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WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

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

PDF version of 2019-20 WKU Hilltopper Basketball schedule is attached.

WKU HILLTOPPER BASKETBALL RELEASES FULL 2019-20 SCHEDULE

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — Fifteen home games in E.A. Diddle Arena and at least 13 games against teams that won 20-plus games a year ago highlight WKU Hilltopper Basketball's full 2019-20 schedule released Tuesday by head coach Rick Stansbury.

"Every year, we strive to put together a schedule that will excite our fans and best prepare our team to compete for championships," Stansbury said. "This season's schedule is full of opportunities, and we will need Hilltopper Nation behind us every step of the way. There are several regional road games that will allow fans to travel with us, and we will need Diddle Arena sold out every night to help us take advantage of one of the best atmospheres in the country."

The Hilltoppers will play at Diddle Arena six times before the start of Conference USA play, including two exhibitions and four regular-season contests on John Oldham Court.

Among those home contests are Arkansas and Belmont, and the schedule also includes a neutral-site game against Louisville in Nashville, road trips to Rhode Island, Eastern Kentucky and Wright State, as well as play in the 2019 U.S. Virgin Islands Paradise Jam.

WKU could face as many as nine programs in non-conference play who finished last year in the top 150 of the NET rankings, and as many as five in the top 60. The average NET ranking last year of the Hilltoppers' final five Division I opponents in non-conference play was 79.

WKU opens the season with an exhibition against Kentucky State on Nov. 2. The Hilltoppers will also play Kentucky Wesleyan in an in-season exhibition on Dec. 17.

They then open the regular season with a pair of home games against Ohio Valley Conference foes – Tennessee Tech on Nov. 5 and Austin Peay on Nov. 9.

WKU will next head on the road for a trip to Eastern Kentucky on Nov. 15. The Hilltoppers and Colonels have played 157 times dating back to the 1914-15 season, with WKU holding a 113-44 all-time edge.

WKU will play three games in the 2019 U.S. Virgin Islands, starting against Bowling Green at 8 p.m. CT Nov. 22. The Falcons finished 22-12 last season, falling in the MAC Championship game.

The Hilltoppers will either play Cincinnati (24 in NET in 2018-19) or Illinois State in their second game of the event. Nevada (27 in NET in 2018-19), Fordham, Grand Canyon and Valparaiso are on the other side of the bracket.

WKU comes out of tournament action to square off with preseason top-10 projection Louisville on Nov. 29 at Bridgestone Arena in Nashville. The Hilltoppers and Cardinals have played 79 times in their history back to 1926, but haven't met since 2015. Louisville had a NET ranking of 22 last season.

WKU then travels to 2019 Horizon League runner-up Wright State on Dec. 3 before returning home to host Arkansas on Dec. 7. The Razorbacks, who finished last year with a NET ranking of 60, are the first SEC team to visit Diddle Arena since Ole Miss in 2014. The teams met last season in Fayetteville, Ark., where the Hilltoppers pulled out a dramatic 78-77 victory.

After going nearly a month without a home game, the Arkansas matchup is the start of a stretch of 8 of 12 games in Diddle Arena.

After facing Kentucky Wesleyan in exhibition play on Dec. 17, the Hilltoppers will travel to first-time opponent Rhode Island on Dec. 21 and wrap up non-conference play at home against Belmont on Dec. 28.

WKU and Belmont have played each of the last five seasons with the Bruins winning each matchup. Belmont won 27 games a year ago with a NET ranking of 39.

The Hilltoppers will play five of their first seven C-USA games in Diddle Arena, beginning with North Texas on Jan. 2 and Rice on Jan. 4.

They then travel to UAB on Jan. 9 and Middle Tennessee on Jan. 11 before hosting defending conference champion Old Dominion on Jan. 16 and Charlotte on Jan. 18.

WKU will play travel partner Marshall twice in a span of four days – starting Jan. 22 in Huntington, W.Va., and then again on Jan. 25 in Bowling Green.

The Hilltoppers also have road trips to Florida Atlantic (Jan. 30) and FIU (Feb. 1), and to UTEP (Feb. 13) and UTSA (Feb. 15), sandwiched around home games against Louisiana Tech (Feb. 6) and Southern Miss (Feb. 8).

The final four games of the regular season will once again be decided at a later date under the C-USA Bonus Play model.

Within the format, the 14 league 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.

For more information on C-USA Bonus Play, click here: <https://goto.ps/2Ks9LUX>

The 2020 C-USA Basketball Championships will take place March 11-14 at Ford Center at The Star in Frisco, Texas.

C-USA's television partners could still ask for date changes to accommodate broadcast schedules. Game times will be announced at a later date.

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BASKETBALL

2019-20 FULL SCHEDULE

DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME (CT)	TV
Nov. 2	SAT	Kentucky State (EXH)	E.A. Diddle Arena	TBD	TBD
Nov. 5	TUES	Tennessee Tech	E.A. Diddle Arena	TBD	TBD
Nov. 9	SAT	Austin Peay	E.A. Diddle Arena	TBD	TBD
Nov. 15	FRI	at Eastern Kentucky	Richmond, Ky.	TBD	TBD
Nov. 22	FRI	Bowling Green#	U.S. Virgin Islands	8 p.m.	FloHoops.com
Nov. 23/24	SAT/SUN	Illinois State or Cincinnati#	U.S. Virgin Islands	TBD	FloHoops.com
Nov. 25	MON	TBD#	U.S. Virgin Islands	TBD	FloHoops.com
Nov. 29	FRI	Louisville%	Nashville, Tenn.	TBD	TBD
Dec. 3	TUES	at Wright State	Dayton, Ohio	TBD	TBD
Dec. 7	SAT	Arkansas	E.A. Diddle Arena	TBD	TBD
Dec. 17	TUES	Kentucky Wesleyan (EXH)	E.A. Diddle Arena	TBD	TBD
Dec. 21	SAT	at Rhode Island	Kingston, R.I.	TBD	TBD
Dec. 28	SAT	Belmont	E.A. Diddle Arena	TBD	TBD
Jan. 2	THUR	North Texas*	E.A. Diddle Arena	TBD	TBD
Jan. 4	SAT	Rice*	E.A. Diddle Arena	TBD	TBD
Jan. 9	THUR	at UAB*	Birmingham, Ala.	TBD	TBD
Jan. 11	SAT	at Middle Tennessee*	Murfreesboro, Tenn.	TBD	TBD
Jan. 16	THUR	Old Dominion*	E.A. Diddle Arena	TBD	TBD
Jan. 18	SAT	Charlotte*	E.A. Diddle Arena	TBD	TBD
Jan. 22	WED	at Marshall*	Huntington, W.Va.	TBD	TBD
Jan. 25	SAT	Marshall*	E.A. Diddle Arena	TBD	TBD
Jan. 30	THUR	at Florida Atlantic*	Boca Raton, Fla.	TBD	TBD
Feb. 1	SAT	at FIU*	Miami, Fla.	TBD	TBD
Feb. 6	THUR	Louisiana Tech*	E.A. Diddle Arena	TBD	TBD
Feb. 8	SAT	Southern Miss*	E.A. Diddle Arena	TBD	TBD
Feb. 13	THUR	at UTEP*	El Paso, Texas	TBD	TBD
Feb. 15	SAT	at UTSA*	San Antonio, Texas	TBD	TBD
Feb. 22	SAT	Potential Bonus Play*	TBD	TBD	TBD
Feb. 27	THUR	Potential Bonus Play*	TBD	TBD	TBD
March 1	SUN	Potential Bonus Play*	TBD	TBD	TBD
March 4	WED	Potential Bonus Play*	TBD	TBD	TBD
March 7	SAT	Potential Bonus Play*	TBD	TBD	TBD
March 11-14		C-USA Tournament	Frisco, Texas		

(*) Conference USA Game

(#) 2019 U.S. Virgin Islands Paradise Jam

(%) Bridgestone Arena in Nashville

Home games in **bold**

Dates/times subject to change

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

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

Direct link to buy single-game tickets for WKU vs. Louisville in Nashville — <https://goto.ps/2zeDuvk>

TICKETS FOR NOV. 29 WKU-LOUISVILLE BASKETBALL GAME IN NASHVILLE ON SALE NOW

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — Single-game tickets for WKU Hilltopper Basketball's matchup with Louisville on Nov. 29 in Nashville are now on sale through the WKU Ticket Office.

To sit in a WKU section, fans are encouraged to buy directly from the WKU Ticket Office by visiting WKUTickets.com. Tickets for the Louisville game are not included in season ticket packages.

A direct link to buy tickets for the game is available here: <https://goto.ps/2zeDuvk>

Courtside tickets are available for \$125 each, while the next two rows of courtside seating are \$100 each. Lower level and club seats are available for \$50 apiece, and 300-level tickets are available at two different prices – \$35 for sideline and \$25 for endzone.

Seats will be allocated within each price point based on HAF priority. The WKU Ticket Office will mail seats in early November.

The priority deadline to order tickets is Oct. 25.

The Hilltoppers and Cardinals have played 79 times in their history back to 1926, but haven't met since 2015.

Louisville had a NET ranking of 22 last season and enters the 2019-20 campaign as a top-10 national projection.

"We're excited about the opportunity to face one of the top teams in the country in Louisville in Nashville this November," WKU head coach Rick Stansbury said. "Western Kentucky and Louisville are two of the winningest teams in NCAA history, and having two programs with so much tradition playing each other is good for the game and good for our state. We have a strong group of alumni in the Nashville area, and it's an easy drive for many of our fans, so we look forward to having as many Hilltoppers as we can cheering us on in Bridgestone Arena."

Tip-off time is still to be determined pending selections by the Conference USA TV partners.

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WKU is also now accepting season ticket requests for the 2019-20 season at the following link: <https://goto.ps/2YxFJsC>

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / August 30, 2019

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

Headshot of Eli Wright is attached.

HILLTOPPERS ADD TRANSFER GUARD, KENTUCKY NATIVE ELI WRIGHT

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — WKU Hilltopper Basketball head coach Rick Stansbury announced Friday the signing of transfer Eli Wright (6-5, Guard).

Wright comes to The Hill from St. John's, where he sat out the 2018-19 season as a transfer after two seasons at Mississippi State.

"We're excited to have Eli join our team," Stansbury said. "He's gained some valuable college experience that he brings with him. I think it will be good for him and our program having him back close to home."

Wright — an Owensboro, Ky., native — appeared in 64 games for Mississippi State over his first two years of college, averaging 3.0 points and 2.2 rebounds in 13.8 minutes per game as a sophomore in 2017-18 as the Bulldogs reached the NIT semifinals.

He averaged 3.5 points and 1.6 rebounds in 13.1 minutes as a freshman, shooting 52.9 percent from the field and 40.7 percent from 3-point range.

Wright was ranked as a consensus four-star prospect and top-100 recruit in the 2016 class by every major recruiting outlet.

He averaged 23.6 points per game as a senior at 22 Feet Academy in Greenville, S.C., after averaging 20.6 points and 7.5 rebounds as a junior at Apollo High School in Owensboro. He received All-State honors from the Courier-Journal as a junior and netted 52 of 136 3-point attempts.

Wright is the seventh Kentucky native on the Hilltoppers' 2019-20 roster. That is the most Kentuckians WKU has had on its roster since 1980-81.



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

Headshot of Charles Bassey is attached. Please credit WKU Athletics.

BASSEY NAMED PRESEASON FIRST-TEAM ALL-AMERICAN BY LINDY'S, STREET & SMITH'S

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — WKU Hilltopper Basketball sophomore Charles Bassey is picking up right where he left off after a memorable freshman season.

The 6-foot-11, 235-pound center has been named a Preseason First-Team All-American by both Lindy's Sports Magazine and Street & Smith's Basketball Yearbook.

Bassey and Michigan State senior guard Cassius Winston are the only players in the country to be named First-Team All-Americans by both outlets.

Lindy's ranks Bassey No. 3 on its list of the best college basketball players in America and also named him to its national All-Defense Team and All-Glass Cleaning Team.

The Lagos, Nigeria, averaged 14.6 points, 10 rebounds, and 2.4 blocks in his first season for the Hilltoppers in 2018-19 while shooting 62.7 percent from the field.

Bassey led Conference USA in double-doubles (17) and ranked in the top 30 nationally in double-doubles, field-goal percentage, blocks per game, total blocks, rebounds per game, defensive rebounds per game and total rebounds while competing as one of the top-10 youngest players in the country.

He became just the second freshmen in the country since 1992 – along with current NBA star Anthony Davis – to average at least 14 points, 10 rebounds and two blocks while shooting at least 60 percent overall.

Bassey was named a Freshman All-American and was 1 of 5 national finalists – including the only freshman – for the Kareem Abdul-Jabbar Center of the Year Award.

He became the second player in Conference USA history to win both C-USA Freshman of the Year and Defensive Player of the Year in the same season, and he was also named to the All-C-USA First Team, All-Freshman Team and All-Defensive Team.

Bassey declared for the NBA Draft in the spring without signing with an agent, before withdrawing and opting to return to Bowling Green for his sophomore season.

He and his teammates open the 2019-20 season with an exhibition against Kentucky State on Nov. 2, followed by the regular-season opener against Tennessee Tech on Nov. 5 in E.A. Diddle Arena.



WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

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

HILLTOPPER HYSTERIA SET FOR THURSDAY, OCT. 17; MEN TO HOLD FULL SCRIMMAGE AS PART OF EVENT

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — WKU's annual tip-off event for Hilltopper and Lady Topper Basketball, Hilltopper Hysteria, is set to take place Thursday, Oct. 17, beginning at 6 p.m. CT at E.A. Diddle Arena.

Both programs will be introduced and will go through scrimmages on John Oldham Court, but in a change from years past, the men's team will instead go through a full, game-length open scrimmage in front of the Hysteria crowd.

Parking and admission are free for the event. Med Center Health is the presenting sponsor of the 2019-20 Hilltopper Basketball season, and Hilltop Club is an associate sponsor of Hilltopper Hysteria.

The Hilltoppers have traditionally hosted a full scrimmage open to the public over Homecoming weekend following Hysteria, but will instead integrate that more detailed annual look at the team into the Hysteria event.

In addition to both teams' introductions and scrimmages, there will be contests and promotions on the court during breaks in the action. An autograph session on the court will conclude the evening.

Hilltopper Hysteria will once again be a ticketed event this season, although it remains free admission. Season ticket holders for men's basketball will have first priority to ensure their season ticket seat locations for Hysteria, but must do so by 4:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4.

After that, women's basketball season ticket holders will have priority to secure remaining seats for Hysteria from Monday, Oct 7 through Wednesday, Oct. 9. Starting at 8 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 10 through the time of the event, seats will be available to the general public.

To reserve your season ticket seats, call 1-800-5-BIGRED, text your name to 1-800-524-4733 or email tickets@wku.edu.

The Hilltoppers are 7-3 against the Power Five over the last two seasons and have won 47 total games over that span. They return four starters from a 2018-19 squad that won 20 games and advanced to the Conference USA championship game for the second straight year. WKU ranks third in NCAA history in regular-season league titles (42), seventh in 20-win seasons (45), eighth in all-time winning percentage (.660) and 16th in all-time wins (1,795).

The Tops face Kentucky State in an exhibition on Nov. 2 before opening the regular season at home against Tennessee Tech on Nov. 5.

Lady Topper Basketball is entering its second season under head coach Greg Collins and has an active streak of seven consecutive 20-win seasons, match the previous program record. All-C-USA selections Dee Givens and Raneem Elgedawy are set to star for a Lady Topper lineup that returns all five starters from a team that reached the third round of the Postseason WNIT a season ago.

The Lady Toppers will meet Kentucky Wesleyan in an exhibition on Oct. 31 before beginning the regular season on the road at Louisville on Nov. 5.

Season tickets are now available for Hilltopper and Lady Topper Basketball! Season tickets start as low as \$160 each for the men and \$45 for the women. Help us sell out Diddle Arena as limited tickets remain for this men's basketball season. Family plan tickets are available for both men's and women's basketball when purchased in groups of four or more. For more information, call 1-800-5-BIGRED or visit WKUTickets.com.

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

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

WKU Basketball Pro Day will be a credentialed event. If you or someone from your outlet would like to attend, please RSVP with Zach Greenwell as soon as possible.

HILLTOPPERS TO HOST PRO DAY AT DIDDLE ARENA ON OCT. 9

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — For the second straight year, WKU Hilltopper Basketball will host a Pro Day to showcase its players for NBA scouts at 2:30 p.m. CT on Wednesday, Oct. 9 at E.A. Diddle Arena, head coach Rick Stansbury announced Friday.

Scouts from all NBA teams and media are welcome to attend the Pro Day, which will be a credentialed event and is closed to the general public.

WKU hosted the first official Pro Day in program history at Diddle Arena last season, drawing more than 20 NBA scouts from nearly as many teams to Bowling Green.

The Hilltoppers caught the attention of the NBA often in 2018-19, with 350-plus scout visits home and away, including as many as 40 at once. They routinely drew double-digit scouts for home games at Diddle Arena.

WKU is 7-3 against the Power Five over the last two seasons and has won 47 total games over that span. The Hilltoppers return four starters from a 2018-19 squad that won 20 games and advanced to the Conference USA championship game for the second straight year.

Those starters include sophomore center Charles Bassey, the reigning Conference USA Freshman and Defensive Player of the Year. Bassey, who entered the 2019 NBA Draft without an agent before withdrawing and returning to school, was recently named a Preseason First Team All-American by Lindy's Sports and Street & Smith's Basketball Yearbook. He was also a top-five finalist for the 2019 Kareem Abdul-Jabbar Center of the Year award.

Also returning are junior guard Taveion Hollingsworth – an All-C-USA Third Team selection a year ago – along with redshirt senior guard/forward Jared Savage and junior guard Josh Anderson. Senior forward Matt Horton and redshirt freshman guard Jeremiah Gambrell are back from last year's team as well.

Entering the fold this season are several transfers, including graduate senior guard Camron Justice from IUPUI, senior guard Kenny Cooper from Lipscomb, redshirt junior forward Carson Williams from Northern Kentucky and redshirt junior guards Eli Wright from St. John's and Patrick Murphy from Martin Methodist College.

The Hilltoppers have also added three freshmen in guards Jordan Rawls and Jackson Harlan, as well as forward Isaiah Cozart.

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The program has a storied history at the professional level with 35 NBA Draft picks and 20-plus former Hilltoppers currently playing pro ball in the United States and overseas. In Stansbury's first three seasons at WKU, all nine outgoing seniors have earned the opportunity to play professional basketball.

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

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

Video: WKU head coach Rick Stansbury press conference — <https://youtu.be/WZ34gh6FAXQ>

STANSBURY PLEASSED TO HAVE EXPERIENCED RETURNERS, STAFF AS PRACTICE BEGINS

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — WKU Hilltopper Basketball turned the page to the next stage of its preseason preparation Friday with its first official practice of the 2019-20 season.

Head coach Rick Stansbury met with the media ahead of that practice, noting that it's easier to transition into intense practices with experienced players returning.

The Hilltoppers bring back four starters from last year in redshirt senior guard/forward Jared Savage, junior guards Taveion Hollingsworth and Josh Anderson, and sophomore center Charles Bassey. All of them averaged at least 12.1 points per game and earned a combined 130 of 136 possible starts.

"That's by far the best we've had," Stansbury said. "Anytime you can get some continuity and have some experience returning, it helps everything. Now, things will move quicker because I've got some guys who understand. Those new guys who don't understand, at least they can see somebody leading by example and doing things the right way."

Stansbury also sees some of that veteran steadiness in his coaching staff, which features two new assistant coaches he's extremely familiar with, along with returning assistant Hennssy Auriantal.

Associate head coach Phil Cunningham spent the last six years as head coach at Troy, but before that, he spent 13 years on Stansbury's staff at Mississippi State and one other year as an assistant at WKU.

Assistant coach Marcus Grant worked for Stansbury for eight years before joining Cunningham's staff at Troy, eventually as head coach.

"It's great anytime you can have continuity like that in your staff and people that understand what you're about," Stansbury said. "They're great people, No. 1. They're great coaches. Phil did a great job at Troy, and Marcus has been a great player, a quality person and a great coach his whole career, so I'm excited to have those guys as part of the program."

Stansbury said much of the Hilltoppers' offseason was devoted to improving in two key areas — shooting and passing.

WKU added several pieces to help in those areas, including graduate transfer guard Camron Justice, who made 90 3-pointers and averaged 2.9 assists per game last year at IUPUI.

Stansbury also specifically noted senior guard Kenny Cooper and freshman guard Jordan Rawls as players who can help in that area, along with some who were on the team last year but sat out because of transfer or injury, like forward Carson Williams and guard Jeremiah Gambrell.

“We didn’t shoot it consistently,” Stansbury said. “Those nights Jared didn’t make shots, it was a struggle. It was like a root canal some nights. But I really feel like we’ve addressed some of those problems. I think the guys we have back will all be better. It doesn’t take but a piece or two to spread that floor a little bit, get the ball to guys at the right time and more consistently, and it all works better.”

Fans can get their first chance to see the 2019-20 Hilltoppers in action at the program's annual tip-off event, Hilltopper Hysteria, at 6 p.m. CT Thursday, Oct. 17. The men’s program will hold a full, open scrimmage as part of the event.

The Hilltoppers then face Kentucky State in an exhibition on Nov. 2 before opening the regular season at home against Tennessee Tech on Nov. 5.

Season tickets are available for Hilltopper Basketball starting as low as \$160, although remaining tickets are limited. Family plan tickets are available when purchased in groups of four or more. For more information, call 1-800-5-BIGRED or visit WKUTickets.com.

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

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

Video: WKU head coach Rick Stansbury Pro Day availability — https://youtu.be/Ggc4gxT_a8Y

HILLTOPPERS WELCOME NBA SCOUTS TO CAMPUS FOR SECOND PRO DAY

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — More than a dozen NBA teams watched intently from the sidelines Wednesday as WKU Hilltopper Basketball hosted its second straight Pro Day at E.A. Diddle Arena.

The Hilltoppers opened practice to all NBA teams and credentialed media, with scouts lining press row and the stands across one side of the arena.

The entire team went through Wednesday's Pro Day, which followed a format similar to that of a regular practice – with a few tweaks.

"We wanted it to be as much of a practice as possible, but at the same time, doing a few more things that may demonstrate some skills of some players – shooting ability, handling that ball," WKU head coach Rick Stansbury said. "But at the same time, I want them to see guys think in a quick pace, who can react and who can see the next play coming in the flow of a basketball game. We accomplished what we wanted."

Last year, the Hilltoppers hosted the first Pro Day in program history, bringing more than 20 NBA scouts to Bowling Green.

WKU caught the attention of the NBA often in 2018-19, with 350-plus scout visits home and away, including as many as 40 at once. They routinely drew double-digit scouts for home games at Diddle Arena.

The program has a storied history at the professional level with 35 NBA Draft picks and 20-plus former Hilltoppers currently playing pro ball in the United States and overseas. In Stansbury's first three seasons at WKU, all nine outgoing seniors have earned the opportunity to play professional basketball.

Among the players drawing attention is sophomore center Charles Bassey, who has been named a Preseason First Team All-American by multiple outlets.

Bassey declared for the 2019 NBA Draft in the spring without signing with an agent. The 6-foot-11 center went through workouts and participated in the NBA Scouting Combine before opting to withdraw and return to school in May.

But Stansbury noted that when that many scouts come to WKU, all of the Hilltoppers reap the rewards.

“I think your whole team benefits,” Stansbury said. “Whether guys can play in the league or not, a lot of them think they can. They had an opportunity to have a lot of NBA teams up here today. If you’re good enough to be an NBA player, they’re going to find you.”

While Wednesday’s event was open only to scouts and media, the general public will get its first look at the 2019-20 squad next week at Hilltopper Hysteria at 6 p.m. CT Thursday, Oct. 17.

Both the men’s and women’s programs will be introduced and scrimmage, with the men changing formats this season to go through a full, open scrimmage.

“They have an opportunity to come see us for the first time,” Stansbury said. “It’ll be a live, full scrimmage game. It won’t just be running and dunking the basketball. I hope we can pack this thing. It’s the first chance for everyone to see us. I think it’s very obvious we like our team, and we’ve got a chance.”

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

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

Women's Basketball / Contact: Lillie-Anne Mulligan, WKU Athletic Communications/Media Relations

STANSBURY, COLLINS TO HOST FIRST RADIO SHOWS FROM BEARNO'S PIZZA IN LOUISVILLE ON OCT. 24

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — The Rick Stansbury and Greg Collins Radio Shows will get an early start to the upcoming 2019-20 basketball campaign with a special pair of shows in Louisville on Thursday, Oct. 24.

Stansbury and Collins will be live from Bearno's Pizza (131 W. Main St.) in downtown Louisville for two special broadcasts.

Collins' show with "The Voice of the Lady Toppers" Brett Williams will begin at 5 p.m. CT/6 p.m. ET and air on 102.7 FM and 1450 AM in Bowling Green.

Stansbury's show with "The Voice of the Hilltoppers" Randy Lee will follow at 6 p.m. CT/7 p.m. ET on 100.7 FM in Bowling Green and 1450 AM in Louisville. Both shows are also available via the TuneIn app.

The Hilltoppers' roster features six players from the state of Kentucky, as well as a seventh player, Charles Bassey, who completed his final year of high school at Aspire Academy in Louisville.

The Lady Toppers feature five players from Kentucky and are led by the Louisville native Collins, who graduate from the University of Louisville and was later an assistant with the Cardinals. Collins also coached in the city at the high school and AAU levels.

The Lady Toppers open their regular season at Louisville on Nov. 5. The Lady Toppers lead the overall series with Louisville, 25-21. In Louisville, the Cardinals have won 12 of the matchups, while WKU has won nine. The two teams have squared off in each season since 2013, excluding 2017.

The Hilltoppers also face the Cardinals in a neutral-site matchup at Bridgestone Arena in Nashville on Nov. 29.

The radio shows come one day before the HAF priority deadline to buy tickets for the men's game, which can be purchased here: <https://goto.ps/2zeDuvk>

The Hilltoppers and Cardinals have played 79 times in their history back to 1926, but haven't met since 2015. Louisville had a NET ranking of 22 last season and enters the 2019-20 campaign as a top-10 national projection.

The regular weekly radio shows for Collins and Stansbury are slated to begin next month and will once again air from Roosters at 247 Three Springs Road in Bowling Green.

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Headshots of Hollingsworth and Bassey are attached.

HILLTOPPERS PICKED TO WIN LEAGUE; HOLLINGSWORTH, BASSEY NAMED TO PRESEASON TEAM

DALLAS — For the second straight year, WKU Hilltopper Basketball has been picked by the Conference USA coaches to win the league.

The Hilltoppers were selected as the C-USA favorite in the annual preseason poll released Thursday, while WKU junior guard Taveion Hollingsworth and sophomore center Charles Bassey were named to the Preseason All-Conference Team.

WKU received 13 first-place votes, while UTSA earned the other top vote. The Hilltoppers advanced to the C-USA Tournament championship game in 2018-19 before falling to Old Dominion.

This is the second straight year the Hilltoppers have had multiple preseason all-conference selections, and it's the second such honor for Hollingsworth.

The 6-foot-2, 165-pound guard from Lexington, Ky., was a Third Team All-C-USA selection last season after averaging 14.4 points, 4.4 rebounds, 2.2 assists and 1.2 steals in 36.8 minutes per game as a sophomore.

Hollingsworth was also named to the C-USA Championship All-Tournament Team.

He has started all 72 games of his college career and needs just four points to reach 1,000 for his career.

The 6-foot-11, 230-pound Bassey reeled in accolades in his debut season on The Hill in 2018-19, including becoming the second player in C-USA history to win Freshman of the Year and Defensive Player of the Year in the same season.

The Lagos, Nigeria, native was also a First-Team All-C-USA pick after averaging 14.6 points, 10 rebounds and 2.4 blocks, while shooting 62.7 percent from the field, 45 percent from the 3-point line and 76.9 percent from the free-throw line.

He was just the second freshman in the country since 1992 – along with Kentucky's Anthony Davis – to average at least 14 points, 10 rebounds and two blocks while shooting at least 60 percent from the floor.

Bassey was one of five national finalists for the 2019 Kareem Abdul-Jabbar Center of the Year award and was named a Kyle Macy Freshman All-American.

He's been tabbed as a Preseason First-Team All-American by both Lindy's Sports and Street & Smith's Basketball Yearbook.

The Hilltoppers host their annual season tip-off event, Hilltopper Hysteria, at 6 p.m. CT tonight at E.A. Diddle Arena.

WKU's first exhibition game is against Kentucky State at 7:30 p.m. CT Nov. 2, while the program opens the regular season at home against Tennessee Tech at 7 p.m. Nov. 5.

C-USA Preseason Coaches Poll

1. **WKU (13)**
2. UTSA (1)
3. Louisiana Tech
- T4. UTEP
- T4. Old Dominion
6. UAB
7. North Texas
8. Middle Tennessee
9. Florida Atlantic
10. FIU
11. Marshall
12. Charlotte
13. Rice
14. Southern Miss

All-C-USA Preseason Team

Devon Andrews, FIU
Jailyn Ingram, Florida Atlantic
DaQuan Bracey, Louisiana Tech
Antonio Green, Middle Tennessee
Xavier Green, Old Dominion
Zack Bryant, UAB
Jhivvan Jackson, UTSA
Keaton Wallace, UTSA
Taveion Hollingsworth, WKU
Charles Bassey, WKU



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

Updated WKU Hilltopper Basketball schedule is attached.

TOPS ADD HOME GAME AGAINST CAMPBELLSVILLE ON NOV. 18 AS PART OF PARADISE JAM

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — As part of the U.S. Virgin Islands Paradise Jam, WKU Hilltopper Basketball has added an additional home game to its 2019-20 schedule.

The Hilltoppers will host Campbellsville in a regular-season competition at 7 p.m. CT Nov. 18 at E.A. Diddle Arena as a campus-site game of the Paradise Jam event.

That brings the total of WKU men's home games in Diddle Arena this season to 16, including three of the first four games of the regular season.

Season ticket holders will be mailed a separate ticket for the Campbellsville game in a follow-up mailing to their regular ticket booklets.

WKU has played Campbellsville frequently as an exhibition opponent but just five times as a regular-season foe, most recently in the 2015-16 season as a campus-site game of the Gulf Coast Showcase. The Hilltoppers have won all five regular-season matchups.

Campbellsville is the alma mater of WKU head coach Rick Stansbury, where he was a four-year letterman and got his coaching start as a student assistant. Stansbury received Campbellsville's Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1999 and was inducted into the school's Athletic Hall of Fame in 2003.

WKU associate head coach Phil Cunningham is a Campbellsville native who played for and coached with the Tigers under his father and longtime CU coach Lou Cunningham.

Television information for the Campbellsville game is still pending.

WESTERN KENTUCKY

BASKETBALL

2019-20 FULL SCHEDULE

DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME (CT)	TV
Nov. 2	SAT	Kentucky State (EXH)	E.A. Diddle Arena	7:30 p.m.	TBD
Nov. 5	TUES	Tennessee Tech	E.A. Diddle Arena	7 p.m.	TBD
Nov. 9	SAT	Austin Peay	E.A. Diddle Arena	3 p.m.	TBD
Nov. 15	FRI	at Eastern Kentucky	Richmond, Ky.	6 p.m.	TBD
Nov. 18	MON	Campbellsville	E.A. Diddle Arena	7 p.m.	TBD
Nov. 22	FRI	Bowling Green#	U.S. Virgin Islands	8 p.m.	FloHoops.com
Nov. 23/24	SAT/SUN	Illinois State or Cincinnati#	U.S. Virgin Islands	TBD	FloHoops.com
Nov. 25	MON	TBD#	U.S. Virgin Islands	TBD	FloHoops.com
Nov. 29	FRI	Louisville%	Nashville, Tenn.	4 p.m.	TBD
Dec. 3	TUES	at Wright State	Dayton, Ohio	6 p.m.	TBD
Dec. 7	SAT	Arkansas	E.A. Diddle Arena	6:30 p.m.	CBS Sports Network
Dec. 17	TUES	Ky. Wesleyan (EXH)^	E.A. Diddle Arena	7 p.m.	TBD
Dec. 21	SAT	at Rhode Island	Kingston, R.I.	1 p.m.	TBD
Dec. 28	SAT	Belmont	E.A. Diddle Arena	6:30 p.m.	TBD
Jan. 2	THUR	North Texas*	E.A. Diddle Arena	6 p.m.	ESPNU
Jan. 4	SAT	Rice*	E.A. Diddle Arena	4 p.m.	TBD
Jan. 9	THUR	at UAB*	Birmingham, Ala.	7 p.m.	TBD
Jan. 11	SAT	at Middle Tennessee*	Murfreesboro, Tenn.	5 p.m.	CBS Sports Network
Jan. 16	THUR	Old Dominion*	E.A. Diddle Arena	7 p.m.	CBS Sports Network
Jan. 18	SAT	Charlotte*	E.A. Diddle Arena	4 p.m.	TBD
Jan. 22	WED	at Marshall*	Huntington, W.Va.	6 p.m.	TBD
Jan. 25	SAT	Marshall*	E.A. Diddle Arena	6:30 p.m.	TBD
Jan. 30	THUR	at Florida Atlantic*	Boca Raton, Fla.	6 p.m.	TBD
Feb. 1	SAT	at FIU*	Miami, Fla.	TBD	TBD
Feb. 6	THUR	Louisiana Tech*	E.A. Diddle Arena	8 p.m.	CBS Sports Network
Feb. 8	SAT	Southern Miss*	E.A. Diddle Arena	6:30 p.m.	TBD
Feb. 13	THUR	at UTEP*	El Paso, Texas	8 p.m.	TBD
Feb. 15	SAT	at UTSA*	San Antonio, Texas	2 p.m.	TBD
Feb. 22	SAT	Potential Bonus Play*	TBD	TBD	TBD
Feb. 27	THUR	Potential Bonus Play*	TBD	TBD	TBD
March 1	SUN	Potential Bonus Play*	TBD	TBD	TBD
March 4	WED	Potential Bonus Play*	TBD	TBD	TBD
March 7	SAT	Potential Bonus Play*	TBD	TBD	TBD
March 11-14		C-USA Tournament	Frisco, Texas		

[*] Conference USA Game

[#] 2019 U.S. Virgin Islands Paradise Jam

[%] Bridgestone Arena in Nashville

[^] 37th Annual BB&T Classic

Home games in **bold**

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Women's Basketball / Contact: Lillie-Anne Mulligan, WKU Athletic Communications/Media Relations

Final Hilltopper Basketball box score is attached.

