



2009 WKU FOOTBALL

Newest of 120 Football Bowl Subdivision Members

Gameday Information

Series Information

Series Tied 2-2
 In Bowling Green: Series tied 1-1
 In Tampa: Series tied 1-1
 First Meeting: WKU 31-3, Sept. 27, 1997
 Last Meeting: USF 30-24, Nov. 4, 2000
 Last WKU Win: 31-24, Oct. 17, 1998
 Series Streak: USF — won 2

Broadcast Information

TV: ESPN Regional / ESPN Gameplan
 Dave Weekley, play-by-play
 John Gregory, color
Radio: Big Red Radio Network
 (103.7 WPTQ-FM in Bowling Green)
 Randy Lee, play-by-play
 Leo Peckenpaugh, analysis
 Rhett Douglas, sideline
Internet: ESPN360.com

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2009 Schedule / Notes

	at Tennessee Sept. 5 • 11:21 a.m. Neyland Stadium Knoxville, Tenn.	First Meeting ... Fourth straight season WKU has faced a team from the SEC ... Largest crowd to see WKU football game. (98,761)
	South Florida Sept. 12 • 6:30 p.m. Houchens-Smith Stadium Bowling Green	All-time series tied 2-2 ... Teams played a four-year series between 1997-2000 ... First Big East team to visit Smith Stadium.
	Central Arkansas Sept. 19 • 6 p.m. Houchens-Smith Stadium Bowling Green	First Meeting ... First game against Southland Conference member since Sam Houston State in '04 FCS Playoffs.
	at Navy Sept. 26 • 2:30 p.m. Memorial Stadium Annapolis, Md.	First Meeting ... Midshipmen will visit Bowling Green in 2011 and 2013 ... First game for WKU against a team from Maryland.
	Florida International Oct. 10 • 6 p.m. Houchens-Smith Stadium Bowling Green	All-time series tied 2-2 ... WKU's first Sun Belt Conference game ... Hilltoppers won only meeting in Bowling Green 56-7 in 2002.
	Louisiana-Lafayette Oct. 17 • 6 p.m. Houchens-Smith Stadium Bowling Green	Cajuns have won both games in the series — both in Lafayette ... Teams last met in 1998 season finale.
	at Middle Tennessee Oct. 24 • 2:30 p.m. Floyd Stadium Murfreesboro, Tenn.	MTSU leads series 30-28-1 ... WKU won last meeting in Murfreesboro 20-17 in 2007 ... Teams first met in 1914 season.
	at North Texas Oct. 31 • 3:15 p.m. Fouts Field Denton, Texas	UNT holds 2-0 lead in all-time series (wins in '07 and '08) ... Teams have combined for 144 points in two previous meetings.
	Troy (Homecoming) Nov. 7 • 4 p.m. Houchens-Smith Stadium Bowling Green	Troy leads all-time series 6-0-1 ... Second time in three years Trojans have been WKU's homecoming game opponent.
	at Louisiana-Monroe Nov. 14 • 3 p.m. Malone Stadium Monroe, La.	WKU leads all-time series 3-1 ... Teams have not met since a 21-9 ULM win in Monroe during 1955 season.
	at Florida Atlantic Nov. 28 • 3 p.m. Lockhart Stadium Boca Raton, Fla.	Owls won first meeting between teams 24-21 last season ... WKU looking for first win in state of Florida since '04 at FIU.
	Arkansas State Dec. 3 • 6 p.m. Houchens-Smith Stadium Bowling Green	Series tied 1-1-1 ... First meeting since 1952 ... Only game in Bowling Green was 14-14 tie in 1947.

Game 2



Saturday, September 12, 2009

**WKU Hilltoppers
[0-1]**

vs

**South Florida Bulls
[1-0]**

**Houchens Industries-L.T. Smith Stadium (22,113)
Bowling Green, Ky.
6:30 p.m. (CDT) • ESPN Regional**

The Game

The Hilltoppers return home to open the 42nd season at Houchens Industries-L.T. Smith Stadium on Saturday. South Florida provides the opposition for the 2009 home opener — marking the first time a school from the Big East Conference has visited Houchens-Smith Stadium. WKU and USF have met four times previously, playing twice in Bowling Green and two times in Tampa between 1997-2000. The Toppers and Bulls split those four meetings.

The Coaches

WKU — David Elson (Butler '94), seventh season as head coach at WKU and overall
Record at WKU — 39-33 (54.2%) / **Career Record** — Same
Record vs. South Florida — 0-0
South Florida — Jim Leavitt (Missouri '78), 14th season at USF and overall
Record at USF — 89-52 / **Career Record** — Same
Record vs. WKU — 2-2

The Rankings

South Florida — RV (1) in ESPN/USA Today Coaches Poll ... RV (15) in Associated Press Poll.

The Leaders

Rushing —
WKU: Bobby Rainey - 8-41-1 TD
Passing —
WKU: Brandon Smith - 8-13-0/44/0 TD
Receiving —
WKU: Quinterrance Cooper - 2-21
Tackles —
WKU: Jihad Morris: 10 TT

USF: Moise Plancher - 12-78-2 TD
USF: Matt Grothe - 19-23-1/155/1 TD
USF: Dontavia Bogan - 4-46
USF: Nate Allen: 10 TT / 1 FF

2009 WKU Schedule

S5	at Tennessee	L, 7-63
S12	South Florida	6:30 p.m.
S19	Central Arkansas	6 p.m.
S26	at Navy	2:30 p.m.
O10	Florida International*	6 p.m.
O17	Louisiana-Lafayette*	6 p.m.
O24	at Middle Tennessee*	2:30 p.m.
O31	at North Texas*	3:15 p.m.
N7	Troy* (Hc)	4 p.m.
N14	at Louisiana-Monroe*	3 p.m.
N28	at Florida Atlantic*	3 p.m.
D3	Arkansas State*	6 p.m.

(Hc) Homecoming
 * Sun Belt Conference Game
 Home games bold face / All Times Central

2009 South Florida Schedule

S5	Wofford	W, 40-7
S12	at WKU	6:30 p.m.
S19	Charleston Southern	6 p.m.
S26	at Florida State	TBA
O3	at Syracuse*	11 a.m.
O15	Cincinnati*	6:30 p.m.
O24	at Pittsburgh*	TBA
O30	West Virginia*	7 p.m.
N12	at Rutgers*	6:30 p.m.
N21	Louisville*	TBA
N28	Miami	TBA
D5	at UConn*	TBA

* Big East Conference Game
 Home games bold face / All Times Central

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Sun Belt Coaches Teleconference Call

The Sun Belt Conference will hold a weekly media teleconference featuring each of the league's head coaches.

Mondays, Aug. 31 - Nov. 30, 2009
10:30 a.m. (CT)/11:30 a.m. (ET)
212-812-4494 (passcode 1359 9868)

Schedule of Events:

10:30 a.m. — Announcements
10:32 a.m. — Howard Schnellenberger, FAU
10:38 a.m. — Mario Cristobal, FIU
10:44 a.m. — Steve Roberts, ASU
10:50 a.m. — Rickey Bustle, ULL
10:56 a.m. — Charlie Weatherbie, ULM
11:02 a.m. — Rick Stockstill, MT
11:08 a.m. — Todd Dodge, NT
11:14 a.m. — Larry Blakeney, Troy
11:20 a.m. — **David Elson, WKU**
11:26 a.m. — Commissioner Wright Waters

Big Red Radio Network

The Hilltoppers can be heard on the radio on 15 different stations throughout the Commonwealth of Kentucky. WKU owns the second-largest collegiate radio network in the state.

WPTQ-FM (103.7), Bowling Green*
WWKU-AM (1450), Bowling Green
WTCO-AM (1450), Campbellsville
WIEL-AM (1400), Elizabethtown
WFKN-AM (1220), Franklin
WCDS-AM (1230), Glasgow
WSON-AM (860), Henderson
WXAM-AM (1430), Hodgenville
WKJK-AM (1080), Louisville
WHAS-AM (840), Louisville
WTTL-AM (1310), Madisonville
WLME-FM (102.9), Owensboro
WPKY-AM (1580), Princeton
WTLO-AM (1480), Somerset
WJKY-AM (1060), Jamestown
* denotes originating station

Topper Tidbits

- ▶ A fourth of WKU's 2009 schedule will be against teams from the state of Florida. The Hilltoppers will also play Sun Belt Conference games against Florida International (Oct. 10 in Bowling Green) and Florida Atlantic (Nov. 28 in Boca Raton).
- ▶ A total of 11 players on the 2009 Hilltopper roster hail from the state of Florida. That includes two from the Tampa Bay area — freshman **Luis Polanco** (Tampa) and senior **Cody Hughes** (Bradenton).
- ▶ WKU is looking to avoid just its second 0-2 start in the past 14 seasons. The Hilltoppers lost the first two games of the 2006 season at Georgia and Eastern Kentucky before rebounding to finish the year 6-5.
- ▶ WKU is 1-2 all-time in games played on Sept. 12. That also includes 1-1 records in home openers. The Hilltoppers fell to Delaware 38-14 in the first home game of the 1981 season, and defeated Indiana State 34-14 to open Smith Stadium in 1992. WKU also played on this date in 1998, dropping a 36-31 decision at Murray State.
- ▶ **Jihad Morris** recorded a game and career-high 10 tackles last week at Tennessee. His previous career high also came against an SEC school as he posted eight stops last season at Kentucky. It marks the second straight season that a Hilltopper defender has reached double-figure tackles in the season opener. **Alonzo Higgins** finished with 11 tackles last year at Indiana.

WKU-South Florida Stats Comparison

WKU Offense	USF Defense	USF Offense	WKU Defense
7.0	7.0	Scoring	40.0
6.0	13.0	First Downs	22.0
34.0	177.0	Rushing Yards	174.0
1.1	3.5	Yards per Rush	5.4
49.0	34.0	Passing Yards	185.0
3.1	3.1	Yards per Pass Attempt	7.4
83.0	211.0	Total Offense	359.0
1.8	3.5	Yards per Play	6.3
3.0	2.0	Turnovers	2.0
			63.0
			34.0
			380.0
			8.6
			277.0
			8.7
			657.0
			8.6
			3.0

Weights & Measures

Here's a look at how the "Probable Starting Lineups" for the WKU-South Florida game compare — by average height and weight ...

WKU	vs.	USF	Advantage (Ht.; Wt.)
Off. Line (6-3, 297)		Def. Line (6-3 ½, 275)	USF — ½"; WKU — 22 lbs.
Receivers (6-1, 203)		Def. Backs (6-0, 190 ½)	WKU — 1"; WKU — 12 ½ lbs.
Off. Backs (5-9 ½, 196)		Linebackers (6-1 ½, 236 ½)	USF — 4"; USF — 30 ½ lbs.
Def. Line (6-1, 270)		Off. Line (6-3 ½, 303)	USF — 2 ½"; USF — 33 lbs.
Def. Backs (5-11, 181)		Receivers (6-2, 204)	USF — 3"; USF — 23 lbs.
Linebackers (6-0, 235)		Off. Backs (5-11, 218)	WKU — 1"; WKU — 17 lbs.

About South Florida

South Florida enters Saturday's contest fresh off a 40-7 home win over Wofford last week in its 2009 season opener. The Bulls scored 33 unanswered points over the final three quarters for the runaway victory. USF is in search of a fifth straight bowl appearance in 2009, and are coming off a 41-10 win over Memphis in the 2008 magicJack St. Petersburg Bowl last December. Quarterback **Matt Grothe** returns as the Bulls' leading passer and rusher from a year ago, and went 19-for-23 passing for 155 yards and a touchdown last week. The QB duo of Grothe and **B.J. Daniels** were able to spread the ball around to seven different receivers against the Terriers, with **Carlton Mitchell** pulling in six catches for 37 yards, and **Dontavia Bogan** catching four passes for a game-high 46 receiving yards. **Moise Plancher** did most of the damage in the ground game, carrying 12 times for 78 yards and a pair of touchdowns. USF was able to limit Wofford to just 34 passing yards on the day, but was vulnerable on the ground as the Terriers rushed for 177 yards. Defensively, **Nate Allen** led the way with 10 tackles, while **Kion Wilson** accounted for eight tackles and a sack. The Bull defense registered eight tackles for loss and a pair of sacks, while also forcing a pair of fumbles.

Week 2 vs. South Florida

Monday	7	Tuesday	8	Wednesday	9	Thursday	10	Friday	11	Saturday	12
SBC Teleconference 11:20 a.m./Coach Elson		3:30-6 p.m. Practice Media Availability After		3:30-6 p.m. Practice Media Availability After		In office or phone interviews Coach Elson 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.		4:30-5:30 p.m. Walkthrough at Houchens-Smith Stadium		Game 2 6:30 p.m. Kickoff WKU vs. South Florida Houchens-Smith Stadium	
Media Luncheon 11:30 a.m. / Diddle Arena						3:30-6 p.m. Practice Media Availability After				Postgame Coach Elson and selected players available after radio interviews in postgame media room on the ground floor of the east side of Houchens-Smith Stadium.	
Out-of-Town Interviews Coach Elson (Phone) 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.											

Not So Gracious Hosts — The season's home opener has certainly gone in the Hilltoppers' favor in recent years. In fact, the Toppers have won their first game at Houchens Industries-L.T. Smith Stadium 19 of the past 20 seasons. That includes a current streak of 13 straight wins in home openers. The last team to spoil the opener for WKU was Murray State, when the Racers picked up a 35-14 win back on Aug. 31, 1995. During this current winning streak, the Hilltoppers have averaged 52.8 points per game, and have won by an average of 48.9 points per game. That includes an 50-9 victory over Murray State in the 2008 home opener.

Running With The Bulls Again — The Hilltoppers and Bulls are meeting up for the fifth time in the history of the two programs on Saturday. The two squads previously met four times between 1997-2000 — the first four years of football at USF. After WKU earned victories in both Bowling Green and Tampa in '97 and '98, the Bulls returned the favor by winning the final two games in 1999 and 2000, including a 21-6 win at Houchens-Smith Stadium in the third game of the series.

First For Forrest — Not only did true freshman cornerback **Jamal Forrest** make a start in his collegiate debut last week at Tennessee, he also made an immediate impact as he recorded his first career interception on the Volunteers' opening possession of the game. It marked the first time in 14 seasons that a true freshman has picked off a pass in the season opener. **Delvechio Walls** was the last to do so as he intercepted a pass in the first game of the 1995 season against Murray State. Forrest was also credited with seven tackles at UT.

