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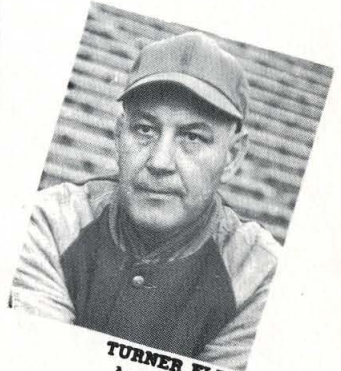


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JACK CLAYTON



FRANK GRIFFIN
Assistant Coach

1955



TURNER ELROD
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WESTERN KENTUCKY STATE
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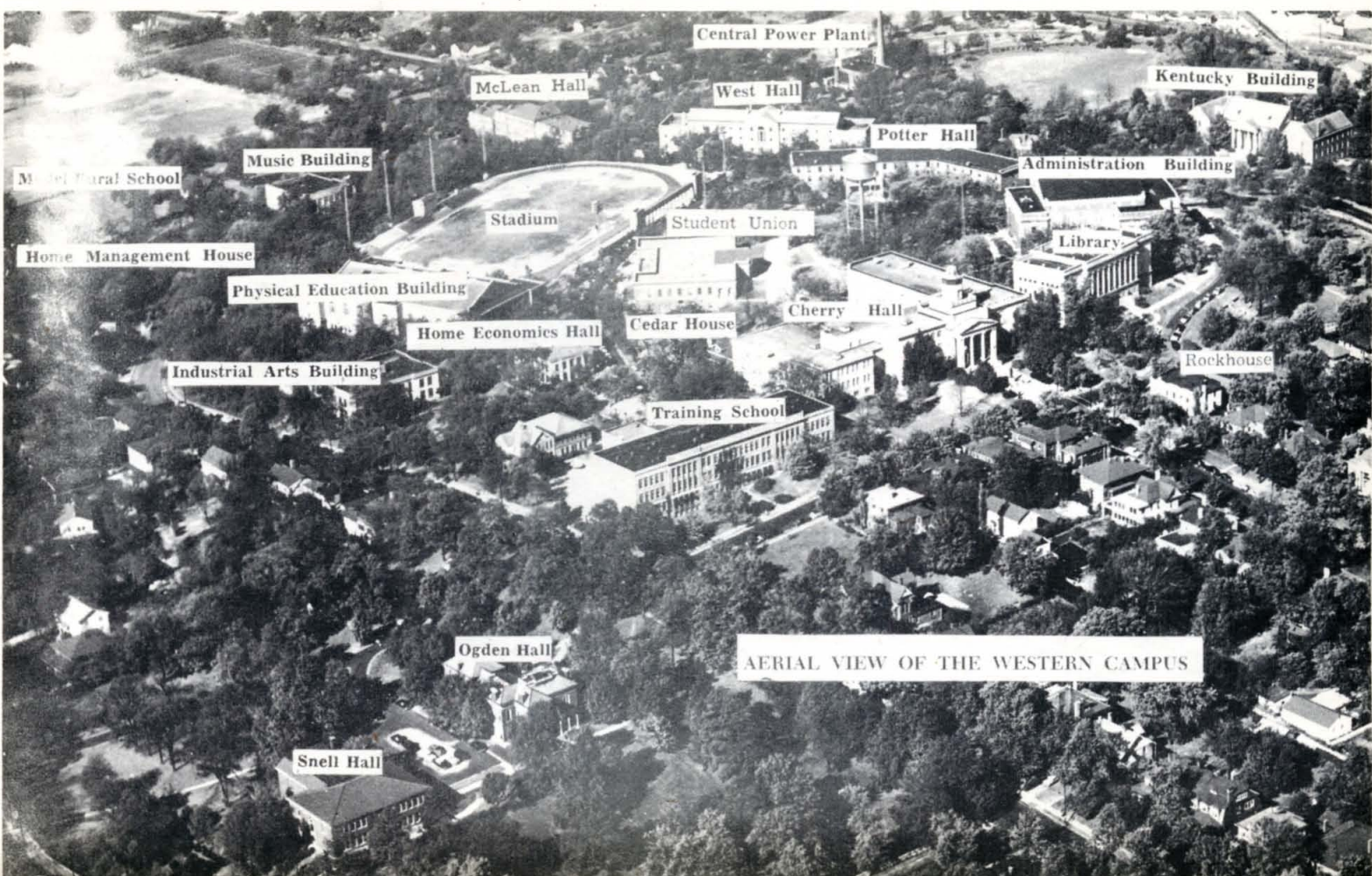
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Cedar House

