet will also be the first time the two schools have ever met in dual competition.

Michigan, under third-year coach Dixon Farmer, recently finished second only to perennial power Indiana in the Big Ten indoor meet, and the Wolverines have made vast improvements in their track program since Farmer's arrival three years ago.

Western, on the other hand, has dominated the Ohio Valley Conference with such a strong hand that it is almost boring to talk about.

The Hilltoppers are shooting for a phenomenal 10th straight track title this season in the OVC, and it appears that No. 10 is going to come along just as easily as the last nine.

Last year, for example, the Toppers scored a total of 85 1/2 points in the Ohio Valley Conference championships at Johnson City, Tenn., and host East Tennessee was second with a distant 57 points.

In fact, Western appears to be even stronger this year than last with the addition of a few valuable individuals, and last weekend's invitational meet at Memphis seems to be a hint of things to come.

Among a nine-team field which included the University of Missouri and host Memphis State, Western racked up 85 points while its closest competitor (Missouri) managed only 42.

The Toppers' dominance of the meet was complete — they scored in 16 of the 19 events and place two or more men in 10 events.

From last season, the Toppers return OVC titlists in the miles run (Nick Rose), the triple jump (Emmett Briggs), the shot and discus (Chuck Eneix), the high jump (John Reed), and the 440 relay (Frank Walker, Clarence Jackson, Mike McCoy and Wavern Thompson).

Jesse and John Stuart, in their first year of eligibility at Western after transferring from Kentucky, are two of the top newcomers and help to give the Toppers perhaps the best weight contingent in the land.

Eneix owns the school record shot toss with a heave of 58 feet, four and three-fourths inches, but Jesse owns a toss of 66-2 and John's best throw is 60-5.

Robert Ware, a junior college transfer, and Donald Thornton, a freshman, give the Toppers one of their best-sprint squads in years, while several other newcomers both transfers and freshmen — also will figure not only in the Toppers' performance against Michigan but in the remainder of the season.

But Western coach Jerry Bean, in his second year at the Toppers' helm, points out that the times and distances logged by the Michigan squad are just as impressive as those of the Toppers.

Michigan's team features a pair of Jamaicans, Godfrey Murray and Kim Rowe, who competed for their country in the recent Olympics and Pan-American Games.

Godfrey owns a time of 13.5 seconds in the high hurdles and a time of 9.6 seconds in the 100-yard dash, while Rowe is the defending Big Ten champion in the 440-yard run with a time of 49.9 seconds.

No admission is charged to Western's track meet, and a large crowd is expected to be on hand at Smith Stadium for Saturday's regular season showdown.
A triangular track meet with two tough rivals and a baseball doubleheader with a non-conference foe highlighted the home spring schedule at Western Kentucky this weekend.

Fresh from a rather surprisingly easy 33-20 win over the University of Michigan last week, Western's track team will host Murray State and Memphis State in L.T. Smith Stadium Saturday, starting at 2:30 p.m.

The baseball team hosts Bellarmine in a twin bill at 1 p.m. Friday.

The Hilltopper tennis team goes on the road to Murray, this weekend, tackling Middle Tennessee Thursday, Friday and Austin Peay Saturday in their first two official Ohio Valley Conference matches of the season.

Coach Ted Hornback's defending league champions will be facing one of the OVC's most improved teams when they take on Middle Tennessee. And Austin Peay was a close second to the Hilltoppers in last spring's Conference race.

Half of the points toward the OVC title are earned in regular season matches, with the remaining points being earned in the league tournament, set this year at Morehead on May 18-19.

The Hilltopper netters dumped the University of Kentucky last week, 6-3, to run their season record to 8-3.

Western's baseball team carried a 2-4 record into a pair of games with Campbellsville today at home.

"Our hitters just haven't been able to get in enough work because of the weather," said Western Coach Jim Pickens. "but our pitchers have just been doing a whale of a job."

"We have been batted around hard in only about two games so far this season. That's really amazing, when you think about the limited amount of action we have gotten so far."