Video: Hilltopper head coach Rick Stansbury — <https://youtu.be/vDNCQG-ums0>

Video: Hilltopper junior guard Taveion Hollingsworth — <https://youtu.be/EDVcQfdIRIs>

Video: Hilltopper senior guard Camron Justice — <https://youtu.be/TMO3t4A5jEg>

Video: Lady Topper head coach Greg Collins — <https://youtu.be/5guhdEioFCk>

Video: Lady Topper senior forward Dee Givens — <https://youtu.be/3bKk5ORW07s>

Video: Lady Topper freshman forward Tori Hunter — <https://youtu.be/3rUbsE9ICEg>

WKU BASKETBALL WELCOMES 2019-20 SEASON AT HILLTOPPER HYSTERIA

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — Basketball officially returned to The Hill on Thursday night as WKU hosted its annual tip-off event, Hilltopper Hysteria, at E.A. Diddle Arena.

The Hilltopper and Lady Topper Basketball programs were on display for two hours on a night that featured player and coach introductions, scrimmages by both teams and an autograph session to end the festivities.

Hilltop Club is an associate sponsor of Hilltopper Hysteria, while Med Center Health is the presenting sponsor of the 2019-20 Hilltopper Basketball season.

In a change from previous years, the men's team competed in an extended scrimmage at Hysteria with two 12-minute halves.

Sophomore center Charles Bassey led all scorers with 18 points and 11 rebounds, while graduate transfer guard Camron Justice poured in 17 points on 5-of-7 shooting from 3-point range.

Redshirt senior guard/forward Jared Savage and redshirt junior forward Carson Williams each had 16 points, and junior guard Taveion Hollingsworth finished with 14 points.

Junior guard Josh Anderson and freshman guard Jordan Rawls scored 11 points apiece, while Rawls also handed out four assists. Senior guard Kenny Cooper tallied 10 points and seven assists.

In the women's scrimmage, the black squad came away with the win against the red team with a final score of 17-12.

Dee Givens scorched in the brief scrimmage, shooting 3-of-3 from beyond the arc for nine points. Raneem Elgedawy added six points for the red team with a rebound. Sherry Porter had five points in the contest and newcomer Fatou Pouye had four. Whitney Creech had four assists

by the end of the scrimmage along with two rebounds. Transfer Bree Glover had two blocks and three rebounds in 12 minutes.

The Hilltoppers will host Kentucky State in their first exhibition at 7:30 p.m. CT Nov. 2 inside Diddle Arena before welcoming Tennessee Tech in the regular-season opener at 7 p.m. Nov. 5.

The Lady Toppers will host Kentucky Wesleyan on Halloween for exhibition game at E.A. Diddle Arena before opening the 2019-20 season at Louisville on Nov. 5. WKU's home opener will be Wednesday, Nov. 13 against Belmont at 6 p.m.

Season tickets are now available for Hilltopper and Lady Topper Basketball! Season tickets start as low as \$160 each for the men and \$45 for the women. Limited tickets remain for this men's basketball season. Family plan tickets are available for both men's and women's basketball when purchased in groups of four or more. For more information, call 1-800-5-BIGRED or visit WKUTickets.com.

For more information on WKU Hilltopper and Lady Topper Basketball, visit WKUSports.com or follow the teams via social media @WKUBasketball and @LadyTopperHoops on Twitter and Instagram and on Facebook at facebook.com/WKUBasketball and facebook.com/WK UWomensBasketball.

WKU Intrasquad Scrimmage - Oct. 17

Full Combined Stats (24 minutes)

Player	Points	Field Goals	3PT	FT	OFF REB	DEF REB	TOTAL REB	BLK	AST	TO	STL	FOULS
ANDERSON	11	5-10	1-2	0-0	1	1	2	0	1	1	1	4
BASSEY	18	8-13	0-3	2-4	0	11	11	0	3	0	0	3
COOPER	10	4-4	1-1	1-1	0	2	2	0	7	2	0	1
COZART	1	0-0	0-0	1-2	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	1
GAMBRELL	3	1-3	1-3	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
HARLAN	0	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
HOLLINGSWORTH	14	6-10	2-6	0-0	1	2	3	0	3	0	1	0
HORTON	6	3-4	0-0	0-0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	1
JUSTICE	17	6-9	5-7	0-0	0	4	4	0	1	1	0	1
MURPHY												
RAWLS	11	4-10	2-6	1-3	1	1	2	0	4	0	0	0
SAVAGE	16	6-7	3-4	0-0	0	1	1	2	1	1	0	1
WILLIAMS	16	6-11	1-2	3-3	4	2	6	0	2	1	0	0
TOTALS	123	49-85	16-35	8-13	9	27	36	2	22	7	2	12

Field Goal Percentage: 57.6% (49-85)

3-point Percentage: 45.7% (16-35)

FT Percentage: 61.5% (8-13)

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Headshot of Charles Bassey is attached.

Fan Vote Link for Charles Bassey — <https://goto.ps/BasseyKareemVote>

BASSEY NAMED TO 2020 KAREEM ABDUL-JABBAR AWARD WATCH LIST

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. — WKU Hilltopper Basketball sophomore center Charles Bassey has been named one of 20 national watch list members for the 2020 Kareem Abdul-Jabbar Center of the Year Award, as announced Friday by the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame.

Named after Class of 1995 Hall of Famer and three-time NCAA Champion Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, the annual honor in its sixth year recognizes the top centers in men's college basketball. A national committee comprising top college basketball personnel determined the watch list of 20 candidates.

Bassey is no stranger to consideration for the award. He was a top-five finalist for the 2019 Kareem Abdul-Jabbar Award, and one of three freshmen to be named a finalist in the award's existence.

The 6-foot-11, 230-pound center has already been named a Preseason First-Team All-American by both Lindy's Sports Magazine and Street & Smith's Basketball Yearbook.

Bassey averaged 14.6 points, 10 rebounds, and 2.4 blocks in his first season for the Hilltoppers in 2018-19 while shooting 62.7 percent from the field.

The Lagos, Nigeria, native led Conference USA in double-doubles (17) and ranked in the top 30 nationally in double-doubles, field-goal percentage, blocks per game, total blocks, rebounds per game, defensive rebounds per game and total rebounds while competing as one of the top-10 youngest players in the country.

He became just the second freshmen in the country since 1992 – along with current NBA star Anthony Davis – to average at least 14 points, 10 rebounds and two blocks while shooting at least 60 percent overall.

Bassey was named a Freshman All-American and became the second player in Conference USA history to win both C-USA Freshman of the Year and Defensive Player of the Year in the same season. He was also named to the All-C-USA First Team, All-Freshman Team and All-Defensive Team.

Bassey declared for the NBA Draft in the spring without signing with an agent, before withdrawing and opting to return to Bowling Green for his sophomore season.

New to the award this season is Fan Voting presented by Dell Technologies in each of the three rounds. Fans can vote for Bassey beginning today at the following link: <https://goto.ps/BasseyKareemVote>

By mid-February, the watch list of 20 players for the 2020 Kareem Abdul-Jabbar Center of the Year Award will be narrowed down to just 10. In March, five finalists will be presented to Abdul-Jabbar and the Hall of Fame's selection committee.

The winner of the 2020 Kareem Abdul-Jabbar Award will be presented at The College Basketball Awards presented by Wendy's in Los Angeles on Friday, April 10, 2020, along with the other four members of the Men's Starting Five.

Previous winners of the Kareem Abdul-Jabbar Center of the Year Award include Ethan Happ, Wisconsin (2019), Angel Delgado, Seton Hall (2018), Przemek Karnowski, Gonzaga (2017), Jakob Poeltl, Utah (2016) and Frank Kaminsky, Wisconsin (2015).

For more information on the 2020 Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and the latest updates, log onto www.hoophallawards.com and follow @hoophall and #KareemAward on Twitter and Instagram.

2020 Kareem Abdul-Jabbar Center of the Year Award Candidates*

Chase Jeter, Arizona
Nico Carvacho, Colorado State
Vernon Carey, Duke
Kerry Blackshear, Florida
Omer Yurtseven, Georgetown
Luke Garza, Iowa
Udoka Azubuike, Kansas
Steven Enoch, Louisville
James Wiseman, Memphis
Jon Teske, Michigan
Jeremiah Tillmon, Missouri
Armando Bacot, North Carolina
Nate Watson, Providence
Matt Haarms, Purdue
Nick Rakocevic, USC
Neemias Queta, Utah State
Isaiah Stewart, Washington
Derek Culver, West Virginia
Charles Basse, WKU
Nathan Knight, William and Mary

Players can play their way onto and off of the list at any point in the 2019-20 season

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

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Updated WKU Hilltopper Basketball schedule with TV information is attached.

HILLTOPPERS ADD 24 GAMES TO INITIAL TV BROADCAST SCHEDULE

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — The initial broadcast schedule for WKU Hilltopper Basketball features 24 games selected for national broadcast or digital streaming in the 2019-20 season, as announced Tuesday by the Conference USA office.

The Hilltoppers are scheduled to play seven games on the ESPN family of networks, four games on CBS Sports Network, two games on CBSSN on Facebook, two games on Stadium, six games on Stadium on Facebook and three games on FloHoops.com.

Additional road game broadcasts are still to be announced, as are WKU's final four games of the regular season under C-USA Bonus Play. TV information for those matchups will be available following the conclusion of games on Saturday, Feb. 15.

WKU's home game against North Texas on Jan. 2 will air on ESPNU, a new league partner for five games for C-USA this season.

The Hilltopper Sports Satellite Network will also produce six games to stream on ESPN3, air locally on WKU PBS in Bowling Green and regionally on WBNA in Louisville. Those games will be home contests against Tennessee Tech on Nov. 5, Austin Peay on Nov. 9, Campbellsville on Nov. 18, Kentucky Wesleyan (exhibition) on Dec. 17, Rice on Jan. 4 and Charlotte on Jan. 18.

WKU's opening exhibition against Kentucky State on Nov. 2 will not be broadcast.

CBS Sports Network will air WKU's home games against Arkansas (Dec. 7), Old Dominion (Jan. 16) and Louisiana Tech (Feb. 6), as well as its road game at Middle Tennessee on Jan. 11.

The two games that will appear on CBSSN on Facebook – which are games produced by CBS and broadcast exclusively on Facebook – are WKU's neutral-site meeting with Louisville in Nashville on Nov. 29 and its trip to UTSA on Feb. 15.

WKU will appear in four of CBS Sports Network's six regular-season C-USA selections this season, as well as six of 10 overall regular-season CBS Sports productions.

Stadium will broadcast the Hilltoppers' home contest against Belmont on Dec. 28, as well as its road game at UAB on Jan. 9, and will also have six broadcasts exclusive to Facebook. Those games are Jan. 22 at Marshall, Jan. 25 vs. Marshall, Jan. 30 at Florida Atlantic, Feb. 1 at FIU, Feb. 8 vs. Southern Miss and Feb. 13 at UTEP.

WKU's three games in the U.S. Virgin Islands Paradise Jam in November will stream on FloHoops.com, a paid subscription service.

All available game times and TV information are available online here: <https://goto.ps/2B8PT54>

WESTERN KENTUCKY

BASKETBALL

2019-20 FULL SCHEDULE

DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME (CT)	TV
Nov. 2	SAT	Kentucky State (EXH)	E.A. Diddle Arena	7:30 p.m.	
Nov. 5	TUES	Tennessee Tech	E.A. Diddle Arena	7 p.m.	ESPN3
Nov. 9	SAT	Austin Peay	E.A. Diddle Arena	3 p.m.	ESPN3
Nov. 15	FRI	at Eastern Kentucky	Richmond, Ky.	6 p.m.	TBD
Nov. 18	MON	Campbellsville	E.A. Diddle Arena	7 p.m.	ESPN3
Nov. 22	FRI	Bowling Green#	U.S. Virgin Islands	8 p.m.	FloHoops.com
Nov. 23/24	SAT/SUN	Illinois State or Cincinnati#	U.S. Virgin Islands	TBD	FloHoops.com
Nov. 25	MON	TBD#	U.S. Virgin Islands	TBD	FloHoops.com
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Dec. 7	SAT	Arkansas	E.A. Diddle Arena	6:30 p.m.	CBS Sports Network
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Jan. 2	THUR	North Texas*	E.A. Diddle Arena	6 p.m.	ESPNU
Jan. 4	SAT	Rice*	E.A. Diddle Arena	4 p.m.	ESPN3
Jan. 9	THUR	at UAB*	Birmingham, Ala.	7 p.m.	Stadium
Jan. 11	SAT	at Middle Tennessee*	Murfreesboro, Tenn.	5 p.m.	CBS Sports Network
Jan. 16	THUR	Old Dominion*	E.A. Diddle Arena	7 p.m.	CBS Sports Network
Jan. 18	SAT	Charlotte*	E.A. Diddle Arena	4 p.m.	ESPN3
Jan. 22	WED	at Marshall*	Huntington, W.Va.	6 p.m.	Stadium on Facebook
Jan. 25	SAT	Marshall*	E.A. Diddle Arena	6:30 p.m.	Stadium on Facebook
Jan. 30	THUR	at Florida Atlantic*	Boca Raton, Fla.	6 p.m.	Stadium on Facebook
Feb. 1	SAT	at FIU*	Miami, Fla.	11 a.m.	Stadium on Facebook
Feb. 6	THUR	Louisiana Tech*	E.A. Diddle Arena	8 p.m.	CBS Sports Network
Feb. 8	SAT	Southern Miss*	E.A. Diddle Arena	6:30 p.m.	Stadium on Facebook
Feb. 13	THUR	at UTEP*	El Paso, Texas	8 p.m.	Stadium on Facebook
Feb. 15	SAT	at UTSA*	San Antonio, Texas	3 p.m.	CBSSN on Facebook
Feb. 22	SAT	Potential Bonus Play*	TBD	TBD	TBD
Feb. 27	THUR	Potential Bonus Play*	TBD	TBD	TBD
March 1	SUN	Potential Bonus Play*	TBD	TBD	TBD
March 4	WED	Potential Bonus Play*	TBD	TBD	TBD
March 7	SAT	Potential Bonus Play*	TBD	TBD	TBD
March 11-14		C-USA Tournament	Frisco, Texas		

(*) Conference USA Game

(#) 2019 U.S. Virgin Islands Paradise Jam

(%) Bridgestone Arena in Nashville

(^) 37th Annual BB&T Classic

Home games in **bold**

Dates/times subject to change

WKU MBB: Press Conference Videos from Hilltopper Basketball Media Day, Oct. 25, 2019

Please find below video links to press conferences today with WKU head coach Rick Stansbury and six players as part of our on-campus Media Day.

The Hilltoppers, picked this month by the Conference USA coaches as the league favorite, open with an exhibition against Kentucky State at 7:30 p.m. CT Saturday, Nov. 2 at Diddle Arena.

WKU begins the regular season at home against Tennessee Tech at 7 p.m. Nov. 5.

Videos

Head coach Rick Stansbury — <https://youtu.be/b1pt6wt6XRI>

Hilltoppers Jared Savage, Camron Justice, Josh Anderson — <https://youtu.be/w-pDOnM8zzk>

Hilltoppers Carson Williams, Taveion Hollingsworth, Charles Bassey

— <https://youtu.be/AJxSG3QQ9Q>

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SINGLE-GAME TICKETS ON SALE NOW FOR HILLTOPPER BASKETBALL NOVEMBER GAMES

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — Single-game tickets for WKU Hilltopper Basketball's four November home games are on sale now.

Limited bleacher seating still remains for WKU's first exhibition game against Kentucky State on Saturday, Nov. 2, as well as the Hilltoppers' first three regular-season home games against Tennessee Tech (Nov. 5), Austin Peay (Nov. 9) and Campbellsville (Nov. 18).

The remaining available bleacher seats are \$15 each.

Single-game tickets can be purchased as they're released online at WKUTickets.com, by calling 1-800-5-BIGRED or in person at the WKU Ticket Office.

Any single-game ticket availability beyond November will be released at a later date.

The Hilltoppers are 7-3 against the Power Five over the last two seasons and have won 47 total games over that span. They return four starters from a 2018-19 squad that won 20 games and advanced to the Conference USA championship game for the second straight year. WKU ranks third in NCAA history in regular-season league titles (42), seventh in 20-win seasons (45), eighth in all-time winning percentage (.660) and 16th in all-time wins (1,795).

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WKU Game Notes — <https://goto.ps/2N4Ohjw>

HILLTOPPERS HOST KENTUCKY STATE ON SATURDAY IN OPENING EXHIBITION

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — WKU Hilltopper Basketball opens its 101st season with its first exhibition against Kentucky State at 7:30 p.m. CT Saturday at E.A. Diddle Arena. The Hilltoppers finished 20-14 in 2018-19, advancing to the Conference USA Tournament championship game for the second straight season.

WKU returns four starters from last year's squad that went 3-1 against Power Five competition. Kentucky State opens its season Friday night with an exhibition game at Kentucky. The Thorobreds went 13-14 last season but were winners of six of their last seven games.

The exhibition will not be televised.

EXHIBITION 1

Kentucky State (0-0) at WKU (0-0)
November 2, 2019 | 7:30 p.m. CT
E.A. Diddle Arena | Bowling Green, Ky.

BROADCAST

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

Watch: No live stream

Live Stats: [WKU Stats](#)

QUICK SHOTS

- WKU is 60-4 all-time in preseason exhibition games, and the Hilltoppers have won 28 straight preseason tune-ups dating back to a 2002-03 loss to the Harlem Globetrotters.
- WKU has the fifth-longest streak in the nation of consecutive games with a made 3-pointer at 1,010. Only UNLV (1,071), Vanderbilt (1,063), Duke (1,060) and Arkansas (1,011) have longer streaks.
- WKU is 7-3 against the Power Five over the last two years, including 3-1 against ranked Power Five foes.
- In head coach Rick Stansbury's three seasons at the helm, WKU has shot 716 more total free throws than its opponents. The Hilltoppers shot 202 more free throws than their opponents in the 2018-19 season.
- The Hilltoppers return 75.2 percent of their scoring, 64.1 percent of their rebounding, 48.4 percent of their assists, 74.1 percent of their blocks and 69.4 percent of their steals from 2018-19. WKU returns its top four leading scorers in Charles Bassegy, Taveion Hollingsworth, Jared Savage and Josh Anderson – all of whom averaged between 12.1 and 14.6 points per game.
- The Hilltoppers have six players on the 2019-20 roster from the state of Kentucky, which is the second-most in the state this season and is the most on a WKU roster since the 2007-08 season.
- WKU has three former Kentucky Mr. Basketball winners on their roster – Camron Justice (2015), Carson Williams (2016) and Taveion Hollingsworth (2017). This is just the second time in history that a team has

featured three such award winners, along with the 1993-94 Louisville squad (Dwayne Morton, Tick Rogers, Jason Osborne). WKU previously didn't have a Mr. Basketball since 2007.

- Junior guard Taveion Hollingsworth was named to the All-C-USA Preseason Team for the second straight year. Hollingsworth needs just four points in WKU's regular-season opener to reach 1,000 for his career.
- Sophomore center Charles Bassegy was also named to the All-C-USA Preseason Team. It was one of many honors for Bassegy in the preseason, as he was named a First Team Preseason All-American by both Lindy's Sports and Street & Smith's Basketball Yearbook. He received votes in AP Preseason All-American voting.
- Senior guard Camron Justice will be the eighth graduate transfer to compete for the Hilltoppers since 2015. Over that time, grad transfers have accounted for 25 percent of WKU's scoring, 19 percent of its rebounding and 29 percent of its assists.

TICKETS

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LAST GAME AGAINST KENTUCKY STATE: DECEMBER 29, 2005

Boris Siakam scored a career-best 15 points as WKU earned an 87-71 non-conference victory over Kentucky State at E.A. Diddle Arena.

Courtney Lee added 14 points and seven rebounds, and Anthony Winchester had 10 and seven, respectively.

Siakam made 7-of-9 attempts from the floor, adding three boards, two assists and a blocked shot. Daniel Emerson shared team-high rebounding honors with a career-best seven. WKU outrebounded the Thorobreds, 50-34, while 20 offensive boards led to 42 points in the points.

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

Box score is attached.

Video: WKU head coach Rick Stansbury — <https://youtu.be/gyxLyHZD0NQ>

Video: WKU players Jared Savage and Carson Williams — https://youtu.be/s-HYL_3hoBk

HILLTOPPERS CONTROL INSIDE GAME, DEFEAT KENTUCKY STATE 85-45

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — WKU Hilltopper Basketball dominated inside Saturday night and rolled to an 85-45 victory over Kentucky State in its opening exhibition at E.A. Diddle Arena.

The Hilltoppers outrebounded Kentucky State 58-41 and won the points in the paint 56-24. They also tightened up defensively and held the Thorobreds to 27.3 percent from the floor.

“There’s some things we can take from this game – some good things and some things we’ve got to work on,” WKU head coach Rick Stansbury said. “It’s obvious I played a lot of guys and a lot of different lineups. The thing I liked in the second half about our team – we were up 22 at halftime, and it’s easy to come out and become selfish, not pass the ball as much and not play as hard, but we came out in the first eight minutes of the second half and went on a 26-8 run. I like that.”

Redshirt junior forward Carson Williams led WKU with 18 points and 10 rebounds (six offensive), including 13 straight for the Tops in a four-minute stretch in the second half.

Williams said it was a long time coming after sitting out last year as a transfer.

“It’s been over a year and a half since I’ve had someone to play against other than these guys in practice every day, so it was nice to go up against somebody else,” Williams said. “It felt great to be back on the court.”

Sophomore center Charles Bassegy also had a double-double with 16 points, 10 rebounds and four assists. Junior guard Josh Anderson added 14 points and three steals off the bench, and redshirt senior guard/forward Jared Savage tallied nine points and 14 boards.

Graduate senior guard Camron Justice chipped in 11 points, nine rebounds and three assists, and junior guard Taveion Hollingsworth had five points, six rebounds and five assists. Freshman guard Jordan Rawls added eight points and three assists.

The Hilltoppers went on a 21-5 run midway through the first half that turned a 7-7 tied game into a 28-12 lead with 5:53 left before the break.

WKU held Kentucky State scoreless for the final 5:36 of the half and ended the frame on a 9-0 run to open a 37-15 advantage.

The Thoroughbreds remained scoreless for another three-plus minutes, but that was right around the time Williams began his surge.

WKU shot 47.5 percent from the field in the second half and 42.7 percent overall.

The Tops improved to 61-4 all-time in exhibition games with their 29th straight preseason victory.

“Everybody got their first-game jitters out of them,” Savage said. “The new guys got their feet wet, so I think we’re ready going into Tuesday.”

WKU opens the regular season at home against Tennessee Tech at 7 p.m. CT Tuesday at Diddle Arena.



Official Basketball Box Score - Final
Kentucky St. at Western Ky.
 11/02/19 E.A. Diddle Arena, Bowling Green, KY
 2019-20 Men's Basketball

Game Time: 7:30 PM
 Game Duration: 1:48
 Attendance: 4,233

Officials: Steve Divine, Tom Eades, James Hicks

Kentucky St. - 45

Record: 0-0

NO.	Name	F	Min	FG		3P	FT		Rebounds			Fouls		TP	AS	TO	ST	Blocks		+/-
				M-A	M-A	M-A	OR	DR	TOT	PF	FD	BS	BA							
4	Damarri Moore	F	35:26	3-9	0-4	1-2	0	10	10	2	2	7	1	5	1	0	2	-28		
14	Kevin Wharton-Price	F	23:05	0-4	0-4	0-0	1	1	2	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	-32		
24	Jordan Little	F	23:01	5-14	0-0	3-6	1	5	6	2	4	13	0	2	0	1	3	-27		
5	Felix Wilson	G	15:20	0-3	0-2	0-0	0	0	0	2	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	-19		
20	Grant Goode	G	24:08	3-12	1-4	0-0	1	4	5	3	1	7	0	2	0	1	0	-34		
1	Orlando Fikes		20:28	0-4	0-2	0-0	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	-16		
11	Shaq Athie		19:46	2-9	0-1	1-2	1	8	9	3	3	5	2	4	0	0	0	-14		
40	Jah Bennett		07:14	1-1	0-0	0-0	1	2	3	4	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	-1		
22	Michael Drynan		09:45	1-2	0-0	1-1	1	1	2	1	1	3	0	0	0	2	0	-12		
10	Jalen Fisher		04:12	0-2	0-1	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	-5		
42	Bradlee Lewis		05:14	2-2	2-2	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	6	1	0	0	0	0	6		
21	Eddie Johnson-Clayton		06:42	1-3	0-1	0-0	1	0	1	2	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	-8		
3	Josh Wilkerson		05:39	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	-10		
Team									0	1	1		0		0					
Totals				18-66	3-22	6-11	7	34	41	25	14	45	7	19	2	4	5	-40		

Technical Fouls: NONE

Shooting By Period		
1st FG%	6-32	18.8%
3PT%	1-13	7.7%
FT%	2-3	66.7%
2nd FG%	12-34	35.3%
3PT%	2-9	22.2%
FT%	4-8	50%
GM FG%	18-66	27.3%
3PT%	3-22	13.6%
FT%	6-11	54.5%

Dead Ball Rebounds: 4, 0

Western Ky. - 85

Record: 0-0

NO.	Name	F	Min	FG		3P	FT		Rebounds			Fouls		TP	AS	TO	ST	Blocks		+/-
				M-A	M-A	M-A	OR	DR	TOT	PF	FD	BS	BA							
2	Jared Savage	F	29:40	2-9	1-4	4-4	2	12	14	0	6	9	1	1	0	1	0	33		
22	Carson Williams	F	26:07	8-12	0-1	2-2	6	4	10	0	3	18	0	0	2	0	1	28		
23	Charles Bassey	C	25:27	6-13	0-3	4-5	2	8	10	4	4	16	0	0	1	4	0	38		
5	Camron Justice	G	27:33	4-11	2-7	1-2	1	8	9	2	2	11	3	3	0	0	2	24		
11	Taveion Hollingsworth	G	27:15	1-7	0-1	3-6	1	5	6	1	4	5	5	1	1	0	0	34		
3	Jordan Rawls		16:34	4-12	0-2	0-2	0	1	1	1	1	8	3	1	1	0	0	13		
4	Josh Anderson		19:23	6-8	0-1	2-2	2	2	4	2	1	14	1	2	3	0	1	21		
50	Isaiah Cozart		10:31	1-2	0-0	0-5	0	0	0	3	3	2	0	1	0	0	0	-1		
10	Jeremiah Gambrell		12:27	0-0	0-0	2-2	0	1	1	1	1	2	0	2	0	0	0	16		
12	Jackson Harlan		03:24	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-6		
15	Patrick Murphy		01:39	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Team									1	1	2		0		0					
Totals				32-75	3-20	18-30	16	42	58	14	25	85	13	11	8	5	4	40		

Technical Fouls: NONE

Shooting By Period		
1st FG%	13-35	37.1%
3PT%	1-10	10.0%
FT%	10-18	55.6%
2nd FG%	19-40	47.5%
3PT%	2-10	20.0%
FT%	8-12	66.7%
GM FG%	32-75	42.7%
3PT%	3-20	15.0%
FT%	18-30	60.0%

Dead Ball Rebounds: 5, 0

	KYS	WKU
Biggest lead	0 (1st 20:00)	47 (2nd 3:24)
Best Scoring Run	8 (2nd 1:41)	16 (2nd 17:28)
Lead Changes	0	
Times Tied	1	
Time with Lead	00:00	38:25

Points from	KYS	WKU
Turnovers	9	19
Paint	24	56
Second Chance	8	27
Fast Breaks	4	19
Bench	18	26

	Period by Period Scoring		
	1st	2nd	TOT
KYS	15	30	45
WKU	37	48	85

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Action photo and headshot of Charles Bassey are attached. Please credit WKU Athletics.

BASSEY NAMED TO 2020 NAISMITH TROPHY MEN'S PLAYER OF THE YEAR WATCH LIST

ATLANTA — WKU Hilltopper Basketball sophomore center Charles Bassey has been named one of 50 national watch list members for the 2020 Citizen Naismith Trophy Men's Player of the Year award, as announced Monday by the Atlanta Tipoff Club.

The Naismith Trophy is given annually to the top men's college basketball player in the nation. The full watch list can be found here: <https://goto.ps/36uyUbM>

A list of the midseason 30-member team will be released in early February, followed by the 10 national semifinalists and four finalists on March 5 and March 17, respectively.

The 2020 Citizen Naismith Trophy will be awarded in the hometown of the Atlanta Tipoff Club during the Final Four at the Naismith Awards Brunch on April 5.

Bassey has already been named a Preseason First-Team All-American by both Lindy's Sports Magazine and Street & Smith's Basketball Yearbook.

The 6-foot-11, 230-pound center averaged 14.6 points, 10 rebounds, and 2.4 blocks in his first season for the Hilltoppers in 2018-19 while shooting 62.7 percent from the field.

The Lagos, Nigeria, native led Conference USA in double-doubles (17) and ranked in the top 30 nationally in double-doubles, field-goal percentage, blocks per game, total blocks, rebounds per game, defensive rebounds per game and total rebounds while competing as one of the top-10 youngest players in the country.

He became just the second freshmen in the country since 1992 – along with current NBA star Anthony Davis – to average at least 14 points, 10 rebounds and two blocks while shooting at least 60 percent overall.

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Bassey has also been named one of 20 national watch list members for the 2020 Kareem Abdul-Jabbar Center of the Year Award, given annually to the nation's top center. He was a top-five finalist for the award as a freshman.

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WKU Game Notes — <https://goto.ps/2PWbd1F>

TOPS OPEN REGULAR SEASON AT HOME TUESDAY AGAINST TENNESSEE TECH

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — WKU Hilltopper Basketball officially begins its 2019-20 season at home against Tennessee Tech at 7 p.m. CT Tuesday at E.A. Diddle Arena. The game will air on ESPN3.

The Hilltoppers began the campaign with an 85-45 exhibition victory over Kentucky State on Saturday.

Tennessee Tech, led by first-year head coach John Pelphrey, beat Bryan College 84-65 in an exhibition on Oct. 29. The program brings seven newcomers into the fold after finishing 8-23 a year ago. WKU is 81-20 all-time against Tennessee Tech, while head coach Rick Stansbury has never faced the Golden Eagles.

GAME 1

Tennessee Tech (0-0) at WKU (0-0)

November 5, 2019 | 7 p.m. CT

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

BROADCAST

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

Watch: [ESPN3](#) (Nate Gatter, pxp | Jay Walton, analysis)

Live Stats: [WKU Stats](#)

QUICK SHOTS

- WKU is 68-32 all-time in season openers. The Hilltoppers have won 13 of their last 15 home openers and are 81-19 all-time in the season's first home game.
- The Hilltoppers and Tennessee Tech have played 101 times dating back to 1922, but the former Ohio Valley Conference rivals haven't met since 2002 in Hawaii. WKU is 42-6 at home vs. the Golden Eagles.
- WKU head coach Rick Stansbury and Tennessee Tech head coach John Pelphrey previously competed against each other 12 times while Stansbury was the head coach at Mississippi State

and Pelphrey was at South Alabama and Arkansas. Stansbury is 10-2 vs. Pelphrey – 4-0 vs. South Alabama and 6-2 vs. Arkansas.

- Junior guard Taveion Hollingsworth needs just four points in Tuesday's game to reach 1,000 for his career. He would become the 50th player in program history to score 1,000 points as a Hilltopper.
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LAST GAME AGAINST TENNESSEE TECH: DECEMBER 30, 2002

Filip Videnov scored 17 points, and Jamaal Brown added a career-high 16 to lead WKU to a 74-51 victory over Tennessee Tech in the third-place game of the 39th Annual Outrigger Hotels Rainbow Classic at the Stan Sheriff Center.

Videnov tied a career high with five 3-point field goals in leading WKU in scoring for the second time in as many nights. Brown was 5-of-8 from the floor and added a career-high-tying five rebounds, while Patrick Sparks scored 11 points and handed out nine assists.

Nate Williams recorded eight points and a game-high seven rebounds, with Anthony Winchester adding seven and six, respectively.

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BASSEY SELECTED FOR JOHN R. WOODEN AWARD PRESEASON WATCH LIST

LOS ANGELES — WKU Hilltopper Basketball sophomore center Charles Bassey continued to pick up prestigious preseason accolades Tuesday with his selection as one of 50 national watch list members for the 2020 John R. Wooden Award presented by Wendy's, as announced by the Los Angeles Athletic Club.

Chosen by a preseason poll of national college basketball experts, the list is comprised of 50 student-athletes who are the early front-runners for some of the most elite honors in college basketball, the Wooden Award All American Team and Most Outstanding Player Award.

The full watch list can be found at the following link: <https://goto.ps/2NiKGyd>

Created in 1976, the John R. Wooden Award is given to the nation's best Division I basketball player who has proven to his or her university that he or she meets or exceeds the qualifications of the John R. Wooden Award as set forth by Coach Wooden and the Wooden Award Steering Committee, including making progress towards graduation and maintaining at least a 2.0 cumulative GPA. Previous winners include Larry Bird ('79), Michael Jordan ('84), Tim Duncan ('97) and Kevin Durant ('07).

The players on the list are considered strong candidates for the 2020 John R. Wooden Award Men's Player of the Year presented by Wendy's. Players not chosen to the preseason list are still eligible for the Wooden Award™ midseason list, late season list, and the National Ballot. The National Ballot consists of 15 top players who have proven to their universities that they meet or exceed the qualifications of the Wooden Award. Nearly 1,000 voters will rank in order 10 of those 15 players when voting opens prior to the NCAA Tournament and will allow voters to take into consideration performance during early round games. The Wooden Award All American Team™ will be announced the week of the "Elite Eight" round of the NCAA Tournament. The winner of the 2020 John R. Wooden Award will be presented by Wendy's during the ESPN College Basketball Awards on Friday, April 10, 2020.

On Monday, Bassey was named to the preseason watch list for the 2020 Citizen Naismith Trophy Men's Player of the Year award, given annually by the Atlanta Tipoff Club to the top men's college basketball player in the nation.

Like the Naismith Trophy watch list, Bassey is the first Hilltopper to make the Wooden Award watch list since Courtney Lee in 2007.

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For up-to-date information on the Wooden Award, please go to www.woodenaward.com and follow the Wooden Award on Facebook at www.facebook.com/woodenaward and @WoodenAward on Twitter and Instagram.

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

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

Box score and postgame notes are attached.

Video: WKU head coach Rick Stansbury — <https://youtu.be/WPzm0EQeHo0>

Video: WKU players Camron Justice and Taveion Hollingsworth — <https://youtu.be/uN52M1i-PwQ>

HILLTOPPERS OPEN SEASON WITH 76-64 HOME WIN OVER TENNESSEE TECH

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — WKU Hilltopper Basketball opened the 2019-20 campaign with a home victory, pushing past Tennessee Tech 76-64 on Tuesday at E.A. Diddle Arena.

