WESTERN KENTUCKY STATE COLLEGE FOOTBALL TEAM

Bowling Green, Kentucky

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GENERAL INFORMATION

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LOCATION - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - BOWLING GREEN, KENTUCKY

PRESIDENT - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - PAUL L. GARRETT

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ASSISTANT FOOTBALL COACH - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - FRANK GRIFFIN

ASSISTANT FOOTBALL COACH - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - TURNER ELROD

COLORS - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - RED AND WHITE

NICKNAME - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - HILLTOPPERS

STADIUM LOCATION - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - WESTERN CAMPUS

STADIUM CAPACITY - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 5,000

CONFERENCES - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE

SOUTHERN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

LOCAL PRESS - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - DAILY NEWS

COLLEGE PRESS - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD

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SEASON’S OUTLOOK

The Hilltoppers lost only three men via the graduation route last season. This season only one member of the squad is a senior which gives Coach Clayton a crew of sophomores and juniors with considerable experience.

Mainstays of the Western squad lack weight but with the team operating from a T-formation, the lack of poundage is expected to be offset with speed. In Jim Pickens, Clayton will have one of the best passers in the state to toss against the Hilltopper opposition. In Harold Murphy, the coach will have a rescue artist recognized as one of the South’s best punters.

Western will have a host of fast backs who showed up especially well in spring practice, and for the first time since football was resumed at Western two years ago the opening lineup will find seasoned linemen in the forward wall.

The addition of Turner Elrod as an assistant coach should prove of invaluable help to Coach Clayton, as Elrod has successfully used the T-formation in high school for many years.

The 1948 schedule calls for nine games. Five will be played in Bowling Green and four on the road. Union University, Louisiana College, and Georgetown College were not on the 1947 Hilltopper schedule.
HILTOPPER COACHING STAFF

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 period he was assigned to the Navy's Physical Education program.

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

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

Griffin played end for the Hilltoppers before the war. He served in the United States Navy from 1941 through 1946, following which 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.

Elrod played football, basketball, and baseball at Western 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 1948 football season, Elrod was athletic director and assistant football coach at Henderson high school, Henderson, Kentucky. He served in the United States Army from 1942 to 1946.
1948 Football Schedule

*Sept. 25
Evansville College
at Evansville, Ind.

Oct. 2
Arkansas State
at Bowling Green, Ky.

Oct. 9
Morehead State
at Morehead, Ky.

*Oct. 16
Union University
at Bowling Green, Ky.

*Oct. 23
University of Louisville
at Louisville, Ky.

*Oct. 30
Georgetown College
at Bowling Green, Ky.

*Nov. 6
Louisiana State
at Bowling Green, Ky.

*Nov. 13
Eastern State (Homecoming)
at Bowling Green, Ky.

Nov. 25
Murray State
at Bowling Green, Ky.

1947 Football Results

*Sept. 26
Western Kentucky 0
Evansville College 0
at Evansville, Ind.

*Oct. 4
Western Kentucky 14
Arkansas State 14
at Bowling Green, Ky.

*Oct. 11
Western Kentucky 13
Tennessee Tech. 7
at Bowling Green, Ky.

Oct. 18
Western Kentucky 15
Bradley (Homecoming) 13
at Bowling Green, Ky.

*Oct. 24
Western Kentucky 13
University of Louisville 19
at Louisville, Ky.

Nov. 1
Western Kentucky 0
West Michigan 39
at Kalamazoo, Mich.

*Nov. 8
Western Kentucky 20
Morehead State 0
at Bowling Green, Ky.

*Nov. 15
Western Kentucky 7
Eastern State 27
at Richmond, Ky.

Nov. 22
Western Kentucky 0
Murray State 20
at Murray, Ky.

*Indicates night games
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ARNOLD, KENNETH--Arnold played first-string tackle during much of the 1947 season. He stands six feet tall, weighs 200 pounds and is a powerhouse both on offense and defense. He is a junior from Fairdale, Kentucky.

BATTLE, THOMAS--Battle's first year to play for the Hilltoppers is coming up. He is a 175-pound end from Birmingham, Alabama, who looked especially good in the spring practice sessions. He is five feet, eleven inches tall.

