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Experience makes Hilltoppers solid choice to win OVC title

By VERENDA SMITH

"I hate to keep making excuses for it."

Speaking about this fall's football team, this has to be a surprising statement coming from anybody, much less Jim Feix, the coach of this powerful unit that has been predictably by every poll from Waco to Walla Walla to capture the OVC title this year. Actually, although Feix does like to point out the weak spots in his team (mostly lack of depth at the center and tight end post)- and he is concerned over the slowness of his team, the Topper coach is quite pleased with the strength, experience and progress of his troops. But, as one sportswriter exasperatedly exclaimed, "Pleased? He should be laughing so hard he's rolling in the aisles!"

Western was unanimously chosen to win the conference by the OVC coaches, and various sports magazines have turned the spotlight on the Hill. With none of 11 offensive and eight of 11 defensive starters back from last year's runner-up squad, the Hilltoppers do indeed seem to have what it takes to wrangle the championship from Middle Tennessee.

Here's a look at the team that has everyone's expectations climbing:

Offense

With nine of 11 regulars returning from last season's second-place team, the offense seems to be the strongest point on Feix's attack. The depth of experience in the offensive backfield, where there are two quarterbacks, two fullbacks, and two tailbacks, would be any coach's delight. The offensive line, with Greg Lewis, Larry Carney, and Henry Kuykendall at offensive tackle, is experienced but lacks depth.

The three experienced offensive guards are team captain Dave Noliner, John Humphrey and Ray Henderson. Feix said that he is also counting on John McClendon to give leadership and experience to the offensive line. Graduation took away two strong players at center and tight end, and a pre-season injury complicated problems at tight end. Sheriff Bargrett, who was expected to fill in at tight end, suffered a broken leg and is expected to spend the season on the sidelines. David Carter, who was scheduled to be the new center, was moved to tight end, leaving 5'-11 junior Brand Smith to handle the ball at center.

"We're experimenting with Jackie Haus (former offensive tackle) at center to give some depth," said Feix. "We're in trouble if we run into injuries. But that's true of everybody in the conference; injuries will wipe you out."

Seniors Bob Powell, Porter Williams and David Malley will fill the wide receiver/position. The kicking game will be handled by Charlie Johnson, a punter and long distance field goal kicker who was averaging 40 yards a punt when sidelined last season and Kyle Pierce, who is expected to take over place-kicking chores.

Speaking of the kicking teams, which were weakened by the graduation of Gary Mears, Dick Harren and Steve Wilman, Feix said, "It's come along a lot better. Those guys worked real hard and they don't do anything else, it's just a matter of no experience."

With Clarence Jackson and John Embree, both three-year veterans who had a combined rushing total of over 1,000 yards, alternating at tailback, the offense needs only a quarterback to make it one of the most formidable offenses in Western history. And the Topper - Cont. to page 12, col. 3.

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Coach Bean sees cross-country team as best ever

by RICHARD ROGERS and FRED LAWRENCE

To say that Western anticipates a national title this year is probably an understatement.

Coach Bean's assessment is that the Owls are as good as or better than the best Owls in the Ohio Valley Conference.

But this is not the year for the Owls to be complacent. "Every year we have the same goal," Bean said. "To win the OVC title and go the NCAA meet." And even though the Owls are expected to dominate the conference, they must still continue to improve in order to achieve their goal.

The Owls are considered the favorites to win the conference title because of their depth and experience. The Owls' second and third runners are expected to be very strong, and the Owls' fourth and fifth runners are also expected to be top ten.

Bean is confident that the Owls can compete with the top teams in the country. "We have the talent and the depth," Bean said. "We just need to improve our consistency and our speed."
Herald sports staff expects Tops to take OVC title

by LEON PECKENPAUGH

If Western doesn't win the Ohio Valley Conference football crown this year, someone's in a heap of trouble! Or rather, a lot of people are going to look pretty silly.

Anyway, every sports poll in the world has Jimmy Fej's Toppers on top of the loop and it's no different here.

The Herald sports staff has once again voted, voted and decided that neither an improving Middle Tennessee team nor an explosive offensive unit such as that of East Tennessee can match the once described "awesome and devastating" Hilltopper attack.

Again it's a unanimous decision as Western garnered all six votes for the top spot.

Middle and ETSU should battle it out for the second spot, says the CHS sports crew, followed by Missouri Tech, Eastern, Murray and Austin Heat.

