

Western Kentucky University

• 1997 Hilltopper Football •

1997 SCHEDULES

1997 HILLTOPPER FOOTBALL

WKU & 1997 Opponents Composite Schedules

August 28 (Thursday)

Alabama at Birmingham is at Kansas 7 pm
Indiana State is at Murray State 7 pm
UT Martin hosts WKU 7 pm

September 4 (Thursday)

Austin Peay is at Morehead State 6 pm

September 6

Alabama at Birmingham is at Memphis ... 7 pm
Eastern Kentucky is at Troy State 6 pm
Indiana State hosts Kentucky State 5:30 pm
Murray State is at WKU 7 pm
New Haven is at West Chester 12:30 pm
Southern Illinois is at Nicholls State 7 pm
South Florida hosts Kentucky Wesleyan .. 6 pm
UT Martin is at Eastern Illinois 1:30 pm

September 13

Alabama at Birmingham is at Arizona. 8:07 pm
Austin Peay hosts Samford 7 pm
Eastern Kentucky hosts WKU 6 pm
Indiana State is at North Texas 5:35 pm
Morehead State open date
Murray State is at Southern Illinois 1:30 pm
New Haven is at East Stroudsburg 12 noon
South Florida is at The Citadel 6 pm
UT Martin open date

September 20

Ala. at Birmingham hosts Jacksonville St. 6 pm
Austin Peay is at WKU 7 pm
Eastern Kentucky is at Appalachian St. 6 pm
Indiana State hosts Southern Illinois 5:30 pm
Morehead State hosts Valparaiso 6 pm
Murray State hosts SE Missouri 7 pm
New Haven hosts Millersville 12 noon
South Florida hosts Drake 6 pm
UT Martin is at Southwest Missouri 7 pm

September 27

Ala. at Birmingham is at Southwestern La. 7 pm
Austin Peay is at Eastern Kentucky 6 pm
Indiana State open date
Morehead State hosts Dayton 6 pm
Murray State is at Middle Tennessee 7 pm
New Haven hosts Indiana (Pa.) 12 noon
Southern Ill. is at Northern Iowa 6:30 pm
South Florida is at WKU 7 pm
UT Martin hosts Southeast Missouri 7 pm

October 4

Alabama at Birmingham hosts WKU 6 pm
Austin Peay hosts Tenn. Tech (Hc) 2 pm
Eastern Kentucky open date
Indiana St. hosts Youngstown St (Hc) 1 pm
Morehead State is at South Florida 6 pm
Murray State is at UT Martin 7 pm
New Haven is at Monmouth (N.J.) 12 noon
Southern Ill. hosts SW Missouri (Hc) 1:30 pm

• For Ticket Information •

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1997 Hilltopper Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Aug. 28	at UT Martin (Thursday)	Martin, Tenn.	7 pm
Sept. 6	Murray State (Hall of Fame Game)	Bowling Green, Ky.	7 pm
13	at Eastern Kentucky	Richmond, Ky.	6 pm
20	Austin Peay	Bowling Green, Ky.	7 pm
27	South Florida	Bowling Green, Ky.	7 pm
Oct. 4	at Alabama at Birmingham	Birmingham, Ala.	6 pm
11	open date		
18	New Haven University	Bowling Green, Ky.	7 pm
25	at Southern Illinois	Carbondale, Ill.	1:30 pm
Nov. 1	Morehead State (Homecoming)	Bowling Green, Ky.	5 pm
8	at Indiana State	Terre Haute, Ind.	12:30 pm

Home Games in Boldface / All Times Central

October 10 (Friday)

New Haven is at Southern Connecticut 6 pm

October 11

Alabama at Birmingham is at Cincinnati ... 6 pm
Austin Peay is at Murray State (Hc) 2:30 pm
Eastern Ky. is at Tennessee St. 1:30 pm
Indiana State is at SW Missouri 12:30 pm
Morehead State hosts Wofford 12:30 pm
Southern Illinois hosts Illinois State 1:30 pm
South Florida is at Elon 6 pm
UT Martin hosts Middle Tennessee 1 pm
WKU open date

October 18

Alabama at Birmingham open date
Austin Peay open date
Eastern Kentucky is at Murray State 1 pm
Indiana State hosts Western Illinois 12:30 pm
Morehead State open date
New Haven is at WKU 7 pm
Southern Illinois is at South Fla. (Hc) 6 pm
UT Martin is at Tennessee Tech 1 pm

October 25

Alabama at Birmingham open date
Austin Peay is at Eastern Illinois 1:30 pm
Eastern Ky. hosts Tenn. Tech (Hc) 1 pm
Indiana State is at Illinois State 12:30 pm
Morehead State is at St. Joseph's tba
Murray State open date
New Haven hosts Elizabeth City 12 noon
Southern Illinois hosts WKU 1:30 pm
South Florida open date
UT Martin hosts Tennessee St. (Hc) 2 pm

November 1

Alabama at Birmingham is at Virginia Tech... tba
Austin Peay hosts SE Missouri 1:30 pm
Eastern Kentucky hosts UT Martin 12:30 pm
Indiana State hosts Eastern Illinois 12:30 pm
Morehead State is at WKU (Hc) 5 pm

Murray State is at Tennessee Tech 2 pm
New Haven is at Lafayette 12 noon
Southern Illinois is at Western Illinois 1 pm
South Fla. hosts Charleston Southern 6 pm

November 8

Ala. at Birmingham hosts Louisiana Tech ... 1 pm
Austin Peay is at Middle Tennessee 2 pm
Eastern Kentucky is at SE Missouri 1 pm
Indiana State hosts WKU 12:30 pm
Morehead St. hosts Charleston Sou. 12:30 pm
Murray State hosts Eastern Illinois 1 pm
New Haven is at St. Joseph's (Ind.) 12 noon
Southern Ill. hosts Youngstown St 12:30 pm
South Fla. is at Cumberland (Tenn.) 1:30 pm
UT Martin hosts Samford 1 pm

November 15

Ala. at Birmingham hosts Tenn. Tech 1 pm
Austin Peay hosts UT Martin 1:30 pm
Eastern Ky. hosts Middle Tenn. 12:30 pm
Indiana State is at Northern Iowa 6:30 pm
Morehead State hosts Evansville 12:30 pm
Murray State is at Tennessee St. 1:30 pm
New Haven open date
Southern Illinois is at SE Missouri 1 pm
South Fla. hosts Georgia Southern 6 pm
WKU open date

November 22

Ala. at Birmingham is at Arkansas St. 2 pm
Eastern Kentucky is at Eastern Ill. 1:30 pm
All Times Central / (Hc) Homecoming

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Western Kentucky Hilltoppers

Location: Bowling Green, Ky. 42101
Founded: 1906
Enrollment: 13,992
Interim President: Dr. Barbara Burch

Head Coach: Jack Harbaugh

- Alma Mater: Bowling Green State '61
- Collegiate Record: 62-75-3 (13 years)
- Record at WKU: 37-48-0 (8 years)
- Office Phone: (502) 745-2984

Assistant Coaches:

- Andy Hendel (North Carolina St. '83) Defensive Coordinator (Linebackers)
- Chris Symington (Colorado '88) Offensive Coordinator (Line)
- David Elson (Butler '94), Def. Backs
- Tom Sims (Pittsburgh '90), Def. Line
- Shawn Mennenga (Missouri '93) Linebackers
- Phillip Montgomery (WKU '94), Running Backs
- Andy McLeod (WKU '97), Tight Ends
- Terry Peebles (Hanover '95), Offense
- Jim Harbaugh (Michigan '87), Volunteer

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Chris Glowacki, Brad Luppino (photo)

Stadium: L.T. Smith Stadium (17,500)

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Surface: Jimmy Feix Field (natural)

Colors: Red and White

Affiliation: NCAA; I-AA Independent

1996 Record: 7-4-0 (27th in final poll)

All-Time Record: 418-285-30 (59.1%), 78 yrs

Basic Off: I-Bone; Basic Def: 6-2

Lettermen Lost / Returning: 14 / 35

Off: 9 / 12; Def: 4 / 21; Kick: 1 / 2

Starters Lost/Returning: 10 / 16

Off: 6 / 5; Def: 4 / 9; Kick: 0 / 2



Red Towel Territory ... Home of the Hilltoppers ... Western Kentucky University!

Located in picturesque Bowling Green, Western Kentucky University boasts of one of the most beautiful campuses in the nation, with 200 acres of the main campus sprawling over Southcentral Kentucky.

It's called the "Western Spirit" and it's a spirit well known to Hilltopper fans. Defined as a special feeling of belonging, more than 66,000 alumni and nearly 15,000 WKU students share that "Western Spirit."

Probably more than anyone else, late Hilltopper Basketball Coach E.A. Diddle emanated that "spirit" by making famous Western's rich Red Towel tradition.



Today, whether it's an athletic event or one of the many professional meetings on campus, one is likely to see red towels waving on the Western campus.

For 90 years, Western Kentucky University has provided a high quality of instruction with a personal touch, encouraged scholarly research and creative activity by its faculty and students, and served as a public resource center for the entire region.

Recent highlights on the

Western Kentucky campus include:

- Western has completed an ambitious data networking project which provides computing access to every office, classroom, laboratory and residence hall room. This communications infrastructure, along with the faculty computing initiative and student computer laboratories, places WKU among the leaders in access to computing resources for its students and faculty.

- WKU faculty and staff members submitted a record number of grant proposals, and won 255 awards, a record number in FY 1996. Funds received from federal and state government agencies, and private foundations amounted to \$13,301,182. This represents an increase of 21 percent of the total amount Western received in FY 1995, and is the highest amount in Western's history. Proposal submission also increased during FY 1996: faculty and staff submitted 277 proposals totaling \$26,106,221.

- Western Kentucky University won a 1996 Webbie Award from the Academy of Web Design. Internet users nominated and chose the site as the winner of Best University in a World Wide Web Site category.

- Western's Interactive Television network has expanded to include new interactive classrooms in Glasgow, Owensboro, Russellville and three sites in partnership with public schools — Elizabethtown, Taylor County and Russell County high schools — bringing the total number of interactive television classrooms to 11.

- Charles Daniel is serving as Southern District President of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (AAHPERD).

- Mary E. Hazzard, professor of nursing, was elected as a 1996 Kellogg FNP Faculty Fellow by the Southern Council on Collegiate Education for Nursing. She also received the 1996 Brescia College Maggie Clement Religious Award.

- Beverly Siegrist, assistant professor, received the Award of Excellence for outstanding support of activities of the Kentucky Cancer Program and dedication to cancer control education.

- The Mathematics Department received more than \$51,000 from the Exxon Education Foundation for a state-wide project, "New Horizons-Expanding Successful Practices for Elementary Teachers."

- The *College Heights Herald* received the most awards in the 1996 KIPA Newspaper Contest. Kevin Kelly, a Lexington sophomore, was named KIPA College Journalist of the Year.

- Western Kentucky University won the Hearst Photojournalism competition for



the seventh consecutive year.

- *Creative Exchange*, Kelly Thompson Chapter of the Public Relations Student Society of America agency, was named best-run student firm in the East Central District.

- Public Safety officers Gordon Turner and Mike Waldrop are the first and only certified instructors for Police Mountain Bike Training in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

- Western's Public Radio Service raised more than \$160,000 in membership.

- Educational Television Services won awards for *World of Western*, the 1995 student recruiting video, and *Take Charge of Your Life*, an introduction to the WKU Career Services Center.

- The Philosophy and Religion Department has the largest religion faculty and the only religious major in the Commonwealth. The department also established a Theta Alpha Kappa Chapter, the national honor society for religious studies and theology.

- Lawrence W. Snyder was selected for the Young Scholars in American Religion fellowship program sponsored by the Center for the Study of Religion in American Culture.

- MASTER Plan (Making Academic and Social Transitions Educationally Rewarding) had more than 1,000 participants in 1995. The program was recognized as one of the top four innovative programs by NASPA (National Association of Student Personnel Administrators) in the Southeast region.

- Jeff Younglove and Sheila Conway Eison received 1996 Kentucky Association Government Communicator's Blue Pencil/Gold Screen Awards. Younglove, special events coordinator, received an award of excellence in video for an external audience. Eison, internal communication coordinator and editor of *On Campus*, received two awards of merit for news/feature stories on the major gifts campaign.

- The WKU Alumni Association won an Award of Excellence from the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education, District III. The award was for the association's overall alumni program.

- James Heldman, English professor, was elected secretary of The Jane Austen Society. Heldman has served the society as Vice President for the past three years.

- Professor John H. Spurlock has been

editing Jesse Stuart's autobiographical novel, *Beyond Dark Hills*, for a new edition to be published by the Jesse Stuart Foundation in 1996.

- Dr. Larry P. Elliott, professor of biology, was one of the nine members of the Kentucky Biodiversity Council appointed by former Gov. Brereton Jones.

- Warren Patterson and Eric Stephens, Bowling Green graduate students, received the 1996 Sigma Xi Student Research Presentation Award.

- Carlton Jackson, history professor, and Daniel L. Roenker, psychology professor, were selected as Western Kentucky's first University Distinguished Professors.

- Lester Pesterfield, inorganic chemistry assistant professor received the 1996 Faculty Teaching Award.

- Geography and geology professor Nicholas Crawford, won the 1996 Faculty Public Service Award. He serves as the director of the Center for Cave and Karst Studies.

- Michael Ann Williams, modern languages and intercultural studies professor, won the 1996 Faculty Award for Research/Creativity.

- The "Academic Advisor Handbook" prepared by the staff of the Western Kentucky University Academic Advising and Retention Center received the top award in the advising category at the National Academic Advising Association Conference.

WKU's Hall of Distinguished Alumni

Class of 1992

- Dr. Tim Lee Carter / Medical Doctor, U.S. Congressman
- Dr. Henry Hardin Cherry / Founder, WKU
- Edgar Allen Diddle / Head Basketball Coach, WKU
- General Russell Dougherty, USAF, retired / Former Commander in Chief, Strategic Air Command and Director of U.S. Strategic Target Planning

- Julian Goodman / Past President, NBC
- Dr. Martin Massengale / President, University of Nebraska
- Dr. William F. Meacham / Neurosurgeon
- Frances Richards / First Editor, College Heights Herald
- Dr. Kelly Thompson / Former President, WKU
- Billy Vaughn / started *The Hilltoppers* popular vocal quartet

Class of 1993

- Dr. Dero Downing / Former President, WKU
- Frank T. Etscorn / Invented Nicotene Patch
- Lamelle Harris / Grammy Award Winning Singer and Writer of Inspirational Music

- Cordell Hull / Former U.S. Congressman
- Judge John S. Palmore / Kentucky Supreme Court Judge

Class of 1994

- Dr. Donald M. Kendall / Co-Founder, Former Chairman and CEO, PepsiCo, Inc.

- William H. Natcher / Former U.S. Congressman
- Raymond B. Preston / Founder of FB & S Chemical
- Dr. Margaret Claypool Willoughby / Chemistry Professor
- Dr. Raymond Leon Woosley / Chairman of the Department of Pharmacology and Director of the Clinical Pharmacology Division at Georgetown University

Class of 1995

- Dr. Alva Matherly Clutts / Business Professor at SMU
- Dr. C. Ray Franklin / One of the Country's Leading Ophthalmologists
- Dr. Harry Gray / Inorganic Photo Chemist
- Dr. Garry Lacefield / Livestock Industry Leader
- Lt. Col. Terry Wilcutt / Astronaut

Class of 1996

- Dr. Thomas B. Cook / Nuclear Physicist
- Patricia Garrison Corbin / Financial Consultant
- Clem Haskins / Basketball Coach
- The Hilltoppers / Musical Group
- Charles Kleiderer / Invented the VT Fuse, a Key to Allied Victory in World War II



Interim University President Dr. Barbara Burch



Western Kentucky University's Board of Regents at its April 30 meeting appointed Dr. Barbara Burch, Vice President for Academic Affairs, as interim president during the search process to replace President Thomas C. Meredith, who left to become chancellor of the University of Alabama system.

"There are some tremendous things moving forward at Western," Dr. Burch said.

"The directions in which the University is moving need to continue, and I hope to be able to help the University not have to sit back and wait to get things done."

Dr. Burch became vice president for Academic Affairs in July 1996 after serving as dean of the School of Education and Human Development at California State University, Fresno.

A native of Louisville, Ky., Dr. Burch received a bachelor's degree in English from Western Kentucky in 1959. Following graduation from WKU, Dr. Burch attended Indiana University's

graduate school, earning a master's degree in education and a doctorate in curriculum.

She spent 19 years in various administrative positions at Memphis State University, including Associate Dean and Director of Graduate Studies in the College of Education (1976-89), Director of the Center of Excellence in Teacher Education (1985-89), Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs (1974-76), Coordinator of Undergraduate Programs (1970-74) and Professor of Curriculum (1968-74).

During her professional career, Dr. Burch has also served as the Director of Curriculum Development and Research for the Shelby County school district in Memphis, Tenn., as a junior high school teacher in the Monroe County School district in Bloomington, Ind., and as the Curriculum Specialist for the Jefferson County school district in Louisville, Ky.

Dr. Burch and her husband, Ken, currently a consultant in the Human Resources Department at Western Kentucky, have two children, Kelly and Keith.

WKU Board of Regents



Kristen T. Bale
Glasgow



Keith Coffman
Russellville



Robert E. Fischer
Owensboro



Joy Gramling
Scottsville



C.C. Howard Gray
Lexington



Peggy Loafman
Bowling Green



Cornelius Martin
Bowling Green



Dr. Ray Mendel
Bowling Green



Burns Mercer
Brandenburg



Fred Mudge
Russellville



Raymond Preston
Henderson

Western Kentucky University Athletics Committee



Dr. Steve White,
Committee Chair
(Department
of Accounting)

- Dr. John Barnum
- David Broderick
- Dr. Ed Counts
- Ms. Freida Eggleton
- Ms. Connie Foster
- Ms. Pam Herriford
- Dr. Linda Johnson
- Mr. Greg Mills
- Mr. Lewis Mills
- Ms. Doris Thomas
- Ms. Deborah T. Wilkins

The NCAA Principle of Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct

"For intercollegiate athletics to promote the character development of participants, to enhance the integrity of higher education and to promote civility in society, student-athletes, coaches and all others associated with these athletics programs and events should adhere to such fundamental values as respect, fairness, civility, honesty and responsibility.

These values should be manifest not only in athletics participation but also in the broad spectrum of activities affecting the athletics program."

Bowling Green, Ky., is situated among the gently rolling hills of Southcentral Kentucky, Bowling Green is much more than a college town. It's a community that has enjoyed a phenomenal growth rate, while maintaining its reputation for friendly Southern hospitality.

Since 1980 Bowling Green has had an 18-20 percent growth rate, while the national average has been nine percent.

Located within 600 miles of three-fourths of the U.S. population, Bowling Green is located in Warren County, just 60 miles north of Nashville, Tenn. The city serves as the industrial, health care, business and trade hub for a 10-county area.

Bowling Green is headquarters for Fruit of the Loom, Camping World and the General Motors Corvette Plant.

Recently the National Corvette Museum opened. The Grand Opening attracted over 80,000 people and 10,000 Corvettes to Bowling Green. With over 50 vintage models displayed, the museum is the largest ever dedicated to a single automobile. Visitors also will enjoy interactive video exhibits and films.

