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Game 4: West Liberty (0-3) vs Frostburg St. (2-0)
Saturday, September 20 - 1 PM
Bobcat Stadium – Frostburg, Md.



All-time series record:
WLU is 3-7-1 against the
Bobcats

Last 5 Meetings:

2024: Frostburg State 57-23
2023: Frostburg State 37-7
2022: Frostburg State 38-23
2021: Frostburg State 56-3
2019: Frostburg State 27-24
Bobcats have won 7 in a row in the series
WLU's last win was a 27-17 victory in 1983

2025	Hilltoppers	Schedule
Date	Opponent	Time /Score
Aug.28	at Walsh	L - 38-10
Sept.6	vs Seton Hill	L - 42-21
Sept.13	at Robert Morris	L - 28-14
Sept.20	at Frostburg State	1:00 PM
Sept.27	at Concord	1:00 PM
Oct.4	vs W.Va. State (HOF)	1:00 PM
Oct.18	at W.Va. Wesleyan	1:00 PM
Oct.25	vs Glenville State (HC)	1:00 PM
Nov.1	vs Fairmont State	1:00 PM
Nov.8	at Charleston	1:00 PM
Nov.15	vs. Wheeling	12:00 PM

	MEC Preseason Poll	Pts.	1 st Votes
1.	Charleston	63	7
2.	Fairmont State	52	1
3.	Glenville State	49	1
4.	Frostburg State	44	
5.	West Virginia State	38	
6.	Wheeling	31	
7.	West Liberty	21	
8.	Concord	17	
9.	W.Va. Wesleyan	9	

West Liberty University Facts:

Location: West Liberty, W.Va.

Founded: 1837

Enrollment: 2,300

Nickname: Hilltoppers

Colors: Black & Gold

Conference: Mountain East Conference

Facility: West Family Stadium

President: Dr. Tim Borchers

Athletic Director: Brad Forshey

Topper Notes:

- This is West Liberty's 100th season of football, the Hilltoppers are 477-435-34 all-time and 338-289-21 in conference play. Joe Bartell (1933-1956) is the school's all-time winningest coach with a 118-55-11 record.
- Sophomore Wide Receiver Trey Singleton is off to a great start; through 3 games he has 14 catches for 333 yards (3rd in the MEC) and 1 touchdown. He has also returned 8 kicks for 171 yards. He is second in the MEC in all-purpose yards (504).
- Quarterback Kohl Meisman is 3rd in the MEC in passing yards (697), he is fourth in total offensive yards (688).
- Defensively Nolan Shimp leads the Hilltoppers with 22 tackles (10 solo).
- Grant Thompson leads in tfl's (5) and sacks (3), which is first in the MEC in each category.
- The Hilltopper Defense leads the Mountain East Conference in sacks (6), forced fumbles (4) and fumbles recovered (5).
- West Liberty Head Coach Roger Waialae (20 seasons) is the third longest tenured head coach at the NCAA DII level.
- West Liberty running back Hunter Patterson is the reigning MEC 60m dash indoor champion, while also earning All-American status in the 60m dash with a seventh-place finish at the NCAA indoor championship. He was also the MEC champion in the 100m dash outdoor championship last spring.
- West Liberty offensive lineman Isaac Tavo earned All-American honors in the discus with a fourth-place finish at the NCAA tournament.





Roger Waialae – Head Coach



Waialae Year-By-Year Records

Year	Overall	Conference
2005	6-5	4-2
2006	7-4	4-3
2007	8-3	6-2
2008	7-4	6-2
2009	11-2	8-0*
2010	7-3	6-2
2011	1-10	1-7
2012	6-5	4-4
2013	3-8	3-6
2014	6-5	6-4
2015	5-6	5-5
2016	4-7	4-6
2017	3-8	3-7
2018	3-8	3-7
2019	5-6	4-6
2020	2-2**	2-2**
2021	4-7	4-6
2022	4-7	3-7
2023	4-6	4-5
2024	2-9	2-7

Totals 98-115 82-92

*Conference Champions

**Covid season played in the spring of 2021

With 20 seasons as head coach at West Liberty University, Roger Waialae has firmly established himself as the dean of all Mountain East football coaches. Not only do his 98 career wins lead all MEC grid coaches by a wide margin, they also rank No. 2 all-time at WLU through nearly 100 years of football on the hilltop. Legendary West Liberty Hall of Famer Joe Bartell is the only Hilltopper coach with more victories after going 118-55-11 from 1933-56.

Waialae and his Hilltoppers have enjoyed plenty of on-field success over the years, finishing .500 or better in league play 10 times while making their presence felt at the regional and national levels on more than one occasion. His 2009 and 2010 squads made history as the only NCAA Division II program ever to lead the nation in scoring and total offense in consecutive seasons. That group just missed an NCAA Division II playoff bid with a 7-3 record and tied for runner-up honors in the WVIAC with a 6-2 league record, marking the fifth straight year Waialae's Hilltoppers had finished first or second in the league.

That 2010 team followed on the heels of the powerful 2009 squad which won a school-record 11 games while carving an unbeaten swath through the WVIAC and advancing to the NCAA Division II national quarterfinals. The 2009 Hilltoppers cracked the AFCA Top 25 for the first time in school history, finishing the year ranked No. 9 in the national poll.

The team's success during the Waialae Era has also been matched at the individual level. Ben Staggs won the 2009 Gene Upshaw Award as the nation's top NCAA Division II lineman while Zach Amedro shattered several NCAA Division II passing records and was a 2-time runner-up for the Harlon Hill Trophy as National Player of the Year. Waialae has coached 17 NCAA Division II All-Americans and 60 first-team All-Conference selections during his time at the helm.

A native of Hawaii, Waialae is one of only three Pacific Islanders working as an NCAA head football coach and the only one at the NCAA Division II level. Waialae was a three sport-athlete at LA Harbor College in baseball, football, and golf.

A Small-College All-American quarterback from the University of Dubuque (Iowa) he was inducted into the Dubuque Hall of Fame in 2008.

Waialae spent one year at Dubuque as offensive coordinator before heading overseas for a year as a player-coach with the Munich Rangers of the German - American Football League. He served two years as offensive coordinator at Bethany (W.Va.) College before coming to West Liberty as an assistant coach in 1992.

Roger and his wife, Karen, are the parents of three children – Ryan, Laura and Kayla. Three grandchildren Kenzie, Luke and Sydney.





Hilltopper Coaching Staff



Jeff Monteroso

Defensive
Coordinator



Josh Francis

Defensive Line



Dakota Conwell

Offensive
Coordinator



Johnny Bonar

Wide Receivers



Marcus Spencer

Secondary / Kick
Off / Kick Return



Mason Werner

Nickles



Mark Konopka

Offensive Line /
PAT / FG



Caydan Keeler

Tight Ends /
Graduate
Assistant



Hilltoppers 2025 Stats

Team Results

Date	Opponent		Score	Overall	Conf	Time	Attend
08/28/2025	at Walsh	L	10-38	0-1	0-0	3:06	4106
09/06/2025	Seton Hill	L	21-42	0-2	0-0	3:06	389
09/13/2025	at Robert Morris	L	14-28	0-3	0-0	3:05	2575

Rushing

Player	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Hunter Patterson	3	38	117	23	94	2.5	1	14	31.3
Rashid Sesay	3	14	89	8	81	5.8	0	43	27.0
Antevius Jackson	1	8	61	3	58	7.3	0	24	58.0
Jaedon Alston	3	8	33	0	33	4.1	2	11	11.0
Colin McDermitt	2	1	0	13	-13	-13.0	0	0	-6.5
Kohl Meisman	3	29	62	85	-23	-0.8	0	12	-7.7
Total	3	98	362	132	230	2.3	3	43	76.7
Opponents	3	111	592	64	528	4.8	5	35	176.0

Passing

Player	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Kohl Meisman	3	111.6	54-99-6	54.5	697	3	65	232.3
Antevius Jackson	1	71.0	1-2-0	50.0	5	0	5	5.0
Levi Gullion	3	0.0	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Hunter Patterson	3	0.0	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Total	3	108.6	55-103-6	53.4	702	3	65	234.0
Opponents	3	166.2	35-62-0	56.5	496	8	38	165.3

Receiving

Player	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Trey Singleton	3	14	333	23.8	1	65	111.0
Jaylin Harcum	3	10	111	11.1	0	26	37.0
Hunter Patterson	3	8	35	4.4	0	15	11.7
Silas Hinson	3	5	58	11.6	1	15	19.3
Levi Gullion	3	5	62	12.4	1	19	20.7
Osama Hurst	2	5	29	5.8	0	10	14.5
Caleb Ratcliffe	2	2	22	11.0	0	19	11.0
Rashad Murray	3	2	36	18.0	0	19	12.0
Jaedon Alston	3	1	5	5.0	0	5	1.7
Rashid Sesay	3	1	-3	-3.0	0	0	-1.0
Kohl Meisman	3	1	2	2.0	0	2	0.7
Thonye Charles	3	1	12	12.0	0	12	4.0
Total	3	55	702	12.8	3	65	234.0
Opponents	3	35	496	14.2	8	38	165.3

