



# WESTERN ILLINOIS 2001 FOOTBALL

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### GAME REPLAYS ON WWIR

WWIR (campus channel 3 and local channel 3 in Macomb) will air each game, in its entirety, three times throughout the week - Saturday at 6:00 p.m., Monday at 6:00 p.m. and Thursday at 5:30 p.m.

## Western Illinois

(4-4, 3-3 Gateway)

at

## South Florida

(6-3)

Saturday, November 10, 2001 • 6:00 p.m. (CST)

Raymond James Stadium (41,441) • Tampa, FL



### COMPARING THE TEAMS

**The rankings:** Western Illinois fell out of the Sports Network I-AA Poll for the first time in 24 weeks.

**The coaches:** Don Patterson (U.S. Military Academy, 1973)  
20-11 (3rd year at Western Illinois) / same  
Jim Leavitt (Missouri, 1978)  
33-20(5th year at USF) / same

### SERIES INFORMATION

**Series Record:** First meeting  
**Last Meeting:** N/A  
**Current Streak:** N/A

### BROADCASTS

**Radio:** 102.7 WJEQ-FM, Macomb... pregame show begins 30 minutes before kickoff.

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Western Illinois  
Leathernecks



South Florida  
Bulls (I-A)

08/30	#3 *WESTERN KENTUCKY	W, 17-13
09/22	*at #3 Youngstown State	L, 41-7
09/29	*SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	W, 38-21
10/06	SOUTHERN UTAH	W, 27-20
10/13	*at Illinois State	W, 33-23
10/20	*#14 NORTHERN IOWA	L, 17-14
10/27	*SMS	L, 43-28
11/03	at #19 Sam Houston State	L, 49-24
11/10	at South Florida	6:00 p.m.
11/17	*at Indiana State	1:30 p.m.

08/30	at Northern Illinois	L, 20-17
09/08	at Pittsburgh	W, 35-26
09/22	at Memphis	L, 17-9
09/29	NORTH TEXAS	W, 28-10
10/06	at Utah	L, 52-21
10/13	CONNECTICUT	W, 40-21
10/20	SOUTHERN UTAH	W, 42-12
10/27	LIBERTY	W, 68-37
11/03	HOUSTON	W, 45-6
11/10	WESTERN ILLINOIS	7:00 p.m. EST
11/24	UTAH STATE	7:00 p.m. EST

**HEAD COACH DON PATTERSON**



Don Patterson (20-11, .645), currently in his third season at Western Illinois, is the seventh-winningest Leatherneck coach, having 20 wins under his belt.

He became the 17th head coach in Leatherneck football history on January 14, 1999, and promptly es-

tablished the best record for a first-year Western Illinois head coach in over 20 years when he guided the Leathernecks to a 7-4 record in his first season. He also became the first Leatherneck I-AA coach to record a winning season in each of his first two campaigns after guiding them to a 9-3 mark in 2000.

Last season, Patterson was able to lead the Leathernecks to an undisputed Gateway Conference title, after being picked fifth in the pre-season poll, thus becoming the lowest-picked team to ever win an outright conference title. As a result, he was a finalist for the Eddie Robinson National Coach of the Year Award and was named the Bruce Craddock Gateway Coach of the Year and the American Football Coaches Association Region 4 Coach of the Year in 2000.

Patterson was an assistant coach at Iowa for 20 years under the legendary Hayden Fry, serving as the offensive coordinator for the last seven years. During that time, Iowa went to 14 bowl games, including three Rose Bowls. The 1985 Iowa team was ranked #1 for five weeks, en route to a school-record 10-victory season.

Since Western Illinois became Division I-AA institution, Patterson has been the only coach to earn a .500 or better record in his first year.

**ABOUT THE NICKNAME**



The Western Illinois University Leathernecks have the distinction of being the only non-military institution to have its nickname attributed to a branch of the military service.

Western Illinois received permission to use the official nickname, "The Fighting Leathernecks," in 1927 when then-athletic director and head baseball, basketball and football coach Ray "Rock" Hanson received permission from the U.S. Navy to use the Marine's official seal and their mascot (the Bulldog), along with their nickname.

Hanson held the rank of Colonel in the Marine Corps and served his country during World War I and again in World War II.

Hanson coached Leatherneck football for 16 years (1926-41) and was Western's all-time winningest coach until 1998. The football stadium, Hanson Field, is named after the former mentor, who passed away in 1982 at the age of 86.

The Western Illinois mascot's official name is "Colonel Rock," although the shortened form of "Rocky" is commonly used.

**OUT OF THE POLLS:** Western Illinois had its streak of 23 consecutive appearances in the I-AA Top 25 Poll broken when it dropped out of the poll for the first time since November 1, 1999. The Leathernecks were ranked 13th in the 2001 preseason poll and reached as high as No. 6. They fell from last week's No. 23 spot after a 49-24 loss to No. 19 Sam Houston State.

**A LITTLE BIT ABOUT SOUTH FLORIDA:** South Florida is in its first season as a Division I-A football team, after compiling a 27-17 record as a I-AA institution for the past four seasons - its first four seasons of having a football program.

The Bulls have a 6-3 overall record this year, including a perfect 5-0 mark at home. After playing their first three games on the road, USF plays five of the last six at home. They have won their last four games, scoring at least 40 points in each of the victories.

**SITE OF THE SUPER BOWL:** South Florida plays its home games at Raymond James Stadium in Tampa Bay, FL, the home of the NFL's Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Major League Soccer's Tampa Bay Mutiny and the annual Outback Bowl, as well as the site of three Super Bowls - including 2001.

**THARPS BACK DEEP FOR WESTERN ILLINOIS:** Terry Tharps returned the opening kickoff against Sam Houston State the entire length of the field to give the Leathernecks a quick 7-0 lead. It was just the second 100-yard kickoff returned for a touchdown in school history and the first in 33 years, equalling Mike Wilson's school record return against Indiana State in 1968.

**35 FIRST-QUARTER POINTS:** After taking a quick 7-0 lead on the opening kickoff, the Leathernecks fell behind, 35-7, by the end of the first quarter, allowing Sam Houston State to score on its first four possessions. Western held the Bearkats to just 14 points after giving up the most points in one quarter since becoming a Division I institution in 1981.

**CLEMONS SURPASSES 300 PASSING YARDS AGAIN:** Clemons completed 22 of a career-high 48 attempts for 322 yards, the third time this season and the second straight game he has thrown for over 300 yards. Clemons completed a career-high 28 of 40 passes for 365 yards against Southwest Missouri State.

**50-YEAR OLD RECORD NEARLY BROKEN:** Clemons led the Leathernecks with a career-high 96 rushing yards on 12 carries against Southwest Missouri State and added 365 passing yards for a combined total of 461 yards of total offense, the most since Vic Lesch set the Western Illinois record of 463 yards against Carthage in 1951.

**NIKLOS SURPASSES 1,000 CAREER RECEIVING YARDS:** Senior tight end J.R. Niklos followed his career-high 124 receiving yard performance against Northern Iowa with a 96-yard performance on seven catches against SMS to surpass the 1,000 career receiving yard milestone.

	Rec.	Yards	Yds/Rec	TD	Long	Yds/Game
1999	21	473	22.5	4	69	43.0
2000	15	173	11.5	3	41	17.3
2001	*33	473	14.3	1	49	59.1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>1119</b>	<b>16.2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>36.1</b>

\*team-high

**NIKLOS ENTERS CAREER RECORD BOOK:** Niklos caught four passes for 87 yards at Sam Houston State to move into the Leathernecks' career record book at number 13 with 1,119 receiving yards. He needs just six more catches to rank 10th on the Western Illinois all-time receptions list at 75. Niklos could conceivably record the 10th-most receiving yards in school history - a spot currently held by Ken Huddleston at 1,194.

**LANGAN REMAINS SCORING LEADER:** Sophomore placekicker Justin Langan remained the Leathernecks' scoring leader with his 35th point of the season at Sam Houston State. Langan has hit five of ten field goal attempts and 20 of 21 extra points.

**LANGAN KICKS CAREER LONG FG:** Langan kicked a career-long 45-yard field goal early in the second quarter at Sam Houston State, bettering his previous mark of 35 yards. The longest field goal of the season has been Mike Scifres' 46 yarder against Illinois State.

