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THE 1939 HILLTOPPERS

By Kelly Thompson

The 1939 edition of the Western Hilltoppers is to be unfolded before local fans in today's game with the Golden Eagles of Morehead. What about this team that defeated last year's Buckeye Conference champions 14-7 at Athens, Ohio, last Saturday? Just how strong and just how weak is the second gridiron machine to be run off the assembly line manned by master-foreman William Lester "Gander" Terry and his coaching crew of Arnold Winkenhofer, Ed Diddle, Nick Denes, and Ted Hornback? That is something that can be known only as the season progresses.

At the present moment, however, it appears that there are definite strong features and definite weak points, a change in either of which might determine the success of the 1939 season. Foremost among the weak points of the Hilltoppers is a lack of reserve material, the squad being one of the smallest in Western's history. This is potentially a serious threat to the team, as a series of injuries would stagger the Hilltoppers much more so than in a normal year.

Another weakness is a lack of a tailback of the George Bibich type. Every well-balanced backfield needs a shifty, swinging, speedy back who can pass and preferably be able to do some punting. Terry is not blessed this year with such a man. However, there is every reason to believe that from among the quintet of Duke Dulaney, Red Oliver, John Magda, Dick Crouch, and Tom Zoretic, a ball player with the above requisites might develop.

Another weakness (although it was not noticeable in the game against Ohio) is a lack of experienced guards. Of the group of guards including Johnny Taylor, Billy Giannini, Harold Hunter, David Francis, Harry Markham, and Harry Bowling, only the first two have had any varsity experience, and that was gained in substitute roles last season.

But what about the strong points? Unquestionably Western's strongest suit is its power. Against the Bobcats last Saturday and in practice scrimmages they have shown signs of becoming the most powerful eleven in Western's history. From flank to flank despite the greenness at the guard berths and a lack of experience at one end and at one tackle, Terry and his aids have produced a forward wall which the Bobcats found impregnable. Heading the power of the Hilltopper line are Captain Sam Panepinto, Elwood Sanders and Curly Pittman, all first-stringers from last season's squad, and Joe Panepinto, Bemo Wonsowicz, Bill Mazlack, Raymond VanMeter, Frank Griffin, Pete Marcus, Ed Rutledge, Howard Downing, Bob Root, and the guards already mentioned.

Second in strength among the features of this year's team is its punting ability. Red Oliver is undoubtedly one of the best kickers in the South, and Rudy Senitza, a sophomore, only lacks speed in being equally as good. Zoretic and Murphy are also able to punt if necessary.

Probably the third strongest feature is Western's blocking, Duke Dulaney, Waddell Murphy, Jimmy Salato, and Nick Latkovic being especially gifted in this most important department.

Another outstanding strong point is the drive of Western's fullbacks, Waddell Murphy and Rudolph Senitza, both of whom can be counted on for extra yardage in the pinches.

So in a rough measure that is somewhat the situation regarding this year's Hilltoppers. If a tailback develops, the guards come through, and the injury jinx detours Bowling Green, and if the present strong points remain strong points, the 1939 issue of the Hilltoppers may be one of the best in history.

