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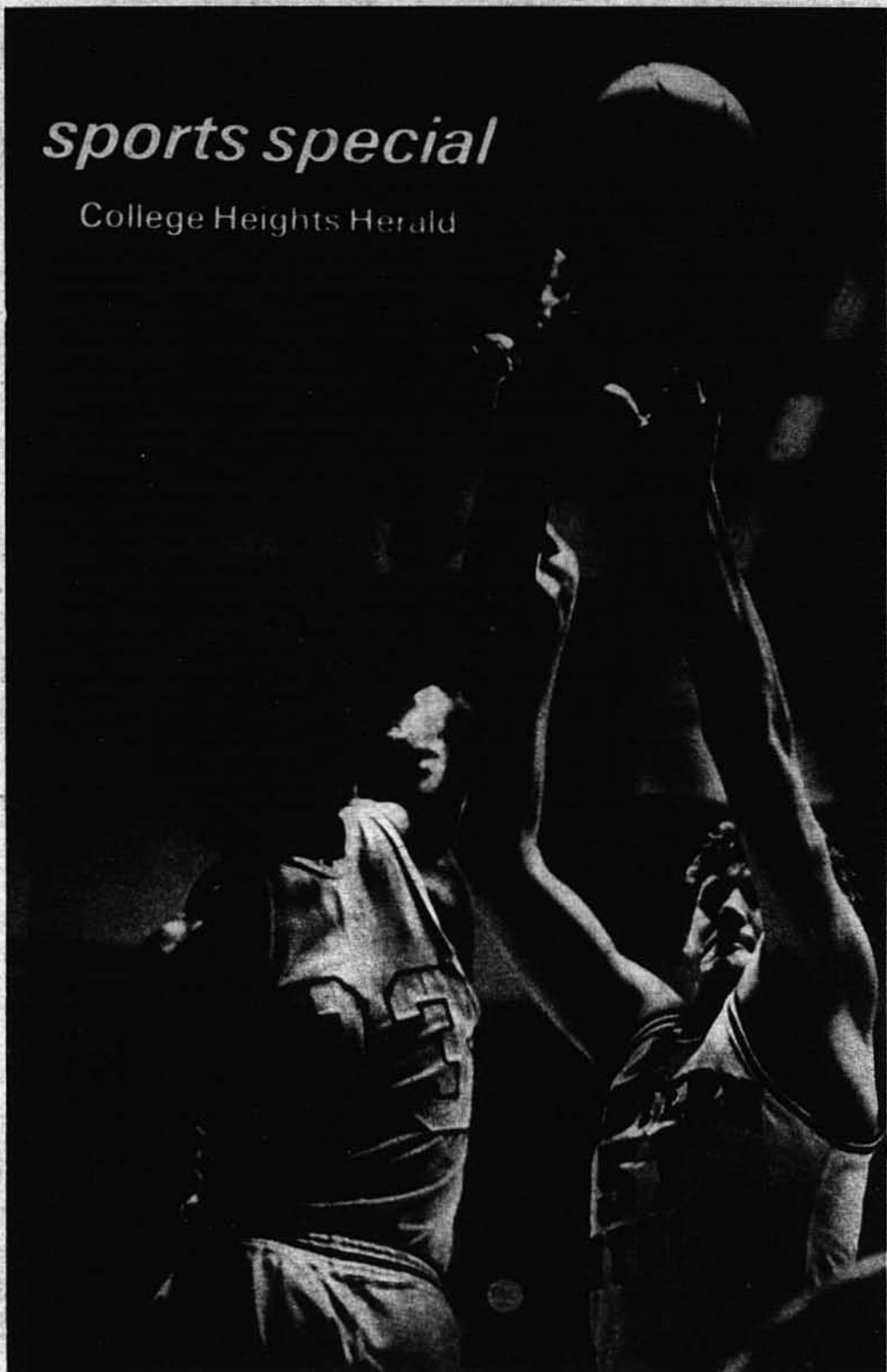
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The Herald contacted NCAA officials late last night in Kansas City, but was unable to obtain any details on the Division II football playoffs. NCAA officials refused to release any information on the playoff pairings until 10:30 (CST) this morning.

Pictures and stories about the win over Murray, which gave Western its third OVC title in the last four years, are on pages 13, 14, 15 and 16, not necessarily in that order.



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Morehead picked to win OVC title

By LEO PECKENPAUGH

Four years ago Morehead coach Bill Harrell assembled what people thought might be the best group of basketball players to ever come out of the Eastern Kentucky hills.

The talent-laden recruits consisted of stroggboy Leonard Coulter, outstanding guards Howard Wallen and Bill Dotson and scrapping forward Eugene Lyons. Playing their first year in the wake of Western's third-place NCAA finish, Harrell searched for a center to go with them as they seasoned into an explosive unit of firepower that could score 100 points without breaking a sweat.

Harrell never got that center. However, the next year as sophomores, the Eagles did tie with Eastern and Western for the OVC title. Last year they went into the final weekend of loop play within reach of their second crown, but lost twice to lackluster East Tennessee and Tennessee Tech.

Folks got pretty upset in the small mountainous town. They take their basketball pretty seriously up there.

Thus, it'll be Morehead who'll take the OVC this year, says the Herald sports staff. The Eagles garnered five of the six first-place votes in a near runaway for first place despite the return of Lake Kelly's powerful Governors from Austin Peay, who took the crown last year.

And second place? Three points separate the next three places as Austin Peay, Murray and Middle Tennessee (in that order) all will make a run at the crown.

Western, serving the second year of its two-year probation by the NCAA, is picked fifth with Eastern, East Tennessee and Tennessee Tech rounding out the picks.

Here's a look at the teams individually.

Morehead

Harrell will have trouble replacing Dotson, who gave up the sport this spring, but the fifth-year mentor has help on the way in the weak center slot.

Four 6-8 prospects (two juniors and two frosh) are battling for the job. Two (Charlie Frazier of Cedar Knoll, N.J., and George Williams of Cincinnati) are junior college transfers and the freshmen (Ted Hundley of Lexington and Ron Frederick of Cincinnati) seem to have as clear a shot at the job as anyone.

"It'll take them a while to get oriented," said Harrell, "but I think they're all capable of playing in the Ohio Valley." Coulter, Wallen and Lyons—the Eagles' three All-OVC choices—will lead the attack. Harrell may go to a one-guard offense with the loss of Dotson, but he plans to use junior college transfers J.J. Farris and Gene Frye if he decides to go with two guards.

"Center is our biggest question mark," says Harrell. "If our centers come through as well as we think they will, we'll be contenders."

Austin Peay

In Clarksville, the town nearly

went beserk over the Govs' amazing season of a year ago in which they swept through the league behind the gunning (29.3 points per game) of Fly Williams. Williams is back for his



Coach Bill Harrell

sophomore season along with sophomore running mate Danny Odums, and the two couldn't look deadlier.

Lost, however, is team leader Howard Jackson, who might have ended his playing career when he fell from a building in a summer accident.

But Austin Peay showed it was anything but a one-man team in the NCAA's Mideast Regional last year with the play of guys like Percy Howard, Richard Jimmerson, Robert Turner and Kemp Hampton—all of whom are returning.