Green is a fitting term when describing Bowling Green and its 700 acres of parks. Other attractions include the annual Bowling Green 10K Classic (a must for national-caliber road racers), and the Fountain Square Players, a community theatre that performs in the historic Capitol Arts Center downtown.

Basil Griffin Park is Bowling Green's focal point for outdoor recreation. The park spans 110 acres and includes the three-acre Three Springs Lake. This multipurpose park provides baseball and soccer fields, volleyball courts, playgrounds, a walking trail, an outdoor amphitheater and a race track. An area also has been set aside for painters, readers, daydreamers and those more interested in aesthetics.

Bowling Green has hosted the fabulous Air Force Thunderbirds, the colorful Hot Air Balloon Classic, and numerous concerts and mini-festivals.

The Balloon Classic attracts balloonists from all over the country. About 60 balloons take to the skies during this two-day event that attracts fans from all over Kentucky and Tennessee.

Known for its great restaurants, mild climate and excellent educational opportunities, Bowling Green has a solid "town and gown" relationship between the community and Western Kentucky University, and Bowling Green loves its Hilltoppers and Lady Toppers. The city erected large signs at the seven major entrances to Bowling Green proudly proclaiming "Home of WKU Lady Topper Basketball 1992 NCAA National Runners-Up."

Bowling Green is just 30 miles from one of the world's largest conglomeration of natural caves. Mammoth Cave National Park contains some of the world's most beautiful caves. Near the park are an outdoor theater, a professional repertory theater and a park featuring animals native to Australia. The park covers 52,000 acres of southern hardwood forest above the world's longest cave. Visitors can hike over 30 miles of rugged trails that run through the forest and enjoy camping, canoeing, fishing and picnicking.

Year-round access also is available at another outdoor wonder. Barren River Lake and Resort Park is just a short drive from Bowling Green. Spanning nearly 2,200 acres, the park offers a challenging golf course, bike trails, tennis courts, lodges, cottages and campsites. The 10,000-acre lake is known for its bountiful fishing opportunities and natural beauty.

Transportation from the north and south is made easy by Interstate 65. The William Natcher and Cumberland parkways provide east-west, four-lane, divided highway access.

Bowling Green, Kentucky

POPULATION

Bowling Green — 44,200
Warren County — 83,160

CLIMATE

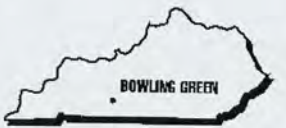
Average daily temperature — a comfortable 60 degrees

SIZE

City Limits — 28.03 square miles
Warren County — 546 square miles

RECREATION

6	Golf Courses	
6	Swimming Pools	
59	Tennis Courts	
2	Racquetball Centers	
2	Bowling Alleys	
14	Movie Screens	
27	Public Parks (720 acres)	1 Skating Rink
1	Automobile Racetrack	2 Camping Facilities



AREA ATTRACTIONS

- Riverview-The Historic Hobson House
- Kentucky Building Museum
- Mammoth Cave National Park
- Barren River Reservoir
- Horse Cave Theatre
- Capitol Arts Center/Theatre
- GM Corvette Plant
- National Corvette Museum
- Beech Bend Raceway Park
- Lost River Cave Valley



Downtown Bowling Green is the site of several historic buildings, including the Warren County Courthouse on the corner of 10th and State, near the picturesque town square.



The 1997 season will be Western's 30th in L.T. Smith Stadium, one of the most beautiful and efficient football facilities to be found on any college campus. The Academic-Athletic Building No. 2 and L.T. Smith Stadium/Jimmy Feix Field is a vital part of WKU's athletics complex.

Smith Stadium entered a new era in its storied history on Sept. 19, 1987, when Western hosted Murray State in the first-ever night game in the facility, a 21-17 WKU victory. The new lighting system, costing more than \$100,000, went into use that night after a successful fund-raising campaign conducted by the Hilltopper Athletic Foundation that summer resulted in the private funding needed to light the stadium.

The stadium and its accompanying facilities sit in the midst of the WKU athletics complex, which also includes the Academic-Athletic Building No. 1 and its 11,300-seat E.A. Diddle Arena; an all-weather track; a lighted practice field, facilities for intramurals and physical education activities; lighted tennis courts; and Nick Denes Field, the home of the baseball Hilltoppers. All are located in an area of the campus between Russellville Road and University Boulevard.

This gives Western both a coordinated series of athletic facilities and well-equipped teaching areas for the Department of Physical Education and Recreation. In addition to the stadium, the Academic-Athletic Building No. 2 contains classrooms, faculty offices and



complete lockerroom, weight training and sports medicine facilities for football and other sports.

The stadium is named for the late L.T. Smith, who came to Western in 1920 to establish the industrial arts curriculum. He headed that department until 1957 when he took over as Physical Plant Administrator. In 1963 he was named Coordinator of New Construction, a post he held until he retired in 1965.

In addition to his other duties, Smith coached Western football in 1920 and 1921 and the basketball team in the 1921-22 season. He was instrumental in bringing Coach E.A. Diddle, a member of both the Naismith and Helms Foundation Basketball Halls of Fame, to Western to take over the athletic coaching duties in 1922.

Smith, a member of the Ohio Valley Conference Hall of Fame, also served as chairman of the school's Athletic Committee almost continuously from the time he helped form it in 1922 until he retired.

The Smith Stadium field was named in honor of Jimmy Feix at the beginning of the 1991 football season. Feix was Western's first gridiron All-American as a quarterback in 1952. Then, after a pro football career cut short before it started due to injury, and a four-year stint in the military, Feix returned to Western as an assistant football coach in 1957. He took over the head coaching duties in 1968 and went on to lead Hilltopper football to some of its greatest seasons ever, concluding his illustrious 16-year stint as head coach with a school record 106 wins. He then spent two years in the Office of Alumni Affairs before returning to Hilltopper sports as Director of Athletics in 1986. He retired in 1991 and now resides in Bowling Green.

The stadium had an original seating capacity of 19,250. However, adjustments to provide for more comfortable seating in the upper deck and the elimination of ground level seating in 1989 reduced the size of the stadium to its current 17,500 seats. Smith Stadium has hosted a variety of activities through the years, including NCAA playoffs, Kentucky high school championship playoffs, state band festivals, concerts and University commencement exercises.

29 Years in Smith Stadium

Season	Overall Record	Home Record	Points WKU-Opp	Attendance	Average	15,000+ Crowds	Top Crowd (Opponent / Results)
1968	7-2-1	3-1-1	141-32	55,119	11,024	1	20,428 (Eastern Kentucky / L 16-7)
1969	6-3-1	3-1-1	139-39	52,219	10,444	1	18,516 (Tennessee Tech / W 42-0)
1970	8-1-1	4-1-0	119-39	64,754	12,951	2	19,250 (Eastern Michigan / W 45-6)
1971	8-2-0	5-0-0	142-42	85,333	17,067	5	19,926 (Tennessee Tech / W 15-7)
1972	7-3-0	3-2-0	96-41	73,500	14,700	3	20,000 (Middle Tennessee / L 21-17)
1973	12-1-0	6-0-0	207-57	91,050	15,175	2	19,250 (Morehead State / W 34-7)
1974	7-3-0	5-0-0	185-56	78,800	15,760	2	20,000 (Dayton / W 32-15)
1975	11-2-0	5-0-0	94-31	74,100	14,820	3	20,100 (Morehead State / W 14-10)
1976	4-5-1	3-1-1	86-59	79,250	15,850	3	20,000 (Middle Tennessee / W 38-7)
1977	1-8-1	1-3-1	89-112	71,950	14,390	2	19,750 (Morehead State / T 20-20)
1978	8-2-0	3-2-0	124-97	82,900	16,580	4	19,500 (Middle Tennessee / W 54-0)
1979	5-5-0	2-3-0	124-119	77,100	15,420	2	19,800 (Morehead State / L 3-0)
1980	9-1-0	5-0-0	145-74	80,800	16,160	3	20,100 (Middle Tennessee / W 30-15)
1981	6-5-0	2-3-0	96-119	60,000	12,000	1	17,000 (Morehead State / W 19-15)
1982	5-5-0	3-2-0	108-98	56,500	11,300	1	18,000 (Eastern Kentucky / L 35-21)
1983	2-8-1	2-3-0	79-75	45,900	9,180	0	14,500 (Morehead State / W 38-7)
1984	2-9-0	1-4-0	101-132	58,500	11,700	1	16,500 (Middle Tennessee / L 45-24)
1985	4-7-0	3-2-0	120-103	47,600	9,520	1	17,600 (Tennessee State / W 22-17)
1986	4-6-1	3-3-0	157-123	46,300	7,717	0	13,000 (Georgia Southern / L 49-32)
1987	7-4-0	4-1-0	124-90	63,250	12,650	2	19,250 (Murray State / W 21-17)
1988	9-4-0	5-0-0	150-62	56,400	11,280	2	18,200 (UT-Chattanooga / W 31-29)
1989	6-5-0	4-1-0	190-73	49,900	9,980	1	18,000 (Tennessee Tech / W 61-14)
1990	2-8-0	1-4-0	93-112	54,700	10,940	1	18,000 (Eastern Kentucky / L 35-12)
1991	3-8-0	3-3-0	155-158	46,802	7,800	0	12,222 (Murray State / W 14-0)
1992	4-6-0	3-1-0	132-110	39,884	9,971	0	14,101 (Eastern Kentucky / L 21-7)
1993	8-3-0	5-0-0	125-57	28,390	5,678	0	8,800 (Jacksonville State / W 12-7)
1994	5-6-0	2-4-0	98-149	55,500	9,250	0	12,300 (Eastern Kentucky / W 24-21)
1995	2-8-0	2-2-0	72-95	38,700	9,675	0	13,200 (Murray State / L 35-14)
1996	7-4-0	4-1-0	304-251	48,300	9,660	1	17,600 (Eastern Kentucky / W 14-7)
29 Years	169-134-7 (55.6%)	95-48-4 (66.0%)	3,795-2,605 (+1,190 / + 8.1 ppg)	1,763,501	11,997	44	20,428 (Eastern Kentucky / L 16-7)

Smith Stadium's Largest Crowds

Since L.T. Smith Stadium opened in 1968, nearly 1.8 million fans have watched the Hilltoppers perform at home, where Western Kentucky has won 95 contests, lost only 48 and tied four — a 66.0 winning percentage! The Stadium topped the one million mark in attendance in its 14th year of existence when the 11,500 fans who were on hand to see Tennessee Tech outscore the Hilltoppers 14-3 on Oct. 17, 1981, pushed the facility's all-time attendance to 1,001,375! A list of the capacity crowds to visit L.T. Smith Stadium follows:

Attendance	Opponent	Date	W-L	Score
1968-89 (capacity - 19,250)				
1.	20,428	Eastern Kentucky	Oct. 26, 1968	L 7-16
2.	20,100	Morehead State	Nov. 1, 1975	W 14-10
	20,100	Middle Tennessee	Nov. 8, 1980	W 30-15
4.	20,000	Middle Tennessee	Nov. 4, 1972	L 17-21
	20,000	Dayton	Oct. 12, 1974	W 32-15
	20,000	Middle Tennessee	Nov. 13, 1976	W 38-7
7.	19,926	Tennessee Tech	Oct. 16, 1971	W 15-7
8.	19,800	Morehead State	Oct. 27, 1979	L 0-3
9.	19,750	Morehead State	Oct. 29, 1977	T 20-20
10.	19,700	Eastern Kentucky	Oct. 25, 1980	W 13-10
11.	19,500	Middle Tennessee	Nov. 4, 1978	W 54-0

Note: The Western Kentucky University Hilltoppers drew four additional capacity (19,250) crowds — Oct. 10, 1970 vs. Eastern Michigan (W 45-6); Oct. 27, 1973 vs. Morehead State (W 34-7); Nov. 17, 1973 vs. Murray State (W 32-27); and Sept. 19, 1987 vs. Murray State (W 21-17), the first night game in L.T. Smith Stadium.

1990- to date (capacity - 17,500)				
1.	18,000	Eastern Kentucky	Sept. 29, 1990	L 12-35
2.	17,600	Eastern Kentucky	Sept. 7, 1996	W 14-7
3.	14,500	Illinois State	Sept. 15, 1990	W 19-9
	14,500	Youngstown State	Oct. 6, 1990	L 14-17
5.	14,101	Eastern Kentucky	Sept. 5, 1992	L 7-21

WKU Smith Stadium Series Records

Akron	1-3-1	Northern Michigan	1-0-0
Alabama at Birmingham	2-0-0	Portland State	0-1-0
Appalachian State	0-2-0	Southeastern Louisiana	0-1-0
Austin Peay	11-0-0	Southern Illinois	2-1-0
Boston University	1-0-0	Southwest Missouri	1-1-0
Butler	3-0-0	UT-Chattanooga	1-4-0
Central Florida	1-1-0	Tennessee State	1-0-0
C.W. Post	1-0-0	Tennessee Tech	7-2-0
Dayton	1-0-0	Troy State	0-2-1
Delaware	0-1-0	Western Carolina	1-0-0
Eastern Illinois	3-4-0	Western Illinois	1-0-0
Eastern Kentucky	11-4-0	Wittenberg	1-0-0
Eastern Michigan	1-0-0	Youngstown State	2-1-0

Notes:
 • 1997 home opponents in **boldface**.
 • New Haven and South Florida will be making their first visits to Smith Stadium this season.



Athletics Director Lewis Mills



Lewis Mills was named Director of Athletics at Western Kentucky University on April 28, 1995, after serving as the University's interim athletics director for five months (since former athletic director Jim Richards retired in November, 1994).

Mills originally came to Western in October, 1993, to oversee the activities of the Hilltopper Athletic Foundation and serve as Western's Director of Development for University Athletics, a position he held for 18 months prior to taking over as director of the Hilltopper athletics program.

He served as Director of Athletics at Virginia Commonwealth University for 12

years (1974-86). Before coming to Western, Mills was Vice President of Network Facilities for TDI Services Corporation in Richmond, Va. He also served as a consultant for intercollegiate athletics for Creative Sports Marketing (1986-87) and Director of Development for the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame (1989-90).

Mills was the head basketball coach and head golf coach at Richmond from 1963-74 after serving one season as head football and basketball coach at Roanoke (Va.) Catholic High School in 1961-62.

He received the Southern Conference Coach-of-the-Year award for the 1966-67 and 1973-74 seasons while directing the Spider basketball program at Richmond.

An All-State guard on Roanoke Jefferson High School's 1955 state championship team, Mills earned his bachelor's degree in

business education from Virginia Tech in 1960. An outstanding college athlete as well, he was the captain of Tech's 1960 Southern Conference championship basketball team, earning All-Conference honors as a guard. He was inducted into the Virginia Tech Sports Hall of Fame in 1991. And, he was named to the All-Time Sugar Bowl Team.

During his tenure as Athletics Director at Virginia Commonwealth, Mills served on the finance and television committees of the Sun Belt Conference. He served as chairman of the Sun Belt's All-Sports Committee and he was chairman of the SBC athletics directors.

The 60-year-old native of Roanoke, Va., has three children and four grandchildren.

Associate Athletics Director Pam Herriford



Pam Herriford is in her 16th year as a member of WKU's athletic administration. She has served as Associate Director of Athletics since 1991 after four years as assistant director of athletics. Prior to that she was Coordinator of Women's Athletics and an assistant trainer. An active, respected professional, she recently served on the NCAA Research Committee.

Herriford's association with WKU goes back to the revival of women's varsity sports on the Hill in 1973. She played on both the tennis and track teams that first year and then became a student trainer.

A native of nearby Franklin, Ky., and a product of Franklin-Simpson High School, she completed her bachelor's degree in physical education in 1975 and then spent two years as a graduate assistant trainer while earning a master of arts degree.

While on the WKU training staff, she worked with most WKU sports, mainly the women's teams. Since 1982, Herriford has taken an active role in the continuing development of women's athletic programs at WKU. And, she has served as event manager for Sun Belt Conference basketball and volleyball tournaments as well as NCAA women's basketball regionals.

She and her husband, Ron, a computer specialist, have two children — a daughter, Kim (16), and a son, Keith (14).

Associate Athletics Director Matt Pope



Matt Pope begins his second year on the Western Kentucky staff as Associate Athletics Director in charge business affairs.

He came to the Hill from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock where he had served as athletics business manager since March, 1995. While at UALR, he also served as director of game operations for the 1996 Sun Belt Conference Tournament.

Pope also worked as an administrative assistant in the Athletics Business Office at his alma mater, the University of North Carolina, from January 1993 through September, 1994, filling a variety of office and game management duties for the Tarheel program. He is an active member of the College Athletic Business Management Association, the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics and the National Association of College and University Business Officers.

A 30-year-old native of Durham, N.C., Pope earned a bachelors degree in physical education at North Carolina in 1989. He added a masters in sports administration in 1994 and published his thesis, "The Philosophy and Financial Value of Corporate Signage at NCAA Division-I Athletic Departments". A 1985 graduate of Orange High School in Hillsborough, N.C., Pope is married to the former Claudia Whitlow of Burlington, N.C., and they have one-year-old daughter, Anna.

Director of Development Mike Simpson



Mike Simpson became Director of Development for University Athletics in 1996 after spending nine years on staff at Kentucky Wesleyan. The Director of Development for University Athletics is a part of Western's division of Institutional Advancement. Simpson is responsible for planning, organizing, coordinating and implementing major athletic fund raising.

He was Vice President for Development and Public Relations at Wesleyan for nearly two years prior to coming to WKU. He first went to KWC in 1987 to fill a variety of roles — women's basketball coach, Director of Summer Conferences and Administrative Assistant to the Dean of Students. In 1988, he began a three-year stint as head coach of the Lady Panther basketball team. He coached Wesleyan's first women's basketball All-American and, with just 1.5 scholarships, recorded KWC's first winning record in GLVC play. He took over as Director of Annual Giving at KWC in 1991, served as the interim Director of Development (1994) and was promoted to VP in November, 1994. During his five years with development, the school raised in excess of \$10 million doubling its endowment.

A 1980 graduate of Hancock County High School, he holds a BS in community health (1985) and a MA in student personnel (1993) from WKU. Simpson and his wife, Kim, have a two-year-old son, Cleve.



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Women's Basketball



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Swimming



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Track & Cross-Country



Travis Hudson
Volleyball

HILLTOPPER ATHLETIC FOUNDATION

Western Kentucky University is proud of the Hilltopper Athletic Foundation, the official athletic support organization at WKU.

The Hilltopper Athletic Foundation, which began in 1965, has as its primary purpose to cultivate financial support and interest in the athletic programs at Western Kentucky University.

The Foundation strives to continue the Red Towel tradition by assisting student-athletes in their quest to achieve academic and athletic success.

The Foundation provides opportunities for alumni and friends of the University to financially contribute to WKU athletics and to participate in the growth and continued success of intercollegiate sports at Western.

The Hilltopper Athletic Foundation strives to continue to reach new heights in the support of intercollegiate athletics.

The membership of the organization is committed to furthering the tradition of excellence that Western Kentucky supporters have come to expect from its athletes and athletic teams.

To accomplish this purpose, the Hilltopper Athletic Foundation is continually developing new and innovative programs designed to increase group membership and revenues.

One of the most ambitious undertakings has been the initiation of a program to endow scholarships for deserving young athletes.

Another successful venture was the initiation of the "Big Red Vette Raffle" in 1994. This project continues to be the single most successful fund-raising project in the organization's history.