**2001 GATEWAY STANDINGS**

	Conference	Overall
Northern Iowa	5-1	7-2
W. Kentucky	4-1	7-2
Youngstown State	5-2	7-2
Western Illinois	3-3	4-4
Indiana State	2-3	3-6
SMS	1-4	4-5
Southern Illinois	1-4	1-7
Illinois State	1-4	1-8

**Gateway games this Saturday:**

Indiana State at Illinois State, 1:30 p.m.  
 Northern Iowa at Western Kentucky, 4:00 p.m.  
 SMS at Southern Illinois, 12:30 p.m.  
**Western Illinois at South Florida, 6:00**  
 -- all times listed as Central Time --

**Gateway results from last Saturday:**

#10 Youngstown State 31, **S. Illinois 7**  
 #7 Western Kentucky 58, **Illinois State 14**  
 #15 Northern Iowa 34, Indiana State 13  
 #18 **Sam Houston State 49**, #23 W. Illinois 24  
 SMS 63, Drake 14  
 -- home teams in bold --

**WESTERN ILLINOIS vs. SOUTH FLORIDA SERIES**

First meeting

**OVER 1,000 YARDS OF COMBINED OFFENSE:** Sam Houston State and Western Illinois combined for 1,013 yards of total offense, the second consecutive game that the two teams have reached the 1,000 yard mark. The Bearkats recorded 578 yards, including 401 in the first half.

At Southwest Missouri State, the two teams combined for 1,157 yards of total offense - 613 by the Bears and 541 by Leathernecks. For Western, it was the most yards gained since 570 last season against Northern Iowa when the two teams combined for 1,156 yards.

**CLEMONS CLIMBING CAREER CHARTS:** Sam Clemons has become one of the top 10 all-time quarterbacks in Western Illinois history, throwing for 2,902 yards and completing 184 of 328 passes in less than two seasons.

**WESTERN ILLINOIS CAREER RECORD BOOK - PASSING YARDS**

1. Paul Singer 8,257 yards 1985-88
9. Mark Bloom 3,038 yards 1982-84
10. **Sam Clemons 2,902 yards 2000-Present**

**CLEMONS IN THE SINGLE-SEASON BOOKS:** Clemons has moved into seventh place in the Western Illinois single-season record book, amassing 2,052 yards of total offense. Paul Singer holds the school record of 2,860 yards, set in 1988.

Clemons' 1936 passing yards rank eighth on the Leathernecks' all-time single-season passing list, and he needs over 1,100 more yards to reach Singer's 1988 record of 3,046 yards.

**ON THE ROAD:** After playing four of five games at home and all of the last five in the state of Illinois, the Leathernecks end the regular season with three road games - two non-conference games at Sam Houston State and I-A South Florida, then a rescheduled match-up at Indiana State. Western is 1-2 on the road this year, defeating Illinois State, 33-23, and falling to No. 2 Youngstown State, 41-7, and No. 19 Sam Houston State, 49-24.

The appearance at South Florida was scheduled to be the final game of the regular season; however, the Indiana State game, which was originally scheduled for September 15, will be played on November 17.

**vs. I-A COMPETITION:** The Leathernecks have a 4-13 all-time record against I-A competition, having played at least one game against a I-A team each season since 1993.

Western Illinois won its last I-A battle, defeating Ball State, 24-14, last season, and has won two of its last three against I-A schools, also beating Northern Illinois, 27-21, in the 1999 season opener. The other two I-A wins in Western's history were against Northern Illinois, as well, winning 10-0 in 1986 and 17-0 in 1996.

All of Western's games against I-A competition have been road games.

**FOUR PLAYERS ATTEMPT PASS:** Four Leathernecks attempted a pass against Sam Houston State, including two first-timers. Russ Michna backed up starter Sam Clemons, completing 1-of-4 for 12 yards, while wide receiver Rob Johnson threw an incomplete pass on a reverse in the second quarter.

Punter Mike Scifres completed his first pass of the season on a fake punt in the fourth quarter. Scifres completed the career-long 31-yard pass to Niklos for a first down at the SHS 47. The Leathernecks put together their longest drive of the game - 20 plays and 97 yards (6:42), which resulted in a touchdown. Scifres is 2-of-4 in his career.

**SCIFRES ENJOYS CAREER DAY:** Scifres punted three times against Sam Houston State (51, 58 and 60 yards), averaging a career-best 56.3 yards per punt. It marks the first time this season Scifres has averaged over 50 yards per game, and the fourth time in his career. His 60-yard punt was the longest of the season and the seventh-longest of his career.

**CLEMONS GUNNING FOR TOP OFFENSIVE HONORS:** Senior quarterback Sam Clemons leads the league with a 135.9 pass efficiency rating and 257.0 yards of total offense per game. He could become the first Leatherneck to lead the league in those categories since quarterback Rob St. Sauver won the Gateway's offensive player of the year award in 1994.

Clemons also leads the Gateway in passing, averaging 242.0 yards per game.

**STATS COMPARISON**

**W. Illinois ..... S. Florida**

4-4	Overall Record	6-3
3-3	Gateway Record	N/A
3-2	Home Record	5-0
1-2	Road Record	1-3
NR	National Ranking	N/A
23.5	Points / Game	33.9
28.4	Points Allowed / Game	29.2
381.4	Total Offense / Game	404.4
392.3	Total Defense / Game	348.8
119.0	Rushing Yards / Game	116.0
190.1	Rushing Defense / Game	130.3
9	Rushing Touchdowns	19
17	Rushing TD's Allowed	11
262.4	Passing Yards / Game	288.4
202.1	Passing Defense / Game	218.4
13	Passing Touchdowns	19
10	Passing TD's Allowed	14
17.3	Kickoff Return Average	21.0
6.9	Punt Return Average	11.8
18-10	Fumbles - Lost	16-11
46-376	Penalties - Yards	90-793
39.8	Yards Per Punt	38.2
28:16	Time of Possession / Game	25:45
40/111	3rd-Down Conversions	51/141
6/14	4th-Down Conversions	10/20

**IN THE RED ZONE**

	WIU	Opp.
Total Drives	107	106
Trips In the red zone	31	32
Ending In touchdown	13	21
Ending in field goal	5	6
Pct. trips ending in TD	41.9	62.5
Pct. trips ending in scores	58.1	84.4
Red Zone trips/Total drives	29.0	30.2

**IN THE RED ZONE... game by game**

vs. WKU - 2 trips, 1 TD, 1 FG (100.0% score)  
 at YSU - 2 trips, 1 missed FG, 1 out on downs  
 vs. SIU - 5 trips, 3 FG, 2 TD (100.0% score)  
 vs. SUU - 7 trips, 2 TD (28.6 % score)  
 at ILSU - 4 trips, 3 TD, 1 FG (100.0% score)  
 vs. UNI - 1 trip, 1 TD (100.0% score)  
 vs. SMS - 5 trips, 2 TD (40.0% score)  
 at SHS - 4 trips, 2 TD (50.0% score)  
 at USF -  
 at INSU -

**ROAD RECORD:** The Leathernecks have gone 4-1 (2000) and 3-2 (1999) on the road under Patterson, and have a 1-2 record away from home this season.

**ON THE REVERSE:** Western's schedule was somewhat reversed season this year, opening with four straight conference games and playing the I-A game at the end of the year. The Leathernecks have opened the last two seasons against a I-A opponent, and this year's South Florida matchup was scheduled as the regular season finale before the September 15 game against Indiana State was rescheduled for November 17.

**WESTERN'S ATTENDANCE AMONG TOP IN NATION:** Through the five games at Hanson Field this year, Western Illinois' total attendance ranks No. 17 in the nation among NCAA I-AA teams, with a total of 55,224 fans per home game. The average of 11,045 ranks 29th in the nation and is the eighth-highest average in Western Illinois history.

**LEATHERNECKS LEAD LEAGUE IN PASSING AND PUNTING:** Western Illinois leads the Gateway with an average of 262.4 passing yards per game, over 40 yards per game more than Illinois State's 222.3 yards per game which ranks second in the league. The Leathernecks also lead the league with a 136.3 pass efficiency rating.

Western moved into the league's top punting position for the first time this season, averaging 36.7 net yards per punt. The Leathernecks average 39.8 yards per punt and 3.1 yards per return, allowing a league-low 10 returns. Scifres, who is averaging 41.0 yards per punt, is just one-tenth of a yard shy of becoming the Gateway's season-leading punter.

**CLEMONS IS GATEWAY'S TOP OFFENSIVE THREAT:** Clemons holds the Gateway's top two total offensive performances of the season - 461 yards against SMS and 382 yards against Southern Utah - and has also recorded the top two passing games in the league this season - 395 yards against Southern Utah and 365 yards against SMS.