Nick Rose and Emmett Briggs each won two events in Western's track victory over highly regarded Michigan last week. Rose won the mile in 3:19.4 and the triple jump at 26 feet, 6 1/2 inches, and 30 feet, 3 inches, respectively.

Sprinter Bobby Ware barely missed a double win. He took first place in the 100-yard dash with a 9.9-second performance despite running into the teeth of a virtual gale.

Then he ran a school record 20.9 seconds in the 220 dash, although he was nipped at the wire by Michigan's Olympic sprinter, Kim Rowell, who finished first in 20.8 seconds.

Shot putter Jesse Stuart broke his own week-old school record with a heave of 61 feet, 2 inches.

Other first place winners for the Hilltoppers included Cecil Ward in the javelin (191-01), Chuck Evans in the discus (173-09), Ken Welsh in the pole vault (154-0), Mike Yates in the 440-yard hurdles (53-8), and the 440-yard relay team of Clarence Jackson, Don Thornton, Ken Thompson and Bobby Ware (45.8).
Murray, Memphis
invade Western
for track meet

by BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — A triangular track meet with two tough rivals and a baseball doubleheader with a non-conference foe highlight the home spring schedule at Western Kentucky this weekend.

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The Hilltopper tennis team dumped the University of Kentucky last week, 6-3, to run its season record to 8-3.

Nick Rose and Emmett Briggs each won two events in Western's track victory over Michigan. Rose won the six mile in 31:10.5 and the triple jump at 25 feet, 1 1/2 inches, and 50 feet, 3 1/2 inches, respectively. Sprinter Bobby Ware barely missed a double. He took the 100-yard dash in 9.9 despite running into the teeth of a virtual gale. He also ran a school record 20.3 seconds in the 220 dash, although he was blown out at the wire by Michigan's Olympic sprinter, Kim Brown, who finished first in 20.0 seconds.

Shut-upster Jesse Stuart broke his own world-record school record with a heave of 64 feet, 2 inches.

Other first place winners for Western included Cecil Ward in the javelin (191-10), Chuck Ennis in the discus (172.9), Ken Welsh in the pole vault (134), Mike Yates in the 440-yard hurdles (53.8), and the 440-yard relay team of Clarence Jackson, Don Thornton, Waverly Thompson and Hobby Ware (41.5).

Western 101, Racers 42, Tigers 35

Tops wallop Murray, Memphis
in triangular track mismatch

Everybody was wondering what Western's powerful track team could do to top last week's stunning 25-60 romp past highly-favored Michigan, and the Hilltoppers showed just what they could do for an encore Saturday at L. T. Smith Stadium.

In a triangular meet with Ohio Valley Conference rival Murray and Memphis State at the Missouri Valley Conference, Western blazed its two guests by rolling up a staggering 101 points.

Murray finished a distant second to the Toppers with only 42 points, and Memphis wound up with a total of just 20 points.

The rain-plagued meet didn't start to finish. Jerry Jeffery's rain-plagued meet didn't start to finish. Jerry Jeffery's rain-plagued meet didn't start to finish. Jerry Jeffery's rain-plagued meet didn't start to finish. Jerry Jeffery's rain-plagued meet didn't start to finish. Jerry Jeffery's rain-plagued meet didn't start to finish. Jerry Jeffery's rain-plagued meet didn't start to finish. The only double-event winners of the day were Emmett Briggs of Western, who won both the long jump and triple jump, and Lynn Fox of Memphis, who took honors in both the 100-yard dash and the 220.

Western's Nick Rose was the dominant runner in a stadium record time of 12 minutes, 48.8 seconds, despite the foul weather.

Rose's time in the three-mile, however, was the only mark set during the day.

Western is now faced with its biggest assignment of the regular season next weekend, when the Toppers are scheduled to travel to Bloomington, Ind., to take on Indiana's Big Ten favorites.

The awesome Hoosiers routed the Toppers 93-51 here last season, but Western's strong showing against Michigan here last weekend — in addition to the Toppers' performance Saturday — indicate a close meet may be in store.


