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Two Topper track stars bound for Bloomington

Two international runners from Miami's Olympic indoor track team will compete in New York (Feb. 10) in the annual Memorial Games in Madison Square Garden on Friday.

The shot put event will be held in Madison Square Garden, New York, the first time ever. Bobbi Dudley and Bobbi Ware, world-travelers and Olympic champions, will be competing against some of the top shot putters in the country.

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At the Indiana Relays, All-American Jules Stuart is a heavy favorite to win the shot put event. The junior from Glasgow, Ky., has thrown the shot 66 feet and 9 inches, the longest throw by a collegiate this year.

Nick Rose, another Hilltopper All-American, will compete in both the one-mile and two-mile events. The native of Bristol, England, holds the school record in the one-mile with a time of 4:46. The junior placed third in that event in the NCAA indoor national championships last year.

Jarvis Ware, Bobbi Dudley and Louis Defreeze will go to Bloomington for the Knights of Columbus meet. All three athletes are from Cleveland and attended junior college there. Ware and Dudley will compete in the 300-yard dash. Ware won the event last year. His time of 31 was only one-tenth of a second off the world record.

Defreeze, a newcomer to the Hilltoppers squad, will compete in the 800-yard run against two All-Americans, Bobby Casselman of Michigan and Wisconsin's Skip Kent.

Meanwhile, Western's swimming team faces two strong college division teams this weekend on a two-day jaunt into Illinois.

The Hilltoppers take on Millikin at Decatur Friday, then challenge Eastern Illinois at Charleston Saturday.

Judging from early form for both teams, Eastern Illinois looms as the biggest threat to Western's unchallenged status in dual meet competition.

Eastern Illinois has several swimming who rank among the nation's top college division performers so far this season. Bob Thomas has the nation's fastest time for the college division's 200-yard breaststroke (2.10.3), and in second in the 200-yard individual medley at 2:10.3. He was national college division champion last year in both the 400 individual medley and the 200 breaststroke.

He also holds the country's best time in the 400-yard freestyle (4:52.6), while teammate Dave Hunt is sixth at 5:06.5.

John Mayfield is the defending national individual titleist in the 200-yard breaststroke, but rates no better than No. 2 right now behind freshman teammate Tim Sullivan. They have been timed this season at 2:15.0 and 2:17.0, respectively.

Thomas and Mayfield team up with Don Cole and Dave Tole to make up the defending national championship 400-yard medley relay team. They are currently ranked No. 2 in the nation.

Millikin's first woman swimmer, Marcia Moyer, holds the Big Blue's title. She won the National AAU breaststroke last year and ranks seventh among all women in the world in the 100-meter breaststroke with a time of 1:15.94.
Western track coach Jerry Bein hopes to use Saturday's Mason-Dixon Games in Louisville as a springboard toward qualifying more of his athletes for the NCAA national indoor championship meet.

Two Western track stars have already qualified for the NCAA meet to be held in Detroit March 8.

All-American Jesse Stuart has qualified in the shot put and sprinfield Bobby Ware has surpassed the minimum standard in the 60-yard dash. In the Mason-Dixon Games Saturday in Louisville, Bein hopes to qualify his two-mile relay team, triple jumpers Emmett Briggs and Kenny Walter and high jumper Chuck Duvall.

Equally, the two-mile relay team of Swag Hart, Joe Davis, Larry Marshall and Louis Deforeer will have to cover the distance in 7:20.0 or less. Briggs and Walter would have to triple jump 50 feet or farther, while Duvall needs to clear 6 feet, 11 inches.

Nick Rose, another Hilltopper All-American, will compete against an outstanding field in the 5,000-meter run. Ethiopian Minosa Yiter, who won the Bronze Medal in the last Olympics, is favored over Rose, who was the No. 2 finisher in last fall's NCAA national cross-country run.

Stuart, suffering from a hyper-extended ankle, probably will not compete in the Mason-Dixon Games because of the injury.

By DAVID GUADAMS

Earlier in the day...

Hays may need to make a strong bid for the OVC outdoor crown this summer with Hayes, shot putter Greg Lassner, high jumper Jesse Ayers, quartermiler John Johnson (who qualified for the NCAA indoor 800 with a 2:11.15) and the miler relay team of Lee, John Margrett, Larry Coffin and John Johnson.

Deforeer already has a 68.6 relay split.

Hays may get unexpected help too, from three Nigerian stars, one of whom qualified for the 1972 Olympics. The Egyptians are Efrid Macawly, a 6-8 high jumper and 2:29.9 long jumper; Selon Edallan, a 6-4 jumper with a 3.55.5 half-mile and a 1:55.5-half, and Harrison Edallan, 19, a 1:53.5 half-miler who also long jumps 2:29.9 and triple jumps 48-11.

At Tennessee Tech, Lieutenant Don Trowell of Thomas Jefferson High and junior college transfer Frank Treiber have broken school records. Trowell triple jumped 54-10 and Treiber, from Wood Park, Fla., pole vaulted 19-2.6.

Other track highlights include 22.9 long jump by James Howard, a 2:19.4 in the 100 by Stan Atzemak and a 52.1 quartet by Joe Walsh.

Morehead coach Buck Dector has released his outdoor schedule featuring the 100-meter March 23 against MAC double with Cumberland and closing with a May 2 dual at arch rival Eastern as the payoff for the OVC showdown. Another highlight in a triangular April 24 involving Kentucky State and Louisville on the Merchants' ends.

Middle Tennessee coach Dean Hayes is high over the jumping this spring of senior Tony Haynes who won the open division in the Mason-Dixon in 26-0-
December mishap hurt Western's track chances

STILLING GREEN, Ky.—Western Kentucky University track coach Jerry Dier felt that an incident on a cold December night in Marlboro, Mass., may have hurt his squad's chances of finishing in the top five teams in this weekend's NCAA indoor track championships at Detroit.

On Dec. 22, Western's top three distance runners, Nick Rose, Chris Hider and Terry Starling, were sleeping in a metal room while working in Marlboro during the Christmas holidays. A fire started and its winds tore through the wall of their room. Starling suffered two fractures to his pelvis, one on each side. Rose received numerous cuts and lacerations to his arms and legs. Seventy stitches were required to sew him up. Hider had a few cuts on his right arm.

Over the next two months, Rose was the only one of the three to qualify for the NCAA championships set in Detroit's Cobo Hall this weekend. The damage done to Hider and Starling in Massachusetts did hurt our chances of finishing in the top five in the nationals," Dier said. "Rider could have qualified for the two mile and Starling for the three mile. Both could have placed and scored points for us.

Western has qualified five athletes for the event. Rose will compete in the three mile run. He ran the distance in 10:15.9 in the Mason-Dixon Games at Laquagille on Feb. 9.

"I think anybody was wondering if he could come back, they've got that answer now," said Dier.

Bobby Ware will run in the 60-yard dash. He ran the 60-yard dash in 5.75 in Cleveland on Feb. 2. "He ran the 60-yard dash title. He did not make his finals, because he could not claim his title until tomorrow," Dier said.

"I think if anybody was wondering if he could come back, they've got that answer now," said Dier.

Jesse Stuart, who is ranked No. 1 on the NCAA's chart, qualified for the shot Jan. 12. He threw the shot 65.6 to place 15th at the University of Maryland. In the Mason-Dixon Games, Emmett Briggs triple-jumped a school-record 51 feet to finish fifth. His jump was one foot more than the NCAA indoor qualifying standard.

Chuck Durand triple-jumped 61.1 in an all-American meet at Indiana University. His jump is a school record by one inch.