Last year, the winner of the Big Red Corvette, Dr. Glenn Malchow, graciously donated the 1996 Corvette to the Hilltopper Athletic Foundation.

As an alumnus, fan, friend or former student-athlete of Western Kentucky University, your support has a direct impact on the success of our athletic teams and the future of our student-athletes. There are many exciting events in store for 1997-98. You are invited to join the Hilltopper Athletic Foundation in its efforts to become a part of the excitement of Hilltopper athletics.

The Hilltopper Athletic Foundation operates under the direction of the Director of Development for University Athletics (Mike Simpson), the Hilltopper Athletic Foundation Coordinator (Debbie Gregory) and an elected board of directors.

The HAF Staff



Debbie Gregory
Coordinator



Betty Keown
Office Associate



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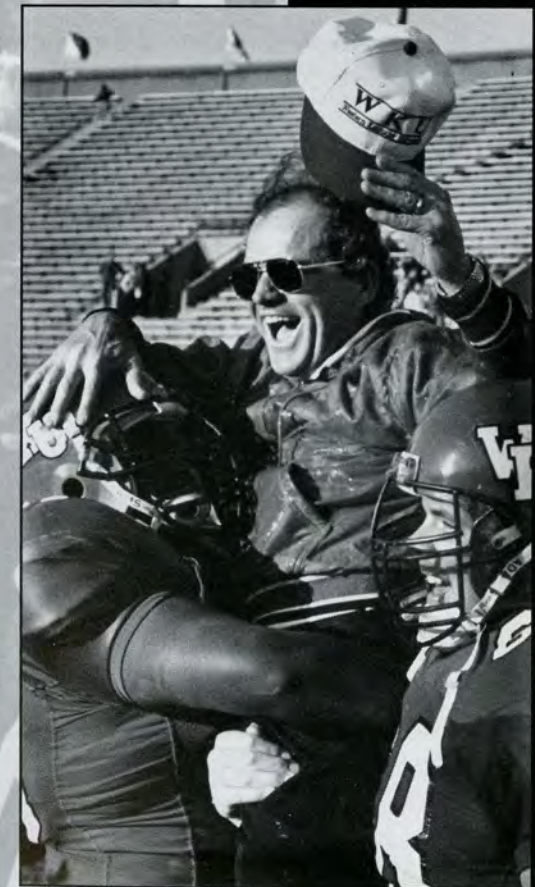
All-Time Coaches' Roster

- Carl Anderson — assistant coach, 1927-28
head coach, 1929, 1934-37
- J.L. Arthur — head coach, 1914-16
- Clarence Baker — assistant coach, 1975-83
- Milton Biggins — assistant coach, 1994
- Curtis Bray — assistant coach, 1995-96
- Joe Bugel — assistant coach, 1964-68
- Mike Cassity — assistant coach, 1983-88
- Mark Clark — assistant coach, 1981-83
- Sam Clark — assistant coach, 1973-83
- Jack Clayton — head coach, 1948-56
- Romeo Crennel — assistant coach, 1971-74
- Danny Crossman — assistant coach, 1994-96
- Herb Cullen — assistant coach, 1947
- David Culley — assistant coach, 1984
- Mike Dawson — assistant coach, 1989
- Nick Denes — head coach, 1957-67
- Rick Denstorff — assistant coach, 1989-95
- E.A. Diddle — head coach, 1922-28
assistant coach, 1930-33
- Darryl Drake — assistant coach, 1985-91
- James Elam — head coach, 1930-31
- Turner Elrod — assistant coach, 1949-67
- David Elson — assistant coach, 1996-**
- Jimmy Feix — assistant coach, 1957-67
head coach, 1968-83
- Bob Francis — assistant coach, 1933
- Robbie Franklin — assistant coach, 1967-72
- Butch Gilbert — assistant coach,
1969-84; '89-90
- Jerry Glanville — assistant coach, 1967

- Anthony Green — assistant coach, 1996
- Frank Griffin — assistant coach, 1949-64
- Lonnie Hansen — assistant coach, 1987-88
- Bill Hape — assistant coach, 1973-82
- Jack Harbaugh — head coach, 1989-**
- Jim Harbaugh — volunteer assistant, 1993-**
- Bob Harris — assistant coach, 1984-85
- Andy Hendel — assistant coach, 1996-**
- Bruce Hoffman — assistant coach, 1989
- Jim Holland — assistant coach, 1987-88
- Ted Hornback — assistant coach, 1940-41
- David Huxtable — assistant coach, 1985-89
- Alan Jamison — assistant coach, 1990
- Brian Jenkins — assistant coach, 1995
- Scott Kellar — assistant coach, 1992
- Jim Kreutzer — assistant coach, 1989-91
- M.A. Leiper — co-head coach, 1913
- Virgil Livers — assistant coach, 1994
- Patrick Lyons — assistant coach, 1994
- Doug Mallory — assistant coach, 1990-93
- Roy Manchester — co-head coach, 1913
- Andy McLeod — assistant coach, 1997-**
- Shawn Mennenga — assistant coach, 1997-**
- Ernie Miller — head coach, 1932
- Ray Mills — assistant coach, 1949
- Phillip Montgomery — assistant coach, 1993-**
- Tim Moore — assistant coach, 1984
- Tom Moran — assistant coach, 1926
- Lee Murray — assistant coach, 1969-77, '92-94
- Terry Peebles — assistant coach, 1997-**

- Jackie Pope — assistant coach, 1968-70
- Don Powers — assistant coach, 1984
- Terry Price — assistant coach, 1994
- Tommy Prothro — assistant coach, 1942
- Bob Rafferty — assistant coach, 1978-80
- Ron Reardon — assistant coach, 1985-86
- Tom Riva — assistant coach, 1991-92
- Dave Roberts — head coach, 1984-88
- Jimmy Salato — assistant coach, 1942
- Mike Settles — assistant coach, 1992-95
- Steve Shankweiler — assistant coach, 1984-86
- Tom Sims — assistant coach, 1997-**
- L.T. Smith — head coach, 1920-21
- Ed Stansbury — assistant coach, 1938, 1940-41
- Pete Swartz — assistant coach, 1988-90
- Chris Symington — assistant coach, 1996-**
- W.L. "Gander" Terry — assistant coach,
1929, 1934-35, head coach, 1938-41
- Jesse Thomas — head coach, 1933, 1946-47
- Don Thompson — assistant coach, 1985-86
- Jim Tinius — assistant coach, 1985-87
- Darren Twombly — assistant coach, 1993
- Lenny Vanden Bos — assistant coach, 1991
- Larry Walker — assistant coach, 1978-83
- Jim Walsh — assistant coach, 1988
- David Watkins — assistant coach, 1987-91
- Arnold Winkenhofer — assistant coach,
1939-41, head coach, 1942
- Don Yarano — assistant coach, 1990-95
- Art Zeleznik — assistant coach, 1968-72

HILLTOPPER FOOTBALL STAFF





Head Coach Jack Harbaugh (*pronounced HAR-baw*) has completed his eighth season at Western Kentucky, leading his 1996 team to a 7-4-0 mark (one of the most impressive turn-around records in the nation) and challenging for a berth in the I-AA playoff field. The Toppers, ranked 27th in the final poll, posted victories over three nationally ranked teams and, for the sixth straight year, ranked among the nation's Top 10 in rushing offense (WKU was third in '96 at 285.1 yards per game).

He took over as head coach at Western in February, 1989, after two seasons as assistant head coach at the University of Pittsburgh. He promptly led his first Hilltopper team to a 6-5-0 mark against one of the toughest schedules in I-AA football. That team narrowly missed a berth in the NCAA playoffs and five of 10 I-AA teams WKU faced got into the playoff field.

Two of his charges in his first year at Western were drafted by NFL teams — safety Jerome Martin (Green Bay in the 10th round) and defensive lineman Webbie Burnett (New Orleans in the 11th). And, three others signed as free agents — receiver Anthony Green (Cincinnati), defensive end Xavier Jordan (Seattle) and safety Jonathan Watts (Seattle).

His most successful Hilltopper team was 1993's 8-3-0 outfit that led the nation in rushing (averaging a WKU record 300.1 yards a game) and finished the year ranked 19th in the nation. A balanced team with punch on both sides of the line, the '93 Toppers were 18th in the land in total defense and 23rd in total offense.

Harbaugh's 1990 and '91 Hilltoppers fell on hard times against two of the toughest schedules in the I-AA game, dropping to 2-8-0 and 3-8-0. But, defensive back Eddie Godfrey signed with Tampa Bay in the NFL in 1991 while tight end Milton Biggins was drafted by Miami.

In 1992 the Topper option offense matured and developed into the nation's number two

rushing unit. That 4-6-0 team rallied to win three of its last five contests.

In 1994, the Toppers got off to a great start, winning five of the first seven games (earning a ranking as high as 10th in the nation) before injuries took their toll as the Hilltoppers ended the season with four straight losses. However, linebacker Sheldon Benoit was the 11th pick in the Canadian Football League draft.

Then, in '95, the Toppers were one of the youngest and least experienced teams ever on the Hill. Still, that squad ranked second in the nation in rushing. With solid young talent facing the nation's toughest I-AA schedule, the Hilltoppers were much closer to a .500 club than the 2-8-0 record indicated.

Harbaugh's teams have ranked among the most productive offensive squads in Western history. Year after year, his Toppers have posted some of the most impressive offensive performances ever on the Hill, in both single game and season-long numbers.

The 58-year-old Harbaugh, a veteran of 35 years in the coaching ranks — 30 at the college level — previously spent five seasons as head coach at Western Michigan. And, he has been an assistant at Pitt, Michigan, Iowa, Stanford, Bowling Green State and Morehead State.

In his first year at Pitt (1987), he helped guide the Panthers to an 8-4-0 mark and an appearance in the Bluebonnet Bowl. One of his proteges, All-America linebacker Zeke Gadsen, was a finalist for the Butkus Award and was drafted by the Buffalo Bills of the NFL and later played in the Canadian Football League. Pitt was 14-9-0 in his Harbaugh's two years there.



Harbaugh was head coach at Western Michigan from 1982 through 1986. His best season there was '82 when his 7-2-2 Broncos finished second in the Mid-American Conference. His five teams were 25-27-3.

Prior to that stint at WMU, he put in two seasons as defensive coordinator at Stanford.

Harbaugh served as defensive backfield coach for Bo Schembechler at Michigan from 1973-79. Those Wolverine teams won five Big Ten championships (1973, 1976, 1977, 1978 and 1979). Michigan played in the 1976 Orange Bowl and made three trips to the

The Harbaugh File

Born — June 28, 1939; Crestline, Ohio
High School — Crestline '57
High School Athletics — Football, QB, 4 letters (All-State as a senior); Baseball, SS, 4 letters (All-State as a senior); Basketball, forward, 2 letters
College — Bowling Green State '61 (BS); '64 (ME)
College Athletics — Football, QB-DB (All-Conference as a senior); Baseball, SS, 2 letters
Professional Athletics — Football, Buffalo Bills (draftee), 1961
Coaching Experience —
 Canton (Ohio) Elementary, basketball, track (1961-62)
 Perrysburg (Ohio) High School, assistant football (1962-63)
 Eaton (Ohio) High School, head football (1964-65)
 Xenia (Ohio) High School, head football (1966)
 Morehead State, assistant football (1967)
 Bowling Green State, assistant football (1968-70)
 Iowa, assistant football (1971-72)
 Michigan, assistant football (1973-79)
 Stanford, assistant football (1980-81)
 Western Michigan, head football (1982-86)
 Pittsburgh, assistant head football (1987-88)
 Western Kentucky, head football (1989-)

Wife — Jackie (Cipiti)

Children — two sons, John (33), an assistant football coach at Indiana, and Jim (32), a quarterback with the Indianapolis Colts of the NFL; and one daughter, Joani (28), an elementary school teacher; and, three grandchildren.



ANDY HENDEL
 Defensive Coordinator
 (Inside Linebackers)

Andy Hendel joined the Hilltopper staff last season and enjoyed tremendous improvement in the Hilltopper defense. He spent the previous five years as an assistant at St. John Fisher College.

Hendel has played and coached the game on three levels — high school, college and professional. In his last two seasons at St. John Fisher, Hendel was the defensive coordinator and worked with the defensive backs. His '94 Cardinal defense posted the best numbers in New York and ranked among the nation's Division III leaders. He also worked with the linebackers (1991-93) and special teams (1992-93) there.

He began his coaching career in 1988 as a volunteer at Irondequoit and Webster High Schools in Rochester. The following two years ('89-90), he was the defensive coordinator at WHS.

A product of Irondequoit High in Rochester, he walked-on at North Carolina State in 1979. He earned a scholarship as a sophomore and earned three letters at linebacker. As a senior, he was named to a "Walk-On All-America Team" and he was honored with N.C. State's Hardy Award for courage and consistent performance above his abilities. As a junior, he had 163 tackles and ran up 110 his senior year, playing beside future New Orleans Saints All-Pro Vaughn Johnson.

Hendel played professional football with the Jacksonville Bulls of the USFL (1984-85) where he was on the league's All-Rookie Team in '84. Then, he spent the '86 and '87 seasons with the Miami Dolphins in the NFL. He was Miami's special teams captain and leading tackler in 1986.

As a high school athlete, he was twice named All-County as a quarterback and free safety. And, he was also a two-time All-County pick in lacrosse.

The 36-year-old Hendel holds a bachelor's degree in animal science and technology from N.C. State (1983). He has done graduate work at both SUNY-Brockport and St. John Fisher. He and his wife, Dina, a medical secretary and fitness instructor, have two children — an 8-year-old son, Spencer, and a 7-year-old daughter, Andee.

The Hendel File

Born — March 4, 1961; Rochester, N.Y.
High School — Irondequoit (Rochester) '79
H.S. Athletics — football, QB-FS (All-County); lacrosse, midfielder (All-County)
College — N.C. State '83 (BS); SUNY-Brockport (graduate work in education); St. John Fisher, MBA candidate
College Athletics — football, LB, 3 letters
Pro Experience — Jacksonville Bulls (USFL), 1984-85; Miami Dolphins (NFL), 1986-87
Coaching Experience — Irondequoit HS, asst. (1988); Webster HS, asst. (1988-91); St. John Fisher, asst. (1991-95); WKU, asst. (1996-)
Family — Wife, Dina; Children, one son, Spencer (8), one daughter, Andee (7)



CHRIS SYMINGTON
 Offensive Coordinator
 (Offensive Line)

Chris Symington, a 33-year-old veteran of eight seasons in collegiate coaching, came to Western last season after spending the '95 campaign as offensive coordinator and offensive line coach at Northwood University in Michigan.

Symington's Northwood offense ranked second in the Midwest Intercollegiate Conference and fifth in the nation in rushing in '95.

He began his coaching career as a graduate assistant at his alma mater, Colorado, in the 1989 and '90 seasons. Those two Buffalo teams won Big Eight titles plus an Orange Bowl victory and, along with it, the national championship in 1990.

In 1990, Symington moved on to Vanderbilt and spent four seasons there — the first three as offensive line coach (the Commodores ranked among the top four in the Southeastern Conference in rushing offense each year) and the last as defensive line coach (that defensive unit set a Vandy record for sacks in a season with 33).

He began his college playing career at Washburn University, where he earned All-Conference honors as a rookie tackle in 1984. He then transferred to Colorado and lettered three times on the offensive line. He helped Colorado post the nation's most improved record in 1985 (7-5-0, after going 1-10-0 in '84). He was team MVP in the Freedom Bowl after winning Lineman-of-the-Week honors four times.

As a junior he helped Colorado win a berth in the Bluebonnet Bowl. In 1987, he was honorable mention All-Big Eight. In 1988, he signed as a free agent with Tampa Bay of the NFL.

He earned All-State and All-County honors at Greenwich (Conn.) High School in 1981. He helped lead that team to the state championship as a senior. He attended Milford Academy Prep School for a year before entering college.

Symington holds a bachelor's degree in communications from Colorado (1988). He and his wife, Marti, are the parents of three daughters, Jessica (14), Blair (9) and Mary Grace (4 months); two sons, Adam (16) and Jackson (4); and a black lab, Alley (2 1/2).

The Symington File

Born — March 14, 1964; Evanston, Ill.
High School — Greenwich (Conn.) '82
H.S. Athletics — football, lineman (All-State, All-County)
College — Colorado '88 (BA)
College Athletics — Washburn (Kan.), football, OL, 1 letter (All-Conference); Colorado, football, OL, 3 letters (team offensive MVP; honorable mention All-Conference)
Pro Experience — Tampa Bay (NFL), OG-C, '88
Coaching Experience — Colorado, graduate asst. (1989-90); Vanderbilt, asst. (1991-94); Northwood asst. (1995); WKU asst. (1996-)
Family — Wife, Marti; Children — Daughter, Mary Grace (4 months)

HILLTOPPER FOOTBALL STAFF



DAVID ELSON
Defensive Backs

David Elson joined the Hilltopper staff last season after spending the 1994 and 1995 seasons as a graduate assistant on the staff at Southern Illinois.

He assisted in the Saluki program that rebounded from a 1-10-0 mark in 1994 to post one of the best turnaround records in I-AA football last season (5-6-0). In his first season at SIU, he worked with the defensive backs and last fall he assisted with the tight ends and receivers.

Elson went to Carbondale from Butler University, where he was a three-year letterman for the Bulldogs. He was a member of the 1991 Bear squad that went 9-2-0 and earned a berth in the NCAA-II championship playoffs.

Then, he started at strong safety in both 1992 (team was 8-2-0) and 1993, winning his team's Tenacity Award both seasons. His team won conference championships both his sophomore and junior seasons.

He played his high school football at Cathedral High in Indianapolis where he was a two-year starter at strong safety, serving as team co-captain and winning All-City honors as a senior (1988). His sophomore club won the Indiana state 3-A championship.

Elson holds a bachelor's degree in education from Butler (1994) and a master's, also in education, from Southern Illinois (1995).

He and his wife, Kathy, are the parents of a one-year-old daughter, Lauren.

The Elson File

Born — Aug. 26, 1971; Indianapolis, Ind.
High School — Cathedral '89
H.S. Athletics — football, SS, 3 letters (Co-Captain, All-City)
College — Butler '94 (BS); Southern Illinois '95 (MS)
College Athletics — football, SS, 3 letters
Coaching Experience — Southern Illinois, graduate assistant football (1994-95); Western Kentucky, assistant football (1996-)
Family — Wife, Kathy; Daughter, Lauren (1)



TOM SIMS
Defensive Line

Tom Sims began his collegiate coaching career when he came to WKU to join the Hilltopper coaching staff this summer after a seven-year career in the National Football League. He was a sixth round draft pick of the Kansas City Chiefs in 1990 after completing his college career at Pittsburgh.

Sims played three seasons with the Chiefs (1990-92) and two (1993-94) with the Indianapolis Colts. He signed with the Minnesota Vikings as a free agent in 1995 and then returned to the Chiefs for the '96 season.

He played the first two years of his college football at Western Michigan for then Bronco Head Coach Jack Harbaugh and followed Harbaugh to Pitt in 1987. Sims started at one defensive tackle slot for the Panthers in both '88 and '89, recording 142 career tackles, 12.5 sacks and a pair of fumble recoveries. Posted 93 stops and a sack in his first two years at WMU.

Sims earned three letters in football at Cass Tech in Detroit, where he was a first-team All-City pick as a quarterback. He also lettered in track and basketball in high school.