"Majors" Impact On The Defense — Much heralded linebacker **Thomas Majors** lived up to the hype in his Topper debut at Tennessee. The Nashville, Tenn., junior recorded five tackles, picked off a pass, and tipped another pass that led to the **Jamal Forrest** interception. Majors' five tackles were the second most among WKU linebackers behind **Taurean Smith's** eight stops.

Rainey Type of Day — Returning from a knee injury that forced him to miss the last four games of the 2008 season, sophomore running back **Bobby Rainey** rushed for a team-high 41 yards, and saw all three of his carries on WKU's lone scoring drive go for double-digit yards — including a 19-yard TD run. Rainey also went over 100 all-purpose yards for the fifth time in his career, finishing with 149 — 41 rushing and 108 yards in kickoff returns.

WKU-USF Defensive Connection — WKU redshirt freshman linebacker **Tyran Golden** and USF sophomore defensive end **Patrick Hampton** both played at Martin Luther King High School in Lithonia, Ga.

Plenty From Moore — Senior punter **Jeremy Moore** averaged 44.8 yards per kick, and saw seven of his nine punts travel 41 yards or more last week at Tennessee. He also had two punts over 50 yards, including a 54-yarder — two yards shy of his career best. Moore's 403 punting yards on the day were a new career high.

A First Time For Many — Ten of WKU's 22 offensive and defensive starters at Tennessee were on the field to start the game for the first time in their Hilltopper careers. That number included seven first-time starters on the defensive side of the ball. Linebackers **Taurean Smith** and **Chris Bullard**, and DBs **Mark Santoro** and **Jihad Morris** were the only defensive players with a start prior to last Saturday. **Brandon Smith** also made his first start at quarterback.

Gaebler Eyes Records — Coming off the best season of his Hilltopper career in 2008, senior wide receiver **Jake Gaebler** is looking to write his name into the record books in his final season at WKU. Gaebler — WKU's top returning receiver each of the last two seasons — now needs 24 receptions to break **Curtis Hamilton's** school record of 149...a mark that was set just two seasons ago in 2007. Gaebler's 1,431 career receiving yards leave him just 14 yards shy of moving into the career top 10 in that category as well.

Big Crowds Nothing New — The announced attendance of 98,761 in the 2009 season opener at Tennessee was the largest crowd ever to see a WKU team play, exceeding previous crowd of 92,746 at Georgia on Sept. 2, 2006. Since 2003, WKU has played in front of six crowds exceeding 80,000 — all coming at SEC schools. In fact, three of the top 10 crowds to see a Topper team came in 2008 — at Alabama (2nd - 92,138), at Kentucky (7th - 70,730) and at Virginia Tech (8th - 66,233).

Six True Freshmen To Play in '09 — Six members of the 2009 Hilltopper recruiting class will get a chance to make an immediate impact as they will see action this season in their first year on the Hill. One — cornerback **Jamal Forrest** — was in the starting lineup in the opener at Tennessee. The only true freshman not to redshirt on the offensive side of the ball will be 6-foot-7 tight end **Ed Hazelett**. Along with Forrest, defensive back **Kareem Peterson**, linebackers **Josh Carter** and **Chuck Franks**, and defensive lineman **Cole Tischer** will also see playing time. Peterson is listed behind **Mark Santoro** on the depth chart at free safety.

New Kids On The Block — With the start of the 2009 season, Western Kentucky University officially becomes the 120th bowl-eligible member of the NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision (Division I-A). The Hilltoppers have completed a two-year transition after the WKU Board of Regents accepted a proposal to elevate the program from the Football Championship Subdivision (I-AA) by a 7-2 vote — with one abstention — on Nov. 2, 2006. The Toppers won nine games during the transition period.

They Are New And Young — 57 of WKU's 85 scholarship players are true freshman, redshirt freshman or sophomores meaning 67% of the team's roster has three or four years of eligibility remaining. WKU has 11 scholarship seniors and 17 scholarship juniors.

Elson's Eleven — WKU's 11 scholarship seniors are the fewest in the Sun Belt Conference and tie for the fifth fewest among all 120 FBS members. Ironically, WKU plays the two schools with the most seniors in the nation (Navy, 32; Troy, 31). Here is a list of the schools with the fewest scholarship seniors in the FBS in 2009:

1. Boise State.....4
2. Duke.....9
- South Carolina9
4. Georgia Tech.....10
5. **WKU**.....11
- Miami (Ohio) 11
- North Carolina..... 11

A Strong Tradition On And Off The Field — While this is WKU's first year as a full Football Bowl Subdivision member, the football program has 90 seasons of success. WKU's 511-337-30 all-time record entering 2009 equates to a .600 winning percentage, ranking 26th among all 120 Division I FBS schools and making the Hilltoppers the winningest program in the Sun Belt Conference. WKU's 948 APR in football is also higher than all other Sun Belt Conference programs.

**2009 Hilltoppers
In The Record Books**

Career Catches

1. Curtis Hamilton (2004-07) 149
2. Jay Davis (1968-71) 131
3. **Jake Gaebler (2006-present)..... 126**
4. Alan Mullins (1982-85)..... 124
5. Keith Paskett (1983-86)..... 123

Career Receiving Yards

1. Curtis Hamilton (2004-07) 2,324
2. Jay Davis (1968-71) 2,236
3. Keith Paskett (1983-86)..... 2,117
4. Eddie Preston (1976-79) 2,083
5. Alan Mullins (1982-85)..... 1,866
6. Porter Williams (1970-73)..... 1,826
7. Cedric Jones (1984-86, '88) 1,632
8. Casey Rooney (2002-03) 1,549
9. Maurice Perkins (2003-05) 1,485
10. Robert Coates (1986-89) 1,445

Active Leader: Jake Gaebler 1,431

Career Punting Average

1. Walt Herod (1973-76) 41.2
2. Brian Claybourn (2001-04) 40.9
3. Charlie Johnson (1972-75) 40.5
4. Ray Farmer (1977-80) 40.2
5. Alan Ogletree (1997-2000) 38.7

Active Leader: Jeremy Moore 39.3
Note: Moore Needs 150 punts to qualify; currently at 122

Career Punt Return Average

1. Joseph Jefferson (1998-2001)..... 15.3
2. Bill "Jelly" Green (1967-70)..... 13.5
3. Antonio Veals (2000-03) 12.9
4. Dennis Mitchell (2003-07)..... 12.7
5. Max Stevens (1950-53) 12.4
6. Pat Counts (1963-64) 11.1

Active Leader: Jake Gaebler 10.4

**We Are
WKU**

In all references, please refer to us as either Western Kentucky University or WKU. Please do not use Western Kentucky, Western, Western Ky., W. Kentucky or any other variation.

Hilltoppers On The Tube — WKU will appear on television six times during the 2009 season, with broadcasts originating from four different entities. Three of the Hilltoppers' four nonconference games will be televised. The season opener at Tennessee was shown on the SEC Network, and the first home game against South Florida will be on ESPN Regional this week. WKU's contest at Navy can be seen live on CBS College Sports. The Sun Belt Network will also show three WKU conference games — back-to-back weeks at Middle Tennessee and North Texas, and the season finale at home against Arkansas State.

Preseason Honors — While no Hilltoppers were named to the official preseason all-Sun Belt Conference team, three were honored in the Phil Steele preseason all-conference team. **Jake Gaebler** and **Derrius Brooks** were both third-team receivers, while Gaebler was honored as a fourth-team punt returner. **Bobby Rainey** was a first-team kick returner.

Championship Effort — WKU's only team National Championship was in football (2002 I-AA). WKU also has 12 conference championships, 10 playoff appearances, and has had 64 players earn All-American honors in its 90-season history.

They've Been There Before — All 10 WKU football coaches played college football and have a combined 161 years of coaching experience.

If You Build It, They Will Come — The 2008 season marked the highest student attendance in school history and second-highest total attendance in school history, trailing only the 1971 season. Student attendance has increased 80.3% since 2006.

Hitting the Streets — For the third consecutive year, members of the WKU football team helped sell season tickets by going door-to-door in eight Bowling Green neighborhoods on Tuesday, July 28 and Thursday, July 30. Fans were able to purchase a \$30 season ticket good for general admission to all six WKU home games. Over 100 individuals were divided into four teams and the efforts resulted in 258 season tickets being sold. The offense was the overall winner and was treated to a cookout at Head Coach **David Elson's** house while also being excused from early morning breakfast checks for a week.

Lending A Helping Hand — All WKU football players and coaches spent the morning of August 23 helping freshman students move into their respective residence halls. The football team annually lends a hand in helping all freshmen acclimate themselves to campus.

Headed Towards The Sun — With the completed transition, Western Kentucky University also becomes the ninth football-playing member of the Sun Belt Conference, and will be eligible to win a league title in 2009. WKU Athletics has been part of the Sun Belt since 1982, and now has all 19 of its programs competing in the same conference. The SBC is the third league home for WKU football over its 91 seasons after previously playing in the Ohio Valley Conference (1948-81; 1999-2000) and the Gateway Football Conference (2001-06).

WKU and UK Ink Four-Year Deal — Western Kentucky University and the University of Kentucky have agreed to an unprecedented four-year football series, both universities jointly announced on July 29. The schools will meet in Lexington in 2010 and 2012 and at LP Field in Nashville, Tenn., in 2011 and 2013. The games in the Music City are designated as home games for the Hilltoppers. While the schools have met five times in basketball (UK leads 3-2), their only meeting on the gridiron was Kentucky's 41-3 win on September 27, 2008 at Commonwealth Stadium in Lexington last season. The Hilltopper basketball team picked up a 64-52 win over the Wildcats on Nov. 15, 2001 at Rupp Arena in the school's last basketball match up.

The Hilltoppers In OT — Since the 1996 season, the Hilltoppers have played an overtime contest six times, compiling a 5-1 mark in those games. The first two overtime games in the program's history both came against Murray State in 1996 and 1997. Each went multiple overtimes, with WKU winning 44-41 in two extra frames in '96, then following it up a year later with a 52-50 win in three OTs. The last time a Topper team played an overtime contest was also the only loss—a 23-20 setback to Northern Iowa on Nov. 5, 2005.

WKU Celebrates 100 Years of Athletics — The 2009-10 season marks the 100th anniversary of the start of intercollegiate athletics at Western Kentucky University. Baseball was the first varsity sport to be played on the Hill, and fielded a team for the first time in the spring of 1910. Football is the second-oldest varsity sport on the Hill, playing its first season in 1913 — three years after WKU fielded its first baseball team. A team was not fielded in 1917-19 and 1943-45 due to World War I and II. WKU has been playing football longer than 22 current I-A's and as long as or longer than 26 I-A's.

**Last Game vs. South Florida
South Florida 30, WKU 24**

November 4, 2000 / Tampa, Fla.

	WKU	USF
First Downs.....	18	18
Rush-Pass-Pen	13-5-0	6-11-1
Rush Atts-Net Yards	54-265	25-89
Net Yards Passing	133	360
Comp-Att-Int	8-13-0	27-39-0
Total Plays-Net Yards	67-398	64-449
Avg. Gain Per Play	5.9	7.0
Fumbles-Lost.....	2-1	1-1
Penalties-Yards	2-21	8-54
Interceptions-Yards.....	0-0	0-0
Punts-Average.....	5-33.0	4-41.3
Punt Returns-Yards	1-0	2-6
Kickoff Returns-Yards.....	1-20	3-17
Possession Time	31:38	28:22
Third-Down Conversions	7-15	4-13
WKU	14	0 0 10 — 24
USF	7	17 3 3 — 30

SCORING SUMMARY

1st Quarter

USF — Scott McCready, 40, pass from Marquel Blackwell (Bill Gramatica kick), 13:03 (56 yds, 2 plays, 0:32)

WKU — Jason Johnson, 29, run (Peter Martinez kick), 9:00 (40 yds, 4 plays, 1:36)

WKU — Kevin Crist, 1, run (Martinez kick), 0:18 (57 yds, 12 plays, 6:53)

2nd Quarter

USF — Gramatica, 29, field goal, 11:48 (68 yds, 11 plays, 3:36)

USF — Richard Guerrero, 4, pass from Blackwell (Gramatica kick), 5:33 (42 yds, 10 plays, 4:20)

USF — Blackwell, 1, run (Gramatica kick), 0:56 (69 yds, 7 plays, 2:19)

3rd Quarter

USF — Gramatica, 40, field goal, 3:26 (53 yds, 9 plays, 3:50)

4th Quarter

WKU — DeWayne Gallishaw, 2, run (Martinez kick), 12:55 (80 yds, 12 plays, 5:31)

USF — Gramatica, 27, field goal, 9:18 (64 yds, 8 plays, 3:37)

WKU — Martinez, 34, field goal, 2:41 (50 yds, 8 plays, 2:25)

Attendance: 31,104

INDIVIDUAL STAT LEADERS

Rushing

WKU — Jason Johnson 15-124 / 1 TD
USF — Marquel Blackwell 17-60 / 1 TD

Passing

WKU — Jason Johnson 8-13-0 / 133 yds
USF — Marquell Blackwell 27-39-0 / 360 yds / 2 TD

Receiving

WKU — Jerome Reaves 3-43
USF — Scott McCready 5-107 / 1 TD

Punting

WKU — Alan Ogletree 3 / 33.0
USF — Devin Sanderson 3 / 41.3

Tackles

WKU — Joseph Jefferson 8-1 / 9
Hayes Thomas 6-3 / 9

2009 Team Captains

During the 2009 season, WKU will elect a different set of team captains for each of its 12 games. Captains will be selected on the Thursday prior to gameday. Here is a list of the captains for each week of the 2009 campaign:

- UT — Brandon Smith (Sr., QB); Tyrell Hayden (Sr. RB); L.J. Harbison (Sr., LB); Taurean Smith (Sr., LB)
- USF —
- UCA —
- Navy —
- FIU —
- ULL —
- MTSU —
- UNT —
- Troy —
- ULM —
- FAU —
- ASU —

National Polls

ASSOCIATED PRESS POLL (Preseason)

Team	Record	Points	Last
1. Florida (58)	0-0	1498	
2. Texas (2)	0-0	1424	
3. Oklahoma	0-0	1370	
4. USC	0-0	1313	
5. Alabama	0-0	1156	
6. Ohio State	0-0	1113	
7. Virginia Tech	0-0	1054	
8. Mississippi	0-0	1047	
9. Oklahoma State	0-0	989	
9. Penn State	0-0	989	
11. LSU	0-0	914	
12. California	0-0	746	
13. Georgia	0-0	714	
14. Boise State	0-0	659	
15. Georgia Tech	0-0	593	
16. Oregon	0-0	587	
17. TCU	0-0	521	
18. Florida State	0-0	307	
19. Utah	0-0	289	
20. Brigham Young	0-0	267	
21. North Carolina	0-0	261	
22. Iowa	0-0	229	
23. Notre Dame	0-0	225	
24. Nebraska	0-0	207	
25. Kansas	0-0	134	

