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1976 RESULTS AND ATTENDANCE

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Attendance - 119,789 (Home 79,250; Avg. - 15,850)

*Ohio Valley Conference game

**Central Time

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COVER: Linebacker Biff Madon (50) last year's Ohio Valley Conference Defensive Player of the Year, sacks the enemy quarterback, as he did so often in 1976.
TO WORKING PRESS, RADIO, TV

Here is your copy of the 1977 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 Assistant Public Relations Director Ed Given. 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 service of the press box. Press box tickets are non-transferable.

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WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

ATHLETIC STAFF DIRECTORY

(Listed Alphabetically)

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<td>Clarence (Stumpy) Baker, Asst. Football Coach</td>
<td>.745-3347, 748-4324</td>
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<td>Sam Clark, Asst. Football Coach</td>
<td>.745-3347, 781-6823</td>
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<td>Del Hessel, Track Coach</td>
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<td>Dr. Shirley Laney, Coordinator of Women’s Athletics &amp; Women’s Golf Coach</td>
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<td>Russell Miller, Athletic Trainer</td>
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<td>Dr. Barry Shollenberger, Baseball Coach</td>
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<td>Lanny Van Eman, Asst. Basketball Coach</td>
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<td>Julia Ann Yeater, Women’s Basketball Coach</td>
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Area Press, Radio, Television Outlets

*CLARK HANES
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*Will use photos

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 Field: L. T. Smith Stadium (19,250)
University Athletic Committee: Dr. John D. Minton (Chairman), Bennie Beach, Tom Blairy, Dr. Tom Dunn, Francene Gilmer, Dr. Wilburn Jones, Dr. Peggy Keck, Harry Largen, Owen Lawson, Gretchen Niva, Dr. Faye Robinson, Dr. John Scarborough, Dr. Jack W. Thacker Jr.

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.
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 transferral, 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 over 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 1977-78 academic year opened, Western's physical plant consisted of more than 60 buildings worth more than $94 million, including a recently built Environmental Science and Technology Building.

The University now has well over 22,500 alumni who have received bachelor's degrees; more than 5,200 who hold the master's degree. Western's seven libraries contain over 500,000 volumes and more than 3,100 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 42,000 people.
The 1977 season marks the Hilltoppers’ 10th 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.

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.
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, 25, and Suzanne, 12.

The 1977 season will be Jimmy Feix's 10th 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, Kentucky. 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. 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.
As an assistant under former Hilltopper Head Coach Nick Denes, Feix was in charge of Western's offense. In his last five years with that responsibility, the Hilltoppers led the OVC in total offense three times, in rushing offense once. His 1967 rushing offense was the third best in the nation among College Division teams, averaging 262.2 yards per game to finish behind only North Dakota State and Ball State.

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 nine seasons, Feix's teams have suffered more than three losses in a single season and have finished lower than second place in an OVC race only once. 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 Louisville 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 1977 campaign with a career coaching record of 70 wins, 22 losses and 9 ties in 113 games, an .641 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, 23, a former member of Western's varsity baseball team, and Jeff, 16.

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**AGGREGATE RECORD OF WESTERN COACHES**

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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, 6, Terry, 8, and David, 4.

Linebacker Coach BILL HAPE

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

He was a graduate assistant at Western in 1971, working with the inside linebackers and doing a lion's share of the scouting. He was an assistant coach at Castle High School, Newburg, Ind., in 1972-73. He will be working primarily with the linebackers.

He and his wife, Bonnie, were high school sweethearts. They have one daughter, Amy Susan, almost 4, and a son, Andy, 1.

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, 2, and a daughter, April, born last Easter.

Assistant Trainer BILL EDWARDS

Bill Edwards joined the Western training staff this past summer 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 1977 HILLTOPPERS

(Listed Alphabetically)

40-Yard Times Run in Shorts Last Spring

Came out of spring practice as apparent starter at quick tackle...played there behind now-graduated Bill Murphree last season.

two-time All-Nashville selection at Goodlettsville High School...solid hitter with good ability to maintain contact on blocks...improving on pass blocking...father, Howard Alsup, is coach-
teacher in Nashville's Metro school system and was two-time All-
Ohio Valley Conference selection at tackle for Middle Tennessee in 1952, 1953.

PERSONAL INFO: Parents—Mr. and Mrs. Howard Alsup (Father, Teacher-Coach; Mother, Teacher); High School—Goodlettsville '75 H.S. Coach—Ernest Smallen; H.S. Letters—Football 3, Track 3; Major—Accounting; Ambition—GPA Work; 40-Yd. Time 5.0.

JEFF ALSUP

OT

76

So., 6-2, 220

Goodlettsville, Tenn.

SAM CLARK

DB

32

Jr., 6-2, 200

Auburn, N.Y.

DOUG BARTHOLOMEW

QB

12

Jr., 6-1, 190

Lexington, Ky.

CRAIG BEARD

C

51

Jr., 6-3, 225

Campbellsville, Ky.

Passing

Rushing


1976 76 42 9 585 3 13 -38 -2.9

Haslettered and been part-time starter at tight end over past two seasons...was switched to center in spring practice to help take up slack for graduating Dave Carter, now with Houston Oilers...came out of spring drills as No. 1 center...is good blocker who should become even better with actual game experience at new position...high school All-Stater in both '73 and '74...one of squad's outstanding students with very close to "A" average.

PERSONAL INFO: Parents—Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Beard (Father, Oil Dealer; Mother, Housewife); High School-Campbellsville 75, H.S. Coach-Dave Fryrear (Louisville); H.S. Letters-Football 4, Basketball 1, Track 2; Major—Pre-Med; Ambition—Medical Practice; Hobbies—Chess, Cards, Golf, 40-Yd. Time 5.2.
Saw a lot of action last year, earning a couple of starting assignments...emerged from spring drills as No. 1 tight end...runs good patterns, has good hands...has shown he might be one of those receivers with knack for catching ball in heavy traffic...caught one touchdown pass last season, a 17-yarder against East Tennessee...very aggressive blocker, probably stemming from his linbackering experience in high school days, 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; H.S. Coach-Don Thomas (Georgetown); H.S. Letters-Football, 4, Basketball, 3, Baseball, 2; Track, 1; Major, Health and Safety; Ambition-Undecided; 40-Yd. Time-5.0.

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TIM BEREITER

Starts fall camp as top back-up to Jeff Alsop at quick tackle...has fine speed...added experience should enhance blocking skills he needs to make up for lack of size...brother Gary was college standout at Black Hills (S.D.) State.

PERSONAL INFO: Parents-Mr. and Mrs. James Bereiter (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, Undecided; Ambition-Undecided; Fishing, 40-Yd. Time-4.95.

DAVE BETZ

Soccer-style place-kicker who set school record last season with 10 field goals...longest were from 50, 48, 45, 44 and 44 yards out...has great range and accuracy is improving steadily...led team in scoring last fall with 36 points, adding 9 of 10 PATs to his field goal total...was honorable mention All-OVC...highly effective on kickoffs, with high, deep boots...may double this season as back-up punter.

PERSONAL INFO: Parents-Mr. and Mrs. Donald Betz (Father, School Principal; Mother, Secretary); High School-Finnerty '76; H.S. Coach-Jim Green; H.S. Letters-Football, 3, Basketball, 1; Baseball, 1; Track, 1; Major, Undecided; Ambition-Pro Ball; Hobbies-Soccer; 40-Yd. Time-6.0.

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CARL BRAZLEY

Will probably be used as reserve at one or more of deep back positions...has fine speed...has flair for showing up where ball is...heady player who is rarely caught out of position...is cousin to 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-Mass Communications; Ambition-Undecided; Hobbies-All Sports; 40-Yd. Time-4.7.

20
 Joined team as freshman last year and immediately won starting role...was team’s fourth leading tackler with 43 main tackles, 28 assists...his three pass interceptions were tops on squad...was named OVC’s Defensive Player of the Week in his very first collegiate game, a feat duplicated only once in Hilltopper history...possesses an amazing combination of strength and speed.

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, Baseball 3; Track 1; Major-Broadcasting; Ambition-Undecided; Hobbies-Music, Basketball, Girls; 40-Yd Time-4.75.

TACKLES-ASSISTS INTERCEPTIONS TACKLES FOR LOSSES
1976 43-28 No. Yds TDs No-Yds

CARL ESTELLE
LB
55
So., 6-1, 210
Louisville, Ky.

Inherits punting chores from school record-holder Walter Herod, who was invited to St. Louis Cardinals’ fall camp after graduation...kicks for highly respectable distance, height...should gain more consistency with experience...virtually unlimited potential.

Did not come out of spring practice with starting berth, but still might be one of Hilltoppers’ most valuable linemen...he will be called on to back up at least three positions along the offensive line...hampered by lack of speed, but has outstanding size, strength...was second-team All-Stater 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, Baseball 4; Major-Physical Education, Ambition-Teaching, Coaching; Hobbies-Fishing, Hunting; 40-Yd Time-5.3.

