Kendall Noble

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 Kendall Nobel secured her place in WKU history last Saturday when she became the first Lady Topper to net a triple double.

Amy Bingham talks with the Conference USA Player of the Week in this week’s View from the Hill.

Coming out of high school, Kendall Noble had no intention of playing college ball at WKU. Especially after suffering an injury during one of the six years she played at Diddle in the girls sweet sixteen. Also, a certain coach is to thank for keeping her from playing for one of the Lady Toppers biggest rivals.

 “I love being a Lady Topper. You get so much respect and everybody in the community loves you.”

Red shirt Junior Kendall Noble knows being a Lady Topper is special. But would you believe she originally wanted to play basketball at MTSU?

 “They were good. I wanted to go where I could play and I wanted to win. But we do that here now so I’m fine with it.”

 “We have a special bond because coming in she did have other choices and we wasn’t one of the top programs and she chose to come here and be part of something building.”

Noble says it felt right to be a Lady Topper from the moment she found out Michelle Clark Heard was getting the head coaching job.

 “I knew she had a history of winning and she knew what it takes to win and she had been at Louisville and they had been to final fours.”

Noble has battled back from a few frustrating injuries dating back to her days at the Sweet Sixteen.

 “I tore my ACL in the state tournament at Diddle. It’s kind of crazy that I came back here cause I said I was never gonna play on that floor again.”

Especially ironic given her success in this arena, last week becoming the first Lady Topper to get a triple double. “I couldn’t believe nobody got it before I did because there’ve been great players here more versatile than me. I don’t know how I was the first one but I’ll take it.”

Noble credits her strong connection to Coach Heard with her solid performance both on and off the court.

 “She brings the best out of me I think. In high school I kind of coasted and didn’t play my best all the time. Coach Heard gets it out of me every single day. She helped me become a grown up.”

 “I’m just glad to be able to coach someone who has scored a thousand points, gotten a triple double that’s important. ”

Noble is a biology major and plans to go to medical school after she takes her basketball career as far as it will go. Her family in Hazard attends most every home game but unfortunately the snow kept them from witnessing her triple double last weekend.

With this week’s View from the Hill, I’m Amy Bingham.

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