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MY JOURNEY

BY CLARENCE E. GLOVER

**HORSE CAVE
TO HOUSTON**
PURSUIT OF A
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP



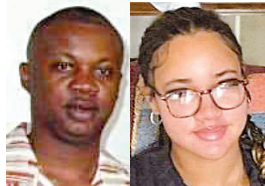
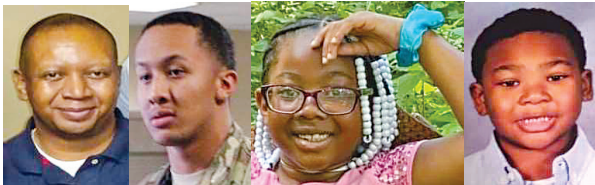
We are Family

LIKE THE MANY BRANCHES ON A TREE

We grow in many directions but our roots remain strong and deep

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About the Author – Clarence Glover

Clarence Glover was born and reared in the section of Horse Cave, Kentucky, called Henry Town. He attended the Horse Cave Colored School through grade three and the Caverna Independent Schools from grade four through twelve.

He was named basketball First Team All-State, to the Kentucky All-Stars team, and received All-America honors his senior year of high school. He was named nationally to Who's Who of Students in American Universities and Colleges while attending Western Kentucky University.

The Caverna community held Clarence Glover Day following the NCAA national tournament on April 18, 1971, during his senior year at WKU. The Clarence Glover Scholarship Fund was announced during the celebration and the scholarship is awarded each year to a Caverna senior that is set to attend WKU.



Mr. Glover graduated from WKU with a Bachelor of Science degree and was selected the Number One Draft of the NBA Boston Celtics. He earned his Masters of Education (M.Ed.) from Boston State College, and post-graduate studies at Butler University (IN.) and Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis (IUPUI).

His career includes being a Teacher, Coach, and Principal. Honors and accomplishments include co-founder of the Frenchburg Academy year-round boarding school in Miniffee County, KY., WKU Athletic Hall of Fame, Barren County Athletic Hall of Fame, and Kentucky High School Basketball Hall of Fame.

Mr. Glover's community service includes Boards of Director for WHAS Crusade for Children, WKU College Heights Foundation, Louisville Central Community Centers, Inc., Louisville Public Media, Frazier History Museum of Kentucky, and the Kentucky Humanities Council.

On December 14, 2018 the Caverna Independent School District named the Caverna High School basketball court, Clarence Glover Court.

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The Journey Begins
C.E.G.

The year is 2024, and Kentucky high school regional basketball games have been played across the State. The fates of numerous high school and college teams have been decided. For Kentucky high school teams it's all about making the Sweet Sixteen!

Colleges on the other hand are trying to qualify for the NCAA tournament. There are possibly 68 teams that may have the opportunity to compete for a Division-I National Championship. Game by game each team hopes to advance until they finally reach the "NCAA Division-I Final-Four".

There are other NCAA divisions but you would not know it by the attention people give to Division-I. The **NCAA Division-I Final-Four** is the theme and destination of this story; but its beginning is not 2024.

This story actually begins during my fourth-grade year when public school racial integration took place for Caverna Independent Schools.

However, we will fast-forward to my senior year of high school on a beautiful Kentucky day in the Spring of 1967. My high school basketball coach, Mr. Ralph Dorsey, left a message for me to come to his office after school.



Caverna High Basketball Team Seniors – 1965-66 (Caverna yearbook)

Denny Doyle (Asst. Coach) Randall Curry Danny Davis Don Hunter James Percell Neil Ford
Clarence Glover Frank Hoover John McGee Johnny Ray Wilson Reecie Profitt Bruce Gentry Mr. Ralph Dorsey (Coach)

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Horse Cave and Henry Town
C.E.G.

I walked along the familiar streets toward his office exchanging greetings with friendly people in the all-white residential area of Horse Cave. The street was lined with trees that provided fine shade for people walking along the sidewalk and for the well-kept homes on hot Kentucky summer days.

The houses were mainly one-level ranch style with a sprinkling of two-level homes. Many had a carport or detached garage. Some were constructed of red brick with wood shingle siding painted in a contrasting white or gray.

The houses usually had manicured lawns with neatly trimmed hedges. The hedges took the place of a fence that separated a neighbor's property.



OWENS HOTEL



HORSE CAVE TRAIN DEPOT

Owens Hotel was a luxury hotel located at the railroad tracks near the Horse Cave Train Depot

A few Henry Town residents worked at the hotel as maids cleaning rooms and as cooks in the kitchen

The L & N Railroad ran north to south from Louisville, Kentucky to Nashville, Tennessee. I lived across the tracks on the west side of Horse Cave in a small section called Henry Town. The two residential areas of Horse Cave were almost polar opposites.

Henry Town had fewer trees than in the all-white residential area of Horse Cave and there were no sidewalks. Henry Town residents' lawns were precisely mowed and those with hedges were neatly trimmed. However, fertilizer and weed control was an expense that many could not afford; therefore, dandelions sometimes equaled or outnumbered the grass.

The differences were partially due to the economic infrastructure in Kentucky and all other states across the country. In 1967 the economic structure was not designed to provide Americans of African ancestry (aka Colored, Negro) the levels of education that would prepare them to attain well-paying jobs.

Therefore, they did not have the funds nor the opportunities to purchase nicer homes. The houses in Henry Town were kept-up best as possible but were sometimes constructed of inferior materials. There was an asphalt paved road that was a smidgeon wider than one lane that circled through Henry Town.

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Homeless Two times in Three Years
C.E.G.

The road was almost a horseshoe shape that began near downtown at the Main Street crossing of the railroad track. It ended about three-quarter mile to one-mile north where it crossed the track again onto 31-W Highway. It is basically the same in 2024 as it was in 1967.

We had a small front yard with a mixture of grass and colorful dandelions. I was told that the small two-room house was built with wood from a barn that was condemned to be torn down. The two rooms were our kitchen, living room, dining room, bedrooms, laundry room and more.

The house was constructed similar to a deck that had small spaces between each board for drainage. Roofing shingles were used to cover the siding in a failed attempt to keep out the cold and snow during harsh winters.

The house burned down during my eighth-grade year of school. My friends and I spotted the smoke rising high into the sky as we returned to Henry Town after school. I hoped it was not our house, but hope was not enough that day.

The house caught fire from sparks of red-hot coal embers that popped through holes in our worn-out pot belly stove. My sister was home alone and escaped unharmed as the house burned to the ground, destroying everything and leaving us with only the clothes we were wearing at the time.



Photo by Clarence Glover, February 2019 of a structure in Henry Town



Pot Belly Stove

It was the first of two times I would be homeless during my middle and high school years. I had a second bout with being homeless my sophomore year of high school. We were returning from a basketball game and saw the next-door neighbor's house ablaze.

We did not have running water nor indoor plumbing and shared water with the next-door neighbor. The water pipe was about three inches in diameter and protruded about three-feet out of the ground. The pipe was located about 15 feet from the neighbor's front door.

I sprinted to another neighbor's house and borrowed a water hose. I ran back to the neighbor's house that was now engulfed in flames. I dived onto the ground, and began crawling inch-by-inch toward the neighbor's water pipe. I planned to use the water to spray our house to keep it from igniting.

It was the most intense heat I experienced in my entire life and I could not reach the water pipe. I had to remain on the ground and crawl backwards, inch-by-inch, still facing the neighbor's burning house. As I crawled from the neighbor's yard, I knew that once again, my family would be homeless.

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Downtown Horse Cave
C.E.G.

The heat from neighbor's house ignited our house and both houses burned to the ground.

Horse Cave had an official population of two-thousand people. We also had three flourishing grocery stores. Two were family owned and one was a chain store. There were two Five & Dime type stores that items could be purchased for five and ten cents.

There were two drug stores, and one of them had an ice cream and soda fountain. The post office sets in the same downtown location in 2024 as in 1967. There were numerous businesses including clothing stores, a family-owned cleaners, and a tourist attracting cave; all on Main Street.



The numerous businesses in our small town of two-thousand people prospered because Horse Cave was one of the top tobacco producing & sales locations in the country.

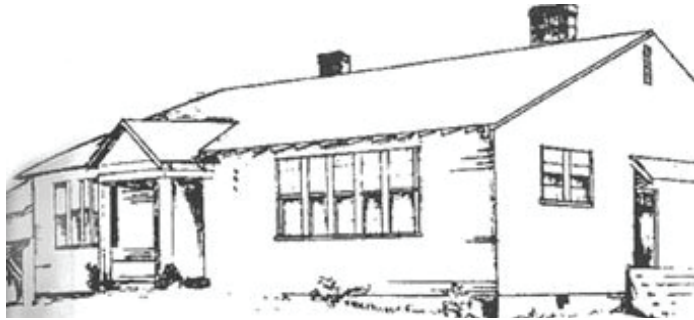
Tobacco farmers shopped regularly at the stores in Horse Cave. Farmers often ran a grocery "tab" and paid their bill the last Saturday of the month. Share-croppers (often African American) that worked the farmland were given this privilege when the farm-owners vouched for them.

Horse Cave also got plenty of tourists from multiple states. This was due to the fact that the interstate highway (I-65) did not exist in 1967; whereas, all interstate traffic traveling north and south came directly through Horse Cave on 31-W Highway.

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Racial School Integration C.E.G.

The Caverna School District racially integrated when I was an elementary student. Horse Cave is in Hart County and Cave City is in Barren County. The two cities consolidated their schools to form the Caverna Independent School District a few years prior to racial integration.



Horse Cave Colored School – Sketch



Caverna High School

When you think of the complicated legislation it took to form a school district connecting two small cities in separate counties, you may imagine that it was complicated to racially integrate the school district. Possibly not as complicated as one may think.

If you imagined people marching in protest, blocking school doors, and yelling at students walking to school.....that did not happen. The groundwork was laid years in advance by Mr. Dorsey (Superintendent), Mr. Newton Thomas (principal of the Horse Cave Colored School), and other civic minded citizens of Horse Cave and Cave City.



Caverna School Board 1957

Photo & Names from Caverna Yearbook



Ralph C. Dorsey



Newton S. Thomas

Ted Payton, Ralph Dorsey, R.D. Reynolds,
Wilson Edmunds, W.S. Moss, Jr., E. C. Neville, Ray Scott

Therefore, the main areas of concern were addressed far in advance of the actual school integration.