Kelly has also added 6-9 freshman Ralph Garner from Birmingham, Ala., and Freddie Lee of Brooklyn, N.Y., to make things look even brighter.

Murray

Murray was the coaches' choice along with Austin Peay for the title and Racer coach Cal

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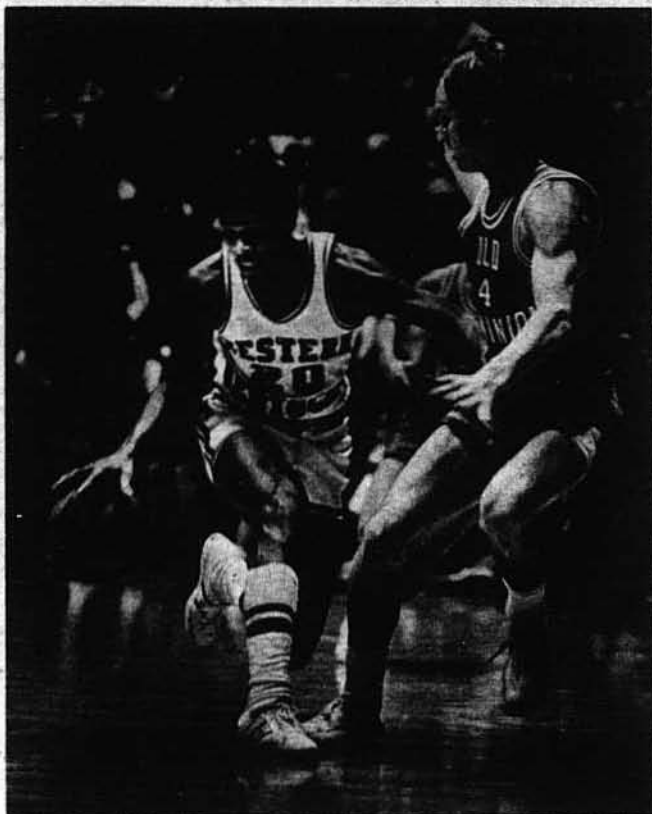
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"We'd be better off with next year's schedule with this year's ball club,"—Jim Richards

Young Western club begins '73-74 season with tough schedule

SOPHOMORE STANDOUT Johnny Britt will captain this year's basketballers.

By CARTER PENCE

With the season opener just two weeks away, coach Jim Richards thought his 1973-74 basketball team was rounding out pretty well. That is up until last week's intra-squad game in Louisville.

Though both the red and white team looked sharp on offense, the defense left much to be desired. Putting it bluntly, "Our defense is ridiculously poor right now," said Richards, who is entering his third year at the Western helm. "We just had a week's concentrated work on defense and we didn't play a lick in the game. We aren't doing the little things you have to do to win against the good clubs."

And speaking of good clubs, Baylor, Arkansas and Providence are just a few of the teams on Western's early season schedule. "We'd be better off with next year's schedule with this year's ball club," said Richards indicating that next year's card shouldn't be as trying. "Our pre-conference schedule this year is so tough that our play the rest of the season could depend on the outcome of the early games. Nothing builds confidence like getting off on a win streak, and this schedule is not the type of one you want to test a young ball club," said Richards, noting that his team has only one senior.

Richards is unsure of Western's rank in the OVC and said it could be anywhere from first to sixth. "I honestly don't know where we stand right now. I'll just have to wait and see how we develop and how everybody else comes along," he said. Richards also said that the conference this year should be the best ever from top to bottom. Said Richards, "Any one of six teams could win it. With three-quarters of the teams in contention, it means it's

going to be rough every time play."

Richards isn't sure exactly about who the starting five will be as of yet, but did say that some players are beginning to stand out. At center, Richards has been working with Ray Bowerman, the team's lone senior, and Mike Fuller, a junior college transfer from Kansas City, Kan. Bowerman stands 6-9 and weighs 250. Fuller is 6-7 and 225.

"They're pretty much equal in talent," said Richards. "Bowerman may have a slight edge in rebounding, but Fuller is a little better shooter."

The strongest contenders for the two forward positions seem to be junior Kent Allison and Mike Odemns, another junior college transfer from Washington, D.C.

Allison was a standout on the freshman team two years ago, but was hampered with injuries last season. According to Richards, Allison's knees are no longer bothering him and he is playing as well as he did when he was a freshman.

Odemns, on the other hand, has run into problems adjusting to team play. "He used to play on a team where he was the standout and the ball used to come to him all the time," said Richards. "He needs to work on being competitive." Richards said Odemns has excellent speed and jumping ability as well as general quickness. "He's a very physical player," said Richards.

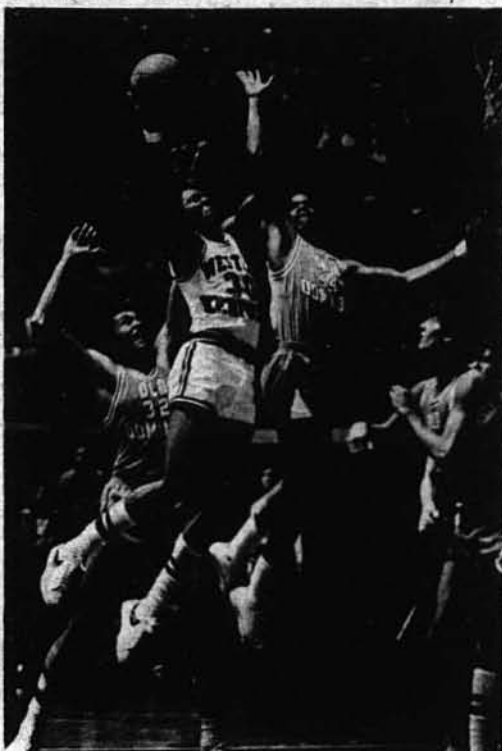
Others in contention at forward are Mike Larson, a 6-4 senior who saw some action last year, Mike Warner, a junior college transfer, Dennis Benningfield, Gary Elliot and Mike Gilbert.

There is also the possibility of

using Johnny Britt as a forward, according to Richards. Britt, a sophomore from Bowling Green and captain of the squad, saw considerable action last year and worked his way into the starting lineup toward the middle of the

season. One drawback of using Britt as a forward, however, is his lack of height. Britt, at 6-2, is not what one would consider tall by basketball standards. "We've thought about using a three

guard situation," said Richards. "We'd have better speed, quickness and defense and would be able to press a little better. Maybe we would lose a little in rebounding but then Johnny is not that bad a rebounder."



KENT ALLISON soars over an Old Dominion defender for an easy layup.

If Britt should be shifted to a forward, that would leave Western with two guard spots to fill. With Tony Stroud, a guard on last year's team, gone for disciplinary reasons this year, Chuck Rawlings, a sophomore from Elizabethtown, seems to have the inside track on one of the guard spots. Rawlings saw quite a bit of action as a freshman last year and is noted as a strong shooter. His best performance came during the Vanderbilt Invitational when he was named to the all-tournament team.

Ed Gampher, a junior, will also be in contention for a guard spot. The 6-3, 165-pounder from Cincinnati, Ohio, has been used mainly in a substitute role in the past. Richards called Gampher "a fine hustler" and named him as a possible starter if he decides to go with three guards.