WKU Opponents Receiving Votes:

Tennessee 15, South Florida 3, Troy 1

USA TODAY COACHES POLL (Preseason)

Team	Record	Points	Last
1. Florida (53)	0-0	1,466	
2. Texas (4)	0-0	1,386	
3. Oklahoma (1)	0-0	1,358	
4. USC (1)	0-0	1,321	
5. Alabama	0-0	1,134	
6. Ohio State	0-0	1,126	
7. Virginia Tech	0-0	1,020	
8. Penn State	0-0	988	
9. LSU	0-0	917	
10. Mississippi	0-0	889	
11. Oklahoma State	0-0	861	
12. California	0-0	711	
13. Georgia	0-0	707	
14. Oregon	0-0	694	
15. Georgia Tech	0-0	559	
16. Boise State	0-0	542	
17. TCU	0-0	461	
18. Utah	0-0	404	
19. Florida State	0-0	371	
20. North Carolina	0-0	293	
21. Iowa	0-0	257	
22. Nebraska	0-0	236	
23. Notre Dame	0-0	194	
24. Brigham Young	0-0	178	
25. Oregon State	0-0	165	

WKU Opponents Receiving Votes:

South Florida 11, Navy 2, Tennessee 2, Troy 1



WKU's 2009 Opponents



Tennessee (1-0)

Last Week: W, 63-7 vs. WKU
This Week: vs. UCLA
Next Week: at Florida



South Florida (1-0)

Last Week: W, 40-7 vs. Wofford
This Week: at WKU
Next Week: vs. Charleston Southern



Central Arkansas (0-1)

Last Week: L, 25-20 at Hawai'i
This Week: Open
Next Week: at WKU



Navy (0-1)

Last Week: L, 31-27 at #6 Ohio State
This Week: vs. Louisiana Tech
Next Week: at Pittsburgh



Florida International (0-0)

Last Week: Open
This Week: at #5 Alabama
Next Week: at Rutgers



Louisiana-Lafayette (1-0)

Last Week: W, 42-19 vs. Southern
This Week: vs. Kansas State
Next Week: at LSU



Middle Tennessee (0-1)

Last Week: L, 37-14 at Clemson
This Week: vs. Memphis
Next Week: at Maryland



North Texas (1-0)

Last Week: W, 20-10 at Ball State
This Week: vs. Ohio
Next Week: at Alabama



Troy (0-1)

Last Week: L, 31-14 at Bowling Green
This Week: at #1 Florida
Next Week: vs. UAB



Louisiana-Monroe (0-1)

Last Week: L, 59-20 at #2 Texas
This Week: vs. Texas Southern
Next Week: at Arizona State



Florida Atlantic (0-1)

Last Week: L, 49-3 at #24 Nebraska
This Week: Open
Next Week: at South Carolina



Arkansas State (1-0)

Last Week: W, 61-0 vs. Miss. Valley State
This Week: at #24 Nebraska
Next Week: Open

Celebrating 91 Seasons Of Football On The Hill

Transition Timeline To The FBS

2007 — WKU begins first transitional season to Football Bowl Subdivision (Division I-A) and posts 12th consecutive winning season.

2008 — Hilltoppers play in newly renovated Houchens Industries-L.T. Smith Stadium.

2009 — WKU becomes eligible for Sun Belt championship and bowl berth.

The Hilltopper Football Tradition

2002 I-AA National Champions

Bowl Appearances

1952 Refrigerator
1963 Tangerine

10 Playoff Appearances

12 Conference Championships

64 All-Americans

7 Academic All-Americans

1 AFCA Coach of the Year

1 Payton Award Finalist

3 Buchanan Award Finalists

2 Robinson Award Finalists

**2009
Sun Belt Standings**

School	SBC	Pct.	All	Pct.
Arkansas State	0-0	.000	1-0	1.000
Louisiana-Lafayette	0-0	.000	1-0	1.000
North Texas	0-0	.000	1-0	1.000
Florida International	0-0	.000	0-0	.000
WKU	0-0	.000	0-1	.000
Florida Atlantic	0-0	.000	0-1	.000
Louisiana-Monroe	0-0	.000	0-1	.000
Middle Tennessee	0-0	.000	0-1	.000
Troy	0-0	.000	0-1	.000

**Sun Belt
Week 2 Schedule**

Saturday, Sept. 12

Troy at Florida	11:21 a.m.
Arkansas State at Nebraska	1 p.m.
Florida International at Alabama	6 p.m.
Kansas State at Louisiana-Lafayette	6 p.m.
Texas Southern at Louisiana-Monroe	6 p.m.
Memphis at Middle Tennessee	6 p.m.
Ohio at North Texas	6 p.m.
South Florida at WKU	6:30 p.m.

**Preseason
All-Sun Belt Team**

Offense

Corey Leonard (Arkansas State, QB, Sr.)
 Rusty Smith (Florida Atlantic, Sr, QB)
 Reggie Arnold (Arkansas State, RB, Sr.)
 DuJuan Harris (Troy, Jr., RB)
 T.Y. Hilton (FIU, WR, So.)
 Jerrel Jernigan (Troy, Jr., WR)
 Jamari Grant (Florida Atlantic, Sr, TE)
 Drew Hilton (Arkansas State, OL, Jr.)
 Brad Serini (FIU, OL, Jr.)
 Brad Bustle (Louisiana-Lafayette, Sr., OL)
 Chris Fisher (Louisiana-Lafayette, Sr., OL)
 Danny Franks (Troy, Sr., C)

Defense

Alex Carrington (Arkansas State, DL, Sr.)
 Aaron Morgan (ULM, DL, Sr.)
 Brandon Lang (Troy, DL, Sr.)
 Cameron Sheffield (Troy, DL, Sr.)
 Cardia Jackson (ULM, LB, Sr.)
 Boris Lee (Troy, LB Sr.)
 Bear Woods (Troy, LB Sr.)
 Anthony Gaitor (FIU, DB, Jr.)
 Jeremy Kelleem (Middle Tennessee, DB, Sr.)
 Greg James (ULM, DB, Sr.)
 Jorrick Calvin (Troy, DB Sr.)

Special Teams

Scott Love (ULM, P, Sr.)
 Josh Arauco (Arkansas State, K, Sr.)
 T.Y. Hilton (FIU, WR, So.)

Co - Preseason Offensive Players of the Year

Rusty Smith (Florida Atlantic, Sr, QB)
 Corey Leonard (Arkansas State, QB, Sr.)

Preseason Defensive Player of the Year

Alex Carrington (Arkansas State, Sr., DE)

WKU Among the 2009 Sun Belt and NCAA Leaders

Team Stats

	SBC	NCAA
Scoring Offense (7.0)	7	99
Scoring Defense (63.0)	8	110
Rushing Offense (34.0)	8	104
Rushing Defense (380.0)	8	110
Pass Offense (49.0)	8	109
Pass Defense (277.0)	6	92
Total Offense (83.0)	8	110
Total Defense (657.0)	8	110
Pass Efficiency (69.5)	8	108
Pass Efficiency Defense (189.9)	9	105
Kickoff Returns (22.1)	2	49
Punt Return Avg. (0.0)	T-6	T-88
Interceptions Per Game (2.0)	2	T-12
Punting (44.8)	3	29
Kickoff Coverage (44.0)	5	—
Field Goal Kicking Pct. (.000)	T-4	—
PAT Kicking Pct. (1.000)	T-1	—
Sacks Per Game (0.0)	T-5	T-91
Sacks Allowed Per Game (5.0)	8	103
Tackles for Loss (3.0)	5	T-85
First Downs (6.0)	8	109
Opponent First Downs (34.0)	8	110
3rd-Down Conversions Pct. (9.1)	8	106
3rd-Down Conversion Defense (77.8)	8	110
4th-Down Conversion Pct. (0.0)	8	T-52
Opp. 4th-Down Conversion Pct. (0.0)	T-1	T-1
Penalty Yards (74.0)	6	86
Opponent Penalty Yards (45.0)	5	—
Time of Possession (27:01)	6	86
Turnover Margin (0.00)	T-3	T-43
Red Zone Scoring Pct. (100.0)	T-1	T-1
Red Zone Scoring Pct. Defense (88.9)	5	59

INDIVIDUAL

Brandon Smith • QB

	SBC	NCAA
Passing Yards Per Game (44.0)	9	—
Passing Efficiency (90.0)	7	—
Total Offense (42.0)	T-17	—

Bobby Rainey • RB / KOR

	SBC	NCAA
Rushing (41.0)	11	—
Scoring (6.0)	T-7	—
Kick Return Avg. (21.6)	4	94
All-Purpose Yards (149.0)	4	T-53

Tyrell Hayden • RB

	SBC	NCAA
Rushing (15.0)	23	—

Quinterrance Cooper • WR

	SBC	NCAA
Receptions Per Game (2.00)	T-19	—

Derrius Brooks • WR / KOR

	SBC	NCAA
Kick Return Avg. (23.0)	3	T-37
All-Purpose Yard (69.0)	21	—

Marcus Vasquez • QB / WR

	SBC	NCAA
Receptions Per Game (2.00)	T-19	—

Jack Doyle • TE

	SBC	NCAA
Receptions Per Game (4.00)	T-6	T-100

Casey Tinius • PK

	SBC	NCAA
Points by kicking (1.0)	8	—

Jeremy Moore • P

	SBC	NCAA
Punting Average (44.8)	3	15

Jihad Morris • DB

	SBC	NCAA
Tackles (10.0)	T-3	T-41

Mark Santoro • DB

	SBC	NCAA
Tackles (9.0)	T-6	T-76

Taurean Smith • LB

	SBC	NCAA
Tackles (8.0)	T-9	—

Jamal Forrest • DB

	SBC	NCAA
Tackles (7.0)	T-12	—
Interceptions (1.00)	T-1	T-9

Orlando Misaalefua • DB

	SBC	NCAA
Tackles (5.0)	T-25	—

Mike Gothard • LB

	SBC	NCAA
Tackles (5.0)	T-25	—
Forced Fumbles (2.00)	1	—

Thomas Majors • LB

	SBC	NCAA
Tackles (5.0)	T-25	—
Passes Defended (2.00)	T-1	—
Interceptions (1.00)	T-1	T-9