Relay — 1. Memphis (Knight, Fox, Guy and Taylor), 41.2; 2. Western (Jackson, McCay, Thompson, Ware), 41.3; 3. Murray-Sewanay, Flax, Buckley and Jacobs), 41.2.


440 Dash — 1. Fred Sowery (Mai), 48.3; 2. David West (Mu), 48.6; 3. Mike Campbell (Mu), 48.7; 4. Donald Thornton (WK), 49.9.

Triple Jump — 1. Emmett Briggs (WK), 48.4; 2. Audrey Johnson (WK), 47.7; 3. Ken Williams (WK), 47.6; 4. Tom Williams (Mu), 46.9.

100 Dash — 1. Lynn Fox (Mu), 21.7; 2. Cliff Taylor (Mu), 22.2; 3. Fred Sowerberry (Mu), 22.4; 4. Larry Brooks (Mu), 23.1.


880 Dash — 1. Wayne Pippins (WK), 1:54.6; 2. David Sowter (Mu), 1:54.9; 3. Tom Leach (Mu), 1:54.5; 4. Pat Francisc (Mu), 1:57.1.

440 Hurdles — Mike Yates (WK), 54.3; 2. John Rose (WK), 55.5; 3. Pat Verry (Mu), 57.2; 4. Gary Taylor (WK), 57.6.

220 Dash — 1. Lynn Fox (Mu), 21.7; 2. Cliff Taylor (Mu), 22.2; 3. Fred Sowerberry (Mu), 22.4; 4. Larry Brooks (Mu), 23.1.
A hair-raising heave

A. J. STUART throws the shot put as his hair stands on end in the rain during Saturday's triangular track meet with Murray and Memphis at L. T. Smith Stadium. Stuart won his event with a toss of 15 feet, nine inches, and Western overwhelmed its two guests in the team scoring.

Top tracksters invade Indiana

Indiana University's track and field team stands in the way of a possibly undefeated regular season as Western Kentucky travels to Bloomington, Ind., to battle the Hoosiers Saturday. Indiana, the powerhouse Big Ten indoor champions, will field a team with great talent and depth. Sprinters William Wallace, Glenn Love and Winlow Taylor give them exceptional speed from the 100 through the 440-yard dash.

Rick Adams, a seven-foot high jumper, is backed up by two other 6-6-plus jumpers. Pat Manders is the defending Big Ten 3-mile champ and is expected to give Hilltopper All-American Nick Rose a real duel in that event.

Western Head Coach Jerry Bean said, "We still have some minor injuries and illnesses and we really need to be at full strength for this one. We will just have to take up the slack in some other events. They have three top alligators in the mile, half-mile and discus." He added, "In these and several other events, we match strength against strength. The javelin is their only weak event and the steeplechase is ours. It shapes up as a very tough meet and it will take a great effort on our part to win."

This is the sixth meeting of the two powers in their respective conferences. The Hilltoppers have only one victory to their credit in the series.

Earlier this season, Western defeated another strong team in the Big Ten, University of Michigan, 90-63 here at L.T. Smith Stadium.

Meanwhile, in other spring sports action this weekend, the Hilltoppers' baseball team plays host to Austin Play in a doubleheader Saturday and the tennis squad travels to Morehead today.

Coach Ted Hornback's tennis team, still undefeated in Ohio Valley Conference play, will actually be taking part in a triangular meet at Morehead, along with the host Eagles and Eastern.

The Hilltoppers are scheduled to meet Morehead today before colliding with Eastern in Saturday.

Western's baseballers, meanwhile, are slated to host OVC rival Austin Play at 1 p.m. Saturday for a twin bill that will count in the Western Division standings.

Murray, though, has "...qualitatively sewed up the division title. So Western and the Governors will actually be battling for second place in the division."

Jim Picker's Toppers will carry a 2-5 division record and a 7-7 mark overall into Saturday's doubleheader.
Toppers' tennis, track teams in final homestands this week

The final 1973 home appearance of Western's defending Ohio Valley Conference track champions and the final home league action for its reigning tennis kings highlights this weekend's spring sports activities for the Hilltoppers.

