## 1978 Hilltopper Schedule

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## 1977 Results and Attendance

**Overall Record:** 1-8-1  
**OVC Record:** 1-5-1

**OPPONENT (Crowd)**
- UT-Chattanooga (16,500) at Akron (31,792) .................. 3-27  
- * at Austin Peay (8,600) ........................................ 3-21  
- *East Tennessee (10,500) at Northern Michigan (5,346) .. 33-13  
- *Tennessee Tech (13,500) at Eastern Kentucky (25,000) .. 20-31  
- *Morehead State (19,750) at Middle Tennessee (2,800) .... 19-21  
- *Murray State (11,700) ........................................... 13-21  

**Attendance - 145,488 (Home 71,950; Avg. - 14,390)**

*Ohio Valley Conference Game.  
**Central Time.
TO WORKING PRESS, RADIO, TV

Here is your copy of the 1978 Hilltopper Football Brochure which we hope will supply you with the basic information needed in your coverage of this year's Western gridders. It is our pleasure to welcome you again to 'Topper games and practice sessions.

Press coverage at Western games, like the University's entire football program, entered a new era in 1968 with the opening of 19,250-seat L. T. Smith Stadium. The structure is topped by a press box designed to meet the needs of nearly one hundred writers, broadcasters and photographers. Our press box staff will supply you with game and player information, quarterly play-by-play, halftime and final statistics and scoring summary. Soft drinks, coffee and other refreshments are also available in the press box for your convenience.

PRESS BOX COVERAGE: Admittance to the press box will be granted only to authorized persons with press box tickets for that specific game. Tickets must be secured IN ADVANCE from Sports Information Director Paul Just. Newspaper press passes and sideline passes will not be honored. Each ticket will carry a seat or booth assignment and will entitle the authorized staff member to the full courtesies and complete services of the press box. Press box tickets are non-transferable.

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WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

ATHLETIC STAFF DIRECTORY

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Radio Play-By-Play of Hilltopper Football Games Will be Heard This Season on the Following Stations:

Originating Stations
WBGN, Bowling Green
WKCT, Bowling Green

Affiliated Network Stations
Undetermined at press time
QUICK FACTS ABOUT WESTERN

Location: Bowling Green, Ky. 42101  Founded: 1906
Enrollment: 13,500 (Est.)  President: Dr. Dero G. Downing
Nickname: Hilltoppers  Colors: Red and White
Conference: Ohio Valley
Home Floor: E. A. Diddle Arena (13,508)


University Athletic Committee: Dr. John D. Minton, chairman; Bennie Beach, Tom Blair, Dr. Elsie Dotson, Dr. Tom Dunn, Francene Gilmer, Dr. Peggy Keck, Harry Largen, Owen Lawson, Gretchen Niva, Dr. Faye Robinson, Dr. John Scarborough, Dr. James D. Skean.

Origin Of ‘Hilltopper’ Nickname

The evolution of the team nickname, “Hilltoppers,” is obvious to those who have seen Western Kentucky University’s campus. The operations of Western Kentucky State Normal School were moved from the site of its forerunner, Southern Normal School, to a commanding hill in the southwestern portion of Bowling Green on February 4, 1911. The move was completed as the entire student body marched to the new site, carrying various articles of school equipment.

Since the summit of ‘The Hill’ rises 232 feet above nearby Barren River and the comparatively level plain that surrounds it, it was only natural that the young athletes who represented the institution centered on the crest should come to be known as ‘Hilltoppers.’

Western’s Red Towel

Western Kentucky University’s red towel tradition originated with the late E. A. Diddle, former Hilltopper coach and athletic director and a member of both the Naismith and Helms Athletic Foundation Halls of Fame.

Through 1,062 Hilltopper basketball games...759 of them victories, the fourth highest total ever for a coach...Diddle clutched a red towel. He chewed on it, threw it in exultation, cried on it, waved it at fans and used it to signal to his players.

The red towel became synonymous with Ed Diddle and Ed Diddle became synonymous with Western’s winning athletic heritage. For years it has been traditional for fans at every Hilltopper sporting event to wave red towels as they cheer for the ‘Big Red.’ Coach Diddle passed away in 1970 at the age of 74, but his memory will live as long as a red towel waves on the Western campus. And red towels will wave there as long as the Hilltoppers compete in intercollegiate athletics.

President DERO G. DOWNING

Dr. Dero G. Downing became Western Kentucky University’s fourth president, succeeding Dr. Kelly Thompson, in 1969. He is recognized as one of the top educators and leading administrative officers to be found anywhere.

Before being named president, Dr. Downing served as Western’s vice president for administrative affairs since that post was created in 1965. He had held various other positions on the Western faculty and administrative staff since 1946. The Horse Cave, Kentucky, native entered Western as a student in September, 1939, and graduated with the A.B. degree in mathematics in 1943. Between those two dates, Dr. Downing became known as an excellent student, a campus leader, and an outstanding athlete. He was president of his senior class and was elected to ‘Who’s Who in American Colleges and Universities.’ He was also a starting guard on some of Coach E. A. Diddle’s finest basketball teams, including the first Hilltopper quintets to appear in the National Invitation Tournament at New York’s Madison Square Garden. He was also an outstanding intercollegiate tennis player.

After graduating from Western, Dr. Downing served in the U. S. Navy during World War II, being discharged with the rank of lieutenant in 1945. He returned to Western in 1946 as mathematics teacher and basketball coach at College High School.

He was named director of the Training School in 1956, registrar at Western in 1959, dean of admissions in 1962, and dean of business affairs in 1964. He was awarded the M.A. degree by Western in 1947, the Ed. S. degree by George Peabody College in 1958, the honorary Doctor of Humanities degree by Kentucky Wesleyan in 1970, the honorary Doctor of Laws degree by Murray State University in 1972, and the honorary Doctor of Humanities degree by Morehead State University in 1974.

Dr. Downing has always taken an active interest in Western’s athletic program and has often served as the University’s voting delegate in vital Ohio Valley Conference meetings. He was a member of Western’s Faculty Athletic Committee for a number of years, and was president of the OVC in 1974-75.

He is married to the former Harriet Elizabeth Yarnell. They have five children and three grandchildren.
Western Kentucky University was established by an act of the Legislature of Kentucky in 1906. The act provided for the transferring of Southern Normal School, whose president was Dr. H. H. Cherry, to the State. Upon the transfer, he became the first president of Western Kentucky State Normal School. In 1911, the young state institution was moved from the site of Southern Normal School to College Heights, its present location.

In 1922 the school’s name was changed to Western Kentucky State Normal School and Teachers College; in 1930 to Western Kentucky State Teachers College; in 1948 to Western Kentucky State College. In June, 1963, Western absorbed the Bowling Green College of Commerce and in 1964 the Bowling Green College of Commerce and the Graduate School were formed as two separate colleges within Western’s structure.

In June, 1965, Western's Board of Regents approved the formation of three other new colleges, the College of Education, the Potter College of Arts and Humanities, and the Ogden College of Science and Technology, creating a total of five colleges within Western’s framework. The Kentucky General Assembly designated the school as a university and changed its name to Western Kentucky University on February 6, 1966. In 1969 the Board of Regents approved the formation of a sixth college, the College of Applied Arts and Health.

Western was originally created for the sole purpose of training teachers for the elementary and secondary schools of Kentucky, but has steadily increased the scope of its academic programs to meet the expanding needs of its students. The University now offers six four-year undergraduate degrees, three two-year undergraduate degrees, and eleven graduate degrees, with course offerings leading to fifty majors and more than forty-five minors.

Western’s enrollment this fall was 13,000 students, more than seven times the enrollment of only 15 years ago. The growth of the University’s physical facilities, guided by a carefully organized long-range development plan, is also one of unparalleled magnitude in Western’s history.

As the 1978-79 academic year opened, Western’s physical plant consisted of more than 60 buildings worth more than $94 million.

The University now has well over 28,500 alumni who have received bachelor’s degrees; more than 8,000 who hold the master’s degree. Western’s seven libraries contain over 675,000 volumes and more than 3,300 journal titles, as well as numerous other holdings.

Western’s campus of more than 200 acres is recognized as one of the most beautiful in the nation. It is crowned by a commanding hill from which Hilltopper athletic teams derive their nickname. It affords a view of the University from almost any approach to the city of Bowling Green, a community of approximately 47,000 people.
The 1978 season marks the Hilltoppers' 11th in one of the most modern football stadiums to be found on any college campus. The Academic-Athletic Building No. 2 and L. T. Smith Stadium are part of the final link in a chain of modern and complete athletic facilities matched by few universities.

The stadium and its accompanying facilities sit in the midst of the University's Athletic Complex, which also includes the Academic-Athletic Building No. 1 and its 13,508-seat E. A. Diddle Arena; an all-weather track; a lighted field for varsity football practice, intramurals and physical education activities; lighted tennis courts; and the baseball diamond, Nick Denes Field. All are located in a single area of the campus between Russellville Road and University Boulevard.

This gives Western, in a central area, both a coordinated series of athletic facilities and modern, well equipped teaching areas for the Department of Physical Education and Recreation. It also gives added impetus to the University's ever-growing intramural program.

In addition to the 19,250-seat stadium and track, the Academic-Athletic Building No. 2 contains 12 classrooms, 26 faculty offices, and complete locker, shower and training facilities for Western's spring sports as well as its football program.

The stadium is named for the late L. T. Smith, who came to Western in 1920 to establish the Department of Industrial Arts, now designated the Department of Industrial Education. He headed the department until 1957 when he was elevated to the post of Physical Plant Administrator. In 1963 he was named Coordinator of New Construction, a post he held until he retired in 1965.

In addition to his other duties, Smith coached Western's football team in 1920 and 1921 and its basketball team in 1921-22. He was instrumental in bringing the late Coach E. A. Diddle, a member of the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame, to Western to take over the athletic coaching duties.

Smith also made a great contribution to the University's athletic program by serving as chairman of its Faculty Athletic Committee almost continuously from the time he helped form it in 1922 until he retired.
Western Kentucky University's football players are housed in some of the finest accommodations to be found anywhere. The gridders' quarters are located in Douglas Keen Hall, situated just across Russellville Road from the Athletics Complex that contains the baseball field, tennis courts, practice field, running track and the beautiful Academic Athletic Building No. 2 and L. T. Smith Stadium.