"Our No. 1 goal is to score more points and to finish ahead of 18th in national team competition," Dier said after last year's meet, only five points out of second place behind champion Manhattan.

PARK CITY DAILY NEWS

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DETROIT—Western finished in a disappointing tie for 27th place in the NCAA national indoor track championships here this weekend, and the Topper's Jesse Stuart was upset in his bid to become the nation's top collegiate shot putter.

Stuart was the pre-meet favorite to capture the event, but Hans Hall of Texas El Paso won with a toss of 67 feet, 7 1/2 inches.

Stuart finished in second place with a throw of 65 feet, and he was one of two Hilltoppers to score in the nationals.

While Stuart's second-place showing in the shot put competition was good for four points, distance specialist Nick Rose of Western placed fifth in the three-mile run for one point to give the Toppers a total of five.

Rose, a sophomore from Bristol, England, finished fourth in the distance in a time of 13 minutes, 41.7 seconds.

Three other Topper tracksters made the trip, but they failed to score in their events—Robert Ware in the 60-yard dash, Emmett Briggs in the triple jump and Chuck Durand in the high jump.

North Carolina's Tony Waldrop posted his seventh successive sub-four minute mile, six meet records were fashioned and Texas El Paso took the team title as the 10th National Collegiate Athletic Association indoor track meet ended Saturday.

Only two of the new records came in Saturday's session, winnch of the two-day meet at Colorado. One came in the day's last running event, the mile relay. The other was an automatic new mark, in the three-mile run held for the first time in this meet.

Hans Hall's mile quartet sped in 3:34:14 to win by four points and the Topper team of 3:36:45 set by Villanova was third.

Four records were established Friday. Three by foreign staffs as more than half of the 15 individual champions crowned were imports from American schools.

Texas El Paso seemingly had no chance to capture the first team crown when Larry Jones won the pole vault at 16-4 for six points to give the southwest school its final total of 19 points.

However, most of the crowd of 8,765 cheered when Colorado's Bill Jenkins kept battling in the high jump for fourth place and two points to give the Buffaloes a final total of 18, one behind champions Texas El Paso.

Waldrop won the mile easily in 3:39.5, but said he had a cold the last few days, "I really didn't feel my best," said Waldrop. "This track isn't as wide as others I have run. It didn't turn out to be a problem, but I noticed it."

Waldrop, running easily past the pace most of the race, fell well short of the NCAA record of 3:36.6 set by Jim Ryan of Kansas in 1967.

Derek was clocked in 4:01.2. Third place was the six-in-man field won by Paul Cummins of Brigham Young in 4:02.3.

Coming in for a landing (Photo by Scott Applewhite)

LONG JUMPER: Emmett Bridges of Western is set himself for landing during a jump in a Saturday's meet against Northwest at Smith Stadium. Bridges, a junior from Franklin, won the long jump and triple jump event for the Hilltoppers, as Western racked up an easy 160-28 victory.

Seeking 11th straight OVC title

Top tracksters open Saturday

By CLARK RANKS

Daily News Sports Editor
Western has won 10 straight Ohio Valley Conference track titles, and the Hilltoppers of Jerry Bean may literally run away with their 11th championship in a row this year.

Traditionally strong in the field events throughout the past decade, the Toppers each year finished to make a complete stanza of the OVC track competition thus proving themselves more than just a track team.

But that appears to be the case no longer, as Bean feels perhaps the strongest points of this year's team are its runners.

Western opens its outdoor season Saturday in the Memphis Invitational before returning home for its first dual meet of the Western Meet at Smith Stadium against Northwestern on May 1.

Following good indoor finish opener, 35 or happy Toppers will come on only one or dual contact with Southern Missouri on May 1.

According to Bean, he and several others have been burning the midnight oil trying to come up with another class opponent at Smith Stadium this year, but "we're having difficulty getting a good team to come in here.

Little wonder, after Western's trio did last year and this year's highly touted visitor, Big Ten co-favorite Michigan.

Western pounding the stunned Wolverines to the tune of 60-40, and ever since that meet Smith Stadium has been about as popular to visiting track squads as screen doors in a submarine.

The Toppers have finished first the past two years in the Memphis Invitational, but Bean says this year's meet will feature more rugged competition than the first two.

"Memphis State has its best team ever," says the Topper coach, adding that Arkansas State will also be improved. In addition, two Southeastern Conference teams, Alabama and Mississippi State, have been added to the meet's field.

Getting back to Bean's squad of fleet-footed finishers, the Topper mentor feels he has the top three half-milers, five of the best milers, and the two best three-milers in the entire conference.

Western's strongest event may well be the half mile.

"Where the Toppers boast Swing Harter, David Jacobs and Lewis DeFrisco, all of whom should get down to less than 1:50 by season's end, according to Bean.

All-American Nick Rose leads the milers, but four other Hilltoppers have times under 4:30. Chris Hildre, Ross Mancino, Joe Tuinstra and Harter.

Rose is also tops in the three-mile event, and Bean feels the fastest, England, native might break 10 minutes this season, while Tony Slaghees (another British) also has a shot to qualify for the NCAA.

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Triangular meet

Top trackmen win at Murray

Murray, Ky. — Western's highly-touted track squad completely dominated a triangular meet with Memphis State and host Murray here over the weekend, winning 11 of 17 events.

The Hilltoppers of Jerry Bean, seeking their 10th Ohio Valley Conference track title in a row, wound up with a total of 189 points, while Murray finished a distant second with 36 and Memphis State had 25.

Murray's home-standing Records won five of the remaining six events, while Memphis State finished first only in the mile relay.

Emmitt Briggs was Western's only double-event winner, as the Franklin-Simpson product took first place in both the long jump and triple jump.

Briggs won the long jump with a leap of 24 feet, 8 inches, and captured the triple jump with a distance of 52 feet, 4 inches.

Western also finished first in the 440 relay, mile run, 100-yard high hurdles, 100-yard dash, 300-yard run, high jump, discuss, shot put and three-mile run.

In the individual distance events, Tony Staynings won the three-mile with a time of 11 minutes, 36.4 seconds, Nick Rose won the mile with a time of four minutes, 1.3 seconds, and Dave Jagger took the 800 in 1:51.4.

Joe Stewart, a contender for the national championship in the shot put, won his specialty with a toss of 61 feet even, while teammate Doug Langdon captured the discus title with a throw of 150 feet, 6 inches.

Topper speedster Bobby White took the 100 with a time of 9.4 seconds, and also won a leg on the winning 440 relay team — which also included Mike McCrory, Robert Dudley and Virgil Livers, and finished with a time of 41.2 seconds.

Western's other first-place finishers were Chuck Durstret, who won the high jump with a height of 6 feet, 6 inches, and Bobby Payne, who took the high hurdles with a time of 14.0 seconds.

The Topper men hit the road again this coming weekend, heading for Knoxville, Tenn., to take part in the Dogwood Relays at the University of Tennessee on Friday and Saturday.
Baseballers' hopes still alive

Tops split with Peay, trackmen set records

Western's baseball team stayed alive in its quest for the spring title in the OVC's Western Division by salvaging a twin bill split with Austin Peay at Clarksville on Saturday.

Jim Pickens' Toppers shot out to a 4-1 lead in the first game but saw the host Peayers come back to win 11-8 before Western rallied for a 3-2 win in the nightcap.

The Toppers were left with a 2-2 record in divisional play this spring, and must sweep Saturday's home doubleheader with Middle Tennessee to tie perennial power Murray for the spring title.