One should remember, however, that the Herald's last poll (the 1973-74 basketball preview) had eventual champ Austin Peay ranked a distant seventh!

Here are the results of the Herald poll, based on eight points for first, seven points for a second place vote, etc.

Western - 48
Middle Tennessee - 37
East Tennessee - 35
Missouri Tech - 30
Eastern - 21
Murray - 17
Austin Peay - 7

Middle Tennessee (7-3-1)

They're saying down in Murfreesboro this year that "if you can just beat everyone else in the conference (except Western) then we're cinch to win the title."

The Blue Raiders have put the damper on the Hilltoppers for three years running now, twice keeping Western from a perfect league slate. But this year's clash in Raider land could be the best of all. You see, it's homecoming when the Toppers journey south this Nov. 9 and since Middle closes its season with contender East Tennessee, some say the rivalry Tech, the Raiders could own a perfect league worksheet, heading into the Western game.

Why?

Because MTSU boss Bill Peck returns 27 lettermen, including his entire starting backfield and receiver corps. Add to that a tough group of linebreakers, several returning linemen (offensive and defensive) and you have a genuine contender.

Quarterback Fred Rhordanz (691 yards total offense) sprints Western with late TD passes of 80 and 41 yards to returning speedster Randall Miller last year and both appear headed for bigger and better things this year.

Fleet-footed Mel Daniels, a converted defensive player, will join Miller and keep opponents pass-weary.

Paul, Joe Peet and tailback David Fritts will provide a strong running threat.

Bill Peck

But despite the array of talent on the defensive front, the strongest point of all in the Blue Raider camp may be its kicking game. Kenny Nixon was deadly in leading the league in place-kicking last year and punter Mike Shaw was far and away the top Kicker last season in which he reportedly averaged 60 yards a boot.

Peck lost his entire secondary and as one coach said, "That's the quickest way in the world to lose a game."

If Peck should find able replacements and continues to hold the jinx over Western, it could be a Blue year for OVC opponents.

Sept. 8 - Tenn. St. (at Nashville)
Sept. 15 - At (T) Martin
Sept. 22 - At Morhead
Sept. 29 - West Carolina
Oct. 6 - Eastern Ky.
Oct. 13 - Murray
Oct. 20 - At Austin Peay
Oct. 27 - At Ball St.
Nov. 3 - Western Ky.
Nov. 10 - At East Tenn.
Nov. 17 - East Tenn.

East Tennessee (5-7)

Many coaches will say that a build a winner you have to start with a good Plant. While that's the case, the Buccaneers have taken a giant step in that direction.

Roy Frazier moves into the vacant head coaching spot left by departed John Robert Bell. Frazier is greeted by the OVC's leading offensive of a year ago and shocking QR Alax Chadwick (1,776 yards passing for 11 TDs).

But it's not only passing that the versatile Georgia transfer can do. His robust tackle put pressure on the corner as the 6-3 signal-caller is also blessed with fine speed.

Alan Chadwick

Bo Howard and Bill Miller, who caught 86 of Chadwick's passes last year, also return with running backs Greg Wiggins, Bob Hardy, Nat Cherry and Steve Daffron.

The Bucs lost only center Doug Mitchell and guard Doug Atkins through graduation on the offensive side.

Graduation also hit the team's weakest spot of a year ago—the secondary. But a fine trio of linebreakers in Alex Todd, Pete Wing and Gene Vanbussel will give Bucs plenty to root about.

Depth could also play a key role in this year's ETSU hopes as Frazier has already noted that he may use some people on both offense and defense.

Sept. 8 - Carson Newran
Sept. 29 - Eastern Ky.
Oct. 6 - At Tennessee Tech
Oct. 20 - At Tn. Tech
Oct. 27 - At Morhead
Nov. 3 - At East Tenn.
Nov. 10 - At Western Ky.
Nov. 17 - At Austin Peay
Nov. 24 - At UT Chattanooga

Morehead (6-1-1)

Second-year coach Roy Terry heads into the campaign with optimism and a little more respect for the OVC than he had a year ago.

Seventeen seniors return for Terry, but he is already crying over inexperience and depth problems. "If we can avoid some major injuries...then we could be a contender," says Terry.

One thing he can't cry about is the quarterback situation where Dave Shattuck has a top OVC quarterback, returns for his senior campaign. Terry isn't too concerned about Shattuck's wide open offensive style, however, and has already stated that junior Alex Branch may start in front of Shattuck.