Other guards include Calvin Wade, a junior college transfer from Jacksonville, Fla., whom Richards termed as a streak shooter. "He's an excellent passer and team leader," Richards continued. "He needs to improve his defensive pressure."

Dave Ramey, another transfer from Fort Mitchell, Ind., could figure in the Toppers' plans too. But Richards said he hasn't been able to evaluate Ramey yet, since he missed 18 days of practice due to an injury.

But even with a possible lineup in mind, Richards reminded that nothing is certain yet. "Everything could change with tomorrow's practice," he said.

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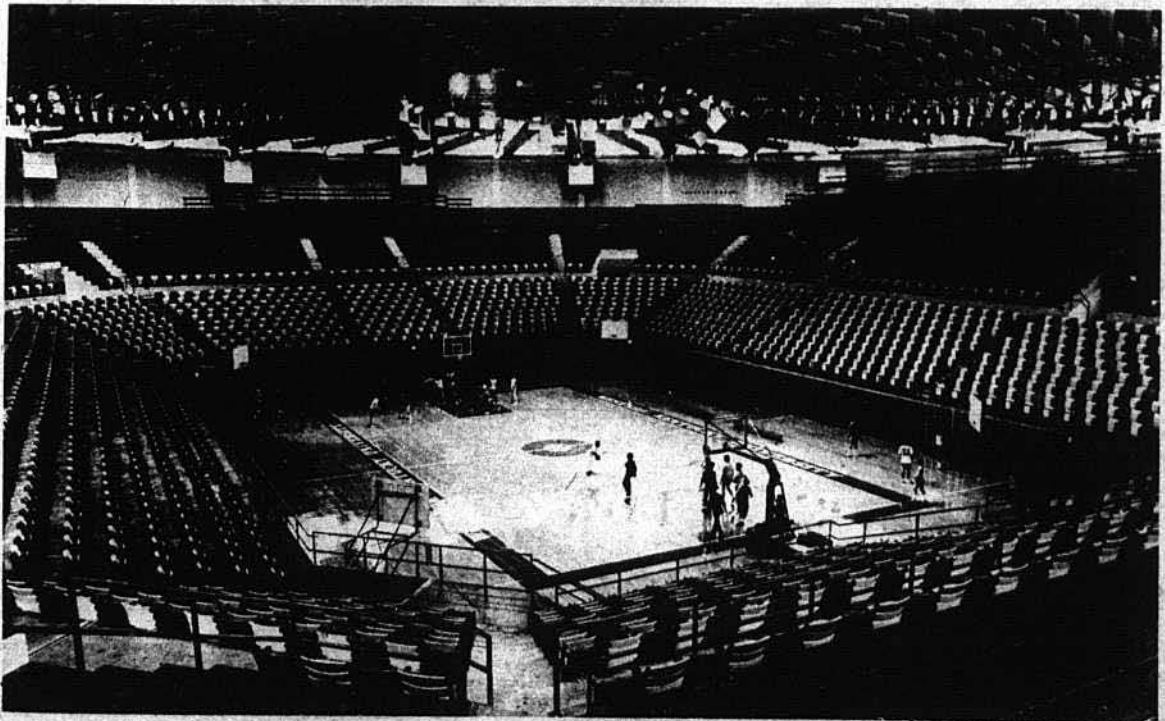
Topper senior Ray Bowerman in action last year.

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Says the whole team has improved

An inch here, a pound there, and Bowerman is better than ever

By VERENDA SMITH

He's an inch taller, 20 pounds lighter, and although he sometimes still "trips over cracks in the sidewalk," he says he is better than ever. And Ray Bowerman, a center on Western's basketball team, says that he's not the only one on the team who has improved.

"I'd say we are a lot quicker" said the 6-9 senior. "We have a lot more depth underneath, and I'd say we are just a whole lot better overall. We do need some work on defense, but the coach (Jim Richards) is kind of straightening that out."

Bowerman, who will be the only senior on this year's team, stretched his husky frame, propped his feet on the coffee table and began to discuss his position on this season's basketball team.

"I'm a senior scholarship-wise, and it makes you want to play a lot harder when you realize that this is it—you've got to do it now," he said. "If you want to play pro...it's almost too late to plan now, but you have to get on the stick."

Does he really want to become a professional?

"Oh, yeah," he replied quickly. "Either here or over in Europe. But I hear over in Europe they are taking only one American per year so it might be kinda hard. But I would still like to try."

"I don't even know for sure if I

am going to start," he said, referring to a stretched ligament that caused him to miss several



Roy Bowerman

days of practice. "Mike Fuller, who is playing behind me, has been doing pretty good. When I get back, I guess I will have to start fighting for my position again."

There is a lot more competition on the team this year than there was last year, he said, adding that the players, five of them new to the team, are bigger and stronger and play a lot better than the members of last year's

cagers. The '73 team finished with a 10-16 record.

"On the other hand," he grinned good-naturedly, "you have to look at it this way. All the other teams are probably a lot better, too."

Bowerman noted that the attitude on this team was possibly the best of any team he has ever been on, especially since there are so many new players this year. "Everybody gets along," he said. "I think it will stay that way, too."

The NCAA ruling which prohibits Western from any post-season playoffs apparently hasn't damaged the team's attitude, he said. "Last year I think it hurt us more than this year. Last year we were talking about it, but this year nobody has said anything about it. It's like they accepted it. We don't talk about it."

Some of the new personnel on the team include freshman Mike Gilbert and transfer Chester Thornton, who are 6-10 and 7-0, respectively, and are pushing Bowerman out of his former position of biggest man on the club. He said that this simply meant he couldn't push people around as much as he used to "because they push you back," he joked. "I can't bully people around as much as I used to."

"They (Gilbert and Thornton) are husky, too," he added, "and a lot rougher. Of course, when you get in the conference it's a lot rougher, so you might as well get used to it—know what you are in for."

Bowerman said that playing in the Ohio Valley Conference was just being able to "hack and

claw, dig and fight." Most teams that come in and play an OVC team, he said, are pretty sore when they leave.

"Sometimes you play against seven men—five players and two referees," he complained. "Refs ought to call what they see and not what they thought they saw."

Bowerman held second place in field goal percentage in the OVC last year at .526 and had a rebound average of 6.5.

It is difficult to go into a season following outstanding seasons in football, cross-country and baseball, he said, because everyone is expecting them (the basketball team) to do good. "I just hope we don't let them

down," he sighed, once again stretching his bulky frame and taking his feet off the coffee table. "You've just always got to work."