The dormitory was put into operation for the first time in 1968. It is actually made up of two buildings, one of seven stories and one of four stories, connected by a lobby and lounge area that also contains mail facilities for the dormitory.

Designed by architect Frank D. Cain of Bowling Green, the residence hall contains 76,827 feet of floor space and will house 418 men. Its location is ideal for the footballers, since it gives them access to all grid facilities, including training rooms, and is convenient to classes in the Academic Complex, the recreational and food facilities in the Dero Downing University Center, and the College of Education Building.
Athletic Director JOHN OLDHAM

Johnny Oldham became Western Kentucky University’s athletic director in 1971 after a 20-year coaching career, 16 of them as one of the nation’s most astute and successful college basketball mentors.

An All-American under the late Coach E. A. Diddle at Western in 1949, Oldham moved into the coaching ranks at Western’s College High School in 1951 after playing two seasons with the Ft. Wayne Pistons in the NBA. He went to Tennessee Tech as head coach in 1955, then succeeded Diddle as head coach of the Hilltoppers in 1964.

His coaching accomplishments read almost like a record book in themselves. His teams had records of 118-83 at Tech and 146-41 (.781) at Western. His squads won the Ohio Valley Conference championship three times at Tennessee Tech and four times at Western and he was voted the OVC’s “Coach of the Year” award four times.

He paced the Hilltoppers to five national post-season tournaments and four holiday tournament titles. His 1970-71 Western team finished third in the NCAA Tournament.

John brings the same dedication, sincerity and organizational talent to his post as athletic director that helped make him such an outstanding coach. He has both the ability and determination to maintain—and even improve—the high-caliber athletic program Western has enjoyed for so long.

A native of Hartford, Kentucky, Oldham is married to the former Bobbie York of Harlan. They have two children, John Robert, 26, and Suzanne, 13.

Head Coach JIMMY FEIX

(Pronounced FIKES)

The 1978 season will be Jimmy Feix’s 11th year as head coach of the Hilltoppers, but his name has been closely connected with winning football at Western Kentucky for much longer than that.

His association with Western gridiron successes began in September, 1949, when he came to the campus as a freshman quarterback from Henderson, Ky. As a player, he led Western to some of its greatest seasons ever. In his senior year, 1952, he and his Hilltopper teammates won almost everything in sight. They tied for the Ohio Valley Conference championship and added a Refrigerator Bowl win over Arkansas State to finish with a 9-1 record.

At the same time Feix was earning Little All-America honors for himself. When his collegiate playing days were over, the New York Giants of the National Football League drafted him, expecting him to become the back-up quarterback for All-Pro Charlie Conerly. Feix was impressive in pre-season drills with the Giants, but a serious injury early that fall ended his pro career.

In 1952 Feix set Western and OVC records with 1,546 yards total offense and 1,581 yards passing. His conference total offense record was unbroken until 1964 and his passing mark stood until the 1965 season.

Feix returned to Western in 1957 after four years of service in the U.S. Air Force. He served as a graduate assistant that first year while completing the requirements for the Master of Arts degree, then became a full-time member of the Western staff the following season.
Feix was named head coach in December, 1967, when Denes retired from active coaching. In 1968, his “rookie” season as head coach, Feix led Western to seven wins against only two losses and a tie with nationally ranked— and bowl-bound— Akron.

In 10 seasons, only twice have Feix’s teams suffered more than three losses in a single season or finished lower than second place in an OVC race. His Hilltoppers have won or shared the coveted league championship four times, in 1970, 1971, 1973, and 1975.

His 1973 team was the first undefeated, untied team in Western history finishing the regular season with a perfect 10-0 record while leading the nation’s Division II teams in scoring at 37.7 points per game.

The ‘73 Hilltoppers entered the first-ever NCAA Division II national championship playoffs and finished second. They defeated Lehigh and Grambling before losing to Louisiana Tech in the national title game in the Camellia Bowl at Sacramento, Calif., winding up the season with an overall 12-1-0 record.

Western went to the NCAA playoffs again in 1975 and again finished as the No. 2 team in the nation, dumping Northern Iowa and New Hampshire before being edged by Northern Michigan in the finals at Sacramento and finishing 11-2-0.

Feix was named Kodak College Division Coach-of-the-Year for Division Four in both 1973 and 1975. He also won OVC Coach-of-the-Year honors and was honored similarly by the Louisville Courier-Journal and Inside Kentucky Sports magazine in 1973.

Feix goes into the 1978 campaign with a career coaching record of 71 wins against only 30 losses and 5 ties, for winning percentage of .693. His 10 Hilltopper teams have won 48, lost 20 and tied 2 in Ohio Valley Conference competition, a .700 percentage.

A frequent lecturer at football clinics, Feix has been a primary influence in the organization and continuation of the activities of Western’s chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

He is married to the former Frankie Biggers. They have two sons, Jimmy, 24, a former member of Western’s varsity baseball team, and Jeff, 17.

Coach Feix leads his Hilltoppers in prayer after the 1973 Camellia Bowl.

Assistant Head Coach BUTCH GILBERT

Since joining the Western staff in 1969, Butch Gilbert has given ample evidence of why he was chosen to handle the offensive line. He has continuously utilized personnel shifts, position changes, technique improvements—and a lot of hard work—to help give the Hilltoppers one of the OVC’s most consistently potent attacks. Gilbert spent 17 years coaching in Kentucky high school ranks, compiling a record of 67 wins, 47 losses, and 9 ties in 12 years as head coach at Campbellsville and Glasgow. Gilbert was a stand-out center for Western during his playing days—1948 through 1951—and earned All-OVC honors his senior year. He and Western Head Coach Jimmy Feix were teammates for three years. He was promoted to assistant head coach and offensive coordinator, in addition to his duties with the offensive line, in 1973, a well-deserved tribute to his all around ability.

Butch, a native of Bowling Green, is married to the former Daphna Gabbard. They have four children, sons Larry 25, and Steve, 24, and daughters Leigh Anna, 18, and Keili, 15.

Defensive Coordinator BILL HAPE

Bill Hape joined the Western staff in 1973. A native of Evansville, Ind., Bill was an outstanding linebacker for the Toppers for four seasons, 1967-70, and was captain of the ’70 team.

He was a graduate assistant coach at Western in 1971, working with the inside linebackers and doing a lion’s share of the scouting. He was an assistant coach at Castie High School, Newburg, Ind., in 1972-73, before returning to Western.

After coaching the linebackers for five years, he was elevated to defensive coordinator in the spring of 1978. He will continue to work with the linebackers on the field, a phase of the game in which he has had great success. Three of the linebackers he has coached were All-Ohio Valley Conference picks. One, Rick Green, was a first-team All-American in 1975 and the OVC’s Defensive Player of the Year. Another of his proteges, Biff Madon, was the league’s Defensive Player of the Year in 1976.

Hape and his wife, Bonnie, have a daughter, Amy Susan, 5, and a son, Andy, 2.

Defensive Line Coach CLARENCE BAKER

Clarence Baker, better known by his friends as “Stumpy,” joined the Western coaching staff in the spring of 1975 after a distinguished career in the high school ranks.

After completing his playing career at Western in 1960, he became an assistant coach, then head coach, at nearby Russellville High School. His record there as head coach showed 34 wins against only 14 losses.

He took Russellville to the state championship playoffs five times and to the playoff finals in three of those seasons. He was voted Kentucky’s high school Coach of the Year in 1966.

He left Russellville to complete work on his Master’s degree at Western, then coached at Montgomery County (Ga.) High School before joining the Hilltopper staff.

He and his wife, Frieda, have one son, Chris 5.

Offensive Backfield Coach SAM CLARK

Sam Clark joined the Hilltopper staff in 1973. He was assistant coach at Glasgow High School under Hilltopper Offensive Coordinator Butch Gilbert for four seasons before becoming head coach at Caverna High for one year. He coached three seasons at Campbellsville High School, compiling a 21-13-1 record, before joining the Western staff.

Clark was a halfback and record-setting place-kicker at Western during his playing days and was a member of the Hilltoppers’ undefeated Ohio Valley Conference and Tangerine Bowl Championship team in 1963.

He holds both the B.S. and M.A. degrees from Western. He and his wife, Marilyn, have three children, Christie, 7, Terry, 9, and David, 5.
Defensive Backfield Coach LARRY WALKER

Larry Walker became a member of the Hilltopper coaching staff in the spring of 1978, working with the defensive secondary. A graduate of Bishop College, he coached at Ector High School in Odessa, Texas, and at Lincoln High School in Dallas. He handled the defensive backfield at SMU for a year before joining the Western staff. He has both a working and teaching knowledge of individual techniques, as well as the overall strategy of secondary play.

Receivier Coach BOB RAFFERTY

Bob Rafferty joined the Hilltopper coaching staff last summer after spending a year as one of the team’s graduate assistant coaches. He is a native of Canton, Ohio, and a 1975 graduate of Grove City (Pa.) College. He coached for a year at Mercer (Pa.) High School. Rafferty works with all the offensive receivers, the same assignment he carried with the Hilltoppers as a graduate assistant. He is married to the former Debbie Bloch.

Trainer RON DUNN

Ron Dunn became a member of the Western staff in the summer of 1974 after having served a year as a graduate trainer at the University of Missouri. A native of Jefferson City, Missouri. Dunn was head trainer at Central Missouri State University in 1972-73. He earned both the B.S. and M.S. degrees at Central Missouri before doing additional graduate work at the University of Missouri. His addition to the Hilltopper training staff gives Western athletes in every sport some of the finest health and training care provided for teams anywhere in the nation.

Dunn’s wife, Jane, is a registered nurse. They have one son, Eric, 3, and a daughter, April, 1.

Assistant Trainer BILL EDWARDS

Bill Edwards joined the Western training staff in 1977 after serving for a year with the University’s intramural program. He worked as a student trainer with the Hilltoppers for four years before graduating with his bachelor’s degree in 1974. He also received his M.A. degree from Western in 1976. Bill is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kinslow of Franklin, Ky.