Dave Schectzke

Whoever starts at the QB position will have plenty to throw to in veteran Vic Wharton, who caught 58 yards last year, including five that went for scores.

The Eagles are not solid at either running back slot, however, and the kicking game is without experience.

Defensive tackles Durwood Brittle and Dave Cox bolster a strong defensive front that lost three of Terry's linebackers were freshmen last year and all returns.

The Eagles have been weak on the defensive side in the past, and if Terry would mold his youngsters into a stronger unit, the Eagles could finish near the top.

Sept. 8 - Central St.
Sept. 15 - At Marshall
Sept. 22 - Eastern Ky.
Sept. 29 - At Murray
Oct. 6 - At Tennessee Tech
Oct. 13 - At Morhead
Oct. 20 - At Tn. Tech
Oct. 27 - At Western Ky.
Nov. 3 - At East Tenn.
Nov. 10 - At Carson-Newman
Nov. 17 - Eastern Ky.

Tennessee Tech (10-1)

This time last year, things couldn't have looked better for Tech coach Don Wade. This year things couldn't look worse.

The Golden Eagles started losing last December when they were clobbered 38-0 by Louisiana Tech in the Blue Bowl. They lost eight starting backs over a racial flareup later on in the winter. They lost three more starters in family and other problems during

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Diamond demons
By DON COLLINS
Six fine recruits combined with several returning veterans help make baseball coach Jim Pickens again optimistic about the upcoming fall campaign. "We feel that the recruits coming in are better equipped to play our brand of baseball, hit and run, than any Western baseball team in recent years," stated Pickens recently. The optimism coach expects Steve Keck, a 5-10 junior centerfielder from Bowling Green, to be a mainstay on the team. "He was the one player we felt we couldn't lose last season. He'll be our lead-off hitter. He has tremendous ability to get on base, steal second and score on a base hit," praised Pickens. Keck's knee injury last winter forced Pickens to juggle his outfielders around and further added to the woes of last spring's team, which compiled an 11-37 record. This year's team should eliminate a lot of the mistakes that last spring's team committed. Maybe they won't score as many runs or even win as many games but according to Pickens they definitely should be more exciting. "Last year with our power-inclined club, we would load the bases with nobody out and then have three men in a row come up and leave them stranded," he added.

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Pitching staff appears strong

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to see Lewis go but I advised him to do what was best for him.

The pitching staff still appears strong even with the loss of Ray. Mike Grubb, Greg Stahl, Jeff Salgh, Bill Sheekes, Greg Sheets, Mike Mullendore, and newcomer Ray Ford, should bolster a pitching staff which was somewhat depleted last season. Dick and Rob Parrent, twins from Bowling Green, will be expected to lend valuable experience to the young mound corps.

The one thing the pitching staff seemed to lack last spring was consistency. If they can find that this fall, look out Western opponents.

The squad should be strong defensively up the middle thereby eliminating another weak spot from last spring. Pickens's sensitive line-up lists Jimmy Felix catching; Dee Desmer, a freshman from Campbellsville, at shortstop; Steve Tate, last year's shortstop at second base, and Keck in centerfield. These positions are subject to change of course but Pickens said if he had to go with a line-up right now these boys would be starting.

The rest of the infield and outfield positions could be filled from several players. Mike Parker, Keith Shaggs, returning regular Terry Mitchell and Bob Bostow will be vying for the remaining two outfield spots. Except for Mitchell, who is a sophomore, these boys are freshmen without college experience and could form a weak spot on the team.

Neal Mills, a senior from Greensburg, and senior Ken Justak, from Whiting, Indiana, seem to have the inside track on the first and third base positions respectively. Mills didn't make an error in 110 chances last fall so first base should be solid defensively. Justak, a freshman from Owensboro will be trying to break into the starting line-up. Mike Hurst, a junior from Williamsburg is expected to back up Felix at catcher.

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By LEOPETTKPAUGH

Editor's note: Leo Peckenspaugh, sports editor of the Herald, is a quarterback on the Hilltopper football team. His column will appear each Tuesday during the football season.

Don’t guess I really realized how complicated people had made the present quarterback situation between Dennis Tomek and myself until I was across an old friend from back home in Henderson the other day.

"Hey," he innocently questioned, "how are you and Feix getting along since the big blowup this spring?"