Team Statistics

	WL	OPP
Scoring	45	108
Points per game	15.0	36.0
Points Off Turnovers	10	35
First Downs	55	54
Rushing	16	30
Passing	30	23
Penalty	9	1
Rushing Yardage	230	528
Yards gained rushing	362	592
Yards lost rushing	132	64
Rushing attempts	98	111
Average per rush	2.3	4.8
Average per game	76.7	176.0
TDs Rushing	3	5
Passing Yardage	702	496
Comp-Att-Int	55-103-6	35-62-0
Average per pass	6.8	8.0
Average per catch	12.8	14.2
Average per game	234.0	165.3
TDs Passing	3	8
Total offense	932	1024
Total plays	201	173
Average per play	4.6	5.9
Average per game	310.7	341.3
Kick returns: #-Yards	14-272	9-308
Punt returns: #-Yards	0-0	4-55
Int returns: #-Yards	0-0	6-121
Kick return average	19.4	34.2
Punt return average	0.0	13.8
Int return average	0.0	20.2
Fumbles-Lost	7-4	6-5
Penalties-Yards	16-99	19-206
Average per game	33.0	68.7
Punts-Yards	12-403	10-321
Average per punt	33.6	32.1
Net punt average	32.2	30.1
Kickoffs-Yards	9-506	18-1096
Average per kick	56.2	60.9
Net kick average	22.0	40.2
Time of possession / game	31:44	27:38
3rd-down conversion	14/42	17/34
3rd-down pct	33%	50%
4th-down conversion	4/10	1/4





Hilltoppers 2025 Stats

Team Defense

			Tackles				Sack s	Pass defense			Fumble s	blkd		
##	Player	gp	ua	a	tot	tfl/yds	no-yds	int-yds	brup	qbh	fr-yds	ff	kick	saf
38	Nolan Shimp	3	10	12	22	2-3	1-2	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
22	Junus McGraw	3	10	9	19	1-1	.	.	1	.	1-4	.	.	.
11	Jamison Holliday	3	4	13	17	0.5-3	0.5-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
8	Nasir Lawrence	3	5	10	15	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
90	Carson Moore	3	6	6	12	1.5-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
5	Justice Lawrence	3	8	4	12	.	.	.	1	.	1-0	1	.	.
99	Grant Thompson	3	7	3	10	5-34	3-27	.	.	.	1-0	1	.	.
51	Grant Neiswonger	3	2	7	9	1.5-8	1-6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
46	Sawyer VanMatre	3	.	9	9	0.5-4	0.5-4	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
9	Bre'Andre Horsley	2	2	7	9	0.5-2	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
37	Donovan Elliott	2	4	3	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
29	Kenshiro Christopher	3	4	3	7	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.
25	Charles Coy III	3	3	4	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
92	Chase Lawrence	3	2	3	5	0.5-0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
21	Seth Poriah	3	2	2	4	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
31	Jaay-r Cook	1	1	3	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
6	Jemier Faulks	2	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
95	Sajed Abdel-Momin	3	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
39	Chase Hile	3	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
54	Antajuan Harvey	2	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
17	Osama Hurst	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
4	Kohl Meisman	3	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
8	Silas Hinson	3	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
6	Thonye Charles	3	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
76	Riley Plotner	3	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
41	Nate Bonds	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
26	Darius Gross	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
59	Dominic Maultsby	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
75	Jeffery McCoy	3	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
85	Wes Houston	3	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
52	Marcus Rector	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
11	Jaren Brickner	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
Totals		3	82	106	188	13-59	6-42	0-0	5	2	5-4	4	0	0
Opponents		3	102	98	200	28-119	15-77	6-121	14	12	4-1	5	1	0





Hilltoppers 2025 Roster

Num	Player	Pos	Ht	Wt	Cl	Hometown/H.S./Previous School
0	Gavin Cummins	TE	6-3	225	Fr.	Las Vegas, Nevada / Lake Mead Christian Academy /
1	Josh Vigne	WR	5-7	155	So.	Atlanta, Ga. / Northgate /
1	Rashad Murray	WR	6-0	160	R-So.	Pittsburgh, Pa. / Obama Academy / California (Pa.)
2	Trey Singleton	WR	6-1	170	So.	Beaver Falls, Pa. / Beaver Falls / Fairmont State
2	Christian Bell	DB	6-0	185	Gr.	Allentown, Pa. / Notre Dame Green Pond / Mercyhurst
3	Ray'Mon Matthews	DB	5-10	160	Fr.	Deland, Fla. / Deland
3	Antevious Jackson	QB	5-11	180	Jr.	Woodbridge, Virginia / Woodbridge
4	Kohl Meisman	QB	6-6	210	So.	Rapid City, S.D. / Rapid City Central / Victor Valley College
4	Cashmere Caldwell	DB	5-9	170	Fr.	Dover, Fla. / Specially Fit Academy /
5	Justice Lawrence	DB	5-9	162	Sr.	Winston-Salem, N.C. / North Forsyth / Wingate
5	De'Aveon Perkins	WR	5-10	175	Jr.	Cincinnati, Ohio / Northwest / Hocking College
6	Jemier Faulks	DB	6-2	160	Fr.	Steubenville, Ohio / Steubenville /
6	Thonye Charles	WR	5-10	170	Jr.	Los Angeles, Calif. / South Hills West Covina / American River
8	Nasir Lawrence	DB	5-11	190	Sr.	Winston-Salem, N.C. / North Forsyth / Lewisburg College
8	Silas Hinson	WR	6-0	176	Jr.	Boynton Beach, Fla. / Inlet Grove / Holmes Community
9	Jaedon Alston	RB	5-8	205	R-Fr.	Charleston, S.C. / Concordia Prep /
9	Bre'Andre Horsley	DE	6-4	215	R-So.	Lynchburg, Va. / Heritage / McDougle Technical Institute
10	Rashid Sesay	RB	5-10	205	R-Fr.	Zanesville, Ohio / West Muskingum / Ohio State
10	DeMontay Johnson	DB	5-9	180	Fr.	Deland, Fla. / Deland
11	Jaren Brickner	QB	6-2	205	R-So.	Beaver Falls, Pa. / Beaver Falls / Fairmont St.
11	Jamison Holliday	DB	6-2	180	R-Fr.	Deltona, Fla. / Mainland
12	Levi Gullion	QB	6-3	215	R-Jr.	Piketon, Ohio / Piketon / Alderson Broadus
13	Emanuel Bowden	DB	5-10	180	Gr.	Pittsburgh, Pa. / Carrick / Clarion
14	Jaylin Harcum	WR	5-8	155	So.	Baltimore, Md. / Concordia Prep /
15	Jayden Queen	WR	6-2	175	So.	Springdale, Md. / CH Flowers /
16	Harry Kanu	QB	6-3	170	Jr.	Dover, Fla. / Brandon / Peru State
17	Osama Hurst	WR	6-4	185	Jr.	Winston-Salem, N.C. / North Forsyth / Minnesota State C & T C
18	Infinite Campbell	WR	6-1	192	Gr.	Jersey City, N.J. / Delaware Valley / Bloomsburg / Lock Haven
19	Marcel Holyfield III	WR	5-9	160	So.	Pittsburgh, Pa. / Taylor Allerdice / Seton Hill University (Pa.)
20	Hunter Patterson	RB	5-11	180	Jr.	Chester, W.Va. / Oak Glen /
21	Seth Poriah	LB	6-2	230	Jr.	Westfield, Indiana / Westfield / Central Arkansas / Purdue
22	Junus McGraw	DB	6-1	185	So.	Anchorage, Alaska / Specially Fit Academy /
23	Adrian Letta	WR	5-9	170	So.	East Rochester, N.Y. / East Rochester, N.Y. / Waynesburg
24	Davon Eldridge	DB	6-1	205	R-Fr.	Morgantown, W.Va. / Palmetto Prep /
25	Charles Coy III	DB	6-2	200	Gr.	Detroit, Mich. / Summit Academy North / Wayne State
26	Darius Gross	DL	6-1	190	Fr.	Waldorf, Md. / St. Charles /
27	Daniel Alford	DB	5-10	180	Sr.	Clayton, N.C. / Clayton / North Carolina Wesleyan
28	Anthony May	RB	6-0	188	Fr.	Deltona, Fla. / University /
29	Kenshiro Christopher	DB	6-1	170	Fr.	Alexandria, Va. / Mount Zion
30	Kamar Bridges	LB/DB	5-10	180	R-Fr.	Weirton, W.Va. / Weir / Walsh
31	Jaay-r Cook	DB	6-2	180	Fr.	Orange City, Fla. / University /
32	KJ Wood	CB	6-2	185	Fr.	Washington, D.C. / Bel Air
33	Brayden Marson	DB	6-3	210	Fr.	Fort Pierce, Fla. / Vero Beach /
34	Precious Boyejo	RB	5-11	200	So.	Staten Island, N.Y. / Susan E. Wagner / Central Methodist
35	Tyler Lawson	DB	5-10	190	Fr.	Frederick, Md. / Middletown /
36	Brandon Kinney	LB	6-0	205	Jr.	Steubenville, Ohio / Steubenville /
36	Jaylen Lardy	WR	5-8	160	R-Fr.	Martinsburg, W.Va. / Martinsburg /
37	Donovan Elliott	DB	6-2	200	Fr.	Germantown, Md. / Northwest
38	Nolan Shimp	DB	6-1	190	Sr.	Hamlin, W.Va. / Lincoln County /
39	Chase Hile	K	5-11	160	Fr.	Wellsburg, W.Va. / Brooke /
40	Brayden Rauch	LB	5-11	205	R-Fr.	Steubenville, Ohio / Steubenville Central Catholic / Wheeling
41	Nate Bonds	LB	6-1	205	Fr.	Roanoke, Va. / North Cross /
42	Landon Hirmer	DB	5-9	175	Fr.	Goldvein, Va. / Liberty
43	Mohamed Touray	LB	6-0	215	Fr.	Levittown, Pa. / Harry S Truman