Cherry Hall

Industrial Arts Building

Home Economics Hall

Rockhouse

Training School

Ogden Hall

AERIAL VIEW OF THE WESTERN CAMPUS

Snell Hall

WESTERN KENTUCKY STATE COLLEGE

Deep in southwestern Kentucky on a hilltop visible for miles, stands Western Kentucky State College, home of the Western Kentucky Hilltopper football team. The college is located in Bowling Green, Kentucky, a city of approximately 26,000 population which may justly be called one of the most beautiful small cities in America. It has been appropriately named the 'Park City'.

College Heights is nationally recognized as one of the nation's most beautiful campuses. It embraces an area of some 70 acres on which the twenty-five college buildings are located, occupies an eminence overlooking the city of Bowling Green and commands one of the most beautiful panoramic views to be found.

Founded in 1906 by Dr. H. H. Cherry, one of Kentucky's most famous educators, Western Kentucky State College as a co-educational college with an enrollment of better than 1800 students has become one of Kentucky's foremost institutions of higher education.

A complete program offering courses in twenty-three different departments provides diversified educational opportunities. The Master of Arts, the Bachelor of Science and the Bachelor of Arts degrees are offered. Pre-professional work leading to entrance in professional and technical colleges for advanced study is also offered.

Western Kentucky's faculty of 110 members has been trained in the finest colleges and universities both in America and abroad. Classrooms, laboratories, shops, farm areas and equipment are modern and sufficient to assure the student the highest type of instructional facilities.

In addition to football, Western Kentucky has intercollegiate athletic teams in basketball, baseball, track, tennis and golf. A full schedule of intercollegiate contests is played in each of these sports. The college is a member of the Ohio Valley Conference and of the National Collegiate Athletic Association. All intercollegiate athletic events in which Western Kentucky participates are governed by the rules and regulations of these organizations.

GENERAL INFORMATION

NAME - - - - - WESTERN KENTUCKY STATE

FOUNDED - - - - - 1906

LOCATION - - - - - BOWLING GREEN, KENTUCKY

PRESIDENT - - - - - KELLY THOMPSON, Acting

HEAD, PHYSICAL EDUCATION, HEALTH AND ATHLETICS - - - - - TED HORNBACK

HEAD FOOTBALL COACH - - - - - JACK CLAYTON

ASSISTANT FOOTBALL COACH - - - - - TURNER ELROD

ASSISTANT FOOTBALL COACH - - - - - FRANK GRIFFIN

COLORS - - - - - SCARLET AND WHITE

NICKNAME - - - - - HILLTOPPERS

PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR - - - - - ROBERT G. COCHRAN

STADIUM - - - - - WESTERN CAMPUS

CAPACITY - - - - - 4,500

CONFERENCE - - - - - OHIO VALLEY
N.C.A.A.

LOCAL PRESS - - - - - DAILY NEWS
Bert Borrone, Sports Editor

COLLEGE PRESS - - - - - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD

LOCAL RADIO STATIONS - - - - - WLBJ AM and FM - DAY AND NIGHT
Ken Given, Sports Director

WKCT - DAY AND NIGHT
Jeff Wright, Sports Director

HILLTOPPER COACHES

JACK CLAYTON

Jack Clayton, a graduate of Northwestern Louisiana State College, started his coaching career at Boosier City, Louisiana, high school in 1936 as coach of football, basketball and baseball. From 1942 through 1946 he served as a lieutenant in the United States Navy. During much of this time he was assigned to the Navy's Physical Education program.

Upon his discharge from the Navy, Clayton joined the coaching staff at Centenary College. In the fall of 1947 the genial, slow-talking southerner came to Western Kentucky State as an assistant football coach. He was elevated to the head football coaching position in the spring of 1948. He is a strong exponent of the T-formation and converted the Western Kentucky squad from the single wing to the "T" during his first season as head coach.

