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By LEE GRACE

Clem Haskins has a tough en-core.

In his first year as head coach, he led Western—a team with only one returning starter—to a 21-8 record and the school's 18th Ohio Valley Conference title. It marked the 11th time Western had played in the National Collegiate Athletic Association tournament.

Haskins begins his second year with a team selected as the preseason favorite to repeat as league champions.

And Western fans will get an early-season look at the Toppers in an exhibition game at 4:15 p.m. Saturday at Diddle Arena.

The opponent will be Marathon Oil, an American Athletic Union semi-pro team that features former University of Kentucky players Jamie Lee and Dwaine Casey. Casey was an assistant coach at Western until his death recently in a broadcasting accident in Lexington.

"I guess we deserve to be ranked No. 1, but I'm sure we're going to have to work hard and make up the middle" Haskins said, "so tough being at the top because there's only one place that's No. 1."

"Being ranked No. 1 shows that we are indeed building the program back to the way it used to be," Haskins said. "I not only want to be No. 1 in our conference, but I want to be No. 1 in the country; this ranking may be the first step."

Western returns four starters from last year's championship team, including preseason All-OVC picks center Craig McCormick and forward Tony Wilson.

McCormick, a 6-foot-10-inch, 220-pound senior, was an All-OVC selection last year. He led Western in rebounding with 6.9 per game and was second in scoring with 14.3 points per game.

Wilson, a 6-7, 256-pound junior, was a second-team All-OVC selection a year ago. He led the Toppers in scoring with a 14.1 average and was second in rebounds, averaging 6.3.

"I'm told that Bev McDonald, McCracken, White, Pete White, 6-6, 220-pound junior, will start. Forward positions are up for grabs this year. It's between (Kevin) Doherty, (Penny) Ellis and (Bobby) Jones," Haskins said.

Other Western returns include guards Ken Hatcher and Bryan Teater, forward Gary Carver and center Alex Mosley.

Additions include guard Tony Ray—a transfer from Guilford College who may be Haskins' point guard by season's end—and four freshmen signees: Shawn Giddy, Ken Gambrel, Darnell Phillips and Johnny Taylor.

In the 7-4, 220-pound Giddy, Western has its first 7-foot-some since standout Jim McDaniels led Western to a third-place NCAA finish in 1971.

Gambrel, a 6-7, 230-pound forward, was Mississippi's "Mr. Basketball" last year.

Guard Darnell Phillips was one of Kentucky's top prep scorers and Taylor was considered one of Ohio's top high school guards.

Most of the newcomers have been hampered by minor injuries in pre-season workouts, but Haskins is confident "they will be able to help us win by (time for) conference lay." Since 10 players are returning it's no surprise that Haskins believes experience will be a key.

"The team has been together so long that they should know what each is thinking, which will be a plus. To have a successful team you need to be together," he said.

Although the Toppers are "together," the team has some weaknesses.

"Our outside shooting is lacking and we're not very strong defensively," Haskins said. "Also, we do not have the great quickness in our front court that some of the other teams have."

A factor that will work to Western's advantage or disadvantage is its schedule.

Western could face talented Fresno State in the Nov. 27 Sun-Met Classic in Fresno, Calif., and the country's No. 4-ranked team, Louisville, in the Wendy's Classic on Dec. 5.

One of Western's biggest challenges will be Dec. 29 against Georgetown in Washington, D.C. Georgetown has been ranked No. 1 in some preseason polls.

The conference challenges are expected to be Murray and Middle Tennessee because both return all five starters from teams that beat Western on their home floors last year.

Western received only two points more than Middle Tennessee and four more than Murray in the league coaches' poll.

"It is going to be tougher," Haskins said. "We can't lose games and be rated No. 1. A team that is not very good may key for the Western game all season and beat us. We cannot allow that to happen," Haskins added.

"We improved, but so did everyone else," he said. "Both Middle and Murray have excellent teams, and anytime you are picked No. 1 everyone is going to be after you."
Last year's OVC Coach of the Year Clem Haskins watches his team go through drills during practice. Haskins will take the No. 1 OVC ranked team into Saturday's game against a Marathon Oil AAU team.

Assistant coach Ray Hite goes over strategy during a halftime break. Hite coached the White team at the Red and White scrimmage in Louisville.

