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WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

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Men's Basketball / Contact: Zach Greenwell, WKU Athletic Communications/Media Relations

Justin Johnson headshot, action photo attached. Please credit "Steve Roberts/WKU Athletics" for the action shot.

JOHNSON NAMED CANDIDATE FOR SENIOR CLASS AWARD

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — WKU senior forward Justin Johnson has been named one of 30 candidates for the 2017-18 Senior CLASS Award, the organization announced Thursday. To be eligible for the award, a student-athlete must be classified as an NCAA Division I senior and have notable achievements in four areas of excellence: community, classroom, character and competition.

An acronym for Celebrating Loyalty and Achievement for Staying in School, the Senior CLASS Award focuses on the total student-athlete and encourages students to use their platform in athletics to make a positive impact as leaders in their communities.

The 30 candidates will be narrowed to a field of 10 finalists in February, and those 10 names will be placed on the official ballot. Ballots will be distributed through a nationwide voting system to media, coaches and fans, who will select one candidate who best exemplifies excellence in the four Cs of community, classroom, character and competition.

Johnson — a 6-foot-7 native of Hazard, Ky. — has been a standout on the court for the Hilltoppers for four years and a strong presence in the community for just as long.

He ranks 22nd on WKU's all-time scoring list with 1,308 career points and needs just 27 rebounds to tie for 10th on WKU's all-time boards list. He currently has 829 career rebounds.

Johnson is one of just five active NCAA players with at least 1,300 career points and 800 rebounds. He's tied for ninth among active NCAA players for career rebounds and tied for 10th in career double-doubles (29).

Johnson also showed off his natural athleticism this year by spending spring practice, summer workouts and the beginning of fall camp with the football team as a tight end before returning to basketball in August.

Johnson graduated in just three years with a bachelor's degree in sport management. He's now pursuing his master's degree in intercollegiate athletic administration. He's been named multiple times to the Conference USA Commissioner's Honor Roll for student-athletes with a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better.

Johnson, a team captain, has been a steady leader for the WKU program through years of coaching and roster turnover. He is one of just two active players returning from last year and is the team's only four-year player.

He also worked tirelessly in the offseason to return from both knee surgery and deliberate weight gain, both of which were attributed to his time spent with the football team. Johnson often worked out four times a day in the offseason to shed the weight he gained purposefully for football and to rehab his knee back into playing shape.

Johnson has been a staple of the community since he arrived at WKU. He's taken multiple mission trips to Belize and China, where he's spent time with underprivileged children in addition to playing games. He did the same this August in Costa Rica, where he played with children at a local orphanage during WKU's foreign tour.

Johnson has also volunteered to work with senior citizens at Bowling Green Retirement Village, spoken at youth basketball games during the playing season, visited with special needs children from the city's Camp Happy Days in previous years and volunteered several times for the United Way Day of Caring, including time with the area Boys & Girls Club.

The Senior CLASS Award winners will be announced during the 2018 NCAA Men's Final Four and NCAA Women's Final Four this spring.

For more information on each of the candidates, visit seniorCLASSaward.com.

WKU is the only school represented on the Football, Volleyball and Men's Basketball Senior CLASS Award candidate lists. Quarterback Mike White was named a candidate for football, and volleyball setter Jessica Lucas earned Senior CLASS Award First-Team All-America status.





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WKU Game Notes — <http://goto.ps/2m2MiOF>

Marshall Game Notes — <http://goto.ps/2m0gJnY>

Conference USA Notes — <http://goto.ps/2m20bNc>

Video: Head coach Rick Stansbury pre-Marshall — <https://youtu.be/xs9-SSwybQo>

Video: Justin Johnson and Jake Ohmer pre-Marshall — <https://youtu.be/8sOL60eFnQ8>

HILLTOPPERS TRAVEL TO MARSHALL FOR FIRST C-USA ROAD GAME

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — WKU Hilltopper Basketball opens the new year with its first Conference USA road game of the season at Marshall at 6 p.m. CT Saturday in Huntington, W.Va.

The Hilltoppers have started 2-0 in conference play for the fifth time in six seasons, beating LA Tech and Southern Miss at home last week.

Marshall also beat the Bulldogs and Golden Eagles to start 2-0 in league play. WKU leads the all-time series against the Thundering Herd 13-10, but Marshall has won four straight.

Hilltopper head coach Rick Stansbury is 0-2 in his career against the Herd, which come into the game averaging 88.2 points per contest.

GAME 16

WKU (10-5, 2-0 C-USA) at Marshall (11-4, 2-0 C-USA)

January 6, 2018 | 6 p.m. CT

Huntington, W.Va. | Cam Henderson Center

BROADCAST

Listen: [Hilltopper IMG Sports Network](#) (WKLX 100.7 FM flagship), [WKUSports.tv](#) (free), [TuneIn Radio](#) (free) (Randy Lee, pxp | Hal Schmitt, analysis)

Watch: [Stadium](#) (online streaming) (Roger Twibell, pxp | Tim Doyle, analysis)

Live Stats: [Marshall Stats](#)

QUICK SHOTS

- WKU has made at least one 3-pointer in 953 consecutive games, dating back to March 15, 1987. The 3-point shot was instituted prior to the 1986-87 season. The Hilltoppers' streak is the fifth-longest in the nation behind Kentucky, UNLV, Vanderbilt and Arkansas.
- WKU trailed for just 26 combined seconds in its two opening Conference USA wins.
- WKU ranks 25th in the country in field goal percentage and first in Conference USA at 49.4 percent. That percentage would rank seventh for a single season in program history.
- WKU ranks 45th in the country in 3-point percentage and first in Conference USA at 39.2 percent. That percentage would rank fourth for a single season in program history.
- WKU has outscored its opponents 608-429 in the paint this season.
- The Hilltoppers' five losses have come by a total of 22 points – an average of 4.4 points per game.
- In his last 12 games, Darius Thompson has 63 combined assists and just 17 turnovers. He has at least four assists in 13 of 15 games this season and leads C-USA in assist-to-turnover ratio at 2.7-to-1.
- Darius Thompson has scored in double figures in all but one game. It took Thompson 15 games to score more points (210) than he had in any previous entire season at Virginia or Tennessee.

- Darius Thompson ranks 18th in the country in minutes per game (36.8) and 22nd in total minutes (552).
- Taveion Hollingsworth has scored at least 12 points in nine straight games.
- Through 15 games, Lamonte Bearden has 28 steals. No Hilltopper had more than 28 steals all last year.
- Lamonte Bearden is 134 points from reaching 1,000 for his career across his time at Buffalo and WKU.
- As of Thursday, Justin Johnson was tied for ninth among active NCAA players for career rebounds and tied for 10th in career double-doubles. He's one of just five active NCAA players with at least 1,300 career points and 800 rebounds.
- Justin Johnson is ranked 22nd on WKU's all-time scoring list with 1,308 career points. He needs 11 points to pass Chuck Rawlings and Darel Carrier to move into 20th.
- Justin Johnson currently ranks eighth on WKU's all-time list for career field goal percentage at 54.7 percent. He's just over one percentage point from fifth place.
- Justin Johnson needs 27 rebounds to tie Dwight Smith for 10th on WKU's all-time career list with 856.
- Justin Johnson needs 171 rebounds to reach 1,000 for his career. That would make him just the fifth player in WKU history with 1,000 career points and 1,000 rebounds, joining Tom Marshall, Art Spoelstra, Ralph Crosthwaite and Jim McDaniels, the last to accomplish the feat in 1971.

LAST GAME AGAINST MARSHALL: FEBRUARY 11, 2017

Jon Elmore scored 32 points and grabbed nine rebounds, Austin Loop sank six 3s and finished with 20 points, and Marshall held on for an 84-79 win at WKU. Que Johnson led the Hilltoppers with 17 points.

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Josh Anderson headshot is attached.

FRESHMAN GUARD JOSH ANDERSON RULED IMMEDIATELY ELIGIBLE

From WKU Hilltopper Basketball: "WKU freshman guard Josh Anderson was ruled immediately eligible by the NCAA on Friday. He is traveling with the team to Marshall and will be available to participate in Saturday's game."



WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

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Men's Basketball / Contact: Zach Greenwell, WKU Athletic Communications/Media Relations

PDF box score is attached. Postgame notes, video and quotes will follow in a separate email.

THOMPSON'S TRIPLE-DOUBLE SPARKS HILLTOPPERS' 112-87 ROUT AT MARSHALL

HUNTINGTON, W.VA. — WKU senior guard Darius Thompson recorded the second triple-double in program history Saturday night, and the Hilltoppers scored their most points since 1994 in a 112-87 rout at Marshall.

Thompson finished with 33 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists in 36 minutes, joining former WKU great Orlando Mendez-Valdez (Jan. 1, 2009 vs. Troy) as the only Hilltoppers with a triple-double.

Thompson's 33 points were a career high and the most by a WKU player since Aaron Cosby's 34 against LA Tech on March 5, 2016. He also made a career-high six 3-pointers.

WKU (11-5) has started 3-0 in league play for the third time in four years. The win broke Marshall's four-game winning streak over the Hilltoppers and was WKU's first victory in Huntington since 2004.

The 112 points were the program's most since scoring 113 against Belmont on Dec. 10, 1994. WKU dominated the game in every facet, shooting 62.5 percent from the field and tallying a season-high 28 assists on 45 baskets with 12 turnovers.

The 28 assists were also the Hilltoppers' most since dishing out 28 in that 1994 win over Belmont, and the 62.5 percent shooting was the program's highest in a game since firing 63.9 percent against Louisiana-Monroe on Jan. 31, 2007.

The Hilltoppers outrebounded Marshall 53-26, outscored the Herd 70-20 in the paint and shot 67.7 percent from the field in the second half.

Senior forward Justin Johnson scored a career-high 27 points with eight rebounds and a season-high four assists on 11 of 16 shooting. Senior forward Dwight Coleby had his sixth double-double with 18 points, 14 rebounds and four blocks.

Freshman guard Josh Anderson, who was ruled eligible by the NCAA on Friday, had 16 points and four rebounds in his college debut. Freshman guard Taveion Hollingsworth chipped in 12 points, and redshirt junior guard Lamonte Bearden finished with six points and seven assists. WKU never trailed in the game and led by as much as 34 with 13:22 to play.

The Hilltoppers led 61-35 at halftime, sparked by a 10-1 run to start the outing. This was the second time this season that WKU has scored at least 60 points in a half, following its 62-point first half against Nicholls on Nov. 19.

Jarrold West had 20 points to lead Marshall (11-5, 2-1 C-USA), which made 18 of 37 3-pointers. The Hilltoppers stay on the road with a visit to Old Dominion at 7 p.m. CT Thursday in Norfolk, Va.

WKU MBB: Postgame Notes / Quotes / Video – WKU 112, Marshall 87, Jan. 6, 2018

Please find attached postgame notes and quotes from WKU's 112-87 win at Marshall on Saturday, as well as links below to postgame video interviews with head coach Rick Stansbury, senior guard Darius Thompson and freshman guard Josh Anderson.

Darius Thompson recorded the second triple-double in school history with 33 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists.

VIDEO

Head Coach Rick Stansbury — <https://youtu.be/R6lpeGzNDoQ>

Senior guard Darius Thompson — <https://youtu.be/v6bBW50SrzA>

Freshman guard Josh Anderson — https://youtu.be/Ud8fj_Wd8FQ

WKU Basketball
Marshall Postgame Quotes
January 6, 2018

Head Coach Rick Stansbury

Opening statement...

"I thought our kids were dialed in for 40 minutes about as well as you can dial them in for 40 minutes. Our strategy was to control the flow of the game offensively, not just defensively. What they do they do as well as anybody in the country – shoot that 3-point shot. For the most part, we controlled that. Once we got the big lead, I played some zone to lengthen that clock out some, and they made some 3s. But that was to lengthen the clock with a 20-point lead. ... They're not easy to defend. We had a lot of great individual efforts."

On Darius Thompson's triple-double...

"We wanted to be efficient. Efficient means slow it down, and that's where he comes into play. He's good in transition, attacking and passing, but if we don't have it, you've got to have somebody who can slow us down. He really settles us right there, and again, we were pretty efficient."

Senior guard Darius Thompson

On getting the second triple-double in school history..

"I was trying to get a triple-double this whole year. When I first came into Western Kentucky, I read about Orlando Mendez-Valdez, and under the bio, it said first triple-double in school history. I told Harold (Miller), our grad assistant, 'I'm going to be the second one – watch.' I finally got it."

On the team's big win...

"Even more than the triple-double, I'm excited about the team win. ... Just getting a big win here and how we played, having a new addition, I feel like everybody came out here and played 100 percent. I felt like this was one of the few games this year where we played two halves, so I was very proud of my team."

Freshman guard Josh Anderson

On making his college debut in the big win...

"I'm real grateful. It was hard sitting out and watching my teammates go out there and have fun, but they supported me through it all. They were giving me kind words and encouraging me along the way."

On when he found out Friday that he was ruled eligible by the NCAA...

"Coach called me in his office and told me the news, and I ran out the gym to go pack, so I was so excited. First person I called was definitely my mom, because she was through it all with me. She was screaming on the phone."



WKU Hilltoppers at Marshall Thundering Herd

Postgame Notes

Jan. 6, 2018

Cam Henderson Center | Huntington, W.Va.

FINAL SCORE: WKU 112, Marshall 87

RECORDS AND NOTABLES

- WKU improves to 11-5, 3-0 in C-USA. The Hilltoppers have started 3-0 in league play for the third time in the last four years.
- Marshall falls to 11-5, 2-1. The Herd were 10-0 at home this season coming into the game.
- WKU leads the all-time series 14-10 and broke Marshall's four-game winning streak in the series. It was the Hilltoppers' first win in Huntington since 2004.
- Head coach Rick Stansbury improves to 1-2 in his career against Marshall.
- WKU's 112 points and 28 assists were the program's most since registering 113 points and 28 assists against Belmont on Dec. 10, 1994.
- The Hilltoppers' 62.5 percent field-goal percentage was its highest in a game since shooting 63.9 percent against Louisiana-Monroe on Jan. 31, 2007.
- Attendance was announced as 6,826.
- **UP NEXT:** WKU stays on the road with a visit to Old Dominion at 7 p.m. CT Thursday in Norfolk, Va. The game will be broadcast nationally on beIN SPORTS.

TEAM NOTES

- WKU used the starting lineup of Taveion Hollingsworth, Lamonte Bearden, Darius Thompson, Dwight Coleby, and Justin Johnson for the 15th straight game.
- **KEY FIRST HALF RUN:** WKU dominated the first half, never trailing and building a 61-35 advantage by the break.

- WKU opened the game with a 10-1 run and later pulled away to a lead of 20-plus with a 14-0 burst midway through the half.
- The Hilltoppers outrebounded Marshall 29-12 in the first half with 10 offensive rebounds.
- **KEY SECOND HALF RUN:** Instead of letting up with a big lead, WKU came out of halftime and scored 12 of the first 17 points of the second half to push its lead to 73-40 on a 3-pointer by Darius Thompson at the 16:30 mark.
- WKU shot 45 of 72 (62.5 percent) from the field, 7 of 14 (50 percent) from 3-point range and 15 of 27 (55.6 percent) from the free-throw line.
- WKU scored 60-plus points in a half for the second time this season with 61 in the first half, following up a 62-point first half against Nicholls on Nov. 19.
- This game was WKU's ninth this season shooting at least 50 percent from the floor and its ninth game of scoring at least 80 points. The Hilltoppers are 8-1 when shooting 50 percent and 6-3 when scoring at least 80 points.
- The Hilltoppers outrebounded Marshall 53-26 with 15 offensive rebounds and outscored the Herd 70-20 in the paint, as well as 20-2 in second-chance points.
- WKU has handed out 50 combined assists in its last two games.
- WKU has made a 3-pointer in 954 straight games dating back to March 15, 1987. That ranks as the fifth-longest streak in the nation behind Kentucky, UNLV, Vanderbilt and Arkansas.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

DARIUS THOMPSON

- The graduate senior recorded the second triple-double in school history with 33 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists in 36 minutes.
 - WKU's previous triple-double was by Orlando Mendez-Valdez against Troy on Jan. 1, 2009.
 - Thompson's 33 points and six 3-pointers were both career highs. His 33 points were the most by a Hilltopper since Aaron Cosby's 34 against LA Tech on March 5, 2016.

JOSH ANDERSON

- The freshman, who was ruled eligible by the NCAA on Friday, scored 16 points on 6 of 8 shooting with four rebounds in 19 minutes in his college debut.

JUSTIN JOHNSON

- The senior scored a career-high 27 points on 12 of 17 shooting with eight rebounds and a season-high four assists.
- Johnson passed Chuck Rawlings, Darel Carrier and Tellis Frank in the game on WKU's all-time scoring list and now ranks 19th with 1,335 career points. He needs 20 points to pass Craig McCormick for 18th.

DWIGHT COLEBY

- The graduate senior registered his sixth double-double of the season with 18 points, 14 rebounds and four blocks.

TAVEION HOLLINGSWORTH

- The freshman marked his 10th straight game with at least 12 points.

LAMONTE BEARDEN

- The redshirt junior scored six points and handed out seven assists.
 - In his last four games, Bearden has 27 total assists.

Official Basketball Box Score -- Game Totals -- Final Statistics
WKU vs Marshall
1/6/18 7:00 p.m. ET at Huntington, W.Va.

WKU 112 • 11-5, 3-0 C-USA

##	Player		Total	3-Ptr	FT-FTA	Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA		Off	Def	Tot							
22	COLEBY, Dwight	f	8-14	0-0	2-2	5	9	14	3	18	1	3	4	0	33
23	JOHNSON, Justin	f	12-17	1-1	2-5	4	4	8	2	27	4	2	1	2	33
01	BEARDEN, Lamonte	g	3-4	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	2	6	7	2	0	0	27
13	HOLLINGSWORTH, T.	g	5-10	0-2	2-3	0	3	3	2	12	2	1	2	0	30
15	THOMPSON, Darius	g	11-16	6-9	5-6	1	9	10	1	33	10	2	1	0	36
00	MILLER, Tyler		0-0	0-0	0-2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
04	ANDERSON, Josh		6-8	0-0	4-9	2	2	4	3	16	1	0	1	1	19
14	NELSON, Marek		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	2	0	0	2	0	0	10
21	OHMER, Jake		0-3	0-2	0-0	0	1	1	5	0	3	0	0	0	8
Team						3	6	9							
Totals			45-72	7-14	15-27	15	38	53	20	112	28	12	9	3	200

FG % 1st Half: 24-41 58.5% 2nd half: 21-31 67.7% Game: 45-72 62.5%
 3FG % 1st Half: 5-8 62.5% 2nd half: 2-6 33.3% Game: 7-14 50.0%
 FT % 1st Half: 8-11 72.7% 2nd half: 7-16 43.8% Game: 15-27 55.6%

Deadball
Rebounds
5

Marshall 87 • 11-5, 2-1 C-USA

##	Player		Total	3-Ptr	FT-FTA	Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA		Off	Def	Tot							
11	PENAVA, Ajdin	f	0-3	0-1	1-2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	5	0	4
50	MIJOVIC, Milan	f	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	3	4	2	0	2	0	0	0	20
13	WEST, Jarrod	g	6-9	6-9	2-2	1	2	3	2	20	5	2	0	3	38
14	BURKS, C.J.	g	6-22	4-11	3-5	1	1	2	4	19	8	3	0	0	38
33	ELMORE, Jon	g	5-15	3-6	5-6	1	4	5	2	18	8	0	0	1	40
01	KOLJANIN, Dani		1-4	0-2	1-2	0	2	2	1	3	0	0	1	1	11
03	WILLIAMS, Jannson		7-10	4-6	0-0	0	6	6	3	18	1	1	1	0	35
23	WATSON, Rondale		3-7	1-2	1-1	2	1	3	5	8	1	1	1	1	14
Team						1	0	1							
Totals			28-70	18-37	13-18	7	19	26	19	87	25	7	8	6	200

FG % 1st Half: 10-31 32.3% 2nd half: 18-39 46.2% Game: 28-70 40.0%
 3FG % 1st Half: 8-15 53.3% 2nd half: 10-22 45.5% Game: 18-37 48.6%
 FT % 1st Half: 7-9 77.8% 2nd half: 6-9 66.7% Game: 13-18 72.2%

Deadball
Rebounds
2

Officials: Mike Stuart, Tyler Kumpf, Trey Stoyns
 Technical fouls: WKU-OHMER, Jake. Marshall-WATSON, Rondale 2; ELMORE, Jon;
 TEAM.
 Attendance: 6826

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
WKU	61	51	112
Marshall	35	52	87

Points	In Paint	Off T/O	2nd Chance	Fast Break	Bench
WKU	70	15	20	16	16
MAR	20	24	2	10	29

Last FG - WKU 2nd-01:32, MAR 2nd-00:24.
 Largest lead - WKU by 34 2nd-13:22, MAR None.
 WKU led for 39:42. MAR led for 00:00. Game was tied for 00:18.

Score tied - 0 times.
 Lead changed - 0 times.

WKU vs Marshall
1/6/18 7:00 p.m. ET at Hutington, W.Va.
1st PERIOD Play-by-Play (Page 1)

Time	Score	Margin	HOME/VISITOR	Time	Score	Margin	HOME/VISITOR
19:42	0-2	V 2	GOOD! LAYUP by BEARDEN, Lamonte [PNT]	14:59			MISSED FT SHOT by JOHNSON, Justin
19:27			MISSED JUMPER by PENAVAL, Ajdin	14:59			REBOUND (DEF) by WILLIAMS, Jannson
19:27			REBOUND (DEF) by THOMPSON, Darius	14:59			SUB IN : OHMER, Jake
19:16			MISSED LAYUP by THOMPSON, Darius	14:59			SUB IN : NELSON, Marek
19:16			BLOCK by PENAVAL, Ajdin	14:59			SUB OUT: COLEBY, Dwight
19:15			REBOUND (OFF) by (TEAM)	14:59			SUB OUT: BEARDEN, Lamonte
19:09	0-4	V 4	GOOD! JUMPER by JOHNSON, Justin [PNT]	14:45			MISSED JUMPER by BURKS, C.J.
18:58			MISSED JUMPER by ELMORE, Jon	14:45			REBOUND (DEF) by THOMPSON, Darius
18:58			REBOUND (DEF) by COLEBY, Dwight	14:38			MISSED 3 PTR by OHMER, Jake
18:43			MISSED JUMPER by JOHNSON, Justin	14:38			REBOUND (DEF) by ELMORE, Jon
18:43			REBOUND (OFF) by COLEBY, Dwight	14:23	5-16	V 11	GOOD! DUNK by WILLIAMS, Jannson [PNT]
18:39			MISSED LAYUP by COLEBY, Dwight	14:23			ASSIST by WEST, Jarrod
18:39			BLOCK by PENAVAL, Ajdin	13:59			MISSED LAYUP by HOLLINGSWORTH, T.
18:38			REBOUND (DEF) by WEST, Jarrod	13:59			BLOCK by WATSON, Rondale
18:32			FOUL by JOHNSON, Justin (P1T1)	13:57			REBOUND (OFF) by (TEAM)
18:32			MISSED FT SHOT by PENAVAL, Ajdin	13:53	5-18	V 13	GOOD! LAYUP by HOLLINGSWORTH, T. [PNT]
18:32			REBOUND (OFF) by (DEADBLL)	13:37			MISSED LAYUP by BURKS, C.J.
18:32	1-4	V 3	GOOD! FT SHOT by PENAVAL, Ajdin	13:37			REBOUND (OFF) by (TEAM)
18:15			MISSED DUNK by COLEBY, Dwight	13:32			MISSED 3 PTR by ELMORE, Jon
18:15			BLOCK by PENAVAL, Ajdin	13:32			REBOUND (DEF) by JOHNSON, Justin
18:14			REBOUND (DEF) by WEST, Jarrod	13:12			MISSED JUMPER by OHMER, Jake
18:10			MISSED LAYUP by BURKS, C.J.	13:12			REBOUND (DEF) by WILLIAMS, Jannson
18:10			REBOUND (OFF) by ELMORE, Jon	13:03			MISSED LAYUP by ELMORE, Jon
18:06			MISSED 3 PTR by WEST, Jarrod	13:03			BLOCK by HOLLINGSWORTH, T.
18:06			REBOUND (OFF) by BURKS, C.J.	13:02			REBOUND (DEF) by THOMPSON, Darius
18:02			MISSED JUMPER by BURKS, C.J.	13:01			FOUL by ELMORE, Jon (P1T4)
18:02			REBOUND (DEF) by COLEBY, Dwight	13:01			FOUL TECHNCL by ELMORE, Jon
17:47			MISSED JUMPER by BEARDEN, Lamonte	13:01			MISSED FT SHOT by THOMPSON, Darius
17:47			BLOCK by PENAVAL, Ajdin	13:01			REBOUND (OFF) by (DEADBLL)
17:44			REBOUND (OFF) by COLEBY, Dwight	13:01	5-19	V 14	GOOD! FT SHOT by THOMPSON, Darius
17:44			FOUL by MIJOVIC, Milan (P1T1)	13:01			SUB IN : COLEBY, Dwight
17:44	1-5	V 4	GOOD! FT SHOT by COLEBY, Dwight	13:01			SUB IN : ANDERSON, Josh
17:44	1-6	V 5	GOOD! FT SHOT by COLEBY, Dwight	13:01			SUB OUT: HOLLINGSWORTH, T.
17:27			TURNOVR by WEST, Jarrod	13:01			SUB OUT: JOHNSON, Justin
17:26			STEAL by JOHNSON, Justin	12:52			MISSED JUMPER by COLEBY, Dwight
17:20			TURNOVR by HOLLINGSWORTH, T.	12:52			REBOUND (DEF) by BURKS, C.J.
17:10			MISSED DUNK by PENAVAL, Ajdin	12:44	8-19	V 11	GOOD! 3 PTR by WILLIAMS, Jannson
17:10			REBOUND (DEF) by COLEBY, Dwight	12:44			ASSIST by ELMORE, Jon
17:02			MISSED 3 PTR by HOLLINGSWORTH, T.	12:21	8-22	V 14	GOOD! 3 PTR by THOMPSON, Darius
17:02			REBOUND (OFF) by JOHNSON, Justin	12:21			ASSIST by OHMER, Jake
16:55	1-8	V 7	GOOD! JUMPER by THOMPSON, Darius [PNT]	12:10			FOUL by ANDERSON, Josh (P1T2)
16:55			ASSIST by BEARDEN, Lamonte	12:10			SUB IN : MIJOVIC, Milan
16:37			MISSED 3 PTR by PENAVAL, Ajdin	12:10			SUB OUT: WEST, Jarrod
16:37			REBOUND (DEF) by COLEBY, Dwight	12:07	11-22	V 11	GOOD! 3 PTR by BURKS, C.J.
16:30			MISSED DUNK by JOHNSON, Justin	12:07			ASSIST by ELMORE, Jon
16:30			BLOCK by PENAVAL, Ajdin	12:06			FOUL by OHMER, Jake (P1T3)
16:28			REBOUND (OFF) by THOMPSON, Darius	12:06			MISSED FT SHOT by BURKS, C.J.
16:27	1-10	V 9	GOOD! LAYUP by THOMPSON, Darius [PNT]	12:06			REBOUND (DEF) by ANDERSON, Josh
16:26			SUB IN : WILLIAMS, Jannson	11:49	11-25	V 14	GOOD! 3 PTR by THOMPSON, Darius
16:26			SUB OUT: PENAVAL, Ajdin	11:49			ASSIST by OHMER, Jake
16:13			MISSED LAYUP by ELMORE, Jon	11:34			FOUL by OHMER, Jake (P2T4)
16:13			BLOCK by COLEBY, Dwight	11:34			TIMEOUT media
16:13			REBOUND (DEF) by (TEAM)	11:34			SUB IN : HOLLINGSWORTH, T.
16:00			MISSED LAYUP by JOHNSON, Justin	11:34			SUB OUT: OHMER, Jake
16:00			REBOUND (DEF) by MIJOVIC, Milan	11:19			FOUL by NELSON, Marek (P1T5)
15:54	3-10	V 7	GOOD! DUNK by WILLIAMS, Jannson [FB/PNT]	11:13			TURNOVR by BURKS, C.J.
15:54			ASSIST by BURKS, C.J.	11:13			SUB IN : JOHNSON, Justin
15:31	3-13	V 10	GOOD! 3 PTR by THOMPSON, Darius	11:13			SUB OUT: NELSON, Marek
15:31			ASSIST by JOHNSON, Justin	10:55	11-28	V 17	GOOD! 3 PTR by THOMPSON, Darius
15:22			TURNOVR by WILLIAMS, Jannson	10:55			ASSIST by JOHNSON, Justin
15:22			TIMEOUT media	10:41			TURNOVR by WATSON, Rondale
15:22			SUB IN : WATSON, Rondale	10:26	11-30	V 19	GOOD! JUMPER by HOLLINGSWORTH, T.
15:22			SUB OUT: MIJOVIC, Milan	10:26			ASSIST by COLEBY, Dwight
15:07			FOUL by WATSON, Rondale (P1T2)	10:14			MISSED LAYUP by ELMORE, Jon
14:59			FOUL by WATSON, Rondale (P2T3)	10:14			BLOCK by HOLLINGSWORTH, T.
14:59	3-14	V 11	GOOD! FT SHOT by JOHNSON, Justin	10:13			REBOUND (DEF) by (TEAM)
14:59			FOUL TECHNCL by the bench	10:13			SUB IN : KOLJANIN, Dani
14:59	3-15	V 12	GOOD! FT SHOT by THOMPSON, Darius	10:13			SUB IN : WEST, Jarrod
14:59	3-16	V 13	GOOD! FT SHOT by THOMPSON, Darius	10:13			SUB OUT: MIJOVIC, Milan
				10:13			SUB OUT: BURKS, C.J.
				09:59	11-32	V 21	GOOD! LAYUP by JOHNSON, Justin [PNT]

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Time	Score	Margin	HOME/VISITOR	Time	Score	Margin	HOME/VISITOR
09:59			ASSIST by THOMPSON, Darius	03:53			TIMEOUT media
09:59			FOUL by WILLIAMS, Jannson (P1T5)	03:45	26-48	V 22	GOOD! 3 PTR by WEST, Jarrod
09:59			MISSED FT SHOT by JOHNSON, Justin	03:45			ASSIST by ELMORE, Jon
09:59			REBOUND (DEF) by WILLIAMS, Jannson	03:28			TURNOVR by BEARDEN, Lamonte
09:47			MISSED LAYUP by WATSON, Rondale	03:26			STEAL by WEST, Jarrod
09:47			BLOCK by COLEBY, Dwight	03:23	29-48	V 19	GOOD! 3 PTR by ELMORE, Jon
09:45			REBOUND (DEF) by HOLLINGSWORTH, T.	03:23			ASSIST by BURKS, C.J.
09:42			MISSED 3 PTR by THOMPSON, Darius	03:02	29-50	V 21	GOOD! DUNK by ANDERSON, Josh [PNT]
09:42			REBOUND (DEF) by WILLIAMS, Jannson	03:02			ASSIST by BEARDEN, Lamonte
09:24			MISSED 3 PTR by WATSON, Rondale	02:39			MISSED LAYUP by ELMORE, Jon
09:24			REBOUND (DEF) by HOLLINGSWORTH, T.	02:39			BLOCK by COLEBY, Dwight
08:59	11-34	V 23	GOOD! JUMPER by ANDERSON, Josh	02:39			REBOUND (DEF) by (TEAM)
08:51			FOUL by HOLLINGSWORTH, T. (P1T6)	02:22	29-52	V 23	GOOD! JUMPER by JOHNSON, Justin [PNT]
08:45			MISSED 3 PTR by WILLIAMS, Jannson	02:22			ASSIST by BEARDEN, Lamonte
08:45			REBOUND (DEF) by HOLLINGSWORTH, T.	02:03	32-52	V 20	GOOD! 3 PTR by WEST, Jarrod
08:23			FOUL by ELMORE, Jon (P2T6)	02:03			ASSIST by BURKS, C.J.
08:23	11-35	V 24	GOOD! FT SHOT by HOLLINGSWORTH, T.	01:41			MISSED JUMPER by JOHNSON, Justin
08:23	11-36	V 25	GOOD! FT SHOT by HOLLINGSWORTH, T.	01:41			REBOUND (OFF) by COLEBY, Dwight
08:13			FOUL by HOLLINGSWORTH, T. (P2T7)	01:32	32-54	V 22	GOOD! LAYUP by JOHNSON, Justin [PNT]
08:13	12-36	V 24	GOOD! FT SHOT by ELMORE, Jon	01:32			ASSIST by THOMPSON, Darius
08:13	13-36	V 23	GOOD! FT SHOT by ELMORE, Jon	01:18	35-54	V 19	GOOD! 3 PTR by WEST, Jarrod
08:13			SUB IN : BEARDEN, Lamonte	01:06			MISSED LAYUP by THOMPSON, Darius
08:13			SUB OUT: HOLLINGSWORTH, T.	01:06			REBOUND (OFF) by (TEAM)
08:13			SUB IN : BURKS, C.J.	01:01	35-56	V 21	GOOD! JUMPER by JOHNSON, Justin
08:13			SUB OUT: WATSON, Rondale	01:01			ASSIST by THOMPSON, Darius
07:52	13-38	V 25	GOOD! JUMPER by JOHNSON, Justin [PNT]	00:48			TURNOVR by WEST, Jarrod
07:42			FOUL by ANDERSON, Josh (P2T8)	00:47			STEAL by ANDERSON, Josh
07:42			TIMEOUT media	00:45	35-58	V 23	GOOD! LAYUP by ANDERSON, Josh [FB/PNT]
07:42	14-38	V 24	GOOD! FT SHOT by ELMORE, Jon	00:21			TURNOVR by BURKS, C.J.
07:42	15-38	V 23	GOOD! FT SHOT by ELMORE, Jon	00:04	35-61	V 26	GOOD! 3 PTR by JOHNSON, Justin
07:42			SUB IN : OHMER, Jake				
07:42			SUB OUT: ANDERSON, Josh				
07:23			TURNOVR by COLEBY, Dwight				
07:22			STEAL by KOLJANIN, Dani				
07:17	18-38	V 20	GOOD! 3 PTR by ELMORE, Jon				
07:17			ASSIST by BURKS, C.J.				
07:14			TIMEOUT 30sec				
07:02	18-40	V 22	GOOD! DUNK by COLEBY, Dwight [PNT]				
07:02			ASSIST by JOHNSON, Justin				
06:38			MISSED 3 PTR by ELMORE, Jon				
06:38			REBOUND (DEF) by THOMPSON, Darius				
06:21	18-42	V 24	GOOD! LAYUP by BEARDEN, Lamonte [PNT]				
06:21			ASSIST by THOMPSON, Darius				
06:05			FOUL by OHMER, Jake (P3T9)				
06:05			TIMEOUT 30sec				
06:05	19-42	V 23	GOOD! FT SHOT by BURKS, C.J.				
06:05	20-42	V 22	GOOD! FT SHOT by BURKS, C.J.				
06:05			SUB IN : ANDERSON, Josh				
06:05			SUB OUT: OHMER, Jake				
05:48			MISSED LAYUP by COLEBY, Dwight				
05:48			REBOUND (OFF) by JOHNSON, Justin				
05:45	20-44	V 24	GOOD! LAYUP by JOHNSON, Justin [PNT]				
05:24			MISSED LAYUP by BURKS, C.J.				
05:24			REBOUND (DEF) by THOMPSON, Darius				
05:19	20-46	V 26	GOOD! LAYUP by ANDERSON, Josh [FB/PNT]				
05:01			MISSED LAYUP by WILLIAMS, Jannson				
05:01			BLOCK by ANDERSON, Josh				
05:01			REBOUND (DEF) by (TEAM)				
05:01			SUB IN : MIJOVIC, Milan				
05:01			SUB OUT: KOLJANIN, Dani				
04:54			MISSED LAYUP by COLEBY, Dwight				
04:54			REBOUND (OFF) by COLEBY, Dwight				
04:50			TURNOVR by COLEBY, Dwight				
04:32	23-46	V 23	GOOD! 3 PTR by WEST, Jarrod				
04:32			ASSIST by ELMORE, Jon				
04:14	23-48	V 25	GOOD! LAYUP by COLEBY, Dwight [PNT]				
04:00			MISSED 3 PTR by BURKS, C.J.				
04:00			REBOUND (DEF) by ANDERSON, Josh				
03:53			FOUL by BEARDEN, Lamonte (P1T10)				
03:53			TURNOVR by BEARDEN, Lamonte				

	In	Off	2nd	Fast	
1st period-only	Paint	T/O	Chance	Break	Bench
WKU	32	13	16	4	8
Marshall	4	12	0	2	7

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Time	Score	Margin	HOME/VISITOR	Time	Score	Margin	HOME/VISITOR
20:00			SUB IN : WILLIAMS, Jannson	12:45	50-81	V 31	GOOD! LAYUP by THOMPSON, Darius [FB/PNT]
20:00			SUB OUT: PENAFA, Ajdin	12:45			ASSIST by BEARDEN, Lamonte
19:53			TURNOVR by THOMPSON, Darius	12:29	53-81	V 28	GOOD! 3 PTR by BURKS, C.J.
19:53			STEAL by WEST, Jarrod	12:29			ASSIST by WILLIAMS, Jannson
19:53			FOUL by BEARDEN, Lamonte (P2T1)	12:14			TIMEOUT 30sec
19:30			MISSED 3 PTR by WEST, Jarrod	12:14			TIMEOUT media
19:30			REBOUND (DEF) by COLEBY, Dwight	12:14			SUB IN : OHMER, Jake
19:23	35-63	V 28	GOOD! LAYUP by JOHNSON, Justin [FB/PNT]	12:14			SUB IN : NELSON, Marek
19:23			ASSIST by THOMPSON, Darius	12:14			SUB OUT: COLEBY, Dwight
19:11			MISSED 3 PTR by BURKS, C.J.	12:14			SUB OUT: BEARDEN, Lamonte
19:11			REBOUND (DEF) by THOMPSON, Darius	12:14			SUB IN : MIJOVIC, Milan
18:57			FOUL by MIJOVIC, Milan (P2T1)	12:14			SUB OUT: WILLIAMS, Jannson
18:57			MISSED FT SHOT by JOHNSON, Justin	12:06			FOUL by WATSON, Rondale (P3T2)
18:57			REBOUND (OFF) by (DEADBALL)	12:06			SUB IN : ANDERSON, Josh
18:57	35-64	V 29	GOOD! FT SHOT by JOHNSON, Justin	12:06			SUB OUT: THOMPSON, Darius
18:40			MISSED 3 PTR by WILLIAMS, Jannson	12:02			MISSED JUMPER by JOHNSON, Justin
18:40			REBOUND (OFF) by WEST, Jarrod	12:02			REBOUND (DEF) by ELMORE, Jon
18:34	37-64	V 27	GOOD! LAYUP by WILLIAMS, Jannson [PNT]	11:52			MISSED LAYUP by BURKS, C.J.
18:34			ASSIST by MIJOVIC, Milan	11:52			BLOCK by JOHNSON, Justin
18:24	37-66	V 29	GOOD! LAYUP by THOMPSON, Darius [FB/PNT]	11:51			REBOUND (OFF) by MIJOVIC, Milan
18:11			TURNOVR by BURKS, C.J.	11:47			MISSED JUMPER by BURKS, C.J.
18:10			STEAL by JOHNSON, Justin	11:47			REBOUND (DEF) by JOHNSON, Justin
18:07	37-68	V 31	GOOD! DUNK by BEARDEN, Lamonte [FB/PNT]	11:40			FOUL by BURKS, C.J. (P1T3)
18:07			ASSIST by JOHNSON, Justin	11:30			FOUL by BURKS, C.J. (P2T4)
18:06			TIMEOUT 30sec	11:16			MISSED LAYUP by HOLLINGSWORTH, T.
18:06			TIMEOUT media	11:16			REBOUND (OFF) by ANDERSON, Josh
17:53			MISSED JUMPER by ELMORE, Jon	11:13			MISSED DUNK by ANDERSON, Josh
17:53			BLOCK by THOMPSON, Darius	11:13			REBOUND (DEF) by MIJOVIC, Milan
17:53			REBOUND (DEF) by (TEAM)	11:08			MISSED 3 PTR by BURKS, C.J.
17:39			MISSED JUMPER by COLEBY, Dwight	11:08			REBOUND (DEF) by NELSON, Marek
17:39			REBOUND (DEF) by ELMORE, Jon	10:55			FOUL by WEST, Jarrod (P1T5)
17:32			MISSED 3 PTR by WEST, Jarrod	10:55			SUB IN : WILLIAMS, Jannson
17:32			REBOUND (DEF) by THOMPSON, Darius	10:55			SUB OUT: MIJOVIC, Milan
17:14	37-70	V 33	GOOD! DUNK by COLEBY, Dwight [PNT]	10:41			FOUL by WILLIAMS, Jannson (P2T6)
17:14			ASSIST by THOMPSON, Darius	10:41	53-82	V 29	GOOD! FT SHOT by ANDERSON, Josh
17:04			FOUL by THOMPSON, Darius (P1T2)	10:41			MISSED FT SHOT by ANDERSON, Josh
16:53	40-70	V 30	GOOD! 3 PTR by WILLIAMS, Jannson	10:41			REBOUND (OFF) by ANDERSON, Josh
16:53			ASSIST by BURKS, C.J.	10:41			SUB IN : COLEBY, Dwight
16:31	40-73	V 33	GOOD! 3 PTR by THOMPSON, Darius	10:41			SUB OUT: JOHNSON, Justin
16:31			ASSIST by BEARDEN, Lamonte	10:31			TURNOVR by COLEBY, Dwight
16:11	42-73	V 31	GOOD! JUMPER by ELMORE, Jon [PNT]	10:30			STEAL by WATSON, Rondale
16:11			ASSIST by MIJOVIC, Milan	10:27	55-82	V 27	GOOD! LAYUP by BURKS, C.J. [FB/PNT]
15:51			FOUL by JOHNSON, Justin (P2T3)	10:13			FOUL by BURKS, C.J. (P3T7)
15:51			TURNOVR by JOHNSON, Justin	10:13	55-83	V 28	GOOD! FT SHOT by ANDERSON, Josh
15:51			TIMEOUT media	10:13	55-84	V 29	GOOD! FT SHOT by ANDERSON, Josh
15:51			SUB IN : WATSON, Rondale	10:03	57-84	V 27	GOOD! LAYUP by WATSON, Rondale [PNT]
15:51			SUB OUT: MIJOVIC, Milan	10:03			ASSIST by BURKS, C.J.
15:41			MISSED JUMPER by BURKS, C.J.	10:03			FOUL by COLEBY, Dwight (P1T4)
15:41			REBOUND (DEF) by COLEBY, Dwight	10:03	58-84	V 26	GOOD! FT SHOT by WATSON, Rondale
15:20	42-75	V 33	GOOD! LAYUP by COLEBY, Dwight [PNT]	09:53			MISSED 3 PTR by OHMER, Jake
15:20			ASSIST by THOMPSON, Darius	09:53			REBOUND (DEF) by WATSON, Rondale
15:07			MISSED 3 PTR by BURKS, C.J.	09:47			MISSED 3 PTR by ELMORE, Jon
15:07			REBOUND (DEF) by JOHNSON, Justin	09:47			REBOUND (OFF) by WATSON, Rondale
14:54			TURNOVR by JOHNSON, Justin	09:43			MISSED LAYUP by WATSON, Rondale
14:46	45-75	V 30	GOOD! 3 PTR by WATSON, Rondale	09:43			REBOUND (DEF) by OHMER, Jake
14:46			ASSIST by ELMORE, Jon	09:37	58-86	V 28	GOOD! DUNK by ANDERSON, Josh [FB/PNT]
14:22	45-77	V 32	GOOD! DUNK by COLEBY, Dwight [PNT]	09:37			ASSIST by OHMER, Jake
14:22			ASSIST by BEARDEN, Lamonte	09:25			FOUL by OHMER, Jake (P4T5)
14:07			MISSED LAYUP by WATSON, Rondale	09:16	61-86	V 25	GOOD! 3 PTR by BURKS, C.J.
14:07			REBOUND (OFF) by WATSON, Rondale	09:16			ASSIST by WATSON, Rondale
13:54			MISSED 3 PTR by BURKS, C.J.	09:02	61-88	V 27	GOOD! LAYUP by HOLLINGSWORTH, T. [FB/PNT]
13:54			REBOUND (DEF) by COLEBY, Dwight	08:53			FOUL by COLEBY, Dwight (P2T6)
13:22	45-79	V 34	GOOD! LAYUP by HOLLINGSWORTH, T. [PNT]	08:53			MISSED FT SHOT by ELMORE, Jon
13:10	48-79	V 31	GOOD! 3 PTR by BURKS, C.J.	08:53			REBOUND (OFF) by (DEADBALL)
13:10			ASSIST by ELMORE, Jon	08:53			FOUL TECHNCL by OHMER, Jake
12:58			TURNOVR by THOMPSON, Darius	08:53			FOUL by OHMER, Jake (P5T7)
12:56			STEAL by WEST, Jarrod	08:53			FOUL TECHNCL by WATSON, Rondale
12:53	50-79	V 29	GOOD! LAYUP by WATSON, Rondale [FB/PNT]	08:53			FOUL by WATSON, Rondale (P4T8)
12:53			ASSIST by WEST, Jarrod	08:53	62-88	V 26	GOOD! FT SHOT by ELMORE, Jon

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#	Player		Total	3-Ptr	Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min	
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def								Tot
22	COLEBY, Dwight	f	2-7	0-0	2-2	4	4	8	0	6	1	2	3	0	18
23	JOHNSON, Justin	f	8-12	1-1	1-3	2	1	3	1	18	3	0	0	1	18
01	BEARDEN, Lamonte	g	2-3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	4	3	2	0	0	14
13	HOLLINGSWORTH, T.	g	2-4	0-1	2-2	0	3	3	2	6	0	1	2	0	10
15	THOMPSON, Darius	g	6-9	4-5	3-4	1	5	6	0	19	4	0	0	0	20
00	MILLER, Tyler		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
04	ANDERSON, Josh		4-4	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	2	8	0	0	1	1	11
14	NELSON, Marek		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4
21	OHMER, Jake		0-2	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	3	0	2	0	0	0	5
Team						3	4	7							
Totals			24-41	5-8	8-11	10	19	29	10	61	13	5	6	2	100

FG % 1st Half: 24-41 58.5%
3FG % 1st Half: 5-8 62.5%
FT % 1st Half: 8-11 72.7%

Marshall

#	Player		Total	3-Ptr	Rebounds									Min	
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk		Stl
11	PENAVA, Ajdin	f	0-3	0-1	1-2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	5	0	4
50	MIJOVIC, Milan	f	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	12
13	WEST, Jarrod	g	4-5	4-5	0-0	0	2	2	0	12	1	2	0	1	18
14	BURKS, C.J.	g	1-7	1-2	2-3	1	1	2	0	5	4	2	0	0	18
33	ELMORE, Jon	g	2-9	2-4	4-4	1	1	2	2	10	4	0	0	0	20
01	KOLJANIN, Dani		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5
03	WILLIAMS, Jannson		3-5	1-2	0-0	0	4	4	1	7	0	1	0	0	16
23	WATSON, Rondale		0-2	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	1	0	7
Team						1	0	1							
Totals			10-31	8-15	7-9	3	9	12	6	35	9	6	6	2	100

FG % 1st Half: 10-31 32.3%
3FG % 1st Half: 8-15 53.3%
FT % 1st Half: 7-9 77.8%

Officials: Mike Stuart, Tyler Kumpf, Trey Stoyms
Technical fouls: WKU-OHMER, Jake. Marshall-WATSON, Rondale 2; ELMORE, Jon;
TEAM.
Attendance: 6826

Score by periods	1st	Total
WKU	61	61
Marshall	35	35

Points	In Paint	Off T/O	2nd Chance	Fast Break	Bench
WKU	32	13	16	4	8
MAR	4	12	0	2	7

Last FG - WKU 2nd-01:32, MAR 2nd-00:24.
Largest lead - WKU by 34 2nd-13:22, MAR None.
WKU led for 39:42. MAR led for 00:00. Game was tied for 00:18.

Score tied - 0 times.
Lead changed - 0 times.

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#	Player		Total	3-Ptr	FT-FTA	Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA		Off	Def	Tot							
22	COLEBY, Dwight	f	6-7	0-0	0-0	1	5	6	3	12	0	1	1	0	15
23	JOHNSON, Justin	f	4-5	0-0	1-2	2	3	5	1	9	1	2	1	1	15
01	BEARDEN, Lamonte	g	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	1	2	4	0	0	0	13
13	HOLLINGSWORTH, T.	g	3-6	0-1	0-1	0	0	0	0	6	2	0	0	0	20
15	THOMPSON, Darius	g	5-7	2-4	2-2	0	4	4	1	14	6	2	1	0	16
00	MILLER, Tyler		0-0	0-0	0-2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
04	ANDERSON, Josh		2-4	0-0	4-9	2	0	2	1	8	1	0	0	0	8
14	NELSON, Marek		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	6
21	OHMER, Jake		0-1	0-1	0-0	0	1	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	3
Team						0	2	2							
Totals			21-31	2-6	7-16	5	19	24	10	51	15	7	3	1	100
FG % 1st Half:			24-41	58.5%	2nd half:	21-31	67.7%								
3FG % 1st Half:			5-8	62.5%	2nd half:	2-6	33.3%								
FT % 1st Half:			8-11	72.7%	2nd half:	7-16	43.8%								

Marshall

#	Player		Total	3-Ptr	FT-FTA	Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA		Off	Def	Tot							
11	PENAVA, Ajdin	f	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
50	MIJOVIC, Milan	f	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	2	3	1	0	2	0	0	0	8
13	WEST, Jarrod	g	2-4	2-4	2-2	1	0	1	2	8	4	0	0	2	20
14	BURKS, C.J.	g	5-15	3-9	1-2	0	0	0	4	14	4	1	0	0	20
33	ELMORE, Jon	g	3-6	1-2	1-2	0	3	3	0	8	4	0	0	1	20
01	KOLJANIN, Dani		1-4	0-2	1-2	0	2	2	1	3	0	0	1	0	6
03	WILLIAMS, Jannson		4-5	3-4	0-0	0	2	2	2	11	1	0	1	0	19
23	WATSON, Rondale		3-5	1-1	1-1	2	1	3	3	8	1	0	0	1	7
Team						0	0	0							
Totals			18-39	10-22	6-9	4	10	14	13	52	16	1	2	4	100
FG % 1st Half:			10-31	32.3%	2nd half:	18-39	46.2%								
3FG % 1st Half:			8-15	53.3%	2nd half:	10-22	45.5%								
FT % 1st Half:			7-9	77.8%	2nd half:	6-9	66.7%								

Officials: Mike Stuart, Tyler Kumpf, Trey Stoyins
 Technical fouls: WKU-OHMER, Jake. Marshall-WATSON, Rondale 2; ELMORE, Jon;
 TEAM.
 Attendance: 6826

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
WKU	61	51	112
Marshall	35	52	87

Points	In Paint	Off T/O	2nd Chance	Fast Break	Bench
WKU	38	2	4	12	8
MAR	16	12	2	8	22

Last FG - WKU 2nd-01:32, MAR 2nd-00:24.
 Largest lead - WKU by 34 2nd-13:22, MAR None.
 WKU led for 39:42. MAR led for 00:00. Game was tied for 00:18.

Score tied - 0 times.
 Lead changed - 0 times.

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Action photo and headshot of Darius Thompson are attached. Please credit "Steve Roberts/WKU Athletics" for action photo.

TRIPLE-DOUBLE EARNS THOMPSON FIRST C-USA PLAYER OF THE WEEK AWARD

IRVING, Texas — The second triple-double in program history earned WKU senior guard Darius Thompson his first Conference USA Men's Basketball Player of the Week award, the league office announced Monday.

This is the first C-USA weekly award for Thompson and WKU's third of the season. Jake Ohmer and Taveion Hollingsworth were named Freshman of the Week on Nov. 27 and Dec. 18, respectively.

Thompson compiled career highs of 33 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists in WKU's 112-87 rout at Marshall on Saturday.

It just was the second triple-double in program history, followed only by Orlando Mendez-Valdez against Troy on Jan. 1, 2009.

It was the 19th triple-double in Conference USA history, joining the likes of Dwyane Wade, Hassan Whiteside and Kenyon Martin.

Thompson is just the second player in the nation this season and the fifth since at least 2010 with a game of at least 30 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists, according to Basketball Reference.

Thompson went 11 of 16 from the field and 6 of 9 from 3-point range – both of which were career highs. He also made 5 of 6 free throws, blocked one shot and had just two turnovers in 36 minutes.

Thompson is WKU's first C-USA Player of the Week since Justin Johnson on Feb. 6, 2017.

The graduate transfer senior from Murfreesboro, Tenn., is averaging 15.2 points, 5.1 assists and 4.6 rebounds this season for the Hilltoppers. He ranks second in the conference in assist-to-turnover ratio at 2.8-to-1 and third in minutes per game (36.8).





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WKU Game Notes — <http://goto.ps/2CUvAee>

Old Dominion Game Notes — <http://goto.ps/2mjITLx>

Conference USA Notes — <http://goto.ps/2FIO5Xe>

Video: WKU senior forward Dwight Coleby pre-ODU — <https://youtu.be/nncEZ4a6K3o>

Video: WKU junior guard Lamonte Bearden pre-ODU — <https://youtu.be/xwUBMpBNLsY>

TOPS TRAVEL TO OLD DOMINION IN THURSDAY BATTLE OF C-USA UNBEATENS

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — WKU Hilltopper Basketball heads to Old Dominion for a battle of unbeaten teams in Conference USA play at 7 p.m. CT Thursday in Norfolk, Va.

The Hilltoppers improved to 3-0 in league play for the third time in four years with a 112-87 rout at Marshall.

Old Dominion is also 3-0 in league action and has won seven straight games. The Monarchs are 6-0 at home this season. ODU leads the all-time series 18-16 and has won six straight against WKU. The Hilltoppers haven't won in Norfolk since 1991.

WKU head coach Rick Stansbury is 1-2 in his career against the Monarchs.

GAME 17

WKU (11-5, 3-0 C-USA) at Old Dominion (12-3, 3-0 C-USA)

January 11, 2018 | 7 p.m. CT

Norfolk, Va. | Ted Constant Convocation Center

BROADCAST

Listen: [Hilltopper IMG Sports Network](#) (WKLX 100.7 FM flagship), [WKUSports.tv](#) (free), [TuneIn Radio](#) (free) (Randy Lee, pxp | Hal Schmitt, analysis)

Watch: [beIN SPORTS](#) (Mike Gleason, pxp | Jason Capel, analysis)

Live Stats: [Old Dominion Stats](#)

QUICK SHOTS

- WKU has made at least one 3-pointer in 954 consecutive games, dating back to March 15, 1987. The 3-point shot was instituted prior to the 1986-87 season. The Hilltoppers' streak is the sixth-longest in the nation behind Kentucky, UNLV, Vanderbilt, Duke and Arkansas.
- WKU has trailed for just 26 combined seconds in its three opening Conference USA wins.
- WKU's current scoring average of 79.6 points per game would be the program's highest since 1994-95.
- WKU ranks 16th in the country in field goal percentage and first in Conference USA at 50.4 percent. That percentage would tie for fifth for a single season in program history.
- WKU ranks 29th in the country in 3-point percentage and first in Conference USA at 39.8 percent. That percentage would rank third for a single season in program history.
- WKU has outscored its opponents 678-449 in the paint this season.
- The Hilltoppers' five losses have come by a total of 22 points – an average of 4.4 points per game.
- In his last 13 games, Darius Thompson has 73 combined assists and just 19 turnovers. He has at least four assists in 14 of 16 games this season and ranks second in C-USA in assist-to-turnover ratio at 2.8-to-1.
- Darius Thompson ranks 24th in the country in minutes per game (36.8) and 44th in total minutes (588).

- Taveion Hollingsworth has scored at least 12 points in 10 straight games.
- Through 16 games, Lamonte Bearden has 28 steals. No Hilltopper had more than 28 steals all last year.
- Lamonte Bearden is 128 points from reaching 1,000 for his career across his time at Buffalo and WKU.
- As of Tuesday, Justin Johnson was ranked ninth among active NCAA players for career rebounds and tied for 11th in career double-doubles. He's one of just five active NCAA players with at least 1,300 career points and 800 rebounds.
- Justin Johnson is ranked 19th on WKU's all-time scoring list with 1,335 career points. He needs 20 points to pass Craig McCormick to move into 18th.
- Justin Johnson currently ranks seventh on WKU's all-time list for career field goal percentage at 55 percent. He's less than one percentage point from fifth place.
- Justin Johnson needs 19 rebounds to tie Dwight Smith for 10th on WKU's all-time career list with 856.
- Justin Johnson needs 163 rebounds to reach 1,000 for his career. That would make him just the fifth player in WKU history with 1,000 career points and 1,000 rebounds, joining Tom Marshall, Art Spoelstra, Ralph Crosthwaite and Jim McDaniels, the last to accomplish the feat in 1971.

LAST GAME AGAINST OLD DOMINION: FEBRUARY 25, 2017

Ahmad Caver sank four 3-pointers, scored 15 points, and dished six assists to help Old Dominion defeat WKU in Norfolk, Va. Pancake Thomas led WKU with 17 points. Que Johnson added 12 and Justin Johnson 11.

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REDSHIRT SOPHOMORE FORWARD MOUSTAPHA DIAGNE RULED IMMEDIATELY ELIGIBLE

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — WKU redshirt sophomore forward Moustapaha Diagne was ruled immediately eligible by the NCAA on Wednesday.

He will join the team in Norfolk, Va., and will be available to participate in Thursday's game at Old Dominion

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PDF box score and postgame notes are attached.

Postgame video: Head coach Rick Stansbury — <https://youtu.be/wXu20hjqM1k>

Postgame video: Senior forward Justin Johnson — <https://youtu.be/6q-LdZOKzh0>

Postgame video: Senior guard Darius Thompson — <https://youtu.be/4A478BiWJkc>

HILLTOPPERS DEFEAT OLD DOMINION 75-68 FOR FIFTH STRAIGHT WIN

NORFOLK, Va. — WKU Hilltopper Basketball shot 62.5 percent in the second half Thursday night at Old Dominion, powering its way to a 75-68 victory – its fifth in a row overall.

The Hilltoppers (12-5, 4-0 Conference USA) remained unbeaten in league play and snapped a six-game losing streak to Old Dominion (12-4, 3-1). WKU hadn't won in Norfolk since 1991.

Senior forward Justin Johnson notched his 30th career double-double with 25 points and 14 rebounds. He shot 10 of 18 from the field – including a career-high 5 of 7 from 3-point range – and also had three blocks and two assists.

Senior guard Darius Thompson scored 24 points, and redshirt junior guard Lamonte Bearden added 15 points and four assists. Senior forward Dwight Coleby chipped in eight points and nine rebounds.

WKU jumped out to an early 16-6 lead, in part behind three 3-pointers from Johnson.

Old Dominion answered with six straight points and later used a 12-0 run to pull in front 30-23 at the 1:49 mark.

But WKU scored seven of the final nine points of the half, including a running 3 off the glass by Thompson at the buzzer to trim the Hilltoppers' deficit to 32-30.

WKU quickly pulled back in front with an 8-2 run to start the second half, then used a 10-2 run to make it 50-41 with 12:23 left on a 3-pointer by Bearden.

Old Dominion pulled within two possessions several times, but the Hilltoppers kept the Monarchs at bay. No defensive stand was bigger than Johnson's block and rebound with 1:22 left that preserved a 68-62 lead and allowed the Hilltoppers to win the game at the free-throw line.

WKU shot 54 percent from the field for the game, netted 10 of 16 3-pointers and made 11 of 15 free throws.

B.J. Stith had 17 points to lead Old Dominion, which had won seven straight games coming into the contest.

The Hilltoppers complete their road swing at Charlotte at 6 p.m. CT Saturday.

Official Basketball Box Score -- Game Totals -- Final Statistics

WKU vs ODU

1/11/18 8:00 PM at Norfolk, Va.

WKU 75 • 12-5(4-0 CUSA)

##	Player		Total	3-Ptr	FT-FTA	Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA		Off	Def	Tot							
22	COLEBY, Dwight	f	4-7	0-0	0-0	2	7	9	4	8	1	1	2	2	23
23	JOHNSON, Justin	f	10-18	5-7	0-0	0	14	14	1	25	2	1	3	0	37
01	BEARDEN, Lamonte	g	5-7	1-2	4-5	0	0	0	0	15	4	3	0	0	31
13	HOLLINGSWORTH, T.	g	1-3	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	3	2	4	5	0	1	29
15	THOMPSON, Darius	g	7-12	4-5	6-8	0	1	1	3	24	2	2	0	0	36
04	ANDERSON, Josh		0-1	0-0	0-0	2	0	2	1	0	1	2	0	1	19
12	DIAGNE, Moustapha		0-1	0-0	0-0	0	4	4	4	0	0	2	0	0	17
14	NELSON, Marek		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
21	OHMER, Jake		0-1	0-1	1-2	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	5
Team						0	1	1							
Totals			27-50	10-16	11-15	4	29	33	17	75	14	16	5	5	200

FG % 1st Half: 12-26 46.2% 2nd half: 15-24 62.5% Game: 27-50 54.0%
 3FG % 1st Half: 5-9 55.6% 2nd half: 5-7 71.4% Game: 10-16 62.5%
 FT % 1st Half: 1-2 50.0% 2nd half: 10-13 76.9% Game: 11-15 73.3%

Deadball
Rebounds
2

ODU 68 • 12-4(3-1 CUSA)

##	Player		Total	3-Ptr	FT-FTA	Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA		Off	Def	Tot							
15	PORTER, Trey	f	4-10	0-0	6-9	1	5	6	3	14	1	1	1	1	27
25	STITH, Brandan	f	6-12	0-0	0-0	7	4	11	1	12	3	1	3	2	36
03	STITH, B.J.	g	7-13	3-4	0-0	1	1	2	2	17	0	3	0	1	38
04	CAVER, Ahmad	g	4-16	0-5	6-6	2	3	5	3	14	4	2	1	4	40
12	HAYNES, Randy	g	4-12	1-4	0-1	0	3	3	2	9	3	1	0	1	36
10	GREEN, Xavier		0-1	0-1	0-0	0	1	1	1	0	1	2	0	0	6
13	CARVER, Aaron		1-3	0-0	0-0	2	1	3	2	2	0	0	0	1	17
Team						1	3	4							
Totals			26-67	4-14	12-16	14	21	35	14	68	12	10	5	10	200

FG % 1st Half: 12-34 35.3% 2nd half: 14-33 42.4% Game: 26-67 38.8%
 3FG % 1st Half: 2-7 28.6% 2nd half: 2-7 28.6% Game: 4-14 28.6%
 FT % 1st Half: 6-6 100.0 2nd half: 6-10 60.0% Game: 12-16 75.0%

Deadball
Rebounds
2

Officials: Roger Ayers, Les Jones, Darron George

Technical fouls: WKU-None. ODU-None.

Attendance: 6895

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
WKU	30	45	75
ODU	32	36	68

	In	Off	2nd	Fast	
Points	Paint	T/O	Chance	Break	Bench
WKU	30	13	4	8	1
ODU	43	17	19	13	2

Last FG - WKU 2nd-03:43, ODU 2nd-00:22.

Largest lead - WKU by 11 2nd-04:35, ODU by 7 1st-01:48.

WKU led for 31:13. ODU led for 06:17. Game was tied for 02:30.

Score tied - 2 times.

Lead changed - 3 times.



WKU Hilltoppers vs. Old Dominion Monarchs

Postgame Notes

Jan. 11, 2018

Ted Constant Convention Center | Norfolk, Va.

FINAL SCORE: WKU 75, Old Dominion 68

RECORDS AND NOTABLES

- WKU improves to 12-5 overall and 4-0 in conference play.
- Old Dominion falls to 12-4 overall and 3-1 in conference play.
- WKU head coach Rick Stansbury is now 2-2 in his career against the Monarchs and ODU leads the all-time series 18-17.
- WKU snapped the Monarchs' seven game win streak with its first win in Norfolk since 1991.
- Attendance was announced at 6,895.
- **UP NEXT:** WKU will stay on the road to play at Charlotte on Saturday at 6 p.m. CT. The game will be broadcast nationally on Fox College Sports, locally in Bowling Green on HSSN and in Louisville on WBNA.

TEAM NOTES

- WKU used the starting lineup of Taveion Hollingsworth, Lamonte Bearden, Darius Thompson, Dwight Coleby, and Justin Johnson for the 16th straight game.
- **KEY FIRST HALF RUN:** WKU used a 9-2 run that consisted of three straight 3-pointers, to take a strong lead just four minutes into the game. Old Dominion responded with an 8-1 run beginning at the 13:30 mark to diminish WKU's lead to 17-14. The Monarchs tacked on a 12-0 run from 6:14 to 1:27, taking the lead with a score of 30-23.
- **KEY SECOND HALF RUN:** The Hilltoppers started the half with a 10-2 run over the first three minutes to regain the lead and a score of 40-34. Old Dominion was within one point on three occasions throughout the half, but never retook the lead.

- WKU shot 27 of 50 (54.0 percent) from the field, 10 of 16 (62.5 percent) from 3-point range and 11 of 15 (73.3 percent) from the free-throw line.
- This game was WKU's 10th game shooting at least 50 percent from the floor. The Hilltoppers are 9-1 when shooting 50 percent.
- WKU blocked five shots against ODU, the eighth game the Hilltoppers have hit that mark or higher.
- WKU has made a 3-pointer in 955 straight games dating back to March 15, 1987. That ranks as the fifth-longest streak in the nation behind Kentucky, UNLV, Vanderbilt and Arkansas.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

JUSTIN JOHNSON

- The senior notched his sixth double-double of the season and 30th of his career with 25 points and 14 rebounds, just one shy of his season high. Johnson tied his career high blocked shots with three.
 - With a career high five 3's on the evening, Johnson is now 10-12 from behind the arc in C-USA.
 - Johnson is now 17th on WKU's all-time scoring list with 1,360 points, passing Craig McCormick and Charlie Osborne.
 - Johnson is also only five rebounds away from cracking the top 10 of WKU's career rebounds list with 851.

DARIUS THOMPSON

- The graduate senior scored 24 points and added two assists. Thompson has missed the double-digit scoring mark only once this season.

LAMONTE BEARDEN

- The redshirt junior scored 15 points and contributed four assists marking the 12th game Bearden has earned at least four assists this season.

DWIGHT COLEBY

- The graduate senior pulled down nine boards while scoring eight points and blocking two shots.

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WKU Game Notes — <http://goto.ps/2CVNSIA>

Charlotte Game Notes — <http://goto.ps/2FtDytb>

Video: WKU head coach Rick Stansbury post-Old Dominion — <https://youtu.be/wXu20hjgM1k>

TOPS COMPLETE ROAD TRIP AT CHARLOTTE ON SATURDAY

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — WKU Hilltopper Basketball is tied for the Conference USA lead at 4-0 as it heads to Charlotte for a 6 p.m. CT Saturday contest in Charlotte, N.C.