There was no big blowup between Leo Peckenspaugh and Jimmy Feix, never has been, and probably never will be.

So in order to set things straight and save a lot of questions and repetitious answers on my part, let’s rehash the matter.

Coach Feix and I discussed the situation the first time last December when I told him in a private meeting that I had decided not to play football in the spring in order to devote full time to baseball.

It was in my thinking, as I told Feix, that if a good spring resulted on the diamond I might have a shot at a pro contract. Not a lucrative one, because I knew that I wasn't that good. But it was possibly a shot at doing something that was a life-long goal.

Several days later, after a meeting with his staff, Coach Feix informed me that if I didn't participate in winter conditioning programs and at least half of spring practice, I would be dropped from the squad and would have to earn my position back in the fall.

I agreed, he wished me well, and that was that.

When worse things came to worse during the fall-shortened baseball campaign, and my batting average hovered around the .200 mark, it became evident that a contract was out of the question and rather obvious that I should talk with Feix and inform him that I would return in the fall to (1) finish my education, and (2) to complete my final year of eligibility in football.

All went well in this last spring meeting as he welcomed me back. We discussed the situation, and I tried to impress upon him that I would do my best to return in good shape, fight like hell to earn my job back, and help the team in any way I could.

So now it stands: Tomek is the starting quarterback, and deserve it. I'm doing all I can to help him, the team and myself.

I have a lot of confidence in Dennis and feel that either he or I can run the team effectively. He expressed mutual feelings in our interview recently. I also feel that it is good that the team has two men capable of handling the offense, because standing behind the center isn't the safest place in the world to spend Saturday afternoons.

Dennis and I are the best of friends, realize the delicate situation and would do anything for each other.

And finally, I'm sure he shares my feeling in that, as long as the Big Red rolls through ten straight games starting next week it doesn't really matter who directs the offense.

Rule changes set for fall season

Two major and a couple of minor rules changes will go into effect this fall in collegiate football. A substitution rule, fair catch change, marking regulations and a use of game ball rule have all been adopted by the NCAA rules committee since the 1972 pigskin campaign.

The substitution rule may tend to add a bit of professional football flavor to the college ranks as an unlimited substitution will be possible in this year.

In the past, a team could substitute only two players at a time. Many times it caused headaches for coaches, especially during specially situations.

Now, however, a coach may and probably will have special teams, such as extra punt teams, punt-kick teams and punt-receiving teams.

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Cross-country faces tough schedule

By FRED LAWRENCE

This year's cross-country schedule is one of the toughest ever, featuring three invitational meets, two dual meets and a triangular meet. The Topper distance men have three meetings set for October. All other meets are on the road.

As a sort of dress rehearsal, the Tops will run a intra-squad meet on Sept. 15. This meet will give head coach Jerry Bean a chance to evaluate his team members in a competitive situation.

Regular season competition begins on Sept. 22 at the Owensboro Invitational. Coach Bean expects Southeast Missouri, Murray and Morehead to be among others. Southeast Missouri won the meet last year, and Murray the year before. Western was third last year and second in 1971. The race is approximately four miles.

The following Saturday, Sept. 29, the Topper distance men travel to Cape Girardeau, Mo., to take on Southeast-Missouri in a dual. It's been several years since the Tops beat SEMO on their home course. Last year, however, the Toppers soundly defeated SEMO here to avenge loss to SEMO at Owensboro. Race distance will probably be five miles.

On Oct. 6, the Topper distance men will compete at the Indiana Invitational in Bloomington, Ind. This is almost certain to be the toughest meet of the regular season. Bean said he expected Eastern, Indiana, Indiana state, Ball State, several Big Ten schools and other major schools because Indiana is the site of the 1974 NCAA championship. Bean said he expected it to be at least an 18-mile race. The route will be approximately six miles.

The home stand begins with the WKU Invitational on Oct. 15. Bean anticipates that the field will be about the same as usual. Murray, Eastern, Tennessee Tech, Austin/Peay and Cumberland were in the field last year. The meet was won by Murray, Western was second. The race will probably be five miles.

Following the invitational, the Topper battle here. Last year the Toppers upset the always-powerful Racers on their home course. It was the Topps first dual-meet victory over Murray in several years. And the Racers aren't likely to have forgotten it. The race will probably be four or five miles.