PAT GATES
G
61
Fr., 5-11, 170
Hopkinsville, Ky.

Missed most of last season with an injury after lettering at bandit back as a sophomore...was at the safety spot last fall, but moved back to bandit back last spring and will apparently be the starter there on the quick side...has good nose for ball, with fine agility and quickness...transferred to Western in ’75 from Elizabethtown Community College, where he was a basketball standout.

PERSONAL INFO: Parents-Mr. and Mrs. Nute J. Haire (Father, Retired; Mother, Nurse); High School-Elizabethtown ‘73; H.S. Coach-Ronnie Myers; H.S. Letters-Football 3, Basketball 3, Baseball 2; Major-Recreation; Ambition-Undecided; 40-Yd Time-4.8.

TACKLES-ASSISTS INTERCEPTIONS
1976 17-6 No. Yds TDs

RAY FARMER
P
25
Fr., 6-2, 225
Louisville, Ky.

A solid athlete who could occupy a big spot in the Hilltopper quarterback picture as he gains varsity experience...is a gifted passer with a strong arm...also runs ground game well and has more than adequate speed himself...was All-Midstate MVP at White House High in 1975...has as wide a variety of quarterback skills as any WKU prospect in several seasons.

PERSONAL INFO: Parents-Mr. and Mrs. Ragan Hall (Father, Self-Employed; Mother, Self-Employed); High School-White House ‘76; H.S. Coach-Jon Collins (Middle Tennessee); H.S. Letters-Football 4, Baseball 1; Major-Pre-Med; Ambition-Medical Practice, Hobbies-Hunting, Fishing; 40-Yd Time-4.8.

TACKLES-ASSISTS INTERCEPTIONS
1975 6-3 No. Yds TDs

MIKE GRAY
DB
24
So., 6-1, 180
Clarksville, Tenn.

Has been one of the most often used reserves on the Hilltopper defensive unit for past two seasons...his quickness makes him a particularly good pass rusher from the outside...work in spring practice knocked 0.1 second off his 40-yard time of a year ago...was high school All-Stater.

PERSONAL INFO: Parent-Mrs. Hugh Gray (Mother, Housewife); High School-Clarksville ‘75; H.S. Coach-Dan Duren; H.S. Letters-Football 3, Basketball 3, Baseball 3; Major-Physical Education, Ambition-Coaching-Teaching, Hobbies-Basketball, 40-Yd Time-4.7.

TACKLES-ASSISTS TACKLES FOR LOSSES
1976 2-0
1975 2-5
TOTA L S 2-0
15-6
2-5

LONNIE HARDIN
DE
78
Jr., 6-0, 200
LaGrange, Ky.

PERSONAL INFO: Parent-Mrs. Mary Hardin (Mother, Housewife); High School-Oldham County ‘75; H.S. Coach-John Radunas; H.S. Letters-Football 3, Basketball 3, Track 2; Major-Undecided; Hobbies-Basketball, Model Cars, Reading; 40-Yd Time-4.8.

PERSONAL INFO: Parents- Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Hardin (Father, Housewife); High School-White House ‘76; H.S. Coach-Jon Collins (Middle Tennessee); H.S. Letters-Football 4, Baseball 1; Major-Pre-Med; Ambition-Medical Practice, Hobbies-Hunting, Fishing; 40-Yd Time-4.8.
Another Hilltopper “walk on” who has made good...lettered last year in reserve role while seeing plenty of action...emerged from spring practice as the No. 1 candidate at the strong backfield post...has flair for being in right place and carrying out his assigned defensive task...consistency and dependability are probably his top assets.

PERSONAL INFO: Parents-Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hayden (Father, Mechanic; Mother, Housewife); High School-Eminence '75; H.S. Coach-Jackie Purvill (H.S. Letters-Football 4, Basketball 3, Baseball 4); Major-Recreation; Ambition-Parks Administration; 40-Yd. Time-4.75.

TACKLES-ASSISTS
1976 10-1 No.  Yds. TDs
1         15    0

REGINALD HAYDEN
BB 31 Jr., 5-10, 185 Eminence, Ky.

Was switched to guard last spring after seeing limited action as reserve at fullback in past two seasons...will probably back up All-OVC returnee Chipper Carpenter...the speed and quickness that helped him at fullback will probably be his chief assets at guard, particularly until he gains some experience and begins to perfect his blocking techniques at new position.

PERSONAL INFO: Parents-Mr. and Mrs. Walton H. Hines (Father, Auto Parts Dealer; Mother, Housewife); High School-Butler Co. '75; H.S. Coach-Daniel Hill (Kentucky); H.S. Letters-Football 4, Basketball 1, Baseball 4; Track 1; Major-Pre-Pharmacy; Ambition-Undecided; 40-Yd. Time-4.95.

RUSHING
1975 3 8 2.7 1 1 6 0
1976 4 8 2.0 0 0 0
TOTALS 7 16 2.3 1 6 0

REGINALD HAYDEN
DT 74 Jr., 6-2, 220 Nashville, Tenn.

Worked his way into picture at defensive end last spring...ticketed for reserve duty behind Tony Towns...hard hitter who rushes passer well...was born in Madisonville, Ky., but parents now live in Minnesota.

PERSONAL INFO: Parents-Mr. and Mrs. Chester Homey (Father, Sears-Reloebuick Employee; Mother, Teacher); High School-Mound Westonka '76; H.S. Coach-Fred Hanley; H.S. Letters-Football 2, Basketball 3; Baseball 1; Major-Business Administration; Ambition-Undecided; 40-Yd. Time-5.0.

RUSHING
1975 3 8 2.7 1 1 6 0
1976 4 8 2.0 0 0 0
TOTALS 7 16 2.3 1 6 0

MIKE HAYES
TB 28 Sr., 5-11, 175 Chattanooga, Tenn.

Moves on to varsity squad as a back-up at center slot...consistent blocker who hits well...was All-State Class AAAAA player at Jeffersontown High.

PERSONAL INFO: Parents-Mr. and Mrs. Howard S. Hunt (Father, Engineer; Mother, Housewife); High School-Jeffersontown '76; H.S. Coach-Jim Jordan; H.S. Letters-Football 3; Major-Undecided; Ambition-Undecided; 40-Yd. Time-5.2.

RUSHING
1974 161 556 3.5
1975 197 554 2.8
1976 181 435 3.9
TOTALS 439 1545 3.1

BARRY HENRY
PK 10 Sr., 5-9, 148 Bowling Green, Ky.

Was sidelined by knee surgery last September after carrying the ball only nine times...was granted an extra year of eligibility under the OVC’s “hardship” rule; hence, he will be competing as a junior this fall...led team in rushing as both a freshman and sophomore...has outstanding speed and unusual quickness...Hilltoppers changed to split-backfield set last spring to get both Jefferson and Jimmy Woods in backfield at same time...also a fine receiver...has deceptive inside power on short-yardage plays.

PERSONAL INFO: Parent-Mrs. Anna Martin (Mother, Maid); High School-Owensboro '74; H.S. Coach-Gerald Poynter (Western Kentucky); H.S. Letters-Football 3, Basketball 1, Track 3; Major-Recreation; Ambition-Undecided; 40-Yd. Time-4.7.

RUSHING
1974 161 556 3.5
1975 197 554 2.8
1976 181 435 3.9
TOTALS 439 1545 3.1

GREG HINES
G 64 Jr., 5-11, 210 Morgantown, Ky.

Lawrence Jeffersontown
TB 44 Jr., 5-10, 175 Owensboro, Ky.

Experience kicked kicker who has been used mainly for extra points and short field goals...is highly accurate from short-to-medium range...was bothered part of last fall and much of spring practice with an injury...kicked six of six PATs in 1975 NCAA playoffs, including the winning margin in the Hilltoppers' 14-12 first-round win over Northern Iowa.

PERSONAL INFO: Parents-Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Henry (Father, Plumbing-Heating Manager; Mother, Housewife); High School-Bowling Green '73; H.S. Coach-Walter Heath (Western Kentucky); H.S. Letters-Football 2; Major-Industrial Technology; Ambition-Undecided; 40-Yd. Time-5.1.

SCORING
1974 7 2-0 0 0 0
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1976 0 0 2 0 0 0
TOTALS 7 2 0 0 0 0

RUSHING
1974 161 556 3.5
1975 197 554 2.8
1976 181 435 3.9
TOTALS 439 1545 3.1

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Has lettered each of past two seasons as reserve who saw plenty of action. . . came on strong in spring and allowed coaching staff to move Tony Towns from tackle to end, installing Jones as No. 1 candidate at right tackle. . . good quickness. . . crisp hitter. . . dogged in pursuit.