**PATTERSON THE FOURTH-WINNINGEST COACH AT WESTERN ILLINOIS:** In his third season at Western Illinois, Don Patterson ranks fourth (by winning percentage) among all Leatherneck mentors with a .645 (20-11) winning percentage. His 20 victories rank seventh among the 17 all-time coaches, tied with Lou Saban (1957-59), and he is 17 wins shy of sixth place.

**vs. NON-CONFERENCE OPPONENTS:** Patterson is 10-3 all-time against non-Gateway opponents, including a 5-0 mark in his first season (1999). Last year, Western recorded a 4-1 mark in the regular season against non-league schools and lost to non-conference Lehigh in the playoffs. The Leathernecks are 1-1 this year against non-conference competition, defeating Southern Utah, 27-20, and falling to Sam Houston State last week, 49-24.

**PATTERSON vs. THE GATEWAY:** With his 33-23 win over Illinois State this season, Coach Patterson has now defeated every team in the Gateway Football Conference. Following is Patterson's record against the Gateway:

vs. Southern Illinois	3-0	vs. Indiana State	1-1
vs. Northern Iowa	2-1	vs. SMS	1-2
vs. Western Kentucky	1-0	vs. Illinois State	1-2
vs. Youngstown State	1-2		

**DANIELS SETS CAREER HIGH:** Carlos Daniels rushed for a career-high 151 yards on 22 carries and scored one touchdown in the Leathernecks' 33-23 win over Illinois State, just two games after he recorded a then-career best 130 yards.

Daniels reached the century mark for the third time this season. He rushed for 103 yards in the season opener.

**SCIFRES FOR THREE:** Mike Scifres has lined up for a field goal attempt in four of the last five games, hitting his first field goal of the season from 46 yards through a driving rain at Illinois State. He is 1-3 on the season and 2-4 in his career.

Last year, Scifres recorded his first-ever field goal attempt by hitting the game-winning 56-yarder to beat Northern Iowa and take the Gateway title as time expired.

**THE SPORTS NETWORK TOP 25  
(11/04/01)**

1. Montana (79) (8-1)
2. Georgia Southern (10) (8-1)
3. Hofstra (1) (8-1)
4. Eastern Illinois (8-1)
5. Furman (6-2)
6. *Western Kentucky (7-2)*
7. Lehigh (8-0)
8. *Youngstown State (7-2)*
9. Grambling State (7-1)
10. Northwestern State (7-2)
11. Appalachian State (6-3)
12. North Carolina A&T (7-1)
13. McNeese State (5-3)
14. Tennessee State (7-1)
15. *Northern Iowa (7-2)*
16. Northern Arizona (7-2)
17. Rhode Island (7-2)
18. *Sam Houston State (7-2)*
19. Pennsylvania (7-0)
20. Maine (6-2)
21. Stephen F. Austin (5-3)
22. Eastern Kentucky (6-2)
23. Villanova (6-2)
24. Harvard (7-0)
25. Alabama State (6-2)

**PATTERSON RIGHT AT HOME:** Under Patterson, the Leathernecks have gone 5-1 at home in each of the last two regular seasons. Patterson is currently 13-4 at Hanson Field during the regular season and 13-5 overall at home.

**JACKSON STEPS IN:** Wide receiver Frisman Jackson has carried the ball 19 times from the quarterback position this year, ranking fourth on the team with 67 rushing yards.

**JOHNSON SETS CAREER HIGH:** Wide receiver Rob Johnson set a career-high with 53 receiving yards on just two catches against Northern Iowa, bettering his previous mark of 52 yards which was set just one week earlier. Johnson has scored two touchdowns in the last three games and ranks third on the team in receiving with 148 yards on nine catches this year.

**SECOND KICKOFF RECOVERED:** The Leathernecks have recovered two pooch kicks this season - against Illinois State and SMS. Both recoveries led to turnovers, a fumble and an interception, two plays later.

**SCIFRES UPDATE:** Junior Mike Scifres has averaged 4.1 punts per game, and 41.0 yards per punt. He has landed 10 punts inside the opponents' 20 yard line, including two inside the five. Just 10 of his 33 punts have been returned, for 106 yards.

**SCIFRES GAME-BY-GAME - PUNTING**

Opp.	Punts	Avg.	50-60	61+	Long	120	110	15	Ret-Yards
WKU	5	36.0	1	0	57	2	1	1	0-0
YSU	6	34.3	0	0	48	2	0	0	3-68
SIU	6	38.8	0	0	48	2	1	0	3-16
SUU	3	46.0	1	0	51	1	0	0	1-3
ISU	4	48.0	2	0	54	1	1	1	0-0
UNI	4	41.0	1	0	56	1	0	0	1-4
SMS	2	45.0	0	0	47	0	0	0	1--2
SHS	3	56.3	3	0	60	1	0	0	1-17

**SCIFRES GAME-BY-GAME - KICKOFFS**

Opp.	KO	Downed	FC	Touchback	Returned-Yards	on-side
WKU	4	1	0	1	2-90	0
YSU	2	0	0	0	1-49	1
SIU	7	0	0	2	5-122	0
SUU	5	0	2	2	0-0	0
ISU	6	0	0	3	2-27	0
UNI	3	0	0	1	2-36	0
SMS	5	0	0	0	3-28	0
SHS	5	2	0	0	2-59	0

**JACKSON THE NEW CENTURY MAN:** Frisman Jackson has recorded over 100 yards receiving twice this season. Against Southern Illinois, the senior caught four passes for 105 yards (then a career-best), and bettered that mark with 10 catches for a school-record 266 yards against Southern Utah. He recorded 95 receiving yards at Sam Houston State..

**JACKSON ON THE CHARTS:** In his career at Western Illinois, Frisman Jackson has recorded 882 receiving yards on 41 catches. He is still over 400 yards shy of Western's all-time top 10 career list. However, Jackson is only 93 yards away from a spot on the top 10 single-season list.

**JACKSON'S AVERAGE NEARING RECORD:** Jackson has averaged 78.1 receiving yards per game (625 yards, 31 receptions, 8 games) this year, the highest average in Western Illinois' Division I history. If Jackson continues his average of 20.2 yards per catch, he will become the first Leatherneck to average over 20 yards per reception for a single season.

**LANGAN TIES SCHOOL RECORD:** Place kicker Justin Langan tied a Western Illinois record with three field goals against Southern Illinois, hitting all three attempts from 32, 35 and 23 yards. The record is held by seven Leathernecks, including the last two kickers before Langan.

**WESTERN ILLINOIS RECORD WHEN...**

At home .....	3-2
On road .....	1-2
Gateway .....	3-3
Scoring first .....	3-2
Opponent scores first .....	1-2
Leading after first quarter .....	3-0
Leading at halftime .....	3-0
Leading after third quarter .....	4-0
Trailing after one quarter .....	0-3
Trailing at halftime .....	0-4
Trailing after third quarter .....	0-4
Tied after one quarter .....	1-0
Tied at halftime .....	1-0
Tied after third quarter .....	0-0
Scoring 10 or less points .....	0-1
Scoring 11-20 points .....	1-1
Scoring 21-30 points .....	1-2
Scoring 31-40 points .....	2-0
Scoring 41 or more points .....	0-0
Allowing 10 or less points .....	0-0
Allowing 11-20 points .....	2-1
Allowing 21-30 points .....	2-0
Allowing 31-40 points .....	0-0
Allowing 41 or more points .....	0-3
Having less turnovers .....	2-0
Having more turnovers .....	1-4
Having the same number of turnovers .....	1-0
Scoring a defensive touchdown .....	1-0
Allowing a defensive touchdown .....	0-2
Scoring a special teams TD .....	0-0
Allowing a special teams TD .....	0-0
Rushing for under 100 yards .....	1-2
Rushing for 101-200 yards .....	3-2
Rushing for 201-300 yards .....	0-0
Rushing for over 300 yards .....	0-0
Passing for under 100 yards .....	1-0
Passing for 101-200 yards .....	2-0
Passing for 201-300 yards .....	0-2
Passing for over 300 yards .....	1-2
Allowing under 100 yards rushing .....	1-0
Allowing 101-200 yards rushing .....	1-3
Allowing 201-300 yards rushing .....	2-0
Allowing over 300 yards rushing .....	0-1
Allowing under 100 yards passing .....	1-1
Allowing 101-200 yards passing .....	1-1
Allowing 201-300 yards passing .....	2-1
Allowing over 300 yards passing .....	0-1
vs. I-A .....	0-0
vs. I-AA .....	4-4
vs. non-conference .....	1-1
vs. ranked I-AA .....	1-3
vs. top five .....	1-1
vs. top ten .....	1-1

**JACKSON SETS SCHOOL RECORD WITH 266 RECEIVING YARDS:** Frisman Jackson set a Western Illinois record with 266 receiving yards on 10 catches against Southern Utah, surpassing Ron Wilson's 32-year old record of 221 yards which lasted 345 games.