Prior to integration, American students of African ancestry (aka Colored, Negro in 1967) from Cave City and outlying areas were bused miles north to the Horse Cave Colored School, located in Henry Town. This took place for many years.

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The Phone Call C.E.G.

Nearly a decade had passed since the initial racial integration; and now as a high school senior I was a familiar face in most areas of Horse Cave. I arrived at Mr. Dorsey's office and we greeted each other warmly.

He was much more than just my basketball coach. He was also Superintendent of Caverna Schools, my baseball coach, and my mentor. I always called him Mr. Dorsey and never coach. Coach did not project the full esteem of the position he held in my life.

We talked briefly about school, college entrance exams, and college visits. I had scored well on my college entrance exam and my aptitude tests results were high in the area of business. Therefore, we had decided that I would attend a college with a fine school of business.

I knew this was "small talk" and was anxious to know why he had summoned me to his office. He informed me that on the following day I would receive a call in his office from a Louisville Courier Journal sports writer.



Photo from the Internet

I needed to be in his office at a specific time. I thought, "Wow, I am going to be interviewed by the Louisville Courier Journal!!" It was the largest circulated newspaper in the entire commonwealth of Kentucky. However, that thought proved not to be entirely accurate.

The following day I arrived at Mr. Dorsey's office early. When the call came in, he handed me the phone. The person at the other end of the phone introduced himself and I immediately recognized his name. We talked briefly about my senior year of basketball and discussed colleges that had contacted me.

He then informed me that the call was not to interview me for the newspaper.

The Invitation
C.E.G.

He was calling to ask me the question that was the dream of every Kentucky boy that bounced a basketball on the dirt court of Henry Town, that shot layups on barnyard hoops in rural Kentucky, or practiced skillful moves on concrete courts in the larger Kentucky cities.

He was calling to discuss every boy's dream that participated in Kentucky high school basketball!!

He asked, "Would you accept the invitation to become a member of the 1967 Kentucky All-Stars Basketball Team?" I could hardly believe my ears. He possibly felt I was thinking it over because it caught me so off-guard that I was speechless for a moment.

I stammered out, "yes sir." I repeated it in case he did not hear me the first time, "Yes sir."



He continued, "We appreciate you accepting the invitation to represent Kentucky in the games against Indiana. You will receive an official letter informing you of all the details."

By now I was back in my usual composure and replied, "Thank you sir, I am honored."

On the outside I appeared calm. On the inside I felt like the ball in a pinball game bouncing against the numerous bumpers and flippers. Down, across, up, and down again; with bells ringing, buzzers buzzing, and lights flashing, racking up points faster than the mind could count.

I wanted to run outside and tell everyone in sight that I was going to be a Kentucky All Star!! In 1967, it was the top basketball honor a high school senior could receive in Kentucky. I wanted to run home and tell my sisters and my parents!!

I wanted to rush to the Henry Town barber shop and tell the checker-playing "experts on everything" about the good news. But instead, I calmly sat down across from Mr. Dorsey to discuss the call. I would let the barber shop checker-players read about it in the newspapers like everyone else.

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Kentucky All Stars Teammates
C.E.G.

A few weeks later I traveled eighty miles north to Louisville, Kentucky. There, I met All-Star teammates Jerome Perry (Louisville Manual), Jim Rose (Hazard), Bobby Jones (Frankfort), Jerry Walsh (Louisville St. Xavier), George Schloemer (Covington Catholic), Ben Watkins and Glenn Montgomery (Louisville Central), and Kentucky's Mr. Basketball, Jim McDaniels.

Jim Rose competed in the Kentucky State Tournament multiple times beginning when he was just an 8th grader. Jim McDaniels averaged just over 39 points and 20 plus rebounds per game. Jerome Perry had statewide recognition in multiple sports including football and track.

And, I averaged over 19 points and just under 24 rebounds per game as a senior. It came in handy that this small-town kid was accustomed to hard work. I began working in the hay and tobacco fields on rural Kentucky farms at age eleven.

We would begin work in the soaking wet cold of the early morning dew and often finish ten hours later under the intense heat of a seemingly unforgiving sun.

My all-star teammates and I bonded during two weeks of rugged, relentless two-a-day practices. We also had evening lecture & strategy sessions following dinner. Each player was eager to prove that he belonged in this elite group of Kentucky All-Stars.



Top Photo: Clarence Glover (Caverna) – Jim McDaniels (Allen County) – Ben Watkins (Louisville Central)
Louisville Courier Journal 1967

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Kentucky vs Indiana - All Stars Game One
C.E.G.

Also, each player was eager to prove that he should be in the starting lineup for the two-game series with the Indiana All-Stars.

The Caverna Schools community gave great support to their All-Star. The Horse Cave State Bank purchased tickets for the game in Louisville. The tickets were distributed to Caverna High seniors that planned to attend the game at Louisville's Freedom Hall.

Freedom Hall was where the Kentucky High School Basketball State Tournament, called the "Sweet Sixteen", was held each year. Winners of the sixteen athletic regions advanced to the state tournament, hence Sweet Sixteen. I had yet to play in Freedom Hall.

Basketball fans from throughout our region supported me as their All-Star representative, and had the motorcade to prove it. They arrived two-thousand strong with signs and banners proclaiming, "We Are Glover Lovers!"



Clarence Glover uniform jersey 1967 high school Kentucky All- Stars

It was great and I loved it! They cheered my every move. Especially when I put up a "hook shot" from the free throw line....and made it. They went wild! All-star assistant coach, Hardin McLane also went wild.

And he let me know about it during our half-time strategy session. With fire in his eyes, he exclaimed, "Just because you have a cheering section out there does not mean you are some superstar! You are not here to please them; you are here to help this team win a ball game!"

Needless to say, I did not shoot another hook shot from the free throw line. I was 100% for hook shots from the free-throw line and felt I would leave it at one-for-one.

One game down and one game to go. We had another week of practice before the second game. I continued to work extremely hard to make Caverna, Horse Cave, and Henry Town proud of their Native Son. I felt this name was appropriate since my grandmother was Native American Indian.

It was enjoyable being an All-Star teammate with these great guys. However, I doubted if our paths would cross again following the All-Star games. I planned to attend college in Florida and study business administration.

My All-Star roommate, Jim McDaniels, had other ideas regarding our respective college futures. One late afternoon, following the day's second practice, a few of the guys congregated in the room McDaniels and I shared.

McDaniels said "Guys, if we all went to the same college, I bet we could be national champions." I quietly moved away from the conversation. My college decision was made and my career path was already charted.

The guys engaged in a brief flurry of youthful basketball chatter and speculation about McDaniels' statement. Each agreed that the group of guys in the room playing on the same team could someday win a college national championship.

At that point McDaniels proposed that everyone in the room make a pact to attend the same college**Western Kentucky University.**

One by one each all-star placed his hand in the customary huddle ritual formation, except for me.



I pretended not to have heard the conversation. They each stood there looking at me with their hands placed one atop the other. It was a standoff as I sat staring back at them. In unison, almost as one voice they made a verbal statement, "Come on Glover! Man, we need you!!"

McDaniels said "We are going to stand here until you join us." I was sitting at the small desk in our hotel room and they stood between me and the door. After what seemed an eternity but actually was only minutes; I stood up, walked over to them and placed my hand atop the others.

I figured everyone would forget about the pact once the all-star games were over and I would go to Florida and study business administration. Well, that didn't happen!

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Caverna College Day
C.E.G.

Caverna High had their Senior-Day college trip two days prior to when I was to sign an athletic grant-in-aid scholarship with my Florida school. The senior-day trip was to Western Kentucky University, affectionately known as “Western”.

I decided not to go on the trip to Western and remain at Caverna High. One of the teachers informed me that I would be the only senior at school that day, and would sit in each class alone the entire day. Therefore, I boarded the bus and rode to Western with my classmates.

As we were exiting the bus at Western, a member of the WKU basketball team approached the bus. The WKU player was Walker Banks. He informed me that the basketball coaches would like to talk with me. We walked to their offices located in Diddle Arena.

There, I met with coaches John Oldham, Gene Rhodes, and Wallace “Buck” Sydnor. Coach Oldham had traveled to Caverna earlier in the school year to meet with me. I had not met either Coach Sydnor or Coach Rhodes before this day.

Mr. Dorsey and I had an understanding that before a college choice was made, we would discuss it. We had discussed my college decision prior to this day and it was not Western. You probably have already guessed what happened during the meeting that day.

That’s right, I agreed to attend Western Kentucky University. Coach Oldham’s sincerity, honesty, and charisma was the deciding factor in my decision to attend Western.

At that point I had the responsibility to inform Mr. Dorsey.



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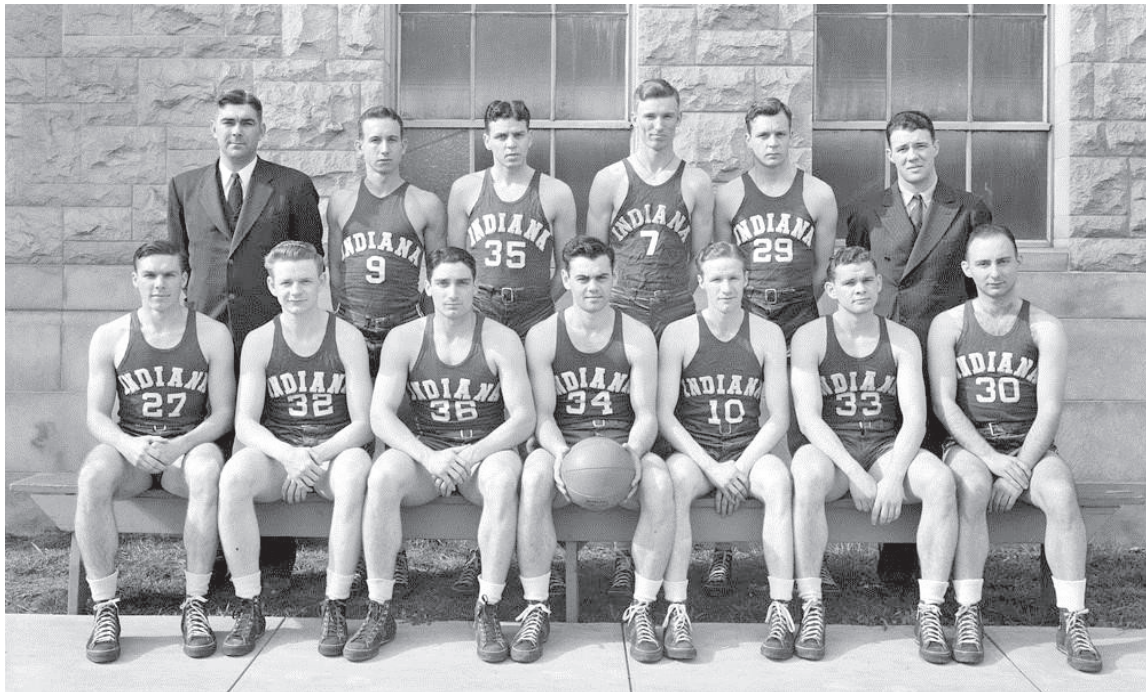
Informing Mr. Dorsey
C.E.G.

