

Richmond, Ky., Feb. 26.—Eastern, the host team, Western and Kentucky Wesleyan survived the first round as the 17th annual K.I.A.C. basketball tournament opened here Thursday.

Eastern turned back Morehead, 47-44, after Western conquered its old rival, Murray, in a 46-44 thriller in the opening game of the night program. Wesleyan advanced with a 'spine-tingling 32-31 triumph over Georgetown in the afternoon session.