Jackson recorded 96 yards on just three receptions in the first half, and broke the record on the game-winning touchdown, a 57-yarder from Sam Clemons with 2:45 left in the game.

The Gateway record for most receiving yards in a game is 286 by Northern Iowa's Mike Furrey, accomplished against Western Illinois in 1999.

**JACKSON'S 300-YARD PERFORMANCE EARNS PLAYER OF THE WEEK HONORS:**

Frisman Jackson was named the Gateway Offensive Player of the Week on October 8 after setting a Western Illinois record with 266 receiving yards on 10 catches against Southern Utah, surpassing Ron Wilson's 32-year old record of 221 yards, set in 1969.

Jackson broke the record on the game-winning 57-yard TD reception with 2:45 remaining. His 266 yards are the second-highest total in Gateway history, trailing only Northern Iowa's Mike Furrey's 286-yard game (1999 vs. Western Illinois).

Jackson's 10 catches, 266 receiving and 301 all-purpose yards are all league season single-game bests. He became only the sixth player in league history to surpass 300 all-purpose yards in a game, and the first Leatherneck to do so since Aaron Stecker set the Gateway record with 373 yards (289 rushing, 84 receiving) against Southern Illinois in 1997.

**CLEMONS PASSES FOR CAREER-HIGH:** Sam Clemons threw for a career-high 395 yards, completing 22 of 33 passes, including three touchdowns against Southern Utah, surpassing his previous best - a 261-yard performance at Northern Iowa last season.

Clemons was 68 yards shy of the Western Illinois single-game passing record of 463 yards, set by Vic Lesch in 1951.

Clemons has thrown 20 completions on four occasions this year - a career-high 28 against SMS, 22 against Southern Utah and Sam Houston, and 21 against Youngstown State.

**395 PASSING YARDS MOST SINCE 1992:** Sam Clemons' 395 passing yards was the most by a Leatherneck quarterback (or the Leatherneck team) since Donny Simmons threw for 401 yards against Indiana State in 1992. Simmons' performance in the 42-30 win set a Gateway record which has been surpassed several times and now stands at 541 yards (Ryan Helming, UNI vs. Western Illinois, 1999).

Clemons' 395 yards matched the 15th-best single-game total in Gateway history, and was the best performance since Helming had 410 passing yards against SMS on October 28, 2000.

**LANGAN PULLING DOUBLE-DUTY:** Place kicker Justin Langan is a two-sport athlete at Western, leading both the soccer team and football team in scoring.

Langan, the 2000 Mid-Continent Men's Soccer Newcomer of the Year, was named the Gateway Special Teams Player of the Week on October 1, 2001. He was named the Mid-Con's Men's Soccer Player of the Week on October 8.

**LANGAN vs. LANGAN:** Following is a breakdown of Langan's soccer totals vs. his football totals (\* denotes a team-high):

SOCCER	FOOTBALL
5 goals*	5-10 field goals* (long = 45 yards)
5 assists*	20-21 PAT*
15 points*	35 total points*
2 game-winning goals	1 Gateway Player of the Week
1 Mid-Con Player of the Week	

**IRISH LEADS TEAM IN INTERCEPTIONS:** Ryle Irish collected his team-leading second interception of the season against Southern Utah, and tacked on a 20-yard return to give the Leathernecks possession at the SUU 25 yard line with 6:39 left to play and the score tied, 20-20.

Irish recorded three picks last year for 60 yards and one touchdown, and nearly picked off his third pass of this season against Northern Iowa.

**TEAM HIGHS/LOWS**

Most points scored ..... 38 vs. SIU  
 Least points scored ..... 7 vs. YSU

Most points allowed ..... 49 vs. SHS  
 Least points allowed ..... 13 vs. WKU

Most rushing yards ..... 194 vs. ISU  
 Least rushing yards ..... 14 vs. YSU

Most passing yards ..... 395 vs. SUU  
 Least passing yards ..... 83 vs. ISU

Most yards total offense ..... 541 vs. SMS  
 Least yards total offense ..... 277 vs. ISU

Most rushing yards allowed .... 322 vs. SMS  
 Least rushing yards allowed ..... 115 vs. SIU

Most passing yards allowed ..... 291 vs. SMS  
 Least passing yards allowed ..... 15 vs. WKU

Most total yards allowed ..... 613 vs. SMS  
 Least total yards allowed ..... 260 vs. YSU

**WIU INDIVIDUAL HIGHS**

Rushing yds ..... 151 - Daniels vs. ISU  
 Passing yds ..... 395 - Clemons vs. SUU  
 Receiving yds ..... 266 - Jackson vs. SUU  
 Rushes ..... 26 - Daniels vs. SIU  
 Passes ..... 48 - Clemons vs. YSU  
 Completions ..... 28 - Clemons vs. SMS  
 Receptions ..... 10 - Jackson vs. SUU  
 TD scored ..... 2 - Jackson vs. SIU  
 ..... 2 - Daniels vs. SIU  
 ..... 2 - Clemons vs. SMS

**2001 LONG PLAYS**

Rush ..... 42 yards - Daniels vs. ISU  
 Pass ..... 64 yards - Clemons vs. WKU  
 Reception ..... 64 yards - Mitchell vs. WKU  
 TD Recep. .... 64 yards - Mitchell vs. WKU  
 Punt ..... 60 yards - Scifres vs. WKU  
 Made FG ..... 45 yards - Langan vs. SIU  
 FGA ..... 55 yards - Scifres vs. SUU  
 Int. Ret ..... 58 yards - Williams vs. ISU  
 KO Ret ..... 100 yards - Tharps vs. WKU  
 Punt Ret ..... 16 yards - Brown vs. SIU  
 Fumble Return: ..... 0  
 Blocked Punt Return: ..... 0

**WINNING PERCENTAGE OVER LAST FIVE YEARS:** Entering this season, the Leathernecks held the fourth-highest winning percentage over the last five years in I-AA, winning 78 percent of their games (46-13). Montana (49-11, 81.7 %) ranks first, followed by Georgia Southern (52-14, 78.8 %) and Florida A&M (48-13, 78.7 %).

**WINNING PERCENTAGE OVER LAST 10 YEARS:** Entering this season, Western Illinois ranked 10th among all I-AA teams in winning percentage over the last 10 years, winning 69.7 percent of its games with a 79-34-1 record. Youngstown State had a nation-best 80.4 winning percentage at 91-21-3.

**ENTER MICHNA:** Back-up quarterback Russ Michna stepped in for the final two drives against Youngstown State, completing five of his seven passes for 50 yards -- all career highs. Michna threw 2-of-3 for 12 yards on his first drive, and 3-of-4 for 38 yards on his second. He also completed one of four passes at Sam Houston State for 12 yards.

Michna saw playing time against Southern Illinois and Southern Utah, but did not attempt a pass. He is 7-of-12 on the season for 83 yards after throwing 5-of-8 all of last year.

**JACKSON, MITCHELL VERSATILE PLAYERS:** Two former quarterbacks and current Leathernecks, Frisman Jackson and Jim Mitchell, have each recorded a touchdown three different ways - rushing, passing and receiving.

Jackson recorded two rushing TD's, nine passing TD's and two receiving touchdowns last year. Mitchell reached the end zone once passing and once rushing in 1999, and added a receiving TD against Western Kentucky this year. Both players served as quarterback last season.

**LEATHERNECKS AND THE GATEWAY GROUND ATTACK:** A Western Illinois running back has led the Gateway in rushing in three of the past four seasons (Aaron Stecker - 1997; Charles Tharp - 1999, 2000). In 1998, Stecker finished second to Southern Illinois' Karlton Carper.

This year, Carlos Daniels currently ranks fifth in the league, averaging 87.4 yards per game.

