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BOWLING GREEN, KENTUCKY

WESTERN

KENTUCKY

1958

FOOTBALL

Guide



HEAD COACH NICK DENES

For Press,

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Bowling Green, Kentucky

WESTERN KENTUCKY STATE COLLEGE

Deep in south central 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 32,000 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 twenty-six 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 2500 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 America's finest colleges and universities. 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-----DR. KELLY THOMPSON

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR----- E. A. DIDDLE

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

HEAD FOOTBALL COACH-----NICK DENES

ASSISTANT FOOTBALL COACH----- TURNER ELROD

ASSISTANT FOOTBALL COACH----- FRANK GRIFFIN

ASSISTANT FOOTBALL COACH-----JIM FEIX

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 STATION----- WLBJ - DAY AND NIGHT
Bob Proctor, Sports Director

HILLTOPPER COACHES

NICK DENES

Coach Nick Denes closed his first season as head coach of the Western Kentucky State College football team with the second best record in the Commonwealth, five wins, three losses and one tie.

His highly successful coaching career began at Corbin, Kentucky, high school in 1929, following graduation from the University of Illinois. The veteran Denes is the only high school coach in Kentucky to ever win state championships in three sports.

He coached his 1936 Corbin basketball team to the state title. In 1951 he directed his Louisville Male high school football team to the state championship and Denes was named Kentucky's 'Coach of the Year' for 1951. While at Male, Coach Denes' track teams won seven state crowns, five in a row.

After eight victory-filled years at Corbin, Coach Denes moved to Tennessee Junior College, Martin, Tennessee, where he continued to turn out winning combinations in both football and basketball.

In 1939 the likable, story-telling Denes came to Western Kentucky as an assistant coach and led the freshman team to a record of seven wins and one loss - the loss coming at the hands of the Vanderbilt frosh after a close battle.

Coach Denes moved to Male in 1940 as an assistant coach. He handled the line on two state championship teams before he took over as the head coach in 1949 to compile one of the most brilliant coaching records in the history of athletics at the Louisville school.

The modest, unassuming Denes holds a win-loss record in athletics which is fabulous. His overall record is 414 victories, 105 losses and eight ties. In football his teams have won 144, lost 35 and tied eight. In basketball the record reads 162 wins and 48 losses. In track his teams have won 108 and lost 22.

A warm, friendly person, Coach Denes is a firm believer in strict discipline and hard work. His teams are always superbly conditioned.

HILLTOPPER COACHES (Cont.)

TURNER ELROD

Elrod played football, basketball and baseball at Western Kentucky from 1927 through 1930. He coached high school athletics in Kentucky following 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.

Elrod also coaches the Hilltopper track team in the spring sports program.

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. He moved up as an assistant coach in the spring of 1948, handling the line.

Griffin also coaches the Hilltopper golf team each year which is a highly-rated contender for the Ohio Valley Conference championship.

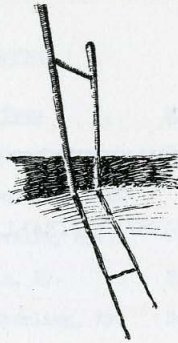
JIMMIE FEIX

Feix, Little All-American quarterback at Western Kentucky in 1952, joined the Hilltopper coaching staff as a full-time assistant this year. He was a student assistant for a year while completing work for the M. A. degree which he received in August, 1958.

Feix gained national recognition for his quarterbacking of Western Kentucky's Refrigerator Bowl champions in 1952. He ranked among the top passers in the nation during his junior and senior years with the Hilltoppers.

In June, 1953, he was graduated from Western Kentucky with the B. S. degree in physical education. He entered the U. S. Air Force shortly after graduation as an ROTC-graduate lieutenant, serving as a flyer until his release in March, 1957.