Western would have to beat the Racers for the spring crown, and if successful would have to beat Murray again in another one-game showdown for the overall divisional title - as a result of the Racers' fall divisional title.

The Toppers now stand 15-6 on the season overall, and host Kentucky Wesleyan in a doubleheader Tuesday before entertaining Middle Tennessee in their final divisional games here Saturday.

While the baseballers were splitting the pair with Austin Peay, the Toppers track squad was busy competing in the Dogwood Relays at Knoxville, Tenn., over the weekend.

Western track coach Jerry Bean was pleased with his team's performance in the annual relays, which attracted a field of 75 schools.

The Toppers' four-mile relay team of Nick Rose, Joe Turner, Tony Stillings and Russ Murray went the distance in 16:32.5 to take second place, highlighted by Rose's leg of 4:06.9.

The time was a new Eastern record, breaking the old mark of 16:44.4 set two years ago. It was also the second fastest time in the nation this spring, topped only by Rose's leg of 4:06.9.

Another school record was set by the Toppers' 440 relay team of Virgil Lucas, Donald Thorton, Robert Dudley and Bobby Ware, who won the event in 46.6 seconds - good enough to qualify them for the nationals.

Western got another first-place finish in the mile relay, where Louis DeFerez, Bruce Bartling, David Jaggers and Don DeBord teamed up to post a time of 3:15.6, while the distance medley relay team of Jaggers, Bartling, Murray and Rose wound up third at 8:44.6.

Individual standouts for Western included Stillings, Jesse Stuart, Emmett Briggs and Dudley.

Stillings wound up second in the 1,000-meter steeplechase with a time of 4:46.6 for a new school record and qualifying berth in the NCAA championships. The freshman from Detroit, England, missed the national fresh record by just 2 seconds.

Stuart, meanwhile, won the shot put event with a toss of 40-7, Bridgen finished third in the triple jump with a distance of 50-4, and Dudley qualified for the nationals with a 5.3 time in the 100-yard dash.

OVC aces Ware, Powers flex muscles

By DAVID C. ADAMS

A break in the weather and the quality of athletes in the Ohio Valley Conference show off their track potential. That explains the recent blossoming of star sprinters Robert Ware, Jervis and Tom Powers.

Robert Ware, Jervis and Tom Powers are two of the OVC's best sprinters and distance runners. The Toppers are looking to win the overall divisional title this spring.

The emergence of Powers is the key. Ware is humanizing his performances and Tom Powers is a solid sprinter.

Robert Ware is a solid sprinter. He has run the 200-yard dash in less than 23 seconds and the 400-yard dash in less than 50 seconds.

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Top trackmen aim for Drake after easy win

Tuesday’s track team, which remained undefeated in dual competition over the weekend by sweeping OVC rival Eastern St., now heads for the Drake Relays at Des Moines, Iowa, this weekend.

The Topppers captured 18 of 17 events against their league foes Saturday at Richmond, taking their dual meet record to 8-0.

Toppers swept first, second and third places in the long jump, triple jump, 100-yard dash and mile run. - where Chris Rose, Ross Muno and Tony Staynings all tied for first with times of 4:17.8.

Muno and Staynings also tied for first in the three-mile run with times of 14:28.8, while Bennet Briggs captured first place in the long jump with a leap of 22-6 and in the triple jump with a distance of 50-3.

Bootheel Virgin Lovers took the 400-yard dash with a time of 47.7, followed closely by teammates Dwight Grooms and Robert Dudley at 49.4.

In the absence of premier shot putter Jesse Stuart, who attended a meet in Lawrence, Kan., the past weekend, Doug Lungdon took over in the field events and set a personal best in the discus with a throw of 247-5.

Bean pleased with squad

Ten Topper trackmen qualify for nationals.

A total of 10 Western track and field athletes have already equaled or surpassed the NCAA qualifying standards in nine events so far this spring.

The Hilltoppers, who will be sending 14 performers to the prestigious Drake Relays in Des Moines, Iowa, this weekend, are showing solid potential for making a run at their 10th straight Ohio Valley Conference championship this month.

“(The most amazing thing about the number of kids we have who have met the NCAA standard is that they’ve done it so early,” said Hilltopper head track coach Jerry Bean.

“I guess I attribute mainly from the fact that we’re predominantly a junior team this season,” he continued, “and that extra year of experience for many of our athletes is just making a tremendous difference.

“And we’ve had greater weather, too – I don’t think we’ve ever rained out of a single workout so far.”

Two Western sprinters, Robert Ware and Robert Dudley, have met the NCAA standard in the 100-yard dash.

Ware, a Cleveland, Ohio, senior, had a 9.2-second wind-aided performance against Nor.-Shoemaker back on March 26.

Dudley, a junior who is also from Cleveland, had a 9.5 clicking in the Dogwood Relays 16 days ago.

All-American distance runner Nick Rose ran a 4:02.2 mile in his leg of the four-mile relay at the Dogwood Relays, putting him well under the NCAA standard of 8:48. But Bean says Rose is just now nearing his peak of training and could well run under the 4:00 minute in the next week or two.

Both Tony Staynings and Ross Muno went under NCAA qualifying time for the three-mile run in a triangular meet against Murray State and Memphis State two weeks ago.

Staynings, a freshman from Bristol, England, the same hometown as Rose, was clocked at 13:26.4 and Muno, a junior from Canada, ran at 13:42.4.

Staynings has also qualified in the 3,000-meter steeplechase with a time of 8:40.5, well under the 9:05-6 standard.

Ware and Dudley teamed up with Virgil Livers (Fairfield) and Donald ... Thorston (Louisville) to run a school record 4:4 in the 4x400 relay at the Dogwood Relays, dipping under the 4:40 second qualifying mark.

Sophomore high jumper Chuck Derrant, the defending OVC champion, has equaled the NCAA qualifying height of 6-10 and Franklin junior Emmett Wright has qualified in two events, the long jump and the triple jump, with performances of 24.4 and 46.5, respectively.

All-American shot putter Jesse Stuart, who finished second at last year’s NCAA Nationals, has buried the 16-pound steel ball 67-4, more than eight feet farther than the qualifying standard. He is a junior from Glasgow.
Western crushes foe 121 1/2-22 1/2

Topper trackmen flex muscles
in romp by Southeast Missouri

By CLARK HANES
Daily News Sports Editor

Following Western's stunning 121-22 1/2 victory over Southeast Missouri on Thursday afternoon at Smith Stadium, Topper coach Jerry Bean was at a loss for words.

"I just don't know what to say about this," Bean confessed. "We sure weren't expecting anything this big." The Hilltoppers are a much better team, than they showed here today.

Bean then settled down and tried to sort out some explanations for the embarrassing defeat.

"First of all, they had a five-and-a-half-hour bus trip over here, and I was afraid that they would be worn out," Bean noted. "Also, I didn't realize that they were so well prepared."

West Missouri capped a remarkable year by snapping the Hilltoppers' 15-game winning streak at 17 and 1.

The Topper mentor was quick to point out that the score in a track meet isn't always indicative of how the meet really went because it doesn't tell how close the runners-up came to winning the event.

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'Rags-to-riches' Western track favorite

By DAVID C. ADAMS

It's an interesting paradox the way Western Kentucky and the University of Tennessee come from rags to riches in track and field and the Hilltoppers will be shooting for their third straight conference crown this weekend, Western in the 10th OVC showdown starting Friday in Murray and the Volunteers in the SEC shake-down at Gainesville, Fla.

This week's different teams are expected to meet going away, as expected, Middle Tennessee was completely overshadowed by Western's superior performances but still had a good meet to finish second with 186 points, while host Murray was a distant third with 64.