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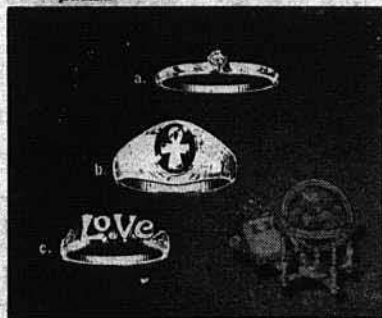
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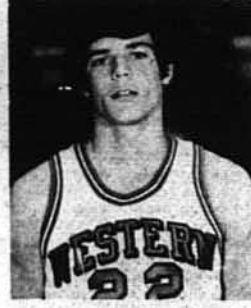
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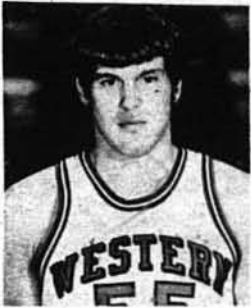
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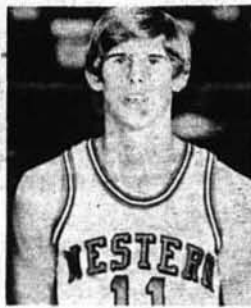
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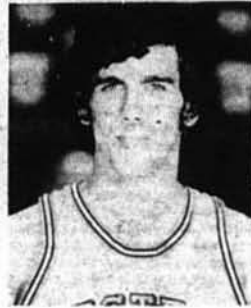
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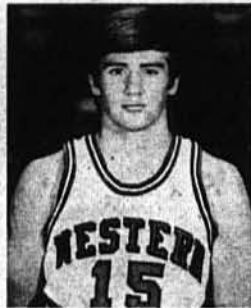
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6-7 Forward

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Transfers vie for spots on basketball squad

By CARTER PENCE

In addition to the returnees from last year's basketball five, five junior college transfers from across the nation will be battling for positions on the 1973-74 version of the Western round-ballers.

Mike Fuller, a junior, played his junior college ball at Kansas City Community College where he averaged 16 points and 12 rebounds a game. Fuller, a 6-8, 225-pounder was named to the All-Kansas Jayhawk Conference team last year.

According to coach Jim Richards, Fuller is currently battling Ray Bowerman, a three-year letterman for the Toppers, for the starting position at center. Richards said Bowerman has a slight edge over Fuller in rebounding, but that Fuller perhaps has a better shooting touch.

Another player in contention for a starting position is Mike Odemns. Odemns, also a junior, played for District of Columbia Tech and averaged 28 points and 17 rebounds a game. In two seasons, he led his D.C. team to a 31-10 record.

Richards indicated that Odemns is in prime contention for a starting forward position along with Kent Allison, a returnee from last year's squad. "He's a very physical player," said Richards, "with great quickness and jumping ability."

Dave Ramey, a 5-10, 175-pound guard from Fort Mitchell, Ind., played his junior college basket-

ball in Casper, Wyo., where he helped his team to a 23-5 record over two years. He averaged 10 points and six assists per game and was voted his team's most valuable player last season.

Ramey's status with Western this year is unknown so far, since he has missed 18 days of practice due to an injury.

Richards also has to consider a good ball handler in Calvin Wade, a 5-10, 175-pound junior who spent his junior college days at Jacksonville (Fla.) Junior College. In addition to averaging 26 points per game last season, he handed out 235 assists.

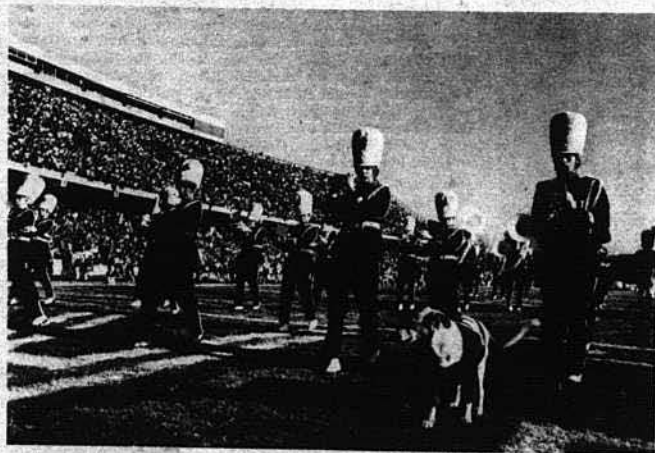
Richards termed Wade a "fine team leader and player. He's kind of a streak shooter but an excellent passer. He does need to work on his defensive pressure."

Mike Warner is the only one of the transfers to play only one year of junior college ball. In his one season at Brevard Junior College in Cocoa, Fla., the 6-7, 220-pound forward averaged better than 11 points and over ten rebounds per game though he was injured part of the season.

His biggest problem so far this year, says Richards, is his lack of aggressiveness. "He has the tools to be a fine player," Richards said. "He has to learn to utilize the talent he has."

Odemns, on the other hand, has run into problems adjusting to team play. "He used to play on a team where he was the standout and the ball used to come to him all the time," said Richards. "He needs to work on being competitive."

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Powell sees 16 returning lettermen as 'best swim team ever'

By RICHARD ROGERS

In his office which is filled with swimming pictures and trophies, swimming coach Bill Powell leaned back in his chair and talked about a simple goal for his 1973-74 swimming team.

His goal is to repeat and do better than last year. The 1972-73 swimming team was what Powell called "the best team I have ever coached. It was definitely the best season for Hilltopper swimmers and divers."

With 16 lettermen returning from a squad that had a 9-4 dual record and finished second in the

Kentucky Intercollegiate Swimming Championships along with some outstanding freshmen, Powell said this squad could be the best he has ever coached.

Powell, who enters his fifth year of coaching, said, "We've got 12 dual meets this year and we would like to win all 12. We swim against some good teams like Eastern Illinois, Drury College and Evansville University, but we'd like to go 12-0 for the season."

Talking about the upcoming season, Powell said, "I'm generally not optimistic; I lean toward pessimism. But I have to

be a little optimistic about this team."

Last Friday the squad split into two groups and competed against each other in the fourth annual Red-White intrasquad meet. The Red team won 57-54 and some of the freshmen made outstanding efforts. But Powell said, "I was not all that pleased with the meet."

"We seem to be lacking overall depth in the freestyle event, plus the loss of (Rick) VanDellen added to our depth problems," added Powell.

VanDellen, a senior, was a steady performer in the 50 and 100 freestyle events. But he will be lost for the season due to an accident in which his left hand was crushed.

Heading the list of returnees is another freestyle swimmer, Rick Yeloushan. The senior co-captain from Tampa, Fla., set varsity school records in the 50 (22.2), 100 (47.3) and 200 (1:48.7) freestyle events last year. Yeloushan was Western's first NCAA qualifier and was last season's most valuable swimmer.

Also returning are seniors Bob Carr and Dan Meyers. Carr, an individual medley swimmer and freestyler, was named the most improved swimmer last year and is in his fourth year as a co-captain of the Hilltoppers. Meyers holds the school record in the 200 (2:07.9) backstroke and shares the record with Carr in the 100 (58.6) backstroke event.

Record holders Larry Holmes and Jim Finn return in their specialties. Holmes, a junior from Florida, is the school record holder in the 200 (2:07.3) and 400 (4:33.8) individual medley events.

Finn recorded 396.7 points in the three-meter diving event to win the KISC and set a school record.

Outstanding among the second-year men are butterflyers John Heller and Dave Johnson. As a freshman, Heller set the school records in the 200 (2:00.3) and 100 (58.8) butterfly events. Always pushing Heller was Johnson, who was a consistent winner in the 200 (2:03.6) butterfly.

Two other sophomores, Bill Lowendick and Todd Urban, also turned in strong performances last year. Lowendick set a school record in the 500 (5:06.3) freestyle in his first year at Western. Urban was a versatile swimmer for the Hilltoppers competing in the backstroke, individual medley and the distance freestyle.