I went directly to Mr. Dorsey's house as soon as I arrived back in Horse Cave. He answered the door and with a smile said, "Hey, this is a surprise." I replied, "I need to apologize to you for something that happened today."

He interrupted and said, "You don't have to apologize for signing with Western." I stood there looking astounded! I asked how he knew, and he replied, "Johnny called and told me." Johnny, of course, was John Oldham, Western's head basketball coach.

He continued, "Plus, I have had season tickets to Western for years. I will get to see you play almost every home game." Mr. Dorsey had great character. Throughout all of our discussions he never once tried to influence my decision toward any particular college.

Not even toward Tennessee Tech where former Caverna basketball star, Kenny Sidwell, was head coach. Nor toward Indiana University where Mr. Dorsey himself was a member of their first NCAA Division I National Championship Team.



Indiana University 1940 NCAA National Champions – Indiana University Archives
Mr. Ralph Dorsey #30 was the future teacher, coach, principal, and superintendent for Caverna Schools

I had not been in contact with my Kentucky All-Star teammates since the all-star games. That was when I told them the name of the college in Florida I planned to attend. The change to Western was a surprise to everyone, including me.

Of the six players in the all-star pact, five attended Western Kentucky University. They were Jim McDaniels, Jim Rose, Jerome Perry, Jerry Walsh, and Clarence Glover. The sixth Kentucky All Star attended college out-of-state.

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Freshman Year at Western
C.E.G.

In 1967-68 college freshmen were not eligible to be part of the varsity basketball squad. Our freshman team competed against other freshmen teams and junior college teams in Kentucky and Tennessee. The freshmen coaches were Wallace “Buck” Sydnor and Mike Kitchens.



Our freshmen team members were all from Kentucky. The towns and cities included Horse Cave, Beaver Dam, Hazard, Scottsville, Smiths Grove, Louisville, etc. The freshmen coaches worked and drilled us hard in preparation for next year’s varsity team.

Our practice gym, known as “The Sweatbox”, was one level below the varsity floor. The freshman team looked forward to each home game. That was because we played our home games on the Diddle Arena main floor. Fans arrived early to watch us compete before the varsity games.

We did not disappoint and won every home game. If this win streak continued, they may have to add seats to the 12,800-seat arena. Two years later the arena seated 13,200.

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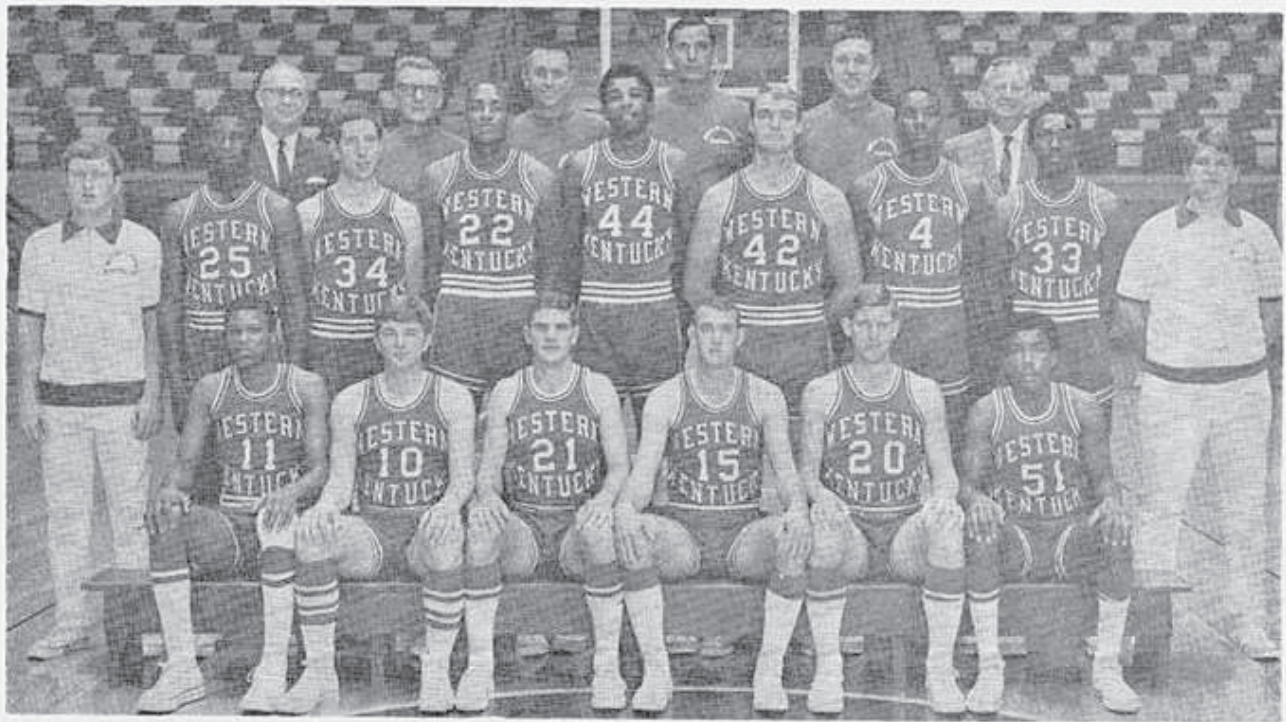
Sophomore Year
C.E.G.

Jim McDaniels, Jerome Perry, Jim Rose, Jerry Walsh, and Clarence Glover were promoted to the varsity team for our sophomore year in 1968-69. Now we were on the official team that could compete for an NCAA Division-I National Championship.

The varsity starting line-up our sophomore year was Jim Rose and senior Rich Hendrick at the guard positions, and Jerome Perry at the small forward position. Jerry Walsh subbed off the bench as small forward, and Juniors Walker Banks and Wayne Bright alternated starting at the power forward position.

Jim McDaniels started at center . I was the “6th man”, dubbed by the Park City Daily News Sports Editor Bert Borrone as “Super Sub”. I came off the bench to sub in multiple positions. Again, we won every home game; however, we sometimes struggled to win games on the road.

MEET THE 1968-69 HILLTOPPERS



Seated (left to right): Jim Rose, Lowell Tarrants, Ken Michaels, Rich Hendrick, Johnny Russell, Larry Barnett. Second Row: Manager Ronald Sanders, Jerome Perry, Jerry Walsh, Walker Banks, Jim McDaniels, Wayne Bright, Clarence Glover, Paul Haskins, Manager Robert Walden. Third Row: Dr. W. R. McCormack (Team Physician), Assistant Coach Wallace B. (Buck) Sydnor, Assistant Coach Jim Richards, Graduate Assistant Coach Frank Cardwell, Head Coach John Oldham, Athletic Director Ted Hornback.

Photo WKU Archives

We did not qualify for the NCAA tournament. There would be no national championship for us this year. At the end of the season assistant coach Gene Rhodes left Western Kentucky to become head coach of the professional basketball team, Kentucky Colonels, in the American Basketball Association (AABA).

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Lose a Coach & Player – Gain a Coach & Player
C.E.G.

Glasgow High School basketball coach, Jim Richards filled the coaching vacancy. Also, during the off-season, Gary Sundmacker transferred into Western Kentucky and filled the vacancy left by graduating senior Rich Hendrick. Gary started at guard with Jim Rose on our 1969-70 team.

Gary was an immediate crowd favorite. Diddle Arena seated over 13,000 people, and thousands cheered as this six foot-three-inch lanky guard skillfully dribbled past defenders with blond hair flying in the wind.



Gary Sundmacker brings the ball up-court vs. Murray State - Photo WKU Archives

Jerome Perry started at forward with seniors Banks and Bright alternating starting at the other forward position. Jerry Walsh decided that he no longer enjoyed playing basketball and left the WKU Basketball Team. He remained at WKU as a student.

Jim McDaniels continued as a starter at center, and I remained the “6th man”, Super Sub. We demonstrated maturity and improvement over the sophomore year. And for the third consecutive year, our “Kentucky All Star pact group” won every home game in Diddle Arena.

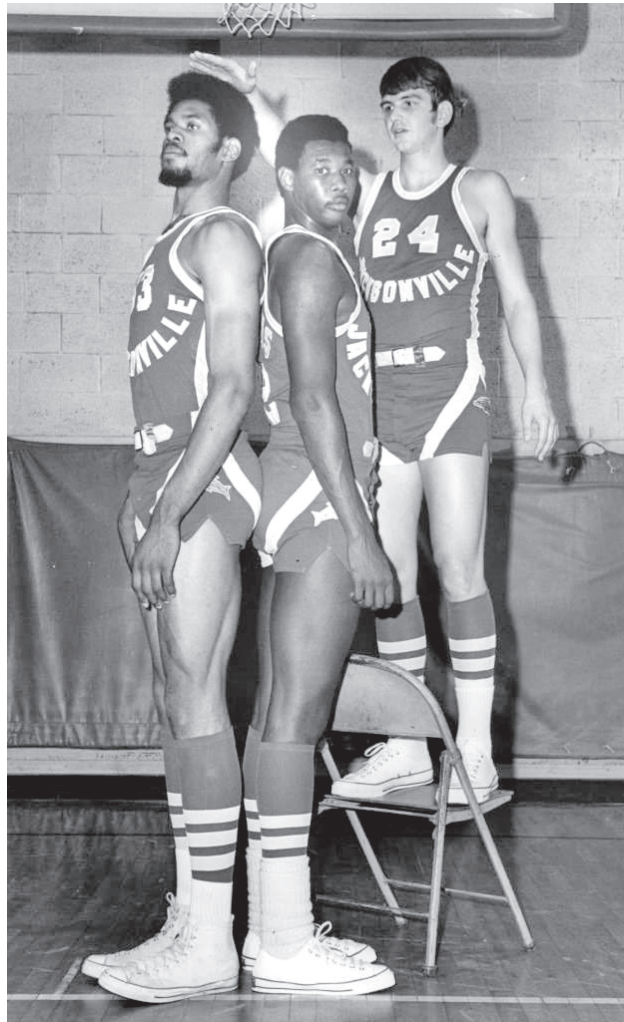
Our WKU team was 22-2 and Ohio Valley Conference Champions. We qualified for the NCAA Division-I National Tournament! This was our opportunity to show the country and basketball world that there was a fine basketball team in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

However, highly ranked Jacksonville University led by All-American Artis Gilmore and future Boston Celtic, Rex Morgan had other ideas.

