Morehead, Ky., Jan. 5--Morehead's Bob Laughlin will take his high-scoring Eagles into Pennsylvania Saturday to oppose St. Francis.

The Eagles, with a 5-3 record, have improved in their last three outings and are picked to snap a four-game losing streak to the Frankies who have not lived up to pre-season predictions.

Morehead is currently the tenth highest scoring major team in the nation, averaging 85.1 points a game. The Eagles hold the national record of 95.6 points a game set during the 1955-56 season.

Leading the Morehead scoring parade are two of the finest guards in the South, 5-11 speedsters Granville Williams and Henderson "Heckie" Thompson. Williams has averaged 24.6 points in eight games while Thompson has a 19.5 average.

Both have hit on 49% of their field goal attempts and 85% of their free throw attempts.

Williams is the nation's twelfth leading scorer, just one-tenth of a point behind Ohio State's great Jerry Lucas. As a team, Morehead is 13th in the nation among free throw percentage leaders having hit on 74% of its attempts.

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Laughlin has gotten good scoring efforts out of his 6-8 giants Ed Noe and Norman Pokley in the Eagles' last two games. Noe poured through 23 points against Western Kentucky although the senior center fouled out with ten minutes remaining. Pokley, a sophomore forward, hit for 19 against St. Bonaventure, missing seven minutes of the game with a cut eye.

Noe is currently averaging 10.1 points a game and Pokley an even ten points. 6-6 forward Doug Cundiff is averaging 8.6 points while 6-5 John Gibson has a 5.8 average.

Mickey Morgan, the Eagles' top relief guard, has a 3.7 average while playing behind the terrific twosome of Williams and Thompson.

Morehead's three losses have been to Mid-American Conference champion Ohio University by one point on a last-minute desperation 45-foot shot, Western Kentucky by six points on the Hilltoppers' home court and to the nation's second-ranked team, St. Bonaventure.

Laughlin, who has had his sophomore-dominated squad working out since December 23, is pleased with the progress of his youngsters although he does admit that "our defense has been our weakest point but we are hitting well at this stage and our big boys are coming along about as fast as we had anticipated."

St. Francis is led in scoring by 6-1 junior guard Cal Fowler who has a 21.3 average, good for the 37th spot nationally. Fowler's running mate at guard, Ed Winters, has an even 18 point average.

The Frankies have gotten very little scoring out of their front-court trio of bruising rebounders as forwards Tom Muriceak and Tom Conners are averaging only 6.2 and 4 points respectively and center Mike Ferrick has a two-point average.

Morehead will have a decided height advantage but Saturday night's game could well hinge on the efforts of the little men as both teams have hot-shooting guards who have done over half of the scoring.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Morehead, Ky., January 7---Ernest DeCourley, 250-pound tackle, has signed a grant-in-aid at Morehead State College, head football coach Guy Penny announced today.

DeCourley, from Adamsville, Tennessee, is transferring from Northwest Mississippi Junior College and will enroll at Morehead at the beginning of the second semester. He will be a junior in eligibility.

Penny, a former University of Mississippi lineman, said, "Ernest is an outstanding football player and we are looking forward to having him on our campus."

DeCourley's line coach at Northwest Mississippi is Charles Duck, a former teammate of Penny's at the University of Mississippi.

Penny's freshman and sophomore dominated squad recorded a 5-4 mark last year and lost only four lettermen by way of graduation.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Morehead, Ky., January 9--Morehead's globe-trotting Eagles return home Tuesday night for an encounter with Villa Madonna before hitting the road again for Ohio Valley conference games with East Tennessee and Tennessee Tech later in the week.

Villa Madonna, a team which has never beaten Morehead, has probably its best team since beginning basketball in 1947.

The Rebels have five men hitting in double figures, led by 6-8 forward Gary Thelan and 5-11 guard Dan Tieman who are averaging 14 points a game. 6-5 Don Albrinck has a 13-point average, 6-0 Les Stewart a 12-point average and 6-6 Gary Ahlrich a 10-point average.

"We are certainly not taking Villa Madonna lightly," Morehead's Bob Laughlin said today, "as we know they are a big club with a great deal of scoring potential. They have five starters hitting in double figures and have played well against some real stiff competition."

Morehead, the nation's tenth highest scoring team with an 85.1 game average, will encounter with one of the nation's biggest front lines and two of the best guards in Morehead history.

Battling for starting berths under the boards are four giants, 6-8 Ed Noe, 6-8 Norman Pokley, 6-6 Doug Cundiff and 6-5 John Gibson. Noe is averaging 10.1 points, Pokley 10 points, Cundiff 8.6 points and Gibson 5.8 points.

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Leading the Eagles' torrid fast break are 5-11 speedsters Granville Williams and Henderson "Heckie" Thompson. Williams is averaging 24.6 points a game—the eleventh best mark in the nation, while Thompson has a 19.5 average.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Morehead, Ky., Jan. 10--Bob Laughlin's young Morehead Eagles go after two "must" wins Thursday and Saturday if they expect to stay in the running for the Ohio Valley Conference crown.

Now tied with Eastern Kentucky and Murray for the number two spot in the tight OVC race, the Eagles face East Tennessee Thursday night and Tennessee Tech Saturday night. Both games are on the Tennesseans' home court.

East Tennessee is lodged in the loop cellar with an 0-3 mark but the Buccaneers are always dangerous when "Terrible" Tom Chilton is in the lineup. Chilton is currently the OVC's top scorer with a 30.3 average in ten games. But the East Tennesseans have no one else hitting in double figures with Mike Morrison their next best scorer with an 8.5 average.

Morehead, while posting its worst record in the past decade last year, split with the Buccaneers, winning 89-85 and losing 94-84.

Leading the Eagles, who are 2-1 in the OVC, are a pair of high-scoring 5-11 guards who form one of the finest guard duos in Morehead history. Junior Granville Williams leads the pack with a 23.9 average, good for the number two spot in the OVC and the number 11 spot in the nation. Henderson "Heckie" Thompson, the only senior in the Eagles' starting lineup, is close behind with an even 19.0 average, good for the number six spot in the OVC.

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Ed Noe, the Eagles' 6-8 junior center, is next in scoring with a 9.8 average. Norman Pokley, a 6-8 sophomore forward, has a 9.2 average and is the OVC's third leading rebounder with an average of 12.5 rebounds a game.

Sophomore forwards Doug Cundiff, 6-6, and John Gibson, 6-5, are averaging 8.1 and 5.3 points respectively.

Tennessee Tech, a team the Eagles have already beaten twice this year, 85-84 and 84-74, is led by forward Tom McKinney who is the OVC's fourth leading scorer with a 19.4 average.

Tech is currently lodged in the next to last spot in the OVC standings but has a young team which coach Johnny Oldham feels has great possibilities.

Following McKinney in the Tech scoring are: Don Gorin, 9.2; Ron Shumate, 8.9; Frank Cardwell, 7.4 and Ken Jolly 7.2.

"Our boys realize that these are must games if we expect to keep our OVC championship hopes alive," said Laughlin, who is going after his third OVC championship in eight years as the Eagles head man. "We cannot afford to lose either game," he added, "and it will take our best unified efforts of the season to win."

Following Saturday night's game, the Eagles go back on the road for a January 21 engagement with Mid-American Conference champion Ohio University.
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Morehead, Ky., Jan. 17--Bob Laughlin's young Morehead Eagles came through a crucial two-game road series over the weekend in fine fashion, downing East Tennessee 88-82 and Tennessee Tech 69-64.

The sophomore-dominated Eagles now have a 4-1 record in the always tough Ohio Valley Conference scramble.

"We feel that our sophomores have come a long way since the start of the season," said Laughlin, "and I was very pleased with our efforts over the weekend."

"The newspapers seem to think that the OVC race is a scramble between Western and Eastern," added Laughlin, "but we have been improving with each game and we're right in the middle of the championship race."

Morehead currently rests in the loop's number two spot with only one conference loss, a six-point heartbreaker to Western on the Hilltoppers' home floor.

"Several of our sophomore big men have come into their own in the last several ballgames," said Laughlin. "Norman Pokley, John Gibson and Don Martin have all developed rapidly and are improving with each game."

Pokley, a 6-8 forward, captured 28 rebounds and scored 25 points in the Eagles' last two games and is hitting on an even 50% of his shots from the floor.

Gibson, a 6-5 forward from Prestonsburg, held East Tennessee's terrific Tom Chilton to 11 points before getting into foul trouble and stopped Tennessee Tech's fine forward, Tom McKinney, with only one field goal and four points, more
Martin, also a 6-5 forward, has come off the bench in the past three games to provide the Eagles with fine reserve strength under the boards.

"I've also been pleased with our 6-8 junior center, Ed Noe," said Laughlin. "Ed has been scoring well and is working the boards better than ever before."

Laughlin also had a great deal of praise for his guards, Granville Williams and Henderson "Heckie" Thompson. Williams is the OVC's second leading scorer with a 24.4 average while Thompson is averaging 18.7 points a game.

"Granville and Heckie are two of the finest shooting guards we have ever had," added Laughlin who has had some great guards as he has captured the OVC crown twice in the past seven years.

"But it takes two great guards to keep a fellow like Mickey Morgan on the bench," said Laughlin. "Mickey averaged 13.6 points a game as a starter last year and could make the starting lineup at a great many other schools."

Morehead, with an 8-4 record, next opposes Mid-American Conference champion Ohio University at Athens, Ohio, Saturday night.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Morehead, Ky., Jan. 19--Vastly improved Morehead goes after win number nine Saturday night against Mid-American Conference champion Ohio University.

The Eagles, with an 8-4 record, will be out to avenge an earlier 81-80 loss at the hands of the Bobcats on a last-minute desperation 45-foot shot by Larry Kruger at Morehead.

The Eagles, on the crest of a three-game win streak including two Ohio Valley Conference wins on the road, are the nation's eleventh highest scoring team with a game average of 82.7 points. (Morehead holds the national mark for major colleges with a 95.6 average set in 1955-56).

Morehead also boasts the nation's twelfth highest scorer in 5-11 guard Granville Williams. Hitting on 48% of his shots from the floor, Williams is averaging 24.4 points a game.

Joining forces with Williams to form one of the most potent one-two scoring punches at guard in the nation, is Henderson "Heckie" Thompson. A 5-11 speedster, Thompson is averaging 18.7 points a game.

Bob Laughlin, in his eighth year as head coach, is expected to start sophomores Norman Pokley and John Gibson at the forwards and junior Ed Noe at center.

The 6-8 Noe is the Eagles' third highest scorer with a 10.5 average while Pokley, 6-8, is averaging 9-8 points and the 6-5 Gibson 5.9 points.

Ohio University, with a 10-3 overall record and a 5-0 mark in the Mid-American conference, will probably go with their great Bunk Adams and Kruger more
at forward, 6-9 Stacy Bunton at center and Bill Whaley and Dave Katz at the guards.

Adams is the Bobcats top scorer with a 17.8 average while Kruger is averaging 16.3 points, Whaley 14.5, Bunton 7.7 and Katz 6.5.

In their last outing, Ohio U. broke Toledo's ten-game winning streak and Laughlin calls Jim Snyder's team "one of the best Ohio U. teams we have ever faced."

"Our boys haven't forgotten the 81-80 loss to Ohio U. earlier this year on the desperation shot by Kruger," said Laughlin, "and we feel that with our best effort we can win Saturday night."

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Morehead, Ky., Jan. 23---Morehead State College's Eagles and Marshall College's Thundering Herd renew their heated and hard-fought rivalry at Huntington, W. Va. Thursday night when the two teams collide in Memorial Fieldhouse.

Morehead will take an overall 8-5 record to Huntington to match Marshall's 5 wins and 6 losses. Bobby Laughlin's Eagles have a 4-1 record in the tough Ohio Valley Conference against Marshall's 2-5 mark in the Mid-American loop.

The only common foe which both teams have met is Ohio University, the defending Mid-American champion. The Bobcats have tripped both teams twice, winning from Marshall 71-53 and 88-79, and dropping Morehead 81-80 at Morehead and 87-71 at Athens. Thus, comparative scores indicate that the Thursday encounter will be as close as previous Morehead-Marshall thrillers, staged before the teams severed relations for the 1959-60 season.

In looking over the 5-6 won-lost record of the Big Green, Laughlin warned that the record could be deceiving as the charges of Jules Rivlin have played such powers as Eastern Kentucky, Miami of Ohio, George Washington U., Kent State and Toledo. He continued that his youthful Eagles would have to be "at their best" to contain the fast-breaking 'Herd, led by 6-8 center Bob Burgess and 6-3 guard Mickey Sydenstricker. Burgess is rated with Marshall's all-time great big men and is a main cog in the five-man weave employed by Rivlin. Sydenstricker, a flashy transfer from the University of Alabama is a tremendous outside shooter.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Morehead, Ky., Jan. 23--The Morehead Eagles go after win number five in the Ohio Valley Conference Tuesday night against "Terrible" Tom Chilton and his East Tennessee teammates.

Morehead, currently in the number two spot in the OVC with a 4-1 record, downed the Buccaneers 88 to 82 at East Tennessee nine days ago after leading by 17 at halftime.

John Gibson, the Eagles' sophomore "find" from Prestonsburg, held Chilton to just four field goals in the Eagles' big first half in the 88-82 win and will again draw the defensive assignment on Chilton.

Chilton, currently the OVC's top scorer with a 29.9 average, was outscored in the opener by Morehead's great Granville Williams who captured 29 points on ten field goals and nine of ten free throws.

While Chilton is the Buccaneers' only big scorer, Williams has great support from his running mate at guard, Henderson "Heckie" Thompson. Thompson is currently averaging 18.7 points, second only to Williams' 24.7 average.

Morehead will have a decided height advantage with 6-8 junior center Ed Noe and 6-8 forward Norman Pokley in the starting lineup with 6-5 forward Gibson. Noe is averaging 10.5 points, Pokley 9.8 and Gibson 5.9.

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While much of Morehead's early season success can be accredited to great shooting by Williams and Thompson and the fine rebounding of Noe, Pokley and Gibson, coach Bob Laughlin credits much of his team's success in posting an 8-4 record to his strong bench.

"We have gotten real good performances out of senior guard Mickey Morgan," said Laughlin. "You know, he's a good enough boy to make most anybody's ball club in the country, but we just happen to have two of the best guards in the country playing in front of him."

He added, "Six feet five inch sophomore forward Don Martin has also done a good job in relief and Arthur Cole, a 6-6 senior, has helped us a lot."

Following the East Tennessee encounter, the Eagles journey to Huntington, West Virginia, for a Thursday night game with Marshall.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Morehead, Ky., Jan. 26 -- Morehead's hot-shooting, towering Eagles go after win number six in the tight Ohio Valley Conference title scramble Saturday night against Middle Tennessee.

Bob Laughlin's sophomore and junior dominated squad, with a 5-1 conference record, defeated the Tennesseans 85-75 earlier this year at Morehead and have improved with each game.

"But we know that Middle Tennessee is always hard to beat at Murfreesbord!" said Laughlin, "and it will take one of our best efforts to win. We can't take this game lightly and with a young ballclub like we have, we're pointing to each game individually."

Morehead is fresh from a 106-89 conference win over East Tennessee which saw the Eagles' great shooter Granville Williams outpoint the OVC's top scorer, Tom Chilton, 31-24, before being removed from the game with nine minutes remaining. Chilton added 10 more in that period to finish with 34 points.