A native of Philadelphia, Sims earned his bachelor's degree in business from Pittsburgh in 1990. He and his wife, Ryna, have a four-year-old daughter, Sydney.

The Sims File

Born — April 18, 1967; Philadelphia, Pa.
High School — Cass Tech (Detroit) '85
H.S. Athletics — football, QB (All-City); track; basketball
College — Pittsburgh '90
College Athletics — Western Michigan, football, DL, 2 letters; Pittsburgh, football, DL, 2 letters
Pro Experience — Kansas City (NFL), DL, 1990-92, '96; Indianapolis (NFL), DL, 1993-94; Minnesota, DL, 1995
Coaching Experience — Western Kentucky, assistant football (1997-)
Family — Wife, Ryna; Daughter, Sydney (4)



SHAWN MENNENGA
Outside Linebackers

Shawn Mennenga came to the Hill this summer after spending the last three seasons as an assistant football coach at Southwest Baptist.

Mennenga went to the Bolivar, Mo., school in 1994 as a graduate assistant working with the wide receivers, tight ends and kick return teams. Then, as an assistant with the Bearcats in '95 and '96, he served as defensive secondary coach and special teams coordinator.

He began his coaching career as an assistant coach on the staff at Kennedy High School in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, in 1993. He helped that Cougar team win eight of 12 games on the way to the state semifinals.

As a college athlete, he lettered as a defensive back at Missouri in 1992. A product of West Marshall High ('89) in Melbourne, Iowa, he lettered in four sports — football, basketball, track and baseball. He was twice an All-Heart-of-Iowa Conference linebacker, helping his Trojans win a pair of conference titles. And, he was a two-time state qualifier in the sprint relay in track.

He holds a B.S. in Educational Studies with an emphasis in Exercise Science from Missouri ('93), where he was a Dean's List student. Mennenga and his wife, Christie, also a Missouri alum, have a one-year-old son, Garrett.

The Mennenga File

Born — Jan. 8, 1971; Malvern, Iowa
High School — West Marshall (Melbourne, Iowa) '89
H.S. Athletics — football, LB, 3 letters (twice All-Conference); basketball, 3 letters; track, sprinter, 4 letters (state qualifier); baseball, 1 letter
College — Missouri '93 (BS)
College Athletics — football, DB, 1 letter
Coaching Experience — Kennedy High School (Cedar Rapids, Iowa), assistant football (1993); Southwest Baptist, assistant football, 1994-96; Western Kentucky, assistant football (1997-)
Family — Wife, Christie (Thomas); Son, Garrett (1)

HILLTOPPER FOOTBALL STAFF



PHILLIP MONTGOMERY
Running Backs

Phillip Montgomery has been a part of WKU football for since 1989, when he first came to Western to play for the Hilltoppers. However, after moving up the depth chart in the spring of 1990 to the number backup spot at center, his playing career was cut short by injury.

He has remained with the program, first as a student aide and now as an assistant coach working with the running backs in the potent Hilltopper rushing offense. He put in time with the Topper offensive line (1991-92) and the tight ends (1993-94) before moving to the running backs in '95.

Montgomery was a three-sport (football, track and basketball) standout as a prepster at Brentwood Academy in suburban Nashville, helping his football team win state championships his last two years (1987 and 1988). He captained that '88 Eagle gridiron team that was ranked as high as fourth in the nation on the way to a 15-0 season.

The Montgomery File

Born — April 11, 1970; Nashville, Tenn.
High School — Brentwood Academy '89
H.S. Athletics — football, OL/DE, 4 letters; track, relays/shot, 5 letters; basketball, center, 2 letters
College — Western Kentucky '93 (BS); '96 (MS)
College Athletics — football, center
Coaching Experience — Western Kentucky, student assistant football (1991-93); Western Kentucky, assistant football (1994-)



ANDY McLEOD
Tight Ends

Andy McLeod has been a part of Hilltopper football for the past five years. But, he changes roles this fall, moving from the playing field to the coaching staff. McLeod first came to the Hill from his hometown of Elkhorn, Neb., as a freshman in 1992. After reshirting that first season, he came on to win four letters with the Toppers, three as a mainstay on special teams and a backup in the offensive backfield and the fourth (last season) as the starter at tight end.

As a prep athlete at Elkhorn High, he lettered four times in both football and track. He set a school, and state, record with the 23 solo tackles he was credited with in the 1989 Nebraska state championship game (an EHS victory). He was selected as an honorable mention All-Stater.



TERRY PEEBLES
Quarterbacks

Terry Peebles joined the WKU staff this fall after spending the 1996 season as a graduate assistant coach at DePauw in Greencastle, Ind. He went to DePauw from Hanover College, where he was a consensus first-team NCAA-III All-American as a senior quarterback in 1995.

He was the '95 *Football Gazette* Division III Player-of-the-Year and he was the first athlete ever to win Indiana Collegiate Athletic Conference Player-of-the-Year laurels twice. He holds NCAA -III records for season total offense (3,981 yards), total offense per game (333.6), passes completed in a season (283) and season TD passes (39).

The Indianapolis Cathedral High graduate earned a B.A. in physical education and art from Hanover, where he captained his football team as a senior, in 1996.

Football Office Staff



Mark Quisenberry
Admin. Assistant



Larissa Young
Admin. Assistant



JIM HARBAUGH
Volunteer Assistant

All-Pro quarterback Jim Harbaugh has had a vested interest in Hilltopper football since his father took over the WKU coaching reins in 1989.

And, the younger Harbaugh has, on a volunteer basis, been an active member of the Western coaching staff since earning NCAA coaching certification in 1993.

A veteran of 10 years in the NFL, Harbaugh posted an NFL-high 100.7 passing rating for Indianapolis in 1995, earning a berth in the Pro Bowl. He was only the second Colt (and 15th NFL athlete) in history to record a 100+ rating.

Harbaugh was also named the *Pro Football Weekly* NFL Comeback Player-of-the-Year and the UPI AFC Offensive Player-of-the-Year for his efforts in '95.

His career NFL numbers include: a 59% pass completion percentage (1,580-2,680) for 18,212 yards and 89 TDs, along with 2,259 rushing yards (5.2 yards per carry) for 18 more scores.

Harbaugh was an All-Big Ten quarterback at Michigan where he led the nation in passing efficiency as a junior and ranked second in the country in that category as a senior. He was also an Academic All-Big Ten pick.

He and his wife, Miah, have two sons, Jay (8) and Jim, Jr. (1).



Hilltopper Coaching Legends...

Jimmy Feix took over as head coach of the Hilltoppers after the conclusion of the 1967 football season. Here is Feix' first Western coaching staff (left-right): Assistant Coaches Robbie Franklin and Jerry Glanville; Feix; and Assistant Coaches Joe Bugel and Art Zeleznik. Glanville (Houston Oilers, Atlanta Falcons) and Bugel (Phoenix Cardinals) have been head coaches in the NFL.



For information regarding the 1998 Jim Harbaugh Western Kentucky University Football Camp, contact the Hilltopper Football Office at (502) 745-2984.

HILLTOPPER FOOTBALL STAFF



BILL EDWARDS
Head Trainer

Bill Edwards has been a part of the athletic scene at his alma mater for the past 27 years. He was named the Hilltopper head trainer in 1983 after spending six years as an assistant on the Western Kentucky staff. He had previously worked as a student trainer on the Topper staff for four years and then added another year as a graduate assistant.

An active member of the National Athletic Trainers Association, he coordinates the sports medicine program for all Western sports.

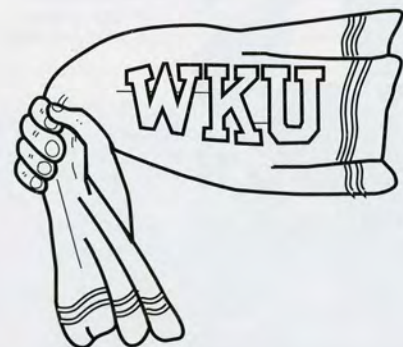
His family ties with Hilltopper athletics go back two generations. His grandfather, B.J. White, earned both football (1923-26) and basketball (1924-25) letters on the Hill; and, his stepfather, Bill Kinslow, was a football letterman at Western in 1954.

Edwards, who holds both bachelor's (1974) and master's (1976) degrees from Western, also teaches in the Department of Physical Education and Recreation.

He and his wife, Jennie, have two daughters, six-year-old Faith and three-year-old Rachel.

The Edwards File

Born — Nov. 7, 1952; Franklin, Ky.
High School — Franklin-Simpson '70
H.S. Athletics — baseball, SS, 1 letter; football, trainer, 4 letters
College — Western Kentucky '74 (BS); '76 (MA)
Training Experience — Western Kentucky, student trainer (1970-74); WKU, graduate assistant trainer (1975-76); WKU, assistant trainer (1977-83); WKU, head trainer (1983-)
Family — Wife, Jennie (Willoughby); Daughters, Faith (6) and Rachel (3)



Big Red

"Big Red," Western's athletic mascot, was born in the fall of 1979 and celebrated its 17th birthday last December.

The huge, furry, lovable creature was originally designed and built by WKU student Ralph Carey ('80) of Cincinnati, and made its debut during the Hilltoppers' 1979-80 basketball season. "Big Red" has since become a big hit with fans of all ages throughout the state and the nation.

The ultimate fan and supporter of all of WKU's intercollegiate sports, "Big Red" won the "Key to Spirit" award — the highest honor presented to team mascots at the time — at the Universal Cheerleading Assoc. competition in 1980, 1981 and again in 1983.

And, in the spring of 1990, "Big Red" reached the "Final Four" of the UCA's second annual national championship event in San Antonio, Texas, taking third place honors. Then, in the spring of 1996, "Big Red" reached the "Final Four" of ESPN SportZone's "Battle of the Mascots" in public ballot on the Internet.

Playing the "Big Red" role this year are **Amy Alverson**, a junior physical education major from Old Hickory, Tenn.; **Stacey Coy**, a senior health care administration major from Mt. Washington; **Scot Richardson**, a sophomore mechanical engineering technology major from Elizabethtown.

The following Western students have portrayed Big Red in years past:

1979-80

Ralph Carey, Sr., Cincinnati

1980-81

Mark Greer, So., Hodgenville

1981-82

Mark Greer, Jr., Hodgenville

1982-83

Mark Greer, Sr., Hodgenville

1983-84

Skip Cleavinger, So., Paducah

O'Brian McKinley, So., E'town

1984-85

O'Brian McKinley, Jr., E'town

Jessica Rappaport, Jr., Lexington

1985-86

Jessica Rappaport, Sr., Lexington

Daniel Rodriguez, Jr.,

Barquisimeto, Venezuela

Scott Vick, Sr., Springfield, Ill.

1986-87

Curtis Barman, So., Scottsville

Rebecca Hack, So., Tompkinsville

Daniel Rodriguez, Sr.,

Barquisimeto, Venezuela

1987-88

Curtis Barman, Jr., Scottsville

Rebecca Hack, Jr., Tompkinsville

Greg Vincent, So., Brownsville

1988-89

Wayne Kraus, Sr., Louisville

Greg Vincent, Jr., Brownsville

Chuck Yager, Sr., Plainfield, Ind.

1989-90

Susan Flowers, So., Hendersonville, Tenn.

Brian Thorpe, So., Bowling Green



1990-91

Tabitha Aldridge, Jr., Nashville

Mount Davis, So., Louisville

Brian Mounts, Sr., Evansville, Ind.

1991-92

John Bruner, Jr., Prospect

Devin Delano, Sr., Evansville, Ind.

Chrissie Mueller, So., Pikeville

1992-93

Marti Black, Fr., Carmel, Ind.

Barbara King, Jr., Salem, Ind.

Tina Mock, So., Franklin

Kris Van Meter, Jr., H'ville, N.Y.

1993-94

Laura Lee McCauley, Sr., Louisville

Tina Mock, Jr., Franklin

Kris Van Meter, Sr., Harpursville, N.Y.

Penny Wesley, So., Russell Springs

1994-95

Joe Gregory, Sr., Springfield, Tenn.

Laura Sosh, Sr., Owensboro

Greg Swack, Sr., Bowling Green

1995-96

Jennifer Mills, Jr., Owensboro

Lisa Schaad, Sr., Lebanon, Ohio

Heidi Stephenson, So., Louisville

1996-97

Robert Carothers, Jr., Louisville

Jennifer Mills, Sr., Owensboro

Thomas Westwood, Jr., Elizabethtown

1997-98

Amy Alverson, Jr., Old Hickory, Tenn.

Stacey Coy, Sr., Mt. Washington

Scot Richardson, So., Elizabethtown

THE 1997 HILLTOPPERS



1997 HILLTOPPER ROSTERS

Alphabetical

No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Pos.	Hometown (High School / Junior College)
49	Mike Abts	6-0	215	SR.	FB	Green Bay, Wis. (Prebble '94 / Mesabi CC '96)
36	Bernie Adams	6-0	245	So.	LB	Lexington, Ky. (Bryan Station '96)
39	Steve Adams	5-9	180	So.	CB	Greenville, Ky. (Muhlenberg South '95)
48	Caleb Alcineus *	6-4	255	SR.	DE	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. (Dillard '94 / Ga. Military '96)
8	Cedric Allen *	5-11	190	SR.	WB	Comer, Ga. (Madison Co. '94 / Ga. Military '96)
89	Brian Antle	6-3	240	So.	DE	Somerset, Ky. (Pulaski Southwestern '96)
19	K.C. Armstrong ***	5-11	177	SR.	QB-P	Port Jefferson, N.Y. (Port Jefferson '93)
9	Reggie Bethel *	5-8	157	Jr.	CB	Louisville, Ky. (Fairdale '95)
30	Jeremy Bolton	5-10	188	So.	WR	Louisville, Ky. (St. Xavier '96)
85	Marcus Caldwell	6-2	220	Fr.	TE	Campbellville, Ky. (Campbellville HS) #
56	Chris Carpenter **	6-1	240	Sr.	DE	Huntsville, Ala. (Huntsville '94)
67	Zohn Centimole *	6-1	261	Sr.	OL	Bowling Green, Ky. (Warren East '94)
38	Chris Clark	5-9	203	Jr.	FB	Lexington, Ky. (Lafayette '95)
87	Jim Creighton	6-1	210	Jr.	TE	Belvidere, Ill. (Belvidere '95)
18	Jason Cunningham	5-8	170	Fr.	QB	Punta Gorda, Fla. (Charlotte HS) #
5	Bryan Daniel **	5-6	155	Sr.	CB	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. (Boyd Anderson '94)
21	Quon Danzy	6-2	178	So.	FS	Tallahassee, Fla. (Florida High '96)
53	Brad Davis	6-1	210	Fr.	LS	Eaton, Ohio (Eaton HS) #
34	Bubba Dixon	6-0	200	Fr.	SS	Bear Creek, Ala. (Haleyville HS / Vanderbilt)
24	Herschel Dixon	5-10	205	Fr.	RB	Aurora, Ill. (Waubonsie HS) #
96	Brad Donley	6-2	258	So.	DT	Hawthorne, Fla. (Interlacken '96)
11	Brandon Egan **	5-10	198	Jr.	SS	Mt. Washington, Ky. (Bullitt East '95)
61	Alan Fern	6-3	290	So.	OL	Honolulu, Hawaii (Punahou '96)
97	Odell Ford **	6-2	234	Jr.	DE	Texas City, Texas (LaMarque '95)
74	Patrick Goodman *	6-3	273	Jr.	C	Cecilia, Ky. (Central Hardin '95)
4	Jade Gummer **	5-7	189	Sr.	WB	Cross Lane, W.Va. (Nitro '94)
41	Trae Hackett **	5-8	188	Jr.	LB	Louisville, Ky. (Male '95)
50	Aaron Hamilton	6-2	290	Jr.	OL	Indianapolis, Ind. (Bishop Chatard '94/DuPage '96)
51	Andy Hape **	6-2	276	Sr.	OL	Evansville, Ind. (Reitz '94)
35	Verron Haynes	5-11	230	Fr.	RB-LB	Woodstock, Ga. (North Springs HS) #
52	Bryan Heyward **	6-1	265	Jr.	DT	Dayton, Ohio (Carroll '95)
90	Cory Himsel	6-3	225	So.	TE	Danville, Ind. (Danville '96)
15	Dwight Holder	6-0	188	Sr.	WB	Franklin, Ky. (Franklin-Simpson '94)
37	John Holtzapfel	6-2	195	Fr.	DB	Florence, Ky. (Ryle HS) #
63	Todd Houston	6-2	210	So.	OL	Owensboro, Ky. (Apollo '96)
84	Jason Jacobs	6-3	225	So.	TE	Indianapolis, Ind. (Seccina Memorial '96)
13	Crad Jagers	6-3	185	So.	QB	Vine Grove, Ky. (North Hardin '96)
27	Ja Shard Justice **	5-10	165	Jr.	CB	Texas City, Texas (LaMarque '95)
55	Ron Kelly ***	6-1	245	SR.	LB	Mississauga, Ont. (Lorne Park '93)
98	John Kenady	6-3	285	Fr.	OL-DL	Gilbertsville, Ky. (Marshall County HS) #
6	Jammie Kyle **	5-6	183	Sr.	TB	Woodridge, Ill. (Downers Grove South '94)
16	Keith Lander *	5-10	175	Jr.	FS	Evansville, Ind. (Harrison '95)
25	Leroy Little	6-2	190	So.	WR	Jacksonville, Fla. (West Nassau '96)
26	Sean Longstreth ***	6-1	255	SR.	DT	Hillsboro, Ohio (Hillsboro '93)
77	Kenny Martray ***	5-10	281	SR.	DT	Vanderbilt, Pa. (Connellsville '93)
58	Aaron McClung *	6-2	275	SR.	OL	Mayfield, Ky. (Graves County '93)
95	Earl Miller	6-4	210	Fr.	DL	Lakeland, Fla. (Kathleen HS) #
29	Traye Moore	5-9	190	Fr.	RB-DB	Lexington, Ky. (Bryan Station HS) #
2	Dee Muldrow *	5-7	150	Jr.	CB	Cincinnati, Ohio (Princeton '95)
42	Michael Napier **	5-10	203	Sr.	LB	Cincinnati, Ohio (Winton Woods '94)
68	Matt Perry	6-3	270	So.	OL	Elizabethtown, Ky. (Central Hardin '96)
22	Carlis Phillips **	5-9	175	Sr.	CB	South Bend, Ind. (Clay '94)
40	Michael Pierce	6-2	240	So.	LB	Floyds Knobs, Ind. (Providence '96)
7	Donte Pimpleton	6-2	175	Fr.	QB	Louisville, Ky. (Fern Creek HS) #
14	Jeff Poisel *	6-1	170	So.	Pk	Indianapolis, Ind. (Ben Davis '96)
47	Latravis Powell ***	5-10	217	SR.	FB	Columbus, Ga. (Shaw '93)
20	Mitchell Randle **	6-1	187	Jr.	TB	Louisville, Ky. (Eastern '95)
65	Bill Roark	6-5	280	So.	OL	Hamilton, Ohio (Hamilton '96)