Clayton is entering his eighth season as head football coach of the Hilltoppers. His record over the past six campaigns reads 42 wins, 23 losses and two ties.

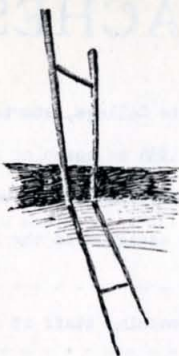
Coach Clayton has as assistant coaches, Turned Elrod and Frank Griffin.

TURNER ELROD

Elrod played football, basketball and baseball at Western Kentucky from 1927 through 1930. He has coached high school athletics in Kentucky since his graduation in 1931. Prior to joining the Hilltopper coaching staff at the opening of the 1949 season, Elrod was athletic director and assistant football coach at Barrett high school, Henderson, Kentucky. He served in the United States Army from 1942 through 1946.

FRANK GRIFFIN

Griffin played end for the Hilltoppers before World War II. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1941 through 1946. Upon being discharged he joined the Hilltopper staff as trainer. When Clayton was elevated to the head coaching position in the spring of 1948, Griffin moved up as assistant coach.



WESTERN KENTUCKY'S

1955 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

| | | | | | Series Record | | |
|----------|---|-----------|------------------------|----|---------------|---|---|
| | | | | | W | L | T |
| Sept. 24 | East Tennessee State College | 7:30 p.m. | at Bowling Green, Ky. | 2 | 0 | 0 | |
| Oct. 1 | *Middle Tenn. State College | 8:00 p.m. | at Murfreesboro, Tenn. | 14 | 6 | 2 | |
| Oct. 8 | *Morehead Ky. State College | 7:30 p.m. | at Bowling Green, Ky. | 10 | 1 | 1 | |
| Oct. 15 | Northeast Louisiana | 8:00 p.m. | at Monroe, La. | 3 | 0 | 0 | |
| Oct. 22 | *Tennessee Tech | 2:00 p.m. | at Bowling Green, Ky. | 9 | 7 | 1 | |
| Oct. 29 | University of Louisville | 8:00 p.m. | at Louisville, Ky. | 11 | 6 | 0 | |
| Nov. 5 | *Eastern Ky. State College | 2:00 p.m. | at Richmond, Ky. | 19 | 8 | 0 | |
| Nov. 12 | Evansville College | 2:00 p.m. | at Bowling Green, Ky. | 9 | 3 | 2 | |
| Nov. 19 | *Murray Ky. State College (HOMECOMING) | 2:00 p.m. | at Bowling Green, Ky. | 10 | 7 | 4 | |

* Indicates Ohio Valley Conference games.

WESTERN KENTUCKY STATE COLLEGE

1954 FOOTBALL RESULTS

| | | | | |
|-------------------|----------|------------------------|-----------|------------------------|
| Western Kentucky | 32 | Wittenburg | 13 | at Bowling Green, Ky. |
| Western Kentucky | 24 | East Tennessee State | 6 | at Johnson City, Tenn. |
| *Western Kentucky | 7 | Middle Tennessee State | 6 | at Bowling Green, Ky. |
| *Western Kentucky | 19 | Morehead State | 13 | at Morehead, Ky. |
| Western Kentucky | 19 | Northeast La. State | 7 | at Bowling Green, Ky. |
| *Western Kentucky | 32 | Tennessee Tech | 12 | at Cookeville, Tenn. |
| Western Kentucky | 25 | Univ. of Louisville | 7 | at Bowling Green, Ky. |
| *Western Kentucky | 0 | Eastern Kentucky | 21 | at Bowling Green, Ky. |
| Western Kentucky | 13 | Evansville | 21 | at Evansville, Ind. |
| *Western Kentucky | <u>0</u> | Murray State | <u>19</u> | at Murray, Ky. |
| | 171 | | 125 | |

Won - 7 Lost - 3 Tied - 0

* Ohio Valley Conference games.

