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Welcome:

On behalf of the National Association of Basketball Coaches, we welcome you to the 5th Annual NABC Classic.

The games you will see today feature four of the NCAA's top programs participating in a pair of exciting contests that promises to provide pure college basketball excitement.

The NABC and its board of directors would like to extend a special thank you to our host, the University of Kentucky as well as the participating institutions; George Washington University, Marshall University, University of Kentucky and Western Kentucky University for making our 5th Annual NABC Classic a successful tradition.

Today your attendance is contributing to the NABC's efforts to help members of the basketball coaching community in need. Proceeds from today's NABC Classic will benefit the NABC Coaches Support Network.

We sincerely thank you, the fans, for your support of today's student athletes and their coaches. Enjoy the games!

Sincerely,

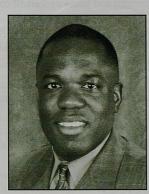
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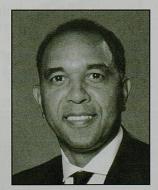
Coach Karl Hobbs, The George Washington University

"It's a great opportunity for us to play against some of the elite programs in the country. It's a tournament with three NCAA Tournament teams played at one of the great venues in all of college basketball. It will be my first official competition as head coach at The George Washington University and I am very proud and honored to begin my head coaching career at this prestigious event."



Coach Greg White, Marshall University

"The opportunity to open against George Washington in Rupp Arena with a matchup with Kentucky or Western Kentucky will certainly be a challenge, but it's one we are looking forward to. It is a huge honor to be able to play in the NABC Classic and in one of college basketball's greatest arenas."



Coach Tubby "Orlando" Smith, University of Kentucky

"As a member of the NABC's Board of Directors, I'm proud that the University of Kentucky is hosting the NABC Classic at Rupp Arena, the basketball capitol of the world. It's only fitting, considering our rich tradition and history, to feature such an event here. I'm sure people will be glad to know that not only does the NABC serve as a common voice for college coaches throughout the United States, but it is very involved in giving back by being active in a number of community and civic programs.

"This year's event has a strong field that will be very competitive and will help set the tone for each team this season. Enjoy the games and good luck to all the teams involved."



Coach Dennis Felton, Western Kentucky University

"Western Kentucky is excited to be participating in the 2001 NABC Classic. This tournament has always been regarded as one of the best and classiest events in major college basketball. Our fans always love the opportunity to follow us on the road and we are happy to be getting reacquainted with the Kentucky Wildcats. This tournament poses a major challenge for our basketball team to take on Kentucky the first night and then come back to face another tough opponent on consecutive nights. We look forward to the challenge. We are looking forward to it!"

WHAT IS THE NABC?



The National Association of Basketball Coaches was founded in 1927 and since its inception, the NABC has acted as a guardian of the game of basketball by furthering the best interests of the game as well as the players and coaches who participate.

The association currently has approximately 5000 members consisting of university, college, jr. college and high school coaches, with affiliate memberships afforded to athletic directors, other collegiate basketball team personnel and youth basketball coaches.

The NABC holds its annual convention and exhibition each spring at the host city of the NCAA Men's Final Four. Over 3500 NABC members converge on the Final Four city to engage in five days of meetings, professional development, social events and the Final Four.

The NABC engages in many efforts to enhance the college basketball experience for players, coaches and fans. The association's website, NABC.com, features the activities of the NABC and also serves as a worldwide resource for information concerning basketball and coaching.

The NABC's executive offices are located in Overland Park, Kansas. By 2003, the association will move its national headquarters to historic Municipal Hall in downtown Kansas City, Missouri.

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GEORGE WASHINGTON At a Glance Wish. 69-64-MARSHALL COLONIALS



Quick Facts

Location	Washington, D.C.
Founded	1821
Enrollment	22,184
Nickname	Colonials
Colors	Buff and Blue
Conference	Atlantic 10
Home Court	Charles E. Smith Center
Capacity	5,000
President	Stephen Joel Trachtenberg
	Jack Kvancz
Head Coach	Karl Hobbs (Connecticut '85)
Assistant Coaches	Kevin Broadus (Bowie State '90)
	Darrell Brooks (Bowie State '79)
	Steve Pikiell (Connecticut '90)
2000-01 Record (Confer	rence)14-18 (6-10)



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	Date	Opponent
	Nov. 15	vs. Marshall (NABC Classic, Lexington, Ky.)
	Nov. 16	at Kentucky or vs. Western Kentucky
	Nov. 19	at Texas A&M
	Nov. 23	Binghamton (Red Auerbach Colonial Classic, Washington, D.C.)
	24	Stony Brook or Yale (Red Auerbach Colonial Classic)
	Nov. 28	Boston University
	Dec. 2	Connecticut (BB&T Classic, Washington, D.C.)
	Dec. 3	Maryland or Princeton (BB&T Classic)
	Dec. 5	at Old Dominion
	Dec. 8	at Providence
	Dec. 29	Charlotte
	Jan. 3	St. Bonaventure
	Jan. 6	Duquesne
	Jan. 9	at Dayton
	Jan. 13	La Salle
	Jan. 17	Xavier
	Jan. 19	at St. Joseph's
	Jan. 23	at Massachusetts
	Jan. 26	Rhode Island
	Jan. 30	at Richmond
	Feb. 2	at La Salle
	Feb. 9	Temple
	Feb. 14	at Xavier
	Feb. 16	at Duquesne
	Feb. 21	Dayton
	Feb. 23	Richmond
	Mar. 2	at Fordham
	Mar. 6-9	Atlantic 10 Championship
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No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Hometown	High School/College
3	Albert Roma	C	7-0	263	Sr.	Balenya, Spain	Winchendon School (Mass.)
4	Chris Monroe	G	6-3	215	Jr.	Hyattsville, Md.	Good Counsel
5	T.J. Thompson	G	5-11	177	Fr.	Germantown, Md.	Newport School
14	Darnell Miller	G	6-4	199	So.	Bronx, N.Y.	St. Raymond's
15	Joshua Chapman	G	6-3	210	Fr.	Charlotte, N.C.	West Charlotte
20	Terrance Ealey	G	6-2	191	Fr.	West Palm Beach, Fla.	Parkdale (Md.)
22	Jason Richards	G	6-2	195	Fr.	Bowie, Md.	Paint Branch
30	Marquin Chandler	F	6-6	197	So.	Oakland, Calif.	Newark Memorial
31	Jaason Smith	F	6-8	187	Sr.	Boston, Mass.	Winchendon School
34	Greg Collucci	G	6-3	172	So.	Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.	Cardinal Newman
35	Lewie Helton	G	6-2	186	Fr.	Inglewood, Calif.	Mayfair
42	Darrio Scott	F	6-6	223	Fr.	Lynchburg, Va.	Virginia Episcopal School
44	Tamal Forchion	F	6-6	240	Fr.	Willingboro, N.J.	Roman Catholic
50	Matija Debevec	C	6-11	236	Fr.	Ljubljana, Slovenia	Gimnazija Vic

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GEORGE WASHINGTON COLONIALS

2001-02 Season Outlook

Courtesy of George Washington Sports Communications Department

here will be several new faces and a changing of the guard this season for GW basketball. First-year head coach Karl Hobbs and his new staff return top scorer Chris Monroe, a third-team All-Atlantic 10 selection, whose 18.7 points per game was sixth highest in the league. Monroe, who scored nearly 20 points per game in Atlantic 10 contests last season, will be the cornerstone for the Colonials during the next two years.

Monroe brings a strong presence to the low post. The team's leading rebounder as a freshman, he is the Colonials' most complete player. He is equally capable of taking it strong to the hoop or stepping back and hitting the three-pointer. Monroe is very reliable at the line, as he is a 77 percent career free throw shooter.

The inside game will be anchored by senior forward Jaason Smith (5.7 ppg, 30 blocks). Winner of the team's Most Improved Player Award as a freshman and the Desire Award last season, Smith's playing time increased during the second half of last year. The rangy 6-8 leaper led the team in blocks with 30 and shot 49 percent from the field. His athleticism enables him to finish an alleyoop and he has a shooting range of more than 20 feet. Smith appeared in 30 of the Colonials' 32 games as a junior last season and will be expected to fill a leadership role as one of the team's few veterans this year.

Another returnee from last season is senior Albert Roma who also figures to be a steady contributor in the middle. Roma, GW's tallest player at 7-feet, has been asked to play the role of rebounder and shot blocker while presenting a disruptive force in the middle. Roma won the team's Most Improved Player Award last season. With three seasons of experience, he will be given additional responsibilities this year as he continues to improve his game.

Although they are very different types of players, Smith and Roma can combine to give Hobbs an outstanding duo of low-post players who will give GW considerable height down on the blocks.

Sharpshooter Greg Collucci, a 6-3 sophomore guard, is a long-range specialist who made 31-of-87

three-pointers as a freshman last season. A coach's son, Collucci is a tenacious defender who understands the game. He earned the team's Rookie of the Year Award last year. Hobbs has indicated that he will increase Collucci's minutes this season for more offensive punch.



Athletic senior forward Jaason Smith is a force in the paint for the Colonials.

Other returnees include sophomores Marquin Chandler and Darnell Miller.

Miller appeared in 28 games last season mostly as a backup point guard behind starter Bernard

Barrow. Chandler played in 25 games but averaged just 5.3 minutes per appearance. Both Miller and Chandler have tremendous potential, which should become apparent with increased playing time.

Four newcomers figure to contribute immediately for the Colonials. Leading the group is the

Philadelphia Inquirer's city boys' basketball Player of the Year Tamal Forchion. A 6-6, 240-pound power forward, Forchion averaged 18 points, 11 rebounds and three blocks a game as Roman Catholic posted a 23-7 record during his senior year.

Also joining the Colonials this season will be local standout T.J. Thompson from Germantown, Md. Thompson, a 5-11, 177-pound guard, will battle Miller for playing time at the point. Thompson averaged 14 points and eight assists for the Newport School in Kensington, Md., while leading the Tigers to a 30-6 mark as a senior.

The third newcomer is Darrio Scott of Lynchburg, Va. Scott is a 6-6, 223-pound athletic forward who is Hobbs' first GW recruit. Scott averaged 24.5 points, 9.6 rebounds and 3.1 steals a game while shooting 57 percent from the field as a senior at Virginia Episcopal School. He tallied 1,438 career points in three seasons at VES.

Shoring up the front court will be 6-11, 236-pound center Matija Debevec. A native of Slovenia, Debevec will spell Roma and Smith while adjusting to the American style of basketball.

The 2001-02 schedule will pit GW against some of the elite teams in the nation as well as the full complement of Atlantic 10 Conference schools.

Hobbs and his staff have a solid foundation in place for the GW program. With two starters returning from last season, the Colonials now must build for the future to become A-10 contenders again.

Since last year's electrifying run in the A-10 Tournament, ending in a heartbreaking, last-second loss to Temple, everyone associated with the Colonials basketball program is intent on making a triumphant return to — and winning in — the NCAA Tournament in 2002.