PERSONAL INFO: Parents-Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Jones (Father, IBM Employee; Mother, Hostess); High School-Bryant Station '74; H.S. Coach-Terry Clark (Kentucky); H.S. Letters-Football 2; Major-Industrial Relations; Ambition-Undecided; Hobbies-Music, Cards; 40-Yd. Time-4.95.

TACKLES-ASSISTS
1975  2  2
1976  2  1
TOTALS  4  3

Lexington, Ky.

Has been a starter past two seasons after switching from tailback, where he played as a freshman. . . was team's second leading ground-gainer in 1974, averaging 4.4 yards per carry . . . goes into '77 season with six career interceptions. . . has fine speed. . . gets to the ball well.

PERSONAL INFO: Parents-Mr. and Mrs. James Jones (Father, Department Store Employee; Mother, Nurse's Aide); High School-Eastern '74; H.S. Coach-Dick Young (Louisville); H.S. Letters-Football 4, Basketball 2, Track 4; Major-Undecided; Ambition-Coaching, Teaching; Hobbies-Tennis, 40-Yd. Time-4.6.

RUSHING
Att Yds Avg
1974  55 244 4.4
1975  0 0 0
1976  0 0 0
TOTALS  55 244 4.4

JAMES JONES  DB
45  Sr., 5-11, 175  Louisville, Ky.

RECEIVING
Att Comp Int. Yds TDs All. Yds
1975  15  30  0  115  0  115
1976  10  13  0  111  0  111
TOTALS  25  43  0  226  0  226

STEVE LARIMORE  QB
14  Jr., 5-11, 200  Shepherdsville, Ky.

PASSING
Att Comp Int. Yds TDs All. Yds
1975  15  12  2  161  0  161
1976  10  15  0  150  1  151
TOTALS  25  27  2  311  1  312

At 1976  35  12  2  141  0  141
1975  13  3  0  102  0  102
TOTALS  48  15  2  243  0  245

RUSING
Att Comp Int. Yds TDs All. Yds
1974  20  5  0  111  0  111
1975  10  10  0  90  0  90
1976  13  3  0  106  0  106
TOTALS  43  25  0  307  0  307

KO RETURNS
No. Yds TDs
1974  12  227  0
1975  3  65  0
1976  0  0  0
TOTALS  15  227  0

STEVE LARIMORE  QB
14  Jr., 5-11, 200  Shepherdsville, Ky.

INTERCEPTIONS
No. Yds TDs
1974  2  65  0
1975  10  90  0
1976  13  106  0
TOTALS  25  261  0

JAMES JONES  DB
45  Sr., 5-11, 175  Louisville, Ky.

TACKLES-ASSISTS
No. Yds TDs
1974  6  0  0
1975  9  3  1
TOTALS  15  3  1

BILLY LINDSEY  F1
19  Sr., 5-8, 185  Glasgow, Ky.

Bill Kaiser
G
67  Fr., 6-0, 215  Louisville, Ky.

Has great timing. . . soft hands. . . highly adept at catching ball in the deep defensive positions could make him one of most valuable defenders on team. . . good instinct for ball. . . solid speed. . . comes up fast, hits hard on running plays. . . parents now live in Ft. Myers, Fla.

PERSONAL INFO: Parents-Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Linsey (Father, Tire Salesman; Mother, Housewife); High School-Westport '76; H.S. Coach-Tom Cheaney (Murray State); H.S. Letters-Football 3, Major-Undecided; Ambition-Undecided; 40-Yd. Time-5.1.

BILL KAISER  G
67  Fr., 6-0, 215  Louisville, Ky.

INTERCEPTIONS
No. Yds TDs
1974  0  0  0
1975  11 5  1
1976  16 6  0
TOTALS  27  11  1

BILLY LINDSEY  F1
19  Sr., 5-8, 185  Glasgow, Ky.

STEVE LARIMORE  QB
14  Jr., 5-11, 200  Shepherdsville, Ky.

RECEIVING
No. Yds TDs
1974  9  133  0
1975  13  142  0
1976  32  365  1
TOTALS  54  460  1

SCORING
PATs TPs
1974  0
1975  0
1976  1 0
TOTALS  1 0

DURANT JONES  DT
71  Jr., 6-2, 230  Lexington, Ky.

Passing

RUSHING
Att Comp Int. Yds TDs All. Yds Avg
1974  15  3  0  102  0  102 3.4
1975  10  10  0  90  0  90 4.0
1976  13  3  0  106  0  106 4.2
TOTALS  48  25  0  307  0  307 4.2

SCORING
PATs TPs
1974  0
1975  0
1976  1 0
TOTALS  1 0

Fred Kixmiller
DB
27  Jr., 6-0, 175  Vincennes, Ind.

Missed last season due to knee surgery after having apparently won starting berth in early drills. . . made good progress in spring. . . fact that he can play any of the deep defensive positions could make him one of most valuable defenders on team. . . good instinct for ball. . . solid speed. . . comes up fast, hits hard on running plays. . . 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-Recreation; Ambition-Undecided; 40-Yd. Time-4.8.

FRED KIXMILLER  DB
27  Jr., 6-0, 175  Vincennes, Ind.
Selected by OVC coaches last season as the league's Defensive Player of the Year, the sixth time in the past 14 seasons that honor has gone to a Hilltopper...led team in tackles last year with 90 main tackles, 58 assists...ranked among the team's top six tacklers as a freshman and sophomore, even though he was not a starter...highly aggressive...gets to ball-carrier in a hurry...particularly outstanding with play on kick coverage...thrives on contact...very quick...fiesty competitor...named with Chip Carpenter co-captain of this year's team...prime possibility for All-America honors.

PERSONAL INFO: Parents-Mrs. Theda Madon (Mother, Teacher); H.S.-Pineville '73: H.S. Coach-Bill Adams (Eastern Kentucky); H.S. Letters-Football 4, Basketball 2, Golf 4; Major-Recruitment; Ambition-Undecided; Hobbies-Hunting, Fishing; 40-Yd. Time-4.8.

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BIFF MADON

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Sr., 6-2, 210
Pineville, Ky.

Already drafted by British Columbia Lions of the Canadian Football League, in third round of last winter's draft...joined squad originally as a "walk-on"...has good hands, fine timing...has played as reserve past three seasons...regarded as one of better blockers among Hilltopper receivers...brother of former Hilltopper track standout Dave Sheehan, a 1970 graduate.

PERSONAL INFO: Parents-Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Sheehan (Father, Recreation Director; Mother, Housewife); High School-Highpoint College Institute '73; H.S. Coach-Rick Skillbeck (Toronto); H.S. Letters-Football 4, Basketball 3, Track 2; Major-Physical Education; Ambition-Teaching; Hobbies-Helping Children; 40-Yd. Time-4.8.

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Eddie Preston

SpE

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Sr., 6-0, 180
Nashville, Tenn.

Navy veteran who joined squad last fall after four-year hitch...worked his way into picture at bandit back with solid performances in spring drills...has sound speed; good reactions...probably ticketed for reserve role, but could move up with experience.

PERSONAL INFO: Parent-Mrs. Betty Smith (Mother, Housewife); High School-Bardstown '71: H.S. Coach-Garns-Martin, H.S. Letters-Football 2, Track 4; Major-Industrial Technology; Ambition-Undecided; 40-Yd. Time-4.7.

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Phil Rich

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Fr., 6-4, 230
Bee Spring, Ky.

Was used at both offensive, defensive tackle last year...moved strictly to defense last spring...has good quickness, agility, but lacks outstanding speed...compensates with excellent size and strength...probable back-up at both tackle spots...three-time All-Midstate selection and honorable mention All-Stater in Tennessee high school circles.

PERSONAL INFO: Parents-Mr. and Mrs. Amel Rich (Father, Contractor; Mother, Housewife); High School-Edmondson County '76; H.S. Coach-Charlie Hopkins, H.S. Letters-Football 4, Basketball 3; Major-Undecided; Ambition-Undecided; 40-Yd. Time-5.0.

Troy Snardon

BB

40

Fr., 6-1, 190
Allensville, Ky.

Came to Hilltoppers as much heralded high school quarterback, but was also an outstanding defensive back...WKU staff moved him to defense in spring, where he will probably open season as back-up to veterans Jim Atkinson and Fred Krimmer at safety...has good speed, solid reactions of fine, all-around athlete...was high school All-Stater 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-Bowling Green '76; H.S. Coach-Wilson Sears (Eastern Kentucky); H.S. Letters-Football 3, Basketball 3, Baseball 3; Track 1; Major-Pre-Law; Ambition-Legal Practice; Hobbies-Skiiing, Golf; 40-Yd. Time-4.8.

Mark Stahl

DB

11

Fr., 6-1, 175
Bowling Green, Ky.
After two steady seasons as defensive back, he was moved to the flanker post last fall, where he gives the position added dimension as a deep threat... scored against Akron with 77-yard reception... good speed, good hands... continuing to learn patterns and other offensive wrinkles that should make him more valuable as season progresses... also used on punt returns... ran on State champion high school mile relay team.