Coach Ted Horbach's tennis team will try to add to its two-point lead in the current OVC standings when it hosts Tennessee Tech Friday and East Tennessee Saturday.

The Tech match gets underway at 2 p.m., and the duel with East Tennessee starts at 1 p.m.

The Hilltopper track team will try to bounce back from its first dual meet defeat of the season Saturday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. when they tackle powerful Indiana's and Arkansas State in a triangular meet.

The Western tracksters fell to Eastern and Arkansas State in both meets last weekend with a 9-6 shutout over Morehead State and a 14-1 win over Eastern. The win over Morehead and Eastern put in relatively good shape in the Conference race, said Horbach, but "we can't afford a letdown anywhere."

"Both Tech and East Conference have very capable teams and we'll need to be playing some of our best tennis of the spring," Junior Hanss Ahman and Western Powers pace the squad with 15-2 won-lost records.

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"The win over Morehead and Eastern put it in relatively good shape in the Conference race," said Horbach, but "we can't afford a letdown anywhere."

Despite a 97-38 loss to Big 10 power Indiana University last weekend, Western's track team will be solid favorites in the final home meet of the season against Arkansas State and Eastern Kentucky Saturday.

The triangular meet at 4:30 p.m., Smith Stadium will start at 3:30 p.m., with the field event and this season the Hilltoppers are unbeaten at home.

This will be the final home appearance for several Hilltopper seniors. Cecil Ward, Chuck Eaves, John Stuard, Nick Grant, Tim Harris, Fred Lawrence, Wayne Phipps, John Rice, Daryl Smith, Frank Walker and Mike Yates will all compete before Western's students for the last time.

Arkansas State will be led by fine springers and are strong through the mile run. Quarter-miler Tyrone Tiffen holds 46s, David McGough has run 9-6 in the 100-yard dash and 21-2 in the 200.

Tim Vaughn and John Scuro are two fine middle distance runners. Arkansas State's 440 relay team has run the distance in 41.1 this year.

Eastern boasts more field event talent and is led by a trio of fine mile runners. Jim Stallham had jumped 16.4 this year. Quarter-miler Tyrone Tiffen holds 46s, David McGough has run 9-6 in the 100-yard dash and 21-2 in the 200.

Western's top coach Jerry Bean said, "Arkansas State has great runners through the mile and in both relays. Eastern Kentucky is strong from the 440 on up and a stronger in the field events."

He added, "We need desperately to put over our best showing ever in the relays."

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Health is key for Western in track finale

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BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — Despite a disappointing 97-56 loss to Big 10 power Indiana University last weekend, Western Kentucky’s track team will be a solid favorite in its final home meet of the season against Arkansas State and Eastern Kentucky.

The meet starts at 3:30 p.m. in L.T. Smith Stadium. Western is unbeaten at home.

Arkansas State will be led by sprinter David McGough and middle distance runners Jim Vaughan and John Scorton. McGough has been clocked 9.8 in the 100-yard dash and 21.4 in the 220. Anthony Stroman has run 47.6 in the 440, while the 440-relay team has gone 41.3.

However, Eastern boasts the lion’s share of field events talent, especially in pole vaulting where Jim Stahlhut has gone 15 feet 4 inches. Quarter-miler Tyrone Talbot heads the team’s strength in the running events.

Arkansas State boasts speed

“Arkansas State has great runners through the miles and in both relays. Eastern Kentucky is strong from the 440 on up and is stronger in the field events. This will be a fine meet,” said Western coach Jerry Bean.

“We need desperately to get over our injuries. Mike McCoy, Chris Bidler, Donald Thornton, Jene Stuart and Emmet Briggs are all injured and some may not be ready Saturday. We must get healthy the next two weeks and we still need better weather to train in,” Bean added.

To help offset the loss to IU, Western won the other half of the double dual meet, 131-17 over Cincinnati, bringing its record to 6-1 plus an impressive win in the nine-team Memphis State Invitational.