The Hilltoppers, who won 75-68 at Old Dominion on Thursday, are trying to improve to 5-0 in league play for the 13th time in program history, the first since 2014-15 and just the fourth since 1970.

Charlotte has lost eight of its last 10 but owns a road win over North Texas. WKU leads the all-time series 17-10 but has dropped two straight in Charlotte.

WKU head coach Rick Stansbury is 3-2 in his career against the 49ers.

GAME 18

WKU (12-5, 4-0 C-USA) at Charlotte (5-10, 1-3 C-USA)

January 13, 2018 | 6 p.m. CT

Charlotte, N.C. | Halton Arena

BROADCAST

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Watch: [Fox College Sports Central](#), WKU PBS, WBNA (Radio Simulcast)

Live Stats: [Charlotte Stats](#)

QUICK SHOTS

- WKU has made at least one 3-pointer in 955 consecutive games, dating back to March 15, 1987. The 3-point shot was instituted prior to the 1986-87 season. The Hilltoppers' streak is the sixth-longest in the nation behind Kentucky, UNLV, Vanderbilt, Duke and Arkansas.
- WKU has trailed for just a combined 6 minutes and 43 seconds in its four opening Conference USA wins.
- WKU has won three straight true road games in a season for the first time since winning at Ole Miss, Florida Atlantic and FIU consecutively in the 2014-15 campaign.
- WKU's current scoring average of 79.4 points per game would be the program's highest since 1994-95.
- WKU ranks 12th in the country in field goal percentage and first in Conference USA at 50.6 percent. That percentage would rank fourth for a single season in program history.
- WKU ranks 17th in the country in 3-point percentage and first in Conference USA at 41.2 percent. That percentage would be the best for a single season in program history.
- WKU has outscored its opponents 708-492 in the paint this season.
- The Hilltoppers' five losses have come by a total of 22 points – an average of 4.4 points per game.
- In his last 14 games, Darius Thompson has 75 combined assists and just 21 turnovers. He has at least four assists in 14 of 17 games this season and ranks second in C-USA in assist-to-turnover ratio at 2.7-to-1.

- Darius Thompson ranks 25th in the country in minutes per game (36.7) and 36th in total minutes (624).
- In the last two games, Darius Thompson and Justin Johnson have scored a combined 109 points and made a combined 16 of 22 3-pointers.
- Through 17 games, Lamonte Bearden has 28 steals. No Hilltopper had more than 28 steals all last year.
- Lamonte Bearden is 113 points from reaching 1,000 for his career across his time at Buffalo and WKU.
- As of Friday, Justin Johnson was ranked ninth among active NCAA players for career rebounds and tied for 10th in career double-doubles. He's one of just five active NCAA players with at least 1,300 career points and 800 rebounds.
- Justin Johnson is ranked 17th on WKU's all-time scoring list with 1,360 career points. He needs 151 points to pass Art Spoelstra to move into 16th.
- Justin Johnson currently ranks seventh on WKU's all-time list for career field goal percentage at 55 percent. He's less than one percentage point from fifth place.
- Justin Johnson needs five rebounds to tie Dwight Smith for 10th on WKU's all-time career list with 856.
- Justin Johnson needs 149 rebounds to reach 1,000 for his career. That would make him just the fifth player in WKU history with 1,000 career points and 1,000 rebounds, joining Tom Marshall, Art Spoelstra, Ralph Crosthwaite and Jim McDaniels, the last to accomplish the feat in 1971.

LAST GAME AGAINST CHARLOTTE: FEBRUARY 23, 2017

Pancake Thomas scored 23 points for WKU in an 83-77 loss at Charlotte. Jon Davis scored 23 points to lead Charlotte. Justin Johnson added 18 points, nine rebounds and tied a career high with six assists.

MED CENTER HEALTH

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PDF box score is attached. Postgame notes, video and quotes will follow in a separate email.

TOPS START 5-0 IN C-USA WITH 73-63 WIN AT CHARLOTTE

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — WKU Hilltopper Basketball overcame a tough offensive first half Saturday at Charlotte, shooting better than 50 percent in the second half on its way to a 73-63 road victory.

The Hilltoppers (13-5) improved to 5-0 in conference play for the fourth time since 1970 and the first time since 2014-15.

They also won their fourth straight road game for the first time since the 2013-14 campaign and earned their first win at Charlotte in their last three tries.

Redshirt junior guard Lamonte Bearden led the Hilltoppers with 19 points, while senior guard Darius Thompson added 13 points, eight rebounds and six assists.

Senior forward Dwight Coleby had his seventh double-double of the season with 10 points, 12 rebounds and three blocks, and freshman guard Taveion Hollingsworth scored 10 points.

Senior forward Justin Johnson finished with eight points and 14 rebounds.

WKU fell behind 4-0 and didn't score until the 16:32 mark, when Bearden started a 13-2 Hilltopper run with a three-point play.

Bearden scored WKU's first seven points of the game and helped the squad push to a 13-6 advantage at the 12:18 mark.

Both teams shot lower than 30 percent in the first half, but WKU got into halftime with a 28-20 advantage. The Hilltoppers scored 20 of those points in the paint without a single made 3-pointer.

Thompson pushed the lead back to double digits with a layup and a 3 to start the second half, but Charlotte (5-14, 1-4) didn't go away.

The 49ers got back within four with 8:46 to play, but WKU iced the win with a 14-4 run. Coleby capped the spurt with a putback dunk to make it 63-49 with 3:12 left.

WKU outrebounded Charlotte 46-38 and recorded nine steals.

Jon Davis led the 49ers with 26 points.

The Hilltoppers return home to host UAB at 8 p.m. CT Thursday at E.A. Diddle Arena. The game will be broadcast nationally by CBS Sports Network.

WKU MBB: Postgame Notes / Quotes / Video – WKU 73, Charlotte 63, Jan. 13, 2018

Please find attached postgame notes and quotes from WKU's 73-63 win at Charlotte on Saturday, as well as links below to postgame video interviews with head coach Rick Stansbury, redshirt junior guard Lamonte Bearden, freshman guard Taveion Hollingsworth and redshirt sophomore forward Moustapha Diagne.

VIDEO

Head Coach Rick Stansbury — <https://youtu.be/eyjQ1VIDF0U>

Freshman guard Taveion Hollingsworth — <https://youtu.be/mBjF-qeosmQ>

Redshirt junior guard Lamonte Bearden — <https://youtu.be/zht6kCf74SI>

Redshirt sophomore forward Moustapha Diagne — <https://youtu.be/XCVZ6zgU8zM>

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Western Kentucky 73 • 13-5, 5-0 C-USA

##	Player		Total	3-Ptr	FT-FTA	Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA		Off	Def	Tot							
22	COLEBY, Dwight	f	3-8	0-0	4-4	4	8	12	1	10	1	0	3	2	30
23	JOHNSON, Justin	f	3-10	0-3	2-4	4	10	14	1	8	0	5	1	2	34
01	BEARDEN, Lamonte	g	6-9	2-2	5-6	1	0	1	5	19	0	2	0	2	27
13	HOLLINGSWORTH, T.	g	5-11	0-3	0-0	1	1	2	1	10	1	1	0	0	35
15	THOMPSON, Darius	g	4-12	1-4	4-7	1	7	8	2	13	6	3	0	1	31
04	ANDERSON, Josh		3-4	0-0	3-6	0	0	0	3	9	0	2	0	1	12
12	DIAGNE, Moustapha		1-4	0-1	0-0	1	2	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	8
14	NELSON, Marek		0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	7
21	OHMER, Jake		0-5	0-1	2-2	1	1	2	2	2	0	0	0	1	16
Team						2	1	3				1			
Totals			25-64	3-14	20-29	15	31	46	17	73	8	14	4	9	200

FG % 1st Half: 11-37 29.7% 2nd half: 14-27 51.9% Game: 25-64 39.1%
 3FG % 1st Half: 0-7 0.0% 2nd half: 3-7 42.9% Game: 3-14 21.4%
 FT % 1st Half: 6-8 75.0% 2nd half: 14-21 66.7% Game: 20-29 69.0%

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Charlotte 63 • 5-11, 1-4 C-USA

##	Player		Total	3-Ptr	FT-FTA	Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA		Off	Def	Tot							
01	GARVIN, Najee	f	3-5	0-0	0-0	0	3	3	4	6	0	2	0	0	24
00	HASLEM, Jailan	c	2-3	0-0	0-0	4	8	12	5	4	0	3	2	0	32
02	WHITE, Andrien	g	5-15	0-4	8-8	1	5	6	3	18	2	0	0	1	31
03	DAVIS, Jon	g	7-18	1-5	11-12	0	5	5	2	26	2	2	0	3	40
05	AJUKWA, Austin	g	3-12	1-3	2-2	0	1	1	3	9	1	2	0	0	29
12	MCGILL, Jaylan		0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
15	SUPICA, Milos		0-1	0-0	0-0	0	4	4	4	0	0	4	1	0	13
24	MURPHY, Ryan		0-2	0-2	0-0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	9
30	THOMAS, Bryant		0-1	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	8
35	VASIC, Luka		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	8
Team						2	0	2							
Totals			20-58	2-15	21-22	7	31	38	24	63	5	13	3	4	200

FG % 1st Half: 7-27 25.9% 2nd half: 13-31 41.9% Game: 20-58 34.5%
 3FG % 1st Half: 0-8 0.0% 2nd half: 2-7 28.6% Game: 2-15 13.3%
 FT % 1st Half: 6-6 100.0 2nd half: 15-16 93.8% Game: 21-22 95.5%

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Officials: Clyde Owens, John St. Clair, Jon Campbell
 Technical fouls: Western Kentucky-None. Charlotte-None.
 Attendance: 3845

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
Western Kentucky	28	45	73
Charlotte	20	43	63

	In	Off	2nd	Fast	
Points	Paint	T/O	Chance	Break	Bench
WKU	40	9	12	6	13
CHA	32	13	6	14	0

Last FG - WKU 2nd-01:14, CHA 2nd-00:45.
 Largest lead - WKU by 14 2nd-15:25, CHA by 4 1st-16:48.
 WKU led for 35:54. CHA led for 01:50. Game was tied for 02:16.

Score tied - 0 times.
 Lead changed - 1 time.

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HOME TEAM: Charlotte	Time	Score	Margin	VISITORS: Western Kentucky
	19:52			TURNOVR by THOMPSON, Darius
STEAL by WHITE, Andrien	19:50			
TURNOVR by HASLEM, Jailan	19:36			
	19:34			STEAL by THOMPSON, Darius
	19:26			MISSED JUMPER by BEARDEN, Lamonte
	19:26			REBOUND (OFF) by (TEAM)
REBOUND (DEF) by AJUKWA, Austin	19:10			MISSED JUMPER by JOHNSON, Justin
MISSED JUMPER by AJUKWA, Austin	18:54			
REBOUND (OFF) by HASLEM, Jailan	18:54			
MISSED JUMPER by DAVIS, Jon	18:41			REBOUND (DEF) by THOMPSON, Darius
REBOUND (DEF) by HASLEM, Jailan	18:13			MISSED 3 PTR by JOHNSON, Justin
MISSED JUMPER by WHITE, Andrien	18:02			REBOUND (DEF) by COLEBY, Dwight
REBOUND (DEF) by DAVIS, Jon	17:53			MISSED 3 PTR by THOMPSON, Darius
GOOD! LAYUP by GARVIN, Najee [FB/PNT]	17:44	2-0	H 2	
ASSIST by DAVIS, Jon	17:44			
	17:15			MISSED JUMPER by BEARDEN, Lamonte
	17:15			REBOUND (OFF) by COLEBY, Dwight
BLOCK by HASLEM, Jailan	17:11			MISSED JUMPER by COLEBY, Dwight
	17:11			REBOUND (OFF) by (TEAM)
	17:09			TURNOVR by (TEAM)
MISSED 3 PTR by WHITE, Andrien	16:52			
REBOUND (OFF) by HASLEM, Jailan	16:52			
GOOD! LAYUP by HASLEM, Jailan [PNT]	16:48	4-0	H 4	
	16:33	4-2	H 2	GOOD! LAYUP by BEARDEN, Lamonte [PNT]
FOUL by AJUKWA, Austin (P1T1)	16:33	4-3	H 1	GOOD! FT SHOT by BEARDEN, Lamonte
TURNOVR by HASLEM, Jailan	16:21			
REBOUND (DEF) by DAVIS, Jon	16:06			MISSED JUMPER by HOLLINGSWORTH, T.
TURNOVR by DAVIS, Jon	15:58			
	15:56			STEAL by BEARDEN, Lamonte
	15:54	4-5	V 1	GOOD! LAYUP by BEARDEN, Lamonte [FB/P
	15:54			ASSIST by THOMPSON, Darius
FOUL by DAVIS, Jon (P1T2)	15:54			
	15:54			TIMEOUT MEDIA
REBOUND (DEF) by GARVIN, Najee	15:54			MISSED FT SHOT by BEARDEN, Lamonte
SUB IN : MCGILL, Jaylan	15:54			
SUB OUT: WHITE, Andrien	15:54			
MISSED JUMPER by AJUKWA, Austin	15:24			REBOUND (DEF) by JOHNSON, Justin
	15:04			MISSED JUMPER by COLEBY, Dwight
	15:04			REBOUND (OFF) by JOHNSON, Justin
	15:00			FOUL by JOHNSON, Justin (P1T1)
	15:00			TURNOVR by JOHNSON, Justin
MISSED JUMPER by GARVIN, Najee	14:45			REBOUND (DEF) by HOLLINGSWORTH, T.
	14:39	4-7	V 3	GOOD! LAYUP by BEARDEN, Lamonte [FB/P
	14:39			ASSIST by THOMPSON, Darius
	14:23			FOUL by BEARDEN, Lamonte (P1T2)
MISSED LAYUP by DAVIS, Jon	14:09			BLOCK by COLEBY, Dwight
	14:07			REBOUND (DEF) by JOHNSON, Justin
FOUL by GARVIN, Najee (P1T3)	13:59	4-8	V 4	GOOD! FT SHOT by COLEBY, Dwight
	13:59	4-9	V 5	GOOD! FT SHOT by COLEBY, Dwight
SUB IN : SUPICA, Milos	13:59			
SUB OUT: GARVIN, Najee	13:59			
TURNOVR by SUPICA, Milos	13:45			
	13:43			STEAL by COLEBY, Dwight
FOUL by SUPICA, Milos (P1T4)	13:40			
	13:39			TURNOVR by JOHNSON, Justin
STEAL by DAVIS, Jon	13:37			
GOOD! LAYUP by DAVIS, Jon [FB/PNT]	13:34	6-9	V 3	
BLOCK by HASLEM, Jailan	13:05			MISSED JUMPER by COLEBY, Dwight
REBOUND (DEF) by SUPICA, Milos	13:03			
MISSED 3 PTR by MCGILL, Jaylan	12:58			

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	12:58			REBOUND (DEF) by JOHNSON, Justin
	12:36	6-11	V 5	GOOD! JUMPER by HOLLINGSWORTH, T. [P
MISSED 3 PTR by DAVIS, Jon	12:25			REBOUND (DEF) by THOMPSON, Darius
	12:20	6-13	V 7	GOOD! LAYUP by HOLLINGSWORTH, T. [FB/
	12:20			ASSIST by THOMPSON, Darius
TIMEOUT 30sec	12:18			
TIMEOUT MEDIA	12:18			
SUB IN : WHITE, Andrien	12:18			SUB IN : ANDERSON, Josh
SUB IN : GARVIN, Najee	12:18			SUB IN : NELSON, Marek
SUB OUT: HASLEM, Jailan	12:18			SUB IN : DIAGNE, Moustapha
SUB OUT: AJUKWA, Austin	12:18			SUB IN : OHMER, Jake
	12:18			SUB OUT: BEARDEN, Lamonte
	12:18			SUB OUT: COLEBY, Dwight
	12:18			SUB OUT: JOHNSON, Justin
	12:18			SUB OUT: HOLLINGSWORTH, T.
FOUL by GARVIN, Najee (P2T5)	12:02			
TURNOVR by GARVIN, Najee	12:02			
	11:51			MISSED JUMPER by THOMPSON, Darius
	11:51			REBOUND (OFF) by THOMPSON, Darius
REBOUND (DEF) by SUPICA, Milos	11:44			MISSED LAYUP by ANDERSON, Josh
TURNOVR by SUPICA, Milos	11:40			
	11:39			STEAL by ANDERSON, Josh
SUB IN : HASLEM, Jailan	11:31			
SUB OUT: GARVIN, Najee	11:31			
	11:22			TURNOVR by ANDERSON, Josh
	11:16			FOUL by NELSON, Marek (P1T3)
MISSED 3 PTR by DAVIS, Jon	11:03			REBOUND (DEF) by NELSON, Marek
REBOUND (DEF) by DAVIS, Jon	10:55			MISSED JUMPER by THOMPSON, Darius
GOOD! FT SHOT by DAVIS, Jon	10:49	7-13	V 6	FOUL by ANDERSON, Josh (P1T4)
GOOD! FT SHOT by DAVIS, Jon	10:49	8-13	V 5	
	10:37			MISSED LAYUP by NELSON, Marek
	10:37			REBOUND (OFF) by DIAGNE, Moustapha
	10:34	8-15	V 7	GOOD! LAYUP by DIAGNE, Moustapha [PNT]
GOOD! FT SHOT by DAVIS, Jon	10:11	9-15	V 6	FOUL by ANDERSON, Josh (P2T5)
GOOD! FT SHOT by DAVIS, Jon	10:11	10-15	V 5	
SUB IN : MURPHY, Ryan	10:11			SUB IN : BEARDEN, Lamonte
SUB OUT: MCGILL, Jaylan	10:11			SUB IN : HOLLINGSWORTH, T.
	10:11			SUB OUT: ANDERSON, Josh
	10:11			SUB OUT: THOMPSON, Darius
REBOUND (DEF) by SUPICA, Milos	10:00			MISSED 3 PTR by DIAGNE, Moustapha
GOOD! DUNK by HASLEM, Jailan [PNT]	09:46	12-15	V 3	
ASSIST by WHITE, Andrien	09:46			
	09:28	12-17	V 5	GOOD! JUMPER by HOLLINGSWORTH, T.
MISSED 3 PTR by WHITE, Andrien	08:54			REBOUND (DEF) by DIAGNE, Moustapha
	08:43			MISSED 3 PTR by OHMER, Jake
	08:43			REBOUND (OFF) by BEARDEN, Lamonte
	08:23			MISSED LAYUP by DIAGNE, Moustapha
	08:23			REBOUND (OFF) by OHMER, Jake
	08:10	12-19	V 7	GOOD! LAYUP by BEARDEN, Lamonte [PNT]
FOUL by SUPICA, Milos (P2T6)	07:54			
TURNOVR by SUPICA, Milos	07:51			
	07:48			TIMEOUT MEDIA
SUB IN : THOMAS, Bryant	07:48			SUB IN : JOHNSON, Justin
SUB IN : VASIC, Luka	07:48			SUB IN : COLEBY, Dwight
SUB OUT: WHITE, Andrien	07:48			SUB OUT: NELSON, Marek
SUB OUT: SUPICA, Milos	07:48			SUB OUT: DIAGNE, Moustapha
	07:25	12-21	V 9	GOOD! JUMPER by JOHNSON, Justin [PNT]
	07:09			FOUL by OHMER, Jake (P1T6)
GOOD! JUMPER by DAVIS, Jon	06:56	14-21	V 7	
FOUL by THOMAS, Bryant (P1T7)	06:31	14-22	V 8	GOOD! FT SHOT by JOHNSON, Justin
	06:31			MISSED FT SHOT by JOHNSON, Justin

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REBOUND (DEF) by THOMAS, Bryant	06:31			
	06:31			SUB IN : THOMPSON, Darius
	06:31			SUB OUT: OHMER, Jake
MISSED 3 PTR by MURPHY, Ryan	06:20			REBOUND (DEF) by THOMPSON, Darius
REBOUND (DEF) by HASLEM, Jailan	05:56			MISSED JUMPER by JOHNSON, Justin
MISSED 3 PTR by MURPHY, Ryan	05:45			REBOUND (DEF) by THOMPSON, Darius
	05:31			MISSED LAYUP by JOHNSON, Justin
	05:31			REBOUND (OFF) by COLEBY, Dwight
REBOUND (DEF) by HASLEM, Jailan	05:28			MISSED JUMPER by COLEBY, Dwight
MISSED LAYUP by DAVIS, Jon	05:21			REBOUND (DEF) by JOHNSON, Justin
FOUL by VASIC, Luka (P1T8)	05:13	14-23	V 9	GOOD! FT SHOT by BEARDEN, Lamonte
	05:13	14-24	V 10	GOOD! FT SHOT by BEARDEN, Lamonte
SUB IN : AJUKWA, Austin	05:13			
SUB OUT: MURPHY, Ryan	05:13			
GOOD! FT SHOT by AJUKWA, Austin	05:02	15-24	V 9	FOUL by BEARDEN, Lamonte (P2T7)
GOOD! FT SHOT by AJUKWA, Austin	05:02	16-24	V 8	
	05:02			SUB IN : OHMER, Jake
	05:02			SUB OUT: BEARDEN, Lamonte
REBOUND (DEF) by VASIC, Luka	04:35			MISSED 3 PTR by THOMPSON, Darius
MISSED JUMPER by DAVIS, Jon	04:14			REBOUND (DEF) by COLEBY, Dwight
	03:58	16-26	V 10	GOOD! JUMPER by JOHNSON, Justin [PNT]
	03:58			ASSIST by THOMPSON, Darius
GOOD! JUMPER by AJUKWA, Austin [PNT]	03:39	18-26	V 8	
	03:21			MISSED 3 PTR by HOLLINGSWORTH, T.
	03:21			REBOUND (OFF) by JOHNSON, Justin
	03:03	18-28	V 10	GOOD! LAYUP by COLEBY, Dwight [PNT]
	03:03			ASSIST by HOLLINGSWORTH, T.
MISSED JUMPER by AJUKWA, Austin	02:49			REBOUND (DEF) by COLEBY, Dwight
REBOUND (DEF) by VASIC, Luka	02:26			MISSED JUMPER by JOHNSON, Justin
MISSED JUMPER by THOMAS, Bryant	02:09			
REBOUND (OFF) by HASLEM, Jailan	02:09			
TIMEOUT MEDIA	02:07			
SUB IN : WHITE, Andrien	02:07			
SUB OUT: VASIC, Luka	02:07			
GOOD! JUMPER by AJUKWA, Austin	02:06	20-28	V 8	
ASSIST by DAVIS, Jon	02:06			
REBOUND (DEF) by HASLEM, Jailan	01:43			MISSED JUMPER by COLEBY, Dwight
MISSED JUMPER by AJUKWA, Austin	01:24			
REBOUND (OFF) by (TEAM)	01:24			
MISSED 3 PTR by AJUKWA, Austin	01:13			REBOUND (DEF) by THOMPSON, Darius
REBOUND (DEF) by THOMAS, Bryant	00:46			MISSED JUMPER by OHMER, Jake
MISSED LAYUP by WHITE, Andrien	00:35			REBOUND (DEF) by COLEBY, Dwight
	00:30			MISSED LAYUP by OHMER, Jake
	00:30			REBOUND (OFF) by JOHNSON, Justin
	00:21			MISSED 3 PTR by HOLLINGSWORTH, T.
	00:21			REBOUND (OFF) by JOHNSON, Justin
	00:17			TURNOVR by JOHNSON, Justin

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	In	Off	2nd	Fast		
1st period-only	Paint	T/O	Chance	Break	Bench	
Western Kentucky	20	4	6	6	2	Score tied - 0 times.
Charlotte	10	4	4	4	0	Lead changed - 1 time.

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MISSED JUMPER by AJUKWA, Austin	19:49			REBOUND (DEF) by JOHNSON, Justin
	19:37			TURNOVR by JOHNSON, Justin
MISSED JUMPER by GARVIN, Najee	19:21			
REBOUND (OFF) by HASLEM, Jailan	19:21			
MISSED LAYUP by WHITE, Andrien	19:13			REBOUND (DEF) by COLEBY, Dwight
REBOUND (DEF) by WHITE, Andrien	18:54			MISSED JUMPER by HOLLINGSWORTH, T.
TURNOVR by DAVIS, Jon	18:35			
	18:33			STEAL by COLEBY, Dwight
	18:25	20-30	V 10	GOOD! LAYUP by THOMPSON, Darius [PNT]
MISSED JUMPER by HASLEM, Jailan	18:09			REBOUND (DEF) by JOHNSON, Justin
	17:56	20-33	V 13	GOOD! 3 PTR by THOMPSON, Darius
	17:56			ASSIST by COLEBY, Dwight
TIMEOUT 30sec	17:49			
TIMEOUT MEDIA	17:49			
MISSED JUMPER by AJUKWA, Austin	17:26			BLOCK by COLEBY, Dwight
	17:25			REBOUND (DEF) by THOMPSON, Darius
	17:25			TURNOVR by THOMPSON, Darius
TURNOVR by AJUKWA, Austin	17:16			
	17:14			STEAL by JOHNSON, Justin
	17:12			TURNOVR by BEARDEN, Lamonte
STEAL by DAVIS, Jon	17:10			
GOOD! LAYUP by DAVIS, Jon [FB/PNT]	17:07	22-33	V 11	
GOOD! FT SHOT by DAVIS, Jon	17:07	23-33	V 10	FOUL by THOMPSON, Darius (P1T1)
	16:50	23-35	V 12	GOOD! DUNK by COLEBY, Dwight [PNT]
	16:50			ASSIST by THOMPSON, Darius
GOOD! 3 PTR by DAVIS, Jon	16:39	26-35	V 9	
	16:10	26-38	V 12	GOOD! 3 PTR by BEARDEN, Lamonte
MISSED 3 PTR by DAVIS, Jon	15:51			REBOUND (DEF) by JOHNSON, Justin
REBOUND (DEF) by DAVIS, Jon	15:42			MISSED LAYUP by HOLLINGSWORTH, T.
MISSED 3 PTR by WHITE, Andrien	15:33			REBOUND (DEF) by COLEBY, Dwight
	15:25	26-40	V 14	GOOD! LAYUP by THOMPSON, Darius [PNT]
FOUL by HASLEM, Jailan (P1T1)	15:25			
	15:25			TIMEOUT MEDIA
REBOUND (DEF) by WHITE, Andrien	15:25			MISSED FT SHOT by THOMPSON, Darius
GOOD! FT SHOT by WHITE, Andrien	15:18	27-40	V 13	FOUL by COLEBY, Dwight (P1T2)
GOOD! FT SHOT by WHITE, Andrien	15:18	28-40	V 12	
	15:03			MISSED JUMPER by BEARDEN, Lamonte
	15:03			REBOUND (OFF) by HOLLINGSWORTH, T.
	14:56	28-42	V 14	GOOD! TIP-IN by HOLLINGSWORTH, T. [PN
GOOD! 3 PTR by AJUKWA, Austin	14:51	31-42	V 11	
	14:34	31-44	V 13	GOOD! LAYUP by THOMPSON, Darius [PNT]
GOOD! LAYUP by WHITE, Andrien [PNT]	14:26	33-44	V 11	
REBOUND (DEF) by HASLEM, Jailan	13:59			MISSED 3 PTR by JOHNSON, Justin
MISSED JUMPER by WHITE, Andrien	13:39			REBOUND (DEF) by COLEBY, Dwight
FOUL by HASLEM, Jailan (P2T2)	13:39			
REBOUND (DEF) by WHITE, Andrien	13:39			MISSED 3 PTR by JOHNSON, Justin
	13:39			SUB IN : DIAGNE, Moustapha
	13:39			SUB OUT: COLEBY, Dwight
GOOD! LAYUP by WHITE, Andrien [FB/PNT]	13:36	35-44	V 9	
REBOUND (DEF) by WHITE, Andrien	13:14			MISSED 3 PTR by HOLLINGSWORTH, T.
GOOD! LAYUP by GARVIN, Najee [PNT]	12:54	37-44	V 7	
ASSIST by WHITE, Andrien	12:54			
REBOUND (DEF) by GARVIN, Najee	12:27			MISSED JUMPER by THOMPSON, Darius
GOOD! DUNK by DAVIS, Jon [FB/PNT]	12:19	39-44	V 5	
FOUL by WHITE, Andrien (P1T3)	11:57			
	11:53			TIMEOUT MEDIA
	11:53	39-45	V 6	GOOD! FT SHOT by BEARDEN, Lamonte
	11:53	39-46	V 7	GOOD! FT SHOT by BEARDEN, Lamonte
SUB IN : SUPICA, Milos	11:53			SUB IN : ANDERSON, Josh
SUB OUT: HASLEM, Jailan	11:53			SUB OUT: BEARDEN, Lamonte
MISSED JUMPER by DAVIS, Jon	11:31			

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	11:31			REBOUND (DEF) by DIAGNE, Moustapha
FOUL by SUPICA, Milos (P3T4)	11:29			
FOUL by AJUKWA, Austin (P2T5)	11:16			
	11:14	39-48	V 9	GOOD! LAYUP by JOHNSON, Justin [PNT]
	11:14			ASSIST by THOMPSON, Darius
GOOD! LAYUP by GARVIN, Najee [PNT]	10:55	41-48	V 7	
ASSIST by AJUKWA, Austin	10:55			
	10:27			TURNOVR by JOHNSON, Justin
TURNOVR by AJUKWA, Austin	10:14			
SUB IN : HASLEM, Jailan	10:14			SUB IN : NELSON, Marek
SUB OUT: GARVIN, Najee	10:14			SUB OUT: JOHNSON, Justin
FOUL by WHITE, Andrien (P2T6)	10:01			
REBOUND (DEF) by HASLEM, Jailan	09:55			MISSED JUMPER by DIAGNE, Moustapha
GOOD! FT SHOT by WHITE, Andrien	09:48	42-48	V 6	FOUL by NELSON, Marek (P2T3)
GOOD! FT SHOT by WHITE, Andrien	09:48	43-48	V 5	
	09:48			SUB IN : OHMER, Jake
	09:48			SUB IN : COLEBY, Dwight
	09:48			SUB OUT: DIAGNE, Moustapha
	09:48			SUB OUT: HOLLINGSWORTH, T.
FOUL by HASLEM, Jailan (P3T7)	09:29	43-49	V 6	GOOD! FT SHOT by ANDERSON, Josh
REBOUND (DEF) by HASLEM, Jailan	09:29			MISSED FT SHOT by ANDERSON, Josh
	09:14			FOUL by THOMPSON, Darius (P2T4)
TURNOVR by SUPICA, Milos	08:58			
	08:56			STEAL by OHMER, Jake
REBOUND (DEF) by DAVIS, Jon	08:53			MISSED LAYUP by OHMER, Jake
GOOD! LAYUP by DAVIS, Jon [FB/PNT]	08:47	45-49	V 4	
	08:27	45-51	V 6	GOOD! LAYUP by ANDERSON, Josh [PNT]
FOUL by HASLEM, Jailan (P4T8)	08:27	45-52	V 7	GOOD! FT SHOT by ANDERSON, Josh
SUB IN : GARVIN, Najee	08:27			SUB IN : JOHNSON, Justin
SUB OUT: HASLEM, Jailan	08:27			SUB IN : BEARDEN, Lamonte
	08:27			SUB OUT: THOMPSON, Darius
	08:27			SUB OUT: NELSON, Marek
MISSED JUMPER by AJUKWA, Austin	08:02			REBOUND (DEF) by (TEAM)
	08:01			TIMEOUT MEDIA
SUB IN : MURPHY, Ryan	08:01			
SUB OUT: AJUKWA, Austin	08:01			
BLOCK by SUPICA, Milos	07:43			MISSED JUMPER by OHMER, Jake
REBOUND (DEF) by MURPHY, Ryan	07:40			
MISSED JUMPER by SUPICA, Milos	07:17			BLOCK by COLEBY, Dwight
	07:14			REBOUND (DEF) by JOHNSON, Justin
FOUL by DAVIS, Jon (P2T9)	06:52	45-53	V 8	GOOD! FT SHOT by ANDERSON, Josh
REBOUND (DEF) by SUPICA, Milos	06:52			MISSED FT SHOT by ANDERSON, Josh
	06:52			SUB IN : HOLLINGSWORTH, T.
	06:52			SUB OUT: OHMER, Jake
MISSED 3 PTR by WHITE, Andrien	06:36			REBOUND (DEF) by JOHNSON, Justin
	06:15	45-55	V 10	GOOD! JUMPER by HOLLINGSWORTH, T.
GOOD! FT SHOT by WHITE, Andrien	05:47	46-55	V 9	FOUL by BEARDEN, Lamonte (P3T5)
GOOD! FT SHOT by WHITE, Andrien	05:47	47-55	V 8	
	05:43			TURNOVR by BEARDEN, Lamonte
GOOD! JUMPER by DAVIS, Jon [PNT]	05:33	49-55	V 6	
	05:05	49-58	V 9	GOOD! 3 PTR by BEARDEN, Lamonte
	05:02			TIMEOUT TEAM
SUB IN : VASIC, Luka	05:02			
SUB OUT: MURPHY, Ryan	05:02			
MISSED LAYUP by WHITE, Andrien	04:48			REBOUND (DEF) by COLEBY, Dwight
	04:29			MISSED JUMPER by THOMPSON, Darius
	04:29			REBOUND (OFF) by COLEBY, Dwight
FOUL by SUPICA, Milos (P4T10)	04:24	49-59	V 10	GOOD! FT SHOT by COLEBY, Dwight
	04:24	49-60	V 11	GOOD! FT SHOT by COLEBY, Dwight
SUB IN : HASLEM, Jailan	04:24			
SUB OUT: SUPICA, Milos	04:24			
TURNOVR by HASLEM, Jailan	04:10			

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HOME TEAM: Charlotte	Time	Score	Margin	VISITORS: Western Kentucky
	04:08			STEAL by BEARDEN, Lamonte
FOUL by GARVIN, Najee (P3T11)	03:55			
	03:55			TIMEOUT MEDIA
	03:55	49-61	V 12	GOOD! FT SHOT by THOMPSON, Darius
REBOUND (DEF) by WHITE, Andrien	03:55			MISSED FT SHOT by THOMPSON, Darius
	03:55			SUB IN : THOMPSON, Darius
	03:55			SUB OUT: ANDERSON, Josh
	03:47			FOUL by BEARDEN, Lamonte (P4T6)
SUB IN : AJUKWA, Austin	03:47			
SUB OUT: VASIC, Luka	03:47			
TURNOVR by GARVIN, Najee	03:39			STEAL by JOHNSON, Justin
	03:15			MISSED JUMPER by THOMPSON, Darius
	03:15			REBOUND (OFF) by COLEBY, Dwight
	03:12	49-63	V 14	GOOD! DUNK by COLEBY, Dwight [PNT]
MISSED 3 PTR by DAVIS, Jon	02:57			
REBOUND (OFF) by WHITE, Andrien	02:57			
GOOD! JUMPER by WHITE, Andrien [PNT]	02:52	51-63	V 12	
REBOUND (DEF) by HASLEM, Jailan	02:22			MISSED 3 PTR by THOMPSON, Darius
GOOD! LAYUP by WHITE, Andrien [FB/PNT]	02:13	53-63	V 10	
TIMEOUT 30sec	02:12			
	02:12			SUB IN : ANDERSON, Josh
	02:12			SUB OUT: COLEBY, Dwight
FOUL by AJUKWA, Austin (P3T12)	02:08	53-64	V 11	GOOD! FT SHOT by THOMPSON, Darius
	02:08	53-65	V 12	GOOD! FT SHOT by THOMPSON, Darius
MISSED FT SHOT by DAVIS, Jon	01:56			FOUL by BEARDEN, Lamonte (P5T7)
REBOUND (OFF) by (DEADBALL)	01:56			
GOOD! FT SHOT by DAVIS, Jon	01:56	54-65	V 11	
	01:56			SUB IN : OHMER, Jake
	01:56			SUB OUT: BEARDEN, Lamonte
	01:47			TURNOVR by ANDERSON, Josh
STEAL by DAVIS, Jon	01:46			
GOOD! FT SHOT by DAVIS, Jon	01:44	55-65	V 10	FOUL by ANDERSON, Josh (P3T8)
GOOD! FT SHOT by DAVIS, Jon	01:44	56-65	V 9	
	01:35	56-67	V 11	GOOD! LAYUP by ANDERSON, Josh [PNT]
FOUL by HASLEM, Jailan (P5T13)	01:35			MISSED FT SHOT by ANDERSON, Josh
REBOUND (DEF) by GARVIN, Najee	01:35			
SUB IN : VASIC, Luka	01:35			
SUB OUT: HASLEM, Jailan	01:35			
GOOD! FT SHOT by WHITE, Andrien	01:25	57-67	V 10	FOUL by OHMER, Jake (P2T9)
GOOD! FT SHOT by WHITE, Andrien	01:25	58-67	V 9	
	01:14	58-69	V 11	GOOD! DUNK by ANDERSON, Josh [PNT]
MISSED 3 PTR by AJUKWA, Austin	01:06			REBOUND (DEF) by JOHNSON, Justin
FOUL by WHITE, Andrien (P3T14)	01:02			MISSED FT SHOT by JOHNSON, Justin
	01:02			REBOUND (OFF) by (DEADBALL)
	01:02	58-70	V 12	GOOD! FT SHOT by JOHNSON, Justin
SUB IN : MURPHY, Ryan	01:02			
SUB OUT: VASIC, Luka	01:02			
MISSED JUMPER by WHITE, Andrien	00:56			BLOCK by JOHNSON, Justin
	00:55			REBOUND (DEF) by OHMER, Jake
	00:50			TURNOVR by HOLLINGSWORTH, T.
GOOD! LAYUP by WHITE, Andrien [PNT]	00:45	60-70	V 10	
TIMEOUT TEAM	00:44			
	00:37			TURNOVR by THOMPSON, Darius
MISSED LAYUP by DAVIS, Jon	00:34			REBOUND (DEF) by THOMPSON, Darius
FOUL by GARVIN, Najee (P4T15)	00:27			MISSED FT SHOT by THOMPSON, Darius
	00:27			REBOUND (OFF) by (DEADBALL)
	00:27	60-71	V 11	GOOD! FT SHOT by THOMPSON, Darius
GOOD! FT SHOT by DAVIS, Jon	00:19	61-71	V 10	FOUL by HOLLINGSWORTH, T. (P1T10)
GOOD! FT SHOT by DAVIS, Jon	00:19	62-71	V 9	
GOOD! FT SHOT by DAVIS, Jon	00:19	63-71	V 8	
FOUL by MURPHY, Ryan (P1T16)	00:08			

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HOME TEAM: Charlotte	Time	Score	Margin	VISITORS: Western Kentucky
	00:08	63-72	V 9	GOOD! FT SHOT by OHMER, Jake
	00:08	63-73	V 10	GOOD! FT SHOT by OHMER, Jake
MISSED LAYUP by DAVIS, Jon	00:00			
REBOUND (OFF) by (TEAM)	00:00			

Western Kentucky 73, Charlotte 63

	In	Off	2nd	Fast		
2nd period-only	Paint	T/O	Chance	Break	Bench	
Western Kentucky	20	5	6	0	11	Score tied - 0 times.
Charlotte	22	9	2	10	0	Lead changed - 0 times.

Official Basketball Box Score -- 1st Half-Only
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Western Kentucky

##	Player		Total	3-Ptr	FT-FTA	Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA		Off	Def	Tot							
22	COLEBY, Dwight	f	1-6	0-0	2-2	2	4	6	0	4	0	0	1	1	16
23	JOHNSON, Justin	f	2-7	0-1	1-2	4	4	8	1	5	0	3	0	0	16
01	BEARDEN, Lamonte	g	4-6	0-0	3-4	1	0	1	2	11	0	0	0	1	12
13	HOLLINGSWORTH, T.	g	3-6	0-2	0-0	0	1	1	0	6	1	0	0	0	18
15	THOMPSON, Darius	g	0-4	0-2	0-0	1	5	6	0	0	4	1	0	1	16
04	ANDERSON, Josh		0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	1	2
12	DIAGNE, Moustapha		1-3	0-1	0-0	1	1	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	4
14	NELSON, Marek		0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	5
21	OHMER, Jake		0-3	0-1	0-0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	11
Team						2	0	2				1			
Totals			11-37	0-7	6-8	12	16	28	7	28	5	6	1	4	100

FG % 1st Half: 11-37 29.7%
 3FG % 1st Half: 0-7 0.0%
 FT % 1st Half: 6-8 75.0%

Charlotte

##	Player		Total	3-Ptr	FT-FTA	Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA		Off	Def	Tot							
01	GARVIN, Najee	f	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	2	2	0	1	0	0	6
00	HASLEM, Jailan	c	2-2	0-0	0-0	3	4	7	0	4	0	2	2	0	19
02	WHITE, Andrien	g	0-4	0-2	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	11
03	DAVIS, Jon	g	2-8	0-2	4-4	0	3	3	1	8	2	1	0	1	20
05	AJUKWA, Austin	g	2-7	0-1	2-2	0	1	1	1	6	0	0	0	0	13
12	MCGILL, Jaylan		0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
15	SUPICA, Milos		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	3	3	2	0	0	3	0	0	6
24	MURPHY, Ryan		0-2	0-2	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
30	THOMAS, Bryant		0-1	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	8
35	VASIC, Luka		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	6
Team						1	0	1							
Totals			7-27	0-8	6-6	4	16	20	8	20	3	7	2	2	100

FG % 1st Half: 7-27 25.9%
 3FG % 1st Half: 0-8 0.0%
 FT % 1st Half: 6-6 100.0

Officials: Clyde Owens, John St. Clair, Jon Campbell
 Technical fouls: Western Kentucky-None. Charlotte-None.
 Attendance: 3845

Score by periods	1st	Total
Western Kentucky	28	28
Charlotte	20	20

	In Paint	Off T/O	2nd Chance	Fast Break	Bench
Points WKU	20	4	6	6	2
CHA	10	4	4	4	0

Last FG - WKU 2nd-01:14, CHA 2nd-00:45.
 Largest lead - WKU by 14 2nd-15:25, CHA by 4 1st-16:48.
 WKU led for 35:54. CHA led for 01:50. Game was tied for 02:16.

Score tied - 0 times.
 Lead changed - 1 time.

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Western Kentucky

##	Player		Total	3-Ptr	FT-FTA	Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA		Off	Def	Tot							
22	COLEBY, Dwight	f	2-2	0-0	2-2	2	4	6	1	6	1	0	2	1	14
23	JOHNSON, Justin	f	1-3	0-2	1-2	0	6	6	0	3	0	2	1	2	18
01	BEARDEN, Lamonte	g	2-3	2-2	2-2	0	0	0	3	8	0	2	0	1	15
13	HOLLINGSWORTH, T.	g	2-5	0-1	0-0	1	0	1	1	4	0	1	0	0	17
15	THOMPSON, Darius	g	4-8	1-2	4-7	0	2	2	2	13	2	2	0	0	15
04	ANDERSON, Josh		3-3	0-0	3-6	0	0	0	1	9	0	1	0	0	10
12	DIAGNE, Moustapha		0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
14	NELSON, Marek		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
21	OHMER, Jake		0-2	0-0	2-2	0	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	1	5
Team						0	1	1							
Totals			14-27	3-7	14-21	3	15	18	10	45	3	8	3	5	100

FG % 1st Half: 11-37 29.7% 2nd half: 14-27 51.9%
 3FG % 1st Half: 0-7 0.0% 2nd half: 3-7 42.9%
 FT % 1st Half: 6-8 75.0% 2nd half: 14-21 66.7%

Charlotte

##	Player		Total	3-Ptr	FT-FTA	Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA		Off	Def	Tot							
01	GARVIN, Najee	f	2-3	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	2	4	0	1	0	0	18
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02	WHITE, Andrien	g	5-11	0-2	8-8	1	5	6	3	18	1	0	0	0	20
03	DAVIS, Jon	g	5-10	1-3	7-8	0	2	2	1	18	0	1	0	2	20
05	AJUKWA, Austin	g	1-5	1-2	0-0	0	0	0	2	3	1	2	0	0	16
12	MCGILL, Jaylan		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15	SUPICA, Milos		0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	2	0	0	1	1	0	7
24	MURPHY, Ryan		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	4
30	THOMAS, Bryant		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
35	VASIC, Luka		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Team						1	0	1							
Totals			13-31	2-7	15-16	3	15	18	16	43	2	6	1	2	100

FG % 1st Half: 7-27 25.9% 2nd half: 13-31 41.9%
 3FG % 1st Half: 0-8 0.0% 2nd half: 2-7 28.6%
 FT % 1st Half: 6-6 100.0 2nd half: 15-16 93.8%

Officials: Clyde Owens, John St. Clair, Jon Campbell
 Technical fouls: Western Kentucky-None. Charlotte-None.
 Attendance: 3845

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
Western Kentucky	28	45	73
Charlotte	20	43	63

	In	Off	2nd	Fast	
Points	Paint	T/O	Chance	Break	Bench
WKU	20	5	6	0	11
CHA	22	9	2	10	0

Last FG - WKU 2nd-01:14, CHA 2nd-00:45.
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Score tied - 0 times.
 Lead changed - 0 times.



WKU Hilltoppers at Charlotte 49ers

Postgame Notes

Jan. 13, 2018

Halton Arena | Charlotte, N.C.

FINAL SCORE: WKU 73, Charlotte 63

RECORDS AND NOTABLES

- WKU improves to 13-5 and 5-0 in Conference USA play. The Hilltoppers are 5-0 in league play for the fourth time since 1970 and the first time since 2014-15.
- WKU has won four straight true road games for the first time since the 2013-14 campaign.
- WKU has won six straight games overall for the first time since 2014-15.
- Charlotte falls to 5-11 and 1-4 in C-USA.
- WKU leads the all-time series 18-10. Head coach Rick Stansbury is 4-2 in his career against the 49ers.
- The announced attendance was 3,845.
- **UP NEXT:** WKU returns home to host UAB at 8 p.m. CT Thursday at E.A. Diddle Arena. The game will be broadcast nationally by CBS Sports Network.

TEAM NOTES

- WKU used the starting lineup of Taveion Hollingsworth, Lamonte Bearden, Darius Thompson, Dwight Coleby, and Justin Johnson for the 17th straight game.
- **KEY FIRST HALF RUN:** After falling behind 4-0, WKU answered with a 13-2 run, sparked by the Hilltoppers' first points of the game on a three-point play by Lamonte Bearden at the 16:32 mark.
 - Both teams shot below 30 percent in the first half as WKU claimed a 28-20 halftime lead.
- **KEY SECOND HALF RUN:** Charlotte got back within four at 49-45 with 8:46 to play, but WKU responded with a 14-4 run to open a 63-49 advantage on a putback dunk by Dwight Coleby with 3:12 left.
- WKU shot 25 of 64 (39.1 percent) from the field, 3 of 14 (21.4 percent) from 3-point range and 20 of 29 (69 percent) from the free-throw line.

- WKU outrebounded Charlotte 46-38 and outscored the 49ers 40-32 in the paint.
- WKU has made a 3-pointer in 956 straight games dating back to March 15, 1987. That ranks as the fifth-longest streak in the nation behind Kentucky, UNLV, Vanderbilt and Arkansas.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

JUSTIN JOHNSON

- The senior finished with eight points and 14 rebounds, pulling down at least 13 boards for the third time in the last four games.
 - Johnson passed Dwight Smith to move into 10th place on WKU's all-time rebounding list with 865 career boards.

LAMONTE BEARDEN

- The redshirt junior scored a team-high 19 points, including WKU's first seven points of the game.
 - It was his most points since scoring 19 at Wisconsin on Dec. 13.

MOUSTAPHA DIAGNE

- The redshirt sophomore grabbed three rebounds and scored his first points as a Hilltopper on a putback at the 10:29 mark in the first half.

TAVEION HOLLINGSWORTH

- The freshman scored 10 points, moving past Jeremy Evans for the 13th-most points by a varsity freshman in WKU history with 231 points.

DARIUS THOMPSON

- The graduate senior filled up the stat sheet with 13 points, eight rebounds and six assists.
 - Thompson has scored in double figures in 17 of 18 games this season and has recorded at least four assists in 15 of 18 games.

DWIGHT COLEBY

- The graduate senior recorded his seventh double-double of the year with 10 points, 12 rebounds and three blocks.

WKU Basketball
Charlotte Postgame Quotes
January 13, 2018

Head Coach Rick Stansbury

Opening statement...

"A 'W' is a 'W.' Winning on the road is not easy. You can't take it for granted nowhere. Those guys went to North Texas to win. We didn't play our best, but we still found ways to make plays when we had to, and that's going to happen some nights."

On hosting UAB and Middle Tennessee this week...

"I anticipate Diddle Arena being packed. I anticipate there not being a seat in there for us Thursday night. That's how it should be. Everybody wanted a team with a chance to compete, and I think they see we have a team to do that. Our crowd can be the difference Thursday night."

Redshirt junior guard Lamonte Bearden

On the team overcoming a slow start...

"Yeah, our offense did come out a little slow, but the defense made up for it. In the second half, we were more aggressive. We threw a few assists to each other and got out in transition."

Freshman guard Taveion Hollingsworth

On finding ways to win with defense...

"We had to grind that one out. We didn't have one of our best nights, but we had to grind it out. ... When you go on the road, it's always going to be a challenge, no matter what. ... We stay with it, no matter how we're playing. If everybody's off, we just keep playing hard on defense. That's all Coach talks about, is defense."

Redshirt sophomore forward Moustapha Diagne

On his journey to getting cleared by the NCAA on Wednesday...

"It's been great. I'm really thankful to be back and be cleared. It's been great so far, being with my teammates for the games and shootaround. ... They've been there for me every day since August. They've been there every time I come to practice or to the locker room, so they've been there with me joking and making me smile."

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Conference USA Notes — <http://goto.ps/2DjfP17>

Video: WKU head coach Rick Stansbury pre-UAB — <https://youtu.be/dcKnvjPkF6k>

Video: Senior Justin Johnson and freshman Josh Anderson pre-UAB — https://youtu.be/abPtl_g0l2c

HILLTOPPERS HOST UAB ON THURSDAY TO BEGIN CRUCIAL HOMESTAND

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — WKU Hilltopper Basketball is tied for the Conference USA lead at 5-0 as it hosts UAB at 8 p.m. CT Thursday at E.A. Diddle Arena.

The Hilltoppers have started 5-0 in league play for the fourth time since 1970 and have won six straight games overall for the first time since 2014-15.

UAB is right behind WKU in the league standings at 4-1. The Blazers lead the all-time series 22-13, although the Hilltoppers have won five straight in Bowling Green since 1991.

WKU head coach Rick Stansbury is 3-1 all-time in his career against UAB.

GAME 19

UAB (13-5, 4-1 C-USA) at WKU (13-5, 5-0 C-USA)

January 18, 2018 | 8 p.m. CT

Bowling Green, Ky. | E.A. Diddle Arena

BROADCAST

Listen: [Hilltopper IMG Sports Network](#) (WKLX 100.7 FM flagship), [WKUSports.tv](#) (free), [TuneIn Radio](#) (free) (Randy Lee, pxp | Hal Schmitt, analysis)

Watch: [CBS Sports Network](#) (John Sadak, pxp | Jordan Cornette, analysis)

Live Stats: [WKU Stats](#)

QUICK SHOTS

- WKU is 18-5 (.783) at E.A. Diddle Arena under head coach Rick Stansbury. The Hilltoppers are 591-168 all-time at Diddle Arena for a .779 winning percentage.
- WKU has made at least one 3-pointer in 956 consecutive games, dating back to March 15, 1987. The 3-point shot was instituted prior to the 1986-87 season. The Hilltoppers' streak is the sixth-longest in the nation behind Kentucky, UNLV, Vanderbilt, Duke and Arkansas.
- WKU has trailed for just a combined 8 minutes and 33 seconds in its five opening Conference USA wins.
- WKU's current scoring average of 79 points per game would be the program's highest since 1994-95.
- WKU ranks 19th in the country in field goal percentage and second in Conference USA at 49.9 percent. That percentage would rank eighth for a single season in program history.
- WKU ranks 26th in the country in 3-point percentage and first in Conference USA at 40.2 percent. That percentage would tie for second for a single season in program history.
- WKU has outscored its opponents 748-524 in the paint this season.
- The Hilltoppers' five losses have come by a total of 22 points – an average of 4.4 points per game.

- In his last 15 games, Darius Thompson has 81 combined assists and just 24 turnovers. He has at least four assists in 15 of 18 games this season and ranks second in C-USA in assist-to-turnover ratio at 2.6-to-1.
- Darius Thompson ranks 24th in the country in minutes per game (36.4) and 49th in total minutes (655).
- Through 18 games, Lamonte Bearden has 30 steals. No Hilltopper had more than 28 steals all last year.
- Lamonte Bearden is 94 points from reaching 1,000 for his career across his time at Buffalo and WKU.
- As of Tuesday, Justin Johnson was ranked eighth among active NCAA players for career rebounds and tied for 10th in career double-doubles. He's one of just five active NCAA players with at least 1,300 career points and 800 rebounds.
- Justin Johnson is ranked 17th on WKU's all-time scoring list with 1,368 career points. He needs 143 points to pass Art Spoelstra to move into 16th.
- Justin Johnson ranks 10th on WKU's all-time rebounding list with 865 career boards. He needs 24 rebounds to pass Dan King to move into ninth. He's one of six Hilltoppers in program history ranked in the top 20 in scoring and the top 10 in rebounding.
- Justin Johnson currently ranks eighth on WKU's all-time list for career field goal percentage at 54.8 percent. He's just over one percentage point from fifth place.
- Justin Johnson needs 135 rebounds to reach 1,000 for his career. That would make him just the fifth player in WKU history with 1,000 career points and 1,000 rebounds, joining Tom Marshall, Art Spoelstra, Ralph Crosthwaite and Jim McDaniels, the last to accomplish the feat in 1971.

TICKETS

WKU Ticket Office: Online at WKUTickets.com, in person at E.A. Diddle Arena, via phone at 1-800-5-BIG Red or 745-5222 locally.

PROMOTIONS

- Free WKU jersey replica towel for the first 500 fans.

LAST GAME AGAINST UAB: FEBRUARY 19, 2017

Justin Johnson scored 26 points with 14 rebounds, and Que Johnson knocked down six 3-pointers as WKU led from start to finish in a 76-64 victory over UAB at E.A. Diddle Arena. William Lee led UAB with 18 points.

MED CENTER HEALTH

The 2017-18 WKU Basketball season is presented by Med Center Health. With The Medical Center at its core, Med Center Health has served Southcentral Kentucky for more than 90 years, and its system of care includes six acute care hospitals, a complete network of immediate to emergency services and services in dozens of specialties. Whether it is emergency treatment for heart attack victims or preventative programs to improve the health of the communities it serves, Med Center Health is committed to providing the highest level of care and service.

How to follow the Hilltoppers: For complete information on WKU Hilltopper Basketball, follow the team's social media channels, @WKUBasketball on Twitter, @WKUBasketball on Instagram, and WKU Basketball on Facebook.

-@WKUSports-

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / January 18, 2018

Men's Basketball / Contact: Zach Greenwell, WKU Athletic Communications/Media Relations

PDF box score is attached. Postgame notes, video and quotes will follow in a separate email.

TOPS TAKE SOLE POSSESSION OF C-USA LEAD WITH 77-69 WIN OVER UAB

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — WKU Hilltopper Basketball sits alone atop the Conference USA standings after defeating UAB 77-69 on Thursday night at E.A. Diddle Arena.

With UAB up 67-64 with 4:36 to play, the Hilltoppers (14-5 overall, 6-0 C-USA) went on an 11-0 run to surge ahead and were able to ice the victory at the free-throw line.

The win was WKU's seventh straight overall and its sixth straight against UAB (13-6, 4-2) in Bowling Green.

The biggest swing came when freshman guard Jake Ohmer was fouled on a 3-pointer with 3:49 left, and UAB was called for a technical.

Ohmer made four of the five possible free throws to put WKU back in front 69-67, and the Hilltoppers scored six straight on top of that to pull away in front of a crowd of 5,643 – the largest of the season.

Senior forward Justin Johnson led WKU with 18 points and eight rebounds, and senior forward Dwight Coleby tallied his eighth double-double with 17 points, 11 rebounds and four blocks. Freshman guard Josh Anderson scored 12 points off the bench, while fellow freshman guard Taveion Hollingsworth added 11 points. Senior guard Darius Thompson had 10 points and five assists.

The first half was full of spurts, starting with a 13-4 burst from WKU to open the action.

UAB answered with its own 9-0 run and pulled in front at 19-18 on a 3-pointer by Jalen Perry, but WKU rattled off a 13-2 run to take its largest lead of the frame at 31-21 at the 4:25 mark.

The Blazers scored 10 straight points to tie the game at 31-all, but Johnson completed a three-point play, and Thompson got a steal and a dunk just before the buzzer to make it 36-31 Hilltoppers at the break.

UAB took control to start the second half with a 15-4 run, powering ahead 46-42 with 15:04 left, and the Blazers protected that lead until a 7-0 run by WKU, capped by a steal and layup from freshman guard Jake Ohmer to make it 64-63 with 6:13 remaining.

UAB scored the next two buckets, but the Hilltoppers punched back with the knockout blow. WKU shot 56 percent in the second half and 48.2 percent for the game, and netted 20 of 29 free throws. UAB attempted and made just three free throws.

The Hilltoppers host Middle Tennessee – the two-time defending league champion – at 6 p.m. CT Saturday at E.A. Diddle Arena.

WKU MBB: Postgame Notes / Quotes / Video – WKU 77, UAB 69, Jan. 18, 2018

Please find attached postgame notes and quotes from WKU's 77-69 win over UAB on Thursday at E.A. Diddle Arena, as well as links below to postgame video interviews with head coach Rick Stansbury, senior forward Dwight Coleby and freshman guard Josh Anderson.

VIDEO

Head Coach Rick Stansbury — https://youtu.be/06_F4RAPZpl

Senior Dwight Coleby/freshman Josh Anderson — <https://youtu.be/piawumYglUQ>

Official Basketball Box Score -- Game Totals -- Final Statistics
UAB vs WKU
01/18/18 8 p.m. CT at Bowling Green, Ky. (E.A. Diddle Arena)

UAB 69 • 13-6 (4-2)

##	Player		Total	3-Ptr	FT-FTA	Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA		Off	Def	Tot							
03	COKLEY, Chris	f	7-17	0-0	3-3	3	8	11	2	17	0	2	0	0	29
34	LEE, William	f	5-10	1-3	0-0	3	11	14	4	11	1	1	3	0	31
01	BRYANT, Zack	g	8-16	0-1	0-0	0	2	2	3	16	5	2	0	2	35
02	NORTON, Nick	g	4-6	4-5	0-0	0	0	0	5	12	5	3	0	0	36
21	PERRY, Jalen	g	2-4	2-4	0-0	0	2	2	1	6	1	0	0	0	18
05	LAVENDER, Deion		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	4
11	GUEYE, Makhtar		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1
13	DARLING, Nate		1-7	0-4	0-0	1	3	4	3	2	2	1	0	1	27
23	SULLIVAN, Lewis		2-5	1-2	0-0	0	2	2	2	5	1	0	0	0	19
Team						2	1	3				1			
Totals			29-65	8-19	3-3	9	29	38	22	69	17	11	3	3	200

FG % 1st Half: 13-28 46.4% 2nd half: 16-37 43.2% Game: 29-65 44.6%
3FG % 1st Half: 5-9 55.6% 2nd half: 3-10 30.0% Game: 8-19 42.1%
FT % 1st Half: 0-0 0.0% 2nd half: 3-3 100.0% Game: 3-3 100.0%

Deadball
Rebounds
0

WKU 77 • 14-5 (6-0)

##	Player		Total	3-Ptr	FT-FTA	Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA		Off	Def	Tot							
22	COLEBY, Dwight	f	5-7	0-0	7-8	1	10	11	3	17	0	1	4	1	30
23	JOHNSON, Justin	f	7-14	1-4	3-6	1	7	8	1	18	0	0	0	0	35
01	BEARDEN, Lamonte	g	1-5	0-1	1-1	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	1	2	20
13	HOLLINGSWORTH, T.	g	3-7	1-2	4-4	0	1	1	0	11	0	3	0	0	32
15	THOMPSON, Darius	g	5-12	0-4	0-2	1	2	3	0	10	5	1	2	2	36
04	ANDERSON, Josh		5-7	1-2	1-3	0	3	3	2	12	0	0	0	2	22
12	DIAGNE, Moustapha		0-1	0-0	0-0	0	3	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	10
14	NELSON, Marek		0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	5
21	OHMER, Jake		1-2	0-1	4-5	0	1	1	1	6	1	0	0	0	10
Team						3	0	3							
Totals			27-56	3-15	20-29	6	27	33	7	77	9	6	8	7	200

FG % 1st Half: 13-31 41.9% 2nd half: 14-25 56.0% Game: 27-56 48.2%
3FG % 1st Half: 2-9 22.2% 2nd half: 1-6 16.7% Game: 3-15 20.0%
FT % 1st Half: 8-10 80.0% 2nd half: 12-19 63.2% Game: 20-29 69.0%

Deadball
Rebounds
3

Officials: Gary Maxwell, Mike Stuart, Ray Natili

Technical fouls: UAB-TEAM. WKU-None.

Attendance: 5643

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
UAB	31	38	69
WKU	36	41	77

	In	Off	2nd	Fast	
Points	Paint	T/O	Chance	Break	Bench
UAB	40	8	8	10	7
WKU	40	14	2	4	18

Last FG - UAB 2nd-00:14, WKU 2nd-00:05.
Largest lead - UAB by 7 2nd-14:01, WKU by 10 1st-04:25.
UAB led for 13:34. WKU led for 24:40. Game was tied for 01:43.

Score tied - 6 times.
Lead changed - 6 times.



WKU Hilltoppers vs. UAB Blazers

Postgame Notes

Jan. 18, 2018

E.A. Diddle Arena | Bowling Green, Ky.

FINAL SCORE: WKU 77, UAB 69

RECORDS AND NOTABLES

- WKU improves to 14-5 and 6-0 in Conference USA play.
- WKU has won seven straight games overall for the first time since 2014-15.
- UAB falls to 13-6 and 4-2 in C-USA.
- UAB leads the all-time series 22-14 although the Hilltoppers have won six straight in Bowling Green since 1991. Head coach Rick Stansbury is 4-1 in his career against the Blazers.
- The announced attendance was 5,643, the largest of the season.
- **UP NEXT:** WKU stays at home on Saturday to host in-conference rival Middle Tennessee at 6 p.m. in E.A. Diddle Arena. The game will be broadcast online on Watch Stadium. The Hilltoppers are expecting a sold-out crowd in Diddle Arena.

TEAM NOTES

- WKU used the starting lineup of Taveion Hollingsworth, Lamonte Bearden, Darius Thompson, Dwight Coleby, and Justin Johnson for the 18th straight game.
- **KEY FIRST HALF RUN:** WKU began with an 8-0 run at the 15:55 mark, giving the Hilltoppers a lead of 13-4. UAB responded with a 9-0 run to tie WKU at 13 apiece. Shortly after, WKU pulled away from UAB with a 9-0 run beginning at the 6:26 mark, bringing the score to 31-21, the largest Hilltopper lead of the half. The Blazers tied the Hilltoppers at 31 points with a 10-0 run starting at the 3:51 mark.
- **KEY SECOND HALF RUN:** UAB used a 6-0 run to gain a lead of 46-40 beginning at the 17-minute mark. The Hilltoppers chipped away at the Blazer lead using a 7-0 run until they retook the lead with a score of 64-63. WKU added on an 11-0 run beginning at 4:19 with five free throws and never looked back.

- WKU shot 27 of 56 (48.2 percent) from the field, 3 of 15 (20.0 percent) from 3-point range and 20 of 29 (69 percent) from the free-throw line.
- The Hilltoppers scored 14 points off 11 Blazer turnovers.
- WKU has made a 3-pointer in 957 straight games dating back to March 15, 1987. That ranks as the fifth-longest streak in the nation behind Kentucky, UNLV, Vanderbilt and Arkansas.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

DWIGHT COLEBY

- The graduate senior recorded his eighth double-double of the year with 17 points, 11 rebounds and four blocks, tying his career high for the fifth time.

JUSTIN JOHNSON

- The senior scored a team-high 18 points and notched eight rebounds.
 - Johnson stays in 10th place on WKU's all-time rebounding list with 873 career boards. He needs 15 more to pass Dan King and move into ninth.

JOSH ANDERSON

- The freshman knocked down his first career 3-pointer while scoring 12 points and notching a career-high two steals.

TAVEION HOLLINGSWORTH

- The freshman scored 11 points, moving past Chris Robinson and Chris Harrison-Docks for 11th-most points by a varsity freshman in WKU history with 242 points.

DARIUS THOMPSON

- The graduate senior filled up the stat sheet with 10 points, five assists, two blocks and two steals.

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UAB Postgame Quotes
January 18, 2018

Head Coach Rick Stansbury

On the crowd and the win overall...

"The crowd was great. The crowd made a difference tonight. You did your job. Like I just said, the crowd can help us when things are going bad. When we're down seven the second half, that's when we need them. That's when they made a difference tonight. Josh (Anderson) has still got us going, got the crowd into it and from that point on, they stayed into it. That was a big win for us, but now it's done and over. Get ready for the next one, Saturday at six o'clock."

On coming back home after a long road stint...

"You've got to find a way to protect your home court. Everybody's good at home, you hear me say this all the time. Everybody's good at home, you've got to go on the road and win, that's when you really find out what you're all about, but you've got to protect your home court. Being at home doesn't insure anything. Sometimes at home, I've always said this, players play uptight a little bit at home. The fans, the people in the stands, they have a little more attention on them. Sometimes on the road, it's just us, play a little more relaxed. If you give us a choice of which way we want it, we want it at home. We want the emotion of that building. We need that emotion in this building come Saturday at six o'clock."

On items the team will improve on to get ready for the next game...

"Get some rest. Make sure we're ready to go. There's not a lot out there we're going to do improvement-wise. Mentally, this game is so mental. We can't get in the gym and shoot to get better, it's just a fine line mentally. It's just the little things sometimes. Putting this one behind us. Getting ready for the next one, getting fresh, and understanding the battle we're up against come Saturday afternoon."

Senior forward Dwight Coleby

On Saturday's game against Middle Tennessee...

"It's huge. Every game counts the same. Everyone hypes this one up real big. I think this one's sold out... We should feed off the crowd, the crowd should be loud. We just hopefully come out of there with the win because we're going to focus, come back tomorrow and change our focus onto Middle (Tennessee)."

Freshman guard Josh Anderson

On playing in Diddle Arena for the first time...

"It felt great. Me and Mou (Moustapha Diagne) got a lot of love, so I appreciate them. It was awesome to go out and play in front of them."

On coming back home after a long road stint...

"Being on the home court, we've got to defend the home court. We're going to play hard every time."

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WKU Game Notes — <http://goto.ps/2DPaFHg>

Middle Tennessee Game Notes — <http://goto.ps/2BdxnG5>

Video: WKU head coach Rick Stansbury post-UAB — https://youtu.be/06_F4RAPZpI

Video: WKU forward Dwight Coleby/guard Josh Anderson post-UAB — <https://youtu.be/piawumYqIUQ>

HILLTOPPERS TO HOST MIDDLE TENNESSEE AT SOLD-OUT DIDDLE ARENA

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — Conference USA-leading WKU Hilltopper Basketball welcomes Middle Tennessee for a huge league matchup at 6 p.m. CT Saturday at E.A. Diddle Arena.