Williams got good scoring support from 6-8 junior center Ed Noe and 6-8 sophomore forward Norman Pokley against East Tennessee. Noe had a career high total of 27 points and 16 rebounds while the rapidly improving Pokley had 17 points and 16 rebounds.

Henderson "Heckie" Thompson, Williams' fine senior running mate at guard, collected only nine points but did a masterful job of feeding Williams and the Eagles' big front line.
Williams continues as Morehead's top scorer with a 24.3 game average, having hit on 47% of his attempts from the floor and 85% of his shots from the free throw line.

Thompson is hitting at a 17.5 clip on 43% from the floor and 82% from the foul line.

Noe is the Eagles' third leading scorer with an 11.7 average and the much-improved 6-8 Michigan native is averaging 10.6 rebounds a game.

Pokley has a 10.9 average and is hitting 51% of his attempts from the floor. He is the team's leading rebounder with an average of 12 rebounds a game.

John Gibson, a 6-5 sophomore from Prestonsburg, has dislodged 6-6 sophomore Doug Cundiff from the starting lineup and currently has a 5.7 average and has captured 103 rebounds a game for a 7.3 average.

Following the Middle Tennessee encounter, Morehead will meet Murray at Murray on February 3 and 4. The first game will count in the OVC standings while the second game is a rescheduled game from last year.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Morehead, Ky., Jan. 26--Five more junior college football players, including a junior college All-American, have signed grants-in-aid at Morehead State College, head coach Guy Penny announced today.

The five, who played for junior colleges in Mississippi, will join another Mississippian who had already signed with Morehead, 250-pound tackle Ernest DeCourley, in the Morehead camp the second semester.

Signed to grants-in-aid are:

Gene Gatwood, a 130-pound quarterback who was named to the Junior College All-American team while playing for Pearl River Junior College in Poplarville, Mississippi. He is a native of Hattiesburg, Mississippi. He is 5-6.

Araes Kitchens, a 5-11, 200-pound guard from Pearl River. He also is a native of Hattiesburg.

James Boone, a 6-1, 185-pound end who was named to the All-Junior College team in Mississippi while playing at Pearl River. He is a native of Carriere, Mississippi.

Jim Raynor, a 6-0, 200-pound fullback from Northwest Junior College in Senatobia, Mississippi. He is a native of Memphis, Tennessee.

Wayne Sullivan, a 205-pound tackle from Hinds Junior College in Raymond, Mississippi. He is a native of Canton, Mississippi, and received honorable mention recognition on the Junior College All-American team.

Penny, a former University of Mississippi performer, said, "We are extremely pleased that these outstanding boys have chosen to enroll at Morehead State College. They will help fill out several weak spots and we are looking forward to an improved team next year."
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Morehead, Ky., Jan. 31--When Bob Laughlin said at the beginning of the 1960-61 season that his sophomore-dominated squad would be an Ohio Valley Conference championship contender, many observers thought he was a year away from making much of a stir in the rugged league.

Surely he had a great sophomore group, a veteran senior floor leader and a couple of highly promising juniors--but most people said it would take a year to develop a team which would rank with the great Morehead clubs of 1956, 57 and 58.

Now, with the season more than half over, Laughlin's youngsters have compiled a 6-1 mark in the OVC and have won six of their last seven games with four of the wins coming on the road.

What has been the reason for Morehead's success?

Laughlin says, "Of course, our sophomores have come along real well and are still improving with each game, but our long suite has been the great determination and desire which we've shown."

"We've progressed rapidly," added Laughlin, "and I'm openly pleased with our youngsters."

And he has reason to be pleased, as Morehead is the ninth highest scoring major college in the nation with a game average of 82.6 points while compiling an 11-5 record.
Morehead's recent surge to the front of the tight OVC race can be attributed to two factors: (1) the play of probably the finest trio of guards in the South and (2) the tremendous rebounding of the Eagles' giant forward wall.

Granville Williams, Henderson "Heckie" Thompson and Mickey Morgan have a combined 45-point average at the guard position to give the Eagles one of the most potent scoring attacks from out front in the country.

Williams, a junior, is the nation's ninth leading scorer and is averaging 23.5 points, hitting on 46 percent of his attempts. Thompson, the Eagles' floor leader and steadying influence, has averaged 17.4 points and is the only senior in the starting lineup.

Morgan, a senior who averaged 13.6 points as a starter last year, scored eight points in as many minutes against Middle Tennessee Saturday night to fire up the sagging Eagles and is generally considered the best third guard in the OVC.

Up front, junior center Ed Noe, a 6-8 Michigan native, is averaging 12.3 points but has averaged 20 points in his last three starts and had 21 rebounds against Middle Tennessee.

6-8 sophomore Norman Pokley and 6-5 sophomore John Gibson have rebounded extremely well and have gotten a great deal of support out of fellow-sophomores Doug Cundiff (6-6) and Don Martin (6-5).

"To look at our roster you would say we're a sophomore ballclub," added Laughlin, "but you know, our youngsters just don't seem to make much class distinction."

"I believe they're convinced that we're a pretty good ballclub," the veteran coach added. "I've been convinced of it all along."

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Morehead, Ky., Jan. 31 --- The one and only Reece (Goose) Tatum, the Clown Prince of Basketball, will bring his Harlem Stars to Morehead Tuesday night, Feb. 7.

That's when the Golden Goose, along with Sweetwater Clifton, Goose Tatum, Jr., and all the Harlem Stars go against another nationally-known professional quintet, the New York Renaissance, at the Morehead State College Field House.

Game time is 8:15 p.m.

There probably never will be another Goose Tatum. Like Jack Dempsey in boxing, Babe Ruth in baseball, Bobby Jones in golf, and Bill Tilden in tennis, Goose Tatum has been king of his chosen sport --- basketball --- for many years.

The tall, gangly and always smiling Tatum, one-time Arkansas farm boy who joined the fabulous Harlem Globetrotters while still in his teens and became famous the world over, has been playing pro basketball for more than 20 years.

He holds almost every record there is to hold in basketball, having scored more than 100,000 points in his exciting and fun-making career, and having played to more than 25 million fans from Hong Kong to Hoboken. He is as well-known in the smallest hamlet in the United States as he is in the largest city.
The basketball fans all love to see him play. They laugh at his crazy antics, his hidden tricks, his water bucket act, his sideline capers, and, most of all, they are amazed at his ability to make unbelievable shots.

Always the clown, Tatum also is regarded as one of the greatest shots in the history of basketball, as proven by his high scoring record.

In addition to the game, fans always look forward to seeing the famous Magic Circle, a pre-game warmup feature during which the Harlem Stars literally make the ball disappear as they pass it around in rapid-fire order.

While it is the Goose Tatum Basketball Show, the Goose is not the whole show. He has his former Globetrotter sidekick, Sweetwater Clifton, as well as his son, Goose Tatum, Jr., King Solomon, Raymon Wilkinson, Tiny Brown and many other stars helping him out.
SPECIAL TO THE MONITOR-LEADER, Mt. Clemens, Michigan

Morehead, Ky.--Ed Noe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Noe of 43 Hollywood Court, is a junior center on the Morehead (Ky.) State College basketball team.

A 6-8, 295-pounder, Ed is currently averaging 12.3 points for the Eagles who are in a torrid race for the Ohio Valley Conference championship and a berth in the NCAA tournament.

Ed is the third leading scorer for the Eagles and is the 14th leading scorer in the conference. He is the fifth leading rebounder in the OVC, averaging 11.1 rebounds a game, has hit 39% of his shots from the floor and 70% of his free throw attempts.

Morehead's head coach Bob Laughlin says, "Ed has developed rapidly and is doing an extremely fine job for us. He is an outstanding individual in all respects."

Morehead holds the national scoring record for a major basketball power, having averaged 95.6 points a game in 1955-56.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Morehead, Ky., Feb. 2--Morehead's Bob Laughlin is a veteran in Ohio Valley Conference coaching circles while Murray's successful young Cal Luther is in only his third year in the rugged OVC.

But in that short period the two colorful coaches have played a series of cliff-hangers probably unequaled in the nation as the two have met three times in the past two years and all three games have been overtime thrillers.

Morehead has captured two of the three, 96-87 and 83-76, with Murray winning 73-68.

The two cross-state rivals renew the series Friday night at Murray and meet again Saturday night at Murray in a non-conference game which was re-scheduled from last year following a game cancelled by snow.

But all of the attention will be focused on the Friday night game as it's a "must" game for both squads. Murray, with a 4-2 OVC record, must have a win to stay in title contention while Morehead, with a 6-1 conference record which has the Eagles firmly entrenched in second place, needs the win to keep the pressure on loop-leading Western Kentucky. Morehead's only loss was a six-pointer to the Hilltoppers at Bowling Green, but Western must travel to Morehead on February 21 for a return engagement.

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Morehead and Murray are teams of great contrast. Morehead leads the OVC in team offense with an average of 82.6 points a game. Murray leads the OVC in team defense, allowing opponents only 69.0 points a game.

Morehead uses a blazing fast-break attack while Murray plays a more deliberate style of basketball. Both teams are strong in the rebounding department, as Morehead is the OVC's top rebounding club and Murray is second.

Murray's scoring is more evenly balanced with six men averaging nine points or better while Morehead has four men averaging better than ten points with Granville Williams, one of the greatest shooters in Morehead history, leading with a 23.5 average good for the number-two spot in the conference.

Williams' running mate at guard, Henderson "Heckie" Thompson, is next in scoring with a 17.4 average while 6-8 giants Ed Noe and Norman Pokley are averaging 12.3 and 10.2 points respectively.

John Gibson, a 6-5 sophomore who has been Laughlin's most pleasant surprise find this year, is the Eagles' other starter with a 6.6 average.

Gene Herndon, Murray's 6-5 senior center, is the Racers' top scorer with a 14.1 average. 6-0 Jarrell Graham is averaging 11.0 points, 6-4 Mike O'Riordan 10.3 points, 6-3 Ron Greene 9.9 points, 6-1 Larry Bale 9.5 points and 5-11 Hal Wilkins 9.1 points.

Both teams have strong benches and past performances against common opponents indicate that Friday night's encounter could very well be another down-to-the-wire thriller. Don't be too surprised if it goes into an overtime period.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Morehead, Ky., Feb. 9 -- Friday night's Morehead--St. Francis game could very well be classified a "grudge" match in the Morehead corner.

The Eagles' Bob Laughlin won't say much but it's quite certain that he was highly displeased with the treatment he received on the Pennsylvanians' home court earlier this year in a 68-64 losing cause.

And he certainly had reason for being displeased as St. Francis went to the foul line 41 times while the Eagles got only 18 charity tosses. Laughlin's charges outscored the Pennsylvanians by 10 points from the floor but could not match the imbalance at the free throw line.

Laughlin did say, "St. Francis was awarded twice as many free throw attempts as most of our opponents have been awarded--in fact, St. Bonaventure shot only 20 free throws against us while playing on their home floor and they have the second ranked team in the nation."

He added, "I would imagine that our officiating will be much more consistent Friday night and I doubt very seriously if there will ever be such an imbalance in free throws awarded during a game in our conference."

Morehead, a high-scoring team which currently ranks as the nation's ninth highest point producer with an average of 82.1 points, is led by two deadly 5-11 guards. Granville Williams, one of the greatest shots in Morehead history, leads the Eagles in scoring with a 23.2 average good for the number 10 spot in the nation. Henderson "Heckie" Thompson is next in scoring with a 17.2 average.
Ed Noe, the Eagles' much-improved 6-8 center, has averaged over 18 points in his last outings and has boosted his season's average to 12.7 points. Laughlin has not gotten the scoring he would like to have from his forwards, 6-8 Norman Pokley and 6-5 John Gibson. But the two sophomores have done an extremely fine job rebounding. Pokley has averaged 9.8 points and 11.9 rebounds a game while Gibson is scoring at a 6.7 clip and is averaging 7.9 rebounds a game.

The Frankies are led by All-American candidate Cal Fowler. A tremendous shot and floor leader, Fowler is 28th in the nation in scoring with a 21.9 average.

Following the St. Francis game, Morehead will get back into the Ohio Valley Conference title race against Murray at Morehead Monday night.

(Friday night's St. Francis game will be broadcast over WHAS, Louisville.)
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Morehead, Ky., Feb. 11 --- A capacity crowd is expected at the Morehead State College fieldhouse Monday night as Morehead and Murray fight to stay alive in the tight OVC championship race.

The teams are currently fighting for the loop's second spot and Monday night's loser will virtually be eliminated from the title race.

Murray upended the Eagles 85-80 last Friday in an overtime after Morehead led by as much as 15 points in the first half. The Eagles' Bob Laughlin said, "We looked like a world beater the first half and then couldn't do anything right in the second half."

"Our youngsters know that we must win Sunday to keep our championship hopes alive and we anticipate one of the season's top games," he added.

And if fans are looking for thrills, chances are that they will find them when Murray comes to Morehead. Since the Racers' Cal Luther has been at the Murray helm, the two teams have played five games with four of them being decided in overtimes.

Murray comes to Morehead Monday as the OVC's top defensive team, having allowed opponents only 69.9 points a game. In contrast, Morehead is the loop's top scoring team with an 82.1 average.

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The Eagles are the top rebounding team in the OVC with a 57.3 average while Murray is second with a 51.4 average. The Racers have hit 43% of their attempts from the floor as compared to the Eagles' 41% mark, but Laughlin's charges have done better at the foul line, hitting 70% while Murray has hit 68% of its charity tosses.

Morehead has a decided height advantage with 6-8 Ed Noe, 6-8 Norman Pokley and 6-5 John Gibson in the starting lineup, although 5-11 "shorties" Granville Williams and Henderson "Heckie" Thompson bring the average down.

Williams is the Eagles' top scorer and the number-two scorer in the OVC with a 23.2 average. The former Hindman star has hit on 47% of his attempts from the field and on 84% of his free throw attempts.

The fiery "Heckie" Thompson is the Eagles' number-two scorer with a 17.2 average, good for the seventh spot in the OVC. The hustling floor leader has hit 42% of his field goal attempts and 84% of his free throw attempts.

Next in scoring is junior center Ed Noe who is currently hitting at a 12.7 clip after averaging 18 points in his last five games. He is sixth in the conference in rebounding with 10.9 rebounds a game.

Sophomore forward Norman Pokley is averaging just under the 10-point mark with a 9.8 mean and is sixth in the OVC with an even 50% average from the field. He is third in rebounding in the conference with an 11.9 average.

Sophomore forward John Gibson has boosted his average to 6.7 points and is 14th in the conference in rebounding with a 7.9 average.

Leading Murray is 6-5 center Gene Herndon who has averaged 13.9 points a game and is the loop's second leading rebounder with a 15.5 average.

Other top scorers for the Racers are: Jarrell Graham (12.4), Mike O'Riordan (10.8), Larry Bale (10.5), Ron Greene (10.2) and Hal Wilkins (9.0).

The Eagles' next home game following the Murray clash is with heated rival Marshall on Wednesday night, Feb. 15.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Morehead, Ky., Feb. 13 -- Morehead's baseball Eagles will play an ambitious 27-game schedule including a 4-game Southern trip.

The Eagles, with new coach Rex Chaney at the helm, open with the University of Kentucky on March 27 and play Big Ten favorite Indiana University twice before journeying to Alabama for games with Jacksonville State and Howard.

