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Amy Haskins, top-ranked tennis ace



Mark Freer, team captain, soccer



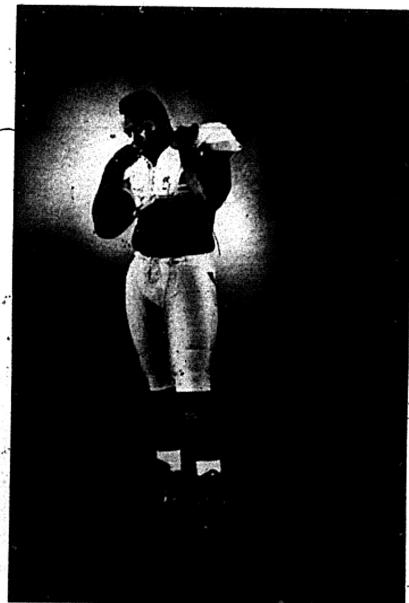
Michelle Mingus, two-time All-Sun Belt, volleyball



Sean Dollman, three-time All-American, cross country



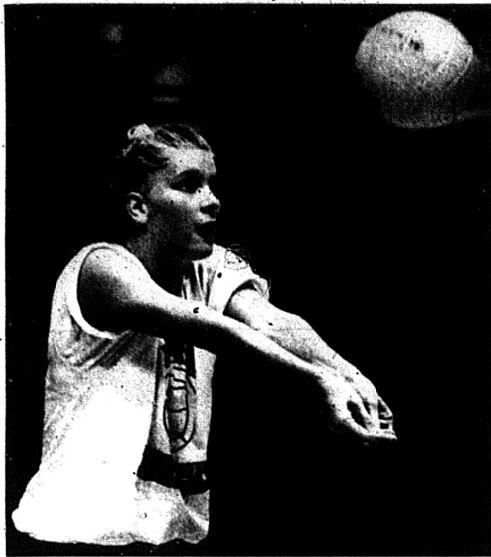
Susan McCarthy, senior leader, women's golf



Milton Biggins, All-American candidate, football

PORTRAITS BY ANDY LYONS

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Amber Simmons, a freshman from Oak Brook, Ill., returns a shot during Western's volleyball practice.

Andy Lyons/Herald

◆ Schedule



Head coach: Jeff Hulsmeyer
Last year's record: 32-9

Schedule:
Aug. 31-Sept. 1 at Commonwealth Classic
Sept. 6-7 at Arkansas State Invitational
10 Eastern Kentucky
13-14 at Jayhawk Invitational
20-21 at Raider Tournament
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Team ready for tough foes

BY CHRISTINE TAYLOR

The pressure might be on the women's volleyball team, but someone forgot to tell them.

The team is coming off their best-ever season, they lost four seniors, and they're playing a tougher schedule this year. But they are not backing down.

"We're going to be really good," senior Michelle Mingus said. "I just have this feeling."

Coach Jeff Hulsmeyer said that after last season, everyone expects the team to do well. But he's not worried.

"The girls all came back ready to go," he said. "They are fired up because they know with hard work we can have another

successful year."

This summer, Hulsmeyer was promoted to full-time coach. He was Sun Belt Conference Coach-of-the-Year last year, and he led the team to a record of 32-9. He said he wanted to improve on that this year.

"For a first year, it's a tough one to follow."

But that doesn't mean the team won't try.

Since Aug. 12 they have been practicing three times a day. When school started, practices were cut to twice a day. The team reports to Diddle at 6 a.m.

"The way we've been practicing and the way we've been working, I think we can be expected to beat some pretty

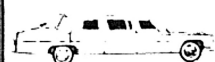
good teams," senior Becky Davis said.

Mingus said even though the team was tired of practicing, they know it will help them be better down the road.

And down the road is what they're aiming for. One of their goals, says Hulsmeyer, is to be regionally ranked and "maybe make the move into the top 20 in the next few years."

The team opened their season Saturday with a victory over Murray State in Louisville's Commonwealth Challenge Tournament. On Sunday the team beat Morehead State before losing to Louisville.