Chris Bullard • LB

	SBC	NCAA
Tackles (4.0)	T-38	—
Passes Defended (1.00)	T-3	—

Jared Clendenin • DL

	SBC	NCAA
Passes Defended (1.00)	T-3	—

John Garrett • DB

	SBC	NCAA
Fumbles Recovered (1.00)	T-2	—

Josh Carter • LB

	SBC	NCAA
Tackles for Loss (2.00)	T-1	T-32



WKU Numerical Roster

No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.-Exp.	Pos.	Hometown	No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.-Exp.	Pos.	Hometown
1	Tyrell Hayden	5-7	192	Sr.-3L	RB	Lexington, Ky.	56	Chris Riggs	5-11	215	Fr.-RS	LB	Taylorsville, Ky.
2	Anthony Sheppard	6-1	170	Fr.-RS	WR	Pahokee, Fla.	57	Josh Carter	6-1	233	Fr.-HS	LB	Ft. Campbell, Ky.
3	Bobby Rainey	5-7	203	So.-1L	RB	Griffin, Ga.	58*	Shelley Anthony	6-1	290	So.-1L	OL	Fairburn, Ga.
4*	Darvis McBride	5-9	225	Sr.-3L	LB	Fort Myers, Fla.	58*	Mike Federspiel	6-3	227	Fr.-HS	LB	Lexington, Ky.
4*	Will Adams	5-11	185	Fr.-HS	WR	Grand Prairie, Texas	59	Tavis Ciochetty	5-11	231	Fr.-RS	LB	Bowling Green, Ky.
5*	Jared Clendenin	6-3	265	So.-1L	DL	Stone Mountain, Ga.	60	Zack Rinesstine	6-1	284	Fr.-RS	OL	Ft. Campbell, Ky.
5*	Derrius Brooks	5-10	185	So.-1L	WR	Fortson, Ga.	61	Jeremy White	6-3	282	Fr.-RS	OL	Owensboro, Ky.
6*	Thomas Majors	6-0	243	Jr.-TR	LB	Nashville, Tenn.	62*	Kale Butler	6-0	294	Sr.-SQ	OL	Greenville, Ky.
6*	Kawaun Jakes	6-3	190	Fr.-RS	QB	St. Augustine, Fla.	62*	Ralph Alexander	6-3	235	Jr.-JC	DL	Washington, D.C.
7	Quinterrance Cooper	5-11	190	Jr.-2L	WR	St. Augustine, Fla.	63	Luis Polanco	6-3	275	Fr.-HS	OL	Tampa, Fla.
8	Seth Tammme	5-11	191	Jr.-1L	WR	Danville, Ky.	64	Paul Millay	6-3	289	So.-SQ	OL	Owensboro, Ky.
9*	Marcus Vasquez	6-1	190	Fr.-RS	QB	Chula Vista, Calif.	65	Sean Conway	6-3	287	Fr.-HS	OL	Nashville, Tenn.
9*	Tyran Golden	6-2	218	Fr.-RS	LB	Lithonia, Ga.	67	Cody Widelski	6-3	285	Fr.-RS	OL	Maysville, Ky.
10*	Chris Bullard	5-11	242	Jr.-2L	LB	Cataula, Ga.	68	Preston King	6-5	307	Jr.-2L	OL	Bowling Green, Ky.
10*	Dexter Haynes	6-4	190	Fr.-RS	WR	Folkston, Ga.	69	Luke Stansfield	6-3	285	Fr.-RS	OL	Franklin, Tenn.
11*	Jake Gaebler	5-10	185	Sr.-2L	WR	Mundelein, Ill.	70	Cody Hughes	6-0	295	Sr.-3L	OL	Bradenton, Fla.
11*	Monte Merrick	6-1	182	Fr.-HS	PK	Pineville, Ky.	71	Lloyd Pressley	6-3	300	Sr.-3L	OL	Evansville, Ind.
12	Brandon Smith	6-0	200	Sr.-1L	QB	Danville, Ky.	72	Derrick Elder	6-2	290	Jr.-2L	OL	Louisville, Ky.
13	Dexter Taylor	5-9	190	Jr.-1L	DB	Indianapolis, Ind.	73	Jacob McLaurin	6-4	291	Jr.-1L	OL	Indianapolis, Ind.
14	John Garrett	6-0	187	So.-SQ	DB	Nashville, Tenn.	74	Mychal Patterson	6-2	293	Jr.-1L	OL	Stone Mountain, Ga.
15*	Ryan Beard	6-1	191	So.-1L	DB	Bowling Green, Ky.	75	Seth White	6-4	278	Fr.-RS	OL	Nashville, Tenn.
15*	Courtney Dalcourt	5-11	205	Fr.-HS	QB	Franklin, Ky.	76	Adam Smith	6-5	301	Fr.-RS	OL	Murfreesboro, Tenn.
16	Dustin Boyer	6-1	190	Jr.-2L	WR	Mount Vernon, Ind.	77	Wes Jeffries	6-4	290	So.-1L	OL	Bowling Green, Ky.
17	Denton Allmon	5-9	185	Fr.-HS	DB	Irving, Texas	78	Logan Massengale	6-6	280	Fr.-HS	OL	Franklin, Tenn.
18	Jamal Forrest	5-8	162	Fr.-HS	DB	Miami, Fla.	79	Jebb Lenhart	6-3	285	Fr.-HS	OL	Pigeon Forge, Tenn.
19	Mark Santoro	6-0	194	So.-1L	DB	Greer, S.C.	80*	Antionne Lightfoot	5-7	163	So.-TR	WR	Henderson, Ky.
20	Marell Booker	5-9	216	Sr.-2L	RB	Louisville, Ky.	80*	Blake Ayers	5-10	196	So.-SQ	WR	Bowling Green, Ky.
21	Jihad Morris	6-0	180	Sr.-2L	DB	Newburgh, N.Y.	81	Jamarielle Brown	6-1	170	Fr.-HS	WR	Paducah, Ky.
22	Trent Calhoun	5-10	190	So.-1L	DB	Stanford, Ky.	82	Jack Doyle	6-5	248	Fr.-RS	TE	Indianapolis, Ind.
23	Clint Mitchell	6-0	194	Jr.-1L	DB	Stockbridge, Ga.	83	Casey Tinius	6-0	171	So.-SQ	PK/P	Bowling Green, Ky.
24*	Tyler Bruce	6-1	189	So.-SQ	QB	Lizton, Ind.	85	Ed Hazelett	6-7	278	Fr.-HS	TE	Indianapolis, Ind.
24*	William Simmons	5-8	170	Fr.-RS	RB	Louisville, Ky.	86	Zac Minturn	6-2	208	Sr.-SQ	PK	Cincinnati, Ohio
25	Chuck Franks	6-2	222	Fr.-HS	LB	Fayette, Ala.	87	Wenquel Graves	5-10	185	Jr.-2L	WR	Bardstown, Ky.
26	Avery Hibbitt	5-9	185	So.-SQ	DB	Bowling Green, Ky.	88	Cy Schroeder	6-1	215	Fr.-HS	TE/LS	Clarksville, Tenn.
27	Rod Johnson	5-11	240	Jr.-SQ	TE	Lexington, Ky.	89	Maurice Bullard	6-0	195	Fr.-RS	WR	LaVergne, Tenn.
28	Braxton Miller	5-11	210	So.-1L	RB	Stanford, Ky.	90	Bo Adebayo	6-4	270	So.-RS	DL	Lawrenceville, Ga.
29*	Clark Jeter	6-1	175	So.-RS	WR	Lexington, Ky.	91	Brandon Whitty	6-1	275	Fr.-RS	DL	St. Augustine, Fla.
29*	Kiante Young	5-11	215	Fr.-HS	DB	Gainesville, Ga.	92	James Hervey	6-1	268	Fr.-HS	DL	Tyrone, Ga.
30	Jerrold Babik	5-8	196	Jr.-TR	DB	Walton, Ky.	93	Quanterus Smith	6-5	235	Fr.-RS	LB	Loganville, Ga.
31	Orlando Misaalefua	5-10	206	Jr.-2L	DB	Fort Campbell, Ky.	94	Nick Hartnett	5-11	285	Jr.-SQ	DL	Marietta, Ga.
32	Erik Jones	5-9	179	Jr.-2L	DB	Cincinnati, Ohio	95	Kenny Martin	6-0	276	Fr.-RS	DL	Orlando, Fla.
33	Tristan Jones	6-2	245	So.-1L	TE	Mount Sterling, Ky.	96	Rammell Lewis	6-2	274	Fr.-RS	DL	Grayson, Ga.
34	Keshawn Simpson	6-0	230	Fr.-HS	RB	Lexington, Ky.	97	Jonathan Scott	6-3	245	Fr.-RS	DL	Shelbyville, Ky.
35	Darryl Williams	5-9	172	Fr.-HS	DB	Miami, Fla.	98	Galatian King	6-3	269	Fr.-HS	DL	Waycross, Ga.
36	Darius Baughman	6-2	244	Jr.-1L	LB	Danville, Ky.	99	Tyler Matthews	6-0	208	Fr.-HS	LS	Owensboro, Ky.
37	Vince Williams	5-9	175	Fr.-HS	DB	Alpharetta, Ga.							
38*	Mike Gothard	6-1	225	Jr.-1L	LB	Marietta, Ga.							
38*	Brandon Pierce	5-6	192	Fr.-RS	RB	Forrest Park, Ga.							
39	Nick Brent	6-1	232	Jr.-SQ	LB	Louisville, Ky.							
40	Connor O'Banion	6-1	220	Fr.-RS	LB	Carmel, Ind.							
41	Taurean Smith	6-1	230	Sr.-1L	LB	Perry, Ga.							
42	L.J. Harbison	6-0	225	Sr.-3L	LB	Edmonton, Ky.							
43*	Jamarcus Allen	5-11	270	Fr.-RS	DL	Orlando, Fla.							
43*	Clay Cunningham	6-4	235	So.-RS	TE	Nashville, Tenn.							
44	Jeremy Moore	6-1	190	Sr.-2L	P	Indianapolis, Ind.							
45*	Cole Tischer	6-4	254	Fr.-HS	DL	Brentwood, Tenn.							
45*	Joe Montano	5-10	193	Fr.-RS	RB	Louisville, Ky.							
46	Kareem Peterson	5-11	165	Fr.-HS	DB	Lewisburg, Tenn.							
47	O.J. Bell	6-5	215	Fr.-HS	TE	Louisville, Ky.							
48	Marquise Burns	6-0	225	Jr.-SQ	LB	Dayton, Ohio							
49	Chris Young	6-0	243	Fr.-RS	LS/LB	Cynthiana, Ky.							
50	Ben Duvall	6-3	220	So.-1L	LB	Owensboro, Ky.							
51	Chris Brice	6-2	225	Fr.-RS	LB	Helena, Ala.							
52	Tyler Julian	6-0	219	Fr.-RS	DB	Evansville, Ind.							
53	Lawrence Taugher	6-0	235	Fr.-RS	LB	Jeffersonville, Ind.							
54	Koretheus Bailey	6-2	295	Fr.-RS	DL	Lula, Ga.							
55	James Rusin	6-2	273	Sr.-SQ	OL	Orlinda, Tenn.							

* - duplicate numbers

Coaching staff

Head coach: David Elson (Butler '94), Seventh Season

Assistant coaches:

- Scott Booker (Kent State, '03), Defensive Backs, First Season
- Mike Chism (Kentucky '90), Recruiting Coordinator / Tight Ends, Sixth Season
- Bob Cole (Widener, '82), Quarterbacks, First Season
- Mike Dietzel (Otterbein '85), Defensive Coordinator / ILBs, Seventh Season
- Stuart Holt (North Carolina '95), Special Teams Coordinator / RBs, Sixth Season
- Kurt Barber (USC '92), Outside Linebackers, First Season
- Eric Mathies (Murray State '98), Defensive Line, Fifth Season
- T.J. Weist (Alabama '88), Assistant Head Coach / Wide Receivers, Eighth Season
- Walter Wells (Belmont '93), Offensive Coordinator / OL, Seventh Season

Graduate Assistants:

- Jami DeBerry (WKU '05), Defense, Second Season
- Brian Rector (Bellarmine '96), Offense, First Season

Director of Operations: Nick Uhlenhopp (Graceland [Iowa] '02), Third Season

Director of Equipment & Facility Operations: Mark Harris, Third Season

Director of Strength & Conditioning: Jim Nowell (Southern Miss. '90), Third Season

WKU Alphabetical Roster

No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.-Exp.	Pos.	Hometown
4*	Will Adams	5-11	185	Fr.-HS	WR	Grand Prairie, Texas
90	Bo Adebayo	6-4	270	So.-RS	DL	Lawrenceville, Ga.
62*	Ralph Alexander	6-3	235	Jr.-JC	DL	Washington, D.C.
43*	Jamarcus Allen	5-11	270	Fr.-RS	DL	Orlando, Fla.
17	Denton Allmon	5-9	185	Fr.-HS	DB	Irving, Texas
58*	Shelley Anthony	6-1	290	So.-1L	OL	Fairburn, Ga.
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15*	Ryan Beard	6-1	191	So.-1L	DB	Bowling Green, Ky.
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20	Marell Booker	5-9	216	Sr.-2L	RB	Louisville, Ky.
16	Dustin Boyer	6-1	190	Jr.-2L	WR	Mount Vernon, Ind.
39	Nick Brent	6-1	232	Jr.-SQ	LB	Louisville, Ky.
51	Chris Brice	6-2	225	Fr.-RS	LB	Helena, Ala.
5*	Derrius Brooks	5-10	185	So.-1L	WR	Fortson, Ga.
81	Jamarielle Brown	6-1	170	Fr.-HS	WR	Paducah, Ky.
24*	Tyler Bruce	6-1	189	So.-SQ	QB	Lizton, Ind.
10*	Chris Bullard	5-11	242	Jr.-2L	LB	Cataula, Ga.
89	Maurice Bullard	6-0	195	Fr.-RS	WR	LaVergne, Tenn.
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72	Derrick Elder	6-2	290	Jr.-2L	OL	Louisville, Ky.
58*	Mike Federspiel	6-3	227	Fr.-HS	LB	Lexington, Ky.
18	Jamal Forrest	5-8	162	Fr.-HS	DB	Miami, Fla.
25	Chuck Franks	6-2	222	Fr.-HS	LB	Fayette, Ala.
11*	Jake Gaebler	5-10	185	Sr.-2L	WR	Mundelein, Ill.
14	John Garrett	6-0	187	So.-SQ	DB	Nashville, Tenn.
9*	Tyran Golden	6-2	218	Fr.-RS	LB	Lithonia, Ga.
38*	Mike Gothard	6-1	225	Jr.-1L	LB	Marietta, Ga.
87	Wenquel Graves	5-10	185	Jr.-2L	WR	Bardstown, Ky.
42	L.J. Harbison	6-0	225	Sr.-3L	LB	Edmonton, Ky.
94	Nick Hartnett	5-11	285	Jr.-SQ	DL	Marietta, Ga.
1	Tyrell Hayden	5-7	192	Sr.-3L	RB	Lexington, Ky.
10*	Dexter Haynes	6-4	190	Fr.-RS	WR	Folkston, Ga.
85	Ed Hazelett	6-7	278	Fr.-HS	TE	Indianapolis, Ind.
92	James Hervey	6-1	268	Fr.-HS	DL	Tyrone, Ga.
26	Avery Hibbitt	5-9	185	So.-SQ	DB	Bowling Green, Ky.
70	Cody Hughes	6-0	295	Sr.-3L	OL	Bradenton, Fla.
6*	Kawaun Jakes	6-3	190	Fr.-RS	QB	St. Augustine, Fla.
77	Wes Jeffries	6-4	290	So.-1L	OL	Bowling Green, Ky.
29*	Clark Jeter	6-1	175	So.-RS	WR	Lexington, Ky.
27	Rod Johnson	5-11	240	Jr.-SQ	TE	Lexington, Ky.
32	Erik Jones	5-9	179	Jr.-2L	DB	Cincinnati, Ohio
33	Tristan Jones	6-2	245	So.-1L	TE	Mount Sterling, Ky.
52	Tyler Julian	6-0	219	Fr.-RS	DB	Evansville, Ind.
98	Galatian King	6-3	269	Fr.-HS	DL	Waycross, Ga.
68	Preston King	6-5	307	Jr.-2L	OL	Bowling Green, Ky.
79	JeBB Lenhart	6-3	285	Fr.-HS	OL	Pigeon Forge, Tenn.
96	Rammell Lewis	6-2	274	Fr.-RS	DL	Grayson, Ga.
80*	Antionne Lightfoot	5-7	163	So.-TR	WR	Henderson, Ky.
6*	Thomas Majors	6-0	243	Jr.-TR	LB	Nashville, Tenn.
95	Kenny Martin	6-0	276	Fr.-RS	DL	Orlando, Fla.
78	Logan Massengale	6-6	280	Fr.-HS	OL	Franklin, Tenn.
99	Tyler Matthews	6-0	208	Fr.-HS	LS	Owensboro, Ky.
4*	Darvis McBride	5-9	225	Sr.-3L	LB	Fort Myers, Fla.
73	Jacob McLaurin	6-4	291	Jr.-1L	OL	Indianapolis, Ind.