BEAN, LEWIS "RED"--Bean was a starting tackle last season for the Hilltoppers and will be a certain starter this year. He is a 224-pound junior from Madisonville, Kentucky, and stands an even six feet tall. His line play both on offense and defense has been especially outstanding.

BLANTON, OWEN--Blanton is a Shelbyville, Tennessee, boy who plays the guard position and has shown great improvement over last season. He is a sophomore.

BROWNING, JEWEL--Browning was bothered all during the 1947 season with an injured ankle. He is a great defensive end and will undoubtedly hold down a starting post this season. He is six feet, one inch tall and is a junior from Madisonville, Kentucky. He weighs 200 pounds.

CLAYTON, FRED--Last season Clayton, the starting fullback, was a constant ground gainer on line smashes. He will get the call again this season as Coach Clayton is counting heavily on his power in the Hilltopper backfield. Clayton is six feet, one inch tall, weighs 190 pounds and hails from Madisonville, Kentucky.

COWAN, JAMES--Cowan is another sophomore who looked especially good last year as a freshman. The Morganfield, Kentucky, lad is six feet, two inches tall and plays an end position. He tips the scales at 195 pounds.

DIACHENKO, NICK--Diachenko will hold down the starting position at center replacing Buddy Keys, who graduated. Last year the 195-pound Gary, West Virginia, lad was Keys' understudy. He is an even six feet tall.

DIECKEN, JOHN--This 170-pound sophomore from Evansville, Indiana, is a scat back with plenty of speed. During the 1947 season he showed a lot of promise as a freshman and is expected to be a big factor in Coach Clayton's T-formation offensive this season.

DUNN, WILLIAM--Dunn was outstanding at tackle last season as a freshman and showed improvement in the spring practice sessions. He hails from Lexington, Kentucky, stands six feet tall and weighs 190 pounds.

FOWLKES, DANNY--Fowlkes is a fine defensive end as well as a good pass receiver on the offensive. During the 1947 season he ably demonstrated his ability and is expected to really get going this season. He is a junior from Dyersburg, Tennessee, weighs 180 pounds and is six feet, two inches tall.

GILBERT, LAWRENCE "BUTCH"--Gilbert is five feet, eleven inches tall, weighs 195 pounds and is certain to see plenty of action this season as a result of the fine performances he turned in last season as a freshman at the guard position. He is a Bowling Green high product.
GLOD, GENE--When Jim Pickens is not at the quarterback slot, Coach Clayton has a brilliant replacement in Glod. This 185-pound South Bend, Indiana, sophomore stands five feet, ten inches tall and is a bundle of dynamite both on the offensive and the defensive.

GREEN, ALBERT--Green is a 200-pound sophomore from Louisville, Kentucky, who as a freshman last year was especially outstanding for his play at the guard posts. He is being heavily counted on for the 1948 campaign. He is five feet, ten inches tall.

HANCKEN, JOHN--Hancken is a 195-pound sophomore from Birmingham, Alabama, who is expected to add a lot of speed and power to the Hilltopper backfield this year. He is one of the shortest men on the squad standing only five feet, eight inches tall.

HILE, GILBERT--Hile played a lot of football at the guard position as a freshman during the 1947 season and will be battling for a starting position this season. He stands five feet, ten inches tall and weighs 180 pounds. He hails from Louisville, Kentucky.

HINA, ROY--Hina is a 185-pound sophomore from Sturgis, Kentucky, who has a lot of fight and ability. He is a guard and stands five feet, eleven inches tall.

JONES, WALTON "SONNY"--Jones is another small but speedy back standing only five feet, eight inches tall, and weighing 185 pounds. He will see a lot of service this season because of his exceptional speed and shifty broken field running. He is a junior from Louisville, Kentucky.

KLIER, KENNETH--Klier is a 175-pound back from Louisville, Kentucky, remaining an even six feet tall. He will be a sophomore this season and is expected to see considerable duty with the Hilltoppers.

LANHAM, CLIFTON--Lanham is another Louisville, Kentucky, lad. He played most of the 1947 season as a first-string end and is being counted upon for the same role during the 1948 campaign. He is a sophomore, stands an even six feet tall and weighs 170 pounds.