PERSONAL INFO: Parents-Mr. and Mrs. Paul Thomas (Father, Army, Mother, Housewife). High School-Fl. Campbell, Ky. H.S. Coach-Marshall Patterson (Tennessee Tech); H.S. Letters-Football 4, Basketball 3, Track 4. Major-Physical Education; Ambition-Teaching or Business; Hobbies-Basketball, Tennis; Married, one child: 40-Yd. Time 4.7.

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TACKLES-ASSISTS 1976 64
JIMMY THOMAS Sr., 5-8, 175 Ft. Campbell, Ky.

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Missed spring practice with leg injury after playing as back-up bandit back last fall... good hitter... particularly adept at "jamming" wide running plays... brother of former Hilltopper track standout Joe Thomas.

PERSONAL INFO: Parents-Mr. and Mrs. George Tinius (Father, Teacher; Mother, Telephone Operator), High School-Our Lady of Providence '74; H.S. Coach-Gene Santini (Louisville); H.S. Letters-Football 2; Basketball 1, Track 4. Major-Physical Education; Ambition-Teaching; Hobbies-Sports, Collecting; 40-Yd. Time 4.8.

JIM TINUIS BB 26 So., 6-0, 205 New Albany, Ind.

TACKLES-ASSISTS 1976 6-4
BRAD TODD TE 85 Fr., 6-2, 200 Sonora, Ky.

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Led OVC in tackles for losses last season as defensive tackle... moved to end in spring drills... super quickness could make him league's premier pass rusher from that position... kind of athlete who could play almost any position... one of the fastest linemen around... led 1976 team in fumble recoveries with three.

PERSONAL INFO: Parents-Mr. and Mrs. Williams Towns (Father, Mason; Mother, Housewife). High School-Male '74; H.S. Coach-Norl Hummel, H.S. Letters-Football 3, Track 3. Major-Physical Education; Ambition-Pro Ball, Hobby-Bowling; 40-Yd. Time 4.7.

TONY TOWNS DE Jr., 6-2, 220 Louisville, Ky.
1977 OUTLOOK

Western Kentucky's Hilltoppers will have 14 of 22 starters returning from the 1976 team that finished 4-5-1, giving Head Coach Jimmy Feix and his staff a solid foundation with which to face the 1977 season.

However, that doesn't mean that the Hilltopper coaching staff didn't have a lot of work planned for spring practice and fall camp.

"With that kind of experience, we're not as likely to beat ourselves this fall," said Feix. "But we have plenty to get accomplished before we head into a new season.

"For one thing, we've got to find some depth. We have, for the most part, reserve strength from last year to fill in the vacated spots in the starting lineup. But that means we'll have to find some more capable back-up people."

Another of the big tasks that must be completed before the season opener is the installation of a new offense. The Hilltoppers are scrapping the '1' formation they've run for several years now, going to a split backfield set.

"The '1' has been good to us," Feix reflected, "but we lost our first two fullbacks via graduation — and you must have good, experienced fullbacks to be effective with that particular offensive set.

"Then, too, we feel the split backfield will allow us to play both Jimmy Woods and Lawrence Jeffer son at the same time, giving us a lot more speed. It should also allow us to take better advantage of Doug Bartholomew's passing ability."

Woods, a nifty tailback, was named to the All-Ohio Valley Conference team last season after carrying the ball for 859 yards in 233 attempts. Jeffer son led the 1975 Hilltoppers in rushing, also from the tailback slot, with 554 yards in 197 attempts, but missed nearly all of the 1976 season after undergoing knee surgery.

Both players will be juniors this fall.

Bartholomew came off the bench late in the 1976 campaign to win the starting quarterback spot and racked up 585 yards passing in only three games.

Perhaps the biggest gap to be filled on offense is the one left by the graduation of Dave Carter, a four-year starter and one of the nation's premier centers. His loss will be lessened somewhat by the return of Chip Carpenter at guard, a senior who could well rank as a prime All-America candidate.

The Hilltoppers plan no changes in their defensive style, although there is some slack to be taken up with the loss of cornerbacks Steve Carrico and Roy Kesterson. Veteran Fred Kixmiller and Randall Burbage will be worked back into the defensive secondary after missing all of last season with injuries.

Senior linebacker Biff Madon, last year's OVC Defensive Player of the Year, will be back to set the defensive pace.

In summing up Western's prospects, Feix said, "Offensively, we should be more wide open, with more speed and more point production. Defensively, we should be fairly solid again. "The kick return game will come in for a lot of work. Eddie Preston will be back to return punts after missing most of last season with a broken leg, along with Mike Gray and Jimmy Thomas.

"As always, a lot will depend on our injury situation as the season progresses and how much depth we can find. We feel we signed some outstanding freshmen and we'll be disappointed if several of them can't come in and provide us some very capable reserves almost from the very beginning."

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1977 DEPTH CHART*

OFFENSE

TIGHT END ................................................. BENNETT, Todd
STRONG TACKLE ............................................ Rich, GATES
STRONG GUARD ............................................ LEWIS, GATES, Kaiser
CENTER ........................................................ BEARD, LEWIS, Hunt
QUICK GUARD .............................................. CARPENTER, HINES, GATES
QUICK TACKLE ............................................... ALSUP, Bereiter
SPLIT END ...................................................... PRESTON, SHEEHAN, THOMAS
QUARTERBACK ............................................ BARTHOLOMEW, LARIMORE, Hall
FLANKER ....................................................... LINDSEY, Drake, THOMAS
FULLBACK ..................................................... JEFFERSON, HAYES
TAILBACK ..................................................... WOODS, HAYES

DEFENSE

LEFT END ..................................................... TOWNS, Horne
LEFT TACKLE ................................................ R. HAYDEN, ROGAN
RIGHT TACKLE ............................................... D. JONES, ROGAN, TOWNS
RIGHT END .................................................... WOODRUFF, HARDIN
BANGER (STRONG) BANDIT ................................ A. HAYDEN, Smith
MAULER (STRONG) LINEBACKER ....................... ESTELLE, B. Gray
ROVER (QUICK) LINEBACKER ............................ MADON, DeLACEY
WHAMMER (QUICK) BANDIT ................................ HAIRE, Snardon, TINIUS
DEEP BACK .................................................... J. JONES, Burbage
DEEP BACK .................................................... ATKINSON, KIXMILLER, Stahl
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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. 2, 1974
  - Western 36, Morehead 0

**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 47 games before the "old grads," compiling a record of 31 wins, 14 losses, and 2 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 58 season-openers, The Hilltoppers have put together a record of 39 victories, 13 defeats, and 6 ties, with no score available for the 1916 season.
HILLTOPPER TRAVEL PLANS

September 17 – AKRON at Akron, 6:30 p.m.*
Leave Bowling Green via air charter at 9:45 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 17. Team headquarters (day rooms) at Ramada Inn, Akron. Return to Bowling Green at approximately 1 a.m., Sunday, Sept. 18.

September 24 – AUSTIN PEAY at Clarksville, 7:30 p.m.*
Leave Bowling Green via bus charter at 2 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 24. Return to Bowling Green following game.

October 8 – NORTHERN MICHIGAN at Marquette, 12:30 p.m.*
Leave Bowling Green via air charter at 10:45 a.m., Friday, Oct. 7. Team headquarters at Ramada Inn Friday night. Return to Bowling Green following game, arriving at approximately 8:30 p.m.

October 22 – EASTERN KENTUCKY at Richmond, 1 p.m.*
Leave Bowling Green via bus charter at 10 a.m., Friday, Oct. 21, with afternoon workout scheduled at Woodford County High School, Versailles. Team headquarters Friday night at Sheraton Inn South, Lexington. Return to Bowling Green following game.

November 5 – MIDDLE TENNESSEE at Murfreesboro, 1:30 p.m.*
Leave Bowling Green via bus charter at 4:30 p.m., Friday, Nov. 4, following workout in L. T. Smith Stadium. Team headquarters Friday night at Ramada Inn, Murfreesboro. Return to Bowling Green following game.

1977 INCOMING FRESHMEN

DAVID CROSS - 6-1, 195 pounds; Linebacker-Fullback; 4.8 seconds for 40 yards; Castle High School; Newburg, Ind.

CHARLES DILLARD - 5-11, 185 pounds; Tailback-Defensive Back; 4.5; Central High School; Woodbury, Tenn.

CRAIG FREEMAN - 5-9, 165 pounds; Tailback; 4.4; Oak Ridge High School; Oak Ridge, Tenn.

CHARLES GALLAS - 6-2, 220 pounds; Defensive Tackle-Offensive Center; 5.2; West Jefferson High School; West Jefferson, Ohio.

RICKY GWINN - 6-3, 195 pounds; Tailback-Linebacker; 4.8; Hillwood High School; Nashville, Tenn.