The Hilltoppers are 6-0 in league play and anticipating a sellout crowd. Middle Tennessee, the two-time defending C-USA champion, is 5-1 in conference action after falling at Marshall on Thursday.

WKU leads the all-time series – which dates back to the 1914-15 season – 93-41, but MTSU has won 11 of the last 13. WKU head coach Rick Stansbury is 0-2 all-time against the Blue Raiders.

GAME 20

Middle Tennessee (13-5, 5-1 C-USA) at WKU (14-5, 6-0 C-USA)

January 20, 2018 | 6 p.m. CT

Bowling Green, Ky. | E.A. Diddle Arena

BROADCAST

Listen: [Hilltopper IMG Sports Network](#) (WKLX 100.7 FM flagship), [WKUSports.tv](#) (free), [TuneIn Radio](#) (free) (Randy Lee, pxp | Hal Schmitt, analysis)

Watch: [Stadium](#) (online streaming), WKU PBS

Live Stats: [WKU Stats](#)

QUICK SHOTS

- WKU is 19-5 (.792) at E.A. Diddle Arena under head coach Rick Stansbury. The Hilltoppers are 592-168 all-time at Diddle Arena for a .779 winning percentage.
- WKU has made at least one 3-pointer in 957 consecutive games, dating back to March 15, 1987. The 3-point shot was instituted prior to the 1986-87 season. The Hilltoppers' streak is the sixth-longest in the nation behind Kentucky, UNLV, Vanderbilt, Duke and Arkansas.
- WKU's current scoring average of 78.9 points per game would be the program's highest since 1994-95.
- WKU ranks 18th in the country in field goal percentage and first in Conference USA at 49.8 percent. That percentage would rank eighth for a single season in program history.
- WKU ranks 37th in the country in 3-point percentage and first in Conference USA at 39.2 percent. That percentage would rank fourth for a single season in program history.
- WKU has outscored its opponents 788-564 in the paint this season.
- The Hilltoppers' five losses have come by a total of 22 points – an average of 4.4 points per game.
- Dwight Coleby is tied for the C-USA lead for free-throw percentage in league play at 90 percent (27 of 30).
- In his last 16 games, Darius Thompson has 86 combined assists and just 29 turnovers. He has at least four assists in 16 of 19 games this season and ranks second in C-USA in assist-to-turnover ratio at 2.7-to-1.

- Darius Thompson ranks 28th in the country in minutes per game (36.4) and 43rd in total minutes (691).
- Through 19 games, Lamonte Bearden has 32 steals. No Hilltopper had more than 28 steals all last year.
- Lamonte Bearden is 91 points from reaching 1,000 for his career across his time at Buffalo and WKU.
- As of Friday, Justin Johnson was ranked ninth among active NCAA players for career rebounds and tied for 11th in career double-doubles. He's one of just seven active NCAA players with at least 1,300 career points and 800 rebounds.
- Justin Johnson is ranked 17th on WKU's all-time scoring list with 1,386 career points. He needs 125 points to pass Art Spoelstra to move into 16th.
- Justin Johnson ranks 10th on WKU's all-time rebounding list with 873 career boards. He needs 16 rebounds to pass Dan King to move into ninth. He's one of six Hilltoppers in program history ranked in the top 20 in scoring and the top 10 in rebounding.
- Justin Johnson currently ranks eighth on WKU's all-time list for career field goal percentage at 54.7 percent. He's just over one percentage point from fifth place.
- Justin Johnson needs 127 rebounds to reach 1,000 for his career. That would make him just the fifth player in WKU history with 1,000 career points and 1,000 rebounds, joining Tom Marshall, Art Spoelstra, Ralph Crosthwaite and Jim McDaniels, the last to accomplish the feat in 1971.

TICKETS

WKU Ticket Office: Online at WKUTickets.com, in person at E.A. Diddle Arena, via phone at 1-800-5-BIG Red or 745-5222 locally.

PROMOTIONS

- Red Out: First 1,000 fans receive a free WKU T-shirt
- X Pogo Halftime Show

LAST GAME AGAINST MIDDLE TENNESSEE: FEBRUARY 16, 2017

JaCorey Williams and Reggie Upshaw each had double-doubles for the Blue Raiders as Middle Tennessee rolled to a 78-52 victory over WKU at E.A. Diddle Arena. Pancake Thomas scored 12 points to lead the Hilltoppers.

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PDF box score is attached. Postgame notes, video and quotes will follow in a separate email.

TOPS FALL TO 66-62 TO MIDDLE TENNESSEE IN FRONT OF LARGEST DIDDLE CROWD SINCE 2003

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — Costly turnovers and poor outside shooting worked against WKU Hilltopper Basketball in a 66-62 loss to Middle Tennessee on Saturday night at an over-capacity E.A. Diddle Arena.

The Hilltoppers (14-6 overall, 6-1 Conference USA) shot 52.6 percent in the second half and made 25 of 31 free throws, but Middle Tennessee (14-5, 6-1) got 44 combined points from seniors Nick King and Giddy Potts to claim the road win.

That snapped WKU's seven-game winning streak and spoiled the atmosphere of a Diddle crowd of 7,759 – the second-largest since the arena's renovation in 2002, behind only 8,118 against Middle Tennessee in the 2003 Sun Belt Conference Tournament.

The Hilltoppers remain tied for the lead in the C-USA standings.

The Blue Raiders used a 12-2 run late in the first half to open a 29-22 advantage at the break, and although WKU cut into the lead early in the second half, MTSU still led 55-48 with 5:25 left. The Hilltoppers were within 60-58 with 1:16 remaining on a putback by senior forward Justin Johnson, but Middle Tennessee got a putback dunk and then put the game away at the free-throw line.

Senior forward Dwight Coleby led WKU with 19 points, and Johnson finished with 15 points and nine rebounds. Freshman guard Taveion Hollingsworth finished with 12 points.

WKU shot 43.9 percent from the field but went just 1 of 9 from the 3-point line and netted just 18 field goals in the game.

King paced Middle Tennessee with 28 points and nine rebounds on 11-of-21 shooting.

WKU continues its homestand against Marshall at 6 p.m. CT Jan. 27 at E.A. Diddle Arena.

WKU MBB: Postgame Notes / Quotes / Video – Middle Tennessee 66, WKU 62

Please find attached postgame notes and quotes from WKU's 66-62 loss to Middle Tennessee on Saturday at E.A. Diddle Arena, as well as links below to postgame video interviews with head coach Rick Stansbury, senior forward Justin Johnson and freshman guard Taveion Hollingsworth.

VIDEO

Head Coach Rick Stansbury — <https://youtu.be/jFi3z9JWja8>

Senior Justin Johnson/freshman Taveion Hollingsworth — <https://youtu.be/jXmG6MCmj5w>

Official Basketball Box Score -- Game Totals -- Final Statistics
 Middle Tennessee vs WKU
 01/20/18 6 p.m. CT at Bowling Green, Ky. (E.A. Diddle Arena)

Middle Tennessee 66 • 14-5 (6-1)

##	Player		Total	3-Ptr	FT-FTA	Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA		Off	Def	Tot							
01	WALTERS, Brandon	f	3-4	0-0	0-0	2	2	4	4	6	0	1	1	1	24
05	KING, Nick	f	11-21	2-6	4-6	1	8	9	2	28	3	3	1	0	37
00	DIXON, Tyrik	g	0-5	0-1	2-2	0	0	0	3	2	2	1	0	0	23
02	JOHNSON, Antwain	g	1-8	0-5	0-0	1	0	1	2	2	2	1	0	1	24
20	POTTS, Giddy	g	5-8	2-4	4-4	1	2	3	4	16	0	1	0	2	33
03	SIMS, Donovan		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3
04	HAWTHORNE, James		0-1	0-0	0-0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
11	SIMPSON, Edward		0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	15
21	SIMMONS, David		2-3	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	3	4	0	0	0	0	22
25	GAMBLE, Karl		2-3	0-0	4-4	1	4	5	4	8	0	1	1	0	16
Team						2	2	4				1			
Totals			24-54	4-17	14-16	11	18	29	22	66	8	10	3	5	200

FG % 1st Half: 12-27 44.4% 2nd half: 12-27 44.4% Game: 24-54 44.4%
 3FG % 1st Half: 1-8 12.5% 2nd half: 3-9 33.3% Game: 4-17 23.5%
 FT % 1st Half: 4-4 100.0 2nd half: 10-12 83.3% Game: 14-16 87.5%

Deadball
Rebounds
1

WKU 62 • 14-6 (6-1)

##	Player		Total	3-Ptr	FT-FTA	Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA		Off	Def	Tot							
22	COLEBY, Dwight	f	6-8	0-0	7-9	1	2	3	2	19	1	3	3	1	37
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12	DIAGNE, Moustapha		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
14	NELSON, Marek		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	2
21	OHMER, Jake		0-2	0-2	3-3	1	0	1	1	3	1	0	0	0	10
Team						1	3	4							
Totals			18-41	1-9	25-31	9	20	29	18	62	8	15	3	5	200

FG % 1st Half: 8-22 36.4% 2nd half: 10-19 52.6% Game: 18-41 43.9%
 3FG % 1st Half: 0-4 0.0% 2nd half: 1-5 20.0% Game: 1-9 11.1%
 FT % 1st Half: 6-10 60.0% 2nd half: 19-21 90.5% Game: 25-31 80.6%

Deadball
Rebounds
2

Officials: Brent Hampton, Craig Murley, Kerry Sitton
 Technical fouls: Middle Tennessee-DIXON, Tyrik. WKU-BEARDEN, Lamonte.
 Attendance: 7759

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
Middle Tennessee	29	37	66
WKU	22	40	62

	In	Off	2nd	Fast	
Points	Paint	T/O	Chance	Break	Bench
MT	32	17	10	2	12
WKU	28	14	10	4	5

Last FG - MT 2nd-00:07, WKU 2nd-00:06.
 Largest lead - MT by 10 2nd-17:16, WKU by 4 1st-19:10.
 MT led for 26:40. WKU led for 11:59. Game was tied for 01:21.

Score tied - 2 times.
 Lead changed - 5 times.



WKU Hilltoppers vs. Middle Tennessee Blue Raiders

Postgame Notes

Jan. 20, 2018

E.A. Diddle Arena | Bowling Green, Ky.

FINAL SCORE: Middle Tennessee 66, WKU 62

RECORDS AND NOTABLES

- WKU improves to 14-6 and 6-1 in Conference USA play.
- Middle Tennessee improves to 14-5 and 6-1 in C-USA.
- WKU leads the all-time series – which dates back to the 1914-15 season – 93-42. MTSU has won 12 of the last 14.
- WKU head coach Rick Stansbury is 0-3 all-time against the Blue Raiders.
- The announced attendance was 7,759, the second-highest attendance number since March 2003 when WKU defeated Middle Tennessee in the Sun Belt Conference Tournament.
- **UP NEXT:** WKU will take a week-long break before hosting Marshall next Saturday at 6 p.m. inside E.A. Diddle Arena. The game will be broadcast online by Stadium.

TEAM NOTES

- WKU used the starting lineup of Taveion Hollingsworth, Lamonte Bearden, Darius Thompson, Dwight Coleby, and Justin Johnson for the 19th straight game.
- **KEY FIRST HALF RUN:** Both teams had a steady start, but Middle Tennessee eventually took a strong lead with a 12-2 run beginning at 5:38 with eight of those points coming from Nick King, making the score 27-20. Dwight Coleby ended the Blue Raider run with a two-handed slam.
- **KEY SECOND HALF RUN:** WKU came back from being down 10 to come within one point of the Blue Raiders with six seconds left on the clock, but never took the lead in the second half.
- WKU shot 18 of 41 (43.9 percent) from the field, 1 of 9 (11.1 percent) from 3-point range and 25 of 31 (80.6 percent) from the free-throw line.

- WKU is now 2-6 when trailing with five minutes to go in the game.
- Middle Tennessee's Nick King scored 28 points, the most points allowed for an opponent player since Roddy Peters of Nicholls State scored 34 on Nov. 19.
- WKU has made a 3-pointer in 958 straight games dating back to March 15, 1987. That ranks as the fifth-longest streak in the nation behind Kentucky, UNLV, Vanderbilt and Arkansas.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

DWIGHT COLEBY

- The graduate senior was just one point shy of tying his career high with 19 points and three blocked shots on the night.

JUSTIN JOHNSON

- The senior was one rebound shy of a double-double, scoring 15 points and pulling down nine boards.
 - Johnson remains in 10th place on WKU's all-time rebounding list with 882 career boards. He needs six more to pass Dan King and move into ninth.

TAVEION HOLLINGSWORTH

- The freshman has scored double digits in 13 of the last 14 games, knocking down 12 points this evening.

LAMONTE BEARDEN

- The redshirt junior contributed seven points, two assists and two steals.

WKU Basketball
Middle Tennessee Postgame Quotes
January 20, 2018

Head Coach Rick Stansbury

On Middle Tennessee...

"Number one, give Middle Tennessee credit. They came in here and found a way to make enough plays, found a way to do what you have to do to win on the road... That's why they're picked to win this league. (Nick) King in the second half just kind of took that game over. He made huge shot after shot. Two guys, King and (Giddy) Potts, those are two guys that did it."

On the sold out crowd...

"The crowd did their part, I can tell you that, the crowd did their part. Again, what hurts me as much as the loss, don't like the L, but what hurts me as much as anything is not being able to find a way to get that crowd a W. They showed up, they were loud, they did their part. I didn't do my part getting this team over the hump to find a way to make another basket or two to win this game. That's the kind of atmosphere you want to have every night, right there. That's back to being college basketball, the way Western was years ago. That's what we want to try to get every night."

On the upcoming Marshall game next week...

"It'll be a totally different team, totally different game. It won't be easy. They spread you out. We played about as good as we could play over that night. But we've got to bounce back and get ready for them."

Freshman guard Taveion Hollingsworth

On moving forward from this loss...

"We learned a lot from this game, just this game. I'm glad that we lost it because it showed us that we need to do better. Now everybody knows we've got to go to the next practice going hard."

Senior forward Justin Johnson

On moving forward from this loss...

"We still have got to go back to work. In my opinion, it's been awhile since we've played really, really good, what this team is capable of playing. Tonight, the first half we scored 22 points. We scored 62 in the game, I don't know when the last time we scored 62 in a game was. One-for-9 from 3, at some point we've got to step up and make shots when we need to make shots. Even if you don't hit many 3s those are momentum changers. You hit one, you see one go in, you're like 'alright'. The 15 turnovers, in the second half they take eight more shots than we do, that's huge. That's eight more tries at a bucket and we still have a chance to win the game, rebound away, really."

On the sold out crowd...

"That's great, that's awesome. I think they sold 400 more tickets than we have seats in there is what they just told me. I hope they keep coming back. They were big energy boost. It stinks we can't get a win in front of them, but we'll be back next Saturday to play in front of the crowd again and I hope they come back."

WKU MBB: Statements from Todd Stewart & Rick Stansbury on Addendum with Revised Details of Stansbury's Contract, Jan. 26, 2018

Please find below statements from WKU Director of Athletics Todd Stewart and WKU Hilltopper Basketball head coach Rick Stansbury on the addendum with revised details of Stansbury's contract, which include a change in base compensation and contract buyout terms. The addendum went before the WKU Board of Regents in a Committee Meeting on Friday.

WKU Director of Athletics Todd Stewart: "The increase in Rick Stansbury's compensation is through private funds and moves his base salary from the sixth highest in Conference USA to the second highest, an increase he has certainly earned. When Rick was hired on March 27, 2016, WKU basketball faced many daunting challenges. We had a seven player roster, only five were healthy, only three had played during the 2015-16 season and literally none of the seven scholarship players were guards. Our RPI was 158 and our per game home attendance average of 3,672 was our program's lowest total since 1999. The consistent dedication and relentless work ethic Rick has exhibited since the day he was hired has positively impacted every area of our program on and off the court. Today, we are a half-game out of first in Conference USA with an RPI of 45 and our per game home attendance average is at its highest point since 2009. This is an exciting time for our basketball program, and we look forward to another great crowd tomorrow night for the Marshall game as our players and coaches continue their pursuit of our first regular season conference championship since 2009. Go Tops!"

WKU Hilltopper Basketball head coach Rick Stansbury: "I'd like to thank the Board, President Caboni and Director of Athletics Todd Stewart for their commitment to me and our basketball program. The timing is not ideal, but this is a way for me to show commitment back to the university. My total focus is on this basketball team and putting them in the best position possible to compete for a championship."

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WKU Game Notes — <http://goto.ps/2neQvyt>

Marshall Game Notes — <http://goto.ps/2DFEi0P>

Video: WKU head coach Rick Stansbury pre-Marshall — <https://youtu.be/SHHnEP2DMAk>

Video: WKU forwards Dwight Coleby/Moustapha Diagne pre-Marshall — <https://youtu.be/z8CzxIK9FVM>

HILLTOPPERS HOST MARSHALL ON SATURDAY IN SECOND STRAIGHT SELLOUT

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — Sitting a half-game back of the Conference USA lead, WKU Hilltopper Basketball hosts Marshall at 6 p.m. CT Saturday at E.A. Diddle Arena.

The Hilltoppers are coming off a 66-62 home loss to Middle Tennessee in front of an over-capacity crowd of 7,759. WKU has already played Marshall (5-2 in C-USA) once this season, a 112-87 victory on Jan. 6 in Huntington, W.Va.

Marshall most recently beat C-USA preseason favorites UAB and Middle Tennessee at home. WKU leads the all-time series 14-10, and Rick Stansbury is 1-2 all-time against the Herd.

GAME 21

Marshall (14-6, 5-2 C-USA) at WKU (14-6, 6-1 C-USA)

January 27, 2018 | 6 p.m. CT

Bowling Green, Ky. | E.A. Diddle Arena

BROADCAST

Listen: [Hilltopper IMG Sports Network](#) (WKLX 100.7 FM flagship), [WKUSports.tv](#) (free), [TuneIn Radio](#) (free) (Randy Lee, pxp | Hal Schmitt, analysis)

Watch: [Stadium](#) (online streaming) (Roger Twibell, pxp | Tim Scarborough, analysis); WKU PBS

Live Stats: [WKU Stats](#)

QUICK SHOTS

- WKU is 19-6 (.760) at E.A. Diddle Arena under head coach Rick Stansbury. The Hilltoppers are 592-168 all-time at Diddle Arena for a .778 winning percentage.
- WKU has made at least one 3-pointer in 958 consecutive games, dating back to March 15, 1987. The 3-point shot was instituted prior to the 1986-87 season. The Hilltoppers' streak is the sixth-longest in the nation behind Kentucky, UNLV, Vanderbilt, Duke and Arkansas.
- WKU's current scoring average of 78.1 points per game would be the program's highest since 2006-07.
- WKU ranks 19th in the country in field goal percentage and second in Conference USA at 49.6 percent. That percentage would rank eighth for a single season in program history.
- WKU ranks 50th in the country in 3-point percentage and first in Conference USA at 38.3 percent. That percentage would rank fifth for a single season in program history.
- WKU has outscored its opponents 816-596 in the paint this season.
- The Hilltoppers' six losses have come by a total of 26 points – an average of 4.3 points per game.
- Dwight Coleby leads C-USA in field-goal percentage in league play at 61.7 percent and is third in free-throw percentage in league play at 87.2 percent (34 of 39).
- In his last 17 games, Darius Thompson has 89 combined assists and just 30 turnovers. He has at least four assists in 16 of 20 games this season and ranks second in C-USA in assist-to-turnover ratio at 2.7-to-1.

- Through 20 games, Lamonte Bearden has 34 steals. No Hilltopper had more than 28 steals all last year.
- Lamonte Bearden is 84 points from reaching 1,000 for his career across his time at Buffalo and WKU.
- As of Friday, Justin Johnson was ranked ninth among active NCAA players for career rebounds and tied for 12th in career double-doubles. He's one of just three active NCAA players with at least 1,400 career points and 875 rebounds.
- Justin Johnson is ranked 17th on WKU's all-time scoring list with 1,401 career points. He needs 110 points to pass Art Spoelstra to move into 16th.
- Justin Johnson ranks 10th on WKU's all-time rebounding list with 882 career boards. He needs seven rebounds to pass Dan King to move into ninth. He's one of six Hilltoppers in program history ranked in the top 20 in scoring and the top 10 in rebounding.
- Justin Johnson currently ranks eighth on WKU's all-time list for career field goal percentage at 54.7 percent. He's just over one percentage point from fifth place.
- Justin Johnson needs 118 rebounds to reach 1,000 for his career. That would make him just the fifth player in WKU history with 1,000 career points and 1,000 rebounds, joining Tom Marshall, Art Spoelstra, Ralph Crosthwaite and Jim McDaniels, the last to accomplish the feat in 1971.

TICKETS

WKU Ticket Office: Online at WKUTickets.com, in person at E.A. Diddle Arena, via phone at 1-800-5-BIG Red or 745-5222 locally.

PROMOTIONS

- Coaches vs. Cancer
- Big Red's Rascals

LAST GAME AGAINST MARSHALL: JANUARY 6, 2018

WKU's Darius Thompson recorded the second triple-double in program history, and the Tops scored their most points since 1994 in a 112-87 rout at Marshall. Thompson finished with 33 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists.

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PDF box score is attached. Postgame notes, video and quotes will follow in a separate email.

LATE RUN LEADS HILLTOPPERS TO 85-74 WIN OVER MARSHALL IN SELLOUT

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — WKU Hilltopper Basketball sent an over-capacity E.A. Diddle Arena into hysterics Saturday night, scoring the last 15 points of the game to pull out an 85-74 home victory over Marshall.

The Hilltoppers (15-6 overall, 7-1 Conference USA) trailed 74-70 with 4:39 remaining, but redshirt junior guard Lamonte Bearden answered with a three-point play.

Freshman guard Taveion Hollingsworth scored five points and drew two charges, and WKU tacked on five more points, including an emphatic dunk by senior forward Justin Johnson with 27 seconds left for the exclamation mark.

Senior guard Darius Thompson led WKU with 20 points and six rebounds, and senior forward Dwight Coleby recorded his ninth double-double with 18 points and 13 rebounds.

Bearden and freshman guard Jake Ohmer — making his first career start — each scored 12 points, and Johnson finished with eight points and 12 rebounds. Hollingsworth had nine points.

WKU drew an over-capacity crowd of 7,362, marking its first back-to-back sellouts since 2005-06 and its first consecutive conference sellouts since 2001-02.

The Hilltoppers shot 47.6 percent from the field (57.6 percent in the second half), made 20 of 26 free throws and outrebounded Marshall 45-30. WKU outscored the Thundering Herd 46-26 in the paint.

WKU never trailed in the first half, but led by just one when the Hilltoppers went on a 10-2 run to open a 41-32 advantage with one minute left in the frame.

Marshall scored the final five points of the half to trim its halftime deficit to 41-37.

The Herd used a 9-2 run to surge in front for the first time midway through the second half, and they opened their largest lead of the game with four-plus minutes left before WKU's big push.

C.J. Burks paced Marshall with 29 points, knocking down six 3-pointers.

The Hilltoppers, who are still tied for the C-USA lead, head back on the road next week for a two-game swing to Texas, starting at UTEP at 9 p.m. CT Thursday in El Paso, Texas.

WKU MBB: Postgame Notes / Quotes / Video — WKU 85, Marshall 74, Jan. 27, 2018

Please find attached postgame notes and quotes from WKU's 85-74 win over Marshall on Saturday at E.A. Diddle Arena, as well as links below to postgame video interviews with head coach Rick Stansbury, senior guard Darius Thompson and redshirt junior guard Lamonte Bearden.

VIDEO

Head Coach Rick Stansbury — https://youtu.be/BZz5_mkhSg4

Senior Darius Thompson/junior Lamonte Bearden — <https://youtu.be/nqJgG5k-cps>

Official Basketball Box Score -- Game Totals -- Final Statistics
 Marshall vs WKU
 01/27/18 6 p.m. CT at Bowling Green, Ky. (E.A. Diddle Arena)

Marshall 74 • 14-7 (5-3)

##	Player		Total		3-Ptr	Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot							
03	WILLIAMS, Jannson	f	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	4
11	PENAVA, Ajdin	f	4-7	1-4	0-0	2	2	4	5	9	1	1	4	1	19
13	WEST, Jarrod	g	3-8	2-7	0-0	0	5	5	4	8	3	0	0	3	40
14	BURKS, C.J.	g	10-16	6-10	3-3	0	2	2	2	29	1	2	0	0	40
33	ELMORE, Jon	g	5-16	0-4	9-10	1	8	9	3	19	6	3	0	1	40
01	KOLJANIN, Dani		0-2	0-1	0-0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	4
21	GEORGE, Darius		0-2	0-2	0-1	0	3	3	5	0	0	1	0	0	12
23	WATSON, Rondale		3-11	1-3	0-0	1	3	4	3	7	1	2	1	0	33
32	BLEDSON, Phil		1-2	0-1	0-0	0	1	1	3	2	0	0	0	0	6
50	MIJOVIC, Milan		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	2
Team						0	1	1							
Totals			26-64	10-32	12-14	5	25	30	27	74	14	12	5	5	200

FG % 1st Half: 15-32 46.9% 2nd half: 11-32 34.4% Game: 26-64 40.6%
 3FG % 1st Half: 5-14 35.7% 2nd half: 5-18 27.8% Game: 10-32 31.3%
 FT % 1st Half: 2-3 66.7% 2nd half: 10-11 90.9% Game: 12-14 85.7%

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 Rebounds
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WKU 85 • 15-6 (7-1)

##	Player		Total		3-Ptr	Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot							
22	COLEBY, Dwight	f	5-10	0-0	8-10	4	9	13	4	18	1	2	1	0	26
23	JOHNSON, Justin	f	3-10	1-3	1-3	0	12	12	1	8	0	3	1	1	35
13	HOLLINGSWORTH, T.	g	3-8	1-3	2-2	1	2	3	4	9	2	1	1	0	40-
15	THOMPSON, Darius	g	9-15	1-3	1-1	0	6	6	2	20	3	1	0	0	38
21	OHMER, Jake	g	3-7	2-3	4-5	1	0	1	2	12	0	0	0	1	21
01	BEARDEN, Lamonte		4-7	0-1	4-4	0	1	1	0	12	2	3	1	1	22
04	ANDERSON, Josh		2-4	0-0	0-1	0	1	1	1	4	2	0	0	1	10
12	DIAGNE, Moustapha		1-1	0-0	0-0	1	1	2	4	2	0	3	0	1	5
14	NELSON, Marek		0-1	0-0	0-0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Team						3	1	4				1			
Totals			30-63	5-13	20-26	11	34	45	18	85	10	14	4	5	200

FG % 1st Half: 13-33 39.4% 2nd half: 17-30 56.7% Game: 30-63 47.6%
 3FG % 1st Half: 3-9 33.3% 2nd half: 2-4 50.0% Game: 5-13 38.5%
 FT % 1st Half: 12-15 80.0% 2nd half: 8-11 72.7% Game: 20-26 76.9%

Deadball
 Rebounds
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Officials: Tim Gattis, Kevin Mathis, Bill Jacobson
 Technical fouls: Marshall-ELMORE, Jon. WKU-HOLLINGSWORTH, T..
 Attendance: 7362

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
Marshall	37	37	74
WKU	41	44	85

	In	Off	2nd	Fast	
Points	Paint	T/O	Chance	Break	Bench
MAR	26	15	5	5	9
WKU	46	17	14	10	18

Last FG - MAR 2nd-05:12, WKU 2nd-00:27.
 Largest lead - MAR by 4 2nd-04:39, WKU by 11 2nd-00:22.
 MAR led for 07:37. WKU led for 29:04. Game was tied for 03:19.

Score tied - 6 times.
 Lead changed - 4 times.



WKU Hilltoppers vs. Marshall Thundering Herd

Postgame Notes

Jan. 27, 2018

E.A. Diddle Arena | Bowling Green, Ky.

FINAL SCORE: WKU 85, Marshall 74

RECORDS AND NOTABLES

- WKU improves to 15-6 overall and 7-1 in Conference USA, tying last year's win total and staying in a tie for the C-USA lead.
- Marshall falls to 14-7 overall and 5-3 in league play.
- WKU leads the all-time series 15-10, including an 8-2 mark at home.
- WKU head coach Rick Stansbury is 2-2 in his career against Marshall.
- The attendance was an over-capacity crowd of 7,362, marking WKU's first back-to-back sellouts since 2005-06 and its first consecutive conference sellouts since 2001-02.
- **UP NEXT:** WKU heads back on the road for a two-game swing to Texas, starting at UTEP at 9 p.m. CT Thursday in El Paso, Texas. The game will be broadcast nationally by CBS Sports Network.

TEAM NOTES

- WKU used the starting lineup of Jake Ohmer, Taveion Hollingsworth, Darius Thompson, Dwight Coleby, and Justin Johnson for the first time this season. This was Ohmer's first career start and the first time the Hilltoppers have changed their starting lineup in 19 games.
- **KEY FIRST HALF RUN:** WKU used a 10-2 run late in the first half to open a 41-32 advantage with one minute to play in the half.
 - Marshall scored the final five points of the frame to trim its deficit to 41-37.
- **KEY SECOND HALF RUN:** WKU finished the game on a 15-0 run, turning a 74-70 deficit with 4:39 left into an 85-74 victory.

- WKU shot 30 of 63 (47.6 percent) from the field, 5 of 13 (38.5 percent) from 3-point range and 20 of 26 (76.9 percent) from the free-throw line.
- WKU outrebounded Marshall 45-30 and held the Herd to five offensive rebounds – the season low for a WKU opponent. The Hilltoppers outscored Marshall 14-5 in second-chance points.
- WKU has made a 3-pointer in 959 straight games dating back to March 15, 1987. That ranks as the fifth-longest streak in the nation behind Kentucky, UNLV, Vanderbilt and Arkansas.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

JAKE OHMER

- The freshman made his first career start, scoring 12 points and making two 3-pointers.
 - Ohmer's 12 points were his most since scoring 12 at Wisconsin on Dec. 13, and it was the first time he's made multiple 3s since Southern Miss on Dec. 30.

DWIGHT COLEBY

- The graduate senior registered his ninth double-double of the season with 18 points and 13 rebounds.
 - This was the second time this season Coleby has shot double-digit free throws.

JUSTIN JOHNSON

- The senior scored eight points with 12 rebounds.
 - Johnson passed Dan King and is now tied with former teammate George Fant for eighth on WKU's all-time rebounding list with 894 career boards.
 - This was Johnson's eighth double-digit rebounding game.

DARIUS THOMPSON

- The graduate senior led WKU with 20 points and pulled down six rebounds.
 - Thompson has scored in double figures in 19 of 21 games, and this was his fourth game of the year with at least 20 points.

WKU Basketball
Marshall Postgame Quotes
January 27, 2018

HC Rick Stansbury

On final 4-5 minutes of play:

"When the game was on the line that last 4-5 minutes, it became winning time and our guys found a way to get stops. We found a way to make some offensive plays. I thought the two plays that Monte (Bearden) made in transition were huge, and Taveion (Hollingsworth). He hit a 3 that was big; that putback was big and that little jumper was big."

On the atmosphere:

"When you get used to doing it every game [playing in front of a packed house], and your players learn that feeling every game – I will promise you this, the students and the fans can be the difference in winning and losing. Tonight, the last five minutes of the game, the students and the fans were the difference. We fed off of them; they gave us the energy to go make those plays and that's what you've got to have."

On 7-1 start in C-USA play:

"If you told us before the season started, we would have taken 7-1. But since we've been in it and going through it, we're disappointed we're not 8-0. ...There's no easy games home or away. We've got UTEP on Thursday and then go over to UTSA – both will be challenges. We have played a really challenging schedule, looking at the standings we've played a lot of the teams towards the top – some on the road. There are 10 games left and we'll take them one at a time."

Redshirt junior guard Lamonte Bearden

On how he felt coming into tonight health-wise...

"Not the best, but I was willing to do whatever it took for us to get the win tonight."

On how Jake Ohmer did with his first start tonight...

"He did really well. I told him before the game that if he didn't shoot more than two times before he came out, that I was going to be upset. I wanted him to get shots up tonight. He did great."

On the atmosphere and crowd...

"Hopefully we can get a crowd like this every night to put us over the top like they did. They were great and we appreciate them."

Senior guard Darius Thompson

On the atmosphere and crowd...

"The last three minutes when Taveion and Lamonte were making those big plays, you could hear a huge roar and it kind of scared me for a second. I had to look behind me like, 'Woah, what's going on?' but the crowd was huge and was the difference in the game. The intensity they had distracts the opponents and gives us energy. This win goes out to the crowd. If we would have lost tonight there probably would never be a sold-out Diddle again. I'm glad we could get that for them."

On Dwight Coleby's play...

"When somebody shoots the ball, and I'm going to get the rebound and all I hear is 'Get out. It's mine!' Hey that's yours. Go get it big fella. He's really been on lately."

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Headshot of WKU freshman guard Taveion Hollingsworth is attached.

HOLLINGSWORTH NAMED KENTUCKY SPORTS FIGURE OF THE YEAR FINALIST

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — WKU Hilltopper Basketball freshman guard Taveion Hollingsworth has been named one of 10 finalists for the 2017 Lexington Herald-Leader Kentucky Sports Figure of the Year Award.

Hollingsworth, a 6-foot-2 native of Lexington, Ky., is the highest active WKU men's basketball figure in the award's voting since coach Ralph Willard in 1993. He's the highest active WKU men's basketball player since Ty Rogers in 2008.

Hollingsworth finished his prep career at Paul Laurence Dunbar High School as the all-time leading scorer in Lexington boys' basketball history with 2,495 career points. He's the first high school basketball player from Fayette County to ever finish in the top 10 of the award's voting. Hollingsworth has also made an immediate impact at WKU, starting all 21 games this season while averaging 12.5 points, drawing the top defensive backcourt assignments and shooting 50 percent from the floor.

The guard is close to cracking WKU's top-10 lists for minutes played and points scored by a varsity freshman.

The winner of the Kentucky Sports Figure of the Year Award will be announced Feb. 7.



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WKU Game Notes — <http://goto.ps/2DYeQmD>

UTEP Game Notes — <http://goto.ps/2nmKaSA>

Conference USA Notes — <http://goto.ps/2BE868k>

Video: WKU head coach Rick Stansbury pre-UTEP — <https://youtu.be/Zejs1KzmaY4>

Video: Freshmen Taveion Hollingsworth/Jake Ohmer pre-UTEP — <https://youtu.be/7MXOzz4qvP4>

HILLTOPPERS LOOK FOR FIFTH STRAIGHT ROAD WIN AT UTEP

EL PASO, Texas — WKU Hilltopper Basketball begins a stretch of 6 of 10 games on the road to end the regular season at UTEP at 9 p.m. CT Thursday in El Paso, Texas.

The Hilltoppers are a half-game back of the C-USA lead after beating Marshall 85-74 at home Saturday.

UTEP has lost three straight games, all on the road. WKU leads the all-time series against UTEP 3-1, but lost the only meeting in El Paso in overtime in 2016 in a game celebrating UTEP's 1966 national championship.

WKU head coach Rick Stansbury is 1-0 all-time in his career against the Miners.

GAME 22

WKU (15-6, 7-1 C-USA) at UTEP (7-14, 2-7 C-USA)

February 1, 2018 | 9 p.m. CT

El Paso, Texas | Don Haskins Center

BROADCAST

Listen: [Hilltopper IMG Sports Network](#) (WKLX 100.7 FM flagship), [WKUSports.tv](#) (free), [TuneIn Radio](#) (free) (Randy Lee, pxp | Hal Schmitt, analysis)

Watch: [CBS Sports Network](#) (John Sadak, pxp | Tim Doyle, analysis)

Live Stats: [UTEP Stats](#)

QUICK SHOTS

- WKU has won four straight road games, including three straight in C-USA play. The Hilltoppers haven't won four straight conference road games since 2013-14.
- WKU has made at least one 3-pointer in 959 consecutive games, dating back to March 15, 1987. The 3-point shot was instituted prior to the 1986-87 season. The Hilltoppers' streak is the sixth-longest in the nation behind Kentucky, UNLV, Vanderbilt, Duke and Arkansas.
- WKU's current scoring average of 78.4 points per game would be the program's highest since 1994-95.
- WKU ranks 19th in the country in field goal percentage and second in Conference USA at 49.5 percent. That percentage would rank eighth for a single season in program history.
- WKU ranks 53rd in the country in 3-point percentage and second in Conference USA at 38.3 percent. That percentage would rank fifth for a single season in program history.
- WKU has outscored its opponents 862-622 in the paint this season.
- The Hilltoppers' six losses have come by a total of 26 points – an average of 4.3 points per game.
- Dwight Coleby ranks second in C-USA in field-goal percentage in league play at 60 percent and is fifth in free-throw percentage in league play at 85.7 percent (42 of 49).

- In his last 18 games, Darius Thompson has 92 combined assists and just 31 turnovers. He has at least four assists in 16 of 21 games this season and ranks second in C-USA in assist-to-turnover ratio at 2.7-to-1.
- Through 21 games, Lamonte Bearden has 35 steals. No Hilltopper had more than 28 steals all last year.
- Lamonte Bearden is 76 points from reaching 1,000 for his career across his time at Buffalo and WKU.
- As of Tuesday, Justin Johnson was ranked ninth among active NCAA players for career rebounds and tied for 13th in career double-doubles. He's one of just four active NCAA players with at least 1,400 career points and 875 rebounds.
- Justin Johnson is ranked 17th on WKU's all-time scoring list with 1,409 career points. He needs 102 points to pass Art Spoelstra to move into 16th.
- Justin Johnson is tied with George Fant for eighth on WKU's all-time rebounding list with 894 career boards. He needs 31 rebounds to pass Harry Todd for seventh. Johnson is one of six Hilltoppers in program history ranked in the top 20 in scoring and the top 10 in rebounding.
- Justin Johnson currently ranks eighth on WKU's all-time list for career field goal percentage at 54.5 percent. He's just over one percentage point from fifth place.
- Justin Johnson needs 106 rebounds to reach 1,000 for his career. That would make him just the fifth player in WKU history with 1,000 career points and 1,000 rebounds, joining Tom Marshall, Art Spoelstra, Ralph Crosthwaite and Jim McDaniels, the last to accomplish the feat in 1971.

LAST GAME AGAINST UTEP: JANUARY 26, 2017

Pancake Thomas scored 25 points, Justin Johnson had 15 points and 12 rebounds, and WKU held off UTEP with a 65-62 win at E.A. Diddle Arena. Thomas hit 7 of 10 3-pointers in the game, including his first five.

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PDF box score, postgame quotes and postgame notes are attached.

Video: WKU freshman guard Taveion Hollingsworth — <https://youtu.be/R4G6kUjU8cg>

Video: WKU senior forward Justin Johnson — <https://youtu.be/9sVeZM4sOjk>

Video: WKU head coach Rick Stansbury — <https://youtu.be/LHQ1byQX1c4>

HOLLINGSWORTH'S HOT SECOND HALF LEADS TOPS TO 72-60 WIN AT UTEP

EL PASO, Texas — Freshman guard Taveion Hollingsworth's hot second-half shooting sparked a comeback for WKU Basketball on Thursday night, as the Hilltoppers rallied for a 72-60 win at UTEP.

Hollingsworth knocked down a career-high five 3-pointers – all in the second half – as WKU (16-6 overall, 8-1 Conference USA) earned its fifth straight road win, including its fourth in a row in league play. The Hilltoppers had to overcome a two-point halftime deficit to do so.

Senior forward Justin Johnson notched his 31st career double-double with 20 points, 12 rebounds and three assists, while Hollingsworth finished with 17 points.

Redshirt junior guard Lamonte Bearden added 11 points, while senior forward Dwight Coleby had 10 points, eight rebounds and a career-high three assists.

Senior guard Darius Thompson finished with nine points, eight assists, eight rebounds and three steals.

WKU used a 12-4 run to build its largest advantage of the first half at 22-17 after a 3-pointer by freshman guard Jake Ohmer.

But UTEP took advantage of cold outside shooting by the Hilltoppers, reclaimed the lead multiple times and took a 32-30 advantage into halftime.

WKU found its shooting stroke in the second half with Hollingsworth leading the way. A layup by Bearden made it 51-44 Hilltoppers with 12:08 to play.

UTEP answered with its own 9-0 run to pull back in front 53-51, but WKU scored 11 of the next 13 points to charge in front for good.

The Miners got within four again at 64-60 with 1:32 left, but Johnson knocked down a pair of free throws to pad the cushion, then followed with a dunk to put it away.

WKU made 6 of 12 3-pointers in the second half after netting just 2 of 11 before halftime. The Hilltoppers shot 47.4 percent from the field, outrebounded UTEP 36-27 and outscored the Miners 34-18 in the paint.

Omega Harris led UTEP (7-15, 2-8) with 16 points.

The Hilltoppers stay on the road in Texas for a matchup at UTSA at 3 p.m. CT Saturday in San Antonio.

Official Basketball Box Score -- Game Totals -- Final Statistics
 WKU vs UTEP
 02/01/18 8:00 pm MT at El Paso, Texas (Don Haskins Center)

WKU 72 • 16-6, 8-1 C-USA

##	Player		Total	3-Ptr	FT-FTA	Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA		Off	Def	Tot							
22	COLEBY, Dwight	f	5-7	0-0	0-2	1	7	8	4	10	3	4	2	2	32
23	JOHNSON, Justin	f	8-14	2-5	2-4	4	8	12	1	20	3	1	0	0	39
01	BEARDEN, Lamonte	g	3-8	0-2	5-5	0	0	0	3	11	3	0	0	2	27
13	HOLLINGSWORTH, T.	g	6-12	5-9	0-0	0	2	2	1	17	0	1	0	1	37
15	THOMPSON, Darius	g	3-7	0-1	3-4	1	7	8	1	9	8	2	1	3	37
04	ANDERSON, Josh		0-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	5
12	DIAGNE, Moustapha		1-1	0-0	0-0	3	1	4	1	2	0	2	0	0	8
14	NELSON, Marek		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1
21	OHMER, Jake		1-6	1-6	0-0	0	1	1	1	3	1	0	0	0	14
Team						0	1	1							
Totals			27-57	8-23	10-15	9	27	36	14	72	19	12	3	8	200

FG % 1st Half: 13-29 44.8% 2nd half: 14-28 50.0% Game: 27-57 47.4%
 3FG % 1st Half: 2-11 18.2% 2nd half: 6-12 50.0% Game: 8-23 34.8%
 FT % 1st Half: 2-6 33.3% 2nd half: 8-9 88.9% Game: 10-15 66.7%

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Rebounds
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UTEP 60 • 7-15, 2-8 C-USA

##	Player		Total	3-Ptr	FT-FTA	Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA		Off	Def	Tot							
01	THOMAS, Paul	f	4-7	2-2	0-2	0	4	4	5	10	1	0	1	0	25
05	WADE, Trey	f	1-7	0-2	0-0	2	0	2	3	2	0	0	0	0	24
02	HARRIS, Omega	g	6-11	1-4	3-3	0	3	3	1	16	3	3	0	2	35
13	OSBORNE, Isiah	g	2-5	1-3	0-0	0	2	2	0	5	0	1	0	0	16
15	MAGEE, Kobe	g	2-2	1-1	0-0	0	2	2	1	5	0	1	0	1	12
03	GILYARD, Evan		2-6	0-1	3-4	0	3	3	2	7	3	6	0	0	28
11	FLAGGERT, Jake		0-2	0-2	0-0	0	3	3	1	0	3	0	0	0	20
21	TOUCHET, Trey		1-2	1-2	0-0	0	1	1	0	3	0	2	0	0	16
25	FRAZIER, Keith		2-5	2-5	2-2	0	2	2	1	8	0	0	0	0	11
41	WILLMS, Matt		2-3	0-0	0-1	1	1	2	1	4	1	3	1	0	13
Team						1	2	3							
Totals			22-50	8-22	8-12	4	23	27	15	60	11	16	2	3	200

FG % 1st Half: 12-26 46.2% 2nd half: 10-24 41.7% Game: 22-50 44.0%
 3FG % 1st Half: 6-15 40.0% 2nd half: 2-7 28.6% Game: 8-22 36.4%
 FT % 1st Half: 2-4 50.0% 2nd half: 6-8 75.0% Game: 8-12 66.7%

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Rebounds
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Officials: Kelly Self, Tom Eades, Keith Kimble
 Technical fouls: WKU-COLEBY, Dwight. UTEP-None.
 Attendance: 6116
 2nd half - 9:49 Technical foul WKU #22 (Coleby)

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
WKU	30	42	72
UTEP	32	28	60

Points	In Paint	Off T/O	2nd Chance	Fast Break	Bench
WKU	34	15	12	4	5
UTEP	18	17	9	0	22

Last FG - WKU 2nd-00:28, UTEP 2nd-04:57.
 Largest lead - WKU by 12 2nd-00:10, UTEP by 4 2nd-16:35.
 WKU led for 28:08. UTEP led for 08:06. Game was tied for 03:46.

Score tied - 5 times.
 Lead changed - 16 times.



WKU Hilltoppers vs. UTEP Miners

Postgame Notes

Feb. 1, 2018

Don Haskins Center | El Paso, Texas

FINAL SCORE: WKU 72, UTEP 60

RECORDS AND NOTABLES

- WKU improves to 16-6 overall and 8-1 in Conference USA.
- The Hilltoppers have won five straight road games overall, and four straight league games for the first time since 2013-14.
- UTEP falls to 7-15 overall and 2-8 in league play.
- WKU leads the all-time series 4-1.
- WKU head coach Rick Stansbury is 2-0 in his career against the Miners.
- The attendance was announced at 6,116.
- **UP NEXT:** WKU continues its road trip in Texas visiting UTSA on Saturday at 3 p.m. CT. The game will be broadcast nationally on Fox College Sports, locally in Bowling Green on HSSN and in Louisville on WBNA.

TEAM NOTES

- WKU returned to the starting lineup of Lamonte Bearden, Taveion Hollingsworth, Darius Thompson, Dwight Coleby, and Justin Johnson for the 20th time this season.
- **KEY FIRST HALF RUN:** Trailing 13-10 at the 14-minute mark, WKU used a 12-4 run to regain the lead and notch a score of 22-17 with nine minutes left in the half. The Miners were able to slowly diminish the WKU advantage and take a two-point lead into the break.
- **KEY SECOND HALF RUN:** Beginning at the 15:02 mark, the Hilltoppers went on a 13-2 run over three and a half minutes to earn the lead and a score of 51-44. A 9-0 burst allowed the Miners to reclaim the lead once more with a score of 53-51 and just under nine minutes to play.

- WKU tacked on an 11-2 run to retake and maintain the advantage from the 8:29 point forward.
- WKU shot 27 of 57 (47.4 percent) from the field, 8 of 23 (34.8 percent) from 3-point range and 10 of 15 (66.7 percent) from the free-throw line.
- The Hilltoppers are now 4-5 this season when trailing at halftime.
- WKU outscored UTEP 34-18 in points in the paint.
- WKU has made a 3-pointer in 960 straight games dating back to March 15, 1987. That ranks as the fifth-longest streak in the nation behind Kentucky, UNLV, Vanderbilt and Arkansas.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

TAVEION HOLLINGSWORTH

- The freshman scored 17 points this evening, cracking the top 10 for most points by a varsity freshman in WKU history, now in ninth with 280 points.
 - Hollingsworth is now 10th on WKU's all-time list for most minutes in a single season by a varsity freshman with 749. He is just nine minutes off Patrick Sparks in ninth.
 - Hollingsworth also notched a new career high in made 3s, nailing five, the most any Hilltopper has hit since Justin Johnson knocked down five at Old Dominion on January 11.

JUSTIN JOHNSON

- The senior notched his seventh double-double of the season and 31st of his career, scoring 20 points and pulling down 12 rebounds.
 - Johnson is now in sole possession of eighth on WKU's career rebounding list now with 906 career boards, passing former teammate George Fant.

DARIUS THOMPSON

- The graduate senior narrowly missed what would have been his second triple-double in the season with nine points, eight rebounds and eight assists.

DWIGHT COLEBY

- The graduate senior was just shy of a double-double with 10 points and eight rebounds.
 - This was Coleby's first multi-assist game, recording a career high of three.

LAMONTE BEARDEN

- The redshirt junior added 11 points, three assists and two steals for the Red and White.

JAKE OHMER

- The freshman made 3s in consecutive games for the first time since December when the Hilltoppers played Wisconsin, then Indiana State.

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WKU Game Notes — <http://goto.ps/2EylhcX>

UTSA Game Notes — <http://goto.ps/2DY28Fs>

Video: WKU head coach Rick Stansbury post-UTEP — <https://youtu.be/LHQ1byQX1c4>

HILLTOPPERS VISIT UTSA IN SATURDAY AFTERNOON MATCHUP

SAN ANTONIO, Texas — WKU Hilltopper Basketball will look for its sixth straight road win – and fifth straight in Conference USA play – at UTSA at 3 p.m. CT Saturday in San Antonio, Texas.

The Hilltoppers have won nine of their last 10 after defeating UTEP 72-60 on the road Thursday. UTSA has won three of its last four, including victories over UAB and Marshall. WKU leads the all-time series 3-1, but the Roadrunners eliminated the Hilltoppers from the C-USA Tournament last season in the first round.

WKU head coach Rick Stansbury is 1-1 all-time against UTSA.

GAME 23

WKU (16-6, 8-1 C-USA) at UTSA (12-11, 5-5 C-USA)

February 3, 2018 | 3 p.m. CT

San Antonio, Texas | Convocation Center

BROADCAST

Listen: [Hilltopper IMG Sports Network](#) (WKLX 100.7 FM flagship), [WKUSports.tv](#) (free), [TuneIn Radio](#) (free) (Randy Lee, pxp | Hal Schmitt, analysis)

Watch: [foxsportsgo.com]Fox College Sports, WKU PBS, WBNA (Radio Simulcast)

Live Stats: [UTSA Stats](#)

QUICK SHOTS

- WKU will be trying to win six straight true road games for the first time since 2007-08, as well as five straight conference road games for the first time since 2013-14.
- WKU has made at least one 3-pointer in 960 consecutive games, dating back to March 15, 1987. The 3-point shot was instituted prior to the 1986-87 season. The Hilltoppers' streak is the sixth-longest in the nation behind Kentucky, UNLV, Vanderbilt, Duke and Arkansas.
- WKU's current scoring average of 78.1 points per game would be the program's highest since 2006-07.
- WKU ranks 20th in the country in field goal percentage and second in Conference USA at 49.4 percent. That percentage would rank eighth for a single season in program history.
- WKU ranks 54th in the country in 3-point percentage and second in Conference USA at 38.1 percent. That percentage would rank fifth for a single season in program history.
- WKU has outscored its opponents 896-640 in the paint this season.

The Hilltoppers' six losses have come by a total of 26 points – an average of 4.3 points per game.

- Dwight Coleby ranks first in C-USA in field-goal percentage in league play at 61 percent and is eighth in free-throw percentage in league play at 82.4 percent (42 of 51).
- In his last 19 games, Darius Thompson has 100 combined assists and just 33 turnovers. He has at least four assists in 17 of 22 games this season and is tied for first in C-USA in assist-to-turnover ratio at 2.8-to-1.

- Through 22 games, Lamonte Bearden has 37 steals. No Hilltopper had more than 28 steals all last year.
- Lamonte Bearden is 61 points from reaching 1,000 for his career across his time at Buffalo and WKU.
- As of Friday, Justin Johnson was ranked ninth among active NCAA players for career rebounds and 13th in career double-doubles. He's one of just three active NCAA players with at least 1,400 career points and 900 rebounds.
- Justin Johnson is ranked 17th on WKU's all-time scoring list with 1,429 career points. He needs 92 points to pass Art Spoelstra to move into 16th.
- Justin Johnson ranks eighth on WKU's all-time rebounding list with 906 career boards. He needs 19 rebounds to pass Harry Todd for seventh. Johnson is one of six Hilltoppers in program history ranked in the top 20 in scoring and the top 10 in rebounding.
- Justin Johnson currently ranks eighth on WKU's all-time list for career field goal percentage at 54.5 percent. He's just over one percentage point from fifth place.
- Justin Johnson needs 94 rebounds to reach 1,000 for his career. That would make him just the fifth player in WKU history with 1,000 career points and 1,000 rebounds, joining Tom Marshall, Art Spoelstra, Ralph Crosthwaite and Jim McDaniels, the last to accomplish the feat in 1971.

LAST GAME AGAINST UTSA: MARCH 8, 2017

With a 56-52 defeat to UTSA, WKU was eliminated from the Conference USA Championship in the first round in Birmingham, Ala. Justin Johnson led the Hilltoppers with 15 points and a career-high 16 rebounds.

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PDF box score and postgame notes are attached.

Video: WKU senior guard Darius Thompson — <https://youtu.be/UP6NtUoLBKE>

Video: WKU senior forward Justin Johnson — <https://youtu.be/1YFGWfc-DYE>

Video: WKU head coach Rick Stansbury — <https://youtu.be/g6alnuGtLLc>

OFFENSIVE WOES COST HILLTOPPERS IN 74-63 LOSS AT UTSA

SAN ANTONIO, Texas — WKU Hilltopper Basketball could never get anything going from the outset Saturday afternoon, falling 74-63 at UTSA.

The loss snapped a five-game road winning streak for the Hilltoppers (16-7 overall, 8-2 Conference USA), who had also won four straight on the road against league opponents.

UTSA (13-11, 6-5), which has wins against UAB, Marshall and WKU over its last four outings, scored the first seven points of the game, built a 19-5 lead and never looked back.

WKU missed its first nine shots and was 1 of 14 from the field at one point, failing to make a field goal until freshman guard Josh Anderson's basket at the 12:10 mark.

The Hilltoppers missed all nine of their 3-point attempts in the first half and never trimmed the lead to single digits again before the break, trailing 37-25 at halftime.

WKU got within nine at 44-35 with 15:07 left in the game on a 3-pointer by freshman guard Taveion Hollingsworth – the Tops' first long ball of the day – but UTSA answered with its own 10-3 run to stay in front.

WKU shot just 36.1 percent from the field, made 2 of 20 3-pointers and netted just 17 of 30 free throws. The Hilltoppers got outrebounded 47-38.

Hollingsworth led WKU with 21 points on 8 of 13 shooting, while senior forward Justin Johnson notched his 32nd career double-double with 13 points and 13 rebounds.

Senior guard Darius Thompson scored nine points, and senior forward Dwight Coleby added seven points and 10 rebounds.

Freshman guard Jhivvan Jackson led UTSA with 22 points.

WKU returns home to host Florida Atlantic at 7:30 p.m. CT Thursday at E.A. Diddle Arena. That game is the nightcap of a doubleheader with the women's program.

Official Basketball Box Score -- Game Totals -- Final Statistics

WKU vs UTSA

2/3/18 3:07 PM at San Antonio, Texas (Convocation Center)

WKU 63 • 16-7, 8-2 C-USA

##	Player		Total		3-Ptr	Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot							
22	COLEBY, Dwight	f	3-7	0-0	1-3	3	7	10	3	7	0	0	1	0	29
23	JOHNSON, Justin	f	5-14	0-4	3-6	2	11	13	1	13	2	0	1	0	37
01	BEARDEN, Lamonte	g	2-6	0-1	3-4	0	0	0	2	7	1	1	0	1	19
13	HOLLINGSWORTH, T.	g	8-13	2-4	3-4	1	1	2	4	21	1	3	0	2	36
15	THOMPSON, Darius	g	3-9	0-4	3-4	2	1	3	3	9	0	4	1	0	32
04	ANDERSON, Josh		1-5	0-1	3-5	0	2	2	4	5	2	1	0	1	19
12	DIAGNE, Moustapha		0-0	0-0	1-2	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	6
14	NELSON, Marek		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
21	OHMER, Jake		0-7	0-6	0-2	1	2	3	3	0	1	0	0	0	19
Team						2	1	3							
Totals			22-61	2-20	17-30	11	27	38	21	63	7	9	3	4	200

FG % 1st Half: 7-31 22.6% 2nd half: 15-30 50.0% Game: 22-61 36.1%
 3FG % 1st Half: 0-9 0.0% 2nd half: 2-11 18.2% Game: 2-20 10.0%
 FT % 1st Half: 11-20 55.0% 2nd half: 6-10 60.0% Game: 17-30 56.7%

Deadball
Rebounds
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UTSA 74 • 13-11, 6-5 C-USA

##	Player		Total		3-Ptr	Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot							
03	FROHNEN, Byron	f	3-6	0-1	1-2	3	5	8	0	7	3	4	1	0	33
25	ALLEN, Nick	f	3-5	1-1	0-0	1	2	3	3	7	0	2	0	0	16
02	JACKSON, Jhivvan	g	9-18	4-7	0-0	0	5	5	4	22	1	1	0	0	33
05	DE NICOLAO, Giovanni	g	1-4	0-1	3-4	0	2	2	4	5	1	1	0	0	20
35	WILLBORN III, George	g	1-5	0-1	3-4	0	1	1	3	5	2	0	0	1	14
01	LYLE, Deon		3-7	2-5	0-0	0	1	1	3	8	0	0	0	0	8
11	KARRER, Austin		0-1	0-1	2-2	1	6	7	3	2	2	0	0	0	21
22	WALLACE, Keaton		3-13	1-6	4-4	4	4	8	3	11	4	3	0	1	31
31	RAMLAL, Kendell		2-3	0-0	2-2	2	3	5	2	6	0	0	1	0	15
41	VAN RY, Toby		0-1	0-0	1-2	1	2	3	0	1	0	1	0	0	9
Team						1	3	4				1			
Totals			25-63	8-23	16-20	13	34	47	25	74	13	13	2	2	200

FG % 1st Half: 13-31 41.9% 2nd half: 12-32 37.5% Game: 25-63 39.7%
 3FG % 1st Half: 5-15 33.3% 2nd half: 3-8 37.5% Game: 8-23 34.8%
 FT % 1st Half: 6-8 75.0% 2nd half: 10-12 83.3% Game: 16-20 80.0%

Deadball
Rebounds
2

Officials: Tyler Kumpf, Craig Murley, Rick O'Neill

Technical fouls: WKU-None. UTSA-None.

Attendance: 1305

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
WKU	25	38	63
UTSA	37	37	74

	In Paint	Off T/O	2nd Chance	Fast Break	Bench
Points WKU	28	8	9	2	6
UTSA	26	14	13	7	28

Last FG - WKU 2nd-01:14, UTSA 2nd-03:34.

Largest lead - WKU None, UTSA by 17 2nd-18:52.

WKU led for 00:00. UTSA led for 38:59. Game was tied for 01:01.

Score tied - 0 times.

Lead changed - 0 times.

