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Western Kentucky State Teachers College
Basketball Scrap Book on the
1945-1946 team.
Western Kentucky State Teachers College

1945-1946

First Row Left to Right
Irvin
Kirk
ATKINSON
Horsely
Morris
Johnson
Gartner
Parsley
Hale

Second Row
Whitfield
Huter
Schaeffer
Gratton
Cañete
Dunning
Brooks
Kirk

Third Row
Holmes
Davis
Hawkins
Coby
Hume
Harker
Sydner
Taylo

Coach E.A. Diddly
Asst. Coach Ted Hornback

Manager: Johnny Carr
Western Hilltoppers To Open Home Basketball Season Saturday Night

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The game was lively throughout and only shrewd judgment and a never-say-die spirit brought victory to the Toppers. It was the last game of the season.

Jim Huter, reserve guard, was the top scorer with 19 points, followed by Brooks, guard, with 17.

The victory was Western's second in two starts.

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Western (48) Smyrna (40)
Hale, 14
Parkey, 14
Parsley, 8
Atkinson, 6
Garwood, 6
Huler, 6
Patterson, 6
Emery, 6
Substitutions, Western—Hanks, forward, 2; Taylor, guard; Johnson, center; Schaeffer and Brooks, forward.

Hilltoppers To Open Season Friday Night

Seeking their first victory of the season, the Western Hilltoppers cagers of Coach Ed Diddle left for Nashville to seek the win they want to get.

The game between Western and the Bombers is scheduled for tonight at 7:30 at the Hilltopper gym, and will feature a clean-up fight between Coach Diddle's 'Hilltoppers Fight Back To Beat Nashville Air Base Team, 52-51 in a rough and ready contest

The score was 51-22 at the half. Western was ahead at the half, and was banked in with the Army team at 9:00. The Army team was led by 20, but the Hilltoppers' Maurice Hale, Parsley, Brooks, and Huter, had the game in their favor.

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By Clarence Davers

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Eight Teams From Four States
To Compete In Ohio Valley Meet

By WALLACE BLAIR, Courier-Journal Staff Writer.

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Western Whips Fort Knox Five At Owensboro

The Western Hilltopper basketball team hung up its seventh victory last night in downing a Fort Knox quintet by the score of 64 to 52 in a benefit tilt at Owensboro. It was another of those battles with the outcome in doubt until the warm-up buzzer sounded. The Westerners led by 31 to 29 at the half-mark.

The Hilltoppers get even a more severe testing when they line up against the Army Navy Team tomorrow night at 8:30 o'clock on the Western court.

WESTERN FG FT TP
Hale, F 11 17 28
Crafton, F 10 2 12
Benson, F 13 2 15
Heller, C 17 2 19
Kirk, G 10 0 10
Hale, F 8 2 10
Wilson Kirk, G 13 0 13
Taylor, G 10 1 11
Heller, G 10 0 10
Embry, G 8 2 10

FORT KNOX FG FT TP
Hale, F 7 9 16
Crafton, F 7 2 9
Benson, F 7 2 9
Heller, C 8 2 10
Kirk, G 7 0 7
Harvey, G 7 2 9
Mulaney, G 7 2 9
Taylor, G 7 1 8

The Western Hilltoppers are expected to start for Western tomorrow night.

The Navy team, featuring Johnny Oldham, of Hartford, a former basketball star at Western, boasts of a strong aggregation and ranks among the top teams of the country again this year.

An estimate of the strength of the Navy Fleet outfit is seen in the fact that Tuesday night the Midshipmen whipped Murray by the score of 65 to 52, Oldham leading the attack with 13 points. Last season the Midshipmen produced the hot Navy Air Base team after the latter had handed the Hilltoppers a 63-52 stoning.

The Naval Training Center team, which last year scored about 1,200 points, for one of the highest records made by any basketball team, is reported every bit as strong this year.

The Murray club, Western's traditional foe, appeared to be hopelessly outclassed by the Navy boys, judging from Tuesday night's score. Navy went to the Western Saturday night and will play at center; center and Heller at guards.

Navy Fire Sinks Western 47-35

Special to the Courier-Journal

Bowing Green, Ky., Dec. 1.—In a fast-moving fracas that gave a capacity crowd a show, the skillful Naval Air Technical Training Center of Memphis scored over Western State's Hilltoppers 47-35.

John Oldham, former Western star, dropped a long one and followed with another field goal to start the Navy quint rolling and by halftime the Sailors were leading 27-12.

The Oddlemen came back in the second period to pull the margin down to 31-41. However, the Midshipmen put the final nail in the coffin with 11 points in the last half, and Oldham made good a free throw to post the books at 32-17.

Dispelling some of the clearest ball-handling ever seen in Bowling Green, the Training Center five started the scoring on Oldham's field goal, after the big forward had missed two straight shots at the 17-foot line on fouls called against Chalmers Embry, Western guard.

Oldham and Lackert stripped and the score read 6 to 0, but Hunter retaliated with Western's first basket and Schaull on a spinner made the count 8-2. Embry made a free throw, which was duplicated by Oldham, and Schaull rapped up a crisp shot to put his team out in front 11-3 as the Hilltoppers called time out.

Climbing steadily on the work of Schaull and Sickan, the latter a reserve forward, the Navy team jumped into a 20-8 advantage with five minutes left of the first half. Seemingly coming to life in the last half, Coach Diddle's boys began displaying the marksmanship of former teams and constantly threatened to catch up with their service rivals. The locals displayed more aggressiveness and airliness in the final go-round and went within striking distance up until the final three minutes.

In a ten-point range with a beautiful shot by William Kirk, center, Western pulled up to a 33-28 margin and with about seven minutes remaining in the last half not to an eight-point difference when the score read 39-31 for Navy.

Only superior rebounding and handling of the ball sent the Hilltoppers into defeat by the Memphis team.

Three Western players shared the scoring laurels, with nine points apiece: Hale, forward; Oldham, center; and Chalmers Embry, guard. Memphis Navy (47)

Oldham—F 4 4 12
Lockhart—F 2 2 6
Schaull—G 9 4 22
Ferguson—F 4 3 12
Dean—G 1 2 4
Brown—G 0 0 0
Hutley—G 0 0 0

Western (35)
Hale—F 3 3 9
Ferguson—F 1 1 2
Kirk—G 4 4 9
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Memphis takes in opener

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Calhoun Wins From Rams In Overtime Tilt

By HAROLD MISCHL

Two good basketball games were staged out at the Daviess County High school gymnasium, Thursday night, sponsored by the Jay Cee, for the benefit of the Goodfellows.

The overflow crowd witnessed the game and the "floor show" given by the famous college teams, Arizona State and Kentucky, between the halves of the feature contest.

Western State Hilltoppers beat the Fort Knox soldiers in the main tilt of the evening, 64 to 54. The two teams had battled on even terms throughout the first half which ended with the Hilltoppers in front of 34 to 24 count.

The Calhoun High Bulldogs who dropped a close decision to the Joevel Rams, at Calhoun, recently, evened the count with the Bluebirds here last night as they edged the locals in an overtime tie, 28 to 28.

Coach Ed Diddle of the Westerners' last half drive that saw Maurice Hale, former Daviess County Panther, and Charles Perry, former Harford High Mustang, hitting the basket from all angles of the floor, was too much for the Soldiers to compete with and they fell by the wayside in the last seven minutes of play.

The contest was a thrilling one from start to finish. In the first one team, then the other would connect for difficult shots from all corners of the gymnasium. The passing performance of the Hilltoppers was outstanding and pleasing to the overflow crowd that witnessed the contest.