Western romps to track title

By CLARK HANES

MURRAY, Ky. — Perhaps in a valiant effort to keep Western's 12th straight Ohio Valley Conference track title from having a routine flavor, Topper tracksters put on a dazzling show Saturday here in the annual OVC meet.

The Hilltoppers, with perhaps their greatest team over this season under third-year head coach Jerry Bean, rolled up a total of 186 points to win the meet going away, as expected. Middle Tennessee was completely overshadowed by Western's superior performances but still had a good meet to finish second with 186 points, while host Murray was a distant third with 64.

Western won up taking eight of the 11 events, with four of the Topper's event-winners breaking conference records — Jesse Stuart in the shot put, Chuck Durrant in the high jump, Nick Rose in the mile run and David Jaggers in the 880. Stuart, one of the top collegiate shot-putters in the land, heaved the ball a record distance of 64 feet, 2 inches, while Durrant broke his own existing OVC mark of 6-6 by going over at 6-11 1/2. Rose at first appeared to be in his way to a sub-four-minute mile, but wound up settling for a time of 4:10.2, while Jaggers broke the half-mile record with a time of 1:48.9.

Two other OVC records were set here Saturday by Middle Tennessee's Tommy Haynes in the long jump and Tennessee Tech's Frank Treiber in the pole vault. Haynes fell off a long jump of 38 feet, 8 3/4 inches, while Treiber reached a record height of 15 feet, 7 inches in the vaulting.

Team summary: Western 116, Middle Tennessee 107, Murray 64, Eastern 59, Austin Peay 54, Tennessee Tech 32, Eastern Tennessee 26, Morehead 15.


400-yard Relay — 1. Western (Robert Dobley, Bobby Ware, Virgil Livers, and Donald Durrant), 41.1. 2. Tennessee Tech. 3. Austin Peay. 4. Murray, 5. Eastern. 6. Middle Tenn.


400-yard Dash — 1. Tyrone Harbut, Eastern. 46.4. 2. John Johnson, Middle Tenn. 3. Lester Flax, Murray. 4. Mike Campbell, Murray. 5. Donald Thornton, Western. 6. Darrin Marsh, Eastern.

100-yard Dash — 1. Gottfried Jacobs, Murray. 8.5-2. 2. Dean Copeland, Middle Tenn. 3. Bobby Ware, Western. 4. Robert Dudley, Western. 5. Sam Anderson, Tennessee Tech. 6. Tommy Paynter, Middle Tenn.

Triple Jump — 1. Tommy Haynes, Middle Tenn. 30-10 1/4. 2. Continued Page 14

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As expected

Western tos to track title

By CLARK HANES

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Western romps in OVC track

BY DAVID G. ABAMS

MURRAY Ky. - It was no thought that Western Kentucky, or Murray, for that matter, would win the OVC track championships. The Hilltoppers did, however, win the 41-3/2 point margin. Murray was a distant second. Austin Peay took the title with 30 points.

The Hilltoppers won every event, except the 100 and 220-yard dashes, to win by 41 3/2 points. Murray took the last event, the 440 yards, with a time of 4:59.8.

The Hilltoppers won the meet by tying the all-time record for the 440 relay. They were fastest in the 300-yard hurdles, the 880-yard run, the 440 Yard dash, and the 440-meter relay.

For the meet, the Hilltoppers scored 41 3/2 points, Murray scored 30 points, Austin Peay scored 12 points, and Tennessee scored 6 points.

OVC results

ALL-SPORTS TROPHY

Track: Austin Peay, Western Kentucky, Middle Tennessee

Golf: Austin Peay, Middle Tennessee, Western Kentucky

Tennis: Austin Peay, Middle Tennessee, Western Kentucky

Austin Peay tops tennis, Middle Tenn. wins golf

Jesse Stuart of Western Kentucky University gave a mighty effort Friday night at the NCAA Track and Field Championships at Austin, Tex. Stuart won the shot put with a 6-foot 5-inch toss.
Top trackmen, Crockett shine

Western tracksters captured two first-place finishes in events of the Tom Black Classic at Knoxville, Tenn., over the weekend, where Ivory Crockett of Peoria, Ill., set a world record in the 100-yard dash with a time of 9.0 seconds.

Although somewhat overshadowed by Crockett’s amazing performance, Western’s Tony Staynings won the three-mile run in a time of 16:14:9 and teammate Doug Langdon took the javelin with a throw of 163-11. Nick Rose and teammate Perry Goolsby in the 100-yard high hurdles with a time of 14.3 seconds.

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Stuart set to compete in AAU meet

Scottish native Stuart Hill is expected to battle it out with Al Ewart, the world record holder, and George Woods, both shotputters have thrown the ball over 70 feet while Stuart has a personal best of 67-feet.

Stuart's showing in the AAU meet could be a big factor in his chances of making the United States team for the annual USA-Russia outdoor meet to be held in July at Durham, N.C.

Western track coach Jerry Bean said, "Jesse has been throwing very well this past two weeks. He has a chance of finishing in the top three at the AAU meet.

Two weeks ago, Stuart became Western's first individual national champion when he captured the shot put event at the NCAA Outdoor Track Championships. Stuart heaved the ball 66 feet, 8 inches, to overtake runners in the top six.

Stuart will be at the Comer Meet today, south of Tol's last Saturday when he threw 67-feet, a new Western outdoor record.

Topper trio captures first

Three standout swims from Western's nationally-ranked cross-country team traveled to London, Ontario, the past weekend and came home with a first-place finish in the prestigious Spring Bank International Road Race.

Chris Ridler, Tony Staynings and Dave Long all finished among the top six places to nail down the first-place team showing, snapping a six-year winning streak held by the Toronto Track Club.

The Toppers' trio wound up with a score of 13 points, well ahead of the Toronto team's second-place total of 21.

Ridler ran the 4.3-mile distance in 19 minutes, 58 seconds. Staynings took 20:01 and Long 20:06.

Grant McCleary, a Canadian Olympian on the Toronto team, won the individual trophy with a time of 19:46.
Sky is limit for Toppers’ Bean

Telling it like it is...almost

About the only time you can find Western track and cross-country coach Jerry Bean not speaking exactly what he thinks is when he is talking tongue-in-cheek.

Take last week, for example, when the flashy dresser from Nebraska gave preview of the coming track season for Western’s Hilltopper Hundred Club.

“We only have 53 of last year’s top 53 athletes coming back this season,” Bean told the members of Western’s athletic booster organization, “so we know we had to go out and have a good recruiting year.

The Toppers’ four-year coach was joking about needing a good recruiting year, of course, but he wasn’t joking about having one.

To go with the 53 returnees Bean will have back in action, including 12 All-Americans, Western has landed the No. 1 sprinter in the world from Australia, the No. 4 qualifier in the world from West Germany, and the No. 2 pole-vaulter in England.

Bean also had a good recruiting year in cross-country, bringing in the No. 2 runner in England with several other talented newcomers who “will give us the depth we’ve ever had since I’ve been here.”

Since Bean HAS been here, he has built both the track and cross-country programs at Western into among the finest in the nation — on a major college level, thank you. Of course the Toppers’ track program already established itself as the annual No. 1 team in the Ohio Valley Conference by the time Bean got here.

Bean, however, wasn’t satisfied to let well enough alone, and during the past three years he has built Western’s track program into not only an OVC power but a national contender as well.

It’s a matter of record that the Hilltoppers wound up tied for ninth place in last year’s NCAA national finals, sharing their berth in the top 10 with some school out west. Southern California or something like that.