Tony Wilson attempts to bring down a rebound during the Red and White scrimmage at Iroquois High School in Louisville. Wilson, a junior, was picked to the preseason All-OVC team.

By TOMMY GEORGE

Western’s basketball season will be highlighted with at least three live broadcasts, including two appearances on the new Ohio Valley Conference Game of the Week.

The Jan. 5 Murray game here and the Jan. 19 game at Eastern will be carried by L.K. Communications of St. Louis, Mo., originators of the conference’s new television exposure.

WEKO-TV, channel 13, will carry both games.

And the ESPN sports network will carry the Murray game in conjunction with the Game of the Week telecast and on Feb. 15 will also carry Western’s game against Middle from Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Athletic Director John Oldham said Western will receive $3,500 for the ESPN broadcast here. Last year Western games were broadcast live seven times, reaching as many as 48 million homes.

“Anyone involved in advertising can appreciate the two-hour block of time that we’ll be receiving each broadcast,” Oldham said. “It lets people know that there is a Western Kentucky University and at halftime, it gives us the opportunity to expose other aspects of the university besides athletics. So there are many intangibles it contributes to the total program at Western.”

Several rules have been changed for men’s basketball this season. According to Ralph Stout, supervisor of OVC officials — a few major ones include:

- Jump ball — There will be only one jump ball, occurring at the game’s start. Possession of the ball will alternate between each team on all subsequent jump ball situations, with the inbound play occurring at the closest point of the event. For example, if two players have possession of a ‘rebound, the team that didn’t get the jump ball receives the ball out of bounds. From then on possession is alternated. The only possible second jump ball will occur at the beginning of overtime periods.

- Backcourt violations — Backcourt violations will occur when a ballhandler’s feet and the ball are both across the midcourt line. A player can dribble in the front court and place a foot there too, however, a combination of all three results in possession loss.

- Free throws — A player cannot fake a free throw or double- pump to cause an opponent to commit a lane violation or to give a teammate an advantage in rebound position. If the violation occurs on the front-end of a bonus, the shooter loses his second shot; on a two-shot foul, he will not receive the second shot.

- Technicals — Technical fouls called on an individual on the bench will be assessed to the individual and to the coach. Three technicals will require ejection.

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OVC coaches like Western best, then it's... Middle, Murray ...and the rest

By LOU BLOSS

Ohio Valley Conference basketball fans should be treated to another tight conference race and some exciting non-conference games this season.

Middle Tennessee and Murray State will provide all the fireworks Western doesn't. Austin Peay and Morehead should scratch and claw for the OVC Tournament's fourth berth. The two teams will be played at the site of the conference champion.

Murray's Stan Simpson is the OVC's most colorful basketball coach. Simpson is a whiz with the one-liners, but this season the league coaches and fans can expect punch: they're telling each other, "Look out for Middle.

Middle was the No. 2 pick in the coaches' pre-season poll. It garnered the most first-place votes, but fell two points shy of Western in overall polls.

Simpson has five starters and nine lettermen returning from his 19-9 team, including the OVC's Player of the Year, 6-foot, 6-inch, 200-pound Jerry Beck. Beck, a senior forward, is the conference's top returning scorer and rebounder, averaging 17.3 points and 9.8 rebounds per game last season. He led the OVC in field goal percentage, connecting on 60.2 percent, and was fifth in free throw percentage with a 77.6 mark.

Holding down the backcourt are 6-4 senior Rick Campbell and 5-11 junior Edward "Pancakes" Perry. Campbell was the OVC's second-leading scorer with a 15.2 average. Perry is the Raiders' playmaker and a dangerous outside threat, he averaged 10.3 points last season. At the baseline, Beck will be aided by seniors Chris Harris, 6-6, 200 pounds, and Louis "Buck" Harley, 6-5, 180 pounds. Harris averaged 7.9 points and 5.8 rebounds, and Harley chipped in 7.1 points per game.

Transfer Dwayne Dorsey, a 6-5 junior forward, has been impressive during the pre-season workouts and could break into the lineup, Simpson said.

Another transfer, 6-4, 225-pound center Wardell "Poundcakes" Perry — came into camp slightly overweight, Simpson said, "but will be here (to give) 100 percent when the season starts."

