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WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / January 2, 2019

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

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

Charlotte Game Notes — <https://goto.ps/2R62b8K>

HILLTOPPERS BEGIN C-USA PLAY ON ROAD THURSDAY AT CHARLOTTE

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — WKU Hilltopper Basketball begins Conference USA play on the road against Charlotte at 6:30 p.m. CT Thursday in Charlotte, N.C. The game will air on beIN SPORTS.

This season will be the first time that WKU has opened conference play with three straight road games – at Charlotte, at Old Dominion, at Marshall – since 2002-03, when the Hilltoppers began Sun Belt action at Middle Tennessee, Little Rock and Arkansas State.

The Hilltoppers concluded non-conference play with an 83-76 home upset of No. 15/16 Wisconsin on Saturday, the highest-ranked team they've beaten at home since 1973.

Charlotte finished non-conference action with a 68-53 loss to Colorado in Honolulu, Hawaii.

WKU is 19-10 all-time against the 49ers, including a 6-8 mark on the road. Hilltopper head coach Rick Stansbury is 5-2 in his career against Charlotte.

GAME 14

WKU (7-6, 0-0 C-USA) at Charlotte (3-8, 0-0 C-USA)

January 3, 2019 | 6:30 p.m. CT

Halton Arena | Charlotte, N.C.

BROADCAST

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

Watch: beIN SPORTS (Phil Schoen, pxp | Megan Perry, analysis)

Live Stats: [Charlotte Stats](#)

QUICK SHOTS

- The Hilltoppers have won nine of their last 11 conference openers, including two straight.
- WKU finished non-conference play with the 19th-best strength of schedule in the nation, according to the Sagarin Ratings, and the 33rd-best non-conference slate per Ken Pomeroy.
- The Hilltoppers have made a 3-pointer in 989 straight games dating back to March 15, 1987. WKU entered the season tied with Arkansas for the fourth-longest streak in the nation of consecutive games with a made 3. Only UNLV (1,039), Vanderbilt (1,031) and Duke (1,021) had longer streaks to start the year.
- WKU is 43-1 when leading with five minutes to play under head coach Rick Stansbury.
- WKU freshman center Charles Bassegy has more blocks himself (33) this year than 73 Division I teams.
- WKU ranks 16th in the country in total blocks and 18th in the country in blocked shots per game, and 22nd in percentage of opponents' shots blocked, according to Ken Pomeroy. Its average of 5.5 blocks per game would be its highest on record. Charles Bassegy leads C-USA in blocks per game (2.5).
- The Hilltoppers have shot 83 more free throws than their opponents this year and made four more free throws than their opponents have even attempted, a calling card of the program.

- Sophomore Taveion Hollingsworth has scored at least 10 points in 37 of his 51 career games. He's scored at least 20 points in 12 of those outings, including a 22-point effort against Wisconsin on Dec. 29.
- After scoring 15-plus points just once in the Hilltoppers' first 10 games of the season, sophomore guard Josh Anderson has scored at least 15 points in three straight games for WKU.
- As of Tuesday, Charles Basseley was ranked fifth nationally among freshmen for rebounds per game (9.1) and tied for second in total blocks (33). He ranks second in C-USA in total rebounds per game (9.1).
- As of Tuesday, Charles Basseley ranked in the top 50 in the country in double-doubles (40th), field-goal percentage (23rd), blocks per game (13th), total blocks (13th), total rebounds per game (47th) and total rebounds (50th).

LAST GAME AGAINST CHARLOTTE: FEBRUARY 22, 2018

WKU shot better than 55 percent for the fourth straight game, rolling past Charlotte 93-55 at E.A. Diddle Arena. The Hilltoppers put six players in double figures, including a career-high 19 points from Josh Anderson.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / January 3, 2019

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Box score and postgame notes are attached.

Video: WKU head coach Rick Stansbury — <https://youtu.be/6lZhEM2emkQ>

Video: WKU forward Moustapha Diagne — <https://youtu.be/TWm9jAo9nSk>

Video: WKU guard Jake Ohmer — <https://youtu.be/cpgf7gH-YPA>

HILLTOPPERS NET 12 3-POINTERS IN 68-50 ROUT AT CHARLOTTE

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — WKU Hilltopper Basketball set a season high for made 3-pointers and took control early on the road, opening Conference USA play with a 68-50 win at Charlotte on Thursday.

The Hilltoppers (8-6, 1-0 C-USA) netted 12 shots from long range, their most in a game since also hitting 12 against Southern Miss on Dec. 30, 2017.

WKU has won 10 of its last 12 conference openers – including three straight under head coach Rick Stansbury, who won his 50th game at the helm of the Hilltoppers.

“We haven’t been able to sub all year long at the level we subbed tonight,” Stansbury said. “I basically took those starters out around the 15-minute mark. I know we scored the first 11 of 15 possessions coming out of halftime, and I think they scored twice. I have a bunch of guys who sat over there in tight games who needed to play.”

All 10 Hilltoppers who played scored, led by redshirt junior Jared Savage’s 13 points.

But no starter played more than 29 minutes, and WKU got 23 points off its bench.

Sophomore guard Jake Ohmer led the charge from the reserves, netting a career-high four 3-pointers for 12 points in 26 minutes.

“Last game, I got in and hit one, so I’ve been in the gym working,” Ohmer said. “I’ve been trying to prove myself and get back in a rhythm and play more.”

Freshman center Charles Basse finished with 11 points, five rebounds and two blocks, while freshman guard Dalano Banton added 10 points, four rebounds and four assists.

Both freshman guard Jeremiah Gambrell and redshirt junior forward Moustapha Diagne made their first career 3-pointers as Hilltoppers.

“It was good for us, the way we came out today – especially in the second half,” Diagne said.

“Everybody contributed and then we got stops, so it was good for us.”

Trailing 17-15 at the 7:24 mark of the first half, WKU went on a 14-2 run to pull in front 29-19, capped by back-to-back 3s from Savage and Ohmer.

The Hilltoppers led 34-25 at the break and used a 17-4 run in the second half to quickly run that lead to 48-29. They eventually led by as much as 25 with 5:12 to play.

WKU shot 50 percent from the field, outrebounded Charlotte 35-23 and tallied 14 assists.

Jon Davis led Charlotte (3-9, 0-1) with 24 points.

The Hilltoppers continue their three-game road swing to open C-USA play at Old Dominion at 6 p.m. CT Saturday. The game will air on Stadium on Facebook.

WESTERN KENTUCKY HILLTOPPERS

WKU Hilltoppers at Charlotte 49ers

Postgame Notes

January 3, 2019

Halton Arena | Charlotte, N.C.

FINAL SCORE: WKU 68, Charlotte 50

RECORDS AND NOTABLES

- WKU improves to 8-6 overall and 1-0 in conference play.
- Charlotte falls to 3-9 overall and 0-1 in conference play.
- The Hilltoppers are 20-10 all-time vs. the 49ers, including a 7-8 mark on the road. Head coach Rick Stansbury is 6-2 against Charlotte.
- WKU is has won 10 of their last 12 conference openers, including three straight under Stansbury.
- With this victory, head coach Rick Stansbury has earned his 50th win at WKU.
- Attendance was announced at 3,019.
- **UP NEXT:** WKU continues its opening conference stretch on the road traveling to Old Dominion on Saturday at 6 p.m. CT. The game will be broadcast on Stadium on Facebook.

TEAM NOTES

- WKU used the starting lineup of Dalano Banton, Taveion Hollingsworth, Jared Savage, Josh Anderson and Charles Bassey for the second straight game. The group rises to 2-0 when starting together.
- **KEY FIRST HALF RUN:** WKU held Charlotte scoreless for over six minutes through the 11-minute mark. The Hilltoppers then used a 14-2 run with just under seven minutes remaining in the half to regain the lead and a score of 29-19.
- **KEY SECOND HALF RUN:** The Hilltoppers went on a 17-4 run at the beginning of the half to extend their lead to 57-33.
- WKU shot 24 of 48 (50 percent) from the field, 12 of 28 (42.9 percent) from 3-point range and 8 of 12 (66.7 percent) from the free-throw line. The Hilltopper has shot at least 50 percent from the field in three straight games.

- The Hilltoppers' 12 3-pointers are the most since hitting that same mark against Southern Miss on December 30, 2017.
- WKU outrebounded Charlotte 35-23.
- The Hilltopper bench outscored the 49er bench 23-3.
- WKU is now 44-1 under Stansbury when leading with five minutes to play.
- WKU has made a 3-pointer in 990 straight games dating back to March 15, 1987. The Hilltoppers entered the season tied with Arkansas for the fourth-longest streak in the nation of consecutive games with a made 3. Only UNLV, Vanderbilt and Duke had longer streaks.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

JARED SAVAGE

- The redshirt junior led WKU in scoring with 13 points and six rebounds. He also added two assists.
 - Savage is shooting 89.8% from the free-throw line this season.

DALANO BANTON

- The freshman notched 10 points, four rebounds, four assists and one steal.

CHARLES BASSEY

- The freshman scored 11 points while pulling down five boards with two blocks and a steal.
 - Bassey is fourth on WKU's list for blocks in a freshman season with 35.

JAKE OHMER

- The sophomore recorded 12 points, all from long-range, the most since he scored 12 against Marshall at home on January 27, 2018.
 - Ohmer went 4-for-7 from 3-point range, setting a new career high for made 3s.

JEREMIAH GAMBRELL

- The freshman finished with three points, one rebound, and one assist in 16 minutes, career highs in each category.

MOUSTAPHA DIAGNE

- The redshirt junior hit the floor for the first time since playing UT Martin on Nov. 10 at home in Diddle Arena. Diagne scored his first points of the season on his first 3-pointer and played a season-high 13 minutes.

TAVEION HOLLINGSWORTH

- The sophomore had a team-high seven rebounds, matched by seven points.

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WKU Game Notes — <https://goto.ps/2C3rjCw>

Old Dominion Game Notes — <https://goto.ps/2VvDaCo>

TOPS CONTINUE C-USA ROAD SWING SATURDAY AT OLD DOMINION

NORFOLK, Va. — WKU Hilltopper Basketball continues a three-game road swing to start Conference USA play at Old Dominion at 6 p.m. CT Saturday in Norfolk, Va. The game will broadcast on Stadium on Facebook.

WKU opened C-USA action with a 68-50 win at Charlotte on Thursday, its third straight victory. Old Dominion suffered a 70-67 home loss to Marshall on Thursday, snapping an eight-game win streak. The Hilltoppers lead the all-time series 19-18, including three straight wins last season. WKU head coach Rick Stansbury is 4-2 in his career against the Monarchs.

GAME 15

WKU (8-6, 1-0 C-USA) at Old Dominion (10-4, 0-1 C-USA)

January 5, 2019 | 6 p.m. CT

Ted Constant Convocation Center | Norfolk, Va.

BROADCAST

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

Watch: [Stadium on Facebook](#) (Chris Hassel, pxp | Doug Gottlieb, analysis | Kristen Balboni, sideline)

Live Stats: [Old Dominion Stats](#)

QUICK SHOTS

- This season will be the first time that WKU has opened conference play with three straight road games since 2002-03, when it began Sun Belt action at Middle Tennessee, Little Rock and Arkansas State.
- The Hilltoppers have shot 50 percent or better in three straight games, and six of the last eight overall.
- As of Jan. 2, WKU had as many or more Power Five wins (7) since the start of 2017-18 as eight Power Five programs, despite having just 10 opportunities.
- WKU finished non-conference play with the 19th-best strength of schedule in the nation, according to the Sagarin Ratings, and the 33rd-best non-conference slate per Ken Pomeroy.
- WKU is one of the youngest teams in the country, ranking 336th of 353 in experience, per Ken Pomeroy.
- The Hilltoppers have made a 3-pointer in 990 straight games dating back to March 15, 1987. WKU entered the season tied with Arkansas for the fourth-longest streak in the nation of consecutive games with a made 3. Only UNLV (1,039), Vanderbilt (1,031) and Duke (1,021) had longer streaks to start the year.
- The Hilltoppers are 44-1 under head coach Rick Stansbury when leading with five minutes to play.

- WKU ranks ninth in the country in total blocks and 16th in the country in blocked shots per game, and 18th in percentage of opponents' shots blocked, according to Ken Pomeroy. Its average of 5.5 blocks per game would be its highest on record. Charles Bassey leads C-USA in blocks per game (2.5).
- WKU freshman center Charles Bassey has more blocks himself (35) this year than 79 Division I teams.
- The Hilltoppers have shot 82 more free throws than their opponents this year and made one less free throw than their opponents have even attempted, a calling card of the program.
- As of Friday, Charles Bassey leads the nation among freshmen in total blocks (35) and ranks sixth nationally for rebounds per game (8.8). He ranks third in C-USA in total rebounds per game (8.8).
- As of Friday, Charles Bassey ranked in the top 50 in the country in double-doubles (46th), field-goal percentage (22nd), blocks per game (13th), total blocks (12th) and total rebounds (49th).

LAST GAME AGAINST OLD DOMINION: MARCH 9, 2018

Third-seeded WKU survived a 57-49 semifinal slugfest against No. 2 seed Old Dominion, advancing to the Conference USA Championship final in Frisco, Texas. Justin Johnson led WKU with 19 points and 13 rebounds.

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

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WKU Game Notes — <https://goto.ps/2H8gwN8>

Video: WKU head coach Rick Stansbury previews Marshall — https://youtu.be/7_myd2Luhhc

Video: WKU guards Jared Savage, Jake Ohmer preview Marshall — <https://youtu.be/lrpWaVqquZg>

WKU TRAVELS TO HUNTINGTON TO FACE MARSHALL IN RIVALRY MATCHUP

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. — WKU Hilltopper Basketball finishes a three-game road swing to start Conference USA play at Marshall at 6 p.m. CT Saturday in Huntington, W.Va. The game will air on CBS Sports Network on Facebook Watch.

WKU split its first two C-USA road games, most recently falling 69-66 at Old Dominion on Saturday.

Marshall beat Charlotte and ODU to start league play 2-0. WKU leads the all-time series 15-11 over the Herd, although Marshall won the last meeting - a 67-66 victory in the 2018 C-USA Tournament Championship. WKU head coach Rick Stansbury is 2-3 in his career against Marshall.

GAME 16

WKU (8-7, 1-1 C-USA) at Marshall (9-6, 2-0 C-USA)

January 12, 2019 | 6 p.m. CT

Cam Henderson Center | Huntington, W.Va.

BROADCAST

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

Watch: [CBS Sports Network on Facebook Watch](#) (Jason Knapp, pxp | Mo Cassara, analysis | Jenny Dell, sideline)

Live Stats: [Marshall Stats](#)

QUICK SHOTS

- This season will be the first time that WKU has opened conference play with three straight road games since 2002-03, when it began Sun Belt action at Middle Tennessee, Little Rock and Arkansas State.
- After the Marshall game, WKU will have played 11 of 16 games away from home this season, its most over a 16-game span to start a season since 2002-03, when it also started with 11 of 16 away from home.
- WKU finished non-conference play with the 19th-best strength of schedule in the nation, according to the Sagarin Ratings, and the 33rd-best non-conference slate per Ken Pomeroy.
- WKU is one of the youngest teams in the country, ranking 335th of 353 in experience, per Ken Pomeroy.
- The Hilltoppers have made a 3-pointer in 991 straight games dating back to March 15, 1987. WKU entered the season tied with Arkansas for the fourth-longest streak in the nation of consecutive games with a made 3. Only UNLV (1,039), Vanderbilt (1,031) and Duke (1,021) had longer streaks to start the year.

- The Hilltoppers have shot 87 more free throws than their opponents this year and made as many free throws (236) as their opponents have even attempted, a calling card of the program.
- The Hilltoppers are 44-1 under head coach Rick Stansbury when leading with five minutes to play.
- WKU ranks 13th in the country in total blocks and 15th in the country in blocked shots per game, and 17th in percentage of opponents' shots blocked, according to Ken Pomeroy. Its average of 5.5 blocks per game would be its highest on record. Charles Bassey leads C-USA in blocks per game (2.5).
- WKU freshman center Charles Bassey has more blocks himself (38) this year than 73 Division I teams.
- As of Thursday, Charles Bassey was tied for third in the nation among freshmen in total blocks (38) and fifth nationally for rebounds per game (9.0). He ranks second in C-USA in total rebounds per game (9.0).
- As of Thursday, Charles Bassey ranked in the top 50 nationally in double-doubles (32nd), field-goal percentage (14th), blocks per game (13th), total blocks (14th), total rebounds (45th) and rebounds per game (43rd).

LAST GAME AGAINST MARSHALL: MARCH 10, 2018

WKU made a furious rally in the final four minutes of the 2018 Conference USA Championship final, but ultimately came up just short in a 67-66 loss to Marshall. No. 3 seed WKU used an 11-0 run in the final 3:40 to trim their deficit to one, but missed multiple shots to take the lead. Justin Johnson had 21 points and 12 rebounds.

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Box score and postgame notes are attached.

Video: WKU head coach Rick Stansbury — <https://youtu.be/3aiYkH2-CaM>

Video: WKU sophomore guard Taveion Hollingsworth — <https://youtu.be/V5FQCZMIhNY>

LATE 3-POINTER DOOMS HILLTOPPERS IN 70-69 LOSS AT MARSHALL

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. — WKU Hilltopper Basketball led for nearly 34 minutes at Marshall on Saturday, but Jansson Williams' 3-pointer with 20 seconds left proved to be the winner for the Herd in a 70-69 victory.

WKU (8-8, 1-2 Conference USA) led 42-31 at halftime and held Marshall to 26.9 percent shooting from 3-point range, but it was plagued by 18 turnovers and six second-half offensive rebounds by the Thundering Herd.

"I thought the difference in the game was (Tae) Kinsey," said WKU head coach Rick Stansbury, referencing Marshall's freshman guard who finished with 23 points and seven rebounds. "Kinsey had some offensive putbacks. ... I thought we couldn't have guarded them any better in the first half. ... We've got to find ways to be able to do some things we do for 40 minutes. You can't do it for 30 minutes on the road against good teams."

After pulling in front early with a 15-6 run, WKU didn't trail again until the final made basket. Marshall climbed all the way back to tie it at 67-67 with 1:45 to play on a dunk by Williams, but redshirt senior guard Lamonte Bearden answered with a layup with 1:26 left.

With 20 seconds to play, Williams buried the game-winning 3 from the top of the key.

The Hilltoppers had multiple opportunities to score on the other end but came away empty-handed.

"Just rebounding down the stretch, putting together a full game for 40 minutes," WKU sophomore guard Josh Anderson said. "Not 30, not 35."

Sophomore guard Taveion Hollingsworth led WKU with 20 points, while freshman center Charles Bassey battled back from a knee contusion in the first half to tally 16 points, eight rebounds and two assists.

Anderson added 13 points and seven rebounds.

Behind Kinsey, Marshall senior guard Jon Elmore scored 21 points with five assists for Marshall (10-6, 3-0).

WKU has now played 11 of 16 games away from home this season, including their first three C-USA games on the road.

The Hilltoppers finally play their first home conference game of the season against FIU at 7 p.m. CT Thursday in E.A. Diddle Arena. The game will air on beIN SPORTS.

"It's tough," Hollingsworth said. "It's really a learning experience for the youngin's. Playing away from home more than we've played home is tough to do, and for us to do that, we're good. We just have to keep going."

Official Basketball Box Score -- Game Totals -- Final Statistics
Western Kentucky vs Marshall
1/12/19 7:05 PM at Huntington, W.Va. (Cam Henderson Center)

Western Kentucky 69 • 8-8, 1-2 C-USA

#	Player	c/g	Total		3-Ptr	Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot							
23	BASSEY, Charles	c	7-11	0-1	2-2	4	4	8	4	16	2	4	1	0	26
02	SAVAGE, Jared	g	1-11	0-6	0-0	0	7	7	3	2	2	3	0	1	33
04	ANDERSON, Josh	g	5-11	1-2	2-4	4	3	7	2	13	2	1	0	2	37
11	HOLLINGSWORTH, T.	g	7-9	3-4	3-3	0	4	4	3	20	0	3	0	1	38
20	BANTON, Dalano	g	2-3	1-1	0-0	0	2	2	2	5	2	4	1	2	21
00	SMITH, Tolu		3-3	0-0	0-1	0	3	3	2	6	0	2	1	0	14
01	BEARDEN, Lamonte		2-6	0-0	3-4	1	2	3	2	7	0	0	0	0	21
21	OHMER, Jake		0-2	0-2	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	10
Team						2	0	2				1			
Totals			27-56	5-16	10-14	11	25	36	19	69	9	18	3	6	200

FG % 1st Half: 17-31 54.8% 2nd half: 10-25 40.0% Game: 27-56 48.2% Deadball Rebounds 2
 3FG % 1st Half: 2-8 25.0% 2nd half: 3-8 37.5% Game: 5-16 31.3%
 FT % 1st Half: 6-8 75.0% 2nd half: 4-6 66.7% Game: 10-14 71.4%

Marshall 70 • 10-6, 3-0 C-USA

#	Player	f/g	Total		3-Ptr	Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot							
03	WILLIAMS, Jansson	f	5-9	2-6	0-1	1	5	6	1	12	0	4	5	0	28
01	KINSEY, Taevion	g	9-14	1-3	4-5	4	3	7	3	23	0	0	0	0	40
13	WEST, Jarrod	g	1-6	1-6	0-0	0	2	2	2	3	3	0	0	3	32
14	BURKS, C.J.	g	1-4	0-0	2-2	0	2	2	0	4	2	3	0	1	22
33	ELMORE, Jon	g	6-16	2-7	7-8	0	2	2	1	21	5	5	0	3	38
23	WATSON, Rondale		2-7	0-3	0-0	1	4	5	1	4	4	1	0	2	28
31	BEYERS, Mikel		1-1	1-1	0-0	0	1	1	4	3	0	0	1	0	12
Team						2	1	3				1			
Totals			25-57	7-26	13-16	8	20	28	12	70	14	14	6	9	200

FG % 1st Half: 9-27 33.3% 2nd half: 16-30 53.3% Game: 25-57 43.9% Deadball Rebounds 2
 3FG % 1st Half: 4-15 26.7% 2nd half: 3-11 27.3% Game: 7-26 26.9%
 FT % 1st Half: 9-11 81.8% 2nd half: 4-5 80.0% Game: 13-16 81.3%

Officials: Barry Mathis, Jeff Malham, Mick Fieldbinder
 Technical fouls: Western Kentucky-None. Marshall-None.
 Attendance: 7687

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
Western Kentucky	42	27	69
Marshall	31	39	70

	In	Off	2nd	Fast	
Points	Paint	T/O	Chance	Break	Bench
WKU	38	22	10	4	13
MARM	30	13	8	0	7

Last FG - WKU 2nd-01:26, MARM 2nd-00:21.
 Largest lead - WKU by 15 1st-02:46, MARM by 5 1st-18:38.
 WKU led for 33:56. MARM led for 04:07. Game was tied for 01:57.

Score tied - 2 times.
 Lead changed - 4 times.

WESTERN KENTUCKY HILLTOPPERS

WKU Hilltoppers at Marshall Thundering Herd

Postgame Notes

January 12, 2019

Cam Henderson Center | Huntington, W.Va.

FINAL SCORE: Marshall 70, WKU 69

RECORDS AND NOTABLES

- WKU falls to 8-8 overall and 1-2 in C-USA play.
- Marshall improves to 10-6 and 3-0 in league action.
- WKU leads the all-time series 15-12.
- WKU head coach Rick Stansbury is 2-4 in his career against the Thundering Herd.
- Announced attendance was 7,687.
- **UP NEXT:** WKU finally plays its first home conference game against FIU at 7 p.m. CT Thursday in E.A. Diddle Arena. The game will air on beIN SPORTS.

TEAM NOTES

- WKU used the starting lineup of Dalano Banton, Taveion Hollingsworth, Jared Savage, Josh Anderson and Charles Bassegy for the fourth straight game. The group is now 2-2 when starting together.
- **KEY FIRST HALF RUN:** Trailing 7-2 early, the Hilltoppers went on a 15-6 run to pull in front for the first time. Tolu Smith's basket with the foul made it 17-13 WKU with 13:34 remaining in the half.
- **KEY SECOND HALF RUN:** Marshall finished the game on a 15-6 run, turning a 63-55 deficit into a 70-69 lead with 20 seconds left on Jansson Williams' game-winning 3-pointer.
- WKU shot 27 of 56 (48.2 percent) from the field, 5 of 16 (31.3 percent) from 3-point range and 10 of 14 (71.4 percent) from the free-throw line.
- WKU has made a 3-pointer in 992 straight games dating back to March 15, 1987. The Hilltoppers entered the season tied with Arkansas for the fourth-longest streak in the nation of consecutive games with a made 3. Only UNLV, Vanderbilt and Duke had longer streaks.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

TAVEION HOLLINGSWORTH

- The sophomore led WKU in scoring with 20 points on 7-of-9 shooting.
 - Hollingsworth has scored at least 10 points in 39 of 54 career games, and scored at least 20 points in 13 career outings.

CHARLES BASSEY

- The freshman finished with 16 points, eight rebounds and two assists on 7-of-11 shooting.

LAMONTE BEARDEN

- The redshirt senior played his most minutes (21) in the last four WKU games, finishing with seven points and three rebounds.

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WKU Game Notes — <https://goto.ps/2Ru81Rs>

FIU Game Notes — <https://goto.ps/2QTg9Wj>

Video: WKU head coach Rick Stansbury previews FIU — <https://youtu.be/UdkSumpF2pl>

Video: Freshmen Dalano Banton, Tolu Smith preview FIU — <https://youtu.be/KzMybtb-o-c>

TOPS PLAY LONG-AWAITED FIRST C-USA HOME GAME VS. FIU ON THURSDAY

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — WKU Hilltopper Basketball begins a stretch of three home games in five days – and five games in 10 days overall – against FIU at 7 p.m. CT Thursday at E.A. Diddle Arena. The game will air on beIN SPORTS.

WKU played its first three Conference USA games on the road, most recently falling 70-69 at defending league tournament champion Marshall on Saturday.

FIU is coming off a one-point home loss to Old Dominion on Saturday. WKU is 34-7 all-time against the Panthers, including a 16-3 mark at home. Hilltopper head coach Rick Stansbury is 2-0 in his career against FIU.

GAME 17

FIU (11-6, 2-2 C-USA) at WKU (8-8, 1-2 C-USA)

January 17, 2019 | 7 p.m. CT

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

BROADCAST

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

Watch: [beIN SPORTS](#) (Phil Schoen, pxp | Megan Perry, analysis)

Live Stats: [WKU Stats](#)

QUICK SHOTS

- WKU is 29-7 (.806) at Diddle Arena under head coach Rick Stansbury and 602-170 overall in the venue.
- The Hilltoppers are the only team in Conference USA that hasn't played a league home game to this point.
- WKU has played 11 of 16 games away from home this season, its most over a 16-game span to start a season since 2002-03, when it also started with 11 of 16 away from home.
- This season was the first time that WKU opened conference play with three straight road games since 2002-03, when it began Sun Belt action at Middle Tennessee, Little Rock and Arkansas State.
- WKU finished non-conference play with the 19th-best strength of schedule in the nation, according to the Sagarin Ratings, and the 33rd-best non-conference slate per Ken Pomeroy.
- WKU is one of the youngest teams in the country, ranking 335th of 353 in experience, per Ken Pomeroy.
- The Hilltoppers have made a 3-pointer in 992 straight games dating back to March 15, 1987. WKU entered the season tied with Arkansas for the fourth-longest streak in the nation of

consecutive games with a made 3. Only UNLV (1,039), Vanderbilt (1,031) and Duke (1,021) had longer streaks to start the year.

- The Hilltoppers have shot 85 more free throws than their opponents this year and nearly made as many free throws (246) as their opponents have even attempted (252).
- WKU ranks 18th in the country in total blocks and blocked shots per game, and in percentage of opponents' shots blocked, according to Ken Pomeroy. Its average of 5.3 blocks per game would be its highest on record. Charles Bassey ranks second in C-USA in blocks per game (2.4).
- WKU freshman center Charles Bassey has more blocks himself (39) this year than 54 Division I teams.
- As of Tuesday, Charles Bassey ranked fourth in the nation among freshmen in total blocks (39) and field-goal percentage (64.9 percent), and eighth nationally for rebounds per game (8.9).
- As of Tuesday, Charles Bassey ranked in the top 50 nationally in double-doubles (40th), field-goal percentage (15th), blocks per game (17th), total blocks (21st) and rebounds per game (45th).

TICKETS

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

PROMOTIONS

- Eighth piece of 16-piece 100th season commemorative poster (Tolu Smith/Carlisle Towery) for first 3,000 fans

LAST GAME AGAINST FIU: FEBRUARY 10, 2018

WKU shot 56.5 percent from the field and netted 28 of 39 free throws in an 83-76 home win. Justin Johnson led WKU with 25 points, while Darius Thompson finished with 18 points, four assists and three steals.

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / January 17, 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/UvCr6FI_Srg

Video: Guards Jared Savage and Josh Anderson — <https://youtu.be/3b2SHJ0aZcc>

LEAD SLIPS AWAY FROM HILLTOPPERS IN 77-76 LOSS TO FIU

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — WKU Hilltopper Basketball saw another double-digit lead slip away Thursday night, falling 77-76 to FIU at E.A. Diddle Arena.

The Hilltoppers (8-9, 1-3 Conference USA) led by 16 with 11:29 remaining, but the Panthers came roaring back, and Brian Beard tossed in the winning layup with nine seconds left.

WKU has led by at least 15 in each of its last three games, losing all three by a combined five points.

“We just lost our focus,” redshirt junior guard/forward Jared Savage said. “We’ve done that for three games now, we’ve got to be better than that. We didn’t finish. You’ve got to put teams away when you’re up like that, and we didn’t do that. We let them hang around and get confidence and that’s what happened.”

WKU shot 50.9 percent from the field and recorded 18 assists on 28 made baskets, but turned the ball over 18 times, including 11 in the second half.

Savage led the Hilltoppers with 19 points, nine rebounds, three assists and two steals.

Sophomore guards Josh Anderson and Taveion Hollingsworth had 17 and 14 points, respectively. Freshman center Charles Bassey finished with eight points, seven rebounds and three blocks.

WKU finished the first half on a 23-10 run, as Hollingsworth’s deep 3 with 57 seconds left in the frame gave the Hilltoppers a 43-34 advantage.

They led 65-51 with 10:23 to play, but the Panthers went on a 12-2 run over the next three-plus minutes to cut it to three at 66-63.

FIU went in front at 73-72 with 1:34 left on a dunk by Osasumwen Osaghae. The teams traded the lead over the final 90 seconds, with Anderson putting WKU back up at 76-75 on a putback with 16 seconds left.

The Panthers (12-6, 3-2) came right down to the other end and seized the win on Beard’s layup.

“We have to figure out ways to finish games,” WKU head coach Rick Stansbury said. “Winning and losing is a fine line, I’ve said that many times. It takes one play, and there were a bunch of plays left out there tonight. You’ve got to understand when you get up in the second half, you’ve got to put a foot on somebody’s throat.”

Osaghae led FIU with 16 points and 10 rebounds.

The Hilltoppers continue the stretch of three home games in five days with a quick turnaround against Florida Atlantic at 2 p.m. CT Saturday in E.A. Diddle Arena. The game will air on Stadium on Facebook.

“Don’t lose focus,” Anderson said. “Anything can happen. No team is going to fold just because we go up by 10 or 12 points, we’ve just go to finish out the whole game.”

Official Basketball Box Score -- Game Totals -- Final Statistics
 FIU vs WKU
 01/17/19 7 p.m. CT at E.A. Diddle Arena (Bowling Green, Ky.)

FIU 77 • 12-6, 3-2 C-USA

##	Player	f	Total		3-Ptr	Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot							
10	ANDREWS, Devon	f	3-8	0-2	5-8	2	7	9	4	11	4	4	1	1	25
34	OSAGHAE, Osasumwen	f	5-6	0-0	6-10	4	6	10	3	16	1	3	2	0	27
03	JACOB, Trejon	g	0-3	0-2	0-0	1	3	4	1	0	1	0	0	0	17
04	BEARD, JR., Brian	g	4-11	2-4	4-4	0	2	2	3	14	4	4	0	1	33
05	DAYE, JR., Antonio	g	5-10	0-2	5-7	0	3	3	1	15	1	2	0	2	27
01	BANKS, Isaiah		1-5	0-2	1-4	0	2	2	2	3	1	0	1	1	16
02	VEIRA, Cordell		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
20	NUNEZ, JR., Willy		3-10	3-10	3-3	2	1	3	2	12	1	0	0	2	26
22	DIENG, Elhadji		2-2	0-0	0-4	1	1	2	3	4	0	1	1	0	13
31	DOUGLAS, Michael		1-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	2	2	0	0	1	0	13
Team						1	1	2							
Totals			24-56	5-22	24-40	11	27	38	21	77	13	14	6	7	200

FG % 1st Half: 11-26 42.3% 2nd half: 13-30 43.3% Game: 24-56 42.9%
 3FG % 1st Half: 4-14 28.6% 2nd half: 1-8 12.5% Game: 5-22 22.7%
 FT % 1st Half: 8-17 47.1% 2nd half: 16-23 69.6% Game: 24-40 60.0%

Deadball
Rebounds
9

WKU 76 • 8-9, 1-3 C-USA

##	Player	f	Total		3-Ptr	Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot							
02	SAVAGE, Jared	f	6-14	4-9	3-4	0	9	9	2	19	3	2	0	2	39
04	ANDERSON, Josh	f	7-9	0-0	3-4	2	4	6	2	17	0	4	2	2	36
23	BASSEY, Charles	c	3-5	1-1	1-2	1	6	7	4	8	1	2	3	1	24
11	HOLLINGSWORTH, T.	g	6-17	2-5	0-1	0	0	0	0	14	3	3	1	1	36
20	BANTON, Dalano	g	2-3	0-1	0-0	1	6	7	2	4	8	4	1	2	31
00	SMITH, Tolu		1-2	0-0	4-8	2	1	3	3	6	1	2	0	0	7
01	BEARDEN, Lamonte		2-3	0-0	2-5	1	1	2	4	6	2	1	0	0	10
05	HORTON, Matt		1-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	3	2	0	0	0	0	9
14	NELSON, Marek		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
21	OHMER, Jake		0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	7
Team						1	0	1							
Totals			28-55	7-17	13-24	8	28	36	22	76	18	18	7	8	200

FG % 1st Half: 16-27 59.3% 2nd half: 12-28 42.9% Game: 28-55 50.9%
 3FG % 1st Half: 6-10 60.0% 2nd half: 1-7 14.3% Game: 7-17 41.2%
 FT % 1st Half: 5-12 41.7% 2nd half: 8-12 66.7% Game: 13-24 54.2%

Deadball
Rebounds
3

Officials: Kelly Self, James Luckie, Roger Ayers
 Technical fouls: FIU-None. WKU-None.
 Attendance: 5102

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
FIU	34	43	77
WKU	43	33	76

Points	In Paint	Off T/O	2nd Chance	Fast Break	Bench
FIUM	38	10	13	10	21
WKU	38	13	9	14	14

Last FG - FIUM 2nd-00:09, WKU 2nd-00:16.
 Largest lead - FIUM by 8 1st-17:44, WKU by 16 2nd-11:29.
 FIUM led for 13:58. WKU led for 25:01. Game was tied for 01:01.

Score tied - 5 times.
 Lead changed - 8 times.

WESTERN KENTUCKY HILLTOPPERS

WKU Hilltoppers vs. FIU Panthers

Postgame Notes

January 17, 2019

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

FINAL SCORE: FIU 77, WKU 76

RECORDS AND NOTABLES

- WKU falls to 8-9 overall and 1-3 in C-USA play.
- FIU improves to 12-6 and 3-2 in league action.
- WKU leads the all-time series 34-8, including a 16-4 mark at home.
- WKU head coach Rick Stansbury is 2-1 in his career against the Panthers.
- Announced attendance was 5,102.
- **UP NEXT:** WKU continues its home stretch, hosting Florida Atlantic on Saturday at 2 p.m. CT. The game will be broadcast on Stadium on Facebook.

TEAM NOTES

- WKU used the starting lineup of Dalano Banton, Taveion Hollingsworth, Jared Savage, Josh Anderson and Charles Bassegy for the fourth straight game. The group is now 2-3 when starting together.
- **KEY FIRST HALF RUN:** With 6:35 remaining, WKU ended the half on a 23-10 run to extend its lead to 43-34 heading into halftime.
 - Jared Savage scored 16 points in the half, six points more than his last two games combined.
- **KEY SECOND HALF RUN:** FIU went on a 12-2 run midway through the half to cut WKU's lead to 66-63, and used that momentum to take the eventual lead.
- WKU shot 28 of 55 (50.9 percent) from the field, 7 of 17 (41.2 percent) from 3-point range and 13 of 24 (54.2 percent) from the free-throw line.
- WKU has made a 3-pointer in 993 straight games dating back to March 15, 1987. The Hilltoppers entered the season tied with Arkansas for the fourth-longest streak in the nation of consecutive games with a made 3. Only UNLV, Vanderbilt and Duke had longer streaks.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

JARED SAVAGE

- The redshirt junior had a team-high 19 points, his most since playing Troy on Dec. 16. Savage also pulled down nine boards and added three assists.

TAVEION HOLLINGSWORTH

- The sophomore scored 14 points with three assists, one block and a steal.
 - Hollingsworth has scored at least 10 points in 40 of 55 career games and scored at least 20 points in 13 career outings.

JOSH ANDERSON

- The sophomore scored 14 of his 17 points in the second half. He notched six rebounds, two blocks and two steals.

CHARLES BASSEY

- The freshman finished with eight points, seven rebounds and three blocks in 24 minutes.
 - Bassey now has 42 blocks on the season and is second on WKU's blocks in a freshmen season list.

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

Florida Atlantic Game Notes — <https://goto.ps/2TZLqZW>

WKU CONTINUES HOMESTAND AGAINST FLORIDA ATLANTIC ON SATURDAY

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — WKU Hilltopper Basketball continues a three-game homestand over five days against Florida Atlantic at 2 p.m. CT Saturday at E.A. Diddle Arena. The game will air on Stadium on Facebook.

WKU has lost three straight C-USA games by five total points, most recently falling 77-76 to FIU on Thursday.

Florida Atlantic has lost two straight games after beating Old Dominion and Middle Tennessee. WKU is 15-5 against the Owls all-time, including a 7-3 mark at home. Hilltopper head coach Rick Stansbury is 3-1 in his career against Florida Atlantic.

GAME 18

Florida Atlantic (11-7, 2-3 C-USA) at WKU (8-9, 1-3 C-USA)

January 19, 2019 | 2 p.m. CT

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

BROADCAST

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

Watch: [Stadium on Facebook](#) (Josh Appel, ppx | Tim Scarborough, analysis | Kristen Balboni, sideline)

Live Stats: [WKU Stats](#)

QUICK SHOTS

- WKU has lost its last three games by a combined five points and held a lead of at least 15 points in each of those outings. The Hilltoppers have consecutive one-point losses for the first time since 1929-30.
- In the Hilltoppers' nine losses, they've led six of them at halftime – and four by at least seven points. In the team's nine losses, it's outscored its opponents by a combined 319-297 in the first half and been outscored 384-296 in the second half.
- WKU started this season with 11 of 16 games away from home, its most over a 16-game span to start a season since 2002-03, when it also started with 11 of 16 away from home.
- WKU finished non-conference play with the 19th-best strength of schedule in the nation, according to the Sagarin Ratings, and the 33rd-best non-conference slate per Ken Pomeroy.
- WKU is one of the youngest teams in the country, ranking 334th of 353 in experience, per Ken Pomeroy.
- The Hilltoppers have made a 3-pointer in 993 straight games dating back to March 15, 1987. WKU entered the season tied with Arkansas for the fourth-longest streak in the nation of consecutive games with a made 3. Only UNLV (1,039), Vanderbilt (1,031) and Duke (1,021) had longer streaks to start the year.

- WKU ranks 12th in the country in total blocks and 15th in blocked shots per game, and 14th in percentage of opponents' shots blocked, according to Ken Pomeroy. Its average of 5.4 blocks per game would be its highest on record. Charles Bassey ranks second in C-USA in blocks per game (2.5).
- WKU freshman center Charles Bassey has more blocks himself (42) this year than 62 Division I teams.
- As of Friday, Charles Bassey was tied for second in the nation among freshmen in total blocks (42), ranked fourth in field-goal percentage (64.7 percent) and seventh for rebounds per game (8.8).
- As of Friday, Charles Bassey ranked in the top 50 nationally in double-doubles (47th), field-goal percentage (15th), blocks per game (14th), total blocks (12th) and rebounds per game (47th).

TICKETS

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

PROMOTIONS

- Ninth piece of 16-piece 100th season commemorative poster (Matt Horton/Ralph Crosthwaite) for first 3,000 fans
- Critter Classic (Adopt a Pet Day)
- WKU Football head coach Tyson Helton introduction at halftime
- Baby Crawl halftime contest

LAST GAME AGAINST FLORIDA ATLANTIC: FEBRUARY 8, 2018

WKU held Florida Atlantic to 29.6 shooting in the second half and used a 14-5 run to end the game to pull out a 75-63 win at E.A. Diddle Arena. Taveion Hollingsworth scored a team-high 20 points on 8 of 12 shooting. Dwight Coleby added 15 points and eight rebounds, and Justin Johnson had 12 points and nine rebounds.

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / January 19, 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/DJICjB2DLCU>

Video: Guards Lamonte Bearden and Taveion Hollingsworth — <https://youtu.be/klqAxlg3ssg>

HILLTOPPERS CLAMP DOWN LATE FOR 72-66 VICTORY OVER FLORIDA ATLANTIC

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — WKU Hilltopper Basketball withstood a 3-point barrage from Florida Atlantic on Saturday, snapping a three-game losing streak with a 72-66 victory at E.A. Diddle Arena.

The Hilltoppers (9-9, 2-3 Conference USA) trailed for more than 25 minutes and allowed Florida Atlantic to make 14 3-pointers, but WKU seized control over the final eight minutes.

The Tops had lost their previous three games by a combined five points after leading each game by at least 15. “We found a way to get over a one-possession game and win,” WKU head coach Rick Stansbury said. “Those are learning and growing moments for us. Again, I like the look of our team and sometimes it takes some hard lessons. You like to learn when you win, and it doesn’t always happen that way. ... The last four minutes, we didn’t self-destruct. That’s the first lesson.”

Sophomore guard Taveion Hollingsworth paved the way with 24 points, five rebounds, three steals and two assists.

Sophomore guard Josh Anderson had 15 points and six rebounds, and freshman center Charles Basseyy recorded his seventh double-double with 10 points, 11 rebounds and three blocks.

Redshirt senior guard Lamonte Bearden stepped up off the bench with 11 points in 26 minutes.

“We knew we were winning when there were four minutes to go,” Bearden said. “We’ve been in that position before, and we’ve just got to lock down and sit down defensively and guard. We know we can win a game, it’s just about finishing it, so that’s what we did tonight.”

Florida Atlantic (11-8, 2-4) made 10 3-pointers in the first half and surged to an 11-2 lead. The Owls led 23-11 with 10:14 left after back-to-back 3-pointers by Xavian Stapleton.

The Hilltoppers chipped away and trailed just 40-34 at halftime, then went on a 9-1 run to start the second half. Basseyy’s three-point play made it 43-41 WKU with 14:54 remaining.

WKU used another 8-0 run later to go from two points down to up 56-50 with 8:26 to play.

The Owls tied it again at 62-62 with four minutes left, but redshirt junior guard/forward Jared Savage knocked down a corner 3 off an offensive rebound by Bearden.

WKU never trailed again, committing just one turnover in the final four minutes and two turnovers over the final 15 minutes.

The Hilltoppers shot 42.9 percent from the field and made 18 of 21 free throws, including 16 of 17 in the second half. They grabbed 10 steals – three apiece from Savage and Hollingsworth.

Stapleton and Anthony Adger led FAU with 17 points each.

“It was a big win,” Hollingsworth said. “Conference play, we lost three straight and we won this one, so I feel like we’re getting back in the groove and we’re ready to play Monday.”

WKU concludes its three-game homestand against Marshall at 8 p.m. CT Monday at E.A. Diddle Arena. The game will air on CBS Sports Network.

The Hilltoppers just played the Thundering Herd nine days ago in Huntington, W.Va., where WKU once led by 15 points before falling 70-69.

Official Basketball Box Score -- Game Totals -- Final Statistics
 Florida Atlantic vs WKU
 01/19/19 2 p.m. CT at E.A. Diddle Arena (Bowling Green, Ky.)

Florida Atlantic 66 • 11-8, 2-4 C-USA

##	Player	c/g	Total		3-Ptr	Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot							
12	ZECEVIC, Aleksandar	c	3-5	1-1	0-0	3	4	7	3	7	1	0	0	0	21
03	ADGER, Anthony	g	7-20	3-13	0-2	1	3	4	2	17	2	2	0	1	38
11	FORREST, Michael	g	2-7	2-3	3-3	1	2	3	3	9	2	3	0	1	37
21	LEPICHEV, Simeon	g	1-5	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	3	2	1	2	1	0	23
23	MAITRE, Richardson	g	1-4	1-1	0-0	2	5	7	3	3	3	2	0	0	27
04	STAPLETON, Xavian		6-10	5-7	0-0	1	4	5	3	17	1	2	0	1	23
10	ELLIS, Kevauhn		1-2	1-2	0-0	1	0	1	1	3	2	2	0	0	11
24	JACKSON, Cedric		2-3	1-2	0-0	1	0	1	0	5	0	0	0	0	5
25	SILINS, Karlis		1-4	0-1	1-2	0	2	2	1	3	0	1	0	0	15
Team						2	2	4				1			
Totals			24-60	14-30	4-7	12	23	35	19	66	12	15	1	3	200

FG % 1st Half: 15-30 50.0% 2nd half: 9-30 30.0% Game: 24-60 40.0% Deadball Rebounds 0
 3FG % 1st Half: 10-17 58.8% 2nd half: 4-13 30.8% Game: 14-30 46.7%
 FT % 1st Half: 0-0 0.0% 2nd half: 4-7 57.1% Game: 4-7 57.1%

WKU 72 • 9-9, 2-3 C-USA

##	Player	c/g	Total		3-Ptr	Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot							
02	SAVAGE, Jared	f	3-10	2-8	0-0	1	3	4	1	8	3	1	1	3	33
23	BASSEY, Charles	c	4-8	0-1	2-3	3	8	11	3	10	0	6	3	1	36
04	ANDERSON, Josh	g	4-9	0-1	7-8	2	4	6	1	15	3	2	1	2	31
11	HOLLINGSWORTH, T.	g	9-16	2-6	4-4	1	4	5	1	24	2	1	1	3	40
20	BANTON, Dalano	g	0-4	0-2	0-0	0	2	2	0	0	2	1	0	0	14
00	SMITH, Tolu		0-2	0-0	1-2	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	4
01	BEARDEN, Lamonte		3-4	1-1	4-4	1	2	3	1	11	1	0	0	0	26
12	DIAGNE, Moustapha		0-1	0-1	0-0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	4
21	OHMER, Jake		1-2	1-1	0-0	0	2	2	1	3	0	0	0	1	12
Team						1	2	3							
Totals			24-56	6-21	18-21	11	27	38	8	72	13	11	6	10	200

FG % 1st Half: 14-29 48.3% 2nd half: 10-27 37.0% Game: 24-56 42.9% Deadball Rebounds 1
 3FG % 1st Half: 4-13 30.8% 2nd half: 2-8 25.0% Game: 6-21 28.6%
 FT % 1st Half: 2-4 50.0% 2nd half: 16-17 94.1% Game: 18-21 85.7%

Officials: Brent Dugas, Ty Meixsell, Joey Richardson
 Technical fouls: Florida Atlantic-None. WKU-None.
 Attendance: 4963

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
Florida Atlantic	40	26	66
WKU	34	38	72

	In Paint	Off T/O	2nd Chance	Fast Break	Bench
Points					
FAU	18	6	18	4	28
WKU	26	13	11	9	15

Last FG - FAU 2nd-00:35, WKU 2nd-02:18.
 Largest lead - FAU by 12 1st-10:14, WKU by 7 2nd-01:55.
 FAU led for 25:33. WKU led for 09:55. Game was tied for 04:32.

Score tied - 5 times.
 Lead changed - 3 times.

WESTERN KENTUCKY HILLTOPPERS

WKU Hilltoppers vs. Florida Atlantic Owls

Postgame Notes

January 19, 2019

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

FINAL SCORE: WKU 72, Florida Atlantic 66

RECORDS AND NOTABLES

- WKU improves to 9-9 overall and 2-3 in C-USA play.
- Florida Atlantic falls to 11-8 and 2-4 in league action.
- WKU leads the all-time series 16-5, including an 8-3 mark at home.
- WKU head coach Rick Stansbury is 4-1 in his career against the Owls.
- Announced attendance was 4,963.
- **UP NEXT:** WKU finishes its homestand of three games in five days by hosting Marshall at 8 p.m. CT Monday. The game will be broadcast on CBS Sports Network.

TEAM NOTES

- WKU used the starting lineup of Dalano Banton, Taveion Hollingsworth, Jared Savage, Josh Anderson and Charles Bassegy for the fourth straight game. The group is now 3-3 when starting together.
- **KEY FIRST HALF RUN:** Florida Atlantic hit three 3-pointers in the first three minutes at the beginning of the game to take an 11-2 lead, one the Owls did not relinquish for the entire half.
 - FAU hit 10 3-pointers in the first half.
 - Taveion Hollingsworth scored 16 points in the first half.
- **KEY SECOND HALF RUN:** The Hilltoppers took a 56-50 lead with 8:25 left in the game after scoring eight unanswered points.
 - WKU was called for its first foul of the game with 16:27 on the clock in the second half.
- WKU shot 24 of 56 (42.9 percent) from the field, 6 of 21 (28.6 percent) from 3-point range and 18 of 21 (85.7 percent) from the free-throw line, including 16 of 17 in the second half.
- WKU outscored Florida Atlantic in the paint 26-18.

- The Hilltoppers scored 13 points off 15 Owl miscues.
- WKU's 10 steals was its most since grabbing 11 against Troy on Dec. 16.
- WKU has made a 3-pointer in 994 straight games dating back to March 15, 1987. The Hilltoppers entered the season tied with Arkansas for the fourth-longest streak in the nation of consecutive games with a made 3. Only UNLV, Vanderbilt and Duke had longer streaks.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

TAVEION HOLLINGSWORTH

- The sophomore scored a team-high 24 points, the most he's scored since also pouring in 24 at Missouri State on Dec. 5. He also contributed five rebounds, two assists and three steals.
 - Hollingsworth has scored at least 10 points in 41 of 56 career games and scored at least 20 points in 14 career outings.
 - Hollingsworth played a full 40 minutes for the third time this year.

LAMONTE BEARDEN

- The redshirt senior had a productive outing with 11 points and tied his season high of 26 minutes. He also pulled down three boards and added an assist.

CHARLES BASSEY

- The freshman recorded his seventh career double-double with 10 points and 11 rebounds.
 - After blocking three shots against the Owls, Bassey now has 45 blocks on the season and is first on WKU's blocks in a freshmen season list, surpassing Jeremy Evans' previous record of 44.

JOSH ANDERSON

- The sophomore notched 15 points with six rebounds, three assists, one block and two steals.
 - Anderson has scored at least 13 points in seven of the last eight games.

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

Marshall Game Notes — <https://goto.ps/2MnzYV3>

TOPS END HOMESTAND WITH MONDAY NIGHT MATCHUP AGAINST MARSHALL

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — WKU Hilltopper Basketball completes a three-game homestand over five days against rival Marshall at 8 p.m. CT Monday at E.A. Diddle Arena. The game will air on CBS Sports Network.