WKU vs UTSA

2/3/18 3:07 PM at San Antonio, Texas (Convocation Center)

1st PERIOD Play-by-Play (Page 1)

Time	Score	Margin	HOME/VISITOR	Time	Score	Margin	HOME/VISITOR
19:39			MISSED JUMPER by JOHNSON, Justin	13:47			SUB IN : FROHNEN, Byron
19:39			REBOUND (DEF) by (TEAM)	13:47			SUB OUT: LYLE, Deon
19:21			TURNOVR by FROHNEN, Byron	13:39			FOUL by DE NICOLAO, Giovanni (P2T6)
19:08			MISSED 3 PTR by HOLLINGSWORTH, T.	13:39	14-4	H 10	GOOD! FT SHOT by THOMPSON, Darius
19:08			REBOUND (DEF) by JACKSON, Jhivvan	13:39	14-5	H 9	GOOD! FT SHOT by THOMPSON, Darius
18:59	2-0	H 2	GOOD! LAYUP by WILLBORN III, George [FB/PNT]	13:39			SUB IN : DIAGNE, Moustapha
18:44			MISSED LAYUP by BEARDEN, Lamonte	13:39			SUB OUT: COLEBY, Dwight
18:44			REBOUND (DEF) by ALLEN, Nick	13:39			SUB IN : JACKSON, Jhivvan
18:28	5-0	H 5	GOOD! 3 PTR by ALLEN, Nick	13:39			SUB OUT: DE NICOLAO, Giovanni
18:28			ASSIST by FROHNEN, Byron	13:31			FOUL by THOMPSON, Darius (P2T2)
18:09			MISSED 3 PTR by JOHNSON, Justin	13:14			MISSED JUMPER by RAMLAL, Kendell
18:09			REBOUND (DEF) by DE NICOLAO, Giovanni	13:14			REBOUND (DEF) by JOHNSON, Justin
18:01			MISSED 3 PTR by DE NICOLAO, Giovanni	13:03			TURNOVR by THOMPSON, Darius
18:01			REBOUND (OFF) by FROHNEN, Byron	12:49	17-5	H 12	GOOD! 3 PTR by JACKSON, Jhivvan
17:56	7-0	H 7	GOOD! JUMPER by JACKSON, Jhivvan	12:49			ASSIST by WALLACE, Keaton
17:56			ASSIST by FROHNEN, Byron	12:33			MISSED JUMPER by ANDERSON, Josh
17:37			FOUL by DE NICOLAO, Giovanni (P1T1)	12:33			REBOUND (DEF) by FROHNEN, Byron
17:37	7-1	H 6	GOOD! FT SHOT by BEARDEN, Lamonte	12:25	19-5	H 14	GOOD! LAYUP by WALLACE, Keaton [PNT]
17:37	7-2	H 5	GOOD! FT SHOT by BEARDEN, Lamonte	12:25			ASSIST by JACKSON, Jhivvan
17:37			SUB IN : WALLACE, Keaton	12:24			TIMEOUT 30sec
17:37			SUB OUT: DE NICOLAO, Giovanni	12:24			TIMEOUT media
17:15			MISSED JUMPER by ALLEN, Nick	12:24			SUB IN : HOLLINGSWORTH, T.
17:15			REBOUND (DEF) by JOHNSON, Justin	12:24			SUB IN : NELSON, Marek
17:08			FOUL by WALLACE, Keaton (P1T2)	12:24			SUB OUT: OHMER, Jake
17:08			MISSED FT SHOT by THOMPSON, Darius	12:24			SUB OUT: JOHNSON, Justin
17:08			REBOUND (OFF) by (DEADBALL)	12:10	19-7	H 12	GOOD! JUMPER by ANDERSON, Josh [PNT]
17:08	7-3	H 4	GOOD! FT SHOT by THOMPSON, Darius	12:10			FOUL by RAMLAL, Kendell (P1T7)
16:53			MISSED LAYUP by WILLBORN III, George	12:10			MISSED FT SHOT by ANDERSON, Josh
16:53			BLOCK by JOHNSON, Justin	12:10			REBOUND (DEF) by KARRER, Austin
16:51			REBOUND (OFF) by FROHNEN, Byron	12:10			SUB IN : ALLEN, Nick
16:45			TURNNOVR by ALLEN, Nick	12:10			SUB OUT: RAMLAL, Kendell
16:45			FOUL by ALLEN, Nick (P1T3)	11:53			TURNNOVR by ALLEN, Nick
16:45			SUB IN : RAMLAL, Kendell	11:53			FOUL by ALLEN, Nick (P2T8)
16:45			SUB OUT: ALLEN, Nick	11:53			SUB IN : VAN RY, Toby
16:28			MISSED JUMPER by COLEBY, Dwight	11:53			SUB OUT: ALLEN, Nick
16:28			REBOUND (DEF) by RAMLAL, Kendell	11:42			MISSED JUMPER by HOLLINGSWORTH, T.
16:13	10-3	H 7	GOOD! 3 PTR by WALLACE, Keaton	11:42			REBOUND (DEF) by VAN RY, Toby
16:13			ASSIST by WILLBORN III, George	11:31			FOUL by DIAGNE, Moustapha (P1T3)
15:45			MISSED 3 PTR by JOHNSON, Justin	11:23			MISSED 3 PTR by WALLACE, Keaton
15:45			REBOUND (DEF) by WALLACE, Keaton	11:23			REBOUND (DEF) by NELSON, Marek
15:25			FOUL by THOMPSON, Darius (P1T1)	11:13			FOUL by KARRER, Austin (P1T9)
15:25			TIMEOUT media	11:13	19-8	H 11	GOOD! FT SHOT by HOLLINGSWORTH, T.
15:25			MISSED FT SHOT by WILLBORN III, George	11:13	19-9	H 10	GOOD! FT SHOT by HOLLINGSWORTH, T.
15:25			REBOUND (OFF) by (DEADBALL)	11:13			SUB IN : WILLBORN III, George
15:25	11-3	H 8	GOOD! FT SHOT by WILLBORN III, George	11:13			SUB OUT: KARRER, Austin
15:25			SUB IN : OHMER, Jake	10:59	21-9	H 12	GOOD! JUMPER by WALLACE, Keaton [PNT]
15:25			SUB OUT: BEARDEN, Lamonte	10:40			FOUL by WILLBORN III, George (P1T10)
15:25			SUB IN : LYLE, Deon	10:40			MISSED FT SHOT by HOLLINGSWORTH, T.
15:25			SUB IN : KARRER, Austin	10:40			REBOUND (OFF) by (DEADBALL)
15:25			SUB OUT: WILLBORN III, George	10:40	21-10	H 11	GOOD! FT SHOT by HOLLINGSWORTH, T.
15:25			SUB OUT: FROHNEN, Byron	10:28			MISSED 3 PTR by WILLBORN III, George
14:56			MISSED 3 PTR by JOHNSON, Justin	10:28			REBOUND (DEF) by DIAGNE, Moustapha
14:56			REBOUND (DEF) by KARRER, Austin	10:09			MISSED 3 PTR by THOMPSON, Darius
14:40			MISSED 3 PTR by WALLACE, Keaton	10:09			REBOUND (DEF) by VAN RY, Toby
14:40			REBOUND (OFF) by KARRER, Austin	10:02			FOUL by ANDERSON, Josh (P1T4)
14:36	14-3	H 11	GOOD! 3 PTR by JACKSON, Jhivvan	10:02	22-10	H 12	GOOD! FT SHOT by WALLACE, Keaton
14:36			ASSIST by KARRER, Austin	10:02	23-10	H 13	GOOD! FT SHOT by WALLACE, Keaton
14:08			MISSED JUMPER by COLEBY, Dwight	10:02			SUB IN : BEARDEN, Lamonte
14:08			REBOUND (DEF) by JACKSON, Jhivvan	10:02			SUB IN : COLEBY, Dwight
14:01			MISSED 3 PTR by LYLE, Deon	10:02			SUB IN : JOHNSON, Justin
14:01			REBOUND (OFF) by WALLACE, Keaton	10:02			SUB OUT: THOMPSON, Darius
13:55			SUB IN : DE NICOLAO, Giovanni	10:02			SUB OUT: DIAGNE, Moustapha
13:55			SUB OUT: JACKSON, Jhivvan	10:02			SUB OUT: NELSON, Marek
13:53			TURNNOVR by DE NICOLAO, Giovanni	09:50			FOUL by WILLBORN III, George (P2T11)
13:52			STEAL by HOLLINGSWORTH, T.	09:50	23-11	H 12	GOOD! FT SHOT by ANDERSON, Josh
13:52			FOUL by LYLE, Deon (P1T4)	09:50	23-12	H 11	GOOD! FT SHOT by ANDERSON, Josh
13:52			SUB IN : ANDERSON, Josh	09:50			SUB IN : KARRER, Austin
13:52			SUB OUT: HOLLINGSWORTH, T.	09:50			SUB OUT: WILLBORN III, George
13:47			FOUL by LYLE, Deon (P2T5)	09:40			TURNNOVR by FROHNEN, Byron

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09:38			STEAL by ANDERSON, Josh	04:34			REBOUND (OFF) by VAN RY, Toby
09:34			MISSED 3 PTR by HOLLINGSWORTH, T.	04:33			FOUL by OHMER, Jake (P1T6)
09:34			REBOUND (DEF) by KARRER, Austin	04:24			MISSED LAYUP by VAN RY, Toby
09:24	25-12	H 13	GOOD! JUMPER by JACKSON, Jhivvan [PNT]	04:24			REBOUND (OFF) by FROHNEN, Byron
09:11			MISSED JUMPER by BEARDEN, Lamonte	04:21	32-18	H 14	GOOD! LAYUP by FROHNEN, Byron [PNT]
09:11			REBOUND (DEF) by WALLACE, Keaton	04:03			TURNOVR by BEARDEN, Lamonte
08:51			MISSED 3 PTR by KARRER, Austin	04:03			FOUL by BEARDEN, Lamonte (P1T7)
08:51			REBOUND (DEF) by JOHNSON, Justin	03:50			MISSED LAYUP by JACKSON, Jhivvan
08:32	25-14	H 11	GOOD! JUMPER by HOLLINGSWORTH, T.	03:50			REBOUND (DEF) by (TEAM)
08:13	28-14	H 14	GOOD! 3 PTR by JACKSON, Jhivvan	03:50			TIMEOUT media
08:13			ASSIST by WALLACE, Keaton	03:35	32-20	H 12	GOOD! JUMPER by BEARDEN, Lamonte [PNT]
07:44	28-16	H 12	GOOD! JUMPER by HOLLINGSWORTH, T.	03:17			FOUL by COLEBY, Dwight (P2T8)
07:35			TIMEOUT 30sec	03:17	33-20	H 13	GOOD! FT SHOT by WILLBORN III, George
07:35			TIMEOUT MEDIA	03:17	34-20	H 14	GOOD! FT SHOT by WILLBORN III, George
07:35			SUB IN : DE NICOLAO, Giovanni	03:17			SUB IN : THOMPSON, Darius
07:35			SUB IN : RAMLAL, Kendell	03:17			SUB OUT: COLEBY, Dwight
07:35			SUB IN : LYLE, Deon	03:01			MISSED 3 PTR by OHMER, Jake
07:35			SUB OUT: WALLACE, Keaton	03:01			REBOUND (DEF) by (TEAM)
07:35			SUB OUT: VAN RY, Toby	02:47			TURNOVR by FROHNEN, Byron
07:35			SUB OUT: FROHNEN, Byron	02:39			MISSED JUMPER by HOLLINGSWORTH, T.
07:27			MISSED JUMPER by JACKSON, Jhivvan	02:39			REBOUND (OFF) by HOLLINGSWORTH, T.
07:27			REBOUND (DEF) by COLEBY, Dwight	02:34	34-22	H 12	GOOD! JUMPER by HOLLINGSWORTH, T. [PNT]
07:18			MISSED JUMPER by ANDERSON, Josh	02:19			TURNOVR by VAN RY, Toby
07:18			REBOUND (OFF) by JOHNSON, Justin	02:14	34-24	H 10	GOOD! LAYUP by HOLLINGSWORTH, T. [PNT]
07:15			MISSED JUMPER by JOHNSON, Justin	02:14			ASSIST by BEARDEN, Lamonte
07:15			REBOUND (DEF) by RAMLAL, Kendell	02:00	36-24	H 12	GOOD! LAYUP by JACKSON, Jhivvan [PNT]
07:13			FOUL by COLEBY, Dwight (P1T5)	01:44			MISSED LAYUP by JOHNSON, Justin
07:02			MISSED JUMPER by JACKSON, Jhivvan	01:44			REBOUND (OFF) by JOHNSON, Justin
07:02			REBOUND (DEF) by COLEBY, Dwight	01:42			MISSED LAYUP by JOHNSON, Justin
06:38			MISSED LAYUP by ANDERSON, Josh	01:42			REBOUND (DEF) by WALLACE, Keaton
06:38			REBOUND (DEF) by JACKSON, Jhivvan	01:37			MISSED 3 PTR by JACKSON, Jhivvan
06:30	30-16	H 14	GOOD! JUMPER by LYLE, Deon [PNT]	01:37			REBOUND (OFF) by WALLACE, Keaton
06:03			MISSED LAYUP by COLEBY, Dwight	01:32			MISSED 3 PTR by WALLACE, Keaton
06:03			REBOUND (OFF) by COLEBY, Dwight	01:32			REBOUND (DEF) by OHMER, Jake
06:01	30-18	H 12	GOOD! LAYUP by COLEBY, Dwight [PNT]	01:25			FOUL by JACKSON, Jhivvan (P1T15)
06:01			FOUL by RAMLAL, Kendell (P2T12)	01:25	36-25	H 11	GOOD! FT SHOT by BEARDEN, Lamonte
06:01			MISSED FT SHOT by COLEBY, Dwight	01:25			MISSED FT SHOT by BEARDEN, Lamonte
06:01			REBOUND (DEF) by FROHNEN, Byron	01:25			REBOUND (DEF) by FROHNEN, Byron
06:01			SUB IN : OHMER, Jake	01:25			SUB IN : ANDERSON, Josh
06:01			SUB OUT: ANDERSON, Josh	01:25			SUB OUT: THOMPSON, Darius
06:01			SUB IN : FROHNEN, Byron	01:10			FOUL by JOHNSON, Justin (P1T9)
06:01			SUB IN : WALLACE, Keaton	01:10	37-25	H 12	GOOD! FT SHOT by VAN RY, Toby
06:01			SUB OUT: JACKSON, Jhivvan	01:10			MISSED FT SHOT by VAN RY, Toby
06:01			SUB OUT: DE NICOLAO, Giovanni	01:10			REBOUND (DEF) by OHMER, Jake
05:42			MISSED 3 PTR by LYLE, Deon	01:10			SUB IN : KARRER, Austin
05:42			REBOUND (DEF) by COLEBY, Dwight	01:10			SUB OUT: WILLBORN III, George
05:32			MISSED 3 PTR by OHMER, Jake	00:47			MISSED 3 PTR by OHMER, Jake
05:32			REBOUND (DEF) by KARRER, Austin	00:47			REBOUND (DEF) by WALLACE, Keaton
05:13			TURNOVR by WALLACE, Keaton	00:34			TURNOVR by JACKSON, Jhivvan
05:12			STEAL by BEARDEN, Lamonte	00:07			TURNOVR by HOLLINGSWORTH, T.
05:10			MISSED LAYUP by BEARDEN, Lamonte	00:07			FOUL by HOLLINGSWORTH, T. (P1T10)
05:10			BLOCK by RAMLAL, Kendell	00:01			TURNOVR by FROHNEN, Byron
05:09			REBOUND (OFF) by (TEAM)				
05:08			FOUL by KARRER, Austin (P2T13)				
05:08			MISSED FT SHOT by OHMER, Jake	1st period-only	In	Off	2nd
05:08			REBOUND (OFF) by (DEADBALL)	WKU	Paint	T/O	Chance
05:08			MISSED FT SHOT by OHMER, Jake	UTSA	10	6	4
05:08			REBOUND (DEF) by FROHNEN, Byron		14	3	7
05:08			SUB IN : VAN RY, Toby				Fast
05:08			SUB OUT: RAMLAL, Kendell				Break
04:53			MISSED 3 PTR by WALLACE, Keaton				Bench
04:53			REBOUND (DEF) by JOHNSON, Justin				
04:50			FOUL by LYLE, Deon (P3T14)				
04:50			MISSED FT SHOT by JOHNSON, Justin				
04:50			REBOUND (OFF) by (DEADBALL)				
04:50			MISSED FT SHOT by JOHNSON, Justin				
04:50			REBOUND (DEF) by WILLBORN III, George				
04:50			SUB IN : WILLBORN III, George				
04:50			SUB IN : JACKSON, Jhivvan				
04:50			SUB OUT: LYLE, Deon				
04:50			SUB OUT: KARRER, Austin				
04:34			MISSED JUMPER by JACKSON, Jhivvan				

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19:42			TURNOVR by HOLLINGSWORTH, T.	13:24	51-36	H 15	GOOD! LAYUP by JACKSON, Jhivvan [FB/PNT]
19:40			STEAL by WILLBORN III, George	13:02	51-38	H 13	GOOD! LAYUP by HOLLINGSWORTH, T. [PNT]
19:38	40-25	H 15	GOOD! 3 PTR by JACKSON, Jhivvan [FB]	12:45	54-38	H 16	GOOD! 3 PTR by LYLE, Deon
19:17			MISSED JUMPER by JOHNSON, Justin	12:45			ASSIST by WALLACE, Keaton
19:17			BLOCK by FROHNEN, Byron	12:25			MISSED JUMPER by HOLLINGSWORTH, T.
19:17			REBOUND (OFF) by (TEAM)	12:25			REBOUND (DEF) by (TEAM)
19:09			MISSED JUMPER by COLEBY, Dwight	12:22			SUB IN : ALLEN, Nick
19:09			REBOUND (DEF) by ALLEN, Nick	12:22			SUB OUT: RAMLAL, Kendell
18:54			MISSED JUMPER by WILLBORN III, George	12:08			MISSED JUMPER by WALLACE, Keaton
18:54			BLOCK by THOMPSON, Darius	12:08			REBOUND (DEF) by COLEBY, Dwight
18:53			REBOUND (OFF) by ALLEN, Nick	12:00	54-40	H 14	GOOD! JUMPER by HOLLINGSWORTH, T.
18:52	42-25	H 17	GOOD! LAYUP by FROHNEN, Byron [PNT]	11:42			TURNOVR by WALLACE, Keaton
18:52			ASSIST by WILLBORN III, George	11:42			STEAL by HOLLINGSWORTH, T.
18:27			MISSED 3 PTR by THOMPSON, Darius	11:42			TIMEOUT MEDIA
18:27			REBOUND (DEF) by JACKSON, Jhivvan	11:31			TURNOVR by HOLLINGSWORTH, T.
18:19			MISSED LAYUP by FROHNEN, Byron	11:31			FOUL by HOLLINGSWORTH, T. (P2T2)
18:19			REBOUND (DEF) by JOHNSON, Justin	11:16	56-40	H 16	GOOD! JUMPER by JACKSON, Jhivvan
18:07	42-27	H 15	GOOD! LAYUP by COLEBY, Dwight [PNT]	11:01			MISSED 3 PTR by THOMPSON, Darius
18:07			ASSIST by JOHNSON, Justin	11:01			REBOUND (DEF) by LYLE, Deon
17:38			MISSED LAYUP by JACKSON, Jhivvan	10:43			MISSED LAYUP by LYLE, Deon
17:38			REBOUND (DEF) by HOLLINGSWORTH, T.	10:43			REBOUND (DEF) by COLEBY, Dwight
17:26	42-29	H 13	GOOD! LAYUP by BEARDEN, Lamonte [PNT]	10:26	56-42	H 14	GOOD! LAYUP by JOHNSON, Justin [PNT]
16:54			MISSED 3 PTR by FROHNEN, Byron	10:26			ASSIST by HOLLINGSWORTH, T.
16:54			REBOUND (DEF) by JOHNSON, Justin	10:12			MISSED 3 PTR by LYLE, Deon
16:51			FOUL by ALLEN, Nick (P3T1)	10:12			REBOUND (DEF) by THOMPSON, Darius
16:51			SUB IN : RAMLAL, Kendell	10:04	56-44	H 12	GOOD! LAYUP by JOHNSON, Justin [PNT]
16:51			SUB OUT: ALLEN, Nick	10:04			ASSIST by ANDERSON, Josh
16:44			MISSED 3 PTR by BEARDEN, Lamonte	09:45			FOUL by HOLLINGSWORTH, T. (P3T3)
16:44			REBOUND (DEF) by JACKSON, Jhivvan	09:45			SUB IN : OHMER, Jake
16:35			MISSED JUMPER by WILLBORN III, George	09:45			SUB OUT: HOLLINGSWORTH, T.
16:35			REBOUND (DEF) by JOHNSON, Justin	09:45			SUB IN : FROHNEN, Byron
16:30			MISSED JUMPER by THOMPSON, Darius	09:45			SUB IN : DE NICOLAO, Giovanni
16:30			REBOUND (OFF) by THOMPSON, Darius	09:45			SUB OUT: LYLE, Deon
16:25	42-31	H 11	GOOD! TIP-IN by THOMPSON, Darius [PNT]	09:45			SUB OUT: WALLACE, Keaton
16:09	44-31	H 13	GOOD! LAYUP by RAMLAL, Kendell [PNT]	09:34	58-44	H 14	GOOD! JUMPER by ALLEN, Nick
16:09			ASSIST by FROHNEN, Byron	09:34			ASSIST by KARRER, Austin
15:50			FOUL by WILLBORN III, George (P3T2)	09:16			MISSED 3 PTR by ANDERSON, Josh
15:50			TIMEOUT media	09:16			REBOUND (OFF) by COLEBY, Dwight
15:50	44-32	H 12	GOOD! FT SHOT by JOHNSON, Justin	09:13			FOUL by KARRER, Austin (P3T5)
15:50			MISSED FT SHOT by JOHNSON, Justin	09:13			FOUL by JACKSON, Jhivvan (P3T6)
15:50			REBOUND (DEF) by RAMLAL, Kendell	09:00			MISSED JUMPER by THOMPSON, Darius
15:50			SUB IN : WALLACE, Keaton	09:00			REBOUND (OFF) by COLEBY, Dwight
15:50			SUB OUT: WILLBORN III, George	08:47			FOUL by JACKSON, Jhivvan (P4T7)
15:38			FOUL by BEARDEN, Lamonte (P2T1)	08:47			MISSED FT SHOT by ANDERSON, Josh
15:32			MISSED JUMPER by WALLACE, Keaton	08:47			REBOUND (OFF) by (DEADBALL)
15:32			REBOUND (OFF) by (TEAM)	08:47	58-45	H 13	GOOD! FT SHOT by ANDERSON, Josh
15:28			MISSED 3 PTR by JACKSON, Jhivvan	08:47			SUB IN : NELSON, Marek
15:28			REBOUND (OFF) by RAMLAL, Kendell	08:47			SUB IN : DIAGNE, Moustapha
15:21			MISSED LAYUP by FROHNEN, Byron	08:47			SUB OUT: COLEBY, Dwight
15:21			BLOCK by COLEBY, Dwight	08:47			SUB OUT: JOHNSON, Justin
15:20			REBOUND (DEF) by COLEBY, Dwight	08:47			SUB IN : RAMLAL, Kendell
15:20			FOUL by JACKSON, Jhivvan (P2T3)	08:47			SUB IN : WALLACE, Keaton
15:08	44-35	H 9	GOOD! 3 PTR by HOLLINGSWORTH, T.	08:47			SUB OUT: JACKSON, Jhivvan
15:08			ASSIST by JOHNSON, Justin	08:47			SUB OUT: ALLEN, Nick
14:36	46-35	H 11	GOOD! JUMPER by DE NICOLAO, Giovanni [PNT]	08:37			FOUL by ANDERSON, Josh (P2T4)
14:13			FOUL by DE NICOLAO, Giovanni (P3T4)	08:24			MISSED 3 PTR by WALLACE, Keaton
14:13			MISSED FT SHOT by COLEBY, Dwight	08:24			REBOUND (DEF) by ANDERSON, Josh
14:13			REBOUND (OFF) by (DEADBALL)	08:14			MISSED 3 PTR by OHMER, Jake
14:13	46-36	H 10	GOOD! FT SHOT by COLEBY, Dwight	08:14			REBOUND (DEF) by FROHNEN, Byron
14:13			SUB IN : ANDERSON, Josh	07:44			MISSED JUMPER by DE NICOLAO, Giovanni
14:13			SUB OUT: BEARDEN, Lamonte	07:44			REBOUND (OFF) by RAMLAL, Kendell
14:13			SUB IN : LYLE, Deon	07:40	60-45	H 15	GOOD! JUMPER by RAMLAL, Kendell [PNT]
14:13			SUB IN : KARRER, Austin	07:24			MISSED 3 PTR by THOMPSON, Darius
14:13			SUB OUT: DE NICOLAO, Giovanni	07:24			REBOUND (DEF) by KARRER, Austin
14:13			SUB OUT: FROHNEN, Byron	07:18			TURNOVR by WALLACE, Keaton
13:58	49-36	H 13	GOOD! 3 PTR by LYLE, Deon	07:18			FOUL by WALLACE, Keaton (P2T8)
13:58			ASSIST by WALLACE, Keaton	07:18			TIMEOUT MEDIA
13:27			TURNOVR by THOMPSON, Darius	07:18			SUB IN : COLEBY, Dwight
13:26			STEAL by WALLACE, Keaton	07:18			SUB IN : HOLLINGSWORTH, T.
				07:18			SUB IN : JOHNSON, Justin
				07:18			SUB OUT: NELSON, Marek
				07:18			SUB OUT: ANDERSON, Josh
				07:18			SUB OUT: DIAGNE, Moustapha

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06:28			FOUL by COLEBY, Dwight (P3T5)	00:32			FOUL by WALLACE, Keaton (P3T10)
06:28	61-47	H 14	GOOD! FT SHOT by RAMLAL, Kendell	00:32			MISSED FT SHOT by DIAGNE, Moustapha
06:28	62-47	H 15	GOOD! FT SHOT by RAMLAL, Kendell	00:32			REBOUND (OFF) by (DEADBALL)
06:17			TURNOVR by THOMPSON, Darius	00:32	74-63	H 11	GOOD! FT SHOT by DIAGNE, Moustapha
06:06	64-47	H 17	GOOD! JUMPER by FROHNEN, Byron [PNT]	00:32			SUB IN : COLEBY, Dwight
05:40	64-49	H 15	GOOD! JUMPER by JOHNSON, Justin	00:32			SUB IN : DIAGNE, Moustapha
05:23			MISSED JUMPER by WALLACE, Keaton	00:32			SUB OUT: HOLLINGSWORTH, T.
05:23			REBOUND (DEF) by COLEBY, Dwight	00:07			MISSED JUMPER by ALLEN, Nick
05:13			MISSED JUMPER by OHMER, Jake	00:07			REBOUND (DEF) by JOHNSON, Justin
05:13			REBOUND (OFF) by THOMPSON, Darius				
05:06	64-51	H 13	GOOD! LAYUP by JOHNSON, Justin [PNT]				
05:06			ASSIST by OHMER, Jake				
04:51			FOUL by OHMER, Jake (P2T6)				
04:51			MISSED FT SHOT by DE NICOLAO, Giovanni				
04:51			REBOUND (OFF) by (DEADBALL)				
04:51	65-51	H 14	GOOD! FT SHOT by DE NICOLAO, Giovanni				
04:51			SUB IN : JACKSON, Jhivvan				
04:51			SUB IN : ALLEN, Nick				
04:51			SUB OUT: RAMLAL, Kendell				
04:51			SUB OUT: KARRER, Austin				
04:36	65-53	H 12	GOOD! JUMPER by JOHNSON, Justin				
04:15			MISSED JUMPER by JACKSON, Jhivvan				
04:15			REBOUND (DEF) by JOHNSON, Justin				
04:08	65-55	H 10	GOOD! JUMPER by THOMPSON, Darius [PNT]				
04:07			TIMEOUT 30sec				
03:58			FOUL by OHMER, Jake (P3T7)				
03:58			TIMEOUT MEDIA				
03:58	66-55	H 11	GOOD! FT SHOT by DE NICOLAO, Giovanni				
03:58	67-55	H 12	GOOD! FT SHOT by DE NICOLAO, Giovanni				
03:53			TURNOVR by THOMPSON, Darius				
03:34	69-55	H 14	GOOD! JUMPER by ALLEN, Nick				
03:34			ASSIST by DE NICOLAO, Giovanni				
03:22			MISSED 3 PTR by OHMER, Jake				
03:22			REBOUND (OFF) by OHMER, Jake				
03:07			MISSED 3 PTR by OHMER, Jake				
03:07			REBOUND (DEF) by DE NICOLAO, Giovanni				
02:58			SUB IN : ANDERSON, Josh				
02:58			SUB OUT: COLEBY, Dwight				
02:34			TURNOVR by (TEAM)				
02:28			TURNOVR by ANDERSON, Josh				
02:28			FOUL by ANDERSON, Josh (P3T8)				
02:28			TIMEOUT 30sec				
02:17			MISSED 3 PTR by JACKSON, Jhivvan				
02:17			REBOUND (DEF) by ANDERSON, Josh				
02:10	69-57	H 12	GOOD! DUNK by THOMPSON, Darius [FB/PNT]				
02:10			ASSIST by ANDERSON, Josh				
01:57			MISSED JUMPER by WALLACE, Keaton				
01:57			REBOUND (OFF) by WALLACE, Keaton				
01:36			MISSED JUMPER by WALLACE, Keaton				
01:36			REBOUND (OFF) by WALLACE, Keaton				
01:31			FOUL by THOMPSON, Darius (P3T9)				
01:31	70-57	H 13	GOOD! FT SHOT by WALLACE, Keaton				
01:31	71-57	H 14	GOOD! FT SHOT by WALLACE, Keaton				
01:31			SUB IN : KARRER, Austin				
01:31			SUB OUT: JACKSON, Jhivvan				
01:20			MISSED 3 PTR by JOHNSON, Justin				
01:20			REBOUND (DEF) by KARRER, Austin				
01:18			FOUL by ANDERSON, Josh (P4T10)				
01:18	72-57	H 15	GOOD! FT SHOT by KARRER, Austin				
01:18	73-57	H 16	GOOD! FT SHOT by KARRER, Austin				
01:14	73-60	H 13	GOOD! 3 PTR by HOLLINGSWORTH, T.				
00:51			MISSED LAYUP by DE NICOLAO, Giovanni				
00:51			REBOUND (DEF) by JOHNSON, Justin				
00:48			FOUL by DE NICOLAO, Giovanni (P4T9)				
00:48	73-61	H 12	GOOD! FT SHOT by JOHNSON, Justin				
00:48	73-62	H 11	GOOD! FT SHOT by JOHNSON, Justin				
00:40			FOUL by HOLLINGSWORTH, T. (P4T11)				
00:40	74-62	H 12	GOOD! FT SHOT by FROHNEN, Byron				
00:40			MISSED FT SHOT by FROHNEN, Byron				
00:40			REBOUND (DEF) by JOHNSON, Justin				

	In Paint	Off T/O	2nd Chance	Fast Break	Bench
2nd period-only					
WKU	18	2	5	2	2
UTSA	12	11	6	5	16

Official Basketball Box Score -- 1st Half-Only
 WKU vs UTSA
 2/3/18 3:07 PM at San Antonio, Texas (Convocation Center)

WKU

#	Player		Total	3-Ptr	FT-FTA	Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA		Off	Def	Tot							
22	COLEBY, Dwight	f	1-4	0-0	0-1	1	3	4	2	2	0	0	0	0	13
23	JOHNSON, Justin	f	0-7	0-3	0-2	2	4	6	1	0	0	0	1	0	18
01	BEARDEN, Lamonte	g	1-4	0-0	3-4	0	0	0	1	5	1	1	0	1	14
13	HOLLINGSWORTH, T.	g	4-8	0-2	3-4	1	0	1	1	11	0	1	0	1	19
15	THOMPSON, Darius	g	0-1	0-1	3-4	0	0	0	2	3	0	1	0	0	12
04	ANDERSON, Josh		1-4	0-0	2-3	0	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	1	9
12	DIAGNE, Moustapha		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	4
14	NELSON, Marek		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
21	OHMER, Jake		0-3	0-3	0-2	0	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	9
Team						1	1	2							
Totals			7-31	0-9	11-20	5	12	17	10	25	1	3	1	3	100

FG % 1st Half: 7-31 22.6%
 3FG % 1st Half: 0-9 0.0%
 FT % 1st Half: 11-20 55.0%

UTSA

#	Player		Total	3-Ptr	FT-FTA	Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA		Off	Def	Tot							
03	FROHNEN, Byron	f	1-1	0-0	0-0	3	4	7	0	2	2	4	0	0	17
25	ALLEN, Nick	f	1-2	1-1	0-0	0	1	1	2	3	0	2	0	0	4
02	JACKSON, Jhivvan	g	6-11	3-4	0-0	0	3	3	1	15	1	1	0	0	19
05	DE NICOLAO, Giovanni	g	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	1	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	4
35	WILLBORN III, George	g	1-3	0-1	3-4	0	1	1	2	5	1	0	0	0	10
01	LYLE, Deon		1-3	0-2	0-0	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	4
11	KARRER, Austin		0-1	0-1	0-0	1	4	5	2	0	1	0	0	0	10
22	WALLACE, Keaton		3-7	1-5	2-2	2	4	6	1	9	2	1	0	0	16
31	RAMLAL, Kendell		0-1	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	7
41	VAN RY, Toby		0-1	0-0	1-2	1	2	3	0	1	0	1	0	0	9
Team						0	2	2							
Totals			13-31	5-15	6-8	7	24	31	15	37	7	10	1	0	100

FG % 1st Half: 13-31 41.9%
 3FG % 1st Half: 5-15 33.3%
 FT % 1st Half: 6-8 75.0%

Officials: Tyler Kumpf, Craig Murley, Rick O'Neill
 Technical fouls: WKU-None. UTSA-None.
 Attendance: 1305

Score by periods	1st	Total
WKU	25	25
UTSA	37	37

	In Paint	Off T/O	2nd Chance	Fast Break	Bench
Points WKU	10	6	4	0	4
UTSA	14	3	7	2	12

Last FG - WKU 2nd-01:14, UTSA 2nd-03:34.
 Largest lead - WKU None, UTSA by 17 2nd-18:52.
 WKU led for 00:00. UTSA led for 38:59. Game was tied for 01:01.

Score tied - 0 times.
 Lead changed - 0 times.

Official Basketball Box Score -- 2nd Half-Only
 WKU vs UTSA
 2/3/18 3:07 PM at San Antonio, Texas (Convocation Center)

WKU

#	Player		Total	3-Ptr	Rebounds					PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot								
22	COLEBY, Dwight	f	2-3	0-0	1-2	2	4	6	1	5	0	0	1	0	16	
23	JOHNSON, Justin	f	5-7	0-1	3-4	0	7	7	0	13	2	0	0	0	19	
01	BEARDEN, Lamonte	g	1-2	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	5	
13	HOLLINGSWORTH, T.	g	4-5	2-2	0-0	0	1	1	3	10	1	2	0	1	17	
15	THOMPSON, Darius	g	3-8	0-3	0-0	2	1	3	1	6	0	3	1	0	20	
04	ANDERSON, Josh		0-1	0-1	1-2	0	2	2	3	1	2	1	0	0	10	
12	DIAGNE, Moustapha		0-0	0-0	1-2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	
14	NELSON, Marek		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
21	OHMER, Jake		0-4	0-3	0-0	1	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	10	
Team						1	0	1								
Totals			15-30	2-11	6-10	6	15	21	11	38	6	6	2	1	100	
FG % 1st Half:			7-31	22.6%	2nd half:	15-30	50.0%									
3FG % 1st Half:			0-9	0.0%	2nd half:	2-11	18.2%									
FT % 1st Half:			11-20	55.0%	2nd half:	6-10	60.0%									

UTSA

#	Player		Total		3-Ptr	Rebounds									Min	
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl		
03	FROHNEN, Byron	f	2-5	0-1	1-2	0	1	1	0	5	1	0	1	0	16	
25	ALLEN, Nick	f	2-3	0-0	0-0	1	1	2	1	4	0	0	0	0	12	
02	JACKSON, Jhivvan	g	3-7	1-3	0-0	0	2	2	3	7	0	0	0	0	14	
05	DE NICOLAO, Giovanni	g	1-3	0-0	3-4	0	1	1	2	5	1	0	0	0	16	
35	WILLBORN III, George	g	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	4	
01	LYLE, Deon		2-4	2-3	0-0	0	1	1	0	6	0	0	0	0	4	
11	KARRER, Austin		0-0	0-0	2-2	0	2	2	1	2	1	0	0	0	11	
22	WALLACE, Keaton		0-6	0-1	2-2	2	0	2	2	2	2	2	0	1	15	
31	RAMLAL, Kendell		2-2	0-0	2-2	2	1	3	0	6	0	0	0	0	8	
41	VAN RY, Toby		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Team						1	1	2			1					
Totals				12-32	3-8	10-12	6	10	16	10	37	6	3	1	2	100
FG % 1st Half:			13-31	41.9%	2nd half:	12-32	37.5%									
3FG % 1st Half:			5-15	33.3%	2nd half:	3-8	37.5%									
FT % 1st Half:			6-8	75.0%	2nd half:	10-12	83.3%									

Officials: Tyler Kumpf, Craig Murley, Rick O'Neill
 Technical fouls: WKU-None. UTSA-None.
 Attendance: 1305

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
WKU	25	38	63
UTSA	37	37	74

	In Paint	Off T/O	2nd Chance	Fast Break	Bench
Points WKU	18	2	5	2	2
UTSA	12	11	6	5	16

Last FG - WKU 2nd-01:14, UTSA 2nd-03:34.
 Largest lead - WKU None, UTSA by 17 2nd-18:52.
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Score tied - 0 times.
 Lead changed - 0 times.



WKU Hilltoppers at UTSA Roadrunners

Postgame Notes

Feb. 3, 2018

Convocation Center | San Antonio, Texas

FINAL SCORE: UTSA 74, WKU 63

RECORDS AND NOTABLES

- WKU falls to 16-7 overall and 8-2 in Conference USA play.
- UTSA improves to 13-11 overall and 6-5 in C-USA action.
- WKU leads the all-time series 3-2, but has lost two straight meetings.
- WKU head coach Rick Stansbury is 1-2 in his career against the Roadrunners.
- Attendance was announced as 1,305.
- **UP NEXT:** WKU returns home to host Florida Atlantic at 7:30 p.m. CT Thursday at E.A. Diddle Arena in the nightcap of a doubleheader with the Lady Toppers. The game will be broadcast nationally on Fox College Sports, locally in Bowling Green on HSSN and in Louisville on WBNA.

TEAM NOTES

- WKU used the starting lineup of Lamonte Bearden, Taveion Hollingsworth, Darius Thompson, Dwight Coleby, and Justin Johnson for the 21st time this season.
- **KEY FIRST HALF RUN:** UTSA scored the first seven points of the game and eventually surged to a 19-5 lead to start the game.
 - The Hilltoppers missed their first nine shots, started 1 of 14 from the field and didn't make a field goal until Josh Anderson's basket at the 12:10 mark.
- **KEY SECOND HALF RUN:** WKU trimmed its deficit to nine with its first 3-pointer of the game from Taveion Hollingsworth with 15:07 left, but UTSA used a 10-3 to stay comfortably in front.
- WKU shot 22 of 61 (36.1 percent) from the field, 2 of 20 (10 percent) from 3-point range and 17 of 30 (56.7 percent) from the free-throw line.

- WKU's field-goal percentage was its lowest of the season, while its 3-point percentage was its second-lowest of the year.
- WKU was outrebounded 47-38, allowing UTSA to grab 13 offensive rebounds.
- WKU has made a 3-pointer in 961 straight games dating back to March 15, 1987. That ranks as the fifth-longest streak in the nation behind Kentucky, UNLV, Vanderbilt and Arkansas.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

TAVEION HOLLINGSWORTH

- The freshman scored a team-high 21 points on 8 of 13 shooting, knocking down the team's only two 3-pointers.
 - Hollingsworth is now ranked eighth on WKU's all-time list for most points in a season by a varsity freshman, passing Johnny Britt with 301 points.
 - Hollingsworth is now eighth on WKU's all-time list for most minutes played in a season by a varsity freshman, passing Patrick Sparks and Caden Dickerson with 785 minutes.

JUSTIN JOHNSON

- The senior recorded his 32nd double-double of his career and his eighth of the season with 13 points and a game-high 13 rebounds.
 - Johnson has grabbed at least 12 rebounds in six of the last 10 games.

DWIGHT COLEBY

- The graduate senior scored seven points and pulled down 10 rebounds for his 10th game of the season with double-digit boards.

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WKU Game Notes — <http://goto.ps/2BINj7U>

Florida Atlantic Game Notes — <http://goto.ps/2FVAMfG>

Video: WKU head coach Rick Stansbury pre-FAU — <https://youtu.be/AVnSN8QIJl4>

Video: Seniors Dwight Coleby and Justin Johnson pre-FAU — <https://youtu.be/-jL2rsQ8bng>

HILLTOPPERS HOST FLORIDA ATLANTIC ON THURSDAY NIGHT

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — WKU Hilltopper Basketball is tied for second in Conference USA heading into a home game against Florida Atlantic at 7:30 p.m. CT Thursday at E.A. Diddle Arena. The game is the nightcap of a doubleheader with the women's team and is scheduled to start 30 minutes after the conclusion of the Lady Toppers' contest.

The Hilltoppers are coming off a 74-63 loss at UTSA, just their second defeat in their last 11 outings.

Florida Atlantic has lost four of its last five games but is 3-2 on the road in league play, including a win at UTSA. WKU leads the all-time series against the Owls 14-5, including four straight.

WKU head coach Rick Stansbury is 2-1 in his career against FAU.

GAME 24

Florida Atlantic (10-13, 4-7 C-USA) at WKU (16-7, 8-2 C-USA)

February 8, 2018 | 7:30 p.m. CT

Bowling Green, Ky. | E.A. Diddle Arena

BROADCAST

Listen: [Hilltopper IMG Sports Network](#) (WKLX 100.7 FM flagship), [WKUSports.tv](#) (free), [TuneIn Radio](#) (free) (Randy Lee, pxp | Hal Schmitt, analysis)

Watch: [Fox College Sports Atlantic](#), WKU PBS, WBNA (Radio Simulcast)

Live Stats: [WKU Stats](#)

QUICK SHOTS

- WKU is 20-6 (.769) at E.A. Diddle Arena under head coach Rick Stansbury. The Hilltoppers are 593-168 all-time at Diddle Arena for a .778 winning percentage.
- WKU has made at least one 3-pointer in 961 consecutive games, dating back to March 15, 1987. The 3-point shot was instituted prior to the 1986-87 season. The Hilltoppers' streak is the sixth-longest in the nation behind Kentucky, UNLV, Vanderbilt, Duke and Arkansas.
- WKU's current scoring average of 77.4 points per game would be the program's highest since 2006-07.
- WKU ranks 26th in the country in field goal percentage and second in Conference USA at 48.8 percent. That percentage would rank ninth for a single season in program history.
- WKU has outscored its opponents 924-666 in the paint this season.
- The Hilltoppers' seven losses have come by a total of 37 points – an average of 5.3 points per game.
- WKU has attempted 109 more free throws in league play than its conference foes.
- Taveion Hollingsworth has scored in double figures in 15 of the last 17 games.

- In his last 20 games, Darius Thompson has 100 combined assists and just 37 turnovers. He has at least four assists in 17 of 23 games this season and is third in C-USA in assist-to-turnover ratio at 2.5-to-1.
- Through 23 games, Lamonte Bearden has 38 steals. No Hilltopper had more than 28 steals all last year.
- Lamonte Bearden is 54 points from reaching 1,000 for his career across his time at Buffalo and WKU.
- Justin Johnson has grabbed at least 12 rebounds in six of the last nine games and has done so in nine games overall this season. He had just seven such games all last season.
- As of Tuesday, Justin Johnson was ranked seventh among active NCAA players for career rebounds and tied for 11th in career double-doubles. He's one of just four active NCAA players with at least 1,400 career points and 900 rebounds.
- Justin Johnson is ranked 17th on WKU's all-time scoring list with 1,442 career points. He needs 69 points to pass Art Spoelstra to move into 16th.
- Justin Johnson ranks eighth on WKU's all-time rebounding list with 919 career boards. He needs six rebounds to pass Harry Todd for seventh. Johnson is one of six Hilltoppers in program history ranked in the top 20 in scoring and the top 10 in rebounding.
- Justin Johnson currently ranks ninth on WKU's all-time list for career field goal percentage at 54.2 percent. He's less than two percentage points from fifth place.
- Justin Johnson needs 81 rebounds to reach 1,000 for his career. That would make him just the fifth player in WKU history with 1,000 career points and 1,000 rebounds, joining Tom Marshall, Art Spoelstra, Ralph Crosthwaite and Jim McDaniels, the last to accomplish the feat in 1971.

TICKETS

WKU Ticket Office: Online at WKUTickets.com, in person at E.A. Diddle Arena, via phone at 1-800-5-BIG Red or 745-5222 locally.

PROMOTIONS

- WKU Faculty/Staff Appreciation: In advance of gameday, faculty and staff can receive two free tickets while supplies last.

LAST GAME AGAINST FLORIDA ATLANTIC: DECEMBER 31, 2016

Anton Waters scored 11 points and matched his career-high with 10 rebounds to help WKU beat Florida Atlantic 69-54 in Boca Raton, Fla. Que Johnson and Jabari McGhee each scored 13 points for the Hilltoppers.

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Action photo and headshot of Justin Johnson are attached. Please credit WKU Athletics for the action photo if used.

Vote for Justin Johnson for the Senior CLASS Award — <http://goto.ps/2nMltiO>

JOHNSON NAMED ONE OF 10 FINALISTS FOR SENIOR CLASS AWARD

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — WKU senior forward Justin Johnson was named one of 10 finalists Thursday for the 2017-18 Senior CLASS Award, making him the first finalist from Hilltopper Basketball since the award's inception.

Johnson — a 6-foot-7 native of Hazard, Ky. — was chosen among 30 candidates previously announced in January. To be eligible for the award, student-athletes must be classified as NCAA Division I seniors and have notable achievements in four areas of excellence: community, classroom, character and competition.

Nationwide fan voting begins immediately to help select the winner, and fans can vote for Johnson once daily from each of their devices through March 19 using this link: <http://goto.ps/2nMltiO>

Fan votes will be combined with those of the media and Division I head coaches to determine the winners. The Senior CLASS Award recipients will be announced during the 2018 NCAA Men's Final Four.

An acronym for Celebrating Loyalty and Achievement for Staying in School, the Senior CLASS Award focuses on the total student-athlete and encourages students to use their platform in athletics to make a positive impact as leaders in their communities.

Johnson has been a standout on the court for the Hilltoppers for four years and a strong presence in the community for just as long.

He ranks 17th on WKU's all-time scoring list with 1,442 career points and eighth on the all-time rebounding list with 919 career boards.

Johnson is one of just four active NCAA players with at least 1,400 career points and 900 rebounds. He's ranked seventh among active NCAA players for career rebounds and tied for 11th in career double-doubles (32).

Johnson also showed off his natural athleticism this year by spending spring practice, summer workouts and the beginning of fall camp with the football team as a tight end before returning to basketball in August.

Johnson graduated in just three years with a bachelor's degree in sport management. He's now pursuing his master's degree in intercollegiate athletic administration. He's been named multiple times to the Conference USA Commissioner's Honor Roll for student-athletes with a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better.

Johnson, a team captain, has been a steady leader for the WKU program through years of coaching and roster turnover. He is one of just two active players returning from last year and is the team's only four-year player.

He also worked tirelessly in the offseason to return from both knee surgery and deliberate weight gain, both of which were attributed to his time spent with the football team. Johnson often worked out four times a day in the offseason to shed the weight he gained purposefully for football and to rehab his knee back into playing shape.

Johnson has been a staple of the community since he arrived at WKU. He's taken multiple mission trips to Belize and China, where he's spent time with underprivileged children in addition to playing games. He did the same this August in Costa Rica, where he played with children at a local orphanage during WKU's foreign tour.

Johnson has also volunteered to work with senior citizens at Bowling Green Retirement Village, spoken at youth basketball games during the playing season, visited with special needs children from the city's Camp Happy Days in previous years and volunteered several times for the United Way Day of Caring, including time with the area Boys & Girls Club.

Across men's basketball, women's basketball, football and volleyball, WKU is the only school in the nation with Senior CLASS finalists in multiple sports. Johnson is joined from WKU by volleyball finalist Jessica Lucas.

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PDF box score is attached. Postgame notes, video and quotes will follow in a separate email.

HOLLINGSWORTH, LATE RUN SEND TOPS TO 75-63 WIN OVER FAU

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — WKU Hilltopper Basketball held Florida Atlantic to 29.6 shooting in the second half Thursday and used a 14-5 run to end the game to pull out a 75-63 win at E.A. Diddle Arena.

The Hilltoppers (17-7, 9-2 Conference USA) trailed by four in the second half and led just 61-58 with 5:02 remaining, but they scored 10 of the next 11 points – capped by a 3-pointer from freshman guard Taveion Hollingsworth to make it 71-59 with 1:22 left.

Hollingsworth, playing his first game in a mask after suffering a broken nose last week at UTSA, scored a team-high 20 points on 8 of 12 shooting.

Senior forward Dwight Coleby added 15 points and eight rebounds, and senior forward Justin Johnson had 12 points and nine rebounds.

Florida Atlantic (10-14, 4-8) shot 53.6 percent in the first half and trailed by just one at the break, but the Owls struggled offensively in the second half. Their largest lead came with 15:32 left at 44-40 on a jumper by Ronald Delph.

Guard Gerdarius Troutman led FAU with 21 points off the bench.

WKU shot 47.3 percent from the field and netted 19 of 25 free throws, outscoring the Owls 44-16 in the paint. The Hilltoppers had just six turnovers and outscored FAU 19-6 in points off turnovers.

WKU stays at home to host FIU at 6 p.m. CT Saturday at Diddle Arena.

WKU MBB: Postgame Notes / Quotes / Video – WKU 75, Florida Atlantic 63, Feb. 8, 2018

Please find attached postgame notes and quotes from WKU's 75-63 win over Florida Atlantic on Thursday at E.A. Diddle Arena, as well as links below to postgame video interviews with head coach Rick Stansbury, senior forward Dwight Coleby and freshman guard Taveion Hollingsworth.

VIDEO

Head Coach Rick Stansbury — <https://youtu.be/TYnv82jJU28>

Senior Dwight Coleby/freshman Taveion Hollingsworth — <https://youtu.be/l44yfKQNITk>

Official Basketball Box Score -- Game Totals -- Final Statistics
 Florida Atlantic vs WKU
 02/08/18 7:30 p.m. CT at Bowling Green, Ky. (E.A. Diddle Arena)

Florida Atlantic 63 • 10-14 (4-8)

##	Player		Total	3-Ptr	FT-FTA	Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA		Off	Def	Tot							
05	Pfister, William	f	0-0	0-0	0-0	2	0	2	4	0	3	2	0	1	31
15	Ingram, Jailyn	f	1-4	0-0	0-0	2	4	6	5	2	2	1	0	0	18
33	Delph, Ronald	c	4-6	0-0	2-2	1	4	5	2	10	1	1	2	0	36
00	Hulsey, Payton	g	0-9	0-1	5-6	0	8	8	4	5	4	2	0	2	33
02	Massey, Justin	g	5-13	1-6	2-6	2	3	5	3	13	1	2	0	0	19
03	Adger, Anthony		4-8	0-0	2-3	0	1	1	2	10	0	3	0	0	23
14	Troutman, Gerdarius		9-13	2-6	1-2	1	3	4	2	21	0	1	0	0	27
21	Lepichev, Simeon		0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	7
32	Smith, Amir		0-1	0-0	2-2	3	1	4	0	2	0	0	1	0	6
	Team					1	0	1							
Totals			23-55	3-14	14-21	12	24	36	23	63	11	12	3	3	200

FG % 1st Half: 15-28 53.6% 2nd half: 8-27 29.6% Game: 23-55 41.8%
 3FG % 1st Half: 2-5 40.0% 2nd half: 1-9 11.1% Game: 3-14 21.4%
 FT % 1st Half: 2-6 33.3% 2nd half: 12-15 80.0% Game: 14-21 66.7%

Deadball
Rebounds
3

WKU 75 • 17-7 (8-2)

##	Player		Total	3-Ptr	FT-FTA	Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA		Off	Def	Tot							
22	COLEBY, Dwight	f	5-10	0-0	5-5	2	6	8	0	15	1	1	1	1	30
23	JOHNSON, Justin	f	5-13	0-4	2-2	1	8	9	1	12	1	1	0	0	35
04	ANDERSON, Josh	g	2-3	0-0	2-2	0	1	1	1	6	0	0	1	0	16
13	HOLLINGSWORTH, T.	g	8-12	2-4	2-5	1	4	5	4	20	2	0	0	1	37
15	THOMPSON, Darius	g	1-5	1-3	6-8	0	2	2	4	9	3	0	1	0	37
01	BEARDEN, Lamonte		2-7	0-3	1-2	0	1	1	1	5	3	1	0	2	25
14	NELSON, Marek		2-3	1-2	1-1	0	0	0	1	6	0	1	1	0	7
21	OHMER, Jake		1-2	0-0	0-0	2	0	2	1	2	0	2	0	1	13
Team						2	2	4							
Totals			26-55	4-16	19-25	8	24	32	13	75	10	6	4	5	200

FG % 1st Half: 14-30 46.7% 2nd half: 12-25 48.0% Game: 26-55 47.3%
 3FG % 1st Half: 3-13 23.1% 2nd half: 1-3 33.3% Game: 4-16 25.0%
 FT % 1st Half: 4-5 80.0% 2nd half: 15-20 75.0% Game: 19-25 76.0%

Deadball
Rebounds
3

Officials: Antinio Petty, Joe DeRosa, Jeffery Anderson
 Technical fouls: Florida Atlantic-None. WKU-None.
 Attendance: 5617

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
Florida Atlantic	34	29	63
WKU	35	40	75

	In	Off	2nd	Fast	
Points	Paint	T/O	Chance	Break	Bench
FAU	16	6	11	4	33
WKU	44	19	4	9	13

Last FG - FAU 2nd-01:09, WKU 2nd-01:25.
 Largest lead - FAU by 4 1st-12:40, WKU by 12 2nd-01:25.
 FAU led for 08:53. WKU led for 23:14. Game was tied for 07:53.

Score tied - 8 times.
 Lead changed - 6 times.



WKU Hilltoppers vs. Florida Atlantic Owls

Postgame Notes

Feb. 8, 2018

E.A. Diddle Arena | Bowling Green, Ky.

FINAL SCORE: WKU 75, Florida Atlantic 63

RECORDS AND NOTABLES

- WKU improves to 17-7 overall and 9-2 in Conference USA play.
- FAU falls to 10-14 overall and 4-8 in league play.
- WKU leads the all-time series 15-5, including five straight.
- WKU head coach Rick Stansbury is 3-1 in his career against the Owls.
- Attendance was announced as 5,617.
- **UP NEXT:** WKU stays at home to host FIU on Saturday night at 6 p.m. The game will be broadcast nationally on Fox College Sports, locally in Bowling Green on HSSN and in Louisville on WBNA.

TEAM NOTES

- WKU used the starting lineup of Josh Anderson, Taveion Hollingsworth, Darius Thompson, Dwight Coleby, and Justin Johnson for the first time this season. Anderson earned his first collegiate start.
- **KEY FIRST HALF RUN:** In the first 10 and a half minutes, WKU and Florida Atlantic exchanged the lead four times before the Hilltoppers pulled away with a 10-2 run. The burst began at the 8:28 mark and earned the Red and White a lead of 31-23.
 - Josh Anderson, a member of the starting five for the first time this year, scored each of WKU's six points to start the game.
- **KEY SECOND HALF RUN:** A 10-1 run beginning just under the four-minute mark allowed the Hilltoppers to extend their advantage to 71-59.
- WKU shot 26 of 55 (47.3 percent) from the field, 4 of 16 (25 percent) from 3-point range and 19 of 25 (76.0 percent) from the free-throw line.

- WKU scored 19 points off 12 Owl turnovers.
- WKU outscored Florida Atlantic in the paint 44-16.
- WKU has made a 3-pointer in 962 straight games dating back to March 15, 1987. That ranks as the sixth-longest streak in the nation behind Kentucky, UNLV, Vanderbilt, Duke and Arkansas.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

TAVEION HOLLINGSWORTH

- The freshman knocked down a team-high 20 points. The freshman has scored at least 12 points in 16 games this season.
 - Hollingsworth is now tied with George Fant at seventh with 321 points on WKU's all-time list for most points in a season by a varsity freshman.
 - Hollingsworth is now in seventh on WKU's all-time list for most minutes played in a season by a varsity freshman, passing George Fant with 822 minutes.
 - Hollingsworth is the third Hilltopper this season to have back-to-back games of at least 20 points following in the footsteps of Darius Thompson and Justin Johnson who both accomplished that feat at Marshall and Old Dominion.

DWIGHT COLEBY

- The graduate senior scored 15 points and pulled down eight rebounds.

JUSTIN JOHNSON

- The senior was just one rebound shy of a double-double with 12 points and nine boards.

MAREK NELSON

- The freshman scored six points for the first time since WKU hosted LA Tech on December 28 and played his most minutes since playing at Charlotte on January 13.

WKU Basketball
Florida Atlantic Postgame Quotes
February 8, 2018

Head Coach Rick Stansbury

On Taveion Hollingsworth wearing his mask during the game...

"We were able to put him in a little bit of a scouting report, got him in some shooting, got him in some running. We had him sleep with that thing as much as he could, keep it on your face, try to get used to it. ... Most guys would give you an excuse, why I couldn't make shots, why I couldn't defend, why I can't do some things. But it was zero from him, zero. He's got one of the greatest abilities you can have: toughness. Toughness overcomes lots of things. He steps up and leads us in scoring, 20 points, made some huge plays and never made an excuse, ever. He never said 'Coach I don't know if I can do this, this is hard, this is tough'. Never. He never blinked. That's what makes him special, that's why his game will keep [improving] because of toughness."

On what went wrong during the first half...

"It just didn't feel like we had that flow. ... We go up eight, that's when you've got to put a foot on them. We had some guys in there and we made some mistakes, some quick mistakes offensively. A bad shot and a bad turnover. Both of them led to baskets because your defense is out of bounds. A bad shot is like a turnover because it puts your defense out of bounds."

Senior forward Dwight Coleby

On earning that win during the second half...

"The second half, we just went to work. We tried to pound it inside and the guards did a really good job of passing the ball in and getting us open. If we didn't have it the first time, we'd kick it out and repost pass it back, put it back, and we went to work. That was huge for us to come out with a win."

On the win overall...

"It was great. It was a grind-out game, we had it come down to the wire and lock down. I think we had a chance in the first half, like up by 10, and we had a chance to just get away from them, but they came back inside the game, I think we were up one at halftime. We just stuck with the game plan and came out with the win tonight and that was huge."

Freshman guard Taveion Hollingsworth

On wearing his mask for the first time in a game...

"It was aggravating, to be honest. Y'all probably saw me touching it at least the entire game. It was all right once it stuck to me. When I sweat it slides down, it's kind of hard. But I see it didn't really make a big impact, I didn't even know it was there most of the game. ... Last night, I came in around 9 or 10 by myself and put a bunch of shots up just to get a feel around it. ... It's the first bone I've ever broke in my life and I never want to experience it again."



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HILLTOPPERS TO HONOR FORMER ALL-AMERICANS SATURDAY AGAINST FIU

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — WKU Hilltopper Basketball will honor its storied tradition of producing All-Americans during Saturday night's game against FIU with several who have received the honor expected to be in attendance at E.A. Diddle Arena.

At least seven former Hilltopper All-Americans in Johnny Britt, Darel Carrier, Clem Haskins, Craig McCormick, Brett McNeal, Bobby Rascoe and Mike Wells are expected to participate in the ceremony during halftime of Saturday's game, which is scheduled to tip off at 6 p.m. CT.

Beginning with William "Red" McCrocklin, who was named a first-team Chuck Taylor All-American 80 years ago in 1938, 31 Hilltopper basketball stars have earned All-America honors on a total of 67 occasions by 16 different selection organizations.

Britt (1976 All-American), a local product out of Warren East High School, completed his career on The Hill with 1,765 points, which still ranks seventh-best in program history.

Carrier (1964), another area player from Bristow High, is regarded as one of the greatest long-range shooters in the history of the game and is a member of the All-Time ABA Team.

Haskins was an All-American in 1965-67, a first-team consensus pick in 1967 and WKU's only three-time conference player of the year. He later went on to play nine successful seasons in the NBA and coach the Hilltoppers from 1980-86, but he first scored 1,680 career points for WKU, which ranks 11th all-time. Haskins still holds the Hilltopper record for points scored in a game (55 at home against Middle Tennessee in 1965). His career scoring average of 22.1 points per game ranks second in program history.

McCormick (1982), one of the greatest big men in program history, ranks 19th in program history with 1,354 career points.

McNeal (1989), the Minnesota High School Player of the Year as a prep senior, is the fifth-leading scorer in WKU history with 1,856 career points.

Rascoe (1962) ended his career with 1,687 career points, placing him 10th on WKU's all-time list. He also ranks third in career scoring average at 20.8 points per game.

Wells (2004) was the first guard in Sun Belt Conference history to earn Defensive Player of the Year honors in 2003, repeated in 2004, and also won SBC Player of the Year in '04. He's 27th on WKU's all-time scoring list with 1,245 career points.

Carrier, Haskins and Rascoe all have jersey banners retired in their honor in the rafters of Diddle Arena.

The Hilltoppers have been paying homage to another All-American all season long in WKU legend Jim McDaniels, who passed away in September. WKU has worn a "44" patch on its jerseys all season in his honor.

McDaniels, who's tied for the WKU all-time scoring record with 2,238 career points, was an All-American from 1969-71, a two-time conference player of the year and was named a first-team All-American by a program-record six organizations in 1971.

Saturday's game is expected to be a sellout with less than 50 tickets remaining as of Friday morning.

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WKU Game Notes — <http://goto.ps/2BITv4L>

FIU Game Notes — <http://goto.ps/2EiLRLa>

Video: WKU head coach Rick Stansbury post-Florida Atlantic — <https://youtu.be/TYnv82jJU28>

SECOND-PLACE HILLTOPPERS HOST FIU ON SATURDAY NIGHT

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — With another packed crowd expected, WKU Hilltopper Basketball hosts FIU at 6 p.m. CT Saturday at E.A. Diddle Arena.

WKU will honor its [former All-Americans at halftime](#), with many expected to be in attendance.

The Hilltoppers defeated Florida Atlantic 75-63 on Thursday for their 10th win in their last 12 games.

FIU is 11-14 overall but has several solid C-USA results to its credit, including a win over LA Tech, a victory at UTSA and an overtime loss to Middle Tennessee.

WKU leads the all-time series 33-7 with a 15-3 advantage in Bowling Green. WKU head coach Rick Stansbury is 1-0 in his career against the Panthers.

GAME 25

FIU (11-14, 5-7 C-USA) at WKU (17-7, 9-2 C-USA)

February 10, 2018 | 6 p.m. CT

Bowling Green, Ky. | E.A. Diddle Arena

BROADCAST

Listen: [Hilltopper IMG Sports Network](#) (WKLX 100.7 FM flagship), [WKUSports.tv](#) (free), [TuneIn Radio](#) (free) (Randy Lee, pxp | Hal Schmitt, analysis)

Watch: [Fox College Sports Atlantic](#), WKU PBS, WBNA (Radio Simulcast)

Live Stats: [WKU Stats](#)

QUICK SHOTS

- WKU is 21-6 (.778) at E.A. Diddle Arena under head coach Rick Stansbury. The Hilltoppers are 594-168 all-time at Diddle Arena for a .779 winning percentage.
- WKU has made at least one 3-pointer in 962 consecutive games, dating back to March 15, 1987. The 3-point shot was instituted prior to the 1986-87 season. The Hilltoppers' streak is the sixth-longest in the nation behind Kentucky, UNLV, Vanderbilt, Duke and Arkansas.
- WKU's current scoring average of 77.3 points per game would be the program's highest since 2007-08.
- WKU ranks 26th in the country in field goal percentage and second in Conference USA at 48.7 percent. That percentage would rank ninth for a single season in program history.
- WKU has outscored its opponents 968-682 in the paint this season.
- The Hilltoppers' seven losses have come by a total of 37 points – an average of 5.3 points per game.
- Taveion Hollingsworth has scored in double figures in 16 of the last 18 games, and the freshman is averaging 19.3 points per game over his last three outings.
- In his last 21 games, Darius Thompson has 103 combined assists and just 37 turnovers. He has at least four assists in 17 of 24 games this season and is third in C-USA in assist-to-turnover ratio at 2.6-to-1.

- Through 24 games, Lamonte Bearden has 40 steals. No Hilltopper had more than 28 steals all last year.
- Lamonte Bearden is 49 points from reaching 1,000 for his career across his time at Buffalo and WKU.
- Justin Johnson has grabbed at least 12 rebounds in six of the last 10 games and has done so in nine games overall this season. He had just seven such games all last season.
- As of Friday, Justin Johnson was ranked seventh among active NCAA players for career rebounds and tied for 12th in career double-doubles. He's one of just four active NCAA players with at least 1,400 career points and 900 rebounds.
- Justin Johnson is ranked 17th on WKU's all-time scoring list with 1,454 career points. He needs 57 points to pass Art Spoelstra to move into 16th.
- Justin Johnson ranks seventh on WKU's all-time rebounding list with 928 career boards. He needs five rebounds to pass Greg Smith for sixth. Johnson is one of six Hilltoppers in program history ranked in the top 20 in scoring and the top 10 in rebounding.
- Justin Johnson currently ranks ninth on WKU's all-time list for career field goal percentage at 54.0 percent. He's less than two percentage points from fifth place.
- Justin Johnson needs 72 rebounds to reach 1,000 for his career. That would make him just the fifth player in WKU history with 1,000 career points and 1,000 rebounds, joining Tom Marshall, Art Spoelstra, Ralph Crosthwaite and Jim McDaniels, the last to accomplish the feat in 1971.

TICKETS

WKU Ticket Office: Online at WKUTickets.com, in person at E.A. Diddle Arena, via phone at 1-800-5-BIG Red or 745-5222 locally.

PROMOTIONS

- Critter Classic
- Reunion of former WKU All-Americans

LAST GAME AGAINST FIU: JANUARY 2, 2017

Justin Johnson converted a pair of free throws with 13 seconds left and WKU escaped FIU with a 69-66 victory in Miami. Pancake Thomas and Anton Waters each scored 14 points to lead the Hilltoppers.

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PDF box score is attached. Postgame notes, video and quotes will follow in a separate email.

TOPS FIND OFFENSIVE RHYTHM IN 83-76 VICTORY OVER FIU

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — WKU Hilltopper Basketball found its offensive rhythm Saturday night, defeating FIU 83-76 at E.A. Diddle Arena.

The Hilltoppers (18-7, 10-2 Conference USA) shot 56.5 percent from the field and netted 28 of 39 free throws, attacking the rim consistently in front of a crowd of 6,429.

Senior forward Justin Johnson led WKU with 25 points – just two shy of his career high – and seven rebounds, while senior guard Darius Thompson finished with 18 points, four assists and three steals in 40 minutes.

Redshirt junior guard Lamonte Bearden tallied 15 points, four assists and four steals with no turnovers in 24 minutes off the bench. Freshman guard Josh Anderson scored 13 points and grabbed a career-high nine rebounds in 29 minutes.

WKU trailed 33-27 with less than four minutes left in the first half, but the Hilltoppers scored eight of the last 10 points of the half to tie it at 35-35 at the break.

They pulled away with seven straight points midway through the second half, building a 59-49 lead with 10:01 left on a layup by Thompson.

FIU (11-15, 5-8) got back within two in the final minutes, but WKU continued to excel at the free throw line, making 23 of 31 in the second half.

After getting outrebounded 17-9 in the first half, the Hilltoppers won the boards 22-13 in the second half to finish with a 31-30 edge.

WKU forced 10 steals – its most since Dec. 22 at Austin Peay – and turned that into 18 points off turnovers.

Trejon Jacob led FIU with 22 points, including four 3-pointers.

The Hilltoppers head back on the road next week for two games, starting at North Texas at 8 p.m. CT Thursday.

WKU MBB: Postgame Notes / Quotes / Video – WKU 83, FIU 76, Feb. 10, 2018

Please find attached postgame notes and quotes from WKU's 83-76 win over FIU on Saturday at E.A. Diddle Arena, as well as links below to postgame video interviews with head coach Rick Stansbury, senior guard Darius Thompson, redshirt junior guard Lamonte Bearden and freshman guard Josh Anderson.

VIDEO

Head Coach Rick Stansbury — <https://youtu.be/Fpngjdocfis>

Senior Darius Thompson/junior Lamonte Bearden/freshman Josh Anderson

— <https://youtu.be/Fpngjdocfis>

Official Basketball Box Score -- Game Totals -- Final Statistics

FIU vs WKU

02/10/18 6 p.m. CT at Bowling Green, Ky. (E.A. Diddle Arena)

FIU 76 • 11-15 (5-8)

##	Player		Total	3-Ptr	FT-FTA	Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA		Off	Def	Tot							
10	HUSSEIN, Hassan	f	4-8	1-1	2-2	1	1	2	4	11	1	1	1	0	25
34	OSAGHAE, Osasumwen	f	3-3	0-0	0-0	1	2	3	5	6	0	0	0	1	11
03	JACOB, Trejon	g	8-14	4-6	2-2	1	4	5	0	22	1	3	0	2	35
04	BEARD JR., Brian	g	7-14	2-6	0-1	0	4	4	3	16	7	5	0	2	38
05	LOCKETT, Eric	g	1-7	0-2	2-2	0	6	6	2	4	10	3	0	1	37
00	STAMPS, Josh		3-11	0-5	2-3	1	0	1	4	8	1	2	0	1	22
02	VEIRA, Cordell		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
22	DIENG, Elhadji		2-2	0-0	0-0	3	1	4	2	4	0	0	0	0	8
31	DOUGLAS, Michael		2-4	1-2	0-0	1	1	2	5	5	0	0	0	0	14
32	HARVEY, Jay		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	7
Team						0	3	3							
Totals			30-63	8-22	8-10	8	22	30	28	76	20	14	1	7	200

FG % 1st Half: 14-26 53.8% 2nd half: 16-37 43.2% Game: 30-63 47.6%
 3FG % 1st Half: 3-6 50.0% 2nd half: 5-16 31.3% Game: 8-22 36.4%
 FT % 1st Half: 4-5 80.0% 2nd half: 4-5 80.0% Game: 8-10 80.0%

Deadball
Rebounds
0

WKU 83 • 18-7 (10-2)

##	Player		Total	3-Ptr	FT-FTA	Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA		Off	Def	Tot							
22	COLEBY, Dwight	f	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	1	2	1	1	0	0	13
23	JOHNSON, Justin	f	9-14	1-1	6-9	1	6	7	1	25	1	1	1	1	36
04	ANDERSON, Josh	g	3-4	0-0	7-9	1	8	9	1	13	2	0	0	1	29
13	HOLLINGSWORTH, T.	g	3-9	0-3	2-2	1	3	4	1	8	0	5	0	1	35
15	THOMPSON, Darius	g	4-9	2-6	8-10	0	3	3	0	18	4	2	1	3	40
01	BEARDEN, Lamonte		5-6	0-1	5-8	0	2	2	3	15	4	0	0	4	24
12	DIAGNE, Moustapha		1-1	0-0	0-1	0	1	1	1	2	0	1	0	0	4
14	NELSON, Marek		0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	10
21	OHMER, Jake		0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	9
Team						1	2	3							
Totals			26-46	3-12	28-39	4	27	31	11	83	12	12	2	10	200

FG % 1st Half: 14-24 58.3% 2nd half: 12-22 54.5% Game: 26-46 56.5%
 3FG % 1st Half: 2-8 25.0% 2nd half: 1-4 25.0% Game: 3-12 25.0%
 FT % 1st Half: 5-8 62.5% 2nd half: 23-31 74.2% Game: 28-39 71.8%

Deadball
Rebounds
5

Officials: Steve Divine, John St Clair, Mike Stuart

Technical fouls: FIU-None. WKU-TEAM.

Attendance: 6429

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
FIU	35	41	76
WKU	35	48	83

	In Paint	Off T/O	2nd Chance	Fast Break	Bench
Points FIU	42	13	5	5	17
WKU	44	18	4	6	17

Last FG - FIU 2nd-00:09, WKU 2nd-01:05.

Largest lead - FIU by 6 1st-03:57, WKU by 10 2nd-10:01.

FIU led for 09:29. WKU led for 23:04. Game was tied for 07:27.

Score tied - 10 times.

Lead changed - 14 times.



WKU Hilltoppers vs. FIU Panthers

Postgame Notes

Feb. 10, 2018

E.A. Diddle Arena | Bowling Green, Ky.

FINAL SCORE: WKU 83, FIU 76

RECORDS AND NOTABLES

- WKU improves to 18-7 overall and 10-2 in Conference USA play. The Hilltoppers have won 11 of their last 13 games.
- FIU falls to 11-15 overall and 5-8 in league play.
- WKU leads the all-time series 34-7, including a 16-3 advantage in Bowling Green.
- WKU head coach Rick Stansbury is 2-0 in his career against the Panthers.
- Attendance was announced as 6,429. The game was sold out before tip-off.
- **UP NEXT:** WKU travels to Texas next week for two games, starting at North Texas at 8 p.m. CT Thursday in Denton, Texas. The game will be streamed online by Stadium and will also air locally in Bowling Green on WKU PBS.

TEAM NOTES

- WKU used the starting lineup of Josh Anderson, Taveion Hollingsworth, Darius Thompson, Dwight Coleby, and Justin Johnson for the second time this season and the second straight game.
- **KEY FIRST HALF RUN:** After falling behind 33-27 with less than four minutes left in the half, WKU scored eight of the final 10 points of the half to tie the game at 35-35 at the break.
 - FIU pulled in front by six with a 7-0 run midway through the first half.
- **KEY SECOND HALF RUN:** WKU pulled away midway through the second half with seven straight points to build a 59-49 lead with 10:01 left.
- WKU shot 26 of 46 (56.5 percent) from the field, 3 of 12 (25 percent) from 3-point range and 28 of 39 (71.8 percent) from the free-throw line.

- WKU notched 10 steals on the night, the most since stealing 13 at Austin Peay on Dec. 22.
- WKU tied its season high for made free throws of 28, the same number made from the charity stripe as the season opener against Missouri State.
- The Hilltoppers were being outrebounded during the first half 17-9, but WKU came back in the second half outrebounding the Panthers 22-13 to earn a 31-30 edge over FIU.
- WKU has made a 3-pointer in 963 straight games dating back to March 15, 1987. That ranks as the sixth-longest streak in the nation behind Kentucky, UNLV, Vanderbilt, Duke and Arkansas.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

JUSTIN JOHNSON

- The senior was two points away from his career high of 27, scoring 25 on the evening while pulling down seven boards.
 - Johnson is now sixth on WKU's all-time career rebounding list with 935 rebounds, passing Greg Smith.
 - Johnson cracked the top 10 on WKU's all-time career minutes played list with 3,318 career minutes, passing Craig McCormick.
 - Johnson also cracked the top 10 on WKU's all-time career free throws attempted with 476 free throws, tying Courtney Lee.

