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HILLTOPPERS EARLIEST EVER IN CLINCHING O.V.C. TITLE

This year the Hilltoppers tied their own record for the earliest clinching ever of an Ohio Valley Conference championship when they reeled up the title on Feb. 21.

The 1965-66 Western quintet clinched the league crown on the same date, earlier than any other team in OVC history.
PLAYER SKETCHES

Probable Starters

25--JEROME PERRY
Forward...Junior...6-4...190...20...Louisville, Ky.

Has great all-around athletic ability, with tremendous leg spring, sprinter speed, fine hands...was All-Stater in both basketball, football at Manual High...goes extremely high on jump shot, which he can put up with accuracy from surprisingly long range...clever passer on fast break, does adequate job of bringing up ball against pressure defense... capable of rebounding on even terms with much larger men...second only to Jim McDaniels among scorers on this year's team...Top effort was 28 points, 12 rebounds in come-from-behind road win over East Tennessee...that game was also his career high...averaged 12 points as soph. in '68-69.

Personal Info: Parents--Mr. and Mrs. Willie L. Perry (Father, Postman; Mother, Machine Operator); High School--Manual '67; H. S. Coach--Lou Tsiropoulos (Kentucky); H. S. Letters--Basketball 3; Football 2; Major--Industrial Education; Ambition--Industry or Teaching; Married, one child; Religious Preference--Baptist.

4--CLARENCE GLOVER
Forward...Junior...6-8...210...21...Horse Cave, Ky.

Amazingly quick for man his size...shared forward post most of this season with Walker Banks, Wayne Bright, but was used more often as starter during latter stages of campaign...particularly effective on defense, where he takes advantage of agility, size to hound dribblers and block shots with pleasing regularity...best all-around performance came in late-season win over Dayton as he tallied 13 points, hauled in 14 rebounds, blocked 6 shots...was high school All-Stater, honorable mention All-American...hobbies include fishing, reading...averaged 5.5 points, 7.9 rebounds last year as sophomore.

Personal Info: Parents--Mr. and Mrs. Roy Glover (Father, Retired; Mother, Housewife); High School--Caverna '67; H. S. Coach--Ralph Dorsey (Indiana); H. S. Letters--Basketball 4, Baseball 2; Major--Physical Education; Minor--Sociology; Ambition--Teaching, Coaching; Married, one child; Religious Preference--Baptist.

44--JIM McDANIELS
Center...Junior...7-0...217...21...Scottsville, Ky.

Has led the Ohio Valley Conference in scoring each of his two varsity seasons, with a 24.8 average as a sophomore, 28.5 mark this season...also led league this season in rebounds (13.9) and field goal percentage (.569)...named to Helms Foundation 1968-69 All-America team...appears to be cinch to have highest single-season scoring average this year of any Hilltopper in history, surpassing 26.0 mark of Darel Carrier, now starring for Kentucky Colonels of the ABA..."Big Mac's" 1968-69 season eclipsed school sophomore scoring records set in 1964-65 by another current pro star, Clem Haskins of the NBA Chicago Bulls...top game this season was 46-point effort against Austin Peay, fourth highest single-game scoring performance ever for a Western player...made 30 or more points 11 times this season...phenomenal shooter from all ranges, but became even more formidable this season as he learned to take ball to basket with more regularity, taking better advantage of his size and agility...has improved defense tremendously, as demonstrated by seven blocked shots against Dayton and 12 against Middle Tennessee...his shooting ability, maneuverability have many pro scouts billing him as the pro game's "first 7-foot forward"...was rated top schoolboy recruiting catch in country following brilliant high school career in which he twice led Kentucky high school scoring...was MVP, scored 33 points in Dapper Dan Roundball Classic at Pittsburgh following senior high school season...his favorite recreation includes swimming, dancing.

