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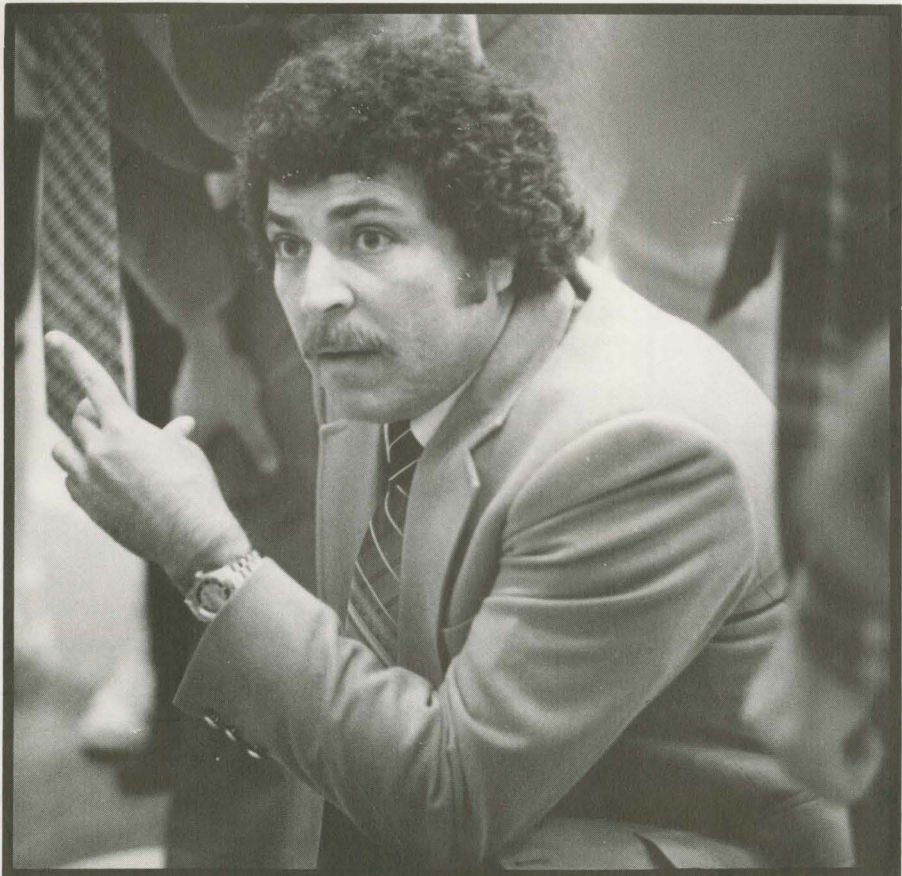
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Wright State University Raiders

Wright State vs. Kentucky Wesleyan

February 27, 1981
WSU Physical Education Building



Wright State Raiders

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Hometown
33	Theron Barbour	C-F	6-8	204	Fr.	Louisville, Ky.
45	Phil Benninger	C	6-8	215	Fr.	New Albany, Ind.
24	Rodney Benson*	F	6-6	195	Sr.	Louisville, Ky.
25	Jeff Bragg***	F-G	6-5	180	Sr.	Marion, Ind.
34	Eddie Crowe***	G	6-1	170	Sr.	Carlisle
30	Mike Grote	G	6-1	175	Fr.	Cincinnati
42	Steve Hartings***	C	6-8	205	Sr.	Maria Stein
23	Tom Holzapfel**	F	6-5	185	Jr.	Greenville
43	T.C. Johnson	G	6-0	170	Fr.	Sidney
40	Leon Manning*	F-C	6-6	208	Sr.	Indianapolis, Ind.
20	Keith Miller*	G	6-2	180	Sr.	Louisville, Ky.
35	Steve Purcell	F	6-4	180	Fr.	Kokomo, Ind.
22	Barry Turner	G	6-0	185	Fr.	Wilmington
44	Roman Welch*	F	6-6	205	Sr.	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.
32	Mike Zimmerman***	G	6-1	170	Sr.	Kettering