LAMONTE BEARDEN

- The redshirt junior scored 15 points while adding four assists and four steals. Bearden had not scored 15 or more points since playing at Charlotte.
 - Bearden's four steals were his most since defeating SMU in the Bahamas on Nov. 24.
 - Bearden is only 34 points away from 1,000 career points over his time at Buffalo and WKU.

JOSH ANDERSON

- The freshman had a career night. His nine rebounds, 29 minutes played, and seven free throws made were all good for new career highs. Anderson's nine free throws attempted tied his career high.
 - Anderson's 13 points were the most he has scored since knocking down 16 in his WKU debut at Marshall.

DARIUS THOMPSON

- The graduate senior played all 40 minutes of the game for the fifth time this season, notching 18 points, four assists and three steals. He also earned a new career high for free throws made with eight and tied a career high for free throws attempted with 10.

TAVEION HOLLINGSWORTH

- The freshman scored eight points and added four rebounds for the Hilltoppers.
 - Hollingsworth is now in sole possession of seventh with 329 points on WKU's all-time list for most points in a season by a varsity freshman.
 - Hollingsworth is now in fifth on WKU's all-time list for most minutes played in a season by a varsity freshman, passing T.J Price and Kannard Johnson with 857 minutes.

WKU Basketball
FIU Postgame Quotes
February 10, 2018

Head Coach Rick Stansbury

On playing small in the second half...

"I thought the second half, offensively, we were pretty efficient. I thought we were quick, we outrebounded them the second half 22-13, playing small. Josh (Anderson) got eight or nine, I thought Monte (Lamonte Bearden) controlled the flow of the game, 15 points, four assists, no turnovers in 24 minutes. Darius (Thompson), it's been a long time since Darius scored points for us, 18 points. We've always said, when Darius scores, that's when we're at our best. That's why we wanted to get him off that point, but to do that you have to get Monte under control. We felt like the last game we had that. Tonight, we had him under control."

On the win overall...

"I'm happy with a W, very happy with a W. I'm even happier that these guys are fighting, finding different ways to do it. We've got a guy with a broken nose out there. ... I'm happy with a W for sure."

Senior guard Darius Thompson

On playing off the ball rather than at the one spot...

"I like it a lot. It kind of helped out the team a lot, kept Monte going. It makes me more aggressive looking to score so I think it helped the team overall."

On Josh Anderson's performance this evening...

"I thought Josh played really well. I thought he played aggressive tonight. Hopefully we can keep him going and just show how versatile he is. He got out and had a huge tip dunk, just get out transition and make plays. We definitely need Josh moving forward."

Redshirt junior guard Lamonte Bearden

On moving to the point and playing smaller...

"Before the game, Darius told me I was going to be playing the one a little bit more tonight. I just took on the challenge, like you said, I came ready to play. ... We play a little bit faster when we're up there and it's not as clogged up in the lane. I think we do like playing smaller."

Freshman guard Josh Anderson

On playing more minutes than usual...

"It felt good, playing 29 minutes, just to get some more reps in, so that was great."

On learning from the upperclassmen...

"I'm learning a lot, they talk to me a lot, tell me what I need to do what I need to get better, stuff like that. Just being able to watch them with their experience and stuff, I just try to soak it all in."

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Action photo and headshot of Taveion Hollingsworth are attached. Please credit "WKU Athletics" if action photo is used.

MASKED MAN HOLLINGSWORTH NAMED C-USA FRESHMAN OF THE WEEK

IRVING, Texas — After a successful week playing with a face mask for the first time, WKU's Taveion Hollingsworth earned his second Conference USA Men's Basketball Freshman of the Week honor, as announced Monday by the league office.

Hollingsworth also won the award on Dec. 18. It's the fourth weekly award of the season for WKU, joining senior Darius Thompson's Player of the Week nod in January and Jake Ohmer's freshman honor in November.

Hollingsworth averaged 14 points per game last week across WKU's home wins over Florida Atlantic and FIU.

The 6-foot-2, 165-pound guard from Lexington, Ky., was competing in a face mask for the first time after suffering a broken nose the week before at UTSA.

The mask didn't seem to faze Hollingsworth, who scored 20 points on 8 of 12 shooting Thursday against FAU – even more impressive considering the mask didn't arrive until midway through practice Wednesday afternoon. He then followed that performance with eight points Saturday against FIU.

Hollingsworth made 11 of 21 (52.4 percent) shots from the field during the week, grabbed 4.5 rebounds per outing and averaged 36 minutes per game.

He's started all 25 games this season, averaging 13.2 points while shooting 50.9 percent from the field and 43.7 percent from 3-point range.

Hollingsworth is ranked fifth in WKU history for minutes played by a varsity freshman with 857, as well as seventh in points scored by a varsity freshman with 329.



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WKU Game Notes — <http://goto.ps/2GcbolS>

Video: WKU head coach Rick Stansbury pre-North Texas — <https://youtu.be/hKOnz9v7ANk>

Video: Freshmen Taveion Hollingsworth and Marek Nelson pre-North Texas

— <https://youtu.be/jpPOI7G6Oyq>

TOPS HEAD BACK TO TEXAS TO FACE MEAN GREEN ON THURSDAY

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — Winner of 11 of its last 13 games, WKU Hilltopper Basketball visits North Texas at 8 p.m. CT Thursday in Denton, Texas.

The Hilltoppers won two home games last week but play four of their last six on the road, where they're 4-1 in league play.

North Texas has won four of its last five games, with the only loss in that stretch a narrow defeat to Middle Tennessee.

WKU leads the all-time series 19-5, including seven straight victories. WKU head coach Rick Stansbury is 2-0 all-time in his career against the Mean Green.

GAME 26

WKU (18-7, 10-2 C-USA) at North Texas (14-11, 7-5 C-USA)

February 15, 2018 | 8 p.m. CT

The Super Pit | Denton, Texas

BROADCAST

Listen: [Hilltopper IMG Sports Network](#) (WKLX 100.7 FM flagship), [WKUSports.tv](#) (free), [TuneIn Radio](#) (free) (Randy Lee, pxp | Hal Schmitt, analysis)

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Live Stats: [North Texas Stats](#)

QUICK SHOTS

- The Hilltoppers' 10-2 conference record is their best through 12 league games since 2008-09.
- With a win Thursday, WKU would secure its most wins since 2014-15 and most road wins since 2013-14.
- WKU has made at least one 3-pointer in 963 consecutive games, dating back to March 15, 1987. The 3-point shot was instituted prior to the 1986-87 season. The Hilltoppers' streak is the sixth-longest in the nation behind Kentucky, UNLV, Vanderbilt, Duke and Arkansas.
- WKU's current scoring average of 77.6 points per game would be the program's highest since 2006-07.
- WKU ranks 23rd in the country in field goal percentage and first in Conference USA at 49 percent. That percentage would rank ninth for a single season in program history.
- WKU has outscored its opponents 1,012-724 in the paint this season.
- The Hilltoppers' seven losses have come by a total of 37 points – an average of 5.3 points per game.
- Taveion Hollingsworth has scored in double figures in 16 of the last 19 games, and the freshman is averaging 16.5 points per game over his last four outings.

- In his last 22 games, Darius Thompson has 107 combined assists and just 39 turnovers. He has at least four assists in 18 of 25 games this season and is tied for 2nd in C-USA in assist-to-turnover ratio at 2.6-to-1.
- Through 25 games, Lamonte Bearden has 44 steals. No Hilltopper had more than 28 steals all last year.
- Lamonte Bearden is 34 points from reaching 1,000 for his career across his time at Buffalo and WKU.
- Justin Johnson has grabbed at least 12 rebounds in six of the last 11 games and has done so in nine games overall this season. He had just seven such games all last season.
- As of Tuesday, Justin Johnson was tied for seventh among active NCAA players for career rebounds and tied for 12th in career double-doubles. He's one of just four active NCAA players with at least 1,400 career points and 900 rebounds.
- Justin Johnson is ranked 17th on WKU's all-time scoring list with 1,479 career points. He needs 32 points to pass Art Spoelstra to move into 16th.
- Justin Johnson ranks sixth on WKU's all-time rebounding list with 935 career boards. He needs 30 rebounds to pass Bob Daniels for fifth. Johnson is one of six Hilltoppers in program history ranked in the top 20 in scoring and the top 10 in rebounding.
- Justin Johnson currently ranks ninth on WKU's all-time list for career field goal percentage at 54.2 percent. He's less than two percentage points from fifth place.
- Justin Johnson needs 65 rebounds to reach 1,000 for his career. That would make him just the fifth player in WKU history with 1,000 career points and 1,000 rebounds, joining Tom Marshall, Art Spoelstra, Ralph Crosthwaite and Jim McDaniels, the last to accomplish the feat in 1971.

LAST GAME AGAINST NORTH TEXAS: MARCH 2, 2017

Pancake Thomas scored 23 points, Justin Johnson had a double-double and WKU cruised to a 74-63 victory over North Texas at E.A. Diddle Arena. J-Mychal Reese scored 14 points to lead North Texas.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / February 15, 2018

Men's Basketball / Contact: Zach Greenwell, WKU Athletic Communications/Media Relations

PDF box score is attached, but North Texas has correction to make with points scored in second half and OT. Updated box will be uploaded online as soon as possible.

Postgame notes, video and quotes will follow in a separate email.

HILLTOPPERS RIDE HOLLINGSWORTH, FREE THROWS TO OVERTIME WIN AT NORTH TEXAS

DENTON, Texas — WKU Hilltopper Basketball went to overtime for the first time under head coach Rick Stansbury on Thursday night, but used 30 points from Taveion Hollingsworth and 37 made free throws to pull out a 102-94 road victory at North Texas.

Hollingsworth's career-high 30 points were the most by a WKU freshman since at least 1986.

That was just the start of a standout offensive night for the Hilltoppers (19-7 overall, 11-2 Conference USA).

WKU shot 63.8 percent from the field, its highest percentage overall since 2007 and its highest on the road since at least 1986.

The Hilltoppers also made 37 free throws – their most since at least 1986 – on 48 attempts, their most since 2010.

Hollingsworth and senior guard Darius Thompson each netted 14 free throws, which were the most by a WKU player since Jamal Crook made 14 in 2012.

Thompson finished with 28 points, five rebounds, four assists and four steals, while Hollingsworth added seven rebounds to his 30 points with 8-of-13 shooting from the field and a perfect 14-of-14 mark from the charity stripe.

Hollingsworth's 14-for-14 clip from the line tied for the best in program history, matching Jim Dunn's 14-for-14 effort against Tennessee Tech on Feb. 2, 1963.

Thompson's 19 free throw attempts were the most by a WKU player since Tellis Frank also shot 19 against UNLV on Nov. 29, 1986.

WKU trailed 41-33 at halftime, but the Hilltoppers took control with a 21-3 run in the second half, including 13 straight points in one stretch.

Thompson's free throw made it 62-50 WKU with 10:02 to play, and WKU still led 78-70 with two minutes to go.

But North Texas (14-12, 7-6) scored 10 of the last 12 points of regulation to force overtime, knotting it up at 80-80 on Ryan Woolridge's 3-pointer in the final seconds.

WKU started overtime with a jumper by senior forward Justin Johnson and a 3 by Thompson, and the Tops were able to hold on by netting 6 of 7 shots and 9 of 10 free throws in the extra period.

WKU made 18 free throws after halftime and got a combined 38 points from Hollingsworth and Thompson after the break.

Johnson added 16 points and seven rebounds in a full 45 minutes, while senior forward Dwight Coleby had 13 points and nine rebounds coming off the bench following a knee injury.

Roosevelt Smart led North Texas with 22 points.

WKU completes its Texas road swing at Rice at 7 p.m. CT Saturday in Houston.



Official Basketball Box Score -- Game Totals -- Final Statistics
 WKU vs North Texas
 2/15/18 8:00 p.m. at Denton, TX (The Super Pit)



WKU 102 • 19-7, 11-2 C-USA

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01	BEARDEN, Lamonte	g	1-4	0-2	2-2	0	1	1	5	4	3	4	0	30
04	ANDERSON, Josh	g	3-4	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	3	6	0	1	0	13
13	HOLLINGSWORTH, T.	g	8-13	0-3	14-14	1	6	7	2	30	2	2	0	44
15	THOMPSON, Darius	g	6-10	2-3	14-19	1	4	5	2	28	4	1	2	41
12	DIAGNE, Moustapha		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
14	NELSON, Marek		0-0	0-0	0-2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	4
21	OHMER, Jake		2-2	1-1	0-0	0	0	0	1	5	1	0	0	12
22	COLEBY, Dwight		1-2	0-0	7-11	1	8	9	1	9	1	1	2	33
Team						0	0	0			2			
Totals			30-47	5-11	37-48	5	24	29	16	102	13	18	5	225

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North Texas 94 • 14-12, 7-6 C-USA

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03	SMART, Roosevelt	g	8-16	6-10	0-0	1	2	3	2	22	2	2	0	42
05	HOLSTON, Allante	g	0-3	0-0	0-0	1	2	3	3	0	1	0	0	23
02	DUFFY, Jordan		2-8	1-6	0-0	0	2	2	0	5	0	0	0	9
20	ARIKAWA, Tope		2-3	0-0	0-0	2	1	3	1	4	0	1	0	10
22	FULLER, Khalil		1-2	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	2	2	0	0	0	11
23	MILLER, Michael		1-1	1-1	0-0	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	6
50	TEMARA, Shane		0-3	0-0	0-0	1	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	4
55	DRAPER, DJ		4-7	4-7	2-2	1	1	2	4	14	1	2	0	32
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Officials: Gary Maxwell, Michael Greenstein, Chance Moore
 Technical fouls: WKU-None. North Texas-TEAM.
 Attendance: 2306

Score by periods	1st	2nd	OT	Total
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North Texas	41	39	14	94

WKU MBB: Postgame Notes / Video / Corrected Box Score – WKU 102, North Texas 94 (OT) Feb. 16, 2018

Please find attached postgame notes from WKU's 102-94 overtime win at North Texas on Thursday in Denton, Texas, as well as an updated and corrected box score from the game.

Links are available below to postgame video interviews with head coach Rick Stansbury, senior guard Darius Thompson and freshman guard Taveion Hollingsworth.

VIDEO

Head Coach Rick Stansbury — <https://youtu.be/sYZoSfP-0JU>

Senior Darius Thompson — <https://youtu.be/sYZoSfP-0JU>

Freshman Taveion Hollingsworth — <https://youtu.be/sYZoSfP-0JU>

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WKU Game Notes — <http://goto.ps/2szffr8>

Rice Game Notes — <http://goto.ps/2obplch>

Video: WKU head coach Rick Stansbury post-North Texas — <https://youtu.be/sYZoSfP-0JU>

HILLTOPPERS EYE 20TH WIN IN SATURDAY ROAD CONTEST AT RICE

HOUSTON, Texas — Having won three straight and 12 of the last 14, WKU Hilltopper Basketball travels to Rice at 7 p.m. CT Saturday in Houston, Texas.

The Hilltoppers outlasted North Texas 102-94 in overtime Thursday night. They'll be looking to claim their 44th 20-win season in program history, as well as WKU head coach Rick Stansbury's 11th 20-win season in his 16 seasons at the helm.

Rice has lost five straight games, but four of its five wins this season have come at home. The all-time series is tied at 2-2, and the Hilltoppers are 1-1 in Houston.

Stansbury is 1-0 in his career against the Owls.

GAME 27

WKU (19-7, 11-2 C-USA) at Rice (5-21, 2-11 C-USA)

February 17, 2018 | 7 p.m. CT

Tudor Fieldhouse | Houston, Texas

BROADCAST

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Watch: [ESPN3](#) (online streaming) (Alex Del Barrio, pxp | John Witten, analysis)

Live Stats: [Rice Stats](#)

QUICK SHOTS

- The Hilltoppers' 11-2 conference record is their best through 13 league games since 2008-09. With a win Saturday, they would have their best conference start since 2007-08, when WKU started 13-1.
- WKU has made at least one 3-pointer in 964 consecutive games, dating back to March 15, 1987. The 3-point shot was instituted prior to the 1986-87 season. The Hilltoppers' streak is the sixth-longest in the nation behind Kentucky, UNLV, Vanderbilt, Duke and Arkansas.
- WKU is averaging 35.5 free-throw attempts per game over its last four outings, making 101 of 148. WKU ranks 22nd in the country in free-throw attempts and 31st in free throws made.
- WKU's current scoring average of 78.5 points per game would be the program's highest since 1994-95.
- WKU ranks 19th in the country in field goal percentage and first in Conference USA at 49.4 percent. That percentage would rank eighth for a single season in program history.
- WKU has outscored its opponents 1,054-768 in the paint this season.
- Taveion Hollingsworth has scored in double figures in 17 of the last 20 games, and the freshman is averaging 19.2 points per game over his last five outings.
- In his last 23 games, Darius Thompson has 111 combined assists and just 40 turnovers. He has at least four assists in 19 of 26 games this season and is second in C-USA in assist-to-turnover ratio at 2.6-to-1.

- Through 26 games, Lamonte Bearden has 47 steals. No Hilltopper had more than 28 steals all last year.
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LAST GAME AGAINST RICE: MARCH 4, 2017

Justin Johnson scored 24 points and grabbed 13 rebounds, and Anton Waters scored 15 as WKU beat Rice 79-72 on Senior Night at E.A. Diddle Arena. The Hilltoppers shot 52 percent and scored the final seven points.

MED CENTER HEALTH

The 2017-18 WKU Basketball season is presented by Med Center Health. With The Medical Center at its core, Med Center Health has served Southcentral Kentucky for more than 90 years, and its system of care includes six acute care hospitals, a complete network of immediate to emergency services and services in dozens of specialties. Whether it is emergency treatment for heart attack victims or preventative programs to improve the health of the communities it serves, Med Center Health is committed to providing the highest level of care and service.

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Western Kentucky vs North Texas

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	In	Off	2nd	Fast	
Points	Paint	T/O	Chance	Break	Bench
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NT	44	16	18	6	28

Last FG - WKU OT-00:14, NT OT-00:01.
 Largest lead - WKU by 12 2nd-09:55, NT by 8 1st-03:10.
 WKU led for 19:36. NT led for 24:06. Game was tied for 01:18.

Score tied - 3 times.
 Lead changed - 1 time.



WKU Hilltoppers at North Texas

Postgame Notes

Feb. 15, 2018

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FINAL SCORE: WKU 102, North Texas 94 (OT)

RECORDS AND NOTABLES

- WKU improves to 19-7 overall and 11-2 in Conference USA play.
- The Hilltoppers have recorded their most wins since 2014-15 and their most true road wins since 2013-14. They're off to their best conference start through 13 games since 2008-09.
- North Texas falls to 14-12 and 7-6 in league action.
- WKU leads the all-time series 20-5, including eight straight victories.
- WKU head coach Rick Stansbury is 3-0 in his career against the Mean Green.
- This was the first overtime game in Stansbury's tenure and the program's first overtime game since a 96-90 win over LA Tech on March 5, 2016.
- Attendance was announced as 2,306.
- **UP NEXT:** WKU completes its Texas road swing at Rice at 7 p.m. CT Saturday in Houston. The game will be streamed online on ESPN3.

TEAM NOTES

- WKU used the starting lineup of Lamonte Bearden, Josh Anderson, Taveion Hollingsworth, Darius Thompson and Justin Johnson for the first time this season. After using the same starting lineup for 19 straight games, WKU has used four different lineups over the last six outings.
- **KEY FIRST HALF RUN:** North Texas scored the first four points of the game and opened the contest with a 9-4 run. The Mean Green never trailed in the first half.

- **KEY SECOND HALF RUN:** Trailing 47-41 with 16:28 to play, WKU went on a 21-3 run over the next six-plus minutes, including 13 straight points in one stretch. Darius Thompson's free throw made it 62-50 Hilltoppers with 10:02 remaining.
 - North Texas scored 10 of the last 12 points of the second half to force overtime.
- WKU shot 30 of 47 (63.8 percent) from the field, 5 of 11 (45.5 percent) from 3-point range and 37 of 48 (77.1 percent) from the free-throw line.
- WKU's 63.8 percent shooting was its highest overall since shooting 63.9 percent against Louisiana-Monroe on Jan. 31, 2007. It was the program's highest on the road since at least 1986.
- WKU's 37 made free throws were their most since at least 1986. Its 48 attempts were its most since taking 50 against Alabama A&M on Nov. 15, 2010.
- The Hilltoppers grabbed 11 steals, giving them double-digit swipes in back-to-back games.
- WKU has made a 3-pointer in 964 straight games dating back to March 15, 1987. That ranks as the sixth-longest streak in the nation behind Kentucky, UNLV, Vanderbilt, Duke and Arkansas.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

TAVEION HOLLINGSWORTH

- The guard scored a career-high 30 points, the most by a WKU freshman since at least 1986.
 - Hollingsworth notched WKU's second 30-point game of the season, following Darius Thompson's 33 points at Marshall in January.
- Hollingsworth netted 14 of 14 free throws, tying Jim Dunn (14-for-14 vs. Tennessee Tech, Feb. 2, 1963) for the best performance ever by a Hilltopper from the charity stripe.
 - Hollingsworth and Darius Thompson each made 14 free throws, the most by a Hilltopper since Jamal Crook made 14 against Western Carolina on Nov. 17, 2012.
- Hollingsworth is now ranked four on WKU's all-time list for most minutes played in a season by a varsity freshman with 901.
- Hollingsworth is now ranked sixth on WKU's all-time list for most points in a season by a varsity freshman with 359.

JUSTIN JOHNSON

- The senior scored 18 points with six rebounds. He now has 1,497 career points and 941 career rebounds.
 - Johnson played the entire overtime game for a career-high 45 minutes.

DARIUS THOMPSON

- The graduate senior scored 28 points, making 6 of 10 shots, 2 of 3 3-pointers and 14 of 19 free throws.
 - Thompson played a career-high 41 minutes and added five rebounds, four assists and four steals.
 - His 14 free throws matched Hollingsworth for the most since by a Hilltopper since 2010, and his 19 attempts were the most since Tellis Frank shot 19 against UNLV on Nov. 29, 1986.

DWIGHT COLEBY

- The senior came off the bench for the first time this season after a minor knee injury Saturday, but played 33 minutes and finished with 11 points and nine rebounds.

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

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Men's Basketball / Contact: Zach Greenwell, WKU Athletic Communications/Media Relations

PDF box score is attached. Postgame notes, video and quotes will follow in a separate email.

HILLTOPPERS CLAIM 44TH 20-WIN SEASON WITH 85-66 WIN AT RICE

HOUSTON, Texas — WKU Hilltopper Basketball used a fast start Saturday to record the 44th 20-win season in program history with an 85-66 road victory over Rice.

The Hilltoppers (20-7, 12-2 Conference USA) scored the first 10 points of the game and led by as much as 19 before the break. They shot 55.9 percent from the floor and made 10 of 18 3-pointers on their way to their best conference start through 14 games since 2007-08.

WKU is ranked seventh in NCAA history in 20-win seasons. Only Kentucky, North Carolina, Duke, Louisville, UCLA and Kansas have more.

It also marks the 11th 20-win season in Rick Stansbury's 16 seasons as a head coach.

Senior guard Darius Thompson flirted with a triple-double with 18 points, 10 assists and seven rebounds, and senior forward Justin Johnson added 16 points and 13 rebounds to the rout.

Senior forward Dwight Coleby and freshman guard Josh Anderson each scored 12 points, and redshirt junior guard Lamonte Bearden finished with 11 points. Freshman guard Jake Ohmer scored nine points with three 3-pointers.

Rice (5-22, 2-12) cut into the Hilltoppers' 48-31 halftime lead early in the second half, but WKU went on a 17-2 run to seize control.

Freshman forward Marek Nelson's 3-pointer with 3:49 to go gave the Tops their largest lead of the day at 82-54.

WKU tallied 19 assists against just eight turnovers and outrebounded Rice 37-27. The Hilltoppers outscored the Owls 44-22 in the paint.

Malik Osborne paced Rice with 15 points.

The Hilltoppers head back to Bowling Green for their final two home games of the regular season, starting with Charlotte at 7 p.m. CT Thursday at E.A. Diddle Arena.

WKU MBB: Postgame Notes / Quotes / Video – WKU 85, Rice 66, Feb. 17, 2018

Please find attached postgame notes and quotes from WKU's 85-66 win at Rice on Thursday in Houston, Texas, as well as links below to postgame video interviews with head coach Rick Stansbury, senior forward Justin Johnson and senior forward Dwight Coleby.

VIDEO

Head Coach Rick Stansbury — <https://youtu.be/2ylruNd7nvw>

Senior Dwight Coleby — <https://youtu.be/cCsWYC-M9vU>

Senior Justin Johnson — <https://youtu.be/2ylruNd7nvw>



Official Basketball Box Score -- Game Totals -- Final Statistics

WKU vs Rice

2/17/18 7 p.m. at Houston, Texas (Tudor Fieldhouse)



WKU 85 • 20-7, 12-2 C-USA

##	Player		Total		3-Ptr	Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot							
01	BEARDEN, Lamonte	f	5-8	1-2	0-0	0	2	2	2	11	2	0	0	0	21
22	COLEBY, Dwight	f	6-9	0-0	0-0	1	2	3	3	12	0	2	1	0	26
23	JOHNSON, Justin	f	6-12	1-2	3-4	5	8	13	2	16	2	2	0	0	31
13	HOLLINGSWORTH, T.	g	0-6	0-3	2-2	2	1	3	1	2	3	1	0	3	34
15	THOMPSON, Darius	g	6-8	4-5	2-2	1	6	7	1	18	10	1	0	2	37
04	ANDERSON, Josh		5-7	0-0	2-4	1	2	3	1	12	1	0	0	0	17
12	DIAGNE, Moustapha		0-2	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	7
14	NELSON, Marek		2-2	1-1	0-0	1	0	1	1	5	0	1	0	0	7
21	OHMER, Jake		3-5	3-5	0-0	0	1	1	1	9	1	1	0	2	20
Team						0	3	3							
Totals			33-59	10-18	9-12	11	26	37	13	85	19	8	1	7	200

FG % 1st Half: 19-34 55.9% 2nd half: 14-25 56.0% Game: 33-59 55.9%
 3FG % 1st Half: 5-9 55.6% 2nd half: 5-9 55.6% Game: 10-18 55.6%
 FT % 1st Half: 5-6 83.3% 2nd half: 4-6 66.7% Game: 9-12 75.0%

Deadball
Rebounds
1

Rice 66 • 5-22, 2-12 C-USA

##	Player		Total		3-Ptr	Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot							
13	OSBORNE, Malik	f	6-10	3-4	0-1	1	3	4	0	15	1	1	1	0	34
00	CASHAW, Connor	g	5-14	3-7	0-0	1	2	3	2	13	4	2	0	2	37
03	ADAMS, Ako	g	2-9	1-6	2-2	0	2	2	0	7	7	2	0	1	32
14	HUNTER, Najja	g	1-5	0-2	0-0	2	0	2	2	2	1	0	1	1	15
15	MENCY, Bishop	g	2-7	1-5	3-3	2	5	7	3	8	1	0	0	1	27
04	JONES, Dylan		1-1	0-0	0-2	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	4
05	OWEN, Addison		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
10	MARTIN, Robert		0-2	0-2	0-0	0	1	1	3	0	2	2	0	0	13
11	LESTER, Miles		4-6	4-6	1-2	0	2	2	0	13	2	1	0	0	15
24	TRAUBER, J.T.		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2
30	MEYER, Austin		2-2	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	9
35	HARRISON, Tim		1-2	0-1	0-0	1	0	1	1	2	0	2	0	0	10
Team						3	0	3							
Totals			24-58	12-33	6-10	10	17	27	14	66	19	10	2	5	200

FG % 1st Half: 11-29 37.9% 2nd half: 13-29 44.8% Game: 24-58 41.4%
 3FG % 1st Half: 6-16 37.5% 2nd half: 6-17 35.3% Game: 12-33 36.4%
 FT % 1st Half: 3-4 75.0% 2nd half: 3-6 50.0% Game: 6-10 60.0%

Deadball
Rebounds
2

Officials: Chris Rastatter, Barry Mathis, Andrew Walton

Technical fouls: WKU-None. Rice-None.

Attendance: 4246

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
WKU	48	37	85
Rice	31	35	66

	In	Off	2nd	Fast	
Points	Paint	T/O	Chance	Break	Bench
WKU	44	17	16	8	26
RICE	22	13	12	0	21

Last FG - WKU 2nd-00:58, RICE 2nd-00:31.

Largest lead - WKU by 28 2nd-05:26, RICE None.

WKU led for 39:48. RICE led for 00:00. Game was tied for 00:12.

Score tied - 0 times.

Lead changed - 0 times.



WKU Hilltoppers at Rice Owls

Postgame Notes

Feb. 17, 2018

Tudor Fieldhouse | Houston, Texas

FINAL SCORE: WKU 85, Rice 66

RECORDS AND NOTABLES

- WKU improves to 20-7 overall and 12-2 in Conference USA play.
- The Hilltoppers have recorded their 44th 20-win season in program history after entering the season ranked seventh in NCAA Division I history in 20-win campaigns. Rick Stansbury has recorded at least 20 wins in 11 of his 16 seasons as a head coach.
- WKU has recorded its most regular-season wins and most true road wins since 2013-14. The Tops are off to their best conference start through 14 games since 2007-08, when they started 13-1.
- Rice falls to 5-22 overall and 2-12 in league action.
- WKU leads the all-time series 3-2, including two straight wins and a 2-1 mark in Houston.
- Stansbury is 2-0 in his career against the Owls.
- Attendance was announced as 4,246.
- **UP NEXT:** WKU returns to Bowling Green for its final two home games of the regular season, starting with Charlotte at 7 p.m. CT Thursday at E.A. Diddle arena. The game will be broadcast on beIN SPORTS.

TEAM NOTES

- WKU used the starting lineup of Lamonte Bearden, Taveion Hollingsworth, Darius Thompson, Justin Johnson for the 22nd time this season, but the first time since altering the lineup for a three-game stretch.
- **KEY FIRST HALF RUN:** WKU took control for good with a 15-0 run in the first half. With the lead at 27-23, the Hilltoppers scored the next 15 points over three-plus minutes to open a 42-23 advantage at the 3:25 mark.

- WKU also opened the game with a 10-0 run, capped by a putback from Justin Johnson at the 17:06 mark.
- **KEY SECOND HALF RUN:** With WKU's lead at 60-47, the Hilltoppers went on a 17-2 run to pull away, building a 77-49 advantage with 5:25 left on a Dwight Coleby dunk.
- WKU shot 33 of 59 (55.9 percent) from the field, 10 of 18 (55.6 percent) from 3-point range and 9 of 12 (75 percent) from the free-throw line.
 - The Hilltoppers 10 3-pointers were their most since Jan. 11 at Old Dominion. It was the eighth time this season that WKU has shot 50 percent or better from 3-point range.
- The Hilltoppers shot over 50 percent from the field and scored at least 80 points for the 13th time each this season in 27 games. WKU has shot over 55 percent in each of the last three games.
- WKU outrebounded Rice 37-27, its best rebounding margin since outrebounding Marshall by 15 on Jan. 27. The Hilltoppers outscored the Owls 44-22 in the paint.
- WKU has made a 3-pointer in 965 straight games dating back to March 15, 1987. That ranks as the sixth-longest streak in the nation behind Kentucky, UNLV, Vanderbilt, Duke and Arkansas.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

JUSTIN JOHNSON

- Johnson recorded the 33rd double-double of his career and his ninth of the season with 16 points and 13 rebounds.
 - The senior passed Art Spoelstra for 16th on WKU's all-time scoring list with 1,513 points. He's 32 points from passing Steffphon Pettigrew for 15th.
 - Johnson needs 11 rebounds to pass Bob Daniels for fifth on WKU's all-time rebounding list. He needs 46 rebounds to reach 1,000 for his career.

DARIUS THOMPSON

- The graduate senior flirted with a triple-double with 18 points, 10 assists and seven rebounds, while making 4 of 5 3-pointers.
 - After averaging 10.2 points over a six-game span and shooting 2 of 17 from 3-point range in that time, Thompson is averaging 21.3 points over his last three outings while shooting 8 of 14 from long range.
 - Thompson tied his career high with 10 assists, his second 10-assist game of the season. He has at least four assists in 20 of 27 games this season and needs just four assists to crack WKU's all-time list for most assists in a single season.

JAKE OHMER

- The freshman scored nine points on 3-of-5 shooting from 3-point range. It was the first time he's made at least three 3-pointers in a game since Nov. 29 against Eastern Kentucky.

WKU Basketball
Rice Postgame Quotes
February 17, 2018

Head Coach Rick Stansbury

Opening statement...

"I think the most pleasing thing is we went on the road in both of these games, and I felt we were ready to go. We had a tough one Thursday night against a really good team (at North Texas) ... and we came back in here – we all remember happened last Thursday and Saturday swing in Texas. There was zero letdown (this time). I felt it from Friday night's practice. We were ready to go Friday night. Saturday morning shootaround, one thing I knew, I didn't know if we were going to win the game, but we were ready. When this team is ready with some focus, with that little tweak we've made, I think we're playing our best basketball right now, and these kids feel it."

On coming back home for two final games in Diddle Arena...

"There are two home games left. I know everybody's talking about Old Dominion, but we've got Charlotte first. We need Diddle Arena packed Thursday night. There's two more opportunities to watch this basketball team at home. Our crowds have been great, and to come out there Thursday night with a packed crowd hanging out of the rafters, we'll be ready Thursday night. We need that place packed."

Senior forward Justin Johnson

On putting together a better road swing than the UTEP/UTSA trip...

"We felt that we didn't prepare the right way for UTSA, to be honest with you. If you would've shown up to practice yesterday, guys went hard for an hour and 15, hour and 30 minutes. Guys were screaming and hollering and playing above the rim, and tonight when we came into the game, guys were the same exact way. It starts with our preparation every day, and there's no better time to be hot than right now."

On the team's position switch with Lamonte Bearden and Darius Thompson...

"It's really good for Darius, but you see what it's done for Monte. Monte's play has gone through the roof, because he's got that ball in his hands. Monte makes plays – that's what he does. He gets out and runs in transition, and even if they score down there and you get the ball out of bounds, Monte's gone."

Senior forward Dwight Coleby

On moving to the point and playing smaller...

"I feel like we are clicking. Right now, we're playing great. I'm really proud of them. We're playing together, moving the ball and making some shots – all-around good effort. We're just looking forward to the next game at home."

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

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Men's Basketball / Contact: Zach Greenwell, WKU Athletic Communications/Media Relations

Information for WKU's Team Camp, Overnight Camp and Day Camp is attached.

HILLTOPPER BASKETBALL ANNOUNCES 2018 SUMMER CAMP SCHEDULE

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — WKU Hilltopper Basketball announced its full schedule of summer camps Tuesday, with options available for a variety of ages of youth campers.

WKU will host its High School Team Camp on June 7-9, its Overnight Camp on June 17-20 and its Day Camp on June 25-28. All will take place at E.A. Diddle Arena on the campus of Western Kentucky University.

Those interested can register now at [RickStansburyCamps.com]RickStansburyCamps.com.

WKU faculty and staff discounts are available.

The Overnight Camp and Day Camp include WKU gear, instruction by current and former WKU players, individual competition contests, 3 on 3 competition, 5 on 5 competition, individual skill development sessions, a certificate and trophy of participation, an autograph session, an award ceremony and faculty/staff discounts.

The Overnight Camp is open to boys in grades 5-12 and costs \$290 per camper. A commuter rate is available for \$250 that includes dinner on June 17, as well as lunch and dinner on June 18-19. Parents will drop off commuters at 8:15 a.m. and pick them up at 9:15 p.m.

Day-of registration is June 17 from 2-4 p.m., while checkout is at noon June 20. Dinner is included on the 17th, as are all meals on the 18-19th and breakfast on the 20th.

All meals for each camp are buffet style in the newly renovated Downing Student Union across from Diddle Arena.

The Day Camp is open to boys in grades 1-8 and costs \$225 per camper. Lunch is included each day. The camp runs 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. each day from June 25-28, with day-of registration at 8 a.m. June 25.

The High School Team Camp includes a six-game minimum, varsity and junior varsity tournaments, a situational tournament, a T-shirt for each camper and coach, polos for each coach, a coaches' social and prizes for each championship winning team.

The team fee is \$100, and the cost per camper is \$60 for commuting without meals, \$105 for commuting with meals and \$150 for overnight with meals.

Each overnight team is allowed one coach to attend free per every eight kids, while any extra individuals will be charged half price of the regular player fee. Each overnight participant should bring their own linens.

The High School Team Camp is open to any and all varsity and JV teams, and the schedule will be made according to competition level and school size. It will feature competition from Kentucky and all surrounding states.

For more information on any of WKU's camps, please contact Martin Cross at 270-745-2132 or at martin.cross@wku.edu.

RICK STANSBURY **BASKETBALL CAMPS**



DAY CAMP

JUNE 25-28

8:30 AM - 3:30 PM

REGISTRATION: JUNE 25, 8:00 AM

OPEN TO BOYS 1ST-8TH GRADE

COST: \$225 PER CAMPER

LUNCH INCLUDED EACH DAY

OVERNIGHT CAMP

JUNE 17-20

REGISTRATION: JUNE 17, 2-4 PM

CHECKOUT: JUNE 20, 12 PM

17TH: DINNER, 18-19TH: ALL MEALS, 20TH: BREAKFAST

OPEN TO BOYS 5TH-12TH GRADE

COST: \$290 PER CAMPER

***COMMUTER RATE AVAILABLE (\$250)**

CAMP INCLUDES

- WKU GEAR
- INSTRUCTION BY CURRENT & FORMER WKU PLAYERS
- CONTESTS & COMPETITION
- CERTIFICATE & TROPHY OF PARTICIPATION
- AUTOGRAPH SESSION
- AWARD CEREMONY
- FACULTY/STAFF DISCOUNTS



REGISTER ONLINE AT [RICKSTANSBURYCAMPS.COM](http://rickstansburycamps.com)

**BOTH CAMPS WILL
TAKE PLACE AT:**

**E.A. DIDDLE ARENA
WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY
1605 AVENUE OF CHAMPIONS**



**FOR MORE
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WESTERN KENTUCKY BASKETBALL



HIGH SCHOOL TEAM CAMP

JUNE 7-9

CAMP FEATURES

- 6 Game Minimum
- Varsity and JV Tournament on Saturday
- JV and Varsity Levels of Competition
- Situational Tournament
- Games in E.A. Diddle Arena & WKU Preston Center
- State-Of-The-Art College Facilities
- T-Shirt for Each Camper and Coach
- Coaches Social on Thursday and Friday Nights
- Camp Store for Refreshments & Official Gear
- Polos for Each Coach
- Prizes for Each Championship Winning Team
- All Games Open to Family and Spectators
- Competition From All Around Kentucky and Neighboring States

CONTACT INFORMATION

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1605 AVENUE OF CHAMPIONS
BOWLING GREEN, KY 42101
270.745.2132 (Office) 606.306.1310 (Cell)

CAMP FEE & PAYMENT INFO

- Team Fee: \$100 (For Deposit)
plus:
- Commuting/No Meals: \$60 PER CAMPER
- Commuting with Meals: \$105 PER CAMPER
- Overnight with Meals: \$150 PER CAMPER

NOTES:

- First meal is Thursday Dinner. Last meal is Saturday Breakfast
- Each overnight team is allowed one coach to attend FREE per every 8 kids. Any extra individuals (assistants, manager, etc.) will be charged half price of regular player fee.
- Each overnight participant should bring their own linens (towels, pillows, sheets, blankets, etc.)
- Open to any and all JV & Varsity teams
- Will schedule according to competition level and school size

MAKE CHECK OR MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO:
RICK STANSBURY BASKETBALL CAMP

School Name: _____ Coach Name: _____
School Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Level(s): Varsity _____ JV _____ Total Teams: _____
Main Contact: _____
Contact Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please fax confirmation to 270.745.5091 for additional camp information

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Men's Basketball / Contact: Zach Greenwell, WKU Athletic Communications/Media Relations

WKU Game Notes — <http://goto.ps/2ELsQl2>

Charlotte Game Notes — <http://goto.ps/2ogVhgi>

Conference USA Notes — <http://goto.ps/2CBTyGJ>

Video: WKU head coach Rick Stansbury pre-Charlotte — <https://youtu.be/9m7J3bmGjjU>

Video: Hilltopper seniors pre-Charlotte — https://youtu.be/2_rTbMMr6-o

TOPS BEGIN FINAL HOMESTAND AGAINST CHARLOTTE ON THURSDAY

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — WKU Hilltopper Basketball will look to secure a top-four seed and a first-round bye in the Conference USA Basketball Championship when it hosts Charlotte at 7 p.m. CT Thursday to start the final homestand at E.A. Diddle Arena.

The Hilltoppers have won four straight games and 13 of their last 15, securing the 44th 20-win season in program history.

Charlotte has lost 12 straight since a road win at North Texas on Jan. 4.

WKU leads the all-time series 18-10, while WKU head coach Rick Stansbury is 4-2 in his career against the 49ers.

GAME 28

Charlotte (5-20, 1-13 C-USA) at WKU (20-7, 12-2 C-USA)

February 22, 2018 | 7 p.m. CT

E.A. Diddle Arena | Bowling Green, Ky.

BROADCAST

Listen: [Hilltopper IMG Sports Network](#) (WKLX 100.7 FM flagship), [WKUSports.tv](#) (free), [TuneIn Radio](#) (free) (Randy Lee, pxp | Hal Schmitt, analysis)

Watch: [beIN SPORTS](#) (Mike Gleason, pxp | Jason Capel, analysis)

Live Stats: [WKU Stats](#)

QUICK SHOTS

- WKU is 22-6 (.786) at E.A. Diddle Arena under head coach Rick Stansbury. The Hilltoppers are 595-168 all-time at Diddle Arena for a .780 winning percentage.
 - The Hilltoppers' 12-2 conference record is their best through 14 league games since 2007-08.
 - WKU has made at least one 3-pointer in 965 consecutive games, dating back to March 15, 1987. The 3-point shot was instituted prior to the 1986-87 season. The Hilltoppers' streak is the sixth-longest in the nation behind Kentucky, UNLV, Vanderbilt, Duke and Arkansas.
 - WKU's current scoring average of 78.7 points per game would be the program's highest since 1994-95.
 - As of Tuesday, the Hilltoppers were tied with UNLV for the national lead in free-throw differential with 246 more free throws than their foes. They've made 55 more free throws than their opponents have attempted, which ranks second in the country to Xavier (+84).
 - WKU ranks 16th in the country in field goal percentage and first in Conference USA at 49.7 percent. That percentage would rank eighth for a single season in program history.
 - WKU has outscored its opponents 1,098-790 in the paint this season.
- Taveion Hollingsworth has scored in double figures in 17 of the last 21 games, and the freshman is averaging 16.3 points per game over his last six outings.

- After averaging 10.2 points over a six-game span and shooting 2 of 17 from 3-point range in that time, Darius Thompson is averaging 21.3 points over his last three outings while shooting 8 of 14 from 3.
- Lamonte Bearden is 19 points from reaching 1,000 for his career across his time at Buffalo and WKU.
- Justin Johnson has grabbed at least 12 rebounds in seven of the last 13 games and has done so in 10 games overall this season. He had just seven such games all last season.
- As of Tuesday, Justin Johnson was ranked eighth among active NCAA players for career rebounds and tied for 12th in career double-doubles. He and Winthrop's Xavier Cooks are the only active NCAA players with at least 1,500 career points and 950 rebounds.
- Justin Johnson is ranked 16th on WKU's all-time scoring list with 1,513 career points. He needs 32 points to pass Steffphon Pettigrew to move into 15th.
- Justin Johnson ranks sixth on WKU's all-time rebounding list with 954 career boards. He needs 11 rebounds to pass Bob Daniels for fifth. Johnson is one of six Hilltoppers in program history ranked in the top 20 in scoring and the top 10 in rebounding.
- Justin Johnson needs 46 rebounds to reach 1,000 for his career. That would make him just the fifth player in WKU history with 1,000 career points and 1,000 rebounds, joining Tom Marshall, Art Spoelstra, Ralph Crosthwaite and Jim McDaniels, the last to accomplish the feat in 1971.

TICKETS

WKU Ticket Office: Online at WKUTickets.com, in person at E.A. Diddle Arena, via phone at 1-800-5-BIG Red or 745-5222 locally.

PROMOTIONS

- Coming Home King
- Crossroads IGA Scholarship Giveaway

LAST GAME AGAINST CHARLOTTE: JANUARY 13, 2018

WKU overcame a tough offensive first half at Charlotte, shooting better than 50 percent in the second half on its way to a 73-63 road victory. Lamonte Bearden led the Hilltoppers with 19 points.

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PDF box score is attached. Postgame notes, video and quotes will follow in a separate email.

HILLTOPPERS KEEP ROLLING WITH 93-55 HOME WIN OVER CHARLOTTE

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — WKU Hilltopper Basketball shot better than 55 percent for the fourth straight game Thursday night, rolling past Charlotte 93-55 at E.A. Diddle Arena.

The Hilltoppers (21-7, 13-2 Conference USA) put six players in double figures, shot 56.1 percent from the field and netted 23 of 30 free throws on their way to their fifth straight win and 14th overall in the last 16 outings.

The victory ensures WKU a top-four seed and first-round bye in next month's Conference USA Basketball Championship. It also gives the Hilltoppers their most regular-season wins against Division I opponents since 2009-10.

Freshman guard Josh Anderson scored a career-high 19 points on 8-of-10 shooting, adding four rebounds and three steals. Senior forward Justin Johnson scored 16 points with five rebounds. Senior guard Darius Thompson, senior forward Dwight Coleby and freshman guard Taveion Hollingsworth all scored 12 points. Thompson had five points and four rebounds, Coleby grabbed seven boards, and Hollingsworth pulled down five rebounds with three assists. Redshirt junior guard Lamonte Bearden finished with 10 points, five assists, three rebounds and two steals.

The Hilltoppers recorded a season-high 14 steals and scored 27 points off Charlotte's turnovers. WKU led just 29-27 with 5:15 to play in the first half, but Charlotte (5-21, 1-14) never scored again before the break.

The Hilltoppers scored the final 14 points of the frame, including nine free throws, to open a 43-27 halftime advantage.

They eventually led by as much as 39 with 2:23 remaining. WKU totaled 19 assists and got 31 points off the bench.

Andrien White led Charlotte with 20 points and six assists.

The Hilltoppers will host Old Dominion at 6 p.m. CT Saturday in a pivotal league matchup at E.A. Diddle Arena. Senior Night festivities will take place before the game.

WKU MBB: Postgame Notes / Quotes / Video – WKU 93, Charlotte 55, Feb. 22, 2018

Please find attached postgame notes and quotes from WKU's 93-55 win over Charlotte on Thursday at E.A. Diddle Arena, as well as links below to postgame video interviews with head coach Rick Stansbury, redshirt junior guard Lamonte Bearden and freshman guard Josh Anderson.

VIDEO

Head Coach Rick Stansbury — <https://youtu.be/EWdxviVXzz8>

Junior Lamonte Bearden and freshman Josh Anderson — <https://youtu.be/pHT6iuOW3G4>

Official Basketball Box Score -- Game Totals -- Final Statistics
 Charlotte vs WKU
 02/22/18 7 p.m. CT at Bowling Green, Ky. (E.A. Diddle Arena)

Charlotte 55 • 5-21 (1-14)

##	Player		Total	3-Ptr	FT-FTA	Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA		Off	Def	Tot							
15	SUPICA, Milos	f	5-12	0-1	1-2	7	4	11	1	11	0	1	0	0	35
00	HASLEM, Jailan	c	5-8	0-0	1-1	4	1	5	5	11	1	0	0	0	20
02	WHITE, Andrien	g	1-9	0-5	0-0	0	2	2	4	2	1	3	1	1	27
03	DAVIS, Jon	g	7-17	1-6	5-5	0	3	3	0	20	6	5	1	1	40
35	VASIC, Luka	g	1-5	1-4	0-0	0	3	3	3	3	2	6	0	2	20
01	GARVIN, Najee		0-1	0-0	0-0	0	3	3	4	0	0	2	0	1	19
05	AJUKWA, Austin		3-6	2-2	0-0	1	0	1	4	8	0	2	0	2	23
10	BIAS, Corey		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
11	BLIGHT, Bo		0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
12	MCGILL, Jaylan		0-2	0-2	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	12
Team						0	0	0				1			
Totals			22-60	4-20	7-8	13	16	29	21	55	10	20	2	8	200

FG % 1st Half: 11-31 35.5% 2nd half: 11-29 37.9% Game: 22-60 36.7%
 3FG % 1st Half: 2-8 25.0% 2nd half: 2-12 16.7% Game: 4-20 20.0%
 FT % 1st Half: 3-3 100.0 2nd half: 4-5 80.0% Game: 7-8 87.5%

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 Rebounds
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WKU 93 • 21-7 (13-2)

##	Player		Total	3-Ptr	FT-FTA	Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA		Off	Def	Tot							
22	COLEBY, Dwight	f	4-5	0-0	4-5	2	5	7	2	12	0	2	2	2	25
01	BEARDEN, Lamonte	g	2-4	0-0	6-6	0	3	3	2	10	5	1	0	2	24
13	HOLLINGSWORTH, T.	g	3-10	2-6	4-6	2	3	5	0	12	3	0	0	2	36
15	THOMPSON, Darius	g	4-7	1-3	3-3	0	4	4	1	12	5	2	0	2	29
23	JOHNSON, Justin	g	7-12	2-4	0-0	2	3	5	0	16	1	0	0	1	26
04	ANDERSON, Josh		8-10	0-0	3-4	2	2	4	0	19	2	3	0	3	21
12	DIAGNE, Moustapha		0-2	0-1	0-0	0	2	2	0	0	1	2	0	1	7
14	NELSON, Marek		1-1	0-0	2-4	2	3	5	3	4	0	3	1	1	14
21	OHMER, Jake		3-6	1-3	1-2	0	0	0	0	8	2	1	0	0	18
Team						2	0	2							
Totals			32-57	6-17	23-30	12	25	37	8	93	19	14	3	14	200

FG % 1st Half: 14-26 53.8% 2nd half: 18-31 58.1% Game: 32-57 56.1%
 3FG % 1st Half: 4-10 40.0% 2nd half: 2-7 28.6% Game: 6-17 35.3%
 FT % 1st Half: 11-13 84.6% 2nd half: 12-17 70.6% Game: 23-30 76.7%

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 Rebounds
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Officials: Mike Stuart, Kerby Sitton, Ray Natali
 Technical fouls: Charlotte-AJUKWA, Austin. WKU-None.
 Attendance: 5634

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
Charlotte	27	28	55
WKU	43	50	93

Points	In Paint	Off T/O	2nd Chance	Fast Break	Bench
CHA	34	9	10	6	8
WKU	44	23	14	13	31

Last FG - CHA 2nd-02:00, WKU 2nd-02:23.
 Largest lead - CHA by 4 1st-15:33, WKU by 39 2nd-02:23.
 CHA led for 02:00. WKU led for 33:22. Game was tied for 04:22.

Score tied - 5 times.
 Lead changed - 2 times.



Charlotte 49ers at WKU Hilltoppers

Postgame Notes

Feb. 22, 2018

E.A. Diddle Arena | Bowling Green, Ky.

FINAL SCORE: WKU 93, Charlotte 55

RECORDS AND NOTABLES

- WKU improves to 21-7 overall and 13-2 in Conference USA play.
- With tonight's win, WKU secures a top-four seed and a first-round bye in the Conference USA Basketball Championship hosted in Frisco, Texas, March 7-10.
- Charlotte falls to 5-21 overall and 1-14 in league action.
- WKU leads the all-time series 19-10.
- Stansbury is 5-2 in his career against the 49ers.
- Attendance was announced as 5,634.
- **UP NEXT:** WKU will play its final home game of the season on Saturday at 6 p.m. CT Senior night festivities will precede the tip-off and the game will be broadcast online by Stadium.

TEAM NOTES

- WKU used the starting lineup of Lamonte Bearden, Taveion Hollingsworth, Darius Thompson, Justin Johnson for the 23rd time this season.
- **KEY FIRST HALF RUN:** WKU went on a 7-7 field-goal streak to earn a 25-20 lead with just under eight minutes left to play in the half. The Hilltoppers tacked on a 14-0 run over the last five minutes of the game to extend their advantage to 43-27 going into the break.
- **KEY SECOND HALF RUN:** Using a 10-0 run beginning at the 5:34 mark, WKU pushed its lead to the largest advantage of the game at 39 points with 2:23 remaining.
- WKU shot 32 of 57 (56.1 percent) from the field, 6 of 17 (35.3 percent) from 3-point range and 23 of 30 (76.7 percent) from the free-throw line.

- The Hilltoppers scored 27 points off 20 49er mishaps.
- WKU's bench outscored Charlotte's 31-8.
- WKU's 14 steals were the most since the Hilltoppers nabbed 15 against Brescia on Dec. 28, 2013. Tonight's 14 were the most against a Division I opponent since WKU stole 16 at Bowling Green on Dec. 8, 2010.
- Six Hilltoppers scored in the double figures this evening for the first time since playing Eastern Kentucky on Nov. 29.
- WKU has made a 3-pointer in 966 straight games dating back to March 15, 1987. That ranks as the sixth-longest streak in the nation behind Kentucky, UNLV, Vanderbilt, Duke and Arkansas.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

JOSH ANDERSON

- The freshman led the Red and White with a career-high 19 points, four rebounds and a career-high three steals.
 - Anderson's eight made field goals and 10 attempts were also career highs.

JUSTIN JOHNSON

- The senior scored 16 points with 12 of them coming in the first half, while also notching five rebounds.
 - The senior remains at 16th on WKU's all-time scoring list with 1,529 points.
 - Johnson remains at sixth on WKU's all-time rebounding list with 959 and needs six more to move into fifth. He needs 41 rebounds to reach 1,000 for his career.

TAVEION HOLLINGSWORTH

- The freshman knocked down 12 points while adding five rebounds and three assists.
 - Hollingsworth passed Kannard Johnson for fifth on WKU's all-time list for most points in a season by a varsity freshman with 373 points. He needs 14 points to pass Mike Prince and move into fourth.
 - Hollingsworth passed Chris McNeal for third on WKU's all-time list for most minutes played in a season by a varsity freshman with 971 minutes. He needs 58 more minutes to pass Courtney Lee and move into second.

DARIUS THOMPSON

- The graduate senior knocked down 12 points and added five assists. He has had at least four assists in 21 of 28 games this season.
 - Thompson cracked the top 10 for WKU for assists in a single season with 135 assists, passing Tyron Brazelton and Chris McNeal. He needs six more to pass Orlando Mendez-Valdez for ninth.

LAMONTE BEARDEN

- The redshirt junior's efforts were good for 10 points, three rebounds, five assists and two steals. Bearden is nine points away from 1,000 career points over his time at Buffalo and WKU.

JAKE OHMER

- The freshman scored eight points Thursday and has 17 points in the last two games combined. In the five games prior, he had scored 10 points total.

WKU Basketball
Charlotte Postgame Quotes
February 22, 2018

Head Coach Rick Stansbury

Opening Statement...

"Our challenge tonight was to not overlook Charlotte, keep our focus and not look forward to Saturday night. That's (not) easily done sometimes, but for the most part we were tuned in, and I thought our energy level got turned up a notch after the first 10 minutes. We came out and did what we were supposed to do, and now we can move on to the next one."

On how important it is for all players to get minutes...

"It's really valuable. Everybody has good one through five (starters), but six, seven, eight, and nine are the guys who win championships for you. They are the ones who not only play a role, but have to accept it, and that's not always easy. If they don't accept it, they're not tuned in, but our guys have accepted them."

On Josh Anderson building confidence...

"When he gets more confidence, I gain more in him as well. It's good to have a game like this where we can let him play through mistakes. He gained some good experience on the Texas trip. It's hard for a young man to be thrown into the mix in the middle of January and expect him to know about the energy and toughness you have to play with, but he has gradually gotten better and better."

Freshman guard Josh Anderson

On his season high and how the team is playing down the stretch...

"I feel like we're playing a lot harder and with more energy. We're only going to get better and better."

On his comfort level during games...

"As I keep getting more minutes, I feel more comfortable and gain more confidence."

On the game Saturday...

"It's a big game. We're going to prepare in practice tomorrow, and get ready for the next one."

Redshirt junior guard Lamonte Bearden

On not playing as many minutes...

"Everybody needs their legs at this point in the season, not only the starters, but the whole team."

On the game Saturday and senior night...

"Saturday is huge for us. ODU is a good team. We beat them at their place, but to win Saturday night we'll have to be at our best. We're excited for the seniors. We know it's their last time playing in Diddle, and that they will play hard. We will as well, and most importantly, hopefully we'll win the game."

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WKU Game Notes — <http://goto.ps/2ouxGbf>

Old Dominion Game Notes — <http://goto.ps/2CH5gas>

Video: WKU head coach Rick Stansbury post-Charlotte — <https://youtu.be/EWdxviVXzz8>

TOPS HOST OLD DOMINION IN MAJOR MATCHUP ON SOLD-OUT SENIOR NIGHT

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — Still right in the hunt for a conference championship, WKU Hilltopper Basketball hosts Old Dominion in a huge Senior Night clash at 6 p.m. CT Saturday in the regular-season home finale at E.A. Diddle Arena.

WKU – winner of 14 of its last 16 – and ODU are tied for second in the league standings, with the Hilltoppers winning the first meeting 75-68 in January in Virginia.

Old Dominion, which has won six straight, leads the all-time series 18-17, and WKU head coach Rick Stansbury is 2-2 in his career against the Monarchs.

GAME 29

Old Dominion (22-5, 13-2 C-USA) at WKU (21-7, 13-2 C-USA)

February 24, 2018 | 6 p.m. CT

E.A. Diddle Arena | Bowling Green, Ky.

BROADCAST

Listen: [Hilltopper IMG Sports Network](#) (WKLX 100.7 FM flagship), [WKUSports.tv](#) (free), [TuneIn Radio](#) (free) (Randy Lee, pxp | Hal Schmitt, analysis)

Watch: [Stadium](#) (online streaming) (Roger Twibell, pxp | Tim Scarborough, analysis); WKU PBS

Live Stats: [WKU Stats](#)

QUICK SHOTS

- WKU is 23-6 (.793) at E.A. Diddle Arena under head coach Rick Stansbury. The Hilltoppers are 596-168 all-time at Diddle Arena for a .780 winning percentage.
 - WKU's 20 regular-season D-I wins are its most since 2009-10. Its 13 league wins are its most since 2008-09.
 - WKU has made at least one 3-pointer in 966 consecutive games, dating back to March 15, 1987. The 3-point shot was instituted prior to the 1986-87 season. The Hilltoppers' streak is the sixth-longest in the nation behind Kentucky, UNLV, Vanderbilt, Duke and Arkansas.
 - In the last four games, WKU is averaging 90.8 points and shooting a combined 57.9 percent from the field.
 - WKU's current scoring average of 79.2 points per game would be the program's highest since 1994-95.
 - WKU ranks 13th in the country in field goal percentage and first in Conference USA at 49.9 percent. That percentage would rank eighth for a single season in program history.
 - WKU has shot 55 percent or better in four straight games for the first time since at least 1986-87. The Hilltoppers last shot at least 50 percent in four straight games in the 2004-05 season.
 - WKU has outscored its opponents 1,142-824 in the paint this season.
- Taveion Hollingsworth has scored in double figures in 18 of the last 22 games, and the freshman is averaging 15.7 points per game over his last seven outings.

- After averaging 10.2 points over a six-game span and shooting 2 of 17 from 3-point range in that time, Darius Thompson is averaging 19 points over his last four outings while shooting 9 of 17 from 3.
- Lamonte Bearden is nine points from reaching 1,000 for his career across his time at Buffalo and WKU.
- Justin Johnson has grabbed at least 12 rebounds in seven of the last 14 games and has done so in 10 games overall this season. He had just seven such games all last season.
- As of Friday, Justin Johnson was ranked eighth among active NCAA players for career rebounds and tied for 12th in career double-doubles. Johnson, Seton Hall's Angel Delgado and Winthrop's Xavier Cooks are the only active NCAA players with at least 1,500 career points and 950 rebounds.
- Justin Johnson is ranked 16th on WKU's all-time scoring list with 1,529 career points. He needs 16 points to pass Steffphon Pettigrew to move into 15th.
- Justin Johnson ranks sixth on WKU's all-time rebounding list with 959 career boards. He needs six rebounds to pass Bob Daniels for fifth. Johnson is one of six Hilltoppers in program history ranked in the top 20 in scoring and the top 10 in rebounding.
- Justin Johnson needs 41 rebounds to reach 1,000 for his career. That would make him just the fifth player in WKU history with 1,000 career points and 1,000 rebounds, joining Tom Marshall, Art Spoelstra, Ralph Crosthwaite and Jim McDaniels, the last to accomplish the feat in 1971.

TICKETS

WKU Ticket Office: Online at WKUTickets.com, in person at E.A. Diddle Arena, via phone at 1-800-5-BIG Red or 745-5222 locally.

PROMOTIONS

- Senior Night – ceremony directly before the game

LAST GAME AGAINST OLD DOMINION: JANUARY 11, 2018

WKU shot 62.5 percent in the second half at Old Dominion, powering its way to a 75-68 victory. Senior forward Justin Johnson had 25 points and 14 rebounds. Senior guard Darius Thompson scored 24 points.

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HILLTOPPERS EARN DOMINANT 88-66 WIN OVER OLD DOMINION ON SENIOR NIGHT

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — WKU Hilltopper Basketball sent its seniors out in dominant fashion Saturday night.

The Hilltoppers (22-7, 14-2 Conference USA) controlled things from the outset against streaking Old Dominion, claiming a convincing 88-66 victory in front of 7,387 fans in the regular-season home finale at E.A. Diddle Arena.

WKU scored the first six points of the game, built it to a 29-9 lead and never looked back. The Hilltoppers shot 59.3 percent from the field – firing 55 percent or better for the fifth straight game – and outscored the Monarchs 50-30 in the paint.

Freshman guard Taveion Hollingsworth led WKU with 20 points, but the night truly belonged to the team's three seniors.

Senior forward Justin Johnson, who proposed to and received a yes from his longtime girlfriend before the game during Senior Night festivities, scored 19 points with 11 rebounds for his 34th career double-double. Johnson made the first two baskets of the game and scored 14 points over the game's first eight minutes.

Senior forward Dwight Coleby tallied 11 points and eight rebounds, and senior guard Darius Thompson finished with 11 points, eight assists and six rebounds.

Redshirt junior guard Lamonte Bearden added 10 points, including the 1,000th of his career, along with four assists and three steals.

WKU notched 18 assists against just eight turnovers and scored 15 points off Old Dominion's turnovers. The Hilltoppers kept up the pace in the second half, shooting 62.1 percent after the break and leading by as much as 28 with 9:46 remaining. They recorded back-to-back wins of at least 20 points for the first time since 2010.

Ahmad Caver led Old Dominion (22-6, 13-3) with 15 points. The Monarchs came into the game with the nation's longest road winning streak at nine straight victories.

The Hilltoppers head into an even bigger clash next week with a championship at stake, traveling to No. 24 Middle Tennessee at 7 p.m. CT Thursday in Murfreesboro, Tenn. The Blue Raiders are one game ahead of WKU in the league standings.

WKU MBB: Postgame Notes / Quotes / Video – WKU 88, Old Dominion 66, Feb. 24, 2018

Please find attached postgame notes and quotes from WKU's 88-66 win over Old Dominion on Saturday at E.A. Diddle Arena, as well as links below to postgame video interviews with head coach Rick Stansbury, senior guard Darius Thompson and senior forwards Dwight Coleby and Justin Johnson.

VIDEO

Head Coach Rick Stansbury — <https://youtu.be/RhYdsePVUAM>

Seniors Justin Johnson, Dwight Coleby and Darius Thompson — <https://youtu.be/fgTpY5JZ960>

Official Basketball Box Score -- Game Totals -- Final Statistics
 Old Dominion vs WKU
 02/24/18 6 p.m. CT at Bowling Green, Ky. (E.A. Diddle Arena)

Old Dominion 66 • 22-6 (13-3)

##	Player		Total	3-Ptr	Rebounds						PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot									
15	PORTER, Trey	f	3-5	0-0	2-3	1	3	4	3	8	0	1	1	0		30	
25	STITH, Brandan	f	6-10	0-0	1-2	2	6	8	3	13	0	1	2	0		29	
03	STITH, B.J.	g	5-12	2-5	0-1	0	5	5	4	12	0	2	0	0		28	
04	CAVER, Ahmad	g	6-13	3-5	0-0	0	2	2	0	15	7	2	0	1		36	
12	HAYNES, Randy	g	5-13	1-4	0-0	1	2	3	3	11	1	3	0	1		28	
00	GODWIN, Marquis		1-4	1-4	0-0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0		9	
10	GREEN, Xavier		2-7	0-1	0-0	1	2	3	1	4	2	1	0	2		23	
11	HUEITT JR., Michael		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0		2	
13	CARVER, Aaron		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0		12	
22	PINCKNEY, Keith		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0+	
23	VASSOR, Stephen		0-0	0-0	0-0	2	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0		3	
Team						0	2	2									
Totals			28-64	7-19	3-6	7	23	30	15	66	10	11	4	4		200	

FG % 1st Half: 13-31 41.9% 2nd half: 15-33 45.5% Game: 28-64 43.8%
 3FG % 1st Half: 3-10 30.0% 2nd half: 4-9 44.4% Game: 7-19 36.8%
 FT % 1st Half: 1-1 100.0 2nd half: 2-5 40.0% Game: 3-6 50.0%

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WKU 88 • 22-7 (14-2)

##	Player		Total	3-Ptr	Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min	
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def								Tot
22	COLEBY, Dwight	f	4-8	0-1	3-3	2	6	8	5	11	2	1	1	0	30
23	JOHNSON, Justin	f	7-11	2-4	3-5	0	11	11	1	19	1	3	1	1	35
01	BEARDEN, Lamonte	g	5-7	0-1	0-3	0	2	2	0	10	4	1	0	3	27
13	HOLLINGSWORTH, T.	g	8-13	1-3	3-3	1	2	3	0	20	2	1	0	1	33
15	THOMPSON, Darius	g	4-9	1-3	2-2	1	5	6	0	11	8	2	2	1	38
04	ANDERSON, Josh		3-5	0-0	2-2	1	1	2	1	8	1	0	1	2	17
12	DIAGNE, Moustapha		0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
14	NELSON, Marek		2-2	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	1	4	0	0	0	0	10
21	OHMER, Jake		2-3	1-2	0-0	0	0	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	8
Team						0	3	3							
Totals			35-59	5-15	13-18	5	31	36	9	88	18	8	5	8	200

FG % 1st Half: 17-30 56.7% 2nd half: 18-29 62.1% Game: 35-59 59.3%
 3FG % 1st Half: 4-11 36.4% 2nd half: 1-4 25.0% Game: 5-15 33.3%
 FT % 1st Half: 8-10 80.0% 2nd half: 5-8 62.5% Game: 13-18 72.2%

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Officials: Kerry Sitton, Tommy Short, Bill Jacobson
 Technical fouls: Old Dominion-None. WKU-None.
 Attendance: 7387

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
Old Dominion	30	36	66
WKU	46	42	88

Points	In Paint	Off T/O	2nd Chance	Fast Break	Bench
ODU	30	8	11	4	7
WKU	50	15	12	16	17

Last FG - ODU 2nd-00:35, WKU 2nd-00:42.
 Largest lead - ODU None, WKU by 28 2nd-09:46.
 ODU led for 00:00. WKU led for 39:41. Game was tied for 00:19.