WKU snapped a three-game losing streak Saturday with a 72-66 home victory over Florida Atlantic.

Marshall started C-USA play 5-0, including a 105-97 home win over FIU on Saturday. WKU leads the all-time series over the Herd 15-12, although Marshall has won two straight – including a 70-69 victory nine days ago in Huntington. WKU head coach Rick Stansbury is 2-4 vs. the Herd.

GAME 19

Marshall (12-6, 5-0 C-USA) at WKU (9-9, 2-3 C-USA)

January 21, 2019 | 8 p.m. CT

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

BROADCAST

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

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

Live Stats: [WKU Stats](#)

QUICK SHOTS

- Before defeating Florida Atlantic, WKU had lost its last three games by a combined five points and held a lead of at least 15 points in each of those outings. The Hilltoppers had consecutive one-point losses for the first time since 1929-30.
- WKU started this season with 11 of 16 games away from home, its most over a 16-game span to start a season since 2002-03, when it also started with 11 of 16 away from home.
- WKU finished non-conference play with the 19th-best strength of schedule in the nation, according to the Sagarin Ratings, and the 33rd-best non-conference slate per Ken Pomeroy.
- WKU is one of the youngest teams in the country, ranking 333rd of 353 in experience, per Ken Pomeroy.
- The Hilltoppers have made a 3-pointer in 994 straight games dating back to March 15, 1987. WKU entered the season tied with Arkansas for the fourth-longest streak in the nation of consecutive games with a made 3. Only UNLV (1,039), Vanderbilt (1,031) and Duke (1,021) had longer streaks to start the year.
- The Hilltoppers have shot 83 more free throws than their opponents this year and made nearly as many free throws as their opponents have even attempted, a calling card of the program.
- WKU ranks 13th in the country in total blocks and 11th in blocked shots per game, and 11th in percentage of opponents' shots blocked, according to Ken Pomeroy. Its average of 5.4 blocks

per game would be its highest on record. Charles Bassey ranks second in C-USA in blocks per game (2.5).

- WKU freshman center Charles Bassey has more blocks himself (45) this year than 67 Division I teams.
- As of Sunday, Charles Bassey was tied for fourth in the nation among freshmen in total blocks (45), ranked fourth in field-goal percentage (63.9 percent) and sixth for rebounds per game (8.9).
- As of Sunday, Charles Bassey ranked in the top 50 nationally in double-doubles (30th), field-goal percentage (14th), blocks per game (15th), total blocks (15th) and rebounds per game (47th).

TICKETS

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

PROMOTIONS

- 10th piece of 16-piece 100th season commemorative poster (Taveion Hollingsworth/Courtney Lee) for first 3,000 fans

LAST GAME AGAINST MARSHALL: JANUARY 12, 2019

WKU led for nearly 34 minutes at Marshall, but Jansson Williams' 3-pointer with 20 seconds left proved to be the winner for the Herd in a 70-69 victory in Huntington, W.Va. WKU was plagued by 18 turnovers and six second-half offensive rebounds by the Thundering Herd. Taveion Hollingsworth led WKU with 20 points.

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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/rlAxpLh2w84>

Video: WKU players Josh Anderson and Charles Bassey — <https://youtu.be/PUHioyBLEbg>

Video: Marshall head coach Dan D'Antoni — <https://youtu.be/uyhxdx3UCqg>

HILLTOPPERS STORM PAST MARSHALL IN FINAL MINUTES FOR 68-59 WIN

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — It wasn't pretty, but WKU Hilltopper Basketball's comeback win sure was sweet Monday night.

The Hilltoppers (10-9, 3-3 Conference USA) scored 14 unanswered points late in the second half to surge past Marshall, soaring to a 68-59 victory in front of 6,368 fans at E.A. Diddle Arena.

"Once we go down seven, we go on a 14-0 run to go up seven," WKU head coach Rick Stansbury said. "That was key and huge – got that building into it. We found a way from there on out to be efficient."

After Marshall (12-7, 5-1) pulled in front 53-46 with a 7-0 run, WKU rattled off 14 straight points to go up 60-53 with 1:37 left.

Sophomore guard Josh Anderson had eight points during that stretch, including a steal and fast-break dunk that put the Hilltoppers in front for good at 54-53.

Anderson finished with a career-high 25 points and five steals – 18 of those points after halftime. He made 10 of 16 shots from the field.

Freshman center Charles Bassey scored 17 points and grabbed a career-high 17 rebounds. Sophomore guard Taveion Hollingsworth was held scoreless in the first half but finished with 10 points, netting 6 of 6 free throws.

"We came out in the second half with a positive mindset and going hard," Bassey said. "We just tried to take care of the ball and play defense. In the first half, we were jacking up shots, going back and forth with them, shooting 3s. We just had to calm down and let the game come to us."

The Hilltoppers had 15 turnovers in a disjointed first half for both teams.

The teams combined for 26 turnovers before the break. WKU's final miscue of the half turned into a Marshall 3-pointer just before the buzzer that made it 25-24 Herd.

Marshall came out and hit three straight 3s early in the second half to claim a 34-26 advantage.

The Hilltoppers kept chipping away and tied it at 46-46 with 7:39 remaining on a 3 by Anderson.

The Herd scored seven in a row before WKU dropped the hammer with the 14-0 burst. The Hilltoppers had a similar finish in last year's meeting between the teams in Diddle Arena, with the home team scoring the final 15 of that contest.

Monday's win avenged a 70-69 loss to Marshall just nine days ago in Huntington, W.Va. WKU led that game by 15 at one point.

"The atmosphere was great," Anderson said. "A lot of fans came out and showed their support. We appreciate them a lot. I feel like they played a big part in the game. We feed off their energy, so they definitely played a big part in the game."

The Hilltoppers outrebounded Marshall 47-28, held the Herd to a season low for points and netted 18 of 22 free throws, including 14 of 16 in the second half.

Jon Elmore paced the Herd with 17 points.

The Hilltoppers head back on the road for a two-game swing, starting at Southern Miss at 7 p.m. CT Thursday in Hattiesburg, Miss. The game will stream online via Stadium and air locally in Bowling Green on WKU-PBS.

Official Basketball Box Score -- Game Totals -- Final Statistics
 Marshall vs WKU
 01/21/19 8 p.m. CT at E.A. Diddle Arena (Bowling Green, Ky.)

Marshall 59 • 12-7, 5-1 C-USA

##	Player	g	Total		3-Ptr	Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot							
01	KINSEY, Taevion		1-4	0-2	1-2	2	1	3	3	3	4	1	0	3	27
03	WILLIAMS, Jannson		4-10	1-6	0-0	1	1	2	3	9	0	1	3	0	28
13	WEST, Jarrod		3-6	2-5	0-0	1	1	2	2	8	0	1	0	5	34
14	BURKS, C.J.		5-15	0-3	3-5	0	8	8	1	13	2	7	0	1	38
33	ELMORE, Jon		5-17	4-10	3-3	0	5	5	1	17	1	4	0	1	38
21	GEORGE, Darius		1-1	1-1	0-0	1	1	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	5
23	WATSON, Rondale		1-4	0-2	0-0	0	2	2	4	2	1	1	0	1	16
31	BEYERS, Mikel		2-5	0-3	0-0	0	2	2	0	4	1	0	0	0	14
Team						1	1	2			1				
Totals			22-62	8-32	7-10	6	22	28	14	59	9	16	3	11	200

FG % 1st Half: 10-31 32.3% 2nd half: 12-31 38.7% Game: 22-62 35.5% Deadball Rebounds 1
 3FG % 1st Half: 3-16 18.8% 2nd half: 5-16 31.3% Game: 8-32 25.0%
 FT % 1st Half: 2-2 100.0 2nd half: 5-8 62.5% Game: 7-10 70.0%

WKU 68 • 10-9, 3-3 C-USA

##	Player	f	Total		3-Ptr	Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot							
02	SAVAGE, Jared		1-5	1-5	3-4	0	5	5	1	6	1	3	1	1	37
23	BASSEY, Charles		7-13	0-1	3-4	7	10	17	3	17	0	4	1	0	35
04	ANDERSON, Josh		10-16	2-3	3-4	1	2	3	4	25	1	5	0	5	34
11	HOLLINGSWORTH, T.		2-10	0-4	6-6	1	2	3	2	10	0	2	1	0	38
20	BANTON, Dalano		1-3	0-2	0-0	0	2	2	0	2	3	1	2	0	10
00	SMITH, Tolu		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	5
01	BEARDEN, Lamonte		1-5	0-0	3-4	0	5	5	0	5	3	3	0	0	27
12	DIAGNE, Moustapha		0-1	0-1	0-0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
21	OHMER, Jake		1-2	1-2	0-0	0	2	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	11
Team						2	5	7			2				
Totals			23-55	4-18	18-22	11	36	47	11	68	8	21	5	6	200

FG % 1st Half: 9-26 34.6% 2nd half: 14-29 48.3% Game: 23-55 41.8% Deadball Rebounds 3
 3FG % 1st Half: 2-10 20.0% 2nd half: 2-8 25.0% Game: 4-18 22.2%
 FT % 1st Half: 4-6 66.7% 2nd half: 14-16 87.5% Game: 18-22 81.8%

Officials: Jeb Hartness, Antinio Petty, Doug Sirmons
 Technical fouls: Marshall-KINSEY, Taevion. WKU-None.
 Attendance: 6369

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
Marshall	25	34	59
WKU	24	44	68

Points	In Paint	Off T/O	2nd Chance	Fast Break	Bench
MARM	24	12	3	6	9
WKU	34	15	11	8	8

Last FG - MARM 2nd-01:28, WKU 2nd-00:18.
 Largest lead - MARM by 8 2nd-17:43, WKU by 9 2nd-00:18.
 MARM led for 18:48. WKU led for 16:53. Game was tied for 04:19.

Score tied - 2 times.
 Lead changed - 8 times.

WESTERN KENTUCKY HILLTOPPERS

WKU Hilltoppers vs. Marshall Thundering Herd

Postgame Notes

January 21, 2019

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

FINAL SCORE: WKU 68, Marshall 59

RECORDS AND NOTABLES

- WKU improves to 10-9 overall and 3-3 in C-USA play.
- Marshall falls to 12-7 and 5-1 in league action.
- WKU leads the all-time series 16-12, including an 9-2 mark at home.
- WKU head coach Rick Stansbury is 3-4 in his career against the Herd.
- Announced attendance was 6,369.
- **UP NEXT:** WKU hits the road again, first to play Southern Miss on Thursday. The game will tip at 7 p.m. CT and will stream online on Stadium, as well as air locally in Bowling Green on WKU-PBS.

TEAM NOTES

- WKU used the starting lineup of Dalano Banton, Taveion Hollingsworth, Jared Savage, Josh Anderson and Charles Bassegy for the fourth straight game. The group is now 4-3 when starting together.
- **KEY FIRST HALF RUN:** Marshall took the lead just before halftime with a 9-2 run with three shots beyond the arch, including one at the buzzer.
- **KEY SECOND HALF RUN:** WKU used a 14-0 run to take a 60-53 lead with 1:37 remaining in the game. The Hilltoppers ended the last 5 1/2 minutes of the game with a 22-6 run.
- WKU shot 23 of 55 (41.8 percent) from the field, 4 of 18 (22.2 percent) from 3-point range and 18 of 22 (81.8 percent) from the free-throw line, including 14 of 16 from the second half.
- WKU outrebounded Marshall 47-28. Forty-seven boards is a season high for the Hilltoppers.
- The Hilltoppers outscored the Herd in the paint 34-24.
- WKU had 21 turnovers, including 15 in the first half. The Hilltoppers had just three miscues in the final 16 minutes of the game.

- WKU has made a 3-pointer in 995 straight games dating back to March 15, 1987. The Hilltoppers entered the season tied with Arkansas for the fourth-longest streak in the nation of consecutive games with a made 3. Only UNLV, Vanderbilt and Duke had longer streaks.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

CHARLES BASSEY

- The freshman recorded his eighth career double-double with 17 points and a career-high 17 rebounds.
 - Bassey now has 46 blocks in his freshman season.
 - Bassey has tied Kannard Johnson for fourth on WKU's list for most rebounds in a freshman season with 178 boards.

JOSH ANDERSON

- The sophomore scored a team- and career-high 25 points, including a career-high 10 field goals. He also notched a career-high five steals.
 - Anderson has scored at least 13 points in eight of the last nine games.

TAVEION HOLLINGSWORTH

- The sophomore scored 10 points after being held scoreless in the first half.

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WKU Game Notes — <https://goto.ps/2slgge0>

Southern Miss Game Notes — <https://goto.ps/2CC9g6W>

TOPS HEAD BACK ON ROAD WITH THURSDAY TRIP TO SOUTHERN MISS

HATTIESBURG, Miss. — WKU Hilltopper Basketball continues a stretch of five games in 10 days with a road trip to Southern Miss at 7 p.m. CT Thursday in Hattiesburg, Miss. The game will stream on Stadium and air in Bowling Green on WKU-PBS.

WKU won its second straight game Monday night with a 68-59 home win over league-leading Marshall.

Southern Miss had a three-game winning streak halted Saturday with a 78-60 loss at Old Dominion. WKU is 8-1 all-time against the Golden Eagles, including 3-1 on the road. WKU head coach Rick Stansbury is 3-0 in his career against Southern Miss.

GAME 20

WKU (10-9, 3-3 C-USA) at Southern Miss (11-8, 3-4 C-USA)

January 24, 2019 | 7 p.m. CT

Reed Green Coliseum | Hattiesburg, Miss.

BROADCAST

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

Watch: [Stadium](#); WKU PBS (Noah Coslov, pxp | Tim Doyle, analysis)

Live Stats: [Southern Miss Stats](#)

QUICK SHOTS

- WKU head coach Rick Stansbury is 196-52 (.790) all-time in the state of Mississippi. Stansbury was the head coach at Mississippi State for 14 seasons from 1998-2012.
- WKU took its three conference losses by a combined five points and held a lead of at least 15 points in each of those outings. The Hilltoppers had consecutive one-point losses for the first time since 1929-30.
- WKU is one of the youngest teams in the country, ranking 332nd of 353 in experience, per Ken Pomeroy.
- The Hilltoppers have made a 3-pointer in 995 straight games dating back to March 15, 1987. WKU entered the season tied with Arkansas for the fourth-longest streak in the nation of consecutive games with a made 3. Only UNLV (1,039), Vanderbilt (1,031) and Duke (1,021) had longer streaks to start the year.
- The Hilltoppers have shot 95 more free throws than their opponents this year and made nearly as many free throws as their opponents have even attempted, a calling card of the program.
- In Stansbury's 2.5 seasons at the helm, WKU has shot 609 more total free throws than its opponents.
- WKU ranks eighth in the country in total blocks and 12th in blocked shots per game, and 10th in percentage of opponents' shots blocked, according to Ken Pomeroy. Its average of 5.4 blocks

per game would be its highest on record. Charles Bassey ranks second in C-USA in blocks per game (2.4).

- WKU freshman center Charles Bassey has more blocks himself (46) this year than 73 Division I teams.
- As of Tuesday, Charles Bassey was tied for second in the nation among freshmen in total blocks (46), ranked fourth in field-goal percentage (63.1 percent) and second for total rebounds (178).
- As of Tuesday, Charles Bassey ranked in the top 50 nationally in double-doubles (24th), field-goal percentage (17th), blocks per game (19th), total blocks (12th), rebounds per game (35th), offensive rebounds per game (44th) and total rebounds (27th).
- After scoring 13-plus points just five times overall in his first 33 college games, sophomore guard Josh Anderson has scored at least 13 points in eight of the last nine games for WKU.

LAST GAME AGAINST SOUTHERN MISS: DECEMBER 30, 2017

WKU assisted on its first 16 made baskets and used a season-high 12 3-pointers to outrun Southern Miss 82-66 at E.A. Diddle Arena. Dwight Coleby had a career-high 20 points and went 10-for-10 from the free-throw line.

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Box score and postgame notes are attached.

Video: WKU head coach Rick Stansbury — <https://youtu.be/e6pu-dccxWQ>

Video: WKU freshman center Charles Bassey — <https://youtu.be/Vp6HzEQyPKY>

Video: WKU redshirt junior guard/forward Jared Savage — <https://youtu.be/wtVBOKyoShw>

BASSEY LEADS HILLTOPPERS TO 66-63 ROAD WIN AT SOUTHERN MISS

HATTIESBURG, Miss. — Charles Bassey pulled down 17 rebounds for the second straight game, and WKU Hilltopper Basketball held on late for a 66-63 victory at Southern Miss on Thursday.

The freshman center Bassey finished with 14 points and 17 rebounds, as he and redshirt junior guard/forward Jared Savage (14 points) led five Hilltoppers in double figures scoring.

WKU (11-9, 4-3 Conference USA) won its third straight game after dropping three straight league games by five total points.

“We’re just playing together right now, moving the ball, playing defense,” Bassey said. “The last three games, we’ve played better defense. We’re making sure we get the win. That’s what we want to do, keep winning.” Bassey reached his ninth double-double of the season – and third straight overall – in the first half with 10 points and 11 boards before the break.

WKU went on an 8-0 run down 12-8 to pull in front 16-12 on a basket by sophomore guard Taveion Hollingsworth. The Hilltoppers then closed the half with a 16-4 burst to lead 34-21 at halftime.

Southern Miss caught fire early in the second half, including five 3-pointers from LaDavius Draine. A bucket by Leonard Harper-Baker trimmed WKU’s cushion to 47-44 with 12:48 left.

The Hilltoppers responded with a 3-pointer from freshman guard Dalano Banton and a bucket by Hollingsworth as they continuously kept the Golden Eagles (11-9, 3-5) at bay.

Southern Miss got back within four with three-plus minutes left, but sophomore guard Josh Anderson halted the run with a thunderous dunk down the lane.

After taking a shot to the face in the first half, Anderson scored 11 points with four rebounds and three assists with a bandaged nose in the second frame.

Hollingsworth finished with 12 points, and redshirt senior guard Lamonte Bearden added 10 points and four assists.

“We knew it was going to be a hard-fought, tough game,” WKU head coach Rick Stansbury said. “Southern Miss is good, all the experience they’ve got. ... The challenge for us tonight was they’re going to play small – could we win that war playing big with Charles? Starting off the game, we weren’t very good in man (defense), but we had a plan to come here and zone them a bunch. ... We got in up 13 at halftime, but you know Southern Miss is going to make a run at you. They made a run at us, but our guys spurted back out to go up seven. Those are winning plays.”

Harper-Baker paced Southern Miss with 18 points and 15 rebounds.

The Hilltoppers finish the road swing at Louisiana Tech at 4 p.m. CT Saturday in Ruston, La. The game will air on Stadium on Facebook.

“Coach always says that every road win is that much bigger,” Savage said. “It was a good win, but it’s on to Saturday now. We’ve got to go get that one.”



Official Basketball Box Score -- Game Totals -- Final Statistics
 WKU vs Southern Miss
 01/24/19 7 p.m. at Reed Green Coliseum



WKU 66 • 11-9, 4-3 C-USA

##	Player		Total		3-Ptr	Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot							
02	SAVAGE, Jared	f	4-11	3-8	3-6	1	5	6	3	14	0	3	0	0	32
23	BASSEY, Charles	c	7-10	0-0	0-0	5	12	17	3	14	0	5	1	1	35
04	ANDERSON, Josh	g	5-11	0-3	1-2	1	3	4	2	11	3	0	0	0	29
11	HOLLINGSWORTH, T.	g	5-13	1-4	1-3	1	1	2	3	12	1	4	0	1	38
20	BANTON, Dalano	g	2-4	1-2	0-1	2	5	7	0	5	3	2	0	3	21
00	SMITH, Tolu		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
01	BEARDEN, Lamonte		3-5	1-2	3-4	0	2	2	0	10	4	2	0	2	25
12	DIAGNE, Moustapha		0-2	0-2	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
21	OHMER, Jake		0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	10
Team						0	0	0							
Totals			26-57	6-21	8-16	10	29	39	11	66	12	16	1	7	200

FG % 1st Half: 15-34 44.1% 2nd half: 11-23 47.8% Game: 26-57 45.6% Deadball Rebounds 2
 3FG % 1st Half: 2-11 18.2% 2nd half: 4-10 40.0% Game: 6-21 28.6%
 FT % 1st Half: 2-5 40.0% 2nd half: 6-11 54.5% Game: 8-16 50.0%

Southern Miss 63 • 11-9, 3-5 C-USA

##	Player		Total		3-Ptr	Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot							
12	Tim ROWE	f	3-5	0-1	1-2	1	0	1	3	7	1	0	2	1	22
32	Leonard HARPER-BAKE	f	7-12	1-1	3-5	4	11	15	1	18	1	3	0	0	31
01	Cortez EDWARDS	g	4-13	0-2	0-0	0	4	4	2	8	8	0	0	2	38
20	Kevin HOLLAND	g	1-4	1-4	0-0	0	0	0	1	3	2	1	0	2	17
55	Tyree GRIFFIN	g	3-12	1-6	1-3	1	3	4	1	8	5	1	0	4	38
02	Shakur DANIEL		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4
03	Gabe WATSON		2-3	0-1	0-2	3	2	5	3	4	0	4	0	0	17
11	LaDavius DRAINE		5-11	5-10	0-0	0	6	6	2	15	0	0	0	1	27
13	Boban JACDONMI		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
21	Anfernee HAMPTON		0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
Team						1	1	2							
Totals			25-61	8-26	5-12	10	27	37	15	63	17	9	2	10	200

FG % 1st Half: 9-28 32.1% 2nd half: 16-33 48.5% Game: 25-61 41.0% Deadball Rebounds 4
 3FG % 1st Half: 2-10 20.0% 2nd half: 6-16 37.5% Game: 8-26 30.8%
 FT % 1st Half: 1-3 33.3% 2nd half: 4-9 44.4% Game: 5-12 41.7%

Officials: Darron George, Brent Hampton, Marques Pettigrew
 Technical fouls: WKU-None. Southern Miss-None.
 Attendance: 2568

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
WKU	34	32	66
Southern Miss	21	42	63

	In Paint	Off T/O	2nd Chance	Fast Break	Bench
Points WKU	40	4	12	6	10
USM	24	13	2	4	19

Last FG - WKU 2nd-02:28, USM 2nd-00:03. Score tied - 2 times.
 Largest lead - WKU by 13 1st-00:31, USM by 5 1st-17:31. Lead changed - 2 times.
 WKU led for 30:06. USM led for 07:17. Game was tied for 02:37.

WESTERN KENTUCKY HILLTOPPERS

WKU Hilltoppers at Southern Miss Golden Eagles

Postgame Notes

January 24, 2019

Reed Green Coliseum | Hattiesburg, Miss.

FINAL SCORE: WKU 66, Southern Miss 63

RECORDS AND NOTABLES

- WKU improves to 11-9 overall and 4-3 in C-USA play.
- Southern Miss falls to 11-9 and 3-5 in league action.
- WKU leads the all-time series 9-1, including an 4-1 mark on the road.
- WKU head coach Rick Stansbury is 4-0 in his career against the Golden Eagles.
- Stansbury is 197-52 all-time in the state of Mississippi.
- Announced attendance was 2,568.
- **UP NEXT:** WKU finishes its road stint at LA Tech on Saturday. The game will tip-off at 4 p.m. CT and will be broadcast on Stadium on Facebook.

TEAM NOTES

- WKU used the starting lineup of Dalano Banton, Taveion Hollingsworth, Jared Savage, Josh Anderson and Charles Bassey for the eighth straight game. The group is now 5-3 when starting together.
- **KEY FIRST HALF RUN:** WKU used an 8-0 spurt midway through the half to gain a four-point lead. The Hilltoppers closed out the half on a 16-4 run to extend their advantage to 34-21.
- **KEY SECOND HALF RUN:** Southern Miss used a 13-3 run with 15:18 left in the half to come within three of the Hilltoppers but never closed the gap.
- WKU shot 26 of 57 (45.6 percent) from the field, 4 of 10 (40 percent) from 3-point range and 8 of 16 (50 percent) from the free-throw line.
- WKU had five Hilltoppers in double digits for the first time since playing Troy on Dec. 16.
- The Hilltoppers outscored the Golden Eagles in second chance points 12-2 and in the paint 40-24. WKU's 40 points in the paint are its most in conference play.

- WKU has made a 3-pointer in 996 straight games dating back to March 15, 1987. The Hilltoppers entered the season tied with Arkansas for the fourth-longest streak in the nation of consecutive games with a made 3. Only UNLV, Vanderbilt and Duke had longer streaks.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

CHARLES BASSEY

- The freshman recorded his ninth career double-double with 14 points and 17 rebounds, tying his career high he set in the last game.
 - Bassey now has 47 blocks during his freshman season.
 - Bassey passed Jeremy Evans and George Fant and is now second on WKU's rebounds in a freshman season list with 195 boards.

JARED SAVAGE

- The redshirt junior had a team-high 14 points with nine points coming from long range. He also pulled down six rebounds.

DALANO BANTON

- The freshman filled his stat line with five points, seven rebounds, three assists and a career-high three steals.

JOSH ANDERSON

- The sophomore added 11 points and three assists while grabbing four rebounds, playing the second half with his nose bandaged after a Flagrant 1 hit the face in the first half.

TAVEION HOLLINGSWORTH

- The sophomore contributed 12 points, two rebounds, an assist and a steal.

LAMONTE BEARDEN

- The redshirt senior notched 10 points with two rebounds, four assists and two steals.

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

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

WKU Game Notes — <https://goto.ps/2Dy0f0r>

Louisiana Tech Game Notes — <https://goto.ps/2Tdxziz>

WKU ENDS BUSY SLATE OF GAMES AT LOUISIANA TECH ON SATURDAY

RUSTON, La. — WKU Hilltopper Basketball completes a stretch of five games in 10 days with a visit to Louisiana Tech at 4 p.m. CT Saturday in Ruston, La. The game will stream on Stadium on Facebook.

After losing three straight conference games by five total points, WKU has now won three in a row. The Hilltoppers edged Southern Miss 66-63 on the road Thursday night.

Louisiana Tech improved to 11-0 at home this season with an 89-80 overtime win over league-leading Marshall on Thursday. WKU leads the all-time series over the Bulldogs 17-15, but Louisiana Tech has an 8-6 edge in Ruston. WKU head coach Rick Stansbury is 4-1 all-time vs. the Bulldogs.

GAME 21

WKU (11-9, 4-3 C-USA) at Louisiana Tech (14-7, 4-4 C-USA)

January 26, 2019 | 4 p.m. CT

Thomas Assembly Center | Ruston, La.

BROADCAST

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

Watch: [Stadium on Facebook](#) (Chris Vosters, pxp | Max Starks, analysis | Olivia Dekker, sideline)

Live Stats: [Louisiana Tech Stats](#)

QUICK SHOTS

- In WKU's current three-game win streak, the Hilltoppers have allowed just 62.7 points per game.
- WKU took its three conference losses by a combined five points and held a lead of at least 15 points in each of those outings. The Hilltoppers had consecutive one-point losses for the first time since 1929-30.
- WKU is one of the youngest teams in the country, ranking 332nd of 353 in experience, per Ken Pomeroy.
- The Hilltoppers have made a 3-pointer in 996 straight games dating back to March 15, 1987. WKU entered the season tied with Arkansas for the fourth-longest streak in the nation of consecutive games with a made 3. Only UNLV (1,039), Vanderbilt (1,031) and Duke (1,021) had longer streaks to start the year.
- The Hilltoppers have shot 99 more free throws than their opponents this year and made nearly as many free throws as their opponents have even attempted, a calling card of the program.
- WKU ranks 11th in the country in total blocks and 15th in blocked shots per game, and 16th in percentage of opponents' shots blocked, according to Ken Pomeroy. Its average of 5.2 blocks

per game would be its highest on record. Charles Bassey ranks second in C-USA in blocks per game (2.4).

- WKU freshman center Charles Bassey has more blocks himself (47) this year than 68 Division I teams.
- As of Friday, Charles Bassey was tied for second in the nation among freshmen in total blocks (47), ranked third in field-goal percentage (63.5 percent) and second for total rebounds (195).
- As of Friday, Charles Bassey ranked in the top 50 nationally in double-doubles (22nd), field-goal percentage (16th), blocks per game (19th), total blocks (12th), rebounds per game (24th), offensive rebounds per game (38th), defensive rebounds per game (40th) and total rebounds (17th).
- Charles Bassey has grabbed 17 rebounds in back-to-back games. He's one of just 12 players nationally this season – and 1 of 3 freshmen in the country – with multiple games of at least 17 rebounds.
- After scoring 13-plus points just five times overall in his first 33 college games, sophomore guard Josh Anderson has scored at least 13 points in eight of the last 10 games for WKU.

LAST GAME AGAINST LOUISIANA TECH: DECEMBER 28, 2017

WKU led LA Tech for more than 39 minutes, then had to hold on for dear life in a 69-68 victory to open Conference USA play at E.A. Diddle Arena. Dwight Coleby finished with 16 points and a career-high 15 rebounds.

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / January 26, 2019

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Box score and postgame notes are attached.

Video: WKU head coach Rick Stansbury — <https://youtu.be/v8lgCCjGcN4>

Video: WKU sophomore guard Taveion Hollingsworth — <https://youtu.be/JwhxtEndsiU>

Video: WKU freshman forward Tolu Smith — <https://youtu.be/hjxB6UuiBHc>

HILLTOPPERS END FLURRY OF GAMES WITH 62-50 LOSS AT LOUISIANA TECH

RUSTON, La. — WKU Hilltopper Basketball once again built a halftime lead on the road Saturday, but couldn't hold on for a 62-50 loss at Louisiana Tech.

The Hilltoppers (11-10, 4-4 Conference USA) were denied their fourth straight win as Louisiana Tech (15-7, 5-4) improved to 12-0 at home this season.

The game was the last of five outings in 10 days for WKU.

"That seven points (WKU's 28-21 halftime lead) left in a hurry," WKU head coach Rick Stansbury said. "I think it was three minutes. From there on, we gave them confidence and gave the building some energy. We just didn't play with the same confidence we played with in the first 20 minutes."

WKU held Louisiana Tech to 26.7 percent shooting in the first half and didn't allow the Bulldogs to score for the final 4:34 before halftime.

The Hilltoppers scored the final seven points of the half to open a 28-21 advantage at the break.

But Louisiana Tech went on a 19-2 run to start the second half, and the Bulldogs' 15 straight at one point made it 40-30 in their favor with 13:42 to play.

"When you get a lot of momentum, the rim just gets bigger," sophomore guard Taveion Hollingsworth said. "That's just what it looked like."

WKU still trailed by 10 at 46-36 when the Hilltoppers went on an 11-3 run to get back within two at 49-47 on a basket by Hollingsworth at the 7:31 mark.

Louisiana Tech star guard DaQuan Bracey answered with one of his several big buckets, and WKU couldn't get over the hump.

Bracey finished the game with a game-high 17 points after going scoreless in the first half.

Freshman center Charles Basse led WKU with 16 points and eight rebounds, making 8 of 8 free throws. Redshirt junior guard/forward Jared Savage added 11 points.

Freshman forward Tolu Smith turned in one of his best efforts of the season off the bench, tallying five points, a career-high nine rebounds and two blocks in 18 minutes.

The Hilltoppers come back home to host UTSA at 7 p.m. CT Thursday at E.A. Diddle Arena. The game will stream online on Stadium on Facebook.

"Staying focused and playing for 40 minutes – not 20 minutes," Smith said. "We have to stay focused through all the fans and everything else. We just have to play our game."



Official Basketball Box Score -- Game Totals -- Final Statistics
 Western Kentucky vs Louisiana Tech
 1/26/19 4:06 PM at Thomas Assembly Center (Ruston, La.)



Western Kentucky 50 • 11-10 (4-4)

##	Player		Total		3-Ptr	Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot							
02	SAVAGE, Jared	f	3-9	3-6	2-2	0	3	3	2	11	1	2	1	1	38
23	BASSEY, Charles	c	4-5	0-0	8-8	2	6	8	4	16	0	4	0	0	29
04	ANDERSON, Josh	g	2-7	0-1	0-0	0	5	5	5	4	1	3	2	1	25
11	HOLLINGSWORTH, T.	g	3-6	1-3	0-2	1	2	3	1	7	3	0	0	0	38
20	BANTON, Dalano	g	1-4	0-1	1-2	0	0	0	1	3	0	4	0	1	12
00	SMITH, Tolu		2-4	0-0	1-3	4	5	9	1	5	1	1	2	0	18
01	BEARDEN, Lamonte		1-4	0-1	2-4	0	1	1	2	4	5	2	0	2	30
05	HORTON, Matt		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	3
12	DIAGNE, Moustapha		0-2	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
21	OHMER, Jake		0-2	0-2	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4
Team						0	5	5							
Totals			16-43	4-15	14-21	7	28	35	18	50	11	17	5	5	200

FG % 1st Half: 10-21 47.6% 2nd half: 6-22 27.3% Game: 16-43 37.2% Deadball Rebounds 4
 3FG % 1st Half: 4-10 40.0% 2nd half: 0-5 0.0% Game: 4-15 26.7%
 FT % 1st Half: 4-7 57.1% 2nd half: 10-14 71.4% Game: 14-21 66.7%

Louisiana Tech 62 • 15-7 (5-4)

##	Player		Total		3-Ptr	Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot							
10	DURUJI, Anthony	f	4-9	1-2	0-0	2	9	11	1	9	2	2	4	2	38
35	POWELL, Oliver	f	1-4	0-0	0-3	1	3	4	5	2	2	2	0	0	22
03	ARCHIBALD, Amorie	g	2-7	1-5	2-5	1	2	3	1	7	10	1	1	2	35
04	BRACEY, DaQuan	g	6-14	2-4	3-4	1	3	4	2	17	2	1	0	2	35
11	PEMBERTON, JaColby	g	4-9	1-3	0-0	1	2	3	4	9	0	3	0	0	19
00	LANGSTON, Ra'Shawn		4-11	3-8	4-4	0	4	4	0	15	2	0	0	0	29
13	THOMAS, Stacey		0-0	0-0	1-2	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	11
23	MUHAMMED, Mubarak		1-4	0-1	0-0	1	0	1	4	2	0	0	1	0	11
Team						6	0	6							
Totals			22-58	8-23	10-18	13	23	36	19	62	18	9	6	6	200

FG % 1st Half: 8-30 26.7% 2nd half: 14-28 50.0% Game: 22-58 37.9% Deadball Rebounds 3
 3FG % 1st Half: 3-13 23.1% 2nd half: 5-10 50.0% Game: 8-23 34.8%
 FT % 1st Half: 2-5 40.0% 2nd half: 8-13 61.5% Game: 10-18 55.6%

Officials: Kerry Sitton, Andrew Walton, Tommy Short
 Technical fouls: Western Kentucky-SAVAGE, Jared. Louisiana Tech-None.
 Attendance: 3917

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
Western Kentucky	28	22	50
Louisiana Tech	21	41	62

	In	Off	2nd	Fast	
Points	Paint	T/O	Chance	Break	Bench
WKU	22	7	9	2	9
TECH	20	19	7	10	18

Last FG - WKU 2nd-07:32, TECH 2nd-01:59.
 Largest lead - WKU by 9 1st-09:59, TECH by 12 2nd-00:20.
 WKU led for 15:25. TECH led for 20:54. Game was tied for 03:41.

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

WESTERN KENTUCKY HILLTOPPERS

WKU Hilltoppers at Louisiana Tech Bulldogs

Postgame Notes

January 26, 2019

Thomas Assembly Center | Ruston, La.

FINAL SCORE: Louisiana Tech 62, WKU 50

RECORDS AND NOTABLES

- WKU falls to 11-10 overall and 4-4 in Conference USA play.
- Louisiana Tech improves to 15-7 overall and 5-4 in C-USA action.
- WKU leads the all-time series 17-16, but trails 8-7 in Ruston, including six straight road losses.
- Louisiana Tech improves to 12-0 at home this season and 103-9 since February 2012.
- WKU head coach Rick Stansbury is 4-2 in his career against the Bulldogs.
- Announced attendance was 3,917.
- **UP NEXT:** WKU returns home to host UTSA at 7 p.m. CT Thursday at E.A. Diddle Arena. The game will stream online on Stadium on Facebook.

TEAM NOTES

- WKU used the starting lineup of Dalano Banton, Taveion Hollingsworth, Jared Savage, Josh Anderson and Charles Bassey for the ninth straight game. The group is now 5-4 when starting together.
- **KEY FIRST HALF RUN:** After Louisiana Tech scored the first five points of the game, WKU went on a 15-2 run to take a 15-7 lead on a putback by Tolu Smith with 11:26 left.
- **KEY SECOND HALF RUN:** Louisiana Tech opened the second half with a 19-2 run, including 15 straight to end the run and turn a 28-21 halftime deficit into a 40-30 lead with 13:42 left.
- WKU shot 16 of 43 (37.2 percent) from the field, 4 of 15 (26.7 percent) from 3-point range and 14 of 21 (66.7 percent) from the free-throw line. The Hilltoppers' 16 field goals were a season low.
- WKU held Louisiana Tech to 26.7 percent from the floor in the first half, but allowed the Bulldogs to shoot 50 percent in the second half.

- WKU has made a 3-pointer in 997 straight games dating back to March 15, 1987. The Hilltoppers entered the season tied with Arkansas for the fourth-longest streak in the nation of consecutive games with a made 3. Only UNLV, Vanderbilt and Duke had longer streaks.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

CHARLES BASSEY

- The freshman led WKU with 16 points and eight rebounds, netting 8 of 8 free throws.
 - Bassey tied Johnny Britt for ninth on WKU's all-time list for most points by a freshman with 300.

JARED SAVAGE

- The redshirt junior scored 11 points – all in the first half – and netted three 3-pointers.

LAMONTE BEARDEN

- The redshirt senior tied his season high with five assists and also grabbed two steals.

TOLU SMITH

- The freshman scored five points and grabbed a career-high nine rebounds to go with two blocks.

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Headshot and action photo of Charles Bassey are attached. Please credit WKU Athletics.

BASSEY'S BIG WEEK ON BOARDS YIELDS FIFTH C-USA FRESHMAN OF THE WEEK HONOR

IRVING, Texas — After a strong week with three games in six days, WKU center Charles Bassey was named Conference USA Men's Basketball Freshman of the Week on Monday.

This is the fifth Freshman of the Week award this season for the 6-foot-11, 245-pound native of Lagos, Nigeria, and his first since Dec. 31.

Bassey averaged 15.7 points and 14 rebounds in WKU's three games last week, including two road contests.

He began the week by pulling down 17 rebounds in consecutive wins over Marshall and at Southern Miss, making him 1 of 12 players nationally this season with multiple games of at least 17 rebounds.

He's also the first Hilltopper to grab at least 17 rebounds in back-to-back games since Chris Marcus in the 2000-01 campaign.

Bassey tallied 17 points and 17 rebounds Monday in a huge 68-59 win over then-league-leading Marshall, then turned around and paced WKU three days later with 14 points and 17 boards in a narrow 66-63 win at Southern Miss on Thursday.

His 17 rebounds in each game were the most by a Hilltopper freshman since freshmen became eligible to play varsity again in 1972. It was the most overall by a WKU player since 2010.

On Saturday, Bassey led WKU with 16 points and eight rebounds in a loss at Louisiana Tech.

He averaged 33 minutes during the week, shot 64.3 percent from the field, netted 11 of 12 free throws (91.7 percent) and grabbed 14 offensive rebounds.

WKU is back home this week for two matchups, starting against UTSA at 7 p.m. CT Thursday at E.A. Diddle Arena.



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To interview a representative from the Mike Slive Foundation, contact Heather Jeffcoat at 205-515-1972 or by emailing hjeffcoat@burtonadvertising.com.

WKU, C-USA PARTNER WITH MIKE SLIVE FOUNDATION TO HOST BLOCK CANCER EVENT SATURDAY VS. UTEP

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — The Mike Slive Foundation is partnering with Conference USA on the Block Cancer initiative throughout the month of February to raise awareness for prostate cancer, with each C-USA school choosing one conference game as its Block Cancer event.

WKU Hilltopper Basketball designated the conference game against UTEP at 6 p.m. CT Saturday as its Block Cancer event.

"We're honored to participate in the Mike Slive Foundation's Block Cancer initiative for prostate cancer research," WKU head coach Rick Stansbury said. "I had a longstanding friendship going back to my days in the SEC with Mike, who knew the importance of bringing public awareness to the fight against this disease which affects so many. The foundation is continuing to do great work under the leadership of Mike's daughter, Anna, and many others, and Western Kentucky is proud to play a role in keeping the efforts of Mike and his wife Liz going strong into the future. We all know someone close to us who's been affected by cancer, and it's crucial that we bring as much attention to screening and education as we can."

The teams will wear blue Block Cancer shirts in pregame, and coaches will wear blue ties. During the game, fans will see signage and videos that focus on increasing awareness for prostate cancer. Fans will also have the opportunity to donate by texting GIVE to 855-662-2996, or online at mikeslivefoundation.org.

"Block Cancer Month is a fantastic initiative, and we are honored to support the cause on our campuses," said C-USA Commissioner Judy MacLeod. "Mike Slive's courageous fight against prostate cancer and the legacy of his foundation are inspirations to us all."

A man dies of prostate cancer every 20 minutes, and one in seven men will get prostate cancer in their lifetime. African-American men are 1.6 times more likely to get prostate cancer and more than twice likely to die from it. Prostate cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death (after skin cancer) for men.

"We are excited to partner with Conference USA on the Block Cancer initiative in February," said Anna Slive Harwood, President of the Mike Slive Foundation. "Using the platform of college athletics to help raise awareness of prostate cancer was my father's vision. We are grateful for the ongoing support of Conference USA as we continue to build new programming and initiatives to help change the dialogue around prostate cancer."

The full schedule of C-USA Block Cancer games is as follows:

February 2, 2019 – North Texas at Charlotte

February 2, 2019 – Rice at Old Dominion

February 2, 2019 - UTEP at WKU

February 7, 2019 – Old Dominion at UAB

February 7, 2019 – Charlotte at MTSU

February 9, 2019 – WKU at North Texas

February 9, 2019 – Marshall at Rice

February 9, 2019 – FIU at UTEP

February 14, 2019 – UTEP at Louisiana Tech

February 14, 2019 – UAB at Marshall

February 14, 2019 – Rice at FIU

February 14, 2019 – UTSA at Southern Miss

February 16, 2019 - Rice at FAU

TBD - TBD at UTSA

The Block Cancer initiative is possible due to the generous support of many companies, including Prater Flooring and Linell Graphics.

About the Mike Slive Foundation: The Mike Slive Foundation endeavors to become a global leader in the fight to eradicate prostate cancer through public awareness and research funding in memory of Mike Slive, a transformative leader whose vision and direction revolutionized the business of collegiate sports. For more information or to donate to the Mike Slive Foundation, visit www.mikeslivefoundation.org.

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WKU Game Notes — <https://goto.ps/2WsXp4b>

UTSA Game Notes — <https://goto.ps/2CWD2Dx>

HILLTOPPERS WELCOME LEAGUE-LEADING UTSA ON THURSDAY NIGHT

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — WKU Hilltopper Basketball is back home for a pair of key games this week, starting against league-leading UTSA at 7 p.m. CT Thursday in Diddle Arena. The game will stream on Stadium on Facebook.

The Hilltoppers had a three-game winning streak snapped Saturday with a 62-50 loss at Louisiana Tech.

UTSA has won nine of its last 11 games, including a 74-73 win over Old Dominion on Saturday in which it trailed by 14 with about two minutes left. WKU leads the all-time series 3-2 but has lost two straight. Hilltopper head coach Rick Stansbury is 1-2 all-time against the Roadrunners.

GAME 22

UTSA (12-9, 6-2 C-USA) at WKU (11-10, 4-4 C-USA)

January 31, 2019 | 7 p.m. CT

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

BROADCAST

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

Watch: [Stadium on Facebook](#) (Noah Coslov, ppx | Tim Scarborough, analysis | Olivia Dekker, analysis)

Live Stats: [WKU Stats](#)

QUICK SHOTS

- WKU has had the lead in each of its four conference losses at halftime and led each of those defeats by at least nine points at one point. The Hilltoppers took their first three conference losses by a combined five points and held a lead of at least 15 points in each of those outings. The Hilltoppers had consecutive one-point losses for the first time since 1929-30.
- The Hilltoppers are 5-3 this season when trailing at halftime and just 6-7 when leading at halftime.
- Over the last four games, WKU has allowed just 62.5 points per game – nearly eight points below its season average for scoring defense.
- The Hilltoppers have held three straight opponents to 25 points or less in the first half.
- WKU is one of the youngest teams in the country, ranking 331st of 353 in experience, per Ken Pomeroy.
- The Hilltoppers have made a 3-pointer in 997 straight games dating back to March 15, 1987. WKU entered the season tied with Arkansas for the fourth-longest streak in the nation of consecutive games with a made 3. Only UNLV (1,039), Vanderbilt (1,031) and Duke (1,021) had longer streaks to start the year.
- WKU ranks 10th in the country in total blocks and 14th in blocked shots per game, and 16th in percentage of opponents' shots blocked, according to Ken Pomeroy. Its average of 5.2 blocks

per game would be its highest on record. Charles Bassey ranks second in C-USA in blocks per game (2.2).

- WKU freshman center Charles Bassey has more blocks himself (47) this year than 55 Division I teams.
- As of Tuesday, Charles Bassey was ranked third in the nation among freshmen in total blocks (47) and field-goal percentage (64 percent), and second for total rebounds (203).
- As of Tuesday, Charles Bassey ranked in the top 50 nationally in double-doubles (24th), field-goal percentage (14th), blocks per game (22nd), total blocks (17th), rebounds per game (27th), offensive rebounds per game (41st), defensive rebounds per game (45th) and total rebounds (21st).
- Charles Bassey is 1 of 2 players in the nation with at least 200 rebounds, 45 blocks and 20 steals.

TICKETS

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

PROMOTIONS

- 11th piece of 16-piece 100th season commemorative poster (Dalano Banton/Dwight Smith) for first 3,000 fans
- Faculty and Staff Night: Faculty and staff receive ONE discounted ticket for the game at the WKU box office in Diddle Arena prior to gameday. Must show valid WKU ID. Buy additional tickets in advance by calling the WKU ticket office. Offer not valid on gameday.
- Most Valuable Professors recognition

LAST GAME AGAINST UTSA: FEBRUARY 3, 2018

WKU could never get anything going from the outset, falling 74-63 at UTSA. The Roadrunners scored the first seven points of the game, built a 19-5 lead and never looked back. WKU missed its first nine shots.

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / January 31, 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/JkdCFnd-9bo>

Video: WKU players Lamonte Bearden, Jared Savage, Charles Bassey — <https://youtu.be/Eu3BCj0PksU>

HILLTOPPERS WIN WILD OVERTIME THRILLER OVER UTSA, 96-88

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — There was no quit in WKU Hilltopper Basketball on Thursday night. The Hilltoppers (12-10, 5-4 Conference USA) forced overtime in improbable fashion against UTSA, survived the highest-scoring effort from an opposing player ever at E.A. Diddle Arena, then stormed to victory in overtime for a 96-88 home win.

The Roadrunners (12-10, 6-3) entered the game tied for the league lead. WKU is now just one game out of first place in the loss column after winning four of its last five games.

“We hung around enough to keep it close enough and found different ways to get it into overtime,” WKU head coach Rick Stansbury said. “Great team effort. Found different ways from different people to get into overtime.”

WKU had five players in double figures, led by 22 points apiece from freshman center Charles Bassey and redshirt senior guard Lamonte Bearden.

Bassey had a career-high 18 rebounds for his fourth double-double in his last five games. He was 7 of 8 from the field and 8 of 10 from the free-throw line.

Bearden played 39 minutes in his return to the starting lineup and tallied seven assists against just one turnover.

He had two steals – one of them the biggest play of the game. With UTSA up 78-77 with eight seconds left, Bearden swatted away and grabbed the inbounds pass and was fouled.

He sank 1 of 2 free throws to tie the game, and WKU made 4 of 6 shots and 7 of 8 free throws in overtime to pull away.

It took all of that to overcome a career-high 46 points from UTSA's Jhivvan Jackson, who made 16 of 31 shots and 8 of 14 3-pointers. That was the most points ever by an opposing player in Diddle Arena, and the Roadrunners also got 26 points from Keaton Wallace.

“It was great,” Bassey said. “You have to understand, we were down one with 15 seconds to go and we just fought back, that's what we did. We went to overtime and played hard and got a win.”

Three of WKU's made shots in overtime were 3-pointers by redshirt junior guard/forward Jared Savage. He went 1 of 6 from long range in regulation but 3 of 4 in OT, including two in the first two minutes to give the Hilltoppers the advantage.

After UTSA banked in its 16th 3-pointer of the game to trim its deficit to 88-85, Savage banked in his final 3 to pad the cushion. He finished with 12 points and three assists.

“Overtime was a new game to me,” Savage said. “I hit that one and I kind of got hot.”

Sophomore guard Josh Anderson scored 19 points with six rebounds in 37 minutes in his first game in a mask after suffering a broken nose last week.

Sophomore guard Taveion Hollingsworth added 11 points.

UTSA made six of its first eight 3-pointers in the first half and led by as much as eight with 7:35 left in the frame. WKU scored eight of the final 10 before the break to lead 41-39 at halftime. The lead changed hands 12 times in the game, with WKU pulling in front 68-67 with 5:32 left on a layup by freshman forward Tolu Smith.

UTSA immediately answered with a 3-pointer, and another 3 by Giovanni De Nicolao pushed the Roadrunners' lead to 78-74 with 1:30 to play.

After a free throw by Bassey, Hollingsworth came up huge with 15 seconds left on a putback dunk to cut it to one. Bearden then stripped the ensuing inbounds play and sent the game to overtime with one free throw.

The Hilltoppers never trailed in overtime after Savage's first 3 of the period and scored on 8 of 10 possessions.

WKU recorded just six turnovers in 45 minutes and outrebounded UTSA 48-33. Its 96 points were a season high, and the Tops improved to 2-0 in overtime games under Stansbury.

"That was our goal when we came out, we said we were trying to get under 12 turnovers," Bearden said. "I think we got six for tonight, so we reached our goal."

The Hilltoppers stay at home to host UTEP at 6 p.m. CT Saturday at E.A. Diddle Arena. The game will stream online on ESPN+.

Official Basketball Box Score -- Game Totals -- Final Statistics
 UTSA vs WKU
 01/31/19 7 p.m. CT at E.A. Diddle Arena (Bowling Green, Ky.)