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Jacksonville Tall and Talented
C.E.G.

Gilmore played an outstanding game powering the ball to the basket on offense and living up to his reputation as one of the nation's top rebounders. Rex Morgan and sharp-shooting guard Vaughn Wedeking added extra firepower.



Artis Gilmore, Pembroke Burrows, Rex Morgan –

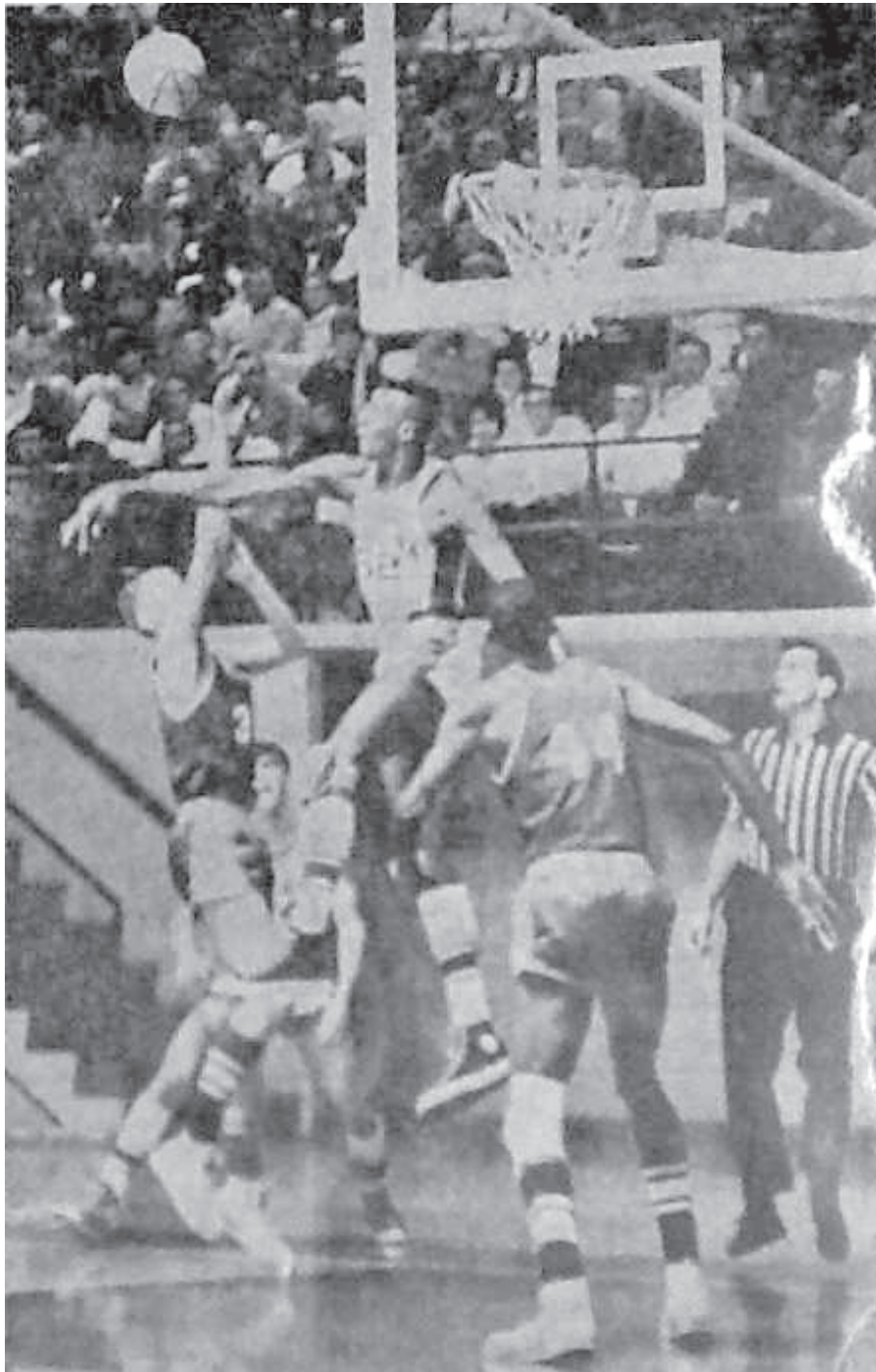
Photo: Jacksonville University Athletics

Jacksonville had a seven-foot center starting the game, a seven-foot backup center, and teammates that could score from anywhere on the court. The first-half of the game was evenly played but their talented starters and talented bench wore us down. Jacksonville was the victor 109-96.

Jacksonville appeared to be on track to win a national championship. They rolled past Iowa, UK, and St. Bonaventure. They entered the championship game against UCLA with a tournament scoring average of over 103 points per game.

However, UCLA had a remedy for Jacksonville's scoring fever and won by an eleven-point margin, 80-69. Jacksonville was national runner-up; and just like Western Kentucky, they would have to wait another year to go for the gold.

Glover vs. McDaniels – Caverna vs. Allen County
C.E.G.



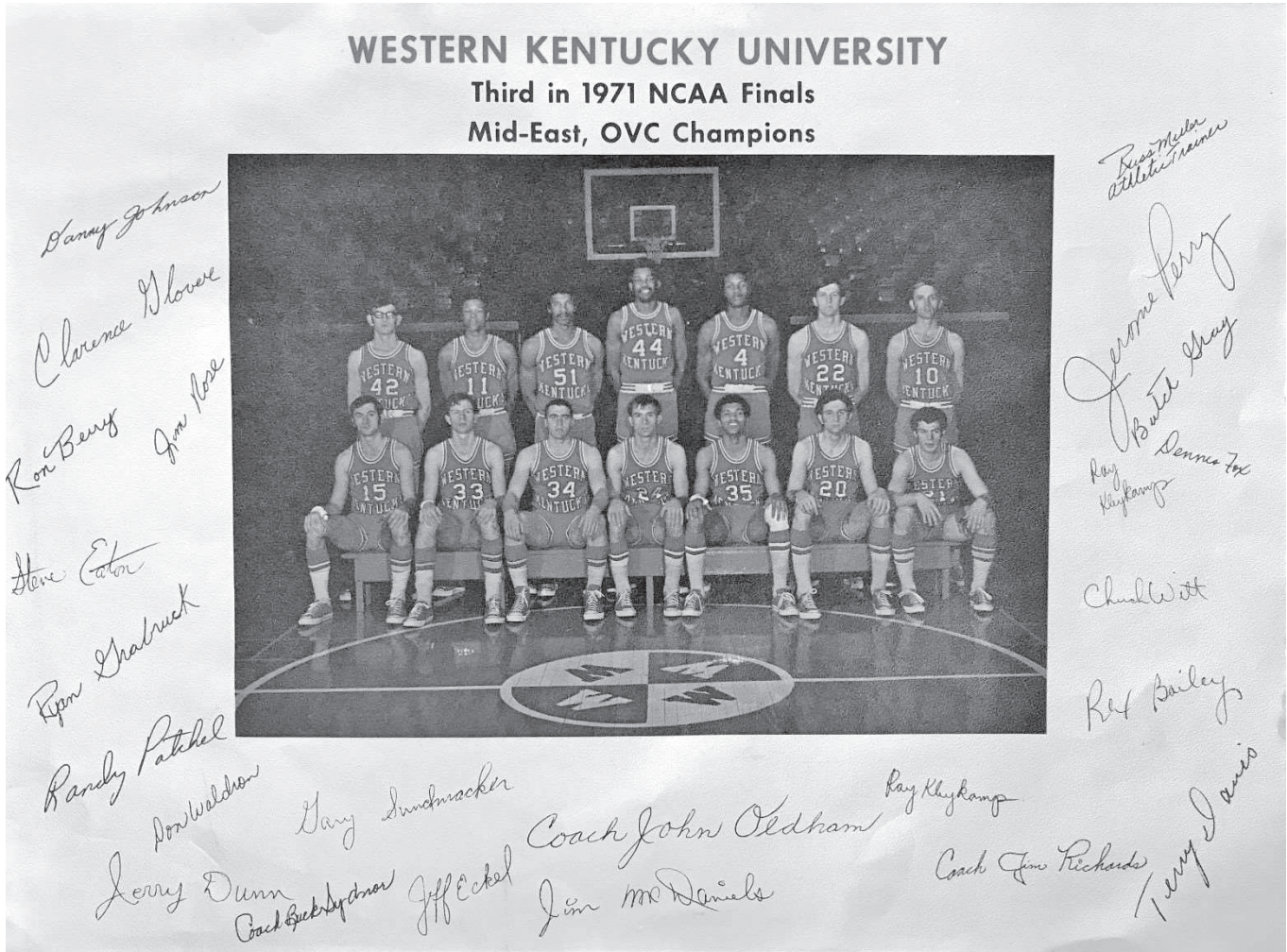
Clarence Glover blocks shot of an Allen County player - Allen County's Jim McDaniels is #44)
Photo – Louisville Courier Journal – February 1967

This high school game took place in WKU Diddle Arena. A few Months later Jim McDaniels and I would become teammates for the high school Kentucky All-Stars team.

I was pleased to be his all-star teammate, but never envisioned we would become college teammates.

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Western Kentucky University 1970-71 Men Basketball Team
C.E.G.