Western's home stand concludes with a triangular meet against Morehead and Louisville. Morehead was a distant fifth in the conference last year, but the Eagles have picked up one of the top high school prospects in Kentucky and one from New Jersey. Western's only encounter with Louisville in recent years was in the WKU Invitational two or three years ago. The Topper distance men easily ran away from Louisville then and are expected to do the same this time.

The Ohio Valley Conference Championship meet will be Nov. 6 in Morehead. Eastern Tennessee is expected to take its fourth straight conference title. The fight between Murray, Western and Eastern for the next three spots was tight last year and probably will be again this year. Murray was last year's second place winner, just two points ahead of Eastern and Western, who tied for third. The other four conference teams were top back. Morehead was a distant fifth followed by Austin Peay, Middle Tennessee and Tennessee Tech. The race will be six miles. Farman, S.C., will be the site of the NCAA District 3 championship meet on Nov. 10. Last year the Tops were 12th in a field of about 28 teams. This year the Toppers will be trying to make the top six, which would automatically qualify the whole team for the NCAA national meet. Race distance will be six miles.

The NCAA national championship will be in Seattle, Wash., Nov. 17, 1973. Bean hopes to have someone make All-American in cross-country again this year. Nick Rose has an excellent chance of repeating his performance of last year, and freshman Chris Ridler also is expected to make a bid for All-America honors. Race distance will be six miles.

In the 11 years that cross-country has been a conference sport, the Topper distance men have won only one OVC championship. That was in 1964 in Murfreesboro, Tenn. Murray has come closest to dominating the conference in cross-country with four titles (1965, 1966, 1968, 1969). Both Eastern and Eastern Tennessee have won three in a row, Eastern in 1968-70 and East Tennessee the last three years. Murray, Eastern, East Tennessee and Western are the only schools with conference cross-country titles.

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DEFENSIVE LINE coach Romeo Crennell demonstrates techniques on tackling to Lonnie Schuster, left, and John Bushong in a recent practice session. Schuster and Bushong are candidates for All-OVC honors at defensive tackle this season.

Toppers led by two quarterbacks

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not only have a good quarterback—
they have two of them.
When Leo Peckenspaugh, who led the Hilltoppers to OVC titles in '70 and '71, slipped spring practice to take a shot at a professional baseball contract, Junior Dennis Tomek was handed the job of quarterback. After Tomek had a fine spring, Peckenspaugh returned to the team and began to battle for his old post.

Now, says Feix, it looks like he will split that position in the same way he splits the tailback position with Jankowski and Embree. "If one is not having a pretty good day, we can put in the other. We haven't had the ability to play two quarterbacks before, but now we do. Who starts will depend on performance in the future game and their practices."

"In our first scrimmage, Dennis really looked sharp," the coach continued. "But in our last scrimmage Leo came in just calm and cool."—just thinking about having two good quarterbacks caused Feix to begin to look like a kid who was offered a choice between double-dip ice cream cone and a large slice of chocolate cake.

Although Feix has always been known as a one-quarterback coach—because he felt the team needed one leader, the co-opetition between Tomek and Peckenspaugh has caused him to change his mind.

"The two boys are working wonderfully together," he lauded. "They are helping each other and working for the good of the team."

The team leadership those two quarterbacks are providing may be one reason our offense is as much better than the defense.

"In recent scrimmages it has been apparent that, although the defense should be strong, it is behind the offense in terms of readiness."

"We have the same challenge on defense that we have on offense in making a team out of individuals that we have got," worried Feix. "We are fortunate to have eight of our 11 starters back on defense and because of the kind of defense we play it's important that they learn to play together and coordinate their individual efforts."

Although most of the defense is returning, Feix pointed out that several of the players were rather inexperienced.

Linebacker Andrew Francis, safety Wilson Chapman and defensive end Brad Watson led the three vacancies on the defensive squad last season. Karl Anderson appears to be in line for Watson's defensive end slot opposite Larry Dewees.

The coaches are looking for backup help to come in during freshmen.

In addition to Claude Spellman, depth in the secondary will be provided by Ricky Caswell. According to coaches, Tom Ward may have the outside linebacker's post.

Bob Morehead has been shifted from defensive halfback to Chapman's safety position with Virgil Lacy and Mike McKee playing the defensive halfback slot.

Defensive tackles John Bushong and co-captain Lonnie Schuster are returning from last year's team. Sophomore Dale Young has impressed the coach with his skills at defensive tackle. Seniors Audra Skiles and Robert Walton should start at inside linebacker, with depth being provided by Steve Jacker and Carl Williams.