*denotes number of letters won

Head Coach: Ralph Underhill

Assistants: Jim Brown and Bob Grote

No.	Name	Fouls	Field Goals	Free Throws	Totals		
					FG	FT	TP
20	Miller, G	1 2 3 4 5	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1			
22	Turner, G	1 2 3 4 5	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1			
23	Holzapfel, F	1 2 3 4 5	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1			
24	Benson, F	1 2 3 4 5	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1			
25	Bragg, F-G	1 2 3 4 5	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1			
30	Grote, G	1 2 3 4 5	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1			
32	Zimmerman, G	1 2 3 4 5	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1			
33	Barbour, C-F	1 2 3 4 5	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1			
34	Crowe, G	1 2 3 4 5	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1			
35	Purcell, F	1 2 3 4 5	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1			
40	Manning, F-C	1 2 3 4 5	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1			
42	Hartings, C	1 2 3 4 5	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1			
43	Johnson, G	1 2 3 4 5	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1			
44	Welch, G	1 2 3 4 5	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1			
45	Benninger, C	1 2 3 4 5	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1			

Kentucky Wesleyan Panthers

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Hometown
52	Keith Anderson*	C	6-6	210	Jr.	Owensboro, Ky.
54	Bob Burns***	C	6-8	215	Sr.	Springfield, Ky.
10	Rod Drake	G	6-2	190	Fr.	Owensboro, Ky.
12	Tim Edgerson*	G	5-10	160	So.	Henderson, Ky.
24	Dwight Higgs	F	6-4	175	Fr.	Owensboro, Ky.
44	Jim Johnson*	F	6-6	230	So.	Evansville, Ind.
30	Doug Jones	G	6-2	180	Fr.	Owensboro, Ky.
40	Bunky Lewis***	F	6-7	195	Sr.	Morganfield, Ky.
50	Henk Pieterse	C	6-11	220	Fr.	Amsterdam, Holland
42	Tom Richardson	G	6-0	170	Jr.	Utica, Ky.
33	Stan Webb	F	6-7	210	Fr.	Indiana, Pa.
32	Ray Zuberer*	F	6-6	175	So.	Louisville, Ky.

* denotes letters won

Head coach: Mike Pollio

Assistant coach: Danny Barker

No.	Name	Fouls	Field Goals	Free Throws	Totals		
					FG	FT	TP
10	Drake, G	1 2 3 4 5	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1			
12	Edgerson, G	1 2 3 4 5	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1			
24	Higgs, G	1 2 3 4 5	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1			
30	Jones, G	1 2 3 4 5	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1			
32	Zuberer, F	1 2 3 4 5	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1			
33	Webb, F	1 2 3 4 5	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1			
40	Lewis, F	1 2 3 4 5	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1			
42	Richardson, G	1 2 3 4 5	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1			
44	Johnson, F	1 2 3 4 5	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1			
50	Pieterse, C	1 2 3 4 5	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1			
52	Anderson, C	1 2 3 4 5	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1			
54	Burns C	1 2 3 4 5	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1			



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Tonight's Game Wright State vs. Kentucky Wesleyan

Raider fans will be bidding farewell to eight seniors who probably will be playing their final game in the PE Building tonight against Kentucky Wesleyan. The seniors are Rodney Benson, Jeff Bragg, Eddie Crowe, Steve Hartings, Leon Manning, Keith Miller, Roman Welch, and Mike Zimmerman.

This will not be the final game for the Raiders, who have been selected for the NCAA Division II Tournament for the third straight year. This year Western Illinois, not Wright State, has been selected to host the tournament. Western Illinois submitted a projected budget to the NCAA which projected profits twice as large as Wright State could produce, Don Mohr, WSU athletic director, explained. "They have a much larger facility which can bring in more money," he added.

"The NCAA has looked more to money in the past few years because of the increased costs in running championship events," said Mohr, who is a member of the NCAA Division II basketball committee. "Certainly we're disappointed for our fans and players, but I can see the NCAA's point."

Tonight's opponent could be a future NCAA opponent if the Panthers are able to knock off Indiana State-Evansville for the third straight time and capture the automatic berth from the Great Lakes Valley Conference. The two teams finished the regular season with 7-3 records, forcing next Monday's playoff at the University of Evansville's Roberts Stadium, where WSU played during its first NCAA tournament in 1975-76.

Raider coach Ralph Underhill would like nothing better than another performance to match Wright State's showing at the Owensboro Sportscenter, when the Raiders dominated Kentucky Wesleyan by a score of 78-60. It was one of WSU's best road performances in Underhill's three years as a head coach.

"We need some momentum for the tournament," said Underhill. "We just sort of slid into the tournament last year, but I think this year's team is doing much better. The players know what the tournament is all about now and what it takes to win against some of the tougher teams around. I think we'll do OK, but this won't be an easy game."