UTSA 88 • 12-10, 6-3 C-USA

##	Player		Total		3-Ptr	Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot							
02	JACKSON, Jhivvan	g	16-31	8-14	6-8	1	0	1	4	46	3	2	0	1	44
03	FROHNEN, Byron	f	2-4	0-0	1-2	3	5	8	3	5	1	2	0	0	39
05	DE NICOLAO, Giovanni	g	2-9	1-4	0-0	0	2	2	5	5	3	2	0	0	38
11	IYAYE, Adokiye		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	3	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	11
15	RODRIGUEZ, Adrian		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0+
22	WALLACE, Keaton	g	8-20	7-13	3-4	0	5	5	4	26	2	0	0	0	42
23	BIOR, Atem		1-2	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	2	2	1	2	0	0	17
25	ALLEN, Nick	f	2-3	0-0	0-0	3	6	9	3	4	6	1	2	1	34
Team						1	3	4							
Totals			31-69	16-31	10-14	8	25	33	21	88	19	9	2	2	225

FG % 1st Half: 16-33 48.5% 2nd half: 13-29 44.8% OT: 2-7 28.6% Game: 31-69 44.9% Deadball
 3FG % 1st Half: 7-14 50.0% 2nd half: 8-15 53.3% OT: 1-2 50.0% Game: 16-31 51.6% Rebounds
 FT % 1st Half: 0-0 0.0% 2nd half: 5-8 62.5% OT: 5-6 83.3% Game: 10-14 71.4% 1

WKU 96 • 12-10, 5-4 C-USA

##	Player		Total		3-Ptr	Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot							
00	SMITH, Tolu		1-2	0-0	3-4	2	3	5	2	5	0	1	0	1	20
01	BEARDEN, Lamonte	g	8-16	2-6	4-5	2	0	2	2	22	7	1	0	2	39
02	SAVAGE, Jared	g	4-14	4-10	0-0	0	3	3	2	12	3	0	1	0	36
04	ANDERSON, Josh	g	6-11	3-5	4-4	3	3	6	0	19	3	0	0	2	37
11	HOLLINGSWORTH, T.	g	4-10	0-3	3-4	1	4	5	4	11	2	1	0	0	32
20	BANTON, Dalano		1-5	0-1	0-0	2	1	3	0	2	0	1	1	0	6
21	OHMER, Jake		1-6	1-6	0-0	0	0	0	2	3	1	1	0	0	18
23	BASSEY, Charles	c	7-8	0-0	8-10	4	14	18	2	22	1	1	1	0	37
Team						1	5	6							
Totals			32-72	10-31	22-27	15	33	48	14	96	17	6	3	5	225

FG % 1st Half: 16-34 47.1% 2nd half: 12-32 37.5% OT: 4-6 66.7% Game: 32-72 44.4% Deadball
 3FG % 1st Half: 5-15 33.3% 2nd half: 2-11 18.2% OT: 3-5 60.0% Game: 10-31 32.3% Rebounds
 FT % 1st Half: 4-4 100.0% 2nd half: 11-15 73.3% OT: 7-8 87.5% Game: 22-27 81.5% 5

Officials: James Breeding, John Hampton, Jeb Hartness

Technical fouls: UTSA-None. WKU-None.

Attendance: 4983

Score by periods	1st	2nd	OT	Total
UTSA	39	39	10	88
WKU	41	37	18	96

	In	Off	2nd	Fast	
Points	Paint	T/O	Chance	Break	Bench
UTSA	22	8	15	2	2
WKU	36	7	19	2	10

Last FG - UTSA OT-01:50, WKU OT-01:38.
 Largest lead - UTSA by 8 1st-07:35, WKU by 11 OT-00:18.
 UTSA led for 28:02. WKU led for 13:40. Game was tied for 03:18.

Score tied - 7 times.
 Lead changed - 12 times.

WESTERN KENTUCKY HILLTOPPERS

WKU Hilltoppers vs. UTSA Roadrunners

Postgame Notes

January 31, 2019

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

FINAL SCORE: WKU 96, UTSA 88 OT

RECORDS AND NOTABLES

- WKU improves to 12-10 overall and 5-4 in Conference USA play.
- UTSA falls to 12-10 overall and 6-3 in C-USA action.
- WKU leads the all-time series 4-2.
- WKU head coach Rick Stansbury is 2-2 in his career against the Roadrunners.
- WKU is now 2-0 in overtime games under Stansbury and has won three straight overall in overtime.
- Announced attendance was 4,983.
- **UP NEXT:** WKU begins February play by hosting UTEP on Saturday. The game will tip at 6 p.m. CT and will be broadcast on ESPN+.

TEAM NOTES

- WKU used the starting lineup of Lamonte Bearden, Taveion Hollingsworth, Jared Savage, Josh Anderson and Charles Bassey for the first game. The group is now 1-0 when starting together.
- **KEY FIRST HALF RUN:** WKU scored eight of the last 10 points of the half to take a 41-39 lead entering halftime.
- **KEY SECOND HALF RUN:** WKU used an 8-0 run beginning with eight-plus minutes left to diminish the Roadrunner lead, including a go-ahead layup by Tolu Smith with 5:32 remaining.
- **KEY OVERTIME RUN:** The Hilltoppers scored eight unanswered points to take their largest lead of the game at 11 points with 18 seconds left.
- WKU shot 32 of 72 (44.4 percent) from the field, 10 of 31 (32.3 percent) from 3-point range and 22 of 27 (81.5 percent) from the free-throw line. The Hilltoppers were 4 of 6 from the field in overtime.

- UTSA's Jhivvan Jackson scored 46 points, the most ever recorded by an opposing individual in Diddle Arena. The previous record was set by Harley Swift of East Tennessee, scoring 41 points on March 15, 1969.
- Jackson also made eight 3-pointers, the second-most ever made by an opposing individual in Diddle. The record for most made 3-pointers by an opposing individual in Diddle is nine, set by Johnny Miller of LA Tech on Feb. 15, 1997.
- WKU demolished its previous season turnover low of 11, only turning over six possessions against UTSA in 45 minutes. The last time WKU had only six turnovers was against Utah in the NIT Final Four on March 27, 2018.
- WKU's 96 points is a season high.
- WKU had two 20-point scorers for the first time since playing at Arkansas on Dec. 8.
- This was the first overtime game played in Diddle Arena since WKU defeated LA Tech 96-90 on March 5, 2016.
- WKU's 66 attempted field goals in regulation was its most since attempting 66 against Utah in the NIT Final Four. Its 72 attempted field goals overall was the most since shooting 72 at Marshall on Jan. 6, 2018.
- WKU has made a 3-pointer in 998 straight games dating back to March 15, 1987. The Hilltoppers entered the season tied with Arkansas for the fourth-longest streak in the nation of consecutive games with a made 3. Only UNLV, Vanderbilt and Duke had longer streaks.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

CHARLES BASSEY

- The freshman notched his 10th double-double of his career with 22 points and a career-high 18 rebounds in a career-high 37 minutes. It's his fourth double-double in the last five games.
 - Bassey has grabbed at least 17 boards in three of the last four games. He now has 221 rebounds on the season and is only 16 rebounds away from passing Derrick Gordon on WKU's rebounds in a varsity freshman season list.
 - Bassey has passed George Fant and is now eighth on WKU's all-time list for most points by a freshman with 322.

JARED SAVAGE

- The redshirt junior made four 3-pointers, including three in overtime. He tied his career high at WKU for assists with three.

LAMONTE BEARDEN

- The redshirt senior scored a season-high 22 points with a season-high seven assists. He notched a new career-high at WKU for minutes with 39 and tied his career-high at WKU for field goals made with eight.

JOSH ANDERSON

- The sophomore played in a mask for the first time after breaking his nose last Thursday at Southern Miss. He made a career-high three 3-pointers and tied his career high of 37 minutes.

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

WKU vs Charlotte

01/03/19 7:30 PM at Halton Arena

WKU 68 • 8-6, 1-0 C-USA

##	Player	c/g	Total		3-Ptr	Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot							
23	BASSEY, Charles	c	4-5	1-1	2-2	1	4	5	2	11	1	3	2	1	21
02	SAVAGE, Jared	g	4-7	4-6	1-2	1	5	6	2	13	2	2	0	0	29
04	ANDERSON, Josh	g	2-5	0-1	0-0	1	3	4	2	4	3	0	1	0	25
11	HOLLINGSWORTH, T.	g	3-8	1-4	0-0	2	5	7	0	7	2	0	0	0	27
20	BANTON, Dalano	g	4-5	0-1	2-2	0	4	4	0	10	4	1	0	1	24
00	SMITH, Tolu		1-3	0-0	2-4	1	2	3	2	4	0	3	2	0	17
05	HORTON, Matt		0-0	0-0	1-2	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
10	GAMBRELL, Jeremiah		1-5	1-5	0-0	0	1	1	1	3	1	2	0	1	16
12	DIAGNE, Moustapha		1-3	1-3	0-0	0	2	2	2	3	0	0	0	0	13
21	OHMER, Jake		4-7	4-7	0-0	0	2	2	1	12	1	0	0	1	26
Team						1	0	1							
Totals			24-48	12-28	8-12	7	28	35	13	68	14	11	5	4	200

FG % 1st Half: 14-27 51.9% 2nd half: 10-21 47.6% Game: 24-48 50.0%
 3FG % 1st Half: 6-14 42.9% 2nd half: 6-14 42.9% Game: 12-28 42.9%
 FT % 1st Half: 0-0 0.0% 2nd half: 8-12 66.7% Game: 8-12 66.7%

Deadball
Rebounds
3,1

Charlotte 50 • 3-9, 0-1 C-USA

##	Player	f/g	Total		3-Ptr	Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot							
15	SUPICA, Milos	f	2-5	0-0	1-2	0	1	1	3	5	0	0	0	2	17
20	MANGUM, Dravon	f	4-7	3-5	1-3	1	2	3	1	12	0	1	0	0	30
02	MCGILL, Jaylan	g	1-4	1-3	1-2	0	1	1	1	4	0	0	0	1	29
03	DAVIS, Jon	g	8-17	4-10	4-4	1	4	5	0	24	3	4	0	0	33
22	YOUNGER, Brandon	g	1-6	0-3	0-0	0	0	0	3	2	1	0	0	0	35
00	HASLEM, Jailan		1-3	0-0	0-0	0	4	4	2	2	1	2	0	0	20
11	BLIGHT, Bo		0-4	0-3	1-2	0	4	4	3	1	1	0	0	0	16
21	KITOKO, John		0-2	0-2	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
Team						3	1	4			3				
Totals			17-48	8-26	8-13	5	18	23	13	50	6	10	0	3	200

FG % 1st Half: 9-22 40.9% 2nd half: 8-26 30.8% Game: 17-48 35.4%
 3FG % 1st Half: 3-12 25.0% 2nd half: 5-14 35.7% Game: 8-26 30.8%
 FT % 1st Half: 4-4 100.0 2nd half: 4-9 44.4% Game: 8-13 61.5%

Deadball
Rebounds
2

Officials: Les Jones, James Luckie, Ray Natili
 Technical fouls: WKU-None. Charlotte-None.
 Attendance: 3019

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
WKU	34	34	68
Charlotte	25	25	50

Points	In Paint	Off T/O	2nd Chance	Fast Break	Bench
WKU	22	15	4	7	23
CHA	16	5	7	6	3

Last FG - WKU 2nd-02:38, CHA 2nd-00:22.
 Largest lead - WKU by 25 2nd-05:12, CHA by 3 1st-16:24.
 WKU led for 33:44. CHA led for 05:18. Game was tied for 00:58.

Score tied - 1 time.
 Lead changed - 8 times.

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WKU Game Notes — <https://goto.ps/2HK2L7C>

TOPS HOST UTEP IN SATURDAY NIGHT DIDDLE MATCHUP

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — WKU Hilltopper Basketball turns the calendar to February with a home game against UTEP at 6 p.m. CT Saturday at E.A. Diddle Arena. The game will air on ESPN+.

The Hilltoppers are coming off a 96-88 overtime win over UTSA on Thursday, in which they withstood 46 points from star Roadrunner guard Jhivvan Jackson.

UTEP most recently fell 91-86 at Marshall on Thursday night and is 0-8 on the road this season.

WKU is 4-1 all-time against the Miners, including 2-0 in Diddle Arena and two straight overall.

Hilltopper head coach Rick Stansbury is 2-0 in his career against UTEP.

GAME 23

UTEP (7-13, 2-7 C-USA) at WKU (12-10, 5-4 C-USA)

February 2, 2019 | 6 p.m. CT

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

BROADCAST

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

Watch: [ESPN+](#) (Graham Doty and Jeff Younglove, broadcasters)

Live Stats: [WKU Stats](#)

QUICK SHOTS

- WKU is 5-3 this season when trailing at halftime and 7-7 when leading at halftime.
- The Hilltoppers have made a 3-pointer in 998 straight games dating back to March 15, 1987. WKU entered the season tied with Arkansas for the fourth-longest streak in the nation of consecutive games with a made 3. Only UNLV (1,039), Vanderbilt (1,031) and Duke (1,021) had longer streaks to start the year.
- WKU has had the lead in each of its four conference losses at halftime and led each of those defeats by at least nine points at one point. The Hilltoppers took their first three conference losses by a combined five points and held a lead of at least 15 points in each of those outings. The Hilltoppers had consecutive one-point losses for the first time since 1929-30.
- WKU is one of the youngest teams in the country, ranking 331st of 353 in experience, per Ken Pomeroy.
- Sophomore guard Taveion Hollingsworth could potentially hit 1,000 career points in less than two years. He would be just the third Hilltopper to accomplish that feat, joining Jim McDaniels and Clem Haskins.

- WKU ranks 11th in the country in total blocks and 18th in blocked shots per game, and 20th in percentage of opponents' shots blocked, according to Ken Pomeroy. Its average of 5.1 blocks per game would be its highest on record. Charles Bassey ranks second in C-USA in blocks per game (2.2).
- WKU freshman center Charles Bassey has more blocks himself (48) this year than 50 Division I teams.
- As of Friday, Charles Bassey was tied for fourth in the nation among freshmen in total blocks (48), ranked third in field-goal percentage (65 percent) and second for total rebounds (221).
- As of Friday, Charles Bassey ranked in the top 50 nationally in double-doubles (19th), field-goal percentage (9th), blocks per game (30th), total blocks (20th), rebounds per game (19th), offensive rebounds per game (41st), defensive rebounds per game (30th) and total rebounds (15th).
- In the last four games, Charles Bassey is averaging 17.3 points, 15 rebounds while shooting 69.4 percent from the field and making 19 of 22 free throws (86.4 percent).

TICKETS

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

PROMOTIONS

- 12th piece of 16-piece 100th season commemorative poster (Jake Ohmer/Darel Carrier) for first 3,000 fans
- WKU softball and baseball teams signing autographs in Hall of Champions at 4:30 p.m.
- Block Cancer Event

LAST GAME AGAINST UTEP: FEBRUARY 1, 2018

Taveion Hollingsworth's hot second-half shooting sparked a comeback for WKU, as the Hilltoppers rallied for a 72-60 win at UTEP. Hollingsworth knocked down a career-high five 3-pointers to score 17 points.

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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/0ygg6zQJ4H8>

Video: Hilltoppers Josh Anderson and Charles Bassey — <https://youtu.be/O7Acr9gMj-s>

TOPS LIMIT TURNOVERS AGAIN IN 76-59 VICTORY OVER UTEP

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — WKU Hilltopper Basketball valued the ball for the second straight outing and made a living at the free-throw line Saturday night, pushing past UTEP 76-59 at E.A. Diddle Arena.

The Hilltoppers (13-10, 6-4 Conference USA) committed just nine turnovers and netted 19 of 29 shots from the charity stripe. They've now won five of their last six games after a 1-3 start in league play.

"If you can find ways to win, it gives yourself a chance," WKU head coach Rick Stansbury said.

"Number one, if you won the turnover ratio. For the second time in a row, we have less than 12. ... If you can win the free throw war, win the rebound war, when you win those three categories, it gives you a little more leeway to maybe not shoot it great. Even though in the second half we shoot 52 percent, we just didn't shoot it great from the field.

"... We came out in the second half and kind of put a foot on them a little bit, got the lead, found a way to separate it and win the game."

Sophomore guard Josh Anderson led all scorers with 18 points, including 14 in an explosive first half. Freshman center Charles Bassey registered his fifth double-double in his last six games with 17 points and 12 rebounds.

Redshirt junior guard/forward Jared Savage scored 14 points, and redshirt senior guard Lamonte Bearden tallied nine points, seven assists and four rebounds.

Sophomore guard Taveion Hollingsworth chipped in six points and nine rebounds.

"I feel like we're in a good rhythm right now, just taking our time on offense," Anderson said. "I feel like nobody is forcing anything. I feel like the chemistry has gotten way better, so I feel like that played a big part."

WKU trailed 20-18 early before going on a 14-2 run, with Anderson scoring 12 of the points in that burst. His three-point play made it 32-22 with 3:25 remaining in the frame.

UTEP (7-14, 2-8) trailed just 34-31 at halftime and was within two at 43-41 with 14:45 left.

The Hilltoppers went on a 9-0 run to extend their lead, then later used another 7-0 spurt to make it 61-50 WKU on a three-point play by freshman guard Dalano Banton at the 7:39 mark.

"We played really good," Bassey said. "We faced everything we've struggled with, struggled a little bit on defense. But when we came back in the second half, we came together and just played a really good second half and got a win."

WKU outrebounded the Miners 41-32 and shot 51.6 percent from the field in the second half.

UTEP shot just 36.1 percent overall. Nigel Hawkins paced the Miners with 17 points.

The Hilltoppers make a trip to the Lone Star State next week for two games, starting at Rice at 8 p.m. CT Thursday in Houston, Texas. The game will air on CBS Sports Network.

Official Basketball Box Score -- Game Totals -- Final Statistics
 UTEP vs WKU
 02/02/19 6 p.m. CT at E.A. Diddle Arena (Bowling Green, Ky.)

UTEP 59 • 7-14, 2-8 C-USA

##	Player	f	Total		3-Ptr		Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot								
32	ODIGIE, Efe	f	4-13	0-0	0-0	1	3	4	4	8	1	5	1	0	31	
00	HAWKINS, Nigel	g	5-13	3-7	4-5	1	4	5	3	17	1	2	0	1	34	
01	THOMAS, Paul	g	0-3	0-3	0-0	0	2	2	4	0	0	1	0	0	10	
02	LATHON, Jordan	g	2-7	0-2	0-0	2	1	3	3	4	3	1	2	0	38	
13	CAMPBELL, Ountae	g	2-4	0-2	0-0	1	3	4	2	4	1	1	0	0	29	
03	GILYARD, Evan		5-14	1-6	5-6	0	4	4	0	16	1	0	0	0	30	
15	MAGEE, Kobe		3-4	2-3	0-0	0	1	1	2	8	3	0	0	0	19	
25	EZEAGU, Kaosi		1-3	0-0	0-0	1	3	4	3	2	0	0	2	0	9	
Team						3	2	5				1				
Totals			22-61	6-23	9-11	9	23	32	21	59	10	11	5	1	200	

FG % 1st Half: 12-32 37.5% 2nd half: 10-29 34.5% Game: 22-61 36.1% Deadball Rebounds 2
 3FG % 1st Half: 2-11 18.2% 2nd half: 4-12 33.3% Game: 6-23 26.1%
 FT % 1st Half: 5-6 83.3% 2nd half: 4-5 80.0% Game: 9-11 81.8%

WKU 76 • 13-10, 6-4 C-USA

##	Player	c	Total		3-Ptr		Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot								
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01	BEARDEN, Lamonte	g	3-5	0-0	3-3	0	4	4	0	9	7	2	0	0	32	
02	SAVAGE, Jared	g	3-7	2-5	6-9	0	4	4	1	14	0	1	1	1	34	
04	ANDERSON, Josh	g	6-12	0-2	6-9	0	4	4	3	18	2	1	0	0	34	
11	HOLLINGSWORTH, T.	g	2-10	0-3	2-3	3	6	9	0	6	1	0	0	1	34	
00	SMITH, Tolu		2-4	0-0	0-0	2	0	2	3	4	0	2	0	0	9	
05	HORTON, Matt		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	3	
20	BANTON, Dalano		1-2	0-1	1-1	0	2	2	1	3	2	0	0	0	6	
21	OHMER, Jake		2-3	1-2	0-0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	13	
Team						1	3	4								
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FG % 1st Half: 11-26 42.3% 2nd half: 16-31 51.6% Game: 27-57 47.4% Deadball Rebounds 6
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 FT % 1st Half: 11-17 64.7% 2nd half: 8-12 66.7% Game: 19-29 65.5%

Officials: Tom Eades, James Hicks, Joey Richardson
 Technical fouls: UTEP-None. WKU-ANDERSON, Josh.
 Attendance: 6397

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
UTEP	31	28	59
WKU	34	42	76

	In Paint	Off T/O	2nd Chance	Fast Break	Bench
UTEP	30	7	11	10	26
WKU	36	15	19	6	12

Last FG - UTEP 2nd-02:43, WKU 2nd-00:47.
 Largest lead - UTEP by 2 1st-07:53, WKU by 17 2nd-00:47.
 UTEP led for 01:52. WKU led for 34:20. Game was tied for 03:48.

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

WESTERN KENTUCKY HILLTOPPERS

WKU Hilltoppers vs. UTEP Miners

Postgame Notes

February 2, 2019

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

FINAL SCORE: WKU 76, UTEP 59

RECORDS AND NOTABLES

- WKU improves to 13-10 overall and 6-4 in Conference USA play.
- UTEP falls to 7-14 overall and 2-8 in C-USA action.
- WKU leads the all-time series 5-1, including 3-0 in Diddle Arena and three straight overall.
- WKU head coach Rick Stansbury is 3-0 in his career against the Miners.
- Announced attendance was 6,397.
- **UP NEXT:** WKU will play its last two road games prior to Bonus Play beginning with Rice on Thursday. The game will tip at 6 p.m. CT and will be broadcast live on CBS Sports Network.

TEAM NOTES

- WKU used the starting lineup of Lamonte Bearden, Taveion Hollingsworth, Jared Savage, Josh Anderson and Charles Bassegy for the first game. The group is now 2-0 when starting together.
- **KEY FIRST HALF RUN:** WKU used a 14-2 run with about five minutes left in the half to turn a deficit of 20-18 into a lead of 32-22. Twelve of the 14 points belonged to Josh Anderson.
- **KEY SECOND HALF RUN:** The Hilltoppers scored nine unanswered points with 14 minutes left in the game to extend their advantage to 52-41.
- WKU shot 27 of 57 (47.4 percent) from the field, 3 of 13 (23.1 percent) from 3-point range and 19 of 29 (65.5 percent) from the free-throw line.
- WKU outrebounded UTEP 41-32.
- The Hilltoppers earned their second consecutive game with less than 10 turnovers, turning the ball over only nine times against UTEP. The last time WKU notched two consecutive games with less than 10 miscues was UTSA (9) and Florida Atlantic (6) on Feb. 3 and 8, 2018.

- WKU has made a 3-pointer in 999 straight games dating back to March 15, 1987. The Hilltoppers entered the season tied with Arkansas for the fourth-longest streak in the nation of consecutive games with a made 3. Only UNLV, Vanderbilt and Duke had longer streaks.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

CHARLES BASSEY

- The freshman notched his 11th double-double of his career with 17 points and 12 rebounds. It's his fifth double-double in the last six games.
 - Bassey has 233 rebounds on the season and is only four rebounds away from claiming sole ownership of WKU's rebounds in a freshman season record.
 - Bassey is eighth on WKU's all-time list for most points by a freshman with 339.

JOSH ANDERSON

- The sophomore scored 14 of his team-high 18 points in the first 20 minutes of the game while also contributing four rebounds.
 - Anderson has scored at least 13 points in 10 of the last 13 games for WKU after doing so just five times in his first 33 college games.

JARED SAVAGE

- The redshirt junior scored 13 of his 14 points in the second half. He also added four rebounds, a block and a steal.

LAMONTE BEARDEN

- The redshirt senior tied his season high of seven assists while scoring nine points. Bearden also pulled down four boards.
 - Bearden has dished out seven assists in back-to-back games.

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Headshot and action photo of Charles Bassey are attached. Please credit WKU Athletics.

SURGING BASSEY WINS SIXTH C-USA FRESHMAN OF THE WEEK AWARD

IRVING, Texas — WKU center Charles Bassey continued his tear through league play last week, earning him his sixth Conference USA Men's Basketball Freshman of the Week award Monday. It's the second straight weekly freshman honor for the 6-foot-11, 245-pound native of Lagos, Nigeria.

Bassey averaged a dominant 19.5 points and 15 rebounds across two victories over UTSA and UTEP last week.

The big man also shot 68.2 percent from the field, netted 9 of 14 free throws and finished the week with a C-USA-best 11 double-doubles this season – including five in his last six games.

Bassey's 11 double-doubles are the most on record for a Hilltopper freshman, and he's one of just two freshmen in the country averaging a double-double.

He tallied 22 points and a career-high 18 rebounds in Thursday's overtime win over league-leading UTSA, while shooting 7 of 8 from the field and 8 of 10 from the free-throw line.

His 18 rebounds against the Roadrunners are the most by a Hilltopper freshman since freshmen became eligible to play again in 1972, and he's 1 of 7 players in the nation with at least three games of 17-plus rebounds this year.

Bassey followed that up with another double-double in a comfortable win over UTEP, putting together 17 points and 12 boards. He averaged 36 minutes per game over the week.

The Hilltoppers hit the road this week for two games in Texas, starting at Rice at 8 p.m. CT Thursday in Houston.



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THE STREAK

WKU ON THE CUSP OF 1,000 STRAIGHT GAMES WITH A MADE 3-POINTER

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WKU is trying to become just the fifth team in NCAA history to reach 1,000 straight games with a made 3-pointer. Kentucky was the first program to hit the benchmark on Feb. 11, 2017. The Wildcats' streak eventually ended at 1,047 games and has since been passed by UNLV.

CURRENT ACTIVE STREAKS

WKU is ranked fourth in the nation among active streaks of consecutive games with a 3-pointer at 999 straight contests. UNLV has the longest streak in history, while Vanderbilt and Duke have also eclipsed 1,000 straight games. Arkansas is on pace to reach the milestone just one game behind the Hilltoppers.

Longest Active Streaks of Consecutive Games with a Made 3-pointer (as of 2/3)

Team	Current Streak
1. UNLV	1,060 games
2. Vanderbilt	1,052 games
3. Duke	1,042 games
4. WKU	999 games
5. Arkansas	998 games

TOP MARKSMEN

Most Career 3-Pointers in WKU History

1. T.J. Price, 2012-15	286
2. Anthony Winchester, 2003-06	247
3. Courtney Lee, 2005-08	245
4. A.J. Slaughter, 2007-10	211
5. Michael Fraliex, 1993-96	205
6. Orlando Mendez-Valdez, 2006-09	197
7. Ty Rogers, 2005-08	193
8. Mike Wells, 2001-04	179
9. Chris Harrison-Docks, 2013-16	158
10. Patrick Sparks, 2002-03 (two seasons)	155

HOW IT ALL STARTED

WKU's streak of consecutive games with a 3-pointer began on March 15, 1987, in a second-round NCAA Tournament game against Syracuse. After failing to make a 3-pointer in an opening-round victory over West Virginia, the Hilltoppers' Kurk Lee sank three 3s against the Orange to start a streak that has lasted nearly 32 years.

CLOSE CALLS

Getting at least one 3-pointer in every game since 1987 hasn't always come easy for the Hilltoppers. In fact, they've had 19 games during the streak in which they've only hit one 3-pointer. Two of those games actually came last season, with both going to the second half before WKU hit its first 3-pointer. The most close calls came in 1987-88 and 1992-93, in which the Hilltoppers netted just one long-range shot in four games both years.

DOWN TO THE FINAL MINUTE

WKU had to wait until the final minute to make its first 3-pointer against Denver on Jan. 6, 2011. The Hilltoppers played 39 minutes and 9 seconds before Kahlil McDonald sank the team's only 3 of the game.

THE BIGGEST 3-POINTER IN SCHOOL HISTORY

There's no doubt about the most significant 3-pointer in WKU history. In the first round of the 2008 NCAA Tournament, the 12th-seeded Hilltoppers went to overtime with fifth-seeded Drake. With WKU trailing by one, Rogers knocked down a 26-footer for the win in what has become one of the most iconic shots in NCAA Tournament history. The Hilltoppers went on to advance to the Sweet 16 after defeating San Diego in the second round. Rogers' shot won the ESPY Award that year for Best Finish.

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HILLTOPPER BASKETBALL ANNOUNCES 2019 SUMMER CAMP SCHEDULE

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — WKU Hilltopper Basketball announced its full schedule of summer camps Tuesday, with options available for a variety of ages of youth campers.

WKU will host its High School Team Camp on June 6-8, its Overnight Camp on June 16-19 and its Day Camp on June 24-27. All will take place at E.A. Diddle Arena on the campus of Western Kentucky University.

Those interested can register now at [rickstansburycamps.com]RickStansburyCamps.com. WKU faculty and staff discounts are available.

The Overnight Camp and Day Camp include WKU gear, instruction by current and former WKU players, individual competition contests, 3 on 3 competition, 5 on 5 competition, individual skill development sessions, a certificate and trophy of participation, an autograph session, an award ceremony and faculty/staff discounts.

The Overnight Camp is open to boys in grades 5-12 and costs \$290 per camper. A commuter rate is available for \$250 that includes dinner on June 16, as well as lunch and dinner on June 17-18. Parents will drop off commuters at 8:15 a.m. and pick them up at 9:15 p.m.

Day-of registration is June 16 from 2-4 p.m., while checkout is at noon June 19. Dinner is included on the 16th, as are all meals on the 17-18th and breakfast on the 19th.

All meals for each camp are buffet style in the newly renovated Downing Student Union across from Diddle Arena.

The Day Camp is open to boys in grades 1-8 and costs \$225 per camper. Lunch is included each day. The camp runs 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. each day from June 24-27, with day-of registration at 8 a.m. June 24.

The High School Team Camp includes a six-game minimum, varsity and junior varsity tournaments, a situational tournament, a T-shirt for each camper and coach, polos for each coach, a coaches' social and prizes for each championship winning team.

The team fee is \$100, and the cost per camper is \$60 for commuting without meals, \$105 for commuting with meals and \$150 for overnight with meals.

Each overnight team is allowed one coach to attend free per every eight kids, while any extra individuals will be charged half price of the regular player fee. Each overnight participant should bring their own linens.

The High School Team Camp is open to any and all varsity and JV teams, and the schedule will be made according to competition level and school size. It will feature competition from Kentucky and all surrounding states.

For more information on any of WKU's camps, please contact Martin Cross at 270-745-2132 or at martin.cross@wku.edu.

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

Rice Game Notes — <https://goto.ps/2Sd93Sc>

HILLTOPPERS TAKE MOMENTUM ON ROAD FOR THURSDAY TRIP TO RICE

HOUSTON, Texas — WKU Hilltopper Basketball starts its final road trip before Bonus Play begins at Rice at 8 p.m. CT Thursday in Houston, Texas. The game will air on CBS Sports Network.

The Hilltoppers have won five of their last six and two straight, most recently topping UTEP 76-59 at home Saturday. WKU will be trying for its 1,000th straight game with a made 3-pointer. Rice is 4-6 in conference play, but 3-2 at home in league action. WKU is 3-2 all-time against the Owls but has won two in a row, including last year in Houston. Hilltopper head coach Rick Stansbury is 2-0 in his career against Rice.

GAME 24

WKU (13-10, 6-4 C-USA) at Rice (9-14, 4-6 C-USA)

February 7, 2019 | 8 p.m. CT

Tudor Fieldhouse | Houston, Texas

BROADCAST

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

Watch: [CBS Sports Network](#) (Jason Horowitz, pxp | Marc Jackson, analysis)

Live Stats: [Rice Stats](#)

QUICK SHOTS

- WKU has made a 3-pointer in 999 straight games dating back to March 15, 1987, and will look to become the fifth team in NCAA history to reach 1,000 straight games Thursday.
- The Hilltoppers have just 15 combined turnovers in their last two games. Before that, they had at least 16 turnovers in five of their previous six games.
- WKU is one of the youngest teams in the country, ranking 329th of 353 in experience, per Ken Pomeroy.
- WKU ranks 11th in the country in total blocks and 19th in blocked shots per game, and 20th in percentage of opponents' shots blocked, according to Ken Pomeroy. Its average of 5.0 blocks per game would tie its highest on record. Charles Bassey ranks second in C-USA in blocks per game (2.1).
- WKU freshman center Charles Bassey has more blocks himself (49) this year than 41 Division I teams.
- As of Tuesday, Charles Bassey was ranked fifth in the nation among freshmen in total blocks (49), third in field-goal percentage (64.5 percent) and second for total rebounds (233).
- As of Tuesday, Charles Bassey ranked in the top 50 nationally in double-doubles (16th), field-goal percentage (12th), blocks per game (29th), total blocks (22nd), rebounds per game (16th), offensive rebounds per game (32nd), defensive rebounds per game (26th) and total rebounds (14th).

- Charles Bassey's 11 double-doubles this season are the most on record by a Hilltopper freshman. Bassey leads C-USA in double-doubles and is 1 of 2 freshmen in the entire nation averaging a double-double.
- Sophomore guard Taveion Hollingsworth could potentially hit 1,000 career points in less than two years. He would be just the third Hilltopper to accomplish that feat, joining Jim McDaniels and Clem Haskins.
- Since putting on a protective mask for a broken nose suffered Jan. 24, sophomore guard Josh Anderson has averaged 18.5 points per game in the last two outings.
- In the last four games, redshirt senior guard Lamonte Bearden has 23 combined assists against just six turnovers. He ranks third in C-USA in conference play with a 2.6-to-1 assist-to-turnover ratio.

LAST GAME AGAINST RICE: FEBRUARY 17, 2018

WKU Basketball used a fast start to record the 44th 20-win season in program history with an 85-66 road victory over Rice. Darius Thompson flirted with a triple-double with 18 points, 10 assists and seven rebounds.

WKU MBB: Statement from Hilltopper Basketball Head Coach Rick Stansbury, Feb. 7, 2019
WKU Hilltopper Basketball head coach Rick Stansbury will not coach the Hilltoppers in tonight's game at Rice because of a lingering back injury he's dealt with for the last two weeks. Assistant Marc Hsu will serve as interim coach tonight.

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Box score and postgame notes are attached.

Video: Hilltopper guards Lamonte Bearden, Jared Savage and Josh Anderson — <https://youtu.be/bbkQBWLirm4>

HILLTOPPERS SEIZE 92-85 WIN AT RICE IN DOUBLE OVERTIME

HOUSTON, Texas — It took all the Hilltoppers had to get the win Thursday night.

WKU Hilltopper Basketball held Rice scoreless for more than seven minutes late in regulation, then made clutch plays in the extra periods for a 92-85 road victory in double overtime.

"It takes grit, like Coach tells us," redshirt senior guard Lamonte Bearden said. "We have to go out and play together. We were down 13 in the second half, but we never gave up on each other. We played hard and made a run."

The Hilltoppers (14-10, 7-4 Conference USA) played without head coach Rick Stansbury, who missed the game because of a lingering back injury. Assistant Marc Hsu served as interim coach in Stansbury's stead.

With Hsu leading the way, WKU claimed its sixth win in its last seven games.

The Hilltoppers trailed 70-57 with 7:38 to play, but didn't allow Rice (9-15, 4-7) to score again until there were five seconds left.

A 14-1 WKU run gave the Tops the lead on a 3-pointer by redshirt junior guard/forward Jared Savage, but Rice's Chris Mullins hit one free throw to send the game to overtime.

"It was do-or-die time then," Savage said. "If we didn't make a run then, we weren't going to make one and we were going to lose, so we had to."

The Owls forced double OT with a late 3-pointer, but WKU scored the first five points of the second extra period, and Rice didn't score in the frame until the 1:50 mark.

The Hilltoppers netted 9 of 11 free throws across both overtimes to seal the deal.

Sophomore guard Josh Anderson led all scorers with 24 points, nine rebounds and four steals, while Savage added 21 points, six rebounds, three assists and five made 3s – including the first one of the game to make WKU the fifth program in NCAA history with 1,000 straight games with a made 3.

Redshirt senior guard Lamonte Bearden had 16 points and a career-high 11 assists with zero turnovers.

Freshman center Charles Basse recorded his 12th double-double of the season with 10 points, 14 rebounds and five blocks, including three in OT while playing with four fouls.

Sophomore guard Taveion Hollingsworth chipped in 10 points and six rebounds.

WKU scored the first nine points of the game and opened its largest lead at 12-2 on a 3-pointer by Bearden.

The Hilltoppers led 44-42 at the break, and the Owls used a 13-0 run in the second half to surge in front. Rice was cruising until the 7:38 mark, when WKU began to clamp down.

The Owls shot just 39 percent for the game and made 2 of 14 (14.3 percent) shots in overtime. Ako Adams paced them with 23 points.

WKU has a quick turnaround to finish the road swing at North Texas at 5 p.m. CT Saturday in Denton, Texas.

The game will stream online on Stadium on Facebook.

"We just knew we had to get a road win," Anderson said. "We know we have to get two of them. That's what we came here to do."

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Headshot and action photo of Charles Bassey are attached. Please credit WKU Athletics.

BASSEY NAMED 1 OF 10 CANDIDATES FOR KAREEM ABDUL-JABBAR AWARD

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. — WKU Hilltopper Basketball freshman center Charles Bassey has been named 1 of 10 candidates for the 2019 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 fifth year recognizes the top centers in men's college basketball. A national committee comprising top college basketball personnel determined the watch list of 21 candidates in October, which has now been narrowed to just 10.

Bassey — a 6-foot-11, 245-pound native of Lagos, Nigeria — is averaging 14.5 points, 10.3 rebounds and 2.3 blocks this season while shooting 63.1 percent from the field.

He leads Conference USA in both rebounding and double-doubles (12). The big man is 1 of 2 freshmen in the country averaging a double-double.

Bassey ranks in the top 40 in the country in double-doubles, field-goal percentage, blocks per game, total blocks, rebounds per game, offensive rebounds per game, defensive rebounds per game and total rebounds.

He's 1 of 2 freshmen on the list of candidates, along with UCLA's Moses Brown.

In March, five finalists will be presented to Mr. Abdul-Jabbar and the Hall of Fame's selection committee. The winner of the 2019 Kareem Abdul-Jabbar Award will be presented at The College Basketball Awards presented by Wendy's in Los Angeles, Calif., on Friday, April 12, along with the other four members of the Naismith Starting 5.

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

For more information and the latest updates on the 2019 Kareem Abdul-Jabbar Award, log onto www.hoophallawards.com and follow @hoophall and #KareemAward on Twitter and Instagram.

2019 Kareem Abdul-Jabbar Center of the Year Award Candidates

Daniel Gafford, Arkansas

Nick Perkins, Buffalo

Nico Carvacho, Colorado St.

Jessie Govan, Georgetown

Bruno Fernando, Maryland

Nick Ward, Michigan St.

Moses Brown, UCLA

Charles Bassey, WKU

Nathan Knight, William & Mary

Ethan Happ, Wisconsin



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North Texas Game Notes — <https://goto.ps/2TBmVSJ>

TOPS VISIT NORTH TEXAS ON SATURDAY IN MAJOR STANDINGS CLASH

DENTON, Texas — WKU Hilltopper Basketball completes its road swing at North Texas at 5 p.m. CT Saturday in Denton, Texas. The game will stream online on Stadium on Facebook.

After starting Conference USA play 1-3, the Hilltoppers have won six of their last seven and sit alone in fourth place.

North Texas is enjoying one of its best seasons in program history and is 12-1 on its home court. WKU leads the all-time series over the Mean Green 20-5, including eight straight victories and a 6-2 all-time mark in Denton. WKU head coach Rick Stansbury is 4-0 in his career against North Texas.

GAME 25

WKU (14-10, 7-4 C-USA) at North Texas (20-4, 8-3 C-USA)

February 9, 2019 | 5 p.m. CT

The Super Pit | Denton, Texas

BROADCAST

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

Watch: [Stadium on Facebook](#) (Jason Knapp, ppx | Dani Klupenger, analysis | Kristen Balboni, sideline)

Live Stats: [North Texas Stats](#)

QUICK SHOTS

- WKU head coach Rick Stansbury missed Thursday's game at Rice because of a lingering back injury. Assistant coach Marc Hsu served as interim coach in his place.
- WKU became the fifth program in NCAA history to reach 1,000 straight games with a made 3-pointer at Rice on Feb. 7. The Hilltoppers' streak dates back to March 15, 1987.
- WKU is one of the youngest teams in the country, ranking 327th of 353 in experience, per Ken Pomeroy.
- WKU ranks ninth in the country in total blocks and 18th in blocked shots per game, and 21st in percentage of opponents' shots blocked, according to Ken Pomeroy. Its average of 5.1 blocks per game would tie its highest on record. Charles Bassey ranks second in C-USA in blocks per game (2.3).
- Since putting on a protective mask for a broken nose suffered Jan. 24, sophomore guard Josh Anderson has averaged 20.3 points per game in the last three outings.
- In the last three games, redshirt senior guard Lamonte Bearden has 25 combined assists against just three turnovers. He leads C-USA in conference play with a 3.6-to-1 assist-to-turnover ratio.
- WKU freshman center Charles Bassey has more blocks himself (54) this year than 53 Division I teams. He needs just three blocks to crack WKU's top 10 for most blocks in a single season.

- As of Friday, Charles Bassey was tied for the national lead among freshmen in total rebounds (247), tied for third in total blocks (54), and ranked third in field-goal percentage (64.5 percent).
- As of Thursday, Charles Bassey ranked in the top 50 nationally in double-doubles (16th), field-goal percentage (12th), blocks per game (27th), total blocks (26th), rebounds per game (16th), offensive rebounds per game (30th), defensive rebounds per game (28th) and total rebounds (15th).
- Charles Bassey's 12 double-doubles this season are the most on record by a Hilltopper freshman. Bassey leads C-USA in double-doubles and is 1 of 2 freshmen in the entire nation averaging a double-double.
- In the last six games, Charles Bassey is averaging 16 points and 14.3 rebounds per contest.

LAST GAME AGAINST NORTH TEXAS: FEBRUARY 15, 2018

WKU went to overtime for the first time under Rick Stansbury, but used 30 points from Taveion Hollingsworth and 37 made free throws to pull out a 102-94 road victory. Darius Thompson finished with 28 points.

WKU MBB: Statement from Hilltopper Basketball on Head Coach Rick Stansbury, Feb. 9, 2019

WKU Hilltopper Basketball head coach Rick Stansbury will not coach the Hilltoppers in tonight's game at North Texas because of a lingering back injury that forced him to miss Thursday's victory at Rice. Assistant Marc Hsu will again serve as interim coach tonight.



Official Basketball Box Score -- Game Totals -- Final Statistics
 WKU vs Rice
 2/7/19 8 p.m. at Houston, Texas (Tudor Fieldhouse)



WKU 92 • 14-10, 7-4 C-USA

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05	HORTON, Matt		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1
20	BANTON, Dalano		2-2	0-0	0-2	1	1	2	2	4	0	3	0	0	13
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Team						1	2	3							
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FG % 1st Half: 18-28 64.3% 2nd half: 11-36 30.6% OT: 5-14 35.7% Game: 34-78 43.6% Deadball
 3FG % 1st Half: 6-10 60.0% 2nd half: 2-13 15.4% OT: 2-3 66.7% Game: 10-26 38.5% Rebounds
 FT % 1st Half: 2-4 50.0% 2nd half: 3-6 50.0% OT: 9-11 81.8% Game: 14-21 66.7% 3

Rice 85 • 9-15, 4-7 CUSA

##	Player	f/c/g	Total		3-Ptr	Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot							
23	PETERSON, Drew	f	0-5	0-1	2-2	1	0	1	1	2	1	1	0	0	11
32	WILLIAMS, Jack	f	3-9	0-2	2-2	2	7	9	1	8	4	5	1	2	38
42	MILLORA-BROWN, Q.	c	5-13	0-0	3-4	5	6	11	1	13	1	0	2	0	35
03	ADAMS, Ako	g	8-15	7-14	0-0	0	4	4	3	23	0	5	0	1	46
24	MULLINS, Chris	g	3-14	1-4	6-8	1	2	3	1	13	3	3	0	1	36
00	MOORE, Payton		1-1	1-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	5
01	PARRISH, Josh		4-5	0-0	1-1	1	3	4	2	9	3	3	0	1	20
02	MURPHY III, Trey		3-9	0-6	1-2	1	4	5	3	7	3	0	2	1	32
10	MARTIN, Robert		3-6	1-3	0-0	1	7	8	5	7	1	0	0	0	27
Team						2	3	5							
Totals			30-77	10-31	15-19	14	36	50	17	85	16	17	5	6	250

FG % 1st Half: 16-29 55.2% 2nd half: 12-34 35.3% OT: 2-14 14.3% Game: 30-77 39.0% Deadball
 3FG % 1st Half: 7-13 53.8% 2nd half: 1-11 9.1% OT: 2-7 28.6% Game: 10-31 32.3% Rebounds
 FT % 1st Half: 3-4 75.0% 2nd half: 4-5 80.0% OT: 8-10 80.0% Game: 15-19 78.9% 2

Officials: Keith Kimble, Patrick Adams, Antinio Petty

Technical fouls: WKU-None. Rice-None.

Attendance: 1757

Score by periods	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Total
WKU	44	27	9	12	92
Rice	42	29	9	5	85

	In	Off	2nd	Fast	
Points	Paint	T/O	Chance	Break	Bench
WKU	38	24	9	0	11
RICE	30	17	14	4	26

Last FG - WKU OT2-03:11, RICE OT-00:15.

Largest lead - WKU by 10 1st-16:05, RICE by 13 2nd-07:39.

WKU led for 26:55. RICE led for 16:33. Game was tied for 06:13.

Score tied - 11 times.

Lead changed - 8 times.

WESTERN KENTUCKY HILLTOPPERS

WKU Hilltoppers at Rice Owls

Postgame Notes

February 7, 2019

Tudor Fieldhouse | Houston, Texas

FINAL SCORE: WKU 92, Rice 85 (2OT)

RECORDS AND NOTABLES

- WKU improves to 14-10 overall, 7-4 in Conference USA.
- Rice falls to 9-15 overall and 4-7 in C-USA.
- WKU leads the all-time series 4-2, including three straight wins.
- WKU head coach Rick Stansbury was not on the sidelines Thursday because of a lingering back injury. Assistant Marc Hsu served as the interim coach.
- The victory is still attributed to Stansbury, however, making him 3-0 in his career against Rice and 349-204 overall.
- Announced attendance was 1,757, including Houston Rockets star James Harden.
- **UP NEXT:** WKU completes its road trip at North Texas at 5 p.m. CT Saturday in Denton, Texas. The game will stream online on Stadium on Facebook.

TEAM NOTES

- WKU used the starting lineup of Lamonte Bearden, Taveion Hollingsworth, Jared Savage, Josh Anderson and Charles Basseby for the third straight game. The group is now 3-0 when starting together.
- **KEY FIRST HALF RUN:** WKU scored the first nine points of the game and opened its largest lead of the half at 12-2 on a 3-pointer by Lamonte Bearden.
- **KEY SECOND HALF RUN:** Rice went on a 13-0 run to turn a 50-46 WKU lead into a 59-50 Hilltopper deficit with 11:50 remaining.
- **KEY OVERTIME RUN:** In the second overtime, WKU scored the first five points with a Lamonte Bearden 3-pointer and a basket by Josh Anderson. The Hilltoppers didn't allow Rice to score until the 1:50 mark.

- WKU shot 34 of 78 (43.6 percent) from the field, 10 of 26 (38.5 percent) from 3-point range and 14 of 21 (66.7 percent) from the free-throw line. The Hilltoppers made 9 of 11 from the stripe in overtime.
- WKU held Rice to 2 of 14 (14.3 percent) shooting in the overtime periods.
- WKU has made a 3-pointer in 1,000 straight games dating back to March 15, 1987. The Hilltoppers became just the fifth NCAA program to reach the 1,000 milestone, joining Kentucky, UNLV, Vanderbilt and Duke. All but Kentucky still have active streaks.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

JOSH ANDERSON

- The sophomore scored a game-high 24 points and tied his career high with nine rebounds, also adding four steals.
 - Anderson's 10 made field goals and two blocks tied his career highs, while 21 shot attempts and 43 minutes played were a new high.
 - Anderson has scored at least 13 points in 11 of the last 14 games for WKU after doing so just five times in his first 33 college games.

CHARLES BASSEY

- The freshman notched his 12th double-double of his career with 10 points and 14 rebounds. It's his sixth double-double in his last seven games.
 - Bassey now has 247 rebounds for the season, passing Derrick Gordon for a new Hilltopper record for most rebounds in a freshman season.
 - Bassey also moved up to seventh on WKU's list for most points in a freshman season with 349.
 - Bassey tied his career high with five blocks, including three in the overtime periods.
 - Bassey's 39 minutes played were a career high.

JARED SAVAGE

- The redshirt junior scored 21 points with six rebounds and three assists.
 - Savage tied his season high with five made 3s, including the first one for WKU to give the program 1,000 straight games with a made 3-pointer.
 - Savage set a new career high with 45 minutes played and tied his season high for assists.

LAMONTE BEARDEN

- The redshirt senior scored 16 points and set a new career high with 11 assists against zero turnovers.
 - Bearden's 43 minutes played were a career high.

TAVEION HOLLINGSWORTH

- The sophomore scored 10 points and added six rebounds.
 - Hollingsworth's team-high 47 minutes were the most of his career.

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

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Box score and postgame notes are attached.

Video: WKU freshman center Charles Bassey — <https://youtu.be/ZEQUWWEEgGE>

Video: WKU sophomore guard Taveion Hollingsworth — <https://youtu.be/weYvt7Tx6kl>

HILLTOPPERS FIGHT TO 62-59 ROAD WIN AT NORTH TEXAS

DENTON, Texas — WKU Hilltopper Basketball had been in this situation before and come up short.

This time, the Hilltoppers proved they're maturing with a major road win for their absent coach.

WKU (15-10, 8-4 Conference USA) built a 15-point halftime lead at North Texas but had to hold on in the second half, scrapping its way to a 62-59 road victory at The Super Pit.

The Hilltoppers were playing their second straight game without head coach Rick Stansbury, who is out with a lingering back injury. Assistant Marc Hsu served as interim coach for the second straight game.

WKU has now won seven of its last eight games, including four straight for the first time this season. The Hilltoppers learned from their previous four C-USA losses, in which they led each one by at least nine points at one point.

"The earlier experiences, we learned from them," sophomore guard Taveion Hollingsworth said. "As soon as we come in the locker room, we already know. We were all saying we can't – lock in and we've got to finish the game. Don't look at the score. Coach Hsu told us don't look at the score. We know they're going to make runs. It's their home court, so we expected a run to be made. We just have to keep our composure and finish the game."

Freshman center Charles Bassey led WKU with 18 points, seven rebounds and four blocks, while Hollingsworth added 14 points and seven boards.

Redshirt senior guard Lamonte Bearden tallied eight points, six assists and four rebounds with one turnover.

Redshirt junior guard/forward Jared Savage and sophomore guard Josh Anderson each had seven points.

Freshman forward Tolu Smith chipped in four points and eight rebounds.

The Hilltoppers held North Texas to 20.6 percent shooting in the first half, including a 1-of-15 shooting from 3-point range.

WKU used a 10-0 run to go up 22-9 on a jumper by Bassey at the 6:55 mark. Hollingsworth hit a 3-point heave from beyond halfcourt at the buzzer to make it 30-15 at the break.

But North Texas (20-5, 8-4) didn't go away, cutting into WKU's lead with a 7-0 run that trimmed the Hilltoppers' advantage to 40-32 with 12:10 remaining.

The Mean Green got as close at five at 46-41 with 6:11 left, but Bassey answered with two free throws and another jumper to cushion the lead.

The Hilltoppers were also a crisp 15 of 17 from the free throw line, helping seal the victory in the final minutes.

"I know Coach (Stansbury) was watching the game," Bassey said. "He's very proud of us, and he tells us we have to be tough every time we come on the floor. That's what we had to do to win."

WKU shot 46.4 percent from the field, while North Texas shot just 34.3 percent. Ryan Woolridge and Umoja Gibson each scored 18 points to pace the Mean Green.

The Hilltoppers play their final week before Bonus Play at home, starting against Middle Tennessee at 7 p.m. CT Thursday at E.A. Diddle Arena. The game will stream on CBS Sports Network for Facebook Watch.

"We have to keep going," Hollingsworth said. "I think everybody on the team realizes it's time to win. You have to do whatever it takes to win."