Personal Info: Parent--Mrs. Sendy Eicom (Mother, Housewife); High School--Allen County '67; H. S. Coach--Tommy Long (Western Kentucky); H. S. Letters--Basketball 2; Major--Physical Education; Minor--Sociology; Ambition--Pro Basketball, then social work; Married; Religious Preference--Baptist.
11--JIM ROSE
Guard...Junior...6-3...180...22...Hazard, Ky.

Deadeye shooter from outside with feathery-soft jumper; nifty operator underneath, with good jumping ability. Particularly outstanding in Hilltopper running game. Plays steady defense. Has improved tremendously in ability to move ball down-court against press. Top scoring night of season came with 21 points in pressure-packed, overtime OVC win against East Tennessee. Top night on boards came against Middle Tennessee, with 12 recoveries. Career high of 23 came against SMU as sophomore in '68-'69. One of Kentucky's all-time great schoolboy performers, starring for Hazard for five years after earning starter's role in eighth grade. Averaged 12.2 points, 6.1 rebounds in '68-'69.

Personal Info: Parents—Mr. and Mrs. Edward Y. Lindon; High School—Hazard '67; H. S. Coach—Roscoe Shackelford (Louisville); H. S. Letters—Basketball 5, Football 4, Baseball 4; Major—Physical Education; Minor—Sociology; Ambition—Pro Basketball, Coaching; Married, one child; Religious Preference—Baptist.

10--GARY SUNDMACHER
Guard...Junior...6-4...170...20...Metropolis, Ill.

Has been one of most pleasant surprises of season, providing playmaking ability, leadership and hustle. His play has been a tremendous factor in Hilltopper success. Helped lead Paducah Community College to national junior college cage title last year, averaging 12.5 points, 6 rebounds. Played first half of current season as reserve, but broke into starting lineup in early January and has proved he "belongs" ever since. Had greatest performance of collegiate career in late-season 77-75 road win over arch-rival Murray as he had 11 assists, tossed in 8 points and was flawless in handling ball against Murray's pesky press. Top point production was 15 against LaSalle.

Personal Info: Parents—Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sundmacker (Father, Carpenter; Mother, Housewife); High School—Metropolis '67; H. S. Coach—Don Smith (Middle Tennessee); H. S. Letters—Basketball 2, Baseball 1, Cross-Country 1; Major—Secondary Education, Business; Ambition—Teaching; Religious Preference—Protestant.

15--DANNY JOHNSON
Guard...Sophomore...6-1...175...19...Benton, Ill.

Doesn't mind shooting, playing defense, or rebounding in crowd, quick hands, aggressive attitude make him a crowd-pleaser on defense. Sees floor well, picks up numerous assists on zippy passes to open men. Has demonstrated ability to get team offense started. Has scored in double figures three times this season.

Personal Info: Parents—Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Mumbower (Father, Security Guard; Mother, Housewife); High School—Benton '68; H. S. Coach—Rich Herrin; H. S. Letters—Basketball 3, Track 2; Major—Recreation; Married; Ambition—Undecided.

20--STEVE EATON
Guard...Sophomore...6-3...180...19...Chattanooga, Tenn.

Fine basketball instincts. Size, fact that he was outstanding guard throughout high school career and didn't have to learn position after coming to college, are big pluses. Does as fine a job as anybody on squad of moving ball against press. Extremely unselfish player who works hard at setting up baskets for teammates. Led his prep team to state tournament, was named to both All-State, All-American squads.

Personal Info: Parents—Mr. and Mrs. James Eaton (Father, Minister; Mother, Housewife); High School—City '68; H. S. Coach—Jim Phifer (Western Kentucky); H. S. Letters—Basketball 3, Baseball 1; Major—History; Ambition—Undecided; Religious Preference—Church of Christ.
22--WALKER BANKS
Forward-Center...Senior...6-9...205...21...Clifton Forge, Va.

Has been in and out of starting lineup ever since his sophomore season...hits boards with authority...playing best defense of his career this season...very quick, agile, often surprises with his running speed...fine touch on both jump, hook shots, especially from close range...top game of current season came with 14 points, 7 rebounds against Eastern Kentucky.