Simpson thinks his team will better last year's record despite a tough schedule.

Middle will be the host for nationally ranked and South America as well as powerhouse Detroit, and will travel to Oral Roberts for a rematch of last year's contest, which Middle won 85-79 in overtime.

BLUE RAIDERS

Murray's coach Ron Greene gives instructions to Mont Sleet.

"If you want a good program," Simpson said, "you need to play a good schedule."

For The Blue Raiders to oust Western from the top of the OVC, Simpson said his team needs to play better defense, protect the ball on offense and make fewer turnovers.

"At critical times last year we made some mistakes," Simpson said.

But he acknowledges that with last year's experience, this year's team is a conference threat.

Murray's Jerry Beck (44) was OVC Player of the Year.

Middle's Jerry Beck is 6-5 junior-college transfer from Glenville State. Beck averaged 17.3 ppg last year, good for fifth in the OVC. He helped Middle gain its first-ever bid to the NCAA Tournament.

"We haven't had a tall player since I've been here," said Murray coach Tim Greer, who enters his fourth year at the Racer helm.

"But we've had some big men."

But the problem was the "little men" weren't big enough - teams like Western - physical inside - forced the Racers to "scratch and paw," according to Greene.

That's over.

To go with a stronger bench and five returning starters, Greene has added an impressive cast of newcomers that includes Ricky Hoo, a 6-2 transfer from Mississippi State, and Mike Brady, a 6-7 junior-college transfer from Detroit, Mich.

Hood is the key man.

He's been compared to former Racers Gary Hatcher, who was one of the nation's leading rebounders two years ago and is now a member of the Harlem Globetrotters.

Murray, the past two years, had its most successful back-to-back seasons in nearly a decade.

Look for more of the same.

"We're very enthusiastic about

and, this season's slate includes 13 home games.

"Murray has been the OVC's No. 1 defensive team the past two years, and its emphasis on height and strength should make it even tougher to score against," Greene said.

Greene said his main goals are to win 20 games and to gain a spot in the conference tournament.

His team is more than capable of reaching both goals.

Morehead State hopes to improve its board play this year following a disappointing 11-15, 1980-81 season.

Coach Wayne Martin has 10 players returning, including five seniors who have been with Martin since he came to Morehead.

The key to Morehead's success, however, may lie with the performance of newcomers.

Recruited to solve inside weaknesses were junior college players Craig Hubbard (6-4) and Earl Harrison (6-7), along with freshman Alonzo Linner (6-0).

Martin can also call on transfers Guy Minniefied, a 6-5 sophomore who played at Iowa State, and Harold Moore, a 6-7 forward.

Other players who figure into Martin's plans are seniors Glenn Napier, Norris Beckley and Greg Coldiron.

All have started since they were freshmen, but they will be key to fighting for starting positions.

Late-season injuries to Beckley and center Jeff Tipton caused an already weak inside game to have serious difficulties.

Although its 6-20 record last season didn't show it, Tennessee Tech moved in the direction of being competitive in the OVC.

This year, Coach Tom Deaton has added speed, quickness and strength to his team.

Nine Golden Eagles players are returning, including four starters, three of whom are seniors.

Forward Pete Albus, Tech's leading scorer two years ago, hurt his ankle in the season opener last year and missed most of the season.

Last year Coach Bob Rupert and his Akron Zips "learned" their way through the league.

Rupert was unfamiliar with the league, but he said he received a gracious welcome: his 5-9 in league play and 8-18 overall.

"We now have a better understanding of what it's going to take to win here at Akron," Rupert said.

"We must have a better half-court, better shooting team, and we must be a smarter team."

Rupert wanted to recruit a point guard, two forwards and a center.

Six new players were signed, including guards and forwards: But Rupert didn't get the center he wanted.