Official Basketball Box Score -- Game Totals -- Final Statistics
 WKU vs North Texas
 02/09/19 4:00 pm at



WKU 62 • 15-10

##	Player		Total		3-Ptr	Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot							
02	SAVAGE, Jared	f	1-6	1-5	4-4	0	4	4	4	7	0	2	1	2	27
23	BASSEY, Charles	c	7-10	0-0	4-4	0	7	7	1	18	0	2	4	0	36
01	BEARDEN, Lamonte	g	2-6	0-4	4-5	1	3	4	2	8	6	1	0	1	34
04	ANDERSON, Josh	g	3-10	0-3	1-2	0	3	3	2	7	2	4	0	2	33
11	HOLLINGSWORTH, T.	g	6-14	2-5	0-0	0	7	7	2	14	1	2	0	2	36
00	SMITH, Tolu		1-2	0-0	2-2	4	4	8	2	4	0	2	0	0	10
05	HORTON, Matt		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
20	BANTON, Dalano		2-3	0-1	0-0	1	1	2	0	4	0	1	1	0	10
21	OHMER, Jake		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	13
Team						1	2	3				1			
Totals			22-51	3-18	15-17	7	31	38	15	62	9	16	6	7	200

FG % 1st Half: 13-28 46.4% 2nd half: 9-23 39.1% Game: 22-51 43.1% Deadball Rebounds 0
 3FG % 1st Half: 2-10 20.0% 2nd half: 1-8 12.5% Game: 3-18 16.7%
 FT % 1st Half: 2-2 100.0 2nd half: 13-15 86.7% Game: 15-17 88.2%

North Texas 59 • 20-5

##	Player		Total		3-Ptr	Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot							
24	Zachary Simmons	f	2-7	0-0	0-0	5	4	9	4	4	0	2	0	0	35
00	Ryan Woolridge	g	9-14	0-1	0-1	2	4	6	1	18	6	3	0	2	40
01	Umoja Gibson	g	5-16	5-15	3-3	0	4	4	2	18	1	4	1	4	35
03	Roosevelt Smart	g	1-12	0-8	0-0	0	3	3	3	2	1	1	0	1	24
23	Michael Miller	g	5-12	1-4	3-3	4	7	11	4	14	0	1	1	0	36
20	Tope Arikawe		0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	5
55	DJ Draper		1-5	1-4	0-0	0	1	1	2	3	1	0	0	1	25
Team						2	1	3							
Totals			23-67	7-32	6-7	14	24	38	17	59	9	12	2	8	200

FG % 1st Half: 7-34 20.6% 2nd half: 16-33 48.5% Game: 23-67 34.3% Deadball Rebounds 0
 3FG % 1st Half: 1-15 6.7% 2nd half: 6-17 35.3% Game: 7-32 21.9%
 FT % 1st Half: 0-1 0.0% 2nd half: 6-6 100.0 Game: 6-7 85.7%

Officials: Jeff Malham, Tommy Short, Kerry Sitton
 Technical fouls: WKU-None. North Texas-None.
 Attendance: 8195
 2018-19 Men's Basketball. Round: 0. North Texas vs Western Ky.. Played at .

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
WKU	30	32	62
North Texas	15	44	59

Points	In	Off	2nd	Fast	Bench
	Paint	T/O	Chance	Break	
WKU	32	16	7	14	8
UNT	30	13	11	21	3

Last FG - WKU 2nd-00:24, UNT 2nd-00:10.
 Largest lead - WKU by 18 2nd-18:11, UNT by 2 1st-18:43.
 WKU led for 36:49. UNT led for 00:31. Game was tied for 02:40.

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

WESTERN KENTUCKY HILLTOPPERS

WKU Hilltoppers at North Texas Mean Green

Postgame Notes

February 9, 2019

The Super Pit | Denton, Texas

FINAL SCORE: WKU 62, North Texas 59

RECORDS AND NOTABLES

- WKU improves to 15-10 and 8-4 in Conference USA. The Hilltoppers have won seven of their last eight games after starting league play 1-3.
- North Texas falls to 20-5 overall and 8-4 in C-USA.
- WKU leads the all-time series 21-5, including nine straight wins and a 7-2 mark in Denton.
- WKU head coach Rick Stansbury was not on the sidelines for the second straight game Saturday because of a lingering back injury. Assistant Marc Hsu again served as the interim coach.
- The victory is still attributed to Stansbury, however, making him 5-0 in his career against North Texas. The win will be credited as the 350th of Stansbury's career.
- The announced attendance was 8,195.
- **UP NEXT:** WKU returns home for the final week before Bonus Play, starting against Middle Tennessee at 7 p.m. CT Thursday at E.A. Diddle Arena. The game will stream on CBS Sports Network on Facebook Watch.

TEAM NOTES

- WKU used the starting lineup of Lamonte Bearden, Taveion Hollingsworth, Jared Savage, Josh Anderson and Charles Bassey for the fourth straight game. The group is now 4-0 when starting together.
- **KEY FIRST HALF RUN:** WKU scored 10 straight points to push a 12-9 lead to 22-9 with a jumper by Charles Bassey at the 6:55 mark.
 - Taveion Hollingsworth hit a 3-pointer from halfcourt at the buzzer to give WKU a 30-15 lead at the break.

- **KEY SECOND HALF RUN:** North Texas got back into the game with a 7-0 run midway through the second half, and eventually trailed just 46-41 with 6:11 to play. WKU answered with four straight points from Charles Bassey to stretch the lead.
- WKU shot 22 of 51 (43.1 percent) from the field, 3 of 18 (16.7 percent) from 3-point range and 15 of 17 (88.2 percent) from the free-throw line.
- WKU has made a 3-pointer in 1,001 straight games dating back to March 15, 1987. The Hilltoppers became just the fifth NCAA program to reach the 1,000 milestone, joining Kentucky, UNLV, Vanderbilt and Duke. WKU has the fourth-longest active streak.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

CHARLES BASSEY

- The freshman led WKU with 18 points, seven rebounds and four blocks.
 - Bassey is now ranked 10th in WKU history for most blocks in a single season with 58.
 - After having five total blocks in the five previous games, Bassey has nine blocks in the last games.

TOLU SMITH

- The freshman scored four points with eight rebounds.
 - Smith has three games with at least five rebounds in his last five outings.

TAVEION HOLLINGSWORTH

- The sophomore scored 12 points and grabbed seven rebounds.
 - It was Hollingsworth's most points scored since also totaling 12 at Southern Miss on Jan. 24.
 - Hollingsworth hit a halfcourt shot at the buzzer at halftime to give WKU a 30-15 lead.

LAMONTE BEARDEN

- The redshirt senior tallied eight points, six assists and four rebounds with just one turnover.
 - In his last four games, Bearden has 31 assists against just four turnovers. He leads Conference USA in assist-to-turnover ratio in league play.

JOSH ANDERSON

- The sophomore scored a game-high 24 points and tied his career high with nine rebounds, also adding four steals.
 - Anderson's 10 made field goals and two blocks tied his career highs, while 21 shot attempts and 43 minutes played were a new high.
 - Anderson has scored at least 13 points in 11 of the last 14 games for WKU after doing so just five times in his first 33 college games.

JARED SAVAGE

- The redshirt junior scored 21 points with six rebounds and three assists.
 - Savage tied his season high with five made 3s, including the first one for WKU to give the program 1,000 straight games with a made 3-pointer.
 - Savage set a new career high with 45 minutes played and tied his season high for assists.

LAMONTE BEARDEN

- The redshirt senior scored 16 points and set a new career high with 11 assists against zero turnovers.
 - Bearden's 43 minutes played were a career high.

TAVEION HOLLINGSWORTH

- The sophomore scored 10 points and added six rebounds.
 - Hollingsworth's team-high 47 minutes were the most of his career.

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Headshot of Charles Bassey is attached.

BASSEY NAMED C-USA FRESHMAN OF THE WEEK FOR SEVENTH TIME

DALLAS, Texas — After averaging a double-double for the third straight week, WKU center Charles Bassey claimed his seventh Conference USA Men's Basketball Freshman of the Week award Monday.

This is the third straight weekly freshman accolade for the 6-foot-11, 245-pound native of Lagos, Nigeria.

Bassey averaged 14 points, 10.5 rebounds and 4.5 blocks per game in two road victories for WKU last week.

The freshman had 10 points, 14 rebounds and tied his career high with five blocks in Thursday's 92-85 double-overtime win at Rice. He played a career-high 39 minutes as he notched his Conference USA-leading 12th double-double.

On Saturday, Bassey led WKU in scoring with 18 points, along with seven rebounds and four blocks in 36 minutes in a hard-fought road victory at North Texas.

Across the week, he shot 52.6 percent from the field and netted 7 of 8 free throws, while averaging 37.5 minutes per contest. Bassey is still 1 of 2 freshmen in the country averaging a double-double.

Bassey's seven C-USA Freshman of the Week awards tie for the third-most in league history. Rice's Marcus Evans (10, 2016) and Memphis' Tyreke Evans (9, 2009) hold the top spots.

WKU returns home for two games this week, starting against Middle Tennessee at 7 p.m. CT Thursday in E.A. Diddle Arena.

Statement from WKU Hilltopper Basketball head coach Rick Stansbury:

"After consulting with my doctors, I will not be present in Diddle Arena on Thursday or Saturday as I have back surgery Friday morning. I anticipate a quick recovery and returning to the sidelines soon. I know tickets are limited for Thursday and sold out for Saturday, but I ask for all of Hilltopper Nation and our great student section to please arrive early, bring great energy that our players can feed off of, and support this coaching staff. You can make the difference. Go Tops!"

ADDITIONAL COACHING STAFF INFORMATION

With Coach Stansbury out, assistant Marc Hsu will again serve as interim coach this week. Hsu led WKU to two road victories last week at Rice and North Texas in Stansbury's absence.

As he did Saturday at North Texas, director of operations Talvis Franklin will fill WKU's fourth coaching spot until Stansbury can return. Franklin filled a similar role last season with the Hilltoppers down to just two assistant coaches before the 2017-18 season began.

Franklin will be the designated coach for interviews and postgame media availability in Stansbury's absence.

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

Middle Tennessee Game Notes — <https://goto.ps/2N2XSpe>

Video: Guards Josh Anderson, Jared Savage preview Middle Tennessee
— <https://youtu.be/NZqeE4IkThU>

HILLTOPPERS HOST RIVAL MIDDLE TENNESSEE IN THURSDAY HOME GAME

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — WKU Hilltopper Basketball enters the final week before Bonus Play with two home games, starting against rival Middle Tennessee at 7 p.m. CT Thursday at E.A. Diddle Arena. The game will stream on CBS Sports Network on Facebook Watch.

The Hilltoppers have won seven of their last eight games, including four straight. WKU is 93-43 all-time against Middle Tennessee in a series that dates back to the 1914-15 season. The Hilltoppers have lost eight of the last nine to the Blue Raiders and haven't beaten them at home since 2012. Head coach Rick Stansbury is 0-4 in his career against Middle Tennessee.

GAME 26

Middle Tennessee (8-17, 5-7 C-USA) at WKU (15-10, 8-4 C-USA)

February 14, 2019 | 7 p.m. CT

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

BROADCAST

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

Watch: [CBS Sports Network on Facebook Watch](#) (Jason Horowitz, pxp | Tim Doyle, analysis | Melanie Collins, sideline)

Live Stats: [WKU Stats](#)

QUICK SHOTS

- WKU has won four games in a row for the first time this season. It previously won three in a row three times.
- WKU head coach Rick Stansbury will miss Thursday and Saturday's games as he has back surgery Friday. Assistant coach Marc Hsu served as interim coach in his place last week. With Stansbury out, director of basketball operations Talvis Franklin has also served in a fourth coaching role.
- WKU became the fifth program in NCAA history to reach 1,000 straight games with a made 3-pointer at Rice on Feb. 7. The Hilltoppers' streak of 1,001 games dates back to March 15, 1987.
- WKU is one of the youngest teams in the country, ranking 325th of 353 in experience, per Ken Pomeroy.
- WKU ranks seventh in the country in total blocks and 14th in blocked shots per game, and 20th in percentage of opponents' shots blocked, according to Ken Pomeroy. Its average of 5.1 blocks per game would tie its highest on record. Charles Bassey ranks second in C-USA in blocks per game (2.3).
- Since putting on a protective mask for a broken nose suffered Jan. 24, sophomore guard Josh Anderson has averaged 17 points per game in the last four outings.

- In the last four games, redshirt senior guard Lamonte Bearden has 31 combined assists against just four turnovers. He leads C-USA in conference play with a 3.8-to-1 assist-to-turnover ratio.
- WKU freshman center Charles Basseby has more blocks himself (58) this year than 63 Division I teams.
- As of Tuesday, Charles Basseby led the nation among freshmen in total rebounds (254), tied for second in total blocks (58), and ranked third in field-goal percentage (63.4 percent).
- As of Tuesday, Charles Basseby ranked in the top 50 nationally in double-doubles (16th), field-goal percentage (10th), blocks per game (17th), total blocks (12th), rebounds per game (17th), offensive rebounds per game (43rd), defensive rebounds per game (26th) and total rebounds (13th).
- Charles Basseby's 12 double-doubles this season are the most on record by a Hilltopper freshman. Basseby leads C-USA in double-doubles and is 1 of 2 freshmen in the entire nation averaging a double-double.

TICKETS

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

PROMOTIONS

- 13th piece of 16-piece 100th season commemorative poster (Josh Anderson/Clem Haskins) for first 3,000 fans
- Date Night – 2 for \$25 Valentines Day ticket special

LAST GAME AGAINST MIDDLE TENNESSEE: MARCH 1, 2018

A rough end to the first half and top-25 Middle Tennessee's hot shooting worked against WKU in an 82-64 road loss. Redshirt junior guard Lamonte Bearden tied a career high with 24 points to lead the Hilltoppers.

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Box score and postgame notes are attached.

Video: WKU assistant coach Talvis Franklin — <https://youtu.be/cnPT-1EYfO8>

Video: Hilltopper guards Jared Savage, Lamonte Bearden — <https://youtu.be/iMWu5FXZMul>

SECOND-HALF SURGE LIFTS TOPS OVER MIDDLE TENNESSEE, 71-63

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — WKU Hilltopper Basketball scored the first 13 points of the second half, rallying from a halftime deficit Thursday to take down rival Middle Tennessee 71-63 at E.A. Diddle Arena.

The Hilltoppers (16-10, 9-4 Conference USA) have won five straight games and eight of their last nine. WKU notched its first home over Middle Tennessee since 2012 and improved its all-time rivalry advantage to 94-43.

WKU was 1-8 in its previous nine games against the Blue Raiders (8-18, 5-8).

"I see a team growing up in front of our eyes down this stretch," said Talvis Franklin, assistant coach and director of operations. "We've had some adversity arise and we've let some teams make some runs in the second half, but where we were letting those games slide and get away from us, now we're learning how to finish those games.

"I just love this resiliency that this team is playing with, I love the togetherness this team is playing with, and I love how our staff is coming together in Coach's absence, and everyone is doing their job."

Four Hilltoppers scored in double figures, led by sophomore guard Josh Anderson's 17 points and seven rebounds.

Redshirt junior guard/forward Jared Savage recorded his first double-double at WKU with 16 points, 11 rebounds and three assists. Freshman center Charles Basseyy tallied 13 points, seven rebounds and four blocks.

Redshirt senior guard Lamonte Bearden had 11 points, eight assists and four steals. In his last five games, Bearden has 39 assists and five turnovers.

"We knew we were coming in here and playing against a tough experienced team and we hadn't won at our place against them so we really wanted to come in and get this victory," Bearden said. "We locked in in the second half and got that done."

Middle Tennessee went on a 12-0 run late in the first half to go up 28-22 and led 32-28 at the break.

But WKU came out of the locker room with a 13-0 run, including three straight 3s from sophomore guard Taveion Hollingsworth, Savage and Bearden to start the spurt. Bassey's basket made it 41-32 at the 16:55 mark.

The Blue Raiders kept clawing back into the game, but WKU had an answer each time.

When Middle's Antonio Green hit a 3 to make it 53-51 with 9:14 left, Savage responded with a 3.

Green hit another long-range bomb to trim WKU's advantage to 64-61 with just over three minutes to play, but Anderson knocked down a 3 at the shot clock buzzer that was called good after a review.

The Hilltoppers made four straight free throws in the final 40 seconds to ice the win.

WKU was outrebounded 46-30, but the Hilltoppers recorded 16 assists against just nine turnovers – two in the second half.

WKU shot 47.4 percent for the game, including 53.6 percent in the second half, and netted 10 of 23 3-pointers. They also outscored Middle Tennessee 16-9 on points off turnovers.

Donovan Sims led the Blue Raiders with 18 points.

WKU plays its final game before Bonus Play begins against UAB at 2 p.m. CT Saturday at E.A. Diddle Arena. The schedule for the final four games of the regular season is slated to be released by Conference USA on Saturday night.

"It's the next game," Savage said. "We've got to come in here Saturday, a packed crowd, like Coach always preaches and we've got to get a win Saturday."

For more information on the upcoming Bonus Play games, please visit the following link: <https://goto.ps/2GCHydL>

Official Basketball Box Score -- Game Totals -- Final Statistics
 Middle Tennessee vs WKU
 02/14/19 7 p.m. CT at E.A. Diddle Arena (Bowling Green, Ky.)

Middle Tennessee 63 • 8-18, 5-8 C-USA

##	Player	f	Total		3-Ptr		Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot								
25	GAMBLE, Karl	f	2-5	0-1	0-0	3	2	5	4	4	2	2	0	0	17	
03	SIMS, Donovan	g	7-17	4-10	0-0	1	2	3	2	18	1	2	0	2	39	
10	JOHNSON, Jayce	g	1-6	0-1	3-4	4	6	10	1	5	2	1	0	0	36	
22	SCURRY, Reggie	g	6-14	0-0	4-5	5	3	8	4	16	0	1	1	1	31	
55	GREEN, Antonio	g	5-17	4-14	0-0	2	3	5	0	14	1	5	0	0	39	
01	FARQUHAR, Junior		0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	
04	HAWTHORNE, James		1-4	0-1	4-4	0	11	11	2	6	3	3	1	0	30	
15	MASSENBURG, TJ		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
Team						3	1	4								
Totals			22-64	8-27	11-13	18	28	46	13	63	9	14	2	3	200	

FG % 1st Half: 12-31 38.7% 2nd half: 10-33 30.3% Game: 22-64 34.4% Deadball Rebounds 2
 3FG % 1st Half: 4-13 30.8% 2nd half: 4-14 28.6% Game: 8-27 29.6%
 FT % 1st Half: 4-4 100.0 2nd half: 7-9 77.8% Game: 11-13 84.6%

WKU 71 • 16-10, 9-4 C-USA

##	Player	c	Total		3-Ptr		Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot								
23	BASSEY, Charles	c	6-11	0-0	1-2	1	6	7	1	13	1	2	4	0	35	
01	BEARDEN, Lamonte	g	4-8	1-2	2-2	1	1	2	2	11	8	1	1	4	33	
02	SAVAGE, Jared	g	6-14	3-8	1-2	1	10	11	1	16	3	0	0	0	35	
04	ANDERSON, Josh	g	6-9	2-4	3-4	2	5	7	1	17	2	3	1	2	33	
11	HOLLINGSWORTH, T.	g	3-10	3-7	0-0	0	0	0	0	9	2	0	0	2	35	
00	SMITH, Tolu		1-1	0-0	0-1	0	1	1	2	2	0	2	0	0	10	
20	BANTON, Dalano		0-0	0-0	0-0	1	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	6	
21	OHMER, Jake		1-4	1-2	0-0	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	13	
Team						0	0	0								
Totals			27-57	10-23	7-11	6	24	30	9	71	16	9	6	8	200	

FG % 1st Half: 12-29 41.4% 2nd half: 15-28 53.6% Game: 27-57 47.4% Deadball Rebounds 0
 3FG % 1st Half: 3-10 30.0% 2nd half: 7-13 53.8% Game: 10-23 43.5%
 FT % 1st Half: 1-2 50.0% 2nd half: 6-9 66.7% Game: 7-11 63.6%

Officials: James Breeding, Bert Smith, Ray Natili
 Technical fouls: Middle Tennessee-None. WKU-None.
 Attendance: 6044

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
Middle Tennessee	32	31	63
WKU	28	43	71

	In	Off	2nd	Fast	
Points	Paint	T/O	Chance	Break	Bench
MT	20	6	14	3	6
WKU	30	19	4	7	5

Last FG - MT 2nd-01:34, WKU 2nd-02:10.
 Largest lead - MT by 6 1st-05:07, WKU by 11 2nd-15:10.
 MT led for 09:09. WKU led for 29:38. Game was tied for 00:41.

Score tied - 1 time.
 Lead changed - 8 times.

WESTERN KENTUCKY HILLTOPPERS

WKU Hilltoppers vs. Middle Tennessee Blue Raiders

Postgame Notes

February 14, 2019

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

FINAL SCORE: WKU 71, Middle Tennessee 63

RECORDS AND NOTABLES

- WKU improves to 16-10 and 9-4 in Conference USA. The Hilltoppers have won eight of their last nine games, including five straight, after starting league play 1-3.
- Middle Tennessee falls to 8-18 overall and 5-8 in C-USA.
- WKU leads the all-time series 94-43. WKU hadn't beaten Middle Tennessee at home since 2012 and lost eight of the last nine to the Blue Raiders prior to Thursday evening.
- WKU head coach Rick Stansbury was not on the sidelines for the third straight game Thursday because of a lingering back injury. Assistant Marc Hsu again served as the interim coach.
- The announced attendance was 6,044.
- **UP NEXT:** WKU will play its final game prior to Bonus Play on Saturday. The Hilltoppers will face off against UAB at 2 p.m. CT with the game streamed live on Stadium on Facebook.

TEAM NOTES

- WKU used the starting lineup of Lamonte Bearden, Taveion Hollingsworth, Jared Savage, Josh Anderson and Charles Basseby for the fifth straight game. The group is now 5-0 when starting together.
- **KEY FIRST HALF RUN:** Middle Tennessee used a 12-0 run to take a 28-22 lead with about five minutes left in the half.
- **KEY SECOND HALF RUN:** WKU started the half with a 17-3 run, including 13 straight to begin the frame, to retake the lead with a score of 45-35 with just under 16 minutes left in the half. The Hilltoppers never relinquished their advantage.

- WKU shot 27 of 57 (47.4 percent) from the field, 10 of 23 (43.5 percent) from 3-point range and 7 of 11 (63.6 percent) from the free-throw line. The Hilltoppers shot 15 of 28 (53.6 percent) from the field in the second half.
- Thursday's game marked WKU's third in the last five with nine turnovers or less with only nine Hilltopper miscues against 14 from the Blue Raiders. WKU scored 19 points off those turnovers.
- Middle Tennessee outrebounded WKU 46-30.
- WKU has made a 3-pointer in 1,002 straight games dating back to March 15, 1987. The Hilltoppers became just the fifth NCAA program to reach the 1,000 milestone, joining Kentucky, UNLV, Vanderbilt and Duke. WKU has the fourth-longest active streak.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

LAMONTE BEARDEN

- The redshirt senior tallied 11 points, eight assists and four steals in 33 minutes of action.
 - In his last five games, Bearden has 39 assists against just five turnovers. He leads Conference USA in assist-to-turnover ratio in league play.

JARED SAVAGE

- The redshirt junior notched his first career double-double at WKU and his second all-time with 16 points and 11 rebounds. He also tied his career high for assists at three.

CHARLES BASSEY

- The freshman contributed seven rebounds and 13 points with four blocked shots.
 - Bassey passed Jeremy Evans and is now ranked ninth in WKU history for most blocks in a single season with 62.
 - After having five total blocks in the five previous games, Bassey has 13 blocks in the last three games.
 - Bassey has recorded three straight games with at least four blocks.

JOSH ANDERSON

- The sophomore led the Hilltoppers with 17 points along with seven rebounds. He scored 12 of his 17 in the second half, playing his first full half without his face mask since Jan. 26.
 - Anderson has scored at least 13 points in 12 of the last 16 games.

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

UAB Game Notes — <https://goto.ps/2S5gohG>

DIDDLE SOLD OUT FOR SATURDAY AFTERNOON MATCHUP WITH UAB

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — WKU Hilltopper Basketball plays its final game before Bonus Play begins at home against UAB at 2 p.m. CT Saturday at E.A. Diddle Arena. The game will stream on Stadium on Facebook.

The Hilltoppers have won eight of their last nine outings, including five in a row. They most recently defeated rival Middle Tennessee at home Thursday.

UAB won at Marshall on Thursday to snap a four-game slide. The Blazers lead the all-time series 23-15, although WKU has won three of the last four. Hilltopper head coach Rick Stansbury is 5-2 in his career against UAB.

GAME 27

UAB (15-11, 7-6 C-USA) at WKU (16-10, 9-4 C-USA)

February 16, 2019 | 2 p.m. CT

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

BROADCAST

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

Watch: [Stadium on Facebook](#) (Mike Monaco, pxp | Tim Scarborough, analysis | Kristen Balboni, sideline)

Live Stats: [WKU Stats](#)

QUICK SHOTS

- WKU has won five games in a row for the first time since February of the 2017-18 season.
- WKU head coach Rick Stansbury will miss this week's games after undergoing back surgery Friday. Assistant coach Marc Hsu is serving as interim coach in his place. With Stansbury out, director of basketball operations Talvis Franklin has also served in a fourth coaching role.
- WKU became the fifth program in NCAA history to reach 1,000 straight games with a made 3-pointer at Rice on Feb. 7. The Hilltoppers' streak of 1,002 games dates back to March 15, 1987.
- WKU is one of the youngest teams in the country, ranking 323rd of 353 in experience, per Ken Pomeroy.
- WKU ranks eighth in the country in total blocks and 13th in blocked shots per game, and 18th in percentage of opponents' shots blocked, according to Ken Pomeroy. Its average of 5.2 blocks per game would tie its highest on record. Charles Bassey ranks second in C-USA in blocks per game (2.4).
- In the last five games, redshirt senior guard Lamonte Bearden has 39 combined assists against just five turnovers. He leads C-USA in conference play with a 4.2-to-1 assist-to-turnover ratio.
- After scoring 13-plus points just once in the Hilltoppers' first 10 games of the season, sophomore guard Josh Anderson has scored at least 13 points in 12 of the last 16 games for WKU.

- WKU freshman center Charles Bassey has more blocks himself (62) this year than 67 Division I teams.
- As of Friday, Charles Bassey led the nation among freshmen in total rebounds (261), tied for first in total blocks (62), and ranked third in field-goal percentage (63.0 percent).
- As of Friday, Charles Bassey ranked in the top 30 nationally in double-doubles (17th), field-goal percentage (11th), blocks per game (15th), total blocks (11th), rebounds per game (18th), defensive rebounds per game (29th) and total rebounds (14th).
- Charles Bassey's 12 double-doubles this season are the most on record by a Hilltopper freshman. Bassey leads C-USA in double-doubles and is 1 of 2 freshmen in the entire nation averaging a double-double.

TICKETS

WKU Ticket Office: Saturday's game against UAB is officially sold out.

PROMOTIONS

- 14th piece of 16-piece 100th season commemorative poster (Marek Nelson/Kannard Johnson) for first 3,000 fans
- Star Wars Day: First 1,000 fans receive a FREE lightsaber, and fans are encouraged to dress in costume
- Free pizza for students – provided by SGA
- Coming Home King ceremony at halftime

LAST GAME AGAINST UAB: MARCH 8, 2018

Five days after losing at UAB by 28, the third-seeded Hilltoppers stormed past UAB 98-70 in the C-USA Championship quarterfinals in Frisco, Texas. Taveion Hollingsworth led all scorers with 22 points.

MED CENTER HEALTH

The 2018-19 WKU Basketball season is presented by Med Center Health. With The Medical Center at its core, Med Center Health has served Southcentral Kentucky for more than 90 years, and its system of care includes six acute care hospitals, a complete network of immediate to emergency services and services in dozens of specialties. Whether it is emergency treatment for heart attack victims or preventative programs to improve the health of the communities it serves, Med Center Health is committed to providing the highest level of care and service.

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Box score and postgame notes are attached.

Video: WKU assistant coach Talvis Franklin — <https://youtu.be/wKhWr2cvqmM>

Video: Hilltoppers Josh Anderson and Charles Bassey — https://youtu.be/-WH_iGn6Z1o

HILLTOPPERS FALL 68-60 TO UAB IN TOUGH OFFENSIVE OUTING

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — A rough shooting day for WKU Hilltopper Basketball led to a 68-60 home loss to UAB on Saturday at E.A. Diddle Arena.

The Hilltoppers (16-11, 9-5 Conference USA) got 23 points and 10 rebounds from freshman center Charles Bassey, but they shot just 37.5 percent from the field and netted just 6 of 27 3-pointers.

The loss snapped WKU's five-game winning streak, although the program has still won eight of its last 10 outings.

"We go 6-for-27 from the 3-point line and about four of those were in that second half when you know we were just trying to scramble and get back in that game," said Talvis Franklin, assistant coach and director of basketball operations. "I felt like for the better part of this game, there wasn't a real answer for them going inside to Charles and even when we drove the basketball to the rim, we got good success on that, so I felt like we probably should've done a little bit more of that. Maybe the zone kind of, when people go zone you tend to settle for a few jump shots, but I just never felt like we got into a rhythm offensively today, even from the start of it just getting going and driving and doing the things that we do.

"We went away from the game plan, got away from that game plan and played a little bit and settled for jump shots."

WKU missed all 12 of its 3-point attempts in the first half and hit four of its six long-range shots in the final two minutes, when it trailed by 15 points.

In spite of the sluggish start, the Hilltoppers trailed just 28-23 at halftime.

WKU fell down 18-10, but went on an 11-2 run to pull in front 21-20 on a basket by Bassey with 3:28 left in the half.

Redshirt junior guard/forward Jared Savage hit WKU's first 3 at the 15:54 mark of the second half, and then freshman forward Tolu Smith's basket trimmed the Blazers' lead to one at 33-32. UAB answered with an 8-0 burst to stretch out the lead, and the Hilltoppers came no closer than five the rest of the way.

WKU turned the ball over just eight times, but got outscored 14-4 on second-chance points and was outscored by eight at the free-throw line.

"I feel like in the first half we just shot too many jumpers," sophomore guard Josh Anderson said. "Just taking what they gave us and not being aggressive and not playing our game. ... Just taking too many jump shots in the first half, that really hurt us."

Bassey made 10 of 13 field goals for his 13th double-double of the season, while also blocking three shots. Anderson was the only other Hilltopper in double figures with 15 points.

Redshirt senior guard Lamonte Bearden, sophomore guard Taveion Hollingsworth and Anderson all recorded at least four assists.

Zack Bryant led UAB with 24 points.

The Hilltoppers now await their slate for Bonus Play, C-USA's new scheduling model for the final four games of the regular season. Those games, which will include two home games and two road games, will be announced later Saturday night.

For more information on the upcoming Bonus Play games, please visit the following link: <https://goto.ps/2GCHydL>

"We've just got to remember what we're good at and what we're not good at," Bassey said.

"We lost the game so we've just got to go back to practice and work on what we didn't do well today and just get back in this game and do what we can do."

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

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Updated WKU Hilltopper Basketball schedule is attached as PDF.

TOPS' FINAL FOUR REGULAR SEASON GAMES UNVEILED AS PART OF C-USA BONUS PLAY

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — WKU Hilltopper Basketball's final four games of the regular season were revealed Saturday night as part of Conference USA's new Bonus Play scheduling model. The Hilltoppers will first travel to Old Dominion on Feb. 23 and UAB on Feb. 28, then host Southern Miss on March 3 and UTSA on March 6 to complete the regular season.

Within the new scheduling format, the league's 14 programs played 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 were placed in one of three groups based on conference standings through the first 14 games of league action. The teams were 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 were determined by a preset formula. Teams were guaranteed to play two home games and two away games over the final weeks of the season.

WKU (16-11, 9-5 C-USA) finished the first 14 games of the regular season as the No. 2 seed.

The Hilltoppers lost at No. 1 seed Old Dominion 69-66 on Jan. 5 after starting the game up 21-0. WKU lost at home to No. 5 seed UAB 68-60 on Saturday.

The Hilltoppers defeated No. 3 seed Southern Miss 66-63 on the road on Jan. 24 and beat fourth-seeded UTSA 96-88 in overtime at home on Jan. 31.

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 landed in the second group (6-10), it will seed no higher than six and no lower than 10 in the tournament field.

WKU can be seeded no lower than fifth in the C-USA Tournament.

Season ticket holders will use the tickets labeled Game 15 and Game 16 for the two remaining home games in Diddle Arena. Season long parking passes will also be honored and required for the Bonus Play games.

Single-game tickets for WKU's two remaining home games will go on sale soon.

WESTERN KENTUCKY

BASKETBALL

2018-19 FULL SCHEDULE

DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME (CT)	TV
Oct. 30	TUES	Campbellsville (EXH)	E.A. Diddle Arena	7 p.m.	HSSN
Nov. 3	SAT	Kentucky Wesleyan (EXH)	E.A. Diddle Arena	2 p.m.	HSSN
Nov. 6	TUES	at Washington	Seattle, Wash.	9:30 p.m.	ESPNU
Nov. 10	SAT	UT Martin	E.A. Diddle Arena	6 p.m.	HSSN/ESPN3
Nov. 15	THUR	Valparaiso#	Conway, S.C.	4 p.m.	ESPNU
Nov. 16	FRI	West Virginia#	Conway, S.C.	8 p.m.	ESPN Networks
Nov. 18	SUN	UCF#	Conway, S.C.	5:30 p.m.	ESPN Networks
Nov. 24	SAT	at Indiana State	Terre Haute, Ind.	1 p.m.	ESPN3 or ESPN+
Dec. 1	SAT	Tennessee State	E.A. Diddle Arena	6 p.m.	ESPN+
Dec. 5	WED	at Missouri State	Springfield, Mo.	7 p.m.	ESPN3 or ESPN+
Dec. 8	SAT	at Arkansas	Fayetteville, Ark.	2:30 p.m.	SEC Network
Dec. 16	SUN	Troy	E.A. Diddle Arena	2 p.m.	HSSN/ESPN3
Dec. 19	WED	at Belmont	Nashville, Tenn.	6:30 p.m.	ESPN3
Dec. 22	SAT	Saint Mary's (CA)	E.A. Diddle Arena	2 p.m.	CBSSN on Facebook
Dec. 29	SAT	Wisconsin	E.A. Diddle Arena	4:30 p.m.	CBS Sports Network
Jan. 3	THUR	at Charlotte*	Charlotte, N.C.	6:30 p.m.	beIN SPORTS
Jan. 5	SAT	at Old Dominion*	Norfolk, Va.	6 p.m.	Stadium on Facebook
Jan. 12	SAT	at Marshall*	Huntington, W.Va.	6 p.m.	CBSSN on Facebook
Jan. 17	THUR	FIU*	E.A. Diddle Arena	7 p.m.	beIN SPORTS
Jan. 19	SAT	Florida Atlantic*	E.A. Diddle Arena	2 p.m.	Stadium on Facebook
Jan. 21	MON	Marshall*	E.A. Diddle Arena	8 p.m.	CBS Sports Network
Jan. 24	THUR	at Southern Miss*	Hattiesburg, Miss.	7 p.m.	Stadium
Jan. 26	SAT	at LA Tech*	Ruston, La.	4 p.m.	Stadium on Facebook
Jan. 31	THUR	UTSA*	E.A. Diddle Arena	7 p.m.	Stadium on Facebook
Feb. 2	SAT	UTEP*	E.A. Diddle Arena	6 p.m.	ESPN+
Feb. 7	THUR	at Rice*	Houston, Texas	8 p.m.	CBS Sports Network
Feb. 9	SAT	at North Texas*	Denton, Texas	5 p.m.	Stadium on Facebook
Feb. 14	THUR	Middle Tennessee*	E.A. Diddle Arena	7 p.m.	CBSSN on Facebook
Feb. 16	SAT	UAB*	E.A. Diddle Arena	2 p.m.	Stadium on Facebook
Feb. 23	SAT	at Old Dominion*	Norfolk, Va.	Noon	
Feb. 28	THUR	at UAB*	Birmingham, Ala.	TBD	
March 3	SUN	Southern Miss*	E.A. Diddle Arena	TBD	
March 6	WED	UTSA*	E.A. Diddle Arena	TBD	
March 13-16		C-USA Tournament	Frisco, Texas		

(*) Conference USA Game
 (#) Myrtle Beach Invitational

Home games in **bold**

Dates subject to change

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UAB 68 • 16-11, 8-6

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23	SULLIVAN, Lewis	f	4-7	1-2	1-1	2	5	7	4	10	0	1	1	2	24	
01	BRYANT, Zack	g	8-15	5-7	3-5	0	6	6	1	24	4	1	0	2	37	
02	BELL, Jeremiah	g	2-5	0-0	0-3	1	1	2	1	4	0	2	0	0	23	
04	MCCOY, Anderson	g	0-1	0-0	0-1	0	1	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	7	
00	SCOTT-GRAYSON, Tyre		1-2	1-2	1-2	0	3	3	1	4	1	1	0	0	13	
03	LOVAN, Tavin		4-7	3-6	2-2	3	9	12	0	13	0	2	0	0	30	
11	PEARSON, Tamell		0-2	0-0	0-0	0	3	3	2	0	1	0	0	0	13	
21	PERRY, Jalen		2-6	1-2	1-3	1	0	1	1	6	1	1	0	2	31	
25	BATHURST, Wil		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	
	Team					0	3	3				2				
Totals			23-49	14-22	8-18	8	33	41	17	68	8	14	1	6	200	

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WKU 60 • 16-11, 9-5

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11	HOLLINGSWORTH, T.	g	2-8	0-0	2-5	3	1	4	1	6	4	2	0	0	32	
00	SMITH, Tolu		1-5	2-2	0-0	3	2	5	1	4	0	0	0	1	14	
20	BANTON, Dalano		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	5	
21	OHMER, Jake		0-4	0-0	0-4	0	1	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	12	
	Team					1	0	1								
Totals			24-64	6-9	6-27	10	22	32	17	60	15	8	5	5	200	

FG % 1st Half: 10-31 32.3% 2nd half: 14-33 42.4% Game: 24-64 37.5% Deadball Rebounds 0
 3FG % 1st Half: 0-12 0.0% 2nd half: 6-15 40.0% Game: 6-27 22.2%
 FT % 1st Half: 3-3 100.0 2nd half: 3-6 50.0% Game: 6-9 66.7%

Officials: Tim Gattis, Rick O'Neill, Bill Jacobson
 Technical fouls: UAB-None. WKU-None.
 Attendance: 6839

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
UAB	28	40	68
WKU	23	37	60

Points	In Paint	Off T/O	2nd Chance	Fast Break	Bench
UAB	22	11	14	4	23
WKU	34	10	4	6	4

Last FG - UAB 2nd-01:25, WKU 2nd-00:28.
 Largest lead - UAB by 15 2nd-02:10, WKU by 1 1st-03:27.
 UAB led for 38:24. WKU led for 00:31. Game was tied for 01:05.

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

WESTERN KENTUCKY HILLTOPPERS

WKU Hilltoppers vs. UAB Blazers

Postgame Notes

February 16, 2019

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

FINAL SCORE: UAB 68, WKU 60

RECORDS AND NOTABLES

- WKU falls to 16-11 and 9-5 in Conference USA. The loss snapped the Hilltoppers' five-game winning streak, although they've still won eight of their last 10.
- UAB improves to 16-11 overall and 8-6 in C-USA.
- UAB leads the all-time series 24-15.
- WKU head coach Rick Stansbury was not on the sidelines for the fourth straight game Saturday because of a lingering back injury. Assistant Marc Hsu again served as the interim coach.
- The announced attendance was 6,839.
- **UP NEXT:** WKU now awaits the Bonus Play schedule to be released by Conference USA on Saturday night. The team is guaranteed to be in the top pod and could play as soon as Feb. 23.

TEAM NOTES

- WKU used the starting lineup of Lamonte Bearden, Taveion Hollingsworth, Jared Savage, Josh Anderson and Charles Bassegy for the sixth straight game. The group is now 5-1 when starting together.
- **KEY FIRST HALF RUN:** WKU utilized an 13-2 run beginning at the 6:23 mark to turn a deficit of 18-8 into a lead of 21-20 with three and a half minutes remaining in the half.
- **KEY SECOND HALF RUN:** After WKU got back within one, UAB scored eight unanswered points starting just under 13 minutes to take a lead of 41-32. The Hilltoppers only came as close as five points after that.
- WKU shot 24 of 64 (37.5 percent) from the field, 6 of 27 (22.2 percent) from 3-point range and 6 of 9 (66.7 percent) from the free-throw line.

- The Hilltoppers lost the rebound war for the second straight game and were outrebounded by the Blazers 41-32.
- In four of the last six games, WKU has recorded nine or less turnovers with only eight miscues against UAB.
- WKU missed all 12 of its 3-pointers in the first half and didn't make its first shot from long range until the 15-minute mark in the second half.
- WKU has made a 3-pointer in 1,003 straight games dating back to March 15, 1987. The Hilltoppers became just the fifth NCAA program to reach the 1,000 milestone, joining Kentucky, UNLV, Vanderbilt and Duke. WKU has the fourth-longest active streak.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

CHARLES BASSEY

- The freshman recorded his 13th double-double of the season with team highs of 23 points and 10 rebounds. His 10 made field goals tied his career high.
 - Bassey is ninth in WKU history for most blocks in a single season with 65. He is only one block shy of tying recent Hilltopper greats Dwight Coleby and Ben Lawson.
 - After having five total blocks in the five previous games, Bassey has 16 blocks in the last four games.
 - Bassey scored 15 of his 23 points in the first half.

LAMONTE BEARDEN

- The redshirt senior contributed across the board with seven points, five assists, one block and a steal.
 - In his last six games, Bearden has 44 assists against just seven turnovers. He leads Conference USA in assist-to-turnover ratio in league play.

JOSH ANDERSON

- The sophomore scored 11 of his 15 points in the last 17 minutes of the game. He also added three rebounds, four assists, one block and a steal.
 - Anderson has scored at least 13 points in 13 of the last 17 games.

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Headshot and action photo of Charles Bassey are attached. Please credit WKU Athletics if used.

BASSEY WINS FOURTH STRAIGHT, EIGHTH OVERALL C-USA WEEKLY FRESHMAN HONOR

DALLAS, Texas — WKU center Charles Bassey continued his dominant run in conference play last week, earning his eighth Conference USA Men's Basketball Freshman of the Week award Monday.

It's also the fourth straight weekly freshman honor for the 6-foot-11, 245-pound native of Lagos, Nigeria.

Bassey averaged 18 points, 8.5 rebounds, 3.5 blocks and shot 66.7 percent from the field (16 of 24) last week in a home split against Middle Tennessee and UAB.

He tallied 13 points, seven rebounds and four blocks in a victory over the Blue Raiders on Thursday, then recorded his C-USA leading 13th double-double with 23 points, 10 rebounds and three blocks in a loss to UAB on Saturday.

Bassey finished the game against the Blazers 10 of 13 from the field, tying his career high for made field goals, while scoring 15 points in the first half alone. He also averaged 35.5 minutes per game over the week.

He's 1 of 3 freshmen in the nation averaging a double-double, and he could become one of just two freshmen 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 from the field.

Bassey's eight C-USA Freshman of the Week awards are the second-most since the creation of the award in 2011. Rice's Marcus Evans (10, 2016) holds the top spot. Bassey's four straight awards are the third-most consecutive selections in the award's history, with Evans also holding that record at six.

WKU enters C-USA Bonus Play this week, starting its final four regular season games with a trip to league-leading Old Dominion at noon CT Saturday in Norfolk, Va.



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WKU Game Notes — <https://goto.ps/2Vggaq9>

Old Dominion Game Notes — <https://goto.ps/2lvOXOK>

Video: WKU head coach Rick Stansbury previews ODU — <https://youtu.be/sG447Fc0UHw>

Video: Hilltoppers Taveion Hollingsworth, Charles Bassey preview ODU

— <https://youtu.be/5KMK3YsdrA>

TOPS VISIT LEAGUE-LEADING ODU TO OPEN C-USA BONUS PLAY

NORFOLK, Va. — WKU Hilltopper Basketball begins Conference USA Bonus Play at Old Dominion at noon CT Saturday in Norfolk, Va. The game can be streamed online via Stadium and will also air locally in Bowling Green on WKU-PBS.

The Hilltoppers have won eight of their last 10 games and sit in second place in the league behind ODU.

Old Dominion has a two-game lead on WKU in the standings coming down the stretch. The Monarchs have won 10 of their last 11 games. The all-time series between the teams is tied at 19-19, and WKU head coach Rick Stansbury is 4-3 in his career against the Monarchs.

GAME 28

WKU (16-11, 9-5 C-USA) at Old Dominion (21-6, 11-3 C-USA)

February 23, 2019 | Noon CT

Ted Constant Convocation Center | Norfolk, Va.

BROADCAST

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

Watch: [Stadium](#); WKU-PBS in Bowling Green (Mike Monaco, pxp | Dani Klupenger, analysis)

Live Stats: [Old Dominion Stats](#)

QUICK SHOTS

- WKU head coach Rick Stansbury will return this week after missing four games with a back injury that required surgery on Feb. 15. Assistant Marc Hsu served as interim coach in his place.
- WKU became the fifth program in NCAA history to reach 1,000 straight games with a made 3-pointer at Rice on Feb. 7. The Hilltoppers' streak of 1,003 games dates back to March 15, 1987.
- WKU is one of the youngest teams in the country, ranking 322nd of 353 in experience, per Ken Pomeroy.

- WKU ranks eighth in the country in total blocks and 10th in blocked shots per game, and 16th in percentage of opponents' shots blocked, according to Ken Pomeroy. Its average of 5.1 blocks per game would tie its highest on record. Charles Bassey ranks second in C-USA in blocks per game (2.4).
- In the last six games, redshirt senior guard Lamonte Bearden has 44 combined assists against just seven turnovers. He leads C-USA in conference play with a 3.9-to-1 assist-to-turnover ratio.
- After scoring 13-plus points just once in the Hilltoppers' first 10 games of the season, sophomore guard Josh Anderson has scored at least 13 points in 13 of the last 17 games for WKU.
- WKU freshman center Charles Bassey could become 1 of 2 freshmen in the country since 1992 – along with current NBA star Anthony Davis – to average 14 points, 10 rebounds and two blocks per game, while also shooting at least 60 percent from the field.
- As of Thursday, Charles Bassey ranked second in the nation among freshmen in total rebounds (271), third in total blocks (65) and third in field-goal percentage (63.8 percent).
- As of Wednesday, Charles Bassey ranked in the top 30 nationally in double-doubles (16th), field-goal percentage (9th), blocks per game (16th), total blocks (9th), rebounds per game (20th), defensive rebounds per game (27th) and total rebounds (13th).
- Charles Bassey's 13 double-doubles this season are the most on record by a Hilltopper freshman. Bassey leads C-USA in double-doubles and is 1 of 3 freshmen in the entire nation averaging a double-double.

LAST GAME AGAINST OLD DOMINION: JANUARY 5, 2019

WKU opened the game with a 21-0 run, but Old Dominion battled back and dealt the Hilltoppers a 69-66 road loss. Taveion Hollingsworth and Charles Bassey each led WKU with 19 points. Bassey added 12 rebounds.

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/ZDdsvZFzsAc>

HILLTOPPERS CAN'T HOLD LATE LEAD IN 67-63 LOSS AT OLD DOMINION

NORFOLK, Va. — WKU Hilltopper Basketball led by three with 1:25 to play Saturday at Old Dominion, but the Monarchs scored the final seven points of the game to deal the Hilltoppers a 67-63 road loss.

WKU (16-12, 9-6 Conference USA) pulled in front 63-60 with 85 seconds to play on a basket by redshirt senior Lamonte Bearden.

But ODU guard Xavier Green added to his career day with a game-tying 3, then hit the go-ahead jumper with 16 seconds left to give the Monarchs (22-6, 12-3) the lead for good.

"In the first half, we turned the ball over way too many times to win on the road against a good team and got beat in second-chance points," WKU head coach Rick Stansbury said. "In the second half, we only turned the ball over (five) times, we shoot 60 percent from the field, we controlled the paint. ... We were locked in defensively, and for the most part it was one guy who hurt us. Green stepped up and made shots."

Sophomore guard Taveion Hollingsworth paced WKU with 17 points, while Bearden had 13 points, seven assists and two steals.

Freshman center Charles Basseby added 13 points, six rebounds, two assists and two blocks, and sophomore guard Josh Anderson had 11 points and seven boards.

Hollingsworth scored 15 of his 17 points in the second half. It was his highest-scoring outing since totaling 24 points against Florida Atlantic on Jan. 19.

"I felt good today," Hollingsworth said. "I don't think I'm going away again. I'm here to stay. I was being aggressive. The past few games I haven't been, so I had it in my mind to be aggressive."

The game was a defensive slugfest in the first half as both teams shot 33 percent or lower before the break.

WKU had 11 turnovers in the first half and gave up 10 offensive rebounds, the last of which by Elbert Robinson pushed ODU's lead to 26-21.

The Hilltoppers climbed back in front 35-34 with 14:39 remaining on a dunk by Bassey, and the teams traded blows into the final minutes.

With Old Dominion in front by one, Anderson swapped the advantage with two free throws to make it 61-60 WKU with 2:09 remaining, followed by Bearden's layup to extend the lead.

But Green saved the final five of his career-high 22 points for the end. He hit 6 of 9 3-pointers in the victory.

"I think we came out in the second half and just played a little harder," Bearden said. "But ODU was great today. They had great effort, and they played a great game."

The Hilltoppers play their final road game of the regular season at UAB at 6:30 p.m. CT Thursday in Birmingham, Ala. The game will air on beIN SPORTS.

Official Basketball Box Score -- Game Totals -- Final Statistics
WKU vs ODU
2/23/19 1PM at Norfolk, Va.

WKU 63 • 16-12/9-6 CUSA

##	Player	c/g	Total		3-Ptr	Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot							
23	BASSEY, Charles	c	6-12	0-0	1-2	4	2	6	2	13	2	5	2	0	29
01	BEARDEN, Lamonte	g	5-9	0-0	3-4	1	1	2	2	13	7	4	1	2	35
02	SAVAGE, Jared	g	2-6	1-2	0-0	0	1	1	3	5	2	1	0	3	36
04	ANDERSON, Josh	g	4-11	0-1	3-4	2	5	7	5	11	1	2	0	2	31
11	HOLLINGSWORTH, T.	g	7-11	1-4	2-2	0	4	4	0	17	3	3	0	1	38
00	SMITH, Tolu		2-2	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	4	0	1	0	0	9
12	DIAGNE, Moustapha		0-0	0-0	0-0	1	4	5	2	0	0	0	0	1	11
21	OHMER, Jake		0-4	0-3	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	11
Team						5	1	6							
Totals			26-55	2-10	9-12	13	19	32	14	63	16	16	3	10	200

FG % 1st Half: 9-27 33.3% 2nd half: 17-28 60.7% Game: 26-55 47.3%
 3FG % 1st Half: 1-7 14.3% 2nd half: 1-3 33.3% Game: 2-10 20.0%
 FT % 1st Half: 2-2 100.0 2nd half: 7-10 70.0% Game: 9-12 75.0%

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ODU 67 • 22-6/ 12-3 CUSA

##	Player	f/c/g	Total		3-Ptr	Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot							
13	CARVER, Aaron	f	0-4	0-0	0-2	5	3	8	0	0	0	2	2	0	20
25	ROBINSON III, Elbert	c	2-4	0-0	0-0	2	3	5	3	4	0	1	0	2	17
03	STITH, B.J.	g	6-16	2-8	4-5	2	3	5	2	18	1	1	0	2	31
04	CAVER, Ahmad	g	4-13	1-7	4-6	1	2	3	0	13	5	2	2	1	40
10	GREEN, Xavier	g	7-11	6-9	2-2	0	1	1	1	22	3	3	0	2	38
01	WADE, Jason		4-9	0-0	0-0	4	2	6	3	8	3	3	0	4	26
02	KITHCART, Justice		0-1	0-1	0-0	0	1	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	6
22	EZIKPE, Kalu		0-0	0-0	2-2	1	1	2	0	2	0	0	1	0	6
23	DICKENS, Dajour		0-0	0-0	0-2	1	1	2	4	0	1	0	3	0	16
Team						2	1	3							
Totals			23-58	9-25	12-19	18	18	36	15	67	13	13	8	11	200

FG % 1st Half: 9-29 31.0% 2nd half: 14-29 48.3% Game: 23-58 39.7%
 3FG % 1st Half: 3-14 21.4% 2nd half: 6-11 54.5% Game: 9-25 36.0%
 FT % 1st Half: 5-6 83.3% 2nd half: 7-13 53.8% Game: 12-19 63.2%

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Rebounds
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Officials: Barry Mathis, John Hampton, Joey Richardson
 Technical fouls: WKU-None. ODU-None.
 Attendance: 7324

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
WKU	21	42	63
ODU	26	41	67

	In	Off	2nd	Fast	
Points	Paint	T/O	Chance	Break	Bench
WKU	47	13	8	9	4
ODU	22	12	11	8	10

Last FG - WKU 2nd-01:25, ODU 2nd-00:16.
 Largest lead - WKU by 3 1st-11:59, ODU by 6 2nd-12:31.
 WKU led for 05:45. ODU led for 28:22. Game was tied for 05:53.