Score tied - 0 times.
 Lead changed - 0 times.



Old Dominion at WKU Hilltoppers

Postgame Notes

Feb. 24, 2018

E.A. Diddle Arena | Bowling Green, Ky.

FINAL SCORE: WKU 88, Old Dominion 66

RECORDS AND NOTABLES

- WKU improves to 22-7 overall and 14-2 in Conference USA play.
- Old Dominion falls to 22-6 overall and 13-3 in league action.
- The Hilltoppers and Monarchs are now tied in the all-time series at 18 wins each.
- WKU snapped Old Dominion's nation-leading road win streak, ending the stretch at nine wins.
- Stansbury is 3-2 in his career against the Monarchs.
- Attendance was announced as 7,387. This was the third over-capacity game in Diddle this season and is the seventh-highest attendance total since the arena was renovated in 2002.
- **UP NEXT:** WKU hits the road for its final two games of regular season play beginning with No. 24 Middle Tennessee at 7 p.m. CT Thursday night. The game will be broadcast nationally on CBS Sports Network.

TEAM NOTES

- WKU used the starting lineup of Lamonte Bearden, Taveion Hollingsworth, Darius Thompson, Justin Johnson for the 24th time this season.
- **KEY FIRST HALF RUN:** Beginning at the 17:16 mark, WKU went on a 13-2 to tally a score of 19-5 with eight of those 13 points coming from the hands of Justin Johnson. The Monarchs of ODU were able to use a 7-0 run to their advantage, dwindling the Hilltopper lead to 29-16 with eight and a half minutes left.
- **KEY SECOND HALF RUN:** WKU's Taveion Hollingsworth made his own run of 7-0 shortly after the half began, giving the Hilltoppers a lead of 57-34.

- WKU shot 35 of 59 (59.3 percent) from the field, 5 of 15 (33.3 percent) from 3-point range and 13 of 18 (72.2 percent) from the free-throw line.
- WKU's 88 points were the most points given up by Old Dominion since losing at Marshall 90-86 on Jan. 5, 2017. The Hilltoppers' amount was 26 points over the Monarch's opponent scoring average of 62.6, which ranks fourth in the country.
- WKU has shot over 55 percent in each of the last five games.
- With tonight's win, the Hilltoppers earned their first back-to-back 20-point wins since 2010-11 and back-to-back 20-point conference wins since 2009-10.
- WKU has made a 3-pointer in 967 straight games dating back to March 15, 1987. That ranks as the sixth-longest streak in the nation behind Kentucky, UNLV, Vanderbilt, Duke and Arkansas.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

JUSTIN JOHNSON

- The senior notched his 34th double-double of his career, scoring 19 points and pulling down 11 rebounds. Johnson scored 10 points in the first four and a half minutes of the game.
 - Johnson passed Steffphon Pettigrew for 15th on WKU's all-time scoring list with 1,548 points. He needs 34 to pass A.J. Slaughter for 14th.
 - Johnson passed Bob Daniels for fifth on WKU's all-time rebounding list with 970 rebounds.
 - Johnson is now tied with Greg Smith for fifth on WKU's all-time double-double list with 34.
 - Johnson cracked WKU's top 10 for games played over a career and is now tied with Clarence Martin and Kannard Johnson for 126 games.
 - Johnson gains sole possession of ninth place on WKU's all-time free throws attempted list with 485 free throws. He needs to shoot 30 more to pass Jim McDaniels for eighth.

TAVEION HOLLINGSWORTH

- The freshman scored a team-high 20 points and contributed three rebounds, two assists and one steal.
 - Hollingsworth is now fourth on WKU's all-time list for most points in a season by a varsity freshman with 393 points. He needs to score 20 more to pass Derrick Gordon for third.
 - Hollingsworth retained third on WKU's all-time list for most minutes played in a season by a varsity freshman with 1,004 minutes. He needs 25 more minutes to pass Courtney Lee and move into second.

DARIUS THOMPSON

- The graduate senior filled his stat line once more with 11 points, six rebounds and eight assists. He has at least four assists in 22 of 29 games this season.
 - Thompson is now ninth on WKU's all-time assists in a single season list with 143. He needs five more to pass A.J. Slaughter and move into eighth.

LAMONTE BEARDEN

- The redshirt junior scored 10 points and has now scored 1,001 career points over his time at Buffalo and WKU.

WKU Basketball
Old Dominion Postgame Quotes
February 22, 2018

Head Coach Rick Stansbury

Opening Statement...

"That's the way you send your seniors off. You all have heard me talk about our three seniors all year long. They're incredible people, they always play great, and they're the type of kids you want to coach. Justin was unconscious the first few minutes. I think he had 14 points in the first eight minutes. All of them were great and brought us a ton of energy. Justin had that feeling and that look in his eyes. Our biggest challenge was this: the first four minutes of the second half. That is where I was the most impressed. We came out after having a big lead, and built on it. We added seven points on to it in the first four minutes. That's how you break someone's back."

On the team blossoming at the right time...

"I couldn't ask more for how my team feels about themselves right now. I feel really good about them, but it's not about how I feel. It's about how they feel. This time of the year, you start to feel it."

On MTSU...

"They are a great team. They are the best team in our conference, and I'm going to say that until somebody beats them. They are in the top 25 for a reason. I have a lot of respect for what they're doing and what they've done. It will take our best to beat them."

On Diddle's atmosphere...

"We're making progress. The arena was packed and that's how it should be. I want the students to enjoy the atmosphere and take pride in it. This should be some of their best college experiences, and Diddle Arena should be talked about how some of you guys talked about how it used to be. Why can't we get it back? Well, we're making progress. I know there was some bad weather tonight, but the fans showed up, the students showed up, and it made a huge difference."

Senior forward Justin Johnson

On his last moments on the court at Diddle...

"This place means so much to me. After playing four years here, there's no better way to end it with Darius making a shot like that. Then Coach getting to call a timeout, and we get to walk off the court to a standing ovation. There's no better way to end it."

On MTSU...

"We control our own fate. When we come prepared, it's not about what anyone else does, honestly. At the end of the day, if we come focused, play defense, and get stops, it's about what we do. We need to continue to focus on ourselves and get better in practice. Mentally and physically, we're in a good spot right now. Everyone has bought into their roles, and is playing with a lot of confidence."

Senior forward Dwight Coleby

On how the team is playing right now...

"We are playing our best right now. We trust each other, play with confidence, and happy to be out there and perform every night."

On the chemistry with Justin this season...

"After practicing every day and communicating, we know where each of us were going to be on the court throughout the season."

Senior guard Darius Thompson

On how the team is playing right now...

"We're playing our best basketball and having fun. You may see how we may look like we're having a party out there on the court. It's a great time, and I just love going out there and competing with my brothers. ... To be honest, when we're playing well, we can go out and punch anybody in the mouth. We're playing together and clicking. Anything can happen."

On how special the rest of the season is...

"You want to make the most of every game, every practice, and every opportunity you get. Playing with my brothers is great. We want it to keep going for as long as we can and don't want it to end."

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WKU Game Notes — <http://goto.ps/2EZIMNC>

Middle Tennessee Game Notes — <http://goto.ps/2FbY1Fi>

Conference USA Notes — <http://goto.ps/2CNLZgd>

Video: WKU head coach Rick Stansbury pre-MTSU — <https://youtu.be/DT9YhQoZe7w>

Video: Seniors Darius Thompson and Justin Johnson pre-MTSU — <https://youtu.be/wxNxxBvIcrU>

HILLTOPPERS CONTINUE TITLE CHASE THURSDAY AT NO. 24 MIDDLE TENNESSEE

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — A conference title is at stake this week for WKU Hilltopper Basketball, starting at No. 24 Middle Tennessee at 7 p.m. CT Thursday in Murfreesboro, Tenn.

WKU has won six straight games and 15 of its last 17, including an 88-66 rout of Old Dominion in Saturday's Senior Night.

MTSU has won 10 in a row and has been ranked for two straight weeks. WKU leads the all-time series – which dates back to the 1914-15 season – 93-42, but MTSU has won 12 of the last 14.

WKU head coach Rick Stansbury is 0-3 all-time against the Blue Raiders.

GAME 30

WKU (22-7, 14-2 C-USA) at No. 24 Middle Tennessee (23-5, 15-1 C-USA)

March 1, 2018 | 7 p.m. CT

Murphy Center | Murfreesboro, Tenn.

BROADCAST

Listen: [Hilltopper IMG Sports Network](#) (WKLX 100.7 FM flagship), [WKUSports.tv](#) (free), [TuneIn Radio](#) (free) (Randy Lee, pxp | Hal Schmitt, analysis)

Watch: [CBS Sports Network](#) (Jason Horowitz, pxp | Tim Doyle, analysis)

Live Stats: [Middle Tennessee Stats](#)

QUICK SHOTS

- WKU will be trying to defeat multiple ranked teams in a season (also beat Purdue) for the first time since 1993, when it beat No. 13 New Orleans and No. 6 Seton Hall. The Hilltoppers will also be looking for their first true road win over a ranked opponent since beating No. 4 Kentucky in Lexington on Nov. 15, 2001.
- WKU won its last game vs. a ranked league foe, a 72-65 victory over No. 25 Old Dominion on Jan. 10, 2015.
- The Hilltoppers' 22 overall wins and their 14 league wins are both their most since 2008-09.
- WKU has made at least one 3-pointer in 967 consecutive games, dating back to March 15, 1987. The 3-point shot was instituted prior to the 1986-87 season. The Hilltoppers' streak is the sixth-longest in the nation behind Kentucky, UNLV, Vanderbilt, Duke and Arkansas.
- In the last five games, WKU is averaging 90.2 points and shooting a combined 58.2 percent from the field.
- WKU's current scoring average of 79.6 points per game would be the program's highest since 1994-95.
- WKU ranks eighth in the country in field goal percentage and first in Conference USA at 50.2 percent. That percentage would rank seventh for a single season in program history.
- WKU has shot 55 percent or better in five straight games for the first time since 1978-79. The Tops are tied with Arizona for most games shooting 55 percent or better this season with 10.

- WKU has outscored its opponents 1,192-854 in the paint this season. Taveion Hollingsworth has scored in double figures in 19 of the last 23 games, and the freshman is averaging 16.3 points per game over his last eight outings.
- After averaging 10.2 points over a six-game span and shooting 2 of 17 from 3-point range in that time, Darius Thompson is averaging 17.4 points over his last five outings while shooting 10 of 20 from 3.
- Justin Johnson has grabbed at least 12 rebounds in seven of the last 15 games and has done so in 10 games overall this season. He had just seven such games all last season.
- As of Friday, Justin Johnson was ranked eighth among active NCAA players for career rebounds and tied for 12th in career double-doubles. Johnson is one of four active NCAA players with at least 1,500 career points and 950 rebounds.
- Justin Johnson is ranked 15th on WKU's all-time scoring list with 1,548 career points. He needs 34 points to pass A.J. Slaughter to move into 14th.
- Justin Johnson ranks fifth on WKU's all-time rebounding list with 970 career boards. Johnson is one of five Hilltoppers in program history ranked in the top 15 in scoring and the top 10 in rebounding.
- Justin Johnson needs 30 rebounds to reach 1,000 for his career. That would make him just the fifth player in WKU history with 1,000 career points and 1,000 rebounds, joining Tom Marshall, Art Spoelstra, Ralph Crosthwaite and Jim McDaniels, the last to accomplish the feat in 1971.

LAST GAME AGAINST MIDDLE TENNESSEE: JANUARY 20, 2018

Costly turnovers and poor outside shooting worked against WKU in a 66-62 loss to Middle Tennessee at an over-capacity E.A. Diddle Arena. The Hilltoppers shot 52.6 percent in the second half and made 25 of 31 free throws, but Middle Tennessee got 44 combined points from seniors Nick King and Giddy Potts to claim the road win. Senior forward Dwight Coleby led WKU with 19 points, and senior Justin Johnson finished with 15 points and nine rebounds.

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PDF box score is attached. Postgame notes, video and quotes will follow in a separate email.

HILLTOPPERS FALL 82-64 AT NO. 24/23 MIDDLE TENNESSEE

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. — A rough end to the first half and Middle Tennessee's hot shooting worked against WKU Hilltopper Basketball in an 82-64 road loss Thursday night.

The No. 24/23 Blue Raiders (24-5, 16-1 Conference USA) shot 55 percent from the field and made 9 of 20 3-pointers, claiming their second straight C-USA regular-season championship at the Murphy Center.

WKU (22-8, 14-3) was looking to defeat multiple ranked opponents in a season for the first time since 1993, but instead had its six-game winning streak snapped.

The Hilltoppers conclude the regular season at UAB at 7 p.m. CT Saturday in Birmingham, Ala.

Redshirt junior guard Lamonte Bearden tied a career high with 24 points to lead the Hilltoppers, who also got 14 points and seven rebounds from senior forward Justin Johnson.

Freshman guard Taveion Hollingsworth scored eight points and tied a career high with seven rebounds.

Middle Tennessee made 7 of 11 3-pointers in the first half, including three from guard Giddy Potts in the final 8:44. The team shot 60 percent from the field before the break.

The Blue Raiders scored the first seven points of the game, but WKU eventually rallied to lead 24-22 on a basket by Bearden at the 9:02 mark.

MTSU went on an 8-0 run from there, including two Potts 3s, and Antwain Johnson banked in a 3 at the buzzer to give the Blue Raiders a 43-34 halftime advantage.

Middle Tennessee scored the first five points of the second half, and WKU never got any closer than nine the rest of the way.

The Blue Raiders got 18 points each and a combined 20 rebounds from forwards Nick King and Brandon Walters.

WKU MBB: Postgame Notes / Quotes – No. 24/23 Middle Tennessee 82, WKU 64, Mar 1, 2018

Please find attached postgame notes and quotes from WKU's 82-64 loss at No. 24/23 Middle Tennessee on Thursday. Postgame video interviews of head coach Rick Stansbury, redshirt junior guard Lamonte Bearden and freshman guard Taveion Hollingsworth are uploading and will be available later this evening on [youtube.com/wkusports]WKU's YouTube channel.



Official Basketball Box Score -- Game Totals -- Final Statistics
WKU vs Middle Tennessee
3/1/18 7:05 p.m. at Murfreesboro, Tenn.



WKU 64 • 22-8, 15-2

##	Player		Total	3-Ptr	FT-FTA	Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA		Off	Def	Tot							
22	COLEBY, Dwight	f	3-6	0-0	0-0	0	3	3	3	6	0	3	2	0	32
23	JOHNSON, Justin	f	7-14	0-2	0-0	2	5	7	0	14	0	0	0	1	35
01	BEARDEN, Lamonte	g	8-12	0-0	8-10	0	4	4	1	24	1	4	1	1	35
13	HOLLINGSWORTH, T.	g	2-7	0-1	4-4	2	5	7	1	8	2	0	0	1	31
15	THOMPSON, Darius	g	2-6	2-4	1-2	0	1	1	4	7	1	2	0	2	34
04	ANDERSON, Josh		1-5	0-1	1-4	1	1	2	3	3	0	1	0	0	15
14	NELSON, Marek		0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
21	OHMER, Jake		1-3	0-2	0-0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	13
	Team					3	0	3							
Totals			24-54	2-10	14-20	8	20	28	12	64	4	10	3	5	200

FG % 1st Half: 13-27 48.1% 2nd half: 11-27 40.7% Game: 24-54 44.4%
3FG % 1st Half: 2-6 33.3% 2nd half: 0-4 0.0% Game: 2-10 20.0%
FT % 1st Half: 6-7 85.7% 2nd half: 8-13 61.5% Game: 14-20 70.0%

Deadball
Rebounds
3

Middle Tennessee 82 • 24-5, 16-1

##	Player		Total	3-Ptr	FT-FTA	Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA		Off	Def	Tot							
01	WALTERS, Brandon	f	9-13	0-0	0-0	5	6	11	2	18	2	0	3	0	33
05	KING, Nick	f	7-15	1-4	3-4	1	8	9	3	18	4	3	0	1	35
02	JOHNSON, Antwain	g	6-10	3-4	2-3	0	0	0	2	17	1	2	0	1	33
03	SIMS, Donovan	g	2-3	0-0	2-3	0	3	3	1	6	6	2	0	4	24
20	POTTS, Giddy	g	4-10	3-6	0-0	0	5	5	3	11	2	2	1	1	38
00	DIXON, Tyrik		0-2	0-2	0-0	1	0	1	3	0	2	0	1	0	12
04	HAWTHORNE, James		1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	4
11	SIMPSON, Edward		1-2	1-2	0-0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	6
12	SHELTON-SZMIDT, Th.		1-1	1-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	1
14	MILLER, Chase		0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
21	SIMMONS, David		1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	5
25	GAMBLE, Karl		1-1	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	7
35	THOMAS, Davion		0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1
Team						1	1	2							
Totals			33-60	9-20	7-10	9	25	34	19	82	18	10	5	7	200

FG % 1st Half: 18-30 60.0% 2nd half: 15-30 50.0% Game: 33-60 55.0%
3FG % 1st Half: 7-11 63.6% 2nd half: 2-9 22.2% Game: 9-20 45.0%
FT % 1st Half: 0-1 0.0% 2nd half: 7-9 77.8% Game: 7-10 70.0%

Deadball
Rebounds
1

Officials: Joe DeRosa, Gary Maxwell, Antinio Petty
Technical fouls: WKU-None. Middle Tennessee-None.
Attendance: 11307

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
WKU	34	30	64
Middle Tennessee	43	39	82

Points	In Paint	Off T/O	2nd Chance	Fast Break	Bench
WKU	24	8	10	4	5
MT	42	12	13	0	12

Last FG - WKU 2nd-00:09, MT 2nd-00:54.
Largest lead - WKU by 2 1st-09:24, MT by 23 2nd-00:54.
WKU led for 01:20. MT led for 37:43. Game was tied for 00:57.

Score tied - 2 times.
Lead changed - 4 times.



WKU Hilltoppers at No. 24/23 Middle Tennessee Blue Raiders

Postgame Notes

March 1, 2018

Murphy Center | Murfreesboro, Tenn.

FINAL SCORE: Middle Tennessee 82, WKU 64

RECORDS AND NOTABLES

- WKU falls to 22-8 overall and 14-3 in Conference USA play.
- Middle Tennessee improves to 24-5 overall and 16-1 in league action, claiming sole ownership of the C-USA Regular Season Championship.
- The Hilltoppers lead the all-time series 93-43, but MTSU has won 13 of the last 15.
- Stansbury is 0-4 in his career against the Blue Raiders.
- Attendance was announced at 11,307.
- **UP NEXT:** WKU will head to UAB for its final game of the regular season. The game will be played Saturday at 7 p.m. CT and the game will be broadcast nationally on Fox College Sports, locally in Bowling Green on HSSN and in Louisville on WBNA.

TEAM NOTES

- WKU used the starting lineup of Lamonte Bearden, Taveion Hollingsworth, Darius Thompson, Justin Johnson for the 25th time this season.
- **KEY FIRST HALF RUN:** WKU was down 7-0 two minutes into the game when the Hilltoppers sparked a 9-3 run to be within one of MTSU with 14:36 left on the clock. The Raiders then embarked on an 8-0 run with eight minutes remaining the half, earning them a 30-24 advantage over the Hilltoppers. Josh Anderson's first points of the night ended the Middle Tennessee run.
- **KEY SECOND HALF RUN:** Middle Tennessee extended its advantage by scoring the first five points of the first half. WKU came within nine of the Blue Raiders two separate times in the first seven minutes of the half, but never got closer.

- WKU shot 24 of 54 (44.4 percent) from the field, 2 of 10 (20.0 percent) from 3-point range and 14 of 20 (70.0 percent) from the free-throw line.
- WKU has made a 3-pointer in 968 straight games dating back to March 15, 1987. That ranks as the sixth-longest streak in the nation behind Kentucky, UNLV, Vanderbilt, Duke and Arkansas.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

LAMONTE BEARDEN

- The redshirt junior tied his career high with a team-high 24 points while adding four rebounds. Bearden also contributed one assist, one block and one steal.

JUSTIN JOHNSON

- The senior scored 14 points and pulled down seven boards.
 - Johnson maintains 15th on WKU's all-time scoring list with 1,562 points. He needs 20 to pass A.J. Slaughter for 14th.
 - Johnson retains fifth on WKU's all-time rebounding list with 977 rebounds.
 - Johnson is now tied for seventh on WKU's career games played list with 127 games. Johnson is seventh along with Courtney Lee, Boris Siakam and Orlando Mendez-Valdez. He needs two more games to move into sixth to tie with former teammate George Fant.

TAVEION HOLLINGSWORTH

- The freshman contributed eight points and tied his career high with seven rebounds.
 - Hollingsworth is now fourth on WKU's all-time list for most points in a season by a varsity freshman with 401 points. He needs to score 12 more to pass Derrick Gordon for third.
 - Hollingsworth passed Courtney Lee for second on WKU's all-time list for most minutes played in a season by a varsity freshman now with 1,035 minutes. He needs 131 to pass Derrick Gordon for first.

DWIGHT COLEBY

- The graduate senior has cracked the top-nine in WKU's blocked shots in a single season list with 57 blocks. He is currently tied for ninth with Darius Hall and Ben Lawson (2016-17) and needs five more to pass Jeremy Evans for eighth.

WKU Basketball
MTSU Postgame Quotes
March 1, 2018

Head Coach Rick Stansbury

On being stopped by Middle Tennessee in the second half...

"The second half, I never thought we got great rhythm, and they did a good job doing that. Jumped up and made timely shots, that's why they're good. Until somebody beats them they're the best team in the league. ... Again, that shouldn't be something we have to learn, we should know that. We've got to finish halves, we've got to finish every play against a good team, there's no margin for error on the road, zero margin for errors on the road. Again, you can't have those kinds of things happen."

On moving forward...

"They all count as one win and one loss. We knew it wasn't going to be easy here – those guys are good. We've got to get back up, get ready for another tough one Saturday night. We're going to senior night at UAB, so nothing's easy for you on the road."

Redshirt junior guard Lamonte Bearden

On improving going forward...

"We've just got to stay focused, honestly. I feel like if we stay focused and locked in we'll be fine."

On why Middle Tennessee is great...

"They change up their defense and they're experienced. We've got a couple young guys that make some mental mistakes, but like I said, we'll be fine."

Freshman guard Taveion Hollingsworth

On playing Middle Tennessee overall...

"They've a very good team, they're a tough team, they're hard to beat. I can tell you that we didn't play our best, and we shouldn't have excuses for losses like that."

On moving forward...

"It won't affect us, we're going to put this loss behind us, and hopefully we see them again. ... We've got to play better defense. They had a lot of easy layups and easy buckets. We've just got to get better at defense and get stops."

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Video: WKU head coach Rick Stansbury/junior guard Lamonte Bearden post-MTSU

— <https://youtu.be/PsWpjoBGEkU>

TOPS CLOSE REGULAR SEASON LOOKING TO CLINCH NO. 2 SEED AT UAB

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — WKU Hilltopper Basketball will try to lock up the No. 2 seed in next week's Conference USA Basketball Championship as it closes the regular season at UAB at 7 p.m. CT Saturday in Birmingham, Ala.

The Hilltoppers can secure the two-seed with their eighth road win of the season.

UAB is coming off a convincing 91-77 victory over Marshall on Thursday night. The Blazers lead the all-time series 22-14, although WKU won 77-69 in Bowling Green in January.

WKU head coach Rick Stansbury is 4-1 in his career against UAB.

GAME 31

WKU (22-8, 14-3 C-USA) at UAB (18-12, 9-8 C-USA)

March 3, 2018 | 7 p.m. CT

Bartow Arena | Birmingham, Ala.

BROADCAST

Listen: [Hilltopper IMG Sports Network](#) (WKLX 100.7 FM flagship), [WKUSports.tv](#) (free), [TuneIn Radio](#) (free) (Randy Lee, pxp | Hal Schmitt, analysis)

Watch: Fox College Sports, WKU PBS, WBNA (Jeff Younglove, pxp | Murry Bartow, analysis)

Live Stats: [UAB Stats](#)

QUICK SHOTS

- Whether WKU finishes as the No. 2 or 3 seed, it'll be the Hilltoppers' highest finish in its four years in C-USA, as well as its highest finish overall since earning the No. 2 seed in the 2014 Sun Belt Tournament.
- The Hilltoppers' 22 overall wins and their 14 league wins are both their most since 2008-09.
- WKU has made at least one 3-pointer in 968 consecutive games, dating back to March 15, 1987. The 3-point shot was instituted prior to the 1986-87 season. The Hilltoppers' streak is the sixth-longest in the nation behind Kentucky, UNLV, Vanderbilt, Duke and Arkansas.
- In the last six games, WKU is averaging 85.8 points and shooting a combined 55.9 percent from the field.
- WKU's current scoring average of 79 points per game would be the program's highest since 1994-95.
- WKU ranks 10th in the country in field goal percentage and first in Conference USA at 50.1 percent. That percentage would tie for seventh for a single season in program history.
- The Tops are tied with Arizona for most games shooting 55 percent or better this season with 10. They recently shot 55 percent or better in five straight games for the first time since 1978-79.
- WKU has outscored its opponents 1,216-896 in the paint this season.
- Taveion Hollingsworth has scored in double figures in 19 of the last 24 games, and the freshman is averaging 15.3 points per game over his last nine outings.

- After averaging 10.2 points over a six-game span and shooting 2 of 17 from 3-point range in that time, Darius Thompson is averaging 15.7 points over his last six outings while shooting 12 of 24 from 3.
- Justin Johnson has grabbed at least 12 rebounds in seven of the last 16 games and has done so in 10 games overall this season. He had just seven such games all last season.
- Justin Johnson leads C-USA in rebounding at 9.3 boards per game. He could become the first player to lead the league in rebounding average in back-to-back years since Memphis' Joey Dorsey from 2006-08.
- As of Friday, Justin Johnson was ranked eighth among active NCAA players for career rebounds and tied for 12th in career double-doubles. Johnson is one of four active NCAA players with at least 1,500 career points and 950 rebounds.
- Justin Johnson is ranked 15th on WKU's all-time scoring list with 1,562 career points. He needs 20 points to pass A.J. Slaughter to move into 14th.
- Justin Johnson ranks fifth on WKU's all-time rebounding list with 977 career boards. Johnson is one of five Hilltoppers in program history ranked in the top 15 in scoring and the top 10 in rebounding.
- Justin Johnson needs 23 rebounds to reach 1,000 for his career. That would make him just the fifth player in WKU history with 1,000 career points and 1,000 rebounds, joining Tom Marshall, Art Spoelstra, Ralph Crosthwaite and Jim McDaniels, the last to accomplish the feat in 1971.

LAST GAME AGAINST UAB: JANUARY 18, 2018

With UAB up 67-64 with 4:36 to play, WKU went on an 11-0 run to surge ahead and ice a 77-69 victory at E.A. Diddle Arena. Senior forward Justin Johnson led WKU with 18 points and eight rebounds, and senior forward Dwight Coleby tallied his eighth double-double with 17 points, 11 rebounds and four blocks. Freshman guard Josh Anderson scored 12 points off the bench, while fellow freshman guard Taveion Hollingsworth added 11 points. Senior guard Darius Thompson had 10 points and five assists.

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Men's Basketball / Contact: Zach Greenwell, WKU Athletic Communications/Media Relations

Official bracket for C-USA Basketball Championship is attached.

HILLTOPPERS EARN NO.3 SEED IN CONFERENCE USA BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — WKU Hilltopper Basketball will be the No. 3 seed in next week's 2018 Conference USA Basketball Championship, and will open play against either sixth-seeded UAB or 11th-seeded Florida Atlantic at 9 p.m. CT Thursday in Frisco, Texas.

The Hilltoppers' quarterfinal matchup on Court B will be streamed online on Facebook via Stadium from Ford Center at The Star, the training facility of the NFL's Dallas Cowboys.

WKU's No. 3 seed is its highest finish in its four years in C-USA, as well as its highest finish overall since earning the No. 2 seed in the 2014 Sun Belt Conference Tournament.

The Hilltoppers (22-9, 14-4 C-USA) enter the tournament with their most wins overall and their most league victories since 2008-09.

The winner of WKU's quarterfinal matchup will advance to the semifinals at 3 p.m. Friday in a contest broadcast nationally by CBS Sports Network. The championship will take place at 7:30 p.m. March 10 and also air on CBS Sports Network.

WKU split its games against UAB this year, with a 77-69 victory in Bowling Green in January and a 101-73 loss in Birmingham on Saturday night.

The Hilltoppers defeated Florida Atlantic 75-63 at home Feb. 8.

WKU has advanced to at least the semifinals of its league tournament in 11 of the last 13 seasons. The team is 21-6 with four championships in the last 10 conference tournaments overall.

All-session booklets for this year's conference tournament are on sale now through the WKU Ticket Office. Limited premium GA booklets are available. Purchases made through the WKU Ticket Office directly support WKU Athletics.

All-session booklets cover all games for both WKU Hilltopper and Lady Topper Basketball games as well as all other tournament games.

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PDF box score is attached. Postgame notes, video and quotes will follow in a separate email.

TOPS DROP REGULAR-SEASON FINALE AT UAB, 101-73

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — WKU Hilltopper Basketball couldn't stop the hot Senior Night shooting of UAB on Saturday, taking a 101-73 loss in the regular-season finale at Bartow Arena.

The Blazers (19-12, 10-8 Conference USA) lived up to their name, shooting 61.7 percent from the field, netting 15 of 24 3-pointers and recording 26 assists.

WKU (22-9, 14-4) will now be the No. 3 seed in next week's Conference USA Basketball Championship in Frisco, Texas. The Hilltoppers will play either sixth-seeded UAB or 11th-seeded Florida Atlantic at 9 p.m. CT Thursday in the quarterfinals.

Senior forward Justin Johnson led WKU with 18 points and 11 rebounds for his 35th career double-double, while redshirt junior guard Lamonte Bearden added 17 points, five assists and three steals.

Senior forward Dwight Coleby had 12 points and seven boards.

UAB made its first five 3-pointers of the game and used an 11-0 run to open a 27-15 advantage at the 11:01 mark.

The Blazers eventually led by as much as 15, but WKU went on its own 9-0 spurt to trim the deficit to 37-31 with 3:37 remaining. The Hilltoppers trailed 45-37 at the break.

UAB made 9 of 15 shots from 3-point range in the first half.

WKU cut UAB's lead to 47-43 early in the second half, but the Blazers went on a 13-0 run and eventually led by as much as 31 with 4:54 to play.

Nate Darling led UAB with 23 points, knocking down all six of his 3-point attempts.

WKU MBB: Postgame Notes / Quotes / Video – UAB 101, WKU 73, Mar. 3, 2018

Please find attached postgame notes and quotes from WKU's 101-73 loss at UAB on Saturday in Birmingham, Ala., as well as a link below to a postgame interview with WKU head coach Rick Stansbury.

VIDEO

Head Coach Rick Stansbury — <https://youtu.be/P78-HE8hp4w>



Official Basketball Box Score -- Game Totals -- Final Statistics

WKU vs UAB

03/03/18 7:00 p.m. at Birmingham, Ala. - Bartow Arena



WKU 73 • 22-9, 14-4

##	Player		Total		3-Ptr	Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot							
22	COLEBY, Dwight	f	6-10	0-0	0-0	5	2	7	3	12	1	3	1	0	29
23	JOHNSON, Justin	f	6-15	3-5	3-7	4	7	11	1	18	1	0	0	1	35
01	BEARDEN, Lamonte	g	6-11	1-2	4-4	0	1	1	2	17	5	2	0	3	33
13	HOLLINGSWORTH, T.	g	3-7	0-2	4-5	0	3	3	1	10	2	3	0	0	34
15	THOMPSON, Darius	g	2-11	1-7	0-0	1	0	1	2	5	2	2	0	1	30
04	ANDERSON, Josh		2-3	0-1	1-2	1	1	2	3	5	0	1	0	1	14
12	DIAGNE, Moustapha		0-1	0-0	0-0	0	3	3	2	0	0	2	0	0	7
14	NELSON, Marek		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
21	OHMER, Jake		2-5	2-5	0-0	0	0	0	2	6	2	1	0	1	13
Team						5	2	7				1			
Totals			27-63	7-22	12-18	16	19	35	16	73	13	15	1	7	200

FG % 1st Half: 14-31 45.2% 2nd half: 13-32 40.6% Game: 27-63 42.9%
 3FG % 1st Half: 4-10 40.0% 2nd half: 3-12 25.0% Game: 7-22 31.8%
 FT % 1st Half: 5-7 71.4% 2nd half: 7-11 63.6% Game: 12-18 66.7%

Deadball
Rebounds
1

UAB 101 • 19-12, 10-8

##	Player		Total		3-Ptr	Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot							
03	COKLEY, Chris	f	7-11	0-0	3-3	1	3	4	2	17	6	1	0	0	30
34	LEE, William	f	7-11	4-8	0-0	0	4	4	3	18	3	1	2	1	29
01	BRYANT, Zack	g	6-13	3-4	2-2	3	5	8	3	17	5	3	0	2	34
02	NORTON, Nick	g	3-6	2-4	2-2	0	4	4	0	10	8	0	0	3	29
13	DARLING, Nate	g	8-8	6-6	1-2	0	2	2	2	23	2	2	0	0	33
11	GUEYE, Makhtar		1-2	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	1	2	1	0	2	0	11
12	REYNOLDS, Hunter		1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	2
21	PERRY, Jalen		0-4	0-2	2-2	0	1	1	1	2	1	3	0	0	21
23	SULLIVAN, Lewis		4-4	0-0	2-4	2	2	4	2	10	0	1	0	0	11
Team						0	2	2							
Totals			37-60	15-24	12-15	6	25	31	15	101	26	11	4	6	200

FG % 1st Half: 16-28 57.1% 2nd half: 21-32 65.6% Game: 37-60 61.7%
 3FG % 1st Half: 9-15 60.0% 2nd half: 6-9 66.7% Game: 15-24 62.5%
 FT % 1st Half: 4-4 100.0 2nd half: 8-11 72.7% Game: 12-15 80.0%

Deadball
Rebounds
1

Officials: Craig Murley, Olandis Poole, Joey Richardson

Technical fouls: WKU-None. UAB-None.

Attendance: 4363

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
WKU	37	36	73
UAB	45	56	101

	In Paint	Off T/O	2nd Chance	Fast Break	Bench
Points WKU	32	10	5	4	11
UAB	32	27	9	6	16

Last FG - WKU 2nd-00:53, UAB 2nd-00:53.

Largest lead - WKU by 2 1st-19:41, UAB by 31 2nd-04:54.

WKU led for 00:17. UAB led for 38:24. Game was tied for 01:18.

Score tied - 2 times.

Lead changed - 1 time.



WKU Hilltoppers at UAB Blazers

Postgame Notes

March 3, 2018

Bartow Arena | Birmingham, Ala.

FINAL SCORE: UAB 101, WKU 73

RECORDS AND NOTABLES

- WKU finishes the regular season 22-9 and 14-4 in Conference USA play.
- WKU will be the No. 3 seed in next week's Conference USA Basketball Championship. It's WKU's highest seed in its four years in C-USA and its highest finish overall since earning the No. 2 seed in the 2014 Sun Belt Conference Tournament.
- WKU's 22 wins and 14 conference wins are its most since 2008-09.
- UAB improves to 19-12 overall and 10-8 in league action.
- UAB leads the all-time series 23-14. WKU head coach Rick Stansbury is 4-2 in his career vs. the Blazers.
- Announced attendance was 4,363.
- **UP NEXT:** Third-seeded WKU will face the winner of the matchup between No. 6 UAB and No. 11 Florida Atlantic in the quarterfinals of the Conference USA Basketball Championship at 9 p.m. CT Thursday in Frisco, Texas. The game will be streamed online on Facebook via Stadium.

TEAM NOTES

- WKU used the starting lineup of Lamonte Bearden, Taveion Hollingsworth, Darius Thompson, Justin Johnson for the 26th time this season.
- **KEY FIRST HALF RUN:** UAB made its first five 3-pointers of the game and used an 11-0 run to open a 27-15 advantage at the 11:01 mark.
 - Trailing by 15, WKU went on a 9-0 run to pull back within 37-31 with 3:37 left and trailed 45-37 at halftime.

- **KEY SECOND HALF RUN:** WKU got back within four at 47-43 early in the second half, but UAB used a 13-0 run to seize control for good.
 - The Blazers eventually led by as much as 31 with 4:54 to play.
- WKU shot 27 of 63 (42.9 percent) from the field, 7 of 22 (31.8 percent) from 3-point range and 12 of 18 (66.7 percent) from the free-throw line.
- UAB shot 61.7 percent overall, made 15 of 25 3-pointers (62.5 percent) and tallied 26 assists.
- WKU has made a 3-pointer in 969 straight games dating back to March 15, 1987. That ranks as the sixth-longest streak in the nation behind Kentucky, UNLV, Vanderbilt, Duke and Arkansas.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

JUSTIN JOHNSON

- The senior notched his 35th career double-double and his 11th of the season with 18 points and 11 rebounds.
 - Johnson needs just two points to pass A.J. Slaughter for 14th on WKU's all-time scoring list.
 - Johnson needs 12 rebounds to become the fifth player in WKU history with 1,000 career points and 1,000 career rebounds, and the first since Jim McDaniels in 1971.
 - Johnson ranks fifth in WKU history since 1960 with 35 career double-doubles.
 - Johnson now ranks seventh on WKU's all-time list for games played with 128.

LAMONTE BEARDEN

- The redshirt junior finished with 17 points, five assists and three steals.
 - Bearden needs three steals to crack WKU's top-10 list for most in a single season.

TAVEION HOLLINGSWORTH

- The freshman scored 10 points in 34 minutes.
 - Hollingsworth needs two points to pass Derrick Gordon for third on WKU's all-time list for points in a season by a varsity freshman.

DWIGHT COLEBY

- The graduate senior tallied 12 points, seven rebounds and a block.
 - Coleby ranks ninth on WKU's top-10 list for most blocks in a single season with 58.

DARIUS THOMPSON

- The graduate senior passed Roland Shelton, A.J. Slaughter and Pancake Thomas and ranks eighth on WKU's all-time list for most minutes played in a single season with 1,114.

WKU Basketball
UAB Postgame Quotes
March 3, 2018

Head Coach Rick Stansbury

On last two losses at the preseason top two teams in the league...

"First thing we have is playing two really good teams. That's the first challenge. Middle Tennessee played exceptionally well, and we didn't play our best. You come on the road to UAB – a team that was picked second in the league. It doesn't matter where they're at, that same talent they had was picked second, plenty of talent. And we knew the emotions of Senior Night. When you're on the road, you've got to find ways to step up and not just match their energy. You have to match the emotion they have. ... Everything gets exposed more on the road. Thursday and tonight, we got exposed for a lack of toughness in some areas, some grit and some fight when the game is on the line."

On Saturday's defensive struggles...

"That's a lack of focus, toughness and effort. Again, you've got the emotion of Senior Night. I understand how that affects teams. We saw how that affected us last Saturday. We were going up against it today, and you have to find a way to raise that level of toughness against a good team."

On the message going forward into the C-USA Championship...

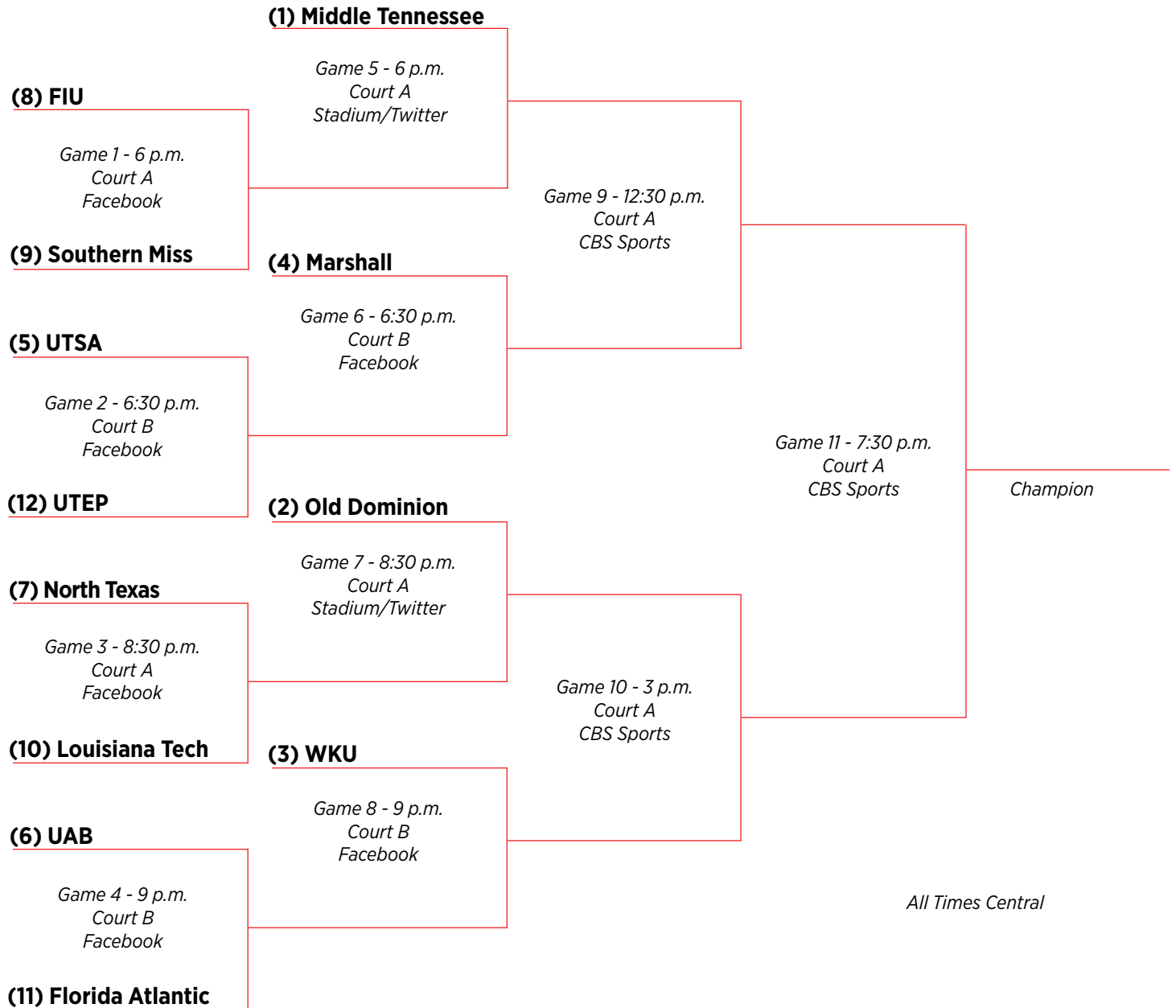
"There's no magic pills or magic dust that you have this time of year. You have to look in that mirror, because that hasn't been us. We got our mouth busted Thursday. How do you respond to that? That's what I was looking for tonight. It's very evident now that we didn't respond very well. You have to get yourself back up that mat now."

First Round
Wednesday, March 7

Quarterfinals
Thursday, March 8

Semifinals
Friday, March 9

Championship
Saturday, March 10



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Dropbox link for action photos/headshots of Johnson/Thompson/Hollingsworth (credit "Steve Roberts/WKU Athletics")

— <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/p9xn7lqwq01ysfb/AACvIMp7cJqQdeJno2makmaVa?dl=0>

JOHNSON, THOMPSON NAMED ALL-C-USA SELECTIONS; HOLLINGSWORTH PICKED TO ALL-FRESHMAN TEAM

IRVING, Texas — For the first time in four seasons, WKU Hilltopper Basketball features two all-league selections with senior Justin Johnson named to the 2017-18 All-Conference USA First Team and senior Darius Thompson named to the Second Team, as announced Monday by the league office.

In addition, WKU newcomer Taveion Hollingsworth was named to the C-USA All-Freshman team.

This is the first time WKU has earned multiple all-conference selections since T.J. Price (first team) and George Fant (second team) in 2014-15.

Johnson is also the first Hilltopper to make the first team since Price.

A second-team selection as a junior last season, Johnson — a 6-foot-7 product of Hazard, Ky. — leads WKU in scoring (14.8 points per game) and rebounding (9.4) for the third straight season. He also leads C-USA in rebounds per game and ranks in the top 35 in the country in total rebounds, rebounds per game and defensive boards per game.

Johnson is shooting 51.8 percent from the field and a team-best 41.8 percent from 3-point range.

He's ranked 15th on WKU's all-time scoring list with 1,580 points, fifth on the all-time rebounding list with 988 boards and in the top 10 in career field-goal percentage, games played, minutes played, free throws attempted and double-doubles.

Johnson is one of only four active players in the nation with at least 1,500 career points and 950 career rebounds.

Thompson, a graduate transfer guard originally from Murfreesboro, Tenn., found his way onto the second team while averaging 14.2 points, 4.7 assists and 4.5 rebounds per game in his lone season on The Hill.

The 6-4 guard has made a team-high 53 3-pointers and grabbed 47 steals, which ranks second on the squad. He's played 1,114 total minutes this season, which ranks seventh in WKU history for a single season.

He's currently ranked ninth in WKU history for most assists in a single season with 146, and he registered just the second triple-double in program history with 33 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists at Marshall on Jan. 6.

Hollingsworth, a 6-2 guard from Lexington, Ky., is the first Hilltopper to receive a freshman-centric honor since Chris Harrison-Docks was named Sun Belt Conference Freshman of the Year in 2014.

Hollingsworth has started all 31 games for WKU this season, averaging 13.3 points while shooting 49.3 percent from the field, 38.2 percent from 3-point range and 76.6 percent from the free-throw line.

He ranks fourth in WKU history for points in a season by a varsity freshman with 411 – 50 behind Courtney Lee's record of 461 – and his 1,069 minutes played this season are the second-most ever by a Hilltopper freshman.

The third-seeded Hilltoppers (22-9) head this week to the Conference USA Basketball Championship in Frisco, Texas, where they'll face either UAB or Florida Atlantic in the quarterfinals at 9 p.m. CT Thursday at the Ford Center at The Star.

C-USA will announce its specialty and individual awards later this week.

C-USA All-Conference Teams

First Team

Jon Elmore, Marshall

Nick King, Middle Tennessee

Ahmad Caver, Old Dominion

Chris Cokley, UAB

Justin Johnson, WKU

Second Team

C.J. Burks, Marshall

Giddy Potts, Middle Tennessee

Roosevelt Smart, North Texas

Jhivvan Jackson, UTSA

Darius Thompson, WKU

Third Team

Brian Beard Jr., FIU

Ronald Delph, Florida Atlantic

Jacobi Boykins, Louisiana Tech

Adjin Penava, Marshall

B.J. Stith, Old Dominion

All-Defensive Team

Brian Beard Jr., FIU

Adjin Penava, Marshall

Tyrik Dixon, Middle Tennessee

Ahmad Caver, Old Dominion

William Lee, UAB

All-Freshman Team

Anthony Duruji, LA Tech

Zack Bryant, UAB

Jhivvan Jackson, UTSA

Keaton Wallace, UTSA

Taveion Hollingsworth, WKU

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WKU Tournament Guide/Game Notes — <http://goto.ps/2Fu7FDq>

Video: WKU head coach Rick Stansbury previews C-USA Tournament — https://youtu.be/6eXX-zWC_k

Video: WKU senior forward Dwight Coleby previews C-USA Tournament

— <https://youtu.be/InCGu5uOw58>

Video: WKU freshman forward Marek Nelson previews C-USA Tournament

— <https://youtu.be/JZuz134z330>

HILLTOPPERS OPEN C-USA CHAMPIONSHIP PLAY IN THURSDAY'S QUARTERFINALS

FRISCO, Texas — WKU Hilltopper Basketball enters this week as the No. 3 seed in the Conference USA Basketball Championship in Frisco, Texas.

WKU will face either sixth-seeded UAB or 11th-seeded Florida Atlantic at 9 p.m. CT Thursday in the quarterfinals at Ford Center at The Star.

The Hilltoppers are coming off back-to-back road losses to Middle Tennessee and UAB – the preseason league favorites – to end the regular season, but they won six straight before that. WKU head coach Rick Stansbury is 16-13 all-time in conference tournament play.

GAME 32

Conference USA Basketball Championship Quarterfinals

No. 3 WKU (22-9) vs. No. 6 UAB (19-12) or No. 11 Florida Atlantic (12-18)

March 8, 2018 | 9 p.m. CT

Ford Center at The Star | Frisco, Texas

BROADCAST

Listen: [Hilltopper IMG Sports Network](#) (WKLX 100.7 FM flagship), [WKUSports.tv](#) (free), [TuneIn Radio](#) (free) (Randy Lee, ppx | Hal Schmitt, analysis)

Watch: [Facebook](#) (online streaming) (Chris Hassel, ppx | Tim Doyle, analysis)

Live Stats: [Conference USA Stats](#)

QUICK SHOTS

- WKU's No. 3 seed is its highest finish in its four years in C-USA, as well as its highest finish overall since earning the No. 2 seed in the 2014 Sun Belt Conference Tournament.
- The Hilltoppers' 22 overall wins and their 14 league wins are both their most since 2008-09.
- WKU has made at least one 3-pointer in 969 consecutive games, dating back to March 15, 1987. The 3-point shot was instituted prior to the 1986-87 season. The Hilltoppers' streak is the sixth-longest in the nation behind Kentucky, UNLV, Vanderbilt, Duke and Arkansas.
- In the last seven games, WKU is averaging 84 points and shooting a combined 53.8 percent from the field.
- WKU's current scoring average of 78.8 points per game would be the program's highest since 1994-95.
- WKU ranks 11th in the country in field goal percentage and first in Conference USA at 49.8 percent. That percentage would rank eighth for a single season in program history.
- The Hilltoppers are tied with Arizona and Villanova for most games shooting 55 percent or better this season with 10.
- WKU has outscored its opponents 1,248-928 in the paint this season.

- Taveion Hollingsworth has scored in double figures in 20 of the last 25 games, and the freshman is the team's second-leading scorer over the last 10 outings at 14.8 points per game.
- Justin Johnson is on pace to become the first Hilltopper to lead the team in both scoring and rebounding in three straight seasons since Jim McDaniels did it from 1968-71.
- Justin Johnson has grabbed at least 12 rebounds in seven of the last 17 games and has done so in 10 games overall this season. He had just seven such games all last season.
- Justin Johnson leads C-USA in rebounding at 9.4 boards per game. He could become the first player to lead the league in rebounding average in back-to-back years since Memphis' Joey Dorsey from 2006-08.
- Coming into the week, Justin Johnson was ranked eighth among active NCAA players for career rebounds and tied for ninth in career double-doubles. Johnson is one of four active NCAA players with at least 1,500 career points and 950 rebounds.
- Justin Johnson is ranked 15th on WKU's all-time scoring list with 1,580 career points. He needs two points to pass A.J. Slaughter to move into 14th.
- Justin Johnson ranks fifth on WKU's all-time rebounding list with 988 career boards. Johnson is one of five Hilltoppers in program history ranked in the top 15 in scoring and the top 10 in rebounding.
- Justin Johnson needs 12 rebounds to reach 1,000 for his career. That would make him just the fifth player in WKU history with 1,000 career points and 1,000 rebounds, joining Tom Marshall, Art Spoelstra, Ralph Crosthwaite and Jim McDaniels, the last to accomplish the feat in 1971.

LAST TIME OUT IN C-USA TOURNAMENT: MARCH 8, 2017

With a 56-52 defeat to UTSA, WKU was eliminated from the Conference USA Championship in the first round in Birmingham, Ala. Justin Johnson led the Hilltoppers with 15 points and a career-high 16 rebounds.

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PDF box score is attached. Postgame notes, video and quotes will follow in a separate email.

HILLTOPPERS STORM PAST UAB IN C-USA QUARTERFINALS, 98-70

FRISCO, Texas — WKU Hilltopper Basketball started the Conference USA Basketball Championship with a little revenge Thursday.

Five days after losing at UAB by 28 in the regular-season finale, the third-seeded Hilltoppers (23-9) stormed past the sixth-seeded Blazers 98-70 in the C-USA Championship quarterfinals at the Ford Center at The Star.

WKU advances to face No. 2 seed Old Dominion at 3 p.m. CT Friday in the semifinals. The Hilltoppers have advanced to the conference tournament semifinals in 12 of the last 14 seasons.

The Hilltoppers led most of the first half, but trailed by three when they took control with a 16-2 run to end the frame, building a 46-35 advantage.

WKU shot 62.1 percent in the second half, 59.7 percent overall and netted 19 of 22 free throws with just six turnovers.

Freshman guard Taveion Hollingsworth led all scorers with 22 points, while senior guard Darius Thompson finished with 20 points, seven assists, four rebounds and four steals.

Senior forward Justin Johnson and redshirt junior guard Lamonte Bearden each scored 19 points, while Johnson added 10 boards. Freshman guard Josh Anderson scored 10 points off the bench.

Zack Bryant led UAB (20-13) with 16 points.

WKU MBB: Postgame Notes / Quotes / Video – WKU 98, UAB 70 (C-USA Quarterfinals), Mar. 9, 2018

Please find attached postgame notes and quotes from WKU's 98-70 win over UAB on Thursday in the C-USA Championship quarterfinals in Frisco, Texas, as well as links below to postgame interviews with WKU head coach Rick Stansbury, graduate senior guard Darius Thompson and freshman guard Taveion Hollingsworth.

VIDEO

Head Coach Rick Stansbury — <https://youtu.be/FH9VFXGY0o0>

Guards Darius Thompson and Taveion Hollingsworth — <https://youtu.be/uBiqzaNR63U>

Official Basketball Box Score -- Game Totals -- Final Statistics

UAB vs WKU

03/08/18 9:05 p.m. at Frisco, Texas (Ford Center at The Star)

UAB 70 • 20-13

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03	COKLEY, Chris	f	6-8	0-0	0-0	2	4	6	2	12	1	0	0	0	26
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Totals			27-59	6-21	10-14	8	19	27	16	70	11	12	1	2	200

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 3FG % 1st Half: 3-11 27.3% 2nd half: 3-10 30.0% Game: 6-21 28.6%
 FT % 1st Half: 4-6 66.7% 2nd half: 6-8 75.0% Game: 10-14 71.4%

Deadball
Rebounds
2

WKU 98 • 23-9

##	Player		Total		3-Ptr	Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot							
22	COLEBY, Dwight	f	0-0	0-0	2-2	3	2	5	4	2	1	1	0	0	20
23	JOHNSON, Justin	f	7-13	3-6	2-3	2	8	10	1	19	0	0	1	2	35
01	BEARDEN, Lamonte	g	7-11	0-1	5-5	0	3	3	1	19	3	1	0	0	33
13	HOLLINGSWORTH, T.	g	8-12	2-3	4-4	1	2	3	3	22	2	0	0	0	37
15	THOMPSON, Darius	g	9-13	0-3	2-2	1	3	4	1	20	7	1	0	4	40
04	ANDERSON, Josh		4-9	0-0	2-4	2	2	4	2	10	0	1	1	2	22
12	DIAGNE, Moustapha		0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	5
14	NELSON, Marek		2-3	0-1	0-0	0	3	3	2	4	0	1	0	0	5
21	OHMER, Jake		0-0	0-0	2-2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	3
Team						0	2	2							
Totals			37-62	5-14	19-22	9	25	34	14	98	13	6	2	8	200

FG % 1st Half: 19-33 57.6% 2nd half: 18-29 62.1% Game: 37-62 59.7%
 3FG % 1st Half: 4-7 57.1% 2nd half: 1-7 14.3% Game: 5-14 35.7%
 FT % 1st Half: 4-6 66.7% 2nd half: 15-16 93.8% Game: 19-22 86.4%

Deadball
Rebounds
1

Officials: R-Darron George U1-Bret Smith U2-Chance Moore

Technical fouls: UAB-None. WKU-None.

Attendance:

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
UAB	35	35	70
WKU	46	52	98

	In	Off	2nd	Fast	
Points	Paint	T/O	Chance	Break	Bench
UAB	30	8	10	7	12
WKU	46	14	12	14	16

Last FG - UAB 2nd-04:20, WKU 2nd-00:03.

Largest lead - UAB by 4 1st-19:01, WKU by 28 2nd-01:38.

UAB led for 06:47. WKU led for 31:45. Game was tied for 01:28.

Score tied - 4 times.

Lead changed - 3 times.



Conference USA Championship Quarterfinals

WKU Hilltoppers vs. UAB Blazers

Postgame Notes

March 3, 2018

The Ford Center at The Star | Frisco, Texas

FINAL SCORE: WKU 98, UAB 70

RECORDS AND NOTABLES

- WKU improves to 23-9.
- UAB falls to 20-13.
- WKU head coach Rick Stansbury is 5-2 in his career vs. the Blazers and 17-13 all-time in conference tournament play.
- WKU has advanced to the semifinals of the conference tournament in 12 of the last 14 seasons.
- The Hilltoppers' 98 points were the most points in a conference tournament game since scoring 99 in 1987 in a double overtime win against Charlotte.
- WKU defeated UAB by 28 points, the largest margin of victory in a conference tournament game since defeating Middle Tennessee 100-65 in the OVC tournament in 1964-65.
- **UP NEXT:** WKU will face Old Dominion at 3 p.m. CT Friday in the C-USA Championship semifinals. The game will be broadcast nationally on CBS Sports Network.

TEAM NOTES

- WKU used the starting lineup of Lamonte Bearden, Taveion Hollingsworth, Darius Thompson, Justin Johnson for the 27th time this season.
- **KEY FIRST HALF RUN:** The Hilltoppers and Blazers were neck and neck for the majority of the half, but WKU utilized a 10-0 run to pull away from UAB with under five minutes left in the half, regaining a 40-33 edge over the Blazers.

- The Hilltoppers ended the first half with Justin Johnson's second 3-pointer of the night to cap a 16-2 burst.
- **KEY SECOND HALF RUN:** WKU shot 62.1 percent from the field in the second half, and the final score was WKU's largest lead of the game.
- WKU shot 37 of 62 (59.7 percent) from the field, 5 of 14 (35.7 percent) from 3-point range and 19 of 22 (86.4 percent) from the free-throw line.
- WKU outrebounded the Blazers 34-27 and outscored them in the paint 46-30.
- WKU has made a 3-pointer in 970 straight games dating back to March 15, 1987. That ranks as the sixth-longest streak in the nation behind Kentucky, UNLV, Vanderbilt, Duke and Arkansas.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

TAVEION HOLLINGSWORTH

- The freshman scored 22 points while adding three rebounds and two assists.
 - Hollingsworth is now third on WKU's all-time list for points in a season by a varsity freshman with 433 points.

DARIUS THOMPSON

- The graduate senior contributed 20 points, four rebounds, seven assists and four steals.
 - Thompson passed Steffphon Pettigrew and Orlando Mendez-Valdez and ranks sixth on WKU's all-time list for most minutes played in a single season with 1,154.
 - Thompson passed A.J. Slaughter and Anthony Palm (1990-91) on WKU's assists in a single season list for seventh now with 153 assists.

JUSTIN JOHNSON

- The senior notched his 36th career double-double and his 12th of the season with 19 points and 11 rebounds.
 - Johnson passed A.J. Slaughter for 14th on WKU's all-time scoring list with 1,599 career points.
 - Johnson needs two rebounds to become the fifth player in WKU history with 1,000 career points and 1,000 career rebounds, and the first since Jim McDaniels in 1971.
 - Johnson ranks fifth in WKU history since 1960 with 36 career double-doubles.
 - Johnson tied George Fant for sixth on WKU's all-time list for games played with 129.

LAMONTE BEARDEN

- The redshirt junior finished the game with 19 points, three assists and three rebounds.
 - Bearden needs three more steals to crack the top 10 on WKU's steals in a single season list.

Conference USA Championship Quarterfinals
WKU Basketball
UAB Postgame Quotes
March 8, 2018

Head Coach Rick Stansbury

On the game as a whole...

"Everybody knew what UAB had done to us the previous game. They were very good and I thought they were playing probably as well as anybody in this league. Defensively they're first in the league, defensive percentage. They can really score that basketball. Last game, at their place, they hit 15 out of 25 3s. That was one of our emphasis tonight, we weren't going to let that happen. I thought these guys for the most part, dug in defensively and thought we did a great job switching some screens. We won the backboard war. We held them to 43, 43 percent shooting and shot almost 60 percent ourselves, 59.7 percent for the game. We were very efficient on both ends of the court tonight. Again, that's a very talented, well-coached UAB team."

On moving forward...

"We won't even talk about those other two times, you guys can talk about it. Tomorrow is the first time we're going to play them, all that other stuff doesn't matter, it doesn't matter. We've never played them here on this neutral court and they've never played us here on this neutral court. We know this, Old Dominion's a really good basketball team, really good. We'll have to play this game exceptionally well to win this game tomorrow night. But I think our guys will be ready. It's a quick turnaround. We've got this late night, and we've got a nice good early breakfast in the morning and a good early game."

Graduate Senior Darius Thompson

On progressing through the game...

"We just wanted to focus on playing hard the whole game no matter what the score was, up by 20 or down by five. We just wanted to go out there and play as hard as we could. The momentum we had was great but we were going to keep playing hard no matter the score."

Freshman guard Taveion Hollingsworth

On playing with this team...

"It's fun. We've got a great team and I love everybody on there. We play hard every game, we come out and play the same, play hard every game."

On playing through adversity...

"I try to play through, these are tough games we have to go through and when my team needs me I'll play."

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Video: WKU head coach Rick Stansbury post-UAB — <https://youtu.be/FH9VFXGY0o0>

TOPS MEET SECOND-SEEDED OLD DOMINION IN FRIDAY'S C-USA SEMIS

FRISCO, Texas — WKU Hilltopper Basketball will play in a conference tournament semifinal for the 12th time in 14 years against Old Dominion at 3 p.m. CT Friday in Frisco, Texas.

The third-seeded Hilltoppers routed UAB 98-70 in Thursday's Conference USA Basketball Championship quarterfinals, while No. 2 seed ODU edged LA Tech 62-58.

The all-time series between WKU and ODU is tied at 18-18, and WKU has won both meetings this season. WKU head coach Rick Stansbury is 3-2 all-time against ODU and 17-13 all-time in conference tourney play.

GAME 33

Conference USA Basketball Championship Semifinals

No. 3 WKU (23-9) vs. No. 2 Old Dominion (25-6)

March 9, 2018 | 3 p.m. CT

Ford Center at The Star | Frisco, Texas

BROADCAST

Listen: [Hilltopper IMG Sports Network](#) (WKLX 100.7 FM flagship), [WKUSports.tv](#) (free), [Tuneln Radio](#) (free) (Randy Lee, pxp | Hal Schmitt, analysis)

Watch: CBS Sports Network (Carter Blackburn, pxp | Pete Gillen, analysis | Jamie Erdahl, sideline)

Live Stats: [Conference USA Stats](#)

QUICK SHOTS

- WKU's 98 points against UAB in the quarterfinals were the team's most in a conference tournament game since scoring 99 in a double overtime win over Charlotte in the 1987 Sun Belt Conference Tournament. The 28-point victory was the Tops' largest margin of victory in a conference tournament win since a 100-65 victory over Middle Tennessee in the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament in 1964-65.
- The Hilltoppers' 23 overall wins and their 14 league wins are both their most since 2008-09.
- WKU has made at least one 3-pointer in 970 consecutive games, dating back to March 15, 1987. The 3-point shot was instituted prior to the 1986-87 season. The Hilltoppers' streak is the sixth-longest in the nation behind Kentucky, UNLV, Vanderbilt, Duke and Arkansas.
- In the last eight games, WKU is averaging 85.8 points and shooting a combined 54.6 percent from the field.
- WKU's current scoring average of 79.4 points per game would be the program's highest since 1994-95.
- WKU ranks in the top 10 in the country in field goal percentage and first in Conference USA at 50.1 percent. That percentage would tie for seventh for a single season in program history.
- WKU leads the country – just ahead of Arizona and Villanova – with 11 games shooting 55 percent or better this season.
- The Hilltoppers have outscored their opponents 1,294-925 in the paint this season.

- Taveion Hollingsworth has scored in double figures in 21 of the last 26 games, and the freshman is the team's second-leading scorer over the last 11 outings at 15.5 points per game.
- Justin Johnson is on pace to become the first Hilltopper to lead the team in both scoring and rebounding in three straight seasons since Jim McDaniels did it from 1968-71.
- Justin Johnson leads C-USA in rebounding at 9.4 boards per game. He could become the first player to lead the league in rebounding average in back-to-back years since Memphis' Joey Dorsey from 2006-08.
- As of Thursday, Justin Johnson was ranked eighth among active NCAA players for career rebounds and tied for ninth in career double-doubles. Johnson is one of four active NCAA players with at least 1,500 career points and 950 rebounds.
- Justin Johnson is ranked 14th on WKU's all-time scoring list with 1,599 career points. He needs 23 points to pass George Fant to move into 13th.
- Justin Johnson ranks fifth on WKU's all-time rebounding list with 998 career boards. Johnson is one of five Hilltoppers in program history ranked in the top 15 in scoring and the top 10 in rebounding.
- Justin Johnson needs two rebounds to reach 1,000 for his career. That would make him just the fifth player in WKU history with 1,000 career points and 1,000 rebounds, joining Tom Marshall, Art Spoelstra, Ralph Crosthwaite and Jim McDaniels, the last to accomplish the feat in 1971.

LAST MEETING WITH OLD DOMINION: FEBRUARY 24, 2018

WKU controlled things from the outset against streaking Old Dominion, claiming an 88-66 victory at E.A. Diddle Arena. Freshman guard Taveion Hollingsworth led WKU with 20 points on Senior Night.

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PDF box score is attached. Postgame notes, video and quotes will follow in a separate email.

HILLTOPPERS BEAT ODU 57-49 IN SEMIFINALS TO REACH C-USA TITLE GAME

FRISCO, Texas — For the first time since 2013, WKU Hilltopper Basketball will play for a championship.

The third-seeded Hilltoppers (24-9) survived a 57-49 semifinal slugfest against No. 2 seed Old Dominion on Friday, advancing to the Conference USA Basketball Championship final at the Ford Center at The Star.

WKU will face fourth-seeded Marshall at 7:30 p.m. CT Saturday in the championship game on CBS Sports Network.

The Hilltoppers are looking to secure their 23rd NCAA Tournament appearance, as well as head coach Rick Stansbury's seventh NCAA tourney berth. It would be Stansbury's 12th postseason appearance in his 16 seasons as a head coach.

Old Dominion (25-7) led for most of the first half, but WKU went on a 17-2 run, including 10 straight points, to open a 28-18 advantage at the 1:58 mark of the first half.

Redshirt junior guard Lamonte Bearden knocked down the Hilltoppers' first 3 of the game at the horn, pushing WKU's halftime lead to 31-22.

The Monarchs got back in front 41-40 with 9:25 left, but WKU answered with two free throws from freshman guard Taveion Hollingsworth and a 3-pointer from senior forward Justin Johnson.

Johnson saved his biggest shot for the 1:41 mark, knocking down a contested 3-pointer as the shot clock expired that made it 54-46 and proved to be the dagger.