WESTERN KENTUCKY'S
1958 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE



				Series Record		
				<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>
Sept. 20	Southeast Missouri	7:30 p. m.	at Bowling Green, Ky.	2	0	0
Sept. 27	*East Tennessee State	8:00 p. m.	at Johnson City, Tenn.	5	0	0
Oct. 4	*Middle Tennessee State (Band Day)	2:00 p. m.	at Bowling Green, Ky.	14	9	2
Oct. 11	Youngstown University	8:00 p. m.	at Youngstown, Ohio	2	1	0
Oct. 18	*Tennessee Tech	8:00 p. m.	at Cookeville, Tenn.	9	10	1
Oct. 25	Open					
Nov. 1	*Eastern Kentucky State (Homecoming)	2:00 p. m.	at Bowling Green, Ky.	20	10	0
Nov. 8	*Morehead State College	2:00 p. m.	at Morehead, Ky.	13	1	1
Nov. 15	Austin Peay College (YMCA Cheerleaders Clinic)	2:00 p. m.	at Bowling Green, Ky.	2	0	0
Nov. 22	*Murray State College	2:00 p. m.	at Murray, Ky.	10	9	5

* Indicates Ohio Valley Conference games.

WESTERN KENTUCKY STATE COLLEGE

1957 FOOTBALL RESULTS



Western Kentucky	25	Southeast Missouri State	20	at Cape Girardeau, Mo.
Western Kentucky	10	East Tennessee State	6	at Bowling Green, Ky.
Western Kentucky	7	* Middle Tennessee State	26	at Murfreesboro, Tenn.
Western Kentucky	9	Youngstown University	6	at Youngstown, Ohio
Western Kentucky	9	* Tennessee Tech	27	at Bowling Green, Ky.
Western Kentucky	0	* Eastern Kentucky State	28	at Richmond, Ky.
Western Kentucky	28	* Morehead State	6	at Bowling Green, Ky.
Western Kentucky	28	Wittenberg College	13	at Bowling Green, Ky.
Western Kentucky	$\frac{7}{123}$	* Murray State	$\frac{7}{139}$	at Bowling Green, Ky.

Won - 5 Lost - 3 Tied - 1

* Indicates Ohio Valley Conference games.

WESTERN KENTUCKY'S

1958 FOOTBALL SQUAD ROSTER

<u>ENDS</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Wt.</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Home Town</u>	<u>High School Coach</u>
*Jim Owens	Jr.	6'	175	21	Owensboro, Ky.	Ralph Genito
*Mark Hoffard	Sr.	6'	185	23	Johnson City, Ill.	
Jim Hughes	Soph.	6'1"	190	21	Louisville, Ky.	Charles Kuhn
Winton Boone	Soph.	6'	175	19	Corbin, Ky.	Bill Tucker
*Buddy Messer	Soph.	6'	185	19	Mt. Sterling, Ky.	Dawson Orman
*Frank Pettit	Sr.	6'	175	23	Tompkinsville, Ky.	John Marrs
Louis Johnson	Soph.	6'	175	20	Owensboro, Ky.	Ralph Genito
<u>TACKLES</u>						
*Larry Nutter	Jr.	6'1"	215	21	Sheffield, Ill.	Captain Reece
*Bill Curry	Jr.	6'6"	230	24	Versailles, Ky.	Vernon Tucker
*Jack Theuerkauf	Jr.	6'2"	210	25	Evansville, Ind.	James Grim
*Bill Lapadula	Sr.	6'2"	200	23	Lyndhurst, N.J.	
*Andy Anderson	Jr.	6'2"	210	22	Knoxville, Tenn.	
Charles Taylor	Jr.	6'2"	195	22	Indianapolis, Ind.	Noah Ellis
John Kimbrough	Jr.	6'1"	210	22	Chattanooga, Tenn.	Red Etter
Gerald Poynter	Soph.	6'1"	200	20	Owensboro, Ky.	Ralph Genito
Fred Fish	Soph.	6'1"	195	20	Norfolk, Va.	Pete Mills
<u>GUARDS</u>						
*Jim Hardin	Sr.	5'10"	205	21	Portsmouth, Va.	Larry Weldon
*Herb Wassom	Jr.	6'	200	20	Spring City, Tenn.	Homer Rice
*Bob Bradford	Jr.	5'11"	200	21	Bellevue, Ky.	Bob Miller
Bob Young	Soph.	5'11"	190	20	Covington, Ky.	Tom Ellis
Ted Hartung	Soph.	6'	195	19	Norfolk, Va.	Pete Mills
Shelby West	Soph.	5'8"	200	19	Norfolk, Va.	Pete Mills
Billy Beanblossom	Soph.	5'8"	195	19	Valley Station, Ky.	Dallas Arnold
*Clarence Baker	Jr.	5'8"	185	25	Portsmouth, Va.	Woody Gray
Carl Pike	Jr.	6'	195	21	Nashville, Tenn.	Douglas McDonald & J. C. Williams
Morris Longacre	Soph.	6'	190	20	Louisville, Ky.	George Bertram