THE 1978 HILLTOPPERS
(Listed Alphabetically)

Average 40-Yard Times Run in Pads Last Spring

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Followed in the footsteps of his father when named to All-Ohio Valley Conference squad (second team) last fall...his father, Howard Alsup, who is now a coach-teacher in Nashville’s Metro school system, was two-time All-OVC selection at tackle for Middle Tennessee in 1952, 1953...was extremely consistent last season after becoming a regular...rarely blows an assignment and improving steadily...could be one of the Hilltoppers' best offensive linemen of recent years by time he graduates.

PERSONAL INFO: Parents - Mr. and Mrs. Howard Alsup (Father; Police Officer; Mother, Nurse): High School — Goodlettsville 75 H.S. Coach — Ernest Smalley; H.S. Letters — Football 3, Track 3; Major — Accounting, Ambition — CPA Work; 40 Yd. Time 5.1.

Missed much of last season due to knee injury...was part-time starter as freshman...runs good patterns, has good hands...has limited experience as receiver, but has shown evidence of being able to catch ball in heavy traffic...caught one TD pass as freshman, a 17-yarder against East Tennessee...solid, aggressive blocker, probably stemming from linebacking experience during high school career, when he was second-team All-Stater at Maysville.

PERSONAL INFO: Parents - Mr. and Mrs. Jackson Bennett (Father, Brown Co.; Mother, Police Employee): High School — Maysville 75; H.S. Coach — John Thomas (Georgetown); H.S. Letters — Football, 4, Basketball, 3, Baseball, 2, Track, 1. Major, Health and Safety, Ambition — Undecided; 40 Yd. Time 5.0.

Could prove to be one of most valuable of Hilltoppers' offensive linemen, since he opened fall camp as back-up at three positions...strong guard, quick guard and quick tackle...is aggressive and has good quickness...had good spring practice...experience should make him a top-flight blocker...brother Gary was college standout at Black Hills (S.D.) State.

PERSONAL INFO: Parents — Mr. and Mrs. James Berieiter (Father, Pipe Fitter; Mother, Housewife): High School — Zion-Benton 76; H.S. Coach — LeRoy Cliff (Black Hills State); H.S. Letters — Football 2, Baseball 1; Major — Industrial Technology; Ambition — Undecided; Hobbies — Hunting, Fishing, 40-Yd. Time 5.1.

Came out of spring drills as apparent starter at right cornerback, where he has been used mainly as a reserve over the past two seasons...has solid speed, flair for showing up where ball is...heady player whose "position" play should improve with experience...is cousin of Archie Griffin, former Ohio State Heisman Trophy winner now with Cincinnati Bengals of NFL.

PERSONAL INFO: Parents — Mr. and Mrs. William Brazley (Father, Clerk; Mother, Nurse): High School — Seneca 75; H.S. Coach-Joe Blankenship; H.S. Letters — Football 2, Basketball 1, Track 3. Major, Broadcast; Ambition — Undecided; Hobbies — All Sports; 40 Yd. Time 4.8.

TACKLES-ASSISTS

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Was switched to flanker last spring from deep defensive back position...played as reserve there last fall after missing the year before with knee injury suffered in pre-season workouts...natural speed should make him a receiving threat once experience helps him with routes, timing...was All-State footballer, All-American trackster at Lexington's Bryan Station High.

PERSONAL INFO: Parents-Mr. and Mrs. Robert Burbage (Father, IBM Employee; Mother, School Guard); High School-Bryan Station '76; H.S. Coach-Terry Clark (Kentucky); H.S. Letters-Football 3, Track 3; Major-Mass Communications; Ambition-Pro Ball or Coaching; Hobbies-Swimming, Boating; 40-Yd. Time 4.8.

TACKLES-ASSISTS
1977 2-0

Lexington, Ky.

RANDELL BURBAGE

F1

20

So., 6-1, 185

Kentucky

ELMER CALDWELL

FB

44

Fr., 6-1, 185

Hickman, Ky.

RON COLTER

FS

26

Jr., 6-1, 180

Bronx, N. Y.

DAVE CROSS

LB

51

Fr., 6-1, 205

Newburg, Ind.

MARVIN DAVIS

PK

22

So., 6-11, 170

Madisonville, Ky.

Was part-time starter last year, when he played at both blocker and cornerback...has played behind All-OVC performer Biff Madon (signed last spring by the Dallas Cowboys) for the past two seasons...hard hitter who was really developing fast over last half of '77 season...could be one of OVC's top linebackers.

PERSONAL INFO: Parent-Mrs. Mary DeLacey (Mother, Housewife); High School-Owensboro '76; H.S. Coach-Gerald Poynter (Western Kentucky); H.S. Letters-Football 3; Track 4; Major-Public Relations; Ambition-Undecided; Hobbies-Skating, Tennis; 40-Yd. Time 5.0.

TACKLES-ASSISTS
1976 6-6
1977 37-36
Total 43-40

TACKLES FOR LOSSES
1976 0-0
1977 1-2
Total 1-2

CHARLES DILLARD

CB

21

Fr., 5-11, 189

Woodbury, Tenn.

Was moved from split end to flanker, giving Hilltoppers deep threat at both positions, with All-OVC Eddie Preston back at split end...Drake has had limited experience, but runs good routes and has knob for finding open holes in secondary, as well as getting deep...former state track runnerup in both 100 and 220-yard events.

PERSONAL INFO: Parents-Mr. and Mrs. Felix Drake (Father, Retired, Mother, Housewife); High School-Flaget '74; H.S. Coach-Steve Reed (Eastern Kentucky); H.S. Letters-Football 1, Basketball 4, Baseball 3; Major-Physical Education; Ambition-Coaching; Hobbies-Fishing, Basketball, Girls; 40-Yd. Time 4.5.

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1977 3 9 0

CHARLES D'LACEY

LB

60

Jr., 6-1, 212

Owensboro, Ky.

Has been a starter for the Hilltoppers since his very first collegiate game two years ago...in fact, he was named the OVC's Defensive Player of the Week in that first game, a feat duplicated only once in Western football history, possesses a solid combination of strength and speed...could be the hardest hitter on Hilltopper squad...has been team's fourth leading tackler for each of the past two seasons.

PERSONAL INFO: Parents-Mr. and Mrs. Carl Estelle (Father, Factory Foreman; Mother, Teacher); High School-Butler '76; H.S. Coach-Don Pope (Middle Tennessee); H.S. Letters-Football 3, Basketball 3, Track 1; Major-Broadcasting; Ambition-Undecided; Hobbies-Music, Basketball, Girls; 40-Yd. Time 4.9.

TACKLES-ASSISTS
1976 43-28
1977 44-27
Total 87-55

TACKLES FOR LOSSES
1976 3 68 0
1977 0 0 0
Total 3 68 0

CARL ESTELLE

BB

32

Jr., 6-1, 210

Louisville, Ky.

PERSONAL INFO: Parents-Mr. and Mrs. David Cross (Father, Alcoa Employee; Mother, Psychological Clinic Employee); High School-Castle '77; H.S. Coach-John Lidy (Evansville); H.S. Letters-Football 4, Basketball 2, Track 2; Major-Undecided; Ambition-Business; Hobbies-Pottery; 40-Yd. Time 5.0.

DARYL DRAKE

F1

16

Sr., 6-3, 176

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DELAUNAY

PB

19

Jr., 6-1, 180

Hickman, Ky.

PERSONAL INFO: Parent-Mrs. Mildred Kinney (Factory Worker); High School-Fulton County '77; H.S. Coach-Joe Prezioso; H.S. Letters-Football 2, Track 2; Major-Administrative Service; Ambition-Graduate School; Hobbies-All Sports, Dancing; 40-Yd. Time 4.8.

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Tapped as Hilltopper punter last year...can boom long, high spirals, with amazing distance at times...more consistency could rank him well among the long line of stellar Western punters, including Gary Mears, Charlie Johnson and Walt Herod...father was tight end, guard for Louisville in ’53-57.

PERSONAL INFO: Parents-Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Farmer (Father, School Director; Mother, Receptionist); High School-Waggner ’76; H.S. Coach-Dave Peak (Western Ky.); H.S. Letters-Football 4, Track 2, Major-Social Communications and Theater; Ambition-Cinematography; Hobbies-Photography, Skiing, Fishing, Hunting; 40-Yd. Time-5.1.

Punting

Has a sort of odd combination of “waterbug” type running ability and deceptively strong straight-ahead power packed on his stumpy frame...can often be punishing well beyond his 170 pounds...had best game last year against East Tennessee, when he scored TD on 25-yard scamper...he and Nate Jones, playing behind All-OVC candidate Jimmy Woods, make the tailback spot the deepest on the Hilltopper squad.

PERSONAL INFO: Parent-Mrs. Mary Ellen Bohannon (Mother, Nurse’s Aide); High School-Oak Ridge ’77; H.S. Coach-Emory Hale (East Tenn.); H.S. Letters-Football 3, Track 2; Major-Undecided; Ambition-Undecided; 40-Yd. Time-4.8.

Rushing Receiving KO Returns
1977 43 167 3.9 2 -9 0 4 27 0

Became a regular late in 1977 season...held on to top spot through spring practice...good blocker with bull-like strength...his ability, experience, help give the Hilltoppers a head start in the defensive line over the opening of the season a year ago.

PERSONAL INFO: Parents-Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Gallas (Father, Carpenter; Mother, Nurse’s Aide); High School-West Jefferson ’77; H. S. Coach-Gene Keel (Otterbein); H.S. Letters-Football 2, Basketball 3, Track 2; Major-Undecided; Ambition-Uncertain; Hobbies-Sports; 40-Yd. Time-5.2.

Greg Gallas
C
55
So., 6-2, 220 West Jefferson, Ohio

Qualifies, along with Tim Beriete, as one of squad’s top “utility men,” backing up several positions along offensive line...does not have outstanding speed, but does have exceptional size, strength...has lettered in valuable reserve roles, drawn some starting assignments over past two years...was second-team All-Slater at Christian County High School in 1974.

PERSONAL INFO: Parents-Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Gates (Father, Insurance Salesman; Mother, Social Security Clerk); High School-Christian County ’75; H.S. Coach-Fred Clayton (Western Kentucky); H.S. Letters-Football 4, Basketball 4; Major-Physical Education; Ambition-Teaching, Coaching; Hobbies-Fishing, Hunting; 40-Yd. Time-5.6.