No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.-Exp.	Pos.	Hometown
11*	Monte Merrick	6-1	182	Fr.-HS	PK	Pineville, Ky.
64	Paul Millay	6-3	289	So.-SQ	OL	Owensboro, Ky.
28	Braxston Miller	5-11	210	So.-1L	RB	Stanford, Ky.
86	Zac Minturn	6-2	208	Sr.-SQ	PK	Cincinnati, Ohio
31	Orlando Misaalefua	5-10	206	Jr.-2L	DB	Fort Campbell, Ky.
23	Clint Mitchell	6-0	194	Jr.-1L	DB	Stockbridge, Ga.
45*	Joe Montana	5-10	193	Fr.-RS	RB	Louisville, Ky.
44	Jeremy Moore	6-1	190	Sr.-2L	P	Indianapolis, Ind.
21	Jihad Morris	6-0	180	Sr.-2L	DB	Newburgh, N.Y.
40	Connor O'Banion	6-1	220	Fr.-RS	LB	Carmel, Ind.
74	Mychal Patterson	6-2	293	Jr.-1L	OL	Stone Mountain, Ga.
46	Kareem Peterson	5-11	165	Fr.-HS	DB	Lewisburg, Tenn.
38*	Brandon Pierce	5-6	192	Fr.-RS	RB	Forrest Park, Ga.
63	Luis Polanco	6-3	275	Fr.-HS	OL	Tampa, Fla.
71	Lloyd Pressley	6-3	300	Sr.-3L	OL	Evansville, Ind.
3	Bobby Rainey	5-7	203	So.-1L	RB	Griffin, Ga.
56	Chris Riggs	5-11	215	Fr.-RS	LB	Taylorsville, Ky.
60	Zack Rinstine	6-1	284	Fr.-RS	OL	Ft. Campbell, Ky.
55	James Rusin	6-2	273	Sr.-SQ	OL	Orlinda, Tenn.
19	Mark Santoro	6-0	194	So.-1L	DB	Greer, S.C.
88	Cy Schroeder	6-1	215	Fr.-HS	TE/LS	Clarksville, Tenn.
97	Jonathan Scott	6-3	245	Fr.-RS	DL	Shelbyville, Ky.
2	Anthony Sheppard	6-1	170	Fr.-RS	WR	Pahokee, Fla.
24*	William Simmons	5-8	170	Fr.-RS	RB	Louisville, Ky.
34	Keshawn Simpson	6-0	230	Fr.-HS	RB	Lexington, Ky.
76	Adam Smith	6-5	301	Fr.-RS	OL	Murfreesboro, Tenn.
12	Brandon Smith	6-0	200	Sr.-1L	QB	Danville, Ky.
93	Quanterus Smith	6-5	235	Fr.-RS	LB	Loganville, Ga.
41	Taurean Smith	6-1	230	Sr.-1L	LB	Perry, Ga.
69	Luke Stansfield	6-3	285	Fr.-RS	OL	Franklin, Tenn.
8	Seth Tamme	5-11	191	Jr.-1L	WR	Danville, Ky.
53	Lawrence Taugher	6-0	235	Fr.-RS	LB	Jeffersonville, Ind.
13	Dexter Taylor	5-9	190	Jr.-1L	DB	Indianapolis, Ind.
83	Casey Tinius	6-0	171	So.-SQ	PK/P	Bowling Green, Ky.
45*	Cole Tischer	6-4	254	Fr.-HS	DL	Brentwood, Tenn.
9*	Marcus Vasquez	6-1	190	Fr.-RS	QB	Chula Vista, Calif.
61	Jeremy White	6-3	282	Fr.-RS	OL	Owensboro, Ky.
75	Seth White	6-4	278	Fr.-RS	OL	Nashville, Tenn.
91	Brandon Whitty	6-1	275	Fr.-RS	DL	St. Augustine, Fla.
67	Cody Widelski	6-3	285	Fr.-RS	OL	Maysville, Ky.
35	Darryl Williams	5-9	172	Fr.-HS	DB	Miami, Fla.
37	Vince Williams	5-9	175	Fr.-HS	DB	Alpharetta, Ga.
49	Chris Young	6-0	243	Fr.-RS	LS/LB	Cynthiana, Ky.
29*	Kiante Young	5-11	215	Fr.-HS	DB	Gainesville, Ga.

* - duplicate numbers

Coaching staff

Head coach: David Elson (Butler '94), Seventh Season

Assistant coaches:

- Scott Booker (Kent State, '03), Defensive Backs, First Season
- Mike Chism (Kentucky '90), Recruiting Coordinator / Tight Ends, Sixth Season
- Bob Cole (Widener, '82), Quarterbacks, First Season
- Mike Dietzel (Otterbein '85), Defensive Coordinator / ILBs, Seventh Season
- Stuart Holt (North Carolina '95), Special Teams Coordinator / RBs, Sixth Season
- Kurt Barber (USC '92), Outside Linebackers, First Season
- Eric Mathies (Murray State '98), Defensive Line, Fifth Season
- T.J. Weist (Alabama '88), Assistant Head Coach / Wide Receivers, Eighth Season
- Walter Wells (Belmont '93), Offensive Coordinator / OL, Seventh Season

Graduate Assistants:

- Jami DeBerry (WKU '05), Defense, Second Season
- Brian Rector (Bellarmine '96), Offense, First Season

Director of Operations: Nick Uhlenhopp (Graceland [Iowa] '02), Third Season

Director of Equipment & Facility Operations: Mark Harris, Third Season

Director of Strength & Conditioning: Jim Nowell (Southern Miss. '90), Third Season

Head coach David Elson



As Western Kentucky University football continues its string of success both on the field and in the classroom, there has been one constant in the program — seventh-year head coach David Elson.

The Hilltoppers, who have completed a two-year transition to the NCAA Division I-A (Football Bowl Subdivision) level, are now eligible to win the Sun Belt Conference and participate in a bowl game. Elson's contract has been extended through the 2016 season. Since he joined the staff in 1996, WKU has recorded a 100-56 (64.1%) mark including going 39-32 after he was elevated to head coach before the start of spring practice in March 2003. Prior to the school's announcement in November 2006 that it would move up to the NCAA I-A/FBS division, the Toppers advanced to the NCAA I-AA playoffs on six occasions — that included a string of five straight appearances from 2000-04.

While the Toppers will be eligible for the Sun Belt Conference championship and a bowl berth beginning in 2009, Elson has already experienced plenty of success in his 13 years at WKU. Not only have the Hilltoppers finished with a winning record in 12 of those seasons, they claimed the 2002 NCAA Division I-AA national championship while winning Ohio Valley and Gateway Football Conference titles in 2000 and 2002, respectively. Since taking over as head coach, WKU has advanced to postseason play twice under Elson.

And, not only did the Hilltoppers reach the top spot in the national polls twice during the 2005 season, they posted top-15 finishes following both the '03 and '04 campaigns. That included finishing seventh at the end of his initial season after he matched the legendary E.A. Diddle for the most victories by a WKU first-year head coach after leading the Toppers to a 9-4 record while helping the Hilltoppers advance to the quarterfinals of the NCAA playoffs. The following year, Elson was a finalist for the Eddie Robinson national Coach-of-the-Year Award after guiding WKU to a 9-3 finish, including a 6-1 mark in the Gateway Football Conference, despite losing 25 seniors from his first squad.

Although he started as a defensive backs coach and served as defensive coordinator in 2001 and

'02 prior to his promotion, Elson has proven he can win relying on both sides of the ball while building a solid special teams unit.

Elson was named the school's head football coach March 5, 2003, after serving as defensive coordinator for WKU's 2002 NCAA I-AA national championship team. He replaced Jack Harbaugh, who retired after 14 years at the helm of the program. He was the longest-tenured assistant on Harbaugh's staff, working seven years on the Hill with defensive backs, the last two as defensive coordinator.

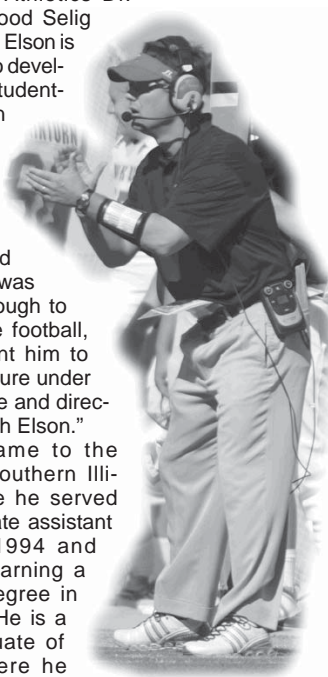
At the time of his hiring, Elson was the youngest head coach in Division I football.

"David Elson is without a doubt one of the brightest football minds in the country," WKU Director of Athletics Dr.

Camden Wood Selig said. "Coach Elson is committed to developing the student-athlete in every area — intellectually, athletically, and socially. If I had a son who was talented enough to play college football, I would want him to place his future under the guidance and direction of Coach Elson."

Elson came to the Hill from Southern Illinois, where he served as a graduate assistant coach in 1994 and '95 while earning a master's degree in education. He is a 1994 graduate of Butler, where he was a three-year letterwinner and started at strong safety his final two seasons. The Bulldogs were conference champions in both his sophomore and junior years.

A native of Indianapolis, Elson and his wife Kathy have three daughters, Lauren (13), Jessica (8) and Maggie (born Jan. 2009). Elson is the 16th head coach in the school's 91 years of football, but just the sixth since 1948.



Assistant Coaches



Kurt Barber

First Season
Outside Linebackers

On Gameday: Press Box



Scott Booker

First Season
Defensive Backs

On Gameday: Press Box



Mike Chism

Sixth Season
Recruiting Coordinator / Tight Ends

On Gameday: Press Box



Bob Cole

First Season
Quarterbacks

On Gameday: Press Box



Mike Dietzel

Seventh Season
Defensive Coordinator / Inside Linebackers

On Gameday: Sidelines



Stu Holt

Sixth Season
Special Teams Coordinator / Running Backs

On Gameday: Sidelines



Eric Mathies

Fifth Season
Defensive Line

On Gameday: Sidelines



T.J. Weist

Eighth Season
Assistant Head Coach / Wide Receivers

On Gameday: Sidelines



Walt Wells

Seventh Season
Offensive Coordinator / Offensive Line

On Gameday: Sidelines



Jami DeBerry

Second Season
Graduate Assistant (Defense)

On Gameday: Press Box



Brian Rector

First Season
Graduate Assistant (Offense)

On Gameday: Press Box

Elson Against The Opposition

Opponent	W-L
Alabama	0-1
Auburn	0-2
Austin Peay	1-0
Ball State	0-2
Bowling Green	0-1
Chattanooga	2-0
Concord (W.Va.)	1-0
Eastern Kentucky	5-1
Florida	0-1
Florida Atlantic	0-1
Florida International	1-2
Georgia	0-1
Illinois State	3-1
Indiana	0-1
Indiana State	5-0
Jacksonville State	1-0
Kansas State	0-1
Kentucky	0-1

Opponent	W-L
Middle Tennessee	1-1
Missouri State	4-0
Morehead State	1-0
Murray State	1-0
North Carolina Central	1-0
North Texas	0-2
Northern Iowa	2-2
Sam Houston State	0-1
Southern Illinois	1-3
Tennessee	0-1
Troy	0-2
Union (Ky.)	1-0
Virginia Tech	0-1
West Virginia Tech	3-0
Western Illinois	3-1
Wofford	0-1
Youngstown State	2-2
Totals	39-33

Hilltopper Depth Chart

OFFENSE

Left Tackle

77	Wes Jeffries	6-4	290	So.	Bowling Green, Ky.
64	Paul Millay	6-3	289	So.	Owensboro, Ky.

Left Guard

72	Derrick Elder	6-2	290	Jr.	Louisville, Ky.
58	Shelley Anthony	6-1	290	So.	Fairburn, Ga.

Center

70	Cody Hughes	6-0	295	Sr.	Bradenton, Fla.
65	Sean Conway	6-3	287	Fr.	Nashville, Tenn.

Right Guard

76	Adam Smith	6-5	301	R-Fr.	Murfreesboro, Tenn.
74	Mychal Patterson	6-2	293	Jr.	Stone Mountain, Ga.

Right Tackle

68	Preston King	6-5	307	Jr.	Bowling Green, Ky.
75	Seth White	6-4	278	R-Fr.	Nashville, Tenn.

Quarterback

12	Brandon Smith	6-0	200	Sr.	Danville, Ky.
6	Kawaun Jakes	6-3	190	R-Fr.	St. Augustine, Fla.

Running Back

1	Tyrell Hayden	5-7	192	Sr.	Lexington, Ky.
3	Bobby Rainey	5-7	203	So.	Griffin, Ga.

Wide Receiver

11	Jake Gaebler	5-10	185	Sr.	Mundelein, Ill.
2	Anthony Sheppard	6-1	170	R-Fr.	Pahokee, Fla.

Wide Receiver

7	Quinterrance Cooper	5-11	190	Jr.	St. Augustine, Fla.
8	Seth Tamme	5-11	191	Jr.	Danville, Ky.

Wide Receiver

16	Dustin Boyer	6-1	190	Jr.	Mt. Vernon, Ind.
18	Blake Ayers	5-10	196	So.	Bowling Green, Ky.

Tight End

82	Jack Doyle	6-5	248	R-Fr.	Indianapolis, Ind.
33	Tristan Jones	6-2	245	So.	Mount. Sterling, Ky.

DEFENSE

Left End

95	Kenny Martin	6-0	276	R-Fr.	Orlando, Fla.
96	Rammell Lewis	6-2	274	R-Fr.	Grayson, Ga.

Nose Tackle

43	Jamarcus Allen	5-11	270	R-Fr.	Orlando, Fla.
94	Nick Hartnett	5-11	285	Jr.	Marietta, Ga.

Right End

5	Jared Clendenin	6-3	265	So.	Stone Mountain, Ga.
90	Bo Adebayo	6-4	270	So.	Lawrenceville, Ga.

Outside Linebacker

38	Mike Gothard	6-1	225	Jr.	Marietta, Ga.
9	Tyran Golden	6-2	218	R-Fr.	Lithonia, Ga.

Inside Linebacker

6	Thomas Majors	6-0	243	Jr.	Nashville, Tenn.
42	L.J. Harbison	6-0	225	Sr.	Edmonton, Ky.

Inside Linebacker

41	Taurean Smith	6-1	230	Sr.	Perry, Ga.
4	Darvis McBride	5-9	225	Sr.	Fort Myers, Fla.

Outside Linebacker

10	Chris Bullard	5-11	242	Jr.	Cataula, Ga.
93	Quanterus Smith	6-5	235	Fr.	Loganville, Ga.

Cornerback

18	Jamal Forrest	5-8	162	Fr.	Miami, Fla.
22	Trent Calhoun	5-10	190	So.	Stanford, Ky.

Strong Safety

14	John Garrett	6-0	187	So.	Nashville, Tenn.
31	Orlando Misaalefua	5-10	206	Jr.	Fort Campbell, Ky.

Free Safety

19	Mark Santoro	6-0	194	So.	Greer, S.C.
46	Kareem Peterson	5-11	165	Fr.	Lewisburg, Tenn.

Cornerback

21	Jihad Morris	6-0	180	Sr.	Newburgh, N.Y.
32	Erik Jones	5-9	179	Jr.	Cincinnati, Ohio

SPECIAL TEAMS

Placekicker

83	Casey Tinius	6-0	171	So.	Bowling Green, Ky.
86	Zac Minturn	6-2	208	Sr.	Cincinnati, Ohio

Punter

44	Jeremy Moore	6-1	190	Sr.	Indianapolis, Ind.
83	Casey Tinius	6-0	171	So.	Bowling Green, Ky.

Long Snapper

49	Chris Young	6-0	243	R-Fr.	Cynthiana, Ky.
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Holder

44	Jeremy Moore	6-1	190	Sr.	Indianapolis, Ind.
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Kickoff Returns

3	Bobby Rainey	5-7	203	So.	Griffin, Ga.
20	Marell Booker	5-9	216	Sr.	Louisville, Ky.

Punt Returns

11	Jake Gaebler	5-10	185	Sr.	Mundelein, Ill.
3	Bobby Rainey	5-7	203	So.	Griffin, Ga.

Pronunciation Guide

Bo Adebayo	.....ad • a • BUY • oh
Jamarcus Allen	.....JAH • mark • us
Korentheus Bailey	.....core • en • THEE • us
Darius Baughman	.....BO • man
Marell Booker	.....mah • RELL
Derrius Brooks	.....DEHR • ee • us
Marquise Burns	.....mar • KEYS
Jared Clendenin	.....clen • DEN • in
Quinterrance Cooper	.....quinn • TERR • ance
Asst. coach Mike Dietzel	.....DEETZ • ell
Ben Duvall	.....do • VALL
Jake Gaebler	.....GABE • ler
Tyran Golden	.....tie • RINN
Wenquel Graves	.....when • KWELL
Tyrell Hayden	.....TIE • rell
Ed Hazelett	.....HAZE • let
Kawaun Jakes	.....KAY • juan
Asst. coach Eric Mathies	.....MATH • is
Paul Millay	.....MILL • a
Orlando Misaalefua	.....miss • AH • lah • foo • ah
Jihad Morris	.....gee • HAH
Taurean Smith	.....TORE • ee • an
Seth Tamme	.....Tammy
Asst. coach T.J. Weist	.....WEEST
Kiante Young	.....key • ON • tay

WKU's Record ...