Numerical

No.	Name / Ht., Wt., Class, Pos.
1	Willie Taggart / 6-0, 175, Sr., QB
2	Dee Muldrow / 5-7, 150, Jr., CB
3	Delvechio Walls / 5-9, 156, Jr., CB
4	Jade Gummer / 5-7, 189, Sr., WB
5	Bryan Daniel / 5-6, 155, Sr., CB
6	Jammie Kyle / 5-6, 183, Sr., TB
7	Donte Pimpleton / 6-2, 175, Fr., QB #
8	Cedric Allen / 5-11, 190, SR., WB
9	Reggie Bethel / 5-8, 157, Jr., CB
11	Brandon Egan / 5-10, 198, Jr., SS
13	Crad Jagers / 6-3, 185, So., QB
14	Jeff Poisel / 6-1, 170, So., Pk
15	Dwight Holder / 6-0, 188, Sr., WB
16	Keith Lander / 5-10, 175, Jr., FS
17	Andre Shaw / 6-1, 180, Fr., WR-DB #
18	Jason Cunningham / 5-8, 170, Fr., QB #
19	K.C. Armstrong / 5-11, 177, SR., QB-P
20	Mitchell Randle / 6-1, 187, Jr., TB
21	Quon Danzy / 6-2, 178, So., FS
22	Carlis Phillips / 5-9, 175, Sr., CB
24	Herschel Dixon / 5-10, 205, Fr., RB #
25	Leroy Little / 6-2, 190, So., WR
26	Sean Longstreth / 6-1, 255, SR., DT
27	Ja Shard Justice / 5-10, 165, Jr., CB
28	Rod Smart / 5-11, 190, Jr., TB
29	Traye Moore / 5-9, 190, Fr., RB-DB #
30	Jeremy Bolton / 5-10, 188, So., WR
32	Joey Stockton / 5-9, 171, SR., WR
34	Bubba Dixon / 6-0, 200, Fr., SS
35	Verron Haynes / 5-11, 230, Fr., RB-LB #
36	Bernie Adams / 6-0, 245, So., LB
37	John Holtzapfel / 6-2, 195, Fr., DB #
38	Chris Clark / 5-9, 203, Jr., FB
39	Steve Adams / 5-9, 180, So., CB
40	Michael Pierce / 6-2, 240, So., LB
41	Trae Hackett / 5-8, 188, Jr., LB
42	Michael Napier / 5-10, 203, Sr., LB
43	Fred Robinson / 5-8, 205, So., TB
44	Don Sowell / 5-11, 225, Jr., LB
47	Latravis Powell / 5-10, 217, SR., FB
48	Caleb Alcineus / 6-4, 255, SR., DE
49	Mike Abts / 6-0, 215, SR., FB
50	Aaron Hamilton / 6-2, 290, Jr., OL
51	Andy Hape / 6-2, 276, Sr., OL
52	Bryan Heyward / 6-1, 265, Jr., DT
53	Brad Davis / 6-1, 210, Fr., LS #
55	Ron Kelly / 6-1, 245, SR., LB
56	Chris Carpenter / 6-1, 240, Sr., DE
57	Melvin Wisham / 6-2, 205, So., LB
58	Aaron McClung / 6-2, 275, SR., OL
61	Alan Fern / 6-3, 290, So., OL
62	Brad Six / 6-1, 254, SR., OL
63	Todd Houston / 6-2, 210, So., OL
64	Todd Sorrell / 6-4, 225, Jr., C
65	Bill Roark / 6-5, 280, So., OL
67	Zohn Centimole / 6-1, 261, Sr., OL
68	Matt Perry / 6-3, 270, So., OL
72	Stefon Robinson / 6-2, 255, Fr., OL #

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No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Pos.	Hometown (High School / Junior College)
43	Fred Robinson	5-8	205	So.	TB	Maywood, Ill. (Walther Lutheran '96)
72	Stefon Robinson	6-2	255	Fr.	OL-DL	Louisville, Ky. (Doss HS) #
17	Andre Shaw	6-1	180	Fr.	WR-DB	Lakeland, Fla. (Kathleen HS) #
62	Brad Six **	6-1	254	SR.	OL	Englewood, Ohio (Northmont '93)
92	Chuck Skillman *	6-1	222	Jr.	LB	Humble, Texas (Humble '95)
28	Rod Smart	5-11	190	Jr.	TB	Lakeland, Fla. (Lakeland '95)
83	Donald Smith	6-3	202	So.	DE	Indianapolis, Ind. (Warren Central '96)
64	Todd Sorrell	6-4	225	Jr.	C	Louisville, Ky. (Manual '95)
44	Don Sowell **	5-11	225	Jr.	LB	Houston, Texas (MacArthur '95)
32	Joey Stockton ***	5-9	171	SR.	WR	Radcliff, Ky. (North Hardin '94)
1	Willie Taggart **	6-0	175	Sr.	QB	Palmetto, Fla. (Manatee '94)
81	Jamie Thomas *	5-8	153	SR.	WR	Clarksville, Tenn. (Northwest '93)
3	Delvechio Walls **	5-9	156	Jr.	CB	Sarasota, Fla. (Booker '95)
86	Sean Warren	6-4	220	So.	TE	Frankfort, Ky. (Franklin County '93)
57	Melvin Wisham	6-2	205	So.	LB	St. Louis, Mo. (Hazelwood East '96)
91	Ben Wittman *	6-2	226	Jr.	DE	Sarasota, Fla. (Booker '95)
76	Kevin Wood	6-4	275	Jr.	OL	Kingwood, Texas (Kingwood '95/Kilgore '97)
79	Marcus Young	5-11	243	Jr.	DT	Nashville, Tenn. (Ft. Campell '95)

* Letters earned / # 1997 Fall Newcomers

"Cl." (class) refers to academic classification — fall, 1997; players listed as SR in all caps are in their final year of eligibility

The Student Trainers

Name	Cl.	Hometown (High School) / Major
Phillip Allison	Sr.	Lebanon, Tenn. (Lebanon) / Health Education
Matt Coleman	Fr.	Villa Hills, Ky. (Covington Catholic) / Physical Educ.
Doug Dawson	So.	Louisville, Ky. (Male) / undeclared
Sheyna Denisar	Sr.	Bradenton, Fla. (KC Wintonka) / General Studies
Tray Fowler	Jr.	Hopkinsville, Ky. (Christian Co.) / Physical Educ.
Andrea Gehring	Fr.	Ft. Campbell, Ky. (Clarksville Northwest) / Pre-PT
Todd Gibson	Sr.	Clarkson, Ky. (Grayson County) / Nursing
Sheri Harris	Sr.	Richland, Ind. (South Spencer) / Health Education
Justin Herod	Fr.	Deland, Fla. (Pine Ridge) / undeclared
Bill Kehrwald	Jr.	Cadiz, Ky. (Trigg County) / undeclared
Julian Mudd	So.	Clarkson, Ky. (Grayson Co.) / Biology
Gregg Rich	So.	Hendersonville, Tenn. (Hnedersonville) / undeclared
Kelly Schumm	So.	Bowling Green, Ky. (Bowling Green) / Biology
Don Sowell	Jr.	Houston, Texas (MacArthur) / undeclared
Jennifer Wade	Sr.	Radcliff, Ky. (North Hardin) / English
Stephanie Welsh	Sr.	Savannah, Ga. (Beach) / Biology
Brian Wilson	Fr.	Cynthiana, Ind. (North Posey) / Education
Jeff Young	So.	Finchville, Ky. (Louisville Trinity) / undeclared

The Student Managers

Name	Cl.	Hometown (High School) / Major
Vito Contento	Sr.	Hazard, Ky. (Hazard) / Sports Management
Jason Corbitt	So.	Ashland City, Tenn. (Cheatham Co.) / Pre-PT
Kevin Moss	Jr.	Louisville, Ky. (DeSales) / undeclared

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Mike Abts	ABTS
Caleb Alcineus	KA-lub AL-sin-e-us
Brian Antle	AN-tul
Zohn Centimole	ZAWN CENT-a-mole
Jim Creighton	CRAY-ton
Quon Danzy	KWAN DAN-zee
Trae Hackett	TRAY
Coach Jack Harbaugh	HAR-baw
Verron Haynes	Va-RON
Cory Himsel	HIM-sul
John Holtzapfel	HO-zap-fel
Crad Jagers	KRAD (short for Craddock)
Ja Shard Justice	JA-shard
John Kenady	Kennedy
Sean Longstreth	LONG-streth
Kenny Martray	MAR-tray
Aaron McClung	ma-CLUNG
Assistant Coach Andy McLeod	ma-CLOUD
Traye Moore	TRAY
Dee Muldrow	MUL-dro
Michael Napier	NAPE-year
Jeff Poisel	POY-sul
Stefon Robinson	STEF-on
Todd Sorrell	SO-rell
Don Sowell	SUE-ull
Willie Taggart	TAG-ert
Delvechio Walls	DELL-veck-e-o
Melvin Wisham	WISH-um

Hilltopper Offense

LT

58 - AARON McCLUNG
(6-2, 275, Sr., Mayfield, Ky.)
65 - Bill Roark
(6-5, 280, So., Hamilton, Ohio)

LG

76 - Kevin Wood
(6-4, 275, Jr., Kingwood, Texas)
61 - Alan Fern
(6-3, 290, So., Honolulu, Hawaii)
63 - Todd Houston
(6-2, 210, So., Owensboro, Ky.)

C

74 - PATRICK GOODMAN
(6-3, 273, Jr., Cecilia, Ky.)
64 - Todd Sorrell
(6-4, 225, Jr., Louisville, Ky.)

RT

51 - ANDY HAPE
(6-2, 276, Sr., Evansville, Ind.)
67 - JOHN CENTIMOLE
(6-1, 261, Sr., Bowling Green, Ky.)

RG

62 - BRAD SIX
(6-1, 254, Sr., Englewood, Ohio)
50 - Aaron Hamilton
(6-2, 290, Jr., Indianapolis, Ind.)
68 - Matt Perry
(6-3, 270, So., Elizabethtown, Ky.)

TE

84 - Jason Jacobs
(6-3, 225, So., Indianapolis, Ind.)
90 - Cory Himsel
(6-3, 225, So., Danville, Ind.)
87 - Jim Creighton
(6-1, 210, Jr., Belvidere, Ill.)

QB

1 - WILLIE TAGGART
(6-0, 175, Sr., Palmetto, Fla.)
13 - Crad Jagers
(6-3, 185, So., Vine Grove, Ky.)
19 - K.C. ARMSTRONG
(5-11, 177, Sr., Port Jefferson, N.Y.)

WR

32 - JOEY STOCKTON
(5-9, 171, Sr., Radcliff, Ky.)
25 - Leroy Littles
(6-2, 190, So., Jacksonville, Fla.)
30 - Jeremy Bolton
(5-10, 188, So., Louisville, Ky.)

WB

4 - JADE GUMMER
(5-7, 189, Sr., Cross Lane, W.Va.)
8 - CEDRIC ALLEN
(5-11, 190, Sr., Comer, Ga.)
15 - Dwight Holder
(6-0, 188, Sr., Franklin, Ky.)

FB

47 - LATRAVIS POWELL
(5-10, 217, Sr., Columbus, Ga.)
38 - Chris Clark
(5-9, 203, Jr., Lexington, Ky.)
49 - Mike Abts
(6-0, 215, Sr., Green Bay, Wis.)

TB

20 - MITCHELL RANDLE
(6-1, 187, Jr., Louisville, Ky.)
6 - JAMMIE KYLE
(5-6, 183, Sr., Woodridge, Ill.)
28 - Rod Smart
(5-11, 190, Jr., Lakeland, Fla.)

SPECIALISTS

Placekicker
14 - JEFF POISEL (6-1, 170, So., Indianapolis, Ind.)
Punter
19 - K.C. ARMSTRONG (5-11, 177, Sr., Port Jefferson, N.Y.)
Long Snaps
53 - Brad Davis (6-1, 210, Fr., Eaton, Ohio)
Holder
19 - K.C. ARMSTRONG (5-11, 177, Sr., Port Jefferson, N.Y.)
Kickoff Returns
32 - JOEY STOCKTON (5-9, 171, Sr., Radcliff, Ky.)
3 - DELVECHIO WALLS (5-9, 156, Jr., Sarasota, Fla.)
5 - BRYAN DANIEL (5-6, 155, Sr., Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.)
Punt Returns
32 - JOEY STOCKTON (5-9, 171, Sr., Radcliff, Ky.)
3 - DELVECHIO WALLS (5-9, 156, Jr., Sarasota, Fla.)

DEPTH CHART NOTES

- This depth chart information is *definitely* subject to continual change.
- Returning Hilltopper lettermen are designated by ALL CAPS.

Hilltopper Defense

LE

91 - BEN WITTMAN
(6-2, 226, Jr., Sarasota, Fla.)
97 - ODELL FORD
(6-2, 234, Jr., Texas City, Texas)
83 - Donald Smith
(6-3, 202, So., Indianapolis, Ind.)

LT

77 - KENNY MARTRAY
(5-10, 281, Sr., Vanderbilt, Pa.)
26 - SEAN LONGSTRETH
(6-1, 255, Sr., Hillsboro, Ohio)

RT

52 - BRYAN HEYWARD
(6-1, 265, Jr., Dayton, Ohio)
79 - Marcus Young
(5-11, 243, Jr., Nashville, Tenn.)
96 - Brad Donley
(6-2, 258, So., Hawthorne, Fla.)

RE

48 - CALEB ALCINEUS
(6-4, 255, Sr., Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.)
56 - CHRIS CARPENTER
(6-1, 240, Sr., Huntsville, Ala.)
89 - Brian Antle
(6-3, 240, So., Somerset, Ky.)

LB

41 - TRAE HACKETT
(5-9, 188, Jr., Louisville, Ky.)
92 - CHUCK SKILLMAN
(6-1, 222, Jr., Humble, Texas)

LB

55 - RON KELLY
(6-1, 245, Sr., Mississauga, Ontario)
44 - DON SOWELL
(5-11, 225, Jr., Houston, Texas)
40 - Michael Pierce
(6-2, 240, So., Floyds Knobs, Ind.)

LB

36 - Bernie Adams
(6-0, 245, So., Lexington, Ky.)
57 - Melvin Wisham
(6-2, 205, So., St. Louis, Mo.)
42 - MICHAEL NAPIER
(5-10, 203, Sr., Cincinnati, Ohio)

CB

3 - DELVECHIO WALLS
(5-9, 156, Jr., Sarasota, Fla.)
27 - JA SHARD JUSTICE
(5-10, 165, Jr., Texas City, Texas)
22 - CARLIS PHILLIPS
(5-9, 175, Sr., South Bend, Ind.)

SS

11 - BRANDON EGAN
(5-10, 198, Jr., Mt. Washington, Ky.)
34 - Bubba Dixon
(6-0, 200, Fr., Bear Creek, Ala.)

FS

16 - KEITH LANDER
(5-10, 175, Jr., Evansville, Ind.)
21 - Quon Danzy
(6-2, 178, So., Tallahassee, Fla.)

CB

5 - BRYAN DANIEL
(5-6, 155, Sr., Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.)
9 - REGGIE BETHEL
(5-8, 157, Jr., Louisville, Ky.)
2 - DEE MULDROW
(5-7, 150, Jr., Cincinnati, Ohio)



49

MIKE
ABTS

6-0 • 215 • Sr. • FB
Green Bay, Wis.

WKU Notes: Came to the Hill last fall from Mesabi Junior College in Minnesota and appeared in one game, running for 17 yards on 3 tries in the opener against Kentucky Wesleyan ... figures to play a backup role at fullback this season ... as a JuCo sophomore, he earned first team All-Region, All-State and All-Conference honors ... his best game for the Norsmen was a 210-yard effort (on 31 carries), complete with a pair of touchdowns ... in his last 3 JuCo games, all in the state playoffs (en route to the state championship game, a 19-18 loss), he averaged 110 yards rushing per outing ... as a senior at Preble High in his native Green Bay, he was the Fox Valley Conference Running Back-of-the-Year after leading the league in scoring with 19 TDs ... he was also a first-team All-Area and All-Metro pick and his team's MVP ... he averaged 7.8 yards per carry as a senior when his single game high was a 180-yard, 3-TD outing ... led the Hornets to the state semifinals where they lost out in double overtime.
The Abts File: Full Name — Michael Abts; Parents — Julian and Carol Abts (father, truck driver); Birth — Jan. 10, 1976, Green Bay, Wis.; High School — Preble '94; HS Coach — Pat Procnow (Wisconsin-LaCrosse); HS Letters — football 2, track 2; Junior College — Mesabi (Minnesota) JC '96; JuCo Coach — Pepper Lyscher; JuCo Letters — football 2; Major — Community Health; Ambition — a happy life; Hobbies — fishing, water skiing.

ABTS RUSHING STATISTICS

Year	Att	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg-Att
1996	3	17	0	17	5.7
Year	Lg	TD	GP	Avg-Gm	
1996	9	0	1	17.0	



36

BERNIE
ADAMS

6-0 • 245 • So. • LB
Lexington, Ky.

WKU Notes: Sat out his first year on the Hill as a redshirt, but came out of spring drills as a frontrunner for a starting spot at inside linebacker ... a three-time All-City pick while playing for Bryan Station High's Defenders, he led the team in tackles as a senior with 125 stops, earning All-State and team MVP honors for his efforts ... also an All-City selection in baseball where he posted a career .350 batting average ... as a senior, he set a school record with 14 home runs ... his father,

Samuel, was an All-American basketball player at Kentucky State in 1964 and is a member of the KSU Hall of Fame.

The Adams File: Full Name — Bernard Willis Adams; Parents — Samuel and Roberta Adams (father, retired educator; mother, business analyst); Birth — June 18, 1978, Lexington Ky.; High School — Bryan Station '96; HS Coach — Dan Cassidy (Morehead State); HS Letters — football 4, baseball 4; Major — Mathematics; Ambition — Success; Hobbies — sports, music.



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STEVE
ADAMS

5-9 • 180 • So. • CB
Greenville, Ky.

WKU Notes: Will help provide depth in the defensive backfield ... came to the Hill from nearby Muhlenberg South High, where he was a two-year starter for the Suns, winning his team's Leadership and Coach's Awards as a senior ... finished 4th in the state in the 165-pound weight class in power lifting at the 1995 meet.

The Adams File: Full Name — Stephen Ralph Adams; Parents — Donald and Bonnie Adams (father, manager, Central City Produce; mother, registered nurse); Birth — Aug. 6, 1977, Evansville, Ind.; High School — Muhlenberg South '95; HS Coach — Dan Gooch (Morehead State); HS Letters — football 2, tennis 1, power lifting; Major — Graphic Design.



48

CALEB
ALCINEUS

6-4 • 255 • Sr. • DE
Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

WKU Notes: Took over at one defensive end slot in '96, playing in 10 of 11 games and earning 9 starts ... his 45 tackles ranked 8th on the team (5th among athletes returning to the defensive unit in the '97 campaign ... posted his best numbers at Jacksonville State where he was credited with 10 tackles (6 unassisted) ... came to the Hill from Georgia Military College (with GMC teammate Cedric Allen) ... he was a 2-year starter for teams that won 20 of 22 games (10-1 each year), finishing the '94 season ranked 5th in the nation and '95 ranked 4th ... He started 1 year at Dillard High School in Jacksonville, Fla.

The Alcineus File: Full Name — Caleb J. Alcineus; Parents — Extexer and Marie Alcineus; Birth — Sept. 22, 1975; High School — Dillard '94; HS Coach — Ken Scott; HS

Letters — football, basketball; Junior College — Georgia Military College '96; JuCo Coach — Robert Nunn (Oklahoma State); JuCo Letters — football 2; Major — Corporate Communications; Hobbies — basketball, TV, hanging out.