Pat Gates
G
61
Jr., 6-2, 225 Hopkinsville, Ky.

Will probably be limited to reserve duty at bandit back spot behind more experienced players...has only average speed, but compensate with hustle, tenacity...brother, Pete, is member of Kentucky State football squad.

PERSONAL INFO: Parent-Mrs. Gretchen David (Mother, Teacher); High School-Harrison County ’77 H.S. Coach-Fred Mariann; H.S. Letters-Football 3, Track 3, Basketball 1; Major-Business; Ambition-Undecided; 40-Yd. Time-5.5.

Tackles-Assists
1977 1-3

Should be starter at left cornerback on strength of performances in spring practice...has exceptional speed...has made three pass interceptions over past two seasons...has also been used on occasion as punt returner...was used mostly at deep defensive positions last year.


Bryan Gray
LB
35
So., 6-1, 190 Louisville, Ky.

PERSONAL INFO: Parents-Mr. and Mrs. Lee Gray (Father, Brown-Kaiser Employee; Mother, Housewife); High School-Manual ’76; H.S. Coach-Buddy Pfaadt (Eastern Kentucky); H.S. Letters-Football 2, Track 2; Major-Broadcasting; Ambition-Radio-TV Work; 40-Yd. Time-5.1.

Tackles-Assists
1977 1-3

Mike Gray
CB
24
Jr., 6-1, 180 Clarksville, Tenn.


Ricky Winn
TE
88
So., 6-3, 210 Nashville, Tenn.

PERSONAL INFO: Parent-Mrs. and Mr. Irvin Gwinn (Father, Sales Manager; Mother, Buyer); High School-Hilliard ’77; H.S. Coach-James Dickerson (Middle Tennessee); H.S. Letters-Football 3, Basketball 2, Baseball 3; Major-Computer Science; Ambition-Undecided; Hobbies-Sports, Music, Dancing, Swimming; 40-Yd. Time-4.8.

Wayne Hale
BB
41
Fr., 6-0, 185 Cynthiana, Ky.
Has a tremendous versatility of skills for the quarterback position... has strong throwing arm, completed 50 per cent of passes last season as freshman...is adequate runner...calls are good and should get even better with experience...missed part of spring practice with painful thumb injury on throwing hand, but finished strong... threw two TD passes in last fall's Homecoming tie with Morehead... was All-Midstate MVP at White House High in 1975.

PERSONAL INFO: Parents-Mr. and Mrs. Ragan Hall (Father, Self-Employed; Mother, Housewife); High School-White House 76; H.S. Coach-Jon Collins (Middle Tennessee); H.S. Letters-Football 4, Baseball 1; Major-Health Administration; Ambition-Hospital Administration, Hobbies-Hunting, Fishing; 40-Yd. Time-4.9.

John Hall
QB
18
So., 6-0, 180
Goodletsville, Tenn.

Played as sub at defensive end last season, but pleased coaching staff no end this spring when he moved into guard slot vacated by graduated All-American Chip Carpenter. showed enough talent to win apparent starting berth...has adequate speed and improving rapidly as blocker...likes to hit...was born in Madisonville, Ky., but parents now live in Minnesota.

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Preston Holte
QB
DE
So., 6-1, 215
Mound, Minn.

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Will serve as back-up at offensive tackle post... has fine size, strength... was All-Southern Indiana high school choice, also made several All-State squads.

Came back strong last year after missing 76 season with knee injury... has played at nearly all the deep back positions... has good instinct for ball... adequate speed... comes up fast, hits hard on running plays... named co-captain by teammates last spring... parents now live in Ft. Myers, Fla.

PERSONAL INFO: Parents- Mr. and Mrs. William L. Kixmiller (Father, Real Estate; Mother, Real Estate); High School-Lincoln '74; H.S. Coach-Ray Mills (Western Kentucky); H.S. Letters-Football 3, Basketball 2, Track 4; Major-Religion; Ambition-Undecided; 40-Yd. Time-5.0.

Saw considerable service last season as reserve... won apparent starting job at quick tackle in spring practice... has good quickness, outstanding size, strength, added aggressiveness, which should come with maturity and experience, could make him a top-flight offensive lineman... was fine, all-around athlete at Edmonson County, pacing basketball team to State championship his senior year.

PERSONAL INFO: Parents-Mr. and Mrs. Amel Rich (Father, Contractor; Mother, Housewife); High School-Edmonson County '76; H.S. Coach-Charlie Hopkins; H.S. Letters-Football 4, Basketball 3, Major-Health and Safety; Ambition-Undecided; Hobbies-Hunting, Fishing; 40-Yd. Time-5.2.

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Sideline by early knee injury last year... joined Hilltopper squad in time for spring practice in 1977 after graduating from Todd County High in December, 1976. Younger brother of former Hilltopper fullback Arnold Snardon (73-76)... played as tailback in high school, where he gained more than 4,900 yards as five-year starter, breaking into regular lineup as eighth-grader.

PERSONAL INFO: Parents-Mr. and Mrs. George Snardon (Father, Farmer; Mother, Factory Employee); High School-Todd County 76; H.S. Coach-Jim Jackson (Western Kentucky); H.S. Letters-Football 5, Track-3; Major-Undecided; Ambition-Undecided; Hobbies-Fishing, Hunting; 40-Yd. Time-4.8.

TROY SNARDON
SS
40
Fr., 6-1, 190
Altensville, Ky.

Joined Hilltopper squad after year at Fork Union Military Academy... will likely play behind more experienced teammates after putting together solid spring practice.

PERSONAL INFO: Parent-Mrs. Grace Spicer (Mother, Housewife); High School-James Madison '76; H.S. Coach-Chuck Sell; H.S. Letters-Football 2, Track 1; Major-Recreation; Ambition-Undecided; 40-Yd. Time-5.0.

JACKIE SPICER
FS
28
Fr., 5-8, 160
Vienna, Va.

Was one of most valuable reserves, part-time starter at safety last season, when he had team's eighth best tackle total...highly aggressive, gets to ball-carrier in a hurry...rarely out of position on pass plays...can double as quarterback on offense... was high school All-Stater, All-American in baseball, hitting .400 for three straight seasons.

PERSONAL INFO: Parents-Mr. and Mrs. Harold Stahl (Father, State Revenue Supervisor; Mother, County Clerk's Office Employee); High School-High School-Bowling Green '79; H.S. Coach-Wilson Sears (Eastern Kentucky); H.S. Letters-Football 3, Basketball 3, Baseball 3, Track 1; Major-Undecided; Ambition-Graduate School, Coaching; Hobbies-Skating, Golf; 40-Yd. Time-5.0.

MARK STAHL
FS
11
So., 6-1, 175
Bowling Green, Ky.

Playing his final season on eligibility with Hilltoppers after transferring from Mississippi Valley State... has good speed, is strong runner inside...also showed signs of becoming excellent blocker in spring drills... nicknamed "Flip"... his presence on roster is one of reasons WKU staff felt change back to single-tailback alignment was feasible.

PERSONAL INFO: Parent-Mrs. Julia Stevenson (Mother, Housewife); High School-Bourbon County '74; H.S. Letters-Football 3, Basketball 3, Baseball 3, Track 1; Major-Undecided; Ambition-Graduate School, Coaching; Hobbies-Skating, Golf; 40-Yd. Time-4.9.

GEORGE STEVENSON
FB
34
Sr., 5-10, 200
Middlesboro, Ky.

Played at tight end last season, moved to strong safety in spring... has good physical talent for position, although he lacks experience... will probably back up Craig Smith, Troy Snardon... honorable mention high school All-Stater.

PERSONAL INFO: Parents-Mr. and Mrs. Doyle L. Todd (Father, GE Employee; Mother, Teacher); High School-East Hardin '76; H.S. Coach-Mike Lewis; H.S. Letters-Football 4, Basketball 3, Baseball 4; Major-Undecided; Ambition-Undecided; Hobbies-All Sports; 40-Yd. Time-4.9.

BRAD TODD
SS
85
So., 6-2, 200
Sonora, Ky.

Saw a lot of service last year, even though he was only a freshman... quick off the ball... is developing into solid blocker... came out of spring practice ticketed for reserve duty, but should challenge for regular job right from start of fall practice.

PERSONAL INFO: Parents-Mr. and Mrs. Edwin White (Father, Self-Employed, Mother, Housewife); High School-Corbin '76; H.S. Coach-Archie Powers (Kentucky); H.S. Letters-Football 3, Basketball 2, Major-Industrial Technology; Ambition-Undecided; Hobbies-Racing, Weights, Water Skiing; 40-Yd. Time-5.1.

RAY WHITE
C
56
So., 6-1, 210
Corbin, Ky.

An affable giant who established himself as a starter along the offensive line last fall in only his freshman year,... is probably strongest player on squad... learning, improving steadily... tremendous all around high school athlete, finishing third in State in Class AAA wrestling championships, winning State Class AA discus title... Dean's List scholar.

PERSONAL INFO: Parents-Mr. and Mrs. David Walters (Father, Pastor; Mother, Housewife); High School-Western Kentucky 77; H.S. Coach-Walter Hawkins (Western Kentucky); H.S. Letters-Football 3, Track 2, Wrestling 3; Major-Undecided; Ambition-Undecided; Hobbies-Christain Activities; 40-Yd. Time-5.2.

PETE WALTERS
DE
66
Sr., 6-2, 220
Louisville, Ky.

Emerged from spring practice as top man at nose tackle spot... plays much bigger than his diminutive size for defensive lineman... relies on quickness, technique to offset lack of height... high school All-State pick who also made some All-American squads.

PERSONAL INFO: Parent-Mrs. Barbara Wells (Mother, Housewife); High School-Manual '76; H.S. Coach-Buddy Paalst (Eastern Kentucky); H.S. Letters-Football 3, Basketball 2, Major-Undecided; Ambition-Undecided; Hobbies-Basketball, Billiards, Table Tennis, Music; 40-Yd. Time-5.0.

TONY WELLS
NT
54
Fr., 5-9, 185
Louisville, Ky.
Has been All-OVC choice for past two seasons (first team in '76; second team in '77)... averaged 90.6 yards per game in rushing last fall... fifth best in nation among all Division I-AA backs who return for 1978 action... holds school record for single-season rushing attempts with 233 in 1976... very durable runner who has fine sense of timing... uses blockers well... also has been team's second most prolific pass receiver in each of past two years.