	2009	Under Elson
Overall	0-1	39-33
Home	0-0	23-10
Road	0-1	16-23
Against ranked FBS (I-A) opponents	0-0	0-6
Against ranked FCS (I-AA) opponents.....	0-0	7-12
Against FBS (I-A) opponents	0-1	2-21
Against FCS (I-AA) opponents.....	0-0	32-12
Against Division II opponents or below	0-0	5-0
In day games	0-1	22-21
In night games (after 6 pm local time)	0-0	17-12
On artificial turf	0-0	36-22
On natural grass.....	0-1	3-11
In televised games.....	0-1	8-19
By month:		
August.....	0-0	0-1
September	0-1	14-10
October	0-0	16-8
November	0-0	9-12
December	0-0	0-2
When scoring first.....	0-0	31-12
When the opponent scores first.....	0-1	8-21
When leading at the half.....	0-0	26-5
When tied at the half.....	0-0	8-2
When trailing at the half.....	0-1	5-26
When leading after three quarters	0-0	30-5
When tied after three quarters.....	0-0	3-1
When trailing after three quarters.....	0-1	6-27
In overtime games.....	0-0	1-1
When scoring 30 or more points.....	0-0	25-2
When scoring 20-29 points.....	0-0	12-11
When scoring 10-19 points.....	0-0	2-11
When scoring nine or fewer points	0-1	1-9
When allowing nine or fewer points.....	0-0	17-0
When allowing 10-19 points	0-0	11-2
When allowing 20-29 points	0-0	9-12
When allowing 30 or more points	0-1	2-19
In games decided by three or fewer points.....	0-0	9-4
In game decided by 4-9 points	0-0	5-5
In games decided by 10-13 points.....	0-0	3-5
In games decided by 14 or more points	0-1	22-19
When rushing for more yards than the opposition.....	0-0	35-14
When rushing for fewer yards than the opposition	0-1	4-20
When rushing for 200 or more yards.....	0-0	25-7
When rushing for 100-199 yards	0-0	13-16
When rushing for less than 100 yards.....	0-1	1-10
When allowing less than 100 yards rushing	0-0	18-4
When allowing 100-199 yards rushing	0-0	18-14
When allowing 200 or more yards rushing	0-1	3-15
With at least one 100-yard rusher	0-0	25-8
When allowing a 100-yard rusher.....	0-1	10-17
When passing for more yards than the opposition	0-0	17-11
When passing for fewer yards than the opposition.....	0-1	22-22
When passing for 300 or more yards	0-0	0-0
When passing for 200-299 yards.....	0-0	13-7
When passing for less than 200 yards	0-1	26-26
When allowing less than 200 yards passing.....	0-0	23-14
When allowing 200-299 yards passing.....	0-1	15-15
When allowing 300 or more yards passing.....	0-0	1-4
With more total offense yards than the opposition	0-0	35-8
With fewer total offense yards than the opposition.....	0-1	4-25
With 500 or more total offense yards.....	0-0	10-1
With 400-499 total offense yards.....	0-0	14-4
With 300-399 total offense yards.....	0-0	14-12
With less than 300 total offense yards.....	0-1	1-16
When allowing less than 300 total offense yards	0-0	25-4
When allowing 300-399 total offense yards.....	0-0	8-14
When allowing 400-499 total offense yards.....	0-0	6-10
When allowing 500 or more total offense yards	0-1	0-5

	2009	Under Elson
With more first downs than the opposition.....	0-0	27-6
With the same first downs as the opposition	0-0	0-2
With fewer first downs than the opposition	0-1	12-25
With 25 or more first downs.....	0-0	12-0
With 15-24 first downs	0-0	25-20
With less than 15 first downs.....	0-1	2-13
When allowing less than 15 first downs.....	0-0	16-1
When allowing 15-24 first downs.....	0-0	18-24
When allowing 25 or more first downs.....	0-1	3-8
With fewer turnovers than the opposition	0-0	21-5
With the same turnovers as the opposition	0-1	11-15
With more turnovers than the opposition.....	0-0	7-13
With no turnovers	0-0	5-3
With one or two turnovers.....	0-0	27-19
With three or more turnovers.....	0-1	7-11
When forcing three or more turnovers.....	0-1	17-4
When forcing one or two turnovers.....	0-0	18-25
When forcing no turnovers	0-0	4-4
With fewer penalties than the opposition.....	0-0	14-16
With the same penalties as the opposition	0-0	3-4
With more penalties than the opposition	0-1	22-13
With less than five penalties.....	0-0	10-10
With 5-9 penalties.....	0-1	24-17
With 10 or more penalties.....	0-0	5-6
When the opponent is called for 10 or more penalties.....	0-0	0-5
When the opponent is called for 5-9 penalties	0-1	25-22
When the opponent is called for less than five penalties	0-0	14-6
With more than 30 minutes time of possession.....	0-0	23-11
With less than 30 minutes time of possession.....	0-1	16-23

WKU's Averages In Wins

	2009	Under Elson
Points.....	—	37.9
Rushing yards.....	—	260.6
Passing yards.....	—	174.4
Total offense	—	425.3
First downs	—	21.3
Points allowed	—	13.2
Rushing yards allowed	—	100.5
Passing yards allowed.....	—	174.4
Total offense allowed.....	—	274.7
First downs allowed.....	—	15.9
Turnover ratio	—	+0.95
Time of possession.....	—	31:30

WKU's Averages In Losses

	2009	Under Elson
Points.....	7.0	15.4
Rushing yards.....	34.0	141.4
Passing yards.....	49.0	150.0
Total offense	83.0	290.4
First downs	6.0	15.2
Points allowed	63.0	33.3
Rushing yards allowed	380.0	187.8
Passing yards allowed.....	277.0	206.4
Total offense allowed.....	657.0	394.2
First downs allowed.....	34.0	20.6
Turnover ratio	—	-0.52
Time of possession.....	27:01	28:52

Individual Game-By-Game Statistics (Offense)

RUSHING (<i>Atts-Yds / TD-Lg</i>)	<i>Booker</i>	<i>Hayden</i>	<i>Jakes</i>	<i>Miller</i>	<i>Rainey</i>	<i>B. Smith</i>	<i>Vasquez</i>
at Tennessee	1-(-4) / 0-0	7-15 / 0-8	2-(-10) / 0-0	1-9 / 0-9	8-41 / 1-19	8-(-2) / 0-0	3-(-15) / 0-0
South Florida							
Central Arkansas							
at Navy							
Florida International							
Louisiana-Lafayette							
at Middle Tennessee							
at North Texas							
Troy							
at Louisiana-Monroe							
at Florida Atlantic							
Arkansas State							

PASSING (<i>Com-Att-In-Yds / TD-Lg</i>)	<i>Jakes</i>	<i>Smith</i>
at Tennessee	1-3-1-5 / 0-5	8-13-0-44 / 0-12
South Florida		
Central Arkansas		
at Navy		
Florida International		
Louisiana-Lafayette		
at Middle Tennessee		
at North Texas		
Troy		
at Louisiana-Monroe		
at Florida Atlantic		
Arkansas State		

RECEIVING (<i>Rec-Yds / TD-Lg</i>)	<i>Cooper</i>	<i>Doyle</i>	<i>Gaebler</i>	<i>Vasquez</i>
at Tennessee	2-21 / 0-12	4-10 / 0-9	1-1 / 0-1	2-17 / 0-12
South Florida				
Central Arkansas				
at Navy				
Florida International				
Louisiana-Lafayette				
at Middle Tennessee				
at North Texas				
Troy				
at Louisiana-Monroe				
at Florida Atlantic				
Arkansas State				

OFFENSIVE LINE

at Tennessee
 South Florida
 Central Arkansas
 at Navy
 Florida International
 Louisiana-Lafayette
 at Middle Tennessee
 at North Texas
 Troy
 at Louisiana-Monroe
 at Florida Atlantic
 Arkansas State

Note: Offensive line numbers are plays-overall grade-production grade-knockdown blocks. Players who graded out at 89% or better are included.

Individual Game-By-Game Statistics (Defense)

TACKLES — DL (*S-A / Tot*) *Allen* *Clendenin* *Lewis* *Martin* *Q. Smith*

at Tennessee	1-0/1	1-2/3	0-2/2	2-0/2	0-1/1
South Florida					
Central Arkansas					
at Navy					
Florida International					
Louisiana-Lafayette					
at Middle Tennessee					
at North Texas					
Troy					
at Louisiana-Monroe					
at Florida Atlantic					
Arkansas State					

TACKLES — LBs (*S-A / Tot*) *Brice* *Bullard* *Carter* *Duvall* *Franks* *Gothard* *Majors* *T. Smith*

at Tennessee	1-0/1	2-2/4	2-0/2	2-1/3	0-1/1	3-2/5	1-4/5	4-4/8
South Florida								
Central Arkansas								
at Navy								
Florida International								
Louisiana-Lafayette								
at Middle Tennessee								
at North Texas								
Troy								
at Louisiana-Monroe								
at Florida Atlantic								
Arkansas State								

TACKLES — DBs (*S - A / Tot*) *Calhoun* *Forrest* *Garrett* *E. Jones* *Missaalefua* *Morris* *Peterson* *Santoro*

at Tennessee	2-0/2	6-1/7	0-3/3	1-1/2	2-3/5	5-5/10	2-0/2	3-6/9
South Florida								
Central Arkansas								
at Navy								
Florida International								
Louisiana-Lafayette								
at Middle Tennessee								
at North Texas								
Troy								
at Louisiana-Monroe								
at Florida Atlantic								
Arkansas State								

FIELD GOALS (*FG-FGA / Distance*)

at Tennessee	
South Florida	
Central Arkansas	
at Navy	
Florida International	
Louisiana-Lafayette	
at Middle Tennessee	
at North Texas	
Troy	
at Louisiana-Monroe	
at Florida Atlantic	
Arkansas State	

KO RETURNS (*No-Yds / TD-Lg*) *Brooks* *Rainey*

at Tennessee	3-69 / 0-28	5-108 / 0-26
South Florida		
Central Arkansas		
at Navy		
Florida International		
Louisiana-Lafayette		
at Middle Tennessee		
at North Texas		
Troy		
at Louisiana-Monroe		
at Florida Atlantic		
Arkansas State		

PUNTING (*No-Yds-Avg / Lg-l20*) *Moore*

at Tennessee	9-403-44.8 / 54-2
South Florida	
Central Arkansas	
at Navy	
Florida International	
Louisiana-Lafayette	
at Middle Tennessee	
at North Texas	
Troy	
at Louisiana-Monroe	
at Florida Atlantic	
Arkansas State	

PUNT RETURNS (*No-Yds / TD-Lg*)

at Tennessee	
South Florida	
Central Arkansas	
at Navy	
Florida International	
Louisiana-Lafayette	
at Middle Tennessee	
at North Texas	
Troy	
at Louisiana-Monroe	
at Florida Atlantic	
Arkansas State	

WKU Start Chart

OFFENSE

Player	2009	Current Streak	Career
Shelley Anthony, OL	—	—	3
Marell Booker, RB	—	—	3
Derrius Brooks, WR	—	—	3
Quinterrance Cooper, WR	1	5	5
Jack Doyle, TE	1	1	1
Derrick Elder, OL	1	3	2
Jake Gaebler, WR	1	5	17
Wenquel Graves, WR	—	—	4
Tyrell Hayden, RB	1	1	12
Cody Hughes, OL	1	25	25
Wes Jefferies, OL	1	8	8
Tristan Jones, TE	1	1	2
Preston King, OL	1	1	10
Jacob McLaurin, OL	—	—	1
Lloyd Pressley	—	—	13
Bobby Rainey, RB	—	—	3
Adam Smith, OL	1	1	1
Brandon Smith, QB	1	1	1
Seth Tamme, WR	—	—	2

DEFENSE

Player	2009	Current Streak	Career
Jamarcus Allen, DL	1	1	1
Ryan Beard, DB	—	—	10
Chris Bullard, LB	1	1	1
Trent Calhoun, DB	—	—	4
Jared Clendenin, DL	1	1	1
Jamal Forrest, DB	1	1	1
John Garrett, DB	1	1	1
Mike Gothard, LB	1	1	1
L.J. Harbison, LB	—	—	4
Erik Jones, DB	—	—	4
Thomas Majors, LB	1	1	1
Kenny Martin, DL	1	1	1
Darvis McBride, LB	—	—	7
Orlando Misaalefua, DB	—	—	4
Jihad Morris, DB	1	1	3
Mark Santoro, DB	1	5	5
Taurean Smith, LB	1	1	1

SPECIAL TEAMS

Player	2009	Current Streak	Career
Zac Minturn, PK	—	—	2
Jeremy Moore, P	1	25	25
Casey Tinius, PK	1	1	1

2009 WKU Coaches' Awards

at Tennessee

Offense: n/a
 Defense: n/a
 Special Teams: Jeremy Moore, Sr. P
 Sledge: Mike Gothard, Jr. LB
 Scout Team Offense:
 Maurice Bullard, Fr., WR
 Scout Team Defense:
 Tyler Julian, Fr., DB
 Scout Team Special Teams:
 Kiante Young, Fr., DB
 ROTC-TRUST: Jeremy Moore, Sr., P

South Florida

Offense:
 Defense:
 Special Teams:
 Sledge:
 Scout Team Offense:
 Scout Team Defense:
 Scout Team Special Teams:
 ROTC-TRUST:

Central Arkansas

Offense:
 Defense:
 Special Teams:
 Sledge:
 Scout Team Offense:
 Scout Team Defense:
 Scout Team Special Teams:
 ROTC-TRUST:

at Navy

Offense:
 Defense:
 Special Teams:
 Sledge:
 Scout Team Offense:
 Scout Team Defense:
 Scout Team Special Teams:
 ROTC-TRUST:

Florida International

Offense:
 Defense:
 Special Teams:
 Sledge:
 Scout Team Offense:
 Scout Team Defense:
 Scout Team Special Teams:
 ROTC-TRUST:

Louisiana-Lafayette

Offense:
 Defense:
 Special Teams:
 Sledge:
 Scout Team Offense:
 Scout Team Defense:
 Scout Team Special Teams:
 ROTC-TRUST:

at Middle Tennessee

Offense:
 Defense:
 Special Teams:
 Sledge:
 Scout Team Offense:
 Scout Team Defense:
 Scout Team Special Teams:
 ROTC-TRUST:

at North Texas

Offense:
 Defense:
 Special Teams:
 Sledge:
 Scout Team Offense:
 Scout Team Defense:
 Scout Team Special Teams:
 ROTC-TRUST:

Troy

Offense:
 Defense:
 Special Teams:
 Sledge:
 Scout Team Offense:
 Scout Team Defense:
 Scout Team Special Teams:
 ROTC-TRUST:

at Louisiana-Monroe

Offense:
 Defense:
 Special Teams:
 Sledge:
 Scout Team Offense:
 Scout Team Defense:
 Scout Team Special Teams:
 ROTC-TRUST:

at Florida Atlantic

Offense:
 Defense:
 Special Teams:
 Sledge:
 Scout Team Offense:
 Scout Team Defense:
 Scout Team Special Teams:
 ROTC-TRUST:

Arkansas State

Offense:
 Defense:
 Special Teams:
 Sledge:
 Scout Team Offense:
 Scout Team Defense:
 Scout Team Special Teams:
 ROTC-TRUST:

2009 WKU Individual Superlatives

<i>Category</i>	<i>WKU Hilltoppers</i>	<i>Opponents</i>
Long Rush	19, Bobby Rainey at Tennessee, 9/5	43, Montario Hardesty, Tennessee, 9/5
Long Pass.....	12, Brandon Smith at Tennessee, 9/5	28, Jonathan Crompton, Tennessee, 9/5
Long Punt	54, Jeremy Moore at Tennessee, 9/5	n/a
Long Punt Return	n/a	19, NuKeese Richardson, Tennessee, 9/5
Long KO Return.....	28, Derrius Brooks at Tennessee, 9/5	21, David Oku, Tennessee, 9/5
Long Pass Int. Ret.....	3, Thomas Majors at Tennessee, 9/5	7, Brent Vinson, Tennessee, 9/5
Long Fumble Ret.....	13, John Garrett at Tennessee, 9/5	n/a
Long FG.....	n/a	n/a
Long FG Att	n/a	n/a
Rush Yards	41, Bobby Rainey at Tennessee, 9/5	160, Montario Hardesty, Tennessee, 9/5
Rush Attempts	8, Bobby Rainey at Tennessee, 9/5	18, Montario Hardesty, Tennessee, 9/5
	8, Brandon Smith at Tennessee, 9/5	
Pass Yards	44, Brandon Smith at Tennessee, 9/5	233, Jonathan Crompton, Tennessee, 9/5
Pass Attempts.....	13, Brandon Smith at Tennessee, 9/5	28, Jonathan Crompton, Tennessee, 9/5
Pass Comps	8, Brandon Smith at Tennessee, 9/5	21, Jonathan Crompton, Tennessee, 9/5
Total Offense Atts	21, Brandon Smith at Tennessee, 9/5 (42 yds)	29, Jonathan Crompton, Tennessee, 9/5 (233 yds)
Total Offense Yds	42, Bradon Smith at Tennessee, 9/5 (21 attempts)	237, Jonathan Crompton, Tennessee, 9/5 (29 attempts)
Receiving Yards.....	21, Quinterrence Cooper at Tennessee, 9/5 (2 catches)	86, Marsalis Teague, Tennessee, 9/5 (6 catches)
Receptions.....	4, Jack Doyle at Tennessee, 9/5 (10 yds)	6, Marsalis Teague, Tennessee, 9/5 (86 yds)
Punts	9, Jeremy Moore at Tennessee, 9/5 (403 yds, 44.8 avg)	n/a
Punt Average	44.8, Jeremy Moore at Tennessee, 9/5 (9 punts, 403 yds)	n/a
Punt Returns.....	n/a	3, NuKeese Richardson, Tennessee, 9/5 (30 yds)
Punt Return Yards	n/a	30, NuKeese Richardson, Tennessee, 9/5 (3 returns)
Kickoff Returns	5, Bobby Rainey at Tennessee, 9/5 (108 yds)	1, Dennis Rogan, Tennessee, 9/5 (19 yds)
		1, David Oku, Tennessee, 9/5 (21 yds)
Kickoff Ret. Yards	108, Bobby Rainey at Tennessee, 9/5 (5 returns)	21, David Oku, Tennessee, 9/5 (1 return)
All-Purpose Yds.....	149, Bobby Rainey at Tennessee, 9/5 (41 rush, 108 KO Ret.)	162, Montario Hardesty, Tennessee, 9/5 (160 rush, 2 rec)
Points Scored	6, Bobby Rainey at Tennessee, 9/5 (1 TD)	12, Luke Stocker, Tennessee, 9/5 (2 TD)
		12, David Oku, Tennessee, 9/5 (2 TD)
Total Tackles	10, Jihad Morris at Tennessee, 9/5 (5 solo, 5 assist)	6, Savion Frazier, Tennessee, 9/5 (4 solo, 2 assist)
		6, Nick Reveiz, Tennessee, 9/5 (1 solo, 5 assist)
Solo Tackles	6, Jamal Forrest at Tennessee, 9/5	5, LaMarcus Thompson, Tennessee, 9/5
Assisted Tackles	6, Mark Santoro at Tennessee, 9/5	5, Nick Reveiz, Tennessee, 9/5

2009 WKU Game-By-Game Individual Leaders

	<i>Rushing</i> (Att-Yds / TD-Lg)	<i>Passing</i> (Com-Att-Int-Yds / TD-Lg)	<i>Receiving</i> (Rec-Yds / TD-Lg)	<i>Tackles</i> (UT-AT / Tot)
at Tennessee	Bobby Rainey (8-41 / 1-19)	Brandon Smith (8-13-0-44 / 0-12)	Quinterrence Cooper (2-21 / 0-12)	Jihad Morris (5-5 / 10)
South Florida				
Central Arkansas				
at Navy				
Florida International				
Louisiana-Lafayette				
at Middle Tennessee				
at North Texas				
Troy				
at Louisiana-Monroe				
at Florida Atlantic				
Arkansas State				

2009 WKU Game-By-Game Starters

Offense

<i>Opponent</i>	<i>WR</i>	<i>TE</i>	<i>LT</i>	<i>LG</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>RG</i>	<i>RT</i>	<i>WR</i>	<i>TE</i>	<i>QB</i>	<i>RB</i>
at Tennessee	Gaebler	Doyle	Jeffries	Elder	Hughes	A. Smith	King	Cooper	T. Jones	B. Smith	Hayden
South Florida											
Central Arkansas											
at Navy											
Florida International											
Louisiana-Lafayette											
at Middle Tennessee											
at North Texas											
Troy											
at Louisiana-Monroe											
at Florida Atlantic											
Arkansas State											

Defense

<i>Opponent</i>	<i>LE</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>RE</i>	<i>OLB/DB</i>	<i>ILB</i>	<i>ILB</i>	<i>OLB</i>	<i>CB</i>	<i>SS</i>	<i>FS</i>	<i>CB</i>
at Tennessee	Martin	Allen	Clendenin	Gothard	Majors	T. Smith	Bullard	Forrest	Garrett	Santoro	Morris
South Florida											
Central Arkansas											
at Navy											
Florida International											
Louisiana-Lafayette											
at Middle Tennessee											
at North Texas											
Troy											
at Louisiana-Monroe											
at Florida Atlantic											
Arkansas State											

2009 WKU Team Superlatives

Team Highs	WKU Hilltoppers	Opponents
Points.....	7, at Tennessee, 9/5	63, Tennessee, 9/5
TDs Scored.....	1, at Tennessee, 9/5	8, Tennessee, 9/5
First Downs.....	6, at Tennessee, 9/5	34, Tennessee, 9/5
Rush	4, at Tennessee, 9/5	20, Tennessee, 9/5
Pass	1, at Tennessee, 9/5	12, Tennessee, 9/5
Penalty	1, at Tennessee, 9/5	2, Tennessee, 9/5
Rush Attempts	30 at Tennessee, 9/5	44, Tennessee, 9/5
Rush Yards	34 at Tennessee, 9/5	380, Tennessee, 9/5
Pass Attempts.....	16 at Tennessee, 9/5	32, Tennessee, 9/5
Pass Completions.....	9 at Tennessee, 9/5	25, Tennessee, 9/5
Pass Yards	49 at Tennessee, 9/5	277, Tennessee, 9/5
Offensive Plays.....	46 at Tennessee, 9/5	76, Tennessee, 9/5
Yards	83 at Tennessee, 9/5	657, Tennessee, 9/5
Average Gain/Play.....	1.8 at Tennessee, 9/5	8.6, Tennessee, 9/5
Penalties.....	9 at Tennessee, 9/5	6, Tennessee, 9/5
Penalty Yards	74 at Tennessee, 9/5	45, Tennessee, 9/5
Fumbles Lost.....	2 at Tennessee, 9/5	1, Tennessee, 9/5
3rd Down Conversions	1 at Tennessee, 9/5	7, Tennessee, 9/5
Possession Time	27:01 at Tennessee, 9/5	32:59, Tennessee, 9/5

Team Lows	WKU Hilltoppers	Opponents
Points.....	7, at Tennessee, 9/5	63, Tennessee, 9/5
TDs Scored.....	1, at Tennessee, 9/5	8, Tennessee, 9/5
First Downs.....	6, at Tennessee, 9/5	34, Tennessee, 9/5
Rush	4, at Tennessee, 9/5	20, Tennessee, 9/5
Pass	1, at Tennessee, 9/5	12, Tennessee, 9/5
Penalty	1, at Tennessee, 9/5	2, Tennessee, 9/5
Rush Attempts	30 at Tennessee, 9/5	44, Tennessee, 9/5
Rush Yards	34 at Tennessee, 9/5	380, Tennessee, 9/5
Pass Attempts.....	16 at Tennessee, 9/5	32, Tennessee, 9/5
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Penalties.....	9 at Tennessee, 9/5	6, Tennessee, 9/5
Penalty Yards	74 at Tennessee, 9/5	45, Tennessee, 9/5
Fumbles Lost.....	2 at Tennessee, 9/5	1, Tennessee, 9/5
3rd Down Conversions	1 at Tennessee, 9/5	7, Tennessee, 9/5
Possession Time	27:01 at Tennessee, 9/5	32:59, Tennessee, 9/5

2009 Game-By-Game Team Comparison

Team	First Downs		Rushing		Passing		Tot Off		Time of Possession		3rd Down		Punts-Avg	
	Total	Ru-Pa-Pe	Att-Yds	TD-Lg	Com-Att	Int-Yds	TD-Lg	Att-Yds	Ret Yds	TOs	Pen-Yds	Conversions		
WKU	6	4-1-1	30-34	1-19	9-16	1-83	0-12	46-83	27:01	180	3	9-74	1-11	9-44.8
at Tennessee	34	20-12-2	44-380	4-43	25-32	2-277	5-28	76-657	32:59	82	3	6-45	7-9	0-0.0

WKU
South Florida

WKU
Central Arkansas

WKU
at Navy

WKU
Florida International.....

WKU
Louisiana-Lafayette

WKU
at Middle Tennessee.....

WKU
at North Texas

WKU
Troy

WKU
at Louisiana-Monroe.....

WKU
at Florida Atlantic.....

WKU
Arkansas State

The Red Zone

WKU	Opponents	WKU Breakdown by Game	Opponent Breakdown by Game
Trips..... 1	9	at UT — 1 trip, 1 TD, 0 FG, 100% score	UT — 9 trips, 8 TD, 0 FG, 88.9% score
TDs..... 1	8	USF —	USF —
FGs..... 0	0	UCA —	UCA —
Pct. TD..... 100	88.9	at Navy —	Navy —
Pct. Score..... 100	88.9	FIU —	FIU —
		ULL —	ULL —
Fumble 0	0	at MTSU —	MTSU —
INT..... 0	1	at UNT —	UNT —
Missed FG 0	0	Troy —	Troy —
Downs 0	0	at ULM —	ULM —
End Half..... 0	0	at FAU —	FAU —
		ASU —	ASU —

2009 WKU Scoring Drives

<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Score</i>	<i>Quarter</i>	<i>Time Remaining</i>	<i>Plays-Yds</i>	<i>TOP</i>	<i>Scoring Play</i>
Tennessee	7-35	3	2:41	9-66	3:38	Bobby Rainey, 19, run

WKU Long Plays (40 yards or more)

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2009 Opponent Scoring Drives

<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Score</i>	<i>Quarter</i>	<i>Time Remaining</i>	<i>Plays-Yds</i>	<i>TOP</i>	<i>Scoring Play</i>
Tennessee	7-0	2	13:41	10-81	4:33	Bryce Brown, 2, run
Tennessee	14-0	2	13:22	1-17	0:07	Jonathan Crompton, 17, pass to Luke Stocker
Tennessee	21-0	2	9:08	5-63	1:09	Jonathan Crompton, 9, pass to Quintin Hancock
Tennessee	28-0	2	1:14	11-62	6:08	Jonathan Crompton, 4, pass to Brandon Warren
Tennessee	35-0	3	7:38	1-43	0:10	Montario Handsty, 43, run
Tennessee	42-7	4	14:55	6-75	14:55	Jonathan Crompton, 6, pass to Luke Stocker
Tennessee	49-7	4	13:21	4-22	1:20	Jonathan Crompton, 5, pass to Marsalis Teague
Tennessee	56-7	4	9:51	5-46	2:35	David Oku, 2, run
Tennessee	63-7	4	3:43	7-58	3:43	David Oku, 1, run

Opponent Long Plays (40 yards or more)

Opponent

- 43-TD (rush) — Montario Hardesty, Tennessee, 9/5

2009 Game Recaps



GAME ONE

Tennessee 63, WKU 7

Sept. 5, 2009 • Knoxville, Tenn.