PRESTON HOLT - 6-3, 235 pounds; Tight End-Defensive Tackle; 4.9; East High School; Nashville, Tenn.

MARTY JAGGERS - 6-1, 190 pounds; Quarterback-Defensive back; 4.8; Trigg County High School; Cadiz, Ky.

DEWEY JAMESON - 6-1, 205 pounds; Running Back-Defensive Back; 4.8; Wheelwright High School; Wheelwright, Ky.

NATHAN JONES - 5-10, 170 pounds; Running Back-Defensive Back; 4.7; Madisonville-North Hopkins High School; Madisonville, Ky.

KEVIN KAST - 6-2, 230 pounds; Tackle; 5.0; Tell City High School; Tell City, Ind.

WILLIAM SMITH - 6-2, 200 pounds; Defensive End-Offensive Guard; 4.7; Maplewood High School; Nashville, Tenn.

PETE WALTERS - 6-2, 225 pounds; Fullback-Linebacker; 5.0; Webster County High School; Dixon, Ky.
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**POSITION DESIGNATION**
- **Offense:** Fl-Flanker; SpE-Split End; TE-Tight End; OT-Offensive Tackle; G-Guard; C-Center; QB-Quarterback; TB-Tailback
- **Defense:** DE-Defensive End; DT-Defensive Tackle; BB-Bandit Back (Cornerback); LB-Linebacker; DB-Deep Back
- **Specialists:** P-Punter; PK-Place Kicker

**NUMERICAL**
- No. Player Pos. Class
**OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE PLAYERS OF THE YEAR**

**Offensive**
1967 – Dickie Moore, FB

**Defensive**
1963 – John Mutcher, E
1969 – Lawrence Brame, E
1970 – Lawrence Brame, E
1973 – Lonnie Schuster, T
1974 – Virgil Livers, DB
1976 – Bif 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
**GAME 1**

**UT-CHATANNOOGA. . .
September 10**

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

Location: Chattanooga, Tenn. 37401  
Nickname: Moccasins

Founded: 1886  
Colors: Navy Blue-Gold

Enrollment: 6,500  
'76 Conf. Record: Finish: None

Conference: Southern  
'76 Overall Record: 6-4-1

Coach: Joe Morrison (Cincinnati '59)  
Lettermen Lost: 13

Record: 4 yrs., 19-23-2  
Lettermen Returning: 41

Assistant: Joe Lee Dunn, Bob Feaster, Roy Gregory, Frank Sadler, Henry Sorrell

AD: Harold Wilkes

The Moccasins will open the 1977 season with the momentum gained from a 4-1-1 finish in their final six games a year ago, a wind-up that gave UT-C its first winning season since 1968.

Two experienced quarterbacks, Doug Elstad and Tony Merendino, return to head the offense, along with proven blockers in center Garfield Wells and guard Pete Pullara. The team's top offensive needs are for a solid receiver to replace graduated Larry Stokes and a consistent ball-carrier to pace the rushing game.

Defensively, a lot of experience returns with the exception of linebackers, where a replacement must be found for All-American Tim Collins.

The Mocs' punting game is sound with the return of Greg Cater, the NCAA's third best punter last fall. Joe Zeman, tagged to handle the place-kicking, has great range but his accuracy is unproven in game situations.

**1976 GAME**

(Sept. 18 at Chattanooga)

| Western Ky. | 0 3 7 0-10 |
| UT-Chatt. | 7 0 0 0-7 |
| UT-C—Ed Richardson, 6, pass from Doug Elstad (Rodney Ledford kick); WKU—Dave Betz, 23, FG; WKU—Bill Smith, 1, run (Betz kick). |

| WK | UTC |
| First Downs | 15 | 11 |
| Total Offense | 197 | 148 |
| Yards Rushing | 199 | 124 |
| Yards Passing | 2 | 24 |
| Passes | 3-15 | 3-11 |
| Passes Intercepted By | 4 | 1 |
| Punts-Average | 44.2 | 47.8 |
| Fumbles Lost | 0 | 0 |
| Penalties-Yardage | 11-85 | 6-69 |

**THE SERIES**

(Tied, 1-1-0)

| Year | WK-UTC |
| Year | 1927 | 1976 |
| Western Ky. | 6-42 | 10-7 |

**GAME 2**

**AKRON. . .September 17**

At Rubber Bowl (35,482, Akron, 6:30 p.m. (CDT)

Location: Akron, Ohio 44325  
Nickname: Zips

Founded: 1870  
Colors: Blue-Gold

Enrollment: 22,500  
'76 Overall Record: 10-3-0

Conference: Independent  
Lettermen Lost: 15

Coach: Jim Dennison (Wooster '60)  
Lettermen Returning: 32

Record: 4 yrs., 28-17-0  
SID: Ken MacDonald

Assistant: Archie Strimel, Dale Liston, Tom Flaherty, Jim Tressel  
Office: 216—375-7468

AD: Gordon Larson

Perhaps sufficient warning concerning the Zips potential should come from the fact that they have exactly the same number of lettermen returning (32) and lost (15) as last season, when they went 10-3 and were NCAA Division II national runners-up.

Akron will have an outstanding quarterback in Marty Bezbatchenko, who passed for 872 yards and 7 TDs last season, but will have to replace its two top running backs of '76, Billy Mills and Greg Thurman, along with several proven performers in the offensive line.

Linebackers Steve Cockermah and Keith Luck will anchor the defense, which has solid experience everywhere with the possible exception of the secondary. The Zips also have to replace punter Jim Stocker and feel they need to bolster their punt return game, as well.

**1976 GAME**

(Nov. 13, at Bowling Green)

| Western Ky. | 3 6 0 7-16 |
| Akron | 7 14 5 3-29 |

| WKU-Dave Betz, 30, FG; A-Dave Axner, 2, run (Jim Embick kick); A-Billy Mills, 10, run (Embick kick); A-Axner, 14, pass from Marty Bezbatchenko (Embick kick); WKU-Jimmy Thomas, 77, pass from Doug Bartholomew (kick failed); A-Safety, Bartholomew stepped out of end zone; A-Embick, 37, FG; WKU-Jimmy Woods, 48, pass from Bartholomew (Barry Henry kick); A-Embick, 44, FG. |

| WK | A |
| First Downs | 17 | 14 |
| Total Offense | 365 | 276 |
| Yards Rushing | 80 | 185 |
| Yards Passing | 285 | 91 |
| Passes | 15-23 | 5-13 |
| Passes Intercepted By | 1 | 4 |
| Punts-Average | 43.4 | 37.7 |
| Fumbles Lost | 0 | 0 |
| Penalties-Yardage | 6-10 | 6-60 |
GAME 3

AUSTIN PEAY. September 24
At Municipal Stadium (10,000), Clarksville, 7:30 p.m. (CDT)

Location: Clarksville, Tenn. 37040
Founded: 1927
Enrollment: 4,000

Conference: Ohio Valley
Coach: Boots Donnelly (Middle Tenn. '65)
Record: First Year
Assistants: John Jennings, Ed Bunio, Bubba Hooker, Duke Shackelford
AD: Dr. George Fisher

First-year Coach Boots Donnelly said he was encouraged by several things last April as the Governors neared the end of spring practice.

"Waddell Whitehead and Ernest Fletcher should provide us with two big, powerful runners," he said. "And Keith Wright and Steve Brewer are even at quarterback. One of the big improvements has been our offensive line."

Both Wright and Brewer will probably have to beat out veteran Randy Christophel, who missed most of spring practice, along with top receiver Donnie Gregory switched from tight end to fullback, and Linc Jarvis shifted from offensive guard to defensive end.

The quarterback situation did not become crystal clear in the spring, with both Hutsell and Sammy Simpson making a solid bid for the starting post.

Two All-OVC selections, linebacker Bob Bible and tackle James Green, will head Austin Peay's defensive unit, along with end Ron Sebree.

1976 GAME
(Sept. 25 at Bowling Green)
Western Ky. 0 0 3 9-12
Austen Peay 0 7 0 0-7
AP-Coveak Moody, 6, pass from Randy Brewer stepped out of end zone: WKU- 1946 25-6 1968 42-0
Christophel (Mike Meadow kick); WKU-
Dave Betz, 48, FG; WKU-Safety, Steve 1958 34-16 1969 27-28
Brewer stepped out of end zone: WKU- 1940 20-0 1966 7-3
David Preston, 92, pass from Billy Smith 1941 38-0 1967 31-6
(Betz kick).