HEAD COACH KARL HOBBS

First Year at George Washington

Courtesy of George Washington Sports Communications Department

arl Hobbs became the 24th coach for men's basketball at The George Washington University on May 7, 2001.

Hobbs, 40, came to GW after eight seasons as an assistant coach at the University of Connecticut, where he earned a reputation as a top recruiter. He is credited with the recruitment of current Washington Wizard Richard Hamilton, as well as Khalid El-Amin and Kevin Freeman — all starters on the 1999 national champion Huskies.

CBS analyst Billy Packer referred to Hobbs as "one of the finest young coaches in America." UConn head coach Jim Calhoun has called Hobbs one of the best perimeter coaches in the country.

NBA All-Star Ray Allen of the Milwaukee Bucks lauded Hobbs on ESPN Radio, saying that he had a "terrific guard coach" who helped fine tune his fundamentals.

"Coach Hobbs makes you feel very comfortable and without coach Hobbs, I would not have gone to Connecticut," Hamilton said, reflecting on his recruiting experience with Hobbs. "He's an excellent coach. When things weren't going as well as I wanted them to go and I was struggling, he would watch a lot of tape with me and bring me into the gym for extra shooting. Even when things were going well for me, he was the type of coach who really stayed on me and never wanted me to settle for anything less than greatness, and I owe a lot to him," Hamilton added.

While at Storrs, Hobbs helped coach the Huskies to NCAA tournament appearances in six seasons, including a 75-63 second-round victory over GW in the 1994 NCAA tournament at Nassau Coliseum. GW and UConn are scheduled to meet again on Dec. 2, 2001 in the opening round of the BB&T Classic at MCI Center.

A native of Roxbury, Mass., Hobbs attended Connecticut where he was a four-year starting point guard under former coach Dom Perno. Perno is now

Assistant Athletic Director for Development at GW.

Hobbs played point guard for the Huskies from 1981-84 and was captain of the team as a senior in 1983-84. He never missed a game in four seasons and started 104-of-113 games. He led the team is assists for four consecutive seasons totaling 534 assists. He currently ranks fourth on the UConn career assists list. He scored 900 points (8.0 ppg) and averaged 30 minutes per game during his college career.

Hobbs, who played with Patrick Ewing and for former GW coach Mike Jarvis at Cambridge Rindge and Latin High School in the late '70s, helped lead

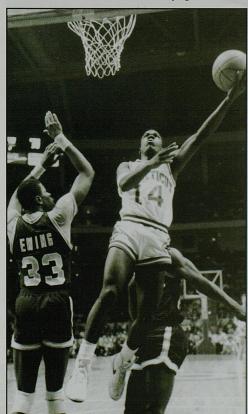
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Karl Hobbs makes his head coaching debut in Lexington after 14 years as an assistant at Connecticut and Boston University.

his team to the Massachusetts State High School title. He was named Massachusetts Schoolboy Player of the Year in 1979-80.

Prior to joining Calhoun's staff at UConn, Hobbs served as an assistant coach at Boston University for six years (1987-93). Three of those seasons (1988-90) he was on Jarvis' staff before Jarvis left BU to come to GW. Boston University won the North Atlantic Conference title twice and advanced to the NCAA first round in two of Hobbs' four seasons in Boston. Hobbs worked with the BU guards and was heavily involved in the team's recruiting efforts.

Hobbs and his wife, JoAnn, have two daughters: RaShauna, 12, and Kaliah, 2 and a nephew, Jamal, 21.



Karl Hobbs was a four-year starter at Connecticut and ranks No. 4 on the Huskies' all-time assist list.

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GEORGE WASHINGTON PLAYERS AT A GLANCE

The 2001-02 Colonials

Courtesy of George Washington Sports Communications Department



Marquin Chandler Forward • 6-6 • 197 • So. Oakland, Calif. (Newark Memorial)

As a freshman, saw his first collegiate action against Texas A&M and hit a three-pointer ... scored four points with three rebounds in eight minutes versus Howard ... hit his only field goal attempt with an assist versus No. 19 St. John's ... had a nice

follow-up tip-in against Richmond helping GW rally in regulation ... made his first collegiate start versus La Salle ... hit a pair of threes late against Fordham to keep GW close ... born March 11, 1982.



Greg Collucci Guard • 6-3 • 172 • So. Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. (C. Newman)

As a freshman, saw his first collegiate action against Texas A&M and hit his only shot, a three-pointer ... came off the bench and hit a pair of three-pointers within 18 seconds to give GW a spark in front of friends and family at South Flori-

da ... hit a pair of threes with four rebounds at Rhode Island ... hit five-of-seven three-pointers for a season-high 15 points vs. Temple ... born June 19, 1982.



Matija Debevec Center • 6-11 • 236 • Fr. Ljubljana, Slovenia (Gimnazija Vic)

Prior to GW, averaged 25 points, nine rebounds, four assists and three blocks per game for Ilirija Ljubljana, which placed sixth in the Slovenian Junior League ... Ilirija Ljubljana was 10-6 in the regular season and placed second in its group of five

teams (out of three groups) ... Debevec's team placed third in last year's Slovenian Under-20 League ... name is pronounced "Ma-TEE-ya Da-BAY-vets" ... born Dec. 15, 1982.



Tamal Forchion Forward • 6-6 • 240 • Fr. Willingboro, N.J. (Roman Catholic)

Prior to GW, averaged 18 points and 11 rebounds per game his senior year at Roman Catholic ... named MVP of the Iolani National Tournament in December 2000, in Honolulu ... garnered MVP honors of the Philadelphia Catholic League in Feb-

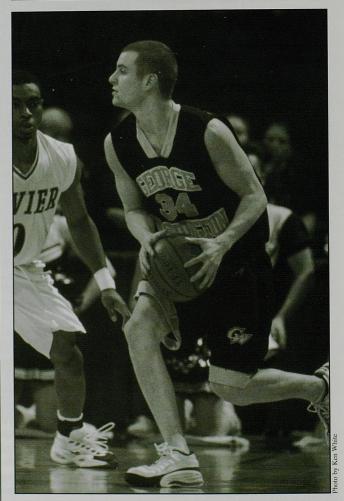
ruary 2001 ... was named the *Philadelphia Inquirer's* City Player of the Year ... also named the Player of the Year and All-City First Team by the *Philadelphia Daily News* ... born June 8, 1983.



Darnell Miller Guard • 6-4 • 199 • So. Bronx, N.Y. (St. Raymond's)

As a freshman, appeared in the Texas A&M game where he dished three assists in eight minutes ... shot three-of-four field goals for seven points with five assists and three steals against Howard ... converted five-of-six free throws versus Boston U. ...

played 14 minutes with three assists and a steal versus No. 13 Maryland in the BB&T championship ... handed out three assists and a block in five minutes at Rhode Island ... born May 24, 1982.



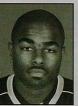
Sophomore Greg Collucci is a deadly long-range shooter who made nearly half of his 71 three-point attempts last season.

GEORGE WASHINGTON PLAYERS AT A GLANCE

The 2001-02 Colonials

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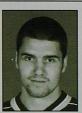




Chris Monroe Guard • 6-3 • 215 • Jr. Hyattsville, Md. (Good Counsel)

As a sophomore, named to the 2001 A-10 All-Conference third team ... GW's top scorer (18.7 ppg) ... led team with 59 three-pointers ... named MVP of the Red Auerbach Colonial Classic after hitting six-of-seven three-pointers for a game-high 26 points

in title game versus Boston U. ... averaged a team-best 21.3 points in the Rainbow Classic including 27 points vs. No. 6 Tennessee ... scored his 1,000th career point at St. Bonaventure ... born Jan. 19, 1981.



Albert Roma Center • 7-0 • 263 • Sr. Balenya, Spain (Winchendon School)

As a junior, played 10 minutes against Texas A&M in the Colonials' season opener and blocked a pair of Aggie shots ... followed with the best game of his career with a double-double (16 points/10 rebounds) against Old Dominion ... hit

the first three-pointer of his career vs. La Salle ... came off the bench to score 11 points with a block and steal against Duquesne ... born Oct. 30, 1978.



Seven-footer Albert Roma has tremendous perimeter skills for a player of his size. Roma can take defenders out to the three-point line.



Darrio Scott Forward • 6-6 • 223 • Fr. Lynchburg, Va. (Virginia Episcopal)

Prior to GW, Averaged 24.5 points, 9.6 rebounds and 3.1 steals per game while shooting 57 percent from the field for Virginia Episcopal as a senior ... scored a total of 1,438 points during his three seasons ... posted five 30-plus point games including a

career-high 38-point effort ... In his first game as a senior, Scott tallied 31 points and 15 rebounds — the first of eight double-doubles during his final season ... born June 1, 1981.



Jaason Smith Forward • 6-8 • 187 • Sr. Boston, Mass. (Winchendon School)

As a junior, came off the bench to spark GW with 14 points, seven rebounds and a pair of blocks against No. 13 Maryland ... had a complete game vs. Duquesne making three-of-four field goals, six-of-six free throws for 12 points, adding five re-

bounds, three assists and four blocks in 30 minutes ... hit eight-of-12 field goals for a season-high 19 points against Temple ... team leader in blocked shots with 30 ... born Jan. 13, 1979.



T.J. Thompson Guard • 5-11 • 177 • Fr. Germantown, Md. (Newport School)

Prior to GW, averaged 14 points, two rebounds and eight assists as a senior at the Newport School ... the Newport School posted a 30-6 record last season ... the Tigers posted a three-year combined record of 91-20 during Thompson's three seasons on the var-

sity ... was MVP of the District All-Stars in the preliminary of the Capital Classic against the Suburban All-Stars at MCI Center ... named honorable mention All-Met by the *Washington Post* ... born Sept. 18, 1982.



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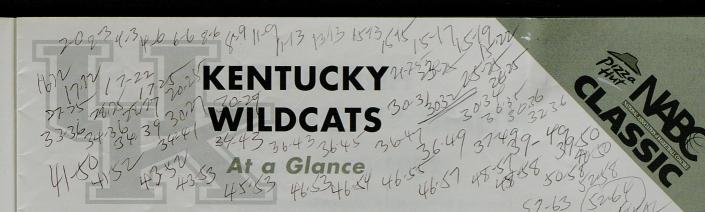
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Quick Facts

Location	Lexington, Ky.
Founded	1865
Enrollment	32,549
Nickname	Wildcats
Colors	Blue and White
Conference	Southeastern (Eastern Division)
Home Court	Rupp Arena
Capacity	23,000
President	Dr. Lee T. Todd Jr.
Athletic Director	Larry Ivy
Head CoachOrlando	"Tubby" Smith (High Point '73)
Assistant Coaches	Mike Sutton (East Carolina '78)
	Reggie Hanson (Kentucky '91)
	David Hobbs (VCU '71)
2000-01 Record (Conferen	(12-4) (12-4)

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Schedule

Date		Opponent
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Nov. 15 Western Kentucky (NABC Classic, Lexington, Ky Nov. 16 George Washington or Marshall (NABC Classic)

Nov. 24 Morehead State

Nov. 28 vs. Kent State (Cincinnati, Ohio)

Dec. 5 VMI

Dec. 8 North Carolina

Dec. 15 Kentucky State

Dec. 18 vs. Duke (Jimmy V Classic, East Rutherford, N.J.)