Score tied - 12 times.
 Lead changed - 13 times.

WESTERN KENTUCKY HILLTOPPERS

WKU Hilltoppers at Old Dominion Monarchs

Postgame Notes

February 23, 2019

Ted Constant Convocation Center | Norfolk, Va.

FINAL SCORE: Old Dominion 67, WKU 63

RECORDS AND NOTABLES

- WKU falls to 16-12 and 9-6 in Conference USA.
- Old Dominion improves to 22-6 overall and 12-3 in C-USA.
- The Monarchs now lead the all-time series between the programs 20-19.
- WKU head coach Rick Stansbury is 4-4 against the Monarchs.
- The announced attendance was 7,324.
- **UP NEXT:** WKU will play its second Bonus Play game at UAB on Thursday. The game will begin at 6:30 p.m. CT and will be broadcast on beIN SPORTS.

TEAM NOTES

- WKU used the starting lineup of Lamonte Bearden, Taveion Hollingsworth, Jared Savage, Josh Anderson and Charles Bassegy for the seventh straight game. The group is now 5-2 when starting together.
- **KEY FIRST HALF RUN:** Old Dominion used a 9-2 run beginning at the 14-minute mark to retake a lead of 19-15.
- **KEY SECOND HALF RUN:** The Monarchs finished the game on a 7-0 run over the last 1:14 to retake the lead after WKU reached a three-point lead.
- WKU shot 26 of 55 (47.3 percent) from the field, 2 of 10 (20 percent) from 3-point range and 9 of 12 (66.7 percent) from the free-throw line. WKU shot 12 of 28 (60.7 percent) from the field in the second half.
- The Hilltoppers outscored the Monarchs in the paint 47-22.

- WKU has made a 3-pointer in 1,004 straight games dating back to March 15, 1987. The Hilltoppers became just the fifth NCAA program to reach the 1,000 milestone, joining Kentucky, UNLV, Vanderbilt and Duke. WKU has the fourth-longest active streak.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

TAVEION HOLLINGSWORTH

- The sophomore scored his most points since Jan. 19 against Florida Atlantic, scoring a team-high 17 against the Monarchs. He also added four rebounds, three assists and a steal.
 - Hollingsworth scored 15 of his 17 in the second half, shooting 6 of 7 from the field.

CHARLES BASSEY

- The freshman grabbed six boards and scored 13 points in 29 minutes of play.
 - Bassey is seventh in WKU history for most blocks in a single season with 67.
 - Bassey is fourth on WKU's list for most points in a freshman season with 416.
 - After having five total blocks in the five previous games, Bassey has 18 blocks in the last five games.

LAMONTE BEARDEN

- The redshirt senior contributed 13 points, seven assists, one block and a steal.
 - In his last seven games, Bearden has 51 assists against just 11 turnovers. He leads Conference USA in assist-to-turnover ratio in league play.

MOUSTAPHA DIAGNE

- The redshirt junior pulled down a career-high five rebounds in 11 minutes.

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

UAB Game Notes — <https://goto.ps/2EkyhUQ>

Video: WKU head coach Rick Stansbury previews UAB — <https://youtu.be/6xHEMQANcAk>

Video: Hilltoppers Taveion Hollingsworth, Moustapha Diagne preview UAB
— <https://youtu.be/L0UAE5bUpX0>

HILLTOPPERS TRAVEL TO UAB FOR FINAL BONUS PLAY ROAD GAME

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — WKU Hilltopper Basketball continues Bonus Play with its second straight road game at UAB at 6:30 p.m. CT Thursday in Birmingham, Ala. The game will air on beIN SPORTS.

The Hilltoppers began Bonus Play with a loss Saturday at league-leading Old Dominion. WKU is tied for third in the conference standings.

UAB opened Bonus Play with an overtime win at Southern Miss on Saturday. The Blazers lead the all-time series 24-15, including two straight in Birmingham. The teams played less than two weeks ago, with UAB winning 68-60 at WKU on Feb. 16. Head coach Rick Stansbury is 5-3 all-time against UAB.

GAME 29

WKU (16-12, 9-6 C-USA) at UAB (17-11, 9-6 C-USA)

February 28, 2019 | 6:30 p.m. CT

Bartow Arena | Birmingham, Ala.

BROADCAST

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

Watch: [beIN SPORTS](#) (Phil Schoen, ppx | Megan Perry, analysis)

Live Stats: [UAB Stats](#)

QUICK SHOTS

- WKU head coach Rick Stansbury returned Feb. 23 at Old Dominion after missing four games with a back injury that required surgery on Feb. 15. Assistant Marc Hsu served as interim coach.
- WKU became the fifth program in NCAA history to reach 1,000 straight games with a made 3-pointer at Rice on Feb. 7. The Hilltoppers' streak of 1,004 games dates back to March 15, 1987.
- WKU is one of the youngest teams in the country, ranking 321st of 353 in experience, per Ken Pomeroy.

- WKU ranks 10th in the country in total blocks and 12th in blocked shots per game, and 19th in percentage of opponents' shots blocked, according to Ken Pomeroy. Its average of 5.1 blocks per game would tie its highest on record. Charles Bassey ranks second in C-USA in blocks per game (2.4).
- In the last seven games, redshirt senior guard Lamonte Bearden has 51 combined assists against just 11 turnovers. He leads C-USA in conference play with a 3.5-to-1 assist-to-turnover ratio.
- Sophomore guard Josh Anderson is 1 of 9 players in the country with at least 112 total rebounds, 47 steals and 20 blocks this season. He's the only player from Conference USA to reach those marks.
- WKU freshman center Charles Bassey could become 1 of 3 freshmen in the country since 1992 – along with Greg Oden and current NBA star Anthony Davis – to average 14 points, nine rebounds and two blocks per game, while also shooting at least 60 percent from the field.
- As of Tuesday, Charles Bassey ranked second in the nation among freshmen in total rebounds (277), third in total blocks (65) and third in field-goal percentage (63.1 percent).
- As of Tuesday, Charles Bassey ranked in the top 30 nationally in double-doubles (17th), field-goal percentage (10th), blocks per game (16th), total blocks (13th), rebounds per game (20th), defensive rebounds per game (29th) and total rebounds (17th).
- Charles Bassey's 13 double-doubles this season are the most on record by a Hilltopper freshman. Bassey leads C-USA in double-doubles and ranks second in the nation among freshmen in double-doubles.

LAST GAME AGAINST UAB: FEBRUARY 16, 2019

A rough shooting day for WKU led to a 68-60 home loss to UAB at E.A. Diddle Arena. The Hilltoppers got 23 points and 10 rebounds from Charles Bassey, but they shot just 37.5 percent and netted just 6 of 27 3-pointers.

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / February 28, 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/Fn4yWGSWp2k>

Video: WKU sophomore guard Taveion Hollingsworth — <https://youtu.be/awLhvrwlhk>

Video: WKU sophomore guard Josh Anderson — https://youtu.be/a3_Ui8PKF2s

HILLTOPPERS RALLY IN SECOND HALF FOR 73-67 ROAD WIN AT UAB

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — WKU Hilltopper Basketball headed into March on a positive note, rallying for a gutsy 73-67 road win at UAB on Thursday.

The Hilltoppers (17-12 overall, 10-6 Conference USA) trailed 36-31 at halftime, but came to life in the last 10 minutes of the game.

WKU used an 8-0 run to pull in front 60-57 with 5:42 left and never trailed again. The victory snapped a four-game losing streak for the Tops at UAB's Bartow Arena.

"This time of year, somewhere along the way you've got to get another level of urgency about you," WKU head coach Rick Stansbury said. "That urgency comes with another level of toughness. No question about it, I thought the last 10 minutes of the game, our guys showed another level of toughness."

Freshman center Charles Bassey paced WKU with 18 points and 13 rebounds, while sophomore guard Taveion Hollingsworth poured in 17 points – including 15 in the second half.

Sophomore guard Josh Anderson and redshirt junior guard/forward Jared Savage tallied 13 and 12 points, respectively. Savage added seven rebounds and three assists.

UAB (17-12, 9-7) led most of the first half, but WKU moved back in front with a late 8-0 run. Savage's 3-pointer at the 2:54 mark gave the Hilltoppers a 31-30 advantage.

The Blazers scored the final six points of the frame to claim a 36-31 halftime lead.

WKU struggled to get over the hump until its pivotal 8-0 run in the second half, which Anderson capped with a three-point play to make it 60-57 with 5:42 remaining.

Hollingsworth broke a 62-all tie with a transition 3-pointer, and the Hilltoppers led the rest of the way. They made 23 of 29 free throws in the game.

"We started playing together, and we started playing defense," Hollingsworth said. "We were letting them score easily. We had to sit down, and they were getting offensive rebounds. That

creates a lot for their team when they get offensive rebounds, so we had to talk it out with Coach, and we started playing defense and getting rebounds.”

Lewis Sullivan paced the Blazers with 16 points.

The Hilltoppers will play their final two Bonus Play games at home, starting against Southern Miss at 2 p.m. CT Sunday at E.A. Diddle Arena. The game will stream on Stadium on Facebook.

“It’s big,” Anderson said. “We’re going to come in, go back to the crib for these two games. We need to lock in and get the W.”

Official Basketball Box Score -- Game Totals -- Final Statistics
 WKU vs UAB
 02/28/19 6:30 p.m. at Bartow Arena - Birmingham, Ala.

WKU 73 • 17-12, 10-6 CUSA

##	Player	Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
					Off	Def	Tot							
00	SMITH, Tolu	2-2	0-0	0-0	1	1	2	1	4	0	2	0	0	14
01	BEARDEN, Lamonte g	2-6	1-2	4-6	1	2	3	3	9	3	2	1	2	37
02	SAVAGE, Jared g	3-9	2-7	4-6	2	5	7	4	12	3	1	1	1	34
04	ANDERSON, Josh g	3-5	0-0	7-9	1	3	4	2	13	1	1	0	1	27
11	HOLLINGSWORTH, T. g	6-13	3-7	2-2	0	4	4	0	17	3	1	1	1	35
12	DIAGNE, Moustapha	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	11
20	BANTON, Dalano	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
21	OHMER, Jake	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11
23	BASSEY, Charles c	6-13	0-0	6-6	3	10	13	3	18	0	5	1	1	29
Team					0	1	1							
Totals		22-50	6-18	23-29	8	27	35	13	73	10	12	4	6	200

FG % 1st Half: 12-29 41.4% 2nd half: 10-21 47.6% Game: 22-50 44.0%
 3FG % 1st Half: 3-10 30.0% 2nd half: 3-8 37.5% Game: 6-18 33.3%
 FT % 1st Half: 4-4 100.0 2nd half: 19-25 76.0% Game: 23-29 79.3%

Deadball
Rebounds
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##	Player	Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
					Off	Def	Tot							
00	SCOTT-GRAYSON, Tyre	2-4	1-1	0-0	0	0	0	2	5	0	0	0	0	18
01	BRYANT, Zack g	5-9	2-5	1-2	0	5	5	2	13	6	5	2	2	37
02	BELL, Jeremiah g	2-7	0-3	3-3	0	1	1	1	7	1	0	0	0	26
03	LOVAN, Tavin	3-7	0-2	1-2	2	3	5	2	7	1	0	0	0	21
04	MCCOY, Anderson g	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	8
05	GUEYE, Makhtar f	3-7	2-4	2-2	1	4	5	5	10	1	1	2	3	23
11	PEARSON, Tamell	2-3	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	1	4	1	0	0	0	11
21	PERRY, Jalen	2-7	1-3	0-2	1	2	3	1	5	6	2	0	1	26
23	SULLIVAN, Lewis f	7-12	0-3	2-2	0	5	5	5	16	0	0	0	0	30
Team					1	2	3				1			
Totals		26-56	6-21	9-13	6	23	29	20	67	17	10	4	6	200

FG % 1st Half: 14-27 51.9% 2nd half: 12-29 41.4% Game: 26-56 46.4%
 3FG % 1st Half: 4-12 33.3% 2nd half: 2-9 22.2% Game: 6-21 28.6%
 FT % 1st Half: 4-6 66.7% 2nd half: 5-7 71.4% Game: 9-13 69.2%

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Rebounds
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Officials: James Breeding, Raymond Styons, Joe DeRosa
 Technical fouls: WKU-None. UAB-None.
 Attendance: 3021

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
WKU	31	42	73
UAB	36	31	67

Points	In Paint	Off T/O	2nd Chance	Fast Break	Bench
WKU	24	13	9	0	4
UAB	36	11	8	2	21

Last FG - WKU 2nd-02:26, UAB 2nd-01:38.
 Largest lead - WKU by 6 2nd-00:08, UAB by 7 1st-17:12.
 WKU led for 06:28. UAB led for 30:52. Game was tied for 02:40.

Score tied - 4 times.
 Lead changed - 3 times.

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Time	Score	Margin	HOME/VISITOR	Time	Score	Margin	HOME/VISITOR
19:43			MISSED LAYUP by BASSEY, Charles	12:27			MISSED TIP-IN by BEARDEN, Lamonte
19:43			BLOCK by GUEYE, Makhtar	12:27			REBOUND (DEF) by LOVAN, Tavin
19:40			REBOUND (DEF) by BRYANT, Zack	12:18	18-13	H 5	GOOD! LAYUP by PEARSON, Tamell [PNT]
19:28			FOUL by ANDERSON, Josh (P1T1)	12:18			ASSIST by BRYANT, Zack
19:28	1-0	H 1	GOOD! FT SHOT by BELL, Jeremiah	11:48	18-16	H 2	GOOD! 3 PTR by BEARDEN, Lamonte
19:28	2-0	H 2	GOOD! FT SHOT by BELL, Jeremiah	11:13			TIMEOUT MEDIA
19:07			TURNOVR by BASSEY, Charles	11:13			SUB IN : BANTON, Dalano
19:06			STEAL by GUEYE, Makhtar	11:13			SUB IN : OHMER, Jake
18:58			MISSED 3 PTR by BRYANT, Zack	11:13			SUB OUT: SAVAGE, Jared
18:58			REBOUND (OFF) by (TEAM)	11:13			SUB OUT: BEARDEN, Lamonte
18:41	4-0	H 4	GOOD! LAYUP by SULLIVAN, Lewis [PNT]	11:10			MISSED 3 PTR by BRYANT, Zack
18:24			TURNOVR by HOLLINGSWORTH, T.	11:10			REBOUND (DEF) by DIAGNE, Moustapha
18:23			STEAL by GUEYE, Makhtar	10:52			MISSED 3 PTR by BANTON, Dalano
18:20	6-0	H 6	GOOD! LAYUP by BELL, Jeremiah [FB/PNT]	10:52			REBOUND (DEF) by BRYANT, Zack
18:20			ASSIST by GUEYE, Makhtar	10:41			TURNOVR by PERRY, Jalen
18:17			TIMEOUT 30sec	10:18			MISSED 3 PTR by HOLLINGSWORTH, T.
18:01	6-2	H 4	GOOD! JUMPER by BASSEY, Charles [PNT]	10:18			REBOUND (DEF) by BRYANT, Zack
18:01			ASSIST by ANDERSON, Josh	10:01	20-16	H 4	GOOD! LAYUP by LOVAN, Tavin [PNT]
17:42			MISSED 3 PTR by SULLIVAN, Lewis	09:27	20-18	H 2	GOOD! JUMPER by SMITH, Tolu [PNT]
17:42			REBOUND (DEF) by BEARDEN, Lamonte	09:05			SUB IN : ANDERSON, Josh
17:23			MISSED 3 PTR by HOLLINGSWORTH, T.	09:05			SUB IN : SAVAGE, Jared
17:23			REBOUND (DEF) by BELL, Jeremiah	09:05			SUB IN : BEARDEN, Lamonte
17:12	9-2	H 7	GOOD! 3 PTR by GUEYE, Makhtar	09:05			SUB IN : BASSEY, Charles
17:12			ASSIST by BELL, Jeremiah	09:05			SUB OUT: BANTON, Dalano
16:49			MISSED JUMPER by ANDERSON, Josh	09:05			SUB OUT: SMITH, Tolu
16:49			REBOUND (DEF) by MCCOY, Anderson	09:05			SUB OUT: DIAGNE, Moustapha
16:46			FOUL by BEARDEN, Lamonte (P1T2)	09:05			SUB OUT: HOLLINGSWORTH, T.
16:29			MISSED JUMPER by GUEYE, Makhtar	08:53			TURNOVR by (TEAM)
16:29			BLOCK by SAVAGE, Jared	08:53			SUB IN : BELL, Jeremiah
16:27			REBOUND (DEF) by BASSEY, Charles	08:53			SUB IN : GUEYE, Makhtar
16:20	9-4	H 5	GOOD! JUMPER by HOLLINGSWORTH, T.	08:53			SUB IN : SULLIVAN, Lewis
15:57			MISSED JUMPER by BELL, Jeremiah	08:53			SUB OUT: PEARSON, Tamell
15:57			REBOUND (DEF) by BASSEY, Charles	08:53			SUB OUT: BRYANT, Zack
15:49	9-6	H 3	GOOD! JUMPER by SAVAGE, Jared	08:53			SUB OUT: PERRY, Jalen
15:35			TURNOVR by MCCOY, Anderson	08:33	20-20	T 2	GOOD! LAYUP by ANDERSON, Josh [PNT]
15:34			STEAL by BEARDEN, Lamonte	08:05	23-20	H 3	GOOD! 3 PTR by GUEYE, Makhtar
15:33			FOUL by MCCOY, Anderson (P1T1)	08:05			ASSIST by LOVAN, Tavin
15:33			TIMEOUT MEDIA	07:48			TURNOVR by BEARDEN, Lamonte
15:33	9-7	H 2	GOOD! FT SHOT by BEARDEN, Lamonte	07:47			STEAL by GUEYE, Makhtar
15:33	9-8	H 1	GOOD! FT SHOT by BEARDEN, Lamonte	07:27			MISSED 3 PTR by SULLIVAN, Lewis
15:33			SUB IN : PERRY, Jalen	07:27			REBOUND (OFF) by GUEYE, Makhtar
15:33			SUB OUT: MCCOY, Anderson	07:22			FOUL by ANDERSON, Josh (P2T3)
15:02			MISSED 3 PTR by BELL, Jeremiah	07:22			TIMEOUT MEDIA
15:02			REBOUND (OFF) by PERRY, Jalen	07:22	24-20	H 4	GOOD! FT SHOT by GUEYE, Makhtar
14:51	11-8	H 3	GOOD! JUMPER by SULLIVAN, Lewis	07:22	25-20	H 5	GOOD! FT SHOT by GUEYE, Makhtar
14:51			ASSIST by BRYANT, Zack	07:22			SUB IN : PERRY, Jalen
14:24	11-11	T 1	GOOD! 3 PTR by SAVAGE, Jared	07:22			SUB OUT: LOVAN, Tavin
14:24			ASSIST by HOLLINGSWORTH, T.	07:12			MISSED JUMPER by ANDERSON, Josh
14:03			MISSED 3 PTR by BELL, Jeremiah	07:11			BLOCK by GUEYE, Makhtar
14:03			REBOUND (DEF) by BASSEY, Charles	07:10			REBOUND (DEF) by LOVAN, Tavin
13:55			MISSED 3 PTR by SAVAGE, Jared	06:57	27-20	H 7	GOOD! LAYUP by SULLIVAN, Lewis [PNT]
13:55			REBOUND (DEF) by SULLIVAN, Lewis	06:57			ASSIST by PERRY, Jalen
13:37	14-11	H 3	GOOD! 3 PTR by BRYANT, Zack	06:45	27-22	H 5	GOOD! LAYUP by BASSEY, Charles [PNT]
13:37			ASSIST by PERRY, Jalen	06:45			ASSIST by SAVAGE, Jared
13:25			FOUL by BELL, Jeremiah (P1T2)	06:45			FOUL by SULLIVAN, Lewis (P1T3)
13:25			SUB IN : SMITH, Tolu	06:45	27-23	H 4	GOOD! FT SHOT by BASSEY, Charles
13:25			SUB IN : DIAGNE, Moustapha	06:23	30-23	H 7	GOOD! 3 PTR by SCOTT-GRAYSON, Tyree
13:25			SUB OUT: BASSEY, Charles	06:23			ASSIST by PERRY, Jalen
13:25			SUB OUT: ANDERSON, Josh	05:58	30-25	H 5	GOOD! LAYUP by ANDERSON, Josh [PNT]
13:25			SUB IN : PEARSON, Tamell	05:37			MISSED 3 PTR by GUEYE, Makhtar
13:25			SUB IN : LOVAN, Tavin	05:37			REBOUND (DEF) by HOLLINGSWORTH, T.
13:25			SUB IN : SCOTT-GRAYSON, Tyree	05:30			MISSED 3 PTR by SAVAGE, Jared
13:25			SUB OUT: SULLIVAN, Lewis	05:30			REBOUND (DEF) by PERRY, Jalen
13:25			SUB OUT: GUEYE, Makhtar	05:23			SUB IN : SMITH, Tolu
13:25			SUB OUT: BELL, Jeremiah	05:23			SUB OUT: ANDERSON, Josh
13:13	14-13	H 1	GOOD! JUMPER by SMITH, Tolu [PNT]	05:23			SUB IN : PEARSON, Tamell
12:43	16-13	H 3	GOOD! LAYUP by SCOTT-GRAYSON, Tyree [PNT]	05:23			SUB IN : BRYANT, Zack
12:29			MISSED JUMPER by BEARDEN, Lamonte	05:23			SUB OUT: BELL, Jeremiah
12:29			REBOUND (OFF) by BEARDEN, Lamonte	05:23			SUB OUT: SULLIVAN, Lewis
				05:20			MISSED JUMPER by SCOTT-GRAYSON, Tyree

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19:49			FOUL by GUEYE, Makhtar (P1T1)	13:07	50-46	H 4	GOOD! LAYUP by SULLIVAN, Lewis [PNT]
19:49			MISSED FT SHOT by ANDERSON, Josh	13:07			ASSIST by BRYANT, Zack
19:49			REBOUND (OFF) by (DEADBALL)	12:37			TURNOVR by ANDERSON, Josh
19:49	36-32	H 4	GOOD! FT SHOT by ANDERSON, Josh	12:36			STEAL by BRYANT, Zack
19:19	39-32	H 7	GOOD! 3 PTR by BRYANT, Zack	12:32			MISSED LAYUP by SCOTT-GRAYSON, Tyree
18:59			MISSED 3 PTR by HOLLINGSWORTH, T.	12:32			BLOCK by BEARDEN, Lamonte
18:59			REBOUND (OFF) by BASSEY, Charles	12:30			REBOUND (DEF) by HOLLINGSWORTH, T.
18:54	39-34	H 5	GOOD! TIP-IN by BASSEY, Charles [PNT]	12:26			MISSED 3 PTR by SAVAGE, Jared
18:28			MISSED LAYUP by BELL, Jeremiah	12:26			REBOUND (OFF) by ANDERSON, Josh
18:28			REBOUND (DEF) by BASSEY, Charles	12:20			FOUL by SULLIVAN, Lewis (P3T7)
18:23			FOUL by GUEYE, Makhtar (P2T2)	12:20	50-47	H 3	GOOD! FT SHOT by ANDERSON, Josh
18:23	39-35	H 4	GOOD! FT SHOT by SAVAGE, Jared	12:20	50-48	H 2	GOOD! FT SHOT by ANDERSON, Josh
18:23	39-36	H 3	GOOD! FT SHOT by SAVAGE, Jared	12:20			SUB IN : DIAGNE, Moustapha
17:59			FOUL by BEARDEN, Lamonte (P2T1)	12:20			SUB IN : SMITH, Tolu
17:47			MISSED 3 PTR by SULLIVAN, Lewis	12:20			SUB IN : OHMER, Jake
17:47			REBOUND (DEF) by HOLLINGSWORTH, T.	12:20			SUB OUT: SAVAGE, Jared
17:38			MISSED JUMPER by BASSEY, Charles	12:20			SUB OUT: BASSEY, Charles
17:38			REBOUND (OFF) by BASSEY, Charles	12:20			SUB OUT: BEARDEN, Lamonte
17:33			MISSED TIP-IN by BASSEY, Charles	12:20			SUB IN : GUEYE, Makhtar
17:33			REBOUND (DEF) by SULLIVAN, Lewis	12:20			SUB IN : PEARSON, Tamell
17:27			FOUL by SAVAGE, Jared (P3T2)	12:20			SUB OUT: SULLIVAN, Lewis
17:27	40-36	H 4	GOOD! FT SHOT by BRYANT, Zack	12:20			SUB OUT: LOVAN, Tavin
17:27			MISSED FT SHOT by BRYANT, Zack	11:51	52-48	H 4	GOOD! DUNK by GUEYE, Makhtar [PNT]
17:27			REBOUND (DEF) by SAVAGE, Jared	11:51			ASSIST by PERRY, Jalen
17:27			SUB IN : LOVAN, Tavin	11:28			TURNOVR by SMITH, Tolu
17:27			SUB OUT: GUEYE, Makhtar	11:27			STEAL by PERRY, Jalen
17:12	40-38	H 2	GOOD! JUMPER by BASSEY, Charles	11:24			MISSED 3 PTR by PERRY, Jalen
17:12			ASSIST by BEARDEN, Lamonte	11:24			REBOUND (OFF) by PEARSON, Tamell
16:47	42-38	H 4	GOOD! JUMPER by SULLIVAN, Lewis	11:17			MISSED TIP-IN by PEARSON, Tamell
16:47			ASSIST by MCCOY, Anderson	11:17			REBOUND (DEF) by HOLLINGSWORTH, T.
16:30			FOUL by LOVAN, Tavin (P1T3)	11:12			MISSED 3 PTR by HOLLINGSWORTH, T.
16:30			SUB IN : PERRY, Jalen	11:12			REBOUND (DEF) by (TEAM)
16:30			SUB OUT: MCCOY, Anderson	11:12			TIMEOUT MEDIA
16:29			FOUL by LOVAN, Tavin (P2T4)	11:12			SUB IN : BEARDEN, Lamonte
16:29	42-39	H 3	GOOD! FT SHOT by SAVAGE, Jared	11:12			SUB OUT: ANDERSON, Josh
16:29			MISSED FT SHOT by SAVAGE, Jared	10:44			MISSED JUMPER by PERRY, Jalen
16:29			REBOUND (OFF) by BASSEY, Charles	10:44			REBOUND (DEF) by (TEAM)
16:28			FOUL by SULLIVAN, Lewis (P2T5)	10:24	52-50	H 2	GOOD! JUMPER by BEARDEN, Lamonte [PNT]
16:28	42-40	H 2	GOOD! FT SHOT by BASSEY, Charles	10:17	54-50	H 4	GOOD! LAYUP by PEARSON, Tamell [PNT]
16:28	42-41	H 1	GOOD! FT SHOT by BASSEY, Charles	10:17			ASSIST by BRYANT, Zack
15:59			MISSED JUMPER by PERRY, Jalen	10:11			FOUL by SMITH, Tolu (P1T5)
15:59			REBOUND (OFF) by LOVAN, Tavin	10:11			TURNOVR by SMITH, Tolu
15:40	44-41	H 3	GOOD! JUMPER by SULLIVAN, Lewis [PNT]	10:11			SUB IN : BELL, Jeremiah
15:40			ASSIST by PERRY, Jalen	10:11			SUB OUT: SCOTT-GRAYSON, Tyree
15:19			FOUL by BASSEY, Charles (P1T3)	09:51			TURNOVR by PERRY, Jalen
15:19			TURNOVR by BASSEY, Charles	09:29			TURNOVR by BEARDEN, Lamonte
15:19			TIMEOUT media	09:21			TURNOVR by BRYANT, Zack
15:19			SUB IN : SCOTT-GRAYSON, Tyree	09:20			STEAL by HOLLINGSWORTH, T.
15:19			SUB OUT: BELL, Jeremiah	09:18			FOUL by BRYANT, Zack (P1T8)
14:55			FOUL by BASSEY, Charles (P2T4)	09:18	54-51	H 3	GOOD! FT SHOT by HOLLINGSWORTH, T.
14:55	45-41	H 4	GOOD! FT SHOT by SULLIVAN, Lewis	09:18	54-52	H 2	GOOD! FT SHOT by HOLLINGSWORTH, T.
14:55	46-41	H 5	GOOD! FT SHOT by SULLIVAN, Lewis	09:18			SUB IN : SULLIVAN, Lewis
14:43			FOUL by SCOTT-GRAYSON, Tyree (P2T6)	09:18			SUB OUT: PEARSON, Tamell
14:43			MISSED FT SHOT by BEARDEN, Lamonte	09:01	57-52	H 5	GOOD! 3 PTR by PERRY, Jalen
14:43			REBOUND (OFF) by (DEADBALL)	09:01			ASSIST by PEARSON, Tamell
14:43			MISSED FT SHOT by BEARDEN, Lamonte	08:52			SUB IN : SCOTT-GRAYSON, Tyree
14:43			REBOUND (DEF) by PERRY, Jalen	08:52			SUB IN : PEARSON, Tamell
14:35	48-41	H 7	GOOD! JUMPER by BRYANT, Zack [PNT]	08:52			SUB OUT: GUEYE, Makhtar
14:25	48-43	H 5	GOOD! JUMPER by HOLLINGSWORTH, T. [PNT]	08:52			SUB OUT: BELL, Jeremiah
13:59			MISSED JUMPER by SULLIVAN, Lewis	08:37			FOUL by BASSEY, Charles (P3T6)
13:59			BLOCK by BASSEY, Charles	08:37			TURNOVR by BASSEY, Charles
13:58			REBOUND (DEF) by BASSEY, Charles	08:37			SUB IN : SAVAGE, Jared
13:50			MISSED JUMPER by BEARDEN, Lamonte	08:37			SUB IN : ANDERSON, Josh
13:50			BLOCK by BRYANT, Zack	08:37			SUB OUT: SMITH, Tolu
13:48			REBOUND (DEF) by SULLIVAN, Lewis	08:37			SUB OUT: OHMER, Jake
13:40			MISSED JUMPER by BRYANT, Zack	08:08			MISSED JUMPER by PERRY, Jalen
13:40			REBOUND (DEF) by SAVAGE, Jared	08:08			REBOUND (DEF) by BASSEY, Charles
13:27	48-46	H 2	GOOD! 3 PTR by HOLLINGSWORTH, T.	08:00			MISSED 3 PTR by SAVAGE, Jared
13:27			ASSIST by SAVAGE, Jared	08:00			REBOUND (DEF) by (TEAM)

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07:56			TIMEOUT MEDIA	00:34	67-70	V 3	GOOD! FT SHOT by SAVAGE, Jared
07:56			SUB IN : SMITH, Tolu	00:34			MISSED FT SHOT by SAVAGE, Jared
07:56			SUB IN : BASSEY, Charles	00:34			REBOUND (DEF) by GUEYE, Makhtar
07:56			SUB OUT: DIAGNE, Moustapha	00:34			SUB IN : DIAGNE, Moustapha
07:56			SUB IN : BELL, Jeremiah	00:34			SUB OUT: BASSEY, Charles
07:56			SUB IN : GUEYE, Makhtar	00:18			MISSED JUMPER by SULLIVAN, Lewis
07:56			SUB OUT: SCOTT-GRAYSON, Tyree	00:18			REBOUND (DEF) by ANDERSON, Josh
07:56			SUB OUT: PEARSON, Tamell	00:17			FOUL by SULLIVAN, Lewis (P5T13)
07:33			TURNOVR by GUEYE, Makhtar	00:17			MISSED FT SHOT by ANDERSON, Josh
07:31			STEAL by SAVAGE, Jared	00:17			REBOUND (OFF) by (DEADBALL)
07:27	57-55	H 2	GOOD! 3 PTR by HOLLINGSWORTH, T.	00:17	67-71	V 4	GOOD! FT SHOT by ANDERSON, Josh
07:27			ASSIST by BEARDEN, Lamonte	00:17			TIMEOUT TEAM
06:55			MISSED 3 PTR by GUEYE, Makhtar	00:16			SUB IN : BELL, Jeremiah
06:55			REBOUND (DEF) by BASSEY, Charles	00:16			SUB OUT: SULLIVAN, Lewis
06:31			MISSED 3 PTR by SAVAGE, Jared	00:12			MISSED 3 PTR by PERRY, Jalen
06:31			REBOUND (DEF) by BRYANT, Zack	00:12			REBOUND (DEF) by ANDERSON, Josh
06:23			TURNOVR by BRYANT, Zack	00:08			FOUL by GUEYE, Makhtar (P5T14)
06:22			STEAL by BEARDEN, Lamonte	00:08	67-72	V 5	GOOD! FT SHOT by ANDERSON, Josh
06:21			FOUL by BRYANT, Zack (P2T9)	00:08	67-73	V 6	GOOD! FT SHOT by ANDERSON, Josh
06:21	57-56	H 1	GOOD! FT SHOT by BEARDEN, Lamonte	00:08			SUB IN : PEARSON, Tamell
06:21	57-57	T 3	GOOD! FT SHOT by BEARDEN, Lamonte	00:08			SUB OUT: GUEYE, Makhtar
06:21			SUB IN : LOVAN, Tavin	00:03			MISSED 3 PTR by LOVAN, Tavin
06:21			SUB OUT: PERRY, Jalen	00:03			BLOCK by HOLLINGSWORTH, T.
05:50			MISSED JUMPER by LOVAN, Tavin	00:00			REBOUND (OFF) by LOVAN, Tavin
05:50			REBOUND (DEF) by ANDERSON, Josh	00:00			MISSED 3 PTR by LOVAN, Tavin
05:42	57-59	V 2	GOOD! LAYUP by ANDERSON, Josh [PNT]	00:00			REBOUND (DEF) by SAVAGE, Jared
05:42			FOUL by GUEYE, Makhtar (P3T10)				
05:42	57-60	V 3	GOOD! FT SHOT by ANDERSON, Josh				
05:42			SUB IN : PERRY, Jalen				
05:42			SUB OUT: GUEYE, Makhtar				
05:29	59-60	V 1	GOOD! LAYUP by BRYANT, Zack [PNT]				
05:07	59-62	V 3	GOOD! JUMPER by HOLLINGSWORTH, T.				
04:38			TURNOVR by BRYANT, Zack				
04:37			STEAL by ANDERSON, Josh				
04:15			TURNOVR by BASSEY, Charles				
03:52	61-62	V 1	GOOD! LAYUP by BELL, Jeremiah [PNT]				
03:52			FOUL by SAVAGE, Jared (P4T7)				
03:52			TIMEOUT MEDIA				
03:52	62-62	T 4	GOOD! FT SHOT by BELL, Jeremiah				
03:38	62-65	V 3	GOOD! 3 PTR by HOLLINGSWORTH, T.				
03:38			ASSIST by SAVAGE, Jared				
03:22	64-65	V 1	GOOD! DUNK by BRYANT, Zack [PNT]				
03:22			ASSIST by PERRY, Jalen				
02:51			MISSED TIP-IN by BASSEY, Charles				
02:51			REBOUND (DEF) by SULLIVAN, Lewis				
02:43			TURNOVR by BRYANT, Zack				
02:42			STEAL by BASSEY, Charles				
02:39			TURNOVR by BASSEY, Charles				
02:39			STEAL by BRYANT, Zack				
02:39			TURNOVR by BRYANT, Zack				
02:39			TIMEOUT 30sec				
02:26	64-67	V 3	GOOD! LAYUP by BASSEY, Charles [PNT]				
02:26			ASSIST by HOLLINGSWORTH, T.				
02:12			MISSED 3 PTR by BELL, Jeremiah				
02:12			REBOUND (DEF) by BASSEY, Charles				
01:53			FOUL by SULLIVAN, Lewis (P4T11)				
01:53	64-68	V 4	GOOD! FT SHOT by BASSEY, Charles				
01:53	64-69	V 5	GOOD! FT SHOT by BASSEY, Charles				
01:38	66-69	V 3	GOOD! LAYUP by PERRY, Jalen [PNT]				
01:38			SUB IN : GUEYE, Makhtar				
01:38			SUB OUT: BELL, Jeremiah				
01:18			MISSED JUMPER by HOLLINGSWORTH, T.				
01:18			REBOUND (OFF) by SAVAGE, Jared				
00:45			MISSED JUMPER by HOLLINGSWORTH, T.				
00:45			REBOUND (DEF) by GUEYE, Makhtar				
00:38			FOUL by BEARDEN, Lamonte (P3T8)				
00:38	67-69	V 2	GOOD! FT SHOT by LOVAN, Tavin				
00:38			MISSED FT SHOT by LOVAN, Tavin				
00:38			REBOUND (DEF) by SAVAGE, Jared				
00:34			FOUL by GUEYE, Makhtar (P4T12)				

	In	Off	2nd	Fast	
	Paint	T/O	Chance	Break	Bench
2nd period-only					
WKU	10	9	6	0	0
UAB	18	5	2	0	8

Official Basketball Box Score -- 1st Half-Only
 WKU vs UAB
 02/28/19 6:30 p.m. at Bartow Arena - Birmingham, Ala.

WKU

#	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								
00	SMITH, Tolu	2-2	0-0	0-0				1	1	2	0	4	0	0	0	0	10
01	BEARDEN, Lamonte	g	1-4	1-2	2-2			1	2	3	1	5	1	1	0	1	18
02	SAVAGE, Jared	g	3-6	2-4	0-0			1	1	2	2	8	1	1	1	0	18
04	ANDERSON, Josh	g	2-4	0-0	0-0			0	0	0	2	4	1	0	0	0	10
11	HOLLINGSWORTH, T.	g	1-4	0-2	0-0			0	1	1	0	2	2	1	0	0	15
12	DIAGNE, Moustapha		0-1	0-1	0-0			0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
20	BANTON, Dalano		0-1	0-1	0-0			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
21	OHMER, Jake		0-0	0-0	0-0			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
23	BASSEY, Charles	c	3-7	0-0	2-2			0	5	5	0	8	0	1	0	0	14
Team								0	0	0							
Totals			12-29	3-10	4-4			3	11	14	5	31	5	4	1	1	100

FG % 1st Half: 12-29 41.4%
 3FG % 1st Half: 3-10 30.0%
 FT % 1st Half: 4-4 100.0%

UAB

#	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								
00	SCOTT-GRAYSON, Tyree		2-3	1-1	0-0			0	0	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	12
01	BRYANT, Zack	g	1-4	1-4	0-0			0	4	4	0	3	4	0	1	0	17
02	BELL, Jeremiah	g	1-4	0-2	2-2			0	1	1	1	4	1	0	0	0	14
03	LOVAN, Tavin		3-4	0-0	0-0			0	3	3	0	6	1	0	0	0	10
04	MCCOY, Anderson	g	0-0	0-0	0-0			0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	4
05	GUEYE, Makhtar	f	2-5	2-3	2-2			1	2	3	0	8	1	0	2	3	13
11	PEARSON, Tamell		1-1	0-0	0-0			0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	7
21	PERRY, Jalen		0-0	0-0	0-2			1	1	2	1	0	3	1	0	0	10
23	SULLIVAN, Lewis	f	4-6	0-2	0-0			0	2	2	1	8	0	0	0	0	13
Team								1	0	1				1			
Totals			14-27	4-12	4-6			3	14	17	6	36	10	3	3	3	100

FG % 1st Half: 14-27 51.9%
 3FG % 1st Half: 4-12 33.3%
 FT % 1st Half: 4-6 66.7%

Officials: James Breeding, Raymond Styons, Joe DeRosa
 Technical fouls: WKU-None. UAB-None.
 Attendance: 3021

Score by periods	1st	Total
WKU	31	31
UAB	36	36

	In	Off	2nd	Fast	
Points	Paint	T/O	Chance	Break	Bench
WKU	14	4	3	0	4
UAB	18	6	6	2	13

Last FG - WKU 2nd-02:26, UAB 2nd-01:38.
 Largest lead - WKU by 6 2nd-00:08, UAB by 7 1st-17:12.
 WKU led for 06:28. UAB led for 30:52. Game was tied for 02:40.

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

Official Basketball Box Score -- 2nd Half-Only
 WKU vs UAB
 02/28/19 6:30 p.m. at Bartow Arena - Birmingham, Ala.

WKU

#	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								
00	SMITH, Tolu	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	4		
01	BEARDEN, Lamonte	g	1-2	0-0	2-4	0	0	0	2	4	2	1	1	1	19		
02	SAVAGE, Jared	g	0-3	0-3	4-6	1	4	5	2	4	2	0	0	1	16		
04	ANDERSON, Josh	g	1-1	0-0	7-9	1	3	4	0	9	0	1	0	1	17		
11	HOLLINGSWORTH, T.	g	5-9	3-5	2-2	0	3	3	0	15	1	0	1	1	20		
12	DIAGNE, Moustapha		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5		
20	BANTON, Dalano		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
21	OHMER, Jake		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4		
23	BASSEY, Charles	c	3-6	0-0	4-4	3	5	8	3	10	0	4	1	1	15		
Team						0	1	1									
Totals			10-21	3-8	19-25	5	16	21	8	42	5	8	3	5	100		
FG % 1st Half:		12-29	41.4%	2nd half:	10-21	47.6%											
3FG % 1st Half:		3-10	30.0%	2nd half:	3-8	37.5%											
FT % 1st Half:		4-4	100.0%	2nd half:	19-25	76.0%											

UAB

#	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								
00	SCOTT-GRAYSON, Tyree		0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	6		
01	BRYANT, Zack	g	4-5	1-1	1-2	0	1	1	2	10	2	5	1	2	20		
02	BELL, Jeremiah	g	1-3	0-1	1-1	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	12		
03	LOVAN, Tavin		0-3	0-2	1-2	2	0	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	11		
04	MCCOY, Anderson	g	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	4		
05	GUEYE, Makhtar	f	1-2	0-1	0-0	0	2	2	5	2	0	1	0	0	10		
11	PEARSON, Tamell		1-2	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	4		
21	PERRY, Jalen		2-7	1-3	0-0	0	1	1	0	5	3	1	0	1	16		
23	SULLIVAN, Lewis	f	3-6	0-1	2-2	0	3	3	4	8	0	0	0	0	17		
Team						0	2	2									
Totals			12-29	2-9	5-7	3	9	12	14	31	7	7	1	3	100		
FG % 1st Half:		14-27	51.9%	2nd half:	12-29	41.4%											
3FG % 1st Half:		4-12	33.3%	2nd half:	2-9	22.2%											
FT % 1st Half:		4-6	66.7%	2nd half:	5-7	71.4%											

Officials: James Breeding, Raymond Styons, Joe DeRosa
 Technical fouls: WKU-None. UAB-None.
 Attendance: 3021

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
WKU	31	42	73
UAB	36	31	67

	In	Off	2nd	Fast	
Points	Paint	T/O	Chance	Break	Bench
WKU	10	9	6	0	0
UAB	18	5	2	0	8

Last FG - WKU 2nd-02:26, UAB 2nd-01:38.
 Largest lead - WKU by 6 2nd-00:08, UAB by 7 1st-17:12.
 WKU led for 06:28. UAB led for 30:52. Game was tied for 02:40.

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

WESTERN KENTUCKY HILLTOPPERS

WKU Hilltoppers at UAB Blazers

Postgame Notes

February 28, 2019

Bartow Arena | Birmingham, Ala.

FINAL SCORE: WKU 73, UAB 67

RECORDS AND NOTABLES

- WKU improves to 17-12 overall and 10-6 in Conference USA play.
- UAB falls to 17-12 overall and 9-7 in C-USA action.
- UAB now leads the all-time series 24-16, but WKU has won four of the last six. The Hilltoppers snapped a four-game losing streak in UAB's Bartow Arena.
- WKU head coach Rick Stansbury is 6-3 in his career against the Blazers.
- Announced attendance was 3,021.
- **UP NEXT:** WKU returns home for its final two games of Bonus Play, starting against Southern Miss at 2 p.m. CT Sunday at E.A. Diddle Arena. The game will stream on Stadium on Facebook.

TEAM NOTES

- WKU used the starting lineup of Lamonte Bearden, Taveion Hollingsworth, Jared Savage, Josh Anderson and Charles Bassey for the eighth straight game. The group is now 6-2 when starting together.
- **KEY FIRST HALF RUN:** After WKU climbed back in front at 31-30 with an 8-0 run, UAB scored the final six points of the half to reclaim a five-point advantage at the break.
- **KEY SECOND HALF RUN:** The Hilltoppers went on an 8-0 run in the second half to pull in front and never trailed again. Josh Anderson's three-point play capped the burst and gave WKU a 60-57 advantage with 5:42 left.
- WKU shot 22 of 50 (44 percent) from the field, 6 of 18 (33.3 percent) from 3-point range and 23 of 29 (79.3 percent) from the free-throw line.

- The Hilltoppers won the rebounding battle 35-29, outrebounding a team for the first time since Feb. 2 against UTEP.
- WKU has made a 3-pointer in 1,005 straight games dating back to March 15, 1987. The Hilltoppers became just the fifth NCAA program to reach the 1,000 milestone, joining Kentucky, UNLV, Vanderbilt and Duke. WKU has the fourth-longest active streak.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

CHARLES BASSEY

- The freshman recorded his 14th double-double of the season with 18 points and 13 rebounds.
 - Bassey is tied for sixth in WKU history for most blocks in a single season with 68.
 - Bassey is tied for 10th in WKU history for most double-doubles in a season with 10.

TAVEION HOLLINGSWORTH

- The sophomore scored 17 points for the second straight game, while also scoring 15 of those points in the second half for the second contest in a row.
 - Hollingsworth now needs just 84 points to reach 1,000 for his career.
 - Hollingsworth has scored in double figures in 48 of 67 career games.

JARED SAVAGE

- The redshirt junior scored 12 points with seven rebounds and three assists.
 - Savage grabbed two offensive rebounds after entering the game with 13 all season.
 - Savage's three assists tied his career high.

JOSH ANDERSON

- The sophomore scored 13 points and netted 7 of 9 free throws.
 - Anderson nine free-throw attempts and seven makes both tied his career highs.
 - Anderson has scored at least 13 points in 14 of the last 19 games after doing so in just one of the first 10 games this season.

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / March 2, 2019

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

WKU Game Notes — <https://goto.ps/2C3bDQu>

Southern Miss Game Notes — <https://goto.ps/2TqxwTH>

WKU RETURNS HOME TO HOST SOUTHERN MISS ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — WKU Hilltopper Basketball plays its final two Bonus Play games at home, starting against Southern Miss at 2 p.m. CT Sunday at E.A. Diddle Arena. The game will stream on Stadium on Facebook.

The Hilltoppers are in second place in C-USA and coming off a 73-67 comeback victory at UAB on Thursday night.

Southern Miss had won six in a row before an overtime loss to UAB on Feb. 23. WKU leads the all-time series 9-1, including a 66-63 win in Hattiesburg in January. WKU head coach Rick Stansbury is 4-0 all-time in his career against Southern Miss.

GAME 30

Southern Miss (17-10, 9-6 C-USA) at WKU (17-12, 10-6 C-USA)

March 3, 2019 | 2 p.m. CT

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

BROADCAST

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

Watch: [Stadium on Facebook](#) (Chris Hassel, pxp | Tim Scarborough, analysis | Kristen Balboni, sideline)

Live Stats: [WKU Stats](#)

QUICK SHOTS

- WKU became the fifth program in NCAA history to reach 1,000 straight games with a made 3-pointer at Rice on Feb. 7. The Hilltoppers' streak of 1,005 games dates back to March 15, 1987.
- WKU head coach Rick Stansbury returned Feb. 23 at Old Dominion after missing four games with a back injury that required surgery on Feb. 15. Assistant Marc Hsu served as interim coach.
- WKU is one of the youngest teams in the country, ranking 321st of 353 in experience, per Ken Pomeroy.
- WKU ranks 11th in the country in total blocks and 14th in blocked shots per game, and 19th in percentage of opponents' shots blocked, according to Ken Pomeroy. Its average of 5.0 blocks

per game would tie its highest on record. Charles Bassey ranks second in C-USA in blocks per game (2.3).

- Sophomore guard Taveion Hollingsworth needs just 84 points to reach 1,000.
- In the last eight games, redshirt senior guard Lamonte Bearden has 54 combined assists against just 13 turnovers. He leads C-USA in conference play with a 3.3-to-1 assist-to-turnover ratio.
- Sophomore guard Josh Anderson is 1 of 10 players in the country with at least 116 total rebounds, 48 steals and 20 blocks this season. He's the only player from Conference USA to reach those marks.
- WKU center Charles Bassey could become the only freshman in the country since 1992 to average 15 points, 10 rebounds and two blocks per game, while also shooting at least 60 percent from the field.
- As of Friday, Charles Bassey ranked second in the nation among freshmen in total rebounds (290), fourth in total blocks (68) and third in field-goal percentage (62.3 percent).
- As of Friday, Charles Bassey ranked in the top 30 nationally in double-doubles (16th), field-goal percentage (15th), blocks per game (18th), total blocks (16th), rebounds per game (19th), defensive rebounds per game (27th) and total rebounds (12th).
- Charles Bassey's 14 double-doubles this season are the most on record by a Hilltopper freshman. Bassey leads C-USA in double-doubles and ranks second in the nation among freshmen in double-doubles.

TICKETS

WKU Ticket Office: Single-game tickets for the Southern Miss game remain available in person at the WKU Ticket Office, by phone at 1-800-5-BIGRED or online at WKUTickets.com. Bonus Play games are part of season ticket packages. More info about the tickets needed from booklets for these games is available [here](#).

PROMOTIONS

- 15th piece of 16-piece 100th season commemorative poster (Lamonte Bearden/Johnny Britt) for first 3,000 fans

LAST GAME AGAINST SOUTHERN MISS: JANUARY 24, 2019

Charles Bassey pulled down 17 rebounds for the second straight game, and WKU held on late for a 66-63 victory at Southern Miss. Bassey finished with 14 points and 17 rebounds. Jared Savage added 14 points.

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / March 3, 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/EMlrTV6NPKI>

Video: Hilltoppers Taveion Hollingsworth and Jared Savage — <https://youtu.be/jUzzN2f3rfY>

TOPS' HOT OUTSIDE SHOOTING SPARKS 76-71 WIN OVER SOUTHERN MISS

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — WKU Hilltopper Basketball made 11 3-pointers on Sunday, including 8 of 12 in the second half, to secure a 76-71 home victory over Southern Miss at E.A. Diddle Arena.