The strong side outside linebacker position is again maintained by Rick Green and Frank Yacovino. Looking over his pegboard featuring the probable starters, heights and weights, Feix sighed and lamented, "We don't seem to have the team quickness on defense that we should have."

"There are many who think we don't fit the mold of the team, but the kind of defense we are playing...we need to be more to recognize our...than, this is the key...the kind of individual effort..."
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**Miller keeps Tops healthy**

By RICHARD ROGERS

During a hot summer day in late August, Western's football team was conducting one of its annual fall scrimmage games on the Smith Stadium field. Tailback Clarence Jackson took a handoff from quarterback Dennis Tomek and went around left end for a big gain. After the play was over, a player was down and in pain. A man in a white uniform ran onto the field to administer aid to the injured player.

The man in the white uniform is Western's athletic trainer, Russell Miller, who is the first full-time trainer the school has ever had. Miller is one of the best in his field when it comes to treating an injured athlete on the football or baseball field, or a basketball floor, or the swimming pool or the track. But he doesn't stop there. Miller works hardest to prevent injuries before they happen. He also spends a great deal of time treating injuries in the rehabilitative stages. His hard work and dedication to Western's athletic program has earned him the respect of coaches on and off the Hill.

Basketball coach Jim Richards said, "Miller is tremendous. He does so much for us. He prevents sprained ankles and blisters and other injuries. When someone is injured, Russell can get him back to me in good shape. He cuts off two hours or more per day of my time."

"Russell Miller is worth his weight in gold," said football coach Jimmy Fial. "Since he has been on our staff, I have no doubt that we have had more players available for duty at any given stage of the season than ever before. And I know that if we do lose a player via injury, we'll get him back in the best possible condition."

Miller loves sports. In the seventh and eighth grade at Hardin Northern High School in Ohio, he tried out for almost all sports. But soccer and some don't and Miller didn't have it. His career began as the basketball manager in the eighth grade. "He was a student trainer for all sports at Hardin Northern and Kenton High School. In 1961, he enrolled at Wilmington College and became the trainer and manager for all sports. After five years as a student, he became Wilmington's first full-time trainer in 1966."

He received his M.S. degree from Indiana University. Miller became head trainer of DePauw University in Greencastle, Ind., in 1967.

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Fire away

Rebuilding looms ahead for rifle team

By RICHARD ROGERS

Western's riflcry coach, Sgt. Wilson Farmer, will be facing a
rebuilding job when he begins to
put together his squad for the
1973-74 season.

Gene is two-time All-American,
Sue Launton, a blue-eyed blonde
marksman from Westerville, Ohio.
"She is one of the finest shooters in
the country," was Farmer's
succinct way of summing up Miss
Launton's career at Western.

Another outstanding shooter,
Carmen Bringas of Miami, Fla.,
was recruited by the Hilltoppers.
but she will not be able to attend
Western because of financial
difficulties. The team's No. 2
shooter last year, James Bruton,
also will not be able to shoot due to
academic difficulties.

Terri "Fez" Worthy, who made
the squad last year, has
transferred to the University of
Louisville.

Entering his fifth year as head
coach, Farmer outlined his plans.
"My goal is to develop a close-knit,
winning team and to win as many
matches as possible. We hope to do
as well or better than last year. I am
looking forward to this year."

Last year's squad, which was in
its first season as a varsity sport,

Coach Wilson Farmer
finished with a 7-6 record. It
placed second behind Murray in
the Kentucky Rifle League.

Farmer has already started to
rebuild his squad with the
recruiting of an outstanding
shooter. Chris Carlsen, a freshman
from Satellite Beach, Fla., has
signed a letter of intent with
Western. Farmer has already
tagged Miss Carlsen as the team's
No. 1 shooter.

"Chris has four years of
experience at one of the finest
junior clubs in the country, the
Patrick Junior Rifle Club in
Satellite Beach. She is on the
border line of an All-American
class," said Farmer.

The coach added, "Chris" is
sincere and very dedicated. She
will be a fine example for the
other shooters on the squad."

Chris is the defending regional
outdoor 3rd state indoor-outdoor
champion in a field of both sexes
and a wide range of ages.

The challenge of competition
with both men and women is one of
the things that drew him into
riflcry, until recently about the
only sport that allowed mixed
competition.