Western Kentucky Hilltoppers

No.	Name	Pos.	Wt.	Ht.	Age	Class	Home
64	Hunter, Harold	Guard	190	5'9"	20	Soph.	Daisytown, Pa.
65	Panepinto, Sam	Tackle	200	6'1"	23	Sr.	Gary, Ind.
66	Pittman, Curly	End	185	6'2"	21	Jr.	Mayfield, Ky.
67	Giannini, Billy	Guard	185	5'7"	21	Sr.	Princeton, Ky.
68	Root, Robert	End	185	6'	21	Soph.	Corbin, Ky.
69	Downing, Howard	End	185	6'	23	Soph.	Butler, Pa.
71	Francis, David	Guard	175	5'8"	20	Soph.	Bowling Green, Ky.
72	Oliver, Red	Back	165	5'11"	20	Sr.	Sturgis, Ky.
74	Rutledge, Ed	End	181	6'	21	Jr.	Ironton, Ohio
77	Dulaney, Vernon	Back	165	5'9"	21	Jr.	Ashland, Ky.
79	Markham, Harry	Guard	170	5'11"	20	Soph.	Sturgis, Ky.
80	Heinz, Roy	Back	162	5'9"	22	Jr.	Chicago, Ill.
81	Thomas, Joe	Back	170	5'10"	20	Jr.	Chicago, Ill.
83	Salato, James	Back	170	5'8"	22	Soph.	Seneca Falls, N. Y.
84	Latkovic, Nick	End	170	5'9"	23	Sr.	Gary, Ind.
85	Zoretic, Tom	Back	165	5'11"	23	Jr.	Merrittstown, Pa.
86	Magda, John	Back	165	5'11"	22	Sr.	Okolona, Ky.
87	Crouch, Richard	Back	160	5'8"	19	Soph.	Campbellsville, Ky.
88	Taylor, Johnny	Guard	181	5'9"	22	Jr.	Glasgow, Ky.
89	VanMeter, Raymond	Center	190	6'1"	21	Jr.	Elizabethtown, Ky.
90	Sanders, Elwood	Center	180	5'10"	22	Jr.	Harrodsburg, Ky.
91	Marcus, Pete	Tackle	190	6'2"	21	Soph.	Uniontown, Pa.
92	Griffin, Frank	End	180	6'1"	20	Jr.	Ashland, Ky.
93	Senitza, Rudolph	Back	180	5'11"	22	Soph.	Gary, Ind.
95	Bowling, Harry	Guard	190	5'11"	20	Soph.	New Haven, Ky.
96	Mazlack, William	Tackle	190	6'3"	21	Jr.	Gary, Ind.
97	Murphy, Waddell	Back	185	5'11"	23	Sr.	Lancaster, Ky.
98	Wonsowicz, Bemo	Center	200	6'1"	23	Soph.	Gary, Ind.
99	Panepinto, Joe	Tackle	190	6'2"	20	Soph.	Gary, Ind.

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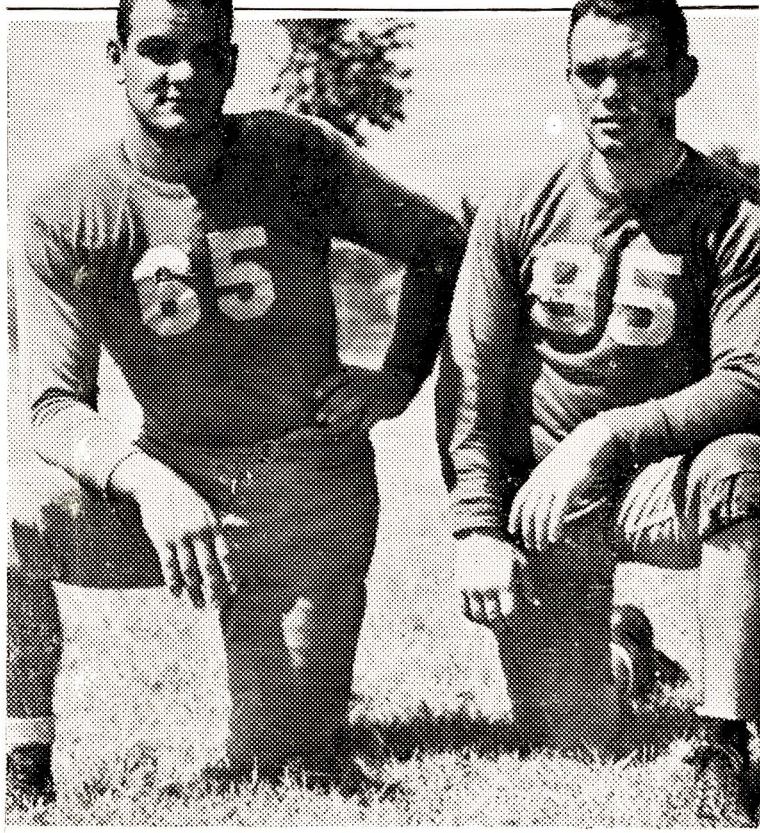
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- Nov. 17—Murray
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(89) Van Meter	L. T.
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(90) Sanders	C.
(95) Bowling	R. G.
(65) S. Panepinto	R. T.
(66) Pittman	R. E.
(84) Latkovic	Q. B.
(72) Oliver	L. H. B.
(77) Dulaney	R. H. B.
(97) Murphy	F. B.