Personal Info: Parent--Mrs. Georgianna Banks (Mother, Laundry Employee); High School--Clifton Forge '66; H. S. Coach--Colin Ferguson (Waynesboro); H. S. Letters--Basketball 4, Football 3; Major--Physical Education; Ambition--Teaching, Coaching; Married, one child; Religious Preference--Baptist.

24--TERRY DAVIS
Guard...Sophomore...6-2...180...19...Shelbyville, Ky.

Was tops in scoring (22.7 ppg), third in assists on last year's frosh team...talented shooter with knack for getting open...dedicated competitor who never quits at either end of floor...specialty is soft jumper in 12 to 18-foot range...pitcher on Western baseball squad...a high school All-American at Shelby County, he led Kentucky schoolboy scoring in '67-68 with 35.5 average...was Kentucky's "Mr. Basketball" in 1968...had 14 points against Kansas.

Personal Info: Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Davis (Father, Farmer; Mother, Housewife); High School--Shelby County '68; H. S. Coach--Herky Rupp (Kentucky); H. S. Letters--Basketball 4, Baseball 4, Football 1; Major--Physical Education; Minor--Biology; Ambition--Pro Call; Married, one child; Religious Preference--Baptist.

33--PAUL HASKINS
Forward...Senior...6-4...195...21...Campbellsville, Ky.

Younger brother of 1967 Western All-American Clem Haskins, now NEA regular with Chicago Bulls...reliable performer with sound fundamental skills, though not flashy...highly accurate jump shot from 15 to 20 feet...hard-nosed on defense...also mixes it up well under boards...has ability, know-how to play in almost any situation.

Personal Info: Parents--Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Haskins (Father, Farmer; Mother, Housewife); High School--Taylor County '66; H. S. Coach--Billy B. Smith (Union U.); H. S. Letters--Basketball 4, Track 4; Major--Physical Education; Ambition--Teaching, Coaching; Religious Preference--Baptist.

42--WAYNE BRIGHT
Forward...Senior...6-8...235...21...Greencastle, Ind.

Strength under boards is top asset, but is also exceptional jump shooter from medium range in...has improved markedly on defense in past year...has been starter for parts of each of past two seasons...best game in current campaign was 17-point, 7-rebound performance against LaSalle...has hit on nearly 50 per cent of field goal attempts for entire varsity career.

Personal Info: Parents--Mr. and Mrs. Walter C. Bright Sr. (Father, Tool and Die Maker; Mother, Housewife); High School--Fillmore '66; H. S. Coach--Darrell Hoyer (Indiana Central); H. S. Letters--Basketball 4, Baseball 3, Track 2; Major--Physical Education; Ambition, Teaching, Coaching; Married; Religious Preference--Catholic.
FOURTH N.C.A.A. APPEARANCE FOR WESTERN

This is Western Kentucky's fourth trip to the NCAA Tournament. The Hilltoppers' first appearance came at the end of the 1939-40 season when they were the Southern Representative in the Eastern Playoff.

Western's complete NCAA record:

1939-40
Eastern Playoff at Indianapolis, Ind.: Western 29, Duquesne 30

1959-60
Mid-East Regional at Lexington, Ky.: Western 107, Miami (Fla.) 84
at Louisville, Ky.: Western 79, Ohio State 98
Western 97, Ohio University 87, Consolation

1961-62
Mid-East Regional at Lexington, Ky.: Western 90, Detroit 81
at Iowa City, Iowa: Western 73, Ohio State 93
Western 86, Butler 87 (Overtime), Consolation

1965-66
Mid-East Regional at Kent, Ohio: Western 105, Loyola (Ill.) 86
at Iowa City, Iowa: Western 79, Michigan 80
Western 32, Dayton 68, Consolation

1966-67
Mid-East Regional at Lexington, Ky.: Western 67, Dayton 69 (Overtime)