Dec. 22 vs. Indiana (Indianapolis, Ind.)

Dec. 29 Louisville

Jan. 2 vs. Tulane (Louisville, Ky.)

Jan. 5 at Mississippi State

Jan. 9 Georgia

Jan. 12 at South Carolina

Jan. 15 Ole Miss

Jan. 19 at Notre Dame

Jan. 22 at Auburn

Jan. 26 Alabama

Jan. 29 at Florida Feb. 2 South Carolina

Feb. 6 at Tennessee

Feb. 9 at LSU

Feb. 13 Vanderbilt

Feb. 16 at Georgia

Feb. 19 Tennessee

Feb. 23 Arkansas

Feb. 27 at Vanderbilt

Mar. 2 Florida

Mar.7-10 SEC Tournament (at Georgia Dome, Atlanta, Ga.)

Roster

No. Name poly / Pos.	Ht. (1)	Wt.	Class	Hometown	High School/College
D Cliff Hawkins P 2 V V O -	6-1	185	So.	Dumfries, Va.	Oak Hill (Va.)
2 Rashaad Carruth G	6-3	195	Fr.	College Park, Ga.	Oak Hill (Va.)
3 J.P. Blevins GP3 1	6-2(6)	180	Sr.	Edmonton, Ky.	Metcalfe County
4 (-, Gerald Fitch VIV O D) 1 1 G 13	6-3	188	So.	Macon, Ga.	Westside
5 Josh Carrier 20 + GP - 1	20 6-5/2	196	Fr.	Bowling Green, Ky.	Bowling Green
10 (Keith Bogans V)	6-5 4	205	Jr.	Alexandria, Va.	DeMatha Catholic
14 Erik Daniels	6,7	205	So.	Cincinnati, Ohio	Princeton
15 Matt Heissenbuttel	76-47/12) 188	So.	Lexington, Ky.	Lexington Catholic
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22 Adam Chiles G A A G A G A SA	2 6-0 2	Po192-2	06Fr(1)	Louisville, Ky.	Ballard
(24 Marvin Stone 2 F/C	6-10	253	Jr.	Huntsville, Ala.	Grissom
33 Cory Sears G/F O	6-6 (IC) 193	So.	Corbin, Ky.	Corbin/Hargrave
40 Jules Camara 19/00/1 F/C	6-11	225	Jr.	Dakar, Senegal	Oak Hill (Va.)
42 Jason Parker F/C	6-8	253	So.	Charlotte, N.C.	W. Charlotte/Fork Union
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KENTUCKY WILDCATS

2001-02 Season Outlook

Courtesy of Kentucky Athletics Media Relations Department

une 20, 2001, was the date the hype began. That marked the official announcement by coach Tubby Smith that his two prized Wildcats — Tayshaun Prince and Keith Bogans — were withdrawing their names from the upcoming NBA Draft to return to Kentucky for the 2001-02 basketball season.

All across Big Blue Nation, a collective sigh of relief was exhaled. And for Smith, who had been

restocking his stable of talent since capturing the national championship in 1998, it was a quick re-injection of expectations.

Not that expectations are new to the UK basketball program. The duo's return just marks the first time since Smith took over the program in 1997 that the Wildcats will begin the season ranked among the nation's top five teams. One magazine, *Slam*, even rated the Wildcats the No. 2 squad in the nation in its preseason basketball issue.

"The expectations are always there to win championships," Smith said of the Kentucky program. "But I'm excited about this season. We have never had a team this versatile. They are hungry, they are focused and they have matured. This is the most talented team I've ever coached."

Prince led the Wildcats' charge into postseason play a year ago, capturing Southeastern Conference Player of the Year honors and second-team all-America accolades. While he was dazzling, Bogans was explosive. He led the SEC Tournament field in scoring, pouring in 21.7 points per game while shooting 63 percent from the field and 50 percent from three-point range as UK swept the three games. And his 23-point performance in the Cats'

final game of the season against Southern Cal, 21 of which came in a furious second-half rally, gave him the team's scoring title by two points.

Together, Prince and Bogans accounted for 42.5 percent of the Wildcats' scoring last season.

But Smith's roster boasts more than just two NBA-caliber players. Returning from a year sabbatical after violating a UK Athletics policy is Jules Camara, who will earn playing time as a

6-11 power forward who can play inside or out. The Wildcats also return starter Gerald Fitch, a member of the 2001 SEC All-Freshman team. Add to the list two highly touted freshmen — Rashaad Carruth, perhaps the nation's best two-guard at the high school level a year ago, and Chuck Hayes, a *Parade* All-American who Smith thinks is the best rebounder coming out of high school that he's ever seen.



Keith Bogans' improved perimeter play makes him even more effective when driving toward the basket.

"Watching the guys work out in the fall, I think I have been a little less intense, just because there are fewer corrections to be made, fewer mistakes," Smith said. "You can be farther ahead now. Everybody, other than the four new guys, has an understanding of the offense to run. They

understand the terminology, they understand me and they know what to expect."

That knowledge is spread down a roster 16 deep. And Smith may have a luxury of a 12-Cat rotation, if not more.

"Our success will have a lot to do with our chemistry," Smith said. "You can't get guys with their lips poked out about why they aren't playing. We've never really had that problem and I think

the guys understand that.

"That is why we were able to recruit the four quality freshmen that we have. They want to be a part of a championship program. They are willing to pay the price to get better so they can contribute and play more the following year."

That recruiting is paying dividends. Smith now looks at a team stacked with players who can play multiple positions. J.P. Blevins can play either guard spot as can Fitch. Bogans can play the two or the three. Camara can play along the front line. Prince can play, well, anywhere he's needed.

"It took us a while to get to this point, for us to recruit this type of depth," Smith said. "But now you will see us as a team that can zone people, run them, press them and because of our versatility, we can attack these things with our excellent perimeter shooters. If you are in a zone, we can break you down off the dribble. If you are a tight man-to-man team, we can do a lot of different things this year."

Already that depth has come into play when Jason Parker suffered a torn anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee in June. Surgery followed July 2 and he is expected to miss the season af-

ter re-injuring the knee in mid-October.

"Even without Jason, getting Jules back, Marvin (Stone) being a year older and Tayshaun continuing to get bigger and stronger, our front line has to be this team's strength," Smith said. "And, with only losing one letterman from last year and the return of six juniors and seniors, we have experience."

The hype continues.

HEAD COACH ORLANDO "TUBBY" SMITH

Fifth Year at Kentucky

Courtesy of Kentucky Athletics Media Relations Department

ntense. Caring. Fiery. Friendly. Demanding. Humorous. Focused. Family-oriented.

The adjectives may seem to contradict one another, but they all apply when describing a successful, multidimensional coach, Orlando "Tubby" Smith. The set of eyes that stare icily toward a missed defensive assignment is the same set of eyes that warmly welcome a stranger into Memorial Coliseum. The shouts that seem to explode from the sideline during the game are from the same vocal chords that create a familiar chuckle heard by Big Blue fans.

So it shouldn't be surprising that Smith has been able to weave these traits into immense success, both on and off the basketball court. Perhaps he was molded by the era in which he was raised, the turbulent '60s. Perhaps it is due more to growing up with 16 siblings in rural America. Perhaps it is because of his loving parents. Perhaps it is basketball.

Regardless, the 50-year-old Smith has completed 10 years as a head basketball coach at the collegiate level, a total of 28 seasons coaching the

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It took Tubby Smith just 130 games to reach the 100-victory plateau as Kentucky coach.

game he loves. And now, after capturing one national championship, three Southeastern Conference championships and three SEC Tournament titles in four seasons at the University of Kentucky, Smith has a new long-term contract extension through 2007.

Just last season, Smith took one of the youngest teams in the nation — led by seven newcomers and only one senior — and after a rocky 3-5 start, captured a share of the league's regular-season crown and the SEC Tournament title before advancing to the NCAA Tournament's Sweet 16.

In the process, he totaled 100 wins at UK quicker than any other Wildcat coach except Hall of Famer Adolph Rupp, reaching the plateau with a 71-70 victory over Florida, Smith's 130th UK game. He now turns his sights to this season, when he'll return 12 lettermen and add four new signees to boast his most talented and deepest team since becoming a head coach. Since taking over the UK program, he has compiled a 110-33 record, winning nearly 77 percent of his games, despite playing a schedule that annually rates among the nation's best.

Even more impressive, Smith has averaged 27.5 wins per season at Kentucky and owns an incredible 22-5 record in the month of March at the school. In the SEC Tournament, he's 9-1 at UK and overall, he has won a league championship five times in his 10 years as a head coach.

Kentucky is Smith's third head coaching stop. Previously, he revived two mediocre programs, Tulsa and Georgia, into NCAA title hopefuls.

In 10 years, Smith owns a 234-95 (71.1 percent) record, coaching teams to the last eight NCAA Tournaments, including six Sweet 16 appearances.

Prior to coming to Kentucky, he spent two seasons at Georgia, where he coached the Bulldogs to a 45-19 (70.3 percent) record and the first back-to-back seasons of 20 wins or more in school history. Prior to Georgia, he coached four seasons at Tulsa, guiding the Golden Hurricane to Sweet 16 appearances his last two seasons.

Smith has recorded an 18-7 mark in NCAA Tournament action which ranks third by percentage (72.0 percent) among active coaches. Smith's eight consecutive tournament appearances also ranks fifth among current coaches. In addition, he

is one of a select few who have coached three different teams to the NCAA Tournament, joining former UK coaches Eddie Sutton and Rick Pitino with that distinction.

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As one of the nation's top coaches, Smith was selected to help coach the 2000 U.S. Olympic Basketball Team in Sydney. He served as an assistant to Houston Rockets coach Rudy Tomjanovich as the Americans withstood high expectations to capture the gold medal.

Smith currently serves on the NCAA Committee to study basketball issues, joining Duke's Mike Krzyzewski and Oregon's Ernie Kent. He serves on the National Association of Basketball Coaches Board of Directors, USA Basketball's Men's Collegiate Competition Committee and in June 2000, spoke at a Congressional hearing on the issue of gambling in college sports.

Smith's first impact on the Bluegrass came nine years before his national championship. When Pitino took over the Wildcats' program in '89, he sought an assistant coach who knew the South, and one name continued to surface — Tubby Smith. Smith left his assistant coaching position at South Carolina and joined Pitino's first staff.

Smith began his coaching career at Great Mills High School in Great Mills, Md., where he was head coach for four years and compiled a 46-36 record. His next stop came at Hoke County High School in Raeford, N.C., where he recorded a 28-18 mark in two seasons

A 1973 graduate of High Point (N.C.) College, Smith was an all-conference performer as a senior. He played under three different head coaches at High Point, including J.D. Barnett, and earned a bachelor of science degree in health and physical education.