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Toppers look for option to improve losing record

◆ Western will use three quarterbacks and a new option offense when it goes up against Austin Peay Saturday in its season opener.

BY CARA ANNA

Coach Jack Harbaugh leaned back in one of the chairs in his office last week after what he said was a good afternoon practice.

"I don't think you ever know what to expect," he said when asked about the season, now only two days away.

"There is good and bad news," he said. "The good news is that a lot (of players) are back. The bad news is that they didn't do well last year."

The biggest concern for the Hilltoppers this season is winning after finishing 2-8 last year.

"We've got to bounce back and show them it was just a fluke, that (losing) is not the direction the team is progressing," Harbaugh said.

Western lost to three teams by a total of six points last year.

"We were in a lot of games," Harbaugh said. "Good teams win those games. We were not so good and we lost. That's what made the year so long for us."

He said he expects to have everyone in good health for Saturday's season opener at Austin Peay.

The competition

The Topper's schedule this season includes three teams ranked in the top 10 in Division I-AA. Eastern Kentucky (10-2 last year) is ranked second and Division I-AA runner-up Middle Tennessee (11-2) is ninth. Gateway Conference opponent Northern Iowa (8-4) is eighth.

Gateway teams Eastern Illinois and Illinois State also received votes in the poll.

The Toppers will enter the conference next season.

Harbaugh said the team's first goal is to win its home games. The second goal is to win the games against Gateway schools.

"We want to go in and establish ourselves," Harbaugh said. "Our program is in the position where we will be competitive right off the bat."

A strength this season lies in a variety of choices on offense, backed up by athletes that Harbaugh thinks are better than last season's.

The Players

Losses from last season include Don Smith, who rushed for more than 1,000 yards for two consecu-

tive seasons, leading tackler Raji Gordon and starting quarterback Scott Campbell.

Filling those holes in the lineup this season will be a variety of players, both new and experienced.

Already, offensive options have been opened with the conversion of junior Roscoe Echols from defensive back to tailback.

Western can use a combination of three quarterbacks this season in senior Brian Browning, junior Eddie Thompson, and sophomore Jalrus Malcome.

Browning is the only quarterback of the three with experience, completing seven of 14 passes last year for 61 yards. He will pass at key times in games, while starter Thompson and Malcome will run the option, Harbaugh said.

Echols helps a running game led by senior Herb Davis, the only returning player from last year's top four rushers. Davis had 679 yards last season.

Senior Milton Biggins leads the receivers at tight end after gaining 105 yards on six catches last year.

"Milton Biggins is the finest I-AA tight end in America," Harbaugh said, "maybe at any level."

Senior flanker Dwayne Haun also is back after leading the receivers last year with 459 yards.

Guy Earle, Harvey Sloniker, David Browning, Mark Lamberth and Ivory Warren will lead the offensive line.

Defensive players Joe Lee Johnson and Kevin Ferry return at defensive end and safety after finishing last season with a combined 154 tackles.

Other returning starters are ends Chris Brooks and Anthony Cooper, nose guard Tony Garner, linebacker Richard Grice, safety Larry Harris and cornerback Melvin Johnson.

All but Grice and Melvin Johnson are seniors.

Setbacks

The Toppers had a setback earlier this year as four freshmen were classified as Prop 48 players and cannot take part in any team activities this season.

The team lost planned starting punter Ricky Boeckman, who must sit out this season. Three players, including starting place kicker Chris Pino, have been suggested as replacements.

Pino and the returning Steve Donisi will share the kicking du-

◆ Schedule

Head coach:
Jack Harbaugh
Last year's
record: 2-8-0

Schedule:

Sept. 7	at Austin Peay
14	Murray State
21	Morehead State
Oct. 5	Middle Tennessee State
12	at Eastern Kentucky
19	Troy State (Homecoming)
26	Northern Iowa
Nov. 2	at Tennessee-Chattanooga
9	Eastern Illinois
16	at Indiana State
23	at Illinois State

Jack Harbaugh

Pino is the newcomer at the position after Donisi connected on 11 of 17 field goals last year.