TOPPERS' N.C.A.A. TOURNAMENT DRAWS CONSISTENTLY DIFFICULT

On three of the four previous occasions on which Western Kentucky has represented
the Ohio Valley Conference since the OVC first got an automatic bid in 1955, it took the
eventual national champion to runner up to eliminate the Hilltoppers:
Runner-up Dayton, 67-69 in overtime, 1967;
Runner-up Ohio State, 73-73, in 1962; and
McDANIELS QUICKEST HILLTOPPER EVER IN REACHING 1,000 POINTS

Western's Jim McDaniels scored the 1,000th point of his varsity career on Jan. 17 in a 102-80 win over LaSalle. He reached that coveted plateau at an earlier point in his career than any other player in the history of Hilltopper basketball, in his 39th varsity game.

Prior to McDaniels' feat, Western's 1966-67 All-America, Clem Haskins (now a star for the Chicago Bulls of the NBA), had been the quickest Hilltopper in scoring 1,000 points. He passed that mark in his 45th varsity performance.

Haskins went on to score a total of 1,680 points in his Western career, the highest number ever for a three-year varsity player. The only two players who scored more, Ralph Crosthwaite (2,076 in 1955-58) and Tom Marshall (1,909 in 1951-54), both played four years of varsity basketball. Haskins also holds the Western record for highest career scoring average, 22.1 points.

McDaniels entered NCAA Tournament play this year with a total of 1,331 points, making him already the seventh highest scorer in Hilltopper history. He entered the Tournament with a 28.6 average for the 1969-70 season and a 26.6 average for his career to this point.

 Ohio Valley Conference Kings: 13 Titles in 22 Seasons

Western Kentucky has won more Ohio Valley Conference championships than any other team, winning or sharing 13 titles in the 22-season history of the league.

In fact, all other OVC teams combined have won or shared only 17 conference championships.

WKU Basketball: A Family Affair

Basketball at Western Kentucky is a family affair.

Of the 11 players on the Hilltopper NCAA Tournament roster, eight are married: Clarence Glover, Jim Rose, Danny Johnson, Walker Banks, Terry Davis, Jerome Perry, Wayne Bright, and Jim McDaniels.

The Glovers, Roses, Bankes, Perrys, and Davises each have one child.

Home Attendance Smashes All Records

Western's home attendance for the 1969-70 season broke all previous records. The new marks were:

Home Attendance Total, Season--150, 237;

Home Attendance Average, Season--11,557 (13 games);

Home Attendance, Single Game--13,804 (vs. Morehead, Feb. 21).

Red Towels Revered Western Tradition

The red towels waved by Western Kentucky fans at each basketball game are a tradition stemming from the habit of former Hilltopper Coach Ed Diddle.

Diddle, who coached at Western for 42 seasons, constantly kept a towel--red, of course, --with him on the bench. He waved it in elation, used it to signal his players, threw it to the rafters in jubilation, or buried his face in it in despair, depending upon the tempo of the game.

In his long and colorful career, he became known to fans throughout the nation as "the man with the red towel."
President Dero G. Downing Former Hilltopper Star

Among Western's most devoted fans is the University's president, Dero G. Downing. And rightly so—he was an outstanding guard on some of the finest teams in Western history, including the first two Hilltopper quintets to go to the NIT in 1942 and 1943. He was also a top-notch collegiate tennis player.

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Only Hilltoppers Own Perfect O.V.C. Records

When Western Kentucky finished the 1969-70 season with a perfect 14-0 mark in Ohio Valley Conference play, it was only the third time in the 22-year history of the league that a team was able to compile an undefeated season. On all three occasions, the team to turn the trick was Western Kentucky. The two previous unbeaten league seasons were put together by the Hilltoppers in 1949-50 (8-0) and 1965-66 (14-0).

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Diddle's Memorable Record:

759 Wins, 302 Losses in 42 Seasons

Western Kentucky University lost its finest booster and one of the greatest basketball coaches of all time on Jan. 2, when former Hilltopper Head Coach Ed Diddle passed away. In the 42 seasons from 1922 until his retirement in 1964, Diddle's Western teams won 759 games and lost only 302. They won 32 championships in the Kentucky Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association, and the Ohio Valley Conference. His teams won 20 or more games in 18 different seasons, including a string of 10 straight from 1934 to 1943. His teams played in the NCAA Tournament three times and in the National Invitation Tournament eight times.