Where he made his move

JOEY AMERMAN (second from left), of Western appears to be behind both of Eastern’s Rob James (left) and Steve Weiss (third from left) at this point during the 120-yard high hurdles in Saturday’s triangular track meet with Eastern and Arkansas State at Smith Stadium, but he came back to win the event in a time of 15.8 seconds. James and Weiss finished second and third, respectively, while Western’s Dennis Bodd (right) placed fourth.
Western's track squad rolls past Arkansas State, rivals Eastern

Western's track squad bounced back from a disappointing showing one week ago to roll past visiting Arkansas State and Eastern Kentucky Saturday at Smith Stadium in a triangular meet.

The Hilltoppers, who were blasted 91-35 by powerful Indiana of the Big Ten last weekend, got back on the right track Saturday by scoring a total of 147 points, against only 97 for Arkansas State and 33 for Eastern.

The double victory upped the Hilltoppers' record to 6-4 in the season, not including a first-place finish in the multi-team Men's Invitational on the opening weekend of the outdoor season.

Jerry Bean's Topper track team splits up, "There are so many events," Bean said, "we can't let our best athletes do just one thing." He added that the meet was "a good test of our team's depth."

The Hilltoppers scored points in all 10 events, with first-place finishes in five of them.

Shane Smith in the high jump, Dick Morgan in the long jump, Rusty Miller in the 400, John Gary Starnes in the mile run and Bob Benson in the 3-mile were the team's top performers.

Following is a summary of the meet:

In the mile run, Shane Smith ran a time of 4:24.5 to set a new school record.

In the 400, Rusty Miller ran a time of :50.8, breaking the school record of :51.2.

In the Mile, Bob Benson ran a time of 4:04.2, breaking the school record of 4:07.9.

In the 3-Mile, John Gary Starnes ran a time of 14:29.4, breaking the school record of 14:36.2.

In the Discus, Dick Morgan ran a time of :14.7, breaking the school record of :14.9.

In the Long Jump, Rusty Miller ran a time of 26:7, breaking the school record of 26:8.

In the high jump, Shane Smith ran a time of 6:9, breaking the school record of 6:10.

In the shot put, Shane Smith ran a time of :14.7, breaking the school record of :14.9.

In the 1500, Bob Benson ran a time of 3:47.8, breaking the school record of 3:50.2.

In the 100, John Gary Starnes ran a time of :10.1, breaking the school record of :10.5.

In the 200, John Gary Starnes ran a time of :21.2, breaking the school record of :21.5.

In the 400, John Gary Starnes ran a time of :46.0, breaking the school record of :46.3.

In the 800, John Gary Starnes ran a time of 1:50.0, breaking the school record of 1:50.3.

In the 1500, John Gary Starnes ran a time of 4:02.0, breaking the school record of 4:04.0.

In the 3-Mile, John Gary Starnes ran a time of 14:29.4, breaking the school record of 14:36.2.

In the 5K, John Gary Starnes ran a time of 16:50.0, breaking the school record of 17:00.0.

In the 10K, John Gary Starnes ran a time of 34:30.0, breaking the school record of 34:45.0.

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Top trackmen divide, and do they conquer!

A couple at Madison Junction planned the affairs of Western's track team at Des Moines, Iowa, but everything went right for the remainder of the Toppers' squad at Tennessee Tech Saturday night.

A few elite members of the club traveled to the Drake Relays to compete in one of the nation's most prestigious track meets of the season, and the Toppers had a respectable showing in spite of a couple of injuries.

Boomers' Nick Rice got well in two events, running second in the three-mile run with a time of 12:32, setting a school record in the process of recording the third fastest three-mile time this year in the nation.

Rice also finished third in the mile run with a time of 4:16.3, while teammate Chuck Ennis wound up third in the discus with a throw of 179.3.

Jesse Stuart, the pre-season favorite to capture the collegiate shot put competition, pulled a hamstring muscle which prevented him from competing in the collegiate meet.

However, Stuart did manage a throw of 164$, in the invitational shot put competition which was good enough for third.