**LANGAN NAMED GATEWAY SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER OF THE WEEK:** Sophomore Justin Langan was named the Gateway's Special Teams Player of the Week on September 30, after tying a school record with three field goals in Western's 38-21 victory over Southern Illinois.

Langan (Davenport, IA/Bettendorf HS) was three-for-three from 33, 35 and 23 yards and was perfect on three extra point kicks as well. All three of his field goals came in the second half, helping secure the Leathernecks' lead after the Salukis came within seven points at halftime, and three points in the third quarter

**McWILLIAMS EARNS LEAGUE AND NATIONAL PLAYER OF THE WEEK HONORS:** Junior linebacker Jason McWilliams was named the Gateway Football Conference and The Sports Network I-AA Defensive Player of the Week, for the week of September 3, after registering 17 tackles, including 15 solo stops, and two tackles for loss as the Leathernecks upset No. 3 Western Kentucky, 17-13.

McWilliams helped limit the Western Kentucky offense to just 13 points, the Hilltoppers' lowest output in a loss since Oct. 16, 1999. The Indiana transfer led all tacklers after recording just seven total tackles on special-teams for the Leathernecks last season.

**DANIELS REACHES CENTURY MARK IN DEBUT:** Running back Carlos Daniels rushed for 103 yards on 23 carries in his Western Illinois debut, including three runs over 10 yards and a long run of 25 yards.

Daniels became the second consecutive running back to rush for 100 yards in his first game as a Leatherneck, as Charles Tharp gained 128 yards on 22 carries in the 1999 opener.

**THREE LEATHERNECKS NAMED TO PRESEASON ALL-GATEWAY TEAM:** Senior tight end J.R. Niklos (Worthington, OH/Worthington HS), junior punter Mike Scifres (Norco, LA/Destrehan HS) and sophomore linebacker Lee Russell (Davenport, IA/Assumption HS) were all named to the 2001 Gateway preseason all-conference team.

All three players were named to the Gateway all-conference team last season. Niklos and Scifres were First Team All-Gateway selections in 2000, while Russell garnered Second Team honors, and was a member of the All-Newcomer Team and the league's Freshman of the Year.

**WESTERN ILLINOIS IN THE POLLS**

This week's ranking ..... NR  
 Highest Ranking ..... #2 three times  
 Latest ..... Nov. 2 and 9, 1998  
 Weeks ranked ..... 103  
 Current consecutive weeks ranked ..... 0  
 Record vs. Ranked ..... 20-29-1  
 Record vs. non-conf. ranked ..... 8-13-1  
 Highest-ranked opponent ..... #1 three times  
 Win vs. highest-ranked ..... #1 YSU, 1998  
 Highest-ranked non-conf. opp. .... #1 twice  
 Win vs. highest-ranked non-conference opp. .... #2 Florida A&M, 1998

Preseason 2001 ..... 13th  
 Highest 2001 ..... 6th

Preseason 2000 ..... 23rd  
 Highest 2000 ..... 3rd  
 Final 2000 ..... 11th (ESPN)

Preseason 1999 ..... 19th  
 Highest 1999 ..... 12th  
 Final 1999 ..... NR

Preseason 1998 ..... 13th  
 Highest 1998 ..... 2nd  
 Final 1998 ..... 4th

Preseason 1997 ..... 8th  
 Highest 1997 ..... 2nd  
 Final 1997 ..... 6th

Preseason 1996 ..... NR  
 Highest 1996 ..... 8th  
 Final 1996 ..... 13th

Preseason 1995 ..... 25th  
 Highest 1995 ..... 23rd  
 Final 1995 ..... NR

Preseason 1994 ..... NR  
 Highest 1994 ..... NR  
 Final 1994 ..... 24th

Preseason 1993 ..... 24th  
 Highest 1993 ..... NR  
 Final 1993 ..... NR

Preseason 1992 ..... NR  
 Highest 1992 ..... NR  
 Final 1992 ..... NR

Preseason 1991 ..... NR  
 Highest 1991 ..... 12th  
 Final 1991 ..... 14th

Preseason 1990 ..... NR  
 Highest 1990 ..... NR  
 Final 1990 ..... NR

Preseason 1989 ..... NR  
 Highest 1989 ..... 15th  
 Final 1989 ..... NR

Preseason 1988 ..... 12th  
 Highest 1988 ..... 2nd  
 Final 1988 ..... 4th

Preseason 1987 ..... NR  
 Highest 1987 ..... 6th  
 Final 1987 ..... NR

**LEATHERNECKS PICKED THIRD IN GATEWAY PRESEASON POLL:** Western Illinois was picked third in the 2001 preseason Gateway Conference poll, after winning the conference title for the fourth time in school history last season.

Western Illinois was picked fifth last season before capturing the league title with a 5-1 conference mark, becoming the first team in league history to win the title outright after being picked fifth in the preseason poll. The Leathernecks were last picked third in 1998, a season when they also won the conference title.

**NOMINEES BECOMING A NORM:** Western Illinois has had at least one player on the ballot for either the Walter Payton or Buck Buchanan Awards in each of the last four seasons. During that four-year period, Western Illinois had six national finalists, and was the only team in the country to have finalists for all three national awards, including the Eddie Robinson National Coach of the Year Award, in 1997 (Aaron Stecker, Cyron Brown, and Randy Ball) and in 2000 (Charles Tharp, Buck Buchanan Award winner Edgerton Hartwell, and Don Patterson).

**WESTERN ILLINOIS FIRST SCHOOL WITH MULTIPLE BUCK BUCHANAN WINNERS:** Western Illinois is the only school in the nation to have the distinction of having two different players be named the Buck Buchanan Award winner; after Edgerton Hartwell was named the 2000 winner of the award, which is given annually to the nation's best defensive player in I-AA football.

Hartwell joins 1998 winner, James Milton, to give the Leathernecks two winners of the award. Appalachian State's Dexter Coakley won the award twice in 1995 and 1996, the first two years the award was given.

**1,000-YARD RUSHERS BECOMING A NORM:** Western Illinois has had a 1,000-yard rusher in each of the last five seasons and in six of the last seven seasons. Prior to 1994, Western had only two 1,000-yard rushers in school history -- Chuck Kero had 1,001 in 1969 and Kevin Hart had 1,085 in 1991. Kendall McDonald rushed for 1,015 in 1994 and Brian Knuckles set a then-school record 1,310 in 1996, before Aaron Stecker set Western's top two single-season marks in 1997 and 1998. Charles Tharp set the third-highest single-season total in 1999, beating Knuckles' total by one yard, and moved into second place in 2000 with 1,555.

Carlos Daniels leads the Leathernecks with 627 yards this season.

**FIRST TWO I-AA PLAYERS TAKEN IN NFL DRAFT ARE LEATHERNECKS:** The first two I-AA players taken in the 2001 NFL Draft played for Western Illinois during the 2000 season. Will Peterson was the first I-AA player picked when the New York Giants selected him in the third round and Edgerton Hartwell followed, being selected by the Baltimore Ravens in the fourth round. The next I-AA player drafted was taken in the fifth round.

**WESTERN ILLINOIS WELL-REPRESENTED IN THE NFL:** Western Illinois has 10 former players, including four from the 2000 squad, and a former coach associated with the NFL this season. Former Leathernecks who are currently playing in the NFL are (NFL team, final year at Western):

- Frank Winters (Green Bay, 1986)
- Bryan Cox (New England, 1990)
- Rodney Harrison (San Diego, 1993)
- Fabien Bownes (Seattle, 1994)
- David Bowens (Washington, 1998)
- Aaron Stecker (Tampa Bay, 1998)
- Edgerton Hartwell (Baltimore, 2000)
- Reggie Waddell (Baltimore, 2000)
- Will Peterson (New York Giants, 2000)
- Rich Seubert (New York Giants, 2000)
- John Teerlinck (1973) is an assistant coach with the Denver Broncos.

**vs. I-A COMPETITION**

Year	Opponent	Result	Score
1986	at Kansas State	L	7-35
	at N. Illinois	W	10-0
1987	at Fresno State	L	17-20
	at N. Illinois	L	14-29
1988	at N. Illinois	L	6-16
1989	at N. Illinois	L	27-34
1990	at Kansas State	L	6-27
1991	at Wisconsin	L	13-31
1993	at E. Michigan	L	14-16
1994	at W. Michigan	L	7-43
1995	at Ball State	L	7-20
1996	at N. Illinois	W	17-0
1997	at Marshall	L	7-48
1998	at C. Michigan	L	14-35
1999	at N. Illinois	W	27-21
2000	at Missouri	L	20-50
	at Ball State	W	24-14
2001	at S. Florida	Nov. 10	6:00 pm

The Leathernecks have played one game against a I-A team every season since 1993.