He will live forever in the hearts of Hilltopper boosters and basketball fans everywhere, who will remember his famed antics with his ever-present red towel, his warm smile, and his enthusiastic devotion to the game he loved so well.

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Oldham's Record at Western:

122 Wins, 34 Losses

In six years as head coach at Western Kentucky, Johnny Oldham has compiled one of the finest records in the nation. Going into this year's NCAA play, his Hilltopper teams have won 122 games and lost only 34. Including his nine-year stint as coach at Tennessee Tech, Oldham has a lifetime collegiate won-lost record of 230 victories and 117 losses.

His Western teams, in only six seasons, have also accomplished the following:

*Three Regular Season O.V.C. Titles, One Second-Place Finish, and One Third-Place Finish;

*Four Holiday Tournament Championships;

*Four Trips to National Post-Season Tournaments.

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Three N.C.A.A. "Firsts" for Hilltoppers

In each of the last three occasions when Western Kentucky has played in the NCAA Tournament, the Hilltoppers have been the first team in the nation to qualify for a tourney berth. In 1965-66 the 'Toppers clinched the Ohio Valley Conference title and its accompanying NCAA bid on Feb. 21 with a 72-67 victory over arch-rival Eastern Kentucky. In 1966-67 Western entered the tournament with a 71-62 win, again over Eastern Kentucky.

This year the Hilltoppers qualified for the tourney earlier than any other team in the country by whacking cross-state rival Morehead State 98-74 on Feb. 21.
1969-70 'TOPPERS BEST SHootERS EVER?

This season's Hilltopper contingent could wind up as the best field goal shooters the school has ever had. They enter the NCAA Tournament with a .477 average on field goal attempts.

The best previous team of shooters was the 1965-66 outfit headed by Clem Haskins and the late Dwight Smith. They had a .458 average.

This current band of Hilltoppers could also be the top shooters in Ohio Valley Conference annals, since the league record for field goal accuracy is .470, compiled by Eastern Kentucky in 1964-65.

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McDANIELS NAMED TO JAYHAWK CLASSIC ALL-TOURNEY TEAM

Last December Western center Jim McDaniels was named to the All-Tournament team at the Jayhawk Classic, hosted by the Kansas University at Lawrence, Kan.

Others named to the All-Tourney team were Kansas' Pierre Russell and Dave Robisch, SMU's Gene Phillips, and UTex-El Paso's Nate Archibald.
THE 'TOPPER TRAIL TO THE NCAAs
A Review of Western's 1969-70 Basketball Season

FIRST GAME...Eastern Michigan...December 1, 1969...at Bowling Green, Ky.

The Hilltoppers opened the school's
51st basketball season with a 95-70
victory over NAIA power Eastern
Michigan in E. A. Diddle Arena before
a capacity crowd of 12,500.
With the experience of a game
or two already under its belt, EMU
stayed with the "Big Red" through
the first half.
Then, paced by 53% shooting and
All-American Jim McDaniels, Western
pulled away in the second half.
McDaniels and four other Hilltoppers
scored in double figures for UKU and
Harvey Marliott led EMU scorers with 16.

SECOND GAME...Virginia Commonwealth...December 4, 1969...at Bowling Green, Ky.

McDaniels hit 10 of 13 from the
field and 5 of 7 from the line to lead
the Hilltoppers to their second
triumph.
Western built up a commanding
61-33 halftime lead over the VCU Rams
and coasted to the win before 10,150
home fans.
Five 'Topper again hit double
figures and sub Walker Banks grabbed
10 rebounds, Western recovered a
shopping 72 rebounds as a team.
All fifteen Hilltoppers saw
action and 12 Westerners broke into
the scoring column.