PERSONAL INFO: Parents-Mr. and Mrs. Doris Woods (Father, Retired Army; Mother, Housewife); High School-Northwest '74; H.S. Coach-Esau Lathon; H.S. Letters-Football 3, Basketball 1; Major-Music; Ambition-Undecided; Hobbies-Music, Art; 40-Yd. Time-4.7.

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1978 Yell Leaders

1978 OUTLOOK

Coming off last year's 1-8-1 record, the 1978 football season ranks as a rebuilding year for Western Kentucky's Hilltoppers. But WKU Head Coach Jimmy Feix and his coaching staff actually started that rebuilding job well before the 1977 campaign ended.

The Hilltoppers, for example, finished last season with five freshman and three sophomores among their 11 offensive starters.

While Western had been disappointed in its offensive production for most of last fall, Feix says, "We were pleased with our offense over the last three games of the season. What we're shooting for this year is a continuation of the progress we showed then."

The Hilltoppers went to a twin-tailback set in their offensive backfield last season, but will return to the more familiar, fullback-oriented "I"-set this fall.

"We took a look at it last spring and it looked good," said Feix. "We found a couple of players who were solid at fullback and I think our tailbacks were more comfortable running out of our old alignment."

The fullback possibilities are led by George (Flip) Stevenson, a 5-10, 200 pound transfer from Mississippi Valley, and Eldmer Caldwell, a freshman from Hickman County.

The tailback candidates would include veteran Jimmy Woods, back for his senior season, and sophomores Nate Jones and Craig Freeman, both of whom showed promise in '77. Woods had 907 yards rushing last fall, while Freeman and Jones had 167 and 154, respectively.

The offense shows two proven performers in Eddie Preston at split end and Ricky Gwinn at tight end, but will have to come up with somebody to replace dependable Billy Lindsey at the flanker post.

Despite the graduation of All-American Chip Carpenter at guard, the offensive line shows talent, even though it's inexperienced. The returning players include Pat Gates and Jeff Alsup at tackles, Pete Walters and Greg Hines at guards, Greg Gallas and Ray White at center.

"The quarterback situation was never quite settled last season," reflected Feix, "and we hope to remedy that. We want to get John Hall (who will be a sophomore this fall) more experience and we want to bring along Marty Jaggers, who looked fine last fall in practice, even though we never used him in a game."

Defensively, experience is a much easier commodity to come by.

"We already know pretty much who we'll be playing on defense, because we've got a lot of starters returning there," said Feix. "It's mainly a question of determining where we want our personnel to play."

The defensive returnees include Charles Woodruff, Lonnie Hardin and William Smith at ends, Reggie Hayden, Tony Town and Dwight Lewis at tackles, Charles DeLacey, Carl Estelle, Bryan Gray and Alfred Hayden at linebackers, and Fred Kixmiller, Mark Stahl and Mike Gray in the secondary, along with Charlie Dillard, who missed most of last season with a knee injury. The big loss on defense, of course, was linebacker Biff Madon, the Ohio Valley Conference's Defensive Player of the Year in 1976.

The kicking game concerns Feix as much, perhaps even more, than any other phase of play.

"That part of our game has to come along if we're going to be a contender," he proclaims. "We lacked consistency in both our punting and place-kicking last year and we never really got our return game going at all. It has just got to get better."

The major problem, overall, appears to be one of depth. There is just hardly any experience behind the potential starters, either on offense or defense. The depth will have to come from freshmen.

While the Hilltopper coaching staff feels it had a fine recruiting season, the positions those recruits will eventually play and how much they'll actually be able to help this season remains to be seen.

1978 DEPTH CHART*

NOTE: This depth chart is DEFINITELY subject to continual change after fall practice opens.

OFFENSE

TIGHT END .................................................GWINN, BENNETT
STRONG TACKLE ....................................ALSUP, GATES, RICH
STRONG GUARD .......................................WALTERS, GATES, BEREITER
CENTER ..................................................GALLAS, Oost, WHITE
QUICK GUARD ..........................................HORNE, BEREITER, WALTERS
QUICK TACKLE .........................................RICH, BEREITER, WHITE
SPLIT END ..............................................PRESTON, DRAKE, Rose
QUARTERBACK .........................................HALL, Jaggers
FLANKER ...............................................DRAKE, Rose, Burbage
FULLBACK ..............................................WOODS, N. JONES, FREEMAN
PLACE-KICKER ............................................DAVIS, DeLACEY

DEFENSE

LEFT END ..............................................ROGAN, Holt, TOWNS
NOSE TACKLE ...........................................Wells, D. JONES, WOODRUFF
RIGHT END ............................................TOWNS, WOODRUFF, D. JONES
BANGER (STRONG) BANDIT .......................R. HAYDEN, W. SMITH
MAULER (STRONG) LINEBACKER ...............DeLACEY, Cross
ROVER (QUICK) LINEBACKER ....................HARDIN, B. Gray
WHAMMER (QUICK) BANDIT .......................ESTELLE, A. HAYDEN
LEFT CORNERBACK .................................M. GRAY, Dillard, BRAZLEY
RIGHT CORNERBACK ...............................BRAZLEY, Dillard, M. GRAY
STRONG SAFETY ..........................C. SMITH, Snardon, TODD
FREE SAFETY ...........................................KIXMILLER, STAHL, Spicer
PUNTER ..................................................FARMER

*Returning lettermen in ALL CAPS
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### HILLTOPPER GRID MILESTONES

- **First Collegiate Game:** Oct. 10, 1914
  Western 0, Middle Tennessee 47

- **First Collegiate Win:** Nov. 26, 1914
  Western 18, Eastern Kentucky 0

- **100th Game:** Nov. 22, 1930
  Western 50, Eastern Kentucky 0

- **100th Win:** Oct. 9, 1937
  Western 13, Tampa 0

- **200th Win:** Nov. 7, 1959
  Western 27, Morehead 14

- **300th Win:** Nov. 7, 1959
  Western 27, Morehead 14

- **First Homecoming Game:** Nov. 5, 1927
  Western 7, Louisville 6

- **First OVC Game:** Sept. 25, 1948
  Western 6, Evansville 7

- **First OVC Win:** Oct. 9, 1948
  Western 19, Morehead 14

- **First OVC Title:** 1952--Won 9, Lost 1
  (4-1-0 in OVC, Shared title with Tenn. Tech)

- **First Bowl Game:** Dec. 7, 1952
  Refrigerator Bowl, Evansville, Ind.;
  Western 34, Arkansas State 19

- **First All-American:** 1952--Jimmy Feix, Quarterback

### HOMECOMING RECORD

Western played its first homecoming game Nov. 5, 1927, defeating Louisville, 7-6. Since that time the Hilltoppers have played 48 games before the "old grads," compiling a record of 31 wins, 14 losses, and 3 ties.

The longest Homecoming win streak was six, from 1936 through 1941; the longest losing streak was three, 1953 through 1955.

### OPENING-GAME RECORD

Through 59 season-openers, the Hilltoppers have put together a record of 39 victories, 14 defeats, and 6 ties, with no score available for the 1916 season.
HILLTOPPER TRAVEL PLANS

September 16 — ILLINOIS STATE at Bloomington, 7:30 p.m.*
Leave Bowling Green via Ozark Airlines charter at 5:30 p.m., Friday, Sept. 15. Team headquarters at Ramada Inn, Bloomington. Return to Bowling Green at 12:30 a.m., Sunday, Sept. 17.

September 30 — EAST TENNESSEE at Johnson City, 6:30 p.m.*
Leave Bowling Green via Ozark Airlines charter at 6:30 p.m., Friday, Sept. 29, with workout scheduled that night at Johnson City. Team headquarters at Camaro Inn, Johnson City. Return to Bowling Green at 11:30 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 30.

October 14 — TENNESSEE TECH at Cookeville, 1:30 p.m.*
Leave Bowling Green via bus charter at 6:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 13. Team Headquarters at Holiday Inn, Cookeville. Return to Bowling Green at 8:00 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 14.

October 28 — MOREHEAD STATE at Morehead, 1:00 p.m.*
Leave Bowling Green via bus charter at 11:00 a.m., Friday, Oct. 27, with afternoon workout scheduled en route. Team headquarters at Ramada Inn, Winchester. Return to Bowling Green at 8:30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 28.

November 18 — MURRAY STATE at Murray, 1:30 p.m.*
Leave Bowling Green via bus charter at 6:00 p.m., Friday, Nov. 17. Team headquarters at KenLake Lodge, Aurora. Return to Bowling Green at 8:30 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 18.

*Central Time

1978
INCOMING FRESHMEN

RALPH ANTOINE - 6-2, 200 pounds; Quarterback; Peter Township High School; McMurray, Pa.

JIM BOYD - 6-0, 185 pounds; Defensive Back-Receiver; Bosse High School; Evansville, Ind.

BARRY BUMM - 6-0, 166 pounds; Defensive Back-Quarterback; Catholic High School; Owensboro, Ky.

STEVE CATLETT - 6-2, 210 pounds; End; Webster County High School; Dixon, Ky.

JERRY FLIPPIN - 5-10, 160 pounds; Running Back; Franklin-Simpson High School; Franklin, Ky.

JOHN KING - 6-0, 190 pounds; Quarterback; North High School, Evansville, Ind.

MARK KUNKEL - 6-1, 215 pounds; Linebacker; Jasper High School; Jasper, Ind.

JO JO LEE - 5-10, 170 pounds, Receiver; Spruce Creek High School; Daytona Beach, Fla.

DAVID NEIKIRK - 6-1, 235 pounds; Tackle; Chilhowie High School, Chilhowie, Va.

GREG NICKS - 6-0, 185 pounds; Defensive Back; Chilhowie High School, Chilhowie, Va.

TIM RIGGS - 6-3, 205 pounds; End; Bowling Green High School; Bowling Green, Ky.

BARRY SKAGGS - 6-0, 190 pounds; Running Back; Henderson County High School; Henderson, Ky.

BRANDON SMITH - 6-3, 215 pounds; Defensive Lineman; Gainesville High School; Gainesville, Fla.

LARRY TAYLOR - 6-2, 235 pounds; Guard-Linebacker; Williamsburg High School; Williamsburg, Ky.