THE SERIES
(Western leads, 19-2-1)

Most Decisive: WK 42-0, 1968
AP 38-6, 1965

Year WK-Ap Year WK-Ap
1960 20-12 1970 28-9
1959 34-16 1969 27-28
1960 34-6 1971 46-7
1961 26-6 1972 28-7
1961 34-6 1971 46-7
1960 21-13 1973 28-0
1962 277 277
1963 34-14 1974 34-7
1964 6-6 1973 30-3
1965 6-38 1976 12-7
1961 18 18
First Downs 13 18
Total Offense 277 277
Yards rushing 101 147
Yards Passing 176 190
Passes 9-21 11-17
Passes Intercepted By 0 2
Punts-Average 9-43.3 10-39.9
Fumbles Lost 0 2
Penalties-Yards 7-81 8-84

GAME 4

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

Location: Johnson City, Tenn. 37601
Founded: 1911
Enrollment: 10,300
Conference: Ohio Valley
Coach: Roy Frazier (East Tenn. '64)
Record: 4 yrs., 13-27-2
Assistants: L. T. Helton, Tommy Hundley, Miles Aldridge, Darrell Watson, Larry Beckman, Denny Williams, Frank Butte
AD: Madison Brooks

In addition to looking forward to finally getting into their new "mini-dome" stadium, the Buccaneers promised another new wrinkle this season. They experimented with the 1 formation last spring to complement the veer offense they have used over the past few seasons.

They also shifted some personnel in an effort to bolster positions depleted by graduation. Veteran running back George Fugate was moved to linebacker, Levi Robinson went from receiver to the defensive backfield, Mike Gregory switched from tight end to fullback, and Linc Jarvis shifted from offensive guard to defensive end.

The quarterback situation did not become crystal clear in the spring, with both Mark Hutsell and Sammy Simpson making a solid bid for the starting post. Running back Jimmy Dykes missed a lot of spring practice with a hamstring injury, but should be back at his old stand this fall.

1976 GAME
(Oct. 2 at Johnson City)
Western Ky. 0 7 0 9-16
East Tenn. 21 7 7 7-28
ET-Gary Jennings, 2, run (Bobby Neff kick); 1953 24-6 1965 15-14
ET-Tom Pongratz, 43, pass from Jennings 1954 24-6 1966 24-7
(Neff kick); ET-Dennis Law, 19, pass from
Jennings (Neff kick); WKU-Kirby Bennett, 17, pass from Billy Smith (Dave Betz kick); 1955 20-7 1967 6-3
ET-Doug Parham, 8, pass from Jennings 1956 12-7 1968 23-0
(Neff kick); WKU-Eddie Preston, 33, pass from Doug Davis (Betz kick); WKU-Safety, Biff Madon tackled George Fugate in end zone.

THE SERIES
(Western leads, 16-6-2)

Most Decisive: WK 30-0, 1973
ET 27-7, 1962

Year WK-ET Year WK-ET
1961 32-14 1973 30-0
1958 0-8 1970 10-10
1957 10-6 1969 7-16
1956 12-7 1968 23-0
1955 20-7 1967 6-3
1954 24-6 1966 24-7
1953 24-6 1965 15-14
ET-Doug Parham, 8, pass from Jennings 1951 27-7 1962 17-7
(Jeff Leek) WKU-Eddie Preston, 33, pass from Doug Davis (Betz kick); WKU-Safety, Biff Madon tackled George Fugate in end zone.

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NORTHERN MICHIGAN...

October 8

At Memorial Field (8,500), Marquette, 12:30 p.m. (CDT)

Location: Marquette, Mich. 49855
Nickname: Wildcats
Colors: Old Gold-Olive Green
'76 Conf. Record, Finish: '76 Overall Record: 12-2-0
Record: 3 yrs., 26-12-0
Assistant: Herb Grenke, Tony DeBiase, Bill Rademacher, Carl Nystrom
SID: Gil Heard
Office: 906-227-2720
Home: 906-226-8880

The prospects for the 1977 Wildcats look just about as bright as they did for the 1975 team that won the NCAA Division II title with a 16-14 win over Western Kentucky and the 1976 crew that went to the semifinals before being eliminated.

Hilltopper fans will remember NMU quarterbacking ace Steve Mariucci from the '75 playoffs. He's back again after ranking sixth among Division II players in total offense last fall, along with ball-carriers Reggie Webster and Randy Awrey, who combined for 1,803 rushing yards a year ago. Top offensive problem for the Wildcats is finding replacements for four graduated linemen.

Defensively, NMU will be headed by end Carl Ulmer, linebacker Randy Zimmerman and safety Joe Stemo. The 'Cats will have to fill spots left by three defensive linemen and a trio of defensive backs.

Northern Michigan averaged 464 yards and 43 points per game last year, ranking nationally third and first in those categories. They held opponents to only 9.5 points per game.

1976 GAME

(The Western trails, 0-1-0)

THE SERIES

1975 14-16

1976 GAME

(None)

TEENSEEE TECH...

October 15

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

Location: Cookeville, Tenn. 38501
Nickname: Golden Eagles
Colors: Purple-Gold
'76 Conf. Record, Finish: '76 Overall Record: 8-3-0
Record: 9 yrs., 53-41-1
Assistant: Fred Francis, Jack Henderson, SID: Bob Dickinson
Office: 615-528-3215
Home: 615-526-8463

Tech worked hard last spring to find replacements in its defensive line, since the Eagles had only four starters coming back from the '76 defensive unit. Most likely candidates to fill the voids up front are tackles Rodna Rockymore and Dub Cofer and end Barry Courtney.

Linebackers Mark Shrum and Steve Jellicorse return, with help to come from John Deathridge and Bob Britton. The entire secondary is relatively inexperienced.

Center John Scoble will anchor the offensive line, but Coach Don Wade will have to plug gaps left by All-American tackle Ed Burns, tackle John Yokosuk and guard Don McDaniel.

The skill positions may be pat, with quarterback Milton Jenkins, running backs Cecil Fore, Lamar Mike, Jesse Dorsey and James Burse all coming back, along with receivers Craig Rolle, Joe Ware and Mike Vise.

1976 GAME

(Oct. 16 at Cookeville)

THE SERIES

(Western leads 20-19-1)

Most Decisive: WK 56-0, 1967

1922 9-27
1933 3-7
1934 19-29
1935 7-10
1936 12-13
1937 24-7
1938 14-12
1939 19-14
1940 6-46
1941 14-21
1942 15-7
1943 3-7
1944 21-34
1945 41-0
1946 6-32
1947 6-32
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Passes Intercepted By 1 2
Punts-Average 8-40.5 8.44.1
Fumbles Lost 2 4
Penalties-Average 7-85 4-47

1976 GAME

(Teennese Trail, 0-1-0)

THE SERIES

1975 14-16

1976 GAME

(None)
The Colonels will have a solid group of returnees from the 1976 OVC championship team, headed by senior quarterback Ernie House, last season’s co-OVC Offensive Player of the Year. He led the league in total offense with 1,471 yards, completing more than 53 per cent of his passes.

Teammate Everett Talbert, the tailback who shared the Offensive player of the Year honors with House, is gone, but EKU has two other capable tailbacks returning in Scott McAlist and Jerry Mitchell, along with veteran fullback Steve Stoughton. They may have the most trouble replacing wide receiver Elmo Boyd and tackle Alan Monroe, as far as the offensive unit is concerned.

Defensively, the Colonels should be extremely strong up front and inexperienced in the secondary. Only tackle Bobby Parker and his staff will have to find replacements for linebacker Greg Kirk of, cornerbacks Terry Roberts and Fred Young and safety Steve Hess.
GAME 9

MIDDLE TENNESSEE...

November 5

(At Jones Field (15,000), Murfreesboro, 1:30 p.m. (CST)

Location: Murfreesboro, Tenn. 37132
Founded: 1911
Enrollment: 9,701
Conference: Ohio Valley
Coach: Ben Hurt (Middle Tenn. '57)
Record: 2 yrs., 8-14-0
Assistants: Jim Sypult, Marshall Taylor, Ray Hughes, Myers Parsons
AD: Charles M. Murphy
Offence

Total Offense 291 178
1976

Yr. WK-MT Yr. WK-MT Yr. WK-MT
1914 1900 1915 1967 1916 1917
1914 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0
1915 13-0 13-0 13-0 13-0
1916 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0
1917 13-0 13-0 13-0 13-0

THE SERIES
(1964 and 1915)

MT 47-0, 1914 and 1915

Nickname: Blue Raiders
Colors: Blue-White
'76 Conf. Record, Finish: 2-5-0
(7th, TIE)
'76 Overall Record: 4-7-0

Punts-Average 5-31.2 10-43.3
Fumbles Lost 1 4
Penalties-Yardage 7-99 11-94

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The only question mark is at linebacker, where Jim Dunter graduated. Mo Bell is slated to move in there, flanked by Tony Buck and Stan Wright.