ALCINEUS ON DEFENSE

Year	UT	AT	ToT	TFL	SAC	Fum
1996	25	20	45	2-9	1-7	1
Year	Int	BPU	BK	CF	GP	
1996	0-0	3	0	1	10	



8

CEDRIC
ALLEN

5-11 • 190 • Sr. • WB
Comer, Ga.

WKU Notes: Wasted little time making a name for himself in the WKU backfield, returning 2 interceptions for TDs (31 and 19 yards) in his 1st game (vs. Ky. Wesleyan) ... but, then missed the next 3 games with an injury ... he was limited to just 6 games, but still managed to come up with 18 stops (11 unassisted) ... moved to the offensive side of scrimmage in spring practice and figures to be the number one backup for Jade Gummer at wingback this fall ... came to the Hill from Georgia Military College (with teammate Caleb Alcineus) where he helped the Bulldogs go 20-2 in 2 years there (10-1 both seasons) ... that team finished the '94 season ranked 5th in the nation and were ranked 4th in '95 ... his big outing there was an 8-tackler performance in a 38-33 win over 3rd ranked Nassau ... a 3-year starter at Madison County High, he was twice an All-Three A athlete at both safety and tailback, leading the Raiders in tackles as a junior and senior ... also set a school record with 5 TDs in a win over Johnson County ... he was 2nd in his region in his wrestling class while also running a leg on the 4x100 relay team that finished 4th at the state meet.

The Allen File: Full Name — Cedric Allen; Parents — Ray and Ethel Allen (father, book keeper; mother, housewife); Birth — May 15, 76, Athens, Ga.; HS — Madison County '94; HS Coach — Larry Mulligan (Memphis); HS Letters — football 4, basketball 2, track 2, wrestling 2; Junior College — Georgia Military College '96; JuCo Coach — Robert Nunn (Oklahoma State); JuCo Letters — football 2; Major — Social and Behavioral Sciences; Ambition — college coaching; Hobbies — weight lifting.

ALLEN ON DEFENSE

Year	UT	AT	ToT	TFL	Sacks	Fum
1996	11	7	18	0-0	0-0	0
Year	Int	BPU	BK	CF	GP	
1996	2-50	0	0	0	6	

INTERCEPTIONS

Year	No	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD	GP	Avg
1996	2	50	25.0	31	2	6	0.3



89

BRIAN ANTLE

6-3 • 240 • So. • DE
Somerset, Ky.

WKU Notes: After sitting out his first year on the Hill, he hopes to make a case for playing time at defensive end this time around ... came to WKU from Southwestern Pulaski High in Somerset where he earned 4 letters (starting 3 seasons) and honorable mention All-State honors as a senior ... as a senior, he averaged 12 tackles and 4 sacks a game, along with 39 yards per punt ... he was also a standout in baseball where he helped lead the Warriors to 3 district championships; he hit .327 as a senior and his 3-year record on the mound was 15-6.

The Antle File: Full Name — Brian Scott Antle; Parents — Stephen Antle and Gail Hadley (father, carpenter; mother, seamstress); Birth — Oct. 14, 1977, Columbia, Ky.; High School — Southwestern Pulaski '96; HS Coach — Dale Anderson; HS Letters — football 4, baseball 3, basketball 1; Major — Agriculture; Ambition — pro football; Hobbies — billiards, weight lifting, eating.



19

K.C. ARMSTRONG

5-11 • 177 • Sr. • QB-P
Port Jefferson, N.Y.

WKU Notes: Armstrong came on in a big way last fall, volunteering to take a shot at the punting chores (he had not kicked the ball since his high school days) and he performed admirably, averaging a solid 38.9 yards per kick with a long of 63 yards, only 6 touchbacks and 14 kicks inside the opposition's 20-yard line ... he averaged 40-plus yards per boot in 5 games with a high of 48.6 at Murray State ... his efforts on the special teams proved to be a major factor in Hilltopper successes last fall ... after red-shirting as a rookie in 1993, he made a place for himself on special teams coverage in both 1994 and 1995 with his heads up, aggressive play ... and, he got in some time at quarterback the last 2 seasons, running for a TD last fall ... he could also figure in as a key backup over center this season ... possesses good speed, covering the 40 in 4.65 (and, he benches 310 pounds) ... enjoyed an outstanding prep career at Port Jefferson High on Long Island in New York, where he earned letters in four sports — football (4), wrestling (6), track (2) and baseball (2) ... he was twice named All-Suffolk County on the gridiron and was the defensive MVP in the area's annual All-Star

Game ... he set a PJHS school record with a 100-yard pass interception return ... and, he was a real standout in wrestling as well, recording the third highest victory total (136) in county history (along with a school record 20 pins in one season), earning a county championship and a berth on the All-State Team along the way ... he was named to his All-Conference Team in wrestling six straight years ... his grandfather, Frank Bartol, was a catcher in the major leagues, playing for the old Brooklyn Dodgers has worked summers as a lifeguard at the beach and as an employee at "Comedy Central" in New York City.

The Armstrong File: Full Name — Kyle Casey Armstrong; Parent — Virginia Armstrong (mother, teacher); Birth — July 17, 1975, Stroudsburg, Pa.; High School — Port Jefferson '93; HS Coach — Darrion Sneed (North Carolina A&T); HS Letters — football 4, wrestling 6, track 2, baseball 2; Major — Broadcasting; Hobbies — music, reading, weight lifting.

ARMSTRONG'S PUNTING STATISTICS						
Year	No	Yds	Avg	Lg	TB	I20
1996	52	2,022	38.9	63	6	14
PASSING						
Year	Att	Comp	Yds	Pct	TD	
1995	3	1	1	33.3	0	
Year	Int	Lg	GP	Rating		
1995	0	1	10	35.13		
RUSHING						
Year	Att	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg-Att	
1994	0	0	0	0	---	
1995	3	10	0	10	3.3	
1996	4	18	2	16	4.0	
Career	7	28	2	26	3.7	
Year	Lg	TD	GP	Avg-Gm		
1994	0	0	11	---		
1995	7	0	10	1.0		
1996	10	1	11	1.5		
Career	10	1	32	0.8		
DEFENSE						
Year	UT	AT	ToT	TFL	Sacks	Fum
1996	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0
Year	Int	BPU	BK	CF	GP	
1996	0-0	0	0	0	11	



9

REGGIE BETHEL

5-8 • 157 • Jr. • CB
Louisville, Ky.

WKU Notes: After sitting out his first year on the Hill, he came on to appear in 9 games last fall, playing a backup role in the defensive backfield and helping out on special teams ... emerged from spring drills expected to be the number one backup at one cornerback slot this fall ... came to WKU from Fairdale High in Louisville where he earned honorable mention All-State honors as a senior after winning All-District laurels both his junior and senior seasons ... and, he won the Bulldog's Defensive Back Award each of his last two prep campaigns while also taking

Most Athletic honors ... possesses excellent speed (he's been clocked at 4.55 in the 40) and he's bench pressed 310 pounds ... was a 4-year letter winner in both football and track ... victimized Butler High for a 98-yard kick-off return ... his brother (Tony Bethel) played at the University of Louisville and another brother played high school football at Ballard High in Louisville.

The Bethel File: Full Name — Reginald Terrell Bethel; Parents — Reginald Hutcherson and Wanda Gaines; Birth — 1-31-76, Louisville, Ky.; High School — Fairdale '95; HS Coach — Mark Catlett (Centre); HS Letters — football 4, track 4, weight lifting 2, wrestling 1; Major — Business; Ambition — business field; Hobbies — staying in shape.

BETHEL ON DEFENSE						
Year	UT	AT	ToT	TFL	Sacks	Fum
1996	5	0	5	0-0	0-0	0
Year	Int	BPU	BK	CF	GP	
1996	0-0	0	0	0	9	



30

JEREMY BOLTON

5-10 • 188 • So. • WR
Louisville, Ky.

WKU Notes: After sitting out his first year on the Hill, he figures to play a backup role in the receiving corps this fall ... came to WKU from St. Xavier High in Louisville where he was co-captain of the Tigers his senior season, earning All-County laurels for his efforts ... also lettered in wrestling.

THE BOLTON FILE: Full Name — Jeremy G. Bolton; Parents — Dennis and Barbara Bolton (parents, business owners); Birth — Oct. 12, 1977, Beech Grove, Ind.; High School — St. Xavier '96; HS Coach — Mike Glaser (Louisville); HS Letters — football 3, wrestling 3; Major — Business; Ambition — good job, family; Hobbies — water skiing, camping, the outdoors.



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CHRIS CARPENTER

6-1 • 240 • Sr. • DE
Huntsville, Ala.

WKU Notes: After transferring from Tennessee, he has appeared in all 21 Hilltopper games the last 2 seasons ... came out of spring drills again slated as the primary backup at defensive end ... once again posted consistent, impressive numbers in 1996 after leading the '95 Toppers in fumble recoveries (3) ... in the weight room he benches 360 pounds ... a product of Grissom High School,

he was named Huntsville's Outstanding Offensive Player as a senior, when he was an All-City pick as both a running back (858 yards, 8 TDs and 6 two-point conversions) and a linebacker (135 tackles, 3 sacks and 3 fumble recoveries) ... he ran for 750 yards and 5 TDs (while coming up with 76 tackles) as a junior ... his dad (Mark) played college football at Wisconsin (1969-72) and two brothers (Josh and Scott) played at Grissom High where Scott was an All-City selection.

The Carpenter File: Full Name — Chris Howard "Chip" Carpenter; Parents — Mark and Judy Carpenter (father, doctor; mother, housewife); Birth — April 11, 1976, Madison, Wis.; High School — Grissom '94; HS Coach — Paul Parvin (North Alabama); HS Letters — football 4, baseball 3, basketball 2; Major — Geography; Ambition — private business, pro ball; Hobbies — auto racing, weight lifting.

CARPENTER DEFENSE						
Year	UT	AT	ToT	TFL	Sacks	Fum
1995	20	13	33	4-14	4-24	3
1996	16	15	31	5-25	2-23	0
Career	36	28	64	9-39	6-5-47	3
Year	Int	BPU	BK	CF	GP	
1995	0-0	4	0	0	10	
1996	0-0	4	0	2	11	
Career	0-0	8	0	2	21	



67

ZOHN CENTIMOLE

6-1 • 261 • Sr. • OL
Bowling Green, Ky.

WKU Notes: After red-shirting as a rookie in 1994 and watching the sidelines in '95, he got his chance last fall when injuries forced him into the starting lineup for the last 3 games of the season; and, he performed admirably, helping the Hilltoppers win all 3 contests ... played in 9 games in '96 ... had a good spring and figures to vie for playing time this time around as a key backup in the offensive line ... a local product, he played his prep football at nearby Warren East High School, where he earned a berth on the Kentucky's All-Star Team roster for the annual Kentucky-Tennessee contest ... as a senior, he captained the Raider footballers.

The Centimole File: Full Name — Zohn N. Centimole; Parents — Mike and Marki Centimole (father, master printer; mother, manager); Birth — May 7, 1976; High School — Warren East '94; HS Coach — Kevin Wallace; HS Letters — football 3; Major — Nursing.



38

CHRIS CLARK

5-9 • 203 • Jr. • FB
Lexington, Ky.

WKU Notes: Emerged from spring practice listed as the top backup for All-America candidate Latravis Powell at fullback ... appeared in just 1 game last fall (the opener vs. Kentucky Wesleyan, when he accounted for 11 yards in his only carry of the season), but is ready to go this fall ... redshirted as a rookie on the Hill in '95 ... came to Western from Lafayette High in Lexington where he was a two-time All-City pick and a '94 honorable mention All-State selection after leading the Generals in tackles both his junior and senior seasons ... also lettered in both baseball and wrestling ... he was active in his high school's Key Club and Champions Against Drugs programs ... works on a horse farm in the summers.

The Clark File: Full Name — Chris Clark; Parents — Terry and Janet Clark (father, teacher; mother, teacher); Birth — 6-9-77, Lexington, Ky.; High School — Lafayette '95; HS Coach — Terry Clark; HS Letters — football 4, baseball 3, wrestling 2; Major — Physical Recreation; Ambition — teaching and coaching; Hobby — fishing.

CLARK'S RUSHING STATISTICS						
Year	Att	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg-Att	
1996	1	11	0	11	11.0	
Year	Lg	TD	GP	Avg-Gm		
1996	11	0	1	11.0		



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JIM CREIGHTON

6-1 • 210 • Jr. • TE
Belvidere, Ill.

WKU Notes: Sat out the '96 season after transferring from North Central College in Naperville, Ill., where he played one year of football ... came out of spring drills slated to play a backup role at tight end ... was a 3-year starter at Belvidere High, where he was an honorable mention All-Northeastern Illinois pick as a fullback after helping his BHS Bucs win back-to-back state championships (the first ever at the school), winning 26 of 28 games (14-0 his junior year and 12-2 his senior season) ... as a senior, he ran for 1,122 yards on 267 carries, scoring 10 TDs ... in the state title game that fall, he rushed for 154 yards (on 27 attempts) and tallied 3 TDs ... and, in the first game of his senior year, he had 212 yards and a score on 31 carries.

The Creighton File: Full Name — James Michael Creighton; Parents — Terry

Creighton and Diana Creighton (father, self-employed; mother, hospital administration employee); Birth — March 2, 1977; High School — Belvidere '95; HS Coach — LaVern Pottinger (Ripon); HS Letters — football 3, basketball 2, track 2; Major — Elementary Education; Ambition — teaching, coaching; Hobbies — lifting weights, running, fishing, reading, following the BHS Bucs.



5

BRYAN DANIEL

5-6 • 155 • Sr. • CB
Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

WKU Notes: After redshirting as a freshman on the Hill in '94, he's appeared in all 21 Hilltopper games the last 2 seasons, earning 3 starts in '95 and 7 last fall ... he's again expected to start at one corner in '97 ... had 24 stops (19 unassisted) and tied for the team lead in fumble recoveries (2) last season ... totaled 33 tackles (23 unassisted) in '95 ... possesses outstanding speed (he runs the 40 in a team-best 4.35 seconds) and benches 300 pounds ... has also represented Western on the Topper track team ... came to WKU from Boyd Anderson High School where he was a first-team All-County pick while also earning All-Broward honors in track ... he was a member of his BAHS' nationally ranked 4x100 relay team (that foursome set a school record in that event with a 41.1 clocking); and, he's covered the 100 meters in a swift 10.6 seconds as well as going 21.7 in the 200 meters.

The Daniel File: Full Name — Bryan Edward Daniel; Parents — Roosevelt and Henri Daniel (father, truck driver; mother, nurse); Birth — Oct. 8, 1975, Hollywood, Fla.; High School — Boyd Anderson '94; HS Letters — football, track; Major — Health; Ambition — computer industry; Hobbies — basketball, swimming.

DANIEL ON DEFENSE						
Year	UT	AT	ToT	TFL	Sacks	Fum
1995	23	10	33	2-3	0-0	0
1996	19	5	24	0-0	0-0	2
Career	42	15	57	2-3	0-0	2
Year	Int	BPU	BK	CF	GP	
1995	1-15	4	0	1	10	
1996	0-0	6	0	0	11	
Career	1-15	10	0	1	21	
KICKOFF RETURNS						
Year	Ret	Yds	Yds/Ret	Lg	TD	GP
1995	11	198	18.0	29	0	10
1996	1	25	25.0	25	0	11
Career	12	223	18.6	29	0	21
ALL-PURPOSE RUNNING						
Year	Rush	Rec	Int	PR		
1995	0	0	15	0		
1996	0	0	0	0		
Career	0	0	15	0		
Year	KOR	Total	GP	Avg		
1995	198	213	10	21.3		
1996	25	25	11	2.3		
Career	223	238	21	11.3		



21

QUON DANZY

6-2 • 178 • So. • FS
Tallahassee, Fla.

WKU Notes: After sitting out his first year on the Hill, he figures to play a backup role in the defensive backfield in '97 ... has good speed (clocked at 4.57 in the 40) ... came to WKU from Florida High in Tallahassee where he earned All-State honors after winning his area's Player-of-the-Year Award (on both offense and defense) 2 years in a row ... also a standout in track, he ran a leg on his school's record-setting 4x100 relay team.

The Danzy File: Full Name — DeArdes DeQuon Danzy; Parents — David and Tawanna Danzy (father, city employee; mother, Florida State University employee); Birth — Dec. 2, 1976, Tallahassee, Fla.; High School — Florida '96; HS Coach — Mike Hickman; HS Letters — football 3, track 4; Major — undeclared; Ambition — own a business; Hobby — basketball.



96

BRAD DONLEY

6-2 • 258 • So. • DT
Hawthorne, Fla.

WKU Notes: After sitting out his first year on the Hill, he hopes to make a case for playing time as a backup in the defensive line this fall ... came to Western from Interlachen (Fla.) High where he earned 4 letters and started as a senior for Coach Butch Hemly's Rams ... also earned 4 letters each in track and weight lifting.

The Donley File: Full Name — Bradrick L. Donley; Parents — Roger and Nora Donley (father, electrician); Birth — June 16, 1977, Gainesville, Fla.; High School — Interlachen '96; HS Coach — Butch Hemly (Jacksonville); HS Letters — football 4, track 4, weight lifting 4; Major — General Studies; Ambition — pro football, electrical engineering.



34

BUBBA DIXON

6-0 • 200 • Fr. • SS
Bear Creek, Ala.

WKU Notes: Transferred to WKU from Vanderbilt after sitting out the '96 season ... came out of spring practice as the number one backup at strong safety ... has a good combination of speed (4.59 in the 40) and strength (300-pound bench) ... a product of Haleyville (Ala.) High, he was ranked as the 25th best high school player in Alabama by *The Birmingham News* as a senior and he was a *Super Prep* magazine All-Region selection as well as being featured in *Jeff Whitaker's Deep South Recruiting* magazine ... a member of the National Honor Society, he was the winner of HHS' Scholar-Athlete Award, he was named captain of his prep team 3 times ... he was named his team's Outstanding Sophomore in '93 and Best Defensive Back in both '94 and '95 ... he was selected Northwest Alabama's Best Defensive Back both his junior and senior seasons ... a standout on the diamond as well, he led his baseball team in stolen bases and helped them win an area championship in 1995 ... a certified life-guard, he is also active in his church and in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

The Dixon File: Full Name — Billy Wayne Dixon II; Parents — Bill and Pam Dixon (father, elementary principal; mother, high school English teacher); Birth — Oct. 31, 1977, Florence, Ala.; High School — Haleyville '96; HS Coach — Wayne Jones (Mississippi State); HS Letters — football 4, baseball 4, basketball 3, track 2; Major — Marketing.



11

BRANDON EGAN

5-11 • 198 • Jr. • SS
Mt. Washington, Ky.