PAT THOMASSON - 6-2, 215 pounds; Defensive Lineman; Heath High School; Heath, Ky.
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**POSITION DESIGNATION**
- **Offense:** Fl-Flanker; SpE-Split End; FB-Fullback; G-Guard; C-Center; QB-Quarterback; TB-Tailback; FB-Fullback
- **Defense:** DE-Defensive End; NT-Nose Tackle; BB-Bandit Back (Outside Linebacker); LB-Linebacker (Inside); CB-Corner Back; SS-Strong Safety; FS-Free Safety
- **Specialists:** P-Punter; PK-Place-Kicker
OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE
PLAYERS OF THE YEAR

Offensive
1967-Dickie Moore, FB
1966-Charles Sisk, FB
1969-Lawrence Brame, E
1970-Lawrence Brame, E
1973-Lonnie Schuster, T
1974-Virgil Livers, DB
1976-Biff Madon, LB

Defensive
1963-John Mutchler, E
1969-Lawrence Brame, E
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1974-Virgil Livers, DB
1976-Biff Madon, LB

ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICAN
1971-Jim Barber, LB

THE AL ALMOND MEMORIAL AWARD

The Al Almond Memorial Award was initiated in 1968 in memory of the late Al Almond, who coached for many years at Western's University High School. Signifying the same total devotion to character, loyalty, ability and love of fellow man exhibited by Almond, the award has become the most cherished that can be won by a Hilltopper football player.

The award was originated by the Bowling Green Optimist Club, of which Almond was a member. Former winners include:

1968-Walt Heath, DT
1969-Johnny Vance, QB
1970-Bill Hape, LB
1971-Jimmy Barber, LB
1972-Andrew Francis, DB
1973-Leo Peckenpaugh, QB
1974-John Humphrey, G
1975-Ray Henderson, G
1976-Dave Carter, C
1977-Chip Carpenter, G

OPPONENTS
No matter how you slice it, the Moes should be loaded in 1978. Last year's team went 9-1-1 overall and 4-1-0 in league play to tie VMI for the Southern Conference title in their first year as members of that loop. Coach Joe Morrison has 7 of 11 offensive starters and 10 of 11 defensive regulars returning from that club.

The biggest plus for the offensive unit is the return of the entire backfield, headed by quarterback Tony Merendino and a pair of 1,000-yards-plus ball-carriers, Mike Smith (1,067 yards/6.2 average) and Gwain Durden (1,045/6.3). It's not surprising that the Moes finished sixth in the nation in rushing last fall.

The veteran defensive unit lost only corner Stan Eller. The returnees include two All-Southern Conference selections, tackle Ronnie Power and safety Kenny Mitchell.

The莫es also have one of the nation's premier punters in junior Greg Cater, who has averaged 44.2 and 41.8 yards per kick for the past two seasons.

1977 GAME (Sept. 10 at Bowling Green)
Western Ky. 0 3 0 0-3
UT-Chatt. 11-40 .0
UT-C-Mike Smith, 5, run (Rodney Ledford kick); UT-C-Joe Zeman, 39, FG;
WK-Dave Betz, 37, FG; UT-C-Smith, 56, run (Ledford kick); UT-C-Gwain
Durden, 65, run (Ledford kick); UT-C-Ledford, 36, FG.

First Downs 11 10
Total Offense 138 337
Yards Rushing 57 292
Yards Passing 81 45
Passes 8-17 3-15
Passes Intercepted By 0 1
Yards-Average 12-40.5 11-40.0
Fumbles Lost 4 3
Penalties-Yardage 8-75 11-85

THE SERIES (Western trails, 1-2-0)
Year WK-UTC
1927 6-42
1976 10-7
1977 3-27

Charlie Cowdrey is starting his second year as head coach at Illinois State and, for the second year, inexperience looks to be his biggest problem. The Redbirds have to replace the entire secondary and linebacking corps on defense and nearly all of the offensive line from the 1977 team that went 3-7-1.

Cowdrey does have a proven quarterback in junior Butch Monaghan, who passed for 1,215 yards and 10 touchdowns last season. But guard John Bravester is the only returning regular among his blockers.

The defensive experience is concentrated in the line, where ISU has Jim Lucas (6-2, 230), Roger Cook (6-3, 225) and McKinley Moton (6-2, 225).

Cowdrey calls the 1978 season, "challenging." He goes on, "The schedule is demanding, and the small number of juniors and seniors puts a burden on our sophomores and freshmen. Many of our freshmen will have to play as high as the second team."
**AUSTIN PEAY**

**September 23**

At L. T. Smith Stadium (19,250), Bowling Green, 1 p.m. (CDT)

Location: Clarksville, Tenn. 37040  
Founded: 1927  
Enrollment: 5,000  
Conference: Ohio Valley  
Coach: Boots Donnelly (Middle Tenn. '65)  
Record: 1 yr., 8-3  
Assistants: John Jennings, Ed Bunio, Bubba Hooker, Duke Shackelford  
AD: Johnny Miller

Austin Peay is coming off its best season ever, but second-year coach Boots Donnelly predicts problems in duplicating the 8-3 record and OVC championship produced by the Governors last fall.

Donnelly has an impressive cast of 29 lettermen returning, but must rebuild in the offensive line, backfield, defensive end and linebacker. Ron Sebree and Mike Betts, All-OVC selections last year, join five other regulars from last season's league-leading defensive unit.

Quarterback Randy Christophel, total offense leader in 1977, will find himself flanked by two new running backs. Cosmo Cochran, Donald Brown and Ernest Fletcher will be top candidates to line up with Christophel.

Donnelly is especially proud of his receivers, with Phil Todd, Steve Bullard, Steve Puthoff and James Harris returning as targets for Christophel.

**THE SERIES**  
(Western leads, 19-3-1)

**Most Decisive:** WK 42-0, 1968

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**1977 GAME**  
(Sept. 24 at Clarksville)

Western Ky. 0 3 0 0 13  
Austin Peay 7 0 0 14-21  
AP-Waddell Whitehead, 60, run (Mike Meador kick); WK-Dave Betz, 47, FG; AP-Steve Bullard, 22, pass from Randy Christophel (Meador kick); AP-Whitehead, 64, run (Meador kick).

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**EAST TENNESSEE**

**September 30**

At Memorial Center (12,000), Johnson City, 6:30 p.m. (CDT)

Location: Johnson City, Tenn. 37601  
Founded: 1911  
Enrollment: 10,300  
Conference: Southern  
Coach: Jack Carlisle (Miss. St. '52)  
Record: First year  
Assistants: Robert McGraw, Buz Morrow, Wally Burnham, Keith Daniels, Bill Clement, Rick Smith  
AD: Madison Brooks

With East Tennessee’s entry into the Southern Conference and Division I-A football, new Head Coach Jack Carlisle has recruited a full complement of 30 rookies to go with a solid core of veterans returning from last year's club. He has installed a new offense—which includes several variations off the I-formation—and will be using the 4-5 defense.

Junior Greg Wilson (702 yards last year) heads a group of experienced running backs, which also includes Jimmy Dykes. Junior College transfer Jeff Davis is considered a solid threat to take over at quarterback from returning veteran Mark Hutsell.

Defensively, Rick Begley and Linc Jarvis return, as does James Mackey, a massive 6-3, 250-pound tackle who was injured most of last season. Doug Whetsel returns to his familiar linebacker spot, while Steve Trawick, Jay Megna and Doug Carter lead the experienced backfield performers.

**THE SERIES**  
(Western leads, 17-6-2)

**Most Decisive:** WK 30-0, 1973

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**1977 GAME**  
(Oct. 1 at Bowling Green)

Western Ky. 0 14 0 19-33  
East Tenn. 7 3 3 0-13  
ET-Greg Wilson, 34, run (Bobby Neff kick); WK-Jimmy Woods, 25, run (Barry Henry kick); ET-Neff, 34, FG; WK-Eddie Preston, 30, pass from Doug Bartholomew (Henry kick); ET-Ken Hays, 1; WK-Mike Hays, 7, run (Henry's kick failed); WK-Preston, 34, pass from Bartholomew (Henry kick); WK-Craig Freeman, 25, run (pass failed).

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**GAME 4**

Nickname: Buccaneers  
Colors: Blue-Gold  
'77 Conf. Record: Finish: 2-5-0 (OVC-7th)  
'77 Overall Record: 3-8-0  
Lettermen Lost: 24  
Lettermen Returning: 24  
SID: John Cathey  
Office: 615-926-5302  
Home: 615-926-5302
AKRON....October 7

At L. T. Smith Stadium (19,250), Bowling Green, 1 p.m. (CDT)

Location: Akron, Ohio 44325
Founded: 1870
Enrollment: 22,500
Conference: Ohio Valley
Coach: Jim Dennison (Wooster '60)
Record: 5 yrs., 34-21-1
Assistants: Dale Liston, Tom Flaherty, Jim Tressel, Gary Schaefer, Dave Newell
AD: Gordon Larson

A Akron enters its first season of OVC play (although it won't be eligible for the title because of scheduling problems) with only 23 lettermen returning. Senior quarterback Marty Bezbatchenko returns for his third season as a starter. A good option-type signal-caller, Bezbatchenko will be backed up in the backfield by running backs Paul Winters and Redell Windley and split by an all-letterman line.

"I feel we have the personnel to fill the voids," said Dennison, "now it's just a matter of getting those individuals in the right places."

THE SERIES

(Western trails, 0-3-2)

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TENNESSEE TECH

October 14

At Overall Field (16,500), Cookeville, 1:30 p.m. (CDT)

Location: Cookeville, Tenn. 38501
Founded: 1915
Enrollment: 7,000
Conference: Ohio Valley
Coach: Don Wade (Clemson '52)
Record: 10 yrs., 62-43-1
Assistants: Jack Henderson, Bob Joyce, Chuck Koczwar, Richard May, Lauren Kardatzke
AD: Don Wade

Coach Don Wade says Tennessee Tech will not be as explosive on offense this year as last, when the Golden Eagles set 30 school records. Maybe not, but opponents will certainly have to give TTU the benefit of the doubt, what with returnees like alternating quarterbacks Jimmy Maynard and Milt Jenkins, receiver Craig Rolle and running back Cecil Fore all back to set the pace.