But impressive as Bean’s track record (excuse the pun) is, his job with the Toppers’ cross-country program has been perhaps even more noteworthy.

Frankly speaking, Western’s cross-country program wasn’t anything to write home about when Bean got here three years ago.

But in that short span of time, he has turned the Toppers’ distance specialists into bona fide contenders for — now get this — the national championship.

The Toppers have all seven of the top runners back from last year’s team which finished second in the NCAA national finals in Spokane, Wash., before being moved down to sixth place in the final standings because one of the runners was disqualified.

And when you combine those talented returnees with the promising newcomers Bean has landed for the coming cross-country season which opens in less than two weeks, you can see why the Toppers are thinking in terms of a possible national title.

Bean isn’t exactly broadcasting such high hopes, but on the other hand, he will be the first to admit that such a possibility exists.

And he’s not talking tongue-in-cheek, either.
The only surprising thing about the fact that Western’s cross-country team easily won first meet of the season Saturday at Owensboro is that other teams even bothered to show up.

Jerry Bean’s Hilltoppers are expected to win quite a few meets this fall, en route to a second straight conference championship and to be strong contender in the annual finals.

Our goal this year,” Bean states, “is to go unbeaten in all our dual meets, win the Ohio Valley Conference championship and to be strong contender in the annual finals.”

His year’s national finals are set for Nov. 25 at Bloomington, Ind., and Bean is pinning on being there because all his starters back from last year’s young squad that placed sixth in the 1973 finals at Spokane, Wash.

The Hilltoppers actually placed second in last year’s meet, before being dropped to the No. 6 spot when Tony Staynings was disqualified for running inside a turn flag.

“We’ve still got a bitter taste in our mouths about that,” Bean says. “It’s awfully hard to buy their story that Tony and one other runner were the only ones to run inside that flag.”

“Besides,” he continued, “it’s not supposed to be a violation if they were forced to go inside by the rest of the runners. And there’s no way you can make me believe they did it if they weren’t forced to.”

Bean doesn’t discard the theory that Western, like a few other schools becoming national powers in both cross-country and track, is being discriminated again.

“Because we use several foreigners on our teams, and because we’ve come up so fast in both cross-country and track, we are constantly intimidated by the more established, prestigious-sounding schools,” Bean says, emphasizing the word “sounding.”

But come what may—discrimination, intimidation or whatever—Bean has nothing but optimistic vibes about this season.

In cross-country championship meets, each team is allowed seven runners and the top five finishers over the six-mile course are counted in the team’s total scoring.

Well, back from last year’s team are not just the top five but the top seven runners. And Bean’s new enlistments include the No. 2 cross-country runner in England and a couple of “diamonds” Bean referred to—Willoughby, a freshman out of Crittenden County, and Centrowitz, a rookie from New York City.

“We’ll lose two seniors to graduation this year,” Bean says, “but if our young people keep coming along like we think they will, we may not even try to recruit any cross-country runners for next season.”

Bean feels that defending conference champion East Tennessee will again be the Hilltoppers’ stiffest challenger for the OVC title this fall, but also expects Murray, Eastern and Morehead to be heard from.

“ ‘The key to our season is how healthy we can stay,” he said. “That’s really the key to any cross-country team’s season. In other sports, you can play half-speed and get away with it sometimes, but you just don’t go out and run six miles when you’re not feeling well.”

Looking ahead to what lies in store for his fourth—and perhaps his best—cross-country team at Western, Bean says he feels the remainder of the 1974 schedule is “ideal for what we’ve got in mind.”

Bean never really said what he had in mind, but a bright new face comes from the schedule itself, which includes an invitational meet on Oct. 5 at Indiana University—the site of the NCAA national finals a few weeks later.
Baseballers,  
cross-country  
squads slated

Western's baseball team faces one of its biggest weekends of the season at home, while the Toppers' cross-country team goes to Bloomington, Ind., in an otherwise similar situation.

The Topper baseballers open their Ohio Valley Conference Western Division schedule with a home doubleheader against Middle Tennessee at 1 p.m. Saturday at Nick Denes Field.

Western's hurlers, meanwhile, are slated to participate in the Indiana Invitational at Bloomington, where they will be competing against some of the best teams in the nation.

The baseballers' twin bill with Middles is the first of three fall doubleheaders against divisional rivals, while the cross-country team's trip to Bloomington may offer them a preview of things to come a few weeks later in the national trials also slated for Bloomington.

Western Kentucky romps in IU cross-country meet

Special to the Courier-Journal & Times
BLOOMINGTON, Ind. - Four Western Kentucky University runners tied for first place in the Indiana University cross-country meet yesterday. The four, Ion Bell, Chris Boller, Tony Shavins and Dave Long, ran the six-mile course in 30:16 to give Western a 2-48 point over Western State in the team standings.

Ion Bell of Kentucky finished fifth at 30:23 at UK placed third with a 106 total. Indiana was fourth, at 116 followed by Murray State at 126.

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Cross-country

**WKU wins meet**

**BLOOMINGTON, Ind.** — Western’s cross-country team won the prestigious Indiana Invitational Meet here Saturday in convincing fashion, outdistancing runner-up Wichita State by more than 60 points.

Western finished the one-day meet with 21 points, while Wichita State could get no lower than 88.

Kentucky finished in third place with 116 points, Indiana finished fourth with 184, and Murray rounded out the top five with 188.

The meet, which was conducted over a six-mile course, attracted 22 teams and 180 runners from around the country. The NCAA meet will be held later this fall at the same site.

Individually, four Western runners tied for first place in the meet.

The four included Nick Hose, Chris Hilder, Tony Staynings, and Dave Long, each of whom crossed the finish line with a time of 30 minutes, 31 seconds.

Joe Tinius finished 11th individually with a time of 31:42.

Ross Munro finished 20th with a time of 32:19. Steve Smith was timed in 32:38 to finish 43rd.

Jerry Centrowitz finished in 24th place with a time of 33:14, and Tom Credic rounded out the Topper performance with a 34:22 clocking, good for 60th place.

The triumph means Western kept its undefeated record intact through three meets this fall.

The next meet for the Toppers and also their final home appearance of the season is the annual Western Kentucky Invitational Saturday at Hobson Grove Park.

Six teams have been invited to compete along with Western over the five-mile Hobson Grove course, including Missouri, Austin Peay, Middle Tennessee, Louisville, Cumberland, and Fisk.

More than 25 high school teams have also been invited to compete in a special prep division. The high school runners will cover a two and half mile course, and will run prior to the college start which is scheduled for 9:30 a.m.
Western gains cross-country win at Murray

MURRAY, Ky. - Western, led by the four-way tie for first place by Nick Rose, Tony Staynings, Chris Ridler, and Dave Long, defeated host Murray State here Saturday in a dual cross-country meet 16-46. Rose, Staynings, Ridler and Long all crossed the finish line of the five-mile course in a time of 24:30.6 to push Western to its fifth straight meet win of the season.

Their time was a new record for the course, eclipsing the old mark of 24:31.5 set by Murray's Sam Torres in 1972.

Western's Joe Thanin finished sixth individually with a time of 24:32. Teammate Ross Maron finished in the eighth spot with a time of 24:54, and Steve Bartelt of Western came in tenth at 25:14.

The Topper runners are next scheduled to compete in the Morehead Invitational Saturday Oct. 26.

Top runners eye title

The much-used slogan — "You've come a long way, Baby" — could fit Jerry Bean, the coach of Western Kentucky University's cross-country team, quite well in his quest for his first Ohio Valley Conference championship.