Morehead will play seven doubleheaders including two each with Eastern Kentucky and East Tennessee, who, with Morehead, make up the eastern division of the Ohio Valley Conference. The winner of the eastern division will meet the western division winner in a play-off.

Other non-conference teams on the schedule are: Mid-American Conference pre-season favorite Ohio University, Rio Grande, Kentucky State, Marshall and Villa Madonna.

Chaney, whose 40-man squad has been working out indoors, expects an improved record over last season's 7-12 mark with the addition of three outstanding freshman pitchers, Richard Greene, Doug Stamper and Kenneth Maggard. Greene and Stamper are from Oxford, Ohio, and Maggard is from Jenkins. Chaney also expects help from James Frederick, a sturdy freshman catcher from Mt. Sterling.

Larry Wright, all-OVC second baseman, is the Eagles' top returning hitter with a .394 average. Other returning lettermen include: Eldon Secrest (.375), Jim Hastings (.259), Danny Pierce (.213) Ben Ellis (.190), Ray Allen (.167), Jack Rader (.118) and Dave Derrick (.107).

Returning pitchers are Hastings and Pete Gray.
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Morehead, Ky., Feb. 14 -- Arch-rivals Morehead and Marshall clash Wednesday night at Morehead in a series which has become a real crowd-pleaser.

Both teams use the run and shoot, fast break game utilizing hot-shooting guards and rugged men under the boards.

Morehead edged Marshall 70-68 earlier this year to give the Eagles' Bob Laughlin a 9-1 margin over the Big Green's Jules Rivlin in their personal duel during the past six years.

Morehead eclipsed the century mark three times against the Big Green during the 1955-56 season on their way to setting a new national major college scoring record of 95.9 points a game, a record which still stands. During the regular season, the Eagles beat Marshall 102-89 and 108-103, and captured another win in the NCAA tourney, 107-92.

This year has been a surprisingly good year for Laughlin's sophomore-junior dominated squad. Relegated to a fourth place finish in the pre-season OVC poll, the Eagles are now right in the middle of the title race.

Led by fancy-shooting Granville Williams and heady floor-leader Henderson "Heckie" Thompson, the Eagles are a dangerous shooting team with great rebounding strength. The Eagles' 6-8 junior center, Ed Noe, and sophomore forwards Norman Pokley (6-8) and John Gibson (6-5) have more than held their own on the boards and are improving with each game.
Williams is Morehead’s top scorer at a 23.3 average while his 5-11 running mate, Thompson, is scoring at a 17.4 clip. The much-improved Noe has boosted his average to 12.8 points while Pokley has hit on 52% of his shots and is averaging 10.4 points. Gibson is averaging 6.4.

We’re real pleased with the play of our youngsters," said Laughlin, "and we’ve gotten some real good games out of our reserves."

The personable Laughlin was referring to recent games in which seniors Mickey Morgan and Arthur Cole and sophomorees Don Martin, William Thompson, Tom Ellis and Bert Greene have all played well in relief.

Marshall will be a stronger team Wednesday night than they were in the 70-68 loss earlier this season. 6-6 sophomore forward Phil Carter missed the first encounter and 6-8 junior Bob Burgess saw only limited action but both will play Wednesday night.

Expected to get the starting call with Burgess and Carter are 6-3 junior Jim Gallion and seniors Bruce Moody and Tex Williams. Williams led the Marshall scoring with 16 points in the team’s earlier meeting.

A near capacity crowd is expected in the 5,000 seat fieldhouse for the 7:30 (EST) game.

"Marshall is a real fine drawing card here," said Laughlin, "because of the wide-open type of game they play. If past games are any indication, Wednesday night’s game should be a real thriller."
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Morehead, Ky., Feb. 15—Ireland Sloan, Morehead State College’s great distance man who was named Kentucky "Track Man of the Year," will participate in the Mason Dixon Classic in Louisville Saturday.

The Feds Creek sophomore will compete in the 2-mile run. He holds the mile and 2-mile crowns in the Ohio Valley Conference, the 2-mile crown in the Kentucky AAU and finished 21st in the national AAU cross country meet.

Also competing in the Classic will be Marshall Banks and the mile relay team. Banks, an Ashland native, is the OVC 220 champion and will compete in the 70-yard dash and the mile relay with Howard Murphy, Jim Scobee, and Steve Stein.

Earl Boptley is in his second year as the Morehead track coach. Rex Chaney, the Eagles outstanding young cross country coach, will accompany Bentley to the Classic.
FOR RELEASE SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Morehead, Ky., Feb. 19 -- Morehead State College will begin spring football drills on Monday, February 20, weather permitting.

The Eagles’ successful young coach, Guy Penny, announced today that 36 hopefuls will be in uniform Monday for twenty days of intensive work.

"We will stress defense this spring," said Penny, "and I’m going to be looking for replacements at center, quarterback and fullback. If we find boys who really want to play at those positions, we could have an outstanding football team next year."

Penny will have only four seniors in spring drills, 12 juniors, 18 sophomores and two freshmen. "From this group," Penny said, "we expect to have two teams of equal ability."

Spring drills will be concluded on March 23 with the annual intrasquad game.

The roster for spring drills includes:

Quarterback: juniors Mike Brown (190) and Gene Gatwood (133); sophomores Doug Scott (165) and Leo Wessel (170).

Halfback: senior Pete Swain (175); junior Paul West (160); sophomores Howard Murphy (175); Bud Ogden (195); Duane Hart (170) and freshman Russell Campbell (185).

Fullback: senior Jim Hastings (185) and juniors Oscar Phillips (210) and Jim Raynor (200).
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End: junior Hugh Black (190) and sophomores Roy Lucas (185); Richard Fletcher (210), Ronald Guinn (195), Phil Sylvestro (185) and Richard Humphries (205).

Tackle: juniors James Keenan (265) and Fred DeCourley (250); sophomores Jan Kneplesheld (225) and Fred Dombroskas (225) and freshman Richard Jones (195).

Guard: seniors Tony Gast (185) and Fred Hill (190); juniors John Donat (190) and Ames Kitchens (200) and sophomores Jim Thacker (180), Dick McCoy (195), Tom Callihan (200) and Jim Hudson (175).

Center: junior Bill Mitchell (190) and sophomores Leon Conway (190) and George Meehan (200).

Morehead had a 5-4 record in 1960, finishing fourth in the Ohio Valley Conference. Penny lost only four seniors by way of the graduation route--fullback Buford Crager, center Tom Scott, quarterback Henry Schutte and tackle Bruce Howard.
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FOR RELEASE ON OR AFTER MONDAY, FEB. 20  

Morehead, Ky., Feb. 20--Morehead's surprising young Eagles go after Ohio Valley Conference win number eight Tuesday night against cross-state rival Western Kentucky.  

Tied with Eastern Kentucky for the loop's number two spot, Morehead could vault into the OVC lead with a win over the Hilltoppers in the Eagles 5,000 seat fieldhouse.  

Morehead narrowly missed knocking off the Hilltoppers at Bowling Green earlier this year, losing 83-77 after leading 40-39 at halftime.  

Western has beaten the Eagles only once in the fieldhouse and that was last year when illness and scholastic troubles reduced the Morehead squad to seven men.  

Bob Laughlin's sophomore-dominated squad has been the surprise team in the conference this year. Most observers thought he was a year away from title contention but the colorful Laughlin has molded another typical hot-shooting, fine rebounding team which has improved with each game.  

Morehead is currently the top offensive team in the OVC, averaging 83.3 points a game. The Eagles also lead the conference in rebounding with a game average of 58.4 rebounds. Western is averaging 77 points a game and 51.9 rebounds.  

The expected full house Tuesday night will see four of the top six scorers in the Ohio Valley Conference.
The Eagles' terrific guard combine of Granville Williams and Henderson "Heckie" Thompson is averaging 41 points a game as Morehead has won 14 while losing 7. Williams is the OVC's second leading scorer with a 23.1 average while Thompson is sixth with an 18.1 average.

Western's top scorers are 6-6 center Charlie Osborne and 6-3 guard Bobby Rascoe. Osborne is averaging 19.1, good for the third spot in the conference and Rascoe is in fourth place with an 18.9 average.

Following Williams and Thompson in the Morehead scoring is 6-8 junior center Ed Noe. The much-improved Noe currently has a 12.8 average and has picked off 236 rebounds for an 11.2 average.

Norman Pokley, a 6-8 sophomore forward and the OVC's third leading rebounder with a 12.2 average, is scoring at a 10.7 clip. He is fourth in the conference in field goal percentage with a .522 mark.

The other starting forward may be either John Gibson or Arthur Cole. At 6-5, both are topnotch rebounders. Cole wrested the starting assignment from Gibson in the Eagles' last outing and played inspired ball as he captured six rebounds and scored 10 points.

Gibson is averaging an even six points a game while Cole has a 3.8 average.

Western's remaining starters are 6-8 Harry Todd, 6-4 Bobby Jackson and 6-0 Panny Sarakatsannis. Jackson is averaging 11.6 points, Todd 11.2 and Sarakatsannis 8.3. Todd is the Hilltoppers' leading rebounder with an 11.5 average.

Laughlin looks at Tuesday night's important clash objectively as he says, "We lost by only six points at Bowling Green with a group of youngsters who had not quite found themselves. We've come along real well since then."

He added, "But we know that it will take our very best effort to win Tuesday night and I don't think I'll have to worry about getting our boys up for this one. They want it!"

There are still tickets remaining for the 7:30 (EST) game.
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(This story was written before the Morehead--Western game on Feb. 21)

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Morehead, Ky., Feb. 21--Morehead’s surprising young Eagles, proud possessors of a 14-7 record against some of the nation’s top competition, journey south Wednesday to do battle with Miami and Jacksonville Universities.

Bob Laughlin’s towering Eagles oppose NIT-bound Miami University on Thursday night, Feb. 23, and Jacksonville University the following night.

Morehead takes the nation’s fifth highest scoring team into the deep south, averaging 83.3 points a game. The Eagles’ great 5-11 guard, Granville Williams, is 16th in the nation in individual scoring with a 23.1 average.

Morehead, still battling for the Ohio Valley Conference championship with Eastern Kentucky and Western Kentucky, may be in line for a National Invitational Tournament bid if it can dispose of Miami, now 16-6 on the year.

"I don’t believe we’ll have to worry about our youngsters being up for the Miami game," said Laughlin, "if we can just get them away from the beach and swimming pools."

But Laughlin did add, "When you’re in the middle of a conference title scrap, sometimes your youngsters look past non-conference games. But knowing that there is the possibility of a trip to the NIT should provide the added incentive against a real good Miami team."

Following the great Williams in scoring is his running mate at guard, Henderson "Heckie" Thompson. The fiery, 5-11 floor leader is averaging 18.1 points a game and has scored 20, 30 and 21 in the Eagles’ last three wins.
The Eagles' towering quartet -- of Ed Noe (6-8), Norman Pokley (6-8), John Gibson (6-5) and Arthur Cole (6-6) -- has not been as prolific in the scoring columns but has been devastating on the boards to capture 58.5 rebounds a game.

Noe, a junior center, is the third leading scorer with a 12.8 average, while Pokley is averaging 10.7 points, Gibson 6.0 points and Cole 3.8 points.

Pokley, a rugged 225-pounder, is the top rebounder with a 12.5 average while Noe is averaging 11.2 rebounds.

"Our young front line of one junior, two sophomores and one senior has come along real well," said Laughlin, "and we can hold our own with anyone on the boards."

Against Miami, Morehead will be facing the nation's tenth highest scoring team with an 82.3 average. Led by mighty-mite Dick Hickox, who has a 17.6, the high-flying Hurricanes have defeated such teams as Louisville, Army, Houston, Holy Cross and San Francisco.

Following Hickox in the scoring is forward Ron Godfrey with a 16.3 average, guard Julie Cohen at 12.0, forward Bruce Applegate at 11.3 and center Mike McCoy with an 8.5 average.

"We will definitely have to have one of our best efforts if we expect to stay in the game with Miami," said Laughlin.

Jacksonville is a young basketball school, participating in only its fourth year in the roundball sport. Led by 6-7 co-captain Jim Kirkland, the Dolphins can be unusually tough at home.

Morehead will leave by chartered plane from Lexington Wednesday morning. The Eagles will be staying in the Shelborne Hotel in Miami Beach and in the Jamaica Motor Lodge in Jacksonville.
Morehead, Ky., February 24------Little did Ohio Valley Conference basketball enthusiasts realize when Morehead's Bobby Laughlin and Eastern's Paul McBrayer announced their two-game season finale before the season opened that this pair of encounters would place the championship on the line in the tough OVC loop.

Fans and sports officials gazed in awe at the 1960-61 basketball schedules of the two bitter conference rivals while noting that the two would lock horns twice in succession to close the curtain on the campaign. Now that the two are tied with identical 8-2 conference records, all the attention will be focused on Morehead Tuesday night when the Eagles and Maroons tangle at 7:30 p.m. in the fieldhouse.

Morehead and Eastern are both returning from out-of-state non-conference engagements as the Eagles return from Miami and Jacksonville Universities in Florida, and the Maroons come back from Miami (O.) University, Marshall College and Dayton University.

Should the homestanding Morehead five win Tuesday night and the Maroons win on their home floor the following Saturday, the Ohio Valley league could end in a three-way tie dependent upon Western's two final loop engagements at East Tennessee and at home against Middle Tennessee. If either Eastern or Morehead wins both games, that winner would be a cinch for the title with a 10-2 league mark.
Morhead will take its hot-shooting guard and strong rebounding contingent into the Tuesday fray with the fifth highest scoring average in the nation. The Eagles are leading the Ohio Valley Conference in scoring and have the league's second leading individual point-producer in 5-11 sharp-shooter Granville "Granny" Williams. Williams posted his career high last Tuesday against Western Kentucky as he sizzled the strings for 41 big points. The Dwarf, Ky., junior hit from every possible position as he poured through 18 field goals and five free throws.

Joining Williams at the guard post will be the only senior in the Eagle starting lineup, 5-11 Henderson "Hecky" Thompson who is the team's second leading scorer with a 18 plus point average.

Leading the front line for Morehead during the latter half of the season has been 6-8 sophomore forward Norman Pokley who leads the team's rebounders with an average of 13 per game. The Warren, Michigan giant has been scoring at a 11.2 clip.

Teaming with Pokley under the boards in Tuesday's battle will be 6-8 center Ed Noe and 6-5 forward John Gibson. Noe is the Eagles' third leading scorer with a 12 point average and Gibson is hitting at a 6.0 mark.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Morehead, Ky., March 2---Morehead State College now rests in first place in the torrid Ohio Valley Conference championship race!

The surprising youngsters of Bob Laughlin, relegated to the fourth spot in the rugged OVC in a pre-season coaches poll, took over the top spot Tuesday night with a sound 17-point trouncing of Eastern Kentucky, 90-73.

The loss left Eastern with an 8-3 mark while Morehead now possesses a 9-2 conference record. Western Kentucky is in the loop's second spot with a 9-3 mark.

Saturday night's return match with Eastern on the Maroon's home floor will be the deciding factor in determining whether Morehead will represent the OVC in the NCAA tourney with a 10-2 mark or if Morehead, Western and Eastern will tie for the conference crown.

But whatever the outcome, Morehead's sophomore and junior dominated squad has certainly been the surprise team in the OVC this year.

Led by two of the finest guards the OVC has ever produced, 5-11 mighty-mites Granville Williams and Henderson "Heckie" Thompson, the Eagles have surprised most everyone this year...including themselves.