Redshirt junior forward Carson Williams and sophomore center Charles Bassey each had 16 points, nine rebounds and two blocks to lead the Hilltoppers, who improved to 82-19 all-time in home openers.

WKU (1-0) has won 14 of its last 16 home openers and is 69-32 all-time in season openers.

“They’re a hard basketball team to defend,” WKU head coach Rick Stansbury said. “They play those four guards who can dribble it, pass it and shoot it – not easy to defend. I never thought we got into a flow consistently tonight offensively. ... You can’t get relaxed with the score on a team that can shoot the ball, always a dangerous team.”

The Hilltoppers built a 16-3 lead to start the game with a 14-1 run, but Tennessee Tech (0-1) answered with a 7-0 burst to whittle away and get back within six at 18-12 at the 9:00 mark.

WKU held the Golden Eagles without a field goal for the last nearly five minutes of the first half and ended the frame on a 9-2 run, capped with a four-point play from graduate senior guard Camron Justice with 1:06 left that gave the Tops a 36-23 halftime advantage.

Justice and Williams were a strong duo to start the second half, combining for 12 points in the first four minutes of the period to make it 51-30 with 16:10 remaining.

But Tennessee Tech caught fire from long range and made 6 of 12 3-pointers in the second half.

The last of those trimmed WKU’s lead to 70-61 with 2:36 left, but Bassey answered with a free throw and a 3-pointer to ice the win.

Justice scored 15 points, while junior guard Taveion Hollingsworth added 11 points, three assists and three rebounds.

“All summer we had guys who could score it at all five positions, plus guys coming off the bench,” Justice said. “We definitely know it’s going to be a balanced attack.”

With his first two baskets, Hollingsworth became the 50th player in program history to score 1,000 career points as a Hilltopper.

“It means a lot right now,” Hollingsworth said of the benchmark. “To be up there with the top like Courtney Lee and all them, it feels pretty good. I’m trying to do bigger things.”

WKU shot 43.8 percent for the game, including 60 percent in the second half.

Keishawn Davidson paced Tennessee Tech with 18 points and six assists.

The Hilltoppers stay at home to host Austin Peay at 3 p.m. CT Saturday at E.A. Diddle Arena.



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Officials: Barry Mathis, Antinio Petty, Kenneth Moreland

Tennessee Tech - 64

Record: 0-1

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3	Keishawn Davidson	G	32:53	7-11	3-5	1-2	0	1	1	3	4	18	6	0	2	0	0	1	0	1	-6
4	Jr. Clay	G	26:44	2-8	0-4	3-4	1	2	3	0	3	7	2	5	2	0	2	0	2	0	-9
5	Darius Allen	G	24:01	2-8	1-7	0-0	2	4	6	0	1	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	-8
20	Hunter Vick	G	27:25	4-8	3-5	0-0	1	4	5	3	0	11	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-7
0	Larry Kuimi		08:22	0-1	0-0	0-0	2	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	1	-12
22	Tujautae Williams		20:43	2-7	0-1	0-0	0	1	1	2	0	4	2	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	2
2	Jared Sherfield		15:51	1-4	0-3	0-0	1	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-12
11	Dane Quest		03:20	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	-4
21	Reece Wilkinson		07:46	2-3	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	2	0	4	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	5
24	Garrett Golday		13:18	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	1	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	-10
Team										1	3	4				0					
Totals				26-58	8-26	4-6	10	20	30	21	9	64	12	19	8	2	5				-12

Shooting By Period		
1st FG%	9-27	33.3%
3PT%	2-14	14.3%
FT%	3-4	75%
2nd FG%	17-31	54.8%
3PT%	6-12	50.0%
FT%	1-2	50%
GM FG%	26-58	44.8%
3PT%	8-26	30.8%
FT%	4-6	66.7%

Dead Ball Rebounds: 1, 0

Technical Fouls: NONE

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Record: 1-0

NO.	Name	F	Min	FG		3P		FT		Rebounds			Fouls		TP	AS	TO	ST	Blocks		+/-
				M-A	M-A	M-A	OR	DR	TOT	PF	FD	BS	BA								
2	Jared Savage	F	35:40	2-5	1-4	3-4	2	3	5	1	2	8	2	1	3	1	0	21	0	0	21
22	Carson Williams	F	32:39	6-10	1-2	3-4	3	6	9	0	5	16	1	1	2	2	1	6	1	1	6
23	Charles Bassey	C	35:33	5-11	1-1	5-8	2	7	9	1	7	16	2	2	1	2	0	11	2	0	11
5	Camron Justice	G	33:55	6-11	2-6	1-2	0	2	2	1	2	15	2	3	0	0	0	19	0	0	19
11	Taveion Hollingsworth	G	33:13	3-6	0-0	5-6	1	2	3	1	3	11	3	5	0	0	0	6	0	0	6
3	Jordan Rawls		09:48	2-5	0-2	0-0	0	1	1	1	0	4	1	1	2	0	1	-3	0	1	-3
4	Josh Anderson		13:36	1-3	0-0	2-2	0	1	1	3	2	4	1	1	0	0	0	-4	0	0	-4
50	Isaiah Cozart		02:32	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
10	Jeremiah Gambrell		03:04	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
Team										1	1	2				0		1			
Totals				26-52	5-15	19-26	9	23	32	9	21	76	12	16	8	5	2				12

Shooting By Period		
1st FG%	14-32	43.8%
3PT%	2-9	22.2%
FT%	6-7	85.7%
2nd FG%	12-20	60.0%
3PT%	3-6	50.0%
FT%	13-19	68.4%
GM FG%	26-52	50.0%
3PT%	5-15	33.3%
FT%	19-26	73.1%

Dead Ball Rebounds: 4, 0

Technical Fouls: NONE

	TTU	WKU
Biggest lead	0 (1st 20:00)	21 (2nd 16:10)
Best Scoring Run	7 (1st 8:58)	8 (1st 12:07)
Lead Changes	0	
Times Tied	1	
Time with Lead	00:00	37:54

Points from	TTU	WKU
Turnovers	16	25
Paint	32	32
Second Chance	4	10
Fast Breaks	11	5
Bench	10	10

	Period by Period Scoring		
	1st	2nd	TOT
TTU	23	41	64
WKU	36	40	76

WESTERN KENTUCKY HILLTOPPERS

WKU Hilltoppers vs. Tennessee Tech Golden Eagles

Postgame Notes

November 5, 2019

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

FINAL SCORE: WKU 76, Tennessee Tech 64

RECORDS AND NOTABLES

- WKU improves to 1-0. Tennessee Tech falls to 0-1.
- WKU is now 69-32 all-time in season openers. The Hilltoppers have won 14 of their last 16 home openers and are 82-19 all-time in the season's first home game.
- WKU is 82-20 all-time against Tennessee Tech while Rick Stansbury is 1-0 against the Golden Eagles.
- Announced attendance was 4,841.
- **UP NEXT:** WKU faces Austin Peay at home in E.A. Diddle Arena on Saturday at 3 p.m. CT. The game will be broadcast online on ESPN3, on WKU PBS in Bowling Green and on WBNA in Louisville.

TEAM NOTES

- WKU used the starting lineup of Jared Savage, Taveion Hollingsworth, Charles Bassey, Carson Williams and Camron Justice in its opening game of the season.
- **KEY FIRST HALF RUN:** WKU used a 14-1 run beginning at 17:42 to extend its lead to 16-3. Junior Taveion Hollingsworth scored his 1,000th career point on the Tops' sixth point of the game.
- **KEY SECOND HALF RUN:** WKU started the half on a 15-7 run to earn its largest lead of the game at 51-30 with 16:10 left to play.
- WKU shot 26 of 52 (50.0 percent) from the field, 5 of 15 (33.3 percent) from 3-point range and 19 of 26 (73.1 percent) from the free-throw line.
- The Hilltoppers scored 25 points off 19 Golden Eagle turnovers.
- WKU drew 21 fouls while committing only 11. The Hilltoppers converted those 21 Tennessee Tech fouls into 19 made free throws.

- WKU has made a 3-pointer in 1,011 straight games dating back to March 15, 1987. The Hilltoppers have the fifth-longest streak in the nation of consecutive games with a made 3. Only UNLV (1,071), Vanderbilt (1,063), Duke (1,060) and Arkansas (1,012) have longer streaks.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

CARSON WILLIAMS

- The redshirt junior tied for WKU's team high for points at 16 while also pulling down a team-high nine rebounds in his Hilltopper debut. Williams also blocked two shots in his 32 minutes.

CAMRON JUSTICE

- The graduate senior scored his first points as a Hilltopper, recording 15 in his first game out. He also added two assists and two rebounds in his 34 minutes.

CHARLES BASSEY

- The sophomore matched Williams' debut numbers with 16 points and nine rebounds as well, tying for the team's highs in points and rebounds. He tied his career high in assists for the seventh time with two and also had two blocks.

TAVEION HOLLINGSWORTH

- The junior became the 50th Hilltopper in history to score 1,000 career points and the third to do so in the first game of his junior year following WKU greats Bobby Rascoe and Courtney Lee. He finished with 11 points, three rebounds and three assists.

ISAIAH COZART

- The freshman scored his first basket as a Hilltopper while playing three minutes for WKU.

JORDAN RAWLS

- The freshman played 10 minutes for WKU while also scoring four points in his first time out as a Hilltopper. Rawls also had two steals and an assist.

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WKU Game Notes — <https://goto.ps/33sB2Pu>

WKU CONTINUES SEASON-OPENING HOMESTAND AGAINST AUSTIN PEAY ON SATURDAY

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — WKU Hilltopper Basketball continues its homestand to open the season by hosting Austin Peay at 3 p.m. CT Saturday at Diddle Arena. The game will air on ESPN3, as well as WKU PBS in Bowling Green and WBNA in Louisville.

WKU opened its season with a 76-64 home win over Tennessee Tech on Tuesday night.

Austin Peay began play with a 110-67 rout of Oakland City on Tuesday. WKU leads the all-time series with the Governors 41-14 (25-5 at home) and has won nine straight. Hilltopper head coach Rick Stansbury is 2-0 in his career against Austin Peay.

GAME 2

Austin Peay (1-0) at WKU (1-0)

November 9, 2019 | 3 p.m. CT

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

BROADCAST

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

Watch: [ESPN3](#); WKU PBS in Bowling Green; WBNA in Louisville

Live Stats: [WKU Stats](#)

TOP STORYLINES

- WKU opens the season with three straight games against Ohio Valley Conference opponents in Tennessee Tech, Austin Peay and Eastern Kentucky. The last time the Hilltoppers played three straight OVC foes was 2004-05, when WKU picked up three consecutive wins over Southeast Missouri State, Murray State and ECU.
- Junior guard Taveion Hollingsworth became the 50th player in program history to reach 1,000 career points with two early baskets against Tennessee Tech on Nov. 5. Hollingsworth joins WKU greats Courtney Lee and Bobby Rascoe as Hilltoppers to hit 1,000 points in the first game of their junior year.
- Redshirt senior guard/forward Jared Savage played his first two seasons at Austin Peay, helping the Governors to an OVC title and NCAA Tournament appearance as a freshman. As a sophomore in the 2016-17 season, he scored 24 points with five made 3-pointers against WKU in Diddle Arena.
- Across WKU's win over Tennessee Tech and exhibition victory, redshirt junior forward Carson Williams has grabbed nine total offensive rebounds and scored 18 points on second-chance plays.

- WKU sophomore center Charles Bassey has been named to the watch lists for the Naismith Trophy and the John R. Wooden Award, two of the most prestigious National Player of the Year honors in the country.
- WKU has the fifth-longest streak in the nation of consecutive games with a made 3-pointer at 1,011. Only UNLV (1,072), Vanderbilt (1,064), Duke (1,061) and Arkansas (1,012) have longer streaks.

TICKETS

WKU Ticket Office: Limited single-game tickets for the Austin Peay game remain available in person at the WKU Ticket Office, by phone at 1-800-5-BIGRED or online at WKUTickets.com.

PROMOTIONS

- American Bank and Trust putt from 3pt line to win \$1,000 cash
- Wendy's Freeze Out Promo - If an opposing player misses two free throws in a row, every fan in the arena gets a free Wendy's Frosty
- Smart Start Post Game Shootaround on court for all kids
- Taco Bell Challenge – When WKU scores 70 points or more, all fans can redeem a free taco at Taco Bell

LAST GAME AGAINST AUSTIN PEAY: DECEMBER 22, 2017

Playing with just seven Hilltoppers in uniform and six scholarship players, WKU used a second-half surge to close nonconference play with a 72-55 win at Austin Peay.

After falling behind 39-32 early in the second half, WKU went on a 17-3 run in less than four minutes to power ahead 49-42 at the 14:27 mark. Austin Peay closed the gap to one with 12:24 to play, but the Hilltoppers used another 17-4 run to ice the victory – their first true road win of the season.

Senior guard Darius Thompson had a stellar outing in a full 40 minutes, registering 21 points, seven assists, six steals and six rebounds with no turnovers.

Freshman guard Taveion Hollingsworth finished with 20 points, while redshirt junior guard Lamonte Bearden added 14 points, six assists and two steals.

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Box score and postgame notes are attached.

Video: WKU head coach Rick Stansbury — <https://youtu.be/yp8aP2rJKnI>

Video: WKU players Camron Justice and Taveion Hollingsworth — https://youtu.be/_jpxx0s7EC0

EFFICIENT OFFENSE SPARKS TOPS' 97-75 WIN OVER AUSTIN PEAY

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — WKU Hilltopper Basketball turned in a highly efficient offensive effort Saturday afternoon, rolling past Austin Peay 97-75 at E.A. Diddle Arena.

The Hilltoppers (2-0) shot 60 percent from the field, handed out 17 assists and netted 26 of 29 free throws (89.7 percent) to stay unbeaten in their young season.

"We knew it'd be a different kind of style than we played the first game," WKU head coach Rick Stansbury said. "Totally different. It was more of a physical, aggressive, man-to-man defense. ... Some good and bad, things to work on, but some areas I was very pleased with."

WKU knocked down 11 3-pointers, led by graduate senior guard Camron Justice's hot shooting.

Justice paced all five Hilltopper starters in double figures with 22 points, going 8 of 10 from the field and 5 of 7 from long range.

Junior guard Taveion Hollingsworth tallied 21 points, seven rebounds and three assists, and sank 9 of 10 free throws.

Redshirt junior forward Carson Williams added 12 points, six rebounds and four assists, and redshirt senior guard Jared Savage contributed 11 points, four rebounds, three assists and two blocks.

Sophomore center Charles Bassegy recorded his first double-double of the season with 10 points and 12 rebounds, and freshman guard Jordan Rawls chipped in eight points and five assists off the bench.

Justice gave WKU a first-half lift with 17 points before the break, and the Hilltoppers ended the frame on an 18-7 run to lead 41-25 at halftime.

"It's kind of an energy booster," Justice said. "I know we were kind of struggling a little bit early to get the ball in the basket, and I just kind of took the initiative to get down the lane and be in the heart of that defense, and I got some easy layups. From there, I just kind of caught a rhythm offensively."

WKU got into the bonus before the first media timeout of the second half and continued to take advantage by making 13 free throws in each half.

Austin Peay (1-1) eventually trailed by 25 in the final minutes.

The Governors, who scored at least 99 points in their two exhibitions and opening regular-season win, shot just 39.7 percent from the field and 19 percent from 3.

“The key was to switch up our defenses and come at them with a different defense,” Hollingsworth said. “We’ve got to lock in. Film helps out a lot because we’re watching plays. We really focus on film, and we play hard. It’s more of an effort thing, really.”

Ohio Valley Conference Preseason Player of the Year Terry Taylor paced Austin Peay with 22 points and seven rebounds.

WKU will now play its third straight OVC foe to open the season when it visits Eastern Kentucky at 6 p.m. CT Friday in Richmond, Ky.

This is the first time since 2004-05 that WKU has faced three straight OVC foes. The Hilltoppers will be looking to start a season 3-0 for the first time since the 2007-08 Sweet 16 campaign.



Austin Peay - 75

Record: 1-1

NO.	Name	F	Min	FG	3P	FT	Rebounds			Fouls		TP	AS	TO	ST	Blocks		+/-
				M-A	M-A	M-A	OR	DR	TOT	PF	FD					BS	BA	
14	Eli Abaev	F	24:19	2-4	0-0	4-6	3	3	6	4	4	8	1	1	0	1	1	-4
21	Terry Taylor	F	39:22	10-19	0-3	2-3	7	0	7	2	3	22	1	1	2	0	0	-23
24	Matheus Silveira	C	12:08	2-3	0-0	0-1	0	1	1	3	1	4	0	1	0	1	0	-12
4	Antwuan Butler	G	26:41	3-8	0-2	7-7	0	3	3	3	5	13	5	0	0	0	0	-7
12	Reginald Gee	G	21:47	4-10	1-3	0-0	0	0	0	2	0	9	0	1	1	0	1	-11
5	Jordyn Adams		21:59	1-8	1-3	4-6	2	0	2	4	3	7	0	2	1	0	3	-9
0	Evan Hinson		19:54	2-9	1-5	0-0	3	0	3	1	0	5	2	2	0	0	0	-21
41	Sam DeVault		05:16	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-4
1	Carlos Paez		12:09	1-2	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	3	0	2	3	0	3	0	0	-12
22	Alec Woodard		14:18	2-5	1-4	0-0	0	0	0	2	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	-5
11	Sita Conteh		02:07	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-2
Team							5	1	6			0		1				
Totals				27-68	4-21	17-23	20	8	28	25	16	75	12	9	7	2	5	-22

Shooting By Period		
1 st FG%	10-34	29.4%
3PT%	1-9	11.1%
FT%	4-5	80%
2 nd FG%	17-34	50.0%
3PT%	3-12	25.0%
FT%	13-18	72.2%
GM FG%	27-68	39.7%
3PT%	4-21	19.0%
FT%	17-23	73.9%

Dead Ball Rebounds: 2, 0

Technical Fouls: Butler 1st 6:07

Western Ky. - 97

Record: 2-0

NO.	Name	F	Min	FG	3P	FT	Rebounds			Fouls		TP	AS	TO	ST	Blocks		+/-
				M-A	M-A	M-A	OR	DR	TOT	PF	FD					BS	BA	
2	Jared Savage	F	30:49	3-8	1-5	4-4	0	4	4	3	2	11	3	0	1	2	1	19
22	Carson Williams	F	33:27	4-7	0-1	4-6	4	2	6	0	4	12	4	1	1	0	0	18
23	Charles Bassey	C	28:17	3-7	0-1	4-4	5	7	12	4	5	10	0	3	0	1	0	22
5	Camron Justice	G	28:45	8-10	5-7	1-1	0	2	2	0	2	22	1	2	0	0	0	26
11	Taveion Hollingsworth	G	30:54	5-8	2-3	9-10	1	6	7	3	8	21	3	4	1	0	1	11
3	Jordan Rawls		22:32	3-4	2-3	0-0	0	1	1	1	1	8	5	2	0	0	0	7
4	Josh Anderson		13:40	2-4	1-1	4-4	0	1	1	2	2	9	1	2	0	2	0	5
50	Isaiah Cozart		08:00	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	4	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	2
10	Jeremiah Gambrell		01:28	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1
12	Jackson Harlan		01:28	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15	Patrick Murphy		00:40	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	-1
Team							2	2	4			0		0				
Totals				30-50	11-21	26-29	12	25	37	17	24	97	17	16	4	5	2	22

Shooting By Period		
1 st FG%	12-24	50.0%
3PT%	4-9	44.4%
FT%	13-15	86.7%
2 nd FG%	18-26	69.2%
3PT%	7-12	58.3%
FT%	13-14	92.9%
GM FG%	30-50	60.0%
3PT%	11-21	52.4%
FT%	26-29	89.7%

Dead Ball Rebounds: 3, 0

Technical Fouls: Bassey 1st 6:07

	APS	WKU
Biggest lead	0 (1 st 20:00)	25 (2 nd 3:40)
Best Scoring Run	7 (2 nd 8:52)	9 (1 st 1:09)
Lead Changes	0	
Times Tied	2	
Time with Lead	00:00	38:40

	APS	WKU
Points from		
Turnovers	16	14
Paint	34	32
Second Chance	16	15
Fast Breaks	12	8
Bench	19	21

	Period by Period Scoring		
	1st	2nd	TOT
APS	25	50	75
WKU	41	56	97

WESTERN KENTUCKY HILLTOPPERS

WKU Hilltoppers vs. Austin Peay Governors

Postgame Notes

November 9, 2019

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

FINAL SCORE: WKU 97, Austin Peay 75

RECORDS AND NOTABLES

- WKU improves to 2-0. Austin Peay falls to 1-1.
- WKU is 42-14 in the all-time series against the Governors and has won 10 straight. Head coach Rick Stansbury is 3-0 in his career against Austin Peay.
- Announced attendance was 4,907.
- **UP NEXT:** WKU will take its first road trip as it heads to Eastern Kentucky. The Hilltoppers will face the Colonels on Friday, November 15 at 6 p.m. CT. The game will be broadcast on ESPN+.

TEAM NOTES

- WKU used the starting lineup of Jared Savage, Taveion Hollingsworth, Charles Bassey, Carson Williams and Camron Justice for the second straight game. The crew is now 2-0 when starting together.
FIRST HALF RUN: WKU used a 9-0 run to nearly close out the first half and extend its lead to the largest of the half at 18 points with a score of 41-23.
 - Camron Justice had 17 points in the first half alone, shooting 4 of 5 from the 3-point line.
- **KEY SECOND HALF RUN:** Extending its lead to 24 points, WKU went on a 7-1 run beginning at the 15:37 mark to take a lead of 58-34.
 - WKU forced seven Austin Peay fouls in the first two minutes and 44 seconds of the half, pushing the Hilltoppers into the bonus prior to the first media timeout.
- WKU shot 30 of 50 (60.0 percent) from the field, 11 of 21 (52.4 percent) from 3-point range and 26 of 29 (89.7 percent) from the free-throw line.
- Five Hilltoppers (Savage, Williams, Bassey, Justice, Hollingsworth) scored in double digits for the first time since Feb. 7, 2019, in the double overtime game at Rice.

- Justice and Hollingsworth each had more than 20 points, making it the first time WKU had two 20-point scorers since that same game against Rice.
- WKU's 97 points was the most it's scored since defeating UAB 98-70 in the quarterfinals of the 2018 Conference USA Championship on March 8, 2018. It's the most the Hilltoppers have scored in a regular season game since Feb. 15, 2018 in an 102-94 overtime victory at North Texas.
- WKU has made a 3-pointer in 1,012 straight games dating back to March 15, 1987. The Hilltoppers have the fifth-longest streak in the nation of consecutive games with a made 3. Only UNLV, Vanderbilt, Duke and Arkansas have longer streaks.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

CAMRON JUSTICE

- The graduate senior led the team in scoring with 22 points, including 17 in the first half. Justice shot 5 of 7 from 3-point range in just 29 minutes.

TAVEION HOLLINGSWORTH

- The junior scored 21 points with eight rebounds. Hollingsworth went 9 of 10 from the charity stripe and added three assists.

CHARLES BASSEY

- The sophomore notched his 18th career double-double and first of the season with 12 rebounds and 10 points.

CARSON WILLIAMS

- The redshirt junior pulled down six rebounds and scored 12 points. He also notched four assists, the most in his career since his second-ever collegiate game at Northern Kentucky, where he recorded five at Illinois on Nov. 13, 2016.

JORDAN RAWLS

- The freshman had a team-high five assists with eight points in 23 minutes off the bench.

JARED SAVAGE

- The redshirt senior tied his WKU career high in assists with three while also scoring 11 points in his 31 minutes. Savage also tied his WKU career high in blocks with two.

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STANSBURY, COLLINS RADIO SHOWS BEGIN TUESDAY NIGHT FROM ROOSTERS

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — The Rick Stansbury and Greg Collins Radio Shows begin their regular schedule Tuesday night with the first shows from Bowling Green in the 2019-20 season.

The shows will again regularly broadcast from Roosters at 247 Three Springs Road in Bowling Green.

There will be two shows that air from special locations. The Dec. 16 broadcast will air live from Alumni Hall at Greenwood Mall, while the Jan. 27 show will be held at Colton's Steak House in Glasgow.

Stansbury and Collins' first two radio shows will air on Tuesday nights (Nov. 12 and Nov. 19). Additionally, Greg Collins will have Lady Topper-only shows on Tuesday, Nov. 26 and Tuesday, Dec. 3.

After the first few weeks, the shows will return to their regular Monday night time slots following the season conclusion of WKU Football's Tyson Helton Radio Show.

Collins' show with Lady Topper play-by-play announcer Brett Williams airs from 6-7 p.m. on 102.7 FM and 1450 AM in Bowling Green, while Stansbury's show with the Voice of the Hilltoppers, Randy Lee, follows from 7-8 p.m. on 100.7 FM in Bowling Green. Both shows are also available via the TuneIn app.

Fans can submit questions for both coaches via the Ask the Coach feature at wkusports.com or by using the hashtags "#AskCollins" and "#AskStansbury" on Twitter. Live questions from fans in attendance at Stansbury's show are encouraged.

2019-20 WKU Basketball Radio Shows

Tuesday, Nov. 12

Tuesday, Nov. 19

Tuesday, Nov. 26 (Collins only)

Tuesday, Dec. 3 (Collins only)

Monday, Dec. 9

Monday, Dec. 16 (Alumni Hall, Greenwood Mall)

Monday, Jan. 6

Monday, Jan. 13

Monday, Jan. 20

Monday, Jan. 27 (Colton's Steak House, Glasgow)

Monday, Feb. 3

Monday, Feb. 10

Monday, Feb. 17

Monday, Feb. 24

Monday, March 2

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HILLTOPPERS SIGN IN-STATE GUARD DAYVION MCKNIGHT TO LETTER OF INTENT

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — WKU Hilltopper Basketball head coach Rick Stansbury announced Wednesday the signing of in-state prospect Dayvion McKnight (6-2, Guard) to a national letter of intent in the 2020 class.

“We’re very excited to have Dayvion join our program and family,” Stansbury said. “We had the opportunity to watch him closely the past two years, and he brings as much toughness physically and mentally as any kid I’ve seen in recent years. He comes from a great high school program where he’s been coached, and also from a great family that’s instilled toughness and hard work into his life.”

Considered a top contender for the 2020 Kentucky Mr. Basketball award, McKnight averaged 17 points and 10.4 rebounds for Coach Chris Gaither as a junior at Collins High School in Shelbyville, Ky.

McKnight was named a second-team All-State selection and has scored 1,217 career points entering his senior year, which ranks second in program history. He already holds Collins High School’s career records for rebounds (764) and steals (229), and ranks second with 442 assists.

The guard shot 50 percent from the field last season, as well as 33.3 percent from 3-point range and 78.8 percent from the free-throw line. His efforts helped Collins to a 23-9 record and a 30th District championship. He was also a member of the Kentucky Junior All-Star team.

McKnight is rated a three-star recruit by both 247Sports and Rivals.



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HILLTOPPERS HEAD TO EASTERN KENTUCKY FOR SEASON'S FIRST ROAD TRIP

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — WKU Hilltopper Basketball plays its first road game of the season at Eastern Kentucky at 6 p.m. CT Friday in Richmond, Ky. The game will air online on ESPN+.

The Hilltoppers improved to 2-0 on Saturday night with a 97-75 victory over Austin Peay.

Eastern Kentucky bounced back from a loss at Kentucky with a 129-43 rout of Ohio-Chillicothe on Tuesday night. WKU is 113-44 all-time against the Colonels – a former longtime OVC rival – in a series that dates back to 1914. Hilltopper head coach Rick Stansbury is 3-1 in his career against Eastern Kentucky.

GAME 3

WKU (2-0) at Eastern Kentucky (2-1)

November 15, 2019 | 6 p.m. CT

McBrayer Arena | Richmond, Ky.

BROADCAST

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Watch: [ESPN+](#) (Greg Stotelmyer, pxp | Doug Sallee, analysis)

Live Stats: [Eastern Kentucky Stats](#)

TOP STORYLINES

- WKU opens the season with three straight games against Ohio Valley Conference opponents in Tennessee Tech, Austin Peay and Eastern Kentucky. The last time the Hilltoppers played three straight OVC foes was 2004-05, when WKU picked up three consecutive wins over Southeast Missouri State, Murray State and ECU.
- WKU is trying to start 3-0 for the first time since the 2007-08 Sweet 16 campaign.
- In Saturday's win over Austin Peay, the Hilltoppers shot 60 percent from the field, 52 percent from the 3-point line and 89 percent from the free-throw line. Those marks have only been reached 28 times nationally in a game since the start of the 2015-16 season.

- WKU has made 16 more free throws (45) than its opponents have even attempted (29) through two games.
- This game is a homecoming for freshman forward Isaiah Cozart, who was a standout prep player at Madison Central High School in Richmond, Ky. Cozart is the all-time blocks leader in Kentucky high school history.
- Across WKU's two opening regular-season wins and an exhibition victory, redshirt junior forward Carson Williams has grabbed 13 total offensive rebounds and scored 23 points on second-chance plays.
- WKU sophomore center Charles Bassey has been named to the watch lists for the Naismith Trophy and the John R. Wooden Award, two of the most prestigious National Player of the Year honors in the country.

LAST GAME AGAINST EASTERN KENTUCKY: NOVEMBER 29, 2017

WKU turned in one of its most efficient efforts in recent memory, rolling past in-state foe Eastern Kentucky 83-51 at E.A. Diddle Arena.

The Hilltoppers had seven players in double figures for the first time since 2001, and they tallied a season-high 24 assists with just six turnovers. WKU made a season-high 10 of 18 3-pointers and shot 66.7 percent in the second half, outrebounding Eastern Kentucky 38-28.

Redshirt junior guard Lamonte Bearden led the way with 16 points and six assists, while freshman guard Taveion Hollingsworth added 14 points and four assists.

Senior guard Darius Thompson, freshman guard Jake Ohmer and senior forward Justin Johnson all had 11 points.

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Box score and postgame notes are attached.

Postgame video of Rick Stansbury, Jordan Rawls and Josh Anderson will be uploaded later tonight at [YouTube.com/WKUSports]YouTube.com/WKUSports.

BENCH PLAY PROPELS TOPS TO 79-71 ROAD WIN AT EASTERN KENTUCKY

RICHMOND, Ky. — Strong bench play and team-oriented offense helped WKU Hilltopper Basketball overcome Eastern Kentucky's persistent pressure Friday for a 79-71 road win.

The Hilltoppers (3-0) committed 23 turnovers, but they also handed out 19 assists and got 28 points off the bench.

WKU improved to 3-0 for the first time since 2007-08.

"In today's basketball, it's never easy to go anywhere and win on the road," WKU head coach Rick Stansbury said. "We knew what we were walking into. We knew this was a monster game for them, and we were going to get their best shot. But I'm awful proud of our kids for the way we responded, and we did it in different ways."

WKU also had to overcome 41 points from ECU guard Jomaru Brown.

The Colonels (2-2) pressed for the entire game, but they weren't able to keep the Hilltoppers from shooting 50.9 percent from the field and netting 18 of 24 free throws.

Sophomore center Charles Basse led WKU with 18 points and 12 rebounds, while redshirt junior forward Carson Williams added 15 points and five assists.

The Hilltoppers' most crucial contributions came off the bench from freshman guard Jordan Rawls and junior guard Josh Anderson.

Rawls turned in 14 points on 5-for-5 shooting in 29 minutes, while Anderson scored 11 points, made 9 of 12 free throws and tied his career high with five steals.

"We knew we were going to get some minutes coming into practice because of how they press and speed people up," Anderson said. "We knew our guys would be tired, so we came into practice focused and ready to play."

Their efforts became even bigger with redshirt senior guard Jared Savage out for the entire second half with an ankle injury.

“Coach told me and Josh to be ready,” Rawls said. “Tonight we had to produce even more because we had certain guys not making shots, and we had Jared go out with an injury. We wanted to just come in and make contributions.”

The first half was full of swings, but WKU had a 15-4 run late sparked by the reserves. Back-to-back 3s by Rawls and redshirt freshman guard Jeremiah Gambrell made it 44-29 with 2:16 left in the frame.

The Hilltoppers led by 11 at halftime and pushed the advantage as high as 69-51 with 7:49 to play before ECU fought back with a 13-3 run.

It wasn't enough as the Colonels committed 19 turnovers themselves and got outscored 44-26 in the paint, including several WKU lob dunks to Bassey.

The Hilltoppers now lead the all-time series 114-44 in a rivalry that dates back to 1914.

WKU returns home to host Campbellsville at 7 p.m. CT Monday at E.A. Diddle Arena.

That game was a late addition to the schedule and is a campus-site game as part of the U.S. Virgin Islands Paradise Jam tournament. Season ticket holders received a ticket in the mail for the game separate from their regular ticket booklets.