Bean, who has had instant success in track with three OVC crowns in three years, is entering his fourth year as the cross-country coach with what may be the best squad in OVC history.

The Hilltoppers take an undefeated record into the fifth annual OVC championships at Murray Saturday. Their victories included dual meet wins over Southeast Missouri and Murray State, along with four first-place trophies from the Crownpoint, Indiana, Western and Morehead institutions.

Bean's first Hilltopper cross-country squad placed fifth in his first OVC meet in 1972. His team finished third the next season. In 1973, the Hilltoppers were considered a threat to end East Tennessee's string of titles at two, but the lady fell short as Western placed second, two points behind East Tennessee's 51.

In this year's OVC meet, Western is considered the favorite, with all its runners back from the 1973 squad. East Tennessee has its two All Americans, Neil Ossack and Ed Ledy.

Western is led by a total of four top-flight runners this season. Nick Rose, Chris Ridler, Tony Staynings and David Long, are all natives of England.

Rose was the 1972 NCAA runner-up and the defending champion in the Conference meet. He covered the six-mile course in a time of 28:12.5 in the 1972 meet at Morehead last year.
Top harriers running for district title

Western's nationally ranked cross-country team travels to Greenville, S.C., this weekend to participate in the NCAA's third district championships. Jerry Bean's Hilltoppers captured their first Ohio Valley Conference title in 10 years last weekend at Murray, where four Westerners runners tied for first place by crossing the finish line together.

The Hilltoppers' "Front Four" are Nick Rose, Tony Stanyings, Chris Ritter and Dave Long, all from England, who set a Calloway Country Club course record last Saturday by going the six-mile distance in 29 minutes, 31 seconds.

Bean's talented outfit is favored to win the district championship Saturday at Furman University, although defending champ William & Mary may have something to say about it.

Other teams expected to challenge for the title include East Tennessee and Murray of the OVC, Tennessee, Kentucky and Florida of the Southeastern Conference, and Duke and Maryland of the Atlantic Coast Conference.

By CLARK HANES

Daily News Sports Editor

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"Would a large contingent of Westerners at Bloomington next week really make that much difference in how the team performs?"

"Oh yeah," answered Rose.

"We support other sports like football and basketball, and we feel like we're running for the school, too. It definitely helps when the fans are behind you."

"When you hear the fans shouting your name or the name of the school," Bean added, "it just makes you suck it up and run that much harder."

"For instance," he went on, "there were about 2,000 fans at last year's meet, and about 1,800 of them were shouting for Prefontaine when he and Nick reeled the finish. Of course, there's no way to be sure, but I think that made a big difference."

Rose's stiffest individual challengers this year are expected to be Craig Virgin of Villanova, Paul Deeds of Oregon, John Ngome of Washington State and Gary Bondy of South Dakota.

On the team level, meanwhile, Bean feels defending champ Oregon and Washington State should be the favorites, with Westerners Texas-Kel Paso and Eastern Michigan not far behind.

The finals are scheduled for 10 a.m. Monday at the Indiana University golf course.
Western a threat at IU in NCAA cross-country

Special to The Courier-Journal

ELOMINGTON, Ind. — The National Collegiate Cross-Country Championships come to the state of Indiana for the first time today when the 36th running of the event is run over Indiana University's 6-mile course.

A field representing 37 schools and totaling more than 260 runners go to the post at 11 a.m. (EST) on the course which starts and finishes just off the southwest corner of the IU marathons golf course, situated adjacent to the Ind. 46 bypass.

Admission is $1 for students and $2 for general public. Parking is available in the parking golf course lot and shuttle busses will carry spectators from the campus to the course.

Oregon is the defending champion but will have stout opposition in its run for a two in a row and third in history. Oregon, led by Paul Grav, one of the favorites for the individual crown, faces a tough threat from Kansas State.

Western has foreign accent

Washington State defeated Oregon in the Pacific Eighth Conference championships although Gehr did not win because of a cold. In his absence, John Norton, another strong candidate from Kansas, ran first.

Other strong threat for the team title are Western Kentucky, an undefeated team with a fourth place finish in the NCAA West Regional, and El Paso, second in Oregon last year and unbeaten this season. Pac-8, Pac-10, and Eastern Michigan, which ran with the Detroit 4 qualifiers, although its British star, Gordon Smith, ran third.

Proviso: Although a distant second to both runners, could be favored to make a move on that first man.

The individual champion probably will come from an early front. In addition to Norton, Grav and Weigle, Nick Rose of England and Western Kentucky, and Olympic Virgin of Illinois are strong threats.

Virginia has won the Big Ten in both his freshman and sophomore years and last weekend dominated the Detroit 4 meet in Detroit. Rose was second in the NCAA meet last year. As Western finished second, due to a disqualification. Western's Stasman has finished 11th, which gave his team a second-place finish, but was disqualified for accidentally cutting the line at the finish.

Tough to beat record

Western also has the advantage of experience on the Indiana course. It shot the 21st place field of the Illinois Invitational with Rose, Stasman, Chris Ball, and Dave Long finishing hand in hand in a four-way tie for first.

Rose set the course record of 29:02 last year, but the starting good finish times have been changed this year to make it tougher. The best time over it is 29:01.6 by Grav, and Illinois coach Joe Bell, who is directing the meet. Rose thinks anyone will better 29:15 today. That's a long way off from the recent record of 28:42 set by Steve Pollock of Oregon in 1970.

The Hoosier course, a three-mile loop run twice, is unique in that it keeps runners in view from one location for half the distance.

Ironically, Illinois, a three-time winner of the event, won't be in the meet. The Hoosiers finished 11th last year but in response made three to such a point that they canceled the meet this year.

The Hoosiers did not finish among the top 20 finishers in the team standings.

Rose is first; Western cross-country runner-up

By DAVID A. DAVIS

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Junior Nick Rose, his blond locks whipping in the 18-miles-per-hour wind, showed his heels in a field of 230 of the nation's premier cross-country runners and won the NCAA blue ribbon over the exhilarating golf course at Indiana University.

However, Western could not take all three marathons in the 38th championships. Oregon, even without Steve Prefontaine, took its second straight team title and third in four years.

"If we had to get beat," said Western coach Jerry Rees, "I'd rather it be the defending champion. I believe Oregon is better this year than last when Ken won it all and Rose was second."

Rose, winning the six-mile race in 29 minutes, 22 seconds, echoed his coach's thoughts on the team race. "When we wake up this morning, the team victory was foremost in my mind," and the 132-pounder out of Bristol, England.

Yale's R. P. Ross ran third and Washington State fourth, prompting Rees to claim, "This day to be the best top four teams in history of NCAA cross-country."

And the figures support him.

The overwhelming Rose credited victory to the wind assisted some 150 Western students who gave him a mass turn on the course, "I could hear them yell, "Yeah! I was at most courage point on the course," he said. "Last year, Pre had his fans, too. (Pollock, Whal and I had none today.

"The last mile was murder. In the early going, I let Craig Virgil and Himroy take the heat where he could back the wind. When the wind was at my back, I took over. He didn't run a very smart race of times."

Rose, passed by four runners in the first 1/4 miles, found a way to clear 12th.

Rose said he was happy to defeat Ken Rees. John Norton, proclaimed champion of Washington State because he had broken most of Prefontaine's records this year.

Grav, who led through the team title by running fourth, paid due to his misleading, 29 minutes, 22 seconds.

Morin' on

NICK ROSE of Western Kentucky was the individual winner in the NCAA cross-country meet at Bloomington, Ind. He ran the six-mile course in 29 minutes, 22 seconds.
the greatest runner in the world is coming to the Mason-Dixon Games.

