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## B A S K E T B A L L

### WKU Hilltoppers vs Marshall Thundering Herd

#### Postgame Notes

Feb. 11, 2017

E.A. Diddle Arena, Bowling Green, Ky.

**FINAL SCORE: Marshall 84, WKU 79**

#### RECORDS AND NOTABLES

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- WKU falls to 12-13 overall and 6-6 in Conference USA play.
- Marshall improves to 14-11 and 7-5 in league action.
- WKU leads the all-time series against the Thundering Herd 13-10, including 7-2 at home.
- WKU head coach Rick Stansbury is 0-2 in his career against the Herd.
- Attendance was announced at 4,742, the largest of the season.
- **UP NEXT:** WKU stays at home to host Middle Tennessee at 8 p.m. CT Thursday at E.A. Diddle Arena. The game will be televised nationally on CBS Sports Network.

#### TEAM NOTES

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- WKU used the starting lineup of Junior Lomomba, Pancake Thomas, Que Johnson, Justin Johnson and Anton Waters for the seventh straight game.
- **KEY FIRST HALF RUN:** Marshall made an 11-0 run early in the game, and the Herd kept the lead throughout the entire first half, at one point leading by 17 with a score of 26-9.
  - Jabari McGhee contributed five rebounds in his first four minutes in the first half. Justin Johnson scored his 1,000<sup>th</sup> point of his career with about five minutes left in the half.
- **KEY SECOND HALF RUN:** Marshall extended their lead coming out of the locker room, but WKU fired back eight straight points within a 12-1 run, including dunks from both Ben Lawson and Jabari McGhee. That run trimmed Marshall's lead to 11 points with a score of 68-57.
  - The Hilltoppers continued to chip away at the lead, narrowing the Thundering Herd's lead to three points with one minute left in the game, but WKU came no closer.
- WKU shot 31 of 65 (47.7 percent) from the field, 4 of 19 (21.1 percent) from 3-point range and 13 of 19 (68.4 percent) from the free-throw line. The Hilltoppers outscored Marshall 44-24 in the paint and shot 54.8 percent in the second half.

- The Hilltoppers allowed Jon Elmore to score 32 points in tonight's game. The last time the Hilltoppers allowed a single player to score 30 points was Trey Freeman of Old Dominion on March 13, 2016.
- Marshall shot 28 of 61 from the field and made 14 of 24 3-pointers.
- The 1985-86 and '86-87 Hilltopper Basketball teams were honored at halftime at this evening's game. These two teams accounted for two conference titles, two NCAA tournaments and three NBA Draft picks.
- Five-star WKU signee center Mitchell Robinson was also in attendance for this evening's game.
- WKU has made a 3-pointer in 931 straight games dating back to March 15, 1987.

## **INDIVIDUAL NOTES**

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### **JUSTIN JOHNSON**

- The junior became the 49<sup>th</sup> member of the school's 1,000-point club at WKU, moving up to 46<sup>th</sup> on the all-time scoring list with 1,008 points.
  - Johnson notched his fifth straight double-double with 14 points and 11 rebounds, marking his 10<sup>th</sup> double-double of the season and 20<sup>th</sup> of his career.

### **JABARI MCGHEE**

- The redshirt sophomore added 10 rebounds to the team's total of 37, while also scoring six points.

### **ANTON WATERS**

- The senior scored 10 points along with two rebounds.

### **BEN LAWSON**

- The senior went 3-of-4 from field goal range, contributing a total of seven points in addition to three rebounds and two blocks in only 11 minutes.

### **QUE JOHNSON**

- The redshirt senior led the Hilltoppers in scoring today with 17 points. He was also one of four Hilltoppers with two assists in the game.