Official Basketball Box Score -- Game Totals -- Final Statistics
 Western Kentucky vs Eastern Kentucky
 11/15/19 7:00 PM at Richmond, Ky. (Paul S. McBrayer Arena)

Western Kentucky 79 • 3-0

##	Player	f	Total		3-Ptr		Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FT-FTA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot							
22	Carson Williams	f	6-10	3-5	0-1	0-0	1	2	3	2	15	5	6	0	0	34
23	Charles Bassey	c	9-13	0-0	0-1	0-0	3	9	12	4	18	1	2	0	1	26
02	Jared Savage	g	3-7	0-0	2-5	0-0	1	3	4	1	8	2	1	2	1	12
05	Camron Justice	g	0-5	3-4	0-5	0-0	0	4	4	2	3	4	3	0	0	34
11	T. Hollingsworth	g	3-8	1-1	0-1	1-1	2	3	5	2	7	5	3	0	3	26
03	Jordan Rawls		5-5	2-2	2-2	2-2	0	0	0	1	14	1	5	0	0	29
04	Josh Anderson		1-5	9-12	0-1	9-12	1	1	2	2	11	1	3	1	5	31
10	Jeremiah Gambrell		1-2	0-0	1-2	0-0	0	1	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	4
12	Jackson Harlan		0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0+
15	Patrick Murphy		0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0+
50	Isaiah Cozart		0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	4
Team							0	3	3							
Totals			28-55	18-24	5-18	18-24	9	29	38	14	79	19	23	4	10	200

FG % 1st Half: 16-33 48.5% 2nd half: 12-22 54.5% Game: 28-55 50.9% Deadball Rebounds 3,1
 3FG % 1st Half: 5-15 33.3% 2nd half: 0-3 0.0% Game: 5-18 27.8%
 FT % 1st Half: 8-11 72.7% 2nd half: 10-13 76.9% Game: 18-24 75.0%

Eastern Kentucky 71 • 2-2

##	Player	f	Total		3-Ptr		Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FT-FTA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot							
02	KING, Tre	f	1-2	0-0	0-1	0-0	2	3	5	5	2	1	2	1	0	22
05	HICKS, Darius	f	3-7	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	6	7	4	6	0	1	1	1	33
00	CRUICKSHANK, Russha	g	0-4	2-2	0-4	2-2	0	1	1	2	2	1	4	0	1	26
11	BROWN, Jomaru	g	16-28	5-6	4-11	5-6	0	3	3	2	41	2	8	0	3	37
12	TAYLOR, Ty	g	3-10	2-4	1-5	2-4	2	2	4	3	9	2	1	0	2	32
01	HOBBS, JacQuess		0-2	0-0	0-1	0-0	1	1	2	0	0	2	1	0	1	15
21	ANDERSON, Lachlan		3-5	1-2	2-3	1-2	0	4	4	3	9	1	2	0	1	25
24	MORENO, Michael		1-3	0-0	0-2	0-0	0	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	10
Team							2	0	2							
Totals			27-61	10-14	7-27	10-14	8	21	29	20	71	9	19	2	9	200

FG % 1st Half: 12-28 42.9% 2nd half: 15-33 45.5% Game: 27-61 44.3% Deadball Rebounds 0
 3FG % 1st Half: 4-12 33.3% 2nd half: 3-15 20.0% Game: 7-27 25.9%
 FT % 1st Half: 6-9 66.7% 2nd half: 4-5 80.0% Game: 10-14 71.4%

Officials: Craig Murley, Shane Staggs, James Duke
 Technical fouls: Western Kentucky-None. Eastern Kentucky-None.
 Attendance: 5826

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
Western Kentucky	45	34	79
Eastern Kentucky	34	37	71

Points	In Paint	Off T/O	2nd Chance	Fast Break	Bench
WKU	44	23	8	12	28
EKU	26	24	6	8	11

Last FG - WKU 2nd-04:39, EKU 2nd-00:13.
 Largest lead - WKU by 18 2nd-07:49, EKU by 5 1st-11:50.
 WKU led for 32:58. EKU led for 03:21. Game was tied for 03:41.

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

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

Time	Score	Margin	HOME/VISITOR	Time	Score	Margin	HOME/VISITOR
19:41	0-2	V 2	GOOD! DUNK by Charles Bassey [PNT]	14:07			SUB IN : Isaiah Cozart
19:41			ASSIST by Camron Justice	14:07			SUB OUT: Charles Bassey
19:26	2-2	T 1	GOOD! JUMPER by BROWN, Jomaru	13:57			MISSED 3 PTR by BROWN, Jomaru
19:08			MISSED JUMPER by Charles Bassey	13:57			REBOUND (DEF) by Camron Justice
19:08			REBOUND (OFF) by Carson Williams	13:36			MISSED 3 PTR by Josh Anderson
19:03	2-4	V 2	GOOD! TIP-IN by Carson Williams [PNT]	13:36			REBOUND (OFF) by (DEADBALL)
18:51			MISSED 3 PTR by TAYLOR, Ty	13:33			FOUL by ANDERSON, Lachlan (P1T2)
18:51			REBOUND (DEF) by Camron Justice	13:33			SUB IN : Carson Williams
18:42			MISSED JUMPER by T. Hollingsworth	13:33			SUB IN : T. Hollingsworth
18:42			REBOUND (DEF) by KING, Tre	13:33			SUB OUT: Camron Justice
18:33	5-4	H 1	GOOD! 3 PTR by BROWN, Jomaru	13:33			SUB OUT: Jared Savage
18:33			ASSIST by CRUICKSHANK, Russhar	13:33			SUB IN : KING, Tre
18:09			TURNOVR by Charles Bassey	13:33			SUB OUT: HICKS, Darius
18:07			STEAL by CRUICKSHANK, Russhar	13:32			MISSED LAYUP by Carson Williams
17:59			FOUL by T. Hollingsworth (P1T1)	13:32			REBOUND (DEF) by TAYLOR, Ty
17:59	6-4	H 2	GOOD! FT SHOT by BROWN, Jomaru	13:22	13-15	V 2	GOOD! 3 PTR by ANDERSON, Lachlan
17:59			MISSED FT SHOT by BROWN, Jomaru	13:22			ASSIST by HOBBS, JacQuess
17:59			REBOUND (DEF) by Charles Bassey	13:09			FOUL by KING, Tre (P1T3)
17:59	6-6	T 2	GOOD! JUMPER by Charles Bassey [PNT]	13:09			MISSED FT SHOT by Josh Anderson
17:59			TURNOVR by BROWN, Jomaru	13:09			REBOUND (OFF) by (DEADBALL)
17:59			STEAL by Charles Bassey	13:09	13-16	V 3	GOOD! FT SHOT by Josh Anderson
17:59			MISSED 3 PTR by Camron Justice	12:55	16-16	T 3	GOOD! 3 PTR by BROWN, Jomaru
17:59			REBOUND (DEF) by KING, Tre	12:55			ASSIST by HOBBS, JacQuess
17:59			MISSED 3 PTR by CRUICKSHANK, Russhar	12:41			TURNOVR by Carson Williams
17:59			REBOUND (OFF) by KING, Tre	12:40			STEAL by ANDERSON, Lachlan
17:56			TURNOVR by BROWN, Jomaru	12:37			MISSED LAYUP by TAYLOR, Ty
16:54			MISSED 3 PTR by Carson Williams	12:37			BLOCK by Josh Anderson
16:54			REBOUND (OFF) by Charles Bassey	12:24			REBOUND (DEF) by T. Hollingsworth
16:47			MISSED 3 PTR by Camron Justice	12:11			MISSED JUMPER by T. Hollingsworth
16:47			REBOUND (DEF) by BROWN, Jomaru	12:11			REBOUND (OFF) by T. Hollingsworth
16:42			FOUL by Carson Williams (P1T2)	12:10			TURNOVR by T. Hollingsworth
16:18			MISSED JUMPER by BROWN, Jomaru	12:05	19-16	H 3	GOOD! 3 PTR by ANDERSON, Lachlan
16:18			REBOUND (DEF) by T. Hollingsworth	12:05			ASSIST by TAYLOR, Ty
16:10	6-9	V 3	GOOD! 3 PTR by Jared Savage	11:54			TURNOVR by Jordan Rawls
16:10			ASSIST by T. Hollingsworth	11:52			STEAL by BROWN, Jomaru
15:45			TURNOVR by CRUICKSHANK, Russhar	11:50	21-16	H 5	GOOD! JUMPER by BROWN, Jomaru [FB/PNT]
15:44			STEAL by Jared Savage	11:33			TURNOVR by Carson Williams
15:41	6-11	V 5	GOOD! LAYUP by T. Hollingsworth [FB/PNT]	11:32			STEAL by HOBBS, JacQuess
15:41			ASSIST by Jared Savage	11:27			MISSED 3 PTR by HOBBS, JacQuess
15:41			FOUL by BROWN, Jomaru (P1T1)	11:27			REBOUND (DEF) by Isaiah Cozart
15:41			TIMEOUT MEDIA	11:06			MISSED 3 PTR by T. Hollingsworth
15:41	6-12	V 6	GOOD! FT SHOT by T. Hollingsworth	11:06			REBOUND (OFF) by Isaiah Cozart
15:41			SUB IN : HOBBS, JacQuess	10:57			MISSED JUMPER by Carson Williams
15:41			SUB OUT: TAYLOR, Ty	10:57			REBOUND (DEF) by ANDERSON, Lachlan
15:29			TIMEOUT 30sec	10:49			TURNOVR by BROWN, Jomaru
15:21			MISSED JUMPER by HICKS, Darius	10:48			STEAL by Josh Anderson
15:21			BLOCK by Jared Savage	10:41	21-18	H 3	GOOD! JUMPER by T. Hollingsworth
15:21			REBOUND (OFF) by (TEAM)	10:23			MISSED LAYUP by HOBBS, JacQuess
15:20			TIMEOUT 30sec	10:23			REBOUND (DEF) by Isaiah Cozart
15:16	8-12	V 4	GOOD! JUMPER by BROWN, Jomaru [PNT]	09:58	21-21	T 4	GOOD! 3 PTR by Jordan Rawls
15:04	8-15	V 7	GOOD! 3 PTR by Jared Savage	09:58			ASSIST by Carson Williams
15:04			ASSIST by T. Hollingsworth	09:38			FOUL by T. Hollingsworth (P2T4)
14:54			TURNOVR by BROWN, Jomaru	09:38			TIMEOUT media
14:46			SUB IN : Jordan Rawls	09:38	22-21	H 1	GOOD! FT SHOT by TAYLOR, Ty
14:46			SUB IN : Josh Anderson	09:38			MISSED FT SHOT by TAYLOR, Ty
14:46			SUB OUT: T. Hollingsworth	09:38			REBOUND (DEF) by Charles Bassey
14:46			SUB OUT: Carson Williams	09:38			SUB IN : Jared Savage
14:46			SUB IN : ANDERSON, Lachlan	09:38			SUB IN : Camron Justice
14:46			SUB OUT: KING, Tre	09:38			SUB IN : Charles Bassey
14:45			MISSED 3 PTR by Jared Savage	09:38			SUB OUT: Isaiah Cozart
14:45			REBOUND (DEF) by ANDERSON, Lachlan	09:38			SUB OUT: Carson Williams
14:35			FOUL by Charles Bassey (P1T3)	09:38			SUB OUT: T. Hollingsworth
14:35	9-15	V 6	GOOD! FT SHOT by BROWN, Jomaru	09:38			SUB IN : MORENO, Michael
14:35	10-15	V 5	GOOD! FT SHOT by BROWN, Jomaru	09:38			SUB IN : CRUICKSHANK, Russhar
14:35			SUB IN : TAYLOR, Ty	09:38			SUB IN : HICKS, Darius
14:35			SUB OUT: CRUICKSHANK, Russhar	09:38			SUB OUT: KING, Tre
14:26			TURNOVR by Camron Justice	09:38			SUB OUT: HOBBS, JacQuess
14:10			MISSED JUMPER by HICKS, Darius	09:38			SUB OUT: BROWN, Jomaru
14:10			REBOUND (OFF) by (TEAM)	09:29			MISSED 3 PTR by Jared Savage

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Time	Score	Margin	HOME/VISITOR	Time	Score	Margin	HOME/VISITOR
09:29			REBOUND (DEF) by HICKS, Darius	03:28	29-36	V 7	GOOD! FT SHOT by Carson Williams
09:18			FOUL by ANDERSON, Lachlan (P2T4)	03:19			TURNOVR by BROWN, Jomaru
09:18			TURNOVR by ANDERSON, Lachlan	03:12			STEAL by Josh Anderson
08:58	22-23	V 1	GOOD! JUMPER by Charles Bassey [PNT]	03:11	29-38	V 9	GOOD! DUNK by Josh Anderson [FB/PNT]
08:58			ASSIST by Jared Savage	03:00			MISSED JUMPER by TAYLOR, Ty
08:41			FOUL by Charles Bassey (P2T5)	03:00			REBOUND (DEF) by Jeremiah Gambrell
08:41			SUB IN : Carson Williams	02:48	29-41	V 12	GOOD! 3 PTR by Jordan Rawls
08:41			SUB OUT: Charles Bassey	02:48			ASSIST by Josh Anderson
08:41			SUB IN : KING, Tre	02:33			MISSED 3 PTR by BROWN, Jomaru
08:41			SUB OUT: ANDERSON, Lachlan	02:33			REBOUND (DEF) by (TEAM)
08:40			TURNOVR by KING, Tre	02:20	29-44	V 15	GOOD! 3 PTR by Jeremiah Gambrell
08:13			MISSED JUMPER by Jared Savage	02:20			ASSIST by Camron Justice
08:13			REBOUND (DEF) by HICKS, Darius	02:13			TIMEOUT 30sec
08:04			TURNOVR by TAYLOR, Ty	02:03	31-44	V 13	GOOD! DUNK by HICKS, Darius [PNT]
08:03			STEAL by Josh Anderson	02:03			ASSIST by TAYLOR, Ty
08:00			MISSED 3 PTR by Camron Justice	01:45			FOUL by HICKS, Darius (P2T10)
08:00			REBOUND (OFF) by Jared Savage	01:45	31-45	V 14	GOOD! FT SHOT by Carson Williams
07:55	22-25	V 3	GOOD! TIP-IN by Jared Savage [PNT]	01:45			MISSED FT SHOT by Carson Williams
07:39			MISSED 3 PTR by KING, Tre	01:45			REBOUND (DEF) by ANDERSON, Lachlan
07:39			REBOUND (DEF) by (DEADBALL)	01:30			MISSED 3 PTR by BROWN, Jomaru
07:38			FOUL by MORENO, Michael (P1T5)	01:30			REBOUND (DEF) by (TEAM)
07:38			TIMEOUT media	01:16			TIMEOUT 30sec
07:38			SUB IN : BROWN, Jomaru	00:56			MISSED 3 PTR by Jeremiah Gambrell
07:38			SUB OUT: TAYLOR, Ty	00:56			REBOUND (DEF) by ANDERSON, Lachlan
07:37			MISSED JUMPER by Josh Anderson	00:41	33-45	V 12	GOOD! JUMPER by BROWN, Jomaru [PNT]
07:37			BLOCK by KING, Tre	00:41			FOUL by Josh Anderson (P1T7)
07:36			REBOUND (DEF) by HICKS, Darius	00:41	34-45	V 11	GOOD! FT SHOT by BROWN, Jomaru
07:31	24-25	V 1	GOOD! LAYUP by MORENO, Michael [FB/PNT]	00:41			SUB IN : MORENO, Michael
07:31			ASSIST by BROWN, Jomaru	00:41			SUB OUT: HICKS, Darius
07:22			MISSED 3 PTR by Jared Savage	00:25			TURNOVR by Jordan Rawls
07:22			REBOUND (DEF) by BROWN, Jomaru	00:25			SUB IN : HICKS, Darius
07:19			TURNOVR by BROWN, Jomaru	00:25			SUB OUT: MORENO, Michael
06:48			FOUL by CRUICKSHANK, Russhar (P1T6)	00:00			MISSED JUMPER by BROWN, Jomaru
06:32	24-27	V 3	GOOD! JUMPER by Jordan Rawls [PNT]	00:00			REBOUND (OFF) by HOBBS, JacQuess
06:16			MISSED 3 PTR by MORENO, Michael				
06:16			REBOUND (DEF) by Jared Savage				
06:09			FOUL by KING, Tre (P2T7)				
06:09	24-28	V 4	GOOD! FT SHOT by Josh Anderson				
06:09	24-29	V 5	GOOD! FT SHOT by Josh Anderson				
06:09			SUB IN : TAYLOR, Ty				
06:09			SUB IN : ANDERSON, Lachlan				
06:09			SUB OUT: KING, Tre				
06:09			SUB OUT: MORENO, Michael				
05:42			MISSED JUMPER by BROWN, Jomaru				
05:42			BLOCK by Jared Savage				
05:41			REBOUND (DEF) by Jared Savage				
05:34			TURNOVR by Jared Savage				
05:34			STEAL by HICKS, Darius				
05:19			FOUL by Jared Savage (P1T6)				
05:19	25-29	V 4	GOOD! FT SHOT by ANDERSON, Lachlan				
05:19			MISSED FT SHOT by ANDERSON, Lachlan				
05:19			REBOUND (DEF) by Jared Savage				
05:04	25-31	V 6	GOOD! JUMPER by Jordan Rawls [PNT]				
05:04			ASSIST by Carson Williams				
04:49			TURNOVR by CRUICKSHANK, Russhar				
04:49			SUB IN : HOBBS, JacQuess				
04:49			SUB OUT: CRUICKSHANK, Russhar				
04:30	25-33	V 8	GOOD! LAYUP by Carson Williams [PNT]				
04:29			ASSIST by Jordan Rawls				
03:57	27-33	V 6	GOOD! JUMPER by BROWN, Jomaru				
03:57			FOUL by TAYLOR, Ty (P1T8)				
03:57			TIMEOUT media				
03:56	27-34	V 7	GOOD! FT SHOT by Josh Anderson				
03:56			MISSED FT SHOT by Josh Anderson				
03:56			REBOUND (DEF) by HICKS, Darius				
03:47	29-34	V 5	GOOD! DUNK by ANDERSON, Lachlan [PNT]				
03:39			SUB IN : Jeremiah Gambrell				
03:39			SUB OUT: Jared Savage				
03:28			FOUL by HICKS, Darius (P1T9)				
03:28	29-35	V 6	GOOD! FT SHOT by Carson Williams				

	In	Off	2nd	Fast	Bench
1st period-only	Paint	T/O	Chance	Break	
Western Kentucky	20	15	4	4	19
Eastern Kentucky	12	7	2	4	11

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Time	Score	Margin	HOME/VISITOR	Time	Score	Margin	HOME/VISITOR
20:00			SUB IN : Josh Anderson	12:12			TURNOVR by Carson Williams
20:00			SUB OUT: Jared Savage	11:54	49-61	V 12	GOOD! JUMPER by BROWN, Jomaru
19:54			TURNNOVR by Carson Williams	11:42			TURNNOVR by T. Hollingsworth
19:37	36-45	V 9	GOOD! JUMPER by HICKS, Darius [PNT]	11:42			TIMEOUT media
19:10			TURNNOVR by Josh Anderson	11:42			SUB IN : Charles Bassey
18:58	39-45	V 6	GOOD! 3 PTR by BROWN, Jomaru	11:42			SUB OUT: T. Hollingsworth
18:45			FOUL by KING, Tre (P3T1)	11:41			TURNNOVR by ANDERSON, Lachlan
18:28			MISSED JUMPER by Carson Williams	11:21	49-63	V 14	GOOD! LAYUP by Carson Williams [PNT]
18:28			REBOUND (OFF) by Josh Anderson	10:53			TURNNOVR by CRUICKSHANK, Russhar
18:23			MISSED TIP-IN by Josh Anderson	10:52			STEAL by Josh Anderson
18:23			REBOUND (OFF) by Charles Bassey	10:49			TURNNOVR by Camron Justice
18:16	39-47	V 8	GOOD! DUNK by Charles Bassey [PNT]	10:49			SUB IN : HICKS, Darius
18:07			MISSED 3 PTR by TAYLOR, Ty	10:49			SUB OUT: KING, Tre
18:07			REBOUND (DEF) by Charles Bassey	10:37			MISSED 3 PTR by BROWN, Jomaru
17:52	39-49	V 10	GOOD! JUMPER by Carson Williams [PNT]	10:37			REBOUND (DEF) by Charles Bassey
17:52			ASSIST by T. Hollingsworth	10:24	49-65	V 16	GOOD! DUNK by Charles Bassey [FB/PNT]
17:36			MISSED LAYUP by HICKS, Darius	10:24			ASSIST by Carson Williams
17:36			REBOUND (DEF) by Carson Williams	10:10	51-65	V 14	GOOD! JUMPER by BROWN, Jomaru [PNT]
17:19	39-51	V 12	GOOD! JUMPER by Charles Bassey [PNT]	09:53			MISSED JUMPER by Charles Bassey
17:19			ASSIST by Camron Justice	09:53			REBOUND (DEF) by HICKS, Darius
17:02	41-51	V 10	GOOD! JUMPER by BROWN, Jomaru	09:24			FOUL by Camron Justice (P1T2)
16:40			TURNNOVR by Carson Williams	09:14			MISSED 3 PTR by TAYLOR, Ty
16:40			SUB IN : HOBBS, JacQuess	09:14			REBOUND (DEF) by (TEAM)
16:40			SUB OUT: BROWN, Jomaru	09:12			SUB IN : T. Hollingsworth
16:24			FOUL by HICKS, Darius (P3T2)	09:12			SUB OUT: Camron Justice
16:24			TURNNOVR by HICKS, Darius	09:12			SUB IN : MORENO, Michael
16:13	41-53	V 12	GOOD! JUMPER by Carson Williams [PNT]	09:12			SUB OUT: TAYLOR, Ty
16:13			ASSIST by T. Hollingsworth	08:46			TURNNOVR by Josh Anderson
15:49			TURNNOVR by CRUICKSHANK, Russhar	08:31			MISSED 3 PTR by CRUICKSHANK, Russhar
15:48			STEAL by T. Hollingsworth	08:31			REBOUND (DEF) by Charles Bassey
15:44			FOUL by TAYLOR, Ty (P2T3)	08:20	51-67	V 16	GOOD! DUNK by Charles Bassey [FB/PNT]
15:44			TIMEOUT MEDIA	08:20			ASSIST by Carson Williams
15:44	41-54	V 13	GOOD! FT SHOT by Josh Anderson	07:57			MISSED 3 PTR by CRUICKSHANK, Russhar
15:44	41-55	V 14	GOOD! FT SHOT by Josh Anderson	07:57			REBOUND (DEF) by Josh Anderson
15:44			SUB IN : BROWN, Jomaru	07:49			FOUL by CRUICKSHANK, Russhar (P2T5)
15:44			SUB IN : ANDERSON, Lachlan	07:49			TIMEOUT MEDIA
15:44			SUB OUT: KING, Tre	07:49	51-68	V 17	GOOD! FT SHOT by Jordan Rawls
15:44			SUB OUT: TAYLOR, Ty	07:49	51-69	V 18	GOOD! FT SHOT by Jordan Rawls
15:31			MISSED 3 PTR by ANDERSON, Lachlan	07:49			SUB IN : KING, Tre
15:31			REBOUND (DEF) by T. Hollingsworth	07:49			SUB OUT: ANDERSON, Lachlan
15:26			TURNNOVR by T. Hollingsworth	07:32			MISSED 3 PTR by BROWN, Jomaru
15:25			STEAL by BROWN, Jomaru	07:32			REBOUND (OFF) by KING, Tre
15:23			MISSED LAYUP by BROWN, Jomaru	07:24			TURNNOVR by KING, Tre
15:23			REBOUND (OFF) by HICKS, Darius	07:23			STEAL by Josh Anderson
15:11	43-55	V 12	GOOD! DUNK by HICKS, Darius [PNT]	07:19			FOUL by Josh Anderson (P2T3)
15:08	43-57	V 14	GOOD! DUNK by Charles Bassey [PNT]	07:19			TURNNOVR by Josh Anderson
15:08			ASSIST by Carson Williams	07:19			SUB IN : TAYLOR, Ty
14:38			MISSED JUMPER by HICKS, Darius	07:19			SUB OUT: CRUICKSHANK, Russhar
14:38			REBOUND (DEF) by Camron Justice	07:08	53-69	V 16	GOOD! JUMPER by KING, Tre [PNT]
14:17			FOUL by Carson Williams (P2T1)	07:08			ASSIST by BROWN, Jomaru
14:17			TURNNOVR by Carson Williams	06:54			TURNNOVR by Jordan Rawls
14:17			SUB IN : Jordan Rawls	06:53			STEAL by TAYLOR, Ty
14:17			SUB OUT: Carson Williams	06:53			FOUL by Jordan Rawls (P1T4)
14:17			SUB IN : KING, Tre	06:53	54-69	V 15	GOOD! FT SHOT by TAYLOR, Ty
14:17			SUB OUT: HICKS, Darius	06:53			MISSED FT SHOT by TAYLOR, Ty
14:08			TURNNOVR by HOBBS, JacQuess	06:53			REBOUND (DEF) by Carson Williams
14:07			STEAL by T. Hollingsworth	06:53			SUB IN : Camron Justice
14:03			MISSED JUMPER by T. Hollingsworth	06:53			SUB OUT: Josh Anderson
14:03			REBOUND (DEF) by HOBBS, JacQuess	06:41			MISSED 3 PTR by Charles Bassey
13:51			TURNNOVR by BROWN, Jomaru	06:41			REBOUND (DEF) by BROWN, Jomaru
13:32	43-59	V 16	GOOD! LAYUP by Jordan Rawls [FB/PNT]	06:34	56-69	V 13	GOOD! LAYUP by BROWN, Jomaru [FB/PNT]
13:32			ASSIST by Charles Bassey	06:22			TURNNOVR by Jordan Rawls
13:18	45-59	V 14	GOOD! JUMPER by BROWN, Jomaru	06:07	58-69	V 11	GOOD! JUMPER by TAYLOR, Ty
12:59			MISSED 3 PTR by Camron Justice	06:07			ASSIST by KING, Tre
12:59			REBOUND (OFF) by T. Hollingsworth	05:39	58-71	V 13	GOOD! LAYUP by Carson Williams [PNT]
12:54	45-61	V 16	GOOD! TIP-IN by T. Hollingsworth [PNT]				
12:40	47-61	V 14	GOOD! JUMPER by BROWN, Jomaru				
12:27			FOUL by ANDERSON, Lachlan (P3T4)				
12:27			SUB IN : Carson Williams				
12:27			SUB OUT: Charles Bassey				
12:15			SUB IN : TAYLOR, Ty				
12:15			SUB OUT: HOBBS, JacQuess				

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

#	Player		Total			3-Ptr			Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot								
22	Carson Williams	f	2-5	0-1	3-4	1	0	1	1	7	2	2	0	0	18			
23	Charles Bassey	c	3-4	0-0	0-0	1	2	3	2	6	0	1	0	1	7			
02	Jared Savage	g	3-7	2-5	0-0	1	3	4	1	8	2	1	2	1	12			
05	Camron Justice	g	0-3	0-3	0-0	0	2	2	0	0	2	1	0	0	16			
11	T. Hollingsworth	g	2-5	0-1	1-1	1	2	3	2	5	2	1	0	0	9			
03	Jordan Rawls		4-4	2-2	0-0	0	0	0	0	10	1	2	0	0	15			
04	Josh Anderson		1-3	0-1	4-6	0	0	0	1	6	1	0	1	3	15			
10	Jeremiah Gambrell		1-2	1-2	0-0	0	1	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	4			
12	Jackson Harlan		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
15	Patrick Murphy		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
50	Isaiah Cozart		0-0	0-0	0-0	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	4				
Team						0	2	2										
Totals			16-33	5-15	8-11	5	14	19	7	45	10	8	3	5	100			

FG % 1st Half: 16-33 48.5%
 3FG % 1st Half: 5-15 33.3%
 FT % 1st Half: 8-11 72.7%

Eastern Kentucky

#	Player		Total			3-Ptr			Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot								
02	KING, Tre	f	0-1	0-1	0-0	1	2	3	2	0	0	1	1	0	12			
05	HICKS, Darius	f	1-3	0-0	0-0	0	4	4	2	2	0	0	0	1	16			
00	CRUICKSHANK, Russhar	g	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	1	10			
11	BROWN, Jomaru	g	7-13	2-5	4-5	0	2	2	1	20	1	6	0	1	18			
12	TAYLOR, Ty	g	0-3	0-1	1-2	0	1	1	1	1	2	1	0	0	17			
01	HOBBS, JacQuess		0-2	0-1	0-0	1	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	11			
21	ANDERSON, Lachlan		3-3	2-2	1-2	0	4	4	2	9	0	1	0	1	12			
24	MORENO, Michael		1-2	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	4			
Team						2	0	2										
Totals			12-28	4-12	6-9	4	13	17	10	34	6	11	1	5	100			

FG % 1st Half: 12-28 42.9%
 3FG % 1st Half: 4-12 33.3%
 FT % 1st Half: 6-9 66.7%

Officials: Craig Murley, Shane Staggs, James Duke
 Technical fouls: Western Kentucky-None. Eastern Kentucky-None.
 Attendance: 5826

Score by periods	1st	Total
Western Kentucky	45	45
Eastern Kentucky	34	34

	In	Off	2nd	Fast	
Points	Paint	T/O	Chance	Break	Bench
WKU	20	15	4	4	19
EKU	12	7	2	4	11

Last FG - WKU 2nd-04:39, EKU 2nd-00:13.
 Largest lead - WKU by 18 2nd-07:49, EKU by 5 1st-11:50.
 WKU led for 32:58. EKU led for 03:21. Game was tied for 03:41.

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

Official Basketball Box Score -- 2nd Half-Only
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Western Kentucky

#	Player		Total			3-Ptr			Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot								
22	Carson Williams	f	4-5	0-0	0-1	0	2	2	1	8	3	4	0	0	0	0	16	
23	Charles Bassey	c	6-9	0-1	0-0	2	7	9	2	12	1	1	0	0	0	0	19	
02	Jared Savage	g	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
05	Camron Justice	g	0-2	0-2	3-4	0	2	2	2	3	2	2	0	0	0	18		
11	T. Hollingsworth	g	1-3	0-0	0-0	1	1	2	0	2	3	2	0	3	17			
03	Jordan Rawls		1-1	0-0	2-2	0	0	0	1	4	0	3	0	0	14			
04	Josh Anderson		0-2	0-0	5-6	1	1	2	1	5	0	3	0	2	16			
10	Jeremiah Gambrell		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0+			
12	Jackson Harlan		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0+			
15	Patrick Murphy		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0+			
50	Isaiah Cozart		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0+			
Team						0	1	1										
Totals			12-22	0-3	10-13	4	15	19	7	34	9	15	1	5		100		

FG % 1st Half: 16-33 48.5% 2nd half: 12-22 54.5%
 3FG % 1st Half: 5-15 33.3% 2nd half: 0-3 0.0%
 FT % 1st Half: 8-11 72.7% 2nd half: 10-13 76.9%

Eastern Kentucky

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			FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot								
02	KING, Tre	f	1-1	0-0	0-0	1	1	2	3	2	1	1	0	0	0	10		
05	HICKS, Darius	f	2-4	0-0	0-0	1	2	3	2	4	0	1	1	0	17			
00	CRUICKSHANK, Russhar	g	0-3	0-3	2-2	0	1	1	1	2	0	2	0	0	16			
11	BROWN, Jomaru	g	9-15	2-6	1-1	0	1	1	1	21	1	2	0	2	19			
12	TAYLOR, Ty	g	3-7	1-4	1-2	2	1	3	2	8	0	0	0	2	15			
01	HOBBS, JacQuess		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	4				
21	ANDERSON, Lachlan		0-2	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	13				
24	MORENO, Michael		0-1	0-1	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	6				
Team						0	0	0										
Totals			15-33	3-15	4-5	4	8	12	10	37	3	8	1	4	100			

FG % 1st Half: 12-28 42.9% 2nd half: 15-33 45.5%
 3FG % 1st Half: 4-12 33.3% 2nd half: 3-15 20.0%
 FT % 1st Half: 6-9 66.7% 2nd half: 4-5 80.0%

Officials: Craig Murley, Shane Staggs, James Duke
 Technical fouls: Western Kentucky-None. Eastern Kentucky-None.
 Attendance: 5826

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
Western Kentucky	45	34	79
Eastern Kentucky	34	37	71

	In Paint	Off T/O	2nd Chance	Fast Break	Bench
Points					
WKU	24	8	4	8	9
EKU	14	17	4	4	0

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

WESTERN KENTUCKY

HILLTOPPERS

WKU Hilltoppers at Eastern Kentucky Colonels

Postgame Notes

November 15, 2019

McBrayer Arena | Richmond, Ky.

FINAL SCORE: WKU 79, Eastern Kentucky 71

RECORDS AND NOTABLES

- WKU improves to 3-0, while Eastern Kentucky falls to 2-2.
- The Hilltoppers are 3-0 for the first time since 2007-08.
- WKU has played three straight Ohio Valley Conference opponents for the first time since 2004-05.
- WKU is 114-44 all-time against the Colonels. The Tops have won 15 of the last 16 in the series going back to 1988.
- Rick Stansbury is 4-1 in his career against Eastern Kentucky
- Announced attendance was 5,826.
- **UP NEXT:** WKU returns home to host Campbellsville at 7 p.m. CT Monday at E.A. Diddle Arena. The game will stream online on ESPN3, and air on WKU PBS in Bowling Green and WBNA in Louisville.

TEAM NOTES

- WKU used the starting lineup of Jared Savage, Taveion Hollingsworth, Charles Bassey, Carson Williams and Camron Justice for the third straight game to start the season. That lineup is now 3-0 when starting together.
- **FIRST HALF RUN:** The first half featured several key swings, but WKU's 15-4 burst late in the frame gave the Hilltoppers a 44-29 lead after back-to-back 3s by Jordan Rawls and Jeremiah Gambrell.
- **KEY SECOND HALF RUN:** Eastern Kentucky used a 13-3 run in the waning minutes to cut its deficit back to single digits, but the Hilltoppers answered with a lob to Charles Bassey and several free throws.
- WKU shot 28 of 55 (50.9 percent) from the field, 5 of 18 (27.8 percent) from 3-point range and 18 of 24 (75 percent) from the free-throw line.
- The Hilltoppers outscored ECU 44-26 in points in the paint and 28-11 in bench points.

- Through its first three games, WKU has trailed for just 3 minute and 21 seconds total.
- The Hilltoppers had a season-high 19 assists and 10 steals.
- WKU has made a 3-pointer in 1,013 straight games dating back to March 15, 1987. The Hilltoppers have the fifth-longest streak in the nation of consecutive games with a made 3. Only UNLV, Vanderbilt, Duke and Arkansas have longer streaks.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

JORDAN RAWLS

- The freshman scored a career-high 14 points on 5-of-5 shooting in 29 minutes off the bench.
 - Rawls also went 2-for-2 from 3-point range.

TAVEION HOLLINGSWORTH

- The junior scored seven points and added five rebounds, five assists and three steals.
 - Hollingsworth moved into 45th on WKU's all-time scoring list with 1,035 career points.

JOSH ANDERSON

- The junior scored 11 points and tied his career high with five steals in a season-high 31 minutes.
 - Anderson made a career-high 9 of 12 free throws.

JARED SAVAGE

- The redshirt senior scored eight points with four rebounds in the first half before leaving the game with an ankle injury.

CHARLES BASSEY

- The sophomore had his second double-double of the season with 18 points and 12 rebounds.
 - Bassey finished 9 of 13 from the field.

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WKU Game Notes — <https://goto.ps/355Zx5a>

Video: Head Coach Rick Stansbury and Players Post-EKU win — <https://youtu.be/dsMQMCqsjTc>

HILLTOPPERS HOST CAMPBELLSVILLE IN MONDAY NIGHT MATCHUP

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — WKU Hilltopper Basketball returns home to host NAIA program Campbellsville at 7 p.m. CT Monday at E.A. Diddle Arena. The game will air online on ESPN3, on WKU PBS in Bowling Green and on WBNA in Louisville.

The Hilltoppers improved to 3-0 with a 79-71 road win at Eastern Kentucky on Friday night.

Campbellsville fell to 4-3 on Saturday with a loss to Missouri Baptist. WKU is 5-0 all-time against the Tigers in regular-season games. The Tops often play CU in exhibitions, including a 91-66 win last year. WKU head coach Rick Stansbury has never faced CU in a regular-season game.