THIRD GAME...University of California, Riverside...December 8, 1969...
at Bowling Green, Ky.

Behind hot shooting and over-
whelming rebounding control, Western
fought off a game California Riverside
to claim their third victory without
a loss.
The Hilltoppers hit 51.4 per cent
from the floor with three--Bright,
Perry and McDaniels--each connecting on
better than 60 per cent of their shots.
Western outrebounded the speedy
but shorter Californians 64-33.
McDaniels grabbed 15, Bright 13 and
Perry 9.
"Big Mac" scored over 30 points
(32) for the first time of the season
and Bright and Perry added 19 and 17,
respectively.
Guard Danny Johnson collected an
impressive seven assists for Western.
Western led only 53-49 at the half
and slowly built up the final 13-point
margin throughout the second stanza.
FOURTH GAME...Butler University...December 11, 1969...at Bowling Green, Ky.

The Hilltoppers outclassed Butler enroute to their fourth win without a loss.
Western built up a 50-32 halftime lead and was never threatened.
Butler was outscored 90-42 on field goals as tall 'Topper McDaniels accounted for 15 Western goals. Butler totaled only 21 two-pointers as a team.
"Big Mac" hit 75 per cent from the field and 80 per cent from the line to collect 34 big points. He also led all rebounders with 16.
Glover had 10 grabs for WKU as Butler lost the battle of the boards 57-26.
Soph Billy Shepherd led the Bulldogs with 25 points.

FIFTH GAME...St. Francis (Pa.)...December 13, 1969...at Altoona, Pa.

Western exploded for 50 points in the second half to extend a six-point halftime lead into a 97-67 final margin of victory.
For the third straight game, center McDaniels surpassed the 30-point mark (37). He hit 59 per cent from the floor, all of his free tosses and claimed 19 rebounds.
Three other Hilltoppers also registered twin figure rebound totals--Bright (12), Perry (11) and Glover (11).
Johnson accounted for six Western assists.
Kevin Porter led St. Francis with 24 points and Mike Copeland led all rebounders with 22 recoveries.

SIXTH GAME...Duquesne University...December 15, 1969...at Pittsburgh, Pa.

The Hilltoppers dropped their first game in six starts, an 87-65 decision to Duquesne.
Western was down ten points at the half and just could not get back into the game.
Perry (10 points and eight rebounds) and McDaniel (10pts., 15 RB) led the Top-

- Player - FG FT RB PF Pts
- Bright - 3-8 1-1 1 0 7
- Perry - 6-14 0-2 8 2 12
- McDaniel - 15-20 4-5 16 1 34
- Rose - 5-13 10 3 3 10
- Johnson - 2-8 0-0 5 3 4
- Glover - 7-11 1-1 10 4 15
- Sundmacker - 1-1 0-0 1 4 2
- Davis - 2-5 0-3 3 2 4
- Banks - 2-4 0-2 3 1 4
- Eaton - 0-3 0-1 1 0 0
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- Michaels - 1-1 0-0 0 0 2
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Team Win Total 45-92
Opp Total 21-45 19-26 26 10 61

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Team Win Total 29-80
Opp Total 29-60 29-39 49 9 87

Free throws killed Western's hopes for victory. Duquesne connected on 29 of 39 from the line while the 'Topppers hit on only 7 of 11.
Duquesne placed three men over the 20-point plateau in scoring.
Hester outboarded the defense-minded Texans Team opening round of the first annual.

Kansans cashed in on 33 free throws, tumbling to their second loss of the half (46-38), quest for the overall title.

"Big Mac" grabbed 13 rebounds to lead all loaners in that department as Western outboarded the defense-minded Texans Team 45-41.

SEVENTH GAME...Texas--El Paso...December 19, 1969...at Lawrence, Kan.

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"H" Totals 33-55 12-17 45 29 78

Opp Totals 23-64 13-31 41 16 59

EIGHTH GAME...University of Kansas...December 20, 1969...at Lawrence, Kan.