Coach Diddle started an "All Daviess County Five" with Wilson Kirk and Elwood Castlen, guards; William Kirk, at center, William Craften and Maurice Hale, as forwards.

Off the floor, cowboys of the hardwood classic got a glimpse of Western famous through the eyes of coach Ed Diddle, who kept up his "lover's work" throughout the contest as he urged his Hilltoppers on to victory.

The lineup: Western--Hale, 16; Parsley, 18; Castlen, 2; Craften, 4; Hale, 10; Karpowlch, 16. Substitutions--Western--Parsley, 18; Castlen, 2; Craften, 4; Hale, 10; Karpowlch, 16. Fort Knox--Hale, 10; Parsley, 18; Castlen, 2; Craften, 4; Hale, 10; Everson, 10. Substitutions--Fort Knox--Parson, 16; Castlen, 2; Craften, 4; Hale, 10; Everson, 10.

Toppers Win Over Air Base

As I watched Western hustle through two close hardwood victories I couldn't help noticing the one outstanding thing that made the machine click. As pointed out by Coach Diddle, it was sheer, fighting determination. A ball club with spirit like this, won't lose many ball games. "The boys this year may not be the greatest team in Western history, they're one of the "fightiest"" says Coach Diddle and when the student body realises this they'll know there's something really wonderful in watching a never-say-die fighting team.

WKTC

The main aim of self defence has returned to the Hill with the figure of Coach Diddle outside the Great John L. Some of the boys who saw this excellent exhibition in its finer points said it was according to the marquis of Queensbury rule a Diddle and loyal! There was no Sunday punch just a Friday free for all.

Coach Diddle journeyed to the Volunteer State last Friday to appear as speaker at the meeting of the West Tennessee Educational Association which met in Memphis.

W. D. Crotf, who captained the first football team under Coach Ed is president of the association.

WKTC

A new peak in broken bones (noises to the un-jump) has been the result of recent sports activity on the Hill. At the rate they have been multiplying we can expect all the men at Western to be social outcasts unless he has a smashed moneleg. Here's hoping it never reaches the place where some unexcusable character starts to sell himself under cover, according to the black market style of former days: "Past, buddy, want to buy a broken nose practically never used?" Etc. Has everybody seen Huler? Now that western's basketball season has begun to roll it is only proper that good sportsmanship toward our opponents and referee be maintained. It is not common practice for belling and seeing to accompany the Topper game and this is not the season to start it; it is the season to do away with it altogether. It proves embarrassing to the fidelity, student body and the office. The Hilltoppers won both games against Fort Knox, 64 to 54 and 32 to 28.

WKTC

One change on the Hilltopper basketball schedule has been made, according to an announcement by Coach Ed Diddle. The game with the Naval A.V. Technical Training Center was postponed from Memphis scheduled for Friday, November 30 at the Western gym has been changed to Saturday, December 1.

Western is scheduled to play Thursday night, November 29 in a benefit affair at Owensboro against the Fort Knox quintet. Defending its un­wise to play games on two successive nights Coach Diddle moved up the game with the Naval A.V. team.

Westerners Meet Arkansas Razorbacks In Two Games

Seeking to register three basketball victories this week to add to their string of seven, the Western Hilltoppers had their final hard­wood rehearsal Tuesday for their invasion of the Southwest in a two­game stand against the University of Arkansas Razorbacks at Little Rock and a return bout with the Memphis Navy team.

The Toppers take on Thursday and Friday night and line up Saturday night against the Memphis Melodirs. They then last Saturday night at the Western gymnasium.

In the Arkansas team the Western five is expecting some of its smallest opposition of the season, the Razorbacks reporting as having one of their strongest cage combinations this year. One of the Razorbacks' least victims aside of a scoring total of more than 100 points against one of the Navy service teams.

Westerners, however, are expected to more than give a good account of themselves as they have shown much more power and drive than anticipated early in the campaign.

The Red and Gray cagers enter the Arkansas tilt with a record of seven wins in nine starts, with only one loss counting as a regular season setback. The other was in tournament play when the Westerners were edged by a fast University of Tennessee Sneed aggregation, at the Ohio Valley tournament in Jeffersonville.

Coaches Ed Diddle and Ted Hornbeck with the following players, left at 4 o'clock this afternoon for Little Rock: Morris, Holder, Schuster, Embry, Gursky, William Kirk, Johnson, Elliott, Brooks, Hale, Hamner and Taylor.

Charles Perry, one of the starting forwards in Western's recent games, has been suffering this week with an attack of influenza, and must be listed as uncertain for the starting lineup Thursday night.

However, if Perry is unable to start, it is likely that Carroll Brooks will get the nod. Maurice Hale will be the other forward position as William Kirk, at center, with Nolan. Referees--the guard assignments.

All of the games will be relayed to Bowling Green fans through facilities of the local radio station.

Western Will Play Razorbacks Tonight

On their first road trip of the regular season, Western Teachers College Hilltoppers five will meet the University of Arkansas Razorbacks in the first of two games tonight at Little Rock.

The second game will be played Friday night.

Diddle, one of the first meetings of Arkansas and West­ern, constitutes the first meeting of Arkansas and West­ern.

Probable starting lineup for the Hilltoppers will include Hale and Brooks, forwards; William Kirk, center; Embry and Huller at guards.

The Westerners will step by Memphis on the return trip to tangle with the strong Naval Technical Training Center Hells­cats who played in Bowling Green last Saturday night.
Western Nips Army Cagers By 53 to 36

Special to The Courier-Journal

Richmond, Ky., Nov. 19—Western Hilltoppers kept alive their early season win stretch here tonight by trouncing a highly-regarded team from Camp Campbell 53-36.

Chalmers Emery, guard, and Maurice Hale, forward, spurred the Hilltoppers in a second half drive after a slow start which saw their boys erratic in shooting and ball handling.

This is Western's last game before the Ohio Valley Tournament and an Albany Friday and Saturday, and marks the Hilltoppers fourth straight win in as many starts this season.


Marshall College (56) George Embry, guard, and Charles Dean, forward, paced the locals in scoring threats. Jim Hutter, Louisville boy, showed up with 11. Joe Dick Hawhee, responsible for 17, and because Ed Kupper of Western, as the Cardinals were able to determine opponents for the tourney which will be held at noon Friday at the Western Kentucky Teachers' Hilltoppers were first to arrive.

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The Hilltoppers third stra...
Peck Hickman’s University of Louisville quintet defeated Glenn Curtis’ Indiana State Teachers College team of Terre Haute, Ind., 69-38 last night at the Jeffersonville Fieldhouse in the final game of the first round in the Ohio Valley tourney in which was probably the best game of the meet so far.

In the first game of the night session, a taller, more mature Morehead Teachers College five showed considerable class in disposing of Brad Jones’ inexperienced Georgetown College Tigers 61-31.

**WELL PLAYED**

In afternoon games, Ed Diddle’s Western Kentucky State Teachers College came from behind to eliminate W. J. “Blue” Foster’s University of Miami quintet 22-25 and Carm Henderson’s Thundering Herd from Marshall College had things pretty much its own way in trouncing a smaller Kentucky Wesleyan team 58-56.

All games were well played and the only disappointment of the tourney so far was the attendance. Approximately 1,800 people turned out for the night session and less than half that number witnessed the afternoon games.

The schedule for today sends Western against Marshall College at 2:15 p.m. and at approximately 3:45 or immediately following the first test, the University of Louisville five will meet Morehead.