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Morehead's Probable Starting Lineup



- (65) Robertson L. E.
- (78) Bailey L. T.
- (66) Rushinkas L. G.
- (61) Adams C.
- (68) Radjunas R. G.
- (80) Rose R. T.
- (76) Sagady R. E.
- (54) Mussman Q. B.
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Friday, October 6

- 6:30 P.M. Assembly at Stadium for Pep Rally and Parade
- 7:30 P.M. Bonfire and Program, Lower Athletic Field
- 10:00 P.M. Homecoming Dance, Physical Education Building

Saturday, October 7

- 8:45 A.M. Breakfast, All Former Talisman Staff Members, Helm Hotel.
- 11:00 A.M. Get-together Chapel, Van Meter Auditorium
- 12:15 P.M. History Club Luncheon, Helm Hotel
- 12:15 P.M. Cherry Country Life Club Luncheon, Helm Hotel

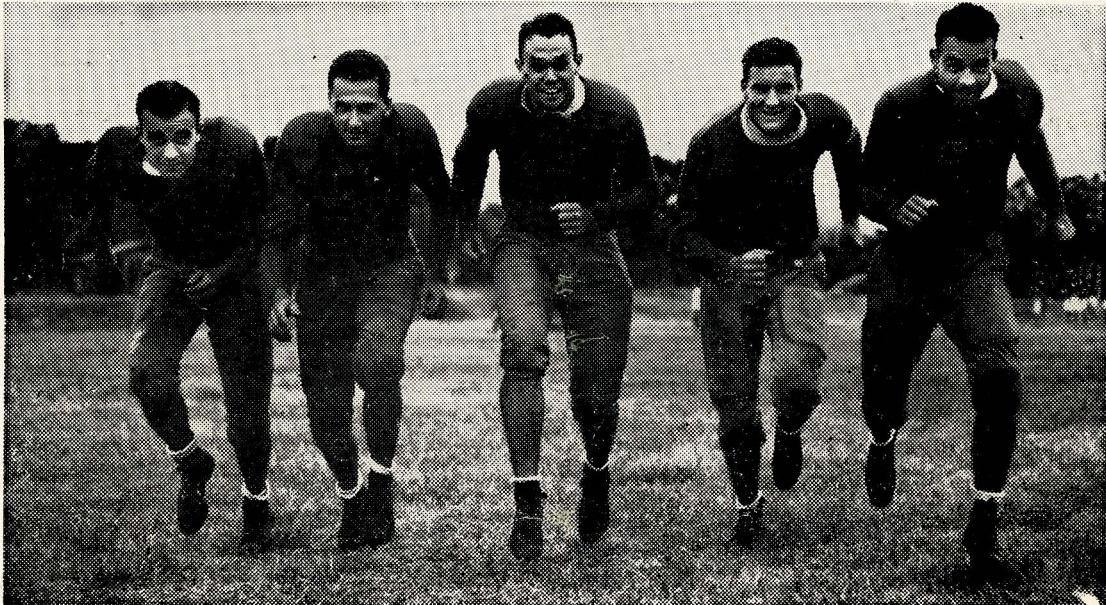
- 12:15 P.M. French Club Luncheon, Potter Hall
- 1:30 P.M. Meeting of Varsity Members of Football, Basketball, Baseball, and Track Squads of 1926, 1931, and 1938, Physical Education Building

2:30 P.M. Football Game:

WESTERN vs. LOUISIANA TECH

- 5:00 P.M. Open House, Refreshments, West Hall, Potter Hall, and Cedar House
- 6:30 P.M. "W" Club Dinner, Helm Hotel
- 7:00 P.M. Annual Congress Debating Club Banquet, Colonial Dining Room—1008 State Street
- 9:30 P.M. Shadow Hop, Physical Education Building.

WESTERN BACKS



Pictured above are five Hilltopper backs who made letters last season. The success of Western's 1939 campaign will depend largely upon the performance of these sturdy stalwarts. Left to right they are: John Magda, Tom Zoretic, Waddell Murphy, Red Oliver and Duke Dulaney.