WESTERN KENTUCKY'S

1955 FOOTBALL SQUAD ROSTER

| <u>FNDS</u> | <u>CLASS</u> | <u>AGE</u> | <u>HT.</u> | <u>WT.</u> | <u>HOME TOWN</u> |
|----------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------------|
| Mark Hoffard | Jr. | 21 | 5'11" | 185 | Marion, Ill. |
| Billy Joe Holt | Soph. | 21 | 6'2" | 195 | Sturgis, Ky. |
| Mike Moriarity | Jr. | 20 | 6'3" | 195 | Pittsburgh, Pa. |
| Joe Cunningham | Soph. | 20 | 6'1" | 175 | Sturgis, Ky. |
| J. G. Cannon | Soph. | 20 | 5'10" | 170 | Chattanooga, Tenn. |

TACKLES

| | | | | | |
|------------------|-------|----|------|-----|-----------------|
| Sonny Berthold | Jr. | 22 | 6'1" | 215 | Louisville, Ky. |
| Twyman Patterson | Soph. | 21 | 6'2" | 220 | Louisville, Ky. |
| Dudley Hazel | Soph. | 20 | 5'8" | 205 | Sturgis, Ky. |
| Ted Revack | Jr. | 21 | 6'2" | 210 | Pittsburgh, Pa. |
| Carrol Speers | Jr. | 21 | 6'1" | 210 | Mayfield, Ky. |
| Leon Dunagan | Soph. | 20 | 6' | 210 | Louisville, Ky. |

GUARDS

| | | | | | |
|-----------------------|-------|----|-------|-----|--------------------|
| *Vernon "Tank" Wilson | Sr. | 21 | 5'10" | 190 | Evansville, Ind. |
| Dave Patton | Sr. | 21 | 6' | 195 | Chattanooga, Tenn. |
| Ed Worley | Sr. | 24 | 5'11" | 210 | Ellijay, Ga. |
| Ray Weaver | Jr. | 23 | 6' | 210 | Covington, Ky. |
| Gene Robinson | Jr. | 21 | 5'11" | 190 | Ashland, Ky. |
| J. W. DeBoe | Soph. | 19 | 5'11" | 190 | Princeton, Ky. |

CENTERS

| | | | | | |
|---------------|-------|----|-------|-----|-----------------|
| Bill Strawn | Jr. | 21 | 6'4" | 248 | Norfolk, Va. |
| David Davison | Jr. | 24 | 5'10" | 205 | Louisville, Ky. |
| Ralph Madison | Soph. | 20 | 6'2" | 195 | Waynesboro, Va. |

* Co-Captain

WESTERN KENTUCKY'S

1955 FOOTBALL SQUAD ROSTER (Cont.)

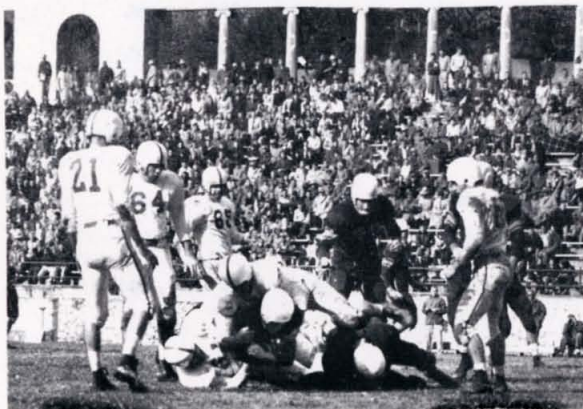
| <u>QUARTERBACKS</u> | <u>CLASS</u> | <u>AGE</u> | <u>HT.</u> | <u>WT.</u> | <u>HOME TOWN</u> |
|----------------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------------|
| *Jerry Nassano | Sr. | 21 | 5'11" | 180 | Newport, Ky. |
| Carroll VanHooser | Soph. | 19 | 6'1" | 190 | Marion, Ky. |
| Johnny Johnson | Soph. | 19 | 5'10" | 170 | Sturgis, Ky. |
| <u>FULLBACKS</u> | | | | | |
| Wayne Duncan | Jr. | 20 | 5'10" | 185 | Erlanger, Ky. |
| Jerry Griggs | Soph. | 19 | 5'10" | 180 | Morganfield, Ky. |
| Rodney Bagby | Fr. | 19 | 5'11" | 190 | Covington, Ky. |
| <u>HALFBACKS</u> | | | | | |
| Jim Chambliss | Jr. | 20 | 6'1" | 175 | Sturgis, Ky. |
| Jackie Johnson | Jr. | 20 | 5'11" | 185 | Evansville, Ind. |
| Kenny Barrett | Soph. | 24 | 5'9" | 170 | Princeton, Ky. |
| Billy Kinslow | Soph. | 20 | 5'10" | 170 | Franklin, Ky. |
| Jerry Brantley | Soph. | 20 | 6'1" | 185 | Morganfield, Ky. |
| Dick Brown | Soph. | 19 | 5'10" | 180 | Ashland, Ky. |