The kicking game was relied on last year at times when the offense was unable to come up with the clutch plays in opponents' territory.

"We had to settle with too many dad-gum field goals," Harbaugh said. He is more positive about the upcoming season.

"I think the big plays will come, that things are going to happen with our explosive, wide-open brand of offensive football," he said. "With our option football, don't go to get popcorn."

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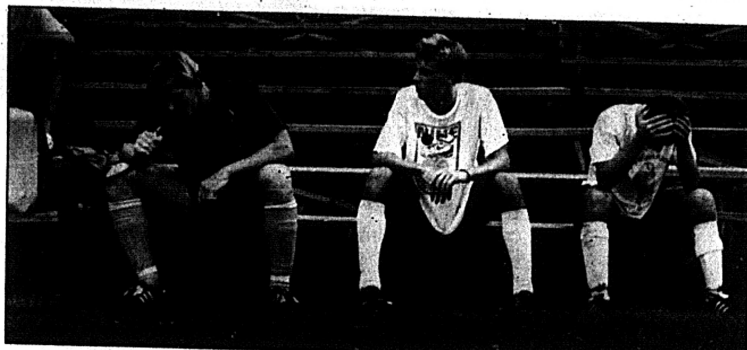
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Heat and high humidity made practice more intense for Western soccer players, left to right, Chad Boda, Steve Henson and Matt Grecco Wednesday afternoon.

Soccer team eyes NCAA bid

BY BRIAN DAUGHERTY

As Western soccer enters its 10th season, Coach David Holmes and his Hilltoppers have set high goals for themselves.

Those goals include winning the Sun Belt Conference Tournament, finishing in the top three in the Great Lakes Region and making their first trip to the NCAA Tournament.

"This is about as confident as I've ever felt about a team," Holmes said.

And after a split in the Rocky's Rocco Soccer Classic in Madison, Wis., over the weekend, Holmes thinks the Tops are playing well.

Western beat Great Lakes Region power Marquette 1-0 on a Chris Hutchinson goal Saturday night, then lost to host Wisconsin 1-0 Sunday night. Hutchinson and freshman defender Paul Hillman were named to the all-tournament team, and Hutchinson was the most valuable offensive player.

The Toppers' confidence stems from the return of seven seniors from last year's 10-6-3 team that won a school-record eight straight games. They're looking for more this season — much more.

"This is our best chance in ten years to get an NCAA bid — the ultimate bid," junior forward Brian Lewis said. "Quite honestly, the Sun Belt championship would be nice, but we'd be disappointed if we didn't get an NCAA bid."

With all seven seniors and two juniors having at least two years starting experience going into this season, Holmes thinks their leadership will be a strong suit for the Tops.

"We have a team with strong leadership, and not only in the captains (Mark Freer, Rory Lithgow and Paul Newton)," he said. "Experience can solve a lot of problems which can arise during the ninety minutes of a game."

Paul Newton agrees. "We're all seniors now, and we've played together virtually for three years," the midfielder said, "so we know each other very well."

Starting line-up

After some competition during preseason, particularly in the backfield and at goalkeeper, Western's starting line-up is virtually set.

Cincinnati sophomore Shane Bordwine won the starting job at goalie in preseason over Freer.

Bordwine set a school record with a .902 goals-against average a game in 1989 before being red-shirted last year.

In senior midfielders Andy Deimling, Mike DeVaney, Brian Hall and Newton, Western has

◆ Schedule

Head coach:

David Holmes

Last year's

record: 10-6-3

Schedule:

Aug. 31	Sept. 1	at Rocky's Soccer Classic
Sept. 7	10	at Vanderbilt
13-15		at Cal State-Fullerton Tournament
19	25	Morehead State
28-29		Louisville
Oct. 6		Corvette Soccer Classic at Southern Illinois
11		Edwardsville
18		Jacksonville
23		at Wright State
27		at Cincinnati
31		at Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Nov. 3		Evansville
7-10		at North Carolina-Asheville
		at Sun Belt Tournament



David Holmes

Hillman, from London, Ontario, signed with the Tops after playing against them in an exhibition earlier this month.

four veterans with 11 years starting experience among them. Newton has started in all 35 games of his Toppers career, while Hall was Western's Most Valuable Player in 1989.