Smith is the sixth of 17 children raised on a rural farm in southern Maryland. He and his wife Donna, have three sons: Orlando (G.G.), 24; Saul, 22; and Brian, 17. G.G. was a four-year letterman at Georgia and is completing his master's degree at UK while serving as a team manager for the Wildcats. Saul just completed his UK career as a four-year letterwinner and is scheduled to play in the NBA's Developmental League. Brian is a junior point guard at Lexington Catholic, one of the state's top prep basketball programs.



KENTUCKY PLAYERS AT A GLANCE

The 2001-02 Wildcats

Courtesy of Kentucky Athletics Media Relations Department



J.P. Blevins Guard • 6-2 • 180 • Sr. Edmonton, Ky. (Metcalfe County)

Named co-captain for 2001-02 season ... has renewed enthusiasm and work ethic entering his senior campaign ... can shoot the three and has a good handle going left ... trying to become just the third Wildcat to earn Academic All-SEC honors three times ...

as a junior, owned a perfect 4.0 GPA for the spring semester and made the UK Athletics Director's Honor Roll both semesters ... was named Academic All-SEC for the second straight year ... born May 8, 1979.



Keith Bogans Guard • 6-5 • 205 • Jr. Alexandria, Va. (DeMatha Catholic)

One of the nation's top returning shooting guards ... all-America candidate and named to the Preseason Wooden All-America candidate list ... excellent outside shot and strong drive to the basket ... possesses an NBA-type body ... must become more

consistent in all aspects of his game while continuing to improve his defensive skills ... begins the season 12 points shy of becoming the 49th member of UK's 1,000-point club ... born May 12, 1980.



Jules Camara Forward/Center • 6-11 • 225 • Jr. Dakar, Senegal (Oak Hill [Va.])

Possesses great quickness and jumping ability for his height ... very effective on the offensive glass and a threat in transition as well ... consistent jumper from three-point range ... missed last year after violating UKAA rules ... received a redshirt and has two sea-

sons of eligibility remaining ... played for the Senegalese National Team in August in the African games and averaged 16 points and seven rebounds while playing just 14 minutes per game ... born July 23, 1979.



Josh Carrier Guard • 6-5 • 196 • Fr. Bowling Green, Ky. (Bowling Green)

A talented perimeter player ... has great accuracy and range on his jumper ... should provide depth at the wing prior to UK, was named Kentucky's 2001 Mr. Basketball ... averaged 23.7 points and 5.0 rebounds in his senior season, while leading

Bowling Green to a 23-6 record ... played in the 2001 Derby Festival All-Star game ... closed out his career as the all-time leading scorer at Bowling Green with 1,955 points ... born Jan. 30, 1983.



Rashaad Carruth Guard • 6-3 • 195 • Fr. College Park, Ga. (Oak Hill [Va.])

Ranked the No. 1 prep shooting guard in the nation last season ... earned McDonald's and *Parade* all-America honors ... pure shooter has deep range on three-point shot ... prior to UK, led the Oak Hill Academy to a perfect 33-0 record and its fourth mythical

national championship as a senior in 2001 ... led the squad in scoring as a junior and senior ... as senior, tallied 18.5 points and 4.3 assists per game, shooting 55.1 percent from the field ... born March 12, 1982.



Adam Chiles Guard • 6-0 • 192 • Fr. Louisville, Ky. (Ballard)

Blossomed late in his high school career ... an intense athlete, known for clutch performances ... can play both guard positions ... prior to UK, averaged 16.1 points, 4.5 rebounds, 5.1 assists and 3.1 steals as a senior while averaging 23 minutes per game ... led the

Bruins, who were ranked as high as third nationally by *USA Today*, to a 32-2 record in 2001 ... was named first-team all-State by both the Louisville *Courier-Journal* and the *Lexington Herald-Leader* ... born Dec. 16, 1982.



Erik Daniels
Forward • 6-7 • 205 • So.
Cincinnati, Ohio (Princeton)

Added 10 pounds to a developing frame last summer ... a scrapper, he has a knack for loose balls, offensive rebounds and open lay-ups ... as a freshman, made an unexpected impact, despite having his right knee scoped just before practice began in

October ... played in every game but the season opener ... received the team's Most Courageous Award for his successful return from injury ... born April 1, 1982.



Marquis Estill Forward • 6-9 • 240 • Jr. Richmond, Ky. (Madison Central)

At times, can be the best player on the floor at both ends of the court ... can score inside or from three-point range ... long arms and great timing comprise a solid shot blocker ... reduced weight to 226 pounds last summer, before adding muscle ... must keep

knees healthy to earn quality minutes and remain consistent ... gave up his scholarship this season to allow Cats to meet limit of 13 which may make him the most talented walk-on in the nation ... born Sept. 15, 1981.

KENTUCKY PLAYERS AT A GLANCE

The 2001-02 Wildcats

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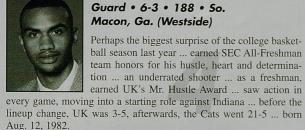


Cliff Hawkins Guard • 6-1 • 185 • So. Dumfries, Va. (Oak Hill [Va.])

Extremely quick and a deft passer ... solid on-theball defender ... must improve assist-to-turnover ratio and become a consistent ballhandler ... as a freshman, saw action in all but one game ... play improved late in the season - totaled a career-

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high seven assists versus LSU and broke out of a three-game shooting slump with a four-of-seven performance (eight points) against Arkansas ... born Nov. 24, 1981.



Chuck Hayes Forward • 6-7 • 237 • Fr. Modesto, Calif. (Modesto Christian)

Perhaps the biggest surprise of the college basket-

ball season last year ... earned SEC All-Freshman

team honors for his hustle, heart and determina-

tion ... an underrated shooter ... as a freshman,

earned UK's Mr. Hustle Award ... saw action in

A very versatile yet powerful athlete who can play either small or power forward ... can bench press 295 pounds, squat 450 pounds and run the 40-yard dash in 4.8 seconds ... will provide depth along the Cats' front line ... prior to UK, averaged 25.0 points,

19.0 rebounds and 5.0 assists per contest as a senior at Modesto Christian High ... named a Parade All-American, the California State Player of the Year (D-I) and the District Player of the Year ... born June 11, 1983.

Gerald Fitch

Guard • 6-3 • 188 • So.

Macon, Ga. (Westside)



Matt Heissenbuttel Guard • 6-4 • 188 • So. Lexington, Ky. (Lexington Catholic)

Walk-on who works hard in practice ... consistent shooter from outside ... owns the distinction for the longest last name of any UK letterman — 13 letters - in school history ... was a former ball boy at Kentucky during the '90s ... as a freshman, played

in 10 games ... canned his first three-point field goal against South Carolina ... scored his first field goal against High Point, finishing with four points, an assist and a steal ... born Sept. 24, 1981.



Jason Parker Forward/Center • 6-8 • 253 • So. Charlotte, N.C. (Fork Union)

Suffered a torn ACL in his right knee on June 24 while playing in a pickup game at UK ... after surgery on July 2, reinjured knee on Oct. 12 and will miss season ... as a freshman, under heavy expectations, made the SEC all-Freshman team ... saved his

best performance for the season finale against Southern Cal high 22 points on nine-of-13 shooting from the field and 13 boards ... started every game ... born Aug. 10, 1980.



Tayshaun Prince Forward • 6-9 • 215 • Sr. Compton, Calif. (Dominguez)

UK's first returning all-American since Kenny Walker in 1985-86 ... reigning SEC Player of the Year will push for National Player of the Year honors ... entered 2001 NBA Draft but withdrew prior to Chicago Pre-Draft Camp ... enters the season

with 1,215 career points which ranks 31st at UK ... ranks 10th in career three-pointers made (139) and fourth in attempts (430) ... named a team co-captain ... Feb. 28, 1980.



Cory Sears Guard/Forward • 6-6 • 193 • So. Corbin, Ky. (Corbin/Hargrave)

Walk-on will provide additional depth at the wing ... owns a consistent jumper from the perimeter ... looking to record his first field goal ... as a freshman, played in 10 games ... made a spectacular behind-the-back assist to Erik Daniels on the break

against Ole Miss in the SEC championship game ... had a career-high two assists vs. Mississippi State ... grabbed a season-high five rebounds versus High Point ... born March 19, 1980.



Marvin Stone Forward/Center • 6-10 • 253 • Jr. Huntsville, Ala. (Grissom)

Has a wealth of skills complemented by great hands and a soft touch ... as a sophomore, played in all but one game ... received the team award for most charges taken ... tied for second on the team in rebounding, averaging a career-best 4.6 a contest ..

started the first eight games before moving to a sixth-man role against Indiana ... played one of his finest games of the season at Florida on March 4, tallying eight points, eight boards and four blocks ... born June 2, 1981. UPONHIS VALUES
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WITH HIS WORDS AND WISDOM
WE WILL WRITE A NEW CONSTITUTION.
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WITH AN OLD SCHOOL HEART.
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MARSHALL THUNDERING HERD

At a Glance



Quick Facts

Location	Huntington, W.Va.
	1837
Enrollment	16,000
Nickname	Thundering Herd
Colors	Green and White
Conference	Mid-American (East Division)
	The Cam Henderson Center
Capacity	9,043
President	Dr. Dan Angel
Athletic Director	Lance A. West
Head Coach	Greg White (Marshall '82)
Assistant Coaches	Jeff Burkhamer
	(Alderson-Broaddus '84)
	Jeff Boals (Ohio '95)
	Kevin Keatts (Ferrum '95)
2000-01 Record (Conference	e)



Schedule

	Schedule
Date	Opponent
Nov. 15	vs. George Washington (NABC Classic, Lexington, Ky.)
Nov. 16	at Kentucky or vs. Western Kentucky (NABC Classic)
Nov. 23	Troy State
Nov. 26	Shepherd
Nov. 28	Arkansas-Monticello
Dec. 3	at Winthrop
Dec. 6	at Radford
Dec. 8	Northern Illinois
Dec. 15	vs. Auburn (Coors Classic Basketball Inv., Mobile, Ala.)
Dec. 22	at Western Michigan
Dec. 29	Massachusetts
Jan. 5	Kent State
Jan. 9	at Miami (Ohio)
Jan. 12	Eastern Michigan
Jan. 16	at Central Michigan
Jan. 19	Buffalo
Jan. 23	vs. West Virginia (Charleston, W.Va.)
Jan. 26	at Toledo
Jan. 29	Ball State
Feb. 2	at Ohio
Feb. 5	Akron
Feb. 9	at Bowling Green
Feb. 14	Miami (Ohio)
Feb. 16	Ohio
Feb. 19	at Kent State
Feb. 23	at Buffalo
Feb. 27	Central Michigan
Mar. 2	at Akron
Mar. 4	MAC Tournament First Round (Campus Sites)
Mar. 7-9	MAC Tournament (Cleveland, Ohio)

Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Hometown	High School/College
1	Tamar Slay	G	6-9	210	Sr.	Beckley, W.Va.	Woodrow Wilson
2	Monty Wright	G	6-4	200	Jr.	Oak Hill, W.Va.	Fork Union
3	David Anderson	F	6-8	210	So.	Levittown, Puerto Rico	Oklahoma State
4	Serge Babo	C	6-9	290	Fr.	Douala, Cameroon	Arlington (Ind.)
5	Enoch Bunch	G	6-1	185	Fr.	Nashville, Tenn.	Father Ryan
10	Ronny Dawn	G	6-3	185	Fr.	Ft. Thomas, Ky.	Newport Central Catholic
11	Ronald Blackshear	G	6-5	210	So.	Camilla, Ga.	Temple University
21	William Butler	F	6-7	210	Sr.	Greensboro, Fla.	Santa Fe CC
23	Joe Dressel	G	6-3	190	So.	Ironton, Ohio	Ironton St. Joe
25	Richard Wilson	G	6-4	200	Jr.	Augusta, Ga.	Cowley CC
40	J.R. VanHoose	F/C	6-10	245	Sr.	Paintsville, Ky.	Paintsville
41	Latece Williams	F	6-8	240	Sr.	Rome, Ga.	Okaloosa-Walton CC
42	Keith Archie	F	6-7	245	Fr.	Chicago, Ill.	Thornridge
55	Ardo Armpalu	F/C	6-10	240	So.	Rapla, Estonia	Wellston (Ohio)

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MARSHALL THUNDERING HERD

2001-02 Season Outlook

Courtesy of Marshall Athletic Media Relations Department

reg White's Thundering Herd enters the 2001-02 campaign with high expectations thanks to the return of one of the nation's top duos in Tamar Slay and J.R. VanHoose.