The Games aren't until February 8, but lots of national and international champions are already definitely coming. Some of them are:

- Mike BOLT (Kenya and Eastern New Mexico, Olympic medalist, 400 meters).
- Mildred Hines (Henderson and Eastern Missouri, 100 meter hurdles champion).
- John NEMO (Kurama and Washington State, NCAA and AAU mile champion).
- Pat MATHIS (Chicago Track Club, former world high jump record holder).
- Charles LESLIE (North Carolina Central, NCAA and AAU discus champion).
- Tony PEARCE (Chicago Track Club, former world 800 meter record holder).
- Dave WILSON (Baylor, NCAA and AAU 1500 meter champion).
- Mark CONNORS (Buell's Hill, National three-time Mason-Dixon champion and world record holder at 1,500 meters).
- Willy WHITE (Baylor, NCAA champion and world record holder at 5,000 meters).
- Philip SINCO (Kurama and Eastern New Mexico, AAU discus champion and national road race champion).
- Jerome SMITH (Western Kentucky, NCAA champion).
- Darren ROY (Philadelphia Pioneers, second-fastest 400 meter man in world and two-time Mason-Dixon champion).
- Mike ALLAN (Florida Track Club, former national AAU mile and cross-country champion).
- Doug BROWN (Batesville, Arkansas, winner of three national indoor mile titles).
- John YOUNG (Tennessee, All-American and defending Mason-Dixon 2000 yard champion).

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Western's track team opens outdoor season

By CLAIRE HINES
Daily News Sports Editor

Seeking its 12th straight Ohio Valley Conference title, Western's nationally ranked track team opens its outdoor season in the Memphis Invitational on Saturday.

The Hilltoppers closed out the indoor season last weekend at the NCAA Indoor Championships in Detroit, where coach Jerry Bean's squad finished in a three-way tie for fifth place.

With several of the athletes who helped Western to a second-place showing in last fall's NCAA cross-country final at Birmingham, Ala., to go with all of the performers who stood out during the recent indoor season, Bean figures to have another highly successful season.

Accordingly, the Hilltoppers' outdoor sprints this season are a dual meet with Ohio Valley Conference rival Murray on April 5, and a triangular meet with OVC rivals Eastern Kentucky and Morehead on April 19.

Sandwiched in between the Hilltoppers' home appearance this spring will be the Dogwood Relays on April 11-12 at Knoxville, Tenn., and the Drake Relays on April 25-26 at Des Moines, Iowa.

Western's only dual meet on the road this season is a May 1 trip to Cape Girardeau, Mo., where Bean's squad will take on Southeast Missouri.

The three-team meet will be held in Western's Smith Stadium, as will all of the Hilltoppers' home outings.

The other highlight of Western's home schedule this spring is a date with defending Big Ten champ Indiana on May 6, a dual match which is expected to draw the largest crowd in the history of the Hilltoppers' track and field program for a regular season event.

Other home outings for the Hilltoppers this season are a dual meet with Ohio Valley Conference rival Murray on April 5, and a triangular meet with OVC rivals Eastern Kentucky and Morehead on April 19.

The NCAA Track and Field Championships will be held on June 5-7 at Peoria, Utah, and Bean hopes to qualify as many of his athletes as possible during the season.

Two sure bets to make return trips to the finals are shot putter Jesse Stuart, and distance runner Nick Rose.

Stuart is the defending NCAA outdoor champion in his specialty, while Rose won the NCAA individual cross-country championship last fall.

Rose, a junior from Fresno, California, also captured first-place honors in the two-mile run last week at the indoor championships in Columbus. His time was eight minutes, 44 seconds.

Here is the Hilltoppers' outdoor track schedule:

Mar. 25 - Minges Invitational
Mar. 26 - Hilltopper Relays H
Apr. 7 - Murray H
Apr. 11-12 - Dogwood Relays A
Apr. 19 - EUK Meet H
Apr. 22-24 - Drake Relays A
May 1 - Southeast Missouri A
May 18 - Indiana H
May 19-20 - OVC Championship A
May 25 - Smoky Mountain Invitational A
June 4 - NCAA Championship A

When Western track coach Jerry Bean began to put together the first annual Hilltopper Classic, he wanted a little of everything: nationally ranked teams, national champions, numerous All-Americans.

Bean may well have secured all of those ingredients when he got Eastern Michigan and Illinois to battle it out with his own "Big Red Machine" Saturday, at 1 p.m. CDT on Western's track.

All three schools placed well in last year's NCAA Outdoor Track Championships and the recent NCAA Indoor Championships. In the outdoor meet, Western was ninth while Illinois took the 15th spot for Michigan placed fourth and the Hilltoppers finished fifth in this year's indoor meet.

The classic will feature four NCAA champions and two runners-up. Western's Nick Rose, a six-time All-American, has been national champion in both the two-mile run indoors and in cross country. He and national high school record holder Craig "Virgin" of Illinois will match up in a great three-mile race.

Virginia, a sophomore, is a two-time All-American. He has won the Big Ten cross country title each of the past two years.

Sprint star Stan Vrison of Eastern Michigan is a six-time All-American and has twice been the NCAA indoor two-mile titlist. He will face Western's - Bernard Herrmann, the West German Olympian who also was ranked fourth in the world over the 1,500 meters in 1975.

Charleston Elrod of Illinois set an NCAA triple jump record of 26-4 1/4 to win his national championship last year. The Norman champion will line up against the Hilltoppers' Emmett Bridges, a fifth-place finisher in the NCAA outdoor meet. Elrod also has the current leading high jump in the world over 6-11 1/2.

Jesse Stuart of Western, last year's NCAA indoor shot put champion, has thrown the 16-pound ball 67 feet, to rank second in the world. He is coming off a hand injury and will face Illinois' fine sophomore, Tony Balbo, who has thrown more than 60 feet.

In addition, Tony Staynings of Western and Mike Durkin of Illinois have been NCAA runners-up in the three-mile and mile, respectively. Durkin has run the mile under four minutes on three different occasions.
In district at Greenville, S.C.

Bean to turn harriers loose

By CLARK HANES
Daily News Sports Editor

According to Western cross-country coach Jerry Bean, what happened last weekend in the OVC championships at Murray won’t happen again this Saturday in Greenville, S.C. Bean’s squad was last Saturday’s conference meet by such a great margin that, at one point in the six mile run, one Hilltopper actually stopped to give moral support to a teammate.

“As four of Western’s five English crossed the finish line holding hands—including Nick Bole, last year’s NCAA runner-up, and Dave Long, the freshman who was the object of Ron’s vocal encouragement the past weekend—Nick didn’t really turn around and run backwards, explained Bean. “He just sort of ran in place and Dave caught up with him, and then they ran together for a while.”

“I don’t think it was so much a matter of what Nick did to him,” Bean added. “It wasn’t any physiological, just a gesture of moral support.”

Whatever it was got Long over his stomach cramps, and he and Rose caught up with fellow Westerners Terry Staynings and Chris Rider to result in a four-way tie in the individual title in a course record time of 29 minutes, 9 seconds.

Western, needless to say, had little difficulty capturing their first OVC cross-country title in 19 years, finishing with a team total of only 22 points. Defending champ East Tennessee was a distant second with 40 points, followed by Murray with 79.

However, Bean doesn’t figure any of his talented runners—even Rose—will have time to do anything but go full speed ahead Saturday at Greenville, where Furman is hosting the NCAA third district championships.