* Co-Captain

WESTERN KENTUCKY STATE COLLEGE
CUMULATIVE STATISTICS FOR 1954 SEASON

WON 7 LOST 3

| <u>WESTERN</u> | | <u>OPPONENT</u> |
|----------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| 139 | First downs | 121 |
| 417 | Times carried | 428 |
| 1727 yds. | Net yards gained rushing | 1442 yds. |
| 148 | Passes attempted | 137 |
| 65 | Passes completed | 58 |
| 835 yds. | Net yards gained | 824 yds. |
| 16 | Passes intercepted by | 10 |
| 5 | Scoring passes | 6 |
| 565 | Total plays | 565 |
| 2594 | Total net gain | 2266 |
| 52 | Number punts | 42 |
| 29.9 yds. | Average per punt | 29.5 yds. |
| 707 yds. | Total penalties | 579 yds. |
| 27 | Touchdowns | 19 |
| 9 | Extra points | 11 |



1954 Hilltoppers In Action

INDIVIDUAL RUSHING LEADERS

| | <u>No. Carries</u> | <u>Yds. Gained</u> | <u>Avg.</u> |
|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| *Millard Shirley | 84 | 464 | 5.5 |
| *Jim Gunnell | 76 | 417 | 5.5 |
| *Jim Aurs | 74 | 331 | 4.4 |
| Wayne Duncan | 44 | 210 | 4.8 |
| Jerry Nassano | 57 | 109 | 1.9 |
| Jim Chambliss | 40 | 149 | 3.7 |
| Others | 42 | 78 | |

INDIVIDUAL PASS RECEIVING LEADERS

| | | | |
|-----------------|----|-----|---|
| *Jim Gunnell | 14 | | |
| *Jim Gunnell | 14 | 203 | 0 |
| *Walt Apperson | 11 | 84 | 0 |
| Mike Moriarty | 10 | 95 | 2 |
| *Jim Aurs | 6 | 85 | 1 |
| *Don Sparks | 6 | 92 | 1 |
| Wayne Duncan | 5 | 27 | 0 |
| Joe Cunningham | 3 | 94 | 0 |
| Millard Shirley | 5 | 59 | 0 |
| Jim Chambliss | 2 | 51 | 1 |
| Jack Johnson | 1 | 6 | 0 |
| Others | 2 | 40 | |

PASSING

| | <u>No. Attempts</u> | <u>No. Completed</u> | <u>Had Intercepted</u> | <u>Yds. Gained</u> | <u>T.D.'s</u> |
|---------------|---------------------|----------------------|------------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Jerry Nassano | 126 | 60 | 8 | 805 | 5 |

SCORING LEADERS

| | <u>T.D.'s</u> | <u>Extra Points</u> | <u>Tot. Points</u> |
|------------------|---------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| *Jim Aurs | 6 | 0 | 36 |
| *Millard Shirley | 6 | 0 | 36 |
| Jerry Nassano | 4 | 0 | 24 |
| Jim Chambliss | 4 | 0 | 24 |
| *Jim Gunnell | 2 | 3 | 15 |

* Indicates players who will not return this season.



Our 1955 western kentucky

HILLTOPPERS



Mark Hoffard

Hoffard is a 21-year-old end from Marion, Illinois. He is a junior and is expected to add much strength to the Western Kentucky flanks. A rugged performer who likes to play, Hoffard weighs 185 pounds and is five feet, eleven inches tall. In spring practice his play both on offense and defense was impressive.



Billy Joe Holt

Holt is a hard tackling end from Sturgis, Kentucky. He is a 21-year-old sophomore who showed great promise in spring practice. He weighs 195 pounds and is six feet, two inches tall. Holt should see much action this Fall and greatly aid in giving the Hilltoppers one of the toughest lines in the Ohio Valley Conference.