Slay, a 6-9, 210-pound shooting guard is a preseason Wooden Award All-American who was selected as one of 16 finalists for USA Basketball's World University Games squad this summer. He is an explosive player who led the Thundering Herd in scoring with 17.3 points per game last season and has already scored 1,225 points in his collegiate career. He netted a career-high 28 points at nationally ranked Cincinnati last season.

VanHoose established himself as one of the



Senior Latece Williams is a strong interior player who can score and block a bevy of shots.

nation's top post players a year ago. The 6-10, 255-pound, forward/center led the Mid-American Conference and ranked third in the nation with 11.1 rebounds per game last season. He also led the MAC in field goal percentage (.578) and recorded 20 double-doubles in 27 games — giving him the highest percentage of double-doubles per game in the nation. VanHoose, a native of Paintsville, Ky., has already netted 1,353 points and grabbed more than in his career.

In addition to Slay and VanHoose, Marshall features a dangerous shot blocker in senior forward Latece Williams. The 6-8, 245-pound forward from Rome, Ga., blocked 48 shots as a junior, in addition to contributing 10.5 points and 6.4 rebounds per game.

Sophomore Ardo Armpalu continues to develop and should contribute valuable minutes off the bench this season at the post position. Senior forward William Butler also returns after missing last season with an injury.

Freshmen Keith Archie and Nelson Guerin will add to Marshall's depth at the forward spots.

One area of concern for Marshall this season will be experienced depth on the perimeter. Marshall lost more than 60 percent of its assist production and nearly 38 percent of its scoring due to the graduation of guards Cornelius Jackson, Travis Young and Joda Burgess.

Juniors Monty Wright and Richard Wilson, along with freshmen Ronny Dawn and Enoch Bunch, will be called upon to carry much of the load.

Wright saw limited action in 21 games last season, earning three starts and averaging 2.5 points per outing, while Wilson, a junior college transfer, averaged 12.8 points, 8.1, assists, 4.0 rebounds and 1.7 steals per game as a sophomore, earning him all-conference honors at Cowley Community College.

Enoch Bunch redshirted last season after a standout career at Father Ryan High School in Nashville, Tenn., and Ronny Dawn joins Marshall after a stellar high school career at Newport Central Catholic in Kentucky. Sophomore walkon Joe Dressel (6-4, 200) will also see time.

Highly touted Temple transfer Ronald Blackshear is slated to become eligible following the



J.R. VanHoose averaged a double-double a year ago while ranking third nationally in rebounding.

fall semester and should make a strong push for playing time in the backcourt.

The Thundering Herd faces a challenging non-conference schedule this season that should test the Herd's mettle before entering the always difficult MAC slate. Marshall opens the year here at the NABC Classic with George Washington, Kentucky and Western Kentucky. Marshall must also travel to Winthrop, Radford and face SEC member Auburn in the Coors Classic at Mobile, Ala. In addition to the annual in-state battle with Big East member West Virginia in the Charleston Civic Center, the Thundering Herd will entertain UMass in late December.

HEAD COACH GREG WHITE

Sixth Year at Marshall

Courtesy of Marshall Athletic Media Relations Department

lmost without rival, Greg White is one of the most energetic and enthusiastic coaches in the country. His will to win and his desire for success are clearly evident just by seeing the man coach. Watching the sidelines is nearly as entertaining as the game itself.

Last season, White led Marshall to an 18-9 record and No. 3 seed in the Mid-American Conference Tournament. As the No. 3 seed, the Thundering Herd received a first round bye in the conference tournament for the first time in school history. During the regular season, the Herd pulled off a 67-65 win over No. 24-ranked Dayton and captured a win in the renewed Marshall

Greg White is a true Marshall man, having played collegiately for the Thundering Herd and now serving as head coach.

Memorial Classic. In the MAC Tournament, Marshall met up with Ball State in the quarterfinals and fell to the hot shooting Cardinals, 84-81, in Cleveland's Gund Arena.

When White led Marshall into the MAC four years ago, his goal was to improve each season. In the 1997-98 season Marshall posted an 11-16 record and improved it to 16-11 in the 1998-99 campaign. Last season, Marshall continued to improve as the Herd posted a 12-6 mark in conference play, the best since rejoining the league. If White's plan is to

continue the MAC should look for big things from the Herd this season.

Greg White's love of Marshall basketball is worn on his sleeve. The fact is, if you look back through the distinguished and storied history of Marshall basketball, you would be hard-pressed to find a person more dedicated to the program than White.

First as a fan, then as a player, Greetwice later as an assistant coach and now as head coach, White, 41, has poured his heart and soul into the Thundering Herd basketball program.

White followed in the footsteps of his boyhood idol Mike D'Antoni, a fellow native of Mullens, W.Va., and came to Marshall in the fall of 1977. Fresh from a stellar career as West Virginia High School Player of the Year, White's freshman average of 38.8 minutes per game established a rapid tempo that has remained in his role as a head coach.

White culminated his playing career at Marshall with a school standard, and previously a Southern Conference record of 701 assists. He was named to the league's all-freshman team and twice named all-conference. Among his performances in his 113 consecutive games was a record-setting 18 assists in one contest (versus CCNY).

White earned a bachelor's degree in



STEEL VAN

Now in his sixth year at the helm of the Thundering Herd, Greg White comes to Lexington with a 86-54 career record.

marketing from Marshall in 1982 and a master's in sports administration from MU in 1993.

On April 8, 1996, while serving as an assistant coach on the UCLA staff under Jim Harrick, White's lifelong dream came true when he was named head coach for the Thundering Herd.

During the summers, White operates one of the largest camps in the country. They are camps that deal with not only basketball, but several important aspects of life. This past year, White's camps drew more than 900 campers in just two weeks. He also headed up the prestigious UCLA camps in 1996.

White is also known world wide as a motivational speaker. He has worked with companies such as Converse, Mercedes and Acordia, as well as all the top basketball camps in the country.

White was born March 31, 1959, in his hometown of Mullens, W.Va. He is married to Dr. Donna Slayton and the couple has one son, Hunter (5) and one daughter, Alexa Morgan (1).



MARSHALL PLAYERS AT A GLANCE

The 2001-02 Thundering Herd

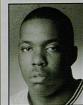
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David Anderson Forward • 6-8 • 210 • So. Levittown, Puerto Rico (Oklahoma State)

Prior to Marshall, played at Oklahoma State before transferring to Marshall ... will sit out this season due to NCAA transfer rules and have three years of eligibility remaining ... played in 18 games for the Cowboys, seeing limited action ... averaged 0.9

points, 1.0 rebounds and 5.6 minutes per game ... moved to the United States in the summer of 1998 from Puerto Rico and played two years at Hargrave Academy ... born on July 18, 1981.



Keith Archie Forward • 6-7 • 245 • Fr. Chicago, Ill. (Thornridge)

Prior to Marshall, joined Marshall as a non-scholarship athlete after a standout career at Thornridge High School ... a 2000-01 all-area selection and allconference pick ... scored 16 points, grabbed eight boards, recorded two blocks and dished out three

assists in the Chicago city versus suburbs game ... born March 9, 1983.



Ardo Armpalu Forward/Center • 6-10 • 240 • So. Rapla, Estonia (Wellston [Ohio])

As a freshman, finished the regular season with 27 points and 29 rebounds in 16 games ... in just 10 minutes of play scored four points, grabbed five rebounds and blocked a shot against Winthrop ... scored four points, grabbed seven rebounds and

blocked a shot in win over IUPU-Ft. Wayne ... received a standing ovation against Akron as he scored six points, pulled down five rebounds, blocked a shot and had two steals ... born on Dec. 26, 1980.



Serge Babo Center • 6-9 • 290 • Fr. Douala, Cameroon (Arlington [Ind.])

Not eligible to compete this year ... prior to Marshall, played high school basketball at Arlington High School in Indianapolis ... averaged 12.0 points, 8.0 rebounds and 2.5 blocks per game ... born May 17, 1981.



Ronald Blackshear Guard • 6-5 • 210 • So. Camilla, Ga. (Temple)

Will become eligible this December ... prior to Marshall, averaged 3.4 points and 10 minutes in 10 games for the Owls ... scored 15 points on four-of-seven three-point shooting against Wisconsin ... averaged 29 points per game during the 1998-99 sea-

son at Hargrave Military Academy ... born May 24, 1978.



Enoch Bunch Guard • 6-1 • 185 • Fr. Nashville, Tenn. (Father Ryan)

Prior to Marshall, was a two-time Mr. Basketball finalist in the state of Tennessee ... two-time Region MVP two-time all-tournament selection ... averaged 18 points, three rebounds, four assists and two steals per game as a senior at Father Ryan ... led

team to a 16-4 record his senior season before being sidelined with a shin injury and was named first-team all-state ... born on Sept. 30, 1982.



William Butler Forward • 6-7 • 210 • Sr. Greensboro, Fla. (Santa Fe CC)

Sat out the 2000-01 campaign with a ruptured patella tendon ... prior to Marshall, ranked by Lindy's Basketball magazine as the No. 3 junior college forward in the country ... averaged 12 points and 6.6 rebounds per game as a freshman at

Santa Fe Community College ... runner-up for Mid-Florida Conference Freshman of the Year honors ... named second-team all-league as a freshman ... born on Oct. 10, 1978.



Ronny Dawn Guard • 6-3 • 185 • Fr. Ft. Thomas, Ky. (Newport Central Cath.)

Prior to Marshall, played for his father Ron Dawn at Newport Central Catholic ... averaged 21 points per game as a senior ... a two-time first-team all-state selection ... Region IX Player of the Year in both 2000 and 2001 ... helped his team to the Ken-

tucky Class A State Championship in 2000 ... born Feb. 2, 1983.