Coch Powell said he has nine freshmen who can be a factor in the team's success this year and give him more overall depth than he has ever had at Western.

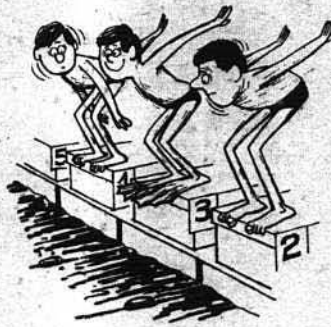
Leading the list of first-year men is Gary Longmuir, an outstanding high school diver from Monroe, Mich. In the Red-White meet, Longmuir set a school and pool record in the optional diving event when he recorded a total of 236.95 points.



Coach Bill Powell

Powell signed three new backstrokers who could push Meyers this season. They are Alan Logan, Dave Kowalewski and Steve Merrill. In practice, Powell said, all three have shown they can compete on the college level.

Logan is a fast improving swimmer from Nashville, Tenn. Powell said, "He is primarily an individual medley and backstroke swimmer, but he's no



1973 Varsity Swimming Schedule

Dec. 1	Morris Harvey Relays	away 1 p.m.
Dec. 7	Tennessee State	home 7 p.m.
Jan. 5	Louisville	home 2 p.m.
Jan. 11	Missouri (Rolla)	away 2 p.m.
Jan. 19	Drury	home 2 p.m.
Jan. 26	Evansville	home 1 p.m.
Feb. 1	Milliken	away 7 p.m.
Feb. 2	Eastern Illinois	away 2 p.m.
Feb. 8	Centre	home 7 p.m.
Feb. 9	Morehead State	home 2 p.m.
Feb. 9	Wabash	home 2 p.m.
Feb. 16	Marshall	away 2 p.m.
Feb. 28	KISC Championships	Richmond, Ky.
Mar. 2	Southeast Missouri	away 7 p.m.

slouch in the breaststroke and freestyle events."

Kowalewski and middle distance freestyler Mark Owens of Wyandotte, Mich., brought Roosevelt High School its first conference championship in 33 years last year. They were co-captains on their high school team and are neighbors in Michigan.

Merrill is an outstanding backstroke and individual medley swimmer from St. Petersburg, Fla. Powell said, "Steve is very versatile and could be counted on for points in any event in which we want to use him."

Another event in which the freshmen add depth is the breaststroke. In the Red-White meet, Powell said, "Our breaststrokers, especially our freshmen, did not go as fast as I had hoped. However, it was the freshmen's first attempt at 200 yards."

Newcomers Jody Marshburn and John McClure are used to swimming the breaststroke at 100 yards, which is the high school standard, Powell explained. But he added that since the distance doubles to 200 yards in college, the freshmen will have to learn to adjust.

Marshburn, a native of Winter

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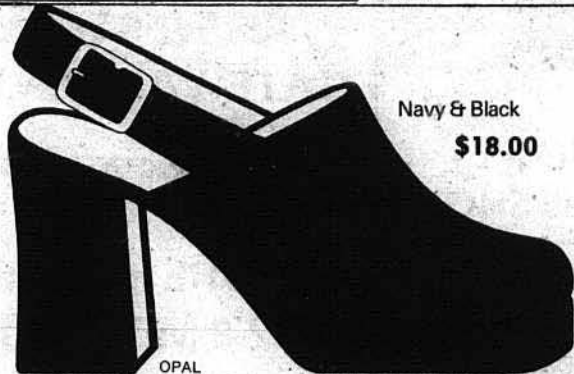
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Competition makes it all worthwhile for Carr

By VERENDA SMITH

When the alarm begins its plaintive wail in the dark hours of the morning and the windows are frosted over so the stark coldness that sneaked in during the night can't be seen, few people would relish the thought of jumping into a cold swimming pool.

"It's about the last thing you want to do," agreed swimmer Bob Carr as he grimaced. The co-captain of Western's swim team, who has suffered through morning swim practices for four years during his tenure on the squad, said, "I don't know what it is I like about swimming. It must be the competition—it certainly is not the practices."

Labelling the daily 7:30 a.m. meetings as "boring and nothing but drudgery," the senior said he was more interested in seeing how much he could improve during the meets. "If you are not

improving, personally I think you are wasting your time."

The lanky freestyler was recruited from his high school in Lansing, Mich., and following a disappointing freshman season, he threatened to return to his home turf and drop his swimming career altogether.

"When I started here as a freshman I was swimming times that were even slower than my high school junior year," he said. "I was going to transfer."

"But then I did quite well in the KISC (Kentucky Inter-collegiate Swimming Conference) meet at the end of the year and my teammates voted me Most Valuable Swimmer. Then I decided as long as I was improving I would swim, and so each year I have improved a little bit. So each year I just stick it out."

Describing himself as an "end of the year swimmer," he said "I

just look forward to the end of the year meet (the KISC) because I know that if I work hard enough I am going to swim some good times. That's what it's all about."

"I don't worry so much how fast I swim during the year," he continued. "I guess I should for the team's sake. Helping the team is the name of the game. But it's so much of an individual sport that you just have to swim for yourself."

Carr was formerly a back-stroker, but says he "evolved" into an individual medley swimmer and sprinter. He swims the 50 and 100 yard freestyle events with senior Rick Yeloushan, who qualified for the NCAA meets in the 100-yard freestyle last spring.

"Mostly I just back up Yeloushan," he admitted. "We look to Rick to pull in those firsts, but you can't win on firsts. You have to get seconds and thirds. So I guess that's where I come in."

One of the most satisfying wins in his career, he said, was

when Western defeated Drury College (Springfield, Mo.) his sophomore year. Drury had been undefeated for three years, and "they were really playing it up big."

"And we smoked them," he said gleefully. "Just blew them right out of the water."

Graduation is an occupational hazard for collegiate athletes, but it can be a particularly frustrating time for competitors whose sport doesn't advance beyond the collegiate level—as Carr put it, "There's nothing left for me to do."

"It's strange. Like for so long you always had another year. From the YMCA to junior high, and from junior high you had high school to look forward to. Now this is the last year and this is it. It's just strange," he sighed.

But, meanwhile, there's still the season and all its chilly morning practices yet to go, and the end of the season matches—and the KISC—to look forward to. "That's when all the hard work pays off."



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WESTERN SWIMMER Bob Carr, a co-captain of this year's swimming team, credits his improvement to hard work. Carr is a sprinter for coach Bill Powell's team, one that will be much better this year according to Powell.

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Western leads all-time OVC standings

Western leads the all-time OVC basketball standings with a 211-73 record. Eastern is next with a 175-114 record and Murray is third at 170-123.

The Toppers have won 15 championships in the 25-year history of the league. Morehead has won six and Eastern has captured the crown five times.

Only one NCAA University Division basketball team in the

nation has fashioned more 20-victory seasons than Western. The Hilltoppers have compiled 20 or more wins in 22 of the 54 seasons in which they have fielded basketball teams.

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John Oldham was 146-41 in seven years and present head coach Jim Richards is 25-27 in two years at the helm.



ARTIS GILMORE, shown here blocking a shot in a recent contest, will lead the Kentucky Colonels against the Carolina Cougars here November 26. The game, one of several the Colonels are playing on a regional basis this year, will begin at 7:30 in Diddle Arena. Tickets are on sale in the ticket office of the administration building.