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Num	Player	Pos	Ht	Wt	Cl	Hometown/H.S./Previous School
44	LaQuinton Thompson Jr	LB	5-11	200	Fr.	Melbourne, Fla. / Heritage
45	Melique Lewis	DL	6-3	285	R-Fr.	Morgantown, W.Va. / University /
46	Sawyer VanMatre	LB	6-3	220	Rf.	Mason, W.Va. / Wahama /
47	Isaiah Alford	RB	6-0	190	Fr.	Clayton, N.C. / Cleveland /
48	Morgan Williamson	K	5-10	180	Gr.	New Concord, Ohio / Tri-Valley / Slippery Rock
49	Zion McGee	RB	5-11	170	Fr.	Wintersville, Ohio / Indian Creek /
50	Yannick Mbonda	DL	6-4	220	Fr.	Rockville, Md. / Magruder /
51	Grant Neiswonger	DL	6-1	215	Jr.	Moundsville, W.Va. / John Marshall /
52	Marcus Rector	DL	6-5	225	R-Fr.	Saint Clairsville, Ohio / Saint Clairsville / Wheeling
53	Coldin Burkhardt	LB	6-0	205	Fr.	Wheeling, W.Va. / Wheeling Park
54	Antajuan Harvey	DL	6-3	244	Fr.	Cleveland, Ohio / John Jay /
56	Zach Hicks	LB	6-0	195	Fr.	Palm Bay, Fla. / Heritage /
57	Peyton Rauch	DL	6-2	245	Fr.	Wintersville, Ohio / Steubenville Catholic Central /
58	Chase Crutchley	LB	5-9	180	R-So.	Harpers Ferry, W.Va. / Washington /
59	Dominic Maultsby	DL	6-1	235	Fr.	Orange City, Fla. / University
62	Dennis Pike	OL	6-1	270	R-Fr.	Inwood, W.Va. / Musselman /
63	Brandon McBride	OL	6-3	265	Fr.	Bedford, Ohio / Villa Angela-St. Joes /
64	Titus Pratt	OL	6-1	265	Fr.	Huntington, W.Va. / Huntington
65	Mike VanMatre	OL	6-2	255	R-So.	New Haven, W.Va. / Wahama /
66	Mason Fraley	OL	6-0	250	Jr.	Canton, Mich. / Salem /
69	Anthony Coreas	OL	6-3	330	Fr.	Gaithersburg, Md. / Riverdale Baptist
70	Dequan Cobb	OL	6-3	325	R-Fr.	Jacksonville, Fla. / Woodside /
72	Isaac Tavo	OL	6-5	295	R-So.	Spring Hill, Fla. / Land O'Lakes /
73	Kemper Longwell	OL	6-3	275	Jr.	Philippi, W.Va. / Philip Barbour /
74	Nathan Everley	OL	6-6	255	R-So.	Jefferson Hills, Pa. / Thomas Jefferson /
75	Jeffery McCoy	OL	6-3	300	Jr.	Pittsburg, Calif. / Pittsburg / Los Medanos College
76	Riley Plotner	OL	6-6	320	R-Fr.	Canal Fulton, Ohio / Northwest /
77	Ethan Petaia	OL	6-4	330	Jr.	Long Beach, Calif. / Millikan / Long Beach City College
78	Curtis Hayes	OL	6-1	295	Sr.	Parkersburg, W.Va. / Parkersburg /
80	Dyson Harper	WR	6-1	170	Fr.	Pittsburgh, Pa. / Gateway
81	Kevin Powell	WR	6-4	175	Fr.	South Euclid, Ohio / Charles F. Brush /
82	Colin McDermitt	P/K	6-2	160	R-So.	Lusby, Md. / Patuxent /
83	Joey Shaffstall	TE	5-11	215	Jr.	Cincinnati, Ohio / Lakota West / CC of Allegheny County
84	Jordan Bailey	WR	6-3	175	Fr.	Sandy Springs, Md. / Sherwood
85	Wes Houston	TE	6-2	245	Fr.	Zanesville, Ohio / West Muskingum /
86	Ethan Null	WR	5-8	160	R-Fr.	Huntington, W.Va. / Spring Valley / Pikeville
87	Andrew Jones	WR	6-3	175	Fr.	Rayland, Ohio / Buckeye Local /
88	Caleb Ratcliffe	WR	6-4	190	Jr.	Wheeling, W.Va. / Wheeling Central /
89	Michael Graham	WR	5-9	175	Fr.	Bel Air, Md. / Bel Air /
90	Carson Moore	DL	6-2	245	Sr.	Tampa, Fla. / Jefferson /
92	Chase Lawrence	DL	6-2	260	Jr.	Cleveland, Ohio / Charles F Brush / North Dakota Sch. of Science
93	Corey Smith	DL	5-11	270	R-Fr.	Cleveland, Ohio / Villa Angela-St. Joseph /
94	Jackson Waldrum Jr.	LB	6-0	230	R-Fr.	Reynoldsburg, Ohio / Dublin Scioto / Rio Grande
95	Sajed Abdel-Momin	DL	6-4	310	Jr.	Gaithersburg, Md. / Damascus / Waynesburg
98	Theandre Balloon Jr.	LB	6-0	210	R-Fr.	Miami, Fla. / American /
99	Grant Thompson	DL	6-3	240	So.	Akron, Ohio / Archbishop Hoban / Flyght Academy (Ohio)

Coaches:

Head Coach: Roger Waialae (21st Season)

Defensive Coordinator: Jeff Monteroso

Offensive Coordinator: Dakota Conwell

Secondary: Marcus Spencer

Offensive Line: Mark Konopka

Defensive Line: Josh Francis

Wide Receivers: Johnny Bonar

Nickles: Mason Werner

Tight Ends: Caydan Keeler (GA)





Hilltoppers Pronunciation Guide

- #1 Josh Vigne – VIN-yay
- #3 Ray'Mon Matthews – RAY-mon
- #3 Antevious Jackson – an-TAY-vee-us
- #4 Kohl Meisman – Mice -man
- #4 Cashmere Caldwell – CASH-meer
- #5 De'Aveon Perkins – dee-AY-vee-on
- #6 Jemier Faulks – juh-MEER
- #6 Thonye Charles – Toe-Knee
- #9 Bre'Andre Horsley – bray-AHN-dray
- #10 Rashid Sesay – rah-SHED SEE-say
- #10 DeMontay Johnson – dee-MON-tay
- #16 Harry Kanu – KAH-noo
- #17 Osama Hurst – oh-SAH-mah
- #18 Infinite Campbell – in-FIN-it
- #19 Marcel Holyfield III – MAR-sell HO-lee-field
- #21 Seth Poriah – puh-RYE-uh
- #22 Junus McGraw – JOO-nus
- #24 Davon Eldridge – DAY-von
- #29 Kenshiro Christopher – ken-SHEER-oh
- #31 Jaay-r Cook – JAY-er
- #34 Precious Boyejo – boy-AY-joe
- #43 Mohamed Touray – too-RAY
- #44 LaQuinton Thompson Jr. – luh-QUIN-ton
- #50 Yannick Mbonda – YAH-nick em-BOHN-duh
- #54 Antajuan Harvey – AN-tuh-wahn
- #59 Dominic Maultsby – MALTZ-bee
- #70 Dequan Cobb – dee-KWAHN
- #72 Isaac Tavo – TAH-voh
- #77 Ethan Petaia – peh-TIE-uh
- #95 Sajed Abdel-Momin – SAH-jed ab-DUAL moh-MEN
- #98 Theandre Balloon Jr. – thee-ON-dray buh-LOON





Defense

ANCHOR

#99 – Grant Thompson (So., 6-3, 240)

#52 – Marcus Rector (R-Fr., 6-5, 225)

NOSE

#90 – Carson Moore (S2., 6-2, 245)

#93 – Corey Smith (R-Fr., 5-11, 270)

TACKLE

#51 – Grant Neiswonger (Jr., 6-1, 215)

#45 – Melique Lewis (R-Fr., 6-3, 285)

GHOST

#9 – Bre'Andre Horsley (R-So., 6-4, 215)

#92 – Chase Lawrence (Jr., 6-2, 260)

INSIDE LINEBACKER

#46 – Sawyer VanMatre (R-Fr., 6-3, 220)

#41 – Nate Bonds (Fr., 6-1, 205)

INSIDE LINEBACKER

#38 – Nolan Shimp (Sr., 6-1, 190)

#21 – Seth Poriah (Jr., 6-2, 230)

FREE SAFETY

#22 – Junus McGraw (So., 6-1, 185)

#37 – Donovan Elliott (Fr., 6-2, 200)

BOUNDARY CORNER BACK

#29 – Kenshiro Christopher (Fr., 6-1, 170)

#5 – Justice Lawrence (Sr., 5-9, 162)

FIELD CORNER BACK

#6 – Jemier Faulks (Fr., 6-2, 160)

#5 – Justice Lawrence (Sr., 5-9, 162)

WEAK SAFETY

#8 – Nasir Lawrence (Sr., 5-11, 190)