GAME 4

Campbellsville (4-3) at WKU (3-0)

November 18, 2019 | 7 p.m. CT

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

BROADCAST

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

Watch: [ESPN3](#); WKU PBS in Bowling Green; WBNA in Louisville (Graham Doty, ppx | Jay Walton, analysis)

Live Stats: [WKU Stats](#)

TOP STORYLINES

- Campbellsville is the alma mater of WKU head coach Rick Stansbury, where he was a four-year letterman and got his coaching start as a student assistant. Stansbury received Campbellsville's Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1999 and was inducted into the school's Athletic Hall of Fame in 2003.
- WKU associate head coach Phil Cunningham is a Campbellsville native who played for and coached with the Tigers under his father and longtime CU coach Lou Cunningham.
- Monday's game counts as a campus-site game of this week's U.S. Virgin Islands Paradise Jam tournament.
- WKU is trying to start 4-0 for the first time since 2006-07. The Tops are 1 of 81 unbeaten teams nationally.
- WKU has made 20 more free throws (63) than its opponents have even attempted (43) through two games.
- Through three games, the Hilltoppers have trailed for just a total of 3 minutes and 21 seconds.

- WKU ranks 12th in the country in field-goal percentage at 53.5 percent. The Hilltoppers have shot 50 percent or better in each of their first three games this season.
- The Hilltoppers have seven players averaging between 8.0 and 14.7 points per game, including four players averaging at least 13 points per outing.

TICKETS

WKU Ticket Office: Limited single-game tickets for the Campbellsville game remain available in person at the WKU Ticket Office, by phone at 1-800-5-BIGRED or online at WKUTickets.com.

That game was a late addition to the schedule and is a campus-site game as part of the U.S. Virgin Islands Paradise Jam tournament. Season ticket holders received a ticket in the mail for the game separate from their regular ticket booklets.

PROMOTIONS

- American Bank and Trust putt from 3pt line to win \$1,000 cash
- Wendy's Freeze Out Promo - If an opposing player misses two free throws in a row, every fan in the arena gets a free Wendy's Frosty
- Smart Start Post Game Shootaround on court for all kids
- Taco Bell Challenge – When WKU scores 70 points or more, all fans can redeem a free taco at Taco Bell

LAST GAME AGAINST CAMPBELLSVILLE: OCTOBER 30, 2018 (EXHIBITION)

WKU shot 56.3 percent from the field and scored 34 points off turnovers, rolling to a 91-66 exhibition victory over Campbellsville at E.A. Diddle Arena.

Josh Anderson led all scorers with 22 points to go along with six steals and five assists, and Jared Savage added 19 points, six rebounds and four assists in his Hilltopper debut.

The Hilltoppers outscored Campbellsville 52-18 in the paint, 34-13 off turnovers and 24-4 on the fast break. They recorded 14 steals and eight blocks.

Charles Bassegy notched a double-double with 12 points and 11 rebounds.

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WKU STUDENTS TO BE ADMITTED FREE AT LOUISVILLE GAME IN BRIDGESTONE WITH CLAIMED VOUCHER, STUDENT ID

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — WKU Hilltopper Basketball announced Monday that all WKU students will be admitted free to the Nov. 29 game against Louisville in Nashville with a voucher claimed before gameday and a valid student ID.

Starting when doors open at E.A. Diddle Arena for tonight's game against Campbellsville, students can show their ID at the student entrance to receive a voucher for the Hilltoppers' game against Louisville on Nov. 29 at Bridgestone Arena in Nashville.

Students can only claim one voucher per student ID.

Students must show both the voucher and a valid student ID at Bridgestone Arena to redeem their game ticket.

After tonight's Campbellsville game, students can stop by the WKU Ticket Office in Diddle Arena any time during normal office hours leading up to the Louisville game to pick up a voucher.

The first 100 students who show up at Bridgestone Arena on gameday with their voucher and student ID will have first priority on the lower level seating tickets.

Once the lower level seating is full, any further vouchers redeemed by students will be able to sit in the upper level seats allocated for students.

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Box score and postgame notes are attached.

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

Video: Hilltopper players Carson Williams and Charles Bassey — <https://youtu.be/EiUUPsteSgc>

TOPS RIDE ALL-AROUND TEAM EFFORT TO 109-66 WIN OVER CAMPBELLSVILLE

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — Seven Hilltoppers scored in double figures, and WKU Basketball used a dominant team effort to roll past Campbellsville 109-66 on Monday at E.A. Diddle Arena.

The Hilltoppers (4-0) shot 61.5 percent from the field, made 12 of 26 3-pointers and netted 17 of 20 free throws. That led to 21 assists on 40 made baskets with just 11 turnovers.

"We had to grind out so many games last year," WKU head coach Rick Stansbury said. "There were so many of those games that we didn't finish where it was one basket. ... The game has changed so much that you've got to be able to score points. To jump up and make some baskets, having guys who can move that ball and share it, get it to the shooter at the right time, that helps, too."

WKU used all 12 active players on the roster, and 10 found the scoring column. It was the first time seven Hilltoppers have scored in double figures since Nov. 29, 2017, against Eastern Kentucky.

Redshirt junior forward Carson Williams scored a career-high 27 points on 11-of-13 shooting to lead the way, while sophomore center Charles Bassey added 15 points and eight rebounds.

Junior guard Taveion Hollingsworth (14), redshirt senior guard/forward Jared Savage (11), graduate senior guard Camron Justice (11), freshman guard Jordan Rawls (10) and junior guard Josh Anderson (10) all scored in double figures as well.

Justice and Hollingsworth each dished out five assists.

"We've been passing the ball tremendously these last few games," Bassey said. "We're a team that loves to share the ball and play together, so our chemistry has been really, really good."

The Hilltoppers went deep into the bench and had some players step up on their way to 31 bench points.

Redshirt freshman guard Jeremiah Gambrell scored a career-high five points, and senior forward Matt Horton had career highs of four points, six rebounds and four blocks in his first appearance of the season.

Campbellsville (4-3) used a 19-6 run in the first half to take a four-point lead, but WKU responded with a 10-0 spurt to open a 47-36 lead with 3:15 left in the frame. Horton's putback with 31 seconds left gave WKU a 54-41 halftime advantage.

The Tigers went ice cold in the second half, going nearly 10 minutes without a field goal and missing 15 shots in a row.

David Simmons paced Campbellsville with 13 points. The Tigers shot 34.7 percent overall and 24.3 percent in the second half.

WKU has started 4-0 for the first time since 2006-07.

"It was a good, balanced team effort," Williams said. "I think we had seven guys in double figures and we were getting contributions from everybody, so it was a good team effort all around."

The Hilltoppers now head to a more tropical location to compete in the U.S. Virgin Islands Paradise Jam in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

WKU opens the event against MAC preseason favorite Bowling Green at 7 p.m. CT Friday. The game will be available to stream online on subscription service FloHoops.com.



Official Basketball Box Score - Final
Campbellville at Western Ky.
 11/18/19 E.A. Diddle Arena, Bowling Green
 2019-20 Men's Basketball

Game Time: 7:00 PM
 Game Duration: 1:50
 Attendance: 4,134

Officials: Raymond Styons, Chance Moore, A.J. Desai

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Record: 4-3

NO.	Name	F	Min	FG			3P			FT			Rebounds			Fouls		TP	AS	TO	ST	Blocks		+/-
				M-A	M-A	M-A	OR	DR	TOT	PF	FD	OR	DR	TOT	BS	BA								
3	Alston Davis	F	21:25	2-5	2-5	0-0	0	2	2	4	1	6	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	-27		
24	Justin Tucker	F	19:44	5-11	0-0	1-2	4	2	6	3	0	11	0	3	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	-28		
2	Jacob King	G	12:07	0-3	0-1	0-0	0	2	2	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	-17			
14	Taiveyhon Mason	G	14:48	3-10	1-4	1-2	0	1	1	2	1	8	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	-23			
21	David Simmons	G	27:28	5-10	1-4	2-3	0	2	2	3	4	13	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	-31			
4	Ronald Taylor		23:30	0-1	0-1	2-2	1	2	3	0	3	2	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	-17			
23	Richie Mitchell		27:12	4-10	1-5	2-2	0	3	3	1	2	11	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	-25			
22	Sam Weining		22:15	3-3	1-1	0-0	1	1	2	1	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-13			
5	Lenorris Mincey		10:28	0-6	0-0	0-0	1	2	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	-8			
0	Devaunte Robinson		06:58	1-3	1-2	0-0	0	0	0	1	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-7			
33	De'Undra Singleton		07:52	1-4	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	-8			
11	Max Reyes		04:53	1-5	1-2	0-0	0	2	2	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	-8			
15	Nolan Barrow		01:20	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-3			
Team							2	1	3			0		1										
Totals				25-72	8-26	8-11	9	22	31	17	14	66	10	12	3	0	7					-43		

Technical Fouls: NONE

Shooting By Period		
1st FG%	16-35	45.7%
3PT%	5-15	33.3%
FT%	4-5	80%
2nd FG%	9-37	24.3%
3PT%	3-11	27.3%
FT%	4-6	66.7%
GM FG%	25-72	34.7%
3PT%	8-26	30.8%
FT%	8-11	72.7%

Dead Ball Rebounds: 2, 0

Western Ky. - 109

Record: 4-0

NO.	Name	F	Min	FG			3P			FT			Rebounds			Fouls		TP	AS	TO	ST	Blocks		+/-
				M-A	M-A	M-A	OR	DR	TOT	PF	FD	OR	DR	TOT	BS	BA								
2	Jared Savage	F	24:21	4-7	3-6	0-0	1	4	5	2	2	11	1	1	0	1	0	16						
22	Carson Williams	F	24:42	11-13	2-3	3-3	1	4	5	0	3	27	0	1	2	0	30							
23	Charles Bassey	C	20:19	6-7	0-0	3-4	1	7	8	3	2	15	2	1	0	0	17							
5	Camron Justice	G	29:11	3-8	2-5	3-3	0	3	3	1	3	11	5	3	1	0	31							
11	Taveion Hollingsworth	G	26:17	4-7	0-1	6-6	0	2	2	1	4	14	5	2	2	0	32							
3	Jordan Rawls		22:05	4-7	2-3	0-0	0	3	3	0	0	10	3	0	0	0	25							
4	Josh Anderson		19:23	4-6	2-4	0-0	0	3	3	3	1	10	2	2	0	2	19							
14	Matt Horton		12:19	2-2	0-0	0-2	1	5	6	3	1	4	2	1	0	4	15							
10	Jeremiah Gambrell		12:09	1-3	1-3	2-2	0	1	1	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	17							
12	Jackson Harlan		03:57	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	5							
50	Isaiah Cozart		03:57	1-4	0-0	0-0	1	4	5	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	5							
15	Patrick Murphy		01:20	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3							
Team							0	3	3			0		0										
Totals				40-65	12-26	17-20	5	39	44	14	17	109	21	11	5	7	0	43						

Technical Fouls: NONE

Shooting By Period		
1st FG%	20-34	58.8%
3PT%	6-16	37.5%
FT%	8-10	80%
2nd FG%	20-31	64.5%
3PT%	6-10	60.0%
FT%	9-10	90%
GM FG%	40-65	61.5%
3PT%	12-26	46.2%
FT%	17-20	85.0%

Dead Ball Rebounds: 1, 0

	CAM	WKU
Biggest lead	4 (1st 12:12)	43 (2nd 2:43)
Best Scoring Run	7 (1st 13:35)	12 (2nd 6:26)
Lead Changes	4	
Times Tied	1	
Time with Lead	03:25	36:00

Points from	CAM	WKU
Turnovers	8	22
Paint	34	52
Second Chance	4	8
Fast Breaks	8	17
Bench	28	31

	Period by Period Scoring		
	1st	2nd	TOT
CAM	41	25	66
WKU	54	55	109

WESTERN KENTUCKY HILLTOPPERS

WKU Hilltoppers vs. Campbellsville Tigers

Postgame Notes

November 18, 2019

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

FINAL SCORE: WKU 109, Campbellsville 66

RECORDS AND NOTABLES

- WKU improves to 4-0. The game was an exhibition for Campbellsville (4-3).
- The Hilltoppers are 4-0 for the first time since 2006-07.
- WKU is 6-0 against the Tigers in regular season games.
- Rick Stansbury is 1-0 in his career against Campbellsville in the regular season.
- Announced attendance was 4,134.
- **UP NEXT:** WKU is slated to compete in the U.S Virgin Islands Paradise Jam beginning on Friday. The Hilltoppers will face Bowling Green at 7 p.m. CT in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands. The game will be broadcast exclusively on FloHoops.com.

TEAM NOTES

- WKU used the starting lineup of Jared Savage, Taveion Hollingsworth, Charles Bassey, Carson Williams and Camron Justice for the fourth straight game to start the season. That lineup is now 4-0 when starting together.
- **FIRST HALF RUN:** WKU used a 3-pointer from Camron Justice to spark a 10-0 run beginning at the 4:28 mark to extend its lead to 47-36.
 - Both Charles Bassey and Carson Williams had 12 points in the first half. Bassey knocked down 10 of WKU's first 15 points in the first seven minutes of the game.
- **KEY SECOND HALF RUN:** With 15:52 remaining in the half, WKU went on a 27-3 run, shutting the Tigers down from scoring any field goals for nearly 10 minutes. The Hilltoppers took their lead to 90-52 while Campbellsville missed 15 shots in a row.

- WKU shot 40 of 65 (61.5 percent) from the field, 12 of 26 (46.2 percent) from 3-point range and 17 of 20 (85 percent) from the free-throw line.
- The Hilltoppers' 61.5 field goal percentage was the highest since shooting 63.8% at North Texas on Feb. 15, 2018.
- WKU had seven Hilltoppers in double figures for the first time since Nov. 29, 2017, in a home 83-51 victory against Eastern Kentucky.
- Eight WKU players had at least three rebounds.
- The 43-point margin of victory was the first time WKU has defeated a team by 40 points or more since defeating Alice Lloyd (Ky.) College on Dec. 29, 2014. It was also largest margin of victory since Dec. 27, 2014, when the Tops defeated Brescia 89-42.
- WKU's performance against Campbellsville matches up against a record-setting contest at Marshall on Jan. 6, 2018. The Hilltoppers' 109 points, 21 assists and 40 made field goals tonight are the most in their respective categories since WKU put up 112 points, 28 assists and 45 made field goals in Huntington.
- Through its first four games, WKU has trailed for just 6 minutes and 46 seconds total.
- WKU has made a 3-pointer in 1,014 straight games dating back to March 15, 1987. The Hilltoppers have the fifth-longest streak in the nation of consecutive games with a made 3. Only UNLV, Vanderbilt, Duke and Arkansas have longer streaks.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

CARSON WILLIAMS

- The redshirt junior notched a career-high 27 points, shooting 11 of 13 from the field, including two 3-pointers.
 - Williams scored 11 of his 27 points between the 8:50 and 5:23 marks of the second half.

JORDAN RAWLS

- The freshman has scored 24 points in the last two games, scoring 10 against Campbellsville. Rawls knocked down eight points in the final minute of the game, including two 3-pointers.

TAVEION HOLLINGSWORTH

- The junior scored 14 points in 26 minutes of action. He also tied his season high for assists at five and currently averages four per game.
 - Hollingsworth moved into 44th on WKU's all-time scoring list with 1,049 career points.

JARED SAVAGE

- The redshirt senior is just 18 points away from 1,000 career points after scoring 11 against the Tigers. He also pulled down five rebounds while shooting 3 of 6 from long range.

CAMRON JUSTICE

- The graduate senior notched a WKU career high of five assists while knocking down 11 points.

MATT HORTON

- The senior reached several career highs in the rout of Campbellsville including four points, six rebounds, two assists, four blocks and 12 minutes played.

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

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WKU Game Notes — <https://goto.ps/2qCIEjY>

Bowling Green Game Notes — <https://goto.ps/2QGmkRo>

Video: WKU head coach Rick Stansbury post-Campbellsville win — <https://youtu.be/QClwKGYfrGY>

Video: Hilltoppers Charles Bassey and Carson Williams post-Campbellsville win
— <https://youtu.be/EiUUPsteSgc>

TOPS OPEN PARADISE JAM AGAINST BOWLING GREEN ON FRIDAY NIGHT

ST. THOMAS, Virgin Islands — WKU Hilltopper Basketball begins play in the U.S. Virgin Islands Paradise Jam against Bowling Green at 7 p.m. CT Friday in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands. The game will air online on the subscription service FloHoops.com.

The Hilltoppers improved to 4-0 on Monday with a 109-66 home rout of NAIA program Campbellsville.

Bowling Green is the preseason MAC favorite and took its lone loss so far this season at 22nd-ranked LSU. WKU is 23-10 all-time against the Falcons, including 6-0 at neutral sites. The teams have not played since 2014. Head coach Rick Stansbury has never faced Bowling Green.

GAME 5

Bowling Green (3-1) vs. WKU (4-0)

November 22, 2019 | 7 p.m. CT

UVI Sports and Fitness Center | St. Thomas, Virgin Islands

BROADCAST

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

Watch: [FloHoops.com](#) (Danny Lee, pxp | Kevin Lehman, analysis)

Live Stats: Paradise Jam Stats (link at WKUSports.com once available)

TOP STORYLINES

- WKU will be in search of its first in-season tournament championship since beating No. 4 Kentucky and George Washington in 2001 to claim the NABC Classic title.
- WKU is 8-5 in neutral-site games since the beginning of the 2017-18 season, including 4-2 in regular-season neutral games. The Hilltoppers' wins include victories over ranked West Virginia and Purdue.

- WKU is trying to start 5-0 for the first time since 2004-05. The Tops are 1 of 63 unbeaten teams nationally.
- WKU leads the country in field-goal % (55.9), eighth in free-throw % (80.8), ninth in scoring offense (90.3 ppg) and 27th in 3-point % (41.3). The Tops have shot 50 percent or better in each of their first four games.
- WKU has made 26 more free throws (80) than its opponents have even attempted (54) through four games.
- Through four games, the Hilltoppers have trailed for just a total of 6 minutes and 46 seconds.
- The Hilltoppers have dished out at least 17 assists in 3 of 4 games this season. WKU recorded at least 17 assists in just five total games all last season.
- WKU redshirt senior guard/forward Jared Savage needs just 18 points to reach 1,000 for his career across his time at WKU and Austin Peay.

LAST GAME AGAINST BOWLING GREEN: DECEMBER 3, 2014

T.J. Price had 13 points, eight rebounds and five assists to lead WKU to a 62-52 win over Bowling Green, handing the Falcons their first loss of the season.

George Fant tallied 14 points, six rebounds and four blocks and Ben Lawson added 12 points and seven rebounds for WKU.

Spencer Parker led Bowling Green with 14 points, hitting 4 of 8 from 3-point range, and Anthony Henderson added 11 points.

The Falcons made just 19 of 55 (34.5 percent) field goals, including 6 of 21 (28.6 percent) from behind the arc.

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / November 23, 2019

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

Box score and postgame notes are attached.

WKU DROPS PARADISE JAM OPENER TO BOWLING GREEN, 77-75

ST. THOMAS, Virgin Islands — WKU Hilltopper Basketball went cold in the final minutes of its opener at the U.S. Virgin Islands Paradise Jam, falling to Bowling Green 77-75.

The Hilltoppers (4-1) led 74-67 with 5:02 to play, but scored just one point and went without a field goal the rest of the way.

Bowling Green (4-1), the preseason MAC favorite, finished the game on a 10-1 run, capped by Justin Turner's game-winning shot in the lane with 3.8 seconds to go.

WKU will face Illinois State at 4 p.m. CT Saturday in the consolation bracket of the Paradise Jam.

"It was nip and tuck most of the game, and then in the second half, we got some separation around the five-minute mark," WKU head coach Rick Stansbury said. "From that point on, we had a couple bad turnovers and went to the free-throw line and missed some free throws.

"... You've got to be able to execute with toughness the last five minutes of the game. We haven't had a game like that, and we didn't do a great job of finishing some plays and making some free throws."

WKU trailed by 14 in the first half, but used a 20-1 run to power in front 32-27 with 4:36 left in the frame.

Bowling Green trimmed that advantage to 40-39 by halftime, and the second half was a back-and-forth battle throughout.

The Hilltoppers were able to build some separation when redshirt junior forward Carson Williams' basket made it 74-67 with 5:02 left, but their only point the rest of the way was a single free throw by junior guard Taveion Hollingsworth with 41 seconds remaining.

WKU went 3-for-8 from the free-throw line in the second half, offsetting a 53.6 percent shooting display from the field after the break. The Tops shot 48.1 percent from the floor overall.

Sophomore center Charles Bassey paced WKU with 19 points, 12 rebounds, four assists, three steals and three blocks.

Hollingsworth finished with 19 points, six rebounds and three assists, while Williams tallied 14 points and five rebounds. Redshirt senior guard/forward Jared Savage added 12 points and five boards.

Turner paced Bowling Green with 27 points, while Dylan Frye scored 19 points with five made 3-pointers.

WKU's next opponent, Illinois State, had a 10-point lead in the closing minutes Friday against Cincinnati before falling 66-65.

"You go to these tournaments and you lose the first night, you have to find a way to get back up and win that next one and go 2-1," Stansbury said.

Official Basketball Box Score -- Game Totals -- Final Statistics
 Bowling Green vs WKU
 11/22/19 9:20 p.m.AST at St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands

Bowling Green 77 • 4-1

##	Player	f	Total			3-Ptr			Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot							
25	PLOWDEN, Daeqwon	f	2-6	0-1	0-0	1	5	6	4	4	3	2	0	1	21			
02	MATTOS, Taylor	c	2-6	0-0	0-0	3	4	7	2	4	0	2	0	0	21			
01	TURNER, Justin	g	10-19	2-5	5-5	1	5	6	1	27	6	4	0	2	38			
03	FIELDS, Caleb	g	3-6	0-3	0-0	2	1	3	2	6	1	1	0	0	33			
05	FRYE, Dylan	g	7-15	5-7	0-0	1	1	2	4	19	2	1	0	0	27			
04	ZEIGLER, Davin		0-1	0-1	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	6			
11	DIGGS, Trey		1-2	1-1	1-2	0	1	1	2	4	0	1	0	0	13			
13	TURNER, Chandler		1-2	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	4			
21	KULACKOVSKIS, Matiss		2-6	2-3	0-1	2	3	5	2	6	0	1	0	0	16			
22	SIERRA, Marlon		2-5	0-0	1-2	1	3	4	2	5	0	0	0	1	19			
35	SWINGLE, Dylan		0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2			
Team						2	3	5										
Totals			30-69	10-21	7-10	13	28	41	20	77	14	13	0	4	200			

FG % 1st Half: 14-34 41.2% 2nd half: 16-35 45.7% Game: 30-69 43.5% Deadball
 3FG % 1st Half: 6-10 60.0% 2nd half: 4-11 36.4% Game: 10-21 47.6% Rebounds
 FT % 1st Half: 5-7 71.4% 2nd half: 2-3 66.7% Game: 7-10 70.0% 0

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##	Player	f	Total			3-Ptr			Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot							
22	WILLIAMS, Carson	f	5-7	1-2	3-3	2	3	5	0	14	2	0	1	0	36			
23	BASSEY, Charles	c	5-11	1-4	8-12	4	8	12	3	19	4	4	3	3	32			
02	SAVAGE, Jared	g	5-7	2-4	0-0	0	5	5	4	12	0	2	1	1	27			
05	JUSTICE, Camron	g	1-12	1-9	2-4	0	3	3	3	5	2	2	0	0	33			
11	HOLLINGSWORTH, T	g	8-13	1-2	2-4	0	6	6	1	19	3	2	0	1	37			
03	RAWLS, Jordan		1-2	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	2	0	1	0	1	12			
04	ANDERSON, Josh		1-1	0-0	2-5	1	2	3	4	4	2	2	2	1	19			
14	HORTON, Matt		0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4			
Team						0	1	1										
Totals			26-54	6-21	17-28	7	29	36	15	75	13	13	7	7	200			

FG % 1st Half: 11-26 42.3% 2nd half: 15-28 53.6% Game: 26-54 48.1% Deadball
 3FG % 1st Half: 4-12 33.3% 2nd half: 2-9 22.2% Game: 6-21 28.6% Rebounds
 FT % 1st Half: 14-20 70.0% 2nd half: 3-8 37.5% Game: 17-28 60.7% 4

Officials: Tommy Morrissey, Scott Arbogast, Kyle Regetz
 Technical fouls: Bowling Green-None. WKU-None.
 Attendance: 1924
 2019 U.S. Virgin Islands Paradise Jam.
 PRESENTED BY BASKETBALL TRAVELERS

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
Bowling Green	39	38	77
WKU	40	35	75

	In	Off	2nd	Fast	
Points	Paint	T/O	Chance	Break	Bench
BG	36	18	12	12	17
WKU	36	12	5	16	6

Last FG - BG 2nd-00:04, WKU 2nd-05:02.
 Largest lead - BG by 14 1st-09:29, WKU by 7 1st-02:27.
 BG led for 13:57. WKU led for 22:34. Game was tied for 03:29.

Score tied - 5 times.
 Lead changed - 12 times.

WESTERN KENTUCKY HILLTOPPERS

WKU Hilltoppers vs. Bowling Green Falcons

U.S. Virgin Islands Paradise Jam First Round

Postgame Notes

November 22, 2019

UVI Sports & Fitness Center | St. Thomas, Virgin Islands

FINAL SCORE: Bowling Green 77, WKU 75

RECORDS AND NOTABLES

- WKU falls to 4-1, while Bowling Green improves to 4-1.
- WKU is now 8-6 in neutral-site games since the start of 2017-18.
- WKU is now 23-11 all-time against Bowling Green, including 6-1 at neutral sites.
- Rick Stansbury is now 0-1 against Bowling Green in his career.
- The announced attendance was 1,924.
- **UP NEXT:** WKU will face Illinois State at 4 p.m. CT Saturday in its second game of the Paradise Jam. The game will be broadcast exclusively on FloHoops.com.

TEAM NOTES

- WKU used the starting lineup of Jared Savage, Taveion Hollingsworth, Charles Bassey, Carson Williams and Camron Justice for the fourth straight game to start the season. That lineup is now 4-1 when starting together.
- **FIRST HALF RUN:** After falling behind 26-12 through a barrage of Bowling Green 3-pointers, WKU went on a 20-1 run to open a 32-27 advantage after a Charles Bassey 3-pointer at the 4:36 mark.
 - The Hilltoppers eventually led by as much as seven after a 3 by Carson Williams with 2:27 to play in the half.
- **KEY SECOND HALF RUN:** The Hilltoppers led 74-67 with 5:02 to play, but only scored one point and zero field goals the rest of the way. Bowling Green finished the game on a 10-1 run, as Justin Turner's shot in the lane in the final seconds proved to be the winner.

- WKU shot 26 of 54 (48.1 percent) from the field, 6 of 21 (28.6 percent) from 3-point range and 17 of 28 (60.7 percent) from the free-throw line.
- WKU has made a 3-pointer in 1,015 straight games dating back to March 15, 1987. The Hilltoppers have the fifth-longest streak in the nation of consecutive games with a made 3. Only UNLV, Vanderbilt, Duke and Arkansas have longer streaks.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

CHARLES BASSEY

- The sophomore recorded his third double-double of the season with 19 points and 12 rebounds.
 - Bassey tallied a career-high four assists, tied his career high with three steals and blocked a season-high three shots.

TAVEION HOLLINGSWORTH

- The junior scored 19 points to go along with six rebounds and three assists.
 - Hollingsworth now ranks 41st in WKU history with 1,068 career points.

JARED SAVAGE

- The redshirt senior scored 12 points and pulled down five rebounds.
 - Savage is now six points away from reaching 1,000 for his career.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / November 23, 2019

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

WKU Game Notes — <https://goto.ps/37uU2zc>

HILLTOPPERS TO SQUARE OFF WITH ILLINOIS STATE IN SECOND PARADISE JAM OUTING

ST. THOMAS, Virgin Islands — WKU Hilltopper Basketball will play its second game in less than 24 hours against Illinois State at 4 p.m. CT Saturday in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands. The game will air online on the subscription service FloHoops.com.

The Hilltoppers took their first loss Friday with a tough 77-75 defeat against Bowling Green in the opening round.

Illinois State also suffered a heartbreaker Friday with a 66-65 loss to Cincinnati in the first round to drop to 2-2 in the early season. WKU is 1-3 all-time against Illinois State, but the teams have never met on a neutral court. Rick Stansbury has never played the Redbirds.

GAME 6

Illinois State (2-2) vs. WKU (4-1)

November 23, 2019 | 4 p.m. CT

UVI Sports and Fitness Center | St. Thomas, Virgin Islands

BROADCAST

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

Watch: [FloHoops.com](#) (Danny Lee, pxp | Kevin Lehman, analysis)

Live Stats: [Paradise Jam Stats](#)

TOP STORYLINES

- The Hilltoppers have a precedent for responding well to an opening tourney loss under Rick Stansbury. Two years ago, WKU started the 2017 Battle 4 Atlantis with a loss to eventual national champion Villanova, but bounced back with victories over a ranked Purdue squad and SMU.
- WKU is 8-6 in neutral-site games since the beginning of the 2017-18 season, including 4-3 in regular-season neutral games. The Hilltoppers' wins include victories over ranked West Virginia and Purdue.

- Entering Friday, WKU led the country in field-goal percentage and ranked sixth in free-throw percentage, eighth in scoring offense and 23rd in 3-point percentage.
- WKU has made 33 more free throws (97) than its opponents have even attempted (64) through five games.
- The Hilltoppers have five players averaging in double figures scoring, as well as seven total players averaging between 7.6 and 16.8 points per game.
- The Hilltoppers have dished out at least 17 assists in 3 of 5 games this season. WKU recorded at least 17 assists in just five total games all last season.
- WKU redshirt senior guard/forward Jared Savage needs just six points to reach 1,000 for his career across his time at WKU and Austin Peay.

LAST GAME AGAINST ILLINOIS STATE: DECEMBER 16, 2003

Vince Greene hit two free throws with four seconds remaining to lead Illinois State to a 66-65 victory over WKU at Redbird Arena.

Marcus Arnold scored 23 points to lead all players, while Trey Guidry added 14 off the bench for the Redbirds. Greg Dilligard pulled down a game-high 10 boards as ISU outrebounded the Hilltoppers, 39-31.

Mike Wells led four Western players in double digits with 16 points, as Anthony Winchester added 14 and both Nigel Dixon and Antonio Haynes each scored 13. The Toppers shot a season-best 47.2 percent from the field, but sank just 11-of-24 free throws.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / November 23, 2019

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

Box score and postgame notes are attached.

Video: WKU head coach Rick Stansbury — <https://youtu.be/g2chFaYrGPQ>

Video: WKU senior guard Camron Justice — <https://youtu.be/Tr4bPd6Olyk>

Video: WKU freshman guard Jordan Rawls — <https://youtu.be/HYhWfcUJloo>

TOPS BOUNCE BACK WITH 83-69 VICTORY OVER ILLINOIS STATE IN VIRGIN ISLANDS

ST. THOMAS, Virgin Islands — WKU Hilltopper Basketball showed its resiliency Saturday, bouncing back from an opening-round loss in the U.S. Virgin Islands Paradise Jam with an 83-69 victory over Illinois State in the consolation bracket.

The Hilltoppers (5-1) shot 54 percent overall, made 11 of 19 3-pointers and sank 18 of 21 free throws on their way to their best start through six games since 2007-08.

WKU trailed 37-36 at halftime, but shot 68 percent from the field after the break and made 14 of 15 shots from the stripe.

The Tops will face Fordham (4-1) at 2:15 p.m. CT Monday in the fourth-place game of the tournament.

“That one last night stung even more,” WKU head coach Rick Stansbury said. “The players are hurt from it, too. There were some things that happened in that game that weren’t us. ... The thing we learned from last night was that we haven’t been in a game where we have to grind in the halfcourt. We weren’t as efficient as we needed to be. Tonight, we were much more efficient.”

A night after struggling to score late in a grind-it-out 77-75 loss to Bowling Green, the Hilltoppers lit it up on offense Saturday and shot over 50 percent for the fifth time in six games.

Graduate senior guard Camron Justice went 1-for-12 overall in the BGSU loss, but set the tone Saturday with 19 points and four assists, knocking down 4 of 6 3-pointers.

“I’ve been through the ringer a while,” Justice said. “This being my fifth year, I’ve seen the ups and downs that this game can bring. For me, I just play the next game like I had a great game the last game.”

Redshirt senior guard/forward Jared Savage scored 16 points – hitting 1,000 career points in the process – while freshman guard Jordan Rawls added 14 points (4-6 3PT) and three steals off the bench.

Redshirt junior forward Carson Williams chipped in 11 points and five rebounds.

Illinois State (2-3) opened the game with a 9-1 run and held control most of the first half, but WKU scored the final six points of the frame to climb back within 37-36.

The Hilltoppers opened the second half with a 12-2 run, then used a 16-5 burst midway through the frame to push the advantage to 70-55 on a 3-pointer by Rawls.

“I think we came out strong,” Rawls said. “The loss last night hurt us, and we didn’t want to lose two in a row, so we came out strong and got the W.”

Ricky Torres had 15 points to pace five Illinois State players in double figures.