In Tuesday night's overwhelming win, Williams and Thompson collaborated for 61 points, with Williams getting 32 and Thompson 29. The unstoppable twosome, who were repeatedly fouled in vain attempts to stop their high-scoring antics, cashed in on 29 of 30 free throws with Thompson hitting 17 of 17.

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Thompson's foul-shooting feat moved him into the number four spot in the nation among free throw percentage leaders with an .872 mark.

William's 32 points boosted his season's total to 602 points for an even 24.0 average while Thompson is averaging 19.4 points.

"Our guards did a terrific job against Eastern," said Laughlin, "but there were several other factors which played an equally important role in the win."

The likeable Laughlin, who is assured of winning or tying for his third OVC championship in the past six years, pointed out that the Eagles' tremendous rebounding overpowered the Maroons.

"We outrebounded them 62-40, said Laughlin, "and our big boys played probably their best game of the season on the boards."

John Gibson, a 6-5 sophomore, led the rebounding parade with 16 while 6-8 sophomore Norman Pokley had 13 and 6-8 junior Ed Noe, 10.

Laughlin also pointed out that Morehead's tight zone didn't give the Maroons many good shots and kept Eastern away from the boards.

But now Morehead must look toward Saturday night and the return engagement at Richmond. The Maroons haven't lost on their tiny home floor in over two seasons and it will take an even greater effort on the part of Laughlin's youngsters to win Saturday night.

But Morehead does have the advantage of being out in front in the OVC with a sound trouncing of Eastern for the Maroons to remember. Also, the Eagles have started another 5-game cycle which has been the way Laughlin and Paul McBrayer teams have played against each other.

McBrayer won the first five games against Laughlin, the Morehead mentor captured five and McBrayer came back to win five in a row. Tuesday night's win renewed the cycle and Morehead fans are hoping that Saturday night will provide win number two and the OVC championship.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Morehead, Ky., March 11--Morehead State College is truly the "Cinderella" team of the year among NCAA tournament participants!

Picked to finish fourth in the always rugged Ohio Valley Conference, the Eagles finished with a rush to tie pre-season co-favorites Western Kentucky and Eastern Kentucky, All had 9-3 conference marks.

The three went into a post-season playoff to decide which would represent the conference in the NCAA and the Eagles, despite having to play four games in nine days, upended Eastern 55-54 and Western 80-72 in an overtime.

The Eagles' affable head coach, Bob Laughlin, who is a shoo-in for "Coach of the Year" honors in the OVC, started the season with seven sophomores, two juniors and three seniors. Observers agreed that he had the raw material, but felt that he was a year away.

But little did those same observers know that the Eagles' guard duo of 5-11 speedsters Henderson "Heckie" Thompson and Granville Williams would become one of the finest twosomes at guard in the nation. And little did those same observers realize that the Eagles' quartet of big men--6-8 Ed Noe, 6-8 Norman Pokley, 6-6 Arthur Cole and 6-5 John Gibson, would devour the opposition on the boards.

In a capsule, that has been the story behind Morehead's surprising success--great shooting from the guards and tremendous rebounding by the big men--plus the hard-to-define qualities of spirit and desire.

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Dr. Adron Doran, Morehead's energetic and popular president, says, "This is undoubtedly one of the most spirited and colorful teams I have ever seen. Their courage and determination has carried them a long way and this may well be the real surprise team in the NCAA tourney."

Morehead is no stranger to the NCAA as the Eagles have represented the OVC in the big show twice in the past five years. Laughlin's charges won two and lost one in the 1956 tournament and set a season's national scoring record of 95.6 points a game—-a record which still stands. The following year, Pittsburgh edged Morehead by one point in the first round.

Statistically, the Eagles have been in the top ten nationally all year in scoring. Currently, Laughlin's youngsters are averaging 81.6 points and boast an 18-10 won-loss record.

Granville Williams, who hits uncannily with his one-handed jump shot, is Morehead's leading scorer with a 23.6 average while his running mate at guard, "Hockie" Thompson, has an 18.4 average.

Both have hit phenomenally from the free throw line as Thompson is fifth nationally with an 87% mark and Williams is just out of the top ten with an 83% mark. Thompson is a senior and Williams a junior.

Next in scoring for Morehead is junior center Ed Noe who has a 13.1 average and has collected 301 rebounds for a 10.8 average.

Norman Pokley, a sophomore forward, is averaging 10.1 points and 13.3 rebounds a game. He had his best night as Morehead downed Western last Wednesday in Louisville, capturing 24 rebounds which was just three less than all three of Western's big men.

The other forward is manned by sophomore John Gibson and senior Arthur Cole. Gibson is averaging 5.6 points and Cole 3.7 points. Mickey Morgan, a 6-0 senior, spells the terrific Williams and Thompson at guard and averaged 13.6 points as a starter last year before being edged to the sideline by the 5-11 twosome.
The Eagles are an exciting team to watch as they employ their tremendous fast break. They've improved with every game and have truly earned the "Cinderella" label which has been placed on them as they go into first round NCAA action Tuesday night.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Morehead, Ky., March 16--The experts aren't always right as Morehead's surprising young team has proven during the last two weeks.

Accurately labeled the NCAA tournament's "Cinderella" team after disposing of favored Eastern Kentucky, Western Kentucky and Xavier to reach the Mideast Regional second round, Morehead continues in the underdog role against the University of Kentucky Friday night.

"We weren't supposed to even be in the NCAA," the Eagles' colorful Bob Laughlin said today, "but those same experts who said we didn't stand a chance didn't know much about our boys."

"This is undoubtedly one of the most spirited group of boys I have ever been associated with," added Laughlin. "They just don't know when to quit and I firmly believe that they don't know the meaning of the word "underdog."

Laughlin pretty well hit the nail on the head as his sophomore and junior dominated squad has not played unusually well in its last three outings but has won with ferocious play on the boards and a never-say-die spirit.

Laughlin's charges hit a sub-par 37% Tuesday night in downing a favored Xavier 71-66 and were just as cool from the free throw line--hitting only 21 of 35 attempts.

But the Eagles' big men--Ed Noe, Norman Pokley, John Gibson and Arthur Cole--grabbed 57 rebounds and did an outstanding defensive job on Xavier's big men.

"We certainly didn't have one of our better games," said Laughlin, "but we showed that we have the heart to stay with a good team even when not experiencing a topnotch effort."
Now Morehead must look toward a University of Kentucky team which has blown hot and cold while posting an 18-8 record.

"Kentucky was a fine club against Vanderbilt," said Laughlin, "and we would have to play much better than we did against Xavier to even stay in the game if they repeat that performance."

Morehead, which has a 19-10 record, has never played Kentucky although the Eagles came within one point of facing the Wildcats when Pittsburgh upset the Eagles 86-85 in the first round of the 1956-57 NCAA tourney.

Morehead will take two guards into Friday night's game who have captured the fans' hearts in Louisville. Granville Williams, one of the greatest shooters in Morehead history, leads the Morehead scoring with a 23.4 average while his 5-11 running mate, Henderson "Heckie" Thompson, has an 18.3 average.

Laughlin's big men have not scored with the consistency of Williams and Thompson but 6-8 junior center Ed Noe poured through 21 points Tuesday night to boost his season's average to 13.3.

Norman Pokley, a 6-8 sophomore forward who has been little less than sensational with his rebound work in the latter part of the season, has an even 10.0 average while his 6-5 sophomore running mate at forward, John Gibson, is averaging 5.5 points.

Giving Laughlin real strong bench support are 6-6 senior forward Arthur Cole and 5-11 Mickey Morgan, one of the best third guards in the land. "Arthur and Mickey have been two real great reserve men," Laughlin said. "We don't weaken the ballclub in the least by using either boy and much of our success is directly related to their efforts in a reserve roll."
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Morehead, Ky., March 21--The annual Morehead State College Blue--White Spring football game will be played Thursday evening at 7:30.

Head coach Guy Penny has divided his 35-man squad into two evenly matched teams for the game to be played in Jayne Stadium.

Admission is 50¢ and the public is invited.

"We have been very pleased with the progress our youngsters have made during spring practice," Penny said. "We have concentrated on defense and our defensive backs and linemen have shown marked improvement."

Penny said that assistant coaches Rondal Hart and Bill Mack will coach the Blue team and Earl Bentley and Elijah Turman the White team.

Leading the Blue team is 190-pound quarterback Mike Brown. His backfield consists of halfbacks Bud Ogden (190), Paul West (160) and Russell Campbell (185) and fullback Oscar Phillips (200).

The Blue line consists of: Ends--Hugh Black (185), Roy Lucas (200) and Ronnie Guinn (185); Tackles--James Keeman (270), Don Dombroskas (225) and Dick Jones (195); Guards--Tony Gast (190), Ames Kitchens (200), Fred Hill (190) and Scott Davidson (200) and Centers--Leon Conway (190) and George Meehan (200).

Leo Wessel will quarterback the White team backed up by Doug Scott. His backfield will consist of halfbacks Howard Murphy (175), Duane Hart (170) and Pete Swain (175) and fullbacks Jim Hastings (190) and Jim Raynor (195).
The White line will consist of: Ends--Richard Fletcher (205), Richard Humphrey (200) and Phil Sylvestro (185); Tackles--Ernest DeCourley (250), Jan Kneupshield (230) and Tom Callihan (200); Guards--John Donat (190), Dick McCoy (195), Jim Thacker (185) and Jim Hudson (170) and Center Bill Mitchell (190).

The Eagles lost only four lettermen by graduation--Buford Crager, Tom Scott, Henry Schutte and Bruce Howard.

Returning are seven starters from last year's young team which won five and lost four, finishing fourth in the Ohio Valley Conference.
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Morehead, Ky., March 28--The Morehead State College campus has just about returned to normalcy following the excitement of an OVC playoff and Morehead's third trip to the NCAA in the past six years.

But students and local townspeople can still be heard talking on the campus and on street corners about next year--something they certainly weren't doing this time last year!

This time last year, they agreed with the fearless prognosticators who said that Morehead would do no better than a tie for fourth in the always rugged Ohio Valley Conference.

They knew that Bob Laughlin, who has been named the OVC "Coach of the Year," would have seven sophomores, two juniors and three seniors to work with. And they knew that he had good raw material but felt that his young squad was at least a year away.

During the first 10 games, the Eagles looked just like you would expect a young club with only one senior in the starting lineup to look.

But then that one senior, Henderson "Heckie" Thompson, and his great-shooting running mate at guard, Granville Williams, began scoring--averaging around 50 points a game.

And 6-8 giants Ed Noe and Norman Pokley came into their own with able support from 6-6 senior Arthur Cole and 6-5 sophomore John Gibson.

The fans fell in love with this scrappy team which just wouldn't give up and they closed with a flourish to tie for the OVC championship, necessitating a playoff with Western and Eastern.

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Western drew the playoff bye. Eastern, a veteran senior ballclub, was established as the favorite over the young Eagles. But Laughlin's youngsters rallied from a 10-point halftime deficit to edge the Maroons 55-54 and two nights later, roared back to defeat a rested Western, 80-74 in an overtime.

A weary but game group of youngsters downed Xavier University 71-66 in the first round of the NCAA tourney and finally ran out of gas, losing to the University of Kentucky 71-64 after leading the Wildcats with only three minutes remaining.

That's when local fans began talking about next year. They quickly point out that four of the five starters are returning—Noe, Pokley, Williams and Gibson. Four good sophomores join them including William Thompson, a great shooter who is the third Thompson brother to play for Morhehead.

Add to this group the products of one of Morehead's best freshman teams and the future does look bright! The most likely youngsters to move up from the freshman team are 6-4 Cecil Clair, 6-4 Bob Hoover, 6-0 Roy Ware, 6-1 Doug Stamper and 6-4 Steve Miller.

Morehead fans have the fever! They see another great team comparable to the 1955-56 and 1956-57 NCAA teams on the horizon. And they may not be too far off.

Williams, who was the second leading scorer in the OVC with a 22.7 average, was a unanimous all-OVC first team pick. Thompson and Noe were placed on the second team.

Thompson led the OVC in free throw shooting with an .865 mark while Pokley was third and Noe fifth in the conference in rebounding.

As a team, Morehead led the conference in rebounding and in points scored, averaging 80.1 points.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Morehead, Ky., March 31--The Morehead State College baseball team will take a week-long Southern trip playing six games in four days.

The Eagles will leave Sunday and play a single game with Jacksonville (Ala.) State on Monday, April 3 and a doubleheader with Jacksonville the following day.

A single game is scheduled with Howard College in Birmingham, Ala., on Wednesday, April 5 with a doubleheader with the same school on Thursday.

Howard was second in the nation in hitting last year and the Eagles' head coach Rex Chaney says, "They have one of the finest baseball teams in the nation and it will be a wonderful experience for our youngsters."

Chaney is building his pitching staff around four outstanding freshmen hurlers--Richard Green, Bob Honsted, Doug Stamper and Ken Maggard. Add senior lefty Pete Gray and junior fireballer Jim Hastings to the group and Morehead has its strongest pitching staff in years.

Leading the Eagles at the plate is all-OVC second baseman Larry Wright who hit .394 last year. In the infield with Wright are shortstop Henry Schutte, third baseman Leston Stewart and either Tom Ellis or Jack Rader at first.

Fighting for berths in the outfield are veterans Ray Allen, Eldon Secrest, and Hastings plus newcomer Dave Walsh. Freshman standout Bill Sims is currently the number one catcher backed up by veteran Dave Derrick and Ed Patton.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Morehead, Ky., March 31--Morehead State College's twelve-man, all-opponent basketball team includes seven great stars who competed in either the NCAA or NIT tournaments plus the nation's number two scorer, Tom Chilton.

Bob Laughlin, the Eagles' head coach who was named "OVC Coach of the Year," says, "Having the twelve on one team would be a coach's dream. All are great stars and played fine basketball against us."

St. Bonaventure was the only team to place two men on the all-opponent squad with Tom Stith, the nation's number three scorer, and Fred Crawford being named.

Named to the team were:

Tom Chilton--East Tennessee
Billy Lickert--University of Kentucky
Tom Stith--St. Bonaventure
Fred Crawford--St. Bonaventure
John Turner--University of Louisville
Carl Cole--Eastern Kentucky
Bunk Adams--Ohio University
Charlie Osborne--Western Kentucky
Everitt "Mutt" Varney--Berea
Jarrell Graham--Murray State
Ron Godfrey--Miami University (Fla.)
Jack Thobe--Xavier University
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Morehead, Ky., April 13--Morehead State College will open its 1961 track season with a triangular meet with Bellarmine and Winnona Saturday at Morehead.

The meet will begin at 1:30 in Jayne Memorial Stadium, head track coach Earl Bentley said today.

Morehead will have its strongest overall track team in several years despite the loss of Ireland Sloan, the present holder of both the mile and 2-mile runs in the OVC. Sloan dropped out of school recently.

But Bentley still has OVC javelin champion Richard Fletcher who set a new conference record with a throw of 193 feet last year. Also returning is OVC 220-champion Marshall Banks who did the distance in 21.7 last year.

Running the sprints with Banks are veteran Jim Scobee and football star Howard Murphy.

Taking over in the distance runs will be Jim Whitely, Leroy Massey, Harold Gibbs, Jack Fletcher, Steve Stein, Bob Morton and Ronald Guinn.

Dave Applegate and Harry Hilmer have progressed well in the pole vault while Dave Holton and Bob Tankersley will compete in the discus throw.