WKU Notes: Appeared in all 11 games in '96 as a backup on defense and a key member of the special teams after seeing action in 4 games as a true freshman in '95 ... heads into the '97 campaign as the probable starter at strong safety ... posted a pair of pass interceptions last fall (for a team-high 50 yards), including a 27-yarder for a TD at Austin Peay ... totaled 28 tackles (17 unassisted) ... he was one of 10 Toppers who lettered as true freshmen in '95 ... came to WKU from Bullitt East High in Mt. Washington where he enjoyed a stellar career playing for his father, former Hilltopper quarterback Mike Egan ... he was a two-time All-Stater and he

was named to his All-District and All-County Teams three years ... as a senior, he was selected as Kentucky's AA Player-of-the-Year after throwing for 48 touchdowns, the sixth highest total in the national record books; he was also picked among the state's Top 25 seniors by the *Lexington Herald* ... he set Bullitt East school records for career (5,703), season (2,888 as a senior) and single game (401 vs. Taylor County as a senior) passing yardage; and, he holds school marks for career (8,057), season (3,995) and single game (406) total offense yardage as well ... he also set a school record for touchdown passes in a game (7) ... he led Bullitt East to the state championship game ... also earned a solid reputation in the defensive backfield ... he lettered in both track and baseball ... his father, Mike, quarterbacked the Hilltoppers from 1965-68; and, a cousin, Kristin Reynolds, was an All-America candidate on the gridiron at Kentucky Wesleyan.

The Egan File: Full Name — Brandon Shane Egan; Parents — Mike and Susan Egan (father, teacher; mother, data technician); Birth — July 23, 1977, Louisville, Ky.; High School — Bullitt East '95; HS Coach — Mike Egan (Western Kentucky); HS Letters — football 4, track 3, basketball 1; Major — Accounting.

EGAN ON DEFENSE						
Year	UT	AT	ToT	TFL	Sacks	Fum
1995	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0
1996	17	11	28	4-10	1-1	0
Career	18	12	30	4-10	1-1	0
Year	Int	BPU	BK	CF	GP	
1995	0-0	0	0	0	7	
1996	2-50	2	0	0	11	
Career	2-50	2	0	0	18	
INTERCEPTIONS						
Year	No	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD	GO
1996	2	50	25.0	27	1	11
						0.2



61

ALAN FERN

6-3 • 290 • So. • OL
Honolulu, Hawaii

WKU Notes: After sitting out his first year at WKU, he came out of spring drills as the number one backup at one guard position ... came to WKU from Punahou High in Honolulu where he earned honorable mention All-Interscholastic League honors as a senior for Coach Dan Morrison's Buss N' Blue club ... he led PHS to rankings of 3rd and 4th in the state, respectively, as a junior and senior ... his two uncles played college football (defensive linemen) at Northwestern.

The Fern File: Full Name — Alan Noa Fern; Parents — Woody Fern and Madelyn Fern (father, sporting goods; mother, human resources); Birth — Aug. 3, 1977, Honolulu, Hawaii; High School — Punahou '96; HS Coach — Dan Morrison; HS Letters — football 2; Major — Hotel and Restaurant Management; Hobbies — fishing, golf.



97

ODELL FORD

6-2 • 234 • Jr. • DE
Texas City, Texas

WKU Notes: Ford played in all 11 games as a sophomore, starting 10 of those, and ranking 6th on the team in tackles with 49 (27 unassisted) along with a team-high 9 tackles for loss (for a team best 33 yards) ... had his best numbers (7 tackles) against both Marshall and Liberty ... had successful knee surgery in the off-season and missed spring practice, but is expected to battle Ben Wittman for the number one slot at one defensive end position ... he wasted little time making his presence felt as a rookie on the Hill in '95, appearing in nine games (he missed the Troy State game nursing a thumb injury), earning three starts along the way ... one of 10 true freshmen to earn letters in '95 ... came to Western from LaMarque (Texas) High where he was a first-team All-County and second-team All-District pick as a senior when he was named his team's Most Improved Player; and, he's carried that drive to improve with him to the college level.

The Ford File: Full Name — Odell DeShawn Ford; Parents — Odell and Margietta Ford (father, plant operator; mother, registered nurse); Birth — March 28, 1977; High School — LaMarque '95; HS Coach — Alan Weddell (Texas); HS Letters — football 2, track 1, power lifting 1; Major — Computer Science; Ambition — college degree; Hobbies — weight lifting, drawing.

FORD DEFENSE						
Year	UT	AT	ToT	TFL	Sacks	Fum
1995	7	9	16	1-4	1-8	1
1996	27	22	49	9-33	1-5	1
Career	34	31	65	10-37	2-13	2
Year	Int	BPU	BK	CF	GP	
1995	0-0	3	0	0	9	
1996	0-0	4	0	0	11	
Career	0-0	7	0	0	20	



74

PATRICK GOODMAN

6-3 • 273 • Jr. • C
Cecilia, Ky.

WKU Notes: After redshirting his first year on the Hill, he started all 11 games at center last fall, helping the Topper offense rank 3rd in the nation in rushing ... solid and consistent, he is again expected to hold down that spot as WKU's only returning starter in the interior line ... came to Western from Central Hardin High School where he was an honorable mention All-State lineman as senior af-

ter earning All-Area honors three straight years ... played his prep ball for WKU grad Mike Lewis ... big and strong (he benches 300 pounds), he placed fourth in the state in power lifting competition as a senior ... an outstanding performer in the classroom as well, he was an honor roll student each of his four years in high school ... active in the CHHS' Beta Club and Fellowship of Christian Athletes chapters, he was twice named to the school's Who's Who list.

The Goodman File: Full Name — David Patrick Goodman; Parents — David and Patricia Goodman (father, service manager; mother, registered nurse); Birth — Aug. 10, 1977, Hardin County, Ky.; High School — Central Hardin '95; HS Coach — Mike Lewis (Western Kentucky); HS Letters — football 1, track 1; Major — Civil Engineering Technology; Ambition — career in engineering; Hobbies — fishing, sports.



4

JADE GUMMER

5-7 • 189 • Sr. • WB
Cross Lane, W. Va.

WKU Notes: Took over as the starter at wingback last fall and played an important role in the continued success of the Hilltopper running game ... he ran for 62 yards and a TD, but was primarily relied upon as a blocker in '96 ... he served as a model of consistency last season, and he again figures to get the starting nod at wingback during the '97 campaign ... After redshirting as a rookie in '94, he appeared in all 10 games in '95 ... he has also been a two-year regular on special teams ... he possesses excellent strength for a man his size (he benches 350 pounds) and he's run the 40 in a solid 4.50 ... he came to the Hill from Nitro (W.Va.) High School where he was an All-State and All-County selection following his senior season ... he earned area "McDonalds" and "Toyota" Player-of-the-Year honors after running for 1,300 yards in his final prep campaign ... he set a Nitro school record with 297 yards rushing in a single game ... he also lettered in track and basketball ... he was active off the playing field as well, serving as president of his school's Key Club organization while also serving on the school Student Council and Executive Council ... a solid student, he graduated in the top 15 percent of his high school class.

The Gummer File: Full Name — Jade Maurice Gummer; Parents — William and Danielia Gummer (father, operations manager; mother, housewife); Birth — May 19, 1976, Wheeling, W. Va.; High School — Nitro '94; HS Coach — Greg Cyruse; HS Letters — football 1, track 2, basketball 2; Majors — Sociology and Psychology; Ambition — graduate school; Hobby — basketball.

GUMMER'S RUSHING STATISTICS							
Year	Att	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg/Att		
1996	21	64	2	62	3.0		
Year	Lg	TD	GP	Avg/Gm			
1996	8	1	11	5.6			
RECEIVING							
Year	Revs	Yds	Yds/Ret	Lg	TD	GP	Rec/Gm
1996	4	15	3.8	6	0	11	0.4
DEFENSE							
Year	UT	AT	ToT	TFL	Sacks	Fum	
1995	2	1	3	0-0	0-0	0	
Year	Int	BPU	BK	CF	GP		
1995	0-0	0	0	0	11		
KICKOFF RETURNS							
Year	Revs	Yds	Yds/Ret	Lg	TD	GP	
1995	2	14	7.0	14	0	10	
ALL-PURPOSE RUNNING							
Year	Rush	Rec	Int	PR			
1995	0	0	0	0			
1996	62	15	0	0			
Career	62	15	0	0			
Year	KOR	Total	GP	Avg			
1995	14	14	10	1.4			
1996	0	77	11	7.0			
Career	14	91	21	4.3			

The Hilltopper Nickname

The evolution of the nickname "Hilltoppers" is obvious to those who have seen the Western Kentucky campus.

The operations of Western Kentucky State Normal School were moved from the site of its forerunner, Southern Normal School, to a commanding hill in the southwestern portion of Bowling Green on Feb. 4, 1911. The move was completed as the entire student body marched to the new site, carrying various articles of school equipment.

Since the summit of "the Hill" rises 232 feet above nearby Barren River and the comparatively level plain that surrounds the Hill, it was only natural that the young athletes who represented the institution centered on the crest should come to be known as "Hilltoppers."

Still, the name did not come into use until the 1925-26 school year. Prior to that, Western's athletic teams were commonly referred to as "Pedagogues" or "Teachers."

Hilltopper Birthdays During the 1997 Season

Month	Date	Name	Year
August	27	Carlis Phillips	(21)
	27	Willie Taggart	(21)
September	2	Mitchell Randle	(20)
	19	John Kenady	(18)
	22	Caleb Alcineus	(22)
	22	Earl Miller	(19)
	October	4	Andrae Shaw (UAB game)
November	7	Aaron McClung	(23)
	7	Jeff Poisel	(20)
	8	Bryan Daniel	(22)
	12	Jeremy Bolton	(20)
	14	Brian Antle	(20)
	31	Bubba Dixon	(20)
November	7	Trainer Bill Edwards	(45)



41
TRAE
HACKETT
5-8 • 188 • Jr. • LB
Louisville, Ky.

WKU Notes: A member of the first-team I-AA Independent All-Star team, he established himself as a force to be reckoned with last fall, leading the Toppers with a team-high 94 stops (including a team-high 60 unassisted), more than tripling his tackle total (27) for the 1995 season — all that despite missing the season finale with an injury ... also recorded team highs for sacks (3.5 for 25 yards) and forced fumbles (2) ... notched 5 double-digit tackle games — 15 vs. UAB (9 unassisted), 13 against both Eastern Kentucky and Jacksonville State (9 unassisted), 11 at Murray State and 10 at Austin Peay ... has a nose for the ball, always seems to be in the action and plays much bigger than his size would indicate ... missed spring practice recovering from an injury suffered in the Southern Illinois game last fall ... came on strong as a rookie in '95 was one of 10 true freshmen to earn letters that fall ... as a freshman, he saw action both as a regular on special teams and as a backup at linebacker ... was a first-team AP All-Stater as a senior at Male High School; and, he was a second-team pick on *The Courier-Journal's* All-State Team, as well ... also honored with berths on All-South, All-Region, All-County and All-District Teams ... a three-year letterman for the Bulldogs, he helped Male win the Kentucky state championship his junior season.
The Hackett File: Full Name — Wilbur L. Hackett III; Parents — Wilbur and Brenda Hackett (father, Toyota employee; mother, Director of Education, Audubon Hospital); Birth — Nov. 25, 1976, Louisville, Ky.; High School — Male '95; HS Letters — football 3; Major — Environmental Science; Ambition — career in environmental sciences; Hobbies — collecting baseball cards.

HACKETT ON DEFENSE							
Year	UT	AT	ToT	TFL	Sacks	Fum	
1995	15	12	27	0-0	0-0	0	
1996	60	34	94	8-26	3.5-25	0	
Career	75	46	121	8-26	3.5-25	0	
Year	Int	BPU	BK	CF	GP		
1995	0-0	0	0	1	10		
1996	1-0	4	0	2	10		
Career	1-0	4	0	3	20		
INTERCEPTIONS							
Year	No	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD	GP	Avg
1996	1	0	0.0	0	0	10	0.1



50
AARON
HAMILTON
6-2 • 290 • Jr. • OL
Indianapolis, Ind.

WKU Notes: A junior college transfer from the College of DuPage, he figures to play a role in helping WKU rebuild the offensive line ... he was a NJCAA All-American and 2-year starter as an offensive guard at DuPage, helping his team go 23-0 ... DuPage won the Midwest Bowl his freshman year and was ranked 3rd in the nation ... the Chaps won the Midwest Bowl again last year and finished that campaign ranked 2nd among the nation's junior college teams ... he went to DuPage after spending 1 quarter at Savannah State ... a two-way starter for 3 years at Bishop Chatard High in Indianapolis, he was a first-team All-State and first-team All-City pick as an offensive guard his senior season.
The Hamilton File: Full Name — Aaron Thomas Hamilton; Parents — Walter Hamilton and Pat Blewett (mother, Navistar International employee); Birth — June 14, 1976, Indianapolis, Ind.; High School — Bishop Chatard '95; HS Letters — football 3, wrestling 1, track 1; Junior College — College of DuPage '97; JuCo Coach — Bob MacDougall; JuCo Letters — 2; Major — General Studies; Ambition — college degree, pro football, own a business; Hobbies — basketball, computer games, family.



51
ANDY
HAPE
6-2 • 276 • Sr. • OL
Evansville, Ind.

WKU Notes: He shook off the injury bug in '96 and appeared in all 11 WKU games in the defensive line, accounting for 30 tackles ... was moved to the offensive line in spring practice and appears ready to take over at one tackle slot ... after redshirting as a rookie in '94, he started the first three games of the '95 season before being sidelined with a knee injury; but, he recovered to appear in the final two games of the year, earning another start in the finale at Liberty and coming up with 26 tackles despite playing in just half the Toppers' games ... he bench presses 320 pounds ... came to WKU after a stellar career at Reitz High School in Evansville ... he was twice named All-State, All-Metro, All-City and All-Conference at RHS; and, he earned a berth on the Indiana North-South All-Star Game roster ... he has close family ties with Hilltopper football — his father, Bill, was an outstanding linebacker at WKU (1967-70),

captaining the 1970 team that went 8-1-1 (the four teams he lettered on at WKU posted an overall record of 28-7-4 — 76.9%); he then spent 10 seasons (1973-82) as an assistant coach on the Topper staff before returning to his native Evansville, where he enjoyed a successful career as a high school coach before going into school administration ... the younger Hape wears his father's number (51).
The Hape File: Full Name — William Andrew Hape; Parents — Bill and Bonnie Hape (father, high school dean; mother, housewife); Birth — May 26, 1976, Bowling Green, Ky.; High School — F.J. Reitz '94; HS Coach — Bob Gaddis (Ball State); HS Letters — football 3, track 3; Major — Physical Education; Ambition — coaching and a family; Hobbies — sports, the outdoors.

HAPE ON DEFENSE							
Year	UT	AT	ToT	TFL	Sacks	Fum	
1995	12	14	26	2-2	1-1	1	
1996	15	15	30	2-6	1.5-4	0	
Career	27	29	56	4-8	2.5-5	1	
Year	Int	BPU	BK	CF	GP		
1995	0-0	1	0	0	5		
1996	0-0	0	0	0	11		
Career	0-0	1	0	0	16		



52
BRYAN
HEYWARD
6-1 • 265 • Jr. • DT
Dayton, Ohio

WKU Notes: Heyward stepped on the Western campus in 1995 and has played in all 21 Hilltopper games since, earning 15 starts (9 as a freshman and 6 last fall) ... he was credited with 22 tackles as a rookie and was 5th on the squad last fall in stops with 50, plus 6 tackles for loss and 1.5 sacks ... he posted his best numbers during the 1996 season at Jacksonville State where he came up with 8 tackles (6 unassisted) ... he emerged from spring drills atop the depth chart as the probable starter at one defensive tackle during the '97 campaign ... he bench presses an impressive 305 pounds ... came to the Hill from Carroll High School in Dayton where he was a second-team Ohio All-Stater as well as an All-Area and All-District performer ... he was selected his team's Most Valuable Player as well as the MVP on the team's defensive unit as a senior when he was credited with 47 tackles for loss and a half dozen sacks ... he comes from a football family — his father (Bryan) played college football at Kent State and an uncle played at the University of Cincinnati.
The Heyward File: Full Name — Bryan Curtis Heyward; Parents — Bryan Heyward and Karen Green (father, teacher; mother, psychologist); Birth — July 31, 1976; High School — Dayton Carroll '95; HS Letters — football 4; Major — Pre-Physical Therapy; Ambition — health career.

HEYWARD ON DEFENSE						
Year	UT	AT	ToT	TFL	Sacks	Fum
1995	9	13	22	3-8	1-3	0
1996	25	25	50	6-20	1.5-6	2
Career	34	38	72	9-28	2.5-9	2
Year	Int	BPU	BK	CF	GP	
1995	0-0	2	0	1	10	
1996	0-0	2	0	0	11	
Career	0-0	4	0	1	21	



90
CORY
HIMSEL
6-3 • 225 • So. • TE
Danville, Ind.

WKU Notes: After redshirting as a rookie last fall, he came on strong in spring practice, earning the number one backup slot on the depth chart at tight end ... a 3-year starter at Danville High, he was an All-State selection as a senior after earning honorable mention All-State laurels the year before ... he was also a 2-time All-Conference pick ... a versatile athlete, he scored 16 touchdowns from 6 different positions in one season ... he played 3 years of varsity basketball as well.
The Himsel File: Full Name — Cory Martin Himsel; Parents — Sam and Marty Himsel (father, farmer; mother, secretary); Birth — April 28, 1977, Danville, Ind.; High School — Danville '96; HS Coach — Bob Copeland (Ohio University); HS Letters — football 3, basketball 3; Major — Anthropology; Ambition — farming; Hobbies — farming, four-wheelers, 4-H, outdoor activities.



15
DWIGHT
HOLDER
6-0 • 188 • Sr. • WB
Franklin, Ky.

WKU Notes: Got into one game in '96, coming up with 11 yards on 2 carries vs. Kentucky Wesleyan ... is expected to help backup the wingback position this fall ... missed spring drills recovering from knee surgery after suffering the injury in practice last season ... came to the Hill from nearby Franklin-Simpson High School where he was a 3-sport (football, track and basketball) letter winner for the Wildcats, winning his football team's 110% Award as a senior ... was a part of FSHS teams that advanced to the state championships in basketball and track.
The Holder File: Full Name — Dwight Christopher Holder; Parents — Clarence and Gwen Ray (father, truck driver; mother, homemaker); Birth — Feb. 11, 1975; High School — Franklin-Simpson '94; HS Coach — James Matthews (MTSU); HS Letters —

football 3, track 3, basketball 2; Major — Pre-Physical Therapy; Ambition — health career; Hobbies — running, basketball.

HOLDER'S RUSHING STATISTICS					
Year	Att	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg/Att
1996	2	11	0	11	5.5
Year	Lg	TD	GP	Avg/Gm	
1996	7	0	1	11.0	



63
TODD
HOUSTON
6-2 • 210 • So. • OL
Owensboro, Ky.

WKU Notes: Appeared in just one game as a true freshman last fall, coming up with a stop in the Kentucky Wesleyan game ... moved to the offensive line in spring practice and figures to help shore up the line.
The Houston File: Full Name — Todd Aaron Houston; Parents — Steve and Marcia Houston (father, steelworker; mother, nurse); Birth — Feb. 19, 1978, Owensboro, Ky.; High School — Apollo '96; HS Coach — Dan Gooch (Morehead State); HS Letters — football 4; Major — History; Ambition — teaching, coaching; Hobbies — weight lifting, fishing, music.