Official Basketball Box Score -- Game Totals -- Final Statistics
 Illinois State vs WKU
 11/23/19 6:10 p.m.AST at St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands

Illinois State 69 • 2-3

##	Player	f	Total			3-Ptr			Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min	
			FG	FGA	FT	FTA	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	Off								Def
13	IDOWU, Rey	f	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	5	3	2	2	1	0	0	15
02	COPELAND, Zach	g	4	11	3	8	0	0	0	1	0	1	3	11	1	1	0	0	29
03	TORRES, Ricky	g	6	9	1	2	2	2	0	1	1	0	15	3	1	0	0	29	
22	CHASTAIN, Matt	g	2	5	0	1	1	2	3	3	6	2	5	0	2	1	1	27	
25	HILLSMAN, Jaycee	g	3	6	2	4	2	2	1	2	3	1	10	1	3	0	1	28	
00	HORNE, DJ		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
01	BOYD, Dedric		4	11	2	5	1	2	0	1	1	1	11	5	1	0	0	19	
04	NDIAYE, Abdou		1	1	0	0	0	1	3	1	4	3	2	1	1	2	0	12	
05	FISHER, Keith		6	12	0	0	1	2	4	4	8	4	13	0	0	1	0	19	
12	REEVES, Antonio		0	3	0	1	0	0	2	1	3	2	0	2	0	0	0	11	
32	BRUNINGA, Taylor		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	10	
Team									0	0	0	1							
Totals			27	59	8	21	7	11	15	17	32	21	69	15	11	4	3	200	

FG % 1st Half: 14-30 46.7% 2nd half: 13-29 44.8% Game: 27-59 45.8% Deadball Rebounds 1
 3FG % 1st Half: 5-13 38.5% 2nd half: 3-8 37.5% Game: 8-21 38.1%
 FT % 1st Half: 4-6 66.7% 2nd half: 3-5 60.0% Game: 7-11 63.6%

WKU 83 • 5-1

##	Player	f	Total			3-Ptr			Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG	FGA	FT	FTA	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	Off							
22	WILLIAMS, Carson	f	4	6	0	0	3	4	2	3	5	2	11	2	2	0	0	29
23	BASSEY, Charles	f	3	5	0	0	2	3	0	3	3	2	8	0	2	3	1	25
02	SAVAGE, Jared	g	4	9	2	4	6	6	1	3	4	2	16	2	1	1	0	34
05	JUSTICE, Camron	g	7	14	4	6	1	1	1	2	3	3	19	4	0	0	1	31
11	HOLLINGSWORTH, T	g	2	5	0	1	2	3	1	3	4	2	6	2	4	0	0	32
03	RAWLS, Jordan		5	8	4	6	0	0	0	0	0	1	14	2	1	0	3	22
04	ANDERSON, Josh		0	0	0	0	4	4	0	1	1	0	4	0	1	0	3	17
10	GAMBRELL, Jeremiah		1	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3
12	HARLAN, Jackson		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0+
14	HORTON, Matt		1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	1	7
15	MURPHY, Patrick		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0+
50	COZART, Isaiah		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0+
Team									1	4	5			1				
Totals			27	50	11	19	18	21	7	19	26	13	83	12	12	4	9	200

FG % 1st Half: 14-31 45.2% 2nd half: 13-19 68.4% Game: 27-50 54.0% Deadball Rebounds 2,1
 3FG % 1st Half: 4-11 36.4% 2nd half: 7-8 87.5% Game: 11-19 57.9%
 FT % 1st Half: 4-6 66.7% 2nd half: 14-15 93.3% Game: 18-21 85.7%

Officials: Anthony Franklin, Ryan Martin, Kyle Regetz
 Technical fouls: Illinois State-TEAM. WKU-None.
 Attendance: 2024
 2019 U.S. Virign Islands Paradise Jam Men's Basketball Tournament.
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Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
Illinois State	37	32	69
WKU	36	47	83

	In	Off	2nd	Fast	
Points	Paint	T/O	Chance	Break	Bench
ILS	26	22	12	2	26
WKU	30	16	12	11	23

Last FG - ILS 2nd-00:11, WKU 2nd-00:57.
 Largest lead - ILS by 8 1st-17:49, WKU by 17 2nd-04:51.
 ILS led for 20:20. WKU led for 18:10. Game was tied for 01:30.

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

WESTERN KENTUCKY HILLTOPPERS

WKU Hilltoppers vs. Illinois State Redbirds

U.S. Virgin Islands Paradise Jam Second Game

Postgame Notes

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FINAL SCORE: WKU 83, Illinois State 69

RECORDS AND NOTABLES

- WKU improves to 5-1, while Illinois State falls to 2-3.
- The Hilltoppers are off to their best start through six games since the 2007-08 Sweet 16 season.
- WKU is now 9-6 in neutral-site games since the start of 2017-18.
- The Hilltoppers improve to 2-3 all-time against Illinois State and 1-0 on a neutral court.
- WKU head coach Rick Stansbury is 1-0 in his career against Illinois State.
- Announced attendance was 2,024.
- **UP NEXT:** WKU will face Fordham at 2:15 p.m. CT Monday in the fourth-place game of the Paradise Jam. The game will be broadcast exclusively on FloHoops.com.

TEAM NOTES

- WKU used the starting lineup of Jared Savage, Taveion Hollingsworth, Charles Bassey, Carson Williams and Camron Justice for the fourth straight game to start the season. That lineup is now 5-1 when starting together.
- **FIRST HALF RUN:** Illinois State opened the game with a 9-1 run and never trailed in the first half.
 - WKU scored the final six points of the half to trim its deficit to one.
- **KEY SECOND HALF RUN:** The Hilltoppers opened the second half with a 12-2 run, then used a 16-5 run midway through the half to push the lead to 70-55 on a Jordan Rawls 3 with 7:12 left.
- WKU shot 27 of 50 (54 percent) from the field, 11 of 19 (57.9 percent) from 3-point range and 18 of 21 (85.7 percent) from the free-throw line.
- The Hilltoppers have shot at least 50 percent from the field in 5 of 6 games this season.

- WKU has made a 3-pointer in 1,016 straight games dating back to March 15, 1987. The Hilltoppers have the fifth-longest streak in the nation of consecutive games with a made 3. Only UNLV, Vanderbilt, Duke and Arkansas have longer streaks.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

JARED SAVAGE

- The redshirt senior scored 16 points in 34 minutes.
 - With his first 3-pointer of the second half, Savage reached 1,000 career points across his time at WKU and Austin Peay.

CAMRON JUSTICE

- The graduate senior scored 19 points and made 4 of 6 3-pointers while dishing out four assists.
 - It was a bounce-back game for Justice after going 1 of 12 overall and 1 of 9 from 3 in WKU's Friday night loss to Bowling Green.

JORDAN RAWLS

- The freshman tied his career high with 14 points, set a new career high with three steals and knocked down a career-high 4 of 6 3-pointers.

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

WKU Game Notes — <https://goto.ps/34iv3gp>

WKU CONCLUDES PARADISE JAM PLAY MONDAY AGAINST FORDHAM

ST. THOMAS, Virgin Islands — WKU Hilltopper Basketball will conclude its play in the Paradise Jam against Fordham at 2:15 p.m. CT Monday in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands. The game will air online on the subscription service FloHoops.com.

The Hilltoppers bounced back from their first loss by defeating Illinois State 83-69 on Saturday.

Fordham beat Grand Canyon 70-58 on Saturday to shake off an opening-round loss to Nevada. The Hilltoppers are 3-1 all-time against Fordham and have won three straight in the series. WKU head coach Rick Stansbury has never faced the Rams.

GAME 7

Fordham (4-1) vs. WKU (5-1)

November 25, 2019 | 2:15 p.m. CT

UVI Sports and Fitness Center | St. Thomas, Virgin Islands

BROADCAST

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

Watch: [FloHoops.com](#) (Danny Lee, pxp | Kevin Lehman, analysis)

Live Stats: [Paradise Jam Stats](#)

TOP STORYLINES

- Saturday's win was the 1,800th in program history. It also secured WKU its best start through six games since the 2007-08 Sweet 16 season.
- Fordham assistant coach Dennis Felton was the head coach at WKU from 1998-2003, amassing a 100-54 record and leading the Hilltoppers to three straight NCAA Tournaments from 2001-03.
- WKU is 9-6 in neutral-site games since the beginning of the 2017-18 season, including 5-3 in regular-season neutral games. The Hilltoppers' wins include victories over ranked West Virginia and Purdue.

- As of Sunday, WKU ranked third in the country in field-goal percentage (54.3), seventh in free throws made (115), 15th in scoring offense (86.5 ppg), 16th in 3-point percentage (41.7) and 17th in total blocks (33).
- WKU has made 40 more free throws (115) than its opponents have even attempted (75) through six games.
- The Hilltoppers have five players averaging in double figures scoring, as well as seven total players averaging between 7.0 and 15.8 points per game.
- The Hilltoppers have dished out at least 17 assists in 3 of 6 games this season. WKU recorded at least 17 assists in just five total games all last season. WKU has also shot at least 50 percent from the field in 5 of 6 games this season. The Hilltoppers shot 50 percent or better from the floor in just nine total games all last season.

LAST GAME AGAINST FORDHAM: JANUARY 5, 2005

Courtney Lee fell one rebound shy of his second career double-double with 18 points and nine rebounds to help lead WKU to an 80-59 non-conference win.

Lee led the Toppers in scoring for the second time this season by hitting 7-of-10 from the floor, including making 3-of-4 from three-point range. The freshman also added three assists, two blocks and a steal in 31 minutes.

Antonio Haynes chipped in with 15 points, Danny Rumph added 12 and Elgrace Wilborn 10 as Western shot 51.7 percent from the field, making 17-of-29 (58.6%) of its attempts after the break – the fourth straight contest that the Hilltoppers have made at least half of their shots from the floor.

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

Action photo and headshot of Jordan Rawls are attached. Please credit WKU Athletics.

HOT SHOOTING EARNS RAWLS FIRST C-USA FRESHMAN OF THE WEEK AWARD

DALLAS — A week of lights-out shooting earned WKU Hilltopper Basketball guard Jordan Rawls his first Conference USA Freshman of the Week award Monday.

This is the first weekly honor for the 6-foot-1, 165-pound guard from Chattanooga, Tenn.

Rawls averaged 8.7 points, 1.7 assists, 1.3 rebounds and 1.3 steals across three games and two wins for the Hilltoppers.

He shot 58.8 percent from the field for the week (10 of 17), while also netting 6 of 9 3-pointers for a 66.7 percent clip.

In WKU's second game of the U.S. Virgin Islands Paradise Jam against Illinois State on Saturday, Rawls stepped up with a career-high 14 points, three steals and two assists, while knocking down 4 of 6 shots from long range.

He had a quiet evening against Bowling Green in the game before, but he also reached double digits on Nov. 18 against Campbellsville with 10 points and three assists, sinking 2 of 3 long-range shots.

Rawls had just two turnovers in 57 total minutes across three games. After missing his first two college 3-pointers, he's made 10 of 14 shots (71.4 percent) from deep in the last five games.

Rawls and the Hilltoppers conclude play in the Paradise Jam today against Fordham at 2:15 p.m. CT.



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4	10	2
10	3	0
22	18	0
23	13	3

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Box score and postgame notes are attached.

Video: WKU head coach Rick Stansbury — <https://youtu.be/qwpg5W5Zwis>

Video: WKU senior guard Camron Justice — <https://youtu.be/Ay8L41WnaCo>

Video: WKU sophomore center Charles Bassey — <https://youtu.be/2l5WYEdQJl4>

BASSEY, JUSTICE LEAD HILLTOPPERS PAST FORDHAM 69-64 IN PARADISE JAM FINALE

ST. THOMAS, Virgin Islands — WKU Hilltopper Basketball survived a late scare Monday afternoon, wrapping up play in the U.S. Virgin Islands Paradise Jam with a 69-64 victory over Fordham in the fourth-place game.

The Hilltoppers (6-1) led by 15 at halftime, but had their lead trimmed to three in the final minute.

WKU got timely offensive rebounds and made 11 of 12 free throws after the break to finish the job and secure its best start through seven games since 2006-07.

“Sometimes you just have to find ways to hang on,” WKU head coach Rick Stansbury said. “It’s never easy in a three-game tournament, that last game. And give Fordham some credit. They played well and had a young man come off the bench and score 14 for them. It’s very obvious in the second half that the one thing that we weren’t as good as we need to be, we had too many self-inflicted turnovers.”

The Hilltoppers rode the tandem of sophomore center Charles Bassey and graduate senior guard Camron Justice to victory.

Bassey had 24 points and 12 rebounds, making 10 of 10 free throws. Justice picked up where he left off in Sunday’s win over Illinois State, scorching the nets with 6-of-8 3-point shooting for 23 points.

The Hilltoppers made 17 of 20 free throws, while Fordham (4-2) attempted just seven shots from the stripe.

“I think we found a toughness within ourselves,” Justice said. “We’ve really had three hard games down here, and I think it’s brought us closer together and maybe a little more chemistry between us on and off the court.”

The Rams led 7-5 early, but WKU went on a 14-0 run to open a 19-7 advantage at the 10:13 mark on a 3-pointer by Justice, who made all four of his long-range attempts before halftime.

The Hilltoppers scored 10 of the last 11 points of the frame to take a 37-22 lead into halftime.

Fordham came charging back, however, and WKU aided the Rams' efforts with 12 turnovers in the second half after just five in the first.

A 3-pointer by Fordham's Erten Gazi cut WKU's lead to 67-64 with 1:05 left, but Bassey came up with a big offensive rebound for the Tops that allowed Justice to make two free throws to ice the win.

"Like Coach said, we had the lead at halftime, and we just needed to go hard every time," Bassey said. "That's what I did and that's what my teammates did, and we got the win."

WKU outrebounded Fordham 40-25, including seven boards from redshirt senior guard/forward Jared Savage to go with his nine points.

Antwon Portley paced Fordham with 17 points and seven assists.

The Hilltoppers will stay in neutral-site action as they take on No. 2 Louisville on Friday at Bridgestone Arena in Nashville.

The game will stream online via CBS Sports Network on Facebook.

"We came in this tournament playing pretty loose and fast," Stansbury said. "We hadn't been challenged in the halfcourt yet. Here, the execution part of the last five minutes was really important. ... Those are the areas we need to get better in."

Official Basketball Box Score -- Game Totals -- Final Statistics
 Fordham vs WKU
 11/25/19 4:15 p.m.AST at St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands

Fordham 64 • 4-2

##	Player	f	Total		3-Ptr	Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot							
01	OHAMS, Chuba	f	6-12	0-0	1-2	2	6	8	2	13	2	3	0	2	32
30	EYISI, Onyi	f	1-1	0-0	1-2	0	3	3	3	3	0	0	2	0	24
02	COBB, Jalen	g	3-10	1-4	0-1	1	4	5	3	7	2	0	1	0	38
04	GAZI, Erten	g	4-8	1-5	1-2	0	1	1	3	10	0	2	1	2	28
13	PORTLEY, Antwon	g	8-15	1-4	0-0	0	3	3	1	17	7	2	0	1	36
03	ROSE, Kyle		0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2
10	PERRY, Ty		5-7	4-6	0-0	0	0	0	1	14	0	1	0	0	18
20	RAUT, Ivan		0-1	0-1	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
21	COLON, Josh		0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
22	SORIANO, Joel		0-3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	9	
Team						3	1	4	1						
Totals			27-59	7-22	3-7	6	19	25	17	64	12	8	4	5	200

FG % 1st Half: 9-28 32.1% 2nd half: 18-31 58.1% Game: 27-59 45.8% Deadball Rebounds 1
 3FG % 1st Half: 2-10 20.0% 2nd half: 5-12 41.7% Game: 7-22 31.8%
 FT % 1st Half: 2-5 40.0% 2nd half: 1-2 50.0% Game: 3-7 42.9%

WKU 69 • 6-1

##	Player	f	Total		3-Ptr	Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot							
22	WILLIAMS, Carson	f	0-2	0-0	0-0	1	2	3	2	0	0	5	0	1	26
23	BASSEY, Charles	f	7-15	0-3	10-10	4	8	12	1	24	1	1	1	0	31
02	SAVAGE, Jared	g	3-8	2-7	1-2	1	6	7	1	9	2	0	0	0	32
05	JUSTICE, Camron	g	7-12	6-8	3-4	0	0	0	1	23	0	4	0	1	29
11	HOLLINGSWORTH, T	g	1-4	0-0	1-2	0	2	2	3	3	4	2	0	0	30
03	RAWLS, Jordan		2-5	0-2	0-0	1	1	2	0	4	4	2	0	0	26
04	ANDERSON, Josh		1-4	0-1	2-2	1	4	5	2	4	0	2	0	0	18
14	HORTON, Matt		1-1	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	0	2	0	0	0	1	8
Team						3	4	7			1				
Totals			22-51	8-21	17-20	11	29	40	10	69	11	17	1	3	200

FG % 1st Half: 13-27 48.1% 2nd half: 9-24 37.5% Game: 22-51 43.1% Deadball Rebounds 2
 3FG % 1st Half: 5-11 45.5% 2nd half: 3-10 30.0% Game: 8-21 38.1%
 FT % 1st Half: 6-8 75.0% 2nd half: 11-12 91.7% Game: 17-20 85.0%

Officials: Anthony Franklin, Ryan Sassano, Kellen Miliner
 Technical fouls: Fordham-TEAM. WKU-None.
 Attendance: 924
 2019 U.S. Virgin Islands Paradise Jam Basketball Tournament
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Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
Fordham	22	42	64
WKU	37	32	69

	In Paint	Off T/O	2nd Chance	Fast Break	Bench
FORD	24	29	5	2	14
WKU	24	12	13	7	10

Last FG - FORD 2nd-01:05, WKU 2nd-03:06.
 Largest lead - FORD by 5 1st-17:31, WKU by 15 1st-00:17.
 FORD led for 04:38. WKU led for 32:44. Game was tied for 02:22.

Score tied - 2 times.
 Lead changed - 1 time.

WESTERN KENTUCKY HILLTOPPERS

WKU Hilltoppers vs. Fordham Rams

U.S. Virgin Islands Paradise Jam Fourth-Place Game

Postgame Notes

November 25, 2019

UVI Sports & Fitness Center | St. Thomas, Virgin Islands

FINAL SCORE: WKU 69, Fordham 64

RECORDS AND NOTABLES

- WKU improves to 6-1, while Fordham falls to 4-2.
- WKU is off to its best start through seven games since the 2006-07 season.
- The Hilltoppers are 10-6 in neutral-site games since the start of 2017-18, including 6-3 in regular-season neutral-site games.
- WKU head coach Rick Stansbury is 1-0 in his career against Fordham.
- Announced attendance was 924.
- **UP NEXT:** WKU will stay in neutral-site action to face No. 2 Louisville at Bridgestone Arena in Nashville on Friday. The game will stream online via CBS Sports Network on Facebook.

TEAM NOTES

- WKU used the starting lineup of Jared Savage, Taveion Hollingsworth, Charles Bassey, Carson Williams and Camron Justice for the fourth straight game to start the season. That lineup is now 6-1 when starting together.
- **FIRST HALF RUN:** Trailing 7-5 early, WKU went on a 14-0 run to push in front 19-7 with 10:13 left in the half on a 3-pointer by Camron Justice
 - The Hilltoppers also scored 10 of the last 11 points of the half to build a 37-22 halftime lead.
- **KEY SECOND HALF RUN:** Fordham used a 15-3 run midway through the second half to cut a 47-32 deficit down to five with 9:47 left. The Rams eventually got within one possession in the final minute.
- WKU shot 22 of 51 (43.1 percent) from the field, 8 of 21 (38.1 percent) from 3-point range and 17 of 20 (85 percent) from the free-throw line.

- In the last two games, WKU has made a combined 35 of 41 (85.4 percent) free throws, including 25 of 27 (92.6 percent) in the second half.
- This was the fourth time in seven games that the Hilltoppers have made at least eight 3-pointers.
- WKU has made a 3-pointer in 1,017 straight games dating back to March 15, 1987. The Hilltoppers have the fifth-longest streak in the nation of consecutive games with a made 3. Only UNLV, Vanderbilt, Duke and Arkansas have longer streaks.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

CAMRON JUSTICE

- The graduate senior scored 23 points and tied his career high with six made 3-pointers on eight attempts. He went 4-for-4 from long range in the first half.
 - After going 1-for-9 from 3 against Bowling Green, Justice is 10-for-14 from 3-point range over the last two games.

CHARLES BASSEY

- The sophomore recorded his fourth double-double this season with 24 points and 12 rebounds.
 - Bassey went a perfect 10-for-10 from the free-throw line.
 - This was the fourth time in the last six games that Bassey has grabbed 12 boards.

JARED SAVAGE

- The redshirt senior scored nine points with two made 3s and snagged a season-high seven rebounds.

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WKU Game Notes — <https://goto.ps/34s3ilB>

Louisville Game Notes — <https://goto.ps/2rxVnEG>

HILLTOPPERS MEET NO. 2 LOUISVILLE ON BLACK FRIDAY IN NASHVILLE

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — WKU Hilltopper Basketball stays on a neutral court as it faces No. 2 Louisville at 4 p.m. CT Friday at Bridgestone Arena in Nashville. The game will be produced by CBS Sports and stream exclusively on Facebook Watch.

The Hilltoppers are coming off a 2-1 showing in the U.S. Virgin Islands Paradise Jam.

Louisville is undefeated in the early season, including a 5-0 mark at home. WKU is 39-40 all-time against the Cardinals, although that includes Louisville wins later vacated. WKU is 5-4 vs. Louisville on a neutral court, and this will be Rick Stansbury's first all-time meeting with the Cardinals.

GAME 8

#2 Louisville (6-0) vs. WKU (6-1)

November 29, 2019 | 4 p.m. CT

Bridgestone Arena | Nashville, Tenn.

BROADCAST

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

Watch: [CBS Sports Network on Facebook Watch](#) (Chris Hassel, pxp | Bob Wenzel, analysis | Ashley Holder, sideline)

Live Stats: [WKU Stats](#)

TOP STORYLINES

- Louisville is the highest-ranked team WKU has faced since falling to No. 1 Kentucky in the 2012 NCAA Tournament. The Cardinals would be the highest-ranked team WKU has beaten since defeating No. 2 San Francisco on Dec. 19, 1956. The Hilltoppers are 5-28 all-time against top-five opponents.
- Since the start of the 2017-18 season, WKU has gone 3-3 against top-25 teams and 3-1 against ranked Power Five opponents.
- The Hilltoppers have a long history of playing games at Bridgestone Arena and have competed in the venue when it was called Nashville Arena, Gaylord Entertainment Center, Sommet Center and Bridgestone. WKU is 4-3 in games played in the arena, boasting wins over #24 Vanderbilt (2009), #3 Louisville (2008), Auburn (2002) and Middle Tennessee (1998). The Hilltoppers' last four games in the building have all been against ranked opponents.

- The Hilltoppers are 58-61 all-time against current Atlantic Coast Conference members, while head coach Rick Stansbury has a 5-8 record against the league. WKU won its last game against an ACC foe, a 79-62 home win over Boston College in the 2018 NIT. That was the Hilltoppers' first victory over a current ACC member since defeating Louisville in Nashville in 2008.
- WKU is off to its best start through seven games since the 2006-07 season.
- WKU is 10-6 in neutral-site games since the beginning of the 2017-18 season, including 6-3 in regular-season neutral games. The Hilltoppers' wins include victories over ranked West Virginia and Purdue.
- As of Wednesday, WKU ranked fifth in the country in field-goal percentage (52.8), seventh in free throws made (132), 16th in 3-point percentage (41.1), 21st in free-throw percentage (78.6) and 24th in scoring offense (84.0 ppg). Louisville ranks second in field-goal percentage (53.0) and eighth in 3-point percentage (42.4).
- WKU has made 50 more free throws (132) than its opponents have even attempted (82) through seven games.
- WKU has shot at least 50 percent from the field in 5 of 7 games this season. The Hilltoppers shot 50 percent or better from the floor in just nine total games all last season.

TICKETS

Single-game tickets for the Louisville game in Nashville can be purchased online via Ticketmaster at <https://goto.ps/2Dmd3WL> or in person on gameday. WKU students will receive free admission with a voucher previously claimed at Diddle Arena and a valid student ID.

LAST GAME AGAINST LOUISVILLE: DECEMBER 19, 2015

Quentin Snider and No. 19 Louisville handled WKU in a 78-56 home win.

Snider led Louisville with 16 points. Trey Lewis scored 15 points on 7-of-11 shooting and Damion Lee also had 15 points for the Cardinals. Onuaku had his first double-double of the season with 10 points and 12 rebounds.

Fredrick Edmond led WKU with 14 points and eight rebounds. The Hilltoppers entered the game shooting 40 percent from behind the arc, but missed their first 13 3s and scored a season-low 16 points in the first half.

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Box score and postgame notes are attached.

Video: WKU head coach Rick Stansbury and Hilltoppers Charles Bassey and Taveion Hollingsworth — <https://youtu.be/AeoiheY0q8I>

SLOW START HAUNTS HILLTOPPERS IN 71-54 LOSS TO NO. 2 LOUISVILLE

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — A slow start with missed shots in the paint and several turnovers put WKU Hilltopper Basketball behind the eight-ball in a 71-54 loss to No. 2 Louisville at Bridgestone Arena.

WKU (6-2) started the game 0-for-7 from the field and committed 10 first-half turnovers, while Louisville – set to take over the nation's top ranking next week – got 25 points from Preseason First Team All-American Jordan Nwora.

"You have to give them credit, but I would say we had some point-blank layups around that rim," WKU head coach Rick Stansbury said. "Did they have something to do with altering it? Maybe so, but they weren't bad or contested shots.

"... We're disappointed in the loss, but I'm proud of the way our guys battled back. You could easily lay down after that first 12 minutes of the game down 14 and get beat 40. But we didn't. We fought back."

The Hilltoppers committed just one turnover after the break, but that came after Louisville (7-0) opened the game with a 9-0 run and built a 37-23 halftime advantage.

WKU clawed its way back to a single-digit deficit with 9:35 left after two free throws by sophomore center Charles Bassey made it 51-42, but Louisville exploded with seven straight points and a 13-2 overall run to pull away.

The Cardinals eventually led by as much as 21 with 3:58 to play.

"Like Coach said, we were down, and we just have to be disciplined on defense," Bassey said.

Junior guard Taveion Hollingsworth led WKU with 16 points, while Bassey added 14 points and nine rebounds.

WKU went 1-for-17 from the 3-point line. After failing to shoot a free throw in the first half, the Hilltoppers went 13-for-14 from the stripe in the second half.

“It was a tough one. You’re going to have games where you’re on and off, but these kind of games you don’t want to be off. We’re going to learn from that, get back in practice and make shots.”

WKU will play its fifth straight game away from home at Wright State at 6 p.m. CT Tuesday in Dayton, Ohio. The game will stream online on ESPN+.



Louisville - 71

Record: 7-0

NO.	Name	F	Min	FG	3P	FT	Rebounds			Fouls		TP	AS	TO	ST	Blocks		+/-
				M-A	M-A	M-A	OR	DR	TOT	PF	FD					BS	BA	
24	Dwayne Sutton	F	32:41	6-10	2-4	1-2	4	3	7	1	1	15	0	0	0	0	2	14
33	Jordan Nwora	F	33:31	8-15	4-9	5-5	2	3	5	2	4	25	0	6	0	0	0	22
23	Steven Enoch	C	18:52	2-5	0-0	2-3	1	2	3	2	3	6	1	0	1	0	0	7
2	Darius Perry	G	17:55	3-5	0-2	0-0	0	2	2	2	0	6	2	3	2	0	0	7
30	Ryan McMahon	G	30:01	1-5	1-4	0-0	0	2	2	1	1	3	1	0	1	0	0	23
0	Lamarr Kimble		18:56	0-1	0-0	4-4	0	2	2	0	2	4	4	2	0	0	0	13
5	Malik Williams		17:59	2-5	0-2	4-4	2	7	9	2	3	8	1	0	1	0	0	13
10	Samuell Williamson		09:45	1-3	0-0	0-0	2	2	4	2	0	2	0	1	1	1	2	-1
13	David Johnson		08:36	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	-2
20	Josh Nickelberry		05:26	0-2	0-1	2-2	1	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	-5
11	Quinn Slazinski		03:09	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	-3
22	Aidan Igiehon		03:09	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-3
Team							0	2	2			0		1				
Totals				23-52	7-22	18-20	12	27	39	15	15	71	10	14	6	1	5	17

Technical Fouls: NONE

Shooting By Period		
1st FG%	13-30	43.3%
3PT%	5-13	38.5%
FT%	6-6	100%
2nd FG%	10-22	45.5%
3PT%	2-9	22.2%
FT%	12-14	85.7%
GM FG%	23-52	44.2%
3PT%	7-22	31.8%
FT%	18-20	90.0%

Dead Ball Rebounds: 1, 0

Western Ky. - 54

Record: 6-2

NO.	Name	F	Min	FG	3P	FT	Rebounds			Fouls		TP	AS	TO	ST	Blocks		+/-
				M-A	M-A	M-A	OR	DR	TOT	PF	FD					BS	BA	
2	Jared Savage	F	34:13	0-7	0-4	4-4	1	3	4	4	2	4	0	1	0	1	0	-15
22	Carson Williams	F	22:07	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	4	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	-5
23	Charles Bassey	C	35:57	6-15	0-1	2-2	3	6	9	2	1	14	1	1	2	1	0	-11
5	Camron Justice	G	32:23	2-7	1-5	1-2	0	1	1	0	2	6	1	4	1	1	1	-9
11	Taveion Hollingsworth	G	36:59	6-13	0-5	4-4	1	3	4	0	7	16	0	3	2	0	0	-9
3	Jordan Rawls		17:56	3-7	0-2	0-0	0	0	0	2	0	6	0	1	0	0	0	-17
4	Josh Anderson		18:15	2-2	0-0	2-2	1	2	3	1	2	6	1	0	0	2	0	-12
14	Matt Horton		02:10	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	-7
Team							1	1	2			0		0				
Totals				20-54	1-17	13-14	8	17	25	15	15	54	6	11	5	5	1	-17

Technical Fouls: NONE

Shooting By Period		
1st FG%	11-29	37.9%
3PT%	1-10	10.0%
FT%	0-0	0%
2nd FG%	9-25	36.0%
3PT%	0-7	0.0%
FT%	13-14	92.9%
GM FG%	20-54	37.0%
3PT%	1-17	5.9%
FT%	13-14	92.9%

Dead Ball Rebounds: 0, 1

	LOU	WKU
Biggest lead	21 (2 nd 3:58)	0 (1 st 20:00)
Best Scoring Run	9 (1 st 16:36)	6 (1 st 7:09)
Lead Changes	0	
Times Tied	0	
Time with Lead	39:05	00:00

Points from	LOU	WKU
Turnovers	11	18
Paint	26	26
Second Chance	16	6
Fast Breaks	6	9
Bench	16	12

	Period by Period Scoring		
	1st	2nd	TOT
LOU	37	34	71
WKU	23	31	54

WESTERN KENTUCKY HILLTOPPERS

WKU Hilltoppers vs. #2 Louisville Cardinals

Postgame Notes

November 29, 2019

Bridgestone Arena | Nashville, Tenn.

FINAL SCORE: #2 Louisville 71, WKU 54

RECORDS AND NOTABLES

- WKU falls to 6-2, while Louisville improves to 7-0.
- The Hilltoppers are 10-7 in neutral-site games since the start of 2017-18, including 6-4 in regular-season neutral-site games.
- WKU is 39-41 all-time against the Cardinals, although that includes Louisville wins later vacated. WKU is 5-5 vs. Louisville on neutral courts and head coach Rick Stansbury is 0-1 in his career against Louisville.
- The Hilltoppers are now 4-4 all-time in the building currently known as Bridgestone Arena, including a 2-3 mark against ranked opponents.
- Louisville is the highest-ranked team WKU has faced since falling to No. 1 Kentucky in the 2012 NCAA Tournament. The Hilltoppers are 5-29 all-time against top-five opponents.
- Since the start of the 2017-18 season, WKU has gone 3-4 against top-25 teams and 3-2 against ranked Power Five opponents.
- Announced attendance was 12,863.
- **UP NEXT:** WKU will play its second true road game of the season as the Hilltoppers face Wright State in Dayton, Ohio, on Tuesday. The game will start at 6 p.m. CT and be broadcast on ESPN+.

TEAM NOTES

- WKU used the starting lineup of Jared Savage, Taveion Hollingsworth, Charles Bassey, Carson Williams and Camron Justice for the eighth straight game to start the season. That lineup is now 6-2 when starting together.

- **FIRST HALF RUN:** Louisville kicked off the game with a 9-0 run, but was stopped by a jumper from Taveion Hollingsworth. WKU used an 8-3 run to diminish the Cardinal lead to 31-17 with six minutes remaining in the half.
- **KEY SECOND HALF RUN:** WKU had an 11-4 run beginning at the 14:49 point to get within nine points of the Cardinals, the first time Louisville's lead was in single digits since the 13:50 mark in the first half. The Cardinals answered with seven straight points to regain a lead of 58-42 with 7:44 remaining in the game.
- WKU shot 20 of 54 (37.0 percent) from the field, 1 of 17 (5.9 percent) from 3-point range and 13 of 14 (92.9 percent) from the free-throw line.
- In the last two games, WKU has made a combined 48 of 55 (87.3 percent) free throws, including 38 of 41 (92.7 percent) in the second half.
- WKU scored 18 points off 14 Cardinal miscues.
- WKU has made a 3-pointer in 1,018 straight games dating back to March 15, 1987. The Hilltoppers have the fifth-longest streak in the nation of consecutive games with a made 3. Only UNLV, Vanderbilt, Duke and Arkansas have longer streaks.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

TAVEION HOLLINGSWORTH

- The junior had a team-high 16 points while adding two steals and four rebounds.
 - Hollingsworth now has 1,093 career points with the Hilltoppers and ranks 40th on WKU's all-time scoring list.

CHARLES BASSEY

- The sophomore nearly notched a double-double with 14 points and nine boards.

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Action photo and headshot of Charles Bassey are attached. Please credit WKU Athletics.

BASSEY EARNS FIRST C-USA PLAYER OF THE WEEK AWARD

DALLAS — After averaging a double-double in two neutral-site games, including one against the nation's new top team, WKU Hilltopper Basketball center Charles Bassey was named Conference USA Player of the Week award Monday.

This is the first Player of the Week award for the 6-foot-11, 230-pound sophomore from Lagos, Nigeria. The 2019 C-USA Defensive Player of the Year and Freshman of the Year was named Freshman of the Week a record-tying 10 times last season, but never earned the top player nod.

Bassey averaged 19 points and 10.5 rebounds across WKU's 69-64 victory over Fordham and 71-54 loss to then-No. 2 Louisville, which moved up to No. 1 in the country Monday.

He scored a game-high 24 points with 12 rebounds against Fordham to close the U.S. Virgin Islands Paradise Jam, netting 10 of 10 free throws.

On Saturday, he finished with 14 points and nine rebounds against Louisville while battling the Cardinals' premier big man Steven Enoch.

Bassey – a preseason watch list candidate for the Naismith Trophy and Wooden Award – made 12 of 12 free throws overall during the week and added two assists, two steals and two blocks.

As of Monday, he was one of just two players in the country with at least 124 points, 77 rebounds, 12 blocks and eight steals this season.

This is the second weekly award of the season for the Hilltoppers. Guard Jordan Rawls was named Freshman of the Week on Nov. 25.



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HILLTOPPERS STAY ON ROAD FOR TUESDAY TRIP TO WRIGHT STATE

DAYTON, Ohio — WKU Hilltopper Basketball will play its fifth straight game away from home at Wright State at 6 p.m. CT Tuesday in Dayton, Ohio. The game will stream online on ESPN+.

The Hilltoppers most recently fell to then-No. 2 Louisville 71-54 on Friday at Bridgestone Arena in Nashville.

Wright State, the overwhelming preseason Horizon League favorite, most recently won 71-66 at Miami (Ohio) on Wednesday. The Hilltoppers are 1-0 all-time against Wright State, winning 78-60 in Bowling Green in 2017. WKU head coach Rick Stansbury is 2-0 all-time in his career against the Raiders.