#31 – Jaay-r Cook (Fr., 6-2, 180)

NICKLE

#11 – Jamison Holiday (R-Fr., 6-2, 180)

#25 – Charles Coy III (Gr., 6-2, 200)

Specialists

PUNT RETURN

#2 – Trey Singleton (So 6-1, 170)

#6 – Thoyne Charles (Jr., 5-10, 170)

KICK RETURN

#2 – Trey Singleton (So 6-1, 170)

#6 – Thoyne Charles (Jr., 5-10, 170)

Offense

LEFT TACKLE

#72 – Isaac Tavo (R-So., 6-5, 295)

#63 – Brandon McBride (Fr., 6-3, 265)

LEFT GUARD

#78 – Curtis Hayes (Sr., 6-1, 295)

#77 – Ethan Petaia (Jr., 6-4, 330)

CENTER

#66 – Mason Fraley (Jr., 6-0, 250)

#62 – Dennis Pike (R-Fr., 6-1, 270)

RIGHT GUARD

#76 – Riley Plotner (R-Fr., 6-6, 320)

#70 – Dequan Cobb (R-Fr., 6-3, 325)

RIGHT TACKLE

#73 – Kemper Longwell (Jr., 6-3, 275)

#75 – Jeffery McCoy (Jr., 6-3, 300)

W

#14 – Jaylin Harcum (So., 5-8, 155)

#19 – Marcel Holyfield (So., 5-9, 160)

X

#17 – Osama Hurst (Jr., 6-4, 185)

#1 – Rashad Murray (R-So., 6-0, 160)

Y

#88 – Caleb Ratcliffe (Jr., 6-4, 190)

#12 – Levi Gullion (R-Jr., 6-3, 215)

Z

#2 – Trey Singleton (So 6-1, 170)

#8 – Silas Hinton (Jr., 6-0, 176)

A

#20 – Hunter Patterson (Jr., 5-11, 180)

#10 – Sashid Sesay (R-Fr., 5-10, 205)

QUARTERBACK

#4 – Kohl Meisman (So., 6-6, 210)

#3 – Antevious Jackson (Jr., 5-11, 180)

Specialists

KICKER

#39 – Chase Hile (Fr., 5-11, 160)

#48 – Morgan Williamson (Gr., 5-10, 180)

PUNTER

#48 – Morgan Williamson (Gr., 5-10, 180)

#82 – Colin McDermitt (R-So., 6-2, 160)

LONG SNAPPER

#38 – Nolan Shimp (Sr., 6-1, 190)

#85 – Wes Houston (Fr., 6-2, 245)



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Num	Player	Pos	Ht	Wt	Cl	Hometown/H.S./Previous School
0	Lance Blankenship	DE	6-2	235	Gr.	Lynchburg, Va. / Brookville / Concord /
1	Tra'Shaun Timmons	WR	5-10	180	R-So.	Edgewater, Md. / South River /
2	Owen Doyle	RB	5-11	195	R-Jr.	Denton, Md. / North Caroline /
3	Wylan Harich	S	6-0	175	Sr.	Point of Rocks, Md. / Brunswick /
4	Rainer Haveland	DE	6-0	220	Sr.	Waterford, Va. / Tuscarora /
5	Carter Mazalewski	LB	6-3	240	R-So.	Mount Airy, Md. / South Carroll /
6	KJ Smothers	RB	5-9	200	R-So.	Queen Anne, Md. / Queen Anne's /
7	Sam Dominguez	K/P	6-3	200	R-So.	Gambrills, Md. / Crofton /
8	Jordan Brooks	QB	6-3	190	R-So.	Taneytown, Md. / Concordia Prep /
9	Myles Fulton	QB	6-4	210	R-Jr.	Severn, Md. / Old Mill /
9	Kamari Ramsey	DB	5-10	180	Gr.	Waldorf, Md. / Westlake /
10	Austin Paul-Umstead	WR	5-10	170	R-Jr.	Kensington, Md. / Albert Einstein /
11	Cruiz Paul-Umstead	WR	5-10	170	R-So.	Kensington, Md. / Albert Einstein /
12	Jevonn Gilyard	WR	6-1	175	Sr.	Leesburg, Va. / Tuscarora /
13	Jaylen Boyd	LB	6-0	230	Sr.	Accokeek, Md. / Gwynn Park /
14	Josh McTier	DB	5-10	185	R-Sr.	New Market, Md. / Friendship Collegiate / Marshall /
15	Max Heineman	TE	6-2	250	R-So.	Germantown, Md. / Our Lady of Good Counsel /
16	Blake LaBelle	WR	6-1	185	R-Fy.	Cambridge, Md. / Cambridge South Dorchester /
17	Tanner Pfeuffer	QB	6-5	190	Fr.	Pittsburgh, Pa. / Bethel Park
17	Elijah Anderson	CB	5-11	170	R-Fy.	Halethorpe, Md. / Archbishop Curley
18	Ray Adames	WR	6-1	185	So.	Woodbridge, Va. / Musselman
19	Tristin Forby	S	6-1	175	Jr.	Baltimore, Md. / Dulaney /
19	Carlos Harrison	QB	6-2	180	R-Fy.	Owings Mills, Md. / New Town
20	Kurt Thomas	LB	6-3	205	R-So.	Salisbury, Md. / Wicomico High School /
21	Marquise Allsup	DB	5-11	165	Sr.	Baltimore, Md. / Saint Vincent Pallotti /
22	Luke Bless	TE	6-4	235	Gr.	Columbus, Ind. / Columbus North / Indianapolis
23	Landon Alexander	RB	6-1	200	Jr.	Aliquippa, Pa. / Central Valley / Albany
24	Will Burns	DB	5-8	175	Jr.	Columbia, Md. / Wilde Lake /
25	Andre Smith	RB	5-10	200	R-Jr.	Bryans Road, Md. / Henry E Lackey /
26	Jalil Singleton	DB	5-11	170	Jr.	White Plains, Md. / Garfield / Shepherd
27	AJ Thomas	RB	5-10	190	Fr.	Morgantown, WV / Morgantown
28	Amirr Coles	TE	6-3	240	R-So.	Centreville, Md. / Queens Anne's County HS /
29	Malik Johnson	CB	5-8	145	So.	Baltimore, Md. / Episcopal High School /
30	Tre Dennis	DB	6-1	180	R-So.	Bel Air, Md. / Bel Air High School /
30	Harrison Fritz	K	6-0	190	R-So.	Hampstead, Md. / Manchester Valley /
31	Christian Taylor	DL	5-10	230	Sr.	Washington, DC / St. John's / Bowie State
32	Brett Patterson	RB	5-11	195	R-Fy.	LaVale, Md. / Allegany
33	Mason Sessoms	S	6-0	170	R-Fy.	Bowie, Md. / Bowie High School /
34	Anthony Palmisano	CB	6-0	180	R-So.	Cumberland, Md. / Fort Hill High School /
35	Rodrigo Delgado	RB	5-9	190	R-Fy.	Charles Town, WV / Jefferson /
36	Amari Johnson	S	6-2	185	So.	Upper Marlboro, Md. / Rock Creek Christian Academy /
36	Keegan Thorne	S	6-4	185	R-Fy.	Mechanicsville, Md. / Calvert /
37	Jason Adams	DB	5-9	150	Fr.	Brandywine, Md. / Bishop McNamara
38	Osman Fanny	CB	5-10	190	R-Fy.	Gaithersburg, Md. / Gaithersburg /
39	Dylan Harich	S	5-11	175	Fr.	Charleston, WV / Jefferson
41	Joel Tufts	DE	6-3	230	R-Fy.	Bel Air, Md. / C. Milton Wright /
43	Gavin Kendrick	S	6-3	225	Fr.	Mechanicsburg, Pa. / Cumberland Valley
44	Cayden Bratton	LB	5-11	215	R-So.	Cumberland, Md. / Allegany High School /
45	Diezel Duckett	LB	6-0	220	R-Fy.	Rockville, Md. / Winston Churchill
46	Carson Chinn	LB	5-11	180	Fr.	Berryville, Va. / Clarke County
48	Gavin Bedford	DE	6-4	230	R-Jr.	Nottingham, Md. / Perry Hall /
48	Brandon Keen	K/P	6-2	200	Gr.	Elkton, Md. / St. Marks /
52	Zack Isaac	DE	6-2	240	R-So.	Waldorf, Md. / North Point /