The new players will be added to a galaxy of returning players, including starter Joe Jackson, a 6-5 sophomore guard. Jackson was

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Winnings percentage

Rank/Team | Wins | Avg | Pct
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1. | 1. Western Kentucky (62) | 1,076 | 17.35
2. | 2. Kentucky (61) | 1,229 | 17.31
3. | 3. UCLA (62) | 1,045 | 16.66
4. | 4. Kentucky (78) | 1,284 | 16.46
5. | 5. St. John's (74) | 1,210 | 16.35
6. | 6. LaSalle (51) | 897 | 15.34
7. | 7. San Francisco (96) | 857 | 15.28
8. | 8. Villanova (61) | 932 | 15.28
9. | 9. Notre Dame (64) | 1,149 | 15.12
10. | 10. Oregon State (79) | 1,191 | 15.08
11. | 11. Providence (64) | 814 | 15.07

Winning percentage

Rank/Team | Wins | Lost | Pct
--- | --- | --- | ---
1. | 1. Kentucky | 1,284 | 402 | 0.762
2. | 2. North Carolina | 1,279 | 479 | 0.720
3. | 3. Western Kentucky | 1,076 | 456 | 0.702
4. | 4. St. John's (NY) | 1,210 | 522 | 0.697
5. | 5. UCLA | 1,284 | 649 | 0.679
6. | 6. Kansas | 1,222 | 578 | 0.679
7. | 7. Drake | 1,222 | 578 | 0.679
8. | 8. Notre Dame | 1,149 | 576 | 0.679
9. | 9. Syracuse | 1,071 | 541 | 0.644
10. | 10. DaPaul | 876 | 446 | 0.663
Middle, Murray picked to lead chase

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Last year’s OVC Rookie of the Year, averaging 13.4 points per game.

Another returning player will be sophomore forward Ricky Brown (6-8, 215). Brown, who played well late last season, grew two inches and gained 15 pounds over the summer.

New players who will probably contribute this season include 6-3 guard Tony Augsbarger, 6-4 guard Steve Shade, 6-3 guard Fred Johnson and 6-4 forward Dave Smith. As high school seniors, Augsbarger and Shade averaged 22.5 and 26.5 points per game, respectively.

Akrum starts the season at Kentucky, and Rupert hopes his team wins half its games and earns a berth in the OVC tournament.

"With the players we have this season, both goals are well within our reach," Rupert said.

Head coach Don Rosselli, recovering from a heart attack that sidelined him last year, sports a 581-367 lifetime record as he begins his 50th year with the Penguins.

Seven players are returning, four of whom are starters.

Last year, the Penguins were 13-3, and 2-2 against OVC rivals Akron and Tennessee Tech.

Senior guard Bruce Alexander, who led Division II last season in free-throw accuracy with a 92.1 percentage, returns, hoping to increase his 17.3 point average. He will be joined by senior guard Rob Carter, who had 88 assists last season.

Also returning will be sophomore guard Art McCollough, who scored most of his 242 points in the last eight games of the season; sophomore center Steve Martin; and junior guard John Goodson.

Three native Ohioans spotlight a good list of recruits. Forward-guard John Wexvolck averaged 24.3 points and 9.6 rebounds as a high school senior, forward Ray Robinson averaged 16.5 points and more than 11 rebounds a game and forward Troy Williams had 17.5 points and 11.2 rebounds.

Expected to push for a starting job this year is Dave Klenovich, a 6-7 freshman forward from Pennsylvania. He averaged 18.5 points and 11.3 rebounds.

The Penguins switch from Division II to Division I this year and will be eligible for a berth in the OVC tournament.

GOVERNORS

Austin Peay coach Ron Bartoche is counting on two transfers, six returning players and four freshmen to lead the Governors to their second straight winning season.

Only one Governor starter will return — William Bell, a 6-3 1/4 senior guard, who averaged 7.1 points per game last season.

"Our biggest improvement should be inside scoring strength from Lenny Manning and Donald Vinson," Bartoche said.

Manning, a 6-6 sophomore, a transfer from Miami (Ohio), where he averaged 10 points and six rebounds a game, was runner up for freshman of the year honors in the Mid-American Conference.

Vinson, a 6-6 junior forward, has a 46-inch vertical jump and was named Kentucky Junior College Player of the Year. At Paducah Community College, he led his team in scoring (21.3), rebounding (13.0), field-goal percentage (61.8) and free-throw percentage (79.0). Three freshmen are expected to play early in the season — forward center Mike McClellan, shooting guard Pat Day and point guard Phil Caldwell.

Phil Caldwell.