WESTERN KENTUCKY'S

1958 FOOTBALL SQUAD ROSTER(Cont.)

<u>CENTERS</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Wt.</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Home Town</u>	<u>High School Coach</u>
*Lloyd Weaver	Soph.	5'11"	190	20	Covington, Ky.	Tom Ellis
Buck Lawson	Sr.	5'11"	195	21	Bowling Green, Ky.	Elvis Donaldson
Bill Meadors	Soph.	5'8"	185	19	Corbin, Ky.	Bill Tucker
*Donald Downard	Soph.	6'	195	20	Newport, Ky.	Newman Debb
<u>QUARTERBACKS</u>						
*Kenny Griffith	Sr.	5'9"	165	21	Paducah, Ky.	Ralph McRight
*Denny Wedge	Jr.	6'1"	175	20	Pt. Pleasant, W. Va.	
Ed Tarter	Soph.	6'	175	20	Louisville, Ky.	Bill Jasper
Dan Easley	Jr.	5'11"	165	22	Detroit, Mich.	
Ronnie Sheffer	Jr.	6'	175	21	Henderson, Ky.	Don Shelton
<u>HALFBACKS</u>						
*Jerry Brewer	Sr.	5'10"	170	21	Paducah, Ky.	Ralph McRight
*Tom Fry	Sr.	5'6"	165	20	Dixie Heights, Ky.	Bill Shannon
Melvin Vogel	Soph.	6'	175	21	Valley Station, Ky.	Dallas Arnold
Wayne Kelly	Soph.	6'1"	205	21	Princeton, Ky.	Fred Clayton
Ron McKinney	Soph.	5'11"	175	21	Paris, Tenn.	
Larry Jones	Soph.	5'11"	170	22	Knoxville, Tenn.	
Ronnie Dowdell	Jr.	5'11"	175	21	Louisville, Ky.	Charles Kuhn
Bill Rose	Soph.	5'10"	165	20	Vincennes, Ind.	Ray Mills
<u>FULLBACKS</u>						
*DeLane Simpson	Sr.	6'	185	20	Portsmouth, Va.	Larry Weldon
*Rod Bagby	Sr.	5'11"	195	22	Dixie Heights, Ky.	Bill Shannon
Francis Payne	Soph.	5'11"	170	20	Louisville, Ky.	Junior Jones

* Indicates Lettermen

WESTERN KENTUCKY STATE COLLEGE
CUMULATIVE STATISTICS FOR 1957 SEASON

Won 5 Lost 3 Tied 1

<u>WESTERN</u>		<u>OPPONENT</u>
111	First Downs	131
370	Times Carried	458
1749	Net Yards Rushing	1439
111	Passes Attempted	113
37	Passes Completed	36
404	Net Yards Passing	498
19	Passes Intercepted By	14
2	Scoring Passes	6
481	Total Plays	571
2153	Total Net Gain	1937
41	Number of Punts	48
2	Punts Had Blocked	1
36.1	Average Per Punt	35.0
26	Fumbles Lost	12
725	Total Penalties	471
17	Touchdowns	21
14	Extra Points	13
1	Field Goals	0
2	Safety	0
123	Total Points	139

INDIVIDUAL RUSHING LEADERS

	<u>No. Carries</u>	<u>Yds. Gained</u>	<u>Avg.</u>
DeLane Simpson	89	492	5.5
*Mickey Riggs	44	385	8.6
Rod Bagby	49	209	4.3
Jerry Brewer	46	173	3.8
*Ken Barrett	34	114	3.3
Dave Miller	17	106	6.2
Ken Griffith	40	104	2.6
Tom Fry	14	51	3.6
*Carroll VanHooser	17	34	2.0
Denny Wedge	11	23	2.0
Bob Knaggs	2	7	3.5
Ed Tarter	3	5	1.7
Bob Wright	1	3	3.0
Bob Young	1	1	1.0
Bob Clark	1	1	1.0
Francis Payne	1	0	0