Under first-year coach Mike Pollio, the Panthers may be a year away from being an excellent team in the Great Lakes region. Two of the brighter stars are freshmen Dwight Higgs (16.5 ppg.) and Rod Drake (12.0 ppg.), both of whom prepped at Owensboro High School. The lone senior in the starting lineup is Bunky Lewis (13.1 ppg.) who was an all-Great Lakes Valley Conference player last year.

Owensboro was rocking last Saturday night when the Panthers hosted ISU-Evansville in the final conference game of the season. The first half of action brought back memories of four past NCAA Championship teams, when Wesleyan

rocketed to a 47-19 halftime lead and seemingly had the game well in hand. However, the Screaming Eagles of ISU-Evansville lived up to their nickname and nearly pulled off the upset before falling, 74-72.

The basketball renaissance of Kentucky Wesleyan has the fans of Owensboro back in record numbers at the Sportscenter. This is KWC's best record since 1973-74, when it last appeared in the NCAA tournament. It marked the end of an ongoing domination of small college basketball that included four NCAA titles and wins in 40 of 50 NCAA games. Wesleyan's last title was in 1973 when Trotwood's Mike Williams was named the NCAA's Most Valuable Player.

This four-day span will offer the Wesleyan team a severe test if they hope to achieve the NCAA tourney berth. After tonight's game, the Panthers venture to Highland Heights to meet Northern Kentucky tomorrow night. Then, they will re-group and head for Evansville and the league playoff on Monday.

Speaking of dominance of small college basketball, Wright State currently is one of only four teams in Division II basketball making its third straight tournament appearance. The other schools include Puget Sound, North Dakota, Mt. St. Mary's, and Cheyney State. Other strong possibilities include Northern Michigan and Florida Southern. The only teams officially invited at this point are Wright State, Puget Sound, and Mt. St. Mary's.

Rodney Benson gets his final chance at home to become the first Raider to score 1,000 points in two seasons. He needed 57 points going into last Wednesday's game with New York Tech. With his ability to light up the scoreboard in a hurry, reaching that goal is a distinct possibility. Mike Pollio can't forget Benson's 26-point effort at Owensboro, when he connected on 11 of 15 field goal attempts. With the two additional games in the tournament, the 6-6 sharpshooter seems a cinch to break the 1,000 point barrier.

Another Raider also has an outside chance of joining the 1,000 point club. Steve Hartings had 934 points going into the New York Tech game. With at least four games remaining, he needed to average 16.5 points per game, which is about five over his 25-game average. Eddie Crowe is 32 points away from taking over Bill Fogt's spot of No. 5 on the career scoring list.

With Wright State's position as the No. 1 team in Division II, an excellent showing in the tournament could do wonders to promote all-America candidates. Benson's statistics of 21.1 points per game, 7.9 rebounds per outing, and his 60.1 field goal percentage surely rank him among the top Division II forwards in the country. Considering that the Louisville-native is averaging less than 30 minutes per game, these figures are even more amazing.

The Alumni Association will honor the eight seniors in a ceremony prior to the tipoff tonight. Alumni Affairs director Pat Moran will present each player with the traditional senior plaque. Bragg, Crowe, Hartings, and Zimmerman will be earning their fourth letter, while the other four players will be earning their second.

NCAA Division II Poll

1. Wright State, 22-3	154
2. Central Florida, 21-3	152
3. Mt. St. Mary's, 24-2	150
4. Puget Sound, 21-4	134
5. Randolph-Macon, 21-5	114
6. Bloomsburg State, 20-5	110
7. Monmouth, 22-3	108
8. West Georgia, 20-4	106
9. Indiana State-Evansville, 19-6	81
10. Wisconsin-Green Bay, 19-6	59

