

ALL-CENTURY TEAM

PLAYER CAPSULES



TEAM MEMBERS (15)

Britt, Johnny / G / 1973-76 -- All-America 1976 ... WKU Athletic Hall of Fame ... OVC Player of the Year 1976 ... All-OVC 1974, '75 '76 ... 4th on all-time scoring leaders list at end of career (still ranks 7th).

Carrier, Darel / G / 1962-64 -- All-America 1964 ... **WKU Retired Jersey** ... WKU Athletic Hall of Fame ... OVC 40th Anniversary Team 1988 ... All-OVC 1962, '63, '64 ... ABA (NBA 9th round draft pick) active 1968-73.

Crosthwaite, Ralph / C / 1955, '57-59 -- All-America 1958 ... WKU Athletic Hall of Fame ... All-OVC 1955, '57, '58, '59 ... only player in WKU history to lead team in both scoring and rebounding four varsity seasons ... only player in WKU history to lead team in rebounding four varsity seasons ... one of only two players in WKU history to lead team in scoring four varsity seasons ... leading scorer in school history at end of career (still 3rd on leaders list) ... one of only five players in WKU history to account for 1,000+ plus points and 1,000+ rebounds ... only player in school history to average in double figures in both scoring and rebounding in each of four varsity seasons ... is #3 on WKU career rebounding leaders list ... led NCAA Division I schools in field goal percentage in both 1957 and '58.

Frank, Tellis / F / 1984-87 -- All-America 1987 ... WKU Athletic Hall of Fame ... SBC Player of the Year 1987 ... SBC 30th Anniversary Team 2006 ... All-SBC 1987 ... NBA (1st round draft pick) active 1988-94.

Haskins, Clem / F-G / 1965-67 -- **Consensus All-America 1967** ... All-America 1965, '66, '67 (joins Jim McDaniels as the only two Hilltoppers honored as All-Americans in every year of their varsity careers) **WKU Retired Jersey** ... WKU Athletic Hall of Fame ... OVC Player of the Year 1965, '66, '67 (he remains the only player in the 70-year history of the OVC to be named the league Player of the Year three times) ... All-OVC 1965, '66, '67 ... NABC All-District 1965, '67 ... OVC Half Century Team 1998 ... OVC 40th Anniversary Team 1988 ... 55 points vs Middle Tennessee (Jan. 30, 1964) remains a WKU and OVC single game scoring record ... NBA (#3 pick in 1st round of '67 draft) active 1968-76.

Johnson, Kannard / F / 1984-87 -- All-America (freshman) 1984 ... WKU Athletic Hall of Fame ... SBC 30th Anniversary Team 2006 ... All-SBC 1984, '85, '86, '87 ... 5th on all-time scoring leaders list at end of career (still ranks 8th) ... NABC All-District 1985, '86, '87 ... NBA (2nd round draft pick) active 1988.

Lee, Courtney / G / 2005-08 -- All-America 2008 ... **WKU Retired Jersey** ... SBC Player of the Year 2008 ... All-SBC 2006, '07, '08 ... NABC All-District 2006, '07, '08 ... tied with Jim McDaniels as top scorer in Hilltopper history ... SBC Freshman of the Year 2005 ... NBA (1st round draft pick) active 2009-current.

Marcus, Chris / C / 2000-02 -- All-America 2001, 02 ... SBC Player of the Year 2001 ... SBC Defensive Player of the Year 2000, '01 ... SBC 30th Anniversary Team 2006 ... All-SBC 2000, '01 ... NABC All-District 2001, '01 ... led nation in rebounding in 2001.

Marshall, Tom / F / 1951-54 -- Consensus All-America 1954 ... All-America 1953, '54 ... **WKU Retired Jersey** ... WKU Athletic Hall of Fame ... OVC Half Century Team 1998 ... OVC 40th Anniversary Team 1988 ... All-OVC 1952, '53, '54 ... NABC All-District 1953, '54 ... leading scorer in school history at end of career (still 4th on list) ... one of only five players in WKU history to account for 1,000+ plus points and 1,000+ rebounds ... one of first two players in school history to average double figures in both scoring and rebounding in 1954 (Art Spoelstra was the other, also in 1954) ... still ranks 1st on all-time career rebounding leaders list ... NBA (1st round draft pick) active 1955-59.