INDIVIDUAL PASS RECEIVING LEADERS

	<u>No. Caught</u>	<u>Yds. Gained</u>	<u>T.D.'s</u>
*Joe Cunningham	13	168	0
*Jerry Brantley	14	150	2
*Bill Holt	2	19	0
J. E. Pettit	2	19	0
David Miller	1	10	0
*Ken Barrett	2	-3	0
Tom Fry	1	16	0
DeLane Simpson	1	8	0
Doug Munford	1	16	0

PASSING

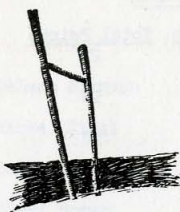
	<u>No. Attempts</u>	<u>No. Completed</u>	<u>Had Intercepted</u>	<u>Yds. Gained</u>
*Carroll VanHooser	72	24	9	230
Denny Wedge	31	8	5	86
Tom Fry	1	1	0	34
Ken Griffith	5	2	0	35
*Ken Barrett	1	1	0	16

SCORING LEADERS

	<u>T.D.'s</u>	<u>Extra Points</u>	<u>Field Goals</u>	<u>Total Points</u>
*Jerry Brantley	2	14	1	29
*Mickey Riggs	3	0	0	18
DeLane Simpson	3	0	0	18
Jerry Brewer	2	0	0	12
*Carroll VanHooser	2	0	0	12
Denny Wedge	1	0	0	6
Tom Fry	1	0	0	6
Ken Griffith	1	0	0	6
Rod Bagby	1	0	0	6
*Twyman Patterson	1	0	0	6
(Safeties scored against Youngstown & Tenn. Tech)				4

*Indicates players not returning for 1958 season





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HILLTOPPERS

JIM OWENS- Owens is a junior end from Owensboro, Kentucky. He weighs 175 pounds, is six feet tall and is 21 years old. Coach Nick Denes is expecting this speedy youngster to add reserve strength to the flanks.

LARRY NUTTER -Nutter was a stand-out last season as a sophomore tackle. Big and rugged, he should put a lot of power in the Western Kentucky line. He is six feet, one inch tall, weighs 215 pounds and is 21 years old. He comes from Sheffield, Ill.

BILL CURRY- Curry is the biggest man on the Western Kentucky squad. He stands six feet, six inches tall, weighs 235 pounds and is 24 years old. Last season as a sophomore he was a tower of strength in the line at tackle. He is expected to develop into one of the best tackles to ever play for the Hilltoppers. He comes from Versailles, Ky.

JACK THEUERKAUF- Theuerkauf is a big junior tackle who returned to the Hilltoppers after four years in the service. He is expected to help make the Western Kentucky line rough for the opposition. He weighs 215 pounds, is six feet, two inches tall and is 25 years old. He is from Evansville, Indiana.

BILL LAPADULA- Lapadula is a senior tackle from Lynnhurst, N.J. He is expected to give reserve strength to the Western Kentucky line. He is six feet, two inches tall, weighs 200 pounds and is 23 years old.

ANDY ANDERSON- Anderson is a junior tackle from Knoxville, Tenn. He weighs 210 pounds, is six feet, two inches tall and is 22 years old.

BUCK LAWSON- Lawson, a Bowling Green High School product, is expected to fill the starting assignment at center for Coach Frank Griffin's 1958 Hilltopper line. Buck is a well-performing, five foot, eleven inch, 200 pound, 21 year old senior.

JIM HUGHES- Hughes is a sophomore end, six foot, 190 pound, 21 year old from Louisville, Kentucky, where he played for Coach Denes at Male High School. Hughes is an outstanding pass receiver, and is a rugged man on defense.

WINTON BOONE- Boone is a six-foot, 175 pound sophomore, 19 years old from Corbin, Kentucky, where he played on Bill Tucker's 1955 State Champions. Boone is a transfer from Bethel College where he was a top basketball player.