In the shot put, heavyweights Jeff Adicklis, Leon Conway and James Keenan have all shown great improvement this year.

Morehead will be weakest in the hurdles and very strong in the sprints and longer distances.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Morehead, Ky., April 21--Guard Tony Gast has been elected captain of the 1961 Morehead State College football team. Fullback Jim Hastings was elected co-captain.

Gast, a 195-pound product of Louisville Southern, was a starting end during the 1959 season and moved to guard during the 1960 campaign where he received honorable mention on the All-Ohio Valley Conference team.

A senior, Tony is a biology major who served as vice-president of the sophomore class and as sargeant-at-arms of the Campus Club.

Head coach Guy Penny, who led the Eagles to a 5-4 season in 1960, calls Gast, "A real great hustler who has the respect of his teammates."

Hastings, a senior from Jenkins, was the Eagles' top scorer in 1959 and is one of the top extra point and field goal artists in the OVC. A powerful runner, he should have his best year in 1961.

"I am most happy with the selection of Tony and Jim," added Penny, "as they are the type boys who will make outstanding leaders on the field."
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Morehead, Ky., April 25--Morehead's young baseball team, with only one senior in the starting lineup, has pushed its won-loss record over the .500 mark and is looking toward an all-important OVC double-header with East Tennessee Saturday.

The Eagles, coached by Rex Chaney, have had nine games rained out this season as they have posted a 4-3 record. Saturday's East Tennessee doubleheader will be the first OVC games of the season for the Eagles as a previously scheduled doubleheader with Eastern Kentucky was rained out.

Leading the Morehead hitters is freshman second baseman Stan Morgan who is currently hitting at an even .500 clip. First baseman Jack Rader is second with a .421 mark and left fielder Lloyd McCleese is hitting .368.

Two other freshmen, Bill Simms and Leston Stewart, also are sporting healthy batting averages. Simms, an outfielder, is hitting at a .352 clip and Stewart, a third baseman, has a .316 average.

Two of last year's standouts, all-OVC infielder Larry Wright and hustling outfielder Ray Allen, have been hampered with injuries but are expected to be ready Saturday. Wright, who is hitting at a .296 clip, was hit in the head with a hit ball, while Allen received a sprained ankle in practice.

Freshman Richard "Butch" Green is Morehead's top hurler with a 2-1 record. He has struck out 18 batters in 25 innings. Juniors Pete Gray and Jim Hastings have both been effective in spots while freshmen Doug Stamper, Bob Honstead and Ken Maggard all have shown a great deal of potential.
FROM: RAY HORNBACK
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Morehead, Ky., May 4--Morehead's vastly improved baseball team, with seven wins in its last eight starts, goes after the eastern division lead in the Ohio Valley Conference Saturday hosting East Tennessee in a doubleheader.

The two teams split a doubleheader at Johnson City, Tennessee, last Saturday, although Morehead outhit the Buccaneers 14-10 in the losing effort.

Rex Chaney, Morehead's personable young coach, will probably send his ace righthander Richard "Butch" Green and either lefty Pete Gray or righthander Jim Hastings against East Tennessee seeking win number nine against four losses.

Green has a 3-1 record while Hastings is 2-0 and Gray 0-0. Green is a freshman while Hastings and Gray are both juniors.

Chaney has six starters hitting over .300 led by second baseman Stan Morgan with a healthy .451 average. Leston Stewart, the Eagles' powerful third baseman, has a .395 average while outfielder Bill Simms is hitting at a .384 clip.

Also hitting above the .300 mark are outfielders Lloyd McCleese (.340) and Ray Allen (.333) and first baseman Jack Rader (.300).

Larry Wright, an all-OVC first team choice at second base last year with a .395 average, has slumped to .250 after being hit in the head with a batted ball.

Saturday's doubleheader will begin at 1:00 p.m.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Morehead, Ky., May 6 - Victor Robert "Rick" DuBois, a 6-7 high school basketball star from Blandchester, Ohio, has signed a grant-in-aid at Morehead State College.

A fast, agile boy for his size, DuBois averaged 18.3 points a game for Blandchester High School as he led his team to a 14-7 season's record.

"We are extremely pleased that Rick has signed with Morehead," said Bob Laughlin, the successful Morehead coach who was named Ohio Valley Conference 'Coach of the Year'.

Laughlin added, "He has great potential and we feel that he will be a real fine college basketball player."

Dick Rannells, a 1960 graduate of Morehead State College, is assistant basketball coach and track coach at Blandchester.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Morehead, Ky., May 15--Morehead State College has signed three outstanding football players from Ohio, head coach Guy Penny announced today.

Ohioans signing grants-in-aid at Morehead are: Larry Maynard, Greenfield; Earl Compston, Wellston and Ron Garrett, Uhrichsville.

Maynard is a 175-pound quarterback who lost only two games in his junior and senior years as quarterback for Greenfield High School. He was coached by Robert Watts.

Compston is a 6-2, 195-pound end who was a standout for Wellston High School and was coached by Robert Brennan.

Garrett, a center, stands 6-1 and weighs 195 pounds. He played high school football at Uhrichsville High School and was coached by Lewis Higgenbotcham.

Penny, who led Morehead to a 5-4 season last year in his second year as head coach, calls the three "outstanding prospects who we feel will be able to help us in the future."

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Morehead, Ky., May 18--Morehead State College's fine young baseball team can annex the school's second Ohio Valley Conference baseball crown since 1957 this weekend.

The Eagles, who won the OVC championship in 1957 on the strength of great pitching by All-American basketballer Steve Hamilton, captured the eastern division of the OVC this year with a 5-3 record. Now the Eagles meet Murray this weekend for the conference title.

Led by power-hitting second baseman Stan Morgan who has a .464 average on 26 hits in 56 times at the plate, the Eagles posted a 12-8 season's record despite the lack of early season practice due to rain.

Giving support to Morgan at the plate is another powerful freshman, Leston Stewart. Hitting at a .360 clip, Stewart leads the Eagles in RBI's with 21, in home runs with 4, in hits with 27, in triples with 3, in doubles with 7 and in runs with 21.

Lloyd McCleese, a wiry center-fielder, has a .354 average with 22 hits in 62 appearances at the plate while freshman outfielder Bill Simms has collected 20 hits in 59 appearances for a .338 average.

Hovering near the .300 mark are first baseman Jack Rader (.295), outfielder Tom Ellis (.289) and outfielder Ray Allen (.282).

All-OVC infielder Larry Wright has a .271 average while shortstop Henry Schutte is hitting .263 and catcher Eldon Secrest .254.

Leading the mound corp is junior fireballer Jim Hastings who has a 4-0 record, including two important wins in the OVC.
Freshman righthander Richard "Butch" Green has a 4-3 record with a 2-1 mark in the OVC while junior lefthander Pete Gray is 1-1, freshman Doug Stamper is 1-0 and freshmen Bob Honstead and Ken Maggard are both 1-2.

Young Rex Chaney, in his first year as the Morehead coach, loses only two members of this year's team which has posted the best baseball record at Morehead in more than a decade.

The enthusiastic Chaney calls this year's squad "a team which just doesn't know when to quit."

"We have a group of boys who want to play baseball," said Chaney, "and their great hustle and desire has won several games for us this year."
Morehead, Ky., May 27--Henderson "Hecky" Thompson, one of Morehead State College's all-time great basketball players, has received the Len Miller award as Morehead's top athlete during 1960-61.

The award, named after one of Morehead's most popular and successful coaches for almost a decade in the 1930's and 1940's, is given to an outstanding athlete who in addition to exhibiting outstanding athletic skills has a 2.5 standing or better, shows leadership abilities and who displays courage and determination.

The award is given annually by the Mystic Club, Morehead's student pep club.

A senior from Stockdale, Ohio, "Hecky" led Morehead to the co-championship of the Ohio Valley Conference this year after the Eagles had been picked to finish fourth in a pre-season poll.

The gritty, 5'11, 165-pounder, was the steadying influence in Morehead's wins over Eastern Kentucky and Western Kentucky in the OVC playoff which led to a berth in the NCAA tournament.

He led the OVC in free throw shooting, hitting 86% of his attempts from the charity line, with his best night being against Eastern Kentucky when he hit 17 of 17 attempts as Morehead thrashed the Maroons 90-73.
"Hecky" was named to the second All-OVC team in 1961, was the conference's sixth leading scorer with a 17.8 average and was sixth in the nation in free throw shooting.

The tennis team's top man for three years, "Hecky" is called by head basketball coach Bob Laughlin, "the grittiest basketball player I have ever coached. He just doesn't know when to quit."

Laughlin added, "He is a natural at anything he attempts. Although he looks like almost anything but a natural athlete, 'Hecky' has a great pair of hands and has an overabundance of desire."

During the 1959-60 basketball season, "Hecky" was moved to forward when Morehead's squad was cut to eight after sickness and scholastic difficulties.

While operating at forward he frequently had to spot opponents seven and eight inches but managed to average 17.1 points a game, grab 117 rebounds and finish as the OVC's seventh leading scorer.

"Hecky" is the second of three Thompson brothers to play for Morehead. Brother Kenny played on the great NCAA teams of 1955-56 and 1956-57 and younger brother William saw limited action in twelve games as a sophomore this year.

"All three are married," added Laughlin, "and we certainly hope that their youngsters will be as fine athletes as their fathers."

Opposing coaches who will be facing a Thompson in the Morehead lineup next year for the eighth straight year probably aren't quite as enthusiastic about the possibility of more Thompsons playing for Morehead.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Morehead, Ky., June 1--Guy Penny, Morehead State College's popular young football coach, has signed two more outstanding football players to grants-in-aid.

Penny announced today that Bill Hornbeck, Louisville, and Robert Johnson, Atlanta, Ga., have signed at Morehead and will enroll in September.

Hornbeck, who played for Louisville St. Xavier, is a 6-3, 210-pounder who will bolster Morehead's already strong tackle ranks.

Johnson, a 180-pound quarterback, played for Clarkston High School in Atlanta and is considered one of the top schoolboy quarterbacks in Georgia.

"Bill and Robert are both outstanding youngsters," said Penny, "and we feel they both will fit perfectly into our football program."

Morehead had a 5-4 record last year and lost only four men by way of the graduation route. The 1961 Eagle eleven is expected to be the strongest Morehead squad in over a decade.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Morehead, Ky., June 15--Morehead State College head football coach Guy Penny announced the signing of two more outstanding high school football stars today.

Inking grants-in-aid at Morehead this week were Gerald Haynes, Sparta, Tennessee, and Gary Snider, Philippi, West Virginia.

Haynes is a 170-pound halfback who was named to the All-Mid-State team in Tennessee.

Snider is a 175-pound quarterback who is considered one of the outstanding signal-callers in West Virginia.

Both are excellent students and Penny calls them "outstanding prospects who have a great deal of potential."

In his second year at the helm, Penny guided Morehead to a 5-4 season and a fourth place finish in the Ohio Valley Conference. He lost only four seniors from last year's sophomore and junior dominated squad.

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Morehead, Ky., June 18--Dennis Doyle, who led Caverna High School to a 27-4 season in basketball and the state championship in baseball, has signed a basketball grant-in-aid at Morehead State College.

The greatest all-around athlete in the eleven-year history of Caverna High School, he is called by his coach, Ralph Dorsey, one of the "finest youngsters I have ever coached. His future is exceedingly bright."

A 5-10, 160-pounder, Doyle averaged 18.6 points a game as a senior as Caverna advanced to the final round of the regional tournament. He averaged 17.5 points a game as a junior and local fans compare him to former Caverna basketball great Kenny Sidwell.

In baseball, Doyle has hit over .400 the past three years and has compiled a 23-2 record as a pitcher. He hit .435 and won nine games while losing only one as Caverna captured the state championship this year. In the final game of the tournament, he allowed Waggener High School one hit and scored the game's only run in Caverna's 1-0 win.

A better than B student, he received the Danforth leadership award at graduation and was honorary captain in basketball, baseball and football during his junior and senior years.

At Morehead, Doyle will join winning teams in both basketball and baseball. The 1960-61 Morehead basketball team tied for the OVC championship and won a playoff for the NCAA berth where the Eagles defeated Xavier University and lost a squeaker to the University of Kentucky.
In baseball, Morehead compiled a 12-9 record and shared the eastern division championship with East Tennessee.

Both the basketball and baseball teams lose only one starter.

Bob Laughlin, OVC basketball coach of the year, calls Doyle, "a fine youngster who should fit right into our style of play."

"We have had some great little guards in the past few years, such as Harlan 'Fats' Tolle, Donnie Gaunce, Herbie Triplett, Henderson 'Heckie' Thompson and Granville Williams (who still has another year of eligibility)," added Laughlin, "and we feel that Dennis will continue in the fine tradition established by those great boys."
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Morehead, Ky., July 1--Art Hastings, Jr., one of the top high school football stars in Ohio while performing at Massillon High School, has signed a grant-in-aid at Morehead State College.

Guy Penny, Morehead's popular and successful young coach, announced the signing today with a broad grin. And he had reason to be happy as Hastings is one of the finest football prospects to ever sign a grant-in-aid at Morehead.

A 180-pound halfback, Hastings was named to the Scholastic Coach All-American team and was named an All-Ohio first team choice by both the Associated Press and the United Press International.

Penny calls Hastings a "terrific runner who has all of the moves to be a great college football player."

The 5-10 Hastings was coached at Massillon by Leo Strang and will join former Massillon standout, John Donat, a 195-pound junior guard, on the squad.

Penny, in only his second year at the Morehead helm, guided Morehead to a 5-4 season and a fourth place finish in the Ohio Valley Conference last year. He lost only four lettermen from his sophomore-junior dominated squad which should be Morehead's best football team in over a decade in the 1961 campaign.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Morehead, Ky., July 4--Morehead State College head football coach Guy Penny announced today the signing of one of the brightest end prospects in the eastern United States.

Richard Pare, a 195-pound All-State end from New Britain, Connecticut, has signed a Morehead grant-in-aid and will enroll in September, Penny said.

"Richard is one of the finest college prospects at end I have ever seen," said Penny, "and we feel that he will greatly strengthen our end ranks next year."

Pare will join his former New Britain High School teammate Don Dombroskos, a 235-pound sophomore tackle, on the Morehead squad.

New Britain is the home of Morehead assistant coach Bill Mack.

Penny also announced today that Bud Herrin, a 185-pound center from Jessup, Georgia, will return to Morehead in September after missing the 1960 season.
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Morehead, Ky., July 6---Guy Penny, Morehead State College head football coach, has signed three more outstanding high school football stars.

Inking grants-in-aid at Morehead this week were: Hugh Rainey, a 187-pound fullback from Decater High School, Decater, Georgia; Jack Smith, a 190-pound end from Southwest DeKalb High School, Decater, Georgia, and Sam Noble, a 210-pound guard from Arab High School, Arab, Alabama.

"Our scouting reports indicate that all three of these youngsters will be of help to us next season," said Penny, "and we are looking forward to having them on the Morehead campus in September."

Morehead experienced its best season in over a decade last year as Penny guided the Eagles to a 5-4 record and a fourth place finish in the rugged Ohio Valley Conference. He lost only four lettermen from the sophomore-junior dominated squad.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Morehead, Ky., July 26--Harold Sergent, Ashland High School's great guard who led the Tomcats to the 1961 Kentucky state championship, has signed a grant-in-aid at Morehead State College.