Western fell behind Kansas 47-22 in the first half and could make up only two points in the final 20 minutes and tumbled to their second loss of the campaign.

The Hilltoppers outscored the Jayhawks 68-66 from the field but the Kanzans cashed in on 33 free throws while KCU could muster only 13.

"Big Mac" led all scorers and rebounders with 28 and 15 figures.

Perry's 20 points were also valuable. Sub Terry Davis looked impressive with 14 counters.

Outside of Perry and McDaniels, Western had shooting difficulties, hitting only 38.6%.

Three Kanzans tallied 20-or-more points.

NINTH GAME...Tennessee Tech...January 3, 1970...at Bowling Green, Ky.

The Hilltoppers returned to friendly Diddle Arena and opened their quest for the OVC title with a convincing 99-70 win over Tennessee Tech.

Western held off Tech the first half (46-50) and erupted for a 53-point second period to bury the Tennesseans.

McDaniels scored 30, Perry 17, Rose 12, Johnson 10 and first-time starter Sundmacker 10. The "Toppers blitzed the nets for a 50.6 percentage.

McDaniels also collected 16 rebounds and Glover had 10.

Art Bosnak paced Tech with 18 points and 11 rebounds.
It took an overtime period and record shooting for the Hilltoppers to win their second OVC tilt.

Western led 42-38 at the half but ETSU roared back in the second period to knot the score 80-80 at the final buzzer.

The 'Toppers then claimed a 95-91 victory in the extra minutes. Important factors were the fine clutch defense of sub Danny Johnson who came up large on some key steals and buckets, and center McDaniels.

"Big Mac" had a superb night tallying 39 points and hitting 17 of 24 shots from the field.

The Hilltoppers set a school record for field goal percentage hitting 64.1%. The old mark, 60.42%, had stood since 1961.

Mike Kretzer had 30 points for East Tennessee.

**11TH GAME...Eastern Kentucky...January 10, 1970...at Richmond, Ky.**

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Western overcame 50% field goal shooting by Morehead to extend their OVC mark to 4-0.

The Hilltoppers trailed much of the way in the game in which there were 50 fouls called and 57 free throw shots.

Morehead outshot the 'Toppers percentage-wise but Western outscored their opponents by 14 points on field goals.

A clutch block by McDaniels and the quick thinking of Perry put the game on ice for Western in the closing seconds. The tall center knocked down an Eagle shot and the speedy Perry recovered the loose ball, scampered for the layup and put WKU in the driver's seat as the time ran out on a hard fighting Morehead quintet.
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13TH GAME...La Salle College...January 17, 1970...at Bowling Green, Ky.

Western took a "breather" from OVC competition to meet highly respected independent La Salle and promptly walloped the Explorers 102-80 before 12,500 delirious WKU fans in Diddle Arena.

The Hilltoppers took a 43-31 halftime lead and continued to plow the opposition under during the second stanza.

Balanced scoring and a hot hand were the principle causes of the runaway. Twelve 'Toppers scored as all five starters collected counters.

Western again held the edge in rebounding with McDaniels grabbing 14 and Perry 12.

Rugged Ken Durret paced La Salle with 18 points and 13 rebounds.

14TH GAME...Murray State...January 19, 1970...at Bowling Green, Ky.

Arch-rival Murray came to town sorely needing a victory over WKU, as yet undefeated in OVC action, to get back into the thick of the league race.

The Racers, with only one loss in the OVC, fell behind 41-30 at the intermission and could not catch the determined Hilltoppers.

Western again hit well (52.8%) and controlled the boards. McDaniels, before the game a close second to Murray's Ron Johnson in the loop rebounding statistics, outperformed his counterpart 16-7 in this department.

"Big Mac" (27 points) and Rose (20) led the 'Toppers to their 12th triumph in 14 outings as 13,426 cheering Western fans looked on.

Hotshot guard Jimmy Young led the Murray attack with 21 counters.

15TH GAME...Austin Peay...January 26, 1970...at Clarksville, Tenn.