The Hilltoppers (18-12 overall, 11-6 Conference USA) made their most 3-pointers since knocking down 12 at Charlotte on Jan. 3. They shot 48.1 percent from the field overall and 52 percent after the break.

WKU clinched a first-round bye in the Conference USA Tournament with the win.

“There’s not many nights we’ve walked in here and made 11 3s, is there?” WKU head coach Rick Stansbury said. “It’s been 16 games since we walked in here and shot the ball the way we shot the ball. If you’re going to ask me one thing that was different: we shot the basketball.”

Sophomore guard Taveion Hollingsworth had a game-high 21 points with five rebounds and three made 3s. He scored 13 points in the second half, giving him 43 total points in the second half of the last three games.

Sophomore guard Josh Anderson scored 17 points, while redshirt senior guard Lamonte Bearden chipped in 13 points – including a career-high four 3s – and four assists.

Redshirt junior guard Jared Savage scored nine points on three second-half 3s – one of them the biggest shot of the game.

With the Hilltoppers up 72-71 in the final seconds, Savage knocked down a corner 3 as the shot clock trickled down to give WKU some separation.

Anderson came up with a steal on the next possession, and sophomore forward Marek Nelson added one free throw to seal the deal.

“We’re going to take all the wins we can get,” Hollingsworth said. “For us to be winning down the stretch, all the way to the end of the season is going to be really important. I feel like how everybody’s playing right now is just going to get better when the tournament starts.”

Southern Miss (17-11, 9-7) led 39-37 at the break and proved difficult to guard all day long. The Golden Eagles shot 51.9 percent from the floor and hit nine 3s.

USM still led 47-45 with 15:20 remaining when WKU went on a pivotal 13-3 run.

Savage and Hollingsworth hit back-to-back 3-pointers, and Hollingsworth later hit two straight mid-range jumpers to push their lead to 58-50 at the 12:25 mark.

“Taveion’s been killing it lately and that’s what we need from him down the stretch,” Savage said. “So to go do what we’re trying to do, we need Taveion to be playing like this and he’s coming on at the right time.”

Southern Miss came back to tie the game with a 9-0 run, but WKU had more big shots left in the tank.

Hollingsworth hit a 3 as the shot clock expired to give the Tops a 71-65 advantage with 2:58 to go, and Bearden found Savage for the final long-range make with 14 seconds remaining.

Freshman center Charles Bassey added nine points, seven rebounds and four blocks to WKU’s cause.

Tyree Griffin paced Southern Miss with 21 points, nine assists and three steals.

The Hilltoppers host their regular-season finale against UTSA at 6:30 p.m. CT Wednesday at E.A. Diddle Arena. The game will be Senior Night to recognize Bearden, and it will air on beIN SPORTS.

“Put out an assist to that crowd,” Stansbury said. “We had an unbelievable crowd today in what I thought, to be honest with you, Sunday, 2 o’clock game, spring break, pod system, bad weather – didn’t know what to expect. For us to come out and have the crowd we had, hey, give that crowd an assist. We probably couldn’t have won without them. We need them back in here Wednesday, Senior Night, we have one senior, we need this thing like it was today or more.”

Official Basketball Box Score -- Game Totals -- Final Statistics
 Southern Miss vs WKU
 03/03/19 2 p.m. CT at E.A. Diddle Arena (Bowling Green, Ky.)

Southern Miss 71 • 17-11, 9-7

##	Player	f	Total		3-Ptr	Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot							
12	ROWE, Tim	f	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	2	0	1	1	0	1	14
32	HARPER-BAKER, Leonar	f	1-3	0-0	2-2	0	4	4	4	4	0	3	2	1	31
01	EDWARDS, Cortez	g	1-5	0-1	2-4	2	2	4	3	4	1	1	2	1	36
20	HOLLAND, Kevin	g	2-3	2-3	0-0	1	1	2	1	6	1	0	0	1	23
55	GRIFFIN, Tyree	g	9-12	1-3	2-2	0	1	1	1	21	9	2	0	3	35
00	MAGEE, Dominic		5-7	2-2	0-0	1	7	8	4	12	2	4	0	2	23
03	WATSON, Gabe		2-4	2-2	2-2	0	1	1	1	8	0	0	0	0	12
11	DRAINE, LaDavius		7-15	2-7	0-1	1	1	2	1	16	1	0	0	1	24
13	JACDONMI, Boban		0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	2
Team						2	0	2							
Totals			27-52	9-18	8-11	7	20	27	18	71	15	12	4	10	200

FG % 1st Half: 15-28 53.6% 2nd half: 12-24 50.0% Game: 27-52 51.9% Deadball Rebounds 2
 3FG % 1st Half: 6-10 60.0% 2nd half: 3-8 37.5% Game: 9-18 50.0%
 FT % 1st Half: 3-5 60.0% 2nd half: 5-6 83.3% Game: 8-11 72.7%

WKU 76 • 18-12, 11-6

##	Player	c	Total		3-Ptr	Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot							
23	BASSEY, Charles	c	3-4	0-0	3-4	3	4	7	1	9	0	1	4	1	31
01	BEARDEN, Lamonte	g	4-10	4-5	1-2	1	0	1	3	13	4	2	0	2	33
02	SAVAGE, Jared	g	3-8	3-7	0-0	0	3	3	1	9	0	1	1	0	31
04	ANDERSON, Josh	g	5-11	1-3	6-7	2	2	4	2	17	2	3	1	2	38
11	HOLLINGSWORTH, T.	g	8-17	3-7	2-3	0	5	5	2	21	1	5	0	2	38
00	SMITH, Tolu		2-2	0-0	0-0	1	2	3	0	4	0	0	0	0	7
12	DIAGNE, Moustapha		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
14	NELSON, Marek		0-0	0-0	1-2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
20	BANTON, Dalano		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
21	OHMER, Jake		1-2	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	0	0	10
Team						5	3	8							
Totals			26-54	11-23	13-18	12	19	31	11	76	8	13	6	7	200

FG % 1st Half: 13-29 44.8% 2nd half: 13-25 52.0% Game: 26-54 48.1% Deadball Rebounds 1
 3FG % 1st Half: 3-11 27.3% 2nd half: 8-12 66.7% Game: 11-23 47.8%
 FT % 1st Half: 8-10 80.0% 2nd half: 5-8 62.5% Game: 13-18 72.2%

Officials: Tom Eades, Gary Maxwell, Craig Murley
 Technical fouls: Southern Miss-None. WKU-None.
 Attendance: 5408

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
Southern Miss	39	32	71
WKU	37	39	76

Points	In Paint	Off T/O	2nd Chance	Fast Break	Bench
USM	26	13	10	8	36
WKU	24	12	13	4	7

Last FG - USM 2nd-00:40, WKU 2nd-00:14.
 Largest lead - USM by 5 1st-02:18, WKU by 9 2nd-09:58.
 USM led for 10:30. WKU led for 24:32. Game was tied for 04:54.

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

WESTERN KENTUCKY HILLTOPPERS

WKU Hilltoppers vs. Southern Miss Golden Eagles

Postgame Notes

March 3, 2019

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

FINAL SCORE: WKU 76, Southern Miss 71

RECORDS AND NOTABLES

- WKU improves to 18-12 overall and 11-6 in Conference USA play.
- Southern Miss falls to 17-11 overall and 9-7 in C-USA action.
- WKU leads the all-time series 10-1 and has won the last seven.
- WKU head coach Rick Stansbury is 5-0 in his career against the Golden Eagles.
- Announced attendance was 5,408.
- **UP NEXT:** WKU will play its final regular season game and celebrate Senior Night on Wednesday against UTSA. The game will tip at 6:30 p.m. CT and be broadcast on beIN SPORTS.

TEAM NOTES

- WKU used the starting lineup of Lamonte Bearden, Taveion Hollingsworth, Jared Savage, Josh Anderson and Charles Bassegy for the ninth straight game. The group is now 7-2 when starting together.
- **KEY FIRST HALF RUN:** Southern Miss used a 12-5 run beginning at the 11:15 mark in the half to take a lead of 25-24 with seven minutes remaining.
- **KEY SECOND HALF RUN:** Six Hilltopper 3-pointers contributed to a 22-8 run that led WKU to earn a 61-52 lead with 10 minutes left in the game. Southern Miss scored nine unanswered points to tie it up, but never took the lead.
 - Taveion Hollingsworth scored 10 of WKU's 22 points during its run.
- WKU shot 26 of 54 (48.1 percent) from the field, 11 of 23 (47.8 percent) from 3-point range and 13 of 18 (72.2 percent) from the free-throw line. WKU shot its highest percentage from long range since shooting 50 percent against Saint Mary's (CA) on Dec. 22.

- The Hilltoppers' 11 3-pointers were their most since draining 12 at Charlotte on Jan. 3. WKU went 8 for 12 from deep in the second half.
- WKU has made a 3-pointer in 1,006 straight games dating back to March 15, 1987. The Hilltoppers became just the fifth NCAA program to reach the 1,000 milestone, joining Kentucky, UNLV, Vanderbilt and Duke. WKU has the fourth-longest active streak.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

TAVEION HOLLINGSWORTH

- The sophomore led the Hilltoppers with 21 points and added five rebounds and two steals.
 - Hollingsworth now needs just 63 points to reach 1,000 for his career.
 - Hollingsworth has scored in double figures in 49 of 68 career games.
 - In the second half of the last three games, Hollingsworth has scored a total of 43 points.

JOSH ANDERSON

- The sophomore recorded 17 points with two assists, two steals and a block.
 - Anderson has scored at least 13 points in 15 of the last 20 games after doing so in just one of the first 10 games this season.

CHARLES BASSEY

- The freshman scored all nine of his points in the first half and pulled down seven boards.
 - Bassey is fifth in WKU history for most blocks in a single season with 72.
 - Bassey is third on WKU's points in a freshman season list with 443, passing Ralph Crosthwaite. He's only 19 points away from passing Courtney Lee for second.

JARED SAVAGE

- The redshirt junior made three 3-pointers all in the second half, including one with 14 seconds left to extend the Hilltoppers' advantage to 75-71.

LAMONTE BEARDEN

- The redshirt senior netted a career-high four 3-pointers and scored 13 points, shooting 4 of 5 from the field. Bearden also notched four assists and two steals.

MAREK NELSON

- The sophomore, who has been out with a back injury, played for the first time since Jan. 17 against FIU and scored a point for the first time since Dec. 22 when WKU defeated Saint Mary's (CA).

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Headshot and action photo of Charles Bassey are attached. Please credit WKU Athletics if used.

BASSEY WINS NINTH C-USA FRESHMAN OF THE WEEK AWARD

DALLAS, Texas — WKU center Charles Bassey averaged a double-double over two Pod 1 victories last week, securing his ninth Conference USA Men's Basketball Freshman of the Week award Monday.

The 6-foot-11, 245-pound native of Lagos, Nigeria, is now one weekly freshman honor away from tying the C-USA record of 10 set by Rice's Marcus Evans in 2015-16.

Bassey averaged 13.5 points, 10 rebounds and 2.5 blocks last week as WKU earned a road victory at UAB and a home win over Southern Miss in the top tier of C-USA Bonus Play.

He notched his league-leading 14th double-double in a 73-67 win against the Blazers on Thursday with 18 points and 13 rebounds.

He then tallied nine points, seven rebounds and four blocks in 31 minutes in Sunday's 76-71 triumph over Southern Miss.

Bassey shot 52.9 percent from the field during the week and made 9 of 10 free throws. He also grabbed two steals and six offensive rebounds.

The Hilltoppers conclude the regular season against UTSA at 6:30 p.m. CT Wednesday at E.A. Diddle Arena.

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WKU Game Notes — <https://goto.ps/2H0Nzlp>

UTSA Game Notes — <https://goto.ps/2UI3yOo>

Video: WKU head coach Rick Stansbury previews UTSA — <https://youtu.be/aRvnXcrCTil>

Video: Senior Lamonte Bearden and freshman Charles Basse preview UTSA
— <https://youtu.be/cMuuTxDN2IE>

TOPS LOOKING TO CLINCH NO. 2 SEED VS. UTSA ON BEARDEN'S SENIOR NIGHT

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — WKU Hilltopper Basketball plays its regular season finale against UTSA at 6:30 p.m. CT Wednesday at E.A. Diddle Arena. The game will air on beIN SPORTS and will be Senior Night for guard Lamonte Bearden.

The Hilltoppers have clinched a first-round bye in the Conference USA Tournament and could secure the No. 2 seed with a win Wednesday. WKU is coming off a 76-71 home win over Southern Miss on Sunday.

UTSA beat UAB on Sunday to snap a three-game slide. WKU leads the all-time series over the Roadrunners 4-2, including a 96-88 overtime win on Jan. 31 in Diddle. Head coach Rick Stansbury is 2-2 all-time vs. UTSA.

GAME 31

UTSA (16-13, 10-6 C-USA) at WKU (18-12, 11-6 C-USA)

March 6, 2019 | 6:30 p.m. CT

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

BROADCAST

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

Watch: beIN SPORTS (Phil Schoen, pxp | Megan Perry, analysis)

Live Stats: [WKU Stats](#)

QUICK SHOTS

- If WKU can earn the No. 2 seed in the Conference USA Tournament, it would be its highest finish in five years in C-USA, as well as its highest finish overall since claiming the No. 2 seed in the Sun Belt in 2014.
- WKU became the fifth program in NCAA history to reach 1,000 straight games with a made 3-pointer at Rice on Feb. 7. The Hilltoppers' streak of 1,006 games dates back to March 15, 1987.

- WKU ranks 11th in the country in total blocks and 12th in blocked shots per game, and 17th in percentage of opponents' shots blocked, according to Ken Pomeroy. Its average of 5.1 blocks per game would be its highest on record. Charles Bassey ranks second in C-USA in blocks per game (2.4).
- Sophomore guard Taveion Hollingsworth needs just 63 points to reach 1,000. | More info pg. 8.
- In the last nine games, redshirt senior guard Lamonte Bearden has 58 combined assists against just 15 turnovers. He leads C-USA in conference play with a 3.2-to-1 assist-to-turnover ratio.
- Sophomore guard Josh Anderson is 1 of 10 players in the country with at least 120 total rebounds, 50 steals and 21 blocks this season. He's the only player from Conference USA to reach those marks.
- WKU freshman center Charles Bassey could become 1 of 3 freshmen in the country since 1992 – along with Greg Oden and current NBA star Anthony Davis – to average 14 points, nine rebounds and two blocks per game, while also shooting at least 60 percent from the field.
- As of Tuesday, Charles Bassey ranked second in the nation among freshmen in total rebounds (297), tied for second in total blocks (72) and third in field-goal percentage (62.5 percent).
- As of Tuesday, Charles Bassey ranked in the top 30 nationally in double-doubles (20th), field-goal percentage (13th), blocks per game (14th), total blocks (9th), rebounds per game (19th), defensive rebounds per game (29th) and total rebounds (16th).
- Charles Bassey's 14 double-doubles this season are the most on record by a Hilltopper freshman. Bassey leads C-USA in double-doubles and ranks second in the nation among freshmen in double-doubles.

TICKETS

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

PROMOTIONS

- Senior Night honoring guard Lamonte Bearden (pregame at approximately 6:10 p.m. CT)
- 16th piece of 16-piece 100th season commemorative poster (Big Red/Chris Marcus) for first 3,000 fans

LAST GAME AGAINST UTSA: JANUARY 31, 2019

WKU forced overtime against UTSA, survived the highest-scoring effort from an opposing player ever at E.A. Diddle Arena, then stormed to victory in overtime for a 96-88 win. UTSA's Jhivvan Jackson scored 46 points.

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Box score and postgame notes are attached.

Video: WKU head coach Rick Stansbury — <https://youtu.be/yxZf6nL2h2c>

Video: Hilltoppers Marek Nelson and Lamonte Bearden — <https://youtu.be/-TayHaMxxu0>

TOPS DROP REGULAR-SEASON FINALE TO UTSA IN OT, 81-76

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — WKU Hilltopper Basketball went to overtime once again with UTSA in Diddle Arena on Wednesday night, but it was the Roadrunners who made big plays in the extra period to hand the Hilltoppers an 81-76 defeat in the regular-season finale.

The Hilltoppers (18-13 overall, 11-7 Conference USA) forced OT with a late free throw by redshirt senior Lamonte Bearden, but UTSA's Jhivvan Jackson scored 24 of 29 points after halftime, including nine in overtime, to pull it out.

"We've been in about six of them that's a one-possession game that comes right to my mind," WKU head coach Rick Stansbury said. "Six of them, all one-possession games. There are some close ones that we've won. ... Tonight, give them credit. I didn't think we were as efficient as we have been in the last five or six games, especially late in that game offensively. ... That's number one, number two: I thought they beat us to every 50-50 ball. That's what winning and losing is, that's what a fine line it is, just go get that ball."

WKU will wait for league play to conclude Saturday before it learns its seed, first opponent and game time in next week's C-USA Tournament.

The Tops will play their first game in the conference tournament on Thursday, March 14 in the quarterfinals. If Southern Miss beats UTSA on Saturday, the Hilltoppers will be the No. 2 seed. If UTSA beats Southern Miss, WKU will be the No. 3 seed.

"We'll be locked in," sophomore forward Marek Nelson said. "Our young guys don't really know it yet, but when it comes tournament time, this is a real 40-minute game. You've got to take every minute as serious like it's the last one. We're going to work on that during practice, make sure our bodies are right going down to Texas. We're excited because we know at the end of the day, someone's got to beat us on a win-or-go-home situation. We've got confidence that we'll be able to do what we've got to do to bring it home."

This was the first time WKU has played two overtime games against the same team in the same season since playing two OT games against East Tennessee State in 1977-78.

The Hilltoppers won the first overtime meeting on Jan. 31 in Diddle Arena, a 96-88 victory. Jackson poured in 46 points in that defeat – the most ever by an opponent in Diddle.

With WKU up two and less than a minute left in regulation Wednesday, Jackson stepped up and knocked down a deep 3 to put UTSA up 68-67 with 20 seconds left.

Bearden sank a free throw to tie it and came up with a steal to force extra time.

Freshman center Charles Bassey gave WKU the lead in overtime with a putback, but UTSA (17-13, 11-6) answered with a basket and the Hilltoppers never led again.

The teams went to halftime tied at 36-36 in a game that featured nine ties and 12 lead changes.

Bassey led WKU with 21 points, 11 rebounds and two blocks for his 15th double-double. Bearden had 17 points, eight assists and three steals on his Senior Night.

“We had a great crowd tonight, everybody in the crowd was in it,” Bearden said. “I think our team played pretty hard for the most part so you can’t be mad at them for that. It was a good senior night, even though we lost, and I appreciate everybody for that.”

Redshirt junior guard/forward Jared Savage added 14 points. Sophomores Taveion Hollingsworth and Marek Nelson tallied 10 and eight points, respectively.

WKU made just 3 of 9 shots in overtime and missed all four 3s, while UTSA made 3 of 4 shots and 6 of 8 free throws in OT.

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

UTSA vs WKU

03/06/19 6:30 p.m. CT at E.A. Diddle Arena (Bowling Green, Ky.)

UTSA 81 • 17-13, 11-6

##	Player	f/g	Total		3-Ptr		Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FT-FTA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot							
23	BIOR, Atem	f	2-5	0-0	0-0	2	3	5	5	4	1	6	0	1	21	
02	JACKSON, Jhivvan	g	8-22	9-10	4-10	1	7	8	3	29	2	3	0	1	37	
03	FROHNEN, Byron	g	3-5	1-5	0-0	2	5	7	1	7	3	0	0	0	41	
05	DE NICOLAO, Giovanni	g	7-10	0-0	3-4	1	3	4	3	17	4	4	0	2	37	
22	WALLACE, Keaton	g	3-10	4-5	3-9	0	1	1	4	13	4	7	0	0	39	
11	IYAYE, Adokiye		3-4	0-0	3-4	0	1	1	0	9	1	1	0	0	22	
15	RODRIGUEZ, Adrian		1-1	0-0	0-0	1	5	6	4	2	0	0	0	0	28	
Team						3	2	5								
Totals			27-57	14-20	13-27	10	27	37	20	81	15	21	0	4	225	

FG % 1st Half: 12-26 46.2% 2nd half: 12-27 44.4% OT: 3-4 75.0% Game: 27-57 47.4% Deadball
 3FG % 1st Half: 6-12 50.0% 2nd half: 6-13 46.2% OT: 1-2 50.0% Game: 13-27 48.1% Rebounds
 FT % 1st Half: 6-10 60.0% 2nd half: 2-2 100.0 OT: 6-8 75.0% Game: 14-20 70.0% 4

WKU 76 • 18-13, 11-7

##	Player	f/c/g	Total		3-Ptr		Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FT-FTA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot							
14	NELSON, Marek	f	2-5	2-2	2-4	2	2	4	2	8	1	3	1	1	19	
23	BASSEY, Charles	c	7-9	7-8	0-0	2	9	11	1	21	0	2	2	1	38	
01	BEARDEN, Lamonte	g	6-13	4-6	1-4	1	0	1	1	17	8	2	0	3	39	
02	SAVAGE, Jared	g	4-9	2-2	4-7	0	6	6	3	14	1	0	0	1	41	
11	HOLLINGSWORTH, T.	g	4-14	2-3	0-5	2	2	4	2	10	2	2	0	1	42	
00	SMITH, Tolu		1-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	2	2	1	1	0	0	8	
04	ANDERSON, Josh		1-5	2-2	0-1	0	0	0	5	4	1	2	0	2	27	
12	DIAGNE, Moustapha		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	
21	OHMER, Jake		0-3	0-0	0-2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	
Team						0	1	1	1							
Totals			25-59	19-23	7-23	7	22	29	17	76	14	12	3	9	225	

FG % 1st Half: 12-29 41.4% 2nd half: 10-21 47.6% OT: 3-9 33.3% Game: 25-59 42.4% Deadball
 3FG % 1st Half: 4-11 36.4% 2nd half: 3-8 37.5% OT: 0-4 0.0% Game: 7-23 30.4% Rebounds
 FT % 1st Half: 8-11 72.7% 2nd half: 9-10 90.0% OT: 2-2 100.0 Game: 19-23 82.6% 4

Officials: Tim Gattis, Kipp Kissinger, Bill Jacobson

Technical fouls: UTSA-WALLACE, Keaton. WKU-ANDERSON, Josh; TEAM.

Attendance: 5411

Score by periods	1st	2nd	OT	Total
UTSA	36	32	13	81
WKU	36	32	8	76

Points	In Paint	Off T/O	2nd Chance	Fast Break	Bench
UTSA	18	21	19	3	11
WKU	30	22	10	6	6

Last FG - UTSA OT-01:08, WKU OT-00:02.

Largest lead - UTSA by 8 1st-08:43, WKU by 3 1st-13:33.

UTSA led for 33:05. WKU led for 04:11. Game was tied for 07:44.

Score tied - 9 times.

Lead changed - 12 times.

WESTERN KENTUCKY HILLTOPPERS

WKU Hilltoppers vs. UTSA Roadrunners

Postgame Notes

March 6, 2019

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

FINAL SCORE: UTSA 81, WKU 76 (OT)

RECORDS AND NOTABLES

- WKU falls to 18-13 overall and 11-7 in Conference USA play.
- UTSA improves to 17-13 overall and 11-6 in C-USA action.
- WKU leads the all-time series 4-3.
- WKU head coach Rick Stansbury is 2-3 in his career against the Roadrunners.
- Under Stansbury, the Hilltoppers are now 3-1 in overtime.
- Announced attendance was 5,411. The season average was recorded at 5,809, the largest average attendance in Diddle Arena since the venue was renovated in 2002.
- **UP NEXT:** WKU will play its first game in the C-USA Tournament on Thursday, March 14 in the quarterfinals in Frisco, Texas. If Southern Miss beats UTSA this Saturday, WKU will remain the No. 2 seed. If UTSA beats Southern Miss, WKU will drop to the No. 3 seed.

TEAM NOTES

- WKU used the starting lineup of Lamonte Bearden, Taveion Hollingsworth, Jared Savage, Marek Nelson and Charles Bassey for the first time since Dec. 19 at Belmont. The group is now 0-3 when starting together.
- **KEY FIRST HALF RUN:** UTSA used a 12-2 run with 13 minutes remaining in the half to pull ahead and take a 23-16 lead. The Hilltoppers got back in the game with a 7-1 run shortly after, and tied it up with just under three minutes until the break.
- **KEY SECOND HALF RUN:** A 3-pointer from Jared Savage and go-ahead dunk from Charles Bassey gave WKU a 60-59 lead. UTSA sank three 3s in the final four minutes of regulation to push it to overtime.

- **KEY OVERTIME RUN:** The Roadrunners jumped ahead with an 8-2 run beginning at the 4:11 mark in overtime. UTSA shot 75 percent from the field in overtime.
- WKU shot 25 of 59 (42.4 percent) from the field, 7 of 23 (30.4 percent) from 3-point range and 19 of 23 (82.6 percent) from the free-throw line.
- The three overtime games played in 2018-19 is the most in a season since 2015-16 when the team played five.
- This was the first time WKU has played two overtime games against the same team in the same season since playing two OT games against East Tennessee State in 1977-78.
- WKU scored 22 points off 21 Roadrunner miscues and outscored UTSA in the paint 30-18.
- WKU has made a 3-pointer in 1,007 straight games dating back to March 15, 1987. The Hilltoppers became just the fifth NCAA program to reach the 1,000 milestone, joining Kentucky, UNLV, Vanderbilt and Duke. WKU is tied for the fourth-longest streak.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

CHARLES BASSEY

- The freshman recorded his 15th double-double of the season with a team-high 21 points, 11 rebounds and two blocks.
 - Bassey is fifth in WKU history for most blocks in a single season with 74.
 - Bassey is second on WKU's points in a freshman season list with 463, passing Courtney Lee. Lee's record of 461 points stood for 12 seasons and has now been passed twice in the last two.
 - Bassey is tied for eighth in WKU history for most double-doubles in a single season since 1960 with 15. He is tied with Mike Odemns and Nigel Dixon.

LAMONTE BEARDEN

- The redshirt senior nearly missed a double-double with 17 points and eight assists on his Senior Night, along with three steals.

TAVEION HOLLINGSWORTH

- The sophomore scored 10 points while adding four rebounds and two assists.
 - Hollingsworth now needs just 53 points to reach 1,000 for his career.
 - Hollingsworth has scored in double figures in 50 of 69 career games.

JARED SAVAGE

- The redshirt junior scored 11 of his 14 points in the second half, shooting 4 of 7 from long range. He also pulled down six defensive boards.

MAREK NELSON

- The sophomore scored eight points in 19 minutes, including two 3s in the first six minutes of the game. He also tied his season high for rebounds with four boards.
 - Nelson's eight points were the most he scored since his season-opening, 10-point performance at Washington.

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BASSEY NAMED 1 OF 5 FINALISTS FOR KAREEM ABDUL-JABBAR AWARD

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. — WKU Hilltopper Basketball freshman center Charles Bassey has been named 1 of 5 finalists for the 2019 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 fifth year recognizes the top centers in men's college basketball. A national committee comprising top college basketball personnel determined the watch list of 21 candidates in October and narrowed that list to 10 in February before trimming to five this week.

"I'm proud to be a finalist for an award named after one of the best to ever play this game," Bassey said. "It's an honor to represent my school in this way, and I couldn't have grown as a player over this season without my teammates and coaches."

This month, the five finalists will be presented to Mr. Abdul-Jabbar and the Hall of Fame's selection committee. The winner of the 2019 Kareem Abdul-Jabbar Center of the Year Award will be determined by a combination of fan votes and input from the Basketball Hall of Fame's selection committee. Fans are encouraged to visit www.HoophallAwards.com to cast their votes March 8-29.

The other finalists are Wisconsin's Ethan Happ, Maryland's Bruno Fernando, Georgetown's Jesse Govan and William & Mary's Nathan Knight. Bassey is the only freshman finalist.

Bassey — a 6-foot-11, 245-pound native of Lagos, Nigeria — is averaging 15 points, 9.9 rebounds, and 2.4 blocks for the Hilltoppers while shooting 62.9 percent from the field.

He leads Conference USA in double-doubles (15) and ranks 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.

Bassey is the only player in the nation this season with 308 rebounds, 74 blocks and 27 steals.

He could become just the second freshmen since 1992 — along with Greg Oden — to average at least 14 points, nine rebounds and two blocks while shooting at least 60 percent overall.

The center has been named C-USA Freshman of the Week nine times and has more blocks by himself this season than 69 Division I teams.

He's also played his best basketball against top competition, averaging 17.8 points, 10.4 rebounds, 2.6 blocks and 1.4 steals in five games against Wisconsin's Happ, Arkansas' Daniel Gafford, UCF's Tacko Fall, West Virginia's Sagaba Konate and Washington's Noah Dickerson.

Bassey tallied 19 points on 7-of-8 shooting along with six rebounds and four blocks against fellow finalist Happ in WKU's 83-76 win over Wisconsin in December. Happ finished 9 of 23 from the field.

Bassey has done all of this after just turning 18 years old on Oct. 28 and while maintaining a 4.0 grade-point average.

The winner of the 2019 Kareem Abdul-Jabbar Award will be presented at The College Basketball Awards presented by Wendy's in Los Angeles, Calif., on Friday, April 12, along with the other four members of the Naismith Starting 5.

"The Naismith Starting 5 is an opportunity for the Hall of Fame to annually celebrate the best in the college game," Abdul-Jabbar said. "We've had some really remarkable winners over the past four seasons and I look forward to meeting this year's winner in Los Angeles."

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

"Kareem Abdul-Jabbar built a legacy at UCLA with unparalleled accolades as an individual and as part of a championship winning team," said John L. Doleva, President and CEO of the Basketball Hall of Fame. "To be acknowledged as a finalist for the award that bears his name is a remarkable honor and I hope these student-athletes feel a great sense of pride."

For more information and the latest updates on the 2019 Kareem Abdul-Jabbar Award, log onto www.hoophallawards.com and follow @hoophall and #KareemAward on Twitter and Instagram.

2019 Kareem Abdul-Jabbar Center of the Year Award Finalists

Jessie Govan, Georgetown

Bruno Fernando, Maryland

Charles Bassey, WKU

Nathan Knight, William & Mary

Ethan Happ, Wisconsin



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2018-19 Conference USA Championship bracket is attached.

TOPS EARN NO. 2 SEED, WILL FACE FIU OR NORTH TEXAS IN C-USA QUARTERFINALS

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — WKU Hilltopper Basketball will be the No. 2 seed in next week's 2019 Conference USA Basketball Championship, and will open play against either seventh-seeded FIU or 10th-seeded North Texas at 8:30 p.m. CT Thursday in Frisco, Texas.

The Hilltoppers' quarterfinal matchup on Court A will air on Stadium and locally in Bowling Green on WKU-PBS. The tournament takes place at Ford Center at The Star, the training facility of the NFL's Dallas Cowboys.

WKU's No. 2 seed is its highest finish in its five years in C-USA, as well as its highest finish overall since earning the No. 2 seed in the 2014 Sun Belt Conference Tournament.

The Hilltoppers (18-13, 11-7 C-USA) won 10 of their last 14 games in league play after a 1-3 start that included three losses by five total points in games WKU led by at least 15 points apiece.

The winner of WKU's quarterfinal matchup will advance to the semifinals at 3 p.m. Friday in a contest broadcast nationally by CBS Sports Network. The championship will take place at 7:30 p.m. March 16 and also air on CBS Sports Network.

WKU took a 77-76 home loss to FIU in the teams' only matchup this year on Jan. 17. The Hilltoppers won 62-59 at North Texas on Feb. 9.

WKU has advanced to at least the semifinals of its league tournament in 12 of the last 14 seasons. The program is 23-7 with four championships in the last 11 conference tournaments overall.

The Hilltoppers reached the C-USA championship game for the first time last season as the No. 3 seed, falling 67-66 to Marshall before a run to the NIT Final Four.

All-session booklets for this year's conference tournament are on sale now through the WKU Ticket Office and at WKUTickets.com. Limited premium GA booklets are available. Purchases made through the WKU Ticket Office directly support WKU Athletics.

All-session booklets cover all games for both WKU Hilltopper and Lady Topper Basketball games as well as all other tournament games.



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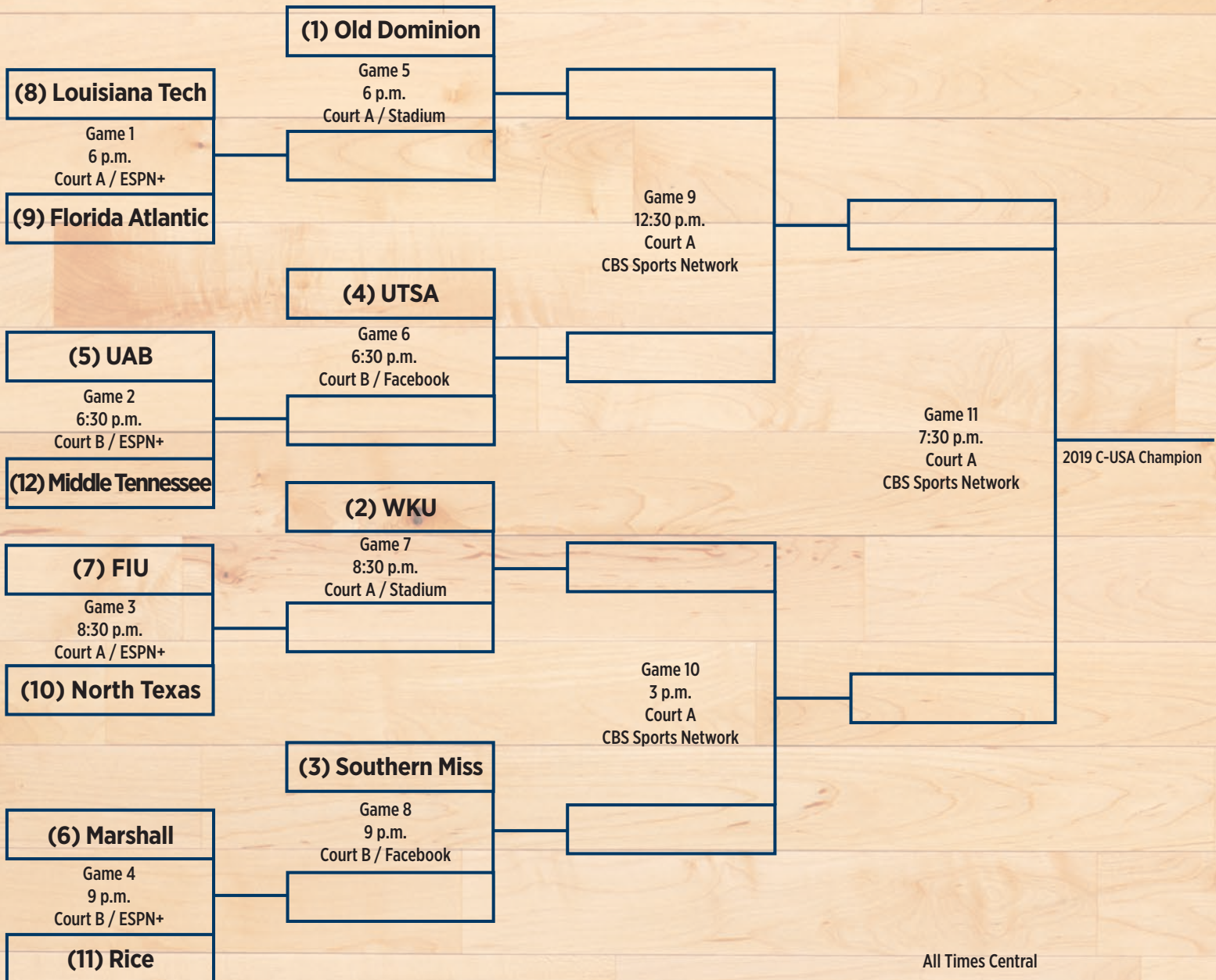
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Men's Basketball / Contact: Zach Greenwell, WKU Athletic Communications/Media Relations

Headshot and action photo of Charles Bassey are attached. Please credit WKU Athletics if used.

BASSEY TIES C-USA RECORD WITH 10TH FRESHMAN OF THE WEEK AWARD

DALLAS, Texas — WKU center Charles Bassey tied the Conference USA record Sunday by winning his 10th C-USA Men's Basketball Freshman of the Week award.

Bassey's 10 weekly freshman honors this season ties the record previously set by Rice's Marcus Evans in 2015-16.

The 6-foot-11, 245-pound native of Lagos, Nigeria, recorded his C-USA-leading 15th double-double of the season in WKU's lone game last week, an 81-76 overtime loss to UTSA.

Bassey finished with a team-high 21 points, 11 rebounds and two blocks, netting 7 of 9 (77.8 percent) shots from the field and 7 of 8 (87.5 percent) free throws. He also grabbed one steal and was one minute shy of his career high with 38.

Bassey passed NBA veteran Courtney Lee for the second-most points ever by a WKU freshman with 464 in the outing. He was also named last week 1 of 5 national finalists, including the only freshman, for the Kareem Abdul-Jabbar Center of the Year Award.

The Hilltoppers will be the No. 2 seed in this week's Conference USA Championship and will face either No. 7 FIU or No. 10 North Texas in the quarterfinals at 8:30 p.m. CT Thursday in Frisco, Texas.



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

Headshots of Charles Bassey and Taveion Hollingsworth are attached.

BASSEY, HOLLINGSWORTH EARN ALL-CONFERENCE USA HONORS

DALLAS, Texas — WKU center Charles Bassey was named to the 2018-19 All-Conference USA First Team, All-Defensive Team and All-Freshman Team on Monday, while Taveion Hollingsworth was selected to the All-C-USA Third Team, as announced by the league office.

This is the second straight year that WKU has featured multiple all-conference picks (Justin Johnson and Darius Thompson in 2017-18) and the second consecutive year with a first-team choice (Johnson).

Bassey – a 6-foot-11, 245-pound native of Lagos, Nigeria – is the first WKU freshman to make an all-conference first team since Ralph Crosthwaite on the All-Ohio Valley Conference Team in 1954-55.

He's the first WKU freshman to be an all-conference selection at all since Derrick Gordon (Sun Belt Conference, third team) in 2011-12.

Bassey is the ninth freshman in C-USA history to be named to the all-league first team, and the first since Rice's Marcus Evans in 2016. Others on that list include Tyreke Evans, Derrick Rose and Dajuan Wagner.

Bassey is averaging 15 points, 9.9 rebounds, and 2.4 blocks for the Hilltoppers while shooting 62.9 percent from the field.

He's the first WKU player selected to the C-USA All-Defensive Team since the program joined the league in 2014-15, and he's the second to make the C-USA All-Freshman Team, along with Hollingsworth last season.

Bassey leads Conference USA in double-doubles (15) and ranks 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.

The 18-year-old – one of the top-10 youngest players in the country – is the only player in the nation this season with 308 rebounds, 74 blocks and 27 steals.

He could become just the second freshmen since 1992 – along with Greg Oden – to average at least 15 points, nine rebounds and two blocks while shooting at least 60 percent overall.

Since 1992, the only other freshmen to finish a season with Bassey's number of points (464), rebounds (308), blocks (74) and steals (27) are Duke's Wendell Carter Jr. (2017-18), Kentucky's Anthony Davis (2011-12) and Maryland's Joe Smith (1993-94).

The center has been named C-USA Freshman of the Week 10 times, tying the league record, and has more blocks by himself this season than 57 Division I teams.

He's also played his best basketball against top competition, averaging 17.8 points, 10.4 rebounds, 2.6 blocks and 1.4 steals in five games against Wisconsin's Happ, Arkansas' Daniel Gafford, UCF's Tacko Fall, West Virginia's Sagaba Konate and Washington's Noah Dickerson.

Hollingsworth's third-team honor comes after his selection to the All-Conference USA Preseason Team in the fall.

The 6-2 sophomore guard from Lexington, Ky., has followed up a record-breaking freshman campaign by averaging 14.2 points, 4.5 rebounds, 2.4 assists and 1.2 steals in his second year on The Hill.

He's made 45 3-pointers and is shooting 78 percent from the free-throw line.

Hollingsworth ranks third in C-USA at 36.9 minutes per contest and is the only Hilltopper in history with two spots in WKU's top 10 for most minutes played in a single season.

He's started all 69 games of his college career, scoring in double figures in 50 of them and reaching 20 points in 15 outings.

The second-seeded Hilltoppers (18-13) head this week to the Conference USA Basketball Championship in Frisco, Texas, where they'll face either FIU or North Texas in the quarterfinals at 8:30 p.m. CT Thursday.

C-USA will announce its specialty and individual awards later this week.

All-Conference USA First Team

Jon Elmore, Marshall
Ahmad Caver, Old Dominion
B.J. Stith, Old Dominion
Jhivvan Jackson, UTSA
Charles Bassey, WKU

All-Conference USA Second Team

Jon Davis, Charlotte
Brian Beard, Jr., FIU
Cortez Edwards, Southern Miss
Tyree Griffin, Southern Miss

Keaton Wallace, UTSA

All-Conference USA Third Team

Anthony Adger, Florida Atlantic

C.J. Burks, Marshall

Antonio Green, Middle Tennessee

Ryan Woolridge, North Texas

Zack Bryant, UAB

Taveion Hollingsworth, WKU

All-Freshman Team

Taevion Kinsey, Marshall

Umoja Gibson, North Texas

Chris Mullins, Rice

Efe Odigie, UTEP

Charles Bassey, WKU

All-Defensive Team

Brian Beard, Jr., FIU

Osasumwen Osaghae, FIU

Xavier Green, Old Dominion

Cortez Edwards, Southern Miss

Charles Bassey, WKU



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BASSEY WINS C-USA FRESHMAN, DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARDS

DALLAS, Texas — WKU center Charles Bassey is just the second player in Conference USA history to win both the league's Freshman of the Year and Defensive Player of the Year awards, the conference announced Tuesday.

Bassey joins Marshall's Hassan Whiteside in 2010 as the only other C-USA player to ever win both awards in the same season.

The two prestigious honors continue a big week for the 6-foot-11, 245-pound native of Lagos, Nigeria.

On Monday, he was named to the All-Conference USA First Team, All-Freshman Team and All-Defensive Team. On Friday, Bassey was named 1 of 5 national finalists – including the only freshman – for the Kareem Abdul-Jabbar Center of the Year Award.

Bassey is the first Hilltopper to win an individual conference award since Chris Harrison-Docks was named Sun Belt Conference Freshman of the Year in 2013-14. He's the first Hilltopper to be named a conference's Defensive Player of the Year since Mike Wells won it for the second straight year in the Sun Belt in 2003-04.

Bassey is averaging 15 points, 9.9 rebounds, and 2.4 blocks for the Hilltoppers while shooting 62.9 percent from the field.

He leads Conference USA in double-doubles (15) and ranks 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.

The 18-year-old – one of the top-10 youngest players in the country – is the only player in the nation this season with at least 308 rebounds, 74 blocks and 27 steals.

He could become just the second freshmen since 1992 – along with Greg Oden – to average at least 15 points, nine rebounds and two blocks while shooting at least 60 percent overall.

The center has been named C-USA Freshman of the Week 10 times, tying the league record, and has more blocks by himself this season than 57 Division I teams.

He's also played his best basketball against top competition, averaging 17.8 points, 10.4 rebounds, 2.6 blocks and 1.4 steals in five games against Wisconsin's Happ, Arkansas' Daniel Gafford, UCF's Tacko Fall, West Virginia's Sagaba Konate and Washington's Noah Dickerson.

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Middle Tennessee's Antonio Green was named C-USA Newcomer of the Year on Tuesday, while Southern Miss' LaDavius Draine and Florida Atlantic's Xavian Stapleton shared Sixth Player of the Year.

C-USA will announce its Player of the Year and Coach of the Year on Wednesday.

Conference USA Superlative Awards

Freshman of the Year – Charles Basse, WKU

Defensive Player of the Year – Charles Basse, WKU

Newcomer of the Year – Antonio Green, Middle Tennessee

Co-Sixth Players of the Year – LaDavius Draine, Southern Miss / Xavian Stapleton, Florida Atlantic



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

Video: WKU head coach Rick Stansbury previews C-USA quarterfinals — <https://youtu.be/fVhTFnxmQ0k>

Video: Hilltoppers Jared Savage, Taveion Hollingsworth, Charles Bassey preview C-USA quarterfinals — <https://youtu.be/j5q-U4srzLc>

NO. 2 SEED TOPS OPEN C-USA TOURNEY PLAY IN THURSDAY QUARTERFINALS

FRISCO, Texas — WKU Hilltopper Basketball enters this week's Conference USA Championship as the No. 2 seed and will face either No. 7 FIU or No. 10 North Texas in the quarterfinals at 8:30 p.m. CT Thursday in Frisco, Texas. The game will air on Stadium and on WKU-PBS locally in Bowling Green.

The Hilltoppers lost their only meeting with FIU this year, 77-76 at home on Jan. 17 on Brian Beard's layup just before the buzzer. WKU is 34-8 all-time against the Panthers.

WKU won 62-59 at North Texas on Feb. 9 to start a string of seven straight losses for the Mean Green. WKU is 21-5 all-time vs. North Texas, including nine straight victories.

GAME 32

Conference USA Tournament Quarterfinals

No. 7 FIU (19-12) or No. 10 North Texas (20-11) vs. No. 2 WKU (18-13)

March 14, 2019 | 8:30 p.m. CT

Ford Center at The Star | Frisco, Texas

BROADCAST

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

Watch: [Stadium](#); WKU-PBS in Bowling Green (Noah Coslov, ppx | Tim Doyle, analysis)

Live Stats: [Conference USA Stats](#)

QUICK SHOTS

- WKU's No. 2 seed in the Conference USA Tournament is its highest finish in five years in C-USA, as well as its highest finish overall since claiming the No. 2 seed in the Sun Belt Conference in 2014.
- The Hilltoppers are 20-5 in quarterfinal matchups since joining the Sun Belt in the 1982-83 season.

- WKU became the fifth program in NCAA history to reach 1,000 straight games with a made 3-pointer at Rice on Feb. 7. The Hilltoppers' streak of 1,007 games dates back to March 15, 1987.
- WKU ranks 13th in the country in total blocks and 11th in blocked shots per game, and 16th in percentage of opponents' shots blocked, according to Ken Pomeroy. Its average of 5.0 blocks per game would tie its highest on record. Charles Bassey ranks second in C-USA in blocks per game (2.4).
- Sophomore guard Taveion Hollingsworth needs just 53 points to reach 1,000.
- In the last 10 games, redshirt senior guard Lamonte Bearden has 66 combined assists against just 17 turnovers. He leads C-USA in conference play with a 3.2-to-1 assist-to-turnover ratio.
- Sophomore guard Josh Anderson is 1 of 12 players in the country with at least 120 total rebounds, 52 steals and 21 blocks this season. He's 1 of 2 players from Conference USA to reach those marks.
- WKU freshman center Charles Bassey could become the second freshman in the country since 1992 – along with Greg Oden – to average 15 points, nine rebounds and two blocks per game, while also shooting at least 60 percent from the field.
- As of Sunday, Charles Bassey ranked second in the nation among freshmen in total rebounds (308), third in total blocks (74) and third in field-goal percentage (62.9 percent).
- As of Sunday, Charles Bassey ranked in the top 30 nationally in double-doubles (20th), field-goal percentage (11th), blocks per game (15th), total blocks (14th), rebounds per game (18th), defensive rebounds per game (29th) and total rebounds (21st).
- Charles Bassey's 15 double-doubles this season are the most on record by a Hilltopper freshman. Bassey leads C-USA in double-doubles and ranks second in the nation among freshmen in double-doubles.

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Box score and postgame notes are attached.

HILLTOPPERS ADVANCE IN C-USA TOURNAMENT WITH 67-51 QUARTERFINAL WIN OVER NORTH TEXAS

FRISCO, Texas — WKU Hilltopper Basketball locked up North Texas defensively Thursday night, opening Conference USA Championship play with a 67-51 victory in the quarterfinals at Ford Center at The Star.

The Hilltoppers (19-13) held North Texas to just 16 points in the first half and limited the Mean Green to 30 percent shooting overall, and 18.5 percent from the 3-point line.

WKU advances to face No. 3 seed Southern Miss at 3 p.m. CT Friday in the semifinals. The game will air on CBS Sports Network.

"I was proud of the way our guys came out and responded," WKU head coach Rick Stansbury said. "I've always said that first game is a hard game, particularly when you're playing a team who's already played one. They played last night and played well – shot that ball tremendously well. ... It all started at the defensive end for us. I thought we were really locked in."

The Hilltoppers have reached at least the semifinals of their conference tournament in 13 of the last 15 seasons.

They've earned 10 straight wins over the Mean Green (21-12) and improved to 6-1 all-time in conference tournament play against UNT.

Sophomore guard Taveion Hollingsworth paced WKU with 23 points on 9-of-15 shooting. Sophomore guard Josh Anderson added 13 points and seven rebounds.

Freshman center Charles Basseby tallied nine points, eight rebounds and four blocks, while redshirt senior guard Lamonte Bearden dished out eight assists.

"This game, we were yelling in the huddle, 'We've got to finish the game,'" Hollingsworth said. "We've been in multiple situations like that and we let it slip, but this isn't that time."

The Hilltoppers took control in the first half behind stifling defense, holding North Texas to 25 percent from the field, 16 total points and 10 turnovers.

Even though WKU didn't score over the final 3:59 of the half, it led 31-16 at the break. In two games against the Mean Green this season, the Hilltoppers have held them to 31 total points in the first half.

WKU pushed its advantage to 20 early in the second half, but North Texas eventually climbed back within 13 by the first media timeout.

Bearden responded with a shot in the lane, and Hollingsworth knocked down a 3 to recreate a comfortable margin.

WKU netted 20 of 28 free throws, tied the season high with nine blocks and committed just nine free throws.

"That's pretty much my game plan (to attack)," said Anderson, who made 7 of 12 free throws. "Coach always tells me to stay aggressive, so anytime I think I can drive to the lane, that's what I'm going to do."

Ryan Woolridge led North Texas with 13 points.

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WKU Game Notes — <https://goto.ps/2Y0JK5g>

Video: WKU Postgame Press Conference after Quarterfinal Win — https://youtu.be/_yjKyOOLYo8

WKU TO FACE NO. 3 SOUTHERN MISS IN FRIDAY'S C-USA QUARTERFINALS

FRISCO, Texas — WKU Hilltopper Basketball advances to the Conference USA Championship semifinals as the No. 2 seed to face No. 3 seed Southern Miss at 3 p.m. CT Friday in Frisco, Texas. The game will air on CBS Sports Network.

The Hilltoppers reached the semifinals with a 67-51 win over North Texas in Thursday's quarterfinals. They've beaten Southern Miss in both meetings this season, including a 76-71 win in Bowling Green on March 3.

Southern Miss ousted defending champion Marshall 82-73 in Thursday's quarterfinals. WKU is 10-1 all-time vs. the Golden Eagles, while head coach Rick Stansbury is 5-0.

GAME 33

Conference USA Tournament Semifinals

No. 3 Southern Miss (20-11) vs. No. 2 WKU (19-13)

March 15, 2019 | 3 p.m. CT

Ford Center at The Star | Frisco, Texas

BROADCAST

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Watch: [CBS Sports Network](#) (Carter Blackburn, pxp | Pete Gillen, analysis | John Schriffen, sideline)

Live Stats: [Conference USA Stats](#)

QUICK SHOTS

- WKU is 14-11 in conference tournament semifinals since joining the Sun Belt Conference in 1982-83. The Hilltoppers have reached at least the semifinals of their conference tourney in 13 of the last 15 seasons.
- With a win over Southern Miss, the Hilltoppers would secure the 45th 20-win season in program history. WKU ranks seventh in NCAA history for most 20-win seasons.
- WKU became the fifth program in NCAA history to reach 1,000 straight games with a made 3-pointer at Rice on Feb. 7. The Hilltoppers' streak of 1,008 games dates back to March 15, 1987.