A first team All-State choice, the 6-0 speedster is considered one of the finest guards ever produced in the 16th region.

"Harold is one of the top guard prospects we have ever signed," said Morehead basketball coach Bob Laughlin. "He is a great shooter, has fine speed and is the type of take charge guy we like."

Laughlin added, "Harold is the perfect type of basketball player to head our offense. We feel that he can be as great a guard as Granville Williams--and by that comparison you know we're quite high on him."

Sergent averaged 15.5 points a game as a senior and was named to the all-district and all-regional teams as well as to the all-state team.

The 160-pounder played in the Kentucky--Indiana All-Star games and had a B average at Ashland High School.

He is also a topnotch baseball prospect who hit .345 as a sophomore, .395 as a junior and .310 as a senior. A shortstop, he also pitches and had a 4-2 record as a senior.

Morehead's surprising sophomore--junior dominated team represented the Ohio Valley Conference in the NCAA in 1961 after tying for the conference championship and winning the playoff by defeating Eastern Kentucky and Western Kentucky. The Eagles lost only one starter from that team and are picked to capture the OVC crown in 1961-62.
FROM: RAY HORNBACK
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Morehead, Ky., Aug. 30--Sixty-five hopefuls will start two-a-day drills
Friday at Morehead State College in preparation for the 1961 football season.

Head coach Guy Penny, who will have four seniors, ten juniors and 16
sophomores to build around, may have the depth to field the finest football
team in over a decade at Morehead.

The personable young coach lost only four squad members by graduation
but they were all good ones. Center Tom Scott, quarterback Henry Schutte,
fullback Buford Crager and tackle Bruce Howard will be sorely missed but
Penny has the experienced personnel to replace them.

Junior Bill Mitchell and sophomore Leon Conway will fill the gap left by
Scott at center while junior quarterback Mike Brown is highly respected by all
and should pick up where Schutte left off.

Filling Crager's spot at fullback will be senior Jim Hastings and junior
Oscar Phillips while Howard's vacated tackle spot will be up for grabs by a
quartet of beefy prospects.

Returning at the halfback slots are freshmen sensations Howard Murphy and
Bud Ogden. Murphy is already rated one of the OVC's all-time great halfbacks
while Ogden is a 190-pound bundle of dynamite. Expected to provide depth at
the squad's strongest position are senior Pete Swain, junior Paul West and in-
coming high school All-American, Art Hastings, Jr., an all-state performer
at Massillon, Ohio.
Penny will have good depth at end with veterans Hugh Black, Roy Lucas, Richard Fletcher and Ronnie Guin returning to the fold. Add to this group four outstanding freshmen and the flanker spot looks solid.

The tackle position will have plenty of beef, led by junior James Keenan, a 270-pounder. Also slated for heavy duty are sophomores Jan Knepshield (225) and Don Dombroskos (230) and juniors Ernest De Courley (250) and Seymour Hartzog (210).

At guard will be captain Tony Gast, senior Fred Hill, juniors John Donat and Ames Kitchens and five hopeful sophomores backed up by four promising freshmen.

Outstanding freshmen Penny has high hopes for are: halfbacks Art Hastings, Jr., Dennis Brown and Gerald Haynes; quarterbacks Willie Partee, Larry Maynard and Gary Snider; fullback Hugh Rainey; ends Richard Pare, Earl Compston, Jerry Moore and Jack Smith; tackles Bill Hornbeck and Richard Jones; guards Sam Noble, Charles Gray, Bob Fisher and center Ron Garrett.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Morehead, Ky., Sept. 7--After six days of intensive practice, Morehead football coach Guy Penny is pleased with the progress his 50-man squad has made.

"We have two equal units," said Penny, "and barring injuries, should be sound at every position. I have been extremely pleased with the desire and spirit shown by the squad as a whole and if we keep up the rate of progress we have made so far, we'll be ready for our opener on Sept. 16."

Penny has lost only two youngsters he had expected to make the first two units--guards Ames Kitchens and Richard McCoy--and now must look toward the freshman ranks to provide depth at guard.

All other positions are two and three deep with halfback being the strongest slot with returning veterans Howard Murphy, Bud Ogden, Pete Swain and Paul West teaming with freshman Art Hastings, Jr., to give Morehead the strongest halfback corp in the Ohio Valley Conference.

Directing the Morehead wing-T attack is junior Mike Brown, a hustling youth who led the conference in punting last year with a 39.8 yard average. Running the second unit is sophomore Leo Wessel.

At fullback, Penny has three fine runners who also excel on defense in 185-pound Jim Hastings, 205-pound Oscar Phillips and a real "comer" in freshman Russ Campbell, a 180-pounder who will see a great deal of action this year.
Penny has experienced performers at every position in the line with veterans Hugh Black, Roy Lucas, Richard Fletcher and Ronald Guinn teaming with a quartet of outstanding freshmen to give the Eagles a great deal of strength at end.

Leading the tackles is 270-pound James Keenan, a leading choice for all-OVC honors, backed up by 250-pound Ernest DeCourley, 225-pound Jan Kneupshild and 230-pound Don Dombroskas.

At guard, Penny has captain Tony Gast, Fred Hill, John Donat and 210-pound scrapper Scott Davidson while center is sound with junior Bill Mitchell and sophomores Leon Conway and Bud Herrin fighting for a starting berth.

Injuries have been held at a minimum during the first week of practice. Sophomore end Roy Lucas reported with a burned shoulder as a result of an accident while working in his hometown of Middletown, Ohio, while freshman sensation Art Hastings has missed two days after having a tooth pulled.

The Eagles open the 1961 season against Memphis Navy at Morehead on Sept. 16 and entertain pre-season conference favorite Middle Tennessee on the following weekend, Sept. 23.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Morehead, Ky., September 13------The Morehead State College Eagles are winding up two-a-day drills in preparation for their 1961 season opener against the Memphis Navy Hellcats at Morehead Saturday. The afternoon tilt is set for 2:00 (E.S.T.).

Coach Guy Penny will be concentrating on getting two full units in top shape for the curtain raiser. He is highly concerned with the effect of the extreme heat which has been in the 90's almost consistently since practice began September 1.

Expected to get the opening call in Saturday's encounter are, linemen: ends, Hugh Black, 190-pound junior, and Richard Fletcher, 210-pound sophomore; tackles, 270-pound James Keenan and 260-pound Ernie DeCourley; guards, Scott Davidson, 210-pound sophomore, and Tony Gast, Eagle Captain and senior; and center, junior Bill Mitchell.

At quarterback will be Mike Brown, highly respected field general who teamed with now-departed Henry Schutte last year. The halfback position, the strongest on the Morehead team, will be manned by sophomore sensation Howard Murphy, 180-pounder from Springfield Ohio; and Pete Swain, 175-pound senior from Bushnell, Florida. The fullback call will be given to Russell Campbell, 180-pound freshman from Hamilton, Ohio.

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The Navy eleven, on the Morehead slate for the first time, will be playing its second game of the young season and Coach Penny is busy trying to plug the holes which proved highly significant in the Hellcat offense a week ago. The servicemen, coached by Ltjg. John Beck who is in his first year at the base, were paced last week by their passing attack built around Burney Creswell, former Texas Christian University end. The 6-4 flankman consistently took passes from Southeastern Oklahoma defenders in the 18-12 loss last week.

The Memphis eleven has only two regulars from last season's team but this must not be taken lightly by the Eagles when they consider the way top collegiate performers arrive on service bases. Buford Elliott, a hard running fullback, led the team in rushing last year with better than five yards per carry and will be back this year to attempt to puncture the Eagle line. The other experienced Hellcat is halfback Johnnie Thurman who picked up 4.67 yards per carry in the 1959 campaign.

Both Morehead and Memphis Navy will counter with the wide open Wing-T offense in Saturday's game.

Morehead's Jayne Memorial Stadium will have 1,000 additional bleachers this year to take care of the enrollment boom at the school as well as the great numbers of Eagle rooters who joined forces with the team last year after their 5-4 season, the brightest spot in Morehead football fortunes in a decade.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

MOREHEAD, KY., September 18----It is very unusual for a football coach to be unhappy after his team wins a lop-sided game but Morehead State College's Guy Penny is moaning after his team's opener Saturday against Memphis Navy. The Eagles shellacked the Navy eleven 58-0.

In looking over films of Saturday's encounter, and in checking with his coaching squad, Penny asserted that "we are very disappointed in the offensive play (blocking) of the interior linemen." He continued, "Our guard and tackle play on offense must be vastly improved if we are to be in the game Saturday against power-packed Middle Tennessee." The Morehead squad faces the task of slowing down the pre-season Conference favorite Blue Raiders Saturday in Jayne Stadium.

Penny also expressed dissatisfaction in the condition of his halfback corps. This position had been listed as the strongest on the Morehead team this fall in pre-season forecasts but the Eagle men said that "we felt that they were far off the pace of spring practice performance."

Scouting reports indicate that Middle Tennessee has equal strength with the 1959 Blue Raider team which ranked fifth among the nation's small college elevens. Outstanding in the Tennesseans curtain raiser was the tremendous running of quarterback Jimbo Pearson and halfback Jerry Nabors. Middle Tennessee routed a highly respected Austin Peay team 40-7 at Clarksville.

Penny did express that he was pleased with the defensive play of his entire squad Saturday. The Eagles held Memphis Navy to a net four yards on the ground in the opener. The winners got the jump on the Naval eleven early
as they scored with just one minute, one second gone in the game when the Eagle defensive unit pounced on a fumble in the end zone on the second play from scrimmage. The Blue and Gold repeatedly threw the Hellcat ball carriers for losses.

The Saturday Morehead-Middle Tennessee game is set for 2:00 p.m. and is the initial Ohio Valley Conference tilt for each team.
MORRISTOWN, Ky., September 21—The battle of the year in the tough Ohio Valley Conference could be on tap for Morehead fans today as the Eagles entertain powerful Middle Tennessee, pre-season choice to win the league's championship.

It will be a scrap between the conference's statistics leaders as both went outside the loop to win lopsided victories last weekend. Morehead trounced Memphis Navy 58-0 at Morehead and Middle Tennessee traveled to Clarksville to blast Austin Peay 40-7 in curtain raisers for both teams.

"After reviewing the scouting report from Coach Earl Bentley, we are convinced that the Ohio Valley coaches were right in their pre-season forecast," head coach Guy Penny asserted, "and our primary concern at this point is coping with their tremendous depth." Middle Tennessee's Blue Raiders warned the league's other six members that they meant business last weekend as they exploded in the last three quarters to gain the romp decision over the respected Austin Peay eleven.

Penny added, "We feel that we have made satisfactory progress during this week on offensive blocking and pass defense but only time will tell whether this progress will keep us in the game with the Tennesseans' offensive machine paced by quarterbacks Terry Bailey and Jerry Pearson and the running of halfbacks Jim Nabors, Larry Whaley and Jimbo Pearson."
Pete Swain, starting Morehead right half, is a doubtful performer in today's game after not responding to treatment for an ankle injury received prior to last week's opener. Bud Ogden, regular last year, will get the call at Swain's position. Ogden is a 190-pound sophomore from Hooven, Ohio.

Other starters in the Eagle backfield will be quarterback Mike Brown, leading punter in the O.V.C. last season; halfback Howard Murphy, sensation last year who saw only limited action against Memphis Navy; and fullback Jim Hastings, who racked up 16 points in the opener to jump out in front in league scoring.

Getting the call by Penny in the line will be: Ends, Hugh Black, 190-pounder from Mt. Sterling, and Richard Fletcher, 210-pounder from Greenup; tackles, 270-pound James Keenan of Louisville and Don Dombroskas, 230-pounder from New Britain, Conn.; guards, Fred Hill, 190-pounder from Tifton, Ga., and Captain Tony Gast, 190-pounder from Louisville.

Starting time for today's tussle in Jayne Stadium is 2:00 p.m. (E.S.T.)
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

MOREHEAD, KY., SEPTEMBER 25—Coach Guy Penny and his Morehead Eagles face the mammoth task this week of "getting over" their hard-fought 19-14 Ohio Valley Conference opener to Middle Tennessee Saturday. The young Eagles could taste victory with two-and-one-half minutes remaining only to have the pre-season Conference favorites strike with 24 seconds remaining to down the upset-minded Moreheadians.

"I'm afraid that the closeness of victory and the tremendous effort our boys gave in defeat will affect their mental attitude," were the words of Penny in looking back at Saturday's game. "We lost out poise in the last few minutes and that beat us," he said.

Morehead went into the last period with 7-0 lead only to see the visiting Blue Raiders strike twice on pass plays to lead 12-7. Morehead then took the kickoff and tallied on only two plays to go ahead 14-12. Art Hastings, sensational freshman, scored on a 13-yard jaunt around left end after quarterback Mike Brown had fired a strike to end Ron Guinn to set up the score.

Penny ralted that he felt that when his boys tired from the extreme heat they did not carry out their defensive assignments, especially in rushing the passer. Morehead outgained Middle Tennessee on the ground by 50 yards but lost the battle through the air. The Morehead mentor indicated that this week's drills would be devoted chiefly to pass defense.

The Morehead coaching staff was very much impressed with the defensive line with tackles James Keenan and Ernie DeCourley, ends Hugh Black and Roy Lucas, and linebackers Bill Mitchell and Bud Herrin drawing particular praise. The running of halfback Art Hastings and fullbacks Jim Hastings and Russ Campbell was given favorable acclaim by Penny.

Morehead journeys to Cookeville, Tennessee this week for a Saturday night engagement with the Golden Eagles.  

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FOR RELEASE FRIDAY P.M. OR SATURDAY A.M., SEPTEMBER 29 AND 30

Morehead, Ky., September 28----Morehead State College's Eagles face the second of three consecutive major tests of the young football campaign Saturday night when they meet Tennessee Tech in Cookeville.

Guy Penny's young Eagles battled Ohio Valley Conference favorite Middle Tennessee right down to the wire last week before falling 19-14 and must look ahead to a Homecoming engagement with Murray on October 7. Middle Tennessee, Murray and Tennessee Tech were rated one, two, three in the Conference's pre-season balloting, ahead of Morehead.

Morehead is well aware that Tennessee Tech's two defeats this season have been at the hands of major schools, Louisville and Chattanooga. The Golden Eagles of Tech outrushed their first two opponents by 86 yards which is indicative of their tremendous running attack.

After studying scouting reports, Coach Penny stated, "The Tech team has improved vastly from week to week and this is certainly true in the week between the Louisville and Chattanooga encounters." He continued, "We believe that with transfer quarterback Jim Ragland well, Tech will have a scoring punch that has been missing."

The Morehead coaching staff has been much impressed with the progress of the "offense during this week." The week's practice has been devoted primarily to pass defense and pass offense. Morehead, known for the past two seasons for its pass offense, is far off the pace of the 1960 season.
Freshman standout Art Hastings, Massillon, Ohio, has been promoted to the starting unit this week after leading the O.V.C. in rushing for the first two weeks. Playing with the reserve unit, he has carried the ball 17 times for 148 yards, an average of 8.7 per carry.

Jim Hastings, tied for the Conference lead in scoring, will get the opening call at fullback in the Teck fracas with freshman Russ Campbell ticketed for much action. The halfback post opposite Art Hastings will be manned by Howard Murphy, speedster who has been disappointing in the opening games.

Mike Brown will open at quarterback with the following lineman expected to start: Ends, Ron Guinn and Roy Lycas, both promoted from the second unit; tackles, Ernie DeCourley, who turned in a sparkling performance against MTSC, and James Keenan; guards John Donat and captain Tony Gast; and center Bill Mitchell.