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Morehead Eagles

No.	Name	Pos.	Wt.	Class	Home
50	Hatfield, Harry	Back	155	Soph.	Williamson, W. Va.
51	Stanley, Glendon	Back	165	Sr.	Ashland, Ky.
54	Mussman, Ralph	Back	165	Soph.	Newport, Ky.
55	Vanelis, Benny	Back	170	Soph.	New Britain, Conn.
55	Vaznelis, Benny	Back	170	Soph.	Morehead, Ky.
57	Farrell, Edmond	End	160	Soph.	Louisville, Ky.
58	Varney, Beverly	Back	170	Jr.	Williamson, W. Va.
59	Norris, Columbus	Guard	170	Soph.	Pikeville, Ky.
60	Gant, James	Back	170	Jr.	Williamsburg, Ky.
61	Adams, Paul	Center	170	Soph.	Coal Grove, Ohio
63	Lustic, Joe	Back	175	Soph.	Gray, W. Va.
64	Walker, Harry	Back	175	Jr.	Newport, Ky.
65	Robertson, Frank	End	180	Sr.	Gary, W. Va.
66	Rushinskas, Joe	Guard	170	Sr.	Morehead, Ky.
67	Collins, Garland	Back	180	Soph.	Ironton, Ohio
68	Radjunas, Stanley	Guard	190	Sr.	New Britain, Conn.
70	Smith, Charles	Tackle	190	Soph.	Louisville, Ky.
72	Collins, Astor	End	180	Soph.	Whitesburg, Ky.
73	Barnes, Duerson	End	165	Soph.	Mt. Sterling, Ky.
75	Tate, Hayes	Guard	170	Soph.	Ironton, Ohio
76	Sagady, Steve	End	165	Soph.	Gary, W. Va.
77	Tallent, Jones	End	165	Sr.	Williamsburg, Ky.
78	Bailey, Roy	Tackle	185	Sr.	Welch, W. Va.
79	Moore, Roy	Tackle	195	Soph.	Middlesboro, Ky.
80	Rose, Tebay	Tackle	206	Sr.	Welch, W. Va.
84	Lawson, Junior	End	170	Soph.	Welch, W. Va.
85	Vaznelis, Eddie	Back	170	Soph.	New Britain, Conn.

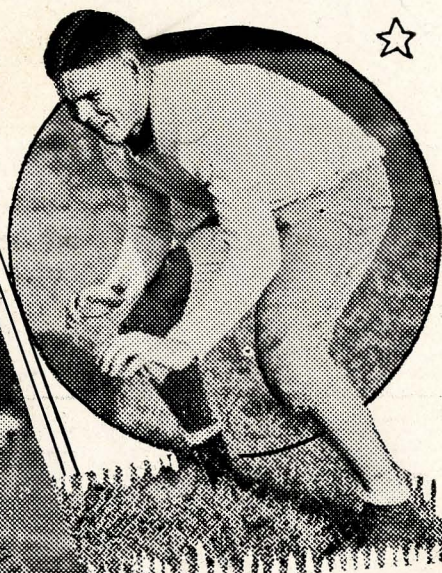
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ZORETIC -
BACK



DULANEY
-BACK-



PITTMAN
-END-



SANDERS - CENTER



TAYLOR - GUARD

Pictured above are five Western lettermen all of whom turned in outstanding performances in the season's opener against Ohio University last Saturday, and who will bear watching in today's encounter with the vaunted Eagles of Ellis Johnson and Len Miller.

The above group, all juniors, includes at least four starters in today's opening lineup. Tom Zoretic, halfback, played some brilliant ball for the Hilltoppers last season and got away to an excellent start against Ohio. Duke Dulaney is a most accurate blocking back but probably will run at the tailback position today because of his versatility. Curley Pittman patrolled a flank position as a regular last year and has shown up better than ever in practice and against the Bobcats. "Sandy" Sanders the Harrodsburg strong man who plays center also made a regular berth during his sophomore year and the added experience should make him one of the best in the Hilltopper forward wall. Johnny Taylor, the "Glasgow Gunner" is a first string guard whose blocking on the pullout plays should account for many gains during the 1939 season.

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