LOUIS JOHNSON- Johnson, a six foot, 175 pound, 20 year old sophomore from Owensboro, Kentucky. He learned his football under Ralph Genito at Owensboro High School. Johnson saw little action last year because of leg injuries. If he can escape injuries, he can easily develop into one of Western's top-flight end candidates.

MARK HOFFARD- Hoffard, a six foot, 185 pound, 23 year old senior from Johnson City, Illinois. Mark is a service returnee having played on the 1955 Hilltopper team.

CHARLES TAYLOR, Jr. - Taylor is from Indianapolis, Indiana, and has two years of varsity experience with Indiana Central before going into the army three years ago. Taylor, in spring practice, was outstanding on both offense and defense and should fill the gap left by the graduation of co-captain Twyman Patterson. Probably the outstanding offensive lineman on the team.

JOHN KIMBROUGH- Kimbrough, a six foot, 200 pound junior from Chattanooga, Tenn., where he played on the famous Central High School team. Kimbrough, out of football for two years, showed promise in spring training of developing into a top-flight tackle.

JAMES 'YOGI' HARDIN - Hardin, a 205 pound, five foot, ten inch senior guard from Portsmouth, Virginia, made "Little All-American" last year. 'Yogi' is one of the hardest working boys on the club, and his flaming spirit will be relied upon to keep the Hilltopper line going at top speed. This Portsmouth, Virginia, youngster will undoubtedly go down in Hilltopper history as one of its all-time great linemen. He is a natural leader.

FRANK PETTIT- Pettit made the switch from tackle to end in this past spring practice. This 175 pound, six foot, two inch senior from Tompkinsville, Kentucky, is 23 years old and is expected to be one of Western's regular ends during the coming campaign.

GERALD POYNTER- Poynter is another one of Ralph Genito of Owensboro boys on the Hilltopper squad. He is a rugged six foot, 200 pound sophomore tackle who excells on offense.

FRED FISH- Fish is a sophomore, 6', 195 pounds and comes from Norfolk, Va. He is counted on heavily to furnish relief to the tackle position.

HERB WASSOM- Wassom is a junior guard from Spring City, Tenn. He will be battling for a starting position this season opposite the explosive Hardin. Wassom's agility, speed make him an outstanding linebacker. He is six feet tall and weighs 200 pounds. He is 20 years old.

BOB BRADFORD- Bradford is a burly 200 pound guard from Bellevue, Ky. His all-around rugged play gives Western an outstanding player at the guard position. He is 21 years old and is five feet, ten inches tall.

CLARENCE BAKER- Baker is a 25 year old senior guard from Portsmouth, Va. He is another outstanding prospect who will be fighting for a starting berth. He is five feet, eight inches tall, and weighs 195 pounds.

TED HARTUNG Hartung, a 200 pound, six foot, 19 year old sophomore from Norfolk, Virginia, could be one of the best guard prospects at Western for years. Ted is expected to pick up valuable experience this fall as he prepares for first-string duty.

SHELBY WEST- West, another Norfolk, Virginia, athlete, proved to be an outstanding defensive lineman, as a freshman. He is five feet, eight inches tall, weighs 200 pounds, is 19 years old, and is a sophomore.

BILL BEANBLOSSOM- Beanblossom is five feet, eight inches tall, weighs 195 pounds, is a guard from Valley High School of Louisville, where he played for Western graduate, Dallas Arnold. Beanblossom is a transfer from the University of Kentucky. He is 19 years old and a sophomore.

CARL PIKE- Pike, one of the six Tennessee boys on the Hilltopper squad, is a transfer from Vanderbilt University. He has been assigned to the squad as a guard from his usual fullback position. The speed and agility gained from his backfield experience, makes him an outstanding guard prospect. Pike is six feet tall, weighs 200 pounds, and is a 21 year old junior from Nashville, Tenn.

MORRIS LONGACRE- Longacre proved to be a fine guard prospect as a freshman last year. This 195 pound, six foot, 20 year old sophomore from Southern High School in Louisville adds needed depth to the Hilltopper line.