**COULDN’T MISS**

The games promise to be keenly contested from the opening whistle and the experts are saying it will be Marshall College and University of Louisville in the finals at 8:15 p.m. tonight.

In disposing of Indiana State Teachers, Peck Hickman’s Boys simply couldn’t miss. They carried the game to the Hoosiers all the way and outmaneuvered them to get in for close shots at the hoop and in most cases they made good.

The Sea Cards had more speed, better passing and timing of their screening and in all around play looked great for this time of the season. Poor old Glenn Curtis just didn’t have the material but he put a team on the floor that kept trying and with a little better luck on close-in shots might have made the game more interesting.

In Ed Kupper, Don Kinker and Charles Hawbee of Morehead, Bill Hall of Marshall and Chalmers Embry of Western probably setting the pace on the scoring.

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**Western Nosed Out By Cards By 51-45**
U.L. Spills Western 51-45 For Ohio Valley Crown

Sea Cards Wear Down Reserve-Weak Hilltoppers
In Second Half After Diddle Five Grabs Early Lead

By WALLACE BLAIR, Courier-Journal Staff Writer.

It was a case of the teacher instructing the pupil too well when the University of Louisville quintet coached by Peck Hickman, one of Ed Diddle's most able students, defeated Western Kentucky State Teachers College 51-45 in the final of the Ohio Valley tourney last night in the Jeffersonville Fieldhouse.

U. of L. gained its victory the hard way, coming from behind after trailing 30-23 at the half. The foxy Diddle brought along in this game with his regulars was one of the smartest players he ever coached, must have known his alma mater was weak on reserve strength. From the time the ball was thrown up the first time until the final gun, he had his boys breaking fast and keeping the tempo as fast as Western would permit. Peck used nine men, seven of whom were on a par, and chose to try out his former teacher.

Western succeeded in slowing U. of L. down in the first half by means of some long distance shooting and a mass defense under the basket that kept the Sea Cards outside a 17-foot zone. The Cards couldn't hit from out there and they couldn't get in close. Western was handling the rebounds on Louisville's back board and then concentrating on ball handling.

Western led the first ten minutes of the ball game by one to three points and the Sea Cards managed to tie the score at 6, 8, 10 and 12 before the Hilltoppers, led by Huter, Chalmers Embry and Charles Parsley, ran the score to 30-16 with six minutes to play in the first half.

HIGH MAN

George Hauptfuhrer, who paced all scorers with 18 points, and Ed Kupper scored two baskets each to cut the margin to 30-23 before the teams went to the dressing rooms.

After a little talk with Hickman, the Sea Cards came back to run the score to 32, while Maurice HALE, fouled by Bob Gurtz, was making a point at the line for Western. Charles Parsley evened the score at 32 when Don Kinker pushed and Embry, who did some accurate shooting all through the tourney, gave the Hilltoppers their last lead of the game, 34-32, with a basket from mid-floor.

Prajes, fouled by Parsley, leveled the score at 34 and Ace Parker hit from 17 feet out to give the Cards the lead they kept the remainder of the game. Louisville extended the lead to 43-34 before Embry meshed the net again. Parsley's free throw and Embry's basket from dead in the corner made the score 43-39, the closest Western got in the last ten minutes of the game.

Western showed the effect of a tough semi-final game in the afternoon with Marshall College of Huntington, W. Va., when it was forced to come from behind in the second half to win 51-45 after trailing 22-19 at intermission.

The Sea Cards defeated Morehead State Teachers College in the other semi-final game pretty much as it wanted to, winning 55-41 after leading at one time in the first half 27-7 and was on top 27-13 at the half. Hickman used all twelve men in uniform in this game with his regulars playing less than half the game.

An all-Tournament team selected by the press includes Kupper, Don Kinker and George Hauptfuhrer of University of Louisville; Chalmers Embry; Charles Parsley and Jim Huter of Western: Andy Tonkavich and Bill Hall of Marshall College; Jack Pool of Morehead Teachers College and Doyle Cofal of Indiana State Teachers College.

BOXED IN by U. of L. cagers Ed Kupper (8) and George Hauptfuhrer (13), Chalmers Parsley (96) of Western looks desperately for a possible receiver in play in the Ohio Valley Basketball Tournament at Jeffersonville Fieldhouse last night. Watching the action is Bob Garwitz (11) of the Sea Cards. U. of L. defeated Western 51-45 to win the tourney.
Ohio Valley College
Basketball Tournament

Nov. 23-24, 1945

Teams
Indiana State Teachers
Miami University
Marshall College
University of Louisville
Western State Teachers
Morehead Teachers
Georgetown College
Kentucky Wesleyan

Jeffersonville Field House
Jeffersonville, Ind.
Toppers Lose Close One To Plants

**Razorbacks Beat Western**

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 8—The University of Arkansas lost its fourth consecutive victory of the season here last night as their defeated Western Kentucky Teachers College, 67-38.

George Kol, six-foot, ten-inch center, scored 25 points for the Toppers, while Schuler scored 17, most of his baskets on the fast break. "Parson Bill" Flynt, veteran guard, and Melvin McOsa scored 15 points apiece.

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Half time: Arkansas 26, Western Kentucky 21.

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**Memphis Team Nips Western By 47 To 40**

MILLINGTON, Tenn., Dec. 8 (Spd.)—Playing on more than even terms in the first half and keeping in scoring range all of the second half, the Western Hilltoppers cleared away a close Memphis Navy contest by a narrow margin of 47-40. Western's previous games had been of the same quintet played in the last game of the tournament to gain momentum after about five minutes and to score four points on top of a 30-13 score with about six minutes left in the first half. However, the Hilltoppers fought back and the half ended with Western ahead 26 to 23.

The teams battled evenly in the second half, with the score tied twice, at 42-45 and 44-44. Parked on a 28-18 lead, the Hilltoppers came away with the Navy five managed to hold their scoring eyes much more erratic in the second half, after a last minute shot by Hale. Oldham, Western's personal foul. Jim Ruter, Western's little guard, quickly sank a short shot and gave the Diddlemen seven minutes old before Arkansas scored their fourth straight by McGaha who scored 15 points apiece; Hale, forward, Kirk, center.

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**Memphis Hellcats Beat Hilltoppers**

Led by big Fred Scantlin, former Newhall, Ohio, basketball star who hit 32 points, the Naval Air Training Center Hellcats from Memphis, headed Coa•g Diddle's Hilltoppers in a 47-40 defeat in a fast encounter on the Western hardwood, Saturday night, December 7.

Their shooting erratic in the first half, the Hilltoppers staged a score run after trailing 21-12 at the halftime, and got within seven points of the Memphis boys when Hurter, 0 was 23-23. Their shooting aspirations of the field accomplished. Western Hilltoppers were made new forward for the Memphis Hellcats. It made a free throw to post the books 32-17.

Seemingly going to lose in the last half, the Hilltoppers began displaying the marksmanship of former team mates and constantly threatened to catch up with their own rivals, keeping within yelling distance until the final three minutes.

Three - Western players sharing scoring laurels, with nine points apiece; Hale, forward, Kirk, center and Chalmers, Emory, guard.

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**Western Will Play Razorbacks Tonight**

On their first road trip of the regular season Western Teachers college Hilltopper five will meet the University of Arkansas Razorbacks in the second of two games fundamental at Little Rock.

The series constitutes the first meetings of Arkansas and Western.

Probable starting lineup for the Hilltoppers will include Hale and B址sley forwards, William Kirk center; Emory and Heller at guards.