The Toppers received another set back in the 100-yard dash, where speedster Robert Ware qualified for the finals with a time of 9.5 but had to sit out the title run because of a hamstring pull.

Meanwhile, at Cookeville, Tenn., Saturday night, the remainder of the Toppers' squad still had plenty of firepower left and destroyed new Tennessee Tech by a 110-27 margin.

Western won every event, with Virgil Livers, Mike Yates and Doug Langdon all winning two events each.

Livers took the 100 in 9.5 seconds and won the 220 in 22.2, while Yates captured the 120 and high hurdles in 15.3 seconds and won the 440 intermediate hurdles in 52.5 seconds.

Langdon took the shot put competition with a toss of 48-93, and then won the discus with a throw of 166-99.

Other highlights included Dave Jagger's time of 1:56.9 in the 880, and Chuck Carratt's height of 8 in the high jump.

The Hilltoppers are scheduled at Southeast Missouri in a dual meet on Wednesday at Cape Girardeau, Mo.

Especially at Tech

Topper track squad downs Southeast Mo.

CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo.

Three double-event winners led Western's track team to an easy 94-50 victory over Southeast Missouri here Wednesday.

Chuck Ennis of western won the shot put with a toss of 56-11, and took the discus with a throw of 179-6.

The Toppers' distance ace, Nick Rice, won the mile run with a time of 4:11.9 and also took first-place honors in the three-mile with a time of 14:48.7.

Western's other double-event winner was Emmett Briggs, who won the long jump with a leap of 23-41, and also took the triple jump with a leap of 46-2.

The Hilltoppers won 12 of 17 events here Wednesday, despite the loss of several key members of the squad who stayed home nursing injuries.
Rose runs 4:02.3 mile; Western records topple

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KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Western Kentucky University's Nick Rose ran a personal best 4:02.3 mile yesterday to win his specialty in the Tom Black Classic track and field meet and qualify for the NCAA outdoor championships this summer. Western's Mike Yates also qualified for the NCAA meet with a 51.6 in the 440 intermediate hurdles, breaking Dave Rivers' 1971 school record of 52.1.

Western's Jesse Stuart won the shot put with a heave of 61-6 and Bob Stollman of the Western Kentucky Track Club captured the discus with a 191-11 throw. Chuck Eneill of Western was second in both events. Another Hilltopper, Bob Moreno, broke his own school record by nearly 10 seconds with a 9:12.2 time in the 3,000-meter steeplechase, good for fifth place.

Toppers fare well in meet

Western's Nick Rose and Mike Yates both qualified for the NCAA track and field eliminations Saturday at Knoxville, Tenn., as a result of their performances in the Tom Black Classic at the University of Tennessee.

Rose won the mile run with a personal best time of 4:02.3, while Yates set a school record in the 440 intermediate hurdles with a time of 51.6 seconds.

Western's Jesse Stuart won the shot put with a toss of 61-6, while the Toppers' Chuck Eneill was second at 60-6.

Eneill was also second in the discus-competition with a throw of 191-11, right behind Bob Stollman of Western's track club with a throw of 190-11.

Eneill's discus throw was also a school record.
MOREHEAD, Ky. — Western swept to its 10th straight OVC track and field championship here Saturday as the Toppers capped first place honors in eight individual events.

Leading the way was distance man Nick Rose, who took first in both the mile and the three mile. Rose's time in the three-mile run was an OVC record, as well as the fourth best time recorded in intercollegiate competition this year.

The Hilltoppers cracked conference records in three other events: Jesse Stuart in the shot put with a toss of 61-8, Mike Yates in the 440 hurdles with a time of 50.7 seconds, and Chuck Eneix, who sailed the discus 179-21/2.

Yates' time in the hurdles was the third-best college-season clocking of the year.

Other individual winners for Western were Cecil Ward in the javelin, Chuck Durrant in the high jump, Rose in the mile and the three mile, and Bobby Ware in the 100 yard dash.

Rose was also an overwhelming favorite in the 220, but he slipped leaving the blocks and finished out of the running.