Hutchinson, last season's MVP, returns to the forward line after scoring 14 goals and three assists in 1990. With 30 career goals, including one in the season opener, he's well within reach of Meit Kodemyr's school record of 40.

"Chris is the guy we look to to score in a tight game," Holmes said of the Nashville senior, who was also first-team All-Sun Belt Conference and third-team All-Midwest.

Lewis, Western's second leading scorer last season with 10 goals, two assists and 22 points, also returns at forward.

"He's developed into an improved player over the last year," Holmes said. "He's very dangerous to match up with one-on-one. Brian can flat outrun you."

"Tim McMullen has been scoring goals in practice and putting some heat on the upperclassmen," Holmes said, and should see time at forward.

Defensive leader Rory Lithgow will again start at sweeper, sophomore defender Kevin Hall and Hillman will start in the backfield, Holmes said. Sophomores Mike Dickenson and Jon Newton are the front-runners for the other backfield spot.

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Head coach:
Lee Robertson
Schedule:
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Tournament
12-14 at Murray State Invitational
19-21 at Cincinnati Invitational
Oct. 4-6 at Eastern Kentucky Invitational
13-15 at Kentucky/Louisville Invitational

Golf team hits links with high spirits

BY KENNETH SCOTT

"We're on the 18th hole here in Augusta, Ga. The crowd is hushed. Ron Poore is attempting this shot for a birdie. It drops into the cup! Ron Poore has won the U.S. Open! The senior from Western Kentucky has done a great job! The crowd can't believe it! What an accomplishment!"

Poore, the Toppers' captain and only senior, must sometimes awaken from dreams such as this.

But he isn't worried about the U.S. Open — not yet, anyway. He's too busy thinking about the upcoming season.

"We should be as good as we've ever been, if not better," Poore said. "If we play as a team, we'll do well."

Coach Lee Robertson is a bit more cautious.

"Time will tell," he said. "What you think and what you get done might be different. You never know how you're going to do."

Western returns five players from last year's team, which finished fourth in the Sun Belt Conference.

Juniors P.J. McDougal and Bryan Baysinger and sophomores Joe Daly and Jon Key will be joining Poore.

Daly missed last season because of military duty, and Key was redshirted.

Robertson said that Poore would be the leader of the team this season.

"He's a good player and a good person. He's a natural leader," Robertson said. "We're really happy with him in charge."

The U.S. Open may not be on Poore's mind now, but he dreams of someday winning it.

"Everybody on the golf team would dream of doing something like that."

Robertson didn't discount the possibility of a Western graduate someday winning it.

"You couldn't ever say that they wouldn't," he said. "Those guys that won the U.S. Open, they were somebody's college team one day."

The players on Western's golf team are just aiming to have a good season right now. They can dream.

Western's fall schedule starts Sept. 6-8. The players join a field of 15 teams at the Southeast Missouri State Invitational.

Seasoned sophs lead Lady Tops

BY BART SUMMAR

Coaches love great recruiting classes.

But they hate it when they have to depend on those freshmen to be put directly into the spotlight after only a couple of weeks of practice.

Coach Kathy Teichert said she was in that position last year when she was forced to expose her highly touted but untested freshmen to the pressure and stiff competition of collegiate golf tournaments.

But the good news for Teichert is that she now heads up a team of young, experienced golfers who are ready to wipe the slate clean and put last year's lessons to work.

"We had a lot of ups and downs last year, and it was obvious that we were really young," Teichert said. "But they all know what college golf is about now and are ready to work at it, and I'm really excited about getting started and seeing this team play."

Leslie Gary, who missed most of last year with a shoulder injury, and Susan McCarthy will be the team's only seniors and will be counted on for consistency and leadership, Teichert said.

McCarthy said she expects the team to improve, but she also wants to polish her game and be more effective in her role.

"Last year, I'd play a few tournaments pretty consistently in the first two rounds and then have a really high score on the last day," McCarthy said. "I've got to drop a few strokes off and improve on my putting."