The Westerners will stop by Memphis on the return trip tonight with the strong Naval Technical Training Center Hellcats who played in Bowling Green last Saturday night.
**Pokers Top Teachers, 66-46; Quintets Tangle Again Tonight**

The boys who play basketball for Bowling Green's Western Kentucky Teachers College probably have as much confidence in their ability to get their team as many wins as anybody else—but today the Hilltoppers do not think too much of their chances of licking the high-scoring Razorbacks from the University of Arkansas. It all gets together in the final fracas of their two-game series on the Robinson Auditorium hardwood tonight, starting at 3 o'clock.

Looking a little ragged around the edges, which is not unusual for a bunch of boys who have played only the rims for an easy 66-46 decision in the curtain-raiser last night. Nearly 2,000 cage customers sat in on the proceedings, most of them dropping in to watch George Kok, the huge version of the Empire State Building. Looking the front-row balcony梅公园 straight in the eye, the lanky lad from Grand Rapids, Mich., is six feet, ten inches, but through his marksmanship is still a wonder. A big boy dropped, he had pitched 22 points into the basket, which was hope for the evening. Seventeen of the tallies were scored during the first half, and the All-Southwest Conference center picked up five more before he graced the bench early in the second session.

Being a good six inches taller than anybody else on the sofa, Kok also controlled the leather off both backboards without even trying himself on tip toes. Coach Ed Diddle, who boasts the Kentuckians, is well aware of what the boys can do to halt the Arkansas skyscraper.

Bill Flynt Stars

Kirk Huber, the得益 Coach Gene Lamb's cage would have had an interesting scoring honors with a 28-point spree, most of his shots flying in from outside the circle. Diddle tallied 16 points in the final 35 minutes after Lambert had jerked his first stringers. Hale, Huber and Morris battled gamely to keep their club in the battle, but they just couldn't compete with Kok and Company.

**Porks Never Stood**

After Toddy Blythe had netted a steady crop of 8 points in the opening seconds of the struggle, the Razorbacks were never headed. For passing, numerous fumbles marred the few minutes of midway in the opening half, Huber and Morrison missed a pile up a 17-3 margin for the Razorbacks. Then Kok went over and blocked the Hogs out in front, 31 to 16 at intermission.

Midway in the second period, Arkansas was out in front, 54 to 26, but after that the Porks only pitched in 3 points in the final 19 minutes. The lanky Kentuckians took advantage of the Razorback collapse, rolled up most of their points.

**Westerners Meet Arkansas Razorbacks In Two Games**

Seeking to register three basketball victories this week to add to their string of seven, the Westerners had their final hard-wood-ree dojhl Tide for their two-game stand against the University of Arkansas Razorbacks at Little Rock and a return bout with the Memphis Naval Academy.

The Toppers take on Arkansas Thursday night and Friday night and line up Saturday night against the Memphis Helicats who whipped them last Saturday night at the Western gymnasium.

In the Arkansas team the Western five is expecting some of its own. Huber, Morrison and Embry are expected to more than give the Northwesters trouble. In the opening test of the two-game series, the Razorbacks reported as having one of their strongest cages combined this year. One of the Razorbacks' recent victories sparked a scoring total of more than 500 points against one of the Navy service teams.

The Hilltoppers, however, are expected to more than give a good account of themselves as they have shown much more power and drive than anticipated early in the campaign.

The Red and Gray cagers enter the Arkansas tilt with a record of seven wins in nine starts, with only one loss counting as a regular-season setback. The other was in tournament play when the Westerners were edged by a fast University of Louisville Second aggregation at the Ohio Valley tournament in Pittsburgh.

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**Hilltoppers To Play Tonight**

The Western Hilltoppers quintet will meet Victory No. 6 in a 10 regular league season starts tonight when they line up against an outfit from Southern Kentucky at Paducah.

The game marks the close of a four-game road trip for Coach Ed Diddle's boys, who will take a lout break this weekend to Ohio and Western Missouri.

Coach Glenn "Abe" Martin of Illinois has five returning players with whom he expects to field a fast aggregation. However, the Maroons may use the services of a two-year, Gene Cunningham, from whom Coach Martin is expecting top-flight play.

The company was available today on the strength of the Western Hilltoppers team and

Coach Diddle is expected to start his familiar line up of Hale; Pursley; forwards: Kirk; center; Emery and Huber at guards.

**Razorbacks Whip Toppers By 66 To 46**

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 7--The University of Arkansas Razorbacks tangle again tonight with the Western Kentucky Teachers after ripping through to a 66-46 victory on the basketball court last night in the opening test of the two-game series.

The Razorbacks chalked up their third cage victory in as many starts as six-foot, ten-inch George Kok, Arkansas center, tallied 22 points to top individual scorers. He was followed closely by Western Kentucky's elusive guard, Charles Embry, who amassed 20 points.

The Razorbacks began scoring two minutes after the game began and were never behind or seriously pressed as they pulled away.

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Totals 22 17 12

Western Kentucky 66-

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Totals 40 17 57

Midfield: 18 15 12

Halftime score: Arkansas 31, Western 24.


Totals 66 46 112

Forfeit: Western Kentucky Teachers.

**Hilltoppers Extend Unbeaten Navy Team**

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 8--The Haitian bastards of the new Air Technical Training center kept up their winning ways tonight, extending victory No. 10 of the Western Kentucky State Teachers by a count of 47 to 40.

The Titans go to battle in top and midway in the first half, 17 to 14 margin over the sailors for guard Johnny Ashby, who has some under-the-basket shots. Hanky Fred Schumach followed suit and Navy took command.

**Lineups**

NATTO 47

Pos. Western 40

Oldham 8 F. ... Parry 8

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Dean 13 ... H. ... Carter 12

Ferguson 19 ... G. ... Emery 10

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Western Favored Over Southern Illinois

Large Crowd Expected At College Game

Western's Hilltoppers, by virtue of their improved play against Memphis NAACO Saturday night, rule decided favorites tonight in their battle with Southern Illinois, at the Tilghman gym.

The feature game will probably get underway about 8:30 with a prelim involving Heath and Kutawa high schools starting at 7:15 p.m.

Coach Ed Diddle's 'Toppers came into town Sunday reeling from successive defeats at the hands of super-dreadnought University of Arkansas team and the Memphis naval outfit. But Diddle was far from dismayed.

"Our kids played very good ball in Memphis Saturday night, and except for a few costly mistakes, we would have beaten this Navy team," he said. "I think we're gonna be pretty tough tonight, and the boys are getting pretty tired of getting kicked around."

Diddle was very happy that Southern Illinois wouldn't present a stratetegic glint at center for it was seven-foot George Kok who really put the pinches on any hopes Western might have had to beat Arkansas. He opined that Southern Illinois would be a tough foe to beat, but that his young men would be "ready and rarin' to go."

Western's entire squad took full benefit of yesterday to get a lot of rest. It was a pretty tired group of young fellows that came to Panama at noon Sunday, but all the boys were rested and looking forward to a chance to get back on the victory trail tonight.

Diddle plans to start Maurice Hale, a freshman with a very good eye for the hoops at one forward, and Charles Parsley, ex-London high school ace, at forwards. Either six-foot, eight-inch Jim Morris or Bill Kirk, who starred for Daviess county high last year, will perform at center. Chalmers Embry and Jim Hude or George Heller will be at guards.

Coach Glenn "Abe" Martin, of Southern Illinois, was looking for improved play from his boys over the Saturday night affair with Murray. Martin was glad Western wouldn't have too many tall men in its starting lineup, although he feared the potential power of Birkner and Parsley. Dick Foley, ace Southern guard who missed the Murray tilt, will be back in the lineup tonight, Martin said.