This week is going to be every man for himself,” he said. “Our district isn’t quite as tough as it was last year, but it’ll be the best in the nation.”

To emphasize his point, Bean ran through a list of the top 11 finishers in last year’s district meet, and then compared those runners with last year’s 25 crosscountry All-Americans.

No less than 10 of the third district’s top 11 runners went on to attain All-American status last year; no least considering there are seven other districts across the nation.

Three of these All-Americans were Western’s Rose, Rider and Staynings, who went on to lead the Toppers to a second-place finish in the NCAA finals before they were moved down sixth in a disqualification.

Bean is hoping to add at least one more Hilltopper. Long, to this year’s list of All-Americans, although he expects the individual competition to again be fierce on Saturday.

“Our runners are going for breaks this weekend,” he said. “because there’s too many good individuals running from Staynings and other schools.”

According to Bean, the top four runners besides Western’s English quartet should be Paul Doub of Tennessee, Jim Buell of Kentucky, Scott Eden of Evansville, and Paul Benson of Memphis State.

Team-wise, Bean expects the most competition from William & Mary last year’s district tilt, although he says nine teams have a shot at the six qualifying spots. The teams are Western, East Tennessee and Murray from the OVC, Tennessee, Kentucky and Florida from the Southeastern Conference, Duke and Maryland from the Atlantic Coast Conference, and William & Mary from the Southern Conference.

As was the case in last Saturday’s OVC meet at the Calloway County Country Club, each team will be composed of seven runners, although only the top five finishers on each team will be counted in the point standings.

Canadian Ross Munro, Joe Timus and Swag Harrel, another Englishman, will fill out the Toppers lineup at Greenville, but Steve Smith will also make the trip and be ready to run in case of injury or illness to one of the seven seniors.

Munro and Hart are the only seniors in the Hilltopper lineup, Rose and Timus are runners, and the other seniors and Rider are sophomores, and Long is the only freshman.

“Jen, we do still have a young team,” Bean conceded, “but we’re not planning on waiting until next year. We’ve been holding back all season, but we’re gonna open it up this Saturday.”

Bean deserves better weather

Clark Hanes
Daily News Sports Editor

After all he’s done to turn Western track into one of the finest in the nation, you think Jerry Bean could at least get a little nice weather in return.

That’s what the flashy dresser from Nebraska is hoping for this weekend, when his nationally ranked track team hosts two more national powers in the first Hilltopper Classic.

The three-team meet is scheduled to start at 1 p.m. Saturday at Smith Stadium, and a big turnout is expected as Western battles teams from Illinois and Eastern Michigan.

According to Bean, there will be no admission charge.

What we have here is one of the best free shows to come to Bowling Green in some time, in other words. Even if one can’t an ardent follower of the track and field circuit, there will be enough talent on display for him to appreciate.

All three teams are ranked among the nation’s top 10 track squads, and all the individuals to be competing include All-Americans, All-Sky, All-American District, the top candidates and runners-up.

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Top trackmen win own classic

By CLARK HANES

DAILY NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

While Western's trackmen grabbed eight first-place finishes in 11 events, posted an impressive triangular meet victory over Eastern Michigan and Illinois Saturday at the Hilltopper Classic at Smith Stadium.

Western finished with a total of 107 points, followed by Eastern Michigan and Illinois with 69.

All three squads are ranked among the best in the nation but the size of the crowd was held down by a combination of things -- Eastern's weekend which sent many students home, the threatening weather and the conflict with the scheduled NCAA basketball tournament.

Nevertheless, Western's hardy sports buffs who did turn out were treated to performances by some of the nation's top collegiate trackmen.

Western's potential All-Americans in both track and cross-country, Nick Rose and Bobbie Payne broke up having to compete on an exhibition basis in the three-mile run because of a scheduling mix-up. Both were several after big times on hard, and most of them were successful in their specialties.

Pitching in the dark to Western, for instance, was Tony Staynings. The sophomore distance runner, who was the state champion in the 1-mile and three-mile run, set a school record in the mile with a time of 4:27.7.

Tony Staynings also ran on the Hilltoppers' top two relays, the mile relay and the 440-yard relay. In the mile relay he ran the second leg, the 300-yard split, of the race, which had the fastest time in nation this season, 3:12.7.

The relay team consisted of Dave Long, a senior distance runner; Staynings; Bobbie Payne, a senior distance runner; and Mike Burton, a junior shot putter.

The 440-yard relay team consisted of Staynings, Bobbie Payne, Dave Long and Steve Falce.

The Hilltoppers' other relays were also successful. The 880-yard relay team was second to Illinois, the 1,600-yard relay team was second to Illinois and the Illinois and Eastern Michigan, the 400-yard relay team was second to Illinois and Eastern Michigan, and the Illinois and Eastern Michigan, the 1500-yard relay team was second to Illinois and Eastern Michigan.

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Eastern, Morehead tracksters
invade BG for triangular meet

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Eastern's Tony Staupnis
and Three Jaguars had to
settle for third place in the
meet, but still set a new school
mark with a time of seven
seconds.

Eastern's Tony Staupnis
was responsible for the other
school record. The lightweight
distance runner finished with a
time of 12 minutes, 35.2 seconds.

In the sprint events, Western
set track records in the
distance event and
recorded relay. The Toppers
distance medley team of Dave,
Hart, Louis DePique, Chris
Ritter and Nick Charette
did not place in the event
class but set a new record.

While the Toppers' trackmen
enter into a pair of league
meets the weekend to matches
with a pair of matches that
finish the spring season.

School's are a pair of matches
that do.

Going into the last full
weekend of conference play, the
Toppers' squad is in
deals in league play and
heads the conference in regular
events soaring with a total of 20
points.

In so far as conference play, the
Toppers own wins over Middle
Tennessee (144), Austin
Perry (81), Malden (63) and
Eastern (36). This weekend the
track team travels to Murray to
take on Murray State, Austin
Perry and Tennessee Tech Saturday.

In something of a surprise, Saturday's match with Tech
now shapes up as one of the
biggest of the regular season,
because of Tech's 25-year spate of
defeating champions Western
Tech has never been defeated
by Tech in this conference.

The Toppers' uphill battle against the regular season
race is Middle with 30 points,
followed by Austin Perry with 25
and Tech. Murray is in third
place with 18 points. Eastern has
been held out of the last
week's conference, Murray and
Murray sat.

Western's track men is
also slated to the meet this
weekend but Jerry Ponder
squad isn't thinking about any
other titles.

The race is Saturday's
meets are scheduled to the
event V.O.C. Conference
Middle Tennessee, where
both teams will take 3 of the
4 V.O.C. Western Division
meets into the fall.

The meet will be four games in
the past meet at Murray and
David Loydhead, the his
Hilltoppers scored a upset 4-18
overall. On Wednesday, Western
scored 24-3, 5-2 and 5-3 in
Vandy, and then fell to Vandy
27-3, 5-3 Thursday.

Alas, Saturday's
disappointment in Nashville.
Fred the Hilltoppers return
from the trip to Murray
before traveling to Chattanooga.
15, the following day in meet
rugged Southern Illinois.

Western's golf team has the
weekend off for progress in a
dual match against Kentucky
A&M this weekend, but the girls'
track and field teams are both
laid for action.

The girls' track team is slated
for competition in the second
annual Kentucky Women's
Invitational meet Friday at
Murray State on Saturday, where
the girls' tennis team was slated to
beat David Lyon's and had
nothing but their spring season
finals.
Record 15,650 see Kenya’s Boit win 880, British crew from W. Kentucky rip 4-mile record...