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Bean: 'Awfully proud of them'

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Pat Manderra of Indiana, Doug Brown of Tennessee, Gary Bently of South Dakota State, John Ngeno of Washington State and Craig Virgin of Illinois.

For Western, Chris Ridler was 11th, Ross Munro was 49th in what Bean called "probably the best race of his career." Joe Tinius 76th, Swag Hartel 87th and Steve Smith 134th. About Hartel, Bean added, "He was pushed into a turn flag at one point and suffered a big bruise. At another point he was actually knocked down."

There were 220 runners with 22 full teams present, said Bean. Seventy-six schools were represented, he added.

The seventh place finish with two All-Americans is the best effort ever by a Western cross-country team, but Bean was having trouble being happy about it. Even when he said, "It was still a phenomenal finish," the sadness was there.

"I'm awfully proud of them," said Bean, "but it's a crying shame we won't return with the second-place trophy."



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Yellow Hydren downed the Baptist Student Union, 20-0, Friday to claim the University Championship in flag football.

The Hydren's defense dominated play as it has all season, shutting out the powerful BSU offense. The defense also accounted for one of the TD's when Gerald Gaddie intercepted a BSU pass and ran it in for the score.

Both of the other Hydren scores came off short runs. Tom Crawley chalked up the first one on an eight yard run. Mike Konz

talled the final Hydren touchdown on a short plunge. Konz caught the pass for the two point conversion.

Baptist Student Union had advanced to the championship game by outlasting Sigma Alpha Epsilon, the first place fraternity team, 25-20 last Tuesday. BSU was led by halfback Mike Zoeller's four touchdowns. The win by BSU set up a rematch with the Yellow Hydren. The Hydren had beaten BSU in the independent league championship.



Photo by Roger Loewen

YELLOW HYDREN HALFBACK Frank Walker follows his blocking to pick up big yardage in Friday's intramural flag football championship game against the Baptist Student Union. Walker and his teammates went on to win the game 20-0 in capping an undefeated season.

Basketball headlines intramural card

By DON COLLINS

Basketball headlines the list of intramural activities planned for this winter, according to Tom Damron, assistant director for intramural sports.

Basketball rosters were due to be turned in by Nov. 16. Rosters may contain 30 players. Actual competition in round ball begins Nov. 28. A general meeting concerning rules and regulations will be at 8 p.m. Nov. 27 in Room 198 of Smith Stadium. All

representatives planning to field teams should attend.

All dormitories, independents and fraternities are eligible to field teams. Phi Beta Sigma took the University Championship in basketball last season. National Collegiate Athletic Association basketball rules will govern participation, and all games will be played in Diddle Arena.

Men's volleyball is tentatively set for late January. More information will be available after Christmas break on this activity.

The handball doubles final will be staged on Jan. 29. Wrestling competition will begin on Feb. 14 with the table tennis doubles set for Feb. 21. All rosters for these sports are due Jan. 21.

In women's activities, a free-throw contest is set for Jan. 22. Rosters are due Jan. 21 at the Women's Recreation Association meeting at 8 p.m. The women are currently playing their basketball season with games nightly in Diddle Arena from 7:45 to 10.

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Tops sign second back

Western's second signee of the current football recruiting campaign is, like the first, a speedy halfback with outstanding high school credentials.

Lawrence Jefferson, who played tailback and safety for the Owensboro Senior High Red

Devils, is the latest top-notch prep player to sign an Ohio Valley Conference letter of intent with the Hilltoppers.

Jefferson, a 5-10, 175-pounder, joins another scatback, Louisville Eastern's James Jones, among next year's freshman football hopefuls.

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But he's just trying to make everyone believe he lost his whole team when he lost three-time All-OVC star Les Taylor. Don't listen.

Back are 6-8 Marcelous Starks, 6-6 Jesse Williams, T.C. Jamison, Mike Coleman and Steve Barrett, all of whom were standouts on last year's second-place outfit.

Two junior college transfers, Henry Kinsey and Richard Burnett, promise to push for starting positions. And Luther

has landed some outstanding freshmen.

Middle Tennessee

The most improved team in the league over a year ago should be the Blue Raiders from Murfreesboro.

With six of his top seven players returning from a year ago, Jimmy Earle has the league coaches talking to themselves. But Earle thinks some of last year's regulars may be watching quite a bit from the bench if his recruits are half as good as he thinks they are.

Junior college All-American George Sorrell was sought by nearly everyone in the country, and it's a sure bet he'll make Raider fans stand up and take notice.

Jimmy Powell (17.7 points a game last year) along with Steve Peeler, Tim Sisneros, Jimmy Martin, Forrest Toms, Mason Bonner and Dave Bormann give Earle the basis for a title contender. Don't be surprised if

the Raiders surprise a lot of people.

Eastern

First-year coach Bob Mulcahy returns two top-notch players in Robert Brooks and Carl Brown, but he could have trouble elsewhere.

Says Mulcahy, "We hope to have a quick-addition offense—one that gives us a lot more movement—and if our ballhandling comes along, we'll have a very adequate fast break."

A rugged schedule, which includes Maryland, Oral Roberts, NIT champ Virginia Tech and Marshall (all on the road) could give Mulcahy more problems than he anticipated, though.

But if the Colonels get together (they have alot of new faces on the roster), look for them to make a run at the title.

The Rest

Both East Tennessee and Tennessee Tech seem hard pressed to improve on bad seasons of a year ago.

East Tennessee returns stand-out guard Henry White, and first-year coach Leroy Fisher has landed several good junior college prospects. But the Buccaneers, who were 9-17 last year, will have trouble underneath.

Meanwhile at Tennessee Tech, Connie Inman seems headed into one of the darker moments in his school's basketball history.

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MURRAY's DON CLAYTON lunges for an extra yard in Saturday's 32-27 win over the Racers. Clayton rambled for 190 yards in the game and was named co-holder of OVC "Offensive Player of the Week" honors. Western's Claude Spillman (25) and Rick Green (32) bring Clayton down.

Two TD's turn tide for Toppers

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Peckenpaugh threw 29 yards to Williams for another six points. Those two touchdowns—within 17 seconds—turned the tide.

Western defensive back Mike McCoy intercepted a Pandolfi pass in the next series and the daring duo once again connected to give the Toppers a 12-point lead going into the fourth quarter.

The Toppers scored their final tally with a little more than three minutes remaining in the game on the fourth Peckenpaugh to Williams pass, this one good for 40 yards.

What happened during half-time?

"We came in at halftime and decided we had come too far to lose to them," said Schuster.

Aundra Skiles explained, "We came in, looked at each other and said: 'Now there ain't a damn person here who played the way he's capable of.' That snapped us out of it."

But a never-say-die Murray ("We didn't come up here planning to lose," said Pandolfi) connected on five consecutive passes for 31 yards with less than a minute left in the game and scored yet another touchdown.

The Racers came back after recovering an onside kick and

connected on three more passes leading to a Pandolfi to Bill Farrell touchdown play and a two-point conversion to move within seven points, just 15 seconds before the final buzzer gave the game and all the glory to the Hilltoppers.

Western tallied only 386 total yards, slightly less than their average of 408.5 yards per game. Murray marked off 466 yards against what had been the stingiest defense in the OVC.

