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Jimmy Feix has been head football coach at Western Kentucky University for three seasons, leading the Hilltoppers to an overall record of 21 wins, 6 losses and 3 ties. His teams in 1968 and 1969 finished second in the Ohio Valley Conference race, while his 1970 team captured the league championship with an overall 8-1-1 record and a league mark of 5-1-1.

Feix's association with winning football at Western goes back much further than the past three seasons. From 1949 through the 1952 season, he quarterbacked some of the best Hilltopper teams ever. He was a College Division All-American in 1952 as he led Western to a tie for the OVC championship and a win over Arkansas State in the Refrigerator Bowl on the way to a 9-1 season. His 1952 pass completion percentage--111 of 176 attempts for a 63.1 average--is still a league record. He was on the threshold of a promising pro career with the New York Giants before a serious injury early in his rookie season ended his playing days.

Feix joined the Western coaching staff in 1957 after serving with the U.S. Air Force. He was an assistant coach in charge of the Hilltopper offense until he became head coach in December, 1967. He has surrounded himself with an outstanding young squad and has established his Western teams as consistently among the top echelon in one of the nation's most highly respected college division football conferences.

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With 27 of 39 lettermen returning from last year's Ohio Valley Conference championship team, Western Kentucky Football Coach Jimmy Feix views his team's 1971 grid picture as being almost the opposite of pre-season estimates a year ago.

"Last year we started out with hopes the defense could carry the bulk of the load until our offense had a chance to gain some experience and catch up," he said. "This season we'll be hoping that our offense can carry us until our defensive unit can gain some maturity."

"It's all a matter of how much varsity playing time the collective squad members on the two respective units have gotten in," he concluded.

The offensive unit should be stronger for at least three reasons:

1) The added experience picked up by last year's outstanding freshman running backs, Clarence Jackson and John Embree. Although the Hilltoppers will undoubtedly miss the blocking ability of graduated fullback Nat Northington, Harold Spillman looked to be an adequate replacement at that spot in spring drills.

2) The ability of quarterbacks Leo Peckenaugh to find his secondary receivers when his primary targets are covered, along with the fact that last year's outstanding corps of receivers--headed by Jay Davis, Darryl Smith, Porter Williams and Tom Turner--are still all back; and

3) Added experience for the offensive linemen, along with some changes in blocking techniques and assignment made in spring practice.

Graduation losses hit the defensive platoon much harder, wiping out nearly all of the secondary, as well as outstanding personnel up front like College Division All-American end Lawrence Brane and line-backer Bill Hape.

"The secondary, particularly the deep backs, is the critical spot, we feel," said Feix.

Jim Barber brings both talent and experience back to his line-backing spot, where he will be joined by Amsdra Skiles along with David Nollner and Robert Walton, both of whom have been shifted from other positions.

The inexperience of three sophomores and a junior--Robert Morehead, Claude Spillman, Mike McCoy and Wilson Chapman--account for Feix's concern about the deep secondary.

The kicking game could be among the team's strongest points, with both punter Gary Mears and place-kicker Steve Wilson returning to continue the fine work they turned in last fall.

As for the overall race in the OVC, Feix views it as another multi-team race marked by the same kind of overall balance that has been in evidence for the past several years. He sees Middle Tennessee and Morehead as substantially improved, while it may be difficult for Western, Eastern Kentucky and East Tennessee to maintain their overall strength of a year ago.
WESTERN KENTUCKY'S 1970 COLLEGE DIVISION ALL-AMERICA SELECTIONS

FIRST TEAM

Player | Ht. Wt. | '70 Class | Position
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Lawrence Brame | 6-1 212 | Senior | Def. End

HONORABLE MENTION

Dennis Durso | 5-11 200 | Junior | Off. Guard
Jim Barber | 5-11 190 | Junior | Linebacker
Bill Green | 5-9 165 | Senior | Def. Back

HILLTOPPER'S 1970 ALL-OVC SELECTIONS

FIRST TEAM

Player | Ht. Wt. | '70 Class | Position
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Dennis Durso | 5-11 200 | Junior | Off. Guard
Jay Davis | 5-11 174 | Junior | Wingback
Steve Wilson | 5-7 165 | Soph. | Placekicker
Lawrence Brame | 6-1 212 | Senior | Def. End
Jim Barber | 5-11 190 | Junior | Linebacker
Bill Green | 5-9 165 | Senior | Def. Back

SECOND TEAM

Terry Kokinda | 6-1 210 | Junior | Off. Tackle
Nat Northington | 6-0 195 | Senior | Fullback
Terry Thompson | 6-2 220 | Junior | Def. Tackle
Bill Hage | 5-11 210 | Senior | Linebacker

UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Location: Bowling Green, Kentucky
Conference: Ohio Valley, NCAA
Nickname: Hilltoppers Colors: Red and White
President: Dero G. Downing Enrollment: 10,906
Chairman, Faculty Athletic Committee: Dr. John D. Minton
Athletic Director: Ted Hornback
Head Football Coach: Jimmy Feix
Assistant: Robbie Franklin, Art Zderzick, Romeo Crennel, Butch Gilbert, Lee Murray
Football Office Phone: Area 502, 745-3347
Athletic Office Phone: Area 502, 745-3542 or 745-3348

FOR INFORMATION ON ALL SPORTS-
Assistant Public Relations Director: Ed Given
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1970 OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS

LAWRENCE BRAME

1969-1970
OVC Defensive Player of the Year
1970 College Division All-American
Drafted by St. Louis Cardinals

DALE LINDSEY

1964 College Division All-American
Currently Cleveland Browns Linebacker

COLLEGE DIVISION ALL-AMERICANS

Jimmy Feix
QB - 1952
Jim Hardin
G - 1927
John Motchler
E - 1963

Dale Lindsey
FB - 1964
Jim Burt
RB - 1964
Lawrence Brame
E - 1970

NATIONAL COLLEGE DIVISION LEADERS
IN ALL-TIME WINNING PERCENTAGE (Through 1969)
From a Total of 301 Schools

Rank | School | Seasons | Won | Lost | Tied | Pct.
--- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | ---
1. Florida A&M | 37 | 268 | 59 | 13 | .807
2. Maryland St. | 23 | 135 | 39 | 8 | .764
3. West Chester | 49 | 294 | 95 | 17 | .745
4. Tennessee St. | 40 | 244 | 80 | 16 | .741
5. Morgan St. | 50 | 268 | 89 | 25 | .734
6. Grantville | 27 | 196 | 71 | 13 | .713
7. Southern U. | 49 | 278 | 127 | 22 | .677
8. Southern Conn. | 22 | 123 | 58 | 8 | .672
9. Indiana (P.) | 65 | 323 | 157 | 29 | .662
10. Virginia St. | 58 | 271 | 136 | 41 | .651
11. Gustavus-Adolphus | 54 | 246 | 129 | 20 | .648
12. Tuskegee Inst. | 71 | 331 | 173 | 49 | .643
13. N.E. Missouri | 62 | 300 | 161 | 30 | .642
14. West Liberty | 44 | 226 | 125 | 25 | .634
15. Middle Tenn. | 33 | 195 | 58 | 26 | .631
16. Central Michigan | 49 | 209 | 76 | 25 | .630
17. William Jewell | 74 | 337 | 190 | 46 | .628
18. Chicago | 49 | 262 | 149 | 31 | .628
19. Carleton | 72 | 303 | 177 | 27 | .624
20. WESTERN KENTUCKY | 48 | 259 | 155 | 25 | .618