The greatest concern of the Morehead coaching corps has been the slow start of the top performers during spring practice, including, Murphy, Oscar Phillips, who was expected to open the year at fullback, Bud Ogden, Richard Fletcher and Fred Hill. Past recovers reveal that Murphy and Ogden are slow starters and Penny is hopeful that this week's battle will be the time for them to hit their strides.

Morehead departed for Cookeville Friday morning by bus.
Morehead, Ky., Oct. 7---Rex Chaney, who had a 58-14 record as a high school basketball coach, has been named freshman basketball coach at Morehead State College.

Chaney, who holds the AB and MA degrees from Morehead, replaces Lake Kelly who has gone on active duty with the 100th Division at Fort Chaffee, Arkansas.

Bob Laughlin, Morehead's athletic director and head basketball coach, made the announcement today, saying, "Rex is an outstanding young chap who we feel has the background and personality to do a splendid job as freshman basketball coach, scout and recruiter."

A native of Hazard, Chaney earned the AB degree in 1957 and the MA degree in 1961. He also serves as baseball and cross country coach and posted a 12-9 record last spring, good enough for a tie for the Eastern Division baseball crown in the Ohio Valley Conference. His cross country team had a 7-4 record last year and was the top Kentucky team in the National AAU meet.

At Fleming-Neon High School in 1957-58, his team had a 24-4 record while he posted a 19-10 record at Jenkins High School the following year. He did graduate work at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, in 1959-60 and coached the Miami Training School junior high team to a 15-0 record and the county championship.

He played two years at Morehead and served as manager during his junior and senior years.

"I have worked closely with Coach Laughlin in past years and I'm looking forward to working with our outstanding group of freshmen this year," Chaney said.
He will have several fine prospects to work with during the 1961-62 season, including: Harold Sergent, 5-11, Ashland; Dennis Doyle, 5-10, Horse Cave; Rick DuBois, 6-7, Blanchester, Ohio; David Van Meter, 6-10, Cincinnati, Ohio; Harold Madden, 6-2, Jackson; Paul Kimble, 6-4, West Union, Ohio; Joe Campbell, 6-3, Horse Cave and Robert VanCleve, 5-11, Hamilton, Ohio.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

MOREHEAD, KY., October 10 -- The Morehead State College football Eagles have a week to recuperate after colliding with the Ohio Valley Conference's top three teams on successive weekends. The Eagles have this week off before meeting the Thundering Herd of Marshall University on October 21 at Huntington, W. Va. in the Big Green's Homecoming fracas.

Morehead dropped its third straight losing decision to a Conference opponent Saturday before an Homecoming crowd, losing to Murray 35-28. On the two previous weekends, Morehead had leek powerful Middle Tennessee most of the game before being edged 19-14 in the last 24 seconds, and then had traveled to Tennessee Tech only to come home on the short end of a 20-16 count. Middle Tennessee, Murray and Tennessee Tech had been expected to finish 1-2-3 ahead of Morehead in the OVC pre-season poll of coaches.

In reviewing Saturday's loss to Murray, Coach Guy Penny said that "offensive mistakes accounted for the defeat at the hands of the massive Murray eleven." He pointed to the three Eagle fumbles and two pass interceptions which accounted for 21 Racer points.

Penny added that he felt that his squad had improved considerably on pass defense although statistics show that Murray completed 12 of 14 aerials Saturday. The hidden fact here is that five were completed behind the line of scrimmage and the total yardage picked up by the Thoroughbreds in the air totaled only 88.

The week layoff will enable the Eagles to recover from injuries sustained in Saturday's game as well as permit Bill Mitchell, regular center who missed the last encounter, to recuperate for the Marshall battle. Mitche
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Morehead, Ky., Oct. 10—Morehead’s fine cross country team, with two wins under its belt, journeys to Richmond Friday for the first of two meetings with Eastern Kentucky.

The young Eagles, coached by Rex Chaney, have gotten off to a fine start with a 25-32 win over Kentucky State and an easy sweep of a triangular meet with Berea and Villa Madonna in which Morehead captured the first four spots.

Chaney has six outstanding youngsters who excelled in the hill-and-dale sport in high school, headed by Billy Ray Edmonds, Johns Creek, who finished second in the Kentucky state high school cross country meet last year.

His other outstanding runners include: Hays Castle, Flat Gap, who finished fourth in the state meet last year; Jimmy Johnson, Blanchester, Ohio, one of the top milers in Ohio last year; Don Herbert, Detroit, Mich., who ran a 4:33 mile and a 9:56 two-mile in high school competition; Joe Foster, Greensburg and Acie Vest, West Liberty.

The remainder of Morehead’s schedule:

- Oct. 18 Kentucky State home
- Oct. 21 Cumberland away
- Oct. 25 Eastern home
- Oct. 28 Cincinnati home
- Nov. 11 Kentucky away
- Nov. 23 Shamrock AAU Louisville
Note to editors: The following material has been prepared in advance of our brochure because of the heavy demand for information by magazines whose deadlines are this summer.

Ray Hornback
Public Relations Director

MOREHEAD STATE COLLEGE
Basketball 1961-62

Prior to last season (1960-61), Morehead's colorful head basketball coach Bob Laughlin told several reporters at a meeting of the Ohio Valley Conference that he shouldn't be forgotten when they began talking about the conference basketball scramble which was soon to begin.

But they all thought the fun-loving Laughlin was kidding as he frequently does....as his squad would be a sophomore-junior group of untested youngsters at least a year away.

Laughlin just shrugged his shoulders and returned to the thriving Morehead State College campus where he began long, torrid drills in the beautiful 5,000 seat fieldhouse.

On the first day of practice he told his squad of three seniors, two juniors, and seven sophomores that everyone thought he was kidding when he said this could be a good ballclub. His practice session lasted three hours that day and his youngsters knew he meant business.

And his opponents knew he meant business when his inexperienced sophomores grew stronger with each game. And most everyone but Laughlin and his youngsters were surprised when Morehead tied favored Western Kentucky and Eastern Kentucky for the OVC championship, defeated both in a playoff and went on to defeat Xavier University in the first round of the NCAA tourney. The Eagles finally bowed to the University of Kentucky, 71-64, in the round of sixteen.

Laughlin, who was named OVC Coach of the Year for his efforts last year, has four starters returning from last year's spirited team and he has a trio of fine sophomores to add to the group. Needless to say, observers are
now saying that this could very easily be the greatest team in Morehead history.

Leading the Morehead attack will be a 5-11 dynamo, Granville Williams, who is one of the finest shots to ever come from Kentucky. A native of Dwarf, Ky., Williams plays like anything but a dwarf as he hits with almost incredible consistency with his one-handed push shot and long, two-handed set shot.

Jack Lorri, sports director of WLAP in Lexington (the home of the University of Kentucky) calls Granville the best guard he saw during the 1960-61 season. Comparing him to Georgia Tech's great All-American, Roger Kaiser, Lorri says, "Williams is trickier, faster, and a better shot than Kaiser."

As a junior in '60-61, "Granny" averaged 22.7 points a game against some of the nation's toughest competition. His high points of the season were against arch-rival Western Kentucky when he poured through 41 in Morehead's 100-94 win over the Hilltoppers. Two weeks later, the 160-pounder hit nine points against Western in an overtime to win the OVC playoff and resulting NCAA berth.

During the past seven years, Morehead has had two genuine greats who received All-American honors in Dan Swartz (the MBL's most valuable player) and Steve Hamilton (former Minneapolis Lakers performer). The sensational Williams may become Morehead's greatest!

When Williams misses, Morehead has two giants to retrieve the ball in 6-8 senior center Ed Noe and 6-8 junior forward Norman Pokley. Noe averaged 13.6 points a game last year and pulled down 10.9 rebounds a game. The 220-pound Pokley was the Eagles' top rebounder with a 13.2 average and scored at a 9.8 clip.
Returning at the other forward is junior John Gibson, a rugged 6-5 lad who works the boards with the smoothness of a cat. Expected to get the call at the guard post vacated by Henderson Thompson is his brother William, a fine shot with speed to burn.

Juniors Don Martin (6-5), Tom Ellis (6-4) and Bert Greene (6-1) will provide good relief. Tom Hamilton, 6-6 brother of former great Steve Hamilton, may be a big surprise after missing last year because of a lung operation.

Add to these veterans three top sophomores—6-4 Cecil Clair, 6-4 Bob Hoover and 6-1 Roy Ware—and Morehead has a well-balanced club. Clair, a former all-stater from Breathitt County, may be hard to keep out of the starting lineup because of his great shooting and fine board work.

Hoover, a native of Ashville, Ohio, is a rugged rebounder whose jumping ability enables him to rebound with boys two and three inches taller. Ware is a fine outside shot who drives well and isn't afraid of contact.

The Morehead Roster

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Morehead, Ky., Oct. 14--Bob Laughlin's highly ranked Morehead Eagles open basketball practice Monday in preparation for what many observers are predicting will be the greatest season in Morehead history.

Laughlin has a talent-loaded 14-man squad of three seniors, seven juniors and four sophomores after losing only 5-11 guard Henderson Thompson, 6-6 forward Arthur Cole and 6-0 guard Mickey Morgan from last year's surprising squad which advanced to the NCAA mideast regional tournament.

Returning are four starters from last year's 19-12 club, headed by 5-11 great Granville Williams, a senior who averaged 22.7 points last year and is considered one of the finest guards in the country.

Other returning starters are: 6-8 1/2 Ed Noe, who averaged 13.6 points as a junior; 6-9 Norman Pokley, a rugged junior who led the squad in rebounding last year with an average of 13.2 rebounds a game and John Gibson, a 6-6 junior who came on rapidly at the end of the 1960-61 season.

Fighting for the starting berth at guard vacated by Henderson Thompson are: his brother, 5-11 William Thompson; Mickey Wells, a 6-3 transfer from Miami, Ohio; Roy Ware, a 6-1 sophomore scrapper from Camargo; Bert Greene, a 6-2 former all-stater from Olive Hill and Cecil Clair, a 6-4 sophomore all-stater from Breathitt County. Clair, who is a fine rebounder and outside shot, will also be used at forward.
At center, Laughlin has Hoe, who came into his own during the Ohio Valley Conference playoffs and NCAA tournament last year and is considered the best big man in the OVC.

Eight prospects are competing for the forward berths led by the powerful Pokley and Gibson. Joining these two fine rebounders are: Tom Hamilton, a rugged 6-6, 210-pounder, who missed last season following a lung operation; Bob Rice, a 6-5 transfer from Lindsey Wilson Junior College; Don Martin, a 6-6 junior; Bob Hoover, a 6-4 sophomore scrapper; Tom Ellis, a 6-5 junior and the great shooter, Clair.

Laughlin, who was named "OVC coach of the year" last year is assisted by Steve Hamilton and Rex Chaney.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

MOREHEAD, KY., October 17----The position which was considered the strongest at the beginning of the season has now been turned over to freshmen at Morehead State College, Head Coach Guy Penny has announced. Penny lost his two starting ends this week while his squad was awaiting their Homecoming clash at Huntington, W. Va. with Marshall University this weekend.

Hugh Black, 185-pound junior from Mt. Sterling, will be lost for the season it was learned today due to complications following a nose injury in the Murray game two weeks ago. He suffered a broken nose in that game and subsequent complications have made an operation necessary.

Richard Fletcher, 6-3, 210-pound bruiser from Greenup, has been dropped from the squad for disciplinary reasons.

Richard Pare, who showed tremendous ability in the Murray game in his first start, and Jack Smith, 6-1, 195-pounder from Decatur, Ga. will be called upon for extensive action in the Marshall fracas. The two yearlings join Roy Lucas and Ron Guinn at the flank position. Richard Jones, a 205-pound tackle, will see action at the defensive end position in upcoming games.

Penny, in looking forward to the Saturday battle, said that his Eagles would have to turn in its finest effort to win the Homecoming battle from the Big Green. He feels that his squad has not lost any of its spirit in practice sessions during the week layoff. He praised the work of his team of defense in recent workouts.

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The Morehead mentor will call upon Pa're and Guinn for starting calls at the end positions in Saturday's game. Joining them in the Eagle line will be tackles, Jan Kneppshield and James Keenan, guards, Captain Tony Gast and Scott Davidson and center Bill Mitchell. The latter should be fully recovered from a leg injury that kept him out of the Murray game.

Opening in the Eagle backfield will be Mike Brown at quarterback, Howard Murphy and Bud Ogden at halfback, and Oscar Phillips at fullback.
MOREHEAD, KY., October 25——The Morehead State College Eagles return to Ohio Valley Conference action Saturday when they entertain the Buccaneers of East Tennessee State College, currently the league's last place team.

Coach Guy Penny asserted that he was disappointed in our scoreless tie with Marshall University last Saturday. He added, "For the fourth consecutive weekend the blocking of our interior linemen was the key factor in our inability to gain consistently on the ground." Morehead could gain but 17 yards rushing against the Big Green after averaging 225 yards per game in the first four contests.

Despite the lack of adequate blocking by his linemen, Penny also stated that the condition of the field in Saturday's game was the chief reason for the sluggish action on the ground. Marshall's home field, Fairfield Stadium, was a sea of mud after two games being played in rain on Thursday and Friday.

The Morehead coach singled out four Eagles for praise for their work on defense against Marshall. He lauded the efforts of Ernie DeCourley, 250-pound tackle; center Bill Mitchell; fullback Oscar Phillips and freshman end Richard Pa're, 190-pounder from New Britain, Connecticut.

Morehead's second unit played 22 minutes of the Marshall game giving the first unit much-needed rest. Due to the inability of the second unit to provide the necessary relief, Morehead has seen three tilts lost in the last quarter on successive weekends.
In looking to this week's fracas with East Tennessee, Penny said that the Bucs could not be taken lightly. Last year at the time of the Morehead-East Tennessee game, Coach Star Wood's unit had won but one game but put together a power-packed offense to rout the Eagles 36-14. This year's team scored 26 points last week against powerful Wofford, and has had costly mistakes by inexperienced freshman cost them upset victories over Murray, Tennessee Tech and Wofford.

The Tennesseans have the leading rusher in the OVC in Phil Morgan, 190-pound freshman halfback from Detroit, Michigan, and one of the leading passers in Harold Barker who has fired six touchdown passes thus far.

Coach Penny has been working overtime with Leonard Hunsinger, freshman quarterback from St. Petersburg, Fla. in hopes of developing a better passing attack which has been lacking in the last two games.

Saturday's game will be a part of the annual Band Day activities on the Morehead campus which also include a clinic for high school cheerleaders, and 25 marching bands.
MOREHEAD, KY., November 28—Bobby Laughlin's Morehead State College Eagles, looking forward to their finest season in history, open fire on the 1961-62 roundball campaign Friday night with a home engagement with the Anderson (Ind.) College Ravens.

The Eagles, who rank as high as twelfth in the nation in pre-season sports polls, will be heavily favored in the opener but Laughlin is quick to caution that any squad from the Hoosier College Conference is talent-laden and can give any team a battle on a given night. Anderson, coached by Bob Macholtz, is perennial champion of the Hoosier league and this year's team is not expected to be an exception. Last year the Ravens represented the league in the N.A.I.A. tournament and possessed the conference's leading individual point producer. They piled up 26 victories while dropping only 4 encounters in 1960-61.