WKU 1971 NCAA Final Four Team

SITTING:

**Danny Johnson – Ray Kleykamp – Jeff Eckel – Terry Davis – Rex Bailey
Steve Eaton – Denny Fox**

STANDING:

**Don Waldron – Jim Rose – Jerry Dunn – Jim McDaniel – Clarence Glover
Chuck Witt – Gary Sundmacker**

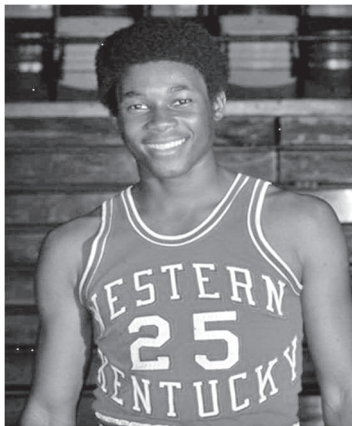
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Lose a Kentucky All Star – Gain Two Kentucky State Champions
C.E.G.

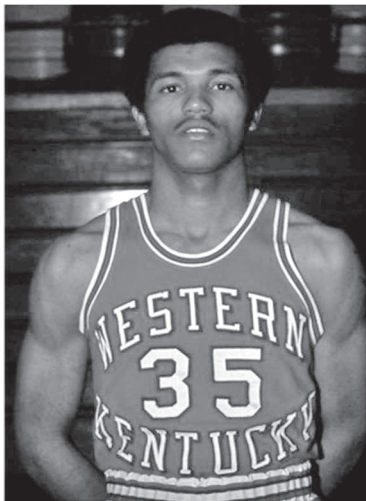
We decided to prepare ourselves with yet another summer of running and working at what is called the “GAME” of basketball. At this level of competition, it becomes more difficult to call it “play” because the game is intense work.

During this off-season of hard work Jerome Perry received a serious knee injury. We felt this may prove fatal to our last hope of winning a national championship. Jerome was an excellent talent and possibly the best all-around athlete on the team.

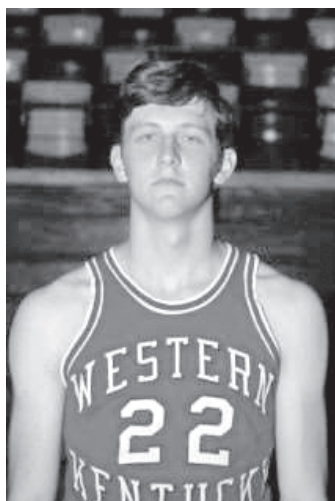
How could we do this without Jerome? It would be asking a lot from underclassman, Chuck Witt to take over the position. Then additional good fortune came our way. Although no one could replace Jerome, we had two junior college athletes transfer into Western Kentucky.



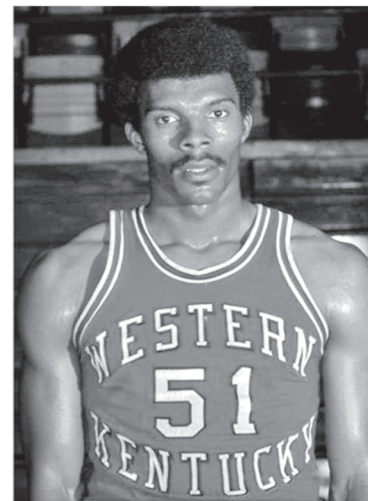
Jerome Perry



Rex Bailey



Chuck Witt



Jerry Dunn

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Rex Bailey and Jerry Dunn competed on the same high school State Championship team in Kentucky. WKU assistant coach, Jim Richards was their high school coach at Glasgow High. Both also competed for Junior College teams that won national championships.

They could definitely help fill the void.

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Integrity and Character Counts
C.E.G.

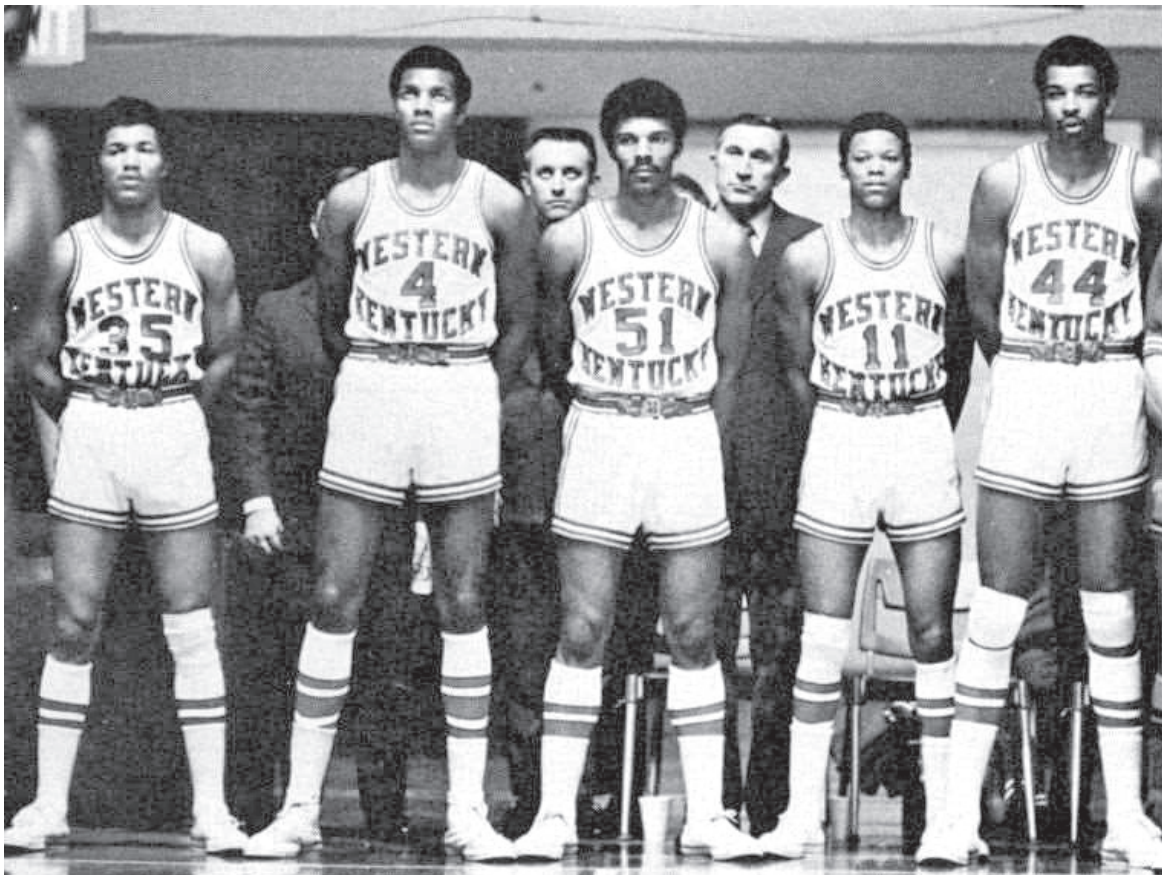
Our senior year began with a starting line-up of seniors Jim McDaniels, Gary Sundmacker, Jim Rose, and Clarence Glover. Junior, Jerry Dunn was the fifth starter. Rex Bailey and Chuck Witt shared the 6th man position.

We jumped out of the starting gate like Kentucky thoroughbreds given a loose rein to run. We were winning every home game and performed well on the road. This was proven by winning against big-name teams in New York's Madison Square Garden Holiday Tournament.

Then injury struck our team again. This would prove to be an injury that would eventually set off a firestorm of criticism by racist bigots. The injured player was Gary Sundmacker and the injury would sideline him multiple games.

Coach John Oldham had to make an important decision as to who would replace Gary at starting guard. We often think of character as "what one does when he or she thinks no one is watching". In this case the test of character was what one does when influential naysayers are watching.

Coach John Oldham decided to insert Rex Bailey into the starting lineup creating the first all African-American (aka Colored, Negro, Black) starting lineup in the history of Division-I basketball in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.



Rex Bailey (Glasgow) Clarence Glover (Horse Cave) Jerry Dunn (Glasgow) Jim Rose (Hazard) Jim McDaniels (Allen Co.)
Western Kentucky University Athletics Photo 1971

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Lose Five in Attendance – Gain Five Hundred
C.E.G.

With the decision that created an all-Black starting lineup came numerous hate-mail messages to Coach Oldham, and at least one death threat. I did not know this until years later when he showed me the shoebox filled with letters.

One letter stated, *“I prayed for the worst for you, your children and your grandchildren!!”*

Another letter stated, *“I can also tell you that Western will never advance to any high finish in the upcoming N.C.A.A. tournament simply because you can’t win the big games with five Negro players. They don’t possess the intelligence nor stability to meet such a challenge.”*

The basketball program may have lost a few supporters but you would never know it from the attendance. Every game in the 13,000-seat arena was a sellout.



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Don't Get Off the Porch If You Can't Run with the Big Dogs
C.E.G.

We again won every home game in Diddle Arena and ended the regular season as the 7th ranked team in the Country.

In our area of Kentucky many houses had a front porch and usually there was a dog lying quietly near the steps. Evidently there was not a leash law because often one or more dogs would roam the neighborhood.



Sometimes smaller dogs would come off the porch and get their feelings hurt. Therefore, there was a saying, *“Don't get off the porch if you can't run with the BIG DOGS!!”*

Seniors from the high school Kentucky All-Stars pact had gone four years without losing one home game in Diddle Arena! Now, we had one more lofty goal. We had to prove that Western Kentucky University could get off the porch and run with the BIG DOGS!!

This would not be an easy task because Jacksonville University led by twin-towers Artis Gilmore (7'1") and Pembroke Burrows (7'0") again stood directly in our path. Gilmore was the only NCAA Division-I player in the country averaging over 22 points and 22 rebounds per game.

I was assigned to guard Gilmore!! On game day the 14,000 seat University of Notre Dame Arena was packed. We took the floor with last year's memory fresh in our minds of Jacksonville sending us home in defeat. We could not allow that to happen this year.