With points given to the first five finishers in each event, Western amassed a team total of 90 points to easily outdistance the rest of the field. Middle Tennessee took runner-up honors with 88 points, while Murray followed with 43.

Trailing were Eastern with 40, East Tennessee with 24. Austin Peay had 22 points and Tennessee Tech had five. Host Morehead failed to score.

Summary:


Mile — 1. Nick Rose, Western, 4:08.0; 2. Sam Torres, Murray, 4:10.5; 3. Jerry Young, Eastern, 4:11.5.


Triple Jump — 1. Barry McFarland, Middle Tennessee, 52-6; 2. Emmett Briggs, Western, 50-3; 3. Tommy Haynes, Middle Tennessee, 48-1 1/2.


Relay — 1. Middle Tennessee, 41.2; 2. Eastern, 41.3; 3. Murray, 41.4.

440 Relay — 1. Middle Tennessee, 41.0; 2. Eastern, 41.3; 3. Murray, 41.4.


100 — Robert Ware, Western, 10.0; 2. Dwaine Copeland, Middle Tennessee, 10.1; 3. Virgil Livers, Western, 10.2; 4. Elmo Boyd, Eastern, 10.3; 5. Clarence Jackson, Western.


220 Hurdles — 1. Mike Yates, Western, 50.7; 2. Miles Mailie, Middle Tennessee, 52.1; 3. Huey Johnson, Middle Tennessee, 53.2; 4. Steve Seiss, Eastern, 53.4; 5. John Rice, Western.

At East Lansing

Hilltoppers capture second in Central Collegiates Meet

EAST LANSING, Michigan-Western's talented track team tuned-up for their appearance in the NCAA meet next month by claiming second place in the prestigious Central Collegiates Track Meet held here on the Michigan State campus.

Host Michigan State won the 17 team meet, but Western finished ahead of such foes as Indiana University, University of Minnesota, Michigan State College, Michigan State College, Michigan, University of Missouri, and Bowling Green.

Six Big 10 schools were entered in the competition.

Jesse Stuart led the Hilltoppers as he won the shot put with a mark of 61-4. Stuart's best came earlier this year at the Big Ten meet. Stuart's current best in this event is 60-6.5.

Chuck Durrant finished first in the high jump, good for second place. Durrant's leap tied the Western school record held by former star Henry Jackson.

Nick Rose finished second in both the mile and the two-mile. Rose's time of 4:00.3 in the mile was a personal best and just missed the school record of 3:59.4. The Topper distance man finished the two-mile in 11:22.2.

In the 440 intermediate hurdles, Western's Mike Yates took second place honors with a time of 51.6.

Coach Jerry Bean's Hilltoppers, this year's GMC champions, will be at Louisiana State University June 7-8 competing in the NCAA track and field championships.

Representing Western in the competition, which will run Thursday through Saturday at LSU's Bernie Moore Stadium, will be Jesse Stuart, Chuck Rose, John Stuart, Emmett Briggs and Chuck Durrant in the field events. Hurdlers Mike Yates, distance man Nick Rose and mid-distanter Mike Durrant.

In order to qualify for the NCAA championships, athletes must meet NCAA standards for their event in an official meet. The standards are reviewed at the beginning of each year on

The back of the previous year's NCAA meet, and according to WCU coach Bean, the standards are "pretty tough."

Last year Western had three qualifiers for the national meet, with the nearest number the school had ever had until this year.

Approximately 40 universities will be represented in the track with defending champ UCLA as the heavy favorite. The main challenge for the Bruins is expected to come from Southern Cal, Texas El Paso, and Kentucky.

But Bean said Western should finish in the top ten, perhaps even in the top five.

"I think we should score in excess of 15 points," said the WCU mentor. "If we can score 15, I think we'll be in the top five."

The name of the game is to run in quality," and looking at the Topper entries, there seems to be no lack of quality.

Supersonics' guard Stuart is currently ranked third highest in the NCAA in the shot put. Stuart's best effort of the year was a toss of 60 feet, 4 inches which came during last week's US Track and Field Federation Meet at Wichita.