The starting quintet will consist of Sam Milewicz at center; Leland Cohn and Don Shaffer at forwards; Foley and Dick Harmon at guards. A couple of other youngsters—Curl Birkner and Glen Brand—will also see a lot of action. Both Birkner and Stoflar were on athletic scholarships at the University of Kentucky last summer, but left the Bluegrass section for Carbondale.

SECTIONS B AND C ARE ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE GYMNASIUM, WHILE SECTIONS F AND G ARE ON THE NORTH, OR ENTRANCE, SIDE. MEMBERS OF THE JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ARE SELLING THE POURISHA SOL-SUN-DEMER TICKETS, INC., TONIGHT.
Kentucky Colleges Have Bad Week

Most Kentucky quintets were on the listening end of court arguments last week as the Christmas holiday recess neared.

Ed Diddle's Western Hilltoppers, yet to enter play in the Western Kentucky Athletic Conference, suffered three setbacks, while Georgetown annulled three losses, and Louisville, Murray and Kentucky Wesleyan one apiece.

Western bowed first to Southern Illinois, 83-48, at Paducah last Monday, then experienced two more blowouts, while still in the road. At Huntington, W.Va., Friday night, the Hilltoppers fell to a 66-40 victim to Marshall, then completed a sweep to Athens, Ohio, where Ohio University handed them the bowl end of a 65-42 score.

SAME NIGHT

Eastern, in its lone scheduled tilt last week, trounced Kentucky Wesleyan, 74-55, Monday, while Marshall was set to face on the same night in overtime.

Season's Largest Crowd Expected To View Classic

BY JOHN R. BROWN

In one of the biggest home attractions of the season Marshall's Big Green basketball team plays host to the power-laden Western Kentucky Hilltoppers in the East high school gymnasium tonight at 8 o'clock.

C. H. "Jackie" McKown, Marshall's graduate manager of athletics, has announced tickets will be opened at 7 P.M. in order to accommodate the overflow crowd which is expected to pack the little gem. Western always has been a big drawing card in Huntington, and with the war even an early turn-out is anticipated.

Western Vet's Return

The Hilltoppers, supported by the return of three of last year's team who split a pair of games with the Big Green this season, each have seven disciplined servicemen back in uniform, and are said to be boasting one of the strongest team in recent years. In a game against Marshall in the pre-season Ohio Valley tournament in Jeffersonville, Ind., the Hilltoppers downed the Green, 51-46.

Since then, however, both clubs have retained valuable experience. Marshall is a great deal stronger than it was in the tournament, and Western has captured a pair of games with the Big Green.

Bill Kirk, six-foot-three-inch center, may start at that position tonight when the Western Kentucky Hilltoppers oppose Marshall's Big Green at East High. The big center has been the spring in the Hilltoppers' attack all season.

Western Loses

Huntington, W.Va., Dec. 14 (UPI)—Marshall College's Thundering Herd basketball team won its fourth straight game last night by plastering a 58-40 defeat on Eastern Kentucky in a nifty and-tuck romp Saturday night, however, the Cards were led 42-29 by Indiana.

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MARSHALL IN LEAD EARLY

By FRED BURNS

Bill Hall and Andy Tonkovich led the way last night at the East gymnasium as the Big Green chopped up a 56-40 triumph over the Hilltoppers, from Western Kentucky while an overflow crowd saw Coach Hank Dunlop's quintet ring up their fourth win of the season against one defeat.

Hall and Tonkovich both got plenty of scoring assistance from Joe Rodak, center, who kicked in with ten points and also set off the Marshall rally which put the Big Green in command from the start.

A roaring crowd which packed every inch of the East gym saw the Big Green push down the floor after the opening tip-off with Rodak tipping in the first field goal in less than ten seconds.

It was just a few moments later when they were back again and home guard Ed Little took a shot almost from the side and swished it through. This four point edge lighted the Marshall fans who were already giving battle all the way and they roared louder when Hall stole the ball and on a fast break passed to Pete Bowman. Bowman flipped it in for Marshall's 6-0 lead after one minute and 30 seconds of play.

Coach Ed Diddle's Hilltoppers were having trouble getting a good shot as the Green were using a pressing defense. However Jim Hauer, star Western guard, cashed in on two free shots when he was fouled by Petrone. Another fast break play, Petrone to Hall, gave Marshall another field goal and an 8-2 edge.

At this point the Hilltoppers were not quite up to their usual performance of late season. With the Big Green able to go a full game Marshall should be considerably strengthened.

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By Clarence Daves

The biggest basketball show possibly to ever visit the DePaul Teachers college gym, and affording the spectators the thrill of playing before hundreds of local fans to see a "Pro" basketball game, an arrangement has been provided by Coach Eugene "Jack" Mikan, Last season's "Big Time", and a quick trip through to this Western's "Blue Demons" Saturday evening.

Here was a special attraction, a chance to see the basketball superlatives of the Midwestern conference, meet DePaul's "Blue Demon" squad and see if they would have done better than a mere standard price, with the added attraction of seeing the "Big Feller" Morton, 6 foot 9 inch center, a great deal more than anything else, a chance to give Bowling Green "Big Time".

The Hilltoppers, who had been away on an eastern trip, returned home after the holidays to find their place in the Western gymnasium. The price of admission this season, but sees plenty of action and scholastic value. The Evansville college on Saturday night will be announced at an annual meeting of the basketball club.

The Evansville Five boasts of a win over Marshall college, registering a 66-63 decision in a game played at the Aces floor Wednesday night. The Indiana team's record for the year is outstanding, according to Coach Diddle's information.

The Aces have played about 16 games thus far, winning all but two of them. They return practically a veteran team, it has been learned here.

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Western Loses Close Battle To Evansville

Score Tied 7 Times; Hoosiers Rally Near End

With eight minutes to go, Western led 33-33. At this point, Jim Huter, Western guard, went on a tear and Evansville pulled into a 40-39 lead with about five minutes remaining. Evansville scored the lead to 44-39 with all but two minutes of the game gone, and then successfully froze the ball the remainder of the way.

Jim Huter led Western with 12 points, followed by 11 points from Emery, 10 and 9 points from Embry. Other squad members are: Tom Koerner, the slim, 6 foot 1 inch guard, burned 9 points. Jim Huter held Evansville's 12 points, followed by 11 points from Emery, 10 and 9 points from Embry. Other squad members are: Tom Koerner, the slim, 6 foot 1 inch guard, burned 9 points.

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The Hilltoppers will meet DePaul for the fourth time, in their game at Bowling Green. This year is also Mikan's fourth year, so as matters stand now DePaul players won't be in for a team they don't know something about. At least a few times they would have done better than a second place, if they had the services of Gene McKinney.

It is the same old story, but this time the Hilltoppers have 6 foot 4 inch guard, and they continue to make things look easy when the team takes the floor.

Nothing is said what will happen; some may be assuming; but to others the Westerners are a team in action, and a team in action will be the only way of being successful.

Reports from the DePaul basketball team suggest other outstanding ball players, but locally everybody is eager to see "Big George." It must be acknowledged that the possibility of slanting more to the "Blue Demons" is increasing. To DePaul and Jack Mikan, the door is wide open.

The picture now to the Westerners is that the Western basketball club will have its largest crowd in history.

With both starting lineups for both contests will be announced at antelope. The lineup of DePaul players is given to the public.