THE SERIES
(Western leads, 22-20-1)

MT 47-0, 1914 and 1915

Year WK-MT Year WK-MT Year WK-MT
1914 1900 1915 1967 1916 1917
1914 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0
1915 13-0 13-0 13-0 13-0
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WITH 78 COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES
58 SEASONS: 316 WINS, 171 LOSSES, 27 TIES: 64.1%

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**RECORDS AND HIGHLIGHTS**
1976 WESTERN FOOTBALL STATISTICS

(Bold face type indicates returnees)

TEAM
WESTERN OPPONENTS

147 First Downs........................ 136
453 Rushing Attempts................. 470
1718 Yards Gained Rushing........... 1697
288 Yards Lost Rushing.......... 309
1430 Net Yards Rushing............... 1388
238 Passes Attempted................ 170
93 Passes Completed............... 76
15 Passes Intercepted By......... 21

1161 Net Yards Passing............. 1219
6 Scoring Passes..................... 6
691 Total Plays..................... 640
2591 Total Net Offense............. 2607
350 Return Yardage................ 492
78 Number of Punts................. 79
3202 Yards Punted.................. 3211
41.1 Punting Average................ 40.7
0 Punts Had Blocked................. 1
36-15 Fumbles-Fumbles Lost......... 35-22
65 Total Penalties.................. 59
725 Yards Penalized............... 558
14 Touchdowns........................ 20
12-14 PATs (Kicks, Made-Att.)..... 17-19
0-0 PATs (Run-Pass, Made-Att.)... 1
10-14 Field Goals (Made-Att.)..... 4-10
2 Safeties................................ 1
130 Total Points..................... 153

RUSHING
Jimmy Woods 233 859 3.7
Arnold Snardon 65 266 4.1
Mike Hayes 36 125 3.5
Pat Malone 28 119 4.3
Lawrence Jefferson 9 35 3.9
Tony Logan 0 35 3.5
Bill Smith 24 16 0.7
Walt Herod 3 10 3.3
Myron Greenfield 2 9 4.5
Greg Hines 4 8 2.0
Eddie Preston 7 8 1.1
Steve Larimore 7 -4 -0.6
Doug Davis 22 -18 -0.8
Doug Bartholomew 13 -38 -2.9
TOTALS 453 1430 3.2

PASSING
Bartholomew 76 42 9 585 3 .550
Smith 81 31 7 388 2 .380
Davis 65 17 2 168 1 .260
Larimore 15 3 3 20 0 .200
Woods 1 0 0 0 0 .000
TOTALS 238 93 21 1161 6 .390

TOTAL OFFENSE
Player Att. Rush Pass Total
Jimmy Woods 234 859 0 859
Doug Bartholomew 89 -38 585 547
Bill Smith 105 16 388 404
Doug Davis 87 -18 168 150
Steve Larimore 22 -4 20 16

PASS RECEIVING
Player No. Yds. TDs PAT
Billy Lindsey 32 365 1 0
Jimmy Woods 19 140 1 0
Eddie Preston 10 222 2 0
Myron Greenfield 9 106 0 0
Mike Hayes 7 75 0 0
Walt Herod 5 47 0 0
Paul Sheehan 4 79 0 0
Kirby Bennett 2 23 1 0
Lawrence Jefferson 2 14 0 0
Jimmy Thomas 1 77 1 0
Pat Malone 1 11 0 0
Arnold Snardon 1 2 0 0
TOTALS 93 1161 6 0

KICKOFF RETURNS
Player No. Yds. TDs Avg.
Jimmie Woods 16 354 0 22.1
Jimmie Thomas 10 204 1 20.4
Eddie Preston 3 55 0 18.3
Mike Hayes 2 32 0 16.0
Lawrence Jefferson 1 16 0 16.0
TOTALS 27 545 1 20.1

INTERCEPTION RETURNS
Player No. Yds. TDs Avg.
Carl Estelle 3 68 0 22.7
James Jones 2 66 0 33.0
James Atkinson 2 34 0 17.0
Roy Kesterson 2 11 0 5.5
Mike Gray 2 0 0 0.0
Biff Madon 1 16 0 16.0
Alfred Hayden 1 15 0 15.0
Steve Carrico 1 2 0 2.0
Jimmy Thomas 1 0 0 0.0
TOTALS 14 212 0 15.1

SCORING
Player TD K R P FG Pts.
Dave Betz 0 8-10 0 0 10-14 38
Jimmie Woods 5 0 0 0 0-0 30
Eddie Preston 2 0 0 0 0-0 12
Jimmie Thomas 2 0 0 0 0-0 12
Bill Smith 1 0 0 0 0-0 6
Tony Logan 1 0 0 0 0-0 6
Kirby Bennett 1 0 0 0 0-0 6
Billy Lindsey 1 0 0 0 0-0 6
Steve Larimore 1 0 0 0 0-0 6
Barry Henry 0 3-3 0 0 0-0 3
Kreis McGuire 0 1-1 0 0 0-0 1
Safety 0 0 0 0 0-0 4
TOTALS 14 12-14 0 0 10-14 130

MAIN TACKLES-ASSISTS
Biff Madon 90-58, Tony Towns 78-51,
Reginald Hayden 67-32, Carl Estelle 43-28,
Keith Tandy 43-22, Steve Carrico 36-13,
Jim Atkinson 31-16, Roy Kesterson 30-10,
Myron Greenfield 23-14, James Jones 18-6,
Mike Gray 17-6, Charles Woodruff 17-4,
Lonnie Hardin 13-8, Ellis Hollowman 11-6,
Alfred Hayden 10-1,
Charles DeLacey 6-5, Jim Tinius 6-4,
Bill Murpheree 6-2, Tony Logan 6-1,
Billy Lindsey 6-0, Jimmy Thomas 5-7,
Joe Easterling 4-4, Chip Carpenter 4-1,
Dave Carter 3-1, Nate Huggins 3-1,
Arnold Snardon 2-1, Paul Sheehan 2-1,
Darryl Jones 2-1, Carl Brazyleet 2-0,
Jimmy Woods 2-0, Billy Linville 1-0,
Kirby Bennett 1-0,
Dave Betz 1-0, Walt Herod 1-0,
Dwight Lewis 1-0.

TACKLES FOR LOSSES (No.-Yds.)
Tony Towns 20-82, Reginald Hayden 19-47,
Biff Madon 9-32, Keith Tandy 8-26,
Steve Carrico 6-33, Roy Kesterson 6-15,
Carl Estelle 5-9, Charles Woodruff 2-12,
Jim Atkinson 2-11, Myron Greenfield 2-7,
Lonnie Hardin 2-5, Alfred Hayden 1-1.

FUMBLE RECOVERIES
Tony Towns 3, Steve Carrico 3, Carl Estelle 2,
Reginald Hayden 2, James Jones 2,
Biff Madon 2, Roy Kesterson 2, Joe Easterling 1,
Paul Sheehan 1, Myron Greenfield 1,
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TOTAL OFFENSE
MOST PLAYS: 777 (10 games, 1969)
MOST NET YARDS: 4,071 (10 games, 1973)
HIGHEST PER GAME AVERAGE: 425.8 (9 games, 1962)
MOST FIRST Downs: 197 (10 games, 1973)
MOST PENALTIES AGAINST: 81 (10 games, 1953)
MOST YARDS PENALIZED: *919 (10 games, 1968)
MOST FUMBLES LOST: 26 (9 games, 1957)
RUSHING
MOST RUSHING PLAYS: 518 (10 games, 1963)
HIGHEST PER GAME AVERAGE: 262.2 (9 games, 1963)
HIGHEST PER PLAY AVERAGE: 4.8 (10 games, 1963)
MOST FIRST Downs: 122 (10 games, 1963)
PASSING
MOST PASSES ATTEMPTED: 325 (10 games, 1969)
MOST COMPLETIONS: 163 (10 games, 1964)
HIGHEST PER GAME AVERAGE: 163.9 (9 games, 1963)
HIGHEST COMPLETION PERCENTAGE: 0.121 (126 of 206, 1965)
MOST FIRST Downs: 96 (10 games, 1973)
MOST PASSES HAD INTERCEPTED: 25 (10 games, 1964)
MOST TOUCHDOWN PASSES: *25 (10 games, 1973)
KICKING
MOST PUNTS: 612 (Dick Moore, 1965-66-67-68)
MOST TOUCHDOWNS: 365 (Gary Moore, 1970, 72)
HIGHEST AVERAGE PER PLAY: 6.220 (Gary Moore, 1970, 72)
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TOTAL OFFENSE
MOST PLAYS: 493 (10 games, 1967)
MOST NET YARDS: 1,741 (10 games, 1967)
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Most yards by receiver:

Most receives: 17 (Bob Bilyeu, 1951)

Most yards received: 432 (Jim Garrett, 1966)

Scoring

Most points:

-114 (Duce Moore, 1967)

Most touchdowns:

-19 (Duce Moore, 1967)

Most extra points:

-34 (Tom Atwood, 1967)

Field goals:

-7 (Steve Wilson, 1971)

Defense

Most passes intercepted:

-9 (Mike McCoy, 1973)

Most interceptions returned:

-139 (Mike McCoy, 1973)

Total offense

Most plays:

-669 (Johnny Vance vs. Akron, 1969)

Most net yards:

-426 (Johnny Vance vs. Akron, 1969)

Highest punting average:

-432 (Jim Garrett, 1966)

Rushing

Most rushing plays:

-177 (Clarence Johnson vs. Butler, 1971)

Highest average per carry (Min. of 5 carries):

-18.6 (130 yds. in 7 carries, vs. Bob Murt, 1961)

Passing

Most passes attempted:

-195 (Johnny Vance vs. Akron, 1969)

Most completions:

-73 (Johnny Vance vs. Akron, 1969)

Most yards passing:

-413 (Johnny Vance vs. Akron, 1969)

Most completions in percentage

(Min. of 10 att.):

-800 (16 of 20, Jimmy Fox vs. Delta State, 1962)

Most yardage intercepted:

-1,051 (Johnny Fox vs. Akron, 1969)

Most touchdown passes:

-4 (Johnny Vance vs. Western Ill., 1968)

-P (Leu Peckemquay vs. Murray, 1973)

Pass receiving

Most catches:

-17 (Bob Bilyeu, 1951)

Most yards receiving:

-432 (Jim Garrett, 1966)

Year-by-Year with the Hilltoppers

Western

Opp.