Austin Peay has tough road games scheduled against Missouri, Tennessee and Missouri.

"Our schedule is the toughest in history," Bartoche said. "We should have good balance in scoring and rebounding, especially in the latter category, where we led the OVC last season."

COLONELS

First-year coach Max Good returns only two players from last year's 19-14 team, and neither of the two was a starter.

Ervin Stepp, a 6-2 sophomore guard, and Jim Harkins, a 6-4 senior forward, will be the only familiar faces from last year's edition of the Colonels.

But Good and his staff believe they have had a banner recruiting year; signing seven new players. Joining the Colonels are Mike Budzinski, a 6-7 center; Scott Daniels, a 6-7 1/4 forward; Dave Dixon, a 6-4 forward; Fred Emerson, a 6-7 forward; and Bruce Mitchell, a 6-5 forward.

Eastern also signed 6-4 1/2 sophomore guard Frank Baines, who played last season at Southern Idaho Junior College.

Last year four transfers sat out and will play for Eastern this year — 6-4 junior forward Billy Rissler, who transferred from Centenary College; 6-8 junior center Jim Chambers, a transfer from Shippensburg; 6-3 junior guard Jimmy Stepp, who came from George Washington; University; and 6-7 junior forward David Thorson, who also transferred from George Washington.

Preseason All-OVC team

Tony Wilson
Mont Sleets
Craig McCormick
Jerry Beck
Rick Campbell

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Western's Laurie Heltsley was named to the preseason All-OVC team. Heltsley is the three-time All-OVC player and was second-team Academic All-American. Last year she became the first woman at Western to score 1,000 points and led the team in scoring (18 points a game) and steals (46). Heltsley also set two school records last season.

Photo by Todd Buchanan

Canty: Being No. 1 ‘undue pressure’

By MARK MATHIS

Western and Tennessee Tech are two favorites in this year's coaches poll, and Coach Eileen Canty doesn't like it.

"Favoritism, I think it's a little undue pressure," Canty said. "It's a little undue pressure on us, and we are a young team. People will just expect more of us now.

Western will have six freshmen on its 12-member roster, and some of them will be starting. "This is the best recruiting year we've ever had," she said. "The freshmen will have to take on the slack immediately.

Three newcomers were all-state selections last year, including Kentucky's "Top Basketball." Little Man of White County.

The 6-foot-4-inch freshman averaged 36 points and 15 rebounds a game last season and was named to the Parade magazine and Conference All-America teams.


Wendy Morton and Desonna Owens, both from Owensboro High, are also expected to see some playing time. Walk-on Stella-Wagner is the other first-year player.

Seven experienced players return from last year's 15-14 squad. Academic: All-American Laurie Heltsley should be the catalyst of this year's squad. The three-time All-OVC performer was the team's leading scorer last year with an 18-point average.

She became only the sixth woman in Western's history to surpass the 1,000-point career scoring mark. Heltsley also led the team in steals with 45.

The team is ready for some outside competition now, Canty said. "We haven't learned everything yet, but we need to play against some new faces.

The coach said her team's success may depend on how well the freshmen perform. "We have more talent than anybody in the league, but the freshmen will still make freshmen mistakes.

"It's going to be a matter of how fast they adjust to the college game," she said.

While Canty may disagree with the preseason pick, she said her team "will accept it as a challenge and try to live up to it."

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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Western

Women are BASKETBALL

Forward: Sharon Garland is expected to add some scoring punch at the top of the lineup. Garland, who averaged 13.5 points a game last year, was named to the "Top Basketball" in 1979. She transferred last year from the University of Kentucky.

Diane Dobbins had an outstanding freshman season, setting a school field goal percentage record at 488, and averaging 10.2 points and 4.1 rebounds a game.

She had the second best field goal percentage of any freshman in the country last season, and was the 19th most productive shooter in the nation.

Challenging Dobbins for the top spot will be senior Alice Lockett. The 6-4 center played a lot when Dobbins was injured last season and averaged 10.2 points and 6.5 rebounds a game.

Lockett will be adding to her shooting machine's game 180 blocked shots. Kim Harrison, who averaged 22 points and 15 rebounds a game, Cindy Young could move into that guard spot, where she saw limited action last year.