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53	Kevin Halford	LS	6-2	220	Sr.	Jarrettsville, Md. / North Harford
55	Tanner Herman	OL	6-2	290	R-Jr.	Etters, Pa. / Red Land /
60	Bryce Ellison	OL	6-5	300	R-So.	Reisterstown, Md. / Franklin /
61	Ethan Stanalonis	OL	6-1	280	R-Fy.	Hollywood, Md. / Leonardtown /
62	Jason Shipman	OL	6-4	300	R-Fy.	Severn, Md. / Archbishop Spalding /
63	Kris Shenton	OL	6-2	270	Fr.	Crofton, Md. / Crofton
64	Codey McLaughlin	OL	6-5	300	Fr.	Bowie, Md. / Bowie
65	Brennan Gielner	OL	6-5	310	R-So.	Edgewood, Md. / Edgewood High School /
67	Latrel Gatewood	OL	6-2	320	R-Jr.	Fort Washington, Md. / Crossland / Lackawanna /
69	Chijioke Eule	OL	6-5	300	R-Fy.	Smyrna, Del. / Smyrna /
70	Doug Pruim II	OL	6-4	315	Sr.	Gloucester, Va. / Gloucester /
71	Lucas Bahrenburg	OL	6-7	335	Fr.	Cumberland, Md. / Allegany
72	Pierre Amang	OL	6-3	300	R-So.	Baltimore, Md. / Carver /
73	William Barbe	OL	6-6	295	R-So.	Burlington, WV / Keyser /
74	Aidan Butler	OL	6-3	295	R-So.	Damascus, Md. / Damascus H /
75	Reynold Kalule	OL	6-4	330	R-Fy.	Rosedale, Md. / Overlea High School /
76	Nate Blankenship	OL	6-3	300	R-Fy.	Elkton, Md. / Rising Sun /
77	Sean Jewett	OL	6-4	285	Fr.	Saint Leonard, Md. / St. Mary's Ryken
78	Nick Blankenship	OL	6-4	320	Sr.	Elkton, Md. / Rising Sun /
79	Nico Margittai	OL	6-4	310	R-So.	Pittsburgh, Pa. / Bishop Canevin /
80	Tyler Cook	K	6-2	155	Fr.	Frostburg, Md. / Mountain Ridge
81	Caleb Barnes	WR	6-3	195	Fr.	Baltimore, Md. / Saint Frances Academy
82	Tristan Ross	WR	5-11	180	Fr.	Glen Burnie, Md. / Fort Hill
83	Amari Hutson	WR	5-9	170	Jr.	Columbia, Md. / Wilde Lake / Dakota State
84	Daysen Shell	WR	6-0	170	Jr.	Baltimore, Md. / Milford Mill / Coffeyville CC
86	Bradley Boyer	WR	6-0	195	R-Jr.	Chesapeake, Va. / Grassfield / Stevenson
87	Zach Michael	TE	6-4	245	R-Fy.	LaVale, Md. / Allegany /
90	Dean Tekam Kuiate	DE	6-3	215	R-Fy.	Laurel, Md. / Reservoir High School /
91	Joe Reed	DE	6-5	225	R-Fy.	Mount Airy, Md. / Linganore /
92	Nick Presson	DT	6-3	270	Sr.	Olney, Md. / Sherwood /
93	JD Burn	DL	6-3	245	So.	Canton, Ga. / Cherokee / Averett
95	Nate Nosan	DT	6-3	305	R-So.	Phoenix, Md. / Calvert Hall /
96	Marcus Morris	DT	6-2	260	R-Fy.	Owings Mills, Md. / Archbishop Curley /
97	William King	DT	6-3	280	R-So.	Shelbyville, Tenn. / Blackman High School /
98	Dom Tiaga	DL	6-0	285	R-Jr.	Ashburn, Va. / Broad Run /
99	Daquan Stevenson	DT	6-0	285	Jr.	Baltimore, Md. / Milford Mill / Gannon

Coaches:

Head Coach: Eric Wagoner (4th Season)

Assistant Coaches:

OC Trevor Miller (4th Season)

DC Eric Rhodes (4th Season)

Special Teams Derek Prather (4th Season)

WR's Matt Puffenburger (9th Season)

QB's Ken Emmons (2nd Season)

DL Dave Calcutta (5th Season),

RB's Lamont Brown III (1st Season)

Defensive Assistant Jack Ennis (4th Season)

Offensive Assistant Zach Willett (3rd Season)

GA Eric Martin (2nd Season)

GA Sam Long (2nd Season)





Frostburg State 2025 Stats

Team Results

Date	Opponent		Score	Att.
08/30/2025	Shepherd	W	41-27	2050
09/04/2025	at Millersville	W	42-34	2324

Rushing

Player	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Owen Doyle	2	26	134	3	131	5.0	2	35	65.5
KJ Smothers	2	26	99	2	97	3.7	0	12	48.5
Landon Alexander	2	13	95	5	90	6.9	0	28	45.0
Myles Fulton	2	10	43	9	34	3.4	0	19	17.0
Wylan Harich	2	1	8	0	8	8.0	0	8	4.0
Jordan Brooks	1	2	0	13	-13	-6.5	0	0	-13.0
Team	2	2	0	3	-3	-1.5	0	0	-1.5
Total	2	80	379	35	344	4.3	2	35	172.0
Opponents	2	66	319	58	261	4.0	4	71	130.5

Passing

Player	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Myles Fulton	2	200.2	26-39-0	66.7	345	7	45	172.5
Jordan Brooks	1	273.4	5-7-0	71.4	129	1	60	129.0
Team	2	0.0	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Total	2	206.8	31-47-0	66.0	474	8	60	237.0
Opponents	2	105.7	35-67-4	52.2	443	2	43	221.5

Receiving

Player	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Tra'Shaun Timmons	2	7	53	7.6	2	20	26.5
Landon Alexander	2	5	49	9.8	0	17	24.5
Jevonn Gilyard	2	5	105	21.0	2	40	52.5
Cruiz Paul-Umstead	2	4	123	30.8	2	60	61.5
Ray Adames	2	3	63	21.0	1	45	31.5
Owen Doyle	2	2	14	7.0	0	11	7.0
Amirr Coles	2	2	46	23.0	0	40	23.0
Amari Hutson	2	1	5	5.0	0	5	2.5
KJ Smothers	2	1	8	8.0	0	8	4.0
Max Heineman	2	1	8	8.0	1	8	4.0
Total	2	31	474	15.3	8	60	237.0
Opponents	2	35	443	12.7	2	43	221.5

Game Records

Record	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
ALL GAMES	2-0	1-0	1-0	0-0
CONFERENCE	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	2-0	1-0	1-0	0-0

Team Statistics

	FSU	OPP
First Downs	43	40
Rushing	18	14
Passing	20	18
Penalty	5	8
Rushing Yardage	344	261
Rushing attempts	80	66
Average per rush	4.3	4.0
Average per game	172.0	130.5
TDs Rushing	2	4
Passing Yardage	474	443
Comp-Att-Int	31-47-0	35-67-4
Average per pass	10.1	6.6
Average per catch	15.3	12.7
Average per game	237.0	221.5
TDs Passing	8	2
Total offense	818	704
Average per play	6.4	5.3
Average per game	409.0	352.0
Kick returns: #-Yards	6-158	13-285
Punt returns: #-Yards	1-10	5-36
Int returns: #-Yards	4-71	0-0
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	6-4
Penalties-Yards	22-194	16-142
Punts-Avg	9-35.2	5-34.4
Time of possession / game	33:40	26:20
3rd-down conversion	12/26	9/27
4th-down conversion	1/1	2/5
PAT-attempts	(11-12) 92%	(7-7) 100%
2-point conversion-attempts	(0-0) 0%	(0-0) 0%





OFFENSE

RUSHING YARDS

Derrick Stickles vs. W.Va. State (11/8/03)	348
Pete Tuccio (1950)	296
Kevon Calhoun at Concord (11/13/10)	258
Darryl Shipp (1981)	245
Eddy Christian vs. W.Va. Tech (11/4/95)	244

PASSING YARDS

Zach Amedro vs. Edinboro (11/21/09)	540
Zach Amedro at Seton Hill (11/6/10)	525
Zach Amedro vs. Seton Hill (11/10/07)	518
Zach Amedro vs. Shepherd (10/23/10)	487
Zach Amedro vs. W.Va. Wesleyan (9/25/10)	464

TOUCHDOWNS

Kevon Calhoun vs. Edinboro (11/21/09)	6
Branden Ore vs. Glenville (10/11/08)	5
Kevon Calhoun at Concord (11/13/10)	5
Hunter Patterson at Fairmont State (11/9/24)	4
Jermaine Carter at Seton Hill (11/6/10)	4
Almonzo Banks vs. Seton Hill (11/10/07)	4
Derrick Stickles at W.Va. Wesleyan (10/1/05)	4
Derrick Stickles vs. W.Va. State (11/8/03)	4
Greg Dailer vs. W.Va. Tech (11/8/97)	4

RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS

Kevon Calhoun at Concord (11/13/10)	5
Branden Ore vs. Glenville (10/11/08)	5
Kevon Calhoun vs. Edinboro (11/21/09)	4
Derrick Stickles vs. W.Va. Wesleyan (10/1/05)	4
Derrick Stickles vs. W.Va. State (11/8/03)	4

RECEIVING YARDS

Almonzo Banks vs. Seton Hill (11/10/07)	292
Greg Dailer vs. St. Joseph (9/20/97)	268
Renard Stevens vs. W.Va. Wesleyan (10/1/05)	252
Gary Briggs vs. W.Va. Tech (11/7/98)	247
Greg Dailer vs. W.Va. Wesleyan (10/26/96)	216

TD PASSES

Zach Amedro at Seton Hill (11/6/10)	8
Mike Flannery vs. W.Va. State (1975)	7
Zach Amedro vs. Edinboro (11/21/09)	6
Zach Amedro vs. Lake Erie (9/2/09)	6

RECEPTIONS

Almonzo Banks vs. Seton Hill (11/10/07)	18
Ryan Travis vs. W.Va. Wesleyan (9/25/10)	15
Almonzo Banks vs. Shepherd (11/27/07)	15
Ryan Travis vs. California, Pa. (11/28/09)	14
Brandon Schroeder vs. Seton Hill (10/29/11)	13
Ryan Travis at Seton Hill (11/6/10)	13
Ryan Travis vs. Charleston (10/30/10)	13
Ryan Travis at W.Va. State (10/16/10)	13
Ryan Travis vs. Glenville (10/9/10)	13
Ryan Travis at Fairmont (9/30/10)	13
Renard Stevens vs. Charleston (11/5/05)	13