Neyland Stadium (98,761 attendance)

	1	2	3	4	Final
WKU	0	0	7	0	7
Tennessee	0	28	7	28	63

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Tennessee coach Lane Kiffin's tenure on Rocky Top is off to a smooth start.

Jonathan Crompton threw five touchdown passes Saturday, leading the Volunteers to a 63-7 rout of Football Bowl Subdivision newcomers WKU and their largest margin of victory in nine years.

In its first two drives, Tennessee looked as if it hadn't learned much under Kiffin, the youngest active coach in the division. Crompton threw a pass over the middle that was easily tipped by Thomas Majors and intercepted by Jamal Forrest, and Montario Hardesty fumbled after a hard hit.

The Vols settled down after the first quarter, and Hardesty carried for 18 and 22 yards to help set up a 2-yard touchdown run by freshman Bryce Brown early in the second quarter.

Tennessee's defense looked every bit the stalwart it was in 2008, while the offense found the composure it was missing in last year's 5-7 season. Running backs broke through the line of scrimmage, wide receivers ran sound routes and Crompton threw accurately.

The receiving corps hardly looked depleted by injuries, with Stocker, Marsalis Teague, Quintin Hancock and Brandon Warren each catching scoring strikes.

Crompton, who was pulled with 12:26 left in the game, finished 21 of 28 with two picks, and his five TD passes was one more than his output last season. Hardesty finished with 160 yards and a touchdown on 18 carries, and Brown had 104 yards rushing and a touchdown on 11 attempts.

The Hilltoppers couldn't capitalize on the early turnovers and had minus-21 yards after their first 19 plays. Tennessee finished with 657 yards compared to WKU's 83.

Rainey had the Hilltoppers' only score on a 19-yard run with 2:41 in the third quarter that made it 35-7.

	WKU	UT
First Downs.....	6	34
Rush-Pass-Pen.....	4-1-1	20-12-2
Rush Atts-Net Yards.....	30-34	44-380
Net Yards Passing.....	49	277
Comp-Att-Int.....	9-16-1	25-32-2
Total Plays-Net Yards.....	46-83	76-657
Avg. Gain Per Play.....	1.8	8.6
Fumbles-Lost.....	3-2	3-1
Penalties-Yards.....	9-74	6-45
Interceptions-Yards.....	2-3	1-7
Punts-Average.....	9-44.8	0-0.0
Punt Returns-Yards.....	0-0	6-45
Kickoff Returns-Yards.....	8-177	2-40
Possession Time.....	27:01	32:59
Third-Down Conversions.....	1-11	7-9

Scoring Summary

Team	No. of Plays	Total Yards	Drive Time	Type of Score	Score Qtr/Time	Scoring Play
UT	10	81	4:33	TD	2/13:41	Bryce Brown 2-yard run
UT	1	17	0:07	TD	2/13:22	Luke Stocker 17-yard reception
UT	5	63	1:09	TD	2/9:08	Quintin Hancock 9-yard reception
UT	11	62	6:08	TD	2/1:14	Brandon Warren 4-yard reception
UT	1	43	0:10	TD	3/7:28	Montario Hardesty 43-yard run
WKU	9	66	4:38	TD	3/2:41	Bobby Rainey 19-yard run
UT	6	75	2:37	TD	4/14:55	Luke Stocker 6-yard reception
UT	4	22	1:20	TD	4/13:21	Marsallis Teague 5-yard reception
UT	5	46	2:35	TD	4/9:51	David Oku 2-yard run
UT	7	58	3:29	TD	4/3:43	David Oku 1-yard run

2009 WKU Football
WKU Overall Team Statistics (as of Sep 05, 2009)
All games

Team Statistics	WKU	OPP
SCORING	7	63
Points Per Game	7.0	63.0
FIRST DOWNS	6	34
Rushing	4	20
Passing	1	12
Penalty	1	2
RUSHING YARDAGE	34	380
Yards gained rushing	99	384
Yards lost rushing	65	4
Rushing Attempts	30	44
Average Per Rush	1.1	8.6
Average Per Game	34.0	380.0
TDs Rushing	1	4
PASSING YARDAGE	49	277
Comp-Att-Int	9-16-1	25-32-2
Average Per Pass	3.1	8.7
Average Per Catch	5.4	11.1
Average Per Game	49.0	277.0
TDs Passing	0	5
TOTAL OFFENSE	83	657
Total Plays	46	76
Average Per Play	1.8	8.6
Average Per Game	83.0	657.0
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	8-177	2-40
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	0-0	4-35
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	2-3	1-7
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	22.1	20.0
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	0.0	8.8
INT RETURN AVERAGE	1.5	7.0
FUMBLES-LOST	3-2	3-1
PENALTIES-Yards	9-74	6-45
Average Per Game	74.0	45.0
PUNTS-Yards	9-403	0-0
Average Per Punt	44.8	0.0
Net punt average	40.9	0.0
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	27:01	32:59
3RD-DOWN Conversions	1/11	7/9
3rd-Down Pct	9%	78%
4TH-DOWN Conversions	0/1	0/1
4th-Down Pct	0%	0%
SACKS BY-Yards	0-0	5-41
MISC YARDS	0	0
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	1	9
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	0-0	0-0
ON-SIDE KICKS	0-0	0-0
RED-ZONE SCORES	1-1 100%	8-9 89%
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	1-1 100%	8-9 89%
PAT-ATTEMPTS	1-1 100%	9-9 100%
ATTENDANCE	0	98761
Games/Avg Per Game	0/0	1/98761
Neutral Site Games		0/0

Score by Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
WKU	0	0	7	0	0	7
Opponents	0	28	7	28	0	63

2009 WKU Football
WKU Overall Individual Statistics (as of Sep 05, 2009)
All games

Rushing	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Rainey, Bobby	1	8	54	13	41	5.1	1	19	41.0
Hayden, Tyrell	1	7	16	1	15	2.1	0	8	15.0
Miller, Braxton	1	1	9	0	9	9.0	0	9	9.0
Smith, Brandon	1	8	19	21	-2	-0.2	0	8	-2.0
Booker, Marell	1	1	0	4	-4	-4.0	0	0	-4.0
Jakes, Kawaun	1	2	0	10	-10	-5.0	0	0	-10.0
Vasquez, Marcus	1	3	1	16	-15	-5.0	0	1	-15.0
Total	1	30	99	65	34	1.1	1	19	34.0
Opponents	1	44	384	4	380	8.6	4	43	380.0

Passing	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Smith, Brandon	1	89.97	8-13-0	61.5	44	0	12	44.0
Jakes, Kawaun	1	-19.33	1-3-1	33.3	5	0	5	5.0
Vasquez, Marcus	1	0.00	0-0-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Total	1	69.47	9-16-1	56.2	49	0	12	49.0
Opponents	1	189.90	25-32-2	78.1	277	5	28	277.0

Receiving	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Doyle, Jack	1	4	10	2.5	0	9	10.0
Cooper, Q.	1	2	21	10.5	0	12	21.0
Vasquez, Marcus	1	2	17	8.5	0	12	17.0
Gaebler, Jake	1	1	1	1.0	0	1	1.0
Total	1	9	49	5.4	0	12	49.0
Opponents	1	25	277	11.1	5	28	277.0

Punt Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Total	0	0	0.0	0	0
Opponents	4	35	8.8	0	19

Interceptions	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Forrest, Jamal	1	0	0.0	0	0
Majors, Thomas	1	3	3.0	0	3
Total	2	3	1.5	0	3
Opponents	1	7	7.0	0	7

Kick Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Rainey, Bobby	5	108	21.6	0	26
Brooks, Derrius	3	69	23.0	0	28
Total	8	177	22.1	0	28
Opponents	2	40	20.0	0	21

Fumble Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Garrett, John	1	13	13.0	0	13
Total	1	13	13.0	0	13
Opponents	0	0	0.0	0	0

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Scoring	td	fg	PAT				dxp	saf	pts
			kick	rush	rcv	pass			
Rainey, Bobby	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Tinius, Casey	-	-	1-1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Total	1	-	1-1	-	-	-	-	-	7
Opponents	9	-	9-9	-	-	-	-	-	63

Total Offense	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Smith, Brandon	1	21	-2	44	42	42.0
Rainey, Bobby	1	8	41	0	41	41.0
Hayden, Tyrell	1	7	15	0	15	15.0
Miller, Braxton	1	1	9	0	9	9.0
Booker, Marell	1	1	-4	0	-4	-4.0
Jakes, Kawaun	1	5	-10	5	-5	-5.0
Vasquez, Marcus	1	3	-15	0	-15	-15.0
Total	1	46	34	49	83	83.0
Opponents	1	76	380	277	657	657.0

Field Goals	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
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FG Sequence	WKU	Opponents
Tennessee	-	-

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.

Punting	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Moore, Jeremy	9	403	44.8	54	0	0	2	2	0
Total	9	403	44.8	54	0	0	2	2	0
Opponents	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Kickoffs	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	retn	net	ydln
Tinius, Casey	2	128	64.0	0	0			
Total	2	128	64.0	0	0	20.0	44.0	26
Opponents	10	666	66.6	2	0	22.1	44.9	25

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<u>All Purpose</u>	<u>g</u>	<u>rush</u>	<u>rcv</u>	<u>pr</u>	<u>kr</u>	<u>ir</u>	<u>total</u>	<u>avg/g</u>
Rainey, Bobby	1	41	0	0	108	0	149	149.0
Brooks, Derrius	1	0	0	0	69	0	69	69.0
Cooper, Q.	1	0	21	0	0	0	21	21.0
Hayden, Tyrell	1	15	0	0	0	0	15	15.0
Doyle, Jack	1	0	10	0	0	0	10	10.0
Miller, Braxton	1	9	0	0	0	0	9	9.0
Majors, Thomas	1	0	0	0	0	3	3	3.0
Vasquez, Marcu	1	-15	17	0	0	0	2	2.0
Gaebler, Jake	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1.0
Smith, Brandon	1	-2	0	0	0	0	-2	-2.0
Booker, Marell	1	-4	0	0	0	0	-4	-4.0
Jakes, Kawaun	1	-10	0	0	0	0	-10	-10.0
Total	1	34	49	0	177	3	263	263.0
Opponents	1	380	277	35	40	7	739	739.0

2009 WKU Football
WKU Overall Defensive Statistics (as of Sep 05, 2009)
All games

##	Defensive Leaders	gp	Tackles			tfl/yds	Sacks no-yds	Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
			ua	a	tot			int-yds	brup	qbh	rcv-yds	ff	kick	saf
21	Morris, Jihad	1	5	5	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
19	Santoro, Mark	1	3	6	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
41	Smith, Taurean	1	4	4	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
18	Forrest, Jamal	1	6	1	7	.	.	1-0	.	.	.	.	.	.
31	Misaalefua, O.	1	2	3	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
6	Majors, Thomas	1	1	4	5	.	.	1-3	1	.	.	.	.	.
38	Gothard, Mike	1	3	2	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	.
10	Bullard, Chris	1	2	2	4	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
9A	Golden, Tyran	1	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
50	Duvall, Ben	1	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
14	Garrett, John	1	.	3	3	.	.	.	.	.	1-13	.	.	.
5	Clendenin, J.	1	1	2	3	0.5-1	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
95	Martin, Kenny	1	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
57	Carter, Josh	1	2	.	2	2.0-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
96	Lewis, Rammell	1	.	2	2	0.5-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
32	Jones, Erik	1	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
22	Calhoun, Trent	1	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
46	Peterson, K.	1	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
51	Brice, Chris	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
43	Allen, Jamarcus	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
9	Vasquez, Marcus	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
82	Doyle, Jack	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
28	Miller, Braxton	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
25	Franks, Chuck	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
93	Smith, Q.	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Total		1	44	40	84	3-6	0-0	2-3	3	.	1-13	2	.	.
Opponents		1	32	24	56	12-69	5-41	1-7	2	2	2-0	1	.	.

2009 WKU Football
WKU Combined Team Statistics (as of Sep 05, 2009)
All games

Date	Opponent	Score							Att.	
Sept 5, 2009	at Tennessee	L	7-63				98761			
Rushing		gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Rainey, Bobby	1	8	54	13	41	5.1	1	19	41.0	
Hayden, Tyrell	1	7	16	1	15	2.1	0	8	15.0	
Miller, Braxton	1	1	9	0	9	9.0	0	9	9.0	
Smith, Brandon	1	8	19	21	-2	-0.2	0	8	-2.0	
Booker, Marell	1	1	0	4	-4	-4.0	0	0	-4.0	
Jakes, Kawaun	1	2	0	10	-10	-5.0	0	0	-10.0	
Vasquez, Marcus	1	3	1	16	-15	-5.0	0	1	-15.0	
Total	1	30	99	65	34	1.1	1	19	34.0	
Opponents	1	44	384	4	380	8.6	4	43	380.0	
Passing		gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g	
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Vasquez, Marcus	1	0.00	0-0-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0		
Total	1	69.47	9-16-1	56.2	49	0	12	49.0		
Opponents	1	189.90	25-32-2	78.1	277	5	28	277.0		
Receiving		gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g		
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Total	1	9	49	5.4	0	12	49.0			
Opponents	1	25	277	11.1	5	28	277.0			
Field Goals		fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Scoring		td	fg	PAT			dxp	saf	pts	
Rainey, Bobby	1	-	-	kick	rush	rcv	pass	-	-	6
Tinius, Casey	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Total	1	-	-	1-1	-	-	-	-	-	7
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Record:	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
All games	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-0
Conference	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Non-Conference	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-0

Team Statistics	WKU	OPP
FIRST DOWNS	6	34
Rushing	4	20
Passing	1	12
Penalty	1	2
RUSHING YARDAGE	34	380
Rushing Attempts	30	44
Average Per Rush	1.1	8.6
Average Per Game	34.0	380.0
TDs Rushing	1	4
PASSING YARDAGE	49	277
Comp-Att-Int	9-16-1	25-32-2
Average Per Pass	3.1	8.7
Average Per Catch	5.4	11.1
Average Per Game	49.0	277.0
TDs Passing	0	5
TOTAL OFFENSE	83	657
Average Per Play	1.8	8.6
Average Per Game	83.0	657.0
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	8-177	2-40
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	0-0	4-35
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	2-3	1-7
FUMBLES-LOST	3-2	3-1
PENALTIES-Yards	9-74	6-45
PUNTS-AVG	9-44.8	0-0.0
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	27:01	32:59
3RD-DOWN Conversions	1/11	7/9
4TH-DOWN Conversions	0/1	0/1

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	Opponents	1	32	24	56	12-69	5-41	1-7	2	2		2-0	1		