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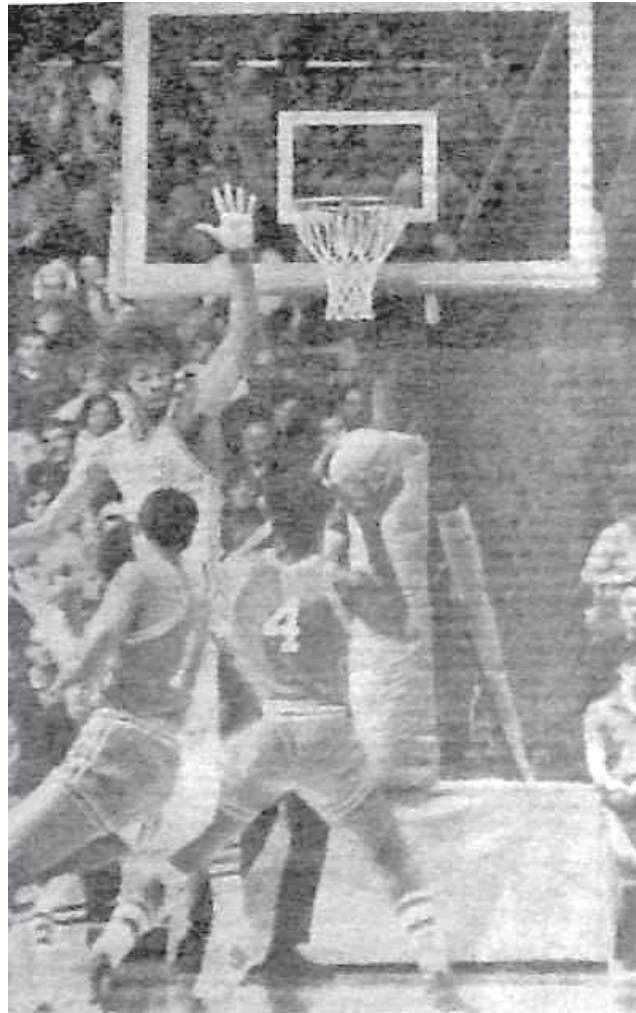
Down by 18 Points
C.E.G.

Jacksonville controlled the game from jump ball. We looked terrible. I can only imagine the anguish our coach was experiencing sitting on that bench with all the naysayers' hate mail echoing in his mind.

This was an unnecessary weight he was bearing for being a person of integrity. Jacksonville had us down by 18 points and took a 14-point lead into the locker-room at half-time. Half-time was emotional for us.

Speeches by players!! No one wanting to go home in defeat. The three seniors were remembering our high school Kentucky All-Star pact, knowing this was our last chance. We entered the second half determined not to go down in defeat. We would not return to Bowling Green in disgrace!

The second half saw us diving on the floor for loose basketballs, rebounding with tenacity, looking for the open teammate, and setting screens for teammates to shoot.



Artis Gilmore attempts to block the shot of Clarence Glover (WKU #4)

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Hilltoppers Climb the Mountain
C.E.G.

We lived up to the name "Hilltoppers" as we climbed inch-by-inch and one field goal at a time to the top of the Jacksonville Mountain!

The lead swapped back and forth between teams. Finally, with eight seconds left in the game the score was tied 72-72. Jacksonville had possession of the basketball and would inbound it on the sideline in front of the Western Kentucky bench.

Neither team had any timeouts left.

I knew once the ball was inbounded, they would push it downcourt and throw it inside to Gilmore. I had held him to 12 points thus far with help from my teammates. How could I contain this seven-foot All-American, future Naismith Hall of Famer with the game on the line?

It would take a miracle to keep him from scoring this time without fouling him. Sometimes when a miracle is needed, a miracle is granted.

Jacksonville inbounded the ball to Ernie Fleming. He took a couple of dribbles, saw an open teammate, and began to pass the ball. As Fleming went to pass the ball, Jim Rose of Western Kentucky moved to intercept the pass. Rather than pass into an interception Fleming chose to double-dribble.



Clarence Glover's Nickname was "BIG C"

When he came onto the basketball court WKU fans would chant C---C---C

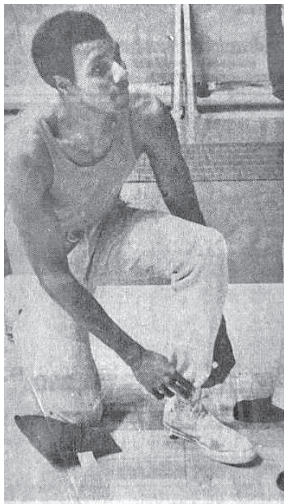
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The Legendary Clarence Glover Shoestring Play
C.E.G.

Fleming stood holding the ball high above his head in one hand with his head drooped, reminiscent of Eeyore in Winnie the Pooh. He had a sad, dejected look on his face. There was six seconds left on the game clock.

Jacksonville players ran over to console their teammate. WKU players jubilantly ran over to get possession of the ball.

As the Jacksonville and Western Kentucky players gathered around Fleming who was standing motionless holding the ball, I casually walked down the opposite sideline toward our goal.



Kneels in comfort this time
Kneels on pillow this time

Glover's play sets up historic game with UK
Western rallies from 18 back to outlast Jacksonville 74-72

By JOHN FLYNN
 Courier-Journal & Times Staff Writer

SOUTH BEND, Ind.—Clarence Glover, the floor, caught it and then dropped it again. He knew he had committed a blunder of gigantic proportions because he turned slowly and looked for the as deeply as you can be hurt," said W din. Fleming, however, was one of the m cogs in the machine that almost grou

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Upon reaching a spot close to our goal I aligned myself directly behind the players from both teams and knelt down as though to tie my shoe. Outwardly I appeared quite calm although inside my heart was pounding fiercely.

This was a split-second impromptu play that I created on the spot. No one in this arena of 14,000 people knew what I was doing.....Except Me.

My heart was thumping like the thunder of hoof beats at the Kentucky Derby. My mind was racing faster than cars at the Indianapolis 500. Gary Sundmacker was the guard that would inbound the basketball.

Two Jacksonville players moved to guard the same player. Their look of instant anxiety said it all. "There is a Western Kentucky player missing and we have to find him quick!"

Would the official hand Gary the ball before the Jacksonville players spotted me? Who would see me first, Gary or the Jacksonville players? We would soon find out.

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Goodbye South Bend, IN. – Hello Athens GA.
C.E.G.

When the referee handed Gary the ball I stood up, moved a couple of steps from behind the defense and without making a sound began waving my arms. Gary saw me and threw a perfect pass. The Jacksonville players turned to follow the path of the basketball.

They made a valiant attempt to stop me from scoring, but were too late.

I made the goal and the legendary “Clarence Glover Shoestring Play” became part of Kentucky Folklore. Newspapers from Los Angeles to Chicago wrote about the kid from Horse Cave, Kentucky. They seemed equally enthralled with the name of my hometown as they were with me.

They wrote “How was this small-town kid wearing red high-top sneakers able to hide on a basketball court with 14,000 people watching and score the winning goal? And just where is Horse Cave?” The national TV audience was asking the same questions.

We bid goodbye to South Bend, Indiana and said hello to Athens, Georgia. Our next opponent was the University of Kentucky Wildcats, known across the Commonwealth as UK.

They were a perennial powerhouse and ranked 8th in the Country. Although we were ranked 7th nationally, the Wildcats were picked by most pundits (alleged experts) to win the game.



Clarence Glover #4 WKU 18 points – 17 rebounds vs. UK Photo: Paul Hightower

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WKU vs. UK – OVC vs. SEC
C.E.G.

It was not just team versus team but also conference versus conference. The pundits were unable to visualize the OVC champions defeating the SEC champions. This became the game to watch.

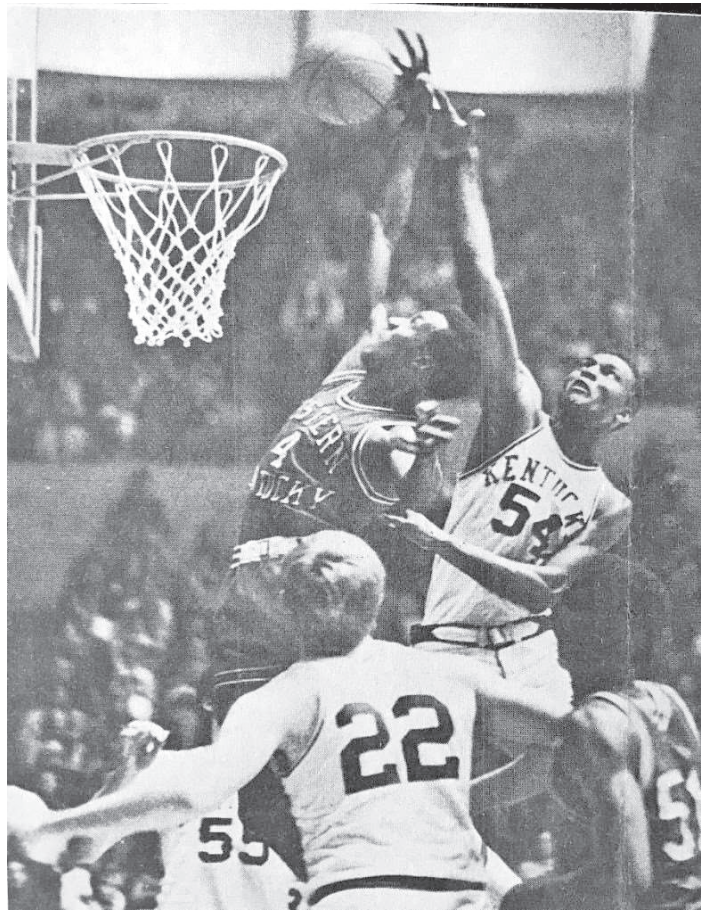
Western Kentucky was the only NCAA Division-I team in this Who's Who of big-name schools starting five Black (aka Colored, Negro in 1971) players. Add the fact that we were all from Kentucky and this became a huge controversy in the Commonwealth.

Home-grown players that UK did not recruit would be playing them in the national tournament. Four of the Western Kentucky University starters were from towns less than 18 miles apart. Rex Bailey and Jerry Dunn were from Glasgow, Jim McDaniels from Scottsville, and Clarence Glover from Horse Cave.

The fifth starter, Jim Rose was from Hazard, Kentucky in the eastern part of the State. That was UK recruiting territory.

The University of Kentucky had a fine basketball team with all five starters being named to the All-SEC team. Tom Payne, Mike Casey, Tom Parker and Larry Steele were first team All-SEC and Kent Hollenbeck was named to the third team.