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Player	G	FG	FGA	Pct.	FT	FTA	Pct.	Reb.	Avg.	PF-D	Ast.	Pts.	Avg.
Benson	24	221	368	0.601	65	85	0.765	189	7.9	61-3	46	507	21.1
Welch	24	166	345	0.481	40	69	0.580	160	6.7	57-0	63	372	15.5
Crowe	25	118	212	0.557	41	59	0.695	62	2.5	25-0	105	277	11.1
Hartings	25	121	252	0.480	33	52	0.635	149	6.0	72-3	70	275	11.0
Miller	25	57	126	0.452	39	46	0.848	53	2.1	50-0	67	153	6.1
Bragg	24	56	115	0.487	27	29	0.931	38	1.6	36-0	48	139	5.8
Purcell	25	47	85	0.553	27	38	0.711	70	2.8	45-1	26	121	4.8
Holzappel	4	9	19	0.474	0	0	0.000	8	2.0	1-0	0	18	4.5
Manning	23	35	59	0.593	18	27	0.667	67	2.9	30-1	14	88	3.8
Barbour	19	20	55	0.364	14	22	0.636	46	2.4	16-1	12	54	2.8
Zimmerman	24	26	65	0.400	12	21	0.571	38	1.6	32-0	38	64	2.7
Grote	14	10	17	0.588	10	13	0.769	10	0.7	9-0	9	30	2.1
Johnson	15	11	18	0.611	3	6	0.500	4	0.3	6-0	9	25	1.7
Benninger	5	2	8	0.250	3	3	1.000	12	2.4	6-0	1	7	1.4
Turner	8	4	18	0.222	2	2	1.000	12	1.5	5-0	2	10	1.3
Wright State	25	903	1762	0.512	334	472	0.708	980	39.2	451-9	510	2140	85.6
Opponents	25	724	1585	0.457	277	417	0.664	882	35.3	481-18	355	1725	69.0

More about the NCAA Tournament

Three teams in the Great Lakes field have been selected for the tournament to be held at Western Illinois on March 6-7. Ticket information will be announced during the game tonight and both games can be heard locally over WING radio.

Wright State (22-3) is the top-seeded team while the other two presently named are Indiana State-Evansville (19-6) and Western Illinois (19-7). If Kentucky Wesleyan (16-9) doesn't win the playoff, Northern Michigan (19-8) is the other likely selection.

The winner of the Great Lakes Regional will travel to meet the South Atlantic winner for a quarterfinal game on March 14. That game will be followed by the Division II Championships in Springfield, Massachusetts, on March 20-21.

1980-81 Kentucky Wesleyan Schedule

Kentucky Wesleyan 55, Centre 53
Siena Heights 89, Kentucky Wesleyan 88
Kentucky Wesleyan 67, SIU-Edwardsville 66
Austin Peay 78, Kentucky Wesleyan 55
Kentucky Wesleyan 65, Oakland City 62

Kentucky Wesleyan 65, Northern Kentucky 43
Kentucky Wesleyan 107, Union 66
Kentucky Wesleyan 83, Georgetown 73
Eastern Illinois 69, Kentucky Wesleyan 67
Kentucky Wesleyan 66, Transylvania 56
Ashland 82, Kentucky Wesleyan 79
Kentucky Wesleyan 85, Bellarmine 80
Kentucky Wesleyan 86, Indiana Central 74
Kentucky Wesleyan 107, St. Joseph's 78
Kentucky Wesleyan 76, ISU-Evansville 70
Kentucky Wesleyan 90, McKendree 84
Kentucky Wesleyan 96, Bellarmine 75
Kentucky Wesleyan 91, Ashland 85
St. Joseph's 77, Kentucky Wesleyan 74
Indiana Central 71, Kentucky Wesleyan 57
Wright State 78, Kentucky Wesleyan 60
Kentucky Wesleyan 69, SIU-Edwardsville 68
Eastern Illinois 68, Kentucky Wesleyan 62
Transylvania 63, Kentucky Wesleyan 62, at
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Wilberforce W(111-72)
 Miami W(92-84)
 Bowling Green W(81-68)
 Wayne State W(86-65)
 St. Leo W(124-77)
 Bellarmine W(85-76)
 District of Columbia W(76-63)
 Eastern Illinois W(81-73)
 IUPUI W(81-61)
 Indiana Central W(68-61)
 Marian W(87-67)
 Central State W(72-58)
 St. Joseph's L(87-80)
 Northern Kentucky W(90-76)
 Bellarmine L(87-84)
 SIU-Edwardsville W(81-65)
 St. Joseph's W(107-79)
 Northern Kentucky W(90-76)
 Youngstown State W(66-59)
 Eastern Illinois L(72-63)
 Central State W(77-62)
 Kentucky Wesleyan W(78-60)
 Indiana Central W(92-57)
 Siena Heights W(86-74)
 Spring Arbor W(101-62)
 New York Tech W(69-61)
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