- WKU ranks 15th in the country in total blocks and 12th in blocked shots per game, and 12th in percentage of opponents' shots blocked, according to Ken Pomeroy. Its 164 total blocks and average of 5.1 blocks per game are the team's highest on record. Charles Bassey ranks second in C-USA in blocks per game (2.4).
- Sophomore guard Taveion Hollingsworth needs just 30 points to reach 1,000.
- In the last 11 games, redshirt senior guard Lamonte Bearden has 74 combined assists against just 18 turnovers. He leads C-USA in conference play with a 3.2-to-1 assist-to-turnover ratio.
- WKU freshman center Charles Bassey could become the third freshman in the country since 1992 – along with Anthony Davis and Greg Oden – to average 14 points, nine rebounds and two blocks per game, while also shooting at least 60 percent from the field.
- As of Thursday, Charles Bassey ranked second in the nation among freshmen in total rebounds, third in total blocks and third in field-goal percentage.
- As of Thursday, Charles Bassey ranked in the top 30 nationally in double-doubles (21st), field-goal percentage (11th), blocks per game (14th), total blocks (14th), rebounds per game (18th), defensive rebounds per game (29th) and total rebounds (25th).
- Charles Bassey's 15 double-doubles this season are the most on record by a Hilltopper freshman. Bassey leads C-USA in double-doubles and ranks second in the nation among freshmen in double-doubles.

LAST MATCHUP AGAINST SOUTHERN MISS: MARCH 3, 2019

WKU made 11 3-pointers, including 8 of 12 in the second half, to secure a 76-71 home victory over Southern Miss at E.A. Diddle Arena. Taveion Hollingsworth had a game-high 21 points with three made 3s.

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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 and Hilltoppers Charles Bassey/Taveion Hollingsworth — <https://youtu.be/bYtr7cWWRjQ>

TOPS ROAR PAST SOUTHERN MISS, 70-59, TO REACH C-USA TITLE GAME

FRISCO, Texas — WKU Hilltopper Basketball seized control in the second half Friday and earned itself another opportunity for a conference championship.

The second-seeded Hilltoppers (20-13) went on a 19-5 run in the final minutes while trailing, powering their way to a 70-59 victory over No. 3 seed Southern Miss in the Conference USA Championship semifinals at Ford Center at The Star.

WKU advances to its second straight championship game, where it will face top-seeded Old Dominion at 7:30 p.m. CT Saturday. The game will air on CBS Sports Network.

The Hilltoppers have lost two games at Old Dominion this season by a combined seven points. They led the first game 21-0 and the second game by three with less than two minutes to play.

“We’re playing a really good Old Dominion team – a team that’s beat us twice at their place,” WKU head coach Rick Stansbury said. “They’ve both basically been one-possession games at the end. It won’t be easy. We’ll have to play extremely well to have a chance to win this, but we have an opportunity. ... That’s all you ask for – the opportunity to compete for a championship.”

To get that opportunity, WKU had to rely on the same tough-minded mentality it used to defeat North Texas in Thursday’s quarterfinals. The program has allowed an average of 55 points per game in the tournament.

The Hilltoppers outrebounded Southern Miss 44-27, grabbed 16 offensive rebounds and outscored the Golden Eagles 18-0 on second-chance points. They also made 24 of 34 free throws, while Southern Miss (20-12) made 6 of 8.

Freshman center Charles Bassey grabbed 14 of those rebounds – six of them offensive – to go along with 10 points for his 16th double-double.

“We want to win the championship, so we have to come out with a different mentality,” Bassey said. “It starts on defense, because defensive teams win championships.”

Sophomore guard Josh Anderson led WKU with 18 points, eight rebounds and three assists while netting 8 of 11 free throws.

Sophomore guard Taveion Hollingsworth added 17 points, including 13 in the second half, and redshirt senior guard Lamonte Bearden had 10 points and four assists.

Redshirt junior guard/forward Jared Savage tallied nine points and six boards.

Southern Miss scored the final seven points of the first half, and Cortez Edwards' jumper at the buzzer gave the Golden Eagles a 29-27 advantage at the break.

The teams went back and forth in the second half, but Southern Miss still led 48-46 with 9:20 remaining.

Over the next nearly nine minutes, WKU outscored the Golden Eagles 19-5, with Anderson's free throw making it 65-53 with 50 seconds to go. The beginning of that spurt included two Bassey putbacks sandwiched around a Hollingsworth 3.

Tyree Griffin led Southern Miss with 19 points.

WKU is making back-to-back appearances in its conference title game for the first time since 2012-13.

The Hilltoppers fell 67-66 to Marshall in last year's final, with Bearden's potential game-winning shot rimming out in painstaking fashion at the end.

"That means a lot, especially with the way we went out last year," Hollingsworth said. "Nobody wants to go through that. No one wants to feel that again, so we're going to come out with energy, and we're going to play hard."

Official Basketball Box Score -- Game Totals -- Final Statistics
 Southern Miss vs WKU
 03/15/19 3:00 PM at Frisco, Texas (Ford Center at The Star)

Southern Miss 59 • 20-12

##	Player	f	Total		3-Ptr		Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FT-FTA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot							
12	ROWE, Tim	f	2-6	0-0	1-2	0-0	0	1	1	4	5	0	1	0	0	18
32	HARPER-BAKER, Leonar	f	2-6	2-2	1-2	2-2	1	3	4	4	7	2	3	3	0	30
01	EDWARDS, Cortez	g	4-9	2-3	0-1	2-3	2	1	3	2	10	3	2	1	2	35
20	HOLLAND, Kevin	g	3-6	0-0	2-5	0-0	1	1	2	3	8	0	0	0	0	22
55	GRIFFIN, Tyree	g	7-13	1-1	4-6	1-1	1	1	2	2	19	4	8	1	0	35
00	MAGEE, Dominic		1-6	1-2	1-5	1-2	0	2	2	4	4	2	1	0	1	16
03	WATSON, Gabe		0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	12
11	DRAINE, LaDavius		2-8	0-0	2-6	0-0	1	5	6	3	6	1	1	0	0	28
21	HAMPTON, Anfernee		0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	4
Team							1	4	5							
Totals			21-55	6-8	11-27	6-8	8	19	27	23	59	13	16	5	3	200

FG % 1st Half: 11-23 47.8% 2nd half: 10-32 31.3% Game: 21-55 38.2% Deadball Rebounds 0
 3FG % 1st Half: 4-8 50.0% 2nd half: 7-19 36.8% Game: 11-27 40.7%
 FT % 1st Half: 3-5 60.0% 2nd half: 3-3 100.0% Game: 6-8 75.0%

WKU 70 • 20-13

##	Player	c	Total		3-Ptr		Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FT-FTA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot							
23	BASSEY, Charles	c	5-8	0-0	0-0	0-0	6	8	14	2	10	2	2	2	0	29
01	BEARDEN, Lamonte	g	3-6	3-5	1-1	3-5	0	3	3	1	10	4	2	0	0	35
02	SAVAGE, Jared	g	3-8	2-2	1-6	2-2	1	5	6	1	9	1	1	0	0	37
04	ANDERSON, Josh	g	5-12	8-11	0-1	8-11	3	5	8	1	18	3	6	0	2	35
11	HOLLINGSWORTH, T.	g	5-14	5-7	2-6	5-7	1	1	2	2	17	1	1	0	2	35
00	SMITH, Tolu		0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	4	4	1	0	0	0	0	1	8
12	DIAGNE, Moustapha		0-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	2	0	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	9
14	NELSON, Marek		0-0	1-2	0-0	1-2	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	7
20	BANTON, Dalano		0-0	3-6	0-0	3-6	0	1	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	1
21	OHMER, Jake		0-1	2-2	0-1	2-2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	4
Team							2	1	3				2			
Totals			21-51	24-35	4-15	24-35	16	28	44	11	70	11	14	4	7	200

FG % 1st Half: 10-29 34.5% 2nd half: 11-22 50.0% Game: 21-51 41.2% Deadball Rebounds 6
 3FG % 1st Half: 2-8 25.0% 2nd half: 2-7 28.6% Game: 4-15 26.7%
 FT % 1st Half: 5-7 71.4% 2nd half: 19-28 67.9% Game: 24-35 68.6%

Officials: Tom Eades, Kelly Self, Antinio Petty
 Technical fouls: Southern Miss-None. WKU-None.
 Attendance:
 Game #10 - C-USA Men's Basketball Championship (Semifinals)

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
Southern Miss	29	30	59
WKU	27	43	70

Points	In Paint	Off T/O	2nd Chance	Fast Break	Bench
USM	12	15	0	5	10
WKU	32	16	18	4	6

Last FG - USM 2nd-00:15, WKU 2nd-01:36.
 Largest lead - USM by 7 1st-15:32, WKU by 12 2nd-01:22.
 USM led for 20:02. WKU led for 14:58. Game was tied for 05:00.

Score tied - 7 times.
 Lead changed - 10 times.

WESTERN KENTUCKY HILLTOPPERS

WKU Hilltoppers vs. Southern Miss Golden Eagles

Postgame Notes

March 15, 2019

Ford Center at The Star | Frisco, Texas

FINAL SCORE: WKU 70, Southern Miss 59

RECORDS AND NOTABLES

- WKU improves to 20-13 overall.
- Southern Miss falls to 20-12 overall.
- WKU leads the all-time series 11-1 and has won the last eight.
- WKU head coach Rick Stansbury is now 6-0 against the Golden Eagles.
- WKU advanced to back-to-back title game appearances for the first time since 2012-13.
- This win marks WKU's 45th 20-win season. WKU ranks seventh in NCAA history for most 20-win seasons.
- WKU is 15-11 in conference tournament semifinals since joining the Sun Belt Conference in 1982-83.
- Former Hilltopper and current Dallas Cowboys quarterback Mike White was in attendance.
- **UP NEXT:** WKU will face top-seeded Old Dominion for the third time this season in the Conference USA Men's Basketball Championship. The game will tip at 7:30 p.m. CT Saturday and air on CBS Sports Network.

TEAM NOTES

- WKU used the starting lineup of Lamonte Bearden, Taveion Hollingsworth, Jared Savage, Josh Anderson and Charles Bassey. The group is now 9-2 when starting together.
- **KEY FIRST HALF RUN:** WKU and Southern Miss kept it close in the first half, but the Golden Eagles ended the period on a 7-0 run, including a shot at the buzzer from Cortez Edwards, to take a 29-27 lead.
- **KEY SECOND HALF RUN:** Trailing 48-46 with 9:20 left, WKU went on a 19-5 run into the final minute of the game. Josh Anderson's free throw with 50 seconds left made it 65-53.

- WKU shot 21 of 51 (41.2 percent) from the field, 4 of 15 (26.7 percent) from 3-point range and 24 of 34 (70.6 percent) from the free-throw line.
- This 2018-19 group holds the WKU record for blocked shots in a single season with 168.
- The Hilltoppers outrebounded the Golden Eagles 44-27, including 16 offensive rebounds, and outscored them in the paint 32-12 and 18-0 on second-chance points.
- Two current Hilltoppers are on WKU's minutes played in a single season list: Taveion Hollingsworth (eighth) with 1,215 minutes and Jared Savage (ninth) with 1,179 minutes.
- WKU has made a 3-pointer in 1,009 straight games dating back to March 15, 1987. The Hilltoppers became just the fifth NCAA program to reach the 1,000 milestone, joining Kentucky, UNLV, Vanderbilt and Duke. WKU has the fourth-longest active streak.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

CHARLES BASSEY

- The freshman recorded his 16th double-double of the season with 10 points and 14 rebounds, including six on the offensive side. He now has 330 career boards.
 - Bassey is now third in WKU history for most blocks in a single season with 80 and remains on top of the list for most blocks in a single season by a freshman.
 - Bassey is second on WKU's points in a freshman season list with 483. He is 23 points away from tying teammate Taveion Hollingsworth for the record.
 - Bassey is now tied for fifth on WKU's double-doubles in a single season list with 16. He is tied with Clem Haskins, Jerry Dunn and Justin Johnson.
 - Bassey passed Courtney Lee and is now third on WKU's most minutes in a freshman season list with 1,031 minutes.

JOSH ANDERSON

- The sophomore had a team-high 18 points with eight rebounds and three assists.
 - Anderson has now scored in double figures in 23 of WKU's 32 games this season.

TAVEION HOLLINGSWORTH

- The sophomore came alive after the break, scoring 13 of his 17 points in the second half.
 - Hollingsworth now needs just 13 points to reach 1,000 for his career and become the first sophomore in program history to do so.
 - Hollingsworth has scored in double figures in 52 of 71 career games.

JARED SAVAGE

- The redshirt junior scored nine points and pulled down six boards in a team-high 37 minutes.
 - Savage is sixth in WKU history for 3-point field goal attempts in a single season with 215.
 - Savage is seventh in WKU history for 3-point field goal makes in a single season with 78.

LAMONTE BEARDEN

- The redshirt senior added 10 points and four assists. In the last 12 games, Bearden has combined for 78 assists and just 20 turnovers.

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HILLTOPPERS MEET TOP-SEEDED OLD DOMINION FOR CONFERENCE USA TITLE

FRISCO, Texas — WKU Hilltopper Basketball advances to its second straight Conference USA Championship final as the No. 2 seed to face top-seeded Old Dominion at 7:30 p.m. CT Saturday in Frisco, Texas. The game will air on CBS Sports Network.

The Hilltoppers reached the title game with a 70-59 win over Southern Miss in Friday's semifinals. They've lost twice at Old Dominion this season by a combined seven points. WKU led the first game 21-0 and the second game by three with less than two minutes left.

Old Dominion survived for a 61-59 semifinal win over UAB on Friday. WKU is 19-20 all-time against the Monarchs.

GAME 34

Conference USA Tournament Final

No. 1 Old Dominion (25-8) vs. No. 2 WKU (20-13)

March 16, 2019 | 7:30 p.m. CT

Ford Center at The Star | Frisco, Texas

BROADCAST

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

Watch: [CBS Sports Network](#) (Carter Blackburn, pxp | Pete Gillen, analysis | John Schriffen, sideline)

Live Stats: [Conference USA Stats](#)

QUICK SHOTS

- WKU is 9-5 in conference championship games since joining the Sun Belt Conference in 1982-83. It has made back-to-back title games for the first time since 2012-13 and is seeking its first title since 2013.
- The Hilltoppers have allowed an average of 55 points per game through two C-USA Championship outings. They are 7-0 this season when they hold their opponent to 60 points or less.

- With the win over Southern Miss, the Hilltoppers secured the 45th 20-win season in program history. WKU ranks seventh in NCAA history for most 20-win seasons.
- WKU became the fifth program in NCAA history to reach 1,000 straight games with a made 3-pointer at Rice on Feb. 7. The Hilltoppers' streak of 1,009 games dates back to March 15, 1987.
- WKU ranks 15th in the country in total blocks and 12th in blocked shots per game, and 14th in percentage of opponents' shots blocked, according to Ken Pomeroy. Its 168 total blocks and average of 5.1 blocks per game are the team's highest on record. Charles Basseley ranks second in C-USA in blocks per game (2.4).
- Sophomore guard Taveion Hollingsworth needs just 13 points to reach 1,000. | More info pg. 8.
- In the last 12 games, redshirt senior guard Lamonte Bearden has 78 combined assists against just 20 turnovers. He leads C-USA in conference play with a 3.2-to-1 assist-to-turnover ratio.
- WKU freshman center Charles Basseley could become the second freshman in the country since 1992 – along with Anthony Davis – to average 14 points, 10 rebounds and two blocks per game, while also shooting at least 60 percent from the field.
- As of Thursday, Charles Basseley ranked in the top 30 nationally in double-doubles (21st), field-goal percentage (11th), blocks per game (14th), total blocks (14th), rebounds per game (18th), defensive rebounds per game (29th) and total rebounds (25th).
- Charles Basseley's 16 double-doubles this season are the most on record by a Hilltopper freshman. Basseley leads C-USA in double-doubles and ranks second in the nation among freshmen in double-doubles.

LAST MATCHUP AGAINST OLD DOMINION: FEBRUARY 23, 2019

WKU led by three with 1:25 to play at Old Dominion, but the Monarchs scored the final seven points of the game to deal the Hilltoppers a 67-63 road loss. Taveion Hollingsworth paced WKU with 17 points.

Official Basketball Box Score -- Game Totals -- Final Statistics
 North Texas vs WKU
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North Texas 51 • 21-12

##	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							
24	SIMMONS, Zachary	f	4-9	0-0	0-0	0-0	3	10	13	1	8	2	0	2	0	0	31	
01	GIBSON, Umoja	g	2-8	1-7	2-2	0-0	0	1	1	4	7	3	3	0	1	30		
02	DUFFY, Jordan	g	5-11	1-5	0-0	0-0	1	6	7	4	11	1	1	0	0	36		
03	SMART, Roosevelt	g	2-13	0-6	1-4	0-0	1	1	2	1	5	1	2	0	0	22		
23	MILLER, Michael	g	0-4	0-2	0-0	0-0	1	2	3	1	0	0	3	0	0	17		
00	WOOLRIDGE, Ryan		4-10	2-4	3-5	0-0	2	3	5	3	13	6	3	0	1	30		
10	SIMMONS, Jahmiah		0-1	0-0	4-5	0-0	1	1	2	3	4	0	0	2	0	10		
20	ARIKAWA, Tope		0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	4		
55	DRAPER, DJ		1-3	1-3	0-1	0-0	1	1	2	2	3	0	0	0	0	20		
Team							2	2	4				2					
Totals			18-60	5-27	10-17	0-0	13	27	40	19	51	14	14	4	2	200		

FG % 1st Half: 6-24 25.0% 2nd half: 12-36 33.3% Game: 18-60 30.0% Deadball Rebounds 3
 3FG % 1st Half: 1-8 12.5% 2nd half: 4-19 21.1% Game: 5-27 18.5%
 FT % 1st Half: 3-5 60.0% 2nd half: 7-12 58.3% Game: 10-17 58.8%

WKU 67 • 19-13

##	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							
02	SAVAGE, Jared	f	2-4	2-4	2-3	0-0	0	5	5	3	8	0	0	2	0	28		
23	BASSEY, Charles	c	3-7	0-1	3-4	0-0	1	7	8	3	9	1	2	4	0	23		
01	BEARDEN, Lamonte	g	1-8	0-2	0-0	0-0	1	3	4	2	2	8	1	0	2	32		
04	ANDERSON, Josh	g	3-11	0-1	7-12	0-0	1	6	7	3	13	0	1	0	1	28		
11	HOLLINGSWORTH, T.	g	9-15	2-3	3-3	0-0	1	2	3	1	23	1	2	0	1	36		
00	SMITH, Tolu		1-1	0-0	3-4	0-0	1	4	5	1	5	1	0	1	0	14		
12	DIAGNE, Moustapha		1-3	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	3	4	1	2	1	0	1	0	15		
14	NELSON, Marek		0-2	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	1	12		
20	BANTON, Dalano		0-0	0-0	2-2	0-0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	1		
21	OHMER, Jake		1-3	1-3	0-0	0-0	1	1	2	2	3	0	0	0	0	11		
Team							2	0	2				1					
Totals			21-54	5-16	20-28	0-0	9	33	42	17	67	12	9	9	5	200		

FG % 1st Half: 10-26 38.5% 2nd half: 11-28 39.3% Game: 21-54 38.9% Deadball Rebounds 5
 3FG % 1st Half: 3-9 33.3% 2nd half: 2-7 28.6% Game: 5-16 31.3%
 FT % 1st Half: 8-12 66.7% 2nd half: 12-16 75.0% Game: 20-28 71.4%

Officials: Antinio Petty, Kerry Sitton, Clyde Owens
 Technical fouls: North Texas-None. WKU-None.
 Attendance: 4024
 Game #7 - C-USA Men's Basketball Championships

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
North Texas	16	35	51
WKU	31	36	67

	In	Off	2nd	Fast	
Points	Paint	T/O	Chance	Break	Bench
UNT	24	7	6	11	20
WKU	22	12	12	6	12

Last FG - UNT 2nd-00:22, WKU 2nd-01:12.
 Largest lead - UNT by 2 1st-19:44, WKU by 20 2nd-18:17.
 UNT led for 01:32. WKU led for 38:11. Game was tied for 00:16.

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

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



Time	Score	Margin	HOME/VISITOR	Time	Score	Margin	HOME/VISITOR
19:44	0-2	V 2	GOOD! JUMPER by DUFFY, Jorden [PNT]	13:12	14-5	H 9	GOOD! FT SHOT by HOLLINGSWORTH, T.
19:44			ASSIST by SIMMONS, Zachary	13:12			SUB IN : GIBSON, Umoja
19:22			MISSED 3 PTR by SAVAGE, Jared	13:12			SUB IN : SIMMONS, Jahmiah
19:22			REBOUND (DEF) by SIMMONS, Zachary	13:12			SUB OUT: WOOLRIDGE, Ryan
19:08			MISSED LAYUP by MILLER, Michael	13:12			SUB OUT: MILLER, Michael
19:08			REBOUND (DEF) by BASSEY, Charles	13:12			SUB IN : NELSON, Marek
18:57			FOUL by GIBSON, Umoja (P1T1)	13:12			SUB OUT: ANDERSON, Josh
18:57			MISSED FT SHOT by ANDERSON, Josh	12:48			TURNOVR by GIBSON, Umoja
18:57			REBOUND (OFF) by (DEADBALL)	12:37			MISSED JUMPER by BEARDEN, Lamonte
18:57	1-2	V 1	GOOD! FT SHOT by ANDERSON, Josh	12:37			REBOUND (DEF) by SIMMONS, Zachary
18:38			FOUL by ANDERSON, Josh (P1T1)	12:29			FOUL by BEARDEN, Lamonte (P1T2)
18:19			MISSED JUMPER by SIMMONS, Zachary	12:29			SUB IN : ARIKAWA, Tope
18:19			BLOCK by BASSEY, Charles	12:29			SUB IN : SMART, Roosevelt
18:17			REBOUND (DEF) by ANDERSON, Josh	12:29			SUB OUT: SIMMONS, Zachary
18:12	3-2	H 1	GOOD! LAYUP by ANDERSON, Josh [FB/PNT]	12:29			SUB OUT: DRAPER, DJ
18:12			FOUL by DUFFY, Jorden (P1T2)	12:29			SUB IN : OHMER, Jake
18:12	4-2	H 2	GOOD! FT SHOT by ANDERSON, Josh	12:29			SUB OUT: BEARDEN, Lamonte
18:12			SUB IN : WOOLRIDGE, Ryan	12:06			FOUL by NELSON, Marek (P1T3)
18:12			SUB OUT: DUFFY, Jorden	12:06	14-6	H 8	GOOD! FT SHOT by SMART, Roosevelt
18:08			MISSED 3 PTR by SMART, Roosevelt	12:06			MISSED FT SHOT by SMART, Roosevelt
18:08			REBOUND (DEF) by BASSEY, Charles	12:06			REBOUND (OFF) by ARIKAWA, Tope
17:57			MISSED DUNK by ANDERSON, Josh	12:00			MISSED JUMPER by ARIKAWA, Tope
17:57			BLOCK by SIMMONS, Zachary	12:00			REBOUND (DEF) by SAVAGE, Jared
17:55			REBOUND (DEF) by SIMMONS, Zachary	11:38			MISSED JUMPER by NELSON, Marek
17:30			MISSED LAYUP by SMART, Roosevelt	11:38			REBOUND (OFF) by DIAGNE, Moustapha
17:30			REBOUND (DEF) by ANDERSON, Josh	11:36	16-6	H 10	GOOD! TIP-IN by DIAGNE, Moustapha [PNT]
17:18			MISSED JUMPER by HOLLINGSWORTH, T.	11:20			TURNOVR by GIBSON, Umoja
17:18			REBOUND (DEF) by WOOLRIDGE, Ryan	11:20			TIMEOUT media
16:59			TURNOVR by WOOLRIDGE, Ryan	11:20			SUB IN : MILLER, Michael
16:58			STEAL by ANDERSON, Josh	11:20			SUB OUT: SIMMONS, Jahmiah
16:55			FOUL by WOOLRIDGE, Ryan (P1T3)	11:20			SUB IN : SMITH, Tolu
16:55			MISSED FT SHOT by ANDERSON, Josh	11:20			SUB OUT: SAVAGE, Jared
16:55			REBOUND (OFF) by (DEADBALL)	10:55			MISSED LAYUP by DIAGNE, Moustapha
16:55	5-2	H 3	GOOD! FT SHOT by ANDERSON, Josh	10:55			REBOUND (DEF) by MILLER, Michael
16:40			TURNOVR by GIBSON, Umoja	10:45			MISSED LAYUP by SMART, Roosevelt
16:29			MISSED 3 PTR by BEARDEN, Lamonte	10:45			BLOCK by SMITH, Tolu
16:29			REBOUND (DEF) by WOOLRIDGE, Ryan	10:44			REBOUND (DEF) by SMITH, Tolu
16:23			MISSED 3 PTR by SMART, Roosevelt	10:37	18-6	H 12	GOOD! JUMPER by HOLLINGSWORTH, T. [FB]
16:23			REBOUND (OFF) by SIMMONS, Zachary	10:19	18-8	H 10	GOOD! LAYUP by GIBSON, Umoja [PNT]
16:19			SUB IN : DRAPER, DJ	10:19			ASSIST by ARIKAWA, Tope
16:19			SUB OUT: SMART, Roosevelt	09:48	21-8	H 13	GOOD! 3 PTR by OHMER, Jake
16:06			MISSED 3 PTR by DRAPER, DJ	09:47			ASSIST by SMITH, Tolu
16:06			REBOUND (DEF) by BASSEY, Charles	09:26			MISSED 3 PTR by MILLER, Michael
15:40	7-2	H 5	GOOD! LAYUP by BASSEY, Charles [PNT]	09:26			REBOUND (DEF) by SMITH, Tolu
15:40			ASSIST by BEARDEN, Lamonte	09:05			MISSED 3 PTR by NELSON, Marek
15:16			MISSED LAYUP by WOOLRIDGE, Ryan	09:05			REBOUND (DEF) by MILLER, Michael
15:16			BLOCK by BASSEY, Charles	08:47			TURNOVR by DUFFY, Jorden
15:15			REBOUND (DEF) by BEARDEN, Lamonte	08:47			STEAL by NELSON, Marek
14:53			FOUL by GIBSON, Umoja (P2T4)	08:47			SUB IN : DRAPER, DJ
14:53			TIMEOUT media	08:47			SUB IN : SIMMONS, Zachary
14:53			MISSED FT SHOT by ANDERSON, Josh	08:47			SUB OUT: ARIKAWA, Tope
14:53			REBOUND (OFF) by (DEADBALL)	08:47			SUB OUT: SMART, Roosevelt
14:53	8-2	H 6	GOOD! FT SHOT by ANDERSON, Josh	08:47			SUB IN : ANDERSON, Josh
14:53			SUB IN : DUFFY, Jorden	08:47			SUB IN : BASSEY, Charles
14:53			SUB OUT: GIBSON, Umoja	08:47			SUB IN : BEARDEN, Lamonte
14:34	8-5	H 3	GOOD! 3 PTR by DRAPER, DJ	08:47			SUB OUT: NELSON, Marek
14:34			ASSIST by WOOLRIDGE, Ryan	08:47			SUB OUT: DIAGNE, Moustapha
14:17			TURNOVR by ANDERSON, Josh	08:47			SUB OUT: HOLLINGSWORTH, T.
13:51			MISSED 3 PTR by DUFFY, Jorden	08:33			MISSED 3 PTR by OHMER, Jake
13:51			REBOUND (OFF) by MILLER, Michael	08:33			REBOUND (OFF) by BASSEY, Charles
13:47			TURNOVR by (TEAM)	08:14			FOUL by MILLER, Michael (P1T6)
13:36	11-5	H 6	GOOD! 3 PTR by HOLLINGSWORTH, T.	08:14			MISSED FT SHOT by SMITH, Tolu
13:36			ASSIST by BASSEY, Charles	08:14			REBOUND (OFF) by (DEADBALL)
13:23			TURNOVR by MILLER, Michael	08:14	22-8	H 14	GOOD! FT SHOT by SMITH, Tolu
13:23			SUB IN : DIAGNE, Moustapha	08:14			SUB IN : WOOLRIDGE, Ryan
13:23			SUB OUT: BASSEY, Charles	08:14			SUB OUT: GIBSON, Umoja
13:13	13-5	H 8	GOOD! JUMPER by HOLLINGSWORTH, T.	07:50			TURNOVR by SMART, Roosevelt
13:13			ASSIST by DIAGNE, Moustapha	07:50			TIMEOUT media
13:12			FOUL by WOOLRIDGE, Ryan (P2T5)	07:50			SUB IN : SMART, Roosevelt
				07:50			SUB OUT: DUFFY, Jorden
				07:36			TURNOVR by BASSEY, Charles

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Time	Score	Margin	HOME/VISITOR	Time	Score	Margin	HOME/VISITOR		
07:24			FOUL by BASSEY, Charles (P1T4)	01:30			ASSIST by GIBSON, Umoja		
07:24			SUB IN : HOLLINGSWORTH, T.	01:13			TURNOVR by NELSON, Marek		
07:24			SUB OUT: OHMER, Jake	00:51			MISSED JUMPER by SIMMONS, Zachary		
07:11			MISSED JUMPER by SMART, Roosevelt	00:51			REBOUND (OFF) by SIMMONS, Zachary		
07:11			REBOUND (DEF) by ANDERSON, Josh	00:44			MISSED 3 PTR by DUFFY, Jorden		
07:00			MISSED JUMPER by ANDERSON, Josh	00:44			REBOUND (DEF) by BEARDEN, Lamonte		
07:00			REBOUND (OFF) by SMITH, Tolu	00:33			TIMEOUT 30sec		
06:59	24-8	H 16	GOOD! TIP-IN by SMITH, Tolu [PNT]	00:33			SUB IN : DRAPER, DJ		
06:57			TIMEOUT 30sec	00:33			SUB OUT: GIBSON, Umoja		
06:57			SUB IN : GIBSON, Umoja	00:33			SUB IN : SMITH, Tolu		
06:57			SUB IN : DUFFY, Jorden	00:33			SUB OUT: DIAGNE, Moustapha		
06:57			SUB OUT: SMART, Roosevelt	00:09			TURNOVR by (TEAM)		
06:57			SUB OUT: DRAPER, DJ	00:09			SUB IN : DIAGNE, Moustapha		
06:44			TURNOVR by MILLER, Michael	00:09			SUB OUT: SMITH, Tolu		
06:43			STEAL by BEARDEN, Lamonte	00:02			TURNOVR by WOOLRIDGE, Ryan		
06:31			MISSED JUMPER by BEARDEN, Lamonte	00:01			STEAL by HOLLINGSWORTH, T.		
06:31			REBOUND (DEF) by DUFFY, Jorden						
06:17	24-10	H 14	GOOD! JUMPER by WOOLRIDGE, Ryan [PNT]						
05:50			MISSED 3 PTR by HOLLINGSWORTH, T.						
05:50			REBOUND (DEF) by SIMMONS, Zachary	1st period-only					
05:48			FOUL by BASSEY, Charles (P2T5)	North Texas	10	2	0	0	7
05:48			SUB IN : SAVAGE, Jared	WKU	10	10	10	4	8
05:48			SUB OUT: BASSEY, Charles						
05:40			MISSED LAYUP by WOOLRIDGE, Ryan						
05:40			BLOCK by SAVAGE, Jared						
05:40			REBOUND (OFF) by (TEAM)						
05:35			TURNOVR by MILLER, Michael						
05:35			SUB IN : SIMMONS, Jahmiah						
05:35			SUB OUT: MILLER, Michael						
05:24			MISSED LAYUP by BEARDEN, Lamonte						
05:24			REBOUND (OFF) by (TEAM)						
05:17	26-10	H 16	GOOD! JUMPER by HOLLINGSWORTH, T. [PNT]						
05:03			MISSED JUMPER by WOOLRIDGE, Ryan						
05:03			REBOUND (DEF) by SAVAGE, Jared						
04:54			TURNOVR by HOLLINGSWORTH, T.						
04:54			FOUL by HOLLINGSWORTH, T. (P1T6)						
04:49			MISSED 3 PTR by GIBSON, Umoja						
04:49			REBOUND (DEF) by BEARDEN, Lamonte						
04:30			FOUL by SIMMONS, Jahmiah (P1T7)						
04:30	27-10	H 17	GOOD! FT SHOT by ANDERSON, Josh						
04:30	28-10	H 18	GOOD! FT SHOT by ANDERSON, Josh						
04:23	28-12	H 16	GOOD! LAYUP by DUFFY, Jorden [PNT]						
04:23			ASSIST by SIMMONS, Zachary						
04:01			MISSED LAYUP by ANDERSON, Josh						
04:01			BLOCK by SIMMONS, Jahmiah						
04:01			REBOUND (OFF) by (TEAM)						
04:00			TIMEOUT MEDIA						
04:00			SUB IN : DIAGNE, Moustapha						
04:00			SUB OUT: SMITH, Tolu						
03:59	31-12	H 19	GOOD! 3 PTR by SAVAGE, Jared						
03:59			ASSIST by BEARDEN, Lamonte						
03:44			MISSED LAYUP by SIMMONS, Zachary						
03:44			BLOCK by DIAGNE, Moustapha						
03:43			REBOUND (DEF) by ANDERSON, Josh						
03:17			MISSED JUMPER by HOLLINGSWORTH, T.						
03:17			REBOUND (DEF) by SIMMONS, Jahmiah						
02:49			FOUL by SAVAGE, Jared (P1T7)						
02:49			MISSED FT SHOT by SIMMONS, Jahmiah						
02:49			REBOUND (DEF) by SAVAGE, Jared						
02:21			MISSED 3 PTR by ANDERSON, Josh						
02:21			REBOUND (DEF) by (TEAM)						
02:00			FOUL by ANDERSON, Josh (P2T8)						
02:00	31-13	H 18	GOOD! FT SHOT by SIMMONS, Jahmiah						
02:00	31-14	H 17	GOOD! FT SHOT by SIMMONS, Jahmiah						
02:00			SUB IN : MILLER, Michael						
02:00			SUB OUT: SIMMONS, Jahmiah						
02:00			SUB IN : NELSON, Marek						
02:00			SUB OUT: ANDERSON, Josh						
01:45			TURNOVR by HOLLINGSWORTH, T.						
01:30	31-16	H 15	GOOD! LAYUP by SIMMONS, Zachary [PNT]						

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Time	Score	Margin	HOME/VISITOR	Time	Score	Margin	HOME/VISITOR
19:53			MISSED LAYUP by BASSEY, Charles	12:11			MISSED JUMPER by HOLLINGSWORTH, T.
19:53			REBOUND (DEF) by GIBSON, Umoja	12:11			REBOUND (DEF) by DUFFY, Jorden
19:26			MISSED 3 PTR by MILLER, Michael	12:05			MISSED 3 PTR by DUFFY, Jorden
19:26			REBOUND (DEF) by HOLLINGSWORTH, T.	12:05			REBOUND (DEF) by BASSEY, Charles
19:06	34-16	H 18	GOOD! 3 PTR by SAVAGE, Jared	11:34			MISSED JUMPER by BEARDEN, Lamonte
19:06			ASSIST by HOLLINGSWORTH, T.	11:34			REBOUND (DEF) by SIMMONS, Zachary
18:45			MISSED LAYUP by MILLER, Michael	11:23			MISSED 3 PTR by GIBSON, Umoja
18:45			BLOCK by SAVAGE, Jared	11:23			REBOUND (DEF) by BASSEY, Charles
18:44			REBOUND (OFF) by SIMMONS, Zachary	11:01			MISSED DUNK by ANDERSON, Josh
18:40			MISSED 3 PTR by GIBSON, Umoja	11:01			BLOCK by SIMMONS, Zachary
18:40			REBOUND (DEF) by BASSEY, Charles	10:59			REBOUND (DEF) by DUFFY, Jorden
18:17	36-16	H 20	GOOD! LAYUP by ANDERSON, Josh [PNT]	10:48			MISSED 3 PTR by WOOLRIDGE, Ryan
18:17			ASSIST by BEARDEN, Lamonte	10:48			REBOUND (DEF) by HOLLINGSWORTH, T.
18:00			FOUL by BEARDEN, Lamonte (P2T1)	10:21			FOUL by DRAPER, DJ (P1T3)
18:00	36-17	H 19	GOOD! FT SHOT by GIBSON, Umoja	10:21			TIMEOUT MEDIA
18:00	36-18	H 18	GOOD! FT SHOT by GIBSON, Umoja	10:21			MISSED FT SHOT by BASSEY, Charles
18:00			SUB IN : WOOLRIDGE, Ryan	10:21			REBOUND (OFF) by (DEADBALL)
18:00			SUB OUT: MILLER, Michael	10:21	48-32	H 16	GOOD! FT SHOT by BASSEY, Charles
17:49			MISSED JUMPER by BASSEY, Charles	10:21			SUB IN : SIMMONS, Jahmiah
17:49			REBOUND (DEF) by (TEAM)	10:21			SUB OUT: SIMMONS, Zachary
17:20	36-20	H 16	GOOD! JUMPER by SMART, Roosevelt [PNT]	10:21			SUB IN : DIAGNE, Moustapha
16:55			FOUL by SIMMONS, Zachary (P1T1)	10:21			SUB IN : OHMER, Jake
16:55	37-20	H 17	GOOD! FT SHOT by BASSEY, Charles	10:21			SUB IN : SMITH, Tolu
16:55	38-20	H 18	GOOD! FT SHOT by BASSEY, Charles	10:21			SUB IN : NELSON, Marek
16:55			SUB IN : DRAPER, DJ	10:21			SUB OUT: SAVAGE, Jared
16:55			SUB OUT: GIBSON, Umoja	10:21			SUB OUT: ANDERSON, Josh
16:39	38-23	H 15	GOOD! 3 PTR by WOOLRIDGE, Ryan	10:21			SUB OUT: BASSEY, Charles
16:39			ASSIST by DUFFY, Jorden	10:21			SUB OUT: BEARDEN, Lamonte
16:18	40-23	H 17	GOOD! JUMPER by HOLLINGSWORTH, T.	10:08			MISSED 3 PTR by GIBSON, Umoja
16:18			ASSIST by BEARDEN, Lamonte	10:08			REBOUND (OFF) by WOOLRIDGE, Ryan
16:05			FOUL by ANDERSON, Josh (P3T2)	09:55			FOUL by DIAGNE, Moustapha (P1T4)
16:05	40-24	H 16	GOOD! FT SHOT by WOOLRIDGE, Ryan	09:55	48-33	H 15	GOOD! FT SHOT by SIMMONS, Jahmiah
16:05	40-25	H 15	GOOD! FT SHOT by WOOLRIDGE, Ryan	09:55	48-34	H 14	GOOD! FT SHOT by SIMMONS, Jahmiah
15:54			TURNOVR by BEARDEN, Lamonte	09:29	50-34	H 16	GOOD! JUMPER by HOLLINGSWORTH, T. [PNT]
15:52			STEAL by WOOLRIDGE, Ryan	09:21	50-36	H 14	GOOD! JUMPER by WOOLRIDGE, Ryan [FB/PNT]
15:48	40-27	H 13	GOOD! LAYUP by SMART, Roosevelt [FB/PNT]	09:21			FOUL by OHMER, Jake (P1T5)
15:48			ASSIST by WOOLRIDGE, Ryan	09:21			MISSED FT SHOT by WOOLRIDGE, Ryan
15:36			TIMEOUT 30sec	09:21			REBOUND (DEF) by SMITH, Tolu
15:36			TIMEOUT media	08:51			FOUL by GIBSON, Umoja (P3T4)
15:17	42-27	H 15	GOOD! JUMPER by BEARDEN, Lamonte [PNT]	08:41	52-36	H 16	GOOD! JUMPER by HOLLINGSWORTH, T.
15:08			MISSED LAYUP by SMART, Roosevelt	08:31			MISSED 3 PTR by GIBSON, Umoja
15:08			REBOUND (DEF) by SAVAGE, Jared	08:31			REBOUND (OFF) by SIMMONS, Jahmiah
14:56	45-27	H 18	GOOD! 3 PTR by HOLLINGSWORTH, T.	08:25			MISSED LAYUP by SIMMONS, Jahmiah
14:56			ASSIST by BEARDEN, Lamonte	08:25			REBOUND (OFF) by DRAPER, DJ
14:36			TURNOVR by SMART, Roosevelt	08:23			MISSED 3 PTR by GIBSON, Umoja
14:36			FOUL by SMART, Roosevelt (P1T2)	08:23			REBOUND (DEF) by SMITH, Tolu
14:36			TIMEOUT media	08:19			FOUL by SIMMONS, Jahmiah (P2T5)
14:26			MISSED 3 PTR by SAVAGE, Jared	08:19			SUB IN : SMART, Roosevelt
14:26			REBOUND (DEF) by WOOLRIDGE, Ryan	08:19			SUB OUT: GIBSON, Umoja
13:54			MISSED 3 PTR by WOOLRIDGE, Ryan	08:02			MISSED JUMPER by HOLLINGSWORTH, T.
13:54			REBOUND (OFF) by (DEADBALL)	08:02			REBOUND (DEF) by SMART, Roosevelt
13:53			TURNOVR by (TEAM)	07:58			MISSED 3 PTR by DRAPER, DJ
13:50			SUB IN : GIBSON, Umoja	07:58			REBOUND (DEF) by NELSON, Marek
13:50			SUB OUT: SMART, Roosevelt	07:24			TIMEOUT MEDIA
13:40			TURNOVR by BASSEY, Charles	07:24			SUB IN : BEARDEN, Lamonte
13:40			FOUL by BASSEY, Charles (P3T3)	07:24			SUB OUT: HOLLINGSWORTH, T.
13:20			MISSED LAYUP by SIMMONS, Zachary	07:23			MISSED 3 PTR by OHMER, Jake
13:20			BLOCK by BASSEY, Charles	07:23			REBOUND (OFF) by OHMER, Jake
13:18			REBOUND (DEF) by ANDERSON, Josh	07:03			MISSED 3 PTR by DIAGNE, Moustapha
13:05			MISSED LAYUP by BASSEY, Charles	07:03			REBOUND (DEF) by DUFFY, Jorden
13:05			REBOUND (OFF) by HOLLINGSWORTH, T.	06:50			MISSED 3 PTR by SMART, Roosevelt
13:04			MISSED TIP-IN by HOLLINGSWORTH, T.	06:50			REBOUND (DEF) by OHMER, Jake
13:04			REBOUND (DEF) by DUFFY, Jorden	06:24			MISSED LAYUP by BEARDEN, Lamonte
12:55	45-30	H 15	GOOD! 3 PTR by WOOLRIDGE, Ryan	06:24			BLOCK by SIMMONS, Jahmiah
12:55			ASSIST by GIBSON, Umoja	06:23			REBOUND (DEF) by DUFFY, Jorden
12:39	47-30	H 17	GOOD! DUNK by BASSEY, Charles [PNT]	06:13			MISSED 3 PTR by DUFFY, Jorden
12:39			ASSIST by BEARDEN, Lamonte	06:13			REBOUND (DEF) by NELSON, Marek
12:27	47-32	H 15	GOOD! LAYUP by SIMMONS, Zachary [PNT]	05:46			FOUL by SIMMONS, Jahmiah (P3T6)
12:27			ASSIST by WOOLRIDGE, Ryan	05:46	53-36	H 17	GOOD! FT SHOT by SMITH, Tolu

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05:46	54-36	H 18	GOOD! FT SHOT by SMITH, Tolu	01:27	61-48	H 13	GOOD! FT SHOT by ANDERSON, Josh
05:46			SUB IN : SIMMONS, Zachary	01:27			MISSED FT SHOT by ANDERSON, Josh
05:46			SUB IN : GIBSON, Umoja	01:27			REBOUND (DEF) by SIMMONS, Zachary
05:46			SUB OUT: DRAPER, DJ	01:16			TURNOVR by WOOLRIDGE, Ryan
05:46			SUB OUT: SIMMONS, Jahmiah	01:15			STEAL by BEARDEN, Lamonte
05:42			MISSED JUMPER by WOOLRIDGE, Ryan	01:12	63-48	H 15	GOOD! LAYUP by HOLLINGSWORTH, T. [FB/PNT]
05:42			REBOUND (OFF) by WOOLRIDGE, Ryan	01:12			ASSIST by BEARDEN, Lamonte
05:26	54-38	H 16	GOOD! LAYUP by SIMMONS, Zachary [PNT]	01:10			SUB IN : SMART, Roosevelt
05:26			ASSIST by GIBSON, Umoja	01:10			SUB OUT: WOOLRIDGE, Ryan
05:25			TIMEOUT 30sec	01:10			SUB IN : SMITH, Tolu
05:25			SUB IN : HOLLINGSWORTH, T.	01:10			SUB IN : NELSON, Marek
05:25			SUB IN : ANDERSON, Josh	01:10			SUB IN : OHMER, Jake
05:25			SUB IN : SAVAGE, Jared	01:10			SUB OUT: ANDERSON, Josh
05:25			SUB IN : BASSEY, Charles	01:10			SUB OUT: SAVAGE, Jared
05:25			SUB OUT: DIAGNE, Moustapha	01:10			SUB OUT: BEARDEN, Lamonte
05:25			SUB OUT: OHMER, Jake	01:02			MISSED LAYUP by SIMMONS, Zachary
05:25			SUB OUT: SMITH, Tolu	01:02			REBOUND (OFF) by SMART, Roosevelt
05:25			SUB OUT: NELSON, Marek	01:01			FOUL by SMITH, Tolu (P1T8)
05:03	56-38	H 18	GOOD! JUMPER by ANDERSON, Josh	01:01			MISSED FT SHOT by SMART, Roosevelt
04:45			FOUL by SAVAGE, Jared (P2T6)	01:01			REBOUND (OFF) by (DEADBALL)
04:40			MISSED JUMPER by DUFFY, Jorden	01:01			MISSED FT SHOT by SMART, Roosevelt
04:40			REBOUND (DEF) by BASSEY, Charles	01:01			REBOUND (DEF) by DIAGNE, Moustapha
04:21			MISSED 3 PTR by BASSEY, Charles	00:46			FOUL by DRAPER, DJ (P2T11)
04:21			REBOUND (DEF) by SIMMONS, Zachary	00:46	64-48	H 16	GOOD! FT SHOT by HOLLINGSWORTH, T.
04:13	56-40	H 16	GOOD! JUMPER by SIMMONS, Zachary [FB]	00:46	65-48	H 17	GOOD! FT SHOT by HOLLINGSWORTH, T.
04:13			ASSIST by WOOLRIDGE, Ryan	00:46			SUB IN : BANTON, Dalano
04:01			FOUL by GIBSON, Umoja (P4T7)	00:46			SUB OUT: HOLLINGSWORTH, T.
04:01			MISSED FT SHOT by SAVAGE, Jared	00:41			MISSED LAYUP by SMART, Roosevelt
04:01			REBOUND (DEF) by SIMMONS, Zachary	00:41			BLOCK by BANTON, Dalano
03:55			MISSED 3 PTR by SMART, Roosevelt	00:41			REBOUND (OFF) by (TEAM)
03:55			REBOUND (DEF) by SAVAGE, Jared	00:38			FOUL by OHMER, Jake (P2T9)
03:29			MISSED 3 PTR by BEARDEN, Lamonte	00:38			MISSED FT SHOT by DRAPER, DJ
03:29			REBOUND (DEF) by SIMMONS, Zachary	00:38			REBOUND (DEF) by DIAGNE, Moustapha
03:20			MISSED LAYUP by DUFFY, Jorden	00:24			TURNOVR by BANTON, Dalano
03:20			BLOCK by BASSEY, Charles	00:23			STEAL by GIBSON, Umoja
03:19			REBOUND (OFF) by DUFFY, Jorden	00:22	65-51	H 14	GOOD! 3 PTR by GIBSON, Umoja [FB]
03:18	56-42	H 14	GOOD! TIP-IN by DUFFY, Jorden [PNT]	00:22			ASSIST by SMART, Roosevelt
02:45			MISSED LAYUP by ANDERSON, Josh	00:12			FOUL by DUFFY, Jorden (P4T12)
02:45			REBOUND (OFF) by ANDERSON, Josh	00:12	66-51	H 15	GOOD! FT SHOT by BANTON, Dalano
02:44			MISSED TIP-IN by ANDERSON, Josh	00:12	67-51	H 16	GOOD! FT SHOT by BANTON, Dalano
02:44			REBOUND (OFF) by BEARDEN, Lamonte	00:05			MISSED 3 PTR by SMART, Roosevelt
02:40	58-42	H 16	GOOD! DUNK by BASSEY, Charles [PNT]	00:05			REBOUND (DEF) by DIAGNE, Moustapha
02:40			ASSIST by BEARDEN, Lamonte				
02:25			FOUL by SAVAGE, Jared (P3T7)				
02:25			TIMEOUT MEDIA				
02:25			MISSED FT SHOT by WOOLRIDGE, Ryan				
02:25			REBOUND (OFF) by (DEADBALL)				
02:25	58-43	H 15	GOOD! FT SHOT by WOOLRIDGE, Ryan				
02:25			SUB IN : DRAPER, DJ				
02:25			SUB OUT: SIMMONS, Zachary				
02:11			MISSED DUNK by ANDERSON, Josh				
02:11			REBOUND (DEF) by DRAPER, DJ				
02:06			MISSED 3 PTR by SMART, Roosevelt				
02:06			REBOUND (DEF) by ANDERSON, Josh				
02:00			FOUL by WOOLRIDGE, Ryan (P3T8)				
02:00			MISSED FT SHOT by ANDERSON, Josh				
02:00			REBOUND (DEF) by SIMMONS, Zachary				
02:00			SUB IN : SIMMONS, Zachary				
02:00			SUB OUT: SMART, Roosevelt				
01:50			SUB IN : DIAGNE, Moustapha				
01:50			SUB OUT: BASSEY, Charles				
01:47	58-46	H 12	GOOD! 3 PTR by DUFFY, Jorden				
01:47			ASSIST by WOOLRIDGE, Ryan				
01:37			FOUL by DUFFY, Jorden (P2T9)				
01:37	59-46	H 13	GOOD! FT SHOT by SAVAGE, Jared				
01:37	60-46	H 14	GOOD! FT SHOT by SAVAGE, Jared				
01:31	60-48	H 12	GOOD! LAYUP by DUFFY, Jorden [FB/PNT]				
01:31			ASSIST by WOOLRIDGE, Ryan				
01:27			FOUL by DUFFY, Jorden (P3T10)				

	In	Off	2nd	Fast	
	Paint	T/O	Chance	Break	Bench
2nd period-only					
North Texas	14	5	6	11	13
WKU	12	2	2	2	4

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North Texas

#	Player		Total		3-Ptr	Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot							
24	SIMMONS, Zachary	f	1-4	0-0	0-0	2	4	6	0	2	2	0	1	0	16
01	GIBSON, Umoja	g	1-2	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	2	2	1	3	0	0	16
02	DUFFY, Jordan	g	2-4	0-2	0-0	0	1	1	1	4	0	1	0	0	16
03	SMART, Roosevelt	g	0-5	0-2	1-2	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	8
23	MILLER, Michael	g	0-2	0-1	0-0	1	2	3	1	0	0	3	0	0	15
00	WOOLRIDGE, Ryan		1-4	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	2	2	1	2	0	0	14
10	SIMMONS, Jahmiah		0-0	0-0	2-3	0	1	1	1	2	0	0	1	0	5
20	ARIKAWE, Tope		0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	4
55	DRAPER, DJ		1-2	1-2	0-0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	6
Team						1	1	2				1			
Totals			6-24	1-8	3-5	5	11	16	7	16	5	11	2	0	100

FG % 1st Half: 6-24 25.0%
 3FG % 1st Half: 1-8 12.5%
 FT % 1st Half: 3-5 60.0%

WKU

#	Player		Total		3-Ptr	Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot							
02	SAVAGE, Jared	f	1-2	1-2	0-0	0	3	3	1	3	0	0	1	0	14
23	BASSEY, Charles	c	1-1	0-0	0-0	1	3	4	2	2	1	1	2	0	10
01	BEARDEN, Lamonte	g	0-4	0-1	0-0	0	3	3	1	0	2	0	0	1	16
04	ANDERSON, Josh	g	1-5	0-1	6-9	0	4	4	2	8	0	1	0	1	14
11	HOLLINGSWORTH, T.	g	4-7	1-2	1-1	0	0	0	1	10	0	2	0	1	19
00	SMITH, Tolu		1-1	0-0	1-2	1	2	3	0	3	1	0	1	0	8
12	DIAGNE, Moustapha		1-2	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0	2	1	0	1	0	8
14	NELSON, Marek		0-2	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	6
20	BANTON, Dalano		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
21	OHMER, Jake		1-2	1-2	0-0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	5
Team						2	0	2				1			
Totals			10-26	3-9	8-12	5	15	20	8	31	5	6	5	4	100

FG % 1st Half: 10-26 38.5%
 3FG % 1st Half: 3-9 33.3%
 FT % 1st Half: 8-12 66.7%

Officials: Antinio Petty, Kerry Sitton, Clyde Owens
 Technical fouls: North Texas-None. WKU-None.
 Attendance: 4024
 Game #7 - C-USA Men's Basketball Championships

Score by periods	1st	Total
North Texas	16	16
WKU	31	31

	In	Off	2nd	Fast	
Points	Paint	T/O	Chance	Break	Bench
UNT	10	2	0	0	7
WKU	10	10	10	4	8

Last FG - UNT 2nd-00:22, WKU 2nd-01:12.
 Largest lead - UNT by 2 1st-19:44, WKU by 20 2nd-18:17.
 UNT led for 01:32. WKU led for 38:11. Game was tied for 00:16.