Captain George Mikan—All star of the last two basketball seasons of his career is George Lawrence Mikan. For the second season, in a row was named PGC magazine's "Most Valuable Player." Chicago stadium's "Most Valuable Player" and a starter of all star players polled throughout the nation. Mikan is 6 feet and weighs 230 pounds, made 588 points last season to lead all of the nation's scores.

Gene Stump—This boy's tremendous offensive talents pushed him into second in scoring only to Big George. Last season, "Stumpy," as he is known, blustered the backcourt to 280 points, with a game average of more than 11 points, 6 feet 3 inches tall and weighs 185 pounds.

Jack Allen—A real defensive genius on the squad. Jack "Shucks" Slade returned to DePaul a bit taller and certainly a great deal more experienced after his first season of play when he won a prize of all American coaches. The lean, wiry, skill-handling guard, who stands at 6 feet and weighs 150 pounds, scored 172 points last season to rank fourth on the Demon scorers.

Evansville Five—Coach Ed Diddle's Evansville basketball team, featuring "Big George" Mikan will play Western in Bowling Green Saturday night, January 12 at 8 o'clock. The game, as an "extra special," was arranged after the Western basketball schedule had been made out. The Hilltoppers originally were to meet the Blue Demons in Louisville.

Local Fans To See Nation's No. 1 Quintet

By Clarence Daves

Delaware Play Here

On January 12

It has been announced by Coach Ed Diddle of the Western Hilltoppers that Coach Ray Meyer's DePaul university basketball team, featuring "Big George Mikan" will play Western in Bowling Green Saturday night, January 12 at 8 o'clock. The game, as an "extra special," was arranged after the Western basketball schedule had been made out. The Hilltoppers originally were to meet the Blue Demons in Louisville.
**Tickets Now On Sale For Saturday Tilt**

George Mikan, Rated As Nation's Top Star, Will Be Feature

By Clarence Dave

All out basketball fans and followers of the Blue Demons will have the opportunity of seeing one of the nation's top stars in person Saturday afternoon when DePaul University basketball team plays the Western Teachers at the Play House. Mr. Mikan, the Blue Demon center, was in Peoria last week and played an exhibition game with the Peoria YMCA team. The Peoria team was not able to beat Mikan and is said to have been his toughest opponents since his first exhibition game in New York last season.

Western Kentucky's Hilltoppers will play the national champion DePaul basketball team on Saturday afternoon at the Play House. The Hilltoppers, who are the defending champion of the Western Conference, will have a hard time defeating DePaul, which is considered one of the nation's top four teams. The Hilltoppers are coached by Coach Diddle, who is known for his sharpshooting and scoring ability. The game will be played at 2:45 o'clock and is expected to be a close contest.

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**DePaul's Blue Demons Will Have Here On Saturday Afternoon**

**Embry, Hale Lead Kentucky Net Scorers**

By the Associated Press

Western Kentucky's Hilltoppers opened the season Saturday night by scoring 18 points against the University of Kentucky in the net scoring contest. The Hilltoppers were led by Embry and Hale, who scored 7 points each. The University of Kentucky was led by Lee, who scored 6 points. The Hilltoppers will play the University of Louisville on Saturday night at 8:45 and are expected to score 15 points.

**Eastern Downs Hilltoppers By 45-35 Score**

By Fred Lewis

With Fred Lewis, guard, hitting for 16 points and Ritter, forward, for 13 points, DePaul University defeated Western Kentucky, 15-22, in the net scoring contest last night in the Western gym. It was the first conference game for both teams, and the Hilltoppers took the lead in the first half with 8 points. DePaul scored 17 points in the second half, while Western scored only 10. Lewis and Ritter were the high scorers for DePaul, while Embry and Hale were the high scorers for Western. The game was played in front of a large audience, and many people stood on the steps to get a better view of the game. The Hilltoppers will play DePaul University again on Saturday afternoon at 2:45 o'clock, and are expected to lose by 15 points or less.

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**Hilltoppers To Meet Eastern Here Tuesday**

Eastern Kentucky collegiate basketball teams will play an exhibition game here Tuesday night at 8 o'clock in the Play House. The Maroons, who are the defending champions of the Eastern Conference, will play the Hilltoppers, who are the defending champions of the Western Conference. The Maroons are coached by Coach Diddle, who is known for his sharpshooting and scoring ability. The game will be played at 8 o'clock and is expected to be a close contest.
**Hilltoppers Defeat Vanderbilt By 42-29**

Led by William Kirk, center, who turned in one of his most brilliant performances of the season, the Western Kentucky basketball team met the Vanderbilt Commodores tonight in the Western gymnasium. The Commodores had hoped to win the game, but the Hilltoppers were victorious.

The Hilltoppers, under the leadership of their star player Kirk, controlled the game from the start. Kirk, who had 18 points, was a key player in the team's victory. The Hilltoppers also received solid performances from forwards Ralph Cade and Junior McDaniel, who combined for 14 points.

Vanderbilt was led by guard Joe Blair, who scored 14 points but was unable to overcome the Hilltoppers' defense. The Commodores' shooting was off, as they made just 22 of 60 field goal attempts.

The Hilltoppers took a 21-15 lead into halftime and never looked back. By the end of the game, the score was 42-29 in favor of Western Kentucky.

**Pickup Western By 55 To 27**

**Hilltoppers Will Meet Vanderbilt Here Tonight**

The Hilltoppers and Vanderbilt Commodores will meet tonight in the Western gymnasium. The Hilltoppers are coming off a win over the University of Kentucky, while the Commodores are hoping to end their three-game losing streak.

The game is expected to be a close contest, with both teams evenly matched. The Hilltoppers have a slight edge in experience, but the Commodores have a young and talented team.

**Western And Murray Renew Feud Saturday**

The 44th renewal of the basketball rivalry between Western Kentucky and Murray State will take place this Saturday night in Murray. Western has won 23 of the previous 43 meetings, including a 23-19 victory in last year's game.

The game is expected to be a tight contest, with both teams looking to secure the upper hand. The Hilltoppers will be without their star player, John Kirk, who is out with a knee injury. Murray will be led by guard Jerry Blair, who scored 19 points in the team's win over Kentucky last week.

The game is set to tip off at 8:00 PM and is expected to be a crowd pleaser. Both teams have a strong following and are sure to put on a show for the fans in attendance.
Vanderbilt Out To Extend Win Streak At Hippodrome

Western Tonight's business will begin tonight with the meeting of Western Kentucky and Vanderbilt. The Commodores won an easy 42-29 game over the Hilltoppers in Nashville last week. The Commodores have a tough task tonight, facing the high-scoring Commodores.

Western Leads Vanderbilt at Half

A surprising band of Western Kentucky cagers completely played off Vanderbilt's fast break during the first half of the game last night at the Hippodrome and the Hilltoppers gained a 24-14 lead at intermission. John Dalton put the Commodores into a 4-3 lead with two quick fields, but after that the Ed Diddle quint started pulling just to even up to go on about an 11-minute later into the lead.

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Morehead, Western Vie Tonight

Special to The Courier-Journal.
Morehead, Ky., Jan. 25.—Coach Ellis Johnson and twelve of his Morehead College Eagles embark on a two-day road trip, meeting Western Saturday night and Murray on Monday.

This is the first encounter of the season for the Eagles and the Hilltoppers. The Thoroughbreds of Murray hold a 59-47 overtime triumph, in their earlier clash.


Morehead gave 3,200 fans one of the most hectic Classics ever staged in a basketball game Wednesday night. Trailing Eastern 31-53 with 27 seconds remaining, Carroll Hawhee intercepted a pass to dribble the till floor for a game-tying crop shot.