The streak includes three games against Big 12 schools, in addition to Wisconsin of the Big Ten and Fresno State of the Western Athletic Conference. Western has played a MAC team every season since 1993 and has played 11 (Ball State, Eastern Michigan, Western Michigan, Central Michigan, Marshall and Northern Illinois) of its 17 I-A games against schools from that league. All of Western's games against I-A competition have been road games.

**IN OVERTIME** (since 1987)

1991	+at Marshall	L, 20-17 (1ot)
1994	*at SMS	W, 31-24 (2ot)
1997	*Northern Iowa	W, 29-22 (2ot)
1999	*at Indiana State	L, 39-36 (3ot)
<b>4 overtime games</b>		<b>2-2</b>
<b>2 double-overtime games</b>		<b>2-0</b>
<b>1 triple-overtime game</b>		<b>0-1</b>

\*Gateway game

+I-AA playoff game

**IN THE TOP 25**

Date	Sports Network Ranking
Preseason	13th
Sept. 3, 2001	7th
Sept. 10, 2001	6th
Sept. 17, 2001	No poll conducted
Sept. 24, 2001	13th
Oct. 1, 2001	14th
Oct. 8, 2001	14th
Oct. 15, 2001	12th
Oct. 22, 2001	16th
Oct. 29, 2001	23rd
Nov. 5, 2001	NR

**WESTERN ILLINOIS TWO-DEEP OFFENSE**

TE	5	J.R. Niklos: 6-3, 235, Sr.
	13	Jim Mitchell: 6-3, 210, Sr.
LT	77	Clint Harrison: 6-6, 310, Sr.
	55	Jeff Goldstone: 6-4, 285, So.
LG	68	Gabe Dunkmann: 6-3, 300, Sr.
	62	Duffy Wyllie: 6-3, 265, R-Fr.
C	65	Ryan Solie: 6-0, 260, R-Fr.
	53	Frank Melchert: 6-2, 270, So.
RG	66	Keith Roettgen: 6-3, 280, Sr.
	72	Fred Layne: 6-4, 290, Fr.
RT	67	James Rennick: 6-4, 290, Jr.
	79	Perry Cox: 6-3, 270, Fr.
SE	81	Rob Johnson: 6-3, 205, Sr.
	80	Slacy Coleman: 5-11, 180, Jr.
QB	9	Sam Clemons: 6-2, 215, Sr.
	12	Russ Michna: 6-3, 215, So.
RB	6	Carlos Daniels: 6-2, 245, Sr.
	25	Sadrac Sainvilus: 5-11, 190, Fr.
FB	34	Reggie Thomas: 6-1, 235, Sr.
	40	Wendell Davidson: 5-11, 235, So.
FL	7	Frisman Jackson: 6-3, 205, Sr.
	21	Quentin Brown: 5-11, 190, Sr.

**DEFENSE**

DE	94	Thomas Cole: 6-5, 250, Sr.
	53	Frank Melchert: 6-2, 270, So.
DT	93	Chad Daun: 6-4, 250, So.
	75	Jordan Whitehead: 6-1, 250, Fr.
DT	45	Mike O'Brien: 6-3, 270, So.
	76	Pat Ryan: 6-3, 260, R-Fr.
DE	38	Brian Ceaser: 6-3, 235, Jr.
	96	Alfred Conley: 6-2, 220, R-Fr.
LB	43	Lee Russell: 6-0, 220, So.
	58	Brandon Brown: 6-2, 240, So.
LB	1	Jason McWilliams: 6-2, 230, Jr.
	54	Drew Kocsis: 6-2, 230, Fr.
LB	32	Cornell Middlebrook: 6-2, 235, Jr.
	30	Pat Crosby: 6-1, 230, So.
CB	42	Antwan Davis: 5-10, 180, Sr.
	26	Shannon Fitzhugh: 6-0, 190, So.
FS	31	Ryle Irish: 6-3, 195, So.
	27	David Conway: 5-10, 175, Sr.
SS	4	Damon Williams: 5-10, 180, Sr.
	3	Brian Colar: 6-1, 200, Sr.
CB	49	Clifton Fields: 5-11, 195, Sr.
	20	Javon Sanders: 5-10, 185, Sr.

**SPECIALISTS**

K	14	Justin Langan: 5-11, 170, R-Fr.
	83	Mike Scifres: 6-2, 225, Jr.
P	83	Mike Scifres: 6-2, 225, Jr.
H	83	Mike Scifres: 6-2, 225, Jr.
LS	87	Brandon Watts: 6-0, 170, Jr.
SS	75	Jordan Whitehead: 6-1, 250, Fr.
PR	21	Quentin Brown: 5-11, 190, Sr.
KR	1	Terry Tharps: 5-10, 180, Sr.

**SOUTH FLORIDA TWO-DEEP OFFENSE**

X	15	Huey Whittaker (6-5, 225, So.)
	4	DeAndrew Rubin (6-0, 185, Jr.)
H	37	Ryan Hearn (5-9, 185, Jr.)
	2	Hugh Smith (5-10, 175, Sr.)
LT	65	Mike Snellgrove (6-3, 295, Fr.)
	78	Devon Small (6-3, 275, Fr.)
LG	61	Matt Sparrowhawk (6-3, 285, Sr.)
	76	Mark Sopcik (6-4, 280, Fr.)
OC	71	Alex Herron (6-3, 280, Fr.)
	64	Shelly Houston (6-3, 295, Fr.)
RG	75	Jimmy Flitts (6-2, 315, Sr.)
	79	Lavi Newton (6-4, 305, Fr.)
RT	66	Derrick Sarosi (6-6, 295, Fr.)
	72	Ken Dawson (6-6, 295, Sr.)
TE	82	Tim Jones (6-3, 240, Fr.)
	89	Casey Cobb (6-4, 245, So.)
Z	9	Chris Iskra (6-1, 185, So.)
	19	Bruce Gipson (5-10, 180, Fr.)
QB	10	Marquel Blackwell (6-1, 205, Jr.)
	14	Ronnie Banks (6-3, 220, Fr.)
RB	28	Clenton Crossley (5-10, 210, Fr.)
	34	Quinton Callum (5-11, 205, So.)

**DEFENSE**

LE	57	Chris Daley (6-2, 255, Jr.)
	56	Tchecoy Blount (6-3, 260, Sr.)
NT	94	Tavares Jurineack (6-3, 290, Jr.)
	92	Howard Campbell (6-2, 275, Fr.)
DT	8	Greg Walls (6-2, 285, Jr.)
	95	Matt Groelinger (6-4, 255, Fr.)
RE	41	Shurron Pierson (6-3, 240, So.)
	55	Cedric Battles (6-4, 255, So.)
WLB	5	Kawika Mitchell (6-0, 255, Jr.)
	31	Courtney Davenport (6-1, 215, So.)
MLB	7	Anthony Williams (5-11, 220, Sr.)
	52	Mike Minus (5-11, 225, So.)
SLB	6	Maurice Jones (6-2, 240, So.)
	16	Jason Allen (6-2, 225, Fr.)
CB	23	Bernard Brown (5-10, 180, Sr.)
	3	Ron Hemingway (5-11, 175, So.)
CB	21	Maurice Tucker (6-1, 190, Jr.)
	20	Kenny Robinson (5-10, 180, So.)
SS	1	Joe Morgan (5-10, 185, Sr.)
	17	Kevin Verpaele (6-0, 195, So.)
FS	32	J.R. Reed (5-11, 185, So.)
	12	Javan Camon (6-0, 175, Fr.)

**SPECIALISTS**

PK	3	Santiago Gramatica (5-10, 165, Fr.)
KO	49	Justin Geisler (6-1, 170, Fr.)
	3	Santiago Gramatica (5-10, 165, Fr.)
P	13	Devin Sanderson (6-4, 220, Jr.)
LS	89	Casey Cobb (6-4, 245, So.)
H	18	Kevin Patullo (6-2, 205, So.)
PR	4	DeAndrew Rubin (6-0, 185, Jr.)
	16	Brian Fisher (5-9, 180, Fr.)
KR	4	DeAndrew Rubin (6-0, 185, Jr.)
	2	Hugh Smith (5-10, 175, Sr.)