TD RECEPTIONS

Jermaine Carter at Seton Hill (11/6/10)	4
Almonzo Banks vs. Seton Hill (11/10/07)	4
Greg Dailer vs. W.Va. Tech (11/8/97)	4
Thomas Cole at Wheeling (9/7/19)	3

Anton McCallum vs. Charleston (10/10/15)	3
Daree Goodwin vs. Urbana (9/24/15)	3
Daree Goodwin at Urbana (10/18/14)	3
Ryan Travis vs. Shepherd (10/23/10)	3
Ryan Travis at W.Va. State (10/16/10)	3
Kashif Walls vs. Seton Hill (10/31/09)	3
Kashif Walls vs. W.Va. Wesleyan (9/19/09)	3
Kashif Walls vs. Lake Erie (9/12/09)	3
Almonzo Banks vs. Concord (9/23/06)	3
Doug McClain (1986)	3
Kevin Wilson (1975)	3
Jim Borst (1970)	3
Dave Holland (1969)	3
Ray Prantil (1962)	3

SPECIAL TEAMS

PUNTS

Griff Yocum vs. Urbana (10/19/13)	11
Griff Yocum at Fairmont State (9/22/12)	11
DJ Johnson at Fairmont State (11/9/24)	10
Austin Mayfield vs. Charleston (11/16/19)	10
Reed Reitter vs. Notre Dame (9/11/19)	10
Griff Yocum at W.Va. Wesleyan (9/17/11)	10
Mike Darrah vs. Walsh (9/3/05)	10
DJ Johnson vs. Frostburg State (9/14/24)	9*

(* most recent, has happened 9 times in program history)

LONG PUNTS

Christian Morris at Shepherd (10/4/17)	79
Kevin Wilson (1977)	79
Owen Rozanc at Glenville (4/10/21)	78
Griff Yocum vs. Charleston (10/31/13)	75
Mike Blewett vs. Walsh (9/5/09)	71
Will Castelamare vs. W.Va. State (10/20/07)	71
DJ Johnson at UNC Pembroke (10/12/24)	70
Christian Morris vs. Shepherd (10/6/18)	70

FIELD GOALS

Owen Rozanc vs. W.Va. State (10/20/18)	3
Owen Rozanc vs. UVA-Wise (9/22/18)	3
Bryan Arbes at Catawba (9/7/13)	3
Bryan Arbes at W.Va. State (9/21/13)	3
Bryan Arbes vs. Charleston (10/31/13)	3
Mike Blewett at Glenville State (10/3/09)	3
Billy Hager vs. W.Va. Wesleyan (9/27/08)	3
Billy Hager at W.Va. State (10/28/06)	3
J.C. Kimes at UVA-Wise (9/1/01)	3

LONG FIELD GOALS

Billy Hager vs. W.Va. Wesleyan (9/27/08)	52
Justin Kaplan vs. W.Va. Wesleyan (9/24/22)	48
Bryan Arbes vs. Charleston (10/31/13)	48
Jeff Hoak at Concord (11/3/12)	48
Billy Hager at Fairmont State (10/2/08)	48
Billy Hager vs. Concord (9/15/07)	48

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DEFENSE

TACKLES

Jim Calhoun vs. Salem (9/10/77)	21
Doug McDaniel vs. Walsh (7/14/02)	19
Carl Filut vs. Concord (10/17/87)	19
Mark Johnston vs. Shepherd (9/27/86)	19
Cliff Clark vs. Shepherd (10/6/18)	18
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Darren Banks vs. Fairmont (10/6/07)	3
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Ian Whittington at W.Va. Wesleyan (10/1/05)	3
Mark Ceglie at W.Va. Tech (10/28/00)	3
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TACKLES FOR LOSS

Kevin Dixon vs. W.Va. Tech (9/10/05)	8
Andy Schumacher vs. Glenville (10/5/91)	8
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Kevin Dixon vs. Charleston (11/11/06)	6
Doug McDaniel vs. Shepherd (11/4/00)	6
E.J. Burt vs. Concord (10/7/00)	6

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Derrick Evans vs. Lake Erie (9/12/09)	5
Bryan Culley vs. W.Va. Wesleyan (11/30/90)	5
Rod White at Virginia State (9/8/12)	4
Mike Darrah vs. Seton Hill (10/24/05)	4
Billy Jones vs. W.Va. Tech (10/20/01)	4
Damaro Wheeler vs. W.Va. Wesleyan (10/6/01)	4
James Branch vs. W.Va. State (10/15/94)	4
Bryan Culley vs. W.Va. State (10/16/93)	4
Bryan Culley vs. Va. State (9/11/93)	4
Dave Tippie vs. Glenville (10/11/91)	4

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Kevin Dixon vs. W.Va. Tech (9/10/05)	6
E.J. Burt vs. Concord (10/7/00)	5
Andy Schumacher vs. Glenville (10/5/91)	5
Clay Beeler at Concord (9/13/08)	4
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Derrick Evans vs. Lake Erie (9/12/09)	6
Tom McKenney vs. W.Va. Wesleyan (11/7/92)	6
Bryan Culley vs. W.Va. Wesleyan (11/30/90)	6
Shon Stephens at Alderson Broaddus (9/9/22)	5
Billy Jones vs. W.Va. Tech (10/20/01)	5
Damaro Wheeler vs. W.Va. Wesleyan (10/6/01)	5
Bryan Culley vs. W.Va. State (10/16/93)	5
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West Liberty Last Time

500-Yard Passing Game (3)

Yds	Player	Opponent	Date
525	Zach Amedro	Seton Hill	Nov. 6, 2010

400-Yard Passing Game (14)

Yds	Player	Opponent	Date
414	Rudy Garcia	Fairmont State	Sept. 7, 2023

300-Yard Passing Game (54)

Yds	Player	Opponent	Date
316	Rudy Garcia	Concord	Sept. 30, 2023

300-Yard Rushing Game (1)

Yds	Player	Opponent	Date
348	Derrick Stickles	W.Va. State	Nov. 8, 2003

200-Yard Rushing Game (12)

Yds	Player	Opponent	Date
210	Hunter Patterson	Fairmont State	Nov. 9, 2024

100-Yard Rushing Game (138)

Yds	Player	Opponent	Date
110	Hunter Patterson	Charleston	Nov. 2, 2024

200-Yard Receiving Game (10)

Yds	Player	Opponent	Date
207	Ben Turner	W.Va. State	Sept. 21, 2024

100-Yard Receiving Game (161)

Yds	Player	Opponent	Date
163	Trey Singleton	Walsh	Aug. 28, 2025





Around The Mountain East Conference

MEC This Week:

Saturday:

W.Va. State at W.Va. Wesleyan - 1 pm

Concord at Charleston – 1 pm

West Liberty at Frostburg State – 1 pm

Wheeling at Fairmont State – 1 pm

Last Week's MEC Scores

Ohio Dominican 31 W.Va. Wesleyan 0

Glenville State 44 Millersville 28

West Alabama 28 Charleston 24

Wheeling 35 Lake Erie 31

Robert Morris 28 West Liberty 14

2025 Team Stats

Offense

		G	TD	FG	XPT	2XP	DXP	SAF	PTS	AVG/G
1	Frostburg State	2	12	0	11	0	0	0	83	41.5
2	Concord	2	9	0	8	1	0	1	68	34.0
3	Fairmont State	2	8	3	8	0	0	0	65	32.5
4	Charleston	3	12	1	7	0	0	0	82	27.3
5	Glenville State	3	10	2	8	0	0	0	74	24.7
6	West Virginia State	2	5	1	5	0	0	0	38	19.0
7	Wheeling	3	7	0	6	1	0	0	50	16.7
8	West Liberty	3	6	1	6	0	0	0	45	15.0
9	West Virginia Wesleyan	3	5	0	4	0	0	0	34	11.3

Defense

		G	TD	FG	XPT	2XP	DXP	SAF	PTS	AVG/G
1	Charleston	3	6	6	5	1	0	0	61	20.3
2	West Virginia State	2	8	0	7	0	0	0	55	27.5
3	Glenville State	3	12	2	11	0	0	0	89	29.7
4	Fairmont State	2	9	0	5	1	0	0	61	30.5
5	Frostburg State	2	7	4	7	0	0	0	61	30.5
6	Wheeling	3	13	2	12	0	0	0	96	32.0
7	Concord	2	9	1	6	1	0	1	67	33.5
8	West Liberty	3	15	1	15	0	0	0	108	36.0
9	West Virginia Wesleyan	3	18	2	16	0	0	0	130	43.3

Offense

		G	RUSH	PASS	PLAYS	YDS	AVG/P	TD	AVG/G
1	Concord	2	204	703	156	907	5.8	8	453.5
2	Fairmont State	2	604	299	152	903	5.9	8	451.5
3	Charleston	3	673	675	241	1348	5.6	10	449.3
4	Glenville State	3	476	834	215	1310	6.1	9	436.7
5	Frostburg State	2	344	474	127	818	6.4	10	409.0
6	West Virginia State	2	315	341	120	656	5.5	3	328.0
7	West Liberty	3	244	702	201	946	4.7	6	315.3
8	Wheeling	3	323	563	185	886	4.8	7	295.3
9	West Virginia Wesleyan	3	243	338	163	581	3.6	5	193.7

Defense

		G	RUSH	PASS	PLAYS	YDS	AVG/P	TD	AVG/G
1	Concord	2	291	360	144	651	4.5	8	325.5
2	Fairmont State	2	297	377	128	674	5.3	9	337.0
3	West Liberty	3	528	496	173	1024	5.9	13	341.3
4	Charleston	3	406	631	169	1037	6.1	5	345.7
5	Frostburg State	2	261	443	133	704	5.3	6	352.0
6	West Virginia State	2	409	371	113	780	6.9	8	390.0
7	West Virginia Wesleyan	3	737	473	202	1210	6.0	17	403.3
8	Wheeling	3	531	843	218	1374	6.3	13	458.0
9	Glenville State	3	684	709	220	1393	6.3	11	464.3





Game Recaps

Game 1: West Liberty Falls in Season Opener at Walsh

NORTH CANTON, Ohio – The West Liberty University football team opened its 2025 season on the road Thursday night, falling to Walsh by a 38-10 score under the lights at Larry Staudt Field.