"Our shooters are back, and we've acquired some good shooters so we hope to score like we did last season," Canty said. "We have been stressing defense because we gave up a lot of points, too.

Tech co-favorite in OVC race

By MARK MATHIS

Tennessee Tech is a favorite, along with Western, to win the Ohio Valley Conference title.

And Tech is loaded.

OVC Player of the Year Jeryllyn Harper is Tech's blue-chipper. The Association of Intercollegiate Athletics: Women scoring champion last season averaged an impressive 17.3 points per game and hitting 43.4 percent on field goals.

A Coach's All-American, Harper is also a preseason All-OVC pick.

Harper won't be the only weapon in Coach Marryall Minster's arsenal.

"We should be able to score from more positions than ever before, and that means that defenses won't be able to key on Jeryllyn," Minster said. "That should give us the opportunity to score from other areas of the floor."

Transfers Val Streelman, Anita Myers and freshman Dee Davis have pressed Minster in pressure scrimmages. She seems to be making the adjustment to our style of play quite well.

Streelman is a 6-foot-3-inch power player who averaged 22 points and 13 rebounds. Myers is a super-quick guard who averaged 15 points last season. And Davis, West Virginia's top scorer that season, has averaged a 19.4 scoring average to Tech.

And Tech returns five players from last year's 20-11 team.

Returning include seniors Desanta Bohler and Teresa Duncan, who shared playing time in the post position last year. Both shot better than 50 percent for the year and are strong rebounders.

Kathy Och will return this year after a knee injury sidelined her for most of last season. Och is a strong inside force and should add much depth to Tech's already strong front line.

Transfer Lydia Sawney is another fierce inside player. The junior averaged 12 points and 10 rebounds a game last season.

And the backcourt has plenty of depth.

Mindy Campbell and Emily Tyler return to lead Tech's fast-breaking offense. Tyler was second on the team in assists last year with 136. She has shown by knee injury but is expected to be at full strength. Campbell is "coming in to her own," according to Minster.

The Golden Eagles will face stiff competition, meeting Clemson, Georgia, Kentucky, North Carolina State and South Carolina.

MIDDLE TENNESSEE

Coach Larry Inman will field his tallest squad ever with six players 6 feet or taller.

The Blue Raiders will be led by All-America center Robin Hendrix. The 6-foot-5 center averaged 19.7 points and an impressive 15.4 rebounds last year.

Newcomee and Pat Bice will join Hendrix at the forward spots.

In the backcourt, Middle returns three players, including junior Sherry Smith. Smith missed much of last season.

Inman contends this season will be a "rebuilding" year, but Inman finished 16-11 last year.

MOREHEAD

Morehead appeared doomed for failure last year until forward Donna Stephens returned to the lineup.

The Eagles finished 12-14 and Stephens paced her squad with 20.7 points per game. She returned, and Coach Micky Wells is optimistic.

Other returning starters include guards Richard Harmon and Irene Moore. Harmon is a member of Morehead's 1,000-point club and Moore should join that group early this season.

Martha Rust will return at center and power forward Priestella Blackford will join Stephens up front.

AUSTIN PEAY

Peay lost six experienced players from a team without the OVC but that led the conference in defense, allowing 52.4 points an outing.

Coach Pam Davidson said,
During a late afternoon practice, Gerald Harrison, left, Tony Smith and Ben McLeod practice on the Smith Stadium track. Smith is the two-time OVC high hurdle champion.

**Toppers’ strengths will differ**

**By MARK MATHIS**

The men’s and women’s indoor track teams will contrast greatly this year.

For the men, this will be the “year of the walk-on.” But the women will field one of their strongest teams ever.

Only two Ohio Valley Conference champions return to the men’s team this season, but Coach Curtiss Long said he believes his team will be competitive.

Tony Smith is the defending two-time OVC champion in the 100-meter hurdles. John Chambul threw a personal best of 43 feet, 5 inches, winning the OVC shot put championship last season. Chambul placed seventh in the National Collegiate Athletic Association indoor championships.

The Hilltoppers will not compete in the Association of Intercollegiate Athletic Women this season but in the NCAA. Ward said he will have to prepare his team differently.

“With the help of the OVC, we’ll be able to compete in the NCAA. We’re looking forward to the challenge.”