THREE HIT

Then in the first overtime period Eastern gained a 58-56 advantage with 21 seconds remaining, but Hawhee repeated his previous performance to cut the margin to 58-56. As seven seconds remained to be played, and Eastern in possession of the ball, the third successive time Hawhee took the ball and hit three losses to hold third period Eastern gained a 58-54 and three losses to hold third.

Parsley, Embry and Huter, who expected to get the starting call. Miller sank a beautiful fielder under the basket. Miller followed with a lift in Morehead's 5-3 edge, one of the few ever lost.

By Clarence Davis

The Western Hilltopper basketeers lined up for the Marshall invasion Monday in shooting down Coach Ellis Johnson's Morehead State Eagles 62-40 in a fast exhibition at Western gym last night. It was the third victory for the Hilltoppers within the week and a crowd-pleasing show from start to finish.

Maurice Holiday forward, led all scorers with 17 points, Not Guard Chalmers Embry from the floor for 16, when he was injured and left the game in the final minutes. Embry's total scoring for 35 games was boosted by 100 points further strengthening his hold on the select group in the nation. Hale's total passed to 400 points for 44 games.

The Hilltoppers grabbed an early 4-0 lead in a first-half see-saw battle. After being fought on even terms or better for 10 minutes, they took a commanding 21-17 advantage as the interval arrived. Setting a fast pace and keeping it, the Hilltoppers forced an edge of 32-34 with five minutes gone in the second half and on the accuracy of Hale, Embry and Kirk, and Kirk soon was in front 40-28. After a Morehead timeout, the Western five staged the drives for 12 markers in three minutes and ten spectators into thrill and yells. At this time the ball was no closer to the outcome, even though George Hillier, running to the left, scored after turning in probably the greatest jut of his basketball career.

Jim Huter, starting a forward for the Hilltoppers as replacement for Parsley, earned plenty of praise in his performance and in addition to his all-round floor work, scored 13 points for the Hilltoppers cause. It was Huter who drew first blood on a crop shot and Huter was in command to start the same out at 4-0. Hawhee, Morehead's brilliant guard, hit the corner and seconds later was fouled by Huter. Hawhee made the attempt and the score read 4-2.

Bill Miller, Morehead center, scored on a coup and gave the Eagles a 5-2 edge, one of the few ever lost.
Western And Marshall

To Meet Here Tonight

Fresh from a dazzling triumph over Morehead Saturday night, the
up and coming Western Hilltoppers will take on the Thundering Herd tonight in the third meeting of the teams this season. Such was the condition of the Western five indicated that

Chambers Hlltoppers were ready to be and very likely will remain

in one of the Vanderlax games last night.

Parley is expected to be able to place his game in the lineup with

Maurice Hule, the other forward. The game is scheduled for 8 o'clock.

Western Hilltoppers

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The Western Teachers college said it was going to take on one for tonight in a winning Western Hilltoppers

Andy, Tech will be playing Tech at Cooksville, expected to win the game won by a score of 69 to 21.

Thursday night, the teams are scheduled for 8 o'clock, will find the Toppers heading into some extra

stroke for the 566 season. Six more games remain on the schedule after
tonight, and in every case the opponents will be tender. The games will be played Saturday nights at

Louisville, Evansville College, Murray, of L. again, Eastern and

Morehead.

Getting a good account of themselves in the past several days, the

Westerners role as heavy favorites to capture a victory tonight, and

if past performances mean anything, the score is likely to be as one-sided as it was down at Cooksville.

Probable starting lineup are tendered as follows: Tennessee Poly and Butler, forwards; Morgan, center, Alexander and Fleischer, guards. Western: forwards: Nick, center; Heller and Embry, guards.

By Clarence Davis

Hilltoppers Play Bang-Up Game To

Defeat Marshall’s Herd By 61 To 49

By TOMMY FITZGERALD, Courier-Journal Staff Writer.

Teacher Ed Diddle hopes to do some erasing from the books in the third game of the Marshall season with Pupil Peek Hickman's University of Louisville Sea Cards in an 830 battle, and if his cagers can up the kind of game they did against the leukemia of the Ohio Valley Tournament in December, he has the chance to do some rubbering out.

The Sea Cards of Hickman, who played on four of Diddle's

K.I.A. championship teams at Western before going into the coaching profession himself, had a tough time beating Western

51-48 over at Jeffersonville in the Ohio Valley

final. In this game, the Hilltoppers led by 30-23 at the half and at one
time held a 15-point lead. Since then, the Sea Cards have

performed with distinction as the record of 16 victories against only four defeats attests. Unfor-

tunately, hit their stride, the Hilltoppers went along losing as games as the uppermen backing, but they have

triumphed in their last five starts and have stamped themselves as a typical Diddle team, one that

has in each game captured a final scoring drive, which assured

western victory, while Tonkovich and Avoli were the main cogs in the

Marshall machine, seeking vainly to grasp a decision which was just

not in "the books" for the Thundering Herd on this occasion.

The win, following closely the jolting triumph of Morehead, a con-

ference leader, stamped Western as a team to be reckoned with in the

K. I. A. C. tournament next month.

Western

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Marshall

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Western Hilltoppers, who held Pottsville to a 6-point Win,

Have Captured Last 5 Games

THREE CLASSES

Hilltoppers have opposed his old and

respected mentor three times as a coach and holds a 2-1 edge

on him in victories. To make it

3-1 tonight, Hickman faces the
task of stopping Chalmers Em-

(fer, Ky., who is the fifth

high scorer in the nation with 380 points in 27 games.

It usually is the assignment of

Jack Parker to stop these na-

tionally ranked high scorers, but

tonight special guard will be

placed on Emery, since he plays

outfield defense. U. of L.'s front

men on defense maintain

their positions on the court and

are necessary. This means that Forward Ed

Hilltoppers have cornered the market on the time and U. of L.'s other

outside defenders, Cal Johnson, will be on him at other
times.

Emery made 15 points against the

Sea Cards in the first three

games, but this has not been

enough, since Emery is a doubtful

starter because of a bruised hip suffered in a game with 7-P-1,

the other night.

PROBABLE

Other probable starters for Western are Maurice Hare, 6-foot

1-inch; 175-pound forward from Owensboro, Ky.; Bill Kirk, 6-foot

2-inch 180-pound center, also from Owensboro; and George

Heller, 5-foot 11-inch 177-pound guard from Portsmouth.

Bob Garwuts will probably open

on one of the forwards for U. of

L. in place of Don Kincher, who has

missed several practices because of

a cold. Kupper, George

Hauptfuehrer, Parker either Knopf

or Johnson will be at the other

guards.

U. of L. will be striving to re-

main in its fight with Eastern for

the K. I. A. C. seasonal champions-

ship. At present, Eastern is lead-

ing with nine wins and one loss.

U. of L. has seven triumphs against one defeat. Western has

scored one victory in three league

starts.

A large delegation of fans is expected to accompany the Hill-

toppers to the game. Also coming

are the cheer-leading Cook sis-

ters, who will enter the game with

their singing and dancing act.

Toppers, Who Held Pottsville to a

6-point Win, Have Captured Last 5 Games

Western Nips Tennessee Five

By 60 To 27

The Hilltoppers of Coach Ed Diddle hung on to their slim lead

over Tennessee last night when they slumped Tennessee Polytechnic.