Maynard and Jenkins combined for 1,573 yards last fall and accounted for 15 touchdowns through the air. Rolle caught 42 of those passes for 734 yards, while Fore had 741 yards on the ground in 138 carries. Three of the five interior offensive linemen also return.

Seven of eleven regulars are back on defense, including All-OVC cornerback Greg Bauer. Mark Shrum and John Geary return to fill two of the four linebacking posts, while tackle Roddna Rockymore and end David Hooper give the Eagles two veterans in the line.

THE SERIES

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Mitchell's 97-yards-per-game average led the OVC last season and the blocking of Stucky (6-2, 225) had a lot to do with the fact that EKU led the league in offense with a 388.4 average. Other returning offensive starters include sophomore Danny Hope, who has moved from center to guard, flanker Bill Kolesar (17 catches for 297 yards), and tight end Carl Greene (9 receptions for 169 yards).

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MIDDLE TENNESSEE
November 4
(Homecoming)
At L. T. Smith Stadium (19,250), Bowling Green, 1 p.m. (CST)

Location: Murfreesboro, Tenn. 37132
Founded: 1911
Enrollment: 10,200
Conference: Ohio Valley
Coach: Ben Hurt (Middle Tenn. '57)
Record: 3 yrs., 11-22-0
Lettermen Lost: 20
Lettermen Returning: 29

Assistant: Jim Syputt, Marshall Taylor, Ray Hughes, Leo Martin
AD: Charles M. Murphy

“...We have a lot of plusses going for us...” said MTSU Coach Ben Hurt last spring. “Our offensive line is back intact from tackle to tackle. And the quarterback situation is best since I’ve been here.”

The veteran offensive line is led by All-Conference center Darrell Williams, but the Blue Raiders will have to figure out a way to replace a three-time All-OVC pick, running back Mike Moore. Red-shirt Ricky Davis is the top quarterback candidate.

Defensively, Hurt will have to replace just about everybody. Only tackle Gary Hart and safety Pat Siegfried return from the 1977 regulars.

The kicking game will sorely miss M. A. Robinson, whose 64 consecutive PATs tied an OVC record, but the punting department will still be in the good hands (or feet) of Randy Saunders, who averaged 40.6 yards last fall.

1977 GAME
(Nov. 5 at Murfreesboro)
Western Ky. 0 13 0 6-19
Middle Tenn. 7 0 14 0-21
MT-Robbie Rogers, 24, pass from Mike Robinson (M. A. Robinson kick); WK-Dave Betz, 42, FG; WK-Eddie Preston, 21, pass from Doug Bartholomew (Betz kick); WK-Betz, 25, FG; MT-Mike Moore, 30, run (Robinson kick); MT-Jeff Slockley, 20, pass from Robinson (Robinson kick); WK-Jimmy Woods, 10, pass from Bartholomew (run failed)

THE SERIES
(2015, 1904 and 1915)
Western Ky. 0 13 0-13
MT 40-14 1904

1977 GAME
(Nov. 19 at Bowling Green)
Western Ky. 0 13 0-13
Murray St. 7 14 0-21
MU-Austin Perine, 1, run (Hank LaGorce kick); MU-Mike Dickens, 4, run (LaGorce kick); MU-David Thomas, 13, pass from Dickens (LaGorce kick); WK-Ricky Gwinn, 9, pass from Doug Bartholomew (Barry Henry kick); WK-Jimmy Woods, 13, pass from Bartholomew (kick failed).

THE SERIES
(2015, 1904 and 1915)
Western Ky. 0 13 0-13
WK 40-14 1904

MURRAY STATE
November 18
At Stewart Stadium (20,000), Murray, 1:30 p.m. (CST)

Location: Murray, Ky. 42071
Founded: 1922
Enrollment: 7,200
Conference: Ohio Valley
Coach: Mike Gottfried (Morehead St. ’65)
Record: First year

Assistant: Bill Baldridge, Dino Pafarella, Tom Liggins, Dan Walker, John Sullivan
AD: Johnny Reagan

“...The major job facing new Racer coach Mike Gottfried has been the rebuilding of his offensive line and a somewhat uncertain quarterback situation created by the fact that veteran Mike Dickens missed spring practice with an injury.”

Dickens has proven (74 of 136 passes for 828 yards last year) he can get the job done and will provide highly competent leadership if he shakes the injury. He’ll be backed by Roger Rushing and redshirt freshman Ricky Ray, as well as a highly capable corps of running backs: Danny Lee Johnson, Lindsey Hudspeth, Tony Franklin, Tyrus Boon, Randy Jones and Mike McConnell.

Led by second-team All-OVC selection Bruce Martin at tackle, the defensive unit will have experience everywhere, but will lack the depth it had last season. Other returnees include Bill Shannon, David Reagan and Jeff Parks at end; Chuck Marquess at tackle; Bobby Craig, Mike Basiak and Steve Maxwell at linebacker; and Roy Hackley, Jim O’Connor, Bill Lewis and Bud Foster in the backfield.

THE SERIES
(2015, 1904 and 1915)
Murray St. 0 13 0-13
WK 40-14 1904

1977 GAME
(Nov. 19 at Bowling Green)
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1954 0-19 1976 6-16
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**Records and Highlights**

Former Hilltopper All-American Virgil Lives, now a standout with the Chicago Bears of the NFL, holds several Western and OVC records.
1977 WESTERN FOOTBALL STATISTICS
(Bold face type indicates returnees)

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Main Tackles-Assists


Fumble Recoveries

Charles Woodruff 5, Alfred Hayden 3, Reggie Hayden 3, Joey Bowling 2, Biff Madon 2, Carl Estelle 1, Fred Kixmiller 1, Mike Gray 1, Carl Brazley 1, Brad Todd 1, Charles DeLacey 1.
COLLEGE DIVISION ALL-AMERICANS

Jim Barber
LB - 1971

John Bushong
DT - 1974

Jim Hardin
G - 1957

Mike McCoy
DB - 1973

Lawrence Gilbert, C

Max Stevens, HB

Porter Williams
E - 1973

Jim Burt
HB - 1964

Lonnie Schuster, DT

E - 1963

John Mutchler
E - 1963

Mike McCoy
DB - 1975

Virgil Livers
DB - 1974

John Burt
HB - 1964

Brad Watson, DE

Mike McCoy
DB - 1975

Bill Green, DB

Jim Barber
LB - 1971

Andrew Francis, DB

Jim Bushong, DT

Virgil Livers
DB - 1974

Dale Lindsey, FB

Rick Green
LB - 1975

Terry kokinda, OT

John Bushong
DT - 1974

Porter Williams
E - 1973

Chip Carpenter
E - 1977

Mike McCoy, DB

Bob Morehead, DB

Jim Bushong, DT

Charles Jackson, TB

Casey Moore, DB

Mike McCoy, DB

Bob Morehead, DB

Mike McCoy, DB

Brad Watson, DE

*See Page 40 for OVC Players of the Year.
### Defensive Records

- **Most Yard Punts Returned**: 68 (10 games, 1969)
- **Most Yards Punt Average**: 44.1 (10 games, 1974)
- **Highest Punting Average**: 44.1 (10 games, 1974)
- **Most Fumbles Recovered**: 27 (10 games, 1974)
- **Most Punt Return Attempts**: 35 (10 games, 1970)
- **Most Punt Return Yards**: 2,236 (10 games, 1967)
- **Most Touchdown Passes Returned**: 20 (Porter Williams, 1970-73)

### Scoring Records

- **Most Points**: 1,943 (Johnny Vance, 1969)
- **Most Field Goals Attempted**: 15 (Clarence Jackson, 1970-73)
- **Most Field Goals Made**: 13 (Johnny Vance, 1969)
- **Most Extra Points Attempted**: 234 (Clarence Jackson, 1970-73)
- **Most Extra Points Made**: 139 (Bill Green, 1967-70)
- **Most Kickoffs Retried**: 2 (Steve Wilson, 1969-72)
- **Most Kickoffs Returned**: 234 (Clarence Jackson, 1970-73)
- **Most Kickoffs Returned**: 1,294 (Bill Green, 1967-70)
- **Most Kickoffs Returned**: 31 (Bill Green, 1967-70)
- **Most Kickoffs Returned**: 576 (Bill Blyle, 1950-51-52-53)
- **Best Completion Percentage**: 63 (11-11 of 176, Jimmy Fox, 1950, 51-52-53)

### Rushing Records

- **Most Rushing Plays**: 68 (10 games, 1969)
- **Most Rushing Attempts**: 3,202 (10 games, 1970)
- **Most Rushing Yards**: 1,943 (Johnny Vance, 1969)
- **Highest Average Per Rush**: 44.1 (10 games, 1974)
- **Highest Average Per Game**: 44.1 (10 games, 1974)
- **Highest Average Per Play**: 6.9 (Dickie Moore, 1967)

### Passing Records

- **Most Passing Yards**: 6,046 (Johnny Vance, 1966-69)
- **Most Passing Touchdowns**: 50 (Dickie Moore, 1965-66-67-68)
- **Most Passing Touchdowns Returned**: 1 (Murray, 1969)
- **Most Passing Touchdowns Passed**: 20 (Porter Williams, 1970-73)
- **Highest Average Per Game**: 44.1 (10 games, 1974)
- **Highest Average Per Play**: 6.9 (Dickie Moore, 1967)

### Individual Career Records

- **Career Highs**: 631 (111 of 176, Jimmy Fox, 1950, 51-52-53)
- **Career LOWS**: 20 (Sharon Miller, 1964)
- **Career Completion Percentage**: 63 (11-11 of 176, Jimmy Fox, 1950, 51-52-53)
- **Career Low**: 20 (Sharon Miller, 1964)
YEAR-BY-YEAR WITH THE HILLTOPPERS

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1913 (1-0-0)

Coach: M. A. Leiper

Campbellville

1924 (4-5-0)

Coach: E. A. Diddle

John Carroll

1930 (8-1-1)

Coach: James Elam

Middletown

1914 (1-0-0)

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Elizabethtown H.S.