MARSHALL PLAYERS AT A GLANCE

The 2001-02 Thundering Herd

Courtesy of Marshall Athletic Media Relations Department



Tamar Slay Guard • 6-9 • 210 • Sr. Beckley, W.Va. (Woodrow Wilson)

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Joe Dressel Guard • 6-3 • 190 • So. Ironton, Ohio (Ironton St. Joe)

As a freshman, played in five games ... saw action against Charleston, Winthrop, IUPU-Ft. Wayne, Eastern Michigan and Ohio, all Herd wins ... pulled down one rebound in the Herd's win over Ohio ... prior to Marshall, averaged 25 points per game as a

senior at Ironton St. Joe High School ... named first-team all-Ohio Division IV as a senior ... named third-team all-Ohio Division IV as a junior ... named Southeast Player of the Year as a senior ... born on May 11, 1980.

First-team all-MAC selection in 1999-00 ... second-team all-MAC pick in 2000-01 ... as a junior, recorded his first career double-double against Charleston (24 points, 10 rebounds) ... scored a game-high 28 points against No. 13 Cincinnati ...

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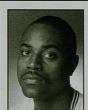
scored his 1,000th career point against Eastern Michigan as he dropped in 18 points in the win ... scored 24 points, including the game winner over Miami (Ohio) with 0:28 remaining in regulation ... born on April 2, 1979.



J.R. VanHoose Forward/Center • 6-10 • 245 • Sr. Paintsville, Ky. (Paintsville)

First-team all-MAC selection in 2000-01 ... Verizon Academic all-District in 2000-01 ... as a junior, led the MAC in rebounding (10.9) and field goal percentage (58.2) ... tied for most double-doubles in the nation (20) ... ranked third in the nation in re-

bounding ... scored 15 points, pulled down eight rebounds, had two assists, blocked a shot and had a steal in the win over 24th ranked Dayton ... born on July 4, 1979.



Latece Williams
Forward • 6-8 • 240 • Sr.
Rome, Ga. (Okaloosa-Walton CC)

As a junior, led the team in blocked shots (48) and was second in rebounding (6.5) ... Nearly recorded a rare triple-double against Charleston as he scored 16 points, grabbed nine rebounds and blocked nine shots. His nine blocks tied a school record ... went

seven-of-eight from the field as he scored a career-high 20 points in the win over Miami (Ohio) ... scored 14 points and grabbed five rebounds against Ball State in the MAC Tournament ... born on Oct. 22, 1979.



Richard Wilson Guard • 6-4 • 200 • Jr. Augusta, Ga. (Cowley CC)

Prior to Marshall, averaged 12.8 points, 8.1 assists, 4.0 rebounds and 1.7 steals per game as a sophomore at Cowley County Community College ... helped Cowley to a 23-8 record and a 13-5 mark in the prestigious Kansas Jayhawk Community Col-

lege Conference ... an all-conference selection ... played high school basketball at Butler High, where he averaged 18 points and seven assists per game his senior year ... born March 25, 1982.



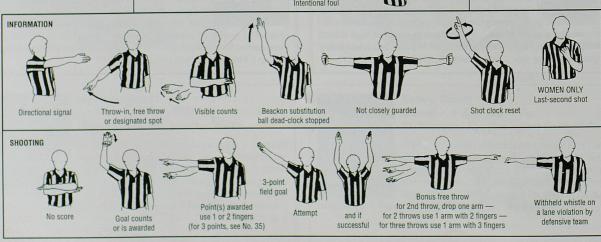
Monty Wright Guard • 6-4 • 200 • Jr. Oak Hill, W.Va. (Fork Union)

As a sophomore, scored a then season-high seven points and grabbed two boards against IUPU Ft. Wayne ... scored five points and grabbed three rebounds against Miami (Ohio) ... got the starting nod, his first as a collegiate, against Akron and re-

sponded by scoring a career-high 16 points ... started his second straight game against Eastern Michigan and scored seven points to help the Herd pick up a MAC win ... born on Sept. 7, 1979.

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WESTERN KENTUCKY HILLTOPPERS

At a Glance



Quick Facts

Location	Bowling Green, Ky.
Founded	1906
Enrollment	16,492
Nickname	Hilltoppers
Colors	Red and White
	Sun Belt (East Division)
Home Court	E.A. Diddle Arena
Capacity	8,100
President	Dr. Gary Ransdell
	Dr. Camden Wood Selig
Head Coach	Dennis Felton (Howard '85)
Associate Coach	Pete Herrmann (SUNY-Geneseo '70)
Assistant Coaches	Ken McDonald (Providence '92)
	Bert Tucker (Maine-Farmington '94)
2000-01 Record (Cor	nference)24-7 (14-2)

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Schedule

Date	Opponent
Nov. 15	at Kentucky (NABC Classic, Lexington, Ky.)
Nov. 16	vs. George Washington or Marshall (NABC Classi
Nov. 20	Evansville
Nov. 24	Murray State
Nov. 27	at Creighton
Dec. 2	at Vanderbilt
Dec. 5	at Akron
Dec. 8	Austin Peay
Dec. 15	West Alabama
Dec. 19	Creighton
Dec. 22	at Southern Mississippi
Dec. 28	at New Orleans
Dec. 30	at South Alabama
Jan. 2	at Florida International
Jan. 5	Austin Peay
Jan. 10	Louisiana-Lafayette
Jan. 13	New Mexico State
Jan. 16	at Middle Tennessee
Jan. 19	at Denver
Jan. 24	Arkansas-Little Rock
Jan. 26	Arkansas State
Jan. 31	Florida International
Feb. 3	Morris Brown
Feb. 7	at Arkansas-Little Rock
Feb. 9	at Arkansas State
Feb. 16	North Texas
Feb. 19	Kentucky State
Feb. 23	Middle Tennessee
Mar 1-5	Sun Belt Conference Tournament

(New Orleans, La.)

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2 Chris Marcus VIVIVC	7-1	285	Sr.	Charlotte, N.C.	Olympic
4 Nathan Eisert (/ 25	2/(6) 6-5	200	So.	Louisville, Ky.	Seneca
Raynardo Curry V 18 6	6-0	180	Jr.	Memphis, Tenn.	East
13 Filip Videnov G	3 6-4	200	Jr.	Kozloduy, Bulgaria	Washington College (Tenn.)
15 Mike Wells Par G	(4) 6-3	190	Jr.	Guthrie, Ky.	Todd County Central
22 Patrick Sparks 1 1 1 G	P.P. 16-1(3)	170	Fr.	Central City, Ky.	Muhlenberg North
23 Derek Robinson 2/5/11 G	13 456-1	185	Sr.	Paris, Ky.	Bourbon County
25 Kalin Holland	6-7	225	Fr.	Bowling Green, Ky.	Bowling Green (Ohio)
30 Nate Williams (1) F	6-8	240	Jr.	Raleigh, N.C.	Ravenscroft
33 Caleb Halcomb	6-10/18	225	So.	Bowling Green, Ky.	Lincoln Trail
34 F David Boyden 3 5 70715F	VKV 6-8	230	Jr.	Richmond, Va.	Fork Union Military Academ
42 (Tremain Rowles)) G	6-4 (5)	200	Sr.	Landover Hills, Md.	Baltimore Gwynn Lake
45 Todor Pandov	PIP 6-9 (9)	230	So.	Plovdiv, Bulgaria	Washington College (Tenn.)

WESTERN KENTUCKY HILLTOPPERS

2001-02 Season Outlook

Courtesy of Western Kentucky Athletic Media Relations Department

ith a roster featuring four returning starters and a total of 10 letter winners, Western Kentucky's Hilltoppers are looking for bigger and better things in the 2001-02 season.

But, that figures to be a tall order for Hilltopper head coach Dennis Felton and his club. All they have to do is improve on last season's 24-7 record — including the Sun Belt Conference's best mark (14-2 in East Division play and 17-2 overall against league competition).

That effort produced a league championship, a Sun Belt Tournament title and a berth in the NCAA Tournament (Western's first since 1995).

Felton, who is entering his fourth season at the Topper helm, and his staff engineered the second biggest turnaround in the 82-year history of WKU basketball, improving by 12 games over the previous season's 11-18 mark. In fact, Western's 24 wins equalled the victory total of Felton's first two Hilltopper teams — combined.

But, with the loss of just four lettermen and the return of all-America center Chris Marcus, all the elements are there for WKU to blossom on the national scene in 2001-02.

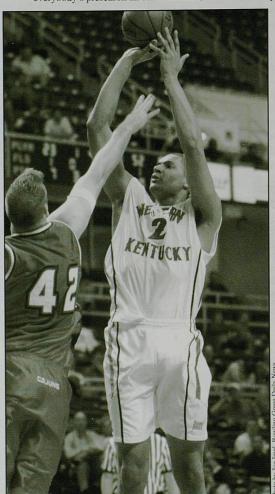
Western returns 80.9 percent of its scoring production from a year ago along with 80.4 percent of its rebounding total. The Toppers ranked among the nation's best clubs statistically, ranking near the top in the following stat categories:

- Rebound Margin 2nd (+9.6 per game)
- Scoring Margin 7th (+13.4 ppg)
- Scoring Defense 11th (60.9 ppg)
- Won-Lost Percentage 19th (77.4%).

In addition, the Hilltoppers were a mere 17 strategically placed points from a remarkable 29-2 season. And, that would have included an undefeated run against Sun Belt competition — Western's only two SBC setbacks came in overtime on the road.

Leading the list of returnees is the 7-1, 285pound Marcus. He was an AP all-American, the Sun Belt Player of the Year, Defensive Player of the Year and Sun Belt Tournament MVP in addi-

tion to being a selection on both the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) and United States Basketball Writers Association (USBWA) all-district teams. Named to virtually everybody's preseason all-America team, Marcus



Chris Marcus enters the 2001-02 season as a legitimate candidate for player of the year honors.

is a remarkable rags-to-riches story. He played just one season in high school and sat out his first year at WKU concentrating on his classwork.

A year ago, Marcus averaged 16.7 points and led the nation in rebounding with his 12.1 boards

a game. For good measure, he added a school-record 97 blocked shots, ranking 11th in the nation in that category (3.1 bpg).

The three other starters returning to the Topper lineup are Derek Robinson, David Boyden and

Filip Videnov. Robinson has been a fixture with the Hilltoppers since earning Sun Belt Freshman of the Year honors as a rookie in 1998-99. He directed the WKU offense in his second year as a starter last season, averaging 8.9 points, 3.0 rebounds and 3.9 assists a contest. His assists-to-turnovers ratio was a sharp 2.28. He is the first Hilltopper in six years with back-to-back 100-assist seasons.

Boyden has started all but two games since coming to the Hill as a rookie in 1999. He scored at a 7.4 pace last season while also coming up with 5.1 rebounds an outing. Six of his nine double-figure games came in the last 14 contests of the year. Boyden was in double digits on the boards three times.

Videnov started 21 games, averaging 6.5 points and 2.4 rebounds. He posted seven double-figure outings, five of those in the last 16 contests. He hit 54.7 percent from the floor (45.2 percent from three-point distance) in the final 11 games of the year.