Johnson finished with 19 points and 13 rebounds, notching his 37th double-double and becoming the fifth player in WKU history with 1,000 career points and 1,000 career rebounds. Hollingsworth added 11 points, and Bearden had seven points and four assists. Senior guard Darius Thompson chipped in six points and six assists, and senior forward Dwight Coleby had five points and seven rebounds.

Trey Porter paced Old Dominion with 17 points.

WKU MBB: Postgame Notes / Quotes / Video – WKU 57, Old Dominion 49, Mar. 9, 2018

Please find attached postgame notes and quotes from WKU's 57-49 win over Old Dominion on Friday in the C-USA Championship semifinals in Frisco, Texas, as well as links below to postgame interviews with WKU head coach Rick Stansbury, senior forward Justin Johnson and redshirt junior guard Lamonte Bearden.

VIDEO

Head Coach Rick Stansbury — <https://youtu.be/FH9VFXGY0o0>

Senior Justin Johnson and junior Lamonte Bearden — https://youtu.be/sG5hgWs_T-g

Official Basketball Box Score -- Game Totals -- Final Statistics
 WKU vs Old Dominion
 03/09/18 3:00 p.m. at Frisco, Texas (Ford Center at The Star)

WKU 57 • 24-9

##	Player		Total	3-Ptr	FT-FTA	Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA		Off	Def	Tot							
22	COLEBY, Dwight	f	1-3	0-0	3-4	3	4	7	2	5	0	1	1	1	19
23	JOHNSON, Justin	f	7-12	2-4	3-7	3	10	13	3	19	0	1	1	0	37
01	BEARDEN, Lamonte	g	2-8	1-3	2-2	1	2	3	1	7	4	2	0	1	32
13	HOLLINGSWORTH, T.	g	3-9	0-3	5-6	0	1	1	3	11	0	0	0	1	32
15	THOMPSON, Darius	g	1-9	0-4	4-6	0	2	2	1	6	6	2	0	1	38
04	ANDERSON, Josh		2-5	0-0	0-0	0	3	3	3	4	0	1	0	0	24
12	DIAGNE, Moustapha		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	6
14	NELSON, Marek		1-2	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	1	2	0	1	0	0	8
21	OHMER, Jake		1-1	0-0	1-1	0	1	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	4
Team						2	2	4				3			
Totals			18-49	3-14	18-26	9	28	37	16	57	10	11	2	4	200

FG % 1st Half: 12-28 42.9% 2nd half: 6-21 28.6% Game: 18-49 36.7%
 3FG % 1st Half: 1-7 14.3% 2nd half: 2-7 28.6% Game: 3-14 21.4%
 FT % 1st Half: 6-10 60.0% 2nd half: 12-16 75.0% Game: 18-26 69.2%

Deadball
Rebounds
6

Old Dominion 49 • 25-7

##	Player		Total	3-Ptr	FT-FTA	Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA		Off	Def	Tot							
15	PORTER, Trey	f	6-12	0-0	5-7	1	2	3	5	17	1	1	1	0	28
25	STITH, Brandan	f	4-9	0-0	2-5	4	6	10	4	10	0	0	2	1	30
03	STITH, B.J.	g	2-9	0-3	1-1	2	5	7	2	5	1	2	1	0	33
04	CAVER, Ahmad	g	4-10	0-3	2-5	1	2	3	3	10	3	3	0	3	39
12	HAYNES, Randy	g	2-8	1-5	0-2	1	7	8	2	5	5	1	1	2	32
10	GREEN, Xavier		1-4	0-2	0-0	0	0	0	2	2	0	2	0	0	20
13	CARVER, Aaron		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	13
22	PINCKNEY, Keith		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
23	VASSOR, Stephen		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	4
Team						2	0	2				1			
Totals			19-52	1-13	10-20	11	24	35	22	49	10	10	6	6	200

FG % 1st Half: 8-25 32.0% 2nd half: 11-27 40.7% Game: 19-52 36.5%
 3FG % 1st Half: 1-8 12.5% 2nd half: 0-5 0.0% Game: 1-13 7.7%
 FT % 1st Half: 5-11 45.5% 2nd half: 5-9 55.6% Game: 10-20 50.0%

Deadball
Rebounds
4

Officials: R-Gary Maxwell U1-Jeb Hartness U2-Antinio Petty
 Technical fouls: WKU-None. Old Dominion-PORTER, Trey; VASSOR, Stephen.
 Attendance:

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
WKU	31	26	57
Old Dominion	22	27	49

	In Paint	Off T/O	2nd Chance	Fast Break	Bench
Points WKU	24	11	6	4	9
ODU	30	16	11	6	2

Last FG - WKU 2nd-01:43, ODU 2nd-02:13.
 Largest lead - WKU by 10 1st-01:58, ODU by 5 1st-12:28.
 WKU led for 26:23. ODU led for 11:05. Game was tied for 02:32.

Score tied - 4 times.
 Lead changed - 4 times.



Conference USA Championship Semifinals

WKU Hilltoppers vs. Old Dominion Monarchs

Postgame Notes

March 9, 2018

The Ford Center at The Star | Frisco, Texas

FINAL SCORE: WKU 57, Old Dominion 49

RECORDS AND NOTABLES

- WKU improves to 24-9.
- Old Dominion falls to 25-7.
- WKU head coach Rick Stansbury is 4-2 in his career vs. the Monarchs and 18-13 all-time in conference tournament play.
- This is the first time WKU has advanced to the finals of a conference tournament since defeating FIU for the Sun Belt Conference Championship in 2013.
- **UP NEXT:** WKU will play Marshall for the Conference USA Championship on Saturday at 7:30 p.m. CT. The game will be broadcast nationally on CBS Sports Network. WKU will be going for its 23rd NCAA Tournament appearance, while head coach Rick Stansbury will be going for the seventh NCAA berth of his career.

TEAM NOTES

- WKU used the starting lineup of Lamonte Bearden, Taveion Hollingsworth, Darius Thompson, Justin Johnson for the 28th time this season.
- **KEY FIRST HALF RUN:** Midway through the half, WKU embarked on a 17-2 lasting over seven minutes, retaking a 28-18 lead over ODU.
- **KEY SECOND HALF RUN:** While Old Dominion did take a 41-40 lead at the 9:26 mark, the Hilltoppers answered with five straight points to retake and maintain the lead for the remainder of the game.

- WKU shot 18 of 49 (36.7 percent) from the field, 3 of 14 (21.4 percent) from 3-point range and 18 of 26 (69.2 percent) from the free-throw line.
- This was the first time WKU has held an opponent to under 50 points since winning 64-47 at Southern Miss on Feb. 4, 2017.
- The 2017-18 team is now tied for 10th with the 1992-93 team on WKU's list for made free throws in a single season with 545 free throws.
- The 2017-18 squad is now ninth on WKU's list for steals in a single season with 240, passing the 1986-87 and 1997-98 teams.
- WKU has made a 3-pointer in 971 straight games dating back to March 15, 1987. That ranks as the sixth-longest streak in the nation behind Kentucky, UNLV, Vanderbilt, Duke and Arkansas.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

JUSTIN JOHNSON

- The senior notched his 37th career double-double and his 13th of the season with 19 points and 13 rebounds.
 - Johnson is 14th on WKU's all-time scoring list with 1,618 career points. He needs four more to pass former teammate George Fant to move into 13th.
 - Johnson is now the fifth player in WKU history with 1,000 career points and 1,000 career rebounds, and the first since Jim McDaniels in 1971. Johnson now has 1,011 career rebounds.
 - Johnson ranks fifth in WKU history since 1960 with 37 career double-doubles.
 - Johnson passed George Fant for sixth on WKU's all-time list for games played with 130.
 - Johnson passed Anthony Winchester for seventh on WKU's career minutes played list with 3,597 minutes.

TAVEION HOLLINGSWORTH

- The freshman scored 11 points, including going 5 of 6 from the charity stripe.
 - Hollingsworth passed Ralph Crosthwaite for second on WKU's all-time list for points in a season by a varsity freshman with 444 points. Hollingsworth needs 18 to pass Courtney Lee for first.
 - Hollingsworth passed three former Hilltoppers and is now tied with Orlando Mendez-Valdez for seventh on WKU's all-time list for most minutes played in a single season with 1,138.
 - Hollingsworth's 1,138 minutes this season are good for second on WKU's all-time list for minutes in a season by a varsity freshman. He needs 28 to pass Derrick Gordon for first.

DARIUS THOMPSON

- The graduate senior contributed six points, two rebounds and six assists.
 - Thompson passed Derrick Gordon for fifth on WKU's all-time list for most minutes played in a single season with 1,192.
 - Thompson is now tied with Anthony Palm (1989-90) on WKU's assists in a single season list for sixth now with 159 assists.

DWIGHT COLEBY

- The graduate senior had five points and seven rebounds in just 19 minutes.

Conference USA Championship Semifinals
WKU Basketball
Old Dominion Postgame Quotes
March 9, 2018

Head Coach Rick Stansbury

On the game overall...

"I commend Old Dominion for a terrific season. They had 25 wins and they're a really good basketball team. Their three, four, five losses, whatever it is, unfortunately we were able to get three of them. Outside that, those guys are really good and deserve to be in postseason play. They deserve to be in the NIT. There's not many teams around the country that have done what those guys have done. They deserve to get in and you guys know how that works. I'm awful proud of our young men. You hear it's hard to beat somebody three times. It's only hard to beat somebody three times if they're a good team. If they're not very good, it's not hard. But we knew going into this thing that the three times, we didn't let it affect us. It was the first time we were going to play on a neutral court. It's the first time we played each other here and all that other stuff means nothing. These guys were able to dig in, we overcame some different variables in that game that didn't go our way perfectly. It wasn't one of our best offensive games, but again Old Dominion had a lot to do with that. They made it a grind game. Our guys still figured out a way to outrebound them, which shows you the effort and toughness that we were playing with. Again, these guys deserve all the credit."

On looking ahead to tomorrow's championship game...

"It's absolutely two contrasting styles for sure. I haven't had the chance to look at their stats today, but they're going to spread that floor and they're going to shoot those 3s. We've had a really tough game at our place against them, a really tough game. I remember, it was probably a tied game until about two and half, three minutes to go. We went on a little run to close that thing out. They were really good at our place. Any time you have the ability to shoot the basketball like Marshall does, you've got a chance against anybody. I think this, I think our guys have the belief, have the confidence, have the abilities, that tomorrow, they'll be ready, they'll be ready to fight. We'll find out tomorrow at whatever time it is if we're good enough to overcome what Marshall is able to do. It's not going to be easy. But again, as a player, as a coach, it's all you ask for. Now, it's a one game season, a one game championship, and now is when you can really pull in some emotion. I like my guys with emotion, I like them."

Senior forward Justin Johnson

On being close to a Championship...

"It's surreal, but I ain't done yet. I'll be happy when I get it, but we still have 40 more minutes of basketball to play. We'll be ready, I'm going to have these guys ready to play. That will be the icing on the cake with my career here. That's all I want, that's all I care about, and whatever it takes I'm going to do to get it."

On becoming the fifth Hilltopper in WKU history to have 1,000 rebounds and 1,000 points...

"That was a little emotional for me. That's a tough accomplishment, man. I've been chasing that one for a long time. I knew coming into the season that I needed 302 rebounds, and I had exactly 302 rebounds last year. I knew it was going to be tough to do especially with Dwight in there who rebounds as well as he does. I mean, 1,000 rebounds to me, you can have my 1,500 points all day, you can take those away from. But 1,000 rebounds, I'll go ahead and say I'll knock that one off the list because that one feels really good."

Redshirt junior guard Lamonte Bearden

On playing with Justin Johnson...

“He’s great, not only down the stretch but in the beginning of the game also, he’s a leader. He wants to win right now, he needs that ring right now, like he said, and he’s hungry.”

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WKU Tournament Guide/Game Notes — <http://goto.ps/2FuWGq1>

Marshall Game Notes — <http://goto.ps/2FBs4H1>

Video: Head coach Rick Stansbury post-ODU — <https://youtu.be/qIF7c5RH0s8>

Video: Lamonte Bearden/Justin Johnson post-ODU — https://youtu.be/sG5hgWs_T-g

HILLTOPPERS FACE MARSHALL ON SATURDAY FOR C-USA CROWN

FRISCO, Texas — WKU Hilltopper Basketball will vie for its first conference championship since 2013 when it takes on Marshall at 7:30 p.m. CT Saturday in Frisco, Texas.

The third-seeded Hilltoppers are looking to claim their 23rd NCAA Tournament appearance, as well as head coach Rick Stansbury's seventh NCAA tourney berth.

WKU won the two regular-season meetings against No. 4 seed Marshall and leads the all-time series 15-10.

Stansbury is 2-2 in his career against the Thundering Herd and 18-13 all-time in conference tourney play.

GAME 34

Conference USA Basketball Championship Final

No. 3 WKU (24-9) vs. No. 4 Marshall (23-10)

March 10, 2018 | 7:30 p.m. CT

Ford Center at The Star | Frisco, Texas

BROADCAST

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QUICK SHOTS

- WKU is 9-4 in conference championship games since joining the Sun Belt Conference in 1983.
- WKU has 10 wins this season against programs with at least 20 victories: Old Dominion (3 times), UAB (2), Marshall (2), Purdue (1), Wright State (1) and Nicholls (1).
- The Hilltoppers' 24 wins and 14 conference victories are both their most since 2008-09.
- WKU's 98 points against UAB in the quarterfinals were the team's most in a conference tournament game since scoring 99 in a double overtime win over Charlotte in the 1987 Sun Belt Conference Tournament. The 28-point victory was the Tops' largest margin of victory in a conference tournament win since a 100-65 victory over Middle Tennessee in the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament in 1964-65.
- WKU has made at least one 3-pointer in 971 consecutive games, dating back to March 15, 1987. The 3-point shot was instituted prior to the 1986-87 season. The Hilltoppers' streak is the sixth-longest in the nation behind Kentucky, UNLV, Vanderbilt, Duke and Arkansas.
- WKU's current scoring average of 78.8 points per game would be the program's highest since 1994-95.

- WKU ranks in the top 10 in the country in field goal percentage and first in Conference USA at 49.8 percent. That percentage would rank eighth for a single season in program history.
- WKU is tied with Villanova for the national lead with 11 games shooting 55 percent or better this season.
- The Hilltoppers have outscored their opponents 1,318-955 in the paint this season.
- Taveion Hollingsworth has scored in double figures in 22 of the last 27 games, and the freshman is the team's second-leading scorer over the last 12 outings at 15.1 points per game.
- Justin Johnson is on pace to become the first Hilltopper to lead the team in both scoring and rebounding in three straight seasons since Jim McDaniels did it from 1968-71.
- Justin Johnson leads C-USA in rebounding at 9.5 boards per game. He could become the first player to lead the league in rebounding average in back-to-back years since Memphis' Joey Dorsey from 2006-08.
- As of Thursday, Justin Johnson was ranked eighth among active NCAA players for career rebounds and tied for ninth in career double-doubles. Johnson is the only active player in the nation with at least 1,600 career points and 1,000 rebounds.
- Justin Johnson is ranked 14th on WKU's all-time scoring list with 1,618 career points. He needs four points to pass George Fant to move into 13th.
- Justin Johnson ranks fifth on WKU's all-time rebounding list with 1,011 career boards. Johnson is one of five Hilltoppers in program history ranked in the top 15 in scoring and the top 10 in rebounding.
- Justin Johnson is the fifth player in WKU history with 1,000 career points and 1,000 rebounds, joining Tom Marshall, Art Spoelstra, Ralph Crosthwaite and Jim McDaniels, the last to accomplish the feat in 1971.

LAST MEETING WITH MARSHALL: JANUARY 27, 2018

WKU sent an over-capacity E.A. Diddle Arena into hysterics, scoring the last 15 points of the game to pull out an 85-74 home victory over Marshall. Senior guard Darius Thompson led WKU with 20 points.

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PDF box score is attached. Postgame notes and video will follow in a separate email.

TOPS' COMEBACK EFFORT FALLS SHORT IN 67-66 LOSS TO MARSHALL IN C-USA FINAL

FRISCO, Texas — WKU Hilltopper Basketball made a furious rally in the final four minutes of Saturday's Conference USA Championship final, but ultimately came up just short in a 67-66 loss to Marshall.

The third-seeded Hilltoppers (24-10) used an 11-0 run in the final 3:40 to trim their deficit to one, but couldn't convert multiple opportunities to take the lead at the Ford Center at The Star. WKU will await news of its postseason fate Sunday evening.

Neither team shot better than 37 percent from the field, but it was Marshall's Jon Elmore whose shooting stroke made the difference.

The guard netted 7 of 13 3-pointers, including 6 of 10 in the second half, to help the fourth-seeded Thundering Herd (24-10) secure the victory. Elmore finished with a game-high 27 points.

Senior forward Justin Johnson paced four WKU players in double figures with 21 points and 12 rebounds, while redshirt junior guard Lamonte Bearden and freshman guard Josh Anderson each had 13 points. Anderson also had seven rebounds.

Graduate senior guard Darius Thompson chipped in 11 points, and graduate senior forward Dwight Coleby pulled down 10 rebounds to go along with his four points.

WKU scored just one field goal in the final 8:22 of the first half, but still led 31-29 with 3:42 to play. Marshall scored the final five points of the half for a 34-31 lead.

Elmore finally gave the Herd separation in the second half by scoring 11 straight points for his team, including three 3s, to build a 53-41 advantage.

WKU still trailed 67-55 with 3:40 left when the Hilltoppers scored the final 11 points of the game.

Johnson hit a 3-pointer to make it 67-66 with 1:04 remaining, and WKU got the ball back with 39 seconds to go. The Hilltoppers got multiple looks at the basket in those final seconds but couldn't capitalize.

WKU's 24 wins to this point in the season are the program's most since 2008-09.

WKU MBB: Postgame Notes / Quotes / Video – Marshall 67, WKU 66, Mar. 10, 2018

Please find attached postgame notes and quotes from WKU's 67-66 loss to Marshall on Saturday in the C-USA Championship final in Frisco, Texas, as well as a link below to postgame interviews with WKU head coach Rick Stansbury and senior forward Justin Johnson.

VIDEO

Head Coach Rick Stansbury and senior Justin Johnson — <https://youtu.be/Tc33dr5P-tw>

Official Basketball Box Score -- Game Totals -- Final Statistics

Marshall vs WKU

03/10/18 7:30 p.m. at Frisco, Texas (Ford Center at The Star)

Marshall 67 • 24-10

##	Player		Total	3-Ptr	FT-FTA	Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA		Off	Def	Tot							
03	WILLIAMS, Jannson	f	3-6	0-1	2-2	3	6	9	2	8	0	0	2	0	29
11	PENAVA, Ajdin	f	6-12	3-5	1-2	3	6	9	4	16	0	1	2	0	38
13	WEST, Jarrod	g	1-4	1-3	0-0	0	1	1	1	3	2	0	0	1	27
14	BURKS, C.J.	g	2-17	0-5	2-2	1	2	3	1	6	2	1	0	2	37
33	ELMORE, Jon	g	9-21	7-13	2-2	0	4	4	1	27	6	5	0	1	39
21	GEORGE, Darius		3-5	1-1	0-0	3	4	7	2	7	0	1	0	1	13
23	WATSON, Rondale		0-1	0-0	0-0	3	1	4	2	0	1	1	0	1	17
Team						0	0	0							
Totals			24-66	12-28	7-8	13	24	37	13	67	11	9	4	6	200

FG % 1st Half: 11-33 33.3% 2nd half: 13-33 39.4% Game: 24-66 36.4%
 3FG % 1st Half: 6-15 40.0% 2nd half: 6-13 46.2% Game: 12-28 42.9%
 FT % 1st Half: 6-6 100.0 2nd half: 1-2 50.0% Game: 7-8 87.5%

Deadball
Rebounds
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WKU 66 • 24-10

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			FG-FGA	FG-FGA		Off	Def	Tot							
22	COLEBY, Dwight	f	2-6	0-0	0-0	2	8	10	1	4	0	0	0	1	20
23	JOHNSON, Justin	f	5-17	4-9	7-9	5	7	12	1	21	2	2	1	1	39
01	BEARDEN, Lamonte	g	5-11	1-2	2-2	0	1	1	4	13	2	3	0	1	24
13	HOLLINGSWORTH, T.	g	0-5	0-2	2-2	1	2	3	1	2	2	2	0	0	35
15	THOMPSON, Darius	g	5-11	0-2	1-2	2	1	3	0	11	3	1	1	2	38
04	ANDERSON, Josh		4-8	0-0	5-6	2	5	7	3	13	1	1	2	3	27
12	DIAGNE, Moustapha		1-3	0-0	0-0	2	1	3	1	2	0	1	0	0	3
14	NELSON, Marek		0-1	0-1	0-0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	4
21	OHMER, Jake		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	10
Team						4	2	6				1			
Totals			22-62	5-16	17-21	18	29	47	12	66	11	11	4	8	200

FG % 1st Half: 11-35 31.4% 2nd half: 11-27 40.7% Game: 22-62 35.5%
 3FG % 1st Half: 2-8 25.0% 2nd half: 3-8 37.5% Game: 5-16 31.3%
 FT % 1st Half: 7-9 77.8% 2nd half: 10-12 83.3% Game: 17-21 81.0%

Deadball
Rebounds
2,1

Officials: R-Gary Maxwell U1-Ray Natili U2-Jeb Hartness

Technical fouls: Marshall-None. WKU-None.

Attendance:

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
Marshall	34	33	67
WKU	31	35	66

	In	Off	2nd	Fast	
Points	Paint	T/O	Chance	Break	Bench
MAR	22	13	21	0	7
WKU	30	12	14	10	15

Last FG - MAR 2nd-03:40, WKU 2nd-01:06.
 Largest lead - MAR by 12 2nd-13:04, WKU by 4 1st-11:55.
 MAR led for 28:55. WKU led for 05:34. Game was tied for 05:26.

Score tied - 8 times.
 Lead changed - 9 times.



Conference USA Championship

WKU Hilltoppers vs. Marshall Thundering Herd

Postgame Notes

March 10, 2018

The Ford Center at The Star | Frisco, Texas

FINAL SCORE: Marshall 67, WKU 66

RECORDS AND NOTABLES

- WKU falls to 24-10.
- Marshall improves to 24-10.
- WKU head coach Rick Stansbury is 2-3 in his career against the Thundering Herd and 18-14 all-time in conference tournament play.
- **UP NEXT:** WKU will await word on its postseason fate on Sunday evening. The Hilltoppers could earn their first postseason berth since 2013.

TEAM NOTES

- WKU used the starting lineup of Lamonte Bearden, Taveion Hollingsworth, Darius Thompson, Justin Johnson for the 29th time this season.
- **KEY FIRST HALF RUN:** Marshall scored the final five points of the half over the last three minutes to retake the lead and enter halftime with a 34-31 advantage.
- **KEY SECOND HALF RUN:** Beginning at the 15:34 mark, Marshall's Jon Elmore went on an 11-4 run disrupted only by a 3-pointer and free throw from Justin Johnson. WKU finished out the last three and a half minutes of the game with an 11-0 run, but fell just short in the final minutes of the game.
- WKU shot 22 of 62 (35.5 percent) from the field, 5 of 16 (31.3 percent) from 3-point range and 17 of 21 (81.0 percent) from the free-throw line.
- The 2017-18 squad passed the 2004-05 and 2000-01 squads in season steals with 248.
- This team passed 2007-08 for 10th on WKU's team assists in a season list with 449.

- The 2017-18 team has attempted 792 free throws this year which is now good for ninth on WKU's list for team free throws attempted in a season.
- The 2017-18 group has made 562 free throws this year, passing three former Hilltopper squads for eighth on WKU's team made free throws in a season list.
- WKU has made a 3-pointer in 972 straight games dating back to March 15, 1987. That ranks as the sixth-longest streak in the nation behind Kentucky, UNLV, Vanderbilt, Duke and Arkansas.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

JUSTIN JOHNSON

- The senior notched his 38th career double-double and his 14th of the season with 21 points and 12 rebounds.
 - Johnson passed George Fant for 13th on WKU's all-time scoring list with 1,639 career points.
 - Johnson now has 1,023 career rebounds.
 - Johnson tied Chris Marcus for fourth in WKU history since 1960 with 38 career double-doubles.
 - Johnson tied Ty Rogers for fifth on WKU's all-time list for games played with 131.
 - Johnson passed Steffphon Pettigrew for sixth on WKU's career minutes played list with 3,636 minutes.
 - Johnson passed several Hilltoppers on WKU's all-time list for most minutes played in a single season and is now tied with Derrick Gordon for seventh with 1,165 minutes.

TAVEION HOLLINGSWORTH

- The freshman passed Derrick Gordon for first on WKU's all-time list for minutes in a season by a varsity freshman with 1,173.
 - Hollingsworth is second on WKU's all-time list for points in a season by a varsity freshman with 446 points.
 - Hollingsworth passed Derrick Gordon and Justin Johnson for sixth on WKU's all-time list for most minutes played in a single season with 1,173.

DARIUS THOMPSON

- The graduate senior contributed 11 points, three rebounds, three assists, one block and one steal.
 - Thompson remains fifth on WKU's all-time list for most minutes played in a single season now with 1,230.
 - Thompson passed Anthony Palm (1989-90) on WKU's assists in a single season list for sixth now with 162 assists.

JOSH ANDERSON

- The freshman added 13 points, seven rebounds, two blocks and three steals.

LAMONTE BEARDEN

- The redshirt junior scored 13 points with two assists and one steal.

2018 CONFERENCE USA MEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP



Press Conference Quotes – No. 4 Marshall vs. No. 3 WKU Saturday, March 10, 2018

Marshall Head Coach Dan D'Antoni

Opening Statement:

You can tell I'm happy, I'm happy for these kids, I'm happy for this school. It's a long time coming, Marshall basketball kind of dropped off. When I played there it was on a high level and Jon's taken it even higher than that and all the guys that play with him. Tonight was incredible. Some people think (Jon) is just a scorer, but he's a top 15 rebounder in this conference and he's also in the top six in steals, so he's not just a scorer, he's a complete ballplayer and I thought he did a great job, and Peneva came through, he was shooting those three's like he had been shooting them all year. As a coach, it all about the kids and they did a great job and it was a great thing for Marshall University. We hope this will jump-start our basketball program and you'll always be in here talking to us.

On Marshall's First Conference Championship Since 1987:

Marshall has had a long history of basketball, it goes all the way back to the plane crash. A lot of people think that the plane crash was just the football team, but I think you have to understand that the biggest supporters of basketball were on the airplane too, and we lost all of them. It's really good right now though.

#33 Jon Elmore, Marshall

On Working Hard Throughout the Season:

"We thought back to how the season ended last year, the feeling in the locker room, how everyone's heads were down, people were crying, and we met before the season with the coaching staff about that feeling and how we didn't want that again. We had leaders step up, this year we lost about 80% of our guys, but Ajdin stepped up in a huge way all year long, C.J. (Burks) has been one of the best players in the conference, and it was a great team effort.

On Moving Forward in the Postseason:

This was a phenomenal win for the school, shout out to everybody from Herd Nation who made it down, but we're not done yet. That was the thing Coach D'Antoni talked about is that we're not fighting for wins, we're fighting to win the whole thing. That's our mentality moving forward, and we're not done yet.

WKU Head Coach Rick Stansbury

Opening Statement:

Well first off congratulations to coach D'Antonio and Marshall, they came in and did the things they had to do to win a basketball game. I've said this always, when you have a team that can shoot the basketball from as many shots as they can shoot it from, from any given day, when you're on you get very difficult matchups, that's very obvious, they shot the cover off of it. Elmore in particular in that second half, the ones he made they were all 30-35 feet contested shots. There was three or four of them in a stretch. I think we were a little out of character today, I don't think we have that same looseness about us that we play with. I thought we were effective a little bit with the stage, didn't like that part of it. I thought we were uptight offensively and at halftime, I don't think we could play much worse offensively we were down three, we thought we'd get it going but we never got it going that way you got to get it going. They did a good job doubling Justin every time he took it, when that happens you got to have another big to finish some things to finish some shots, and we just didn't do enough of that.

I thought the biggest thing at halftime, I just felt it and sensed it, we played a little out of character tonight. I thought we had guys trying to do too much individually. They did a good job fronting Justin, if we got it to him they doubled him. We didn't get a lot done on the other side tonight, Dwight didn't have his best game, I know he's playing with those nine stitches from last night, but he wasn't as effective as he had been from the most part. When you get desperate and the game is on the line and its about over then you loosen up and play totally different, that's probably what happened those last four minutes. We trapped them, probably should have trapped them sooner. Again, give Elmore some credit, they only shoot 36 percent as a team, you look at the stats, we out rebound 10, but the difference was those timely threes. We outscored them the second half believe it or not, those threes that Elmore made, they made 12 of them, and I'm sure probably five of them was his in that stretch, and they were deep shots. I mean, shots that you'd say let him shoot, but you get in the zone sometimes. Early in the year he wasn't a very good shooter, in the last half of the year he's really come on and he's a guy that stepped out in that moment and made huge plays. Then we had an opportunity at the end to still go tie it up, go ahead and up a one-point game, and we didn't finish it.

#23 Justin Johnson, WKU

On Falling in the Championships Game

There are no words to describe it really. Like coach said, you got to tip your hat to Marshall. John Elmore made big plays down the stretch, made some big shots. You look at me I'm 5 for 17 from the field. Coach always says it comes down to one play. I've seen a double all year, and tonight I wasn't very good out of the double team, getting guys open, making extra plays. They made it tough on me to get it going offensively, like I said, this hurts. Elmore did a really good job taking some tough shots, did a really good job over there making some plays late.

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2018 NIT Bracket is attached as a PDF.

HILLTOPPERS TO HOST BOSTON COLLEGE ON TUESDAY IN NIT OPENER

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — WKU Hilltopper Basketball's season will continue in E.A. Diddle Arena, with a home game against Boston College in the first round of the National Invitation Tournament at 7 p.m. CT Tuesday.

The fourth-seeded Hilltoppers will welcome fifth-seeded Boston College for WKU's first home postseason game since an 88-80 overtime win over Kent State in the 2005 NIT, which was also their last victory in the event.

Single-game tickets for Tuesday's matchup will be available at 9:30 p.m. CT tonight online at WKUTickets.com. Chairback seats will be \$25, while bleacher seating will be \$15. Student tickets are free courtesy of WKU Athletics.

Season ticket holders can buy their season tickets and parking locations starting at 8:30 a.m. Monday. Season ticket holders are encouraged to purchase their seats online through their account manager to avoid lines and wait time through the WKU Ticket Office. The ticket office will have extended phone hours until 6 p.m. Monday.

Season ticket holders will have first priority to their seats through 8 a.m. Tuesday.

This is the first postseason tournament berth since 2013 for the Hilltoppers (24-10), who fell to Marshall 67-66 in Saturday's Conference USA Championship final.

WKU has made 13 previous appearances in the NIT, most recently in 2006. The Hilltoppers have a 9-14 overall record in the event, including three top-four finishes between 1942-54.

This will be the sixth NIT appearance in head coach Rick Stansbury's career. Stansbury's teams at Mississippi State competed in the NIT five times, including a semifinal trip to New York in 2007. Stansbury has a 6-5 overall record in the NIT, including a 3-2 mark in the first round.

Stansbury's teams have competed in either the NCAA Tournament or the NIT in 12 of his 16 seasons as a head coach.

Boston College (19-15) fell 90-82 to Clemson in the quarterfinals of the ACC Tournament last week.

WKU has faced the Eagles just once before, a 74-68 win in the Cotton States Classic on Dec. 29, 1982 in Atlanta, Ga. The Hilltoppers are 57-61 all-time against the current membership of the ACC.

The second round of the NIT is slated for March 16-19, with the quarterfinals on March 20-21. The semifinals (March 27) and championship game (March 29) are played at Madison Square Garden in New York.

WKU's 24 wins are its most since the 2008-09 season. The Hilltoppers have 10 wins over programs with at least 20 victories.

WKU's average attendance in Diddle Arena this season of 5,444 is the program's highest since the 2007-08 Sweet 16 campaign. The over-capacity attendance of 7,759 against Middle Tennessee on Jan. 20 was the largest for a regular-season game in Diddle Arena since the venue's renovation and capacity decrease to 7,326 in 2002. Over the last seven games, WKU averaged 6,547 fans per contest, filling the building to 89.4 percent capacity and selling out its final four Saturday contests, including three over-capacity crowds.

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WKU NIT Guide/Game Notes — <http://goto.ps/2lI3MPZ>

Conference USA Notes — <http://goto.ps/2FvU6o7>

NIT Game Program — <http://goto.ps/2InWLO6>

Video: Head coach Rick Stansbury pre-Boston College — <https://youtu.be/A49fgowu510>

Video: Seniors Justin Johnson/Dwight Coleby pre-Boston College — <https://youtu.be/A49fgowu510>

TOPS WELCOME ACC FOE BOSTON COLLEGE TO OPEN NIT ACTION

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — WKU Hilltopper Basketball will host a postseason game for the first time since 2005 when Boston College comes to E.A. Diddle Arena at 7 p.m. CT Tuesday for a NIT opening-round game.

The Hilltoppers are coming off a 67-66 loss to Marshall in Saturday's Conference USA Championship game.

Boston College won two games in the ACC Tournament before falling to Clemson in the quarterfinals.

WKU leads the all-time series against the Eagles 1-0, and WKU head coach Rick Stansbury has never faced Boston College.

GAME 35

NIT First Round

No. 5 Boston College (19-15) at No. 4 WKU (24-10)

March 13, 2018 | 7 p.m. CT

E.A. Diddle Arena | Bowling Green, Ky.

BROADCAST

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Watch: [ESPN3](#) (online streaming) (Dave Weekley, pxp | Rob Kennedy, analysis)

Live Stats: [WKU Stats](#)

QUICK SHOTS

- WKU is 24-6 (.800) at E.A. Diddle Arena under head coach Rick Stansbury. The Hilltoppers are 596-168 all-time at Diddle Arena for a .780 winning percentage.
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- WKU's current scoring average of 78.4 points per game would be the program's highest since 1994-95.
- WKU ranks 14th in the country in field goal percentage and first in Conference USA at 49.3 percent. That percentage would tie for eighth for a single season in program history.
- The Hilltoppers have outscored their opponents 1,348-977 in the paint this season.

- Darius Thompson needs to play just 21 minutes to rank second on WKU's list for most minutes played in a single season. Justin Johnson and Taveion Hollingsworth also rank in the top seven for minutes in a season.
- Taveion Hollingsworth has played more minutes than any freshman in WKU history and needs just 16 points to pass Courtney Lee for the most points scored by a Hilltopper freshman.
- Justin Johnson has four straight double-doubles and six in the last eight games. He has 38 career double-doubles and 14 this season for the second straight year.
- Justin Johnson is on pace to become the first Hilltopper to lead the team in both scoring and rebounding in three straight seasons since Jim McDaniels did it from 1968-71.
- Justin Johnson leads C-USA in rebounding at 9.6 boards per game. He could become the first player to lead the league in rebounding average in back-to-back years since Memphis' Joey Dorsey from 2006-08.
- As of Monday, Justin Johnson was ranked sixth among active NCAA players for career rebounds and tied for fifth in career double-doubles. Johnson is the only active player in the nation with at least 1,600 career points and 1,000 rebounds.
- Justin Johnson is ranked 13th on WKU's all-time scoring list with 1,639 career points. He needs 18 points to pass Chris Robinson to move into 12th.
- Justin Johnson ranks fifth on WKU's all-time rebounding list with 1,023 career boards. Johnson is one of five Hilltoppers in program history ranked in the top 15 in scoring and the top 10 in rebounding.
- Justin Johnson is the fifth player in WKU history with 1,000 career points and 1,000 rebounds, joining Tom Marshall, Art Spoelstra, Ralph Crosthwaite and Jim McDaniels, the last to accomplish the feat in 1971.

NIT EXPERIMENTAL RULES

The 2018 NIT will feature four rules modifications:

- The three-point line will be extended by approximately 1 foot 8 inches to the same distance used by FIBA for international competition (22 feet 1.75 inches).
- The free throw lane will be widened from 12 feet to 16 feet, consistent with the width used by the NBA.
- The games will be divided into four 10-minute quarters as opposed to two 20-minute halves. Teams will shoot two free throws beginning with the fifth foul of each quarter.
- The shot clock will reset to 20 seconds after an offensive rebound instead of the full 30 seconds.

TICKETS

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LAST MEETING WITH BOSTON COLLEGE: DECEMBER 29, 1982

WKU shot 51 percent from the field, including 56 percent in the second half, to beat Boston College 74-68 in the Cotton States Classic in Atlanta, Ga. The Hilltoppers were led by Bobby Jones with 19 points.

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HILLTOPPERS ROUT BOSTON COLLEGE 79-62 AT HOME IN NIT OPENER

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — WKU Hilltopper Basketball kept its season alive with a dominant performance Tuesday night, routing ACC foe Boston College 79-62 in a first-round NIT home game at E.A. Diddle Arena.

The Hilltoppers (25-10) shot 55.4 percent from the field and held Boston College to 38.5 percent, picking up their first NIT victory since a 2005 win over Kent State.

That win over Kent State was also the last time WKU hosted an NIT game, picking up where they left off with a strong showing in front of 6,176 fans at Diddle Arena on Tuesday.

The Hilltoppers will either travel to No. 1 seed USC or host No. 8 UNC Asheville in the second round at a date and time to be determined. Those teams play late Tuesday evening in California.

Senior forward Justin Johnson led WKU with 19 points and 12 rebounds for his 39th career double-double, while freshman guard Taveion Hollingsworth finished with 18 points, five rebounds, four assists and three steals.

Late in the game, Hollingsworth passed Courtney Lee for the most points ever scored in a season by a Hilltopper freshman with 464 points.

Senior guard Darius Thompson added 17 points, eight assists and six rebounds, and redshirt junior guard Lamonte Bearden chipped in 10 points.

Boston College (19-16) led 26-21 early in the second quarter, but WKU went on a 7-0 run, pulling in front 28-26 at the 6:50 mark on a 3-pointer by Hollingsworth.

The Hilltoppers then finished the first half on an 11-2 spurt, including nine straight points. Johnson's layup just before the buzzer made it 41-33 WKU at the break.

The Hilltoppers shot 61.5 percent in the first half and held Boston College to nine points in the second quarter.

WKU brought Diddle Arena to life with three straight dunks early in the third quarter and eventually led by as much as 17 with 7:24 to play.

The Hilltoppers outscored Boston College 40-26 in the paint and 15-2 on the fast break.

Ky Bowman paced the Eagles with 18 points.

WKU MBB: Postgame Notes / Quotes / Video – WKU 79, Boston College 62

Please find attached postgame notes and quotes from WKU's 79-62 win over Boston College on Tuesday in the first round of the NIT at E.A. Diddle Arena, as well as a link below to postgame interviews with WKU head coach Rick Stansbury, freshmen Taveion Hollingsworth and Jake Ohmer, and Boston College head coach Jim Christian.

VIDEO

WKU head coach Rick Stansbury — https://youtu.be/6Fi_pY3MDME

WKU freshmen Taveion Hollingsworth and Jake Ohmer — <https://youtu.be/cMbsz5Jf9s8>

Boston College head coach Jim Christian — <https://youtu.be/R24sxAeEVIE>

Official Basketball Box Score -- Game Totals -- Final Statistics
 Boston College vs WKU
 03/13/18 7 p.m. CT at Bowling Green, Ky. (E.A. Diddle Arena)

Boston College 62 • 19-16

##	Player		Total	3-Ptr	FT-FTA	Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA		Off	Def	Tot							
21	Nik Popovic	f	5-9	0-1	1-2	2	2	4	3	11	3	0	1	0	31
41	Steffon Mitchell	f	3-7	2-3	0-0	6	4	10	2	8	1	2	1	2	38
00	Ky Bowman	g	6-17	1-6	5-5	0	7	7	3	18	2	5	0	0	38
01	Jerome Robinson	g	8-20	1-7	0-0	0	1	1	4	17	0	2	0	0	40
25	Jordan Chatman	g	2-7	0-2	2-2	0	2	2	2	6	1	0	0	1	40
11	Vin Baker Jr		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
12	Johncarlos Reyes		1-5	0-0	0-0	1	2	3	2	2	0	0	0	1	7
13	Luka Kraljevic		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	4
Team						1	2	3							
Totals			25-65	4-19	8-9	10	21	31	18	62	7	9	2	4	200

1st - FG %: 11-20 55.0% 2nd: 4-16 25.0% 3rd: 4-14 28.6% 4th: 6-15 40.0% Game: 25-65 38.5% Deadball
 3FG %: 2-6 33.3% 1-3 33.3% 0-4 0.0% 1-6 16.7% 4-19 21.1% Rebounds
 FT %: 0-0 0.0% 0-0 0.0% 3-4 75.0% 5-5 100.0% 8-9 88.9% 0

WKU 79 • 25-10

##	Player		Total	3-Ptr	FT-FTA	Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA		Off	Def	Tot							
22	COLEBY, Dwight	f	3-5	0-0	0-0	0	5	5	3	6	0	2	2	0	32
23	JOHNSON, Justin	f	8-12	1-3	2-2	0	12	12	1	19	1	0	2	0	37
01	BEARDEN, Lamonte	g	4-7	2-4	0-0	1	1	2	2	10	2	1	0	1	22
13	HOLLINGSWORTH, T.	g	5-11	3-6	5-6	2	3	5	2	18	4	3	0	3	35
15	THOMPSON, Darius	g	7-12	0-3	3-4	2	4	6	3	17	8	5	1	1	31
04	ANDERSON, Josh		0-1	0-1	1-4	1	1	2	1	1	1	0	0	2	15
12	DIAGNE, Moustapha		0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	8
14	NELSON, Marek		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
21	OHMER, Jake		4-7	0-3	0-0	0	1	1	1	8	0	0	0	1	17
Team						0	1	1							
Totals			31-56	6-20	11-16	6	30	36	14	79	16	11	5	8	200

1st - FG %: 8-14 57.1% 2nd: 8-12 66.7% 3rd: 8-13 61.5% 4th: 7-17 41.2% Game: 31-56 55.4% Deadball
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 FT %: 1-2 50.0% 5-8 62.5% 0-0 0.0% 5-6 83.3% 11-16 68.8% 3,1

Officials: Jeb Hartness, Alfred Smith, Ed Crenshaw
 Technical fouls: Boston College-None. WKU-None.
 Attendance: 6176

Score by periods	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Boston College	24	9	11	18	62
WKU	19	22	18	20	79

	In	Off	2nd	Fast	
Points	Paint	T/O	Chance	Break	Bench
BC	26	11	11	2	2
WKU	40	11	10	15	9

Last FG - BC 4th-04:18, WKU 4th-00:00.
 Largest lead - BC by 6 1st-05:35, WKU by 17 4th-07:24.
 BC led for 12:33. WKU led for 26:49. Game was tied for 00:15.

Score tied - 1 time.
 Lead changed - 6 times.



NIT First Round

No. 4 WKU Hilltoppers vs. No. 5 Boston College Eagles

Postgame Notes

March 13, 2018

E.A. Diddle Arena | Bowling Green, Ky.

FINAL SCORE: WKU 79, Boston College 62

RECORDS AND NOTABLES

- WKU improves to 25-10.
- Boston College falls to 19-16.
- WKU is 2-0 all-time against Boston College.
- WKU head coach Rick Stansbury is now 1-0 against the Eagles and 4-2 in the first round of the NIT.
- WKU's 25 wins are the most since also notching that many victories in the 2008-09 season.
- This is the 19th 25-win season in program history.
- The last time WKU defeated a current member of the ACC was Nov. 30, 2008, when they defeated No. 3 Louisville 68-54.
- **UP NEXT:** WKU will either travel to No. 1 USC or host No. 8 UNC Asheville in the second round of the NIT. The location, date and time are to be determined.

TEAM NOTES

- WKU used the starting lineup of Lamonte Bearden, Taveion Hollingsworth, Darius Thompson, Justin Johnson for the 30th time this season.
- **KEY FIRST HALF RUN:** Boston College led the majority of the half, but WKU closed out the last four minutes of the second quarter on an 11-2 run to take a lead of 41-33 to enter the break.
- **KEY SECOND HALF RUN:** A stretch of three dunks midway through the third quarter gave the Hilltoppers a lead of 13 points, which would eventually be stretched to as much as 17 points.

- WKU shot 31 of 56 (55.4 percent) from the field, 6 of 20 (30.0 percent) from 3-point range and 11 of 16 (68.8 percent) from the free-throw line.
- The 2017-18 squad is seventh on WKU's season steals list with 256.
- This team passed 2015-16 for ninth on WKU's team assists in a season list with 465.
- The 2017-18 team has attempted 808 free throws this year which is now good for eighth on WKU's list for team free throws attempted in a season.
- The 2017-18 group has made 573 free throws this year, passing 1958-59 for seventh on WKU's team made free throws in a season list.
- This team has passed several former Hilltopper squads to earn third on WKU's team points in season with 2,744 points.
- 2017-18 is now sixth on WKU's blocked shots in a season list with 129.
- This year's group has made 990 field goals, which is good for sixth on WKU's all-time team field goals in a season list.
- WKU has made a 3-pointer in 973 straight games dating back to March 15, 1987. That ranks as the sixth-longest streak in the nation behind Kentucky, UNLV, Vanderbilt, Duke and Arkansas.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

JUSTIN JOHNSON

- The senior notched his 39th career double-double and his 15th of the season with 19 points and 12 rebounds.
 - Johnson passed Chris Robinson for 12th on WKU's all-time scoring list with 1,658 career points.
 - Johnson now has 1,035 career rebounds.
 - Johnson is fourth in WKU history since 1960 with 39 career double-doubles.
 - Johnson is fifth on WKU's all-time list for games played with 132.
 - Johnson is tied with George Fant for fifth on WKU's career minutes played list with 3,671 minutes. Johnson is seventh on WKU's all-time list for most minutes played in a single season with 1,202 minutes.

TAVEION HOLLINGSWORTH

- The freshman scored 18 points while adding five rebounds and four assists. The guard was also able to nab three steals.
 - Hollingsworth claimed first on WKU's all-time list for points in a season by a varsity freshman with 464 points, passing Courtney Lee. He now holds that record and most minutes played by a varsity freshman.
 - Hollingsworth is sixth on WKU's all-time list for most minutes played in a single season with 1,208.

DARIUS THOMPSON

- The graduate senior contributed 17 points, scoring 11 of those in the second half, along with six rebounds, eight assists, one block and one steal.
 - Thompson is second on WKU's all-time list for most minutes played in a single season now with 1,261 minutes. Thompson passed Gene Rhodes (1950-51) on WKU's assists in a single season list for fifth now with 170 assists.

**NIT First Round
WKU Basketball
Boston College Postgame Quotes
March 13, 2018**

Head Coach Rick Stansbury

On the game overall...

"Boston College is a really good basketball team, they've had a terrific year. They came in here with nine ACC wins, highest scoring backcourt in Power Five conferences and they're going to be really good next year. Jim (Christian) does a great job with them. Basically, all of those guys are back. They'll be right in the middle of that ACC next year, they've got that team and talent. But I'm pretty proud of our guys. I'm really proud of their abilities to get back up off that mat. That's not always easy to do after a real difficult, tough loss. You have to have guys that have high character to do that. And our guys got back up off that mat and defensively we were really good. ... We had great flow, defensively we were good, we got stops, we got out in transition."

On the crowd...

"I want to give our crowd an assist. One thing I thought was this: in the NIT games, sometimes you can get people to buy tickets who are not season ticket holders, and those people are excited to be in there. You could feel it in the air tonight. All those people who were not season ticket holders, thank you for coming, thank you for buying them. Make sure you go now buy yourself a season ticket for next year, ahead of time, early. We want to keep building on what you saw and what you experienced tonight."

Boston College Head Coach Jim Christian

On the environment and fanbase of WKU...

"I knew it would take our best game to beat them, especially in this great environment they have, which I'm obviously used to having been down here. ... I came in 1990, Ralph Willard's first year, and the crowd wasn't like this. Then, Coach Willard got it rolling and it was just like this. This is a very knowledgeable and passionate basketball fanbase. It's fun. They deserve to have great teams and they do, they have a great team. It was a lot of fun being on the other sideline rather than this sideline, but a great environment to play."

Freshman guard Taveion Hollingsworth

On breaking Courtney Lee's record for most points scored by a varsity freshman...

"It means a lot because that's usually what I do, but I told Courtney I was coming for it."

On the crowd...

"I expect them to be here at every game for the next three years. I want to see every seat full. The team has fun when the crowd is here and they give us more energy than what we usually have. I appreciate them for that."

Freshman guard Jake Ohmer

On winning today after Saturday's loss...

"It was good for us to kind of bounce back and not worry about the other loss. Everybody contributed today and helped us get a win. It was good to get back on track."

On the three seniors as leaders...

"They're great leaders. They even told us after the game when we lost, they all kept their heads up. They were just looking forward to the next game so that's all we kept worrying about it. They're great leaders, I just keep looking on to them to follow them."

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Justin Johnson and Darius Thompson headshots attached.

JOHNSON, THOMPSON NAMED TO NABC ALL-DISTRICT TEAM

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — WKU senior forward Justin Johnson was named to the NABC All-District 11 First Team this week, while senior guard Darius Thompson was named to the second team by the National Association of Basketball Coaches.

Johnson and Thompson mark the first time WKU has had multiple NABC All-District performers in a season since George Fant and T.J. Price made the first team in 2014-15.

District 11 is made up of the teams in Conference USA, and voting is conducted by member coaches in the association.

Johnson was also named an All-Conference USA First Team selection earlier this month.

The 6-foot-7 native of Hazard, Ky., leads WKU in scoring (15.4 points per game) and rebounding (9.6) for the third straight season. He also leads C-USA in rebounds per game and ranks 17th in the country in total rebounds.

Johnson is shooting 51.6 percent from the field and a team-best 42.6 percent from 3-point range.

He's ranked 12th on WKU's all-time scoring list with 1,658 points, fifth on the all-time rebounding list with 1,035 boards and in the top 10 in career field-goal percentage, games played, minutes played, free throws attempted and double-doubles.

Thompson, a graduate transfer from Murfreesboro, Tenn., is averaging 14.1 points, 4.9 assists and 4.4 rebounds per game. He was recently named an All-C-USA Second Team selection.

The 6-4 guard has made a team-high 53 3-pointers and grabbed 55 steals, which ranks second on the squad. He's played 1,261 total minutes this season, which ranks second in WKU history for a single season.

Thompson is currently ranked fifth in WKU history for most assists in a single season with 170, and he registered just the second triple-double in program history with 33 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists at Marshall on Jan. 6.

WKU continues postseason play at USC in the second round of the NIT at 10:30 p.m. CT Monday in Los Angeles.

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WKU NIT Guide/Game Notes — <http://goto.ps/2pn9WpR>

USC Game Notes — <http://goto.ps/2Hledf9>

Video: WKU head coach Rick Stansbury previews USC — <https://youtu.be/Qm6nay7dYgk>

Video: WKU senior forward Justin Johnson previews USC — <https://youtu.be/3J2Np643X6c>

Video: WKU senior guard Darius Thompson previews USC — <https://youtu.be/8rFaqEswQOQ>

HILLTOPPERS VISIT TOP-SEEDED USC IN SECOND ROUND OF NIT

LOS ANGELES — WKU Hilltopper Basketball will look to win multiple games in the NIT for the first time since 1948 when it travels to top-seeded USC for a second-round matchup at 10:30 p.m. CT Monday in Los Angeles.

The Hilltoppers routed Boston College 79-62 at home in the first round.

USC needed two overtimes to defeat UNC Asheville 103-98 in the first round in California.

WKU has split its two previous meetings with USC, losing the only matchup in Los Angeles in 1987. WKU head coach Rick Stansbury has never faced the Trojans.

GAME 36

NIT Second Round

No. 4 WKU (25-10) at No. 1 USC (24-11)

March 19, 2018 | 10:30 p.m. CT

Galen Center | Los Angeles

BROADCAST

Listen: [Hilltopper IMG Sports Network](#) (WKLX 100.7 FM flagship), [WKUSports.tv](#) (free), [TuneIn Radio](#) (free) (Randy Lee, pxp | Hal Schmitt, analysis)

Watch: ESPN2 (Dave Pasch, pxp | Bill Walton, analysis)

Live Stats: [USC Stats](#)

QUICK SHOTS

- WKU has made at least one 3-pointer in 973 consecutive games, dating back to March 15, 1987. The 3-point shot was instituted prior to the 1986-87 season. The Hilltoppers' streak is the fifth-longest in the nation behind UNLV, Vanderbilt, Duke and Arkansas.
- The Hilltoppers' 25 wins and 14 conference victories are both their most since 2008-09. This is the 19th 25-win season in program history.
- WKU has 10 wins this season against programs with at least 20 victories: Old Dominion (3 times), UAB (2), Marshall (2), Purdue (1), Wright State (1) and Nicholls (1).
- WKU's current scoring average of 78.4 points per game would be the program's highest since 1994-95.
- WKU ranks 13th in the country in field goal percentage and first in Conference USA at 49.5 percent. That percentage would rank eighth for a single season in program history.
- The Hilltoppers have outscored their opponents 1,348-1,003 in the paint this season.
- WKU ranks 13th in the nation with 129 dunks against Division I competition, according to Ken Pomeroy.
- Justin Johnson has five straight double-doubles and seven in the last nine games. He has 39 career double-doubles and 15 this season.

- Justin Johnson is on pace to become the first Hilltopper to lead the team in both scoring and rebounding in three straight seasons since Jim McDaniels did it from 1968-71.
- Justin Johnson leads C-USA in rebounding at 9.6 boards per game. He could become the first player to lead the league in rebounding average in back-to-back years since Memphis' Joey Dorsey from 2006-08.
- As of Friday, Justin Johnson was ranked sixth among active NCAA players for career rebounds and fifth in career double-doubles. Johnson is the only active player in the nation with at least 1,600 career points and 1,000 rebounds. He ranks 17th in the country this year with 337 total rebounds.
- Justin Johnson is ranked 12th on WKU's all-time scoring list with 1,658 career points. He needs 23 points to pass Clem Haskins to move into 11th.
- Justin Johnson ranks fifth on WKU's all-time rebounding list with 1,035 career boards. Johnson is one of five Hilltoppers in program history ranked in the top 15 in scoring and the top 10 in rebounding.
- Justin Johnson is the fifth player in WKU history with 1,000 career points and 1,000 rebounds, joining Tom Marshall, Art Spoelstra, Ralph Crosthwaite and Jim McDaniels, the last to accomplish the feat in 1971.
- Taveion Hollingsworth has scored more points and played more minutes than any freshman in Hilltopper history. He recently passed WKU great Courtney Lee for the scoring record.
- Darius Thompson needs to play just 65 minutes to rank first on WKU's list for most minutes played in a single season. Thompson ranks ninth in the country in total minutes played this season.

NIT EXPERIMENTAL RULES

The 2018 NIT will feature four rules modifications:

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- The free throw lane will be widened from 12 feet to 16 feet, consistent with the width used by the NBA.
- The games will be divided into four 10-minute quarters as opposed to two 20-minute halves. Teams will shoot two free throws beginning with the fifth foul of each quarter.
- The shot clock will reset to 20 seconds after an offensive rebound instead of the full 30 seconds.

LAST MEETING WITH USC: DECEMBER 28, 1987

Brett McNeal led WKU with 22 points, but the Hilltoppers shot just 39.1 percent – including 29.2 percent in the second half – in a 53-47 loss to the Trojans in Los Angeles. Fred Tisdale added 14 points for the Hilltoppers.

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PDF box score is attached. Postgame notes, quotes and video will follow in a separate email.

HILLTOPPERS EDGE TOP-SEEDED USC 79-75 TO REACH NIT QUARTERFINALS

LOS ANGELES — WKU Hilltopper Basketball notched its first Pac-12 road victory in program history Monday night, advancing through the second round of the NIT with a 79-75 win at top-seeded USC.

The Hilltoppers (26-10) came back in the final four minutes, surging past the Trojans (24-12) to win multiple games in the NIT for the first time since 1948.

WKU advances to face second-seeded Oklahoma State on the road at 7 p.m. CT Wednesday in the quarterfinals on ESPN2.

Senior forward Justin Johnson led WKU with 23 points and six rebounds – passing Clem Haskins for 11th on the program's all-time scoring list – while senior forward Dwight Coleby added 13 points and seven rebounds.

Coleby came up big with seven points in the fourth quarter, including two putbacks and the final emphatic dunk.

Redshirt junior guard Lamonte Bearden chipped in 11 points, seven rebounds, three steals and three assists, and freshman guard Josh Anderson scored 10 points. Freshman guard Jake Ohmer added eight points off the bench.

WKU used a 9-0 run late in the second quarter to pull in front and led 40-39 at the break.

The Hilltoppers stretched their lead to 57-50 with 1:43 to play in the third quarter, but a 14-2 USC run later made it 67-61 Trojans with 5:51 remaining in the game.

WKU punched back with seven straight points, including Coleby's two putbacks, and the Hilltoppers went in front for good with 2:58 left on an alley-oop by Johnson.

The Hilltoppers made 16 of 17 free throws, while USC made 8 of 19. WKU scored 52 points in the paint and outrebounded the Trojans 32-27.

WKU's 26 wins are its most since the 2007-08 Sweet 16 season.

WKU MBB: Postgame Notes / Quotes / Video – WKU 79, USC 75, Mar. 20, 2018

Please find attached postgame notes and quotes from WKU's 79-75 win at top-seeded USC in the second round of the NIT in Los Angeles, as well as a link below to postgame interviews with WKU head coach Rick Stansbury, senior forward Justin Johnson and senior guard Darius Thompson.

VIDEO

WKU head coach Rick Stansbury and seniors Justin Johnson and Darius Thompson

— <https://youtu.be/q9rtxxkPQFU>

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WKU NIT Guide/Game Notes — <http://goto.ps/2FMBEaR>

Oklahoma State Game Notes — <http://goto.ps/2prv8fk>

TOPS VISIT OKLAHOMA STATE IN NIT QUARTERFINALS WITH NYC TRIP AT STAKE

STILLWATER, Okla. — WKU Hilltopper Basketball will try to win three games in the NIT for the first time ever – and in any postseason tournament for the first time since 1971 – when it visits second-seeded Oklahoma State in the quarterfinals at 7 p.m. CT Wednesday in Stillwater, Okla. The Hilltoppers advanced by knocking off top-seeded USC 79-75 on the road Monday. Oklahoma State beat Stanford 71-65 at home Monday to advance. The fourth-seeded Hilltoppers and head coach Rick Stansbury have each never faced the Cowboys before.

GAME 37

NIT Quarterfinals

No. 4 WKU (26-10) at No. 2 Oklahoma State (21-14)

March 21, 2018 | 7 p.m. CT

Gallagher-Iba Arena | Stillwater, Okla.

BROADCAST

Listen: [Hilltopper IMG Sports Network](#) (WKLX 100.7 FM flagship), [WKUSports.tv](#) (free), [TuneIn Radio](#) (free) (Randy Lee, pxp | Hal Schmitt, analysis)

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- WKU is 3-1 against the Power 5 conferences this season with wins over Big Ten, ACC and Pac-12 teams.
- The Hilltoppers' 26 wins and eight road victories are their most since 2007-08, and their 14 conference victories are their most since 2008-09. This is the 19th 25-win season in program history.
- WKU has 11 wins this season against programs with at least 20 victories: Old Dominion (3 times), UAB (2), Marshall (2), Purdue (1), Wright State (1), Nicholls (1) and USC (1).
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- WKU ranks 11th in the country in field goal percentage and first in Conference USA at 49.6 percent. That percentage would rank eighth for a single season in program history.
- The Hilltoppers have outscored their opponents 1,400-1,039 in the paint this season.
- Coming into the week, WKU ranked 13th in the nation with 129 dunks against Division I competition, according to Ken Pomeroy.
- Justin Johnson has recorded a double-double in seven in the last 10 games. He has 39 career double-doubles and 15 this season.

- Justin Johnson is on pace to become the first Hilltopper to lead the team in both scoring and rebounding in three straight seasons since Jim McDaniels did it from 1968-71.
- Justin Johnson leads C-USA in rebounding at 9.5 boards per game. He could become the first player to lead the league in rebounding average in back-to-back years since Memphis' Joey Dorsey from 2006-08.
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- Justin Johnson is ranked 11th on WKU's all-time scoring list with 1,681 career points. He needs seven points to pass Bobby Rascoe to move into 10th.
- Justin Johnson ranks fifth on WKU's all-time rebounding list with 1,041 career boards. Johnson is one of five Hilltoppers in program history ranked in the top 15 in scoring and the top 10 in rebounding.
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- The shot clock will reset to 20 seconds after an offensive rebound instead of the full 30 seconds.

LAST MEETING WITH OKLAHOMA STATE:

First meeting

MED CENTER HEALTH

The 2017-18 WKU Basketball season is presented by Med Center Health. With The Medical Center at its core, Med Center Health has served Southcentral Kentucky for more than 90 years, and its system of care includes six acute care hospitals, a complete network of immediate to emergency services and services in dozens of specialties. Whether it is emergency treatment for heart attack victims or preventative programs to improve the health of the communities it serves, Med Center Health is committed to providing the highest level of care and service.

Official Basketball Box Score -- Game Totals -- Final Statistics
Western Kentucky vs USC
03/19/18 8:30 p.m. at Los Angeles, Calif. (Galen Center)

Western Kentucky 79 • 26-10

##	Player		Total		3-Ptr	Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot							
22	COLEBY, Dwight	f	6-8	0-0	1-1	3	4	7	4	13	0	2	0	0	29
23	JOHNSON, Justin	f	8-14	1-2	6-7	1	5	6	1	23	0	0	0	0	36
01	BEARDEN, Lamonte	g	5-9	0-1	1-1	0	7	7	2	11	3	6	0	3	37
13	HOLLINGSWORTH, T.	g	1-4	0-2	2-2	1	2	3	3	4	3	1	0	1	32
15	THOMPSON, Darius	g	3-8	0-1	2-2	0	2	2	1	8	4	1	0	1	34
04	ANDERSON, Josh		4-8	0-0	2-2	2	1	3	3	10	1	0	2	1	14
12	DIAGNE, Moustapha		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	2
14	NELSON, Marek		1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	4
21	OHMER, Jake		2-4	2-3	2-2	0	0	0	1	8	2	0	0	0	12
Team						2	2	4				1			
Totals			30-56	3-9	16-17	9	23	32	16	79	13	12	2	6	200

1st - FG %: 8-15 53.3% 2nd: 9-13 69.2% 3rd: 5-16 31.3% 4th: 8-12 66.7% Game: 30-56 53.6% Deadball
 3FG %: 1-4 25.0% 2-3 66.7% 0-2 0.0% 0-0 0.0% 3-9 33.3% Rebounds
 FT %: 1-1 100.0% 2-2 100.0% 9-9 100.0% 4-5 80.0% 16-17 94.1% 1,2

USC 75 • 24-12

##	Player		Total		3-Ptr	Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot							
01	Usher, Jordan	f	4-11	3-9	2-3	0	1	1	4	13	0	1	1	0	28
34	Uyaelunmo, Victor	f	1-2	0-0	3-6	1	1	2	0	5	0	0	0	0	8
00	Aaron, Shaquan	g	0-1	0-0	1-2	0	3	3	0	1	1	1	0	0	12
02	Mathews, Jonah	g	3-10	1-4	1-2	2	1	3	2	8	2	0	0	1	33
11	McLaughlin, Jordan	g	6-13	1-4	0-2	0	1	1	1	13	14	1	0	3	36
05	Thornton, Derryck		2-5	0-0	0-0	1	1	2	1	4	2	4	0	0	15
30	Stewart, Elijah		8-13	4-7	0-0	1	0	1	2	20	1	0	0	0	36
31	Rakocevic, Nick		5-7	0-0	1-4	3	7	10	4	11	0	1	0	2	32
Team						4	0	4							
Totals			29-62	9-24	8-19	12	15	27	14	75	20	8	1	6	200

1st - FG %: 10-18 55.6% 2nd: 5-14 35.7% 3rd: 7-13 53.8% 4th: 7-17 41.2% Game: 29-62 46.8% Deadball
 3FG %: 3-6 50.0% 2-6 33.3% 2-3 66.7% 2-9 22.2% 9-24 37.5% Rebounds
 FT %: 0-0 0.0% 4-8 50.0% 3-7 42.9% 1-4 25.0% 8-19 42.1% 7,2

Officials: David Hall, D.G. Nelson, Jeff Wooten
 Technical fouls: Western Kentucky-None. USC-None.
 Attendance: 2130

Score by periods	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Western Kentucky	18	22	19	20	79
USC	23	16	19	17	75

	In	Off	2nd	Fast	
Points	Paint	T/O	Chance	Break	Bench
WKU	52	10	13	4	20
USC	36	13	15	7	35

Last FG - WKU 4th-00:11, USC 4th-00:53.
 Largest lead - WKU by 7 3rd-01:43, USC by 7 2nd-09:33.
 WKU led for 11:52. USC led for 22:00. Game was tied for 05:58.

Score tied - 9 times.
 Lead changed - 13 times.



NIT Second Round

No. 4 WKU Hilltoppers at No. 1 USC Trojans

Postgame Notes

March 19, 2018

Galen Center | Los Angeles, Calif.

FINAL SCORE: WKU 79, USC 75

RECORDS AND NOTABLES

- WKU improves to 26-10.
- USC falls to 24-12.
- WKU is 2-1 all-time against USC.
- WKU head coach Rick Stansbury is now 1-0 against the Trojans and 3-1 in the second round of the NIT.
- This victory marked WKU's first ever road win over a current member of the Pac-12.
- WKU's 26 wins are the most since notching 29 victories in the 2007-08 season.
- WKU has won multiple games in the NIT for the first time since 1948.
- **UP NEXT:** WKU will head to Stillwater, Okla., to play second-seeded Oklahoma State in the quarterfinals of the NIT on Wednesday at 7 p.m. CT. The game will air on ESPN2.

TEAM NOTES

- WKU used the starting lineup of Lamonte Bearden, Taveion Hollingsworth, Darius Thompson, Justin Johnson for the 31st time this season.
- **KEY FIRST HALF RUN:** After trailing for 13 minutes of the first half, WKU was able to make a 9-0 run beginning at the 4:46 mark to gain a lead of 38-35.
- **KEY SECOND HALF RUN:** USC utilized a 14-2 between the third and fourth quarters to break away with a lead of 67-61. WKU immediately responded with a 7-0 burst, retaking the lead 68-67.
- WKU shot 30 of 56 (53.6 percent) from the field, 3 of 9 (33.3 percent) from 3-point range and 16 of 17 (94.1 percent) from the free-throw line.