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**INDOOR TRACK**

“We’re in the top three for sure,” Long said. “We don’t have many standouts this year, but we have good depth from the half-mile on up, and we have good ‘walk-on’ strengths.”

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“Senior leadership is the key to our success, and we must look for added help from our freshmen as we face our toughest schedule in history.”

**EASTERN**

The Colonels led the nation in free-throw percentage last year, hitting 76 percent from the charity stripe.

Their key player is Linda Goodin, the nation’s individual leader in percentage from the line, connecting on 89 percent.

Dr. Diane Murphy’s team lost only one player and recruited two all-staters. “We are counting on them to make a significant contribution to our team success.”

**MURRAY**

Dr. Jean Smith is looking for a winning season after compiling a 13-15 ledger.

“Personal-wise, we may be in the best shape we’ve ever been in; our depth and experience look good,” Smith said.

Center Diane Oakley will be one of the seniors. She was a favorite of the fans, and we’re glad to have her back again.”

**BIG RED**

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Join Big Red and our cheerleaders for a spirit march for the Murray game.

We’ll start at the bottom of the hill on Oslerge and 18th Streets and go to Smith Stadium.

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Sat., Oct. 21
at 11 a.m.
With 3 veterans gone, Toppers ‘underdog’

By LEE GRACE

Coach Bill Powell expects his team to be an underdog this season.

Gone from last year’s 6-1 Midwest Championship squad are Butch Dymowski, Ron Finley and Mark Ritter — three of Western’s top swimmers.

Missing are 188 points from last year’s championship meet, the points the three scored last season.

To make up for the loss, Powell said the west for members in recruiting.

“In a championship meet, places seven, eight and nine score the same number of points as first. If we get three people to finish in those places, we will be no worse off than we were before,” he said.

And he hopes those numbers will be enough tomorrow and Saturday as the Hilltoppers open their season at the Sycamore Invitational in Terre Haute, Ind.

“We are a young team, there is no doubting that,” he said. “We’re going to make freshman mistakes.” Twenty-two of 33 swimmers are junior college transfers or freshmen, but Powell said the team has potential.

SWIMMING

“It seems funny to have a young team,” he said. “Finley and Ritter and Dymowski were veterans when they came in. They may have been freshmen, but, when they came to Western, they acted like veterans.”

Yet Western does return a group of “veteran” who may carry the team early in the season.

Ron Peck won the 200-yard individual medley and the 200-yard backstroke in last year’s championship. John Holst, with the school’s 400-meter individual medley record, is also considered to be a top swimmer here.

The key to Western’s success may lie in three returning divers: Dave Girard, Chris Jiricano and Scott Irwin.

“The three of them are going to score a lot of points for us in meets,” Powell said. “Each one of the divers wants to win badly, but they will go out of their way to help one another if one is having problems.”

And several freshmen may make contributions.

Joe Mowczan and Steve Crocker, according to Powell, could become Western’s top swimmers in their events. Mowczan is a distance swimmer, Crocker a sprinter.

“It’s early, and you can’t really tell how good they will be,” the coach said. “But if they come on as strong as I expect, we could have a stronger team than we did last year.”

The Toppers’ first home meet will be against Appalachian State Dec. 5. The team’s next win will be Powell’s 100th career victory here.

“Well, here we go again trying for No. 100,” Powell said. “It sure would be nice to get it here at home, but I’m not going to throw the match (the Sycamore Invitational) so I can get it here.”

Powell said he is hoping freshmen will help fill in the gaps left by the graduation of Finley, Ritter and Dymowski, but he believes the task is difficult.

“You just don’t replace a Finley,” he said. “Crocker is going to be as good as Dymowski, but he is just one sprinter and we had two really good ones last year.

“Both are gone — it’s just going to be hard to replace them.”

Financial Aid Workshop

The WKU Financial Aid Office will conduct a workshop to help students understand new financial aid requirements and complete the 1982-83 Financial Aid Forms. Workshops will be held according to the following schedule:

Tues., Dec. 1 3:00 p.m.
Mon., Dec. 7 2:00 p.m.
Thurs., Dec. 10 7:00 p.m.

The workshop will be in Room 305 Downing University Center.