Western's most accurate shooter from three-point range is senior Tremain Rowles. As a junior, he averaged 6.0 points and 2.3 rebounds a game while connecting on 36.8 percent of his trey attempts.

Mike Wells appeared in all 31 games a year ago, contributing with 5.2 points and 2.5 rebounds an outing. He missed only five free throws on the year (35-of-40). Raynardo Curry came into his own in the late stages of the 2000-01 campaign, average to the contribution of the contribution

aging 10.0 points in four postseason tournament games while hitting 14-of-24 shots from the floor. He led the club in steals (44) and was second in assists (67)

Newcomer Patrick Sparks led the state of Kentucky in scoring as a prep senior, averaging 31.4 points for Muhlenberg North High School. He should provide immediate depth in the backcourt.

HEAD COACH DENNIS FELTON

Fourth Year at Western Kentucky

Courtesy of Western Kentucky Athletic Media Relations Department

ennis Felton and his staff saw more than two years of patient, highly organized hard work at Western Kentucky pay off in the 2000-01 season. The Hilltoppers finished the season 24-7 overall, the Sun Belt Conference Tournament champion (earning the league's automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament) and the SBC East Division champ. And, those 24 victories equalled the Toppers' win total for the previous

two seasons combined.

For his efforts in the 2000-01 campaign, Felton was named the District 7 Coach of the Year by the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC).

Felton took over as head coach at WKU on March 23, 1998, coming to the Hill from Clemson, where he spent four years on the Tiger staff, serving as associate head coach for the 1997-98 season.

He quickly put a staff in place and began preparations to reestablish the tradition-rich prominence of Hilltopper basketball.

His first WKU club was 13-16 against the toughest schedule in the conference and finished the Sun Belt season in a tie for third place, a big improvement over the Toppers' eighthplace finish the year before.

And, his first team was the surprise of the SBC Tournament, upsetting two higher seeds to advance to the tournament championship game, where the Hilltoppers narrowly missed gaining a berth in the NCAA Tournament, finishing as the runner-up.

Then, the youthful 1999-00 club (only four veterans and seven new-comers) struggled early and finished 11-18 after winning five of its last nine games and going 8-8 in the Sun Belt, good enough for a fifth-place finish. Again, that team faced the toughest schedule in the conference and reached the semifinals of the SBC Tournament.

The 2000-01 Toppers ranked among the nation's leaders in won-lost per-

centage (77.4), rebounding margin (+9.6 rpg), scoring defense (60.9 ppg) and scoring margin (+13.4 ppg). And, WKU was also close to the leaders in field goal percentage defense (40.7 — the best mark by a Western team in 30 years).

CHARLES OF THE STREET

The 37-year-old Felton is just the 11th coach to head up the Topper program in the 82-year history of the sport at Western. Prior to coming to the Hill, Felton spent six seasons as a member of Rick Barnes' staff — the first two (1992-94) at Providence and the last four (1994-98) at Clemson. The six teams he and Barnes worked with together posted six winning seasons (including three 20-victory campaigns — two at Providence and one at Clemson), made six trips to postseason play (four in the NCAA Tournament and two in the NIT) and went 114-71, averaging 19 wins a year.

Felton first came in contact with Hilltopper basketball when Western and Clemson played in his last two seasons at the South Carolina school. The Tigers posted a pair of victories over the Toppers, winning 69-55 on Feb. 4, 1997, at Clemson; and, 71-52 on Dec. 30, 1998, in WKU's E.A. Diddle Arena

Felton also served stints as an assistant coach at Delaware (1986-90), Tulane (1990-91) and St. Joseph's (1991-92) before going to Providence. He actually began his coaching career during his senior year in college, serving as an assistant coach at Oxon Hill (Md.) High School. Then, he was an assistant at Charles County Community College (LaPlate, Md.) during the 1985-86 season before going to Delaware in 1986.

A star athlete at Surrattsville (Md.) High School who hails from Clinton, Md., Felton went on to play at Prince George's Community College (Largo, Md.), where he was a regional all-America pick. Then, he completed his playing career at Howard University, where he was a Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference all-academic selection. He is a cum laude graduate of Howard (1985) with a degree in radio/television and film production.

Felton and his wife, Melanie, a physical therapist and a native of Springfield, Mass. (also a Howard alumna), have two sons, Jazz (6) and Nile (3).



In just four years at Western Kentucky, Dennis Felton has returned the storied Hilltopper program back to national prominence.



WESTERN KENTUCKY PLAYERS AT A GLANCE

The 2001-02 Hilltoppers

Courtesy of Western Kentucky Athletic Media Relations Department



David Boyden F • 6-8 • 230 • Jr. Richmond, Va. (Fork Union Mil. Acad.)

As a sophomore, scored in double figures nine times ... had three double-figure rebound games ... tallied a career-high 19 points at Middle Tennessee, hitting seven-of-10 field goals (four-of-six threes) ... recorded his first double-double of the year at

Florida International (10 points, 11 rebounds) ... has started 58 of a possible 60 Hilltopper games, including all 31 games in 2000-01 ... connected on 22-of-67 three-point point attempts ... born July 26, 1980.



Raynardo Curry G • 6-0 • 180 • Jr. Memphis, Tenn. (East)

As a sophomore, his 67 assists were second on the squad and he had assists in 26-of-31 games ... enjoyed one of his best outings at Denver, scoring eight points with five rebounds and four assists ... scored in double figures in final two games of the

year — in the SBC Tourney championship game against South Alabama (11 points) and versus Florida in the NCAA Tournament (12 points) ... led the team in steals with 44 ... born Jan. 4, 1981.



Nathan Eisert G • 6-5 • 200 • So. Louisville, Ky. (Seneca)

As a freshman, saw first college action in the closing minutes versus Tennessee State, coming up with a bucket in just one minute of action ... played three minutes versus Savannah State and hit a trey ... also played against Denver, Asbury, Arkansas

State, North Texas, Arkansas State and Middle Tennessee contests ... hit three-of-four shots on the year, including two-of-three from beyond the three-point line ... born May 27, 1982.



Caleb Halcomb F • 6-10 • 225 • So. Bowling Green, Ky. (Lincoln Trail)

Prior to WKU, played a year of junior college basketball at Lincoln Trail College in Robinson, Ill. ... helped the Statesmen win 22-of-32 games last season, averaging nine points on 60 percent shooting from the field ... won the team's Most Improved

Player Award ... totaled an impressive 84 blocked shots in an average of 15 minutes per game ... a part-time starter through the first two-thirds of the year, he started the last 10 games ... born Aug. 13, 1981.



Kalin Holland F • 6-7 • 225 • Fr. Bowling Green, Ky. (B. Green [Ohio])

Prior to WKU, earned two letters at Bowling Green (Ohio) High School ... helped lead team to a sectional championship, averaging 11 points and eight rebounds a contest as a senior ... posted personal bests of 25 points and 18 rebounds — both in an

overtime victory over Wapakoneta High ... was his club's MVP as well as a first-team Northern Lakes League all-conference pick as a senior ... also lettered three times in track ... born Feb. 25, 1983.



Chris Marcus
C • 7-1 • 285 • Sr.
Charlotte, N.C. (Olympic)

As a junior, was NCAA's leading rebounder at 12.1 per game ... garnered Associated Press all-America honors ... was on the NABC All-District 7 first-team ... selected the Sun Belt Conference Player of the Year ... was dominate in the Sun Belt Tourna-

ment, averaging 25.0 points and 15.0 rebounds in the three games while hitting 25-of-37 field goals and 25-of-31 free throws ... scored at least 20 points on 11 occasions ... born Dec. 11, 1979.



Todor Pandov
F • 6-9 • 230 • So.
Plovdiv, Bulgaria (Washington College)

Redshirted a year ago ... as a freshman, was eightof-27 on three-pointers ... scored 61 points in his last 18 games after tallying just 10 in his initial 10 outings ... drew his first college starting at Louisiana Tech and scored three points and grabbed

six rebounds ... played in 27 games, scoring in 18, including the last nine contests averaged 5.5 points and 2.3 boards an outing in the Hilltoppers' European tour ... born March 27, 1980.



Derek Robinson
G • 6-1 • 185 • Sr.
Paris, Ky. (Bourbon County)

As a junior, became the first Topper in six years with back-to-back 100 assist seasons ... third in the Sun Belt in assists with 121 ... powered WKU past Akron with 19 points and a career-high four treys along with five assists, seven rebounds and zero turnovers

in 35 minutes ... his trey with 3:09 remaining in the Sun Belt Tournament title game erased South Alabama's last lead ... assists-to-turnovers ratio was 2.28 (121-53) ... born March 20, 1980.

WESTERN KENTUCKY PLAYERS AT A GLANCE

The 2001-02 Hilltoppers

Courtesy of Western Kentucky Athletic Media Relations Department





Tremain Rowles G • 6-4 • 200 • Sr. Landover Hills, Md. (Balt. Gwynn Lake)

As a junior, started 10 games, but responded well all season coming off the bench time and time again to make big plays and hit key buckets ... was a key factor in win at Arkansas-Little Rock (nine-of-10 free throws in the final 2:44 and a career-high 20

points) ... torched Arkansas State for 17 points ... hit seven-of-nine field goals versus North Texas including four-of-five three-pointers for a game-high 18 points in 21 minutes ... born Oct. 7, 1979.



Patrick Sparks G • 6-1 • 170 • Fr. Central City, Ky. (Muhlenberg North)

Prior to WKU, was the leading scorer (31.4 ppg) in state of Kentucky as a senior at Muhlenberg North ... led the Stars to a 24-8 record a year ago ... MNHS earned three straight berths in the state tournament (1998-00) ... two-time consensus first-team all-

stater ... led the Kentucky All-Stars to victory over the Indiana All-Stars in June 2001, narrowly missing a triple-double (15 points, eight rebounds and nine assists) ... born March 17, 1983.



Filip Videnov G • 6-4 • 200 • Jr. Kozloduy, Bulgaria (Washington Col.)

As a sophomore, averaged 6.5 points and 2.4 rebounds a contest ... made three-of-five three-pointers against Middle Tennessee ... scored 16 points on six-of-nine field goals versus North Texas in just 18 minutes of action ... tallied a career-best 18

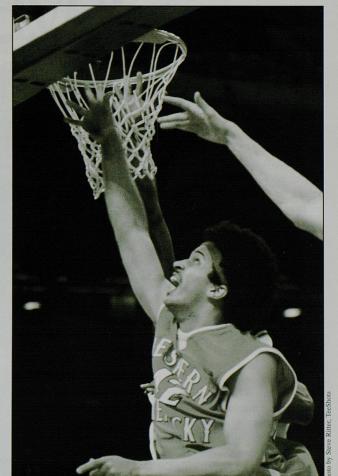
points in second game with Middle Tennessee, hitting three-of-four treys while adding four rebounds, three assists and a steal in 22 minutes ... born June 12, 1980.