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

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North Texas

#	Player		Total		3-Ptr	Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot							
24	SIMMONS, Zachary	f	3-5	0-0	0-0	1	6	7	1	6	0	0	1	0	15
01	GIBSON, Umoja	g	1-6	1-6	2-2	0	1	1	2	5	2	0	0	1	14
02	DUFFY, Jordan	g	3-7	1-3	0-0	1	5	6	3	7	1	0	0	0	20
03	SMART, Roosevelt	g	2-8	0-4	0-2	1	1	2	1	4	1	1	0	0	14
23	MILLER, Michael	g	0-2	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
00	WOOLRIDGE, Ryan		3-6	2-4	3-5	2	1	3	1	11	5	1	0	1	16
10	SIMMONS, Jahmiah		0-1	0-0	2-2	1	0	1	2	2	0	0	1	0	5
20	ARIKAWE, Tope		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
55	DRAPER, DJ		0-1	0-1	0-1	1	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	14
Team						1	1	2				1			
Totals			12-36	4-19	7-12	8	16	24	12	35	9	3	2	2	100

FG % 1st Half: 6-24 25.0% 2nd half: 12-36 33.3%
 3FG % 1st Half: 1-8 12.5% 2nd half: 4-19 21.1%
 FT % 1st Half: 3-5 60.0% 2nd half: 7-12 58.3%

WKU

#	Player		Total		3-Ptr	Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot							
02	SAVAGE, Jared	f	1-2	1-2	2-3	0	2	2	2	5	0	0	1	0	14
23	BASSEY, Charles	c	2-6	0-1	3-4	0	4	4	1	7	0	1	2	0	13
01	BEARDEN, Lamonte	g	1-4	0-1	0-0	1	0	1	1	2	6	1	0	1	16
04	ANDERSON, Josh	g	2-6	0-0	1-3	1	2	3	1	5	0	0	0	0	14
11	HOLLINGSWORTH, T.	g	5-8	1-1	2-2	1	2	3	0	13	1	0	0	0	17
00	SMITH, Tolu		0-0	0-0	2-2	0	2	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	6
12	DIAGNE, Moustapha		0-1	0-1	0-0	0	3	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	7
14	NELSON, Marek		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
20	BANTON, Dalano		0-0	0-0	2-2	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	1
21	OHMER, Jake		0-1	0-1	0-0	1	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	6
Team						0	0	0							
Totals			11-28	2-7	12-16	4	18	22	9	36	7	3	4	1	100

FG % 1st Half: 10-26 38.5% 2nd half: 11-28 39.3%
 3FG % 1st Half: 3-9 33.3% 2nd half: 2-7 28.6%
 FT % 1st Half: 8-12 66.7% 2nd half: 12-16 75.0%

Officials: Antinio Petty, Kerry Sitton, Clyde Owens
 Technical fouls: North Texas-None. WKU-None.
 Attendance: 4024
 Game #7 - C-USA Men's Basketball Championships

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
North Texas	16	35	51
WKU	31	36	67

	In	Off	2nd	Fast	
Points	Paint	T/O	Chance	Break	Bench
UNT	14	5	6	11	13
WKU	12	2	2	2	4

Last FG - UNT 2nd-00:22, WKU 2nd-01:12.
 Largest lead - UNT by 2 1st-19:44, WKU by 20 2nd-18:17.
 UNT led for 01:32. WKU led for 38:11. Game was tied for 00:16.

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

Play Analysis [2nd -- 00:00]
North Texas vs WKU
03/14/19 8:35 PM at Frisco, Texas (Ford Center at The Star)



<u>POINTS OFF TURNOVERS</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>Total</u>
North Texas	2	5	7
WKU	10	2	12

<u>POINTS IN PAINT</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>Total</u>
North Texas	10	14	24
WKU	10	12	22

<u>2ND CHANCE POINTS</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>Total</u>
North Texas	0	6	6
WKU	10	2	12

<u>FAST BREAK POINTS</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>Total</u>
North Texas	0	11	11
WKU	4	2	6

<u>BENCH POINTS</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>Total</u>
North Texas	7	13	20
WKU	8	4	12

<u>SCORE TIED BY</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>Total</u>
North Texas	0	0	0
WKU	0	0	0

<u>LEAD GAINED BY</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>Total</u>
North Texas	0	0	0
WKU	1	0	1

WESTERN KENTUCKY HILLTOPPERS

WKU Hilltoppers vs. North Texas Mean Green

Postgame Notes

March 14, 2019

Ford Center at The Star | Frisco, Texas

FINAL SCORE: WKU 67, North Texas 51

RECORDS AND NOTABLES

- WKU improves to 19-13 overall.
- North Texas falls to 21-12 overall.
- WKU leads the all-time series 22-5 and has won the last 10 straight. The Hilltoppers are 6-1 all-time against the Mean Green in conference tournament play.
- WKU head coach Rick Stansbury improves to 5-0 in his career against the Mean Green.
- The Hilltoppers are 21-5 in the quarterfinal round since joining the Sun Belt in 1982-83 and have advanced to at least the semifinals of their conference tournament in 13 of the last 15 seasons.
- In two games against North Texas this season, WKU has held the Mean Green to 31 total points in the first half.
- Former Hilltopper and current Dallas Cowboys quarterback Mike White was in attendance, as well as Cowboys QB Dak Prescott.
- **UP NEXT:** WKU will face No. 3-seeded Southern Miss in the semifinals Friday. The game will tip at 3 p.m. CT and be broadcast on CBS Sports Network.

TEAM NOTES

- WKU used the starting lineup of Lamonte Bearden, Taveion Hollingsworth, Jared Savage, Josh Anderson and Charles Bassey. The group is now 8-2 when starting together.
- **KEY FIRST HALF RUN:** After North Texas scored the first bucket, WKU went on a 14-3 run to earn a lead of 14-5. The Hilltoppers extended their lead to as much as 19 points during the first half.

- **KEY SECOND HALF RUN:** The Mean Green cut WKU's lead to just 13 with 15:48 left on the clock, but the Hilltoppers retaliated with a jumper from Lamonte Bearden and a Taveion Hollingsworth 3-pointer to run the score back up to 45-27.
- WKU shot 21 of 54 (38.9 percent) from the field, 5 of 16 (31.3 percent) from 3-point range and 20 of 28 (71.4 percent) from the free-throw line.
- WKU only had nine turnovers, the fifth time in 11 games to have nine or fewer turnovers.
- The Hilltoppers tied their season high with nine blocks, with four coming from Charles Bassey.
- WKU has made a 3-pointer in 1,008 straight games dating back to March 15, 1987. The Hilltoppers became just the fifth NCAA program to reach the 1,000 milestone, joining Kentucky, UNLV, Vanderbilt and Duke. WKU has the fourth-longest active streak.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

CHARLES BASSEY

- The freshman recorded nine points and eight rebounds with four blocks.
 - Bassey is tied for third in WKU history for most blocks in a single season with 78.
 - Bassey is second on WKU's points in a freshman season list with 472. He is 35 points away from tying teammate Taveion Hollingsworth.

TAVEION HOLLINGSWORTH

- The sophomore scored a game-high 23 points, shooting 9 of 15 from the field.
 - Hollingsworth now needs just 30 points to reach 1,000 for his career.
 - Hollingsworth has scored in double figures in 51 of 70 career games.

JOSH ANDERSON

- The sophomore made 13 points and added seven rebounds. He made seven shots from the charity stripe.
 - Anderson has now scored in double figures in 22 of WKU's 31 games this season.

TOLU SMITH

- The freshman had five points and five rebounds in just 14 minutes.

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

Box score and postgame notes are attached.

Postgame video will be available at [YouTube.com/WKUSports]YouTube.com/WKUSports shortly.

HILLTOPPERS FALL 62-56 TO OLD DOMINION IN C-USA CHAMPIONSHIP

FRISCO, Texas — WKU Hilltopper Basketball struggled offensively despite a stout defensive showing Saturday night, falling 62-56 to top-seeded Old Dominion in the Conference USA Championship game at Ford Center at The Star.

The Hilltoppers (20-14) returned to the title game for the second straight year, but they shot 34.6 percent from the field as ODU denied them their 24th NCAA Tournament appearance in program history.

WKU netted just 4 of 18 3-pointers and 16 of 24 free throws, while ODU guard Xavier Green — the tournament MVP — stepped up late to make big shots. Green finished with 16 points, including 14 in the last 10:40 of the game.

“They’ve been the best team all year — that’s why they won the league,” WKU head coach Rick Stansbury said. “They found a way to do it today. Neither team was very good offensively, and I thought the difference in the game was Green. ... When you make some 3s late in the game, sometimes it’s tough to overcome.”

Sophomore guards Taveion Hollingsworth and Josh Anderson were named to the all-tournament team for WKU.

Hollingsworth finished with nine points, while Anderson had 11 points, six rebounds, four steals and three assists.

Freshman center Charles Bassey tallied 12 points and 10 rebounds for his 17th double-double.

Redshirt junior guard/forward Jared Savage scored 10 points, and redshirt senior guard Lamonte Bearden had nine points, five rebounds and five assists.

“We’ve played them twice, and they play the same way,” Bassey said. “They play tough. We have to bring our best game ... but it wasn’t enough.”

The teams traded runs throughout the first half, and two free throws by Hollingsworth made it 22-21 WKU with 3:16 left in the frame.

ODU's B.J. Stith answered with a 3-pointer, and the Monarchs (26-8) took a 30-27 lead into halftime after a putback just before the buzzer by Hollingsworth.

WKU built a 37-34 lead with 11:03 left on a layup by sophomore forward Marek Nelson, but Green scored six straight points to start an 11-3 Old Dominion run.

Green's biggest shot came with 1:55 remaining, when he sank his final 3 in front of his team's bench as the shot clock waned to push the Monarch lead to 54-48.

Stith added 13 points for Old Dominion, and guard Ahmad Caver finished with 10 points and nine assists.

The Hilltoppers put together their 45th 20-win season in program history, with several signature wins including home victories over Wisconsin and Saint Mary's, a road win at Arkansas and a neutral-site triumph over West Virginia.

WKU also rebounded from a 1-3 start in conference play to earn the tournament's No. 2 seed, its highest finish since 2014.

"We had a lot of ups and downs this season," Savage said. "We overcome some adversity, all kinds of different adversity. I think we grew as a family in that locker room, and I'm just glad that those guys are my teammates."

Official Basketball Box Score -- Game Totals -- Final Statistics
 WKU vs Old Dominion
 03/16/19 7:37 PM at Frisco, Texas (Ford Center at The Star)



WKU 56 • 20-14

##	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	SAVAGE, Jared	f	3-9	2-7	2-2	0	2	2	4	10	0	1	0	2			34	
23	BASSEY, Charles	c	5-7	0-1	2-3	4	6	10	3	12	1	2	1	0			36	
01	BEARDEN, Lamonte	g	2-10	1-4	4-8	3	2	5	1	9	5	2	2	1			40	
04	ANDERSON, Josh	g	4-13	0-2	3-3	1	5	6	2	11	3	1	2	4			37	
11	HOLLINGSWORTH, T.	g	2-10	0-3	5-8	1	3	4	3	9	1	4	0	0			36	
00	SMITH, Tolu		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			4	
12	DIAGNE, Moustapha		0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			4	
14	NELSON, Marek		1-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	1	2	0	0	1	0			5	
21	OHMER, Jake		1-1	1-1	0-0	1	0	1	1	3	0	1	0	0			4	
Team						4	4	8						3				
Totals			18-52	4-18	16-24	14	23	37	15	56	10	14	6	7			200	

FG % 1st Half: 10-22 45.5% 2nd half: 8-30 26.7% Game: 18-52 34.6% Deadball
 3FG % 1st Half: 2-6 33.3% 2nd half: 2-12 16.7% Game: 4-18 22.2% Rebounds
 FT % 1st Half: 5-6 83.3% 2nd half: 11-18 61.1% Game: 16-24 66.7% 4

Old Dominion 62 • 26-8

##	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								
13	CARVER, Aaron	f	2-4	0-0	0-0	2	6	8	1	4	0	2	1	0			28	
25	ROBINSON III, Elbert	c	3-3	0-0	0-0	2	3	5	2	6	0	1	1	1			14	
03	STITH, B.J.	g	4-12	1-4	4-4	1	5	6	0	13	1	0	0	1			35	
04	CAVER, Ahmad	g	4-15	0-5	2-2	0	1	1	3	10	9	3	0	0			40-	
10	GREEN, Xavier	g	6-12	3-5	1-1	0	1	1	4	16	0	1	1	0			27	
01	WADE, Jason		1-6	0-0	0-0	1	2	3	2	2	1	2	0	0			20	
02	KITHCART, Justice		2-2	1-1	0-0	0	0	0	2	5	1	1	0	1			10	
22	EZIKPE, Kalu		2-3	0-0	2-2	2	3	5	4	6	0	2	1	0			13	
23	DICKENS, Dajour		0-1	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	3	0	0	0	1	0			13	
Team						1	1	2						2				
Totals			24-58	5-15	9-9	9	24	33	21	62	12	14	5	3			200	

FG % 1st Half: 13-27 48.1% 2nd half: 11-31 35.5% Game: 24-58 41.4% Deadball
 3FG % 1st Half: 2-8 25.0% 2nd half: 3-7 42.9% Game: 5-15 33.3% Rebounds
 FT % 1st Half: 2-2 100.0 2nd half: 7-7 100.0 Game: 9-9 100.0 2

Officials: Tom Eades, Gary Maxwell, Antinio Petty
 Technical fouls: WKU-None. Old Dominion-None.
 Attendance: 3017
 Game #11 - C-USA Men's Basketball Championship (Finals)

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
WKU	27	29	56
Old Dominion	30	32	62

Points	In	Off	2nd	Fast	Bench
	Paint	T/O	Chance	Break	
WKU	24	15	18	9	5
ODU	24	14	6	0	13

Last FG - WKU 2nd-00:03, ODU 2nd-01:06.
 Largest lead - WKU by 3 2nd-11:04, ODU by 7 2nd-01:06.
 WKU led for 02:51. ODU led for 34:33. Game was tied for 02:36.

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

WESTERN KENTUCKY HILLTOPPERS

WKU Hilltoppers vs. Old Dominion Monarchs

Postgame Notes

March 16, 2019

Ford Center at The Star | Frisco, Texas

FINAL SCORE: Old Dominion 62, WKU 56

RECORDS AND NOTABLES

- WKU falls to 20-14 overall.
- Old Dominion improves to 26-8 overall and clinches the Conference USA automatic NCAA Tournament bid.
- Old Dominion leads the all-time series 21-19.
- WKU head coach Rick Stansbury is now 4-5 against the Monarchs.
- WKU is 9-6 in conference championship games since joining the Sun Belt Conference in 1982-83. The Hilltoppers have lost in the C-USA title game in each of the last two seasons by a combined seven points.
- Former Hilltopper and current Dallas Cowboys quarterback Mike White was in attendance for the third straight game.

TEAM NOTES

- WKU used the starting lineup of Lamonte Bearden, Taveion Hollingsworth, Jared Savage, Josh Anderson and Charles Bassey. The group is now 9-3 when starting together.
- **KEY FIRST HALF RUN:** Old Dominion used a 9-2 run beginning at the 7:46 mark to take a five-point lead and a score of 21-16 with five minutes remaining in the half.
- **KEY SECOND HALF RUN:** Old Dominion went on a 13-5 run to retake the lead and a score of 47-42. WKU tied it up with 4 1/2 minutes to play but never regained the lead.
- WKU shot 18 of 52 (34.6 percent) from the field, 4 of 18 (22.2 percent) from 3-point range and 16 of 24 (66.7 percent) from the free-throw line.
- The 2018-19 group holds the WKU record for blocked shots in a single season with 174.

- Two current Hilltoppers are on WKU's minutes played in a single season list: Taveion Hollingsworth (fifth) with 1,251 minutes and Jared Savage (ninth) with 1,213 minutes.
- WKU has made a 3-pointer in 1,010 straight games dating back to March 15, 1987. The Hilltoppers became just the fifth NCAA program to reach the 1,000 milestone, joining Kentucky, UNLV, Vanderbilt and Duke. WKU has the fourth-longest active streak.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

CHARLES BASSEY

- The freshman recorded his 17th double-double of the season with 12 points and 10 rebounds. He now has 340 career boards.
 - Bassey is third in WKU history for most blocks in a single season with 81 and remains on top of the list for most blocks in a single season by a freshman.
 - Bassey is second on WKU's points in a freshman season list with 495, 11 points shy of teammate Taveion Hollingsworth's record set last year.
 - Bassey is now fifth on WKU's double-doubles in a single season list with 17.
 - Bassey is third on WKU's most minutes in a freshman season list with 1,067 minutes.

JOSH ANDERSON

- The sophomore scored 11 points and pulled down six rebounds. He also notched three assists and four steals.
 - Anderson has now scored in double figures in 24 of WKU's 33 games this season.

TAVEION HOLLINGSWORTH

- The sophomore contributed nine points and four rebounds in 36 minutes.
 - Hollingsworth now needs just four points to reach 1,000 for his career.

JARED SAVAGE

- The redshirt junior scored 10 points and netted two 3-pointers.
 - Savage is now fourth in WKU history for 3-point field goal attempts in a single season with 222.
 - Savage is now sixth in WKU history for 3-point field goal makes in a single season with 80.

LAMONTE BEARDEN

- The redshirt senior played a full 40 minutes and recorded nine points, five rebounds, five assists, two blocks and a steal.
 - In the last 12 games, Bearden has combined for 83 assists and just 22 turnovers.

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

Charles Bassey headshot is attached.

HILLTOPPERS' BASSEY NAMED TO NABC ALL-DISTRICT 11 FIRST TEAM

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — WKU freshman center Charles Bassey was named to the NABC All-District 11 First Team on Thursday, as announced by the National Association of Basketball Coaches.

It's the second straight year WKU has had a first-team NABC All-District performer following Justin Johnson in 2017-18.

District 11 is made up of the teams in Conference USA, and voting is conducted by member coaches in the association.

The honor is the latest in an impressive awards haul for Bassey, a 6-foot-11, 245-pound native of Lagos, Nigeria.

He was named earlier this month as Conference USA Freshman of the Year and Defensive Player of the Year, making him just the second player in the league history to win both in the same season.

Bassey was additionally named to the All-Conference USA First Team, All-Freshman Team and All-Defensive Team.

He's also 1 of 5 national finalists – including the only freshman – for the Kareem Abdul-Jabbar Center of the Year Award.

Bassey finished his first season on The Hill averaging 14.6 points, 10 rebounds and 2.4 blocks per game while shooting 62.7 percent from the field.

He leads Conference USA in double-doubles (17) and ranks 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.

The 18-year-old – one of the top-10 youngest players in the country – is the only player in the nation this season with at least 340 rebounds, 81 blocks and 27 steals.

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

The center was named C-USA Freshman of the Week 10 times, tying the league record, and has more blocks by himself this season than 76 Division I teams.

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

Charles Bassey headshot and action photo are attached.

BASSEY SELECTED TO KYLE MACY FRESHMAN ALL-AMERICA TEAM

BOSTON — WKU Hilltopper Basketball center Charles Bassey was named this week to the 2019 Kyle Macy Freshman All-America Team.

Bassey is the first Hilltopper to receive an All-American honor at any level since Orlando Mendez-Valdez was an Associated Press Honorable Mention All-American in 2009.

Bassey – a 6-foot-11, 245-pound native of Lagos, Nigeria – averaged 14.6 points, 10 rebounds, and 2.4 blocks in his first season for the Hilltoppers while shooting 62.7 percent from the field.

He 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 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 played his best basketball against top competition, averaging 17.8 points, 10.4 rebounds, 2.6 blocks and 1.4 steals in five games against Wisconsin's Ethan Happ, Arkansas' Daniel Gafford, UCF's Tacko Fall, West Virginia's Sagaba Konate and Washington's Noah Dickerson.

Bassey is 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.

Making the Freshman All-America Team also makes Bassey a finalist for the 2019 Kyle Macy Award, given annually to the top freshman in college basketball.

The recipient of the 2019 Kyle Macy Award will be announced Friday at the College Insider Awards Event, in Minneapolis, site of the 2019 NCAA Final Four.



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

Headshot and community service photo of Moustapha Diagne are attached. Please credit WKU Athletics.

DIAGNE RECEIVES C-USA WINTER SPIRIT OF SERVICE AWARD

DALLAS, Texas — WKU Hilltopper Basketball forward Moustapha Diagne has been named 1 of 14 recipients of the Air Force Reserve C-USA Winter Spirit of Service Award, as announced by the Conference USA office on Wednesday.

The C-USA Spirit of Service Award is designed to recognize the community service efforts of the league's student-athletes, based upon significant public service, good academic standing and participation in their elected sport. The award is presented three times throughout the season, with Wednesday's honorees representing winter sports: men's and women's basketball, men's and women's indoor track & field, rifle and men's and women's swimming.

This is the third straight year that WKU's Winter Spirit of Service honoree has come from men's basketball.

Diagne – a 6-foot-9 native of Rufisque, Senegal – has been a leader for the Hilltoppers in community service this year, including a cultural-exchange trip to Belize last summer with the sports mission group Sports Reach.

On the trip, Diagne and others on the trip played basketball games, but they also led basketball clinics for local children and visited children's homes and churches.

This school year, Diagne has also welcomed and played with campers with developmental disabilities from city program Camp Happy Days twice, donated school supplies to the local Stuff the Bus supply drive, volunteered with area children at the United Way Day of Caring, and ran stations to teach basketball to children at the Center for Courageous Kids' weekend retreat for those with debilitating asthma.

He has also been a representative for the program during area grade schools' field trips to campus and the arena.

Diagne is on track to graduate with a year of playing eligibility remaining and plans to begin pursuing his master's degree.

He appeared in 13 games for WKU in 2018-19, including the final seven games of the season while proving to be one of the team's best vocal leaders throughout the year.

Diagne averaged 9.4 minutes per game during that final stretch as a key reserve off the bench. He also averaged 1.4 rebounds per game despite his limited playing time.

2019 C-USA Winter Spirit of Service Award Winners

Taylor Parcells, Charlotte, Women's Indoor Track & Field

Alexa Bryant, FIU, Women's Swimming & Diving

Kelsey Witkay, Florida Atlantic, Women's Swimming & Diving

Taylor Stahly, Louisiana Tech, Women's Basketball

Kristen Mayo, Marshall, Women's Basketball

Alex Johnson, Middle Tennessee, Women's Basketball

Meaghan Rousset, North Texas, Women's Swimming & Diving

Amanda Caruso, Old Dominion, Women's Swimming & Diving

Hanna Huston, Rice, Women's Swimming & Diving

Lina May, Southern Miss, Women's Indoor Track & Field

Rachael Childress, UAB, Women's Basketball

Katarina Zec, UTEP, Women's Basketball

Tija Hawkins, UTSA, Women's Basketball

Moustapha Diagne, WKU, Men's Basketball





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

BASSEY TO DECLARE FOR NBA DRAFT WITHOUT SIGNING WITH AN AGENT

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — WKU Hilltopper Basketball freshman center Charles Bassey will declare for the NBA Draft without signing with an agent in order to receive evaluation, while retaining his NCAA eligibility and the option to return to school.

Bassey — a 6-foot-11, 245-pound native of Lagos, Nigeria — averaged 14.6 points, 10 rebounds, and 2.4 blocks in his first season for the Hilltoppers while shooting 62.7 percent from the field.

He 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.

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

Action photo of Kenny Cooper is attached. Please credit Lipscomb Athletics if used.

HILLTOPPERS SIGN TRANSFER GUARD KENNY COOPER

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — WKU Hilltopper Basketball head coach Rick Stansbury announced Wednesday the signing of transfer Kenny Cooper (6-0, Guard) in the 2019 class.

Cooper comes to The Hill after three seasons at Lipscomb University. He has one year of eligibility remaining.

“We’re excited to have Kenny join our program,” Stansbury said. “He’s a high-character young man from a great family. He has the valuable ability to make players around him better, and he’ll bring a wealth of experience and toughness to our team.”

Cooper – a Nashville, Tenn., native – has appeared in 100 games for the Bison with 67 starts, including all but one game over the last two seasons.

During his time with the program, Lipscomb won 72 total games, claimed the 2019 Atlantic Sun regular-season championship and advanced to the 2019 NIT championship game.

Cooper has averaged 8.9 points per game during his college career with 381 career assists against just 238 turnovers. He also has 184 career steals and ranked 44th in the nation this past season in steals rate, according to Ken Pomeroy.

As a junior in 2018-19, he averaged 9.8 points, 4.5 assists, 3.5 rebounds and two steals on a 29-win Lipscomb team. He also shot a career-best 36 percent from 3-point range.

Highlights from this past year included his game-winning basket at NC State to send the Bison to the NIT Final Four, as well as a triple-double against Kennesaw State in the Atlantic Sun Tournament.

Cooper also tallied 10 assists against Wichita State in the NIT semifinals.

The guard played his high school ball at Franklin Road Academy in Nashville, where he averaged 17.8 points, 6.6 rebounds and 5.5 assists per game as a senior.

He was a two-time Tennessee Sports Writers Association Division II-A All-State selection and Mr. Basketball finalist, as well as a four-time all-region and all-district selection. Cooper helped lead FRA to a pair of appearances in the TSSAA Division II-A state championship game and was also an all-state athlete in baseball.



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

Action photo of Camron Justice is attached. Please credit IUPUI Athletics if used.

GRADUATE TRANSFER GUARD CAMRON JUSTICE SIGNS WITH HILLTOPPER PROGRAM

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — WKU Hilltopper Basketball head coach Rick Stansbury announced Friday the signing of graduate transfer Camron Justice (6-3, Guard) in the 2019 class.

Justice comes to The Hill from IUPUI. He has one season of eligibility remaining and will be immediately eligible after graduating and transferring from the Jaguars program.

“We’re really excited to have Cam join our family,” Stansbury said. “He fills a great need with his outstanding ability to shoot and pass the ball, and he brings tremendous experience and leadership to our program. He’s also been fortunate to have a lot of great basketball coaches in his life, including his dad and a legendary Kentucky high school coach in B.B. King.”

Justice – a Hindman, Ky., native – was a Second Team All-Horizon League selection for IUPUI in 2018-19 after averaging 18.6 points, 3.2 rebounds, 2.9 assists and 1.3 steals per game.

He also made 90 of 256 3-pointers (35.2 percent) and 135 of 158 free throws (85.4 percent).

Justice finished the season ranked third in the Horizon League in scoring and was also among the league's top 10 in 3-pointers made, assists, steals, free throws made, free-throw percentage and minutes played. He scored in double digits in all but three games and scored 20-plus points 14 times.

Justice sat out at IUPUI in 2017-18 after transferring from Vanderbilt. He appeared in seven games as a sophomore before opting to transfer at the close of the fall semester.

As a true freshman, Justice appeared in 27 games for Vanderbilt while averaging 3.3 points per game and shooting 38.9 percent from 3-point range.

He was rated a four-star prospect by ESPN coming out of Knott County Central High School and was named both Kentucky Mr. Basketball and Gatorade Player of the Year in 2015. He helped lead his squad to three straight Sweet 16 appearances and averaged 28.5 points per game as a senior.

Justice finished his prep career ranked third in Kentucky high school history in career points (3,588) and made 3s (393).

He will be the third Kentucky Mr. Basketball award winner on WKU’s roster, joining Carson Williams (2016) and Taveion Hollingsworth (2017). It will be the first time in program history that WKU has ever had three Kentucky Mr. Basketball winners on the roster at the same time.

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Headshot of Charles Bassey is attached.

HILLTOPPERS' BASSEY RECEIVES NBA DRAFT COMBINE INVITATION

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — WKU Hilltopper Basketball freshman center Charles Bassey officially received an invitation Wednesday to next week's 2019 NBA Draft Combine.

The NBA Draft Combine is a first step for a select group of NBA hopefuls. Bassey was one of 66 players selected to attend the combine, as well as one of 24 college freshmen.

The NBA Draft Combine features 5-on-5 games as well as shooting and strength and agility drills at Quest Multisport in Chicago on Thursday, May 16 and Friday, May 17. ESPN2 will provide coverage both days from 2-6 p.m. CT.

Bassey previously declared for the NBA Draft without signing with an agent in order to receive evaluation, while retaining his NCAA eligibility and the option to return to school.

The 6-foot-11, 245-pound native of Lagos, Nigeria, averaged 14.6 points, 10 rebounds, and 2.4 blocks in his first season for the Hilltoppers while shooting 62.7 percent from the field.

He 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.

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2019 U.S. Virgin Islands Paradise Jam bracket is attached.

HILLTOPPERS TO OPEN 2019 PARADISE JAM AGAINST BOWLING GREEN

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — WKU Hilltopper Basketball will face Bowling Green in its first game of the 2019 U.S. Virgin Islands Paradise Jam, the tournament announced Monday.

The Hilltoppers will face Bowling Green at 8 p.m. CT Friday, Nov. 22 in the first round of the 20th annual event. All games will be played at the University of the Virgin Islands' Sports and Fitness Center in St. Thomas and will stream online at FloHoops.com.

The eight-team event is a single-elimination bracket with each team playing three games.

Other first-round matchups include Valparaiso vs. Grand Canyon, Fordham vs. Nevada and Illinois State vs. Cincinnati.

Losing teams will compete in their second game the following day, Saturday, Nov. 23. Winning teams will have a one-day break before facing off in the semifinals on Sunday, Nov. 24. All teams will return to the UVI Sports and Fitness Center on Monday, Nov. 25 for the final days of competition.

WKU will face either Illinois State or Cincinnati in its second game depending on the outcome of its matchup with Bowling Green. That contest will either be at 7:30 p.m. CT Nov. 24 in the semifinals or 5 p.m. Nov. 23 in the consolation bracket.

The championship game is slated for 8 p.m. Nov. 25.

The Hilltoppers are 23-10 all-time against Bowling Green, most recently winning 62-52 in Diddle Arena on Dec. 3, 2014. WKU is 6-0 at neutral sites against the Falcons.

As for its potential second-round foes, WKU is 12-6 all-time against Cincinnati and 1-3 against Illinois State.

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Tolu Smith headshot is attached.

TOPS' SMITH TO TRAVEL TO FAR EAST WITH SPORTS REACH USA PROGRAM

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — WKU Hilltopper Basketball forward Tolu Smith will participate this month in a cultural exchange basketball trip to the Far East through the Sports Reach USA sports ministry program.

Smith joins several Hilltoppers who have traveled abroad through the program, including Jared Savage, Moustapha Diagne, Justin Johnson, Nigel Snipes, T.J. Price, George Fant, A.J. Slaughter and Steffphon Pettigrew.

Savage and Diagne journeyed to Belize last year with Sports Reach USA.

Participants on this year's friendship/cultural tour, which runs from May 13-26, are scheduled to play four or five games against professional teams from Spain and China.

They will also be conducting basketball clinics with school age children, visiting historical sites and experiencing the Far East culture, while sharing their own culture.

Players on the trip will be involved in character development and servant leadership training focused on integrity and service to others.

Smith — a 6-foot-10 forward from Bay St. Louis, Miss. — averaged 3.3 points and 2.6 rebounds as a freshman in 2018-19 while shooting 58.3 percent from the field and appearing in all 34 games.

He averaged 10.1 minutes per game and made his final eight field goal attempts of the season over a seven-game span. He scored a career-high nine points against No. 13 West Virginia and grabbed a career-high nine rebounds at Louisiana Tech.

Smith is highly active in community service with the WKU program and is a member of the athletic department's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. He was also named to the C-USA Commissioner's Honor Roll in April for maintaining a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.

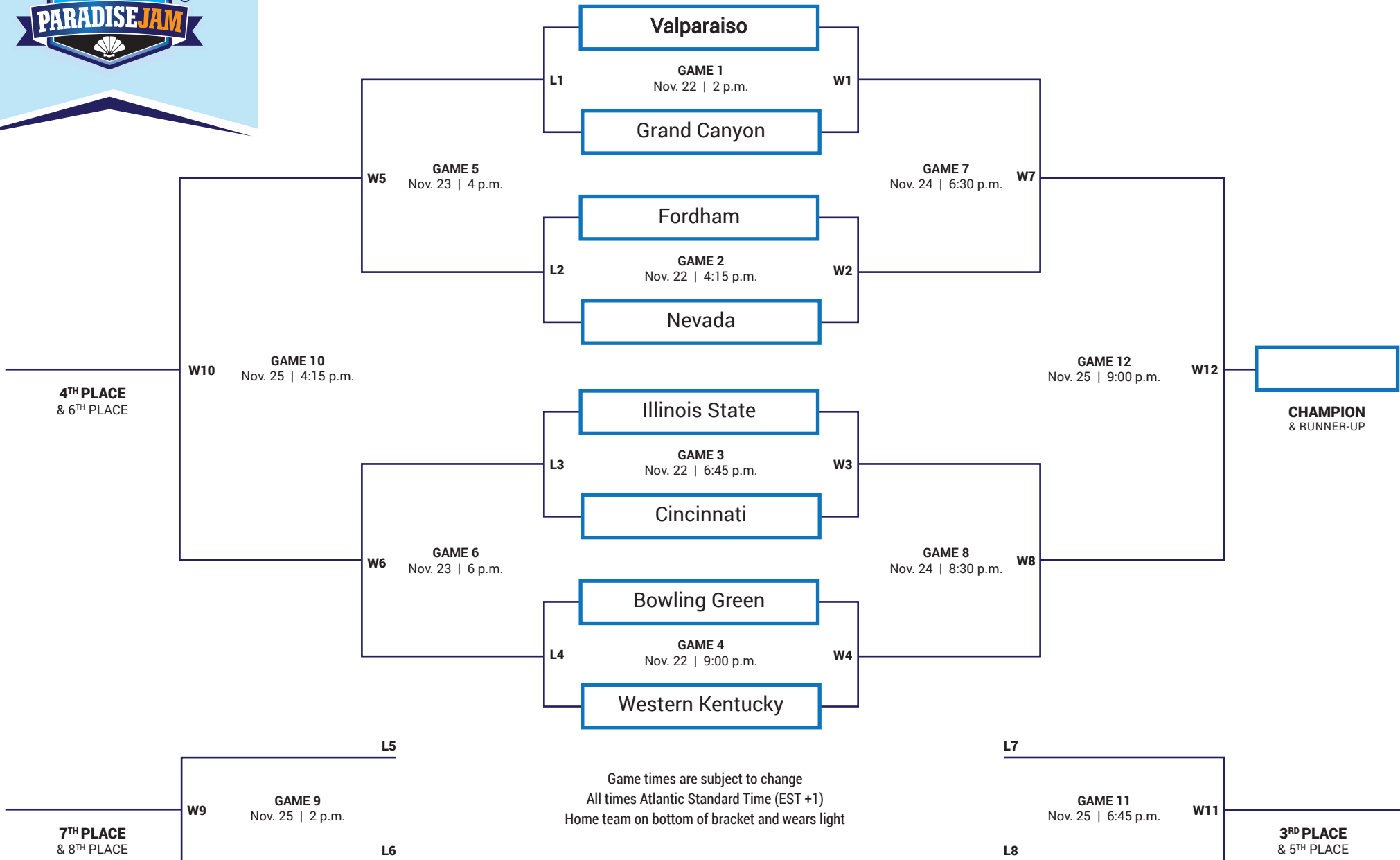


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Moustapha Diagne headshot is attached.

DIAGNE NAMED NOMINEE FOR 2019 NABC GIVE BACK TEAM

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — WKU Hilltopper Basketball forward Moustapha Diagne was honored Wednesday as a nominee for the 2019 Give Back Team, as announced by the National Association of Basketball Coaches.

Diagne was among 63 nominees for the award chosen for their outstanding community service efforts. Ten of those nominees for named official members of the Give Back Team.

Diagne – a 6-foot-9 native of Rufisque, Senegal – was also one of 14 recipients of the Conference USA Winter Spirit of Service award this spring.

His many community service initiatives included a cultural-exchange trip to Belize last summer with the sports mission group Sports Reach.

On the trip, Diagne and others on the trip played basketball games, but they also led basketball clinics for local children and visited children's homes and churches.

This school year, Diagne has also welcomed and played with campers with developmental disabilities from city program Camp Happy Days twice, donated school supplies to the local Stuff the Bus supply drive, volunteered with area children at the United Way Day of Caring, competed in wheelchair basketball with local adaptive sport athletes, and ran stations to teach basketball to children at the Center for Courageous Kids' weekend retreat for those with debilitating asthma.

He has also been a representative for the program during area grade schools' field trips to campus and the arena.



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

BASSEY WITHDRAWS FROM NBA DRAFT, WILL RETURN FOR SOPHOMORE SEASON

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — WKU Hilltopper Basketball freshman center Charles Bassey officially withdrew from the NBA Draft on Wednesday night and will return to school for his sophomore season.

Bassey had previously declared for the draft without signing with an agent in order to receive evaluation, while retaining his NCAA eligibility and the option to return to school.

The 6-foot-11, 245-pound native of Lagos, Nigeria, averaged 14.6 points, 10 rebounds, and 2.4 blocks in his first season for the Hilltoppers while shooting 62.7 percent from the field.

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FORMER TOPS THOMPSON, LAWSON TO COMPETE IN NBA SUMMER LEAGUE

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — Former WKU Hilltopper Basketball standouts Darius Thompson and Ben Lawson will begin participating next week in the MGM Resorts NBA Summer League.

Thompson, a 6-foot-4 guard who competed for WKU as a graduate transfer in the 2017-18 season, will be on the summer league roster for the recently crowned NBA champion Toronto Raptors.

Lawson, a 7-1 center who played for the Hilltoppers from 2013-17, will play for the Memphis Grizzlies' squad.

The 15th NBA Summer League will take place July 5-15 at the Thomas & Mack Center and Cox Pavilion on the campus of UNLV.

NBA Summer League 2019 will be an 11-day, 83-game competition that opens with all 32 teams (including two international squads) playing four preliminary games each. The top eight teams are then seeded in a tournament, which culminates with a championship game on July 15. Teams that do not qualify for the tournament will each play a consolation game. Every team will play at least five games and as many as seven.

Thompson and Toronto will open the preliminary round at 11 p.m. (all times central) Saturday, July 6 against the Golden State Warriors (ESPN). The Raptors will also face the Milwaukee Bucks at 6 p.m. July 8 (ESPNU), the New York Knicks at 8:30 p.m. July 9 (NBA TV) and the Indiana Pacers at 5 p.m. July 11 (NBA TV).

Toronto's full summer league schedule can be found here: <https://goto.ps/2Nimnmc>

Lawson and Memphis will play their first game against the Indiana Pacers at 6 p.m. July 6. That game will air on NBA TV. The Grizzlies will also play the Los Angeles Clippers at 10:30 p.m. July 7 (ESPN2), the Phoenix Suns at 6:30 p.m. July 9 (NBA TV) and the Boston Celtics at 9:30 p.m. July 11 (ESPN2).

Lawson will also play for Memphis in the Salt Lake City Summer League on July 1-3. The six-game event hosted by the Utah Jazz will feature the Grizzlies, Jazz, San Antonio Spurs and Cleveland Cavaliers in a round-robin summer showcase.

Memphis' full summer league schedule can be found here: <https://goto.ps/2xhxPnd>

In his one season at WKU, Thompson averaged 13.6 points, 4.8 assists and 4.2 rebounds for WKU, while netting a team-high 54 made 3-pointers. He was also named to the All-Conference USA Second Team as the Hilltoppers won 27 games and advanced to the NIT Final Four.

He set a new program record for most minutes played in a season with 1,354, tied for the most games started in a season in WKU history and finished with the fourth-most assists in a single season (181).

Thompson's most memorable accomplishment came at Marshall on Jan. 6, when he recorded the second triple-double in Hilltopper history with 33 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists.

He spent his first season of pro ball with ZZ Leiden in the Netherlands, where he was named Most Valuable Player in the Dutch Basketball League, averaging 19 points, 5.4 assists and 4.1 rebounds per game. He was also a top-three finalist for MVP of the FIBA Europe Cup, averaging 22.4 points, 5.1 rebounds and 3.9 assists.

Lawson competed for WKU from 2013-17 and finished his career fourth on WKU's all-time list for total blocks with 185. He averaged 5.3 points, 3.3 rebounds and 1.7 blocks as a senior.

His pro game soared this past season with Japan's Fukuoka Rizing, where he averaged 15 points, 10.5 rebounds and 1.7 blocks per game.

Thompson and Lawson mark three Hilltoppers who have competed in the NBA Summer League in the last two seasons. Dwight Coleby, who played with Thompson at WKU as a graduate transfer in 2017-18, competed last year with the New Orleans Pelicans.

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Headshots and action photos of Phil Cunningham and Marcus Grant are attached. Please credit Troy Athletics.

STANSBURY ADDS CUNNINGHAM AS ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH, GRANT AS ASSISTANT COACH

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — WKU Hilltopper Basketball head coach Rick Stansbury announced Monday the hiring of Phil Cunningham as associate head coach and Marcus Grant as assistant coach on his staff.

“We’re excited to have both Phil and Marcus be a part of our staff,” Stansbury said. “I’ve known Phil for the majority of my life. I played for his father, and then Phil coached with me for several years at Mississippi State. He also did a remarkable job as head coach at Troy getting them to the NCAA Tournament, which isn’t an easy task there.

“Marcus played for me as a player and then coached eight years with me at Mississippi State. He was a terrific player for us and helped us get to the Sweet 16. He did a great job for me in his years as an assistant coach, and he did the same thing for Coach Cunningham at Troy. Both Marcus and Phil are terrific people, and we’re excited to have them both as part of our basketball family.”

Both coaches have longtime experience working with Stansbury.

Cunningham – a Campbellsville, Ky., native – spent the previous six seasons as the head coach at Troy University, and his 18 years as a Division I assistant before that included 12 years working with Stansbury at Mississippi State and one prior stint as a WKU assistant in 2012-13.

“I’m very thankful to Coach Stansbury for providing me with this terrific opportunity, and I’m excited about reconnecting with so many good friends on the coaching staff and in the athletic department,” Cunningham said. “WKU Basketball has meant big-time tradition and success to me since I was a young kid in Campbellsville following the playing and coaching career of our hometown hero Clem Haskins, and I’m fortunate to be a part of this storied program once again.”

Grant spent the last six seasons on Cunningham’s staff at Troy, including the last four as associate head coach. Before that, he spent eight years working for Stansbury at Mississippi State.

“I’m excited about the opportunity to join Coach Stansbury’s staff,” Grant said. “Western Kentucky is rich in basketball tradition, and I look forward to becoming a part of the university and the community.”

Cunningham, 52, led Troy to its first Sun Belt Tournament championship in 2017 and the program's second NCAA Tournament appearance, including the first in 14 years. That team completed the biggest wins turnaround in program history and racked up the most victories in a season since 2003-04.

During his tenure, Cunningham coached the No. 1 and No. 2 all-time leading scorers in Troy history in Wes Person and Jordon Varnado.

His Troy teams also won the Sun Belt Team Academic Award in two of the last three years, and all 16 players who competed as seniors earned their degree.

Before taking the reins at Troy, Cunningham was named one of the top 25 assistant coaches in the NCAA by Rivals.com and was recognized by The Hoop Scoop recruiting publication as one of the top NCAA Division I men's basketball assistant coaches.

In his one season at WKU, the Hilltoppers won four games in four days to claim their second straight Sun Belt title, narrowly falling to No. 1 seed Kansas in the NCAA Tournament.

Cunningham spent 12 seasons as an assistant coach under Stansbury at Mississippi State from 2000-12 before joining the WKU staff. In that 13-year span, Mississippi State and WKU made 11 postseason appearances, including seven NCAA Tournament berths. All 12 of the recruiting classes he was involved with at Mississippi State were nationally recognized.

Cunningham was a part of six NCAA Tournament appearances in 11 years at Mississippi State. He worked primarily with the Bulldog guards and had a heavy hand in the program's recruiting efforts, helping land players such as Jarvis Varnado, Jamont Gordon, Charles Rhodes, Arnett Moultrie and also Monta Ellis, who went directly to the NBA out of high school after signing with Mississippi State.

Cunningham was a part of five Southeastern Conference Western Division crowns, one overall conference championship and two conference tournament titles in his final nine seasons at Mississippi State.

Before his tenure at Mississippi State, Cunningham spent five seasons as an assistant coach under legendary head coach Charles "Lefty" Driesell at James Madison and Georgia State. He was promoted to associate head coach in his final two seasons at GSU, where he recruited back-to-back conference Player of the Year winners.

Cunningham's 18-year stint as an NCAA Division I assistant coach was preceded by a three-year stay as head basketball coach at Sue Bennett College in London, Ky. Taking over a former junior college program making the jump to four-year competition in the NAIA, Cunningham paced Sue Bennett to 48 victories during his three seasons at the helm of the Dragons, including

postseason tournament appearances during each of the school's first two years of postseason eligibility status.

Cunningham began his coaching career in the 1990-91 season as an assistant coach on his father's staff at Campbellsville University after graduating with a bachelor's degree in business administration. He helped lead the Tigers to the District 32 championship and an appearance in the NAIA Tournament.

He then went to Mississippi State as a graduate assistant for the 1991-92 season, where he earned a master's degree in physical education with an emphasis in sports administration.

After graduating from Taylor County High School, Cunningham began his collegiate playing career at Kentucky Wesleyan and won a NCAA Division II National Championship in 1987. Citing a desire to play for his highly respected father, Cunningham transferred to Campbellsville College, now Campbellsville University, where he finished his career ranked among the school's all-time leaders in career assists.

Cunningham has one daughter, Shelby.

Grant, 45, has carved out a role developing post players during his time as an assistant coach.

The Macon, Ga., native oversaw the emergence of Jordon Varnado as one of the most dominant posts in the Sun Belt Conference, which coincided with Troy's 2017 conference tournament championship and second-ever trip to the NCAA Tournament.

In 2017-18, Varnado and Alex Hicks ranked in the top 10 in rebounding out of all Sun Belt players.

The year before, the Trojans had the biggest wins improvement in school history, the most wins in a season since 2003-04 and the third-most Sun Belt wins of all time. Troy also had the most non-conference wins since 2002-03.

In 2014-15, Grant helped the development of forward Kevin Thomas, who stamped his name several times into Troy's record book, including records for single-season field-goal percentage and career field-goal percentage.

Grant came to Troy after spending eight seasons on staff at Mississippi State, including the last six as an assistant coach from 2006-12 with Cunningham as a fellow assistant and Stansbury as the head coach.

Grant began his coaching career at Mississippi State in 2004 as a coordinator of operations before being promoted to assistant coach in 2006. In his eight years on staff at MSU, Grant was a part of six postseason appearances, including three NCAA Tournament appearances.

Grant was a part of six 20-win seasons in his eight years on staff at MSU, two SEC Western Division championships and one SEC Tournament championship.

He was also a standout player at Mississippi State from 1991-95, helping lead the Bulldogs to the 1995 NCAA Sweet 16 in his senior season. He was named third-team All-SEC and scored 23 points in the Bulldogs' upset win at No. 4 Kentucky, MSU's first ever victory at Rupp Arena.

Before starting his coaching career, Grant spent nearly a decade playing professionally in Europe, a three-time Eurobasket All-Finnish League Import Player of the Year. In his final year, Grant averaged 16.5 points, 6.8 rebounds and 4.0 assists per game in leading the Kouvolan Kouvot club to the 2003-04 Finnish League championship.

Having also played professionally in Germany (2003), Portugal (1998) and France (1996), Grant's professional playing career began in 1995 as a member of the Atlanta Trojans of the United States Basketball League.

He also competed in his first pro year for the Black Hills (S.D.) Posse of the International Basketball Association after participating in the Dallas Mavericks rookie/free agent camp in fall 1995.

A three-time member of the SEC Academic Honor Roll, Grant received his bachelor's degree in communications from Mississippi State in 1995.

He and his wife Angie have two children, Marcus II and Kayla. Marcus also has a daughter, Kendra.









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HILLTOPPERS ADD RECLASSIFIED GUARD JORDAN RAWLS IN 2019 CLASS

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — WKU Hilltopper Basketball head coach Rick Stansbury announced Thursday the signing of Jordan Rawls (6-2, Guard) in the 2019 class.

Rawls, who plays for Hamilton Heights Christian Academy in Chattanooga, Tenn., was originally a member of the 2020 class but will reclassify to 2019 and join the Hilltoppers this summer.

“We’re glad to finally have Jordan join our family,” Stansbury said. “He brings a high skill level to our team, and there’s no question he has tremendous upside. I’ve known his father for a good portion of my life, so I know what kind of family he comes from. He has a terrific father and mother, and we’re excited to have him in our program.”

Rawls averaged 23 points and seven assists per game last season for Hamilton Heights, leading the Hawks to the National Association of Christian Athletics Division I national championship and a 34-4 record. It was the program’s third championship in four years.

He scored 22 points in the title game and had another game where he made nine 3-pointers and scored a career-high 38 points.

Rawls is rated a four-star prospect by both 247Sports and Rivals. 247Sports ranked him the No. 80 player in the country in the 2020 class.

He averaged 11.9 points per game this spring on the AAU circuit for Team Thad, shooting 47.6 percent from the field and 34.9 percent from 3-point range.

Rawls’ father, Keith, was a standout for Austin Peay in the late 80s when Stansbury was an assistant for the Governors.