The Hilltoppers (0-1) struck first after an early special teams spark. Following a 35-yard punt that was muffed and recovered at the Cavaliers' 3-yard line by Seth Poriah, West Liberty's offense was in business. Though the drive was pushed back by penalties, Morgan Williamson drilled a 34-yard field goal at the 9:54 mark of the first quarter to give the Hilltoppers a 3-0 lead.



Walsh responded with a lengthy 13-play, 75-yard march, capped by a touchdown pass from Hunter Wickard to Alex Knowles, to take a 7-3 edge. West Liberty continued to move the football behind quarterback Kohl Meisman, who connected with Trey Singleton for a 38-yard strike early and later found Jay Harcum on a 26-yard completion to drive into the red zone. However, a key interception at the Walsh 2-yard line late in the first quarter stalled a promising chance.

The second quarter saw the Hilltoppers string together more offense. Meisman hit Singleton, Caleb Ratcliffe, and Thonye Charles on intermediate gains, then hooked up with Singleton again for an 18-yard reception to the Walsh 11-yard line. A false start and consecutive incompletions forced a 39-yard field goal attempt, but the kick sailed wide, keeping it a 7-3 game.

Walsh capitalized shortly after when running back Jalen Gill finished a short-field drive with a 4-yard touchdown run to extend the Cavaliers' lead to 14-3. West Liberty nearly answered before the half, as Singleton reeled in a 34-yard reception down to the Walsh 26 in the final minute, but a 40-yard field goal attempt was no good as time expired.

Out of the locker room, Walsh seized control with a field goal and two quick touchdown drives in the third quarter, stretching the margin to 31-3. West Liberty's defense got stops from Grant Thompson (sack) and Donovan Elliott (seven tackles), but the Cavaliers' rushing attack found momentum.

The Hilltoppers broke through in the fourth quarter with their lone touchdown. On the first play of the period, Meisman connected with Singleton for a 55-yard strike, then Hunter Patterson punched it in from five yards out to make it 38-10. Patterson finished the night with 75 total yards (18 rushing, 57 receiving) and the score. Offensively, Meisman threw for 296 yards on 23 completions, highlighted by Singleton's standout line of six receptions for 163 yards. Harcum chipped in 42 receiving yards, and Rashid Sesay provided a late spark with a 43-yard run. Defensively, Elliott and Junus McGraw tied for the team lead with seven tackles each, while Thompson and Cameron Moore contributed key stops up front.

West Liberty finished with 322 yards of total offense and a slight edge in time of possession, while Walsh's balanced attack used short fields and a dominant third quarter to secure the win.

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
West Liberty	3	0	0	7	10
Walsh	7	7	17	7	38

Scoring Summary

Qtr	Time	Scoring Play	V-H
1st	09:54	WLU - #48 M.Williamson 34 yd FG, 4--13, 02:34	3-0
1st	05:19	WAL - #86 A.Knowles 27 yd pass from #7 H.Wickard (#27 J.Kerekes kick), 13-75, 04:28	3-7
2nd	06:27	WAL - #9 J.Gill 4 yd rush (#27 J.Kerekes kick), 5-26, 02:37	3-14
3rd	12:24	WAL - #27 J.Kerekes 34 yd FG, 5-9, 02:27	3-17
3rd	08:50	WAL - #1 D.Jett 35 yd pass from #7 H.Wickard (#27 J.Kerekes kick), 4-55, 01:25	3-24
3rd	05:26	WAL - #9 J.Gill 25 yd rush (#27 J.Kerekes kick), 4-60, 01:35	3-31
4th	14:54	WAL - #6 W.Butler 10 yd pass from #7 H.Wickard (#27 J.Kerekes kick), 9-46, 03:59	3-38
4th	14:01	WLU - #20 H.Patterson 5 yd rush (#48 M.Williamson kick), 2-75, 00:53	10-38



Game Recaps

Game 2: Hilltoppers Drop Home Opener to Seton Hill

WEST LIBERTY, W.Va. – The West Liberty University football team showed flashes of big-play potential in its 2025 home opener, but visiting Seton Hill used a decisive third quarter to pull away for a 42-21 win on Saturday afternoon at West Family Stadium.

The Hilltoppers (0-2) kept pace in the first half thanks to a balanced offensive attack. Quarterback Kohl Meisman threw for 182 yards and two touchdowns, including a highlight-reel 65-yard strike to Trey Singleton in the first half. Singleton finished with 92 yards on two catches, while Shamar Hinson added a 14-yard TD grab among his 28 receiving yards.

On the ground, the Black and Gold piled up 141 rushing yards, led by Antevious Jackson's 58 yards on eight carries and Hunter Patterson's 50 yards on 16 attempts. Running back Jaedon Alston also chipped in with a pair of short-yardage touchdown runs, giving West Liberty scores in the first and fourth quarters.

Seton Hill (1-1) answered with a balanced offense of its own, leaning on quarterback Bowden St. Marie's 183 yards and three touchdowns through the air while using a punishing ground game to build momentum. The Griffins outscored WLU 21-0 in the third quarter, turning a one-score halftime game into a 42-14 margin.

Defensively, the Hilltoppers were led by Nick Shimp, who finished with 9 tackles (4 solo) and a tackle for loss. Bryce Horsley added 7 stops, including 2 solo tackles and a half tackle for loss, while Jamison Holliday also recorded 7 tackles to go along with a half sack. Garrett Neiswonger chipped in 6 tackles, highlighted by a sack and two tackles for loss totaling 8 yards.

Statistically, West Liberty was competitive across the board, finishing with 328 total yards to Seton Hill's 291 and holding the edge in time of possession (33:17 to 26:43). However, turnovers and a costly third-quarter swing proved decisive.



Seton Hill (1-1) vs West Liberty (0-2)

Stadium: Russek Field
Attendance: 389

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Seton Hill	7	14	21	0	42
West Liberty	7	7	0	7	21

SCORING SUMMARY

Qtr	Time	Scoring Play	V-H
1st	06:31	SHU - #6 C.Washington 28 yd pass from #12 B.St Marie (#48 R.Bataineh kick), 9-50, 05:00	7-0
1st	01:23	WLU - #8 S.Hinson 14 yd pass from #4 K.Meisman (#48 M.Williamson kick), 5-54, 03:08	7-7
2nd	09:22	SHU - #5 D.Zimmerman 38 yd blocked punt return (#48 R.Bataineh kick), 01:38	14-7
2nd	07:07	WLU - #2 T.Singleton 65 yd pass from #4 K.Meisman (#48 M.Williamson kick), 5-80, 01:43	14-14
2nd	00:08	SHU - #11 I.Ashley 29 yd pass from #12 B.St Marie (#48 R.Bataineh kick), 6-88, 00:33	21-14
3rd	12:14	SHU - #88 J.Jones 6 yd pass from #12 B.St Marie (#48 R.Bataineh kick), 5-40, 02:31	28-14
3rd	09:34	SHU - #13 D.Patterson 74 yd interception return (#48 R.Bataineh kick), 02:32	35-14
3rd	06:31	SHU - #41 A.Ward 1 yd rush (#48 R.Bataineh kick), 5-24, 02:23	42-14
4th	01:08	WLU - #9 J.Alston 2 yd rush (#39 C.Hile kick), 8-59, 05:07	42-21





Game Recaps

Game 3: Hilltoppers Battle but Fall 28-14 at Robert Morris

MOON TOWNSHIP, Pa. — Robert Morris University defeated West Liberty University 28-14 on Friday at Joe Walton Stadium. The Colonials capitalized on a balanced offensive attack, scoring two rushing touchdowns and two passing touchdowns. West Liberty managed to find the end zone twice in the second half, but it was not enough to overcome the Colonials' consistent scoring throughout the game. In the first quarter, Robert Morris capitalized on a strong offensive drive, taking the lead with a 10-yard touchdown pass from Zach Tanner to Thomas Lee at the 5:17 mark, followed by a successful extra point from Jayson Jenkins. West Liberty struggled to gain momentum as Kohl Meisman faced heavy pressure, resulting in two sacks for a total loss of 8 yards. After a punt by Morgan Williamson, the Colonials continued their offensive push, with Ethan Shine and Donta Whack contributing significant rushing yards, including a 13-yard gain by Whack to the 2-yard line as the quarter concluded. Robert Morris led 7-0 at the end of the quarter, reflecting their efficient offense and stout defense.