"It's no easy sport," she said.

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Racial flareup clouds Tech hopes; EKU better?

—Continued from Page 4—the spring and summer. And the way things look they’ll continue to lose this ball.

The offensive standouts do return in quarterback Mike Ledford, all conference center Jim Dickey and Mike Deffino, an all conference pick in 1971 before sitting out last year following knee surgery.

Defensive end Elois Grooms returns for his junior year and has a great chance to be the Star’s perfect unit.

Gone are All-American Jim Youngblood and his running mate at left end, Hal Menaggio.

Tech also lost its entire secondary, but the return of tackles Tony Poddolli and Paul Hunter along with line backers Dana Winningham will brighten things up.

The Golden Eagles hope to put more emphasis on the passing game and if that doesn’t work, they’ll just have to punt.

Sept. 8
At West Carolina
Sept. 15
South Dakota
Sept. 22
Al Murray
Sept. 29
UT-Martin
Oct. 6
East Tennessee
Oct. 13
At Western Ky.
Oct. 20
Morehead
Oct. 27
At UT-Chattanooga
Nov. 3
At Eastern Ky.
Nov. 10
Murray State
Nov. 17
At Middle Tenn.

Eastern (5-4)
Eastern lost five starters on both offense and defense from last year’s squad, but return several strong performers on each.

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Defensive tackle Ron Campbell and Junior Hardin along with linebackers Stan Roberts and Rich Thomas promise to take up some of the slack.

The Colonels should be pretty solid defensively and if Kidd can perk up at wide receiver, offense, things could improve at Eastern.

Sept. 8
UT-Chattanooga
Sept. 15
At Indiana (P.)
Sept. 22
Tenn. Tech
Sept. 29
Austin Peay
Oct. 6
At Middle Tenn.
Oct. 13
At UT-Martin
Oct. 20
Eastern Ky.
Oct. 27
Nov. 3
Tenn. Tech
Nov. 10
Middle Tenn.
Nov. 17
At Morehead

Murray (4-6)
Alas, a new stadium for coach Bill Ferguson’s Racers. Now what

Post-season playoffs announced by NCAA

Divisions I and II of the college division will conduct post-season playoffs and a national champion will be crowned on each level.

Western, along with all other Ohio Valley Conference schools, belongs to Division I of the new setup. Smaller schools throughout the nation make up Division II.

The NCAA has also announced that the championship games will be televised on the ABC-TV network this fall, with the Division I championship game being nationally televised (first time a college division game has been nationally aired).

New rules

—Continued from Page 9—not only raise his hand above his head, but wave his hand and arm from side to side, Ricebacking for this change was the complication some players not raising their hands properly on certain times it was the official’s judgment, to whether he raised his hand in time or high enough for the backer to recognize the signal.

The quarterback rule that all players in the game must wear some sort of protective mouthpiece. In the past some did, but many didn’t.

The NCAA hopes to cut down insurance rates and expenses with the introduction of this rule.

This year, instead of having to use the huddle, the entire team’s game ball, the visiting team may use its own ball, so officials will not have to check it.

The NCAA allows the use of only two brands of balls (the Spalding Half-Eye and the Wilson Tuff-T). In the past teams were required to provide new balls for the contest. New balls still can be used, but old ones will be allowed just as well, according to the desire of the quarterback.

Hobbies.

The veteran returners Scotty Crump and Ken Gallaty return and tight end Bill Farrell could be the best at his position in the OVC.

The running game is surrounded with question marks although Ferguson is pleased with junior Don Clayton and Jim Elsge so far.

The Racers have experience abounding in linebacking Adrien Wolfe, Tommy Johnson and David McDonald, but this is the only spot on defense that is tested.

An inexperienced line and shaky secondary could lead to troubles however.

Ferguson is wondering when the injury will leave his squad and when it does his Racers should improve.

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At UT-Martin
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Austin Peay
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At Tech
Nov. 17
At Western

—Continued from Page 9—now in the game will be, not the games.

According to the playoff system, the Division I playoffs will consist of eight teams following regular season play. The teams will be chosen by an NCAA selection committee.

These eight teams will be paired into four first round games on December 1. Winners will advance to four second round games on December 8. The winning second round game will advance to the championship game.

The winners in these two games will then advance to the championship game and the Camella Bowl.

The championship game will be played December 15. The championship game, slated for 11:30 a.m., Pacific Standard Time, will be nationally televised.

