

SPORTS

EKU ends year, 19-11

Following a heart-breaking 74-68 loss to Austin Peay in the final of the Ohio Valley Conference tournament, the Eastern Kentucky University Colonels saw their hopes of continuing the season washed away when Easterns were not selected for play in the postseason National Invitational Tournament.

The Colonels finished the season on an upturn, winning eight of their last 21 games, and concluding the year at 25-11 overall, the best mark since 1979-80 when the Colonels went 25-8.

"We were, perhaps, only a last-second shot away from going to the NCAA and, most assuredly, should have been selected to the NIT field. But, we are especially pleased that we were playing our best basketball at the end of the season and, with one win over one of our last opponents, we advanced to the prospect of having an outstanding season again next 1987-88."

Each team and individual make several school and conference records this past year. The Colonels shot 49.1 percent from the field, making 49 percent of their 60 48.7 set in 1978-79. Easterns also scored more points than any other team in the Ohio Valley Conference in 1986-87 with 106 total points and 78 set in 1978-79.

Through last week's action, Easterns were sixth in the nation in scoring (62.0) and ranked highly in number of three-point field goals made (7.2) per game and three-point percentage (49).

Individually, senior guard Antonio Harris and junior center Tyrone Howard etched their names in the record books.

Harris capped the all-time Eastern scoring record for a career this season, finishing with 1,772 total points during his four years at Eastern. He also set a single season school record for free throw percentage (.906), hitting 67.8 per cent of his shots during his senior season.

Howard, meanwhile, set a new school and OVC record for field goal percentage by hitting 67.8 per cent of his shots during his four years at Eastern. This mark also ranked Howard second in the nation in this department. He also surpassed the school marks in steals in a game (10 vs. Wilmington, season 102) and career (173).

Parris and Jeff McGill, who finished the season as the No. 1 and 2 scorers on the team were picked second-team All-OVC by the OVC coaches. Parris and sophomore forward Randolph Taylor were chosen to the first team. All-OVC tournament teams, with Parris and Austin Peay senior center Derrick Bedford picked as Eastern's co- MVPs.

Taylor led the Colonels in rebounding this season with 162.2 per game average, while McGill was second in the OVC and top on the team in assists with 204.1 per game.

EKU had four two-digit scorers on the team, including Parris (22.5), McGill (12.7), Howard (13.1) and junior forward Lewis Spencer (12.4). Bobby Collins, who started the final six games of the season and averaged nearly 14 points in those contests, was next at 14 and led the club in steals with 9.

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Colonels open drills

Coach Ray Kidd's Eastern Kentucky Colonels opened their 1986 co-champagne of the OVC Valley Conference and national Volley Conference and national open spring football drills.

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SPORTS WILDLIFE NEWS BRIEF

1987 Hunting Season Set

Kentucky's small game season will open November 24 while closing dates and bag limits will remain unchanged, according to regulations adopted by the Fish and Wildlife Resources Commission at its quarterly meeting in Frankfort March 12.

Two Special Programs For Kentucky's Sportmen

During KRET's "Telecast '87" special call-in edition of "Kentucky Alerts" March 11 and 12, the two events will be expanded to one hour beginning at 7:30 p.m. eastern time, 8 p.m. central.

March 11 program will feature Department of Fish and Wildlife Commissioner Don McClerrick, along with Wildlife Director Lauren Schatz, Fisheries Director Paul Truffer and Law Enforcement Director Paul Oliver.

These expanded versions of "Kentucky Alerts" will be airing during Kentucky Educational Television's March 27 annual fundraising event.

"Last fall we tried our first call-in program for sportmen," said Jeremy Brewer, "Kentucky Alerts" host and producer. "There were so many calls that the lines jammed and we received over 100 more questions than we could answer live on the air. So we want to expand the opportunity for our sport-

men to participate and we also want to be a part of December 3 portions of the archery season.

The three for this year's food-raiser is "Coke's" The event brings across much of the funding for special events programming which includes a variety of activities.

Mattingly Applied Assistant For Conservation Education

Marion C. Mattingly, Lawrenceton, has been selected for the conservation education division of the Fish and Wildlife Resources Commission. Mattingly, 37, was employed by the department's conservation education supervisor in the third district as a trainer officer supervisor.

A native of Washington County, Mattingly graduated from the University of Kentucky and received a degree in wildlife management from the University of P. T. H. Tournament, Inc. and Forestry Director, Peter Pfeiffer.

The Division of Conservation Education is a division program about wildlife conservation, hunter education and bowhunter safety education and conducting three conservation education classes during the summer.

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