It appeared obvious that the SEC Champions deserved their national high ranking.



Clarence Glover #4 WKU 18 points – 17 rebounds vs UK
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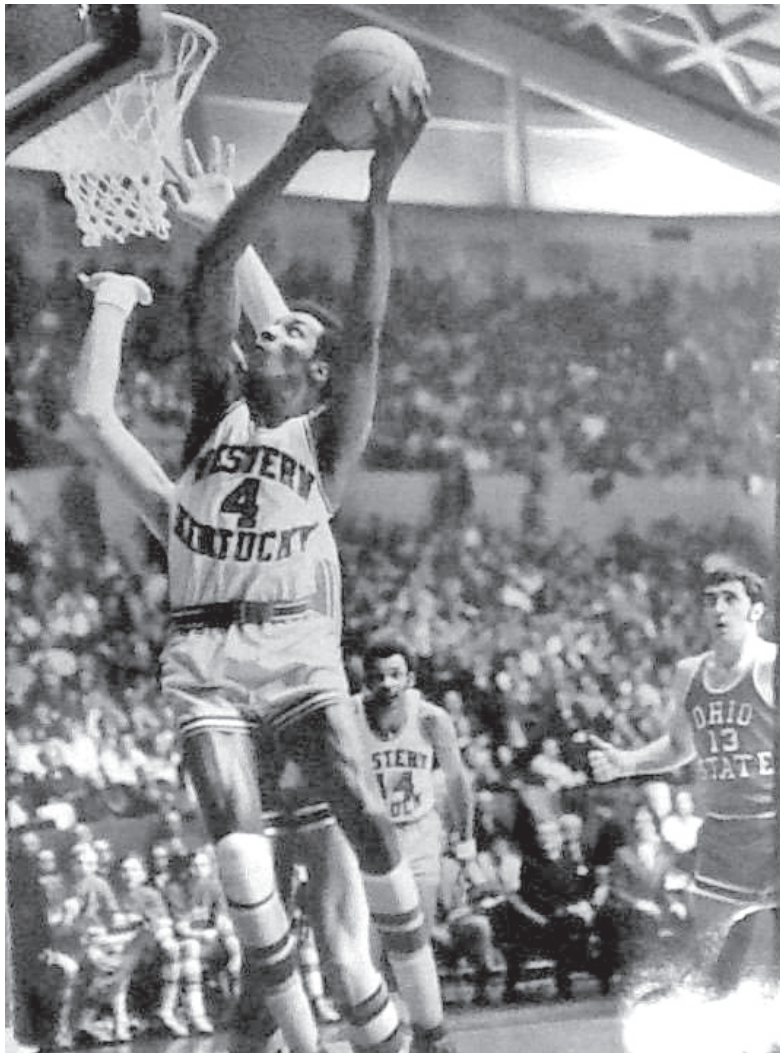
Bluegrass Mowed - Picking Buckeyes
C.E.G.

As athletes, we felt that if the score was close near the end of the game the officials would not allow us to win. With that in mind we entered the game completely focused. We had to play with textbook precision.

We had to make sure that the score was not close enough at the end of the game whereas an official's call could decide the winner. Our fans were possibly as surprised as the UK players and fans were with the final score of the game.

Once a solid lead was established the closest UK could come was within 15 points. The final score was 107-83. The most UK has ever been beaten in an NCAA national tournament game.

Our next game was also in Athens. Our opponent was Big Ten Conference Champions, Ohio State University. They were ranked 10th in the Country and were led by the trio of Allan Hornyak (22.5 ppg.), Luke Witte (18.9 ppg.), and Jim Cleamons (17.4 ppg.).



Clarence Glover #4 WKU 11 points – 22 rebounds vs Ohio State
Photo Louisville Courier Journal - 1971

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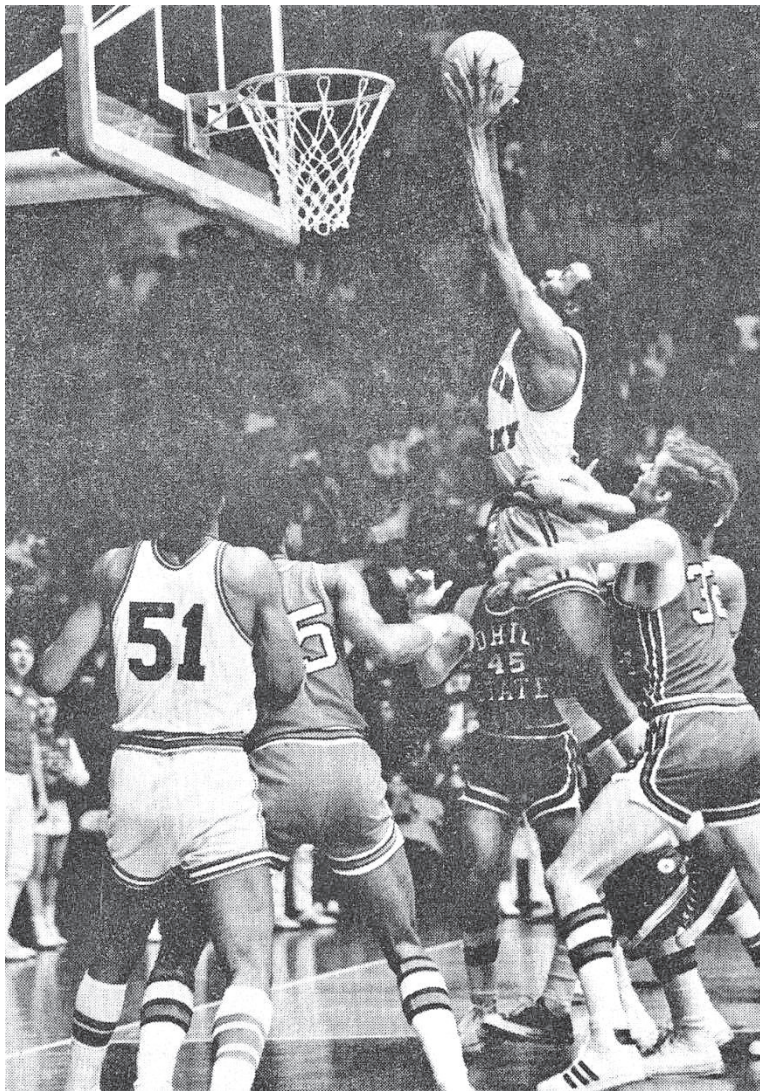
Western Kentucky University vs. Ohio State University
C.E.G.

Again, the OVC was being tested on the national stage. Ohio State definitely lived up to their billing and jumped out to an 18-point lead in the first half. It was not looking good for WKU. We made some changes in defensive assignments during the half-time strategy session.

My new defensive assignment was to guard their big center, Luke Witte. We put on our blue collar shirts and went to work in the second half of the game. We were able to climb out of the hole we had dug ourselves into during the first half.

With ten seconds left during regulation play the game was tied. Ohio State was in possession of the ball and worked for a final shot. They took the shot with about seven seconds left in the game, and missed.

Ohio State was able to grab the rebound and put up another shot. They missed again, and we grabbed the rebound! The game was plunged into overtime!!



Clarence Glover #4 WKU scored four points in the last 58 seconds of overtime
Photo Louisville Courier Journal – 1971

With less than 20 seconds to play in overtime WKU had a three-point lead and Ohio State had possession of the basketball. They shot and missed, and WKU regained possession of the basketball. We spread our offense and moved the ball from player to player.

With precious seconds ticking off the clock an Ohio State player chose to foul me. I walked to the free throw line for one-and-a-bonus free throw. There were seven seconds left in overtime.

Every player knows a lot can happen in seven seconds. Although there was not a three-point shot arc in 1971, a player fouled in the act of shooting could finish with three points on the play. Therefore, I had to make the first free throw to hopefully ensure the win for WKU.

There was lots of pressure with thousands of Ohio State fans screaming in the stands. Additionally, hundreds of thousands were watching on television. Many U.S. Armed Services members deployed to Vietnam told me years later that they watched the game and entire tournament in their barracks.

It brings chills when I hear the radio broadcast by Bud Tyler of the final seconds of that overtime. Mr. Tyler's deep voice boomed, "Glover is at the line for one and a bonus. I sure hope he makes one of these. Come on Clarence put it in there!!!"



Western Kentucky

81



CLARENCE GLOVER



Ohio State

78

Western Kentucky University – NCAA Midwest Regional Champions

He paused as I stepped to the line to shoot the first free throw. His voice boomed out again, "He got it! He got it! Way to go Clarence!!!" There is no pause this time as he continued to announce. One can hear the excitement in his voice. "He's back at the line for the second shot."

Slight pause. "Got em' both! Got em' both! Boy oh boy! There's the kid that's played the ball in this here tournament. Right There, Glover!!!" The two free throws put us ahead five points with seven seconds left in the game.

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Next Stop Houston Astrodome – NCAA Final Four
C.E.G.



Destination: Bowling Green . . . Then on to Houston

Photo by Bill Collins

A LONG MOTORCADE escorted the Western Kentucky team's bus on the final leg of its return home to Bowling Green late Saturday

night. State police estimated the automobile procession at "several thousand cars." (Story on Page A 1.)

Kentucky State Police estimated the automobile procession welcoming the WKU basketball team home at "several thousand cars"
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We backed off and allowed Ohio State to dribble the length of the floor for an uncontested layup. The horn sounded with the score 81-78 and we were officially Champions of the Midwest Regional Tournament!

We had shown the basketball world that Western Kentucky University could "Come Off the Porch and Run with the Big Dogs"!!

Western Kentucky University would advance into the NCAA Division-I Final-Four for the first time ever!! We were going to Houston! We were going to play in the famed Astrodome. The most out-standing American athletic facility of its time.

But there was no time for celebration. We had more work to do. The Final-Four team match-ups were Western Kentucky vs. Villanova and Kansas vs. UCLA. We confidently felt we could win close victories against Villanova, Kansas, or UCLA.