McDaniels was the story at Austin Peay. The 7-footer scored the nets hitting on 20 of 26 field goal attempts and 6 of 7 from the line for a whopping 46 points.

This total is the fourth highest ever by a Hilltopper in a single game and is "Big Mac's" career high.

As a team, Western hit 55.2% while outpointing APSU 36 points on field goals.

The 'Toppers also grossly out-rebounded the shorter Governors 61-36 with McDaniels getting the bulk of the recoveries -- 17.

In the absence of high-scoring guard Howard Wright, Joe Valler and Larry Noble led APSU with 24 and 23 points, respectively.
Western pulled sub Steve Eaton off the bench and the soph promptly nullifed the effects of the Middle Tennessee press and got the Hilltoppers on their way to a 83-74 win.

After a cold shooting first half, 'Topper McDaniels and Perry erupted to accumulate 28 and 20 points, respectively.

"Big Mac" accounted for 14 rebounds; Rose had 12; and Perry, 11.

The victory boosted the Eastern mark to 14-2 overall and 7-0 in their conference schedule.

The Hilltoppers pulled away from a cold-shooting MTSU outfit early in the first half and coasted to a 72-63 victory as Coach Oldham substituted freely throughout the contest.

For only the second time of the season, someone other than McDaniels led Hilltopper scorers. Perry, who also beat out "Mac" in the Duquesne game, registered a game-high 21 points.

McDaniels got into foul trouble early and managed only 11 counters for the game. This is the lowest point total for the big center in his varsity career.

MTSU outrebounded Western 63-51 for the game, but McDaniels helped offset the deficit by blocking 12 Raider shots, a career high.

McDaniels returned to his old form against Eastern Kentucky, connecting on 16 of 21 from the floor and 7 of 9 from the line for 39 points. He also led all rebounders with 16.

Western held a narrow 35-30 halftime lead and exploded for 53 points in the second half to claim the 88-77 OVC triumph.

As an overflow home crowd of 12,804 cheered them on, the 'Toppers hit a fine 49.3% and outrebounded RKKU by a sizable margin, 60-41.

Sub frontliner Banks turned in one of his finest performances of the year. He had 16 points on 7 of 8 shooting and grabbed seven deflections.

Rifle center Carl Greenfield paced Eastern with 28 points and 10 rebounds.
19TH GAME...East Tennessee...February 14, 1970...at Johnstown City, Tenn.

McDaniels and Perry engineered one of the greatest comebacks in Hilltopper basketball history as Western posted a 92-83 victory over ETSU. Behind by as much as 20 points in the first half, Western closed the gap to 50-34 at the intermission and came out for the second half with blood in their eyes.

ETSU was hot early but cooled off as the 'Toppers began to find the range.

McDaniels collected 22 points in the second half and led by as many as 12 points late in the tilt.

20TH GAME...Tennessee Tech...February 16, 1970...at Cookeville, Tenn.

The Hilltoppers literally ran Tech out of its own gym with a 100-64 win. The Western fast break clicked off point after point as the "Big Red" marched to their 18th victory in 20 starts and upped their OVC mark to 11-0. The 'Toppers led 52-33 at half-time and pushed the margin over the 30 mark before Tech scored in second period.

Perry paced WKU with 22 counters as all 11 Westerners in the game scored. McDaniels found himself in foul trouble and finished the game with only 13 points; however, the tall pivotman collected 15 rebounds to capture game honors in that department.

Western won the rebounding battle with 74 recoveries.

21ST GAME...Morehead State...February 21, 1970...at Bowling Green, Ky.

Western clinched the school's 13th OVC title by trouncing Morehead 98-74 before a record Diddle Arena crowd of 13,004.

McDaniels dominated the contest with 36 points. The 'Toppers hit a hot 58.2% and outrebounded their opposition 50-43.

The Hilltoppers virtually wrapped it up in the first half attacking the basket for a 50-28 lead. The Western record then stood at 19-2 overall and 12-0 in the OVC.