Mike Moriarity

Moriarity has been steadily improving over the past two years. He will probably be a starting end this season. A junior, he stands six feet, three inches tall and weighs 195 pounds. The going never gets too rough for 'Iron Mike', a native of Pittsburgh, Pa. Last year Moriarity played in every one of the Hilltoppers' 10 engagements.



Joe Cunningham

Cunningham is a highly promising sophomore end who saw heavy duty last season. He is 20 years old, stands six feet, one inch tall and weighs 175 pounds. Another Sturgis, Kentucky, product, Cunningham will be a big factor this season in the success or failure of the Hilltopper line.



J. O. Cannon

Cannon is a sophomore end from Chattanooga, Tenn., on whom the Western Kentucky coaching staff is depending to give the Hilltoppers added power at the ends. He is 20 years old, weighs 170 pounds and is five feet, ten inches tall. With five first class ends to call on, the Hilltoppers should be well fixed at this position.



Sonny Berthold

Berthold is a burly 215-pound junior tackle from Louisville, Kentucky. This season he will step into a starting post as a result of his steady improvement over the past two years. Berthold is one of the reasons Western Kentucky is expected to have one of the toughest lines in the Ohio Valley Conference.



Troyman Patterson

Patterson, another burly tackle from Louisville, Kentucky, weighs 220 pounds and is six feet, two inches tall. A sophomore, Patterson is expected to team with Berthold as the starting tackles. His easy-going nature does not indicate the power this giant can generate when the going is rough.



Dudley Hazel

Hazel is a sophomore tackle from Sturgis, Kentucky. He is 20 years old, weighs 205 pounds and is five feet, eight inches tall. He showed in spring practice that he can hold his own in the Hilltopper line which was good news to the Western Kentucky coaching staff.



Ted Revack

Revack is a 21-year-old junior tackle from Pittsburg, Pa., on whom the Western Kentucky coaching staff is depending for plenty of heavy duty in the line. Revack's play in spring practice indicated that he is a top notch lineman. He is six feet, two inches tall and weighs 210 pounds.



Carrol Speers

Speers is 210-pound junior from Mayfield, Kentucky. Over the past two seasons he has shown consistent improvement which adds weight to the claim that Western Kentucky will have one of the best lines ever assembled on the Hilltop this coming season. He is 21 years old and is six feet, one inch tall.



Leon Dunagan

Dunagan is another sophomore tackle who has indicated that he is ready for heavy duty. A native of Louisville, Kentucky, he is another 210-pounder who will be able to keep the Western Kentucky line rough and ready for all opponents. He is 20 years old and is six feet tall.



Vernon Wilson

Wilson is a senior guard. He is co-captain of this year's Hilltopper squad. This Evansville, Indiana, product has been a standout in the Western Kentucky line for the past three seasons. A natural leader, he is expected to have his best year against the nine foes the Hilltoppers meet this season. He weighs 190 pounds and is five feet, ten inches tall.



Dave Patton

Patton is another senior guard who has played three years of outstanding football for the Hilltoppers. From Chattanooga, Tenn., he weighs 195 pounds and is six feet tall. Patton is a player who likes contact - the harder the better. He is expected to have his best season in this his final year with the Hilltoppers.



Ed Worley

Worley is the third senior guard who has been outstanding for the Hilltoppers over the past two seasons. He is 24 years old, stands five feet, eleven inches tall and weighs 210 pounds. A native of Ellijay, Georgia, Worley is another reason the Western Kentucky line is expected to be rough to gain against.



Ray Weaver

Weaver is a returnee from the service and his appearance in the Hilltopper line at a guard post spells trouble for Hilltopper foes. A 210-pound junior, this Covington, Kentucky, junior was a standout before he entered service three years ago. He is 23 years old and is six feet tall.



Gene Robinson

Robinson is a 21-year-old junior from Ashland, Kentucky, who has shown constant improvement over the past two years. Last season he saw a lot of service in the Western Kentucky line. In spring practice he indicated he was ready for a lot more action this season. He weighs 190 pounds and is five feet, eleven inches tall.