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Coach: E. A. Diddle

Louisville

1915 (2-3-2)

Coach: J. L. Arthur

Louisville

1926 (4-4-1)

Coach: E. A. Diddle

Newport

1916 (1-1-0)

Coach: L. T. Smith

Morton Elliott

1927 (7-1-0)

Coach: E. A. Diddle

Transylvania

1917-1919

Coach: L. T. Smith

Transylvania

1928 (8-1-0)

Coach: E. A. Diddle

Evanston

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Bethea (Tenn.)

1930 (8-1-1)

Coach: E. A. Diddle

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Coach: L. T. Smith

Evanston

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Coach: J. C. Elam

Bethea (Tenn.)

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Coach: E. A. Diddle

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1929 (7-3-0)

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"J. L. Arthur (1914-16)     3                           3       5       2       .400
L. T. Smith (1920-21)       2                           2       5       1       .313
E. A. Diddle (1922-28)      7                           38      24      2       .613
Carl Anderson (1929-1934)    3                           32      12      2       .727
James Elam (1930-31)        2                           16      5       1       .762
Ernie Miller (1932)         1                           1       1       0       .889
Jesse Thomas (1933; 1946-47) 3                        11       12      2       .480
W. L. Terry (1938-41)       4                        25       9       3       .735
Arnold Winkenhofer (1942)   1                           3       4       1       .429
Jack Clayton (1948-56)      9                           50      33      2       .602
Nick Denes (1957-1967)      11                          57      39      7       .587
Jimmy Feix (1968-69)        10                         71      30      5       .693
TOTALS                     59                         317     179     28       .637

*A Does not include 1916 season, for which results are unavailable.

WESTERN FOOTBALL LETTERMEN (1914-77)

-A-
Lucian Adams, '36-37
Raphael Abell, '41-42, '46
Jeff Alsop, '76-77
Don Anderson, '57-59
Karl Anderson, '72-75
Walt Apperson, '51-54
Dallas Arnold, '41-42, '46
Kenneth Arnold, '46-49
Paul Arnold, '75
Jim Atkinson, '75-76
Tom Atwood, '64-67
Jim Aurs, '53-54
Wilfred Ausley, '31-33

-B-
Rod Bagby, '55-58
Lemore Baggett, '33-34
Joe Baird, '63-65
Norval Baird, '56-57
Claud BAKER, '56-59
James Baker, '35-37
Randolph Baker, '29-30
Dan Baldwin, '28-29
TOMMY BALLOWE, '67-68
Jim Barber, '69-71
Steve Bare, '67-68
John Bariola, '61-62
Dewey Barnes, '21-23, '25
Kenny Barrett, '54-57
Sheroid Barrett, '72, '74-75
Doug Bartholomew, '76-77
Woody Barwick, '61-62
Jim Basham, '20
Floyd Bates, '23-24
J. C. Batesel, '36-37
Tom Battle, '49
Nelson Baud, '30-32
Earl Beam, '29-31
Lewis Bean, '47-49
Craig Beard, '75-77
Arthur Bell, '14-15, '20
Kirby Bennett, '76
Tim Bereiter, '77
Dudley Berthold, '60-61
Sonny Berthold, '53-55

Buzzy Best, '60-62
Dave Betz, '76-77
George Bibich, '36-38
Jim Biles, Mgr., '72-76
Bob Bilyeu, '50-53
Jack Binkley, '51-52
Tom Bird, '65-66
Glenn Blackburn, '62
Owen Blanton, '49-51
William Bogdon, '50
Roy Bondurant, '64-67
Pete Booker, '31-33
Billy Booker, '58-61
Dan Boone, '25-26
Winton Boone, '59-61
Jimmy Botto, Mgr., '26
M. M. Botto, '24
Harry Bowling, '39-41
Joey Bowling, '77
Bob Bradford, '56-59
Sam Bradshaw, '29
Lawrence Brame, '67-70
Estill Branhm, '34-36
Jerry Brantley, '54-57
Carl Brazley, '76-77
Jerry Brewer, '55-58
Crosby Bright, '63
John Brizendale, '68-71
Carroll Broderick, '30-32
Bob Brown, '29-31
David Lee Brown, '66
Henry Brown, Mgr., '68
Ike Brown, '68
John Brown, Mgr., '60-62
Dave Browning, '55, '59-60
Jewell Browning, '47-49
Gary Brunson, '59-61
Joe Bugel, '60-63
Jim Burt, '61-64
John Burt, '62-65
John Bushong, '71-74
Paul Bushong, '72-73
Everette Butler, '31-33
Tom Byrd, '36-38
Bay Byrne, '26
THE OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE

The idea of forming the Ohio Valley Conference was originated in 1941, but could not be implemented until after World War II. In 1948 five schools—Western Kentucky, Eastern Kentucky, Murray, Morehead and Louisville—withdrew from the Kentucky Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and were joined by Evansville in forming the original membership of the OVC. They were joined shortly thereafter by Tennessee Tech and Marshall.

The membership has changed somewhat over the years. Middle Tennessee joined the league in 1952, East Tennessee in 1957 and Austin Peay in 1962. They replaced Louisville, which became an independent in 1949, and Marshall and Evansville, which departed in 1952. East Tennessee left in 1978 and was replaced by Akron, which will begin competition in the OVC when scheduling problems are worked out.

In 1955 the National Collegiate Athletic Association formally recognized the OVC as a major basketball conference, giving the league’s champion an automatic bid to the post-season NCAA Tournament. At the time, the OVC was only the second six-team conference to obtain major status from the NCAA. Prior to 1955 Western Kentucky, Eastern Kentucky and Murray were the only OVC members ranked as major basketball powers.

For many years the OVC has been represented in the nation’s top holiday and post-season basketball tournaments. The league has also won recognition for its programs in football, baseball, track, golf and tennis.

The administration of the conference is now supervised by Bob Vanatta, former athletic director of Oral Roberts University and basketball coach at Memphis State, Missouri, Army and other schools. He is the OVC’s third commissioner, following Art Guepe (1963-73) and Paul Dietzel (1975-76).

The commissioner is charged with the interpretation and enforcement of all conference regulations and rules of eligibility, as well as the supervision of its officials and distribution of information.

Perhaps the ideals and purposes of the league are best expressed in one sentence of the OVC Code of Ethics, formulated in 1960:

“Member institutions of the Ohio Valley Conference regard the athletic program as a part of the educational process.”

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OVC CHAMPIONS

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POST-SEASON APPEARANCES

The Hilltoppers have appeared in a total of eight post-season games, six of them as a part of their participation in the NCAA Division II national playoffs in both 1973 and 1975. Here is the complete rundown:

1975 - NCAA Division II Playoffs -
- Western 14, Northern Iowa 12
  - Western 14 (First Round; Cedar Falls, Ia.)
  - Western 14, New Hampshire 3
  - Western 14, Rice Bowl; Baton Rouge, La.
  - Western 14, Northern Michigan 16
  - Western 14, Huntingdon
  - Western 14, Bowling Green

1973 - NCAA Division II Playoffs -
- Western 25, Lehigh 16
  - Western 25 (First Round; Bowling Green, Ky.)
  - Western 25, Grambling 20
  - Western 25, Rice Bowl; Baton Rouge, La.
  - Western 25, Louisiana Tech 34
  - Western 25, Texas State University
  - Western 25, Saskatchewan

1963 - Tangerine Bowl -
- (Orlando, Fla.)
- Western 34, Arkansas State 19

1952 - Refrigerator Bowl -
- (Evansville, Ind.)
- Western 34, Arkansas State 19
OFFENSE
TE - Joe Ware, Tenn. Tech
T - Lance House, Tenn. Tech
T - Randy Haeberlin, Eastern Ky.
G - Chip Carpenter, Western Ky.
QB - Phil Simms, Morehead
WR - Waddell Whitehead, Austin Peay
WR - Cecil Fore, Tenn. Tech
WR - Stan Mitchell, Eastern Ky.
RB - Mike Moore, Middle Tenn.
RB - Stan Mitchell, Eastern Ky.
RB - Mike Moore, Middle Tenn.
*RB = Dan Hutchinson, Murray
*RB = Darrell Williams, Middle Tenn.
*C = Jim Jez, Murray
WR - Dennis Law, East Tenn.
WR - Jim Nelson, Eastern Ky.
WR - Craig Rolle, Tenn. Tech
QB - Phil Simms, Morehead
RB - Stan Mitchell, Eastern Ky.
RB - Mike Moore, Middle Tenn.
*RB = Waddell Whitehead, Austin Peay
*RB = Cecil Fore, Tenn. Tech
PK - Wayne Anderson, Tenn. Tech
*Denotes tie

DEFENSE
E - Ron Sebree, Austin Peay
E - Dean Ratledge, Tenn. Tech
T - James Green, Austin Peay
T - Reggie Bell, Middle Tenn.
MG - Tony Towns, Western Ky.
LB - Biff Madon, Western Ky.
LB - Mo Bell, Middle Tenn.
LB - Bob Bible, Austin Peay
DB - Eddie McFarland, Murray
DB - Greg Bauer, Tenn. Tech
DB - Anthony Miller, Eastern Ky.
DB - Mike Betts, Austin Peay
P - Randy Saunders, Middle Tenn.

1977 OHIO VALLEY
CONFERENCE STANDINGS

1. Austin Peay .................6-1-0 8-3-0 182 132
2. Tennessee Tech .............5-2-0 9-2-0 343 233
3. Eastern Kentucky ..........4-3-0 5-5-0 241 185
4. Murray State ...............4-3-0 6-5-0 161 185
5. Middle Tennessee ..........3-4-0 3-8-0 125 283
6. Morehead State .............2-4-1 2-6-2 183 268
7. East Tennessee .............2-5-0 3-8-0 233 356
8. WESTERN KENTUCKY .........1-5-1 1-8-1 124 252

NATIONAL DIVISION I-AA LEADERS
IN ALL-TIME WINNING
PERCENTAGE
(Through 1977)

Rank/School
Won - Lost - Tied Percentage
1. Grambling .............................. 264 88 15 .742
2. Southern University .................. 321 167 22 .651
3. WESTERN KENTUCKY ................. 317 179 28 .632
4. South Carolina State ................. 253 145 25 .628
5. Jackson State ......................... 182 115 7 .610
6. Middle Tennessee ..................... 318 204 26 .604

(Courtesy of NCAA Statistics Service)
## Composite Schedule of Western’s 1978 Opponents

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