- The 2017-18 squad is seventh on WKU's season steals list with 262.
- This team is fifth on WKU's team assists in a season list with 488.
- The 2017-18 team has attempted 825 free throws this year which is now good for seventh on WKU's list for team free throws attempted in a season.
- The 2017-18 group has made 589 free throws this year, tying 1986-87 for fifth on WKU's team made free throws in a season list.
- This team has passed the 2007-08 squad to be second on WKU's team points in season list with 2,823.
- 2017-18 is sixth on WKU's blocked shots in a season list with 131.
- This year's group has made 1,020 field goals which is now good for third on WKU's all-time team field goals in a season list.
- WKU has made a 3-pointer in 974 straight games dating back to March 15, 1987. That ranks as the fifth-longest streak in the nation behind UNLV, Vanderbilt, Duke and Arkansas.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

JUSTIN JOHNSON

- The senior had a team-high 23 points with an additional six rebounds on the evening.
 - Johnson passed Clem Haskins for 11th on WKU's all-time scoring list with 1,681 career points.
 - Johnson now has 1,041 career rebounds.
 - Johnson is fourth in WKU history since 1960 with 39 career double-doubles.
 - Johnson is fifth on WKU's all-time list for games played with 133.
 - Johnson is fifth on WKU's career minutes played list with 3,709 minutes.
 - Johnson is sixth on WKU's all-time list for most minutes played in a single season seventh with 1,238 minutes.

TAVEION HOLLINGSWORTH

- The freshman scored four points while adding three rebounds, three assists and one steal.
 - Hollingsworth is first on WKU's all-time list for points in a season by a varsity freshman with 468 points. He holds that record and most minutes played by a varsity freshman.
 - Hollingsworth is tied with A.J. Slaughter for fifth on WKU's all-time list for most minutes played in a single season with 1,240.

DARIUS THOMPSON

- The graduate senior contributed eight points, two rebounds and four assists.
 - Thompson is second on WKU's all-time list for most minutes played in a single season now with 1,295 minutes.
 - Thompson is fifth on WKU's assists in a single season list with 174 assists.

LAMONTE BEARDEN

- The redshirt junior tied his career high with seven rebounds and added 11 points, three assists and three steals.
 - Bearden claims sole possession of ninth on WKU's all-time steals in a season list with 62.

DWIGHT COLEBY

- The graduate senior was just shy of a double-double with 13 points and seven rebounds. Coleby's 13 were the most he has scored since putting up 15 against FAU on February 8.

**NIT Second Round
WKU Basketball
USC Postgame Quotes
March 19, 2018**

Head Coach Rick Stansbury

On the game overall...

“(USC) had a terrific year. We knew we had to play awfully well to come in here and win. They’re awfully good here at home. You never know what you’re going to get out of these games exactly, or the mental approach you are going to have. Our guys came out again and had the right mental approach. We never let USC separate too much from us. We kind of hung around enough to keep it close. They did a really good job of keeping the ball out of the paint for us. That’s kind of one of our strengths. We didn’t get in there versus that zone as much as we normally do, so give them a lot of credit. These guys (Justin Johnson and Darius Thompson) jumped up and made plays when we had to make plays. Justin was terrific down that stretch, defensively too. Same way with Darius. It’s kind of what our team has been about all year long, different people step up and make big plays. Anytime you go on the road and win, anywhere, but particularly when it’s a really good USC team, I’m proud of these guys.”

On the changes they made in the final minutes of the game...

“I think there were two things we did at that point. We subbed, I went back big. I didn’t feel like we were getting enough playing small. I put Dwight (Coleby) back in because I wanted to get that ball inside. And we changed what we were doing attacking the zone, just a different attack. From that point on, we were much more efficient in around the rim. When we got that lead, we made them go man. When they went man, we got the ball in to him and we drew that foul inside, we found a way just to hold on and make enough plays to get out of here.”

Graduate senior guard Darius Thompson

On USC’s game...

“They really got out in transition, that was the big thing we tried to key in on, transition. They got a few points on us in transition and they have four guards and they spaced it out with the ball screens and finding shooters. I think that’s really what made them a really good team.”

Senior forward Justin Johnson

On how WKU approached USC...

“They can make plays and make shots. Our goal coming in, Coach always says take the head of the snake off, and that’s their point guard. We did a good job on him... kind of the same thing we did against Boston College, make (Jordan) Usher beat us making shots. He had some big shots early, but we were going to make him make them consistently. I think they compare to Boston College because they’re guard dominant.”

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

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PDF box score is attached. Postgame notes, quotes and video will follow in a separate email.

WKU HEADED TO NEW YORK CITY; DEFEATS OKLAHOMA STATE 92-84 IN NIT QUARTERFINALS

STILLWATER, Okla. — Start spreading the news: WKU Hilltopper Basketball is headed to New York City. The Hilltoppers (27-10) led nearly the whole way in a hostile road environment at Oklahoma State on Wednesday night, outlasting the Cowboys 92-84 in the NIT quarterfinals.

WKU advances to face either Utah or Saint Mary's in the semifinals on Tuesday, March 27 at historic Madison Square Garden in New York.

The Hilltoppers led for 36:02 and never trailed after an early 12-2 run made it 18-9 with 2:45 to play in the first quarter. They shot 52.5 percent from the field and outscored Oklahoma State 50-24 in the paint.

Freshman guard Taveion Hollingsworth tied his career high with 30 points, while redshirt junior guard Lamonte Bearden added 19 points and six assists.

Senior forward Dwight Coleby had his first double-double since Jan. 27 with 16 points and 13 rebounds, and senior guard Darius Thompson scored 11 points. Senior forward Justin Johnson had 10 points and five rebounds.

WKU led by two at the break and had an answer to every Oklahoma State (21-15) run in the second half. The Hilltoppers stretched their lead to 57-48 with 4:52 left in the third quarter, but the Cowboys clawed back within one several times.

WKU kept them at bay with 12 made free throws in the final two minutes.

Kendall Smith led Oklahoma State with 19 points



NIT Quarterfinals

No. 4 WKU Hilltoppers vs. No. 2 Oklahoma State Cowboys

Postgame Notes

March 21, 2018

Gallagher-Iba Arena | Stillwater, Okla.

FINAL SCORE: WKU 92, Oklahoma State 84

RECORDS AND NOTABLES

- WKU improves to 27-10.
- Oklahoma State falls to 21-15.
- WKU and head coach Rick Stansbury are now 1-0 against the Cowboys and Stansbury is 9-5 in the NIT.
- WKU is 4-1 against Power 5 conference teams this season including wins over teams from the Big Ten, Pac-12, ACC and Big 12.
- WKU now has 12 wins over programs with at least 20 victories this season.
- This is WKU's first time ever winning at least three games in the NIT and first time since 1971 winning three in any postseason tournament.
- WKU's 27 wins are the most since the 2007-08 season.
- **UP NEXT:** WKU will face the winner of the St. Mary's vs. Utah matchup. WKU's semifinal game will take place Tuesday, March 27 in Madison Square Garden in New York City.

TEAM NOTES

- WKU used the starting lineup of Lamonte Bearden, Taveion Hollingsworth, Darius Thompson, Justin Johnson for the 32nd time this season.
- **KEY FIRST HALF RUN:** WKU went on a 12-2 run midway through the first quarter to take an 18-9 lead.
- **KEY SECOND HALF RUN:** The Hilltoppers used a 7-0 run beginning at the 7:15 mark in the third quarter to extend their advantage to 57-48. Oklahoma State tied it up at 60 with a 12-3 run, but WKU never surrendered the lead to the Cowboys.

- WKU shot 32 of 61 (52.5 percent) from the field, 5 of 13 (38.5 percent) from 3-point range and 23 of 30 (76.7 percent) from the free-throw line.
- The 2017-18 squad is seventh on WKU's season steals list with 266.
- This team is third on WKU's team assists in a season list with 502.
- The 2017-18 team is fourth on WKU's list for team free throws attempted in a season with 855.
- The 2017-18 group is third on WKU's team made free throws in a season list with 612.
- This team is second on WKU's team points in season list with 2,915.
- 2017-18 is tied for fourth on WKU's blocked shots in a season list with 137.
- This year's group is third on WKU's all-time team made fieldgoals in a season list with 1,052.
- Justin Johnson, Darius Thompson and Taveion Hollingsworth are tied for third in WKU history for games started in a single season, having started all 37 games for the Hilltoppers.
- WKU has made a 3-pointer in 975 straight games dating back to March 15, 1987. That ranks as the fifth-longest streak in the nation behind UNLV, Vanderbilt, Duke and Arkansas.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

TAVEION HOLLINGSWORTH

- The freshman tied his career high with a team-high 30 points with four rebounds and six assists.
 - Hollingsworth is first on WKU's all-time list for points in a season by a varsity freshman with 498 points. He holds that record and most minutes played by a varsity freshman.
 - Hollingsworth is third on WKU's all-time list for most minutes played in a single season with 1,276.

DWIGHT COLEBY

- The graduate senior notched his first double-double since January 27 and 10th of the season with 16 points and 13 rebounds.

LAMONTE BEARDEN

- The redshirt junior added 19 points, four rebounds and six assists for the Hilltoppers.
 - Bearden is ninth WKU's all-time steals in a season list with 63.

JUSTIN JOHNSON

- The senior had ten points, five rebounds and three assists.
 - Johnson passed Bobby Roscoe for 10th on WKU's all-time scoring list with 1,691 career points.
 - Johnson is fifth on WKU's all-time rebounding list with 1,046 career rebounds.
 - Johnson is fourth in WKU history since 1960 with 39 career double-doubles.
 - Johnson is tied for fourth on WKU's all-time list for games played with 134.
 - Johnson is fourth on WKU's career minutes played list with 3,746 minutes.
 - Johnson is fourth on WKU's all-time list for most minutes played in a single season seventh with 1,275 minutes.

DARIUS THOMPSON

- The graduate senior is second on WKU's all-time list for most minutes played in a single season now with 1,317 minutes.
 - Thompson is fifth on WKU's assists in a single season list with 174 assists.

**NIT Quarterfinals
WKU Basketball
Oklahoma State Postgame Quotes
March 21, 2018**

Head Coach Rick Stansbury

On the game overall...

"I congratulate Oklahoma State for one, what a terrific year they've had... If there was any team that deserved to be in (the NCAA) tournament, it was Oklahoma State. Mike (Boynton) has done an unbelievable job with this team, an unbelievable job. For somebody to win, and beat the people he beat this year, I know it's a disappointment for you guys, but he did an unbelievable job with that team. That's what makes it even more special for our group. To come in here, you guys have seen a lot of good teams come in here this year. Our guys kept finding ways to take a punch and respond. We never let it get to far away. For the most part, led. We kept the crowd out of it, the best we could. Again, it's a really good team, a hostile environment. I can't say enough of these guys; how proud I am for them."

On how this team has overcome adversity...

"We had one guy back... Everybody else was new. Here's the one thing I knew I had though: I had good people. When you're trying to put a whole new group together, a bunch of different ingredients, you better have some good ingredients. And I knew I had that in these guys. We've mixed it and stirred it all different ways, they found ways to overcome having seven players. We only had seven scholarship players until the third week in January when we got two more eligible. They stayed together, found ways to beat Purdue early, SMU. For us to get to this point, we've had to go through a tough road. We're one of those teams, like Oklahoma State, that was disappointed we didn't win. It was a team that had beaten us, a very good Marshall team. We were disappointed, so we had to get back up... These three games haven't been easy for us. ACC team, Pac-12 team, now Big 12 team. That says enough about them right there."

Graduate senior forward Dwight Coleby

On overcoming adversity and playing on a big stage...

"It started in preseason, they had us picked in the middle part of our league, like sixth or something. From since then, we had a chip on our shoulder. We knew what we needed to do. When I came in, I saw what we had, we had something special and we had a lot of talent, talented players on the team. If we came together, we were going to be really good. Every time we play high-major teams, we've just got a chip on our shoulder."

Freshman guard Taveion Hollingsworth

On his big performance this evening...

"I didn't think I would come out like this tonight. Once I started making shots, I realized that I could keep doing it, so I kept doing it."

On playing on a big stage...

"Man, I love playing in front of crowds like this. I like playing big games like this, we've all got something to prove. WE love playing big teams like this too. We think of it as mid-major is nothing compared to high-major. We can play against anybody."



Official Basketball Box Score -- Game Totals -- Final Statistics
 Western Kentucky vs Oklahoma State
 03/21/18 7 p.m. at Gallagher-Iba Arena (Stillwater, Okla.)



Western Kentucky 92 • 27-10

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			FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot							
22	COLEBY, Dwight	f	7-10	0-0	2-4	5	8	13	4	16	2	2	3	0	33
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01	BEARDEN, Lamonte	g	6-12	0-0	7-10	1	3	4	4	19	6	4	1	1	31
13	HOLLINGSWORTH, T.	g	9-17	4-7	8-9	2	6	8	4	30	1	1	0	1	36
15	THOMPSON, Darius	g	2-2	1-1	6-7	0	2	2	2	11	0	0	0	1	22
04	ANDERSON, Josh		3-5	0-0	0-0	0	3	3	5	6	1	0	0	1	16
12	DIAGNE, Moustapha		0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	6
14	NELSON, Marek		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
21	OHMER, Jake		0-4	0-2	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	16
Team						2	2	4							
Totals			32-61	5-13	23-30	12	28	40	23	92	14	10	6	4	200

1st - FG %: 10-17 58.8% 2nd: 9-16 56.3% 3rd: 8-14 57.1% 4th: 5-14 35.7% Game: 32-61 52.5% Deadball
 3FG %: 0-1 0.0% 3-5 60.0% 1-3 33.3% 1-4 25.0% 5-13 38.5% Rebounds
 FT %: 2-2 100.0% 0-0 0.0% 4-6 66.7% 17-22 77.3% 23-30 76.7% 3

Oklahoma State 84 • 21-15

##	Player		Total		3-Ptr	Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot							
12	McGriff, Cameron	f	3-8	0-3	4-4	6	1	7	3	10	1	1	0	0	29
41	Solomon, Mitchell	f	3-5	0-0	2-2	4	5	9	3	8	2	0	0	1	22
01	Smith, Kendall	g	6-18	4-5	3-6	2	2	4	3	19	1	3	1	1	25
21	Waters, Lindy	g	3-8	1-3	2-2	1	5	6	5	9	6	2	1	1	33
30	Carroll, Jeffrey	g	2-10	2-8	3-4	0	3	3	3	9	2	0	1	0	28
00	Averette, Brandon		5-11	0-0	2-2	1	3	4	2	12	5	0	0	0	21
04	Dziagwa, Thomas		0-1	0-0	2-2	1	1	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	6
05	Shine, Tavarius		5-9	3-5	0-0	0	0	0	5	13	1	0	1	0	26
33	Reeves, Trey		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0+
35	Sima, Yankuba		1-2	0-0	0-0	2	1	3	1	2	0	0	0	1	10
Team						1	0	1							
Totals			28-72	10-24	18-22	18	21	39	26	84	18	6	4	4	200

1st - FG %: 6-16 37.5% 2nd: 10-18 55.6% 3rd: 5-16 31.3% 4th: 7-22 31.8% Game: 28-72 38.9% Deadball
 3FG %: 0-3 0.0% 4-5 80.0% 4-9 44.4% 2-7 28.6% 10-24 41.7% Rebounds
 FT %: 3-4 75.0% 2-2 100.0% 5-6 83.3% 8-10 80.0% 18-22 81.8% 2

Officials: Marques Pettigrew, Kelly Self, Byron Jarrett
 Technical fouls: Western Kentucky-BEARDEN, Lamonte. Oklahoma State-Shine, Tavarius.
 Attendance: 11308
 Foul Outs: OSU-#5 Shine (3:52) #21 Waters (1:08); WKU-#4 Anderson (6:32)

Score by periods	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Western Kentucky	22	21	21	28	92
Oklahoma State	15	26	19	24	84

	In	Off	2nd	Fast	
Points	Paint	T/O	Chance	Break	Bench
WKU	50	11	13	12	6
OSU	24	11	20	15	29

Last FG - WKU 4th-04:14, OSU 4th-00:03.
 Largest lead - WKU by 10 4th-00:17, OSU by 1 1st-07:31.
 WKU led for 36:02. OSU led for 01:40. Game was tied for 02:18.

Score tied - 2 times.
 Lead changed - 6 times.

WKU MBB: NIT Final Four Guide & Press Conference Video, Mar. 24, 2018

Please find a link here to access Western Kentucky's postseason media guide for its run to the NIT Final Four — <https://goto.ps/2G3HnJD>

The Hilltoppers will face Utah in the semifinals at 6 p.m. CT Tuesday at Madison Square Garden in New York.

Additionally, please find links below to video interviews today following press conferences with WKU head coach Rick Stansbury, senior forward Justin Johnson and freshman guard Taveion Hollingsworth. If you have any other questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

March 24 Press Conference Video

WKU head coach Rick Stansbury — <https://youtu.be/bWtzugkZ7ZM>

WKU senior forward Justin Johnson and freshman guard Taveion Hollingsworth — <https://youtu.be/IMjSYqCAWYE>

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This version corrects tip time in opening graph to 6 p.m. CT.

WKU NIT Guide/Game Notes — <https://goto.ps/2G3HnJD>

Utah Game Notes — <https://goto.ps/2DWtXcq>

Conference USA Notes — <https://goto.ps/2pGC8ED>

HILLTOPPERS FACE UTAH ON TUESDAY IN NIT SEMIFINALS IN NEW YORK CITY

NEW YORK — WKU Hilltopper Basketball has advanced to the NIT semifinals for the first time since 1954 and will face Pac-12 foe Utah for a spot in the championship game at 6 p.m. CT Tuesday at Madison Square Garden in New York City.

The fourth-seeded Hilltoppers knocked off three Power 5 programs (Boston College, USC, Oklahoma State) to reach the Final Four, including the last two on the road.

Utah won at top-seeded Saint Mary's in overtime to advance to the semis.

WKU and head coach Rick Stansbury have never faced the Utes before.

GAME 38

NIT Semifinals

No. 4 WKU (27-10) vs. No. 2 Utah (22-11)

March 27, 2018 | 6 p.m. CT

Madison Square Garden | New York

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Watch: ESPN (Bob Wischusen, pxp | Fran Fraschilla, analysis)

QUICK SHOTS

- WKU has made at least one 3-pointer in 975 consecutive games, dating back to March 15, 1987. The 3-point shot was instituted prior to the 1986-87 season. The Hilltoppers' streak is the fifth-longest in the nation behind UNLV, Vanderbilt, Duke and Arkansas.
- WKU is 4-1 against the Power 5 conferences this season with wins over Big Ten, ACC, Big 12 and Pac-12 teams in the same year for the first time in program history.
- This year's squad is the 10th in program history to win at least 27 games. The 27 victories tie for the most in a season for head coach Rick Stansbury, who also won 27 games in 2001-02 at Mississippi State.
- WKU has 12 wins this season against programs with at least 20 victories: Old Dominion (3 times), UAB (2), Marshall (2), Purdue (1), Wright State (1), Nicholls (1), USC (1) and Oklahoma State (1).
- WKU's current scoring average of 78.8 points per game would be the program's highest since 1994-95.
- WKU ranks eighth in the country in field goal percentage and first in Conference USA at 49.7 percent. That percentage would rank eighth for a single season in program history.
- The Hilltoppers have outscored their opponents 1,450-1,063 in the paint this season.

- WKU ranks 10th in the country with 138 dunks against Division I competition, according to Ken Pomeroy.
- Justin Johnson has recorded a double-double in seven of the last 11 games. He has 39 career double-doubles and 15 this season.
- Justin Johnson is on pace to become the first Hilltopper to lead the team in both scoring and rebounding in three straight seasons since Jim McDaniels did it from 1968-71.
- Justin Johnson leads C-USA in rebounding at 9.4 boards per game. He could become the first player to lead the league in rebounding average in back-to-back years since Memphis' Joey Dorsey from 2006-08.
- As of Thursday, Justin Johnson was ranked sixth among active NCAA players for career rebounds and fifth in career double-doubles. Johnson is the only active player in the nation with at least 1,600 career points and 1,000 rebounds. He ranks 15th in the country this year with 348 total rebounds.
- Justin Johnson is ranked 10th on WKU's all-time scoring list with 1,691 career points. He needs 42 points to pass Anthony Winchester to move into ninth.
- Justin Johnson ranks fifth on WKU's all-time rebounding list with 1,046 career boards. Johnson is one of four Hilltoppers in program history ranked in the top 10 in scoring and the top five in rebounding.
- Justin Johnson is the fifth player in WKU history with 1,000 career points and 1,000 rebounds, joining Tom Marshall, Art Spoelstra, Ralph Crosthwaite and Jim McDaniels, the last to accomplish the feat in 1971.
- Taveion Hollingsworth has scored more points and played more minutes than any freshman in Hilltopper history. He recently passed WKU great Courtney Lee for the scoring record.
- Darius Thompson needs to play just nine minutes to rank first on WKU's list for most minutes played in a single season. Thompson ranks eighth in the country in total minutes played this season.

NIT EXPERIMENTAL RULES

The 2018 NIT will feature four rules modifications:

- The three-point line will be extended by approximately 1 foot 8 inches to the same distance used by FIBA for international competition (22 feet 1.75 inches).
- The free throw lane will be widened from 12 feet to 16 feet, consistent with the width used by the NBA.
- The games will be divided into four 10-minute quarters as opposed to two 20-minute halves. Teams will shoot two free throws beginning with the fifth foul of each quarter.
- The shot clock will reset to 20 seconds after an offensive rebound instead of the full 30 seconds.

LAST MEETING WITH UTAH:

First meeting

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Men's Basketball / Contact: Zach Greenwell, WKU Athletic Communications/Media Relations

PDF box score is attached. Postgame notes, quotes and video will follow in a separate email.

TOPS' SEASON COMES TO AN END WITH 69-64 LOSS TO UTAH IN NIT SEMIFINALS

NEW YORK — WKU Hilltopper Basketball's remarkable season came to an end Tuesday night with a 69-64 loss to Utah in the NIT semifinals at Madison Square Garden.

The Hilltoppers (27-11) led by as much as 13 in the first half, but Utah (23-11) made big plays down the stretch – none bigger than Tyler Rawson's 3-pointer with 38 seconds left that put the Utes up for good.

WKU's 27 wins this year were the program's most since 2007-08, and their 38 games played tied the program record. The Hilltoppers tied a program record with three postseason victories and advanced to the NIT semifinals for the first time since 1954. They finished the season 4-2 against Power 5 conference schools.

Senior forward Justin Johnson led WKU with 24 points and 11 rebounds in his final college game for the 40th double-double his career.

Redshirt junior guard Lamonte Bearden finished with 12 points, while senior forward Dwight Coleby had 10 points and 13 rebounds.

Johnson started the game with an 8-0 run of his own, including two 3-pointers, and the Hilltoppers pushed their advantage to 18-5 on a basket by Bearden with 3:07 left in the first quarter.

Utah went on an 11-0 run in the second quarter to get in front for the first time, but Bearden later tied it at the break with a fast-break dunk at the buzzer to make it 32-32.

WKU still led 60-57 with 4:44 remaining, making this the first time in 37 instances under head coach Rick Stansbury that the Hilltoppers have lost a lead with under five minutes to play.

WKU last led 64-63 with 1:27 to go on a layup by Johnson, but Rawson swung the momentum with his go-ahead 3-pointer for Utah, which scored the final six points of the contest.

Justin Bibbins paced the Utes with 19 points, making 12 of 12 free throws.



Official Basketball Box Score -- Game Totals -- Final Statistics

WKU vs UTAH

3/27/18 7pm at Madison Square Garden, New York, NY



WKU 64

##	Player		Total		3-Ptr	Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot							
01	BEARDEN, Lamonte	f	5-10	2-3	0-0	0	2	2	4	12	3	1	0	2	34
13	HOLLINGSWORTH, T.	f	3-10	2-7	0-0	0	1	1	3	8	0	0	0	0	36
15	THOMPSON, Darius	g	1-10	0-3	2-2	0	1	1	4	4	7	1	0	1	37
22	COLEBY, Dwight	g	3-9	0-0	4-4	6	7	13	4	10	1	0	2	2	32
23	JOHNSON, Justin	g	10-20	3-7	1-2	3	8	11	4	24	2	2	1	0	39
04	ANDERSON, Josh		1-2	0-0	4-6	0	0	0	2	6	0	2	0	0	8
12	DIAGNE, Moustapha		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
14	NELSON, Marek		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
21	OHMER, Jake		0-5	0-4	0-0	2	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	11
Team						1	0	1							
Totals			23-66	7-24	11-14	12	20	32	22	64	13	6	3	5	200
1st - FG %: 7-22 31.8% 2nd: 5-15 33.3% 3rd: 8-16 50.0% 4th: 3-13 23.1% Game: 23-66 34.8% Deadball 3FG %: 2-9 22.2% 2-5 40.0% 2-4 50.0% 1-6 16.7% 7-24 29.2% Rebounds FT %: 3-4 75.0% 1-2 50.0% 1-2 50.0% 6-6 100.0% 11-14 78.6% 3															

UTAH 69

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			FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot							
00	BAREFIELD, SEDRICK	f	5-10	1-5	3-6	1	4	5	0	14	2	1	0	1	37
01	BIBBINS, JUSTIN	f	3-8	1-3	12-12	0	1	1	1	19	4	2	0	1	40
13	COLLETTE, DAVID	f	5-10	0-0	3-4	0	7	7	3	13	1	1	0	0	33
21	RAWSON, TYLER	g	5-11	2-7	0-0	3	5	8	3	12	2	5	0	0	36
30	BEALER, GABE	g	1-1	1-1	0-0	0	5	5	1	3	0	2	0	0	20
03	TILLMAN, DONNIE		4-6	0-0	0-1	3	7	10	1	8	0	2	0	0	24
05	VAN DYKE, PARKER		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4
11	SEELEY, CHRIS		0-2	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	6
Team						0	1	1							
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Officials: Ed Corbett, Tim Clougherty, Earl Walton

Technical fouls: WKU-None. UTAH-None.

Attendance:

2018 NATIONAL INVITATION TOURNAMENT SEMIFINAL

Score by periods	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
WKU	19	13	19	13	64
UTAH	11	21	19	18	69

	In Paint	Off T/O	2nd Chance	Fast Break	Bench
Points WKU	24	17	7	6	6
UTAH	28	7	0	5	8

Last FG - WKU 4th-01:27, UTAH 4th-00:38.

Largest lead - WKU by 13 1st-03:06, UTAH by 5 4th-00:05.

WKU led for 24:02. UTAH led for 08:59. Game was tied for 06:59.

Score tied - 13 times.

Lead changed - 13 times.



NIT Semifinals

No. 4 WKU Hilltoppers vs. No. 2 Utah Utes

Postgame Notes

March 27, 2018

Madison Square Garden | New York City, N.Y.

FINAL SCORE: Utah 69, WKU 64

RECORDS AND NOTABLES

- WKU finishes at 27-11, its most wins since 2007-08 and tying the program record for games played.
- Utah improves to 23-11.
- WKU and head coach Rick Stansbury are now 0-1 against the Utes and Stansbury is 9-6 in the NIT.
- WKU is 4-2 against Power 5 conference teams this season including wins over teams from the Big Ten, Pac-12, ACC and Big 12.

TEAM NOTES

- WKU used the starting lineup of Lamonte Bearden, Taveion Hollingsworth, Darius Thompson, Justin Johnson and Dwight Coleby for the 33rd time this season.
- **KEY FIRST HALF RUN:** WKU started out the half with an 18-5 run, with the first eight points of the game coming from the hands of Justin Johnson. Utah responded with an 11-0 run beginning at 6:50 to take a 27-25 lead. The run was stopped by a Taveion Hollingsworth 3-pointer at the 3:35 mark.
- **KEY SECOND HALF RUN:** Utah was able to take the lead with 38 seconds remaining with a go-ahead 3, scoring the last six points of the game.
- WKU shot 23 of 66 (34.8 percent) from the field, 7 of 24 (29.2 percent) from 3-point range and 11 of 14 (78.6 percent) from the free-throw line.
- The 2017-18 squad finishes tied for fifth on WKU's season steals list with 271.
- This team finishes third on WKU's team assists in a season list with 515.
- The 2017-18 team finishes fourth on WKU's list for team free throws attempted in a season with 869.

- The 2017-18 group finishes third on WKU's team made free throws in a season list with 623.
- This team finishes second on WKU's team points in season list with 2,979.
- 2017-18 finishes tied for third on WKU's blocked shots in a season list with 140.
- This year's group finishes second on WKU's all-time team made field goals in a season list with 1,075.
- Justin Johnson, Darius Thompson and Taveion Hollingsworth are tied for first in WKU history for games started in a single season, having started all 38 games for the Hilltoppers.
- WKU has made a 3-pointer in 976 straight games dating back to March 15, 1987. That ranks as the fifth-longest streak in the nation behind UNLV, Vanderbilt, Duke and Arkansas.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

JUSTIN JOHNSON

- The senior notched his 16th double-double of the season and 40th of his career with 24 points and 11 rebounds.
 - Johnson ties for fifth most double-doubles in a single season and for third most career double-doubles.
 - Johnson finishes 10th on WKU's all-time scoring list with 1,715 career points.
 - Johnson finishes fifth on WKU's all-time rebounding list with 1,057 career rebounds.
 - Johnson finishes tied for third on WKU's all-time list for games played with 135.
 - Johnson finishes fourth on WKU's career minutes played list with 3,785 minutes.
 - Johnson finishes third on WKU's all-time list for most minutes played in a single season seventh with 1,314 minutes.
 - Johnson finishes eighth on WKU's career free throws attempted list with 522.

TAVEION HOLLINGSWORTH

- The freshman finishes first on WKU's all-time list for points in a season by a varsity freshman with 506 points. He holds that record and most minutes played by a varsity freshman with 1,312.
 - Hollingsworth finishes fourth on WKU's all-time list for most minutes played in a single season with 1,312.

DWIGHT COLEBY

- The graduate senior notched his 11th double-double of the season with 10 points and 13 rebounds.
 - Coleby finishes tied for seventh on the blocks in a single season list with 66.
 - Coleby finishes tied for sixth on games started in a single season with 37.

LAMONTE BEARDEN

- The redshirt junior added 12 points, three assists and two steals for WKU.
 - Bearden ties for seventh WKU's all-time steals in a season list with 65.

DARIUS THOMPSON

- The graduate senior finishes first on WKU's all-time list for most minutes played in a single season now with 1,354 minutes.
 - Thompson finishes fourth on WKU's assists in a single season list with 181 assists.

**NIT Semifinals
WKU Basketball
Utah Postgame Quotes
March 27, 2018**

Head Coach Rick Stansbury

On the game overall...

"Well, first off, give Utah credit. They made the plays in the last minute of the game that you've got to make sometimes to win games, and they stepped up and made their free throws and hit the big three to kind of give them a little bit of separation. You know, these kind of games, it's a fine line, winning and losing. And again, we can all look back on different plays that we could have and should have made and we didn't make, or a call here or there. When you're playing good teams, you know, like Utah, this late in the year, all of them are fine lines. Like I say, give them credit making the plays. But I'm also proud of our team. Like I said, we didn't win the basketball game, but it doesn't take away or diminish what these young men did this year. I'm all of proud for them. I know it hurts right now, three seniors, but these guys can all walk away and hold their heads up high. Western Kentucky won because of them and all three of them won individually, too. Proud for them. And again, there's not going to be but two happy teams. Everybody is going to have this feeling. The team that wins in the NIT National Championship and the team that wins the NCAA Championship. Right now, I guess there's six teams left that's going to have this feeling, and that's it. Again, we're not going to let this feeling take away what these guys accomplished this year, and all of proud of them."

On what this NIT run meant and how to build on it moving forward...

"You know, we always want to be on a platform where you're competing for championships and creating some excitement. I think the biggest thing, besides the experience these young men have had, I think it's just not for them but for our league. I think people look at our league again and understand how good our league is, and our whole university, Western Kentucky. You like seeing that town turned upside down with excitement. That's the way it used to be. That's the way it needs to be. That's what it's about. You love to see the excitement of coming here and playing. Everybody benefits from that. You know, we want people feeling good about Western Kentucky. We want to believe when we get off that bus to come here and play, we've got a chance to win, and that was the belief. That's what you want as a coach and as a player. Now, doesn't mean you're going to win every one of them. All you can ask for is an opportunity. We had an opportunity tonight; we didn't finish it off. Utah finished it off. Like I said, there's going to be two happy teams; those two teams that win a national championship. Everybody else is going to have some disappointment. But we are not going to let any disappointment, after we can reflect just a little bit, take away from what this team accomplished, the kind of people they were. They are sure not about a W or an L. I have some high-character guys, like Justin said, that have fought, overcame a lot of different things and put themselves in this position. And again, there's eight teams left in America playing, eight teams. And Western Kentucky is one of those eight teams. You know what's good about it? We're disappointed. We're disappointed we're still not playing. I like that. I like that. That means there's some expectations, there's some feelings; how good we are and how good we can be."

Senior forward Justin Johnson

On this year overall...

"You know, I wish I had another year in a Hilltopper uniform. This year has been by far the best year of my career. I mean, coming here four years ago, if I had the chance to come here again and go through the same thing, I would do it over again. It's been nothing but good to me, even with the ups and downs, I've loved every minute of it. And like I said, I wish I had redid this year and had another year with the

same group of guys in that locker room. I've made best friends for a lifetime in that locker room this year, the fun we've had and the memories we've made. Like I said, you wish you had one more go around with those guys."

On leaving this program better than how he found it...

"That's one thing I told Coach, too. In years to come, I still want to be involved with this program, when I'm back in town and everything. That was my goal when I came here. You know, you want to leave something better than you found it, and leave an impression on it. I hope to have done that and help those young guys in that locker room, along the way, whether it's in life or basketball. You know, I hope that I'm leaving it in a better spot."

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Action photo, headshot of WKU's Justin Johnson are attached. Please credit "Steve Roberts/WKU Athletics."

HILLTOPPERS' JOHNSON NAMED TO SENIOR CLASS AWARD FIRST TEAM

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — WKU senior forward Justin Johnson has been named one of five members of the 2017-18 Senior CLASS Award First Team, the first such selection in the history of Hilltopper Basketball.

Johnson — a 6-foot-7 native of Hazard, Ky. — was already the first member of the 10-finalist group for the award in program history.

He was joined on the first team by Navy's Shawn Anderson, North Dakota State's A.J. Jacobson, Georgia's Yante Maten and West Virginia's Jevon Carter, who won the Senior CLASS Award. To be eligible for the award, student-athletes must be classified as NCAA Division I seniors and have notable achievements in four areas of excellence: community, classroom, character and competition.

An acronym for Celebrating Loyalty and Achievement for Staying in School, the Senior CLASS Award focuses on the total student-athlete and encourages students to use their platform in athletics to make a positive impact as leaders in their communities.

Johnson has been a standout on the court for the Hilltoppers for four years and a strong presence in the community for just as long.

He finished his college career ranked 10th on WKU's all-time scoring list with 1,715 career points and fifth on the all-time rebounding list with 1,057 career boards. He's one of five players in program history with at least 1,000 career points and 1,000 career rebounds, and the first since Jim McDaniels in 1971.

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The forward is the first Hilltopper to lead the program in both scoring and rebounding in three straight seasons since McDaniels from 1968-71, and he's the first Conference USA player to lead the league in rebounding average in back-to-back seasons since Memphis' Joey Dorsey from 2006-08.

Johnson also showed off his natural athleticism this year by spending spring practice, summer workouts and the beginning of fall camp with the football team as a tight end before returning to basketball in August.

Johnson graduated in just three years with a bachelor's degree in sport management. He's now pursuing his master's degree in intercollegiate athletic administration. He's been named multiple times to the Conference USA Commissioner's Honor Roll for student-athletes with a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better.

Johnson, a team captain, has been a steady leader for the WKU program through years of coaching and roster turnover. He was one of just two active players returning from last year and was the team's only four-year player.

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Only WKU, Duke and Stanford have had first-team Senior CLASS Award selections in multiple sports this season. WKU Volleyball setter Jessica Lucas was also selected to her sport's first team.



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Headshot of Justin Johnson is attached.

JOHNSON EARNS SECOND STRAIGHT C-USA WINTER SPIRIT OF SERVICE AWARD

IRVING, Texas — For the second straight year, WKU men's basketball senior Justin Johnson has been named one of 14 recipients of the C-USA Winter Spirit of Service Award, as announced by the Conference USA office on Friday.

The C-USA Spirit of Service Award is designed to recognize the community service efforts of the league's student-athletes, based upon significant public service, good academic standing and participation in their elected sport. The award is presented three times throughout the season, with Friday's honorees representing winter sports: men's and women's basketball, men's and women's indoor track & field, rifle and men's and women's swimming.

Johnson has already been named this year to the 2017-18 Senior CLASS Award First Team, honoring his efforts in the areas of community, classroom, character and competition. He was the first Hilltopper to ever receive that honor.

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JOHNSON RECEIVES INVITATION TO PORTSMOUTH INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — WKU senior forward Justin Johnson has been invited to participate in the 2018 Portsmouth Invitational Tournament, a showcase for the nation's top college seniors. Johnson is the first Hilltopper to receive an invitation to Portsmouth since guard T.J. Price in 2015. Other recent Hilltoppers to compete include A.J. Slaughter and Anthony Winchester. The four-day, 12-game tournament runs April [11-15 in Portsmouth, Va.](#) The event, established in 1953, features 64 seniors from across the nation who will play in front of representatives from all 30 NBA teams and scouts from numerous international leagues.

Portsmouth alumni include legends John Stockton, Dennis Rodman, Tim Hardaway and Scottie Pippen, along with many others who have gone on to NBA stardom including Jimmy Butler. Six players from the 2017 event were selected in that year's NBA Draft.

Johnson — a 6-foot-7 native of Hazard, Ky. — concluded the 2017-18 campaign averaging 15.7 points and 9.4 rebounds per game, while shooting 51.5 percent from the field and a team-best 41.6 percent from 3-point range with 47 makes. He was a first-team All-Conference USA selection.

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HILLTOPPERS TO PLAY IN INAUGURAL MYRTLE BEACH INVITATIONAL

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — WKU Hilltopper Basketball will participate in the first-ever Myrtle Beach Invitational during the upcoming 2018-19 season, ESPN Events announced Wednesday.

WKU will be joined in the eight-team event by West Virginia, Wake Forest, Valparaiso, UCF, Saint Joseph's, Cal State Fullerton and a team still to be announced.

Teams will play three games in the event on November 15, 16 and 18 at the HTC Center on the campus of Coastal Carolina in Conway, S.C.

"We are excited to launch the Myrtle Beach Invitational," said Pete Derzis, ESPN senior vice president of college sports programming and ESPN Events. "After collaborating with Visit Myrtle Beach and the city of Myrtle Beach to move last year's Puerto Rico Tip-Off to the area due to the effects of Hurricane Maria, we saw first-hand the community's outstanding facilities and passion for college basketball. Based on that experience, we determined that Myrtle Beach would be an ideal location for college basketball teams and their fans to visit each November."

Of the teams already announced in the field, WKU has previously faced West Virginia, UCF and Saint Joseph's. The Hilltoppers are 11-5 all-time against those programs.

The seven programs announced for the tournament, including WKU, went a combined 134-100 during the 2017-18 campaign. Both West Virginia and Cal State Fullerton advanced to the NCAA Tournament, with the Mountaineers reaching the Sweet Sixteen.

The Hilltoppers went 27-11 in 2017-18, their most wins in 10 seasons, while advancing to the semifinals of the NIT for the first time since 1954. WKU finished the season 4-2 against Power 5 conference teams and was one of four teams in the nation – including the only non-Power 5 – to register wins over opponents from each of the ACC, SEC, Pac-12 and Big Ten conferences.

WKU found plenty of success in its early-season tournament trip last year, upsetting top-25 Purdue, beating SMU on a shot in the final seconds and going toe-to-toe with eventual national champion Villanova at the Battle 4 Atlantis in the Bahamas.

For more information on the Myrtle Beach Invitational, including travel packages, visit www.myrtlebeachinvite.com.

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Men's Basketball / Contact: Dana Brown, Student Assistant Athletic Media Relations

Headshot of Justin Johnson attached.

JOHNSON THRIVES AT PORTSMOUTH INVITATIONAL

PORTSMOUTH, Va. – Four-year Hilltopper Justin Johnson put on a strong showing in recent days at the 2018 Portsmouth Invitational Tournament, a showcase for the nation's top college seniors.

Johnson averaged 13.7 points, seven rebounds and 27 minutes across the three games. In the final stats for the tournament, he tied for 19th in scoring, 12th in rebounding and second in blocks out of 64 players.

The Hazard, Ky., native was named to the PIT All-Tournament Team. This was Johnson's third accolade of the kind this year after earning C-USA and NIT all-tourney teams honors.

Johnson played in front of representatives from all 30 NBA teams and was able to take several meetings with members of NBA front offices between the Portsmouth games.

"To get here and go 3-0 and actually win it, against a bunch of really good basketball teams, that was a really good moment for me to win a championship here with all the talent," said Johnson on his experience. "Then to also get nominated as an all-tournament guy. With all the talent here, that's a big time personal achievement for me."

In the opening round of the PIT, Johnson scored 10 points and pulled down six boards in 21 minutes. He also notched two assists, two blocks and a steal contributing to the team's 103-93 win.

On Friday evening, Johnson led the Sales Systems, LTD squad, falling just shy of a double-double with 17 points and nine rebounds. Johnson played a team-high 29 minutes and added three assists and a block. He shot 6 of 14 from the field and 5 of 7 from the charity stripe. Johnson's team squeezed out an 85-83 win and advanced to the PIT Championship game.

The senior forward finished the championship game with 14 points, six rebounds, two assists and three blocks. Johnson dished out the game-winning assist in the final seconds to teammate Tyler Nelson for a layup to win the PIT Championship. After his team fell behind with two seconds to play, Johnson hit Nelson in stride with a full-court inbounds pass for the winning basket.

Johnson was the first Hilltopper to receive an invitation to Portsmouth since guard T.J. Price in 2015. Other recent Hilltoppers to compete include A.J. Slaughter and Anthony Winchester.

"Being invited to (the PIT) was an overall blessing," said Johnson of his invitation to and experience in the tournament. "To be at such a prestigious tournament, being in the top 64 seniors in the country, being notified as one of them and being invited to the camp, it was a really good moment for me to go showcase my skill sets. ... I soaked it all in and enjoyed it all because an opportunity like this is once in a lifetime kind of thing."

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Men's Basketball / Contact: Dana Brown, Student Assistant Athletic Media Relations

Headshot of Justin Johnson attached.

JOHNSON NAMED TO 2018 NABC GIVE BACK TEAM

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – WKU senior Justin Johnson has been named to the 2018 NABC Give Back Team, as announced by the National Association of Basketball Coaches on Thursday. The association recognizes 10 men's college basketball players for their outstanding community service efforts.

Johnson, a Hazard, Ky., native, was one of the five Division I student-athletes to be selected from a pool of 69 players nominated by basketball staff across the country. The other five student-athletes on the team are from Division II and III and NAIA Division I and II programs.

The forward has earned numerous community service awards throughout his time on The Hill, including back-to-back Conference USA Winter Spirit of Service Awards and being one of five seniors named to the 2018 Senior CLASS Award First Team.

Johnson has been a staple of the community since he arrived at WKU. He's taken multiple mission trips to Belize and China, where he's spent time with underprivileged children in addition to playing games. He did the same this August in Costa Rica, where he played with children at a local orphanage during WKU's foreign tour.

Johnson has also volunteered to work with senior citizens at Bowling Green Retirement Village, spoken at youth basketball games during the playing season, visited with special needs children from the city's Camp Happy Days in previous years and volunteered several times for the United Way Day of Caring, including time with the area Boys & Girls Club.

"The NABC Give Back Team provides an opportunity to recognize the exceptional selfless humanitarian acts performed by men's college basketball student-athletes," said NABC Executive Director Jim Haney.

"The 10 young men selected for this honor have made significant contributions to assist those in need while helping lift the human spirit."

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Men's Basketball / Contact: Zach Greenwell, WKU Athletic Communications/Media Relations

HILLTOPPERS ADD GRADUATE TRANSFER DESEAN MURRAY TO PROGRAM

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — WKU men's basketball head coach Rick Stansbury announced Wednesday the addition of graduate transfer Desean Murray (6-4, Forward) to the Hilltopper program.

Murray, a Stanley, N.C., native, joins WKU for his final season following a highly successful junior year at Auburn. The versatile forward, who's scored more than 1,200 career points, will be eligible to compete immediately after graduating and transferring from the Tiger program. "We're excited to add Desean to our program and family," Stansbury said. "He brings a wealth of experience from a winning program, and most importantly, he brings exceptional toughness, which is something we were looking to add."

Murray started all 34 games in the frontcourt and was a vital member of a 26-win Auburn squad that claimed a share of the SEC regular-season championship and advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament.

He averaged 10.1 points, 6.7 rebounds and 1.7 assists as a junior for the Tigers, shooting 45.5 percent from the field and 84 percent from the free-throw line – netting 100 of 119 attempts in just 23.9 minutes per game.

Murray led Auburn in rebounding and was especially tenacious on the offensive boards, pulling down 2.7 per game.

Murray sat out the 2016-17 season at Auburn after transferring from Presbyterian College, where he was a Big South All-Conference first-team selection as a sophomore. He led the Big South and ranked 29th in the nation in scoring that season at 20.2 points per game, while also ranking fourth in the league in rebounding (7.4) and field-goal percentage (54.3), and third in steals (2.0). He also attempted 211 free throws, making 163.

Murray was the Big South Freshman of the Year in 2014-15 at Presbyterian after averaging 15.7 points, 8.2 rebounds, 1.6 assists and 1.5 steals per contest.

A four-sport athlete at one point in high school, Murray helped Northside Christian Academy to a No. 5 national ranking in his final prep year.

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TOPS SIGN TRANSFER, FORMER KENTUCKY MR. BASKETBALL CARSON WILLIAMS

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — WKU men's basketball head coach Rick Stansbury announced Wednesday the addition of transfer and former Kentucky Mr. Basketball Carson Williams (6-5, Forward) to the Hilltopper program.

Williams, a Bluegrass State native from Owenton, Ky., will have two years of eligibility remaining after sitting out the 2018-19 season following his transfer from Northern Kentucky. "It's obvious that Carson has to sit out a year, but after watching his game films and finding more out about him, he's absolutely too good of a player and too good of a person to not have as part of our program," Stansbury said. "He comes from a great family and is a great student, and this is the highest compliment I can give him – he reminds you of Justin Johnson."

Williams started 61 games across his two seasons at Northern Kentucky, averaging 12 points and 5.6 rebounds as a sophomore in 2017-18. He shot 60.8 percent from the field on a 22-10 team that won a Horizon League regular-season title for the first time in program history.

Williams was named to the Horizon League All-Freshman Team in 2016-17 while starting 34 games for NKU. The forward averaged 10.8 points and 5.9 rebounds in his first college season, helping the Norse to 24 wins, a Horizon League Tournament title and an NCAA Tournament appearance.

Williams was named Kentucky Mr. Basketball in 2016 after averaging 26.3 points and 10.7 rebounds as a senior at Owen County High School.

He'll be the second Kentucky Mr. Basketball on WKU's roster, joining 2017 award winner Taveion Hollingsworth.

Williams scored 2,967 career points in high school along with 1,671 rebounds, the fifth-highest total in Kentucky history.

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Men's Basketball / Contact: Zach Greenwell, WKU Athletic Communications/Media Relations

Headshots of Josh Anderson and Moustapha Diagne are attached.

ANDERSON, DIAGNE TO TRAVEL TO BELIZE WITH SPORTS REACH PROGRAM

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — WKU Hilltopper Basketball players Josh Anderson and Moustapha Diagne will participate this month in a cultural exchange basketball trip to Belize through the Sports Reach sports ministry program.

Anderson and Diagne join an impressive list of WKU standouts who have traveled abroad with Sports Reach, including Justin Johnson, Nigel Snipes, T.J. Price, George Fant, A.J. Slaughter and Steffphon Pettigrew.

Johnson, who finished his Hilltopper career in 2017-18, traveled to both Belize and China with the program.

Participants on this year's trip, which runs from May 16-26, are scheduled to play six games against teams from the Belize National Elite Basketball League, along with a few local all-star teams from the across the country.

They'll also have the opportunity to lead basketball clinics for local children, as well as visit children's homes and churches. The players will get to experience some of the local culture by exploring Mayan ruins, snorkeling and cave tubing.

Anderson — a 6-foot-6 guard from Baton Rouge, La. — averaged 7.4 points and 2.5 rebounds as a WKU freshman in 2017-18, shooting 55.3 percent from the floor. He made three starts in 23 appearances.

Diagne — a 6-9 forward from Rufisque, Senegal — appeared in 20 games for the Hilltoppers as a redshirt sophomore, scoring 11 total points and averaging 1.6 rebounds per contest.



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Men's Basketball / Contact: Zach Greenwell, WKU Athletic Communications/Media Relations

Headshots of Jared Savage and Moustapha Diagne are attached.

Video: WKU guard/forward Jared Savage — <https://youtu.be/5rq2vYNhC70>

Video: WKU forward Moustapha Diagne — <https://youtu.be/MlgJEPTaTh4>

BONDED HILLTOPPERS SAVAGE, DIAGNE SHARE 'LIFETIME EXPERIENCE' ON BELIZE TRIP

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — As a native of Senegal, WKU forward Moustapha Diagne felt a special connection to the local children of Belize during his recent trip to the country with the Sports Reach sports ministry program. "Life is different over there," said Diagne, a 6-foot-9 rising redshirt junior. "I can relate myself, too. That's the same type of environment I grew up with. So to get a chance to go there and see those kids, visit their house or their schools, it was definitely a lifetime experience for me."

Diagne and his Hilltopper teammate, Jared Savage, spent 10 days in Belize in May as part of a cultural exchange basketball trip through Sports Reach.

Previous WKU players who've traveled abroad with Sports Reach include Justin Johnson, Nigel Snipes, T.J. Price, George Fant, A.J. Slaughter and Steffphon Pettigrew.

In addition to going 6-0 in basketball games against local competition, the participants had the chance to lead basketball clinics for local children, as well as visit children's homes and churches. The players also experienced some of the local culture by exploring Mayan ruins, snorkeling and completing other activities. "It just made me realize how bad some people in the world really have it," said Savage, a 6-5 rising redshirt junior guard/wing. "In the United States, it's pretty nice to be over here, but down there, it's rough in some parts. That kind of caught me by surprise. ... The kids over there really love the game. They play it from sun up to sun down. That's all they do. It's 90 degrees outside, and they're playing all day long."

Savage and Diagne found success in their six wins against teams from the Belize National Elite Basketball League, along with a few local all-star teams from the across the country.

Savage averaged 14.4 points per game, four rebounds, 3.4 steals and two assists. Diagne averaged nine points, eight rebounds and 1.3 blocks.

The trip was another chance for the two Hilltoppers to bond after spending plenty of time together during the 2017-18 season. Until Diagne was cleared by the NCAA in January, they worked out together frequently while Savage sat out following his transfer from Austin Peay.

Savage, a Bowling Green native, said he became a "student of the game" while sitting out last season.

"Believe it or not, it went pretty quick for me," he said. "I worked out a lot. Time went quick, but I'm ready to be on the court now. ... I'm taking more of a role of a leader now. I'm on the court with my guys now, so I'm going to try to be a leader."

Diagne also wants to embrace a leadership role next season. Forced to play catch-up in 2017-18 after becoming eligible in the second semester, he said he's excited to be in the mix from the start as a junior.

"I'm working on everything," he said. "I'm working on my game, and I have to take my chances. Whatever I get, I'm going for all of it. I'm expecting myself to do big things, so I'm excited for it."

Diagne and Savage both traveled with the Hilltoppers last August on the team's foreign tour trip to Costa Rica. They had some similar experiences on that journey to what they did in Belize, playing games, visiting children's home and soaking up the culture.

As Savage said, "I can't believe everywhere basketball has taken me."

"It's always beautiful to get to travel, but even more beautiful when you get the chance to meet people and experience how they live and share stories with them," Diagne said.

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Men's Basketball / Contact: Zach Greenwell, WKU Athletic Communications/Media Relations

HILLTOPPERS SIGN FIVE-STAR CENTER CHARLES BASSEY IN 2018 CLASS

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — WKU men's basketball head coach Rick Stansbury announced Wednesday the signing of five-star center Charles Bassey (6-11) in the 2018 class.

"We're happy to have Charles join our family," Stansbury said. "We're excited about the talent of basketball player he is, but most importantly, the type of person and student he is. He's a 3.9 GPA student with great character, and we look forward to having him in our program."

Bassey, who played prep ball for Aspire Academy in Louisville, Ky., was originally a member of the 2019 class but has graduated and will reclassify into 2018.

"After discussing this opportunity with my parents, I feel that this is the best decision for me," Bassey said. "Rick Stansbury was the first coach to offer me, and I'm comfortable here. I know Coach Stansbury will push me and I want to be a part of rebuilding this program. I'm looking forward to the challenges that college brings and hope to help us win the conference."

The Nigeria native is a consensus five-star prospect across all recruiting sites. He was rated the No. 3 overall prospect in the country in the 2019 class by Rivals and ESPN, and the No. 5 overall prospect by 247Sports. Those sites list him as the No. 2 center in the nation.

Bassey averaged 19.4 points, 12.8 rebounds, 3.4 blocks, 2.9 assists and 1.7 steals per game as a junior for Aspire Academy this season. He shot 56.5 percent from the field and 42.1 percent from the 3-point line.

Before that, he spent two years at St. Anthony Catholic School in San Antonio, Texas. In 2015-16, he earned MaxPreps Freshman All-American honors after posting 20.2 points, 17.1 rebounds and 5.9 blocks per game. He led St. Anthony to a 32-6 record and TAPPS 5A state championship.

Earlier this month, Bassey became the first player ever to be named MVP two years in a row at the Pangos All-American Camp.

In April of this year, he broke the Nike Hoop Summit record for rebounds with 17 in the World team's victory over Team USA. He was also named MVP of the 2018 Basketball Without Borders camp in Los Angeles.

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Men's Basketball / Contact: Zach Greenwell, WKU Athletic Communications/Media Relations

STANSBURY ADDS AURIANTAL TO HILLTOPPER STAFF AS ASSISTANT COACH

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — WKU men's basketball head coach Rick Stansbury announced Tuesday the hiring of Hennssy Auriantal as an assistant coach on his staff.

"We're happy to have Hennssy join our program," Stansbury said. "He brings coaching and playing experience at the D-I level in all areas. Besides that, he's a terrific person and has a beautiful family. We're excited to have him as part of our team."

Auriantal brings both Division I playing and coaching experience to The Hill.

The Canada native previously worked as an assistant coach at Jackson State in Jackson, Miss., from 2014-16. In his second year at Jackson State, the Tigers won 20 games, their only 20-win season since 2007.

Auriantal played four seasons at guard at the University of Wisconsin from 1995-99, competing twice in the NCAA Tournament and once in the NIT. He graduated with a degree in kinesiology and was named to the Big Ten All-Academic Team in 1997 and 1999.

He also competed for the Canadian National Basketball Team the year after graduating from the Badgers program.

Auriantal and his wife, Nathalie, have two sons, Naevhen (3 years old) and Teylan (8 months).

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Men's Basketball / Contact: Zach Greenwell, WKU Athletic Communications/Media Relations

Headshot of Dwight Coleby is attached.

COLEBY SET TO BEGIN NBA SUMMER LEAGUE PLAY WITH PELICANS

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — Former WKU Hilltopper Basketball standout Dwight Coleby is set to play his first pro basketball competition Friday with the New Orleans Pelicans in the MGM Resorts NBA Summer League.

Coleby's Pelicans squad plays its first game against the Toronto Raptors at 2:30 p.m. CT Friday in Las Vegas. The game will be broadcast on ESPNU.

The Pelicans will also face Miami at 4 p.m. CT Saturday (NBA TV) and Detroit at 2 p.m. CT Monday (ESPNU) before the playoffs begin.

New Orleans' full Summer League schedule can be found at this link: <https://goto.ps/2u96Eci>

Coleby is the first Hilltopper to compete in the NBA Summer League directly after graduation since former WKU guard T.J. Price in 2015.

The 6-foot-9 native of Nassau, Bahamas, played in all 38 games for WKU in 2017-18 and made 37 starts after coming to The Hill as a graduate transfer from Kansas.

Coleby averaged 11.1 points and eight rebounds per game while shooting 59.8 percent from the field and 75 percent from the free-throw line. He finished the season with 11 double-doubles after registering just one in his first three years of college ball.

Coleby tied for seventh in WKU history for blocks in a single season with 66 and is also tied for sixth in games started in a single season with 37.

After departing Bowling Green, Coleby also represented his home country of the Bahamas in FIBA World Cup qualifying.



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Men's Basketball / Contact: Zach Greenwell, WKU Athletic Communications/Media Relations

Myrtle Beach Invitational bracket is attached.

HILLTOPPERS TO FACE VALPARAISO TO OPEN MYRTLE BEACH INVITATIONAL

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — WKU Hilltopper Basketball will open play in November's Myrtle Beach Invitational with its first-ever matchup against Valparaiso, the tournament announced Wednesday.

The Hilltoppers are set to face Valpo at 4 p.m. CT November 15 at the HTC Center on the campus of Coastal Carolina in Conway, S.C. The game will be broadcast on ESPNU.

The two programs have never met. Valparaiso finished 15-17 a year ago.

Teams will play three games in the inaugural event on November 15, 16 and 18. WKU and Valparaiso will be joined in the eight-team tournament by West Virginia, Wake Forest, UCF, Saint Joseph's, Cal State Fullerton and Monmouth.

WKU will face either West Virginia or Monmouth in its second game. Other first-round matchups include Wake Forest-Saint Joseph's and UCF-Cal State Fullerton.

All games will air on ESPN Networks.

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Fans can purchase hotel rooms now through Anthony Travel by calling 888-632-6951 or by going to <https://goto.ps/2LctYxm>.

Only fans purchasing travel packages will have the chance to purchase tickets for the tournament during this pre-sale opportunity, which includes only all-session tickets. The fee for the all-session ticket is \$130.00 including tax and fees.

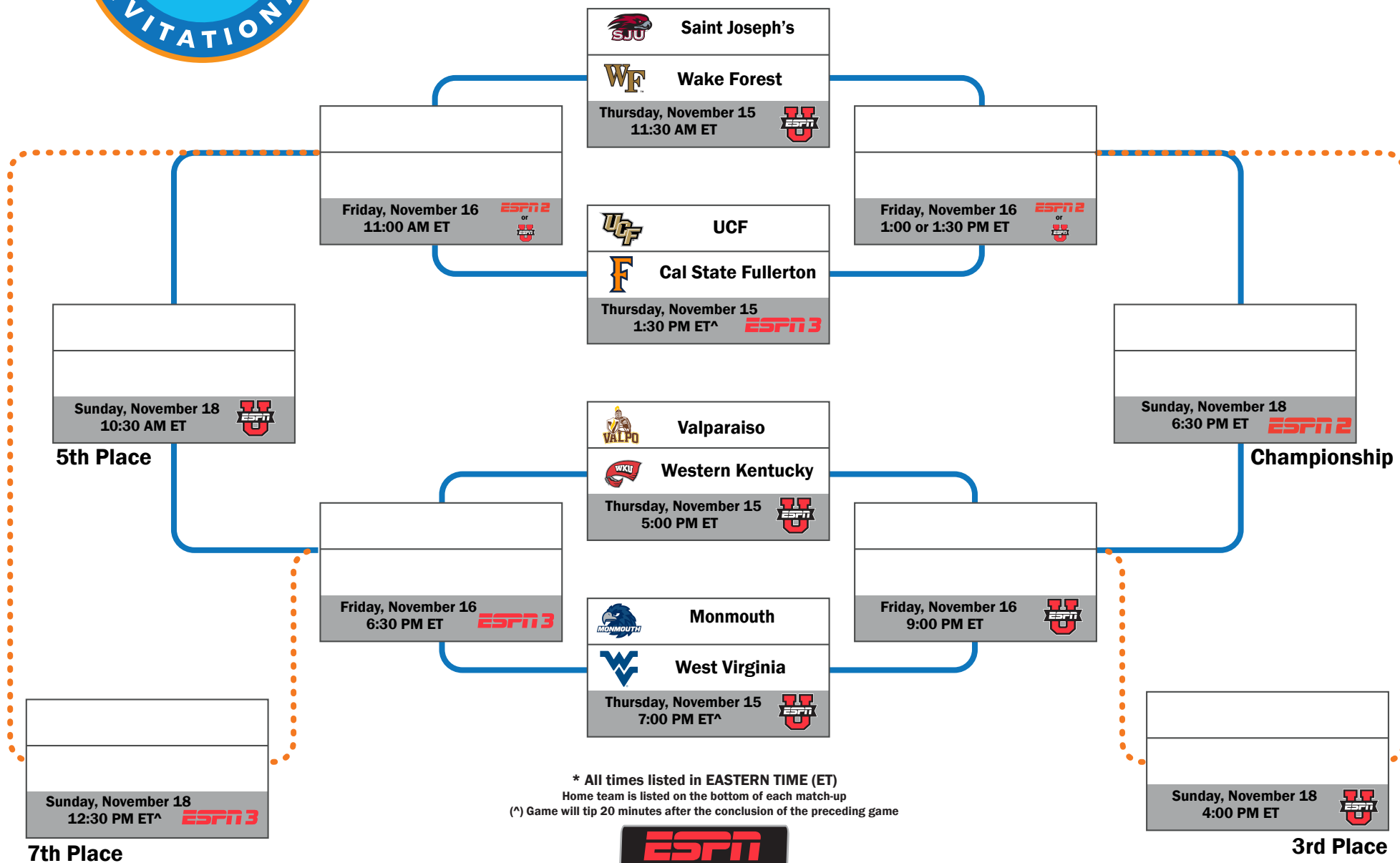
All seating will be general admission.

All-session tickets will go on sale to the public outside of travel packages in August, while single-session tickets won't be sold until November, if available.



2018 Myrtle Beach Invitational

November 15, 16 & 18
HTC Center
Conway, SC



Non-Bracketed Games: Monmouth at Saint Joseph's (Nov. 12), Valparaiso at West Virginia (Nov. 24)

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Men's Basketball / Contact: Zach Greenwell, WKU Athletic Communications/Media Relations

WKU Hilltopper Basketball's 2018-19 C-USA schedule is attached as PDF.

HILLTOPPERS ANNOUNCE 2018-19 CONFERENCE USA SCHEDULE

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — Home games against four of the top six finishers in Conference USA last season and a home-and-home series with defending league champion Marshall highlight the league play portion of the 2018-19 WKU Hilltopper Basketball schedule, as announced Monday by WKU.

Playing under a new scheduling model from C-USA, the Hilltoppers will face their travel partner Marshall twice and each other team in the league once over the first 14 games of the conference regular season, including home games against Middle Tennessee, UAB and UTSA. The final four games of the regular season will be determined later by a new seeding model. WKU opens its 18-game conference slate with three road contests at Charlotte (Jan. 3), Old Dominion (Jan. 5) and Marshall (Jan. 12) – the first of at least two regular-season meetings with the Thundering Herd. WKU defeated Marshall twice in last year's regular season before falling 67-66 to the Herd in the 2018 C-USA Tournament championship game.

The Hilltoppers are then back in E.A. Diddle Arena for three home games, starting Jan. 17 against FIU. They also host Florida Atlantic on Jan. 19 and Marshall on Jan. 21. Each team in the league is scheduled to play on Monday, Jan. 21, which is also Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

WKU returns to the road for games at Southern Miss (Jan. 24) and LA Tech (Jan. 26), then hosts UTSA and UTEP on Jan. 31 and Feb. 2, respectively.

Following trips to Rice (Feb. 7) and North Texas (Feb. 9), the Hilltoppers wrap up their known opponents with home games against Middle Tennessee (Feb. 14) and UAB (Feb. 16).

The opponent, date and location of WKU's final four games of the regular season are yet to be determined under the new scheduling model from C-USA this year.

Within the format, the 14 programs will play each other once and their travel partner twice in the first seven weeks of the conference season. At the conclusion of the seven weeks, teams will be placed in one of three groups based on conference standings through the first 14 games of league action. The teams will be divided into two groups of five (1-5 and 6-10) and a group of four (11-14). During the final three weeks, teams will play within their respective grouping for the last four games of conference play. Home and away games within the groups will be determined by a preset formula.

Once all 18 games have been completed, the top 12 teams based on final league standings will be seeded in the conference tournament. Teams will be guaranteed seeding within their respective group. For example, if a program lands in the second group (6-10), it will seed no higher than six and no lower than 10 in the tournament field.

The 2019 C-USA Basketball Championships will take place March 13-16 at Ford Center at The Star in Frisco, Texas.

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2018-19 CONFERENCE USA SCHEDULE

DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME (CT)	TV
Jan. 3	THUR	at Charlotte*	Charlotte, N.C.	TBD	
Jan. 5	SAT	at Old Dominion*	Norfolk, Va.	TBD	
Jan. 12	SAT	at Marshall*	Huntington, W.Va.	TBD	
Jan. 17	THUR	FIU*	E.A. Diddle Arena	TBD	
Jan. 19	SAT	Florida Atlantic*	E.A. Diddle Arena	TBD	
Jan. 21	MON	Marshall*	E.A. Diddle Arena	TBD	
Jan. 24	THUR	at Southern Miss*	Hattiesburg, Miss.	TBD	
Jan. 26	SAT	at LA Tech*	Ruston, La.	TBD	
Jan. 31	THUR	UTSA*	E.A. Diddle Arena	TBD	
Feb. 2	SAT	UTEP*	E.A. Diddle Arena	TBD	
Feb. 7	THUR	at Rice*	Houston, Texas	TBD	
Feb. 9	SAT	at North Texas*	Denton, Texas	TBD	
Feb. 14	THUR	Middle Tennessee*	E.A. Diddle Arena	TBD	
Feb. 16	SAT	UAB*	E.A. Diddle Arena	TBD	
Feb. 23	SAT	Potential Game*	TBD	TBD	
Feb. 27	WED	Potential Game*	TBD	TBD	
March 2	SAT	Potential Game*	TBD	TBD	
March 6	WED	Potential Game*	TBD	TBD	
March 9	SAT	Potential Game*	TBD	TBD	
March 13-16		C-USA Tournament	Frisco, Texas		

(*) Conference USA Game

Home games in **bold**

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Men's Basketball / Contact: Zach Greenwell, WKU Athletic Communications/Media Relations

Justin Johnson headshot is attached.

JOHNSON SIGNS PRO CONTRACT WITH ITALY'S CAGLIARI DINAMO ACADEMY

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — Former WKU Basketball star Justin Johnson became the latest Hilltopper to join the professional ranks Monday when he signed with Italian program Cagliari Dinamo Academy.

Cagliari Dinamo Academy competes in Italy's Serie A2 league.

Johnson, a 6-foot-7 forward from Hazard, Ky., finished his college career ranked 10th on WKU's all-time scoring list with 1,715 career points and fifth on the all-time rebounding list with 1,057 career boards. He's one of five players in program history with at least 1,000 career points and 1,000 career rebounds, and the first since Jim McDaniels in 1971.

Johnson led WKU in both scoring (15.7 points per game) and rebounding (9.4 per game) as a senior, becoming the first WKU player to lead the team in both categories in three straight years since McDaniels from 1968-71.

He was named to the All-Conference USA First Team, the 2018 NIT All-Tournament Team and the Conference USA All-Tournament Team.

Johnson will have plenty of WKU company at the pro level next season. Heading into the 2017-18 campaign, there were nearly 20 former active Hilltoppers playing professionally in the United States and overseas.