Division II playoffs will consist of four teams with two semi-final games to be played on competing teams campus.

The winners will advance to the Stagg Bowl in Phoenix City December 6.

Under the new playoff system, a College Division I team with an 11-0 regular season could play 14 games should it advance to the championship game.

All-American

Western’s first All-American was present coach, Jimmy Pyke, who quarterbacked the 1962 squad.

Robert Rascoe receives an autographed Crum Kentucky Cardinal

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Intramural sports open for students

by DON COLLINS

Western's intramural program offers a full slate to the student who is industrious enough to participate in it. Various sports are offered including football, basketball, softball, volleyball, bowling, swimming, wrestling, golf, tennis, handball, table tennis, horseshoes, badminton, billiards and archery.

Intramurals are divided into three separate programs. The competitive sports program is designed to give each student the opportunity to compete with other students in sports and games of their choice. A second part of the intramural program involves club activities. These clubs usually meet weekly with emphasis on developing high levels of ability in a particular sport. These sports include swimming, gymnastics and judo. Frequently, these clubs compete against similar organizations from other colleges and universities.

Another phase of the intramural sports program is the personnel recreational play of students. Play fields, equipment and facilities of the department are made available for recreational use of students when possible. These include an equipment room on the lower level of Diddle Arena.

All students at Western are eligible for the three intramural programs. Various rules and regulations apply to the competitive sports program.

Frank Griffin, Director of Intramural Sports, and Tom Dameron, Assistant Director of Intramurals, urge any student with a problem about intramurals or any questions concerning intramurals to contact them at the Intramural Office in Room 211 of Smith Stadium. The office is open from 8:00-4:30 Monday through Friday. Intramural handbooks for the 1973-74 season are now in the office and may be picked up during office hours.

Several recreation facilities will be open for the Labor Day Holiday. The swimming pool in Diddle Arena will be open from 1-6 p.m. Saturday, Sunday and Monday, Smith Stadium will be open from 5 to 8 p.m. on Friday and from 1 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Diddle Arena facilities will be open from 5 to 8 p.m. on Friday and from 1 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Sunday and Monday.
DENNIS TOMEK takes time out from Western's annual Picture Day to chat with sports writer Tom Patterson. Tomek, who has missed two days of practice this week with a shoulder ailment is battling for the starting quarterback position.

Western coach Frank Griffin has recruited the first black golfer in the Ohio Valley Conference with the signing of Charles (Butch) Bowers to an OVC grant-in-aid. Bowers was recruited out of Stratford High School in Nashville, where he was top golfer in Tennessee for the past two years.

This past spring he captured the individual titles for the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association district and regional tournaments. He then topped that off by finishing second to Montgomery Bell Academy's David McNease in the Nashville Intercollegiate League individual tournaments.

"There's no doubt about where Charlie will fit into our program," said Griffin. "He's going to be one of the top men right from the start and he should be one of the best this league has seen by the time he finishes up here."

Griffin first came in contact with Bowers last summer when he won the amateur division of the Frank Rhodes Memorial tournament in Nashville. Since that time he has added a lot of other titles to his list, including the Par Makers Tournament at Park Mammouth in Park City earlier this summer.

He missed qualifying for the U.S. amateur by one shot last July in Memphis, but he did become the first alternate by downing Jimmy Smith, the defending Tennessee State Amateur champion, in a play-off.

"I really fell in love with this place from the start," said Bowers, who will return to Nashville Sept. 5-9 to defend his Rhodes title. "I especially like the facilities and the people and the four-year scholarship they gave me," he continued. "It's a wonderful opportunity and I want to do now is play some golf."

Welcome Western Students

All Star Dairies
ALL STARS
OF THE MONTH

Brown's Dairies

Brown's Salutes this month's All-Stars, the Western Hilltoppers' two new football coaches. The latest additions to Coach Jim Feix's staff are Son Clark, left, and Bill Hope. Clark, who coached at Combsville High last season, is working with the offensive backfield. Hope is the linebacker coach, a position he once played with Western.

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Haeng-El was instructor for Joe Lewis, the winner of the National, International All-American, and World Professional karate tournaments. He is now Chief Instructor of the Western Kentucky University Karate Club.

In addition to his other achievements, Chai Haeng-El was awarded the Air Force Crown for being the most outstanding Black Belt in the U.S. Air Force in 1968.

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