1913 (1-0-0)

Coaches: M. A. Leiper

20 Elizabethown H.S.

0

1914 (1-0-0)

Coach: J. L. Arthur

0 Middle Tenn.

47

1915 (2-3-2)

Coach: J. L. Arthur

0 Eastern Ky.

20

1916

(Bob Harkin vs. State, 1966)

14 Bethel (Ky.)

14

1917-1919

No Team - World War I

1920 (0-1-0)

Coach: L. T. Smith

0 Middle Tenn.

13

1921 (2-4-1)

Coach: L. T. Smith

0 Union (Ky.)

30

1922

(Scored) 37 Eastern Ky.

12

1923 (2-1-0)

Coach: E. A. Diddle

0 Louisville

12

1924 (4-5-0)

Coach: E. A. Diddle

0 Middle Tenn.

7

1925 (3-4-1)

Coach: E. A. Diddle

0 Bethel (Ky.)

14

1926

(June 1926) 75 Middle Tenn.

18

1927

(Scored) 37 Eastern Ky.

12

1928 (8-1-0)

Coach: E. A. Diddle

0 Western Tenn.

13

1929 (3-7-0)

Coach: Carl Anderson

0 Middle Tenn.

7

1930 (8-1-0)

Coach: James Elam

0 Louisville

12

1931

(Scored)

0 Middle Tenn.

7

1932

(Scored)

0 Middle Tenn.

7

1933

(Scored)

0 Middle Tenn.

7

1934 (5-2-1)

Coach: Carl Anderson

0 Western Tenn.

13

1935 (3-7-0)

Coach: Carl Anderson

0 Western Ky.

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### NCAA Division II Playoffs

#### First Round
- Bowling Green, Ky.
  - 25 Lehigh

#### Semifinals
- Grantland Rice Bowl: Season: 1974 (7-3-0)
  - Coaches: Jimmy Feix
  - Games:
    - 48 C.W. Post 0
    - 35 Austin Peay 7
    - 32 Dayton 15
    - 6 @ Tenn. Tech 10
    - 34 Eastern Ky. 24
    - 36 Morehead 0
    - 36 Middle Tenn. 10
    - 2 @ Western Carolina 20
    - @ Murray 9

#### Second Round
- Grantland Rice Bowl: Season: 1976 (5-5-0)
  - Coaches: Jimmy Feix
  - Games:
    - 27 @ Dayton 7
    - 21 @ Louisville 17
    - 24 @ Illinois St. 14
    - 30 @ Austin Peay 3
    - 17 East Tenn. 0
    - 20 Tenn. Tech 7
    - 7 @ Eastern Ky. 13
    - 14 Morehead 10
    - 24 @ Middle Tenn. 10
    - @ Murray 0

#### Final Championship Game
- Western Kentucky vs. Murray State
  - 1976 (5-5-0)
  - Coaches: Jimmy Feix
  - Games:
    - 10 Troy St. 10
    - 10 UT-Chattanooga 7
    - 12 Austin Peay 7
    - 16 @ East Tenn. 28
    - 12 @ Tenn Tech 22
    - 10 Eastern Ky. 6
    - 0 @ Morehead 21
    - 38 Middle Tenn. 7
    - 16 Akron 29
    - @ Murray 16

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- Raphael Abell, '41-42, '46
- Jeff Alsup, '76
- 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
- Clarence 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
- Woody Barwick, '61-62
- Gus Basham, '20
- Floyd Bates, '23-24
- J.C. Batsel, '36-37
- Tom Battle, '49
- Nelson Baud, '30-32
- Earl Beam, '29-31
- Lewis Bean, '47-49
- Craig Beard, '75-76
- Arthur Bell, '14-15, '20
- Kirby Bennett, '76
- Dudley Berthold, '60-61
- Sonny Berthold, '53-55
- Buzzy Best, '60-62

**C**
- Dave Betz, '76
- George Bibich, '36-38
- Jim Biles, Mgr., '72-76
- Bob Bilyeu, '50-53
- Jack Binkley, '51-52
- Tom Bird, '65-66
- Glenn Blackburn, '62
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- William Bogdon, '50
- Roy Bonduarte, '64-67
- Pete Booker, '31-33
- Billy Booker, '58-61
- Dan Boone, '25-26
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- M.M. Botto, '24
- Harry Bowling, '39-41
- Bob Bradford, '56-59
- Sam Bradshaw, '29
- Lawrence Brame, '67-70
- Estill Branham, '54-56
- Carl Brazley, '76
- Jerry Brewer, '55-58
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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.

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 (1963-75) 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."

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
(First Round; Cedar Falls, La.)
Western 14, New Hampshire 3
(Semifinals; Rice Bowl; Baton Rouge, La.)
Western 14, Northern Michigan 16
(Finals; Camellia Bowl; Sacramento, Calif.)

1973 - NCAA Division II Playoffs - Western 25, Lehigh 16
(First Round; Bowling Green, Ky.)
Western 28, Grambling 20
(Semifinals; Rice Bowl; Baton Rouge, La.)
Western 0, Louisiana Tech 34
(Finals; Camellia Bowl; Sacramento, Calif.)
Western 27, Coast Guard 0

1963 - Tangerine Bowl -
(Orlando, Fla.)
1952 - Refrigerator Bowl -
(Evansville, Ind.)

ALL-TIME OVC STANDINGS

(The Current Members Only; Conference Games Only)

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1976 ALL-OVC TEAM

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TE - Keith Mescher, Morehead
T - Ed Burns, Tenn. Tech
T - Les Jones, Austin Peay
G - Chip Carpenter, Western Ky.
G - Joe Alvino, Eastern Ky.
C - Roosevelt Kelly, Eastern Ky.
WR - Elmo Boyd, Eastern Ky.
WR - Craig Rolle, Tenn. Tech
QB - Ernie House, Eastern Ky.
RB - Jimmy Woods, Western Ky.
RB - Everett Talbert, Eastern Ky.
RB - Mike Moore, Middle Tenn.
RB - Tony Harris, Morehead
PK - Hank Lagorce, Murray

DEFENSE

E - Keith Tandy, Western Ky.
E - Chuck Wempe, Murray
T - Joe Jachimowicz, Tenn. Tech
T - James Green, Austin Peay
MG - Charles Norman, East Tenn.
LB - Biff Madon, Western Ky.
LB - Bob Bible, Austin Peay
LB - Jerry Spaeath, Morehead
DB - Eddie McFarland, Murray
DB - Anthony Miller, Eastern Ky.
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SPEAKING OF DEFENSE

DID YOU KNOW THAT...

...Western ranks in the top 15 College Division teams in the nation over the 1963-72 decade in points allowed, giving up only 11.6 points per game?

...over the past 14 seasons, the Hilltoppers have led the Ohio Valley Conference in passing defense seven times, in pass defense three times, in scoring defense six times, and in total defense eight times?

...Western's defensive records break down into two distinct categories; pre-World War II and post-World War II? In 13 seasons prior to WWII the Hilltoppers gave up 69 points or less; no team since WWII has yielded less than the 62 points given up by the 1973 team.

...over one 14-season span (1927 through 1940), Western recorded 69 shutouts?...the 1927 and 1928 teams had nine consecutive shutouts?

...the best string of shutouts since WWII was the five in a row at the beginning of the 1968 season?...or that the Hilltoppers were the last team in the nation to give up a point that season?

BUT THAT...

...over the past 14 seasons, the Hilltoppers have not been without considerable defensive punch as well? In that time span they have led the OVC in rushing offense four times, in passing offense three times, in total offense four times, and in scoring offense seven times.
## Composite Schedule Of Western's Opponents For 1977

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