LANIER, JOHN--Lanier is a promising sophomore upon whom Coach Clayton is depending to greatly strengthen the center post this season. John is a 185-pound St. Augustine, Florida, lad standing six feet, two inches tall.

LLOYD, JERRY--Lloyd is a 195-pound tackle from Louisville, Kentucky. He is a sophomore and is six feet, two inches tall.

McCHESNEY, JAMES--A 185-pound end from Marion, Kentucky, McChesney stands six feet, two inches tall. He has shown great improvement over last year when he was a freshman and is expected to see a lot of service this season.

McNEIL, PAT--McNéil is a junior from Louisville, Kentucky, with two years of college football experience. He has steadily improved and is expected to be a standout at the tailback post this year. He stands six feet tall and weighs 175 pounds.

MONTELLI, THOMAS--Montelli did not see much action during the 1947 season because of an injured ankle but he is expected to add a lot of strength to the end posts this season. He is a Gary, West Virginia, junior standing six feet, two inches tall and weighing 195 pounds.

MURPHY, HAROLD--Murphy is one of the best punting exports to ever play at Western. Last season he averaged better than 40 yards per try. Coach Clayton is counting heavily upon the use of this 204-pound junior from Lancaster, Kentucky.
PICKENS, JAMES—Pickens, who possesses a sling shot right arm, will be the first-string quarterback for the Hilltoppers this season working out of the T-formation. This 185-pound sophomore stands six feet, one inch tall and can carry the ball as well as he can toss it. He was outstanding last season as a freshman and is expected to be much improved this season. He hails from Princeton, Kentucky. Jim is also an outstanding baseball pitcher.

ROBINSON, ARNOLD—Robinson is a junior from Louisville, Kentucky. He stands five feet, ten inches tall and weighs 185 pounds. With two years experience he is expected to add a great deal of power to one of the guard posts.

SCHRENK, DALE—Schrenk was a starting back on the 1947 team. Coach Clayton is expecting great things from this 195-pound Seymour, Indiana, junior who is especially effective as a blocker.

SHIREMAN, WILLIAM—Shireman is a 217-pound tackle from Louisville, Kentucky. He stands an even six feet tall and has greatly improved since last year when he was a freshman.

SNIDER, LOUIS—Snider played first-string guard last year and will be at the same position again this year. He is a 198-pound junior from Louisville, Kentucky, standing five feet, nine inches tall.

SUMMERS, TOM—Summers is the only senior on the squad this year and should see a lot of action at one of the end posts. He stands six feet, one inch tall, weighs 195 pounds and hails from Columbia, Tennessee.

TALLY, JOSEPH—Tally is another Bowling Green high product who as a freshman last year saw plenty of action in the Hilltopper forward wall at the guard positions. He stands five feet, eleven inches tall, weighs 195 pounds and is a hard-driving, heads-up football player who likes to play.

TAYLOR, HAI—In spring practice Taylor showed great improvement over last year when he was a freshman and will be a strong contender for a starting berth in the backfield this year. He stands five feet, ten inches tall and weighs 175 pounds. He is a Louisville, Kentucky lad. Taylor was also the first-string short stop on the Hilltopper baseball team last season.

THREET, HOYTE—Threet is a 200-pound tackle from Shelbyville, Tennessee, standing six feet, two inches tall and is one of Coach Clayton's most promising prospects. As a freshman last year he turned in many sterling performances.

UNDERWOOD, SHIRLEY—Underwood is a junior from Lexington, Kentucky, and is one of the scat backs Coach Clayton is depending on this season. He stands five feet, ten inches tall and weighs 175 pounds.

WALLHEISER, FRANK—Wallheiser took over one of the starting wing berths last year when Browning went out with injuries. He is a junior from Shelbyville, Tennessee, stands six feet, five inches tall, weighs 200 pounds and is a capable pass receiver as well as a fine defensive player.

WARD, DAN—Ward is a 180-pound halfback from Pensacola, Florida. His performance in spring practice sessions indicated that he will greatly strengthen the Hilltopper attack in 1948.

WELLS, ROBERT—Wells is a 205-pound sophomore from St. Augustine, Florida, standing an even six feet tall. Coach Clayton is expecting considerable help at the tackle positions from this lad during the 1948 campaign.