Morehead is expected to see three of last year's regulars in the opening lineup Friday along with two juniors who were reserves last year. Heading the band of Eagles will be All-American candidate Granville "Granny" Williams, 5-11 whiz from Dwarf, Ky., who led the team in scoring last year. His running mate at guard will be another 5-11 speedster William "Junior" Thompson, brother of departed Henderson "Hockie" Thompson, only starter lost from last year's aggregation.

Ed Noc, 6-9 ace from Mt. Clemens, Mich., will open at center. The forwards will be Norman Pokley, 6-8 rebounding demon and Tom Ellis, 6-5 junior from Amelia, Ohio. Pokley, from Warren, Mich., is also a junior.
Expected to spell these regulars will be John Gibson, regular last year who will be hungry to return to his position; 6-6 Tom Hamilton, a regular in 1959-60 before being sidelined with a lung ailment; Bob Rice, 6-5 product of Lindsey Wilson Junior College; Cecil Clair, 6-4 guard-forward from Jackson; and Bert Greene, 6-2 sharpshooter from Olive Hill. Rounding out the squad are Mickey Wells, transfer from Miami (O.) University, and Bob Hoover, 6-4 sophomore forward from Ashville, Ohio. Don Martin, a squad member last year and now a junior, has been held out of action following a leg operation.

Roy Ware, 6-1 sophomore from Camargo who has been labeled a possible starter, is not expected to play Friday after a bout with tonsilitis.

Expected to give the Eagles trouble Friday night will be NAIA All-American Ken Strawn, 6-4 center who was chosen to the Hoosier Conference all-star team in both his freshman and sophomore seasons. The Connersville, Indiana junior amassed 630 points last year for a 21 per game average.

Rounding out the Ravens' starting unit will be Nolan Reed, last year's leading rebounder as a freshman, Dick Howell, Dick Leach and Barrett Bates. Reed is 6-5 while Howell, Leach and Bates are comparatively small at 5-11, 5-10 and 5-11 respectively.

Following the invasion of Anderson Friday, Morehead awaits a visit of highly-regarded Miami (Fla.) University Monday at the fieldhouse.

Game time for all home games is 7:30 p.m.
MOREHEAD, KY., Nov. 2-------Guy Penny's hard-luck Morehead Eagles journey to Bowling Green Saturday for a Homecoming engagement with the Hilltoppers of Western. Penny's charges will be trying to break into the win column for the first time in the Ohio Valley Conference action this year.

Morehead dropped a hard-luck 13-12 decision to East Tennessee last week for the fourth consecutive Conference loss. The tough part of the record is that the Eagles have been outscored but 17 points in losing the four tilts. Middle Tennessee defeated Morehead 19-14, Tennessee Tech was victorious 20-16 and Murray won 35-28 in the other three encounters.

The Eagles lost the ball seven times on fumbles in the East Tennessee game including one loss of the ball after Captain Tony Gast intercepted a Blue Raider pass. Each Morehead bobble came while the Eagles were in a sustained drive. Coach Penny said that he "was disappointed in the loss but felt that certain individuals gave peak performances." The Morehead mentor also stated that he was pleased with the showing of halfback Howard Murphy who showed his 1960 form with a net gain of 139 yards for the day's work.

Halfback Pete Swain, who rolled up 71 yards in the East Tennessee loss, will not play for the remainder of the campaign due to an injury to his collar more
Penny looks forward to Western as a "well-organized, highly spirited football team." He feels that the Hilltoppers have the best pass defense his team has faced this year and respects their offensive, led by quarterbacks, Bill Straub, Joe Druga and Jim Daily. With Straub at full speed this week, Western will have a much better running attack than was displayed at Eastern last week when the Hilltoppers surprised the Maroons 16-15 in their Homecoming tussle.
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MOREHEAD, KENTUCKY

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MOREHEAD, KY., November 6------"We're in the worst physical condition that we could possibly be in for the season's most important game," Morehead Coach Guy Penny said today in advance of the invasion of Eastern's Maroons Saturday. Coach Penny was referring to injuries sustained in the 7-0 loss to Western at Bowling Green Saturday.

Lost for the Eastern fracas will be triple-threat quarterback Mike Brown and Scott Davidson, standout defensive guard. Brown suffered a shoulder separation in the waning minutes of the third quarter of Saturday's game. Davidson has a torn leg muscle.

Minor injuries suffered in the Western game were to freshman end Richard Pare and regular halfback Bud Ogden. Both are expected to be ready for the Hawg Rifle tilt Saturday.

Coach Penny attributed defeat to the Hilltoppers to poor blocking. He praised the work of the defensive unit and lauded the pass defense which held Western, usually a passing team, to but 75 yards in the air.

Penny stated that this week's practice would be chiefly devoted to finding a quarterback replacement for Brown. The Logan, Ohio junior had played almost all of the time this season and the Morehead mentor must call on freshman Leonard Hunsinger, 150-pounder from St. Petersburg, Fla., or Leo Wessel, 170-pound sophomore from Louisville to direct the split-T attack this week.
Morehead is highly concerned with stopping Tony Lanham, Eastern quarterback, and Penny related that much of the practice time this week would be taken up with pass defensive drills, in addition to continuance of work of blocking.

Morehead's coaching staff feels that the team that "wants victory the most" will emerge victorious Saturday and take home the "Hawg Rifle" symbol of winning the annual battle for almost 25 years. Morehead now has the trophy following a 21-9 win at Richmond in 1960.
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Moreshead, Ky., Nov. 18--Stan Morgan, a Morehead State College sophomore, has been named to the United States Amateur Baseball Federation All-American team.

Morgan, who hit .448 as a freshman last season, received word of the award from Glenn Abe Martin, East Commissioner of the Federation. The award is recorded at the Helms Athletic Foundation.

A second baseman, Morgan was named to the all-OVC Eastern Division team after connecting for 26 hits in 58 times at bat. He scored 16 runs and his .448 average led the Eagles to the co-championship of the Eastern Division of the Ohio Valley Conference.

A native of New Lebanon, Ohio, Morgan is called by head baseball coach Rex Chancy "a quiet chap who has a world of ability and gives a 100% effort at all times."
Morehead, Dec. 2--The high-flying Morehead State College Eagles entertain the nation's tallest basketball team Monday night as Miami University (Florida) invades the 5,000 seat fieldhouse.

The Miami game will be one of the few encounters this year in which the Eagles will give away height under the boards as the Deep South lads average 6-10 across the front line, led by 7-1 junior center Mike McCoy. Manning the forwards are 6-9 Lou Alix and 6-8 Lee Woods.

McCoy and Woods saw action in all 27 games last year for the National Invitational Tournament participants with McCoy averaging 7.7 points a game and Woods 4.2 points. The towering Alix was an outstanding performer on the Hurricanes' freshman team.

At the guards, Miami will have two 6-footers, Julie Cohen and Chris Stavreti. Cohen was Miami's third leading scorer last year with a 12.1 average while Stavreti scored 45 points in 23 games.

Miami had a 20-7 record last year and downed Morehead 85-70 at Miami although Morehead led for over a half.

Morehead's affable head coach Bob Laughlin calls Miami "one of the biggest teams we've ever faced." He adds, "We'll have to work overtime on the boards just to keep up with them and we're expecting Monday night's game to be one of our sternest tests."

But while Laughlin is concerned about Miami's size, observers point out that the Eagles aren't so small, averaging almost 6-8 under the boards. 6-8 1/2 senior center Ed Noc, 6-9 junior forward Norman Pokley and either 6-6 John Gibson or 6-5 Tom Ellis will compose Morehead's front line which outrebounded all but one opponent last year.
Miami cannot match Morehead's backcourt speed as 5-11 guards Granville Williams and William Thompson lead the Eagle fast-break with almost reckless abandon.

Williams, a senior from Dwarf, Ky., is one of the finest guards in the South and hits from any position with his uncanny jump shot. He also hits well with a long, two-handed set shot and led Morehead in scoring last year with a 22.7 average.

Thompson is replacing graduated brother "Heckie" in the starting lineup and is the third Thompson brother to play for Morehead. He saw limited action as a sophomore last year, scoring 32 points in 12 games but has more speed than brother "Heckie" and is deadly with his jump shot from around the circle.

Laughlin has fine depth under the boards but is worried about replacements at guard. Sophomore Roy Ware, who has staged a real battle with Thompson for the berth opposite Williams, has tonsilitis and it is highly doubtful if he will play against Miami.

Backing up Williams and Thompson will be 6-2 junior Bert Greene, 6-3 sophomore Mickey Wells and 6-4 forward Cecil Clair who may be used at guard.

At forward, Laughlin has depth to spare with 6-6 Tom Hamilton, 6-5 Bob Rice and 6-4 Bob Hoover available.

Following the Monday night encounter with Miami, Morehead will play Berea on Tuesday night, Dec. 5, Mid-American Conference champion Ohio University on Thursday night and will open Ohio Valley Conference warfare on Saturday night with Tennessee Tech at Morehead.
MOREHEAD, KENTUCKY, December 6---Morehead's powerful Eagles, anticipating their finest campaign in many years, will get their second stern test of the young season tonight when they entertain the Bobcats of Ohio University in the fieldhouse. The Eagles of Bob Laughlin, co-champions of the Ohio Valley Conference last year, have disposed of three foes already, the most formidable being a 107-81 shellacking of a highly-regarded Miami (Fla.) team.

Morehead has also won over Anderson (Ind.) College 87-74 and Berea College 113-57.

The Eagles will face a veteran Ohio team tonight which is paced by two diminutive guards and 6-0 center Stacy Bunton, all regulars last year. The guards are Bill Whaley, a leading candidate for all-Mid-American conference honors, and Dave Katz.

Opening at forwards against Morehead will be Jerry Jackson, 6-3 sophomore, and Loren Wilcox, a 6-4 senior and tri-captain with Whaley and Katz.

The Bobcats are defending champions of the Mid-American loop and are fresh from a 68-57 victory over Marshall in Huntington, W. Va. Tuesday.

Morehead's Coach Laughlin has been highly pleased by the performances of his reserves, especially after Tuesday's game with Berea. The Eagles, after piling up 50 points in the first half, amassed 63 markers in the last half which was played by the second-liners.
All-American candidate Granville "Granny" Williams, who put on one of the flashiest demonstrations of shooting ever seen in the Miami game, has a three-game total of 96 points despite playing only 24 minutes in the Berea fracas. Norman Pokley, 6-9 forward is second in scoring with 47 points and William Thompson has 38. As a team, Morehead has tallied 307 points, a 102.3 per game average.

Morehead vies with Tennessee Tech in the first OVC game Saturday at Morehead.
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Morehead, Ky., Dec. 9—Morehead's Bob Laughlin won't have to get his boys "up" for Monday night's home game with Jacksonville University.

The reason . . . his youngsters don't forget easily.

What does memory have to do with a basketball game? Let's look back to last February 24 when the high-flying Eagles journeyed to Jacksonville, Florida, for the first meeting in history between Morehead and the Dolphins.

A highly favored Morehead lost the game 96-87 although outscoring Jacksonville by 12 points from the field. Five Morehead performers were sent to the bench by way of the personal foul route, including four starters.

Thirty-six personals (an all-time high for Morehead) were called against the Eagles in what Kentucky newsmen who accompanied Morehead called "the poorest officiated game we have ever seen."

That's what the Eagles haven't forgotten!

Led by a great shooting forward, 6-5 Roger Strickland, Jacksonville is considered one of the rising basketball powers in the South. One other starter from last year's club joins Strickland who garnered 41 points against Miami and 40 points against Tampa in the Dolphins first two outings.

Expected to join him in the starting lineup are: veteran Jim Moraski, a 6-3 junior forward; Al Stevenson, a 5-10 guard who led Florida high more
schools in scoring his senior year with a 28.3 average; Larry Breeland, a 6-8 sophomore center and possibly John Sodec, a 6-1 senior guard.

Laughlin calls the young Jacksonville club "a scrappy, well-drilled team which shoots well."

Expected to get the starting call against the Dolphins will be the Eagles great guard duo of Granville Williams and William Thompson a pair of speed demons who hit with amazing accuracy.

Ed Nee, a 6-3½ senior, will get the call at center, while junior Norman Pokley, a 6-9 lad, and either 6-6 John Gibson or 6-5 Tom Ellis will open at the other forward.

Roy Ware, a scrappy 6-1 sophomore, will be available for relief duty at guard with 6-6 Tom Hamilton, 6-5 Bob Rice, 6-4 Cecil Clair and 6-4 Bob Hoover backing up the big men.
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Morehead, Ky., Dec. 22---Following Morehead's "too close" 71-63 win over Tennessee Tech, the Eagles' colorful head coach Bob Laughlin commented, "Our youngsters were so eager to get into the schedule that we may have hit an early season peak in the Miami game." And with that he sent his 13-man, talent-loaded squad home for the Christmas holidays.

"We'll practice twice a day after Christmas," said Laughlin, who hopes only to get his pre-season OVC favorites back into the form they displayed against a highly rated Miami of Florida.

Morehead ripped Miami apart, 107-81, after leading 27-7 in the first 10 minutes and by as much as 35 points in the first half. But then the Eagles looked equally as bad three nights later in losing 60-56 to long-time nemesis Ohio University, a sound team which won the always rugged Mid-American Conference title last year.

Then the Eagles looked sluggish two nights later against Tennessee Tech in the conference debut for both teams. "We hit almost unbelievably against Miami and completely dominated the boards against a much taller team," said Laughlin, "and I believe our youngsters may have been discouraged when they were unable to repeat such a performance against Ohio University and Tennessee Tech."

But veteran observers predict that the slump will be a short one as Laughlin has the scoring power, size and speed to simply overwhelm many opponents.
Leading the Eagles to a 4-1 early season mark has been the prolific point producer from Dwarf, Ky., Granville Williams. The 5-11 speedster has garnered 142 points for a 28.4 average. He has hit an even 50% of his attempts from the floor, 84% from the free throw line and has a game high of 48 points against Miami, although he didn't play the last five minutes of the game.

Second in scoring is 6-8 1/2 senior center Ed Noe who has a 13.4 average and has averaged 14 rebounds a game. 6-9 junior forward, Norman Pokley, has a 10.8 scoring average and is the team's leading rebounder with an even 15 rebounds a game.

William Thompson, a 5-11 junior guard, has a 9.8 scoring average and has hit on 90% of his free throw attempts while 6-1 sophomore guard Roy Ware, who is giving Thompson a real battle for the starting guard berth opposite Williams, is averaging 4.8 points a game and has hit an almost unbelievable 64% of his field goal attempts.

Six other Eagles are averaging four points or better. Junior guard Bert Greene has a 5.3 mark, 6-6 junior forward John Gibson, a 4.2 average, 6-9 senior forward Tom Hamilton, 4.0, and a trio of sophomores, Bob Hoover, Cecil Clair and Mickey Wells, 4.0.

As a team, Morehead is averaging 86.8 points a game while limiting opponents to a 69.2 average.

Following the holiday vacation, the Eagles entertain Villa Madonna on January 6 before getting back into Ohio Valley Conference play with five straight games. East Tennessee plays at Morehead on Jan. 9 with the Eagles journeying to Tennessee Tech on Jan. 13. Arch-rival Western Kentucky comes to Morehead on Jan. 13 followed by a visit from Murray State on Jan. 20. Morehead then journeys to Middle Tennessee on Jan. 27 before returning home for a non-conference game with Union on Jan. 30 to close out the January action.