**2001 GATEWAY  
PRESEASON POLL**

Team (first-place votes)	Points
Western Kentucky (14)	213
Youngstown State (12)	202
Western Illinois (1)	166
Illinois State (1)	139
Northern Iowa	127
Southwest Missouri State (1)	110
Southern Illinois	51
Indiana State	36

**HOW WESTERN WAS PICKED  
vs. HOW THEY FINISHED**

Year	Preseason GFC Poll	Finish
1986	6th	5th
1987	4th	2nd
1988	3rd	1st
1989	3rd	t6th
1990	t6th	t3rd
1991	t6th	t2nd
1992	3rd	t2nd
1993	3rd	t2nd
1994	4th	t2nd
1995	3rd	t5th
1996	4th	t2nd
1997	2nd	1st
1998	3rd	1st
1999	4th	t4th
2000	5th	1st
2001	3rd	

The Leathernecks have finished better than their preseason projection in 12 of the 15 Gateway polls. Western Illinois has never been picked to win the league, and has been chosen higher than third only once in the 15-year history of the poll, despite winning the Gateway title four times and finishing second six times. The Leathernecks have finished first or second in the Gateway Conference in eight of the last 10 years.

**2001 LEATHERNECK RANKINGS  
TEAM**

Category	Gateway	Nation	Per game
Rushing Offense	8th	95th	116.9
Passing Offense	1st	15th	262.4
Total Offense	3rd	44th	379.2
Scoring Offense	5th	69th	23.5
Rushing Defense	6th	93rd	392.2
Passing Defense	7th	66th	202.1
Total Defense	6th	93rd	392.2
Scoring Defense	6th	88th	23.5
Punting	1st	13th	36.7
Punt Returns	6th	94th	6.9
Kickoff Returns	8th	95th	17.3
Turnover Margin	8th	T-117th	-1.50
Passing Efficiency	1st	26th	136.3
Passing Efficiency Defense	6th	108th	139.0

**INDIVIDUAL**

Category	Player	Gateway	Nation	Per game
Rushing	Carlos Daniels	5th	59th	78.4
Interceptions	Ryle Irish	T-8th	--	0.25
Pass Efficiency	Sam Clemons	1st	30th	135.9
Total Offense	Sam Clemons	1st	16th	257.0
Punt Returns	Quentin Brown	7th	92nd	5.9
Kickoff Returns	Terry Tharps	3rd	21st	25.3
Receptions	J.R. Niklos	3rd	T-85th	4.12
	Frisman Jackson	4th	--	3.88
Receiving Yds/Game	Frisman Jackson	1st	40th	78.1
	J.R. Niklos	4th	T-88th	59.1
Punting	Mike Scifres	2nd	17th	41.0
All-Purpose Running	Carlos Daniels	7th	97th	95.1
	Frisman Jackson	9th	--	86.5
	Terry Tharps	10th	--	81.2
Field Goals	Justin Langan	8th	T-59th	0.50
	Mike Scifres	9th	--	0.25
Field Goal Pct.	Justin Langan	8th	T-72nd	50.0 (5-10)
	Mike Scifres	9th	--	33.3 (1-3)
PAT Kicking Pct.	Justin Langan	T-5th	--	95.2 (20-21)
Scoring (kick)	Justin Langan	7th	--	4.4
Scoring (TDs)	Carlos Daniels	10th	--	3.8
Points Responsible For	Sam Clemons	--	T-21st	13.7
Total Receiving Yards	Frisman Jackson	--	43rd	625
Completions/Game	Sam Clemons	--	54th	14.4

The Automated ScoreBook For Football  
 Western Illinois Overall Team Statistics (as of Nov 08, 2001)  
 All games

TEAM STATISTICS	WIU	OPP
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SCORING.....	188	227
Points Per Game.....	23.5	28.4
FIRST DOWNS.....	146	164
Rushing.....	54	84
Passing.....	84	65
Penalty.....	8	15
RUSHING YARDAGE.....	952	1521
Yards gained rushing.....	1313	1776
Yards lost rushing.....	361	255
Rushing Attempts.....	301	389
Average Per Rush.....	3.2	3.9
Average Per Game.....	119.0	190.1
TDs Rushing.....	9	17
PASSING YARDAGE.....	2099	1617
Att-Comp-Int.....	243-132-10	197-115-5
Average Per Pass.....	8.6	8.2
Average Per Catch.....	15.9	14.1
Average Per Game.....	262.4	202.1
TDs Passing.....	13	10
TOTAL OFFENSE.....	3051	3138
Total Plays.....	544	586
Average Per Play.....	5.6	5.4
Average Per Game.....	381.4	392.3
KICKOFF RETURNS: #-YARDS.....	32-553	18-430
PUNT RETURNS: #-YARDS.....	17-118	10-106
INT RETURNS: #-YARDS.....	5-145	10-200
KICKOFF RETURN AVERAGE.....	17.3	23.9
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE.....	6.9	10.6
INT RETURN AVERAGE.....	29.0	20.0
FUMBLES-LOST.....	18-10	16-3
PENALTIES-YARDS.....	46-376	35-300
Average Per Game.....	47.0	37.5
PUNTS-YARDS.....	34-1353	37-1262
Average Per Punt.....	39.8	34.1
Net punt average.....	36.7	30.9
TIME OF POSSESSION/GAME.....	28:16	31:44
3RD-DOWN CONVERSIONS.....	40/111	46/118
3rd-Down Pct.....	36%	39%
4TH-DOWN CONVERSIONS.....	6/14	6/16
4th-Down Pct.....	43%	38%
SACKS BY-YARDS.....	19-122	26-195
MISC YARDS.....	0	23
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED.....	24	29
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS.....	6-14	9-15
PAT KICKS-ATTEMPTS.....	20-21	24-26
ATTENDANCE.....	55224	31150
Games/Avg Per Game.....	5/11045	3/10383

BY QUARTER	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
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Team.....	52	33	33	70	- 188
Opponents...	59	68	50	50	- 227

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RUSHING	G	Att	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
DANIELS, Carlos	8	138	662	35	627	4.5	3	42	78.4
CLEMONS, Sam	8	74	281	165	116	1.6	5	25	14.5
SAINVILUS, Sadr	6	25	92	12	80	3.2	0	17	13.3
JACKSON, Frisma	8	19	125	58	67	3.5	0	26	8.4
THARPS, Terry	8	16	69	33	36	2.3	0	27	4.5
THOMAS, Reggie	8	7	25	0	25	3.6	1	12	3.1
LAWSON, Attley	1	3	14	0	14	4.7	0	6	14.0
DAVIDSON, Wende	7	4	3	0	3	0.8	0	2	0.4
WIU TEAM	5	4	0	4	-4	-1.0	0	0	-0.8
MICHNA, Russ	6	11	42	54	-12	-1.1	0	12	-2.0
Total.....	8	301	1313	361	952	3.2	9	42	119.0
Opponents.....	8	389	1776	255	1521	3.9	17	48	190.1

PASSING	G	Effic	Att-Cmp-Int	Pct	Yds	TD	Lng	Avg/G
CLEMONS, Sam	8	135.91	227-123-10	54.2	1936	13	64	242.0
MICHNA, Russ	6	116.43	12-7-0	58.3	83	0	23	13.8
JACKSON, Frisma	8	255.80	2-1-0	50.0	49	0	49	6.1
JOHNSON, Rob	7	0.00	1-0-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
SCIFRES, Mike	8	360.40	1-1-0	100.0	31	0	31	3.9
Total.....	8	136.30	243-132-10	54.3	2099	13	64	262.4
Opponents.....	8	139.00	197-115-5	58.4	1617	10	76	202.1

RECEIVING	G	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
NIKLOS, J.R.	8	33	473	14.3	1	49	59.1
JACKSON, Frisma	8	31	625	20.2	4	57	78.1
JOHNSON, Rob	7	16	231	14.4	3	34	33.0
COLEMAN, Stacy	8	13	137	10.5	0	14	17.1
THARPS, Terry	8	11	235	21.4	1	58	29.4
THOMAS, Reggie	8	10	128	12.8	0	25	16.0
DANIELS, Carlos	8	7	134	19.1	2	60	16.8
MITCHELL, Jim	8	6	90	15.0	2	64	11.3
DAVIDSON, Wende	7	2	27	13.5	0	15	3.9
SAINVILUS, Sadr	6	2	12	6.0	0	7	2.0
BROWN, Quentin	8	1	7	7.0	0	7	0.9
Total.....	8	132	2099	15.9	13	64	262.4
Opponents.....	8	115	1617	14.1	10	76	202.1