The players elected sophomore Jennifer Moore as the team's captain. During her freshman year, Moore qualified to play in every tournament and showed leadership ability.

"I think it's important to have a steady traveling member of the

♦ Schedule



Head coach:
Kathy Teichert
Schedule:
Sept. 16-17 at Kentucky Invitational
21-22 at Spartan Invitational
29 Oct. 1 at Memphis Women's Tournament
Oct. 26-27 at Tenn. Tech/Vandy Classic
Nov. 2-3 at Cougar Invitational

team to be a captain," Teichert said. "She's been in tournament after tournament and gets along well with her teammates."

There are three newcomers to the Lady Topper program. Jennifer Biser, Kate Hitechock and Stacey Newmah will all be fighting for a spot in Western's balanced attack.

Although Teichert said it would be tough for the freshmen to break into the line-up, she expects at least one of the trio to find a spot at some point in the season.

Teichert said she was encouraged by the number of good players trying to earn only six spots.

Lael Diedericks, Allyson Bartley, Jennifer McGohon and Michelle Higgins will also be in the running for the squad's top six.

"That's going to make it a little more competitive to qualify and I think that can only help us," Teichert said.

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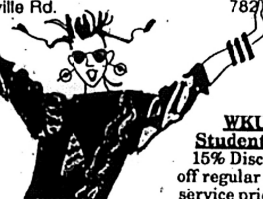
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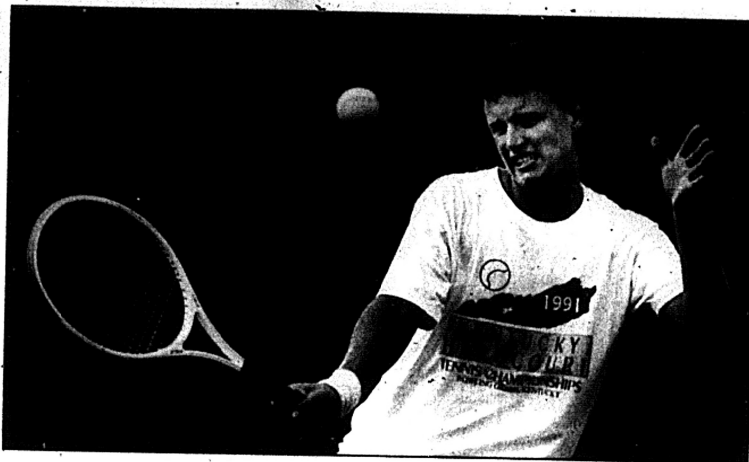
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Mike Voth, a sophomore walk-on from Dale, Ind., hits a volley during tennis practice. *Andy Lyons/Herald*

Depth is tennis team's key

BY AMEE MEYERS

Coach Jody Bingham is excited about the chance to guide his improved men's tennis team into a revamped Sun Belt Conference. The team is healthy, and the activation of a Proposition 48 player from last year has filled one spot vacated by Jason Harmon, who graduated in May.

Lexington sophomore Quincy Brown sat out last year after lettering for four years in tennis and three years in basketball at Bryan Station High School in Lexington.

"Quincy will probably be one of my top three players," Bingham said. "He's really strong and ready to play."

Though he is new to the team, Brown said he is not intimidated by the thought of stepping in as one of the top players.

"I think I can handle the pressure," he said. "I realize I will have to play behind stronger,

◆ Schedule



Head coach:
Jody Bingham

Schedule:
Sept. 13 Red/White Match
Oct. 4-6 at Kentucky Fall Invitational
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Nov. 7-10 at Heartland Indoor Classic

more experienced players."

Seniors Eric LaRue, Kevin Brown and Jay Graff return from last year's team. Graff had a 6-13 record last year and Bingham said he would be competing for one of the top three spots. Brown,

a singles and doubles player, had a 4-13 record in the spring and is also expected to be a top player.