McDaniels, Jim "Big Mac" / C / 1969-71 -- Consensus All-America 1971 ... All-America 1969, '70, '71 (joins Clem Haskins as the only two Hilltoppers honored as All-Americans in every year of their varsity careers) ... **WKU Retired Jersey** ... WKU Athletic Hall of Fame ... OVC Player of the Year 1970, '71 ... OVC Half Century Team 1998 ... OVC 40th Anniversary Team 1988 ... All-OVC 1969, '70, '71 ... NABC All-District 1969, '70, '71 ... leading scorer in Hilltopper history (since tied by Courtney Lee) ... ranks 4th on school career rebounding leaders list ... one of only five players in WKU history to account for 1,000+ plus points and 1,000+ rebounds ... rated the 73rd best player in college basketball history by the Sporting News Legends of the College Game in 2002 ... among 112 players recognized as the best in the history of the NCAA Tournament by College Hoopedia ... NBA/ABA (1st round ABA, 2nd round NBA draft pick) active 1972-78.

Oldham, John / G / 1943, '47-49 -- All-America 1949 ... **WKU Retired Jersey** ... WKU Athletic Hall of Fame ... OVC 40th Anniversary Team 1988 ... All-OVC 1949 (first year of league) ... All-SIAA 1947 ... All-KIAC 1948 ... NBA (2nd round draft pick) active 1950-51.

Rascoe, Bobby / G / 1960-62 -- All-America 1962 ... **WKU Retired Jersey** ... WKU Athletic Hall of Fame ... OVC 40th Anniversary Team 1988 ... All-OVC 1960, '61, '62 ... NABC All-District 1962 ... 3rd on all-time scoring leaders list at end of career (still ranks 10th); and, still ranks 2nd on the list of players who played only 3 varsity seasons (behind Jim McDaniels) ... ABA (NBA 3rd round draft pick) active 1968-70.

Smith, Dwight / G / 1965-67 -- WKU Athletic Hall of Fame ... OVC 40th Anniversary Team 1988 ... All-OVC 1965, '66, '67 ... top-rebounding guard in NCAA Division I basketball during his career ... note: was 3rd round pick (23rd overall) in '67 NBA Draft; died in an automobile accident in May that spring.

Spoelstra, Art / C / 1952-54 -- All-America 1953 ... WKU Athletic Hall of Fame ... All-OVC 1952, '53, '54 ... NABC All-District 1953, '54 ... first Kentucky collegiate player to score 50+ points in a game (52 vs Morehead State) ... one of only five players in WKU history to account for 1,000+ plus points and 1,000+ rebounds ... one of first two players in school history to average double figures in both scoring and rebounding in 1954 (Tom Marshall was the other, also in 1954) ... ranks #2 on career rebounding leaders list ... NBA (4th round draft pick) active 1955-58.

Towery, Carlisle "Big Boy" / C / 1939-41 -- All-America 1940, '41 (first WKU athlete to earn All-America honors in multiple years) ... **WKU Retired Jersey** ... WKU Athletic Hall of Fame ... first player in WKU history to score 1,000+ points ... All-SIAA 1939, '41 ... All-KIAC 1939, '40 ... BAA/NBA active 1945-50.

Abbreviations: ABA (American Basketball Association) ... BAA (Basketball Association of America – fore-runner of the NBA) ... C-USA (Conference USA) ... KIAC (Kentucky Intercollegiate Athletic Conference) ... NABC (National Association of Basketball Coaches) ... NBA (National Basketball Association) ... OVC (Ohio Valley Conference) ... SIAA (Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association) ... SBC (Sun Belt Conference)

WKU's conference affiliations through the years are as follows: KIAC – 1925-26 thru 1947-48 ... SIAA – 1926-27 thru 1947-48 ... OVC -- 1948-49 thru 1981-82 ... SBC -- 1982-83 thru 2013-14 ... C-USA -- 2014-15-to-date