John Embree led Western in rushing with 114 yards in 16 carries and Clarence Jackson carried the ball six times for 22 yards.

Williams caught six receptions, one less than he needed to break the team record for most receptions in a season (46).

Western tied Murray for the OVC record of most touchdowns passes in a season (25). And Williams' four TD catches tied an OVC single game record and broke the Western single season and career records.

"We played this way each game except for one," said Racer coach Bill Ferguson. "Every game except for one we have been behind going into the fourth quarter."

"They played damn fine football," he later said.

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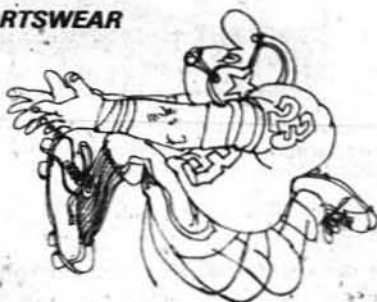
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Western looks to playoffs, but it's over for Leo

The following column by Dick Fenlon, sports editor of The Louisville Times, appeared in Sunday's The Courier-Journal and Louisville Times. It is reprinted by permission.

For Western Kentucky University's football team, a whole

new challenge looms ahead. One game, certainly. Maybe two or three. Perhaps even a national championship.

But for Leo Peckenpaugh, it is over.

It ended yesterday (Saturday) with the sun of an uncommonly brilliant late autumn day dipping into the western sky, the cheers of 19,250 spectators saluting

Western's first perfect regular season waiting down from the solidly-packed rows of L. T. Smith Stadium.

Leo Peckenpaugh, the man who played such an immense part, protected it by taking the snap from center and falling upon the ball three straight times near midfield. And so Western had it—a 32-27 win over Murray, a 10-0 season, an Ohio Valley Conference championship, a certain bid to the National Collegiate Athletic Association's post-season college-division championship playoffs.

Just a few minutes before this, after Peckenpaugh had thrown his fourth touchdown pass of the second half to Porter Williams to push Western into a 32-13 lead, Leo walked to the sidelines and couched the hair of bearded Dennis Tomek.

Tomek and Peckenpaugh, both quarterbacks, have shared the burden over the season.

"DT," said Peckenpaugh, "I appreciate you staying with me like this. It's yours the rest of the way."

Because his four-season career has stretched over too many years, including one in which he was redshirted because of injury, Peckenpaugh is ineligible by NCAA rules to participate in the playoffs. So are three other Western players. But if they dare hope, Peckenpaugh does not.

"I knew about this last year," said Peckenpaugh. "I'm a sports writer (the sports editor, actually, of Western's student newspaper) and I talked to the NCAA about my situation last year. I decided right then that if it came to this I wouldn't be able to play."

"But I still feel terribly good right now. It's great to go out in such grand style."

To learn something of the style in which Leo Peckenpaugh went out, you have to know something about both him and the Western team. They are cut from the same cloth, high gamblers all.

Trailing 13-6 at the half, a stretch in which Peckenpaugh completed only one of three passes (that to the opposition) and spent much time on the bench, Western cut down Murray

with a whirlwind third-quarter attack.

Thrice Peckenpaugh threw scoring strikes to Williams in the end zone, sometimes spurning an obvious chance to advance the ball by running the option for the gamble of putting it in the air. Running quarterbacks, Peckenpaugh made it clear, should go to Ohio State.

"That's a bad habit, looking for running room," he said. "A quarterback is in there to throw. He ought to look for his receivers first and then, if he just has to run, he ought to take off."

Peckenpaugh rarely did that, of course. He ran the ball just nine times for 12 yards, opting instead for the long throw, most of which went Williams' way. Williams snagged six for 120 yards, one a remarkable end zone reception in which he arm-wrestled the ball away from defender Mark Hickman.

"When our big plays get going, you've got to watch out," said Peckenpaugh. "It's the mark of this team—that and the fact that it just goes out and does what it has to do."

"That catch by Porter in the end zone—you can't defend that. Like I say, we like to go big. I mean, Bob Griese goes to Paul Warfield, doesn't he?"

Porter Williams, like Peckenpaugh, is a senior. He is smallish, just 5-10 and maybe 170 pounds,

but he moves elusively and has a remarkable ability to catch a ball thrown anywhere near him.

He tied the score for Western less than four minutes into the second half, beating Don Deiken, who fell, down the sideline and catching a 20-yard touchdown pass from Peckenpaugh.

"It was fourth-and-five and we were really going for the first down," said Peckenpaugh. "But I just threw it long and let him go get it."

"On that next one (a 29-yard catch in which Williams won the wrestling match with Hickman), I just kept waiting for him to break it. He didn't, but I thought 'What the hell. I'll throw it anyhow.'"

Later in the period and again with three minutes left in the game, Peckenpaugh and Williams worked their magic, once for seven yards, the final for 40, both for touchdowns.

And in the locker room, after it was over for him, they gathered around to pat Leo Peckenpaugh on the shoulder. They told him how much he had done but said they had enough in them to go on without him. Finally, they threw him into the shower.

"I suppose I'll go home now and feel bad for a while," he admitted. "But I've had a good career."

"Heck, it's got to end somewhere, doesn't it?"

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Winning takes desire

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bounce back and prove who is the best.

You may ask how a competitive unit can be down for a game that is the biggest they have ever played. It's not easy to explain and maybe there is no answer, but it brings about a feeling to the victim that is unmatched.

So, for this team, it's over. The first scare, one that will be so beneficial in days to come has taken hold. It will leave them with a feeling of knowing they are not invincible. Everything had

been so easy (scoring 345 points in those nine games while allowing just 35).

It came at the best possible time, heading into the playoffs, because there will be no more relaxation on the sidelines while the reserves finish up the game.

Maybe it'll pull them together a little closer, realizing how important it is that the players on the field do the best they can.

The first sign of selfishness may have shown its ugly face Saturday on the sidelines and there can be none of that if this team is to achieve its goal. The national championship will not come to Western, especially with the loss of four regulars, unless the remaining team members put out that little extra.

So to this team, I say good luck. It has been great so far, but the best could be yet to come. They have done exactly what they said they would do and have done it impressively.

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Peckenpaugh, Williams team to propel Toppers over Murray

By VERENDA SMITH

There was a certain agony in the ecstasy of beating Murray in Saturday's final football game of the season.

When the Hilltoppers won, they won it all—they captured the Ohio Valley Conference championship, claimed their right to a post-season playoff bid and protected an unblemished 10-0 season's record, the first perfect mark in Western's history.

But with the 32-27 final score, Western not only gave up more points than it had given up all season in one game, it won by the narrowest margin of the year. (The closest anyone had been previously was Morehead, which lost 34-7).

And Murray, who finished second in the OVC with a 5-2 mark, became the only team this year to lead Western at halftime when they compiled a 13-6 lead.

And finally, there was a certain disappointment in the ending of the season for the 15 players who have led Western to a 33-6-1 record, captured three OVC championships and placed second once.

For four of these seniors-quarterback Leo Peckenpaugh, linebacker Aundra Skiles, defensive tackle Lonnie Schuster and linebacker Robert Walton, it might be the last game of their career. A definitive answer on their eligibility for the NCAA playoffs, however, isn't expected for several days.