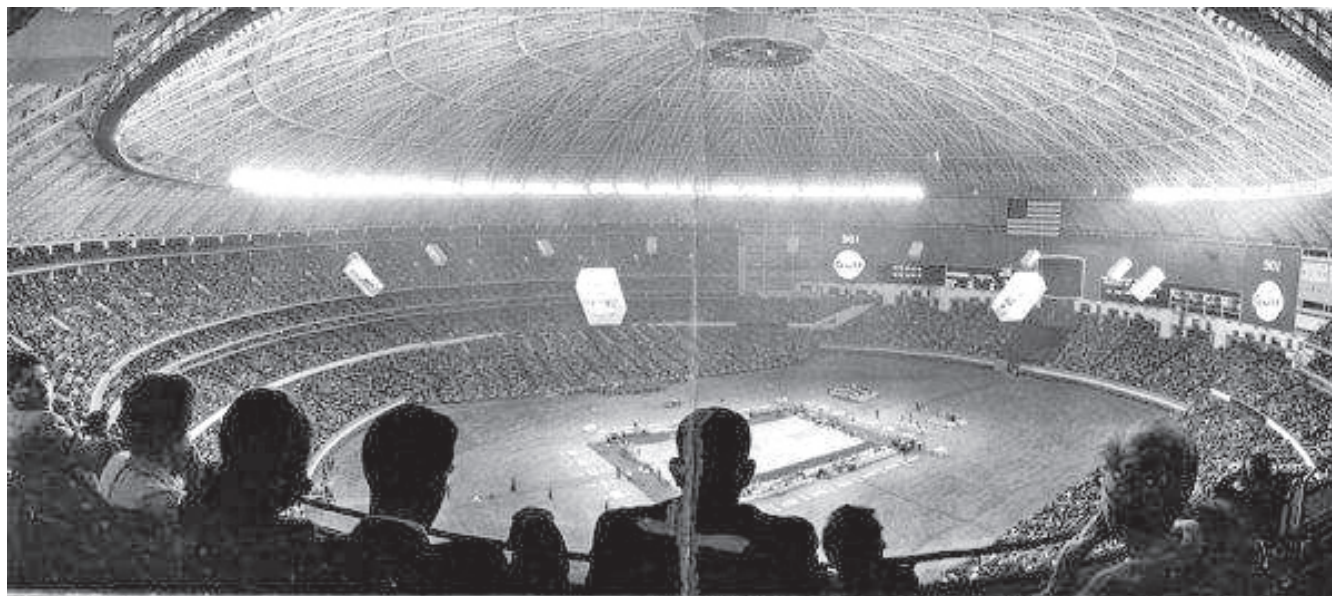
Houston Astrodome – 1971 NCAA Basketball Final Four

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And Then There Were Four
C.E.G.

We were not strangers to winning close victories over excellent teams. We saw no reason to stop now. We now had to prepare for Villanova and their consensus All-American Howard Porter. However, no team made it this far running on just one cylinder.

We knew Villanova had more spark plugs in that engine than just Porter. Chris Ford, Hank Siemiontkowski, Clarence Smith, and Tom Ingelsby all averaged solid double figures with the lowest average being 13 points per game.



Houston Astrodome – 1971 NCAA Basketball Final Four
Western Kentucky University vs. Villanova UCLA vs. Kansas

We were not a one-cylinder team either. We took the court at the astrodome as a well-oiled machine. Three WKU starters had been teammates since being selected for the high school Kentucky All-Star team.

Neither the basketball court setting high off the Astrodome floor like a boxing ring, nor the record-breaking crowd of over 31,000 people fazed us.

Our offense was hitting on all cylinders, but our defense began to sputter. Hank Siemiontkowski scored 31 points, almost doubling his 15.8 points per game average.

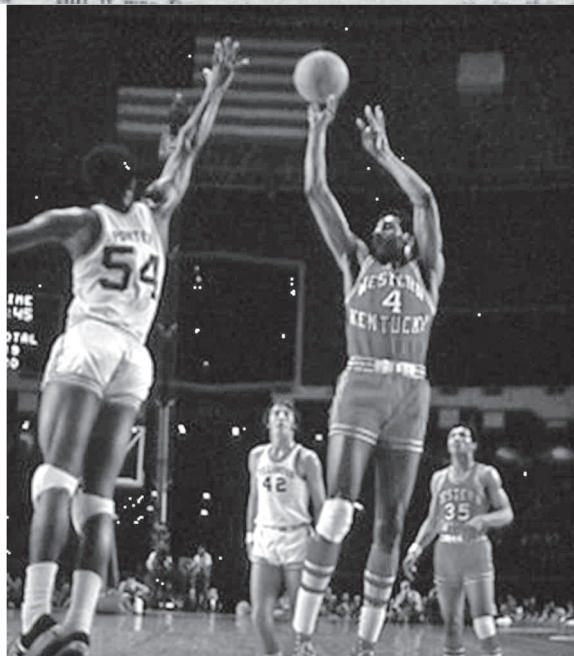
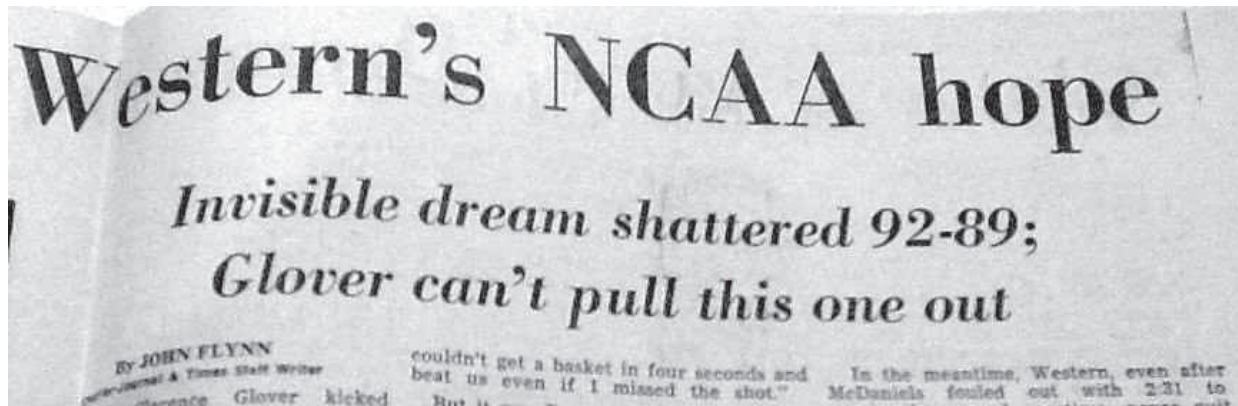
Even with Siemiontkowski scoring seemingly at will it was still impossible to declare a winner until deep into the second overtime.

When the horn sounded on the second overtime, Western Kentucky University had scored 89 points, but Villanova had scored 92.

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WKU Returned to Kentucky Victorious
C.E.G.

In 1967, six high school Kentucky All-Stars made a pact to attend the same college and win a national championship. Five of the six attended the same college, Western Kentucky University. Only three of the five were on the court this night.



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Jerry Walsh left the team his sophomore year and Jerome Perry sustained a serious knee injury sidelining him this entire basketball season.

It sunk in hard for the three seniors. We had lost!! Now, it was over.....but it was not over!!! There was still one more game to play. In 1971 there was a consolation game for third place in the nation.

Kansas had lost a close game to UCLA. Now Western Kentucky University and Kansas, both rich in basketball tradition, would have the privilege to compete for the nation's third place prize.

We vowed to leave Houston as winners.

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Welcome Home
C.E.G.

Evidently Kansas made the same vow because they came out with both barrels blasting. Two teams would leave the 1971 NCAA Final-Four having won the last game they played. One team would be UCLA. We vowed that the other team would be Western Kentucky University.



Glover rebounds vs Kansas - Louisville Courier Journal

On this night in Texas when the final horn sounded with 31,000 fans cheering and screaming in the Astrodome, and hundreds of thousands cheering and screaming at their televisions & radios, the score was **Western Kentucky 77** and **Kansas 75**.

WKU had won our final game in the NCAA National Tournament and was bringing home their most prestigious NCAA Trophy in the history of Western Kentucky University Men Basketball.

I am honored to have represented the Caverna Community, City of Horse Cave, and neighborhood of Henry Town on my historic journey from Horse Cave to Houston.

Clarence Glover

THE CAVERNA COMMUNITY
and
WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY
CAME TOGETHER APRIL 18, 1971 TO CELEBRATE



THOSE PARTICIPATING IN THE CLARENCE GLOVER DAY CEREMONIES were, left to right, above, Wes Strader, Rev. John Griver, N.S. Thomas, Western assistant coach Jim Richards, WKU president Dero Downing, Clarence Glover, and Caverna superintendent Ralph Dorsey.

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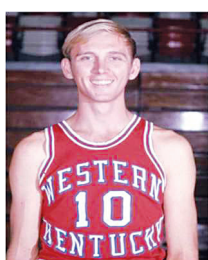
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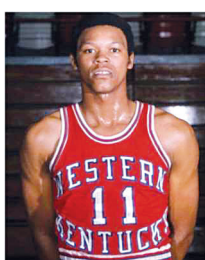
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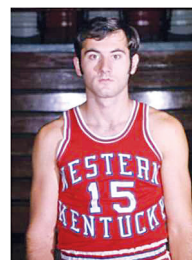
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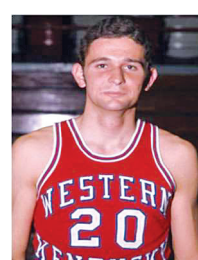
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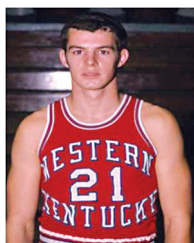
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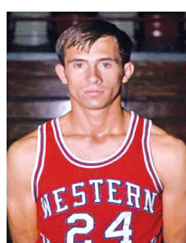
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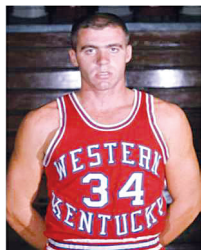
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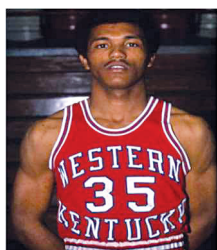
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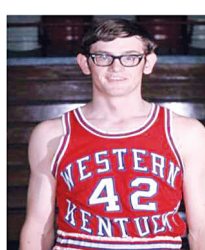
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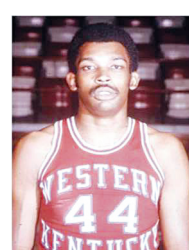
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