J. W. DeBoe

DeBoe, a rugged sophomore guard from Princeton, Kentucky, gives the Hilltoppers six top notchers for the guard posts. He was impressive with his desire to play last year and in spring practice. He is 19 years old, weighs 190 pounds and is five feet, eleven inches tall.



Bill Strawn

Strawn is the biggest man on the Western Kentucky squad. The junior center weighs 248 pounds and is six feet, four inches tall. He is agile and hits like a truck. Last season he was a tough customer to handle in the middle of the Hilltopper line and is expected to be even rougher this season. He is 21 years old and comes from Norfolk, Virginia.



David Davidson

Davidson is another returnee from service whose appearance on the campus last spring was greeted by the Hilltopper coaching staff with shouts of joy. This 205-pound junior center was one of the most promising linemen seen on the Hilltop before he departed three years ago. He is 24 years old, weighs 205 pounds, stands five feet, ten inches tall and comes from Louisville, Ky.



Ralph Madison

Madison is a sophomore center who was called on a great deal last season when he was a freshman to take over when injuries hit the first stringers. He performed creditably and is expected to be ready to handle the duties in the middle of the line again this year. He weighs 195 pounds, is six feet, two inches tall and comes from Waynesboro, Virginia.



Jerry Nassano

Nassano, senior quarterback who has guided the Hilltopper T-formation attack for the past two years, is co-captain of the Hilltoppers this year. A heady runner and dangerous passer, Nassano is always a threat. On defense he is a rough man to get around. A product of Newport, Kentucky, he weighs 180 pounds and is five feet, eleven inches tall.



Carroll VanHooser

VanHooser is a sophomore quarterback from Marion, Kentucky. This big boy — he is six feet, one inch tall and weighs 190 pounds — is a fine passer and runner. He will see plenty of action behind Nassano this year as the Hilltopper coaching staff grooms him for the time when Nassano graduates.



Johnny Johnson

Johnson is another sophomore quarterback who shows great promise. From Sturgis, Kentucky, he weighs 170 pounds, is five feet, ten inches tall and is 19 years old.



Wayne Duncan

Duncan is a line-crashing junior fullback from Erlanger, Kentucky. He has demonstrated over the past two seasons that he has what it takes to get the necessary yardage in critical situations. He is 20 years old, weighs 185 pounds and is five feet ten inches tall.



Jerry Griggs

Griggs is a promising sophomore fullback from Morganfield, Kentucky. He should supply a lot of power at the fullback spot this season. He is 19 years old, weighs 180 pounds, and is five feet, ten inches tall.



Rodney Bagby

Bagby came in at mid-term last year and in spring practice displayed plenty of explosive power on drives into the line. He is 19 years old, weighs 190 pounds, is five feet, eleven inches tall and comes from Covington, Kentucky.



Jim Chambliss

Chambliss promises to be the Hilltoppers' top runner this season. The junior halfback has speed and deception and once in the open is most difficult to bring down. He ranked as one of Western Kentucky's leading offensive threats last season. He is six feet, one inch tall and weighs 175 pounds.



Kenny Barrett

Barrett is a sophomore speedster from Princeton, Kentucky. He likes to play and the going doesn't get too rough for him. He is 24 years old, weighs 170 pounds and is five feet, nine inches tall.



Billy Kinslow

Kinslow is another sophomore halfback who will see plenty of action this season. He showed last season and in spring practice that he has what it takes both on offense and defense. He is 20 years old, weighs 170 pounds, is five feet, ten inches tall and comes from Franklin, Kentucky.



Jerry Brantley

Brantley is a rugged sophomore halfback from Morganfield, Kentucky. He will see a lot of service in the Western Kentucky backfield this season. He weighs 185 pounds, is 20 years old and is six feet, one inch tall.



Dick Brown

Brown is a sophomore halfback from Ashland, Kentucky, who has shown consistent improvement. He is 19 years old, weighs 180 pounds and is five feet, ten inches tall.



Jackie Johnson

Johnson is a speedy junior halfback from Evansville, Indiana. Over the past two seasons this 185-pounder has shown great improvement and this year should be ready for a starting assignment. He is 20 years old and is five feet, eleven inches tall.