PUNT RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
BROWN, Quentin	15	88	5.9	0	16
RUSSELL, Lee	1	18	18.0	0	0
MITCHELL, Jim	1	12	12.0	0	0
Total.....	17	118	6.9	0	16
Opponents.....	10	106	10.6	0	31

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
IRISH, Ryle	2	24	12.0	0	20
DAVIS, Antwian	1	43	43.0	0	43
COLAR, Brian	1	20	20.0	0	20
WILLIAMS, Damon	1	58	58.0	1	58
Total.....	5	145	29.0	1	58
Opponents.....	10	200	20.0	2	36

KICK RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
THARPS, Terry	15	379	25.3	1	100
DAVIS, Antwian	4	36	9.0	0	17
COLEMAN, Stacy	4	61	15.3	0	33
WILLIAMS, Damon	3	27	9.0	0	23
HIGH, Jermaine	2	20	10.0	0	11
RUSSELL, Lee	2	24	12.0	0	15
BROWN, Quentin	1	6	6.0	0	6
JOHNSON, Rob	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total.....	32	553	17.3	1	100
Opponents.....	18	430	23.9	0	56

FUMBLE RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Total.....	0	0	0.0	0	0
Opponents.....	2	23	11.5	0	17

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TOTAL OFFENSE							SCORING									
G	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg/G		TD	FGs	----- PATs -----				DXP	Saf	Points	
									Kick	Rush	Rcv	Pass				
CLEMONS, Sam	8	301	116	1936	2052	256.5	LANGAN, Justin	0	5-10	20-21	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	35
DANIELS, Carlos	8	138	627	0	627	78.4	DANIELS, Carlos	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	30
JACKSON, Frisma	8	21	67	49	116	14.5	CLEMONS, Sam	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1-2	0	0	30
SAINVILUS, Sadr	6	25	80	0	80	13.3	JACKSON, Frisma	4	0-0	0-0	1-1	0	0-0	0	0	26
MICHNA, Russ	6	23	-12	83	71	11.8	JOHNSON, Rob	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	18
THARPS, Terry	8	16	36	0	36	4.5	THARPS, Terry	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
SCIFRES, Mike	8	1	0	31	31	3.9	MITCHELL, Jim	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
THOMAS, Reggie	8	7	25	0	25	3.1	NIKLOS, J.R.	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0-0	0	0	8
LAWSON, Attley	1	3	14	0	14	14.0	THOMAS, Reggie	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
DAVIDSON, Wende	7	4	3	0	3	0.4	WILLIAMS, Damon	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
WIU TEAM	5	4	-4	0	-4	-0.8	SCIFRES, Mike	0	1-3	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	3
Total.....	8	544	952	2099	3051	381.4	WIU TEAM	0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	1	2
Opponents.....	8	586	1521	1617	3138	392.3	Total.....	24	6-14	20-21	1-1	1	1-2	0	1	188
							Opponents.....	29	9-15	24-26	1-3	0	0-0	0	0	227

FIELD GOALS										PUNTING								
FGM-FGA	Pct	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	Lg	Blk		No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TB	FC	I20	Blkd	
LANGAN, Justin	5-10	50.0	0-0	2-3	2-4	1-3	0-0	45	0	SCIFRES, Mike	33	1353	41.0	60	4	3	10	0
SCIFRES, Mike	1-3	33.3	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-2	0-1	46	0	WIU TEAM	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	1
WIU TEAM	0-1	0.0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	1		Total.....	34	1353	39.8	60	4	3	10	1
										Opponents.....	37	1262	34.1	62	4	0	7	2

FG SEQUENCE	Western Illinois	OPPONENTS
Western Kentucky	47, (21)	38, (31), (29)
Youngstown State	28	-
Southern Illinois	(32), (35), (23)	45
Southern Utah	38, 55	40, (51), 38, (48)
Illinois State	(46), 34	(28)
Northern Iowa	42, 44	(22)
SW Missouri State	51	(38), (36), (33)
Sam Houston State	(45)	41, 37

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.

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ALL PURPOSE	G	Rush	Rec	PR	KOR	IR	Tot	Avg/G
DANIELS, Carlos	8	627	134	0	0	0	761	95.1
JACKSON, Frisma	8	67	625	0	0	0	692	86.5
THARPS, Terry	8	36	235	0	379	0	650	81.3
NIKLOS, J.R.	8	0	473	0	0	0	473	59.1
JOHNSON, Rob	7	0	231	0	0	0	231	33.0
COLEMAN, Stacy	8	0	137	0	61	0	198	24.8
THOMAS, Reggie	8	25	128	0	0	0	153	19.1
CLEMONS, Sam	8	116	0	0	0	0	116	14.5
MITCHELL, Jim	8	0	90	12	0	0	102	12.8
BROWN, Quentin	8	0	7	88	6	0	101	12.6
SAINVILUS, Sadr	6	80	12	0	0	0	92	15.3
WILLIAMS, Damon	8	0	0	0	27	58	85	10.6
DAVIS, Antwian	8	0	0	0	36	43	79	9.9
RUSSELL, Lee	8	0	0	18	24	0	42	5.3
DAVIDSON, Wende	7	3	27	0	0	0	30	4.3
IRISH, Ryle	8	0	0	0	0	24	24	3.0
COLAR, Brian	8	0	0	0	0	20	20	2.5
HIGH, Jermaine	4	0	0	0	20	0	20	5.0
LAWSON, Attley	1	14	0	0	0	0	14	14.0
WIU TEAM	5	-4	0	0	0	0	-4	-0.8
MICHNA, Russ	6	-12	0	0	0	0	-12	-2.0
Total.....	8	952	2099	118	553	145	3867	483.4
Opponents.....	8	1521	1617	106	430	200	3874	484.3

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DEFENSIVE LEADERS	GP	-----Tackles-----				-Sacks-		---Pass Def---			-Fumbles-		Blkd	
		UT	AT	Total	ForLoss	No-Yards	Int-Yds	PD	QBH	Rcv-Yds	FF	Kick	Saf	
1A McWILLIAMS, Jas	7	69	27	96	8/19	1-7	.	2	.	.	1	.	.	
32 MIDDLEBROOK, Co	8	62	29	91	8/23	3-10	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	
43 RUSSELL, Lee	8	57	27	84	9/29	2-10	.	1	.	.	2	1	.	
31 IRISH, Ryle	8	35	25	60	1/4	.	2-24	9	.	1-0	.	1	.	
3 COLAR, Brian	8	32	20	52	3/8	.	1-20	2	.	.	.	.	.	
4 WILLIAMS, Damon	8	27	22	49	4/19	1-8	1-58	2	.	.	1	.	.	
38 CEASER, Brian	8	25	11	36	6/12	3-13	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	
45 O'BRIEN, Michae	8	21	10	31	10/36	3-18	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	
93 DAUN, Chad	8	19	9	28	7/25	2-11	.	3	.	.	1	.	.	
22 WARREN, Jon	7	17	10	27	9/43	5-34	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	
49 FIELDS, Cliff	7	13	10	23	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	
26 FITZHUGH, Shann	7	12	4	16	1/2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
42 DAVIS, Antwian	8	8	3	11	.	.	1-43	5	.	.	.	.	.	
76 RYAN, Pat	7	3	8	11	3/10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
20 SANDERS, Javon	6	7	3	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
27 CONWAY, David	7	6	3	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
8 CUMMINGS-JOHN,S	2	5	3	8	1/2	1-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
30 CROSBY, Pat	7	6	1	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
96 CONLEY, Alfred	4	1	4	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
58 BROWN, Brandon	5	4	.	4	3/21	3-21	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
94 Cole, Thomas	1	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
83 SCIFRES, Mike	8	3	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
7 JACKSON, Frisma	8	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
44 RIDDLE, Jason	4	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
13 MITCHELL, Jim	8	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	1	.	
40 DAVIDSON, Wende	7	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
5 NIKLOS, J.R.	8	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
41 HARDY, Reggie	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
36 BLOUNT, Steve	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
53 MELCHERT, Frank	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
81 JOHNSON, Rob	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.	
1 THARPS, Terry	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
TM WIU TEAM	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	1	
Total.....	8	443	232	675	73/253	19-122	5-145	27	.	3-0	10	3	1	
Opponents.....	8	283	256	539	69/297	26-195	10-200	32	.	10-23	7	2	.	