Junior Bernie Howard and sophomores Peyton Jones and Bob Brandenburg should round out the top six. Bingham said Howard posted the best record on the team in the spring (14-8) and possesses a strong forehand and solid backcourt game. Bingham said Jones and Brandenburg, who are serve and volley players, have benefited from a year of college playing experience.

"Our strength goes deep," Bingham said. "We are as strong as one as we are six."

Bingham was able to inspect his team's progress over Labor Day weekend at the Kentucky Hardcourt Championships held at Kevetakes Park in Bowling Green. The doubles team of Jay Graff and Kurt Humke made it to the finals but lost to brothers Matt and John Phones of Bowling Green, 6-4, 6-2.

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♦ Schedule



Head coach:
Curtiss Long

Schedule:
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21 at Georgia Classic
28 at Louisville Invitational
Oct. 19 at Illini Classic
12 at Indiana Invitational
19 at Vanderbilt Open
Nov. 2 at Sun Belt Conference Championship
16 at NCAA District III
25 at NCAA Championship

BY DANNY ENGLISH

The cross country team is having no trouble finding leaders these days.

Coach Curtiss Long said the team has strong runners in All-American Sean Dollman and defending Sun Belt champion Breeda Dennehy, who will fill the number one positions.

But Long said the team needs to have consistent performances from all of its runners.

"The men's team has the opportunity to go as far as they can take themselves," Long said. "But they have to do it as a team, and they have to have a team effort from top to bottom."

Long and Dollman said the team was blessed with an abundance of talent returning from



Andy Lyons/Herald

Steve Gibbons, left, a senior from Cork, Ireland, and Howard Shoaf, a Louisville sophomore, run together at Kereakes Park.

last year's roster.

"We have an experienced team, in that we are all returning sophomores, juniors and seniors," Dollman said.

The team sends seven runners to compete in each cross country meet. Long said Dollman and senior Stephen Gibbons will fill the number one

and two spots for the Toppers this year.

Long said Dennehy and junior Michelle Murphy will fill the team's top positions.

Dennehy and Murphy agreed that teamwork and a selfless attitude will be necessary as the Lady Toppers try to remain near the top of the conference.

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♦ Women's tennis

4 seniors return as team leaders

BY AMEE MEYERS

After a strong spring, the women's tennis team will benefit from five returning players, including four seniors, Coach Laura Hudspeth said.

Ellen Hogancamp, Trish Mahon, Wendy Gunter and Anne Crafton are all returning for their final year of play and all should contribute strongly to a team that could finish as high as second in the conference, Hudspeth said.

Hogancamp posted a 5-4 record last spring and Hudspeth expects her to occupy one of the top three positions on the team.

"Ellen is our most consistent player," Hudspeth said. "She is fundamentally strong all around."

Sophomore Amy Haskins returns with the best spring record (6-4) and will vie with Hogancamp and Mahon for the team's top spots.

Haskins thinks the team's only new player, Jennifer Miller of Georgetown, Ind., will contribute strongly to the team. Miller played the number one

♦ Schedule

Head coach:
Laura Hudspeth
Schedule:
Sept. 14 Evansville
20-21 at Southern Illinois
Carbondale
at Louisville
Oct. 1 Transylvania
19 Murray State
TBA



Laura Hudspeth

position as a senior and had a 25-2 record.

Tryouts will be 4 to 5 p.m. Sept. 3-5 at the varsity tennis courts for two walk-on positions. Interested players should be present at the beginning of tryouts each day.

♦ Sports briefs

Coach trades gridiron for military

Western has lost one of its three new assistant coaches, Willie Berrios.

Berrios, who joined the staff as a graduate assistant in the spring, has chosen to pursue a career in the military.

Tight ends coach Tom Riva, a graduate assistant coach, and defensive back coach Lenny Vander Bos are new to the coaching staff.

"Vander Bos is familiar with the system and with me, and I'm familiar with him," Harbaugh said. "It bridges the gap that comes when you bring in a new coach."

Riva played for Vander Bos at Albion College in Michigan, and is pursuing a masters degree at Western.

Vander Bos has also been an assistant at Rice University, and was a student assistant on Harbaugh's staff at Western Michigan in 1985.

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