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The third quarter began with Robert Morris capitalizing on a fumble by West Liberty's Hunter Patterson at the WLU 23-yard line, leading to a touchdown pass from Tanner to Jaqai Carter at 10:15. Jenkins' successful extra point extended the Colonials' lead to 21-0. West Liberty responded with a sustained drive, highlighted by Meisman's precise passing, culminating in a 10-yard touchdown run by Jaedon Alston with 3:06 on the clock. Williamson's extra point brought the score to 21-7. Robert Morris quickly advanced into West Liberty territory, largely due to a 28-yard run by Shine, setting up a tense finish as the quarter ended with the Colonials at the WLU 1-yard line. The fourth quarter began with Robert Morris extending their lead to 28-7, following a 1-yard touchdown run by Shine and a successful kick by Jenkins at 14:56. West Liberty responded with a determined drive, as Meisman connected with Levi Gullion for a 10-yard touchdown pass, reducing the deficit to 28-14 with 9:14 remaining. Following a defensive stand that included a forced fumble by Sajed Abdel-Momin, West Liberty regained possession, but Meisman's efforts were thwarted by an interception from Tyler Henry with 1:14 left, ending West Liberty's comeback hopes. Robert Morris secured their victory with a series of kneel downs to run out the clock. Meisman completed 20 of 34 passes for 219 yards, adding one touchdown while rushing for 19 yards on 11 attempts. Singleton led the receiving corps with 78 yards on six catches. Justice Lawrence contributed defensively with six tackles, a forced fumble, and a fumble recovery. Alston found the end zone on one of his three rushing attempts, totaling 17 yards.

West Liberty (0-3) vs Robert Morris (1-2)

Stadium: Joe Walton Stadium
Attendance: 2575

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
West Liberty	0	0	7	7	14
Robert Morris	7	7	7	7	28

SCORING SUMMARY

Qtr	Time	Scoring Play	V-H
1st	05:17	RMU - #1 T.Lee 10 yd pass from #17 Z.Tanner (#2 J.Jenkins kick), 10-92, 06:08	0-7
2nd	14:56	RMU - #5 D.Whack 2 yd rush (#2 J.Jenkins kick), 7-51, 03:39	0-14
3rd	10:15	RMU - #8 J.Carter 4 yd pass from #17 Z.Tanner (#2 J.Jenkins kick), 4-23, 02:32	0-21
3rd	03:06	WLU - #9 J.Alston 10 yd rush (#48 M.Williamson kick), 2-22, 00:18	7-21
4th	14:56	RMU - #41 E.Shine 1 yd rush (#2 J.Jenkins kick), 6-48, 03:01	7-28
4th	09:14	WLU - #12 L.Gullion 10 yd pass from #4 K.Meisman (#48 M.Williamson kick), 11-73, 05:37	14-28





100 Seasons of WLU Football

100 Seasons of Hilltopper Football: A Legacy of Tradition, Triumph, and Tenacity

WEST LIBERTY, W.Va. – Few college football programs can boast a history as rich, resilient, and remarkable as the one found on the hilltop in West Liberty, West Virginia. What began with a modest 11-0 victory over Martins Ferry High School in **1899** has grown into a century-spanning story of grit, growth, and gridiron glory, now celebrating **100 seasons** of Hilltopper football.

The Early Years: A Struggle to Take Root (1899–1922)

Though football first appeared on West Liberty's athletic radar in the late 1800s, it took time for the sport to gain footing. In those days, players didn't even need to be enrolled at the school to take the field, and the game itself lacked structure, scheduling, and proper record-keeping.

After a few sporadic seasons, the program was suspended in **1913**, and an attempted revival in **1919** ended tragically when fullback **Raymond Montgomery** suffered a fatal injury during a game. This tragedy halted the program again—this time indefinitely.

A Foundation Is Laid: The 1920s and 1930s

Football finally returned to West Liberty for good in **1923**, as the institution committed to a structured and funded athletic department. Early coaches like **H.J. Shoup** and **Larry Stoops** helped rebuild the program, but it wasn't until **Harry Sweeney** took over in **1926** that Hilltopper football rose to prominence. Sweeney's teams were nothing short of dominant. His Hilltoppers rolled over opponents with eye-popping scores—**71-0 over West Virginia Tech**, **78-0 over Alderson**, and **98-0 against Shenandoah**. In his final game as head coach in **1932**, West Liberty routed Cedarville, **137-0**—a national record-setting performance that still echoes through college football history.



Harry
Sweeney

Sweeney's tenure included **three West Virginia Conference (WVIAC) championships** (1927, 1929, 1930), a **19-1-1 WVIAC record**, and a **45-14-3 overall mark**, making him the winningest coach in school history by percentage.

The stars of this era included **Bob Campiglio**, who led the nation in scoring in 1931 with 145 points and went on to play in the NFL, and **Joey Korshalla**, who scored a still-standing national record 71 **points in a single game**.



Bob Campiglio

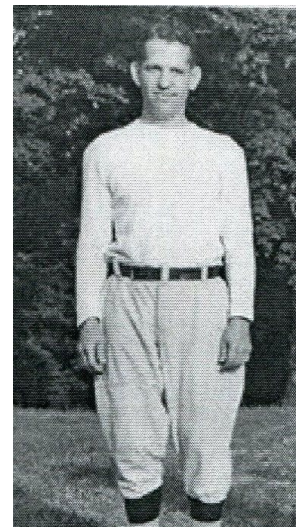




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A Program Solidifies: The Bartell Era (1933–1956)

When Sweeney stepped away, **Joe Bartell** stepped in—and led the Hilltoppers through the Great Depression, World War II, and into one of the golden eras of West Liberty football. Over **24 seasons**, Bartell compiled a **118-55-11 record**, won **seven WVIAC titles** and led the team to **three** undefeated **seasons**. His squads racked up a then-conference record **25-game unbeaten streak** from 1947–50 and secured **back-to-back bowl victories** in the **1949 Smoky Mountain Bowl** and **1950 Pythian Bowl**. Bartell's impact went far beyond football he also served as **athletic director**, **basketball coach**, and **baseball coach**, embodying the spirit of the multi-sport collegiate leader.



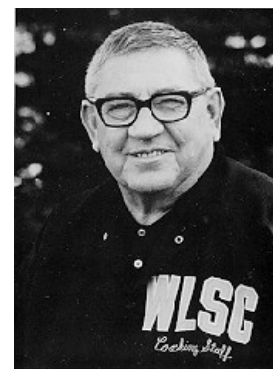
Joe Bartell

Ups and Downs: From the 1960s to the 1980s

Following Bartell's departure, the Hilltoppers saw a string of coaching changes but also continued moments of excellence. Coaches like **George Kovalick** and **Bob Roe** led the program to multiple winning seasons, with Roe taking West Liberty to **NAIA national semifinals** in **1970** and **1971** and producing two NAIA First Team All-Americans—**Tom Priest** and **Dennis Knight**.

Roe was also on the sidelines for a **historic milestone in 1972**: the **first overtime game in college football history**.

An injured **Jeff Eppley**, with his arm in a sling, kicked the game-winning field goal against West Virginia State to seal a dramatic **17-14 victory** that drew national attention and a spotlight in *Sports Illustrated*.



Bob Roe

In 1975, backup QB **Mike Flannery** orchestrated an improbable comeback against West Virginia State in a **54-54 triple-overtime tie**, still a college football record for most combined points in a tied game.

The late '70s and early '80s included standout moments such as a **1979 WVIAC championship** under **John Westenhaver**, and the emergence of **Mark Murphy**, a defensive back who enjoyed a **12-year NFL career** with the Green Bay Packers and was later inducted into their Hall of Fame.





100 Seasons of WLU Football

Modernization and Momentum: The 1990s–2000s

Under **Bob Eaton**, the Hilltoppers navigated their transition from NAIA to **NCAA Division II**, with WR **Greg Dailer** becoming the school's **first NCAA DII First-Team All-American** in **1997**. Eaton's 2000 squad won a **WVIAC title**, and his 70 career wins rank second in program history.

In **2005**, former offensive coordinator **Roger Waialae** took the reins, ushering in the program's most explosive offensive era. From 2005 to 2010, West Liberty posted **six straight winning seasons**, culminating in a **historic 2009 campaign** that saw the Hilltoppers go **11-2**, win the **WVIAC title**, and make their **first NCAA DII playoff appearance**.

Led by **QB Zach Amedro**, the 2009 Hilltoppers ranked **No. 1 nationally in scoring and total offense**.

Amedro, who was twice **Harlon Hill Trophy runner-up**, shattered school and conference passing records. He was joined by fellow All-Americans **Ryan Travis**, **Ben Staggs**, **Kevon Calhoun**, and **Derrick Evans** on one of the most decorated teams in school history.



Zach Amedro

A Legacy of Grit and Gridiron Glory

From humble beginnings to record-setting victories, and from early tragedies to national accolades, West Liberty football has crafted a legacy of resilience and

The Hilltoppers have produced **NFL players**, **All-Americans**, and **conference champions**, all while representing their campus and community with heart and tradition.

As the Hilltoppers celebrate **100 seasons of intercollegiate football**, they honor a century of coaches, players, fans, and unforgettable moments—looking ahead to the next chapter in this enduring story on the Hilltop.