A deadly combination of Racer quarterback Tom Pandolfi and tailback Don Clayton hit the Hilltoppers early and began ripping the proud Western defense into shreds.

Following a Peckenpaugh pass which was intercepted by Tom Johnson in the first quarter, Pandolfi hit Clayton for a six-yard pass and the first touchdown of the game.

Western came back four minutes later and scored six points when Peckenpaugh held onto the ball and ran it one yard into the end zone.

The Racers quickly retaliated with two field goals by Don Wright in the second quarter. Western's 47-yard field goal attempt was wide, and the Toppers came no closer to closing the 13-6 gap by halftime.

"We ran up against an awfully good offense," explained Hilltopper mentor Jim Feix. "The best in the league next to ourselves. Clayton was tremendous, but everything we did defensively was sound and right. We just weren't aggressive enough."

But immediately after half-

time, the Toppers began a slam-bam scoring spree that left most of the 19,250 spectators screaming and gave Western a 25-13 lead which they would not relinquish.

Skiles recovered a fumble on the Murray 28-yard line early in the half and seven plays later Peckenpaugh threw the first of four touchdown passes to Porter Williams.

Murray fumbled the kickoff return and Tom Ward recovered for Western. On the next play

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Photo by Lynn LeMarr

THIS JARRING TACKLE by Western's Dave Maley set up the Toppers first touchdown in Saturday's 32-27 win over Murray. Fumbling is the Racers' Don Deiken. Tom Ward recovered the loose football on the Murray eight yard line. Two plays later Leo Peckenpaugh sneaked over for the score.

Leo's view

Winning takes more than determination

By LEO PECKENPAUGH

Sometimes, when so much is at stake, and with everyone trying so hard to do so good, they don't.

The more he thinks about it, the worse it seems to get. Such could have been the case in our first half Saturday against Murray. Because as we headed into the dressing room behind 13-6, nobody could believe we had played so poorly.

This team has performed so magnificently this season it might have been taken for granted that somewhere, some-

one was going to give it a scare. That first frightening experience came in the first half and perhaps to a degree in the end during Murray's late scoring spree.

But give credit where credit is due. Murray played hard and with much enthusiasm.

Sure, we played poorly, and we were certainly convinced in our meeting Sunday night when we viewed the game films. But the mark of a championship team is, even through the adversity of being down emotionally, to

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crossword puzzle

Answer to Puzzle No. 108

ACROSS

- 1 Sign of the Zodiac
- 6 Ice coating
- 11 Colors reddish-brown
- 13 Tresses plain
- 14 Continent (abbr.)
- 15 Sign of the Zodiac
- 17 Disease
- 18 "La-la" companion
- 20 Certain tactics
- 21 Springs
- 22 Clear
- 24 Oriental game
- 25 Caudal
- 26 Sign of the Zodiac
- 28 South African city
- 29 Dutch river
- 30 Combining form: pertaining to Mars
- 31 Wurst
- 32 Sign of the Zodiac
- 34 Help
- 35 Contemptible person
- 36 Verne's Captain
- 38 Infinitive (abbr.)
- 39 Elementary
- 41 Resistor
- 42 Polytechnic institute (abbr.)
- 43 Pfluger's not
- 44 Rigorous
- 46 Man's nickname
- 48 Pass
- 49 Anemia of a certain call
- 50 Pumpared one
- 51 Purchaser

DOWN

- 1 Robust
- 2 Turkish inn
- 3 Pellet
- 4 Research (abbr.)
- 5 Curve
- 6 Jail (coll.)
- 7 Sign of the Zodiac
- 8 Epistle (abbr.)
- 9 Epic poem
- 10 Native of Houston
- 12 God of sleep
- 12 Mass built regular
- 15 Old Portuguese coin
- 16 19th ice cream
- 17 Oxford minister famous for unintentional interchange of sounds: "It is customary to pass the bride."
- 23 Walkie talkie
- 25 Liquid part of any fat
- 27 Spiritual
- 28 Long — of the



Rose takes second, Tops place seventh

Disqualification costs distancemen second in NCAA cross-country meet



Photo by Fred Lawrence

Nick Rose

By FRED LAWRENCE

Western's Nick Rose ran second and the Topper cross-country team finished a frustrating seventh yesterday in the NCAA Cross-Country Championships at Spokane, Wash.

The Hangman's Valley Golf Course proved to be just that for coach Jerry Bean's gummy distancemen.

"Thirty minutes after the race we were second," said Bean. "It seemed too good to be true—and it was. They disqualified Tony Staynings for running inside a turn flag. He had finished 10th."

Before the disqualification, the score was Oregon 89, Western 149, said Bean. "Then the official at the turn (where Staynings was alleged to have run inside the flag) turned in Tony and one other runner for cutting inside the flag; not for cutting the course or getting an advantage on another runner, but for just running inside the flag," said Bean.

Frustration was evident in Bean's voice as he continued. "We filed a petition, but the jury of appeals denied it; they upheld the judge. Tony says, and several coaches and other runners say, he didn't run inside the flag," Bean said.

Bean said he had spent 20

minutes the night before the race stressing the point about running the course accurately, so the runners knew they had to. He said that in such an instance, where a runner goes inside the flag, the judge at that flag is supposed to call the runner back and make him go outside the flag. That wasn't done, said Bean.

"There were a number of people who ran inside flags," said Bean. "The judges were supposed to holler at them if they did. Some did and some didn't. Tony said, first, that he didn't run inside the flag and, second, that he wasn't hollered at."

He added, "It's been very tough on our kids, but they've taken it very well. I feel there will be no change, but I will pursue it further."

Disappointment strained Bean's voice as he said, "Any way you look at it, seven athletes ran great. But that disqualification cost us the highest place ever by a Western athletic team in the NCAA, a beautiful second place trophy, seven medallions and All-American status for Tony."

Bean said that there were only three disqualifications in the meet. "One involved a guy who actually cut the course. The other two involved just running inside of a flag. They were Tony and Frank Greally (of East Tennes-

see). East Tennessee lost one point, though. We lost five spots."

The results are still unofficial, but the top 10 teams were:

- Oregon 89
- University of Texas at El Paso 158
- Washington State 166
- William and Mary 174
- Oklahoma State 194
- Colorado 217
- Western Kentucky 218
- East Tennessee 246
- Wisconsin 250
- Penn State 252

Times were not available, but Steve Prefontaine of Oregon, a two-time NCAA cross-country champion, won. Rose was about five seconds back, said Bean. Bean described the race briefly. "Nick had the lead or shared the lead for five miles of the six-mile race. At one point he had about a 30-yard lead. Prefontaine took the lead about three quarters of a mile out and slowly pulled away. Nick ran a great race."

The rest of the top 10 were Gordon Minty of Eastern Michigan, Neil Cusack of East Tennessee (the defending champion), Waigwa Wilson of University of Texas at El Paso,

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Photo by Don Bruce

Rolling on

SLOTBACK JIM IVEY races toward the goal line (above left) in setting up Western's first score against Murray Saturday. Above right, while Murray cheerleaders look on in dismay, Porter Williams hauls in one of his four touchdown passes from Leo Peckenpaugh in the 'Toppers' 32-27 win.



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