GAME 9

WKU (6-2) at Wright State (6-2)

December 2, 2019 | 6 p.m. CT

Nutter Center | Dayton, Ohio

BROADCAST

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

Watch: [ESPN+](#) (Chris Collins, pxp | Jim Brown, analysis)

Live Stats: [Wright State Stats](#)

TOP STORYLINES

- WKU is trying for its best start through nine games since the 2012-13 season. The Hilltoppers' six wins are their most in the month of November since also compiling six in the 2006-07 season.
- This is the fifth straight game away from Diddle Arena for WKU after three games in the Paradise Jam in the Virgin Islands and the Nashville game against Louisville. The Hilltoppers play 6 of 7 regular-season games away from home overall from Nov. 23 through the Dec. 21 game at Rhode Island.

- As of Monday, WKU ranked 10th in the country in field-goal percentage (50.8), 10th in free-throw percentage (79.7), 11th in free throws made (145), 34th in total blocks (39), 36th in free-throw attempts (182) and 49th in scoring offense (80.3 ppg)
- WKU has made 43 more free throws (145) than its opponents have even attempted (102) through eight games. In the last three games, WKU has made a combined 48 of 55 free throws (87.3 percent), including 38 of 41 (92.7 percent) in the second half.
- WKU sophomore center Charles Bassey has 124 points, 77 rebounds, 12 blocks and eight steals this season. As of Monday, he was 1 of 2 players in the nation with at least those numbers.
- WKU has shot at least 50 percent from the field in 5 of 8 games this season. The Hilltoppers shot 50 percent or better from the floor in just nine total games all last season.

LAST GAME AGAINST WRIGHT STATE: DECEMBER 2, 2017

WKU used its typical balanced production to notch its fourth straight victory with a 78-60 win over Wright State at E.A. Diddle Arena.

The Hilltoppers had five players in double figures, led by 18 points, eight rebounds and five assists from senior guard Darius Thompson.

Redshirt junior guard Lamonte Bearden scored 15 points with four assists, while senior forward Justin Johnson added 13 points and 12 rebounds for his 27th career double-double.

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

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Box score and postgame notes are attached.

Video: WKU head coach Rick Stansbury — https://youtu.be/k9YXcPW4G_o

Video: WKU junior guard Taveion Hollingsworth — <https://youtu.be/5k78FfJc8QQ>

HILLTOPPERS FALL 76-74 ON ROAD AT HORIZON LEAGUE FAVORITE WRIGHT STATE

DAYTON, Ohio — WKU Hilltopper Basketball had multiple double-digit leads Tuesday night, but a late run by Wright State dealt the Hilltoppers a 76-74 road loss.

WKU (6-3) led by 10 with 14:08 to play and still by 59-55 with 8:47 remaining, but Wright State went on an 11-0 run to build a seven-point advantage and swing the momentum.

The Hilltoppers rallied and reclaimed the lead with 1:36 to go, but Wright State (7-2) took it right back and WKU missed several opportunities to win or tie in the final 90 seconds.

“When you go on the road, there’s a small margin for error,” WKU head coach Rick Stansbury said. “You’ve got to be able to realize a 10-point lead disappears in a hurry. It doesn’t take but one lapse here or there.”

WKU had the preseason Horizon League favorite down by 10 in the first half, but Wright State finished the half on a 10-2 run to cut its deficit to 36-34 at the break.

Back-to-back baskets by redshirt junior forward Carson Williams extended the Hilltoppers’ advantage back to 10 at 50-40 with 14 minutes to go, but while WKU’s offense sputtered, Wright State thrived.

“Just missing shots,” junior guard Taveion Hollingsworth said. “It really starts on defense, honestly. We weren’t really getting stops, so we couldn’t convert anything.”

The Tops trailed 73-66 with 3:39 remaining when they went on an 8-0 run to charge back into the lead. Graduate senior guard Camron Justice’s jumper made it 74-73 WKU with 1:36 left.

Wright State’s Cole Gentry scored on a running layup to the basket 20 seconds later, and WKU never scored again.

Sophomore center Charles Basseley led all scorers with 19 points in addition to nine rebounds and three blocks.

Justice finished with 17 points and six boards, and Hollingsworth added 15 points. Williams and redshirt senior guard/forward Jared Savage each tallied eight points and six rebounds.

Bill Wampler paced Wright State with 22 points, and Gentry added 17.

The Hilltoppers now finally return home to host undefeated SEC foe Arkansas (8-0) at 6:30 p.m. CT Saturday at E.A. Diddle Arena. The game will air nationally on CBS Sports Network.

“I’m sure this won’t be the last time,” Justice said on the team facing adversity. “This is a sport. Adversity is what the game is really about. It’s how you bounce back from. We’ll see how we respond. All I’m saying is it’ll be a good game Saturday.”

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WKU Hilltoppers at Wright State Raiders

Postgame Notes

December 3, 2019

Nutter Center | Dayton, Ohio

FINAL SCORE: Wright State 76, WKU 74

RECORDS AND NOTABLES

- WKU falls to 6-3, while Wright State improves to 7-2.
- WKU is 1-1 in true road games this season and 3-3 away from home overall.
- This was WKU's fifth straight game away from home.
- The Hilltoppers are now 1-1 all-time against Wright State, and 0-1 in Dayton.
- Rick Stansbury is 2-1 in his career against the Raiders.
- Announced attendance was 3,178.
- **UP NEXT:** WKU finally returns home to host undefeated SEC foe Arkansas at 6:30 p.m. CT Saturday at E.A. Diddle Arena. The game will air nationally on CBS Sports Network.

TEAM NOTES

- WKU used the starting lineup of Jared Savage, Taveion Hollingsworth, Charles Bassey, Carson Williams and Camron Justice for the ninth straight game to start the season. That lineup is now 6-3 when starting together.
- **FIRST HALF RUN:** Wright State reclaimed a 22-21 lead with an 8-0 run, but WKU went on a 13-2 burst, opening a 34-24 advantage with 4:30 left on back-to-back baskets by Taveion Hollingsworth.
 - The Raiders finished the half on a 10-2 run to trim their halftime deficit to 36-34.
- **KEY SECOND HALF RUN:** With WKU up 59-55 with 8:47 left, Wright State went on an 11-0 run to take a 66-59 advantage with 6:05 left and force a WKU timeout.
 - The Hilltoppers reclaimed the lead with 1:36 left, but Wright State quickly answered.
- WKU shot 32 of 65 (49.2 percent) from the field, 6 of 15 (40 percent) from 3-point range and 4 of 7 (57.1 percent) from the free-throw line.

- After shooting more free throws than their opponents in the first seven games, the Hilltoppers have been outshot from the line by their opponents in the last two games.
- WKU has made a 3-pointer in 1,019 straight games dating back to March 15, 1987. The Hilltoppers is tied for the fourth-longest streak in the nation of consecutive games with a made 3. Only UNLV, Vanderbilt and Duke have longer streaks.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

CHARLES BASSEY

- The sophomore scored a game-high 19 points with nine rebounds and three blocks.
 - Bassey moved into ninth on WKU's all-time blocks list with 96.

TAVEION HOLLINGSWORTH

- The junior scored 15 points on 7 of 13 shooting in 37 minutes.

CAMRON JUSTICE

- The graduate senior scored 17 points, knocked down three 3s and grabbed six rebounds, his most as a Hilltopper.

JARED SAVAGE

- The redshirt senior scored eight points and tied his career high with three assists.



Official Basketball Box Score -- Game Totals -- Final Statistics
 WKU vs Wright State
 12/3/19 7:00 PM at Nutter Center



WKU 74 • 6-3

##	Player	*	Total		3-Ptr	Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot							
02	SAVAGE, Jared	*	3-7	2-4	0-0	2	4	6	3	8	3	2	1	0	36
05	JUSTICE, Camron	*	6-13	3-5	2-2	0	6	6	3	17	0	1	0	1	32
11	HOLLINGSWORTH, T.	*	7-13	0-1	1-3	0	2	2	1	15	2	4	0	0	37
22	WILLIAMS, Carson	*	4-7	0-1	0-0	1	5	6	3	8	0	1	0	2	31
23	BASSEY, Charles	*	9-17	0-1	1-2	2	7	9	4	19	1	3	3	0	25
03	RAWLS, Jordan		2-4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	4	0	2	0	0	10
04	ANDERSON, Josh		1-4	1-3	0-0	0	3	3	4	3	2	2	2	2	26
10	GAMBRELL, Jeremiah		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
	Team					0	3	3							
Totals			32-65	6-15	4-7	5	30	35	18	74	8	15	6	5	200

FG % 1st Half: 16-34 47.1% 2nd half: 16-31 51.6% Game: 32-65 49.2%
 3FG % 1st Half: 2-8 25.0% 2nd half: 4-7 57.1% Game: 6-15 40.0%
 FT % 1st Half: 2-4 50.0% 2nd half: 2-3 66.7% Game: 4-7 57.1%

Deadball
Rebounds
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Wright State 76 • 7-2

##	Player	*	Total		3-Ptr	Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot							
00	Hall, Jaylon	*	0-8	0-3	4-4	2	5	7	2	4	4	2	0	2	28
01	Wampler, Bill	*	7-14	3-6	5-5	2	1	3	2	22	2	0	1	0	34
02	Holden, Tanner	*	1-4	0-0	1-1	2	4	6	0	3	1	3	0	0	22
21	Basile, Grant	*	5-10	0-2	2-4	1	9	10	3	12	1	4	2	3	32
31	Gentry, Cole	*	8-10	1-2	0-0	0	3	3	0	17	1	0	0	2	33
03	Ash, Jordan		2-5	0-1	0-1	2	0	2	1	4	1	1	0	0	13
05	Potter, Skyelar		2-5	1-4	1-4	0	6	6	3	6	0	1	0	0	19
10	Calvin, Trey		3-7	1-5	1-1	0	0	0	0	8	1	1	0	0	16
23	Manns, James		0-2	0-2	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
	Team					1	2	3							
Totals			28-65	6-25	14-20	10	30	40	11	76	11	12	3	7	200

FG % 1st Half: 14-37 37.8% 2nd half: 14-28 50.0% Game: 28-65 43.1%
 3FG % 1st Half: 3-15 20.0% 2nd half: 3-10 30.0% Game: 6-25 24.0%
 FT % 1st Half: 3-3 100.0 2nd half: 11-17 64.7% Game: 14-20 70.0%

Deadball
Rebounds
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Officials: Andy O'Brien, King Whetstone, Luke Schumer
 Technical fouls: WKU-None. Wright State-None.
 Attendance: 3178

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
WKU	36	38	74
Wright State	34	42	76

Points	In Paint	Off T/O	2nd Chance	Fast Break	Bench
WKU	30	17	2	2	7
WSU	38	17	9	4	18

Last FG - WKU 2nd-01:36, WSU 2nd-01:15.
 Largest lead - WKU by 10 1st-04:31, WSU by 9 2nd-04:44.
 WKU led for 26:43. WSU led for 10:38. Game was tied for 02:39.

Score tied - 2 times.
 Lead changed - 7 times.

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Resent with action photo and headshot of Charles Bassey are attached. Please credit WKU Athletics.

BASSEY NAMED TO OSCAR ROBERTSON TROPHY WATCH LIST

INDIANAPOLIS — WKU Hilltopper Basketball sophomore center Charles Bassey has been selected for the watch list for the Oscar Robertson Trophy, as announced Thursday by the U.S. Basketball Writers Association.

Bassey is one of 46 members of the watch list for the Oscar Robertson Trophy, presented annually to the men's national player of the year.

Since its founding in 1956, the USBWA has named a national player of the year. In the 1997-98 season, the award was named in honor of the legendary Oscar Robertson, "The Big O." In addition, the USBWA selects an All-America team and All-District teams, players and coaches of the year.

The full watch list can be found at the following link: <https://goto.ps/38ccRHx>

Bassey – a 6-foot-11, 230-pound native of Lagos, Nigeria – has already been named to the preseason watch lists for two other men's national player of the year awards, the Naismith Trophy and the John R. Wooden Award.

The 2019-20 Oscar Robertson Trophy will be presented at the NCAA Final Four in Atlanta in April. The winner will be also be honored at the annual USBWA Awards Luncheon at the Missouri Athletic Club in St. Louis on Monday, April 13.

While all Division I players are eligible for the Oscar Robertson Trophy, the USBWA board has chosen the players on the watch list to promote the award and give the membership, which votes on all USBWA awards, an early look at some of the best players in the country. In January, the USBWA will release a second watch list, followed by finalists after All-America balloting is complete in March. Last season, Duke's Zion Williamson was the recipient of both the Oscar Robertson Trophy and the Wayman Tisdale Award.

The USBWA formally expanded its All-America team to 15 players in 2019 and many of the players on this watch list will contend for All-America honors. In addition, the USBWA continues to name an Oscar Robertson National Player of the Week each Tuesday.

Bassey has already been named a Preseason First-Team All-American by both Lindy's Sports Magazine and Street & Smith's Basketball Yearbook.

He leads WKU this season with averages of 15.9 points, 9.6 rebounds and 1.7 blocks per game while shooting 52.5 percent from the field.

Bassey has 143 points, 86 rebounds, 15 blocks and eight steals this season. As of Thursday, he was the only player in the nation with at least those numbers.

Last year, the big man became just the second freshmen in the country since 1992 – along with current NBA star Anthony Davis – to average at least 14 points, 10 rebounds and two blocks while shooting at least 60 percent overall.

Bassey was named a Freshman All-American and became the second player in Conference USA history to win both C-USA Freshman of the Year and Defensive Player of the Year in the same season. He was also named to the All-C-USA First Team, All-Freshman Team and All-Defensive Team.

Bassey has also been named one of 20 national watch list members for the 2020 Kareem Abdul-Jabbar Center of the Year Award, given annually to the nation's top center. He was a top-five finalist for the award as a freshman.

Fan voting is ongoing for the Kareem Award and can be completed daily at the following link: <https://goto.ps/BasseyKareemVote>

Bassey and the Hilltoppers host undefeated SEC foe Arkansas at 6:30 p.m. CT Saturday at E.A. Diddle Arena.



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WKU Game Notes — <https://goto.ps/38elrWC>

Arkansas Game Notes — <https://goto.ps/2ORC96g>

TOPS WELCOME UNDEFEATED ARKANSAS TO DIDDLE ARENA ON SATURDAY

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — After playing five straight games away from home, WKU returns to E.A. Diddle Arena to host Arkansas at 6:30 p.m. CT Saturday. The game will air on CBS Sports Network.

The Hilltoppers have lost two straight games, most recently falling 76-74 at Horizon League preseason favorite Wright State on Tuesday.

Arkansas is 8-0 after beating Austin Peay 69-61 at home Tuesday. WKU is 3-4 all-time against the Razorbacks but has won two straight, including a 78-77 victory last year in Fayetteville. WKU head coach Rick Stansbury, a longtime SEC head coach, is 17-14 in his career against Arkansas.

GAME 10

Arkansas (8-0) at WKU (6-3)

December 7, 2019 | 6:30 p.m. CT

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

BROADCAST

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

Watch: [CBS Sports Network](#) (Ben Holden, ppx | Mike O'Donnell, analysis)

Live Stats: [WKU Stats](#)

TOP STORYLINES

- WKU is 27-48 all-time against the current SEC membership, while head coach Rick Stansbury is 141-116 against current SEC members. This is the first time the Hilltoppers have hosted a SEC team since falling 79-74 to Ole Miss on Dec. 30, 2013.
- Since the start of the 2017-18 season, WKU is 7-4 against Power Five competition.
- Outside of WKU's loss to now-No. 1 Louisville, its other two defeats came away from home against two preseason league favorites – Bowling Green (MAC) and Wright State (Horizon) – by a combined four points.
- WKU is coming off five straight games away from Diddle Arena. The Hilltoppers play 6 of 7 regular-season games away from home overall from Nov. 23 in the Virgin Islands through the Dec. 21 game at Rhode Island.
- As of Thursday, WKU ranked 15th in the country in field-goal percentage (50.5), 14th in free-throw percentage (78.8), 19th in free throws made (149), 26th in total blocks (45) and 55th in scoring offense (79.6 ppg). Arkansas is first in the nation in 3-point defense, fifth in scoring defense and ninth in scoring offense.

- WKU has made 27 more free throws (149) than its opponents have even attempted (122) through nine games.
- WKU sophomore center Charles Basseby has 143 points, 86 rebounds, 15 blocks and eight steals this season. As of Thursday, he was the only player in the nation with at least those numbers.

TICKETS

WKU Ticket Office: Limited single-game tickets for the Arkansas game remain available in person at the WKU Ticket Office, by phone at 1-800-5-BIGRED or online at WKUTickets.com.

PROMOTIONS

- CUE Audio Light Show
- American Bank and Trust putt from 3pt line to win \$1,000 cash
- Wendy's Freeze Out Promo - If an opposing player misses two free throws in a row, every fan in the arena gets a free Wendy's Frosty
- Smart Start Post Game Shootaround on court for all kids
- Taco Bell Challenge – When WKU scores 70 points or more, all fans can redeem a free taco at Taco Bell

LAST GAME AGAINST ARKANSAS: DECEMBER 8, 2018

WKU stormed back from an eight-point halftime deficit at Arkansas, holding on for the 78-77 upset road victory at Bud Walton Arena.

The Hilltoppers led with under a minute to go, but a putback by Arkansas' Daniel Gafford put the Razorbacks up 77-76 with 45 seconds left. WKU didn't blink, as Basseby passed out of a double team to a wide-open Marek Nelson for the game-winning layup on the next possession

Charles Basseby – going against a fellow NBA prospect in Daniel Gafford – led WKU with 21 points, nine rebounds and a career-high five blocks.

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Box score and postgame notes are attached.

Video: WKU head coach Rick Stansbury — <https://youtu.be/dS95DHjTKZg>

Video: Hilltoppers Jared Savage, Taveion Hollingsworth, Josh Anderson — <https://youtu.be/4ylopAN0TtM>

HILLTOPPERS MAKE FURIOUS RALLY TO DEFEAT ARKANSAS 86-79 IN OT

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — WKU Hilltopper Basketball dug deep Saturday night and gutted out a win to remember.

Trailing by five with 36 seconds to play, the Hilltoppers (7-3) stormed back to force overtime and powered past previously undefeated Arkansas 86-79 in front of 6,862 fans at E.A. Diddle Arena.

“I’m awful proud of our guys,” WKU head coach Rick Stansbury said. “I thought we showed a lot of grit and a lot of toughness. We were down late in that game after we’d lost (sophomore center) Charles (Basse). You could very easily let some emotion leave your body, but we didn’t do it. I thought our guys took their emotion to another level.”

A win seemed improbable for the Hilltoppers down 70-64 with 1:03 left in regulation, but WKU continued to chip away behind the scoring of junior guard Taveion Hollingsworth.

Graduate senior guard Camron Justice drew a charge to give WKU the ball back down 73-70 with 31 seconds to play, and redshirt senior guard/forward Jared Savage buried the tying 3 from the corner to force overtime.

“Shoutout to Coach and all my teammates for trusting in me,” Savage said. “They drew up a play for me, and I just shot it. That’s what I work for all the time. I’m in the gym all the time shooting shots like that. Everyone wants to hit the game-tying shot, so it was nice.”

WKU junior guard Josh Anderson scored off the tip in OT, and the Hilltoppers scored six of the final seven points of the game to pull away.

The victory improves WKU to 8-4 against Power Five opponents since the start of the 2017-18 season.

Hollingsworth led WKU with 23 points, nine rebounds and six assists, while Anderson provided 15 points and six rebounds in 32 minutes off the bench.

“When I got in the game, I was just playing my role,” Anderson said. “Come in, bring energy to the team, trying to play great defense. I thought I got to the rims a lot better than I’ve been doing, and just play hard. That’s me. That’s what I do.”

Savage had 14 points and six rebounds and Justice chipped in 12 points.

Bassey had 10 points and six rebounds before suffering a left leg injury with 3:40 remaining in regulation. WKU has no additional update on Bassey’s status at this time, but will provide more information as it’s available.

WKU led 33-28 at halftime and extended it to seven with a jumper to start the second half from Hollingsworth, but Arkansas (8-1) went on a 16-4 run over the next four minutes, charging ahead 44-39 with 15:33 left on a 3-pointer by Isaiah Joe.

After Bassey’s injury, WKU found itself in front 63-62 until Arkansas sank two straight 3s from Joe and Desi Sills to open a 68-63 advantage with 1:40 left.

That lead swelled to six with just over a minute left until the Hilltoppers kicked their comeback effort into high gear in front of a roaring crowd.

“It was cracking,” Hollingsworth said. “It was super loud. You really couldn’t hear yourself think. They were a really big part of how we came back in that game. Hearing that and them showing a lot of love, for them to come out and support us tonight, it meant a lot.”

WKU improved to 4-1 in overtime games under Stansbury, with each of those victories coming by at least seven points in the extra period.

The Hilltoppers shot 46.3 percent overall and held Arkansas to 41.8 percent, including 2-for-7 shooting in overtime.

WKU put up 25 more points than the previous most allowed this season by the Razorbacks, who entered Saturday as one of the nation’s top defensive teams and 1 of 14 remaining unbeatens. Sills paced Arkansas with 18 points.

The Hilltoppers now have a long break before returning to regular-season action. They’ll face Kentucky Wesleyan in an in-season exhibition on Dec. 17 in Diddle Arena before getting back into their season at Rhode Island on Dec. 21.



Arkansas - 79

Record: 8-1

NO.	Name	Min	FG			Rebounds			Fouls		TP	AS	TO	ST	Blocks		+/-
			M-A	M-A	M-A	OR	DR	TOT	PF	FD					BS	BA	
2	Adrio Bailey	F 29:17	3-6	0-1	1-2	2	2	4	4	1	7	0	0	0	1	0	-4
1	Isaiah Joe	G 42:03	6-15	5-14	1-3	1	3	4	1	3	18	2	5	0	1	1	-5
3	Desi Sills	G 36:12	7-11	3-7	3-3	0	1	1	4	5	20	0	3	2	0	0	6
15	Mason Jones	G 36:10	1-9	0-4	6-6	1	8	9	3	4	8	1	3	0	0	1	-17
33	Jimmy Whitt Jr.	G 43:28	8-18	0-0	1-3	3	9	12	5	2	17	4	1	1	0	2	-5
35	Reggie Chaney	12:16	0-0	0-0	0-0	2	4	6	3	2	0	1	2	0	3	0	0
5	Jalen Harris	23:43	3-8	1-4	2-3	0	1	1	3	2	9	2	1	1	0	0	-5
24	Ethan Henderson	01:33	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1
0	Jeantal Cylla	00:18	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-4
Team						1	1	2			0		1				
Totals			28-67	9-30	14-20	10	29	39	23	19	79	10	16	4	5	4	-7

Shooting By Period		
1 st FG%	12-27	44.4%
3PT%	3-11	27.3%
FT%	1-4	25%
2 nd FG%	14-33	42.4%
3PT%	6-16	37.5%
FT%	11-12	91.7%
OT FG%	2-7	28.6%
3PT%	0-3	0.0%
FT%	2-4	50%
GM FG%	28-67	41.8%
3PT%	9-30	30.0%
FT%	14-20	70.0%

Dead Ball Rebounds: 3, 0

Technical Fouls: NONE

Western Ky. - 86

Record: 7-3

NO.	Name	Min	FG			Rebounds			Fouls		TP	AS	TO	ST	Blocks		+/-
			M-A	M-A	M-A	OR	DR	TOT	PF	FD					BS	BA	
2	Jared Savage	F 38:34	4-10	3-8	3-3	0	6	6	0	2	14	0	2	2	0	0	6
22	Carson Williams	F 33:30	3-6	0-0	2-3	1	6	7	2	2	8	1	1	0	2	2	12
23	Charles Bassey	C 22:59	4-6	0-0	2-2	4	2	6	3	2	10	1	4	0	1	1	-10
5	Camron Justice	G 31:16	5-12	1-5	1-2	0	4	4	4	5	12	1	4	2	0	1	-2
11	Taveion Hollingsworth	G 42:04	8-14	1-3	6-8	2	7	9	4	5	23	6	2	2	0	0	11
3	Jordan Rawls	18:33	1-7	0-1	0-2	0	0	0	1	1	2	1	1	1	0	0	6
4	Josh Anderson	31:35	5-8	0-2	5-8	1	5	6	4	6	15	1	1	0	1	0	7
14	Matt Horton	04:14	1-3	0-0	0-0	2	0	2	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	3
10	Jeremiah Gambrell	02:15	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Team						2	2	4			0		0				
Totals			31-67	5-19	19-28	12	32	44	19	23	86	11	15	7	4	5	7

Shooting By Period		
1 st FG%	13-32	40.6%
3PT%	3-11	27.3%
FT%	4-9	44.4%
2 nd FG%	14-29	48.3%
3PT%	2-7	28.6%
FT%	10-13	76.9%
OT FG%	4-6	66.7%
3PT%	0-1	0.0%
FT%	5-6	83.3%
GM FG%	31-67	46.3%
3PT%	5-19	26.3%
FT%	19-28	67.9%

Dead Ball Rebounds: 4, 0

Technical Fouls: NONE

	ARK	WKU
Biggest lead	6 (2 nd 13:38)	7 (2 nd 19:34)
Best Scoring Run	7 (1 st 6:12)	9 (1 st 15:42)
Lead Changes	11	
Times Tied	12	
Time with Lead	16:11	21:45

Points from	ARK	WKU
Turnovers	17	23
Paint	26	46
Second Chance	8	15
Fast Breaks	13	15
Bench	9	19

	Period by Period Scoring			
	1st	2nd	OT1	TOT
ARK	28	45	6	79
WKU	33	40	13	86

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WKU Hilltoppers vs. Arkansas Razorbacks

Postgame Notes

December 7, 2019

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

FINAL SCORE: WKU 86, Arkansas 79 OT

RECORDS AND NOTABLES

- WKU improves to 7-3, while Arkansas fall to 8-1 as the Hilltoppers hand the Razorbacks their first loss of the season. Arkansas entered the day as 1 of 14 unbeaten programs left in the country.
- The Hilltoppers are now 4-4 all-time against the Razorbacks and have won the last three.
- Rick Stansbury is 18-14 in his career against Arkansas.
- WKU is 28-48 all-time against current SEC membership, while Stansbury is 142-116.
- WKU is now 4-1 in overtime games under Stansbury, with each of those four victories by seven or more points.
- WKU scored 86 points against Arkansas, which had previously not allowed more than 61 points in a game this season.
- The matchup was the first time WKU hosted an SEC team since hosting Ole Miss on Dec. 30, 2013. It's the first victory WKU has had over an SEC team inside Diddle Arena since defeating Mississippi State (coached by Stansbury) in a 55-52 victory on Jan. 4, 2010.
- WKU is now 8-4 against Power Five competition since the beginning of the 2017-18 season.
- Announced attendance was a season-high 6,862.
- **UP NEXT:** WKU takes a 10-day hiatus for finals and returns to action in E.A. Diddle Arena on Dec. 17 to face Kentucky Wesleyan in a mid-season exhibition. The game will be broadcast online on ESPN3, locally on WKU PBS and regionally in Louisville on WBNA beginning at 6:30 p.m. CT.

TEAM NOTES

- WKU used the starting lineup of Jared Savage, Taveion Hollingsworth, Charles Bassey, Carson Williams and Camron Justice for the 10th straight game to start the season. That lineup is now 7-3 when starting together.
- **FIRST HALF RUN:** WKU ended the half on an 8-2 run to take a 33-28 lead headed into halftime. The run was capped by a 4-point play from Jared Savage.
- **KEY SECOND HALF RUN:** The Hilltoppers closed regulation on a 9-3 run, including a game-tying 3-pointer from Savage, to force the game into overtime.
- **KEY OVERTIME RUN:** While the two sides went back and forth for the first two minutes of the period, WKU finished out with a 9-2 run to pull away from the Razorbacks.
- WKU shot 31 of 67 (46.3 percent) from the field, 5 of 19 (26.3 percent) from 3-point range and 19 of 28 (67.9 percent) from the free-throw line.
- WKU scored 15 second-chance points and tied a season high with 12 offensive rebounds.
- The Hilltoppers scored 23 points off 16 Razorback miscues.
- WKU outscored Arkansas in the paint 46-26.
- Arkansas had held opponents to an average of 52.6 points per game, ranked fifth in the nation and first in the SEC. WKU scored 73 in regulation.
- WKU has made a 3-pointer in 1,020 straight games dating back to March 15, 1987. The Hilltoppers is tied for the fourth-longest streak in the nation of consecutive games with a made 3. Only UNLV, Vanderbilt and Duke have longer streaks.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

TAVEION HOLLINGSWORTH

- The junior filled his stat line with game-highs 23 points and six assists (tying his career high) and a team-high nine rebounds. He played 42 of 45 minutes.
 - Hollingsworth is now 36th on WKU's all-time scoring list with 1,131 points.
 - Hollingsworth has led WKU in scoring in 23 games in his career.

CHARLES BASSEY

- The sophomore scored 10 points and pulled down six rebounds before exiting the game with 3:40 left in regulation with a left leg injury.

JOSH ANDERSON

- The junior added 15 points, six rebounds, a block and an assist in 32 minutes off the bench.
 - Anderson scored six points in the final eight minutes of the game, including overtime.

JARED SAVAGE

- The redshirt senior had 14 points and six rebounds while adding two steals in his 39 minutes.
 - Savage knocked down the game-tying 3-pointer to send the game to overtime.

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BASSEY TO HAVE SEASON-ENDING SURGERY ON TUESDAY

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — During the second half of Saturday's win over Arkansas, WKU Hilltopper Basketball sophomore center Charles Bassey suffered a left knee injury.

A CT scan, X-ray and MRI revealed a tibial plateau fracture that will require season-ending surgery.

Bassey will undergo surgery on Tuesday in Houston, Texas, with the team physicians for the NFL's Houston Texans and NBA's Houston Rockets. These are the same physicians who performed surgery on Texans star JJ Watt when he suffered a similar injury in 2017.

Bassey's rehab process will start immediately after surgery with an anticipated recovery time of 6-9 months.

WKU MBB: Statement on Kenny Cooper's Eligibility, Dec. 10, 2019

From WKU Hilltopper Basketball: "WKU senior guard Kenny Cooper's appeal for a waiver for immediate eligibility from the NCAA has been denied. He will not be eligible this season."

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BASSEY UNDERGOES SUCCESSFUL LEG SURGERY IN HOUSTON

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — WKU Hilltopper Basketball sophomore center Charles Bassey underwent successful surgery this morning in Houston to repair a tibial plateau fracture in his left leg.

The result of the surgery was very positive and exceeded expectations. The bone was repaired successfully, and all ligaments were found to be stable.

Charles is expected to make a full recovery within the next nine months under the guidance of his physicians and medical staff in both Houston and Bowling Green.

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HILLTOPPERS TO COMPETE IN CAYMAN ISLANDS CLASSIC IN 2020

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — WKU Hilltopper Basketball will compete next season in the 2020 Cayman Islands Classic, the program announced Wednesday.

The Hilltoppers will be a part of a challenging field in the fourth annual event, which takes place Nov. 23-25, 2020, at John Gray Gymnasium in Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands.

Joining WKU in the field are Kansas State, Oregon State, Miami, Ole Miss, Nevada, Northern Iowa and La Salle.

The eight-team tournament is single-elimination, with each team playing three games. Opponents and a full bracket will be released at a later date.

WKU is 23-20 all-time against the teams in the field. Oregon State would be the only first-time opponent for the Hilltoppers.

Four different Power Five conferences are represented among the field. WKU is 8-4 against Power Five competition since the start of the 2017-18 season.

Located in the western Caribbean Sea, an hour from Miami, the Cayman Islands comprises the three islands of Grand Cayman, Cayman Brac, and Little Cayman, located south of Cuba and northwest of Jamaica.

This will be the latest in a string of tropical locales for the Hilltoppers. After taking a foreign tour to Costa Rica in August 2017, WKU has competed in the Bahamas, Myrtle Beach and the Virgin Islands in regular-season tournaments before heading to the Cayman Islands next year.

For more information about the Cayman Islands Classic, visit caymanislandsclassic.com.

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WKU Game Notes — <https://goto.ps/36AjsKm>

Video: WKU head coach Rick Stansbury previews KWC — https://youtu.be/p4l_2NjV-io

Video: Hilltoppers Jared Savage and Carson Williams preview KWC — https://youtu.be/U_nglTqB2po

HILLTOPPERS PAUSE TO HOST KENTUCKY WESLEYAN IN TUESDAY'S IN-SEASON EXHIBITION

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — WKU Hilltopper Basketball takes a break from the regular season to face Kentucky Wesleyan in an in-season exhibition at 7 p.m. CT Tuesday in E.A. Diddle Arena. The game is the 37th Annual BB&T Classic and will air online on ESPN3, on WKU PBS in Bowling Green and on WBNA in Louisville.

The Hilltoppers are coming off an 86-79 overtime win over previously unbeaten Arkansas on Dec. 7. That snapped a two-game slide.

Kentucky Wesleyan has won two straight and hosts Cedarville on Monday night. The teams played each other last year in a preseason exhibition, which WKU won 96-71.

EXHIBITION 2

Kentucky Wesleyan (3-5) at WKU (7-3)

December 17, 2019 | 7 p.m. CT

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

BROADCAST

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

Watch: [ESPN3](#); WKU PBS in Bowling Green; WNBA in Louisville (Nate Gatter, pxp | Jay Walton, analysis)

Live Stats: [WKU Stats](#)

TOP STORYLINES

- WKU is 61-4 all-time in preseason exhibition games, and the Hilltoppers have won 29 straight preseason tune-ups dating back to a 2002-03 loss to the Harlem Globetrotters.

- The Hilltoppers will be without the services of preseason All-American center Charles Bassey, who had season-ending surgery Dec. 10 to repair a tibial plateau fracture in his left leg.

- After WKU's victory over Arkansas on Dec. 7, the Hilltoppers are 8-4 against Power Five competition since the start of the 2017-18 season.
- Outside of WKU's loss to then-No. 2 Louisville, its other two defeats came away from home against two preseason league favorites – Bowling Green (MAC) and Wright State (Horizon) – by a combined four points.
- The Hilltoppers play 6 of 7 regular-season games away from home overall from Nov. 23 in the Virgin Islands through the Dec. 21 game at Rhode Island.
- As of Sunday, WKU ranked 11th in the country in field-goal percentage (50.0), 22nd in free-throw percentage (77.4), 36th in free throws made (168), 36th in scoring offense (80.2 ppg) and 40th in total blocks (49).
- WKU has made 26 more free throws (168) than its opponents have even attempted (142) through 10 games.