That mark stands as the third best in the world by an amateur this year.

Nick Rose, the second ranked collegian in the mile, has a mile best of 3:59.6. At Baton Rouge, Rose was running against Pepper's Steve Prefontaine who leads the three-mile event with a 13:48.4 clocking.

Prefontaine was defending the Olympics last summer and the 5000-meter run.

The other nationally ranked Hilltoppers include Mike Yates, who holds the school's fourth best time in the 220 intermediate hurdles at 22.9 and Chuck Rose, who ranks fourth in the 220 with a best of 22.9.

Chadd will also be competing in the shot put as will Jesse Stuart's other brother, John. The older Stuart came up with his best performance in the 220 at Wichita when he heaved the shot 61-4.

Looking at the Wisconsin mollusk, it will be surprising Bobby Ware's 2:08.1 and 220 (23.8) high jumper Chuck Durrant (6'6) and Emmett Briggs, who will compete in both the long jump (20.4) and the triple jump (60-0).

Points are awarded for the top six competitors in each event, and the top four finishers are automatically named to the All-American squad.

Highlights of the meet will be shown on nationwide television Saturday afternoon.
Western hires assistant for track program

Western has hired Lloyd Kolker, 27, as its new assistant track coach.

Kolker, who has been head coach at Sioux Falls (S.D.) College for the past four years, replaces Alan Lauder, who resigned at the end of the 1972-73 school year to return to his native England.

Kolker is a graduate of Western College in LeMars, Iowa, and holds the master's degree from South Dakota State. He will teach in Western's Department of Physical Education and Recreation, in addition to his coaching duties.

His coaching assignment will be in the field events and working in cooperation with Head Coach Jerry Bean in the sprints and relays.

"We feel very fortunate to get a young man of Lloyd's coaching and teaching ability," said Bean, "as well as one with his academic background and high standards. He is a fine leader and an outstanding field event coach."

During his coaching stint at Sioux Falls, Kolker brought his team from last to first place in the Tri-State Conference. His outdoor teams set 22 of 24 school records and his indoor team set 16 of 12 school standards.

UCLA takes first Western among the leaders in NCAA track championships

Baton Rouge, LA - Western finished up 15 points ahead of Tennessee and Field Championships completed here Saturday as the Topper's finished finishing in the top ten by only four points.

Favored UCLA walked away with the team championship as the Bruins amassed 55 points. Oregon was second at 31, while Brigham Young University took third with 26 points.

Leading the WDU contingent was Wes Stewart who captured second in the short put. Stewart led the field in the shot put with a toss of 64 feet which, while not to last, set the record at the University of Utah at 63 feet. Stewart helped the Running Back in the long jump.

Chuck DeBenedetto was another surprise for the Topper's as he jumped a personal best of 65' in the triple jump. That match was 22nd finish for fifth.

Chuck DeBenedetto was the only freshman to qualify for the finals of the high jump at 6 feet. DeBenedetto did not qualify for the next two.

Hilgarders were pleased with the finish at the triple jump, 1:02.1, clearing 17 of 18 at a time of 6.07.

Denver's Doug Brody broke the 500 meter stadium record with a time of 1:16.1.
Back-tracking: looking back on another successful season

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The only way to get backtracking is to look back at the year's events. For coach Jan Rose, who was voted OVC Coach of the Year, Rose, along with team captain Chuck Rose, was the only freshman finisher in the field of 30.

Darrat was an OVC titlist in the high jump, and he was Cecil Ward in the javelin, Robert Ware in the hammer and Mike Vasic in the shot put.

In winning the hurdles crown, Yates tracked both the OVC and WKU records.

Other school marks were established by Ward, Ware, Chris Suik, and Robert Rinehart, OVC Track and Field Athlete of the Year, the OVC Coach of the Year and three All-Americans, along with the event meet record.

A double-winner in the Mile and three-mile at the OVC meet, Rose finished ninth in the three-mile during the NCAA championships at Baton Rouge with a time of 13:22. His personal best in the event of 13:18.2 was the 18th best ever by a collegiate.

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