Mike Wells G • 6-3 • 190 • Jr. Guthrie, Ky. (Todd County Central)

As a sophomore, earned Sun Belt Player of the Week laurels for his play in late December, averaging 12.5 points and 3.8 rebounds while coming off the bench to help the Toppers post two wins ... converted 35-of-40 free throws, including 15

straight during one stretch ... scored 15 points in 22 minutes against Savannah State ... tallied 10 points against nationally-ranked St. Joseph's ... born Dec. 9, 1979.



Junior Tremain Rowles is Western's most accurate shooter from three-point range. He connected on 36.8 percent of his attempts a year ago.



Nate Williams F • 6-8 • 240 • Jr. Raleigh, N.C. (Ravenscroft)

As a sophomore, had eight points along with three boards versus Evansville in the season opener ... almost doubled that point total in his next outing with 15 against Union, hitting four-of-five field goals and seven-of-10 free throws ... had a career-high

eight rebounds at New Mexico ... scored six points at Louisville ... more than doubled his point total from his freshman season, finishing the year with 144 points ... born Jan. 4, 1980.

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THE UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

Many Kinds of Champions

nce or twice each century, a university has an opportunity to move to the next level of excellence. This is such a time for the University of Kentucky. Visionary university leaders have a shared goal of placing UK among top ranking universities and making Kentucky an example of innovation and opportunity. Building upon its marvelous tradition, UK has a dynamic commitment to excellence.

Intellectual Growth

UK's academic programs have earned 50 national rankings from influential organizations and publications. Examples of UK's national rankings include the Center for Rural Health, which was judged best in the nation by the National Rural Health Association; the UK College of Pharmacy, which is perennially ranked in the nation's top three schools of pharmacy; the Martin School of Public Policy and Administration, which U.S. News & World Report ranked fifth in the category of public finance and budgeting; and the Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce, which is among the top four schools of its

type in the nation. Brilliant teachers, the bedrock of these renowned academic programs, produce brilliant students. With an education from UK, students gain the personal confidence and capability to succeed in the global workplace. Equipped with increased knowledge, new experiences and a fresh direction, students depart the university en route to making a difference in the world.

Research With Impact

Discoveries by faculty scientists and students at the University of Kentucky are as broad and intricate as the range of issues facing the world's population. Dozens of UK's research programs have direct implications for improving lives of Kentuckians, other Americans and people around the world. One example is the university's leadership of Kentucky's portion of one of the largest cancerprevention trials ever undertaken — on the ability of tamoxifen to prevent breast cancer in healthy women. Another example is groundbreaking projects on brain oxidation in

Alzheimer's disease at the university's Sanders-Brown Center on Aging. In addition, UK alumni and researchers have broken ground in diverse areas ranging from communications systems to pharmaceuticals. Nobel Prize winner Thomas Hunt Morgan, the father of modern genetics, was a graduate of the University of Kentucky. UK graduate and undergraduate students participate in developing technological breakthroughs, such as helping develop a damage-sensing system for space stations and exploring the use of plastics as highway-construction materials. Simply put, research at UK improves quality of life.

Reaching Out

The University of Kentucky touches every Kentuckian every day. The Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service answers more than 6 million consumer questions each year on topics ranging from alternative uses for the tobacco plant to the prevention of teen pregnancy. Hundreds of small and family-owned businesses, which make up 80 percent of all businesses in the state, profit from their collaboration with the Carol M. Gatton Col-



lege of Business and Economics. The College of Architecture provides invaluable assistance to municipal leaders as they seek to vitalize their communities and plan for prudent economic growth while preserving their architectural heritage. The UK Chandler Medical Center, from its ultra-modern neonatal intensive care unit to its new Center for Minimally Invasive Surgery, provides a lifeline for Kentuckians and a fertile training ground for physicians and other health professionals.

Changing Landscape

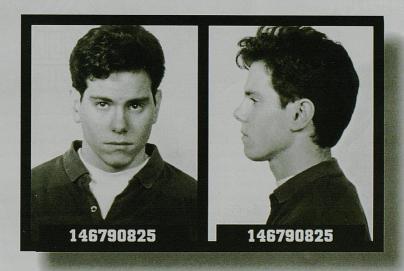
The foundations of a tremendous burst of physical growth at the University of Kentucky are the Mechanical Engineering Building and two impressive structures at the UK Chandler Medical Center. The \$25 million Mechanical Engineering Building rising near the center of campus will house laboratory space for graduate research and undergraduate education, teaching facilities, a student career/resource center, conference rooms, computing laboratories and a student commons area. At the Medical Center, a five-story \$23 million structure will house the Linda and Jack Gill

Heart Institute and the Center for Advanced Surgery. It will be connected by a skywalk over Rose Street to a \$35.5 million Aging/Allied Health building, creating an impressive gateway to the Medical Center. Other projects recently completed or under way include a career-placement center and renovation and expansion of the student recreation complex.

Great Expectations

Through the leadership of visionary President Lee T. Todd Jr., the University of Kentucky is imbued with an enthusiasm that is contagious, an energy that is invigorating and a loyalty that provides a deep reservoir of strength. President Todd's agenda is simple to state. It is to accelerate UK's movement toward academic excellence and to make UK known worldwide for the quality of its academic programs, its commitment to undergraduates, its success in building a diverse community, and its engagement with the larger society. That is what the University of Kentucky is all about.

Some Hangovers Last Forever.



If you think drinking can only mess you up for a night, think again. Drinking can open the door to all kinds of violence. And if you drink and drive, you can hurt or kill someone—even yourself. Of course, you know all that. What may be news to you is that a conviction for drinking and driving or alcohol-related violence can ruin your chances of getting a job—now and long after you graduate. Isn't that a heavy price to pay for a night on the town?



You're not as cool as you think when you drink.





RUPP ARENA

Home of the Kentucky Wildcats

fter 25 glorious seasons, change is in the offing for the Kentucky Wildcats' home court. For the first time since the famed Rupp Arena opened in 1976, UK has a new floor for the 2001-02 season. It's the initial change of a planned \$15 million upgrade to what many consider a mecca for college basketball.

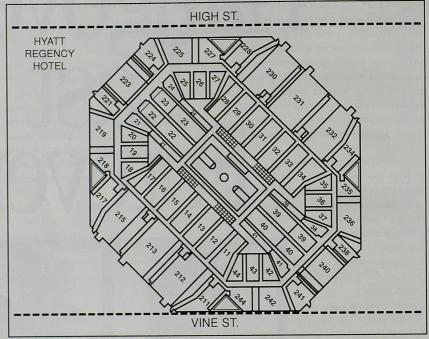
In its first quarter of a century, the arena has served as home to three national championship teams at Kentucky. Three others have advanced to the Final Four. Eight teams have recorded perfect seasons in the building.

Rupp Arena has played host to 364 UK games, countless KHSAA Sweet 16s, a number of NBA exhibitions, nine NCAA Tournaments, three Southeastern Conference Tournaments and two Ohio Valley Conference Tournaments. With so many unforgettable moments, the old floor still maintained a value to hoop fans across the Bluegrass and beyond. Therefore, officials made pieces of the relic available for public sale, with proceeds going to the UK Basketball Museum, the Kentucky High School Athletic Association and to help offset the costs of the new playing floor. Thanks to an auction of additional sections, like coaching boxes and lettered end zones, the old floor had generated more than \$250,000 as of September 2001.

The new portable basketball court, adorned with the official interlocking UK logo at midcourt, was designed by both UK officials and the Lexington Center Corporation. Robbins, Inc., in Cincinnati constructed it last summer at a cost of \$125,000. When assembled, it lies 118 feet below the ceiling and is made of a high-grade northern maple. The floor can be removed and an ice rink can be constructed for ice shows or hockey games thanks to a \$2.5 million renovation during the summer of '96.

But the playing surface is just one aspect of the impressive home of the Cats. Situated in downtown Lexington, Rupp Arena is named after Kentucky's legendary former coach — Adolph Rupp — and has played host to several premier basketball events. In March 1985, all roads led to Lexington for the NCAA Final Four as Villanova shocked Georgetown in a memorable finale.

In 1986, Rupp played host to both the SEC Tournament and the NCAA Women's Final Four. On numerous other occasions, the arena has



served as one stop en route to the NCAA title game, and again this coming March, the winner of the 2002 South Region Championship at Rupp Arena will advance to the Final Four.

An awesome structure in sight and scope, the arena is divided into two seating areas. The lower level features 10,000 cushioned theater seats in block coloring of blue, red, orange and purple, offering a spectacular splash of color. The upper level has 13,000 seats on epoxy-coated metal bleachers. The latter can be visually isolated to provide more natural setting for small shows.

Built by the city of Lexington, the arena is the major portion of the \$53 million Lexington Center complex, which includes a convention-exhibition hall, a 50-store tri-level enclosed shopping mall and a Hyatt Regency Hotel.

The arena is equipped with a specially designed sound system nicknamed "Big Bertha," and features new lighting for events and television coverage.

The Wildcats command an exclusive locker room 365 days a year, while other amenities include six team-size dressing rooms and eight smaller units. In January 2001, the arena unveiled four new video boards, each 12'6" by 20' in size and mounted in each corner. They allowed the Wildcats to utilize a new "lights out" introduction, featuring a video presentation and indoor fireworks.

This season, the Athletics Association began selling endowment seats courtside. The 28 frontrow seats will endow all 13 men's basketball scholarships. The move will displace most of the traditional press row, but next spring, when the majority of the upgrades will be added, the arena will feature a mid-level press box between upper and lower arena on the team bench side.

Other planned renovations include recovering all the lower arena seats in "Kentucky" blue. Gone will be the multi-colored seats that were popular when the facility opened in the 1970s. The ceiling and "Big Bertha" will be painted black, giving a more cozy feeling to events held in the arena.

Additional seats may be added above each floor exit in the lower bowl and plans for the 2002-03 season also may include moving the students to each end zone, which will allow the student body to be closer to the action.

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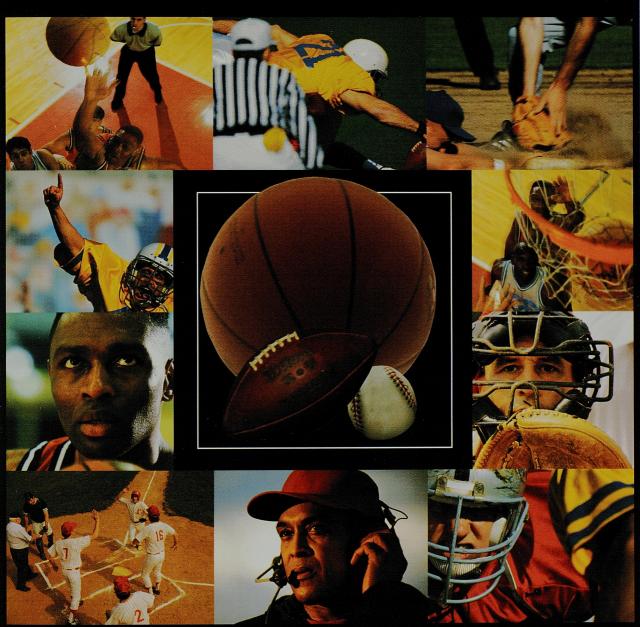
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