LLOYD WEAVER- Weaver, a brother of departing senior, Ray Weaver, is possibly one of the most versatile footballers ever to come to the Western squad. He was an outstanding high school quarterback from Holmes of Covington, Ky., under Western graduate, Tom Ellis. Lloyd, a five foot, eleven inch, 190 pound, 20 year old sophomore. After participating as a freshman in roles as a center, quarterback and guard, he has been assigned as a guard on the Hilltopper squad.

BILL MEADORS- Meadors proved himself a spirited aggressive freshman guard in 1957. He is a five foot, eight inch, 195 pound, 19 year old sophomore from Corbin, Ky.

RONNIE DOWNARD- Downard was one of the brightest freshman prospects in 1957. He was one of few freshmen who earned a varsity letter. This six foot, 195 pound, 20 year old sophomore from Newport, Kentucky, adds important depth to Western's center position.

DENNY WEDGE- Wedge is a six foot, 175 pound, 20 year old junior from Point Pleasant, West Virginia. He is one of the encouraging figures in Western's quarterback play. Wedge also was one of the Ohio Valley Conference's outstanding punters in 1957, his kicking providing the difference between victory and defeat more than once for 1957.

ED TARTER- A DuPont Manual in Louisville, Kentucky, product, Tarter, a quarterback, displayed outstanding generalship as a freshman. His presence on the Hilltopper squad provides needed depth at quarterback. He is a 20 year old sophomore, weighing 175 pounds and standing six feet tall.

RONNIE SHEFFER- Sheffer, having been a student at Western for two years, reported for football this spring. He is from Henderson, Kentucky, quarterbacking Coach Don Shelton's 1955 squad to an undefeated championship season. As a reward for his outstanding showing this spring, he is considered a possible first-string choice for the Hilltoppers this fall. Sheffer is a 21-year old junior standing six feet tall and weighing 175 pounds.

RON MCKINNEY- McKinney, a Paris, Tennessee, sophomore, is probably one of the most improved players on Coach Denes' squad. McKinney's performance during spring practice makes this 175 pound, five feet, eleven inch fullback, one of the brighter prospects on the 1958 Hilltopper squad.

LARRY JONES- Jones, an ex-Air Force performer provides more than adequate reserve power to backfield coach, Turner Elrod's halfbacks. Cpl. Jones is also an above average punter, supplying Western with reserve power in the kicking department. Jones is a five feet, eleven inches, 175 pounds, 22 year old sophomore from Knoxville, Tennessee.

BUDDY MESSER- Messer, a six foot, 185 pound, 19 year old sophomore from Mt. Sterling, Kentucky, where he played halfback for Dawson Orman, who captained Coach Denes' 1945 Male High School football team. Messer has been converted to an end for speed and size, which should help us fill the gap caused by the graduation of Holt, Cunningham and Brantley.

BOB YOUNG- Young, a 190 pound sophomore from Covington, Kentucky, should be a front line guard this fall. Bob is being moved from the fullback position where he was outstanding as a freshman.

KENNETH 'SHIFTY' GRIFFITH- Griffith, a senior from Paducah, Kentucky, is a 165 pound southpaw bundle of dynamite. He will be the only returning experienced quarterback. For the past three seasons this little fireball has demonstrated that he can either run or pass to give the Hilltoppers more offensive threat. He is 21 years old, and is five feet, nine inches tall.

JERRY BREWER- Brewer, a senior from Paducah, Kentucky, should be a starting halfback in the Hilltopper backfield this season. He is another of the Western Kentucky corps of break-away runners, who once in the open is difficult to bring down. He weighs 175 pounds, is five feet, ten inches tall and is 21 years old.

TOM FRY- Fry is a rugged little speedster. A senior halfback from Covington, Kentucky, he has been a stand-out for the past three seasons. He is five feet, six inches tall, weighs 165 pounds and is 20 years old.

DELANE SIMPSON- Simpson is a hard-hitting senior fullback who can be depended on to get the yardage in critical situations. He is also a fine defensive player. He is from Portsmouth, Virginia.