In a slow game, Coach Diddle used 14 men in the line and the Hilltop-

per regulars took things easy, partly with an eye cocked on games with

the University of Louisville Saturday night at Louisi-

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**Up-and-Down Murray Foe Of Western**

Special to The Courier-Journal.

Murray, Ky., Feb. 7—Murray State's Thoroughbreds and Western Hilltoppers will clash Saturday night at Bowling Green in the 46th basketball engagement scheduled by the two arch-rivals of the west end of the commonwealth.

Both teams have had up-and-down seasons, with the “down” phase predominating, as each has lost over half of its games. The Breds have lost 11 and won 10, while Western has lost 15 and won 10.

After reaching a “peak,” by trouncing Western 55-27 and topping Louisville 44-35, Murray has hit a slump, losing three out of four.

Western, Eastern and Indiana State State the Breds back, while Cape lost by four points to Murray.

**Western Hilltoppers To Leave For Tilt With Louisville**

The Western Hilltoppers, carrying a 22-man squad, with Sundance Manor, Johnny Carr and Coaches Ed Diddle and Ted Hopkins, will depart early Sunday morning for Louisville for their Saturday night game with Coach Bernard Puck石头 Hickman's University of Louisville basketball season.

The game will constitute the first of two 1946 meetings between the two clubs, with the Hickman crew to return the visit to Bowling Green February 13.


The Western five, showing considerable improvement in ending five consecutive victories in the past six games, is expected to give the Hilltoppers a “run for their money” tonight. However, on the basis of this season's record, it is expected to enter the game handily.

The Hilltoppers played the far out-of-town Eastern in the final of the Joffre-Durham four-team tournament before bowing 51-40. The contest between the Hilltoppers and the Toppers are close in nearly every instance.

**Seacards Are Ahead At Half By 40 To 20**

LOUISVILLE, Feb. 2.—(Sp) — Coach Peck Hickman's University of Louisville Seacards scored their second victory of the season over Western's Hilltoppers at the Armory here tonight by a score of 64 to 51.

Louisville took command soon after the game was under way and increased its lead until at half time the Seacards were winning the Diddle five 36 to 20.

However, Drew first blood, Louisvillians took the advantage and pressed on until the score stood 18 to 10 and 12 to 6.

With a strong defense, the Hilltoppers came to matching the Cards as the score was 28 to 26.

In the second half the Seacards kept full steam ahead and early in that period led by 47 to 22; it was then that the Hilltoppers came to life and fought bravely at the Seacard lead although they never were able to endanger the Louisville command.

*Louisville vs. Western*:

**Score**

**Louisville:** Furr, 10; Phillips, 10; Jarrett, 6; McFarland, 5; Kastner, 2; Johnson, 2; Suddoth, 2; Morgan, 2; Total, 54.

**Western:** Bell, 5; Parker, 5; Hauptfuhrer, 4; Lamb, 2; Bell, 2; McIntyre, 2; Walsh, 2; Johnson, 2; Total, 44.

Ed Diddle's 10-point team will present the Aces in Saturday night's K.I.A.C. power match but the visitors are expected to be in the mood for the big game of the year.

**Preparations for the Murray game are as follows**: Van Meter auditorium Thursday morning, as students and have a chance to put in the mood for the big game of the year.

For Western, when the opening whistle sounds at 6 o'clock, probable starters will be Hale and Parsley, William Kirk, Ed Diddle and Ed Diddle, with Ed Diddle, starting. No, however, could go to Huter and Brooks.

For Murray the opening lineup will present: "Red" Hogan and Herrold, forwards; "Long John" Johnson, center; "Blond" Ed Diddle and McDaniel at the guard posts.

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In 45 games to date Western has averaged its arch rival 29 times and the Murray Murray has been up the trick 16 times. In regular season play, the Toppers won 18 as compared with 13 wins by Murray.

The Hilltoppers, having moved University of Louisville and Evansville, nevertheless have demonstrated an improvement recently, defeating some of the K.I.A.C. powers.

The Breds hold the rather dubious distinction of being one of the most highly rated basketball outfits in the country, with only two victories in the last two weeks. The Western club, on the other hand, is expected to lead the Hilltoppers, but the Westerners have no Grasso, substitute forward, and Keener, substitute center, in their line-up.

The Hilltoppers may be considered as a good preparation for the invasion of Bowling Green Monday night by Western's arch rival, the Murray State University.
**Eastern Outlasts Western 46-44**

**All-American Fred Lewis Scores 20 For Maroons; Toppers Threaten Twice**

**Special to The Courier-Journal**

Richmond, Ky., Feb. 16—An underdog and understated Western Kentucky Hilltopper cage team surged forward twice tonight to threaten Eastern Kentucky's four champions, but Coach Rome Rankin's Maroons was barely able to withstand the charge.

Rivaling the game in Interest was the personal scoring exhibition of Captains Fred Lewis and Eastern's and Chalmers Embry of Western, both among the Nation's top 15 in individual scoring. Lewis, now third in the U.S. at 20.9, passed John 48 to 46, and his two-year total of 1,016, by scoring eight, field goals and four fouls for a pace-setting 26 points.

Embry on the other hand, had only two field goals and two fouls all night. Guarded by Argentinian in the first half and Cinnamon in the second, the Western captain scored only one fielder in each period.

The victory was the first Bankhead-coached team oh never beaten Western and marked a Richmond floor.

In the showdown of the dust in a 28-15 second lead early in the second half after trailing 23-14 at the rest, Coach Ed Diddle's Hilltoppers spread the netting for 10 points, four field goals and two fouls in 4 minutes to tie the score. After Eastern's third shot of the second half, Ed Diddle's Western surged forward as Ed Diddle sank a foul, Kirk scored on a field goal and washed spot up. Hletcher's foul conversion brought Western up to 46-46 with 40 seconds to go but Western took possession of the ball and center, that the clock ticks away.

The thrilling work of Ed Diddle, Eastern center, kept Western subdued throughout the first half but then the Hilltoppers came back and scored 11 in the second half during Western's two ties, and Washburn's push.
Western To Meet Louisville In KIAC Tournament, Seaards, Eastern Favored

By Clarence Davis

The victorious Hilltoppers cager scored a dazzling 66-41 triumph over Western, Tuesday night, and set the record for the forthcoming KIAC basketball tournament in Louisville.

The victory last night followed Western's most brilliant performance of the year. Maurice Hale, with 17 points, led all scorers, and Chalmers Embry guard, talked for the Western cause. However, Bill Heller, center, hit for 11 and Charles Parsley and George Heller playing their best ball of the year, came in for 17 points.

The pressure started his deadly basket-tossing out here, with about four minutes left in the second half with two free throws fans sensed a victory that was not to be denied.

The representative voted at the meeting to make seeding a permanent tournament policy. Seeded yesterday were Eastern, Western, Louisville, Morehead and Murray.

Diddle Leaves For Meet Making No Predictions

While tonight’s entertainment is confined to the high schools’ pre-season tourney, Coach Diddle’s Western five in action against Coach Vroom’s Hillsboro five Saturday night, is expecting a stiff test despite the fact his Hills toppers scored two previous wins over the Waverly, the last an easy one at Louisville.

The Cards hardly had a workout last night in punishing Butler of Indianapolis, 79-23 at Louisville.

After a loose and uninspiring performance against Louisville College last Wednesday night, the Toppers returned to the home court to knock off Murray in a fashion reminiscent of pre-war Western performances.

Just how far the Hilltoppers will be able to go in the approaching KIAC tourney may be indicated by the outcome of tomorrow’s game, as they are paired with Louisville in the opening round.

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