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1972 SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME**
Sept. 9	Appalachian State	Bowling Green, Ky.	1:00
Sept. 16	Wittenberg	Springfield, Ohio	12:30
Sept. 23	*Austin Peay	Bowling Green, Ky.	1:00
Sept. 30	*East Tennessee	Johnson City, Tenn.	6:30
Oct. 7	Open Date		
Oct. 14	*Eastern Kentucky	Bowling Green, Ky.	1:00
Oct. 21	*Tennessee Tech	Cookeville, Tenn.	7:30
Oct. 28	*Morehead State	Morehead, Ky.	1:00
Nov. 4	*Middle Tennessee (Homecoming)	Bowling Green, Ky.	1:00
Nov. 11	Butler	Bowling Green, Ky.	1:00
Nov. 18	*Murray State	Murray, Ky.	1:30

*Ohio Valley Conference Game
**Central Time

1971 RESULTS

Overall Record: 8-2-0 OVC Record: 6-1-0 (1st)

WESTERN	OPPONENT	
33	Wittenberg (17,042)	7
46	*at Austin Peay (4,990)	7
36	*East Tennessee (16,276)	7
14	at Eastern Michigan (12,200)	17
15	*Tennessee Tech (19,926)	7
16	*at Eastern Kentucky (24,500)	7
34	*Morehead State (15,726)	11
13	*at Middle Tennessee (6,500)	27
31	at Butler (7,450)	0
24	*Murray State (16,327)	10
262	TOTALS	100

Attendance - 140,973 (Home - 85,333)

*Ohio Valley Conference game



1972

HILLTOPPER

WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

FOOTBALL



OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS

1952 1963 1970 1971

Refrigerator Bowl Champions—1952
Tangerine Bowl Champions—1963

Coach JIMMY FEIX



Jimmy Feix has been head football coach at Western Kentucky University for four seasons, leading the Hilltoppers to an overall record of 29 wins, 8 losses and 3 ties. His teams in 1968 and 1969 finished second in the Ohio Valley Conference, while his 1970 and 1971 teams copped back-to-back league championships.

Feix's association with winning football at Western goes back much further than the past four 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 .631 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 staff 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.

1972 OUTLOOK

When talk swings to Western Kentucky's football prospects for 1972, Hilltopper Head Coach Jimmy Feix thinks first of linemen—all sorts of lineman.

The reason is simple: along the interior line, Western has only one starter returning on offense and just one starter coming back on defense.

"That is an awful lot of experience to lose," Feix says. "Last year most of our replacements had to be made in the backfield, particularly on defense. This season it will be linemen who will be inexperienced and I feel that experience is just a little more important in the interior of those lines than at a lot of other positions."

David Nollner, a 6-2, 210-pound junior tackle, is the only returning regular lineman on offense, while Brad Watson, a 6-3, 215-pound senior end, is the lone starter back on defense. The pain of losing so much experience from a club that won the Ohio Valley Conference championship in both 1970 and 1971 will be eased somewhat by the fact that prospective replacements include some apparently wonderfully gifted athletes. But they still need experience.

Half of last year's linebacking corps--junior Aundra Skiles on the inside and senior Andrew Francis on the outside--will be back. That leaves replacements to be found for All-American Jim Barber and one of the '71 team's most consistent performers, Bob McGrath.

The entire defensive secondary, which was young but extremely effective last season, returns, headed by All-OVC selection Bob Morehead, a probable All-American candidate this fall.

Offensively, except for the holes up front, the Hilltoppers appear solid. Quarterback Leo Peckenpaugh, also named to the All-OVC team last year, is back to run the attack. He has talented receivers in fleet Porter Williams, Darryl Smith and Tom Turner.

The double tailback punch of the last two seasons, Clarence Jackson and John Embree, is back to spearhead the ground game. Jackson rates as one of the league's premier runners after setting a new conference single-game rushing record last year with 297 yards against Butler. And sophomore Van Pitman showed signs in late 1971 that he may well be the crushing blocker and bruising runner the Hilltoppers need at fullback.

The kicking game should be among the best in the league, with Gary Mears back to punt and Steve Wilson and Dick Herron to do the place-kicking.

Overall, it looks as if the Hilltoppers can hardly hope, particularly in early games, to have the all-around strength and consistency shown in last year's championship season. However, if another team doesn't break away from the pack in September or early October, Western could have a lot to say about the outcome of the 1972 title chase as its linemen gather some experience.

COLLEGE DIVISION ALL-AMERICANS



Jimmy Feix
QB - 1952



Jim Hardin
G - 1957



John Mutchler
E - 1963



Dale Lindsey
FB 1964



Jim Burt
E - 1964



Lawrence Brame
E - 1970



Jim Barber
LB - 1971

**NATIONAL COLLEGE DIVISION LEADERS
IN ALL-TIME WINNING PERCENTAGE (Through 1970)**
From a Total of More Than 300 Schools

Rank/School	Percentage
1. Florida A & M	.799
2. Tennessee State	.749
3. West Chester State	.745
4. Morgan State	.736
5. UMd. Eastern Shore	.733
6. Grambling	.717
7. Southern University	.672
8. Southern Connecticut	.669
9. Indiana (Pa.)	.660
10. Virginia State	.654
11. Gustavus Adolphus	.652
12. Tuskegee Institute	.647
13. Northern Missouri	.644
14. Fordham	.641
15. Central Michigan	.632
16. Middle Tennessee	.632
17. William Jewell	.628
18. WESTERN KENTUCKY	.624
19. Chicago	.622
20. Carleton	.615

TOPPER POWER



1971 OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS

LAWRENCE BRAME



1970 College Division All-American
Currently Toronto Argonauts Linebacker-End

DALE LINDSEY



1964 College Division All-American
Currently Cleveland Browns Linebacker

WESTERN KENTUCKY'S

1971 COLLEGE DIVISION ALL-AMERICAN SELECTIONS

FIRST TEAM
(Universal Sports)

Player	Ht.	Wt.	'71 Class	Position
Jim Barber	5-11	195	Senior	Linebacker

HONORABLE MENTION
(Associated Press)

Jim Barber	5-11	195	Senior	Linebacker
Bill Sykes	5-10	210	Senior	Center
Terry Thompson	6-2	220	Senior	Def. Tackle

**HILLTOPPER'S
1971 ALL-OVC SELECTIONS
FIRST TEAM**

Player	Ht.	Wt.	'71 Class	Position
Jim Barber	5-11	195	Senior	Linebacker
Terry Kokinda	6-1	210	Senior	Off. Tackle
Robert Morehead	6-2	190	Soph.	Def. Back
Leo Peckenpaugh	6-0	180	Soph.	Quarterback
Bill Sykes	5-10	210	Senior	Center
Terry Thompson	6-2	220	Senior	Def. Tackle

SECOND TEAM

Jay Davis	5-11	170	Senior	Split End
John Embree	5-10	165	Soph.	Tailback
Gary Mears	5-10	215	Junior	Punter

UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Location: Bowling Green, Kentucky
 Conference: Ohio Valley, NCAA
 Nickname: Hilltoppers Colors: Red and White
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