

# Champs Win In Semis Over Morehead 12-4; Transy Beaten 39-17

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Bowling Green, Ky., Feb. 28.—Playing the same cool and heady basketball that has characterized their play for years, the Hilltoppers of Western Teachers' College earned their fourth successive K. L. A. C. championship before 3,500 patrons on College Heights tonight, vanquishing Murray's Thoroughbreds, their most feared rivals in the Commonwealth, 23 to 20, in the title battle. In semi-final conflicts this afternoon, the champions defeated

Morehead's courageous Eagles by 12-4, the smallest tally ever recorded in a K. L. A. C. tournament and the runners-up eliminated the Pioneers of Transylvania, 39 to 17.

The championship struggle was the most exciting of the tournament and one of the closest final games on record. The boys showed more pep and vigor than in the first round and fought just as tenaciously in the final minute as they did the opening half. This was the more startling because of the fact that Ed Diddle's boys played without substitution this afternoon and again tonight.

## Boys Play At Their Best.

Harry Hardin and John Reckseh were at their very best although Ill luck pursued their offerings in the first half. Bradford Mutchler jumped at center as he never did before and at the guardian posts Capt. Bernard Hickman and Elmo Meacham so completely harassed the Reckehores that clean shots were almost impossible.

Capt. James Phillips of Murray shined in his all-time best game at a guard and was most ably assisted by Humpty Rayburn. Curran Howle

held his own with Mutchler in the circle and Ross Magruder and Omer Kent thrilled the crowd with marvelous shots from odd angles.

The crowd, composed mostly of Bowling Green citizens, were extremely noisy and naturally partial to the victors. It was a sporting crowd, however, and was guilty of no unsportsmanlike gestures. When Hardin sent the Toppers to the front early in the first half by 3 to 2 after Kent had opened the scoring for Murray, the folks stood up and yelled. When Reckseh brought them out of another slump a little later, the din was terrific and early in the second half when Hardin and Meacham made difficult shots to send their team on top for the last time, the fans rose in a body, clapped their hands, stomped their feet and sang as the school band or 110 pieces blasted out the school's song with drum-breaking vigor.

## Cheer and Breathe.

The spectators sat motionless watching intently the skillful attempts by each squad to catch the other's breath. The quiet was so complete that in the balcony could hear the paper breathe. The clap of a hand against the ball was like a pistol shot and the sound of the gun at the close of the half like a cannon explosion.

The entire Morehead team deserves much credit for its excellent showing. John Shuey and John Rosson were especially proficient, Rosson getting the tip his share of the time and Shuey passing cleverly. Bill Ryan, J. B. Parsley and Roy Adams were not far behind. As a team they worked together perfectly, showing the result of long, toilsome hours of training under the practiced eye of Coach Dowling.

Hickman opened the scoring with a very good jumper tied the count at 2-2 with a long shot. Mutchler made it 4-2 with a brace of graceful flips and Hickman added a point. Mutchler made a basket five minutes later and a free throw three minutes after his goal. Hardin when three minutes remained in the half, sent a free throw and Rosson collected one to bring the totals to 8-4 at the rest.

Neither team talked during the first thirteen minutes of the second frame and play was so perfect that a substitute sat in front of the scoring table four minutes before a whistle sounded, enabling him to enter the game. With seven minutes remaining, Hickman sank a free throw and Mutchler a field goal and both teams livened considerably. Morehead wound up with one field goal and two free throws. Shuey made the basket and one field shot and Rosson the other point.