TICKETS

WKU Ticket Office: Single-game tickets for the Kentucky Wesleyan game remain available in person at the WKU Ticket Office, by phone at 1-800-5-BIGRED or online at WKUTickets.com.

PROMOTIONS

- Teddy Bear Toss
- Big Red's Rascals Day
- American Bank and Trust putt from 3pt line to win \$1,000 cash
- Wendy's Freeze Out Promo - If an opposing player misses two free throws in a row, every fan in the arena gets a free Wendy's Frosty
- Smart Start Post Game Shootaround on court for all kids
- Taco Bell Challenge – When WKU scores 70 points or more, all fans can redeem a free taco at Taco Bell

LAST GAME AGAINST KENTUCKY WESLEYAN: NOVEMBER 3, 2018

WKU opened the game with a 10-0 run and never looked back, rolling to a 96-71 victory over Kentucky Wesleyan in its final exhibition at E.A. Diddle Arena.

The Hilltoppers scored the first 10 points of the game, allowed Kentucky Wesleyan to answer with five points, then scored 10 more in a row to pull away in the early going.

Sophomore Taveion Hollingsworth and freshman Charles Bassey each scored 24 points and recorded a double-double, and the Hilltoppers dominated the inside game.

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Box score is attached.

RESERVES GIVE HILLTOPPERS BOOST IN 75-53 EXHIBITION WIN OVER KWC

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — WKU Hilltopper Basketball used an in-season exhibition Tuesday to fine-tune its play with a new lineup, defeating Kentucky Wesleyan 75-53 in E.A. Diddle Arena.

The Hilltoppers (7-3) racked up 21 assists on 30 made baskets and had nine different players score, including 34 points off the bench.

Three of the five players who reached double figures were reserves, part of a concerted effort to get others experience as WKU moves forward without injured center Charles Bassey.

“Naturally we tried to play without Charles for the first time, and there was some good and some stuff we have to work on,” WKU head coach Rick Stansbury said. “The thing that was really good was we got really good bench play. Those three guys that have to step up and play ... I was proud to see them come off the bench and perform.”

Graduate senior guard Camron Justice and redshirt junior forward Carson Williams led the Hilltoppers with 13 points apiece, while Williams added nine rebounds.

Redshirt freshman guard Jeremiah Gambrell scored 11 points, made three 3-pointers and dished out three assists. Senior forward Matt Horton tallied 11 points, and freshman guard Jordan Rawls added 10 points and six assists.

“I thought it was great for the first time really playing a lot and getting in the flow,” Gambrell said. “It’s kind of different for me because last year I didn’t get to play at all, so right now I’m just trying to get used to things and get back to the way I was before.”

Junior guard Taveion Hollingsworth also handed out six assists, and redshirt senior guard/forward Jared Savage distributed three.

WKU scored the first 14 points of the game and extended that lead to 38-22 with 4:08 left in the half on a dunk by Horton.

The Hilltoppers led 42-29 at the break, and a 17-2 run midway through the frame helped them build an advantage as high as 25 with 6:24 remaining.

WKU improved to 62-4 all-time in exhibition games and has won 30 straight.

“Right now we’re just trying to take baby steps – one day at a time,” Justice said. “Get better each and every day missing a key piece of what we expected to be there all year long. Unfortunately, things go the way they did, but like I said, just take baby steps every single day.”

Adam Goetz paced (3-6) Kentucky Wesleyan with 18 points.

WKU jumps back into regular-season action at Rhode Island at 1 p.m. CT Saturday. The game will stream online on ESPN+.



Official Basketball Box Score - Final
Ky. Wesleyan at Western Ky.
 12/17/19 E.A. Diddle Arena, Bowling Green
 2019-20 Men's Basketball

Game Time: 7:00 PM
 Game Duration: 1:47
 Attendance: 3,012

Officials: Jabir Walker, Davis Maxwell, Joey Richardson

Ky. Wesleyan - 53

Record: 3-6

NO.	Name	F/G	Min	FG			Rebounds			Fouls		TP	AS	TO	ST	Blocks		+/-
				M-A	M-A	M-A	OR	DR	TOT	PF	FD					BS	BA	
20	Sasha Sukhanov	F	11:04	0-1	0-1	1-2	1	3	4	1	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	-9
00	Mohamed Abu Arisha	G	17:42	1-7	0-2	4-5	1	2	3	0	3	6	0	3	0	0	2	-11
3	Jo Griffin	G	22:56	2-5	0-1	0-0	1	2	3	1	0	4	1	1	1	0	0	-16
4	Erik Bell	G	26:41	1-3	0-1	0-0	0	3	3	4	1	2	0	3	1	0	0	-6
5	Adam Goetz	G	28:21	6-10	4-6	2-3	0	3	3	1	2	18	2	2	1	0	1	-14
2	Wyatt Battaile		24:43	3-9	2-6	0-0	1	4	5	3	2	8	5	1	0	0	1	-6
33	Zach Hopewell		24:19	4-10	1-4	0-0	2	1	3	1	0	9	2	2	1	0	0	-12
35	Stew Currie		11:24	1-3	0-0	0-0	1	2	3	1	0	2	0	1	1	0	1	-14
11	Cameron Cartwright		10:45	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	-10
30	Ben Sisson		02:45	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
13	Nathan Boyle		03:39	1-1	1-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
34	Tyler Bezold		12:38	0-3	0-3	0-0	1	1	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	-4
15	Nathan Smith		01:18	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	-5
14	Mike Gilmer		01:45	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-7
Team							1	1	2			0		0				
Totals				19-55	8-26	7-11	9	23	32	15	10	53	12	17	5	0	7	-22

Technical Fouls: NONE

Shooting By Period		
1 st FG%	10-26	38.5%
3PT%	5-14	35.7%
FT%	4-4	100%
2 nd FG%	9-29	31.0%
3PT%	3-12	25.0%
FT%	3-7	42.9%
GM FG%	19-55	34.5%
3PT%	8-26	30.8%
FT%	7-11	63.6%

Dead Ball Rebounds: 0, 1

Western Ky. - 75

Record: 7-3

NO.	Name	F/G	Min	FG			Rebounds			Fouls		TP	AS	TO	ST	Blocks		+/-
				M-A	M-A	M-A	OR	DR	TOT	PF	FD					BS	BA	
2	Jared Savage	F	27:16	3-7	1-5	0-0	2	5	7	1	0	7	3	0	2	2	0	25
22	Carson Williams	F	25:11	5-10	1-2	2-2	2	7	9	1	4	13	0	1	1	2	0	-4
4	Josh Anderson	G	21:55	3-7	0-2	0-2	2	4	6	2	3	6	1	2	0	0	0	-5
5	Camron Justice	G	28:58	5-11	2-5	1-2	1	0	1	0	3	13	2	2	0	0	0	22
11	Taveion Hollingsworth	G	25:17	1-6	0-3	0-0	0	6	6	0	2	2	6	2	2	0	0	18
3	Jordan Rawls		26:52	4-8	2-5	0-0	0	1	1	1	0	10	6	2	0	0	0	12
14	Matt Horton		13:04	4-5	0-0	3-3	2	2	4	2	2	11	0	1	1	1	0	19
10	Jeremiah Gambrell		22:22	4-7	3-6	0-0	1	1	2	3	1	11	3	0	0	0	0	14
50	Isaiah Cozart		06:13	1-3	0-0	0-0	1	1	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	-3
12	Jackson Harlan		01:45	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
15	Patrick Murphy		01:07	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Team							0	0	0			0		0				
Totals				30-64	9-28	6-9	11	30	41	10	15	75	21	10	6	7	0	22

Technical Fouls: NONE

Shooting By Period		
1 st FG%	16-31	51.6%
3PT%	6-17	35.3%
FT%	4-6	66.7%
2 nd FG%	14-33	42.4%
3PT%	3-11	27.3%
FT%	2-3	66.7%
GM FG%	30-64	46.9%
3PT%	9-28	32.1%
FT%	6-9	66.7%

Dead Ball Rebounds: 2, 1

	KWC	WKU
Biggest lead	0 (1 st 20:00)	25 (2 nd 6:24)
Best Scoring Run	10 (2 nd 2:08)	14 (1 st 14:58)
Lead Changes	0	
Times Tied	0	
Time with Lead	00:00	39:49

Points from	KWC	WKU
Turnovers	5	19
Paint	22	40
Second Chance	6	8
Fast Breaks	11	15
Bench	22	34

	Period by Period Scoring		
	1st	2nd	TOT
KWC	29	24	53
WKU	42	33	75

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Rhode Island Game Notes — <https://goto.ps/2Q5B0r1>

HILLTOPPERS HEAD FOR SATURDAY AFTERNOON MATCHUP AT RHODE ISLAND

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — WKU Hilltopper Basketball returns to action at Rhode Island at 1 p.m. CT Saturday in Kingston, R.I. The game will stream online on ESPN+.

WKU hasn't played a regular-season game in two weeks. The Hilltoppers stayed sharp by defeating Kentucky Wesleyan 75-53 in an exhibition game on Tuesday.

Rhode Island, which is 5-0 at home, has also had a long layoff and hasn't played at all since Dec. 6. This is the first all-time meeting between the Hilltoppers and the Rams. WKU head coach Rick Stansbury has never faced Rhode Island in his career.

GAME 11

WKU (7-3) at Rhode Island (6-3)

December 21, 2019 | 1 p.m. CT

Ryan Center | Kingston, R.I.

BROADCAST

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

Watch: [ESPN+](#) (Stone Freeman, announcer)

Live Stats: [Rhode Island Stats](#)

TOP STORYLINES

- WKU played an exhibition game against Kentucky Wesleyan on Tuesday to break up a two-week layoff. The Hilltoppers had 21 assists on 30 made baskets in a 75-53 victory and got 34 points off the bench.
- The Hilltoppers will be without the services of preseason All-American center Charles Bassey, who had season-ending surgery Dec. 10 to repair a tibial plateau fracture in his left leg.
- After WKU's victory over Arkansas on Dec. 7, the Hilltoppers are 8-4 against Power Five competition since the start of the 2017-18 season.

- Outside of WKU's loss to then-No. 2 Louisville, its other two defeats came away from home against two preseason league favorites – Bowling Green (MAC) and Wright State (Horizon) – by a combined four points.
- The Hilltoppers play 6 of 7 regular-season games away from home overall from Nov. 23 in the Virgin Islands through Saturday's game at Rhode Island.
- As of Thursday, WKU ranked 13th in the country in field-goal percentage (50.0), 23rd in free-throw percentage (77.4), 24th in fouls per game (14.4), 35th in scoring offense (80.2 ppg) and 43rd in blocks per game (4.9).
- WKU has made 26 more free throws (168) than its opponents have even attempted (142) through 10 games.

LAST GAME AGAINST RHODE ISLAND:

First meeting

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Box score and postgame notes are attached.

Video: WKU head coach Rick Stansbury — <https://youtu.be/Qlj0X-Y0Tg4>

Video: WKU redshirt junior forward Carson Williams — https://youtu.be/fn_4x3vrJMg

Video: WKU freshman guard Jordan Rawls — <https://youtu.be/Xok3oRw-l-w>

HILLTOPPERS DROP 86-82 OVERTIME THRILLER AT RHODE ISLAND

KINGSTON, R.I. — WKU Hilltopper Basketball showed plenty of fight Saturday at Rhode Island, rallying to force overtime before falling 86-82 in a road thriller.

WKU redshirt junior forward Carson Williams' fourth 3-pointer sent the game to overtime, but Rhode Island was able to capitalize on offensive rebounds and costly Hilltopper turnovers to get the victory.

"You're always disappointed when you don't win," WKU head coach Rick Stansbury said. "You want the loss to hurt, but I couldn't be more proud of the effort, the will they played with and the way we battled back on the road against a really good basketball team."

Williams scored a game-high 26 points on 9-of-13 shooting, including a 4-for-4 performance from 3-point range. He also tied his career high with 14 rebounds and blocked three shots.

His final 3-pointer to send the game to overtime capped a late surge in regulation by WKU (7-4), which trailed 70-61 with 4:46 to play.

It was an encouraging sign for the post player in the Hilltoppers' first regular-season game without injured center Charles Bassey.

"I have to do that, particularly from a rebounding standpoint," Williams said. "I don't remember how many rebounds Charles got a game, but it was quite a bit. There's some vacant rebounds that need to be grabbed, so I'm going to have to step up my game in that aspect every night out."

Williams tied the game at 20-all in the first half with a 3-pointer at the 8:44 mark, before Rhode Island went on an 8-0 run to take its largest lead of the frame with 6:46 left.

WKU scored the final five points of the half to cut its deficit to 36-35, as Williams sank another 3 just before the buzzer.

Rhode Island (7-3) came out and scored the first eight points out of the locker room, and the Rams were in control for much of the second half as they kept the Hilltoppers at bay.

But after a 3-pointer by Tyrese Martin gave Rhode Island a 70-61 lead with less than five minutes left, the Hilltoppers began to chip away, including six points from junior guard Taveion Hollingsworth.

WKU's final possession included three 3-point tries by the Tops, the last the game-tyer from Williams in the corner just before the horn.

The Hilltoppers had their opportunities in overtime, but never led in the extra period.

"I think we showed a lot of fight," freshman guard Jordan Rawls said. "We got down double-digits twice in the second half. This team isn't going to go away. We fought hard, but we didn't come out with the W."

Rhode Island improved to 6-0 at home this season and has won eight straight at home overall.

Martin had 22 points to pace the Rams, who pulled down 21 offensive rebounds and forced WKU into 18 turnovers.

Behind Williams, Hollingsworth had 19 points and six rebounds for the Hilltoppers. Rawls added 12 points, and junior guard Josh Anderson had 10 points. Redshirt senior guard/forward Jared Savage finished with nine points and 11 boards.

The Hilltoppers head into a holiday break and will conclude nonconference play at home against Belmont at 6:30 p.m. CT Saturday, Dec. 28 at E.A. Diddle Arena. The game will air on Stadium.



Officials: Matt Potter, Justin Porterfield, Jeff Pon

Western Ky. - 82

Record: 7-4

NO.	Name	F	Min	FG			3P			FT			Rebounds			Fouls		TP	AS	TO	ST	Blocks		+/-
				M-A	M-A	M-A	OR	DR	TOT	PF	FD	OR	DR	TOT	BS	BA								
2	Jared Savage	F	42:14	3-8	3-6	0-0	2	9	11	2	0	9	2	0	9	2	5	1	1	1	1	1	-6	
22	Carson Williams	F	38:48	9-14	4-4	4-6	4	10	14	1	5	26	0	0	1	3	2	3	2	3	2	-3		
4	Josh Anderson	G	25:19	2-6	0-0	6-6	0	4	4	2	5	10	2	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	-5		
5	Camron Justice	G	36:32	1-8	0-5	4-5	0	2	2	2	4	6	2	2	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1		
11	Taveion Hollingsworth	G	41:19	8-18	1-5	2-2	2	4	6	3	3	19	2	7	2	0	1	1	1	1	1	-7		
3	Jordan Rawls		29:08	5-12	1-5	1-1	2	1	3	3	2	12	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
14	Matt Horton		06:12	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	-1		
10	Jeremiah Gambrell		05:28	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1		
Team							1	2	3			0			2									
Totals					28-66	9-25	17-20	11	34	45	14	19	82	11	18	5	6	5	4					

Technical Fouls: Team 2nd 12:30

Shooting By Period		
1 st FG%	10-29	34.5%
3PT%	4-10	40.0%
FT%	11-12	91.7%
2 nd FG%	16-30	53.3%
3PT%	4-10	40.0%
FT%	3-5	60%
OT FG%	2-7	28.6%
3PT%	1-5	20.0%
FT%	3-3	100%
GM FG%	28-66	42.4%
3PT%	9-25	36.0%
FT%	17-20	85.0%

Dead Ball Rebounds: 0, 1

Rhode Island - 86

Record: 7-3

NO.	Name	F	Min	FG			3P			FT			Rebounds			Fouls		TP	AS	TO	ST	Blocks		+/-
				M-A	M-A	M-A	OR	DR	TOT	PF	FD	OR	DR	TOT	BS	BA								
00	Jermaine Harris	F	21:03	4-6	1-2	2-2	1	2	3	1	1	11	1	3	3	0	0	14					14	
10	Cyril Langevine	F	35:32	4-8	0-0	0-1	6	8	14	3	2	8	1	2	0	3	0	7					7	
1	Fatts Russell	G	40:14	4-18	1-6	6-6	1	4	5	4	6	15	8	1	2	1	2	6					6	
4	Tyrese Martin	G	38:13	9-23	2-9	2-2	2	7	9	2	1	22	1	1	1	0	3	11					11	
11	Jeff Downtin	G	42:26	4-15	2-7	4-6	2	1	3	2	2	14	8	0	2	0	1	0					0	
15	Mekhi Long		10:55	0-3	0-0	1-2	3	2	5	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	-9					-9	
21	Jacob Toppin		17:11	2-6	1-3	0-0	3	2	5	2	0	5	0	1	0	0	0	-3					-3	
5	Antwan Walker		19:26	5-7	0-0	0-0	3	4	7	3	1	10	2	1	2	1	0	-6					-6	
Team							0	0	0			0			0									
Totals					32-86	7-27	15-19	21	30	51	19	14	86	21	10	10	5	6	4					

Technical Fouls: NONE

Shooting By Period		
1 st FG%	15-40	37.5%
3PT%	4-17	23.5%
FT%	2-2	100%
2 nd FG%	14-39	35.9%
3PT%	2-8	25.0%
FT%	8-11	72.7%
OT FG%	3-7	42.9%
3PT%	1-2	50.0%
FT%	5-6	83.3%
GM FG%	32-86	37.2%
3PT%	7-27	25.9%
FT%	15-19	78.9%

Dead Ball Rebounds: 2, 0

	WKU	URI
Biggest lead	5 (1 st 17:32)	11 (2 nd 16:05)
Best Scoring Run	8 (1 st 17:32)	8 (1 st 6:45)
Lead Changes	6	
Times Tied	7	
Time with Lead	02:49	37:46

	WKU	URI
Points from		
Turnovers	12	15
Paint	32	42
Second Chance	11	19
Fast Breaks	12	13
Bench	12	16

	Period by Period Scoring			
	1st	2nd	OT1	TOT
WKU	35	39	8	82
URI	36	38	12	86

WESTERN KENTUCKY HILLTOPPERS

WKU Hilltoppers at Rhode Island Rams

Postgame Notes

December 21, 2019

Ryan Center | Kingston, R.I.

FINAL SCORE: Rhode Island 86, WKU 82 (OT)

RECORDS AND NOTABLES

- WKU falls to 7-4 overall, while Rhode Island improves to 7-3.
- Rhode Island is now 6-0 at home this season and has won eight straight at home overall.
- Both the Hilltoppers and head coach Rick Stansbury are now 0-1 against the Rams.
- This was the first time WKU has played back-to-back overtime games since falling at UTEP and at home to Marshall in consecutive OT games during the 2015-16 season.
- WKU falls to 4-2 in overtime games under Rick Stansbury.
- Announced attendance was 5,325.
- **UP NEXT:** WKU returns from the holiday break to host Belmont at 6:30 p.m. CT Saturday, Dec. 28 at E.A. Diddle Arena. The game will air on Stadium.

TEAM NOTES

- WKU used the starting lineup of Taveion Hollingsworth, Camron Justice, Josh Anderson, Jared Savage and Carson Williams for the first time this season. The lineup is now 0-1 together this season.
- **FIRST HALF RUN:** After Carson Williams tied the game at 20 with a 3-pointer, Rhode Island went on an 8-0 run to take its largest lead of the half with 6:46 to play.
 - WKU scored the final five points of the half to trim its deficit to one at 36-35, capped by another 3-pointer just before the buzzer from Williams.
- **KEY SECOND HALF RUN:** WKU went on an 8-0 run down 70-61 with 4:46 left, and eventually forced overtime on a 3-pointer at the buzzer from Carson Williams.
- **KEY OVERTIME RUN:** After Jordan Rawls tied the game at 79-all, Rhode Island scored five straight points to put the game out of reach.

- WKU shot 28 of 66 (42.4 percent) from the field, 9 of 25 (36 percent) from 3-point range and 17 of 20 (85 percent) from the free-throw line.
- Rhode Island recorded 21 assists and pulled down 51 rebounds, including 21 offensive.
- WKU has made a 3-pointer in 1,021 straight games dating back to March 15, 1987. The Hilltoppers have the fifth longest streak in the nation of consecutive games with a made 3. Only UNLV, Vanderbilt, Duke and Arkansas have longer streaks.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

CARSON WILLIAMS

- The redshirt junior scored a game-high 26 points and tied his career high with 14 rebounds.
 - Williams went 9 of 13 from the field and a career-high 4-for-4 from 3-point range, including the game-tying 3 at the end of regulation.
 - He also blocked a season-high three shots.

JOSH ANDERSON

- The junior scored 10 points, sinking a perfect 6-for-6 free throws.

TAVEION HOLLINGSWORTH

- The junior scored 19 points and grabbed six rebounds.
 - Hollingsworth passes Dwight Smith and Jim Rose to move into 34th on WKU's all-time scoring list.

JARED SAVAGE

- The redshirt senior scored nine points and tied his career high with 11 rebounds.

JORDAN RAWLS

- The freshman tied his career high with 29 minutes and scored 12 points, his most since posting 14 against Illinois State on Nov. 24.

- Hollingsworth is now 36th on WKU's all-time scoring list with 1,131 points.
- Hollingsworth has led WKU in scoring in 23 games in his career.

CHARLES BASSEY

- The sophomore scored 10 points and pulled down six rebounds before exiting the game with 3:40 left in regulation with a left leg injury.

JOSH ANDERSON

- The junior added 15 points, six rebounds, a block and an assist in 32 minutes off the bench.

- Anderson scored six points in the final eight minutes of the game, including overtime.

JARED SAVAGE

- The redshirt senior had 14 points and six rebounds while adding two steals in his 39 minutes.
 - Savage knocked down the game-tying 3-pointer to send the game to overtime.

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WKU Game Notes — <https://goto.ps/39hQ8KM>

Belmont Game Notes — <https://goto.ps/2Sw7BJw>

Video: WKU head coach Rick Stansbury previews Belmont — <https://youtu.be/H3YmMMfbeQ8>

Video: Hilltoppers Taveion Hollingsworth and Carson Williams preview Belmont

— <https://youtu.be/Hsrsvg3VuyE>

TOPS WRAP NON-CONFERENCE PLAY AT HOME AGAINST BELMONT ON SATURDAY

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — WKU Hilltopper Basketball completes non-conference play at home against Belmont at 6:30 p.m. CT Saturday at E.A. Diddle Arena. The game will air on Stadium and on WKU PBS in Bowling Green.

The Hilltoppers have played two straight overtime games, most recently an 86-82 loss in extra time at Rhode Island on Dec. 21.

Belmont most recently lost 92-72 to Alabama on Dec. 21. WKU is 4-7 all-time against the Bruins and has lost six straight, including the last five seasons. Head coach Rick Stansbury is 1-3 in his career against Belmont.

GAME 12

Belmont (8-4) at WKU (7-4)

December 28, 2019 | 6:30 p.m. CT

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

BROADCAST

Listen: [Hilltopper Sports Network](#) (WKLX 100.7 FM flagship), [CUSA.tv Audio](#) (free), [TuneIn Radio](#) (Jeff Younglove, pxp | Hal Schmitt, analysis)

Watch: [Stadium](#); WKU PBS in Bowling Green (Noah Coslov, pxp | Tim Scarborough, analysis)

Live Stats: [WKU Stats](#)

TOP STORYLINES

- The Hilltoppers have played two straight overtime games for the first time since the 2015-16 season, when they lost at UTEP and at home to Marshall in consecutive contests. WKU has not played three straight overtime games since the 1979-80 campaign.
- In both overtime games, WKU had to mount furious comebacks to force OT. The Hilltoppers trailed Rhode Island by nine with 4:47 left in regulation and Arkansas by five with 36 seconds remaining.

- WKU redshirt junior guard Patrick Murphy is the brother of Belmont starting sophomore guard Grayson Murphy, who averages 8.8 points per game and leads the Bruins in rebounds and assists.
- Outside of WKU's loss to then-No. 2 Louisville, its other three defeats came away from home by a combined eight points. Two teams – Bowling Green (MAC) and Wright State (Horizon) – were preseason league favorites.
- As of Thursday, WKU ranked 14th in the country in field-goal percentage (49.2), 19th in free-throw percentage (78.1), 23rd in fouls per game (14.4), 30th in scoring offense (80.4 ppg) and 36th in blocks per game (5.0).
- WKU has made 24 more free throws (185) than its opponents have even attempted (161) through 11 games.

TICKETS

WKU Ticket Office: Single-game tickets for the Belmont game remain available in person at the WKU Ticket Office, by phone at 1-800-5-BIGRED or online at WKUTickets.com.

PROMOTIONS

- Faculty and Staff Appreciation Night
- Big Red Rascal's Day
- American Bank and Trust putt from 3pt line to win \$1,000 cash
- Wendy's Freeze Out Promo - If an opposing player misses two free throws in a row, every fan in the arena gets a free Wendy's Frosty
- Smart Start Post Game Shootaround on court for all kids
- Taco Bell Challenge – When WKU scores 70 points or more, all fans can redeem a free taco at Taco Bell

LAST GAME AGAINST BELMONT: DECEMBER 19, 2018

WKU made a late comeback against Belmont after falling behind 19, but couldn't quite get over the hump in an 80-74 road loss.

The Hilltoppers trailed 55-36 with 15:53 left in the game, but got back into the fray with a 13-0 run. They had a 3-point try in the waning seconds to trim their deficit to one, but the shot didn't drop – a common theme throughout the evening.

Sophomore guard Josh Anderson finished with 16 points, six rebounds and two assists. Freshman center Charles Basseby tied for the team lead in scoring with 16 points and 10 rebounds, recording his fifth double-double of the year.

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Box score and postgame notes are attached.

Video: WKU head coach Rick Stansbury — <https://youtu.be/ZbnNcXt8G6w>

Video: Hilltoppers Jared Savage and Carson Williams — <https://youtu.be/5TADSlxsrc4>

HILLTOPPERS FALL 79-62 TO BELMONT IN NON-CONFERENCE FINALE

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — WKU Hilltopper Basketball couldn't get much going Saturday in its non-conference finale, falling 79-62 at home to Belmont at E.A. Diddle Arena.

The Hilltoppers (7-5) shot 34.8 percent from the field, including 22.2 percent from 3-point range, while Belmont shot 48 percent and made 11 3s.

It was the Bruins' seventh straight win over WKU, including six consecutive seasons.

"I thought the biggest thing with us was offensively in the first half," WKU head coach Rick Stansbury said. "I just didn't think the ball moved well. I thought the ball stuck, I thought we had too many quick shots, I thought we had some forced shots. And I haven't really said that all year long. We dug ourselves a hole."

WKU missed its first 11 3-pointers of the game and had just two assists before the break, and Belmont went on a 13-4 run late in the first half to build a 15-point lead.

Freshman guard Jordan Rawls knocked down the Tops' first 3 just before the buzzer to trim their deficit to 36-24 at the break.

The Hilltoppers came out of the locker room and cut Belmont's lead to 42-37 by the 16:38 mark, but the Bruins scored eight straight points to end the spurt.

They eventually led by as much as 19 with 5:42 remaining.

"We didn't share the ball well tonight, and that's on everybody," Savage said. "That's not just on the point guards. That's everybody on the team. We've got to flow better than that. It was stagnant on offense. The second half we got it moving a little bit when we made that run, but we can't give them a 12-point lead and try to fight back from that. They're too good of a team to try to do that."

Redshirt junior forward Carson Williams paced the Hilltoppers with 12 points and seven rebounds, while redshirt senior guard Jared Savage finished with 10 points and seven boards.

Junior guard Josh Anderson added 11 points, five rebounds, three assists and two steals.

Tyler Scanlon's 18 points led five players in double figures for Belmont (9-4).

The Hilltoppers turn the page to Conference USA play with two home games, starting with North Texas at 6 p.m. CT Thursday at E.A. Diddle Arena. The game will air on ESPNU.



Officials: Tim Gattis, Brent Hampton, Roger Ayers

Belmont - 79

Record: 9-4

NO.	Name	F	Min	FG			3P			FT			Rebounds			Fouls		TP	AS	TO	ST	Blocks		+/-
				M-A	M-A	M-A	OR	DR	TOT	PF	FD	BS	BA											
00	Tyler Scanlon	F	36:59	6-12	3-6	3-4	0	5	5	0	4	18	3	0	1	0	0	14						
33	Nick Muszynski	C	30:44	6-10	0-0	0-0	2	10	12	3	1	12	2	3	0	0	1	14						
2	Grayson Murphy	G	33:06	5-8	1-1	0-0	2	9	11	2	1	11	7	3	2	1	0	8						
5	Adam Kunkel	G	21:37	4-9	0-2	1-1	0	1	1	4	1	9	2	1	0	0	1	8						
24	Michael Benkert	G	18:53	5-8	5-8	0-0	1	3	4	0	0	15	0	1	0	0	0	6						
14	Nick Hopkins		29:59	4-12	2-9	1-2	1	5	6	1	2	11	0	2	1	0	0	16						
22	Ben Sheppard		09:59	0-2	0-1	0-0	0	2	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	9						
50	Seth Adelsperger		09:16	1-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	3						
1	Mitch Listau		06:26	0-2	0-1	1-2	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	4						
20	Tate Pierson		03:01	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3						
Team							1	1	2			0		0										
Totals				31-64	11-28	6-9	9	36	45	14	11	79	16	11	4	2	2	17						

Shooting By Period		
1st FG%	14-31	45.2%
3PT%	7-17	41.2%
FT%	1-2	50%
2nd FG%	17-33	51.5%
3PT%	4-11	36.4%
FT%	5-7	71.4%
GM FG%	31-64	48.4%
3PT%	11-28	39.3%
FT%	6-9	66.7%

Dead Ball Rebounds: 3, 0

Technical Fouls: NONE

Western Ky. - 62

Record: 7-5

NO.	Name	F	Min	FG			3P			FT			Rebounds			Fouls		TP	AS	TO	ST	Blocks		+/-
				M-A	M-A	M-A	OR	DR	TOT	PF	FD	BS	BA											
2	Jared Savage	F	37:57	4-10	2-7	0-0	0	7	7	2	0	10	0	1	0	0	1	-14						
22	Carson Williams	F	32:09	3-10	0-2	6-6	4	3	7	1	4	12	0	3	0	1	1	-17						
4	Josh Anderson	G	34:02	4-8	1-3	2-4	2	3	5	3	4	11	3	3	2	1	0	-21						
5	Camron Justice	G	33:11	4-14	1-7	0-2	0	5	5	0	2	9	4	2	3	0	0	-15						
11	Taveion Hollingsworth	G	26:08	4-12	1-3	0-0	1	3	4	3	2	9	1	1	1	0	0	-7						
3	Jordan Rawls		23:10	2-7	1-3	0-0	0	1	1	1	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	-9						
14	Matt Horton		07:51	2-3	0-0	1-1	2	0	2	1	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	0						
10	Jeremiah Gambrell		05:32	0-2	0-2	1-2	0	2	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	-2						
Team							2	0	2			0		0										
Totals				23-66	6-27	10-15	11	24	35	11	14	62	8	10	6	2	2	-17						

Shooting By Period		
1st FG%	10-30	33.3%
3PT%	1-12	8.3%
FT%	3-5	60%
2nd FG%	13-36	36.1%
3PT%	5-15	33.3%
FT%	7-10	70%
GM FG%	23-66	34.8%
3PT%	6-27	22.2%
FT%	10-15	66.7%

Dead Ball Rebounds: 1, 0

Technical Fouls: NONE

	BEL	WKU
Biggest lead	19 (2 nd 5:42)	2 (1 st 18:12)
Best Scoring Run	8 (2 nd 14:34)	8 (2 nd 19:06)
Lead Changes	1	
Times Tied	0	
Time with Lead	37:27	00:45

Points from	BEL	WKU
Turnovers	15	10
Paint	36	32
Second Chance	15	17
Fast Breaks	13	13
Bench	14	11

	Period by Period Scoring		
	1st	2nd	TOT
BEL	36	43	79
WKU	24	38	62

WESTERN KENTUCKY HILLTOPPERS

WKU Hilltoppers vs. Belmont Bruins

Postgame Notes

December 28, 2019

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

FINAL SCORE: Belmont 79, WKU 62

RECORDS AND NOTABLES

- WKU falls to 7-5, while Belmont improves to 9-4.
- The Hilltoppers are now 4-1 at home this season.
- WKU is 4-8 all-time against Belmont and has lost seven straight in the series, including six straight seasons.
- Rick Stansbury is 1-4 all-time in his career against Belmont.
- Announced attendance was 5,102.
- **UP NEXT:** WKU begins Conference USA play at home against North Texas at 6 p.m. CT Thursday at E.A. Diddle Arena. The game will air on ESPNU.

TEAM NOTES

- WKU used the starting lineup of Taveion Hollingsworth, Camron Justice, Josh Anderson, Jared Savage and Carson Williams for the second straight game. The lineup is now 0-2 together this season.
- **FIRST HALF RUN:** Belmont went on a 13-2 run late in the first half to take a 36-21 lead with 34 seconds to play.
 - WKU's Jordan Rawls stopped the run with the Hilltoppers' first 3-pointer of the game just before the buzzer.
- **KEY SECOND HALF RUN:** WKU was able to get back within five at 42-37 with 16:38 remaining the game, but Belmont scored the next eight points to end the spurt.
 - The Bruins eventually led by as much as 19 with 5:42 to play.
- WKU shot 23 of 66 (34.8 percent) from the field, 6 of 27 (22.2 percent) from 3-point range and 10 of 15 (66.7 percent) from the free-throw line.

- Belmont's 11 made 3-pointers were the most by a Hilltopper opponent this season.
- WKU has made a 3-pointer in 1,022 straight games dating back to March 15, 1987. The Hilltoppers have the fifth longest streak in the nation of consecutive games with a made 3. Only UNLV, Vanderbilt, Duke and Arkansas have longer streaks.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

CARSON WILLIAMS

- The redshirt junior scored 12 points and had seven rebounds, leading WKU in scoring for the second straight game since the injury to starting center Charles Bassey.

JARED SAVAGE

- The redshirt senior tallied 10 points and seven rebounds.
 - After not grabbing more than five rebounds in WKU's first six games, Savage has pulled down six or more rebounds in five of the last six games.

JOSH ANDERSON

- The junior scored 11 points and added five rebounds, three assists and two steals.
 - After reaching double figures in two of the first nine games of the year, Anderson has scored at least 10 points in three straight contests.