ROD BAGBY- Bagby is another line-smashing senior fullback. He was outstanding last season along with Simpson which should give the Hilltoppers plenty of power at fullback this year. He weighs 210 pounds, is six feet tall and is 22 years old. He comes from Covington, Kentucky.

DAN EASLEY- Easley, a 22 year old junior, comes to Western from Detroit, Michigan via Fort Campbell, Kentucky, where he played while in the army. He is a five foot, eleven inch, 165 pound quarterback whose speed makes him a strong contender for a regular berth on the Hilltopper eleven.

MELVIN VOGEL- A product of Valley High School of Louisville, Kentucky, where he played for Western grad, Dallas Arnold. Melvin's halfback play is expected to provide the size and driving power to make Coach Turner Elrod's backfield one of the most powerful in the league. He is a transfer from the University of Louisville. Vogel is 21 years old, 180 pounds, six feet tall, and a sophomore.

WAYNE KELLY- Kelly, another powerful runner and possibly the biggest halfback in the conference. Kelly is 205 pounds, six feet, one inch tall, and is a sophomore. He transferred to Western from the University of Kentucky where he played freshman football, after playing his high school football at Caldwell County, Princeton, Kentucky, for Western graduates Fred Clayton and Joe Tallay. Wayne, now 21 years old, figures big in Western football fortunes for 1958.

RONNIE DOWDELL- Dowdell is a five foot, eleven inch, 175 pound halfback from Male High School of Louisville, Kentucky, where Coach Denes coached for 17 years. Ronnie is a 21 year old junior.

BILL ROSE- Rose is a five foot, ten inch, 165 pound sophomore halfback. He is from Vincennes, Indiana, where he played for Ray Mills, a former Western great. Bill is 20 years old. His outstanding ability as a broadjumper and track man indicates his versatility.

FRANCIS PAYNE- Payne is a highly promising sophomore fullback from Ather-ton High School in Louisville, Kentucky, where he played under Coach Junior Jones. This speedy fullback last season gave evidence that he will be ready for heavy duty this season. He is 5'11" tall, weighs 170 pounds and is 20 years old.



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1958-59 BASKETBALL SCHEDULE



December 6	Saturday	New Mexico A & M	at Bowling Green, Ky.
December 8	Monday	Mississippi Southern College	at Bowling Green, Ky.
December 13	Saturday	*Morehead State College	at Morehead, Ky.
December 18	Thursday	Seton Hall University	at Madison Square Garden New York, New York
December 20	Saturday	La Salle College	at Philadelphia, Pa.
January 3	Saturday	*Eastern Ky. State College	at Bowling Green, Ky.
January 5	Monday	*Tennessee Tech	at Bowling Green, Ky.
January 10	Saturday	Bowling Green (O) State Univ.	at Bowling Green, Ohio
January 12	Monday	*East Tennessee State College	at Johnson City, Tenn.
January 17	Saturday	*Murray Staté College	at Bowling Green, Ky.
January 19	Monday	*Middle Tenn. State College	at Murfreesboro, Tenn.
January 24	Saturday	West Virginia University	at Freedom Hall Louisville, Ky.
January 26	Monday	La Salle College	at Bowling Green, Ky.
January 30	Friday	University of Tampa	at Tampa, Fla.
January 31	Saturday	University of Miami	at Coral Gables, Fla.
February 6	Friday	DePaul University	at Chicago, Ill.
February 7	Saturday	Army (U.S. Military Academy)	at Freedom Hall Louisville, Ky.
February 10	Tuesday	*Tennessee Tech	at Cookeville, Tenn.
February 12	Thursday	University of Tampa	at Bowling Green, Ky.
February 14	Saturday	*Morehead State College	at Bowling Green, Ky.
February 16	Monday	Xavier University	at Bowling Green, Ky.
February 18	Wednesday	*Eastern Ky. State College	at Richmond, Ky.
February 21	Saturday	*Murray State College	at Murray, Ky.
February 23	Monday	Xavier University	at Cincinnati, Ohio
February 28	Saturday	*Middle Tenn. State College	at Bowling Green, Ky.
March 3	Tuesday	* East Tennessee State College	at Bowling Green, Ky.

* Indicates Ohio Valley Conference games.