HOUSTON ON DEFENSE						
Year	UT	AT	ToT	TFL	Sacks	Fum
1996	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0
Year	Int	BPU	BK	CF	GP	
1996	0-0	0	0	0	1	



84
JASON
JACOBS
6-3 • 225 • So. • TE
Indianapolis, Ind.

WKU Notes: After redshirting as a rookie last fall, he came on strong in spring practice, coming out on top of the preseason depth chart at tight end ... played his prep football at Sccecina Memorial in Indianapolis where he was a 2-time All-stater and 3-time All-City and All-Conference selection ... he was credited with 46 career receptions, scored 22 career touchdowns and came up with 31 career sacks on defense ... his big game on the gridiron was a 4-TD performance against arch-rival Bishop Chatard ... he was also twice named All-State in baseball and he was a 3-time All-City pick on the diamond as well ... and, he twice earned All-Sectional honors in basketball.
The Jacobs File: Full Name — Jason Jacobs; Parents — Larry and Patty Jacobs (father, CPA; mother, cafe manager); Birth — Jan. 7,

1978, Indianapolis, Ind.; High School — Sccecina Memorial '96; HS Coach — Ott Hurrle (Butler); HS Letters — football 4, basketball 3, baseball 4; Major — Public Relations; Ambition — broadcasting; Hobbies — fishing, golf.



13
CRAD
JAGGERS
6-3 • 185 • So. • QB
Vine Grove, Ky.

WKU Notes: After redshirting as a rookie last fall, he figures to be the number one backup for veteran Willie Taggart at quarterback this season ... pitched for the Hilltopper baseball team in the spring, making 12 appearances on the mound ... came to the Hill with a real Western pedigree — his grandfather (Craddock), father (Joe), uncle (Johnny) and older brother (Marty) all played football for the Hilltoppers ... brother Marty still holds the WKU record for pass completion percentage in a game (.833 — 10-12 vs. Austin Peay in 1981 ... a 2nd team All-Stater, as well as area and team MVP, as a senior, he started 3 years as a kicker and 3 at quarterback for his father's North Hardin High Trojans, setting all the school's passing and kicking record along the way ... a cool customer under pressure, in the regional football championship game in '94, he shook off the effects of throwing and uncharacteristic 4 interceptions to kick the game-winning field goal in overtime ... he helped lead his NHHS basketball team to 2 regional championships (and trips to Kentucky's "Sweet Sixteen" state tournament) and 4 district titles.
The Jagers File: Full Name — Craddock Hylan Jagers; Parents — Joe and Joye Jagers (father, high school teacher-coach; mother, secretary); Birth — Aug. 2, 1977, Elizabethtown, Ky.; High School — North Hardin '96; HS Coach — Joe Jagers (WKU); HS Letters — football 4, baseball 5, basketball 4; Major — Physical Education; Ambition — pro baseball, football coaching; Hobbies — golf, tennis, all sports.

Topper Tidbits

In 78 seasons and 733 games, Hilltopper football teams have recorded 149 shut-outs (one in every 4.9 games), while the opposition has kept Western off the scoreboard just 70 times (once every 10.5 games). Those numbers include seven scoreless ties.



27
JA SHARD
JUSTICE
5-10 • 165 • Jr. • CB
Texas City, Texas

WKU Notes: Fought off the injury bug to appear in 5 games last fall after being one of 10 Hilltopper rookies to letter as true freshmen in '95 ... heads into the '97 campaign as the number one backup at one corner ... very quick (4.48 in the 40), he came to the Hill from LaMarque (Texas) High School where he was an All-District athlete in both football and basketball ... as a senior griddier, he was credited with 31 tackles, 19 passes broken up three interceptions and three fumble recoveries ... on the hardwood, he averaged 18.4 points, 6.1 rebounds and six assists as a senior ... solid in the classroom, he was a member of LHS' chapter of the National Honor Society and he graduated 17th in his prep class of 293 ... from an athletic family, his brother, Joe Justice, played football at Minnesota; and, he is a cousin of Cleveland Indians baseball star David Justice.

THE JUSTICE FILE: Full Name — Ja Shard J. Justice; Parents — Lonnie and Patricia Adkins (father, small business manager; mother, teacher); Birth — Aug. 8, 1977, Galveston, Texas; High School — LaMarque '95; HS Coach — Alan Weddell (Texas); HS Letters — football 2, basketball 3; Major — Sociology; Ambition — career in psychology, pro ball; Hobbies — movies, basketball.

JUSTICE ON DEFENSE						
Year	UT	AT	ToT	TFL	Sacks	Fum
1995	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0
Year	Int	BPU	BK	CF	GP	
1995	0-0	0	0	0	5	



55
RON
KELLY
6-1 • 245 • Sr. • LB
Mississauga, Ontario

WKU Notes: Has appeared in all 21 Topper games the last 2 seasons (and 30 games in a row overall), as a part-time starter at linebacker in '95 and a mainstay on special teams both seasons ... after coming up with 20 tackles and 3 forced fumbles in '95, he was credited with 26 stops (15 unassisted) last fall ... came out of spring drills as the likely starter at one inside linebacker slot ... ranks among the squad's best in the weight room with his 380-pound bench press ... missed the first 2 games of the '94 season and then got into the last 9, seeing most of his action on special teams after redshirting his first year on the

Hill in '93 ... one of a number of outstanding Canadian athletes to play for the Toppers in recent years ... he was named first-team All-Canada at Lorne Park High School ... his team's Most Valuable Lineman as a junior, he was twice honored as the squad's Defensive MVP ... he was also a 3-time Peel All-Star and he earned a berth on the Metro All-Star Team ... as a senior, he averaged 15.5 tackles a game (eight of those unassisted) and he totaled 3 interceptions.

The Kelly File: Full Name — Ronald Francis Kelly; Parent — Thomas Kelly (father, car salesman); Birth — Jan. 23, 1973, Collingwood, Ontario; High School — Lorne Park '93; HS Coach — Mike Armstrong; HS Letters — football; Major — Physical Education; Ambition — teaching, coaching; Hobbies — sports, reading, TV, friends.

KELLY ON DEFENSE						
Year	UT	AT	ToT	TFL	Sacks	Fum
1994	3	0	3	0-0	0-0	0
1995	10	10	20	2-5	1-4	0
1996	15	11	26	0-0	0-0	0
Year	Int	BPU	BK	CF	GP	
1994	0-0	0	0	0	10	
1995	0-0	2	0	3	10	
1996	0-0	0	0	0	11	
Career	0-0	2	0	3	31	



6
JAMMIE
KYLE
5-6, 183, Sr., TB
Woodridge, Ill.

WKU Notes: After playing in all 11 games (9 as a starter) in the defensive backfield last fall, Kyle moved to the offensive backfield in spring drills to add quality depth at tailback where he could challenge apparent frontrunner Mitchell Randle for playing time at the slot vacated by the graduated Antwan Floyd, the school's career rushing leader ... posted 3 double figure tackle games last season — 12 at Jacksonville State, 11 at Marshall and 10 versus Eastern Kentucky at home ... he redshirted as a rookie in 1994 and then came on to play in nine contests as a backup receiver in '95 (he missed the opener nursing a knee injury) ... possesses a great combination of strength (he benches 350 pounds) and speed (he's run the 40 in 4.46 seconds) ... came to the Hill from Downers Grove South High ... was an All-State selection as a senior (when he ran for 1,600 yards and 20 TDs) and won All-Area honors four times ... as a senior, he rushed for 1,446 yards and 17 TDs, including games of 231 and 170 (with four TDs) yards ... he also lettered in track as a prepster and qualified for the national Junior Olympics in the decathlon (finished 13th among 15-year-olds).

The Kyle File: Full Name — Jammie Kyle; Parent — Susan Young; Birth — Dec. 31,

1975, Chicago, Ill.; High School — South '94; HS Coach — John Belskis (Valpariso); High School Letters — football 2, track 2; Major — Corporate Communications; Ambition — business, pro football; Hobbies — singing, working out.

KYLE'S RUSHING STATISTICS						
Year	Att	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg/Att	
1995	4	11	0	11	2.8	
Year	Lg	TD	GP	Avg/Gm		
1995	4	0	9	1.2		
RECEIVING						
Year	Rets	Yds	Yds/Ret	Lg	TD	GP
1995	2	40	20.0	28	0	9
DEFENSE						
Year	UT	AT	ToT	TFL	Sacks	Fum
1996	48	29	77	2-8	2-13	1
Year	Int	BPU	BK	CF	GP	
1996	0-0	0	0	1	11	
ALL-PURPOSE RUNNING						
Year	Rush	Rec	Int	PR		
1995	11	40	0	0		
Year	KOR	Total	GP	Avg		
1995	0	51	9	5.7		



16
KEITH
LANDER
5-10, 175, Jr., FS
Evansville, Ky.

WKU Notes: After redshirting as a rookie last fall, he played in 10 games last fall, earning a start in the Liberty game, and was credited with 18 tackles ... came out of spring practice as the number one backup at free safety ... played his prep football at Harrison High in Evansville where he was a two-time All-City and All-Conference selection ... once rallied HHS from a 21-0 halftime deficit with three fourth quarter touchdown passes for the victory.

The Lander File: Full Name — Randall Keith Lander, Jr.; Parents — Randall and Emily Lander (father, maintenance worker; mother, corrections officer); Children — one daughter, E'Lexia Sierra Lander; Birth — July 3, 1977, Evansville, Ind.; High School — Harrison '95; HS Letters — football, basketball; Major — Civil Engineering Technology; Ambition — career as an engineer; Hobbies — drawing, basketball.

LANDER ON DEFENSE						
Year	UT	AT	ToT	TFL	Sacks	Fum
1996	11	7	18	1-1	0-0	0
Year	Int	BPU	BK	CF	GP	
1996	0-0	0	0	0	10	



25
LEROY
LITTLES
6-2 • 190 • So. • WR
Jacksonville, Fla.

WKU Notes: After redshirting as a rookie last fall, he figures to help backup All-American Joey Stockton at wide receiver this time around ... played his prep football at West Nassau High in Callahan, Fla., where he was a first-team All-3A and All-State pick while also winning All-Conference and county MVP honors ... as a senior, he averaged 25.3 yards per catch and had 7 catches for 197 yards in one game (against Bierson Taylor High) ... on the defensive side of scrimmage, he once snared an interception (vs. Lee High) and returned it 96 yards ... on the track, he won state titles in both the triple and long jump competitions while also qualifying for the state meet in the 330 hurdles ... altogether, he set 18 school records in track, including all 3 jumps and the hurdles.

The Littles File: Full Name — Leroy Deshawn Littles; Parents — Michael and Sarina Moore (father, welder; mother, secretary); Birth — Dec. 18, 1976, Jacksonville, Fla.; High School — West Nassau (Callahan, Fla.) '96; HS Coach — Jim Culpepper; HS Letters — football 2, basketball 2, track 1; Hobbies — fishing, swimming.



26
SEAN
LONGSTRETH
6-1 • 225 • Sr. • DT
Hillsboro, Ohio

WKU Notes: Moves from end to tackle this fall after appearing in all 11 Topper games last season — both as a backup at end and on special teams ... after redshirting as a freshman in '93, he started at one defensive end in 1994, finishing the year seventh on the squad in total tackles (46) and eighth in unassisted stops (30) ... he enjoyed an impressive outing in the Toppers' 21-3 win over Austin Peay at home, posting his only double-digit tackle total to date (14 stops, 10 of those unassisted); and, he was credited with three sacks (for four yards) and a pair of passes broken up ... in '95, he appeared in nine contests (he missed the finale nursing a severe bruise), earning five starts and coming up with 29 tackles and four passes broken up ... will backup the tackle slots this fall ... possesses a good combination of speed (4.83 in the 40) and strength (he benches 335 pounds) ... came to the Hill from Hillsboro High where he was an All-Stater as a senior

and a 3-time All-Conference and team MVP pick ... he averaged 18 tackles a game in his 3 varsity seasons and he also booted an HHS record 55-yard field goal ... he set a school record for long field goal and for tackles in a season (184) — he was 2nd in the Cincinnati area in tackles as a senior ... his senior squad enjoyed a perfect 10-0-0 season ... he was also a 2-time All-Conference selection in both baseball (he was also honorable mention All-State on the diamond) and basketball ... he averaged 12 points a game in basketball and hit 12 home runs in baseball (and, he once threw a perfect game) ... off the playing field he served as his class president and was active in chorus and on HHS dance team (he was in four theatre productions in high school — Grease, West Side Story, Seven Brides for Seven Brothers and South Pacific).

The Longstreth File: Full Name — Sean Michael Longstreth; Parent — Ruth Nixon (mother, caterer); Birth — April 21, 1974, Yuba, Calif.; High School — Hillsboro '93; HS Coach — James Horne (Central State); HS Letters — football 4, baseball 4, basketball 3; Majors — Sociology and Recreation; Ambition — career, see the world; Hobbies — hiking, swimming, skiing, working out.

LONGSTRETH ON DEFENSE						
Year	UT	AT	ToT	TFL	Sacks	Fum
1994	30	16	46	3-11	7-28	1
1995	16	13	29	3-11	2-13	0
1996	1	2	3	0-0	0-0	0
Year	Int	BPU	BK	CF	GP	
Career	47	31	78	3-11	9-41	1
1994	0-0	6	0	3	11	
1995	0-0	4	0	0	9	
1996	0-0	1	0	0	11	
Career	0-0	11	0	3	31	



77
KENNY
MARTRAY
5-10 • 281 • Sr. • DT
Vanderbilt, Pa.

WKU Notes: After redshirting as a rookie in 1993, he has been a mainstay in the Topper defensive line the past 3 seasons ... played in all 11 games last fall (9 starts) after starting all 10 games in '95 and appearing in all 11 games in '94 (with seven starts) — that's 32 straight games played for the rugged senior ... a consistent and reliable athlete, he totaled 27 tackles in '94, 39 (21 unassisted) in '95 and 38 last fall (23 unassisted) ... he accounted for a career-high 10 stops (including 5 unassisted) in WKU's 21-3 home win over Austin Peay in '94 ... he figures to start at one defensive tackle slot again ... he's also a hard worker in the weight room, where he benches 370 pounds ... came to Western from Connellville (Pa.) Area High, where he was a 3-year starter, earning 2nd-team All-State laurels as a senior ... he was twice named All-Conference and he was CAHS' Defensive

MVP as a junior and senior ... the 3 teams he played on at CAHS went 35-2 (30-0 in regular season action), winning the Western Pennsylvania title in Three Rivers Stadium his junior year ... he totaled 135 career tackles ... he graduated in the top 10 percent of his class and was a member of the National Honor Society ... his father, John, and his uncles (Carl, now the WKU Dean of the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences, and Joe) all played football at Fairmont State University.

The Martray File: Full Name — John Kenneth Martray, Jr.; Parents — John and Delores Martray (father, manager, U.S. Steel; mother, self-employed); Wife — Marla Michelle; Birth — Dec. 17, 1974, Connellville, Pa.; High School — Connellville Area '93; HS Coach — Dan Spanish (Kentucky); HS Letters — football 3; Major — Civil Engineering Technology; Ambition — engineering, pro ball; Hobbies — hunting, fishing.

MARTRAY ON DEFENSE						
Year	UT	AT	ToT	TFL	Sacks	Fum
1994	14	13	27	3-5	0-0	0
1995	21	18	39	2-2	0-0	0
1996	23	15	38	4-11	1.5-7	0
Year	Int	BPU	BK	CF	GP	
Career	58	46	104	9-18	1.5-7	0
1994	0-0	1	0	0	11	
1995	0-0	10	0	1	10	
1996	0-0	1	0	0	11	
Career	0-0	12	0	1	32	



58
AARON
MCCLUNG
6-2 • 278 • Sr. • OL
Mayfield, Ky.

WKU Notes: A fifth-year senior, he had a good spring, emerging as the probable starter at one tackle slot ... missed the entire '96 season with an injury ... appeared in 9 games in '95, three of those as a starter in the line ... came to Western from Graves County High where he was a 2-time All-Stater and All-Purchase selection; and, he was a 3-time All-Western Kentucky Conference pick ... a 4-year starter, he totaled 206 tackles, 10 fumble recoveries and 26 sacks ... he set a school record for games started (42) and he became the first male athlete from GCHS (in any sport) to play in a state All-Star game (the Ky.-Tenn. All-Star Game) ... his father, Ron, was an outstanding high school wrestler in the Arkon, Ohio, area.

The McClung File: Full Name — Aaron David McClung; Parents — Ronald and Mary McClung (father, rubber worker); Birth — Oct. 7, 1974, Mayfield, Ky.; High School — Graves County '93; HS Coach — Jay Buckley (North Dakota); HS Letters — football 4; Major — Physical Education; Ambition — teaching, coaching; Hobbies — basketball, fishing.



2 DEE MULDROW
5-7 • 150 • Jr. • CB
Cincinnati, Ohio

WKU Notes: Appeared in 9 games last fall (7 starts) before a knee injury (in the Indiana State game) knocked him out (successful off-season surgery) ... then, he missed most of spring practice due to illness ... but, he figures to play an important role in the defensive secondary again this season after accounting for 19 tackles and a pair of pass interceptions in '96 ... played sparingly in 5 games (on both offense and defense) as a true freshman in '95 ... one of the Toppers' fastest athletes, he clocked a 4.46 in the 40; and, despite his size, he's benched an impressive 300 pounds ... came to the Hill from Princeton High in Cincinnati where he was a 3-year letter winner in both football and track ... a solid student, he was an honor roll student and a member of his high school's chapter of the National Honor Society, graduating 51st out of a class of 407 at PHS.

The Muldrow File: Full Name — Daniel Muldrow II; Parents — Daniel and Lucille Muldrow (father, disabled; mother, homemaker); Birth — March 3, 1977, Youngstown, Ohio; High School — Princeton '95; HS Letters — football 3, track 3; Major — Community Health; Ambition — sports broadcasting and a family; Hobbies — golf, tennis, Nintendo, friends and family.

MULDROW'S RECEIVING STATISTICS							
Year	Rets	Yds	Yds/Ret	Lg	TD	GP	Rec/Gm
1995	2	28	14.0	18	0	5	0.4
DEFENSE							
Year	UT	AT	ToT	TFL	Sacks	Fum	
1996	13	6	19	0-0	0-0	0	
Year	Int	BPU	BK	CF	GP		
1996	2-11	4	0	1	9		
INTERCEPTIONS							
Year	No	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD	GP	AVG
1996	2	11	5.5	11	0	9	0.2
KICKOFF RETURNS							
Year	Rets	Yds	Yds/Ret	Lg	TD	GP	
1996	1	31	31.0	31	0	9	
ALL-PURPOSE RUNNING							
Year	Rush	Rec	Int	PR			
1995	0	28	0	0			
1996	0	0	11	0			
Career	0	28	11	0			
Year	KOR	Total	GP	Avg			
1995	0	28	5	5.6			
1996	31	42	9	4.7			
Career	31	70	14	5.0			



42 MICHAEL NAPIER
5-10 • 203 • Sr. • LB
Cincinnati, Ohio

WKU Notes: Appeared in 10 games last fall as a backup on the defensive unit and a regular on special teams ... figures to again fill those roles this season ... after redshirting his first year on the Hill in '94, he came out and played in all 10 games in '95 ... possesses a fine combination of quickness (he's run the 40 in 4.66 seconds) and strength (he's benched 355 pounds) ... he was a first-team All-League and honorable mention All-City pick in Cincinnati as a senior at Winton Woods High School ... and, he was selected to play in the annual Southwest All-Star Game ... also earned letters in wrestling and track, where he was an outstanding shot putter ... named to his school's "Who's Who" and served as president of the Cincinnati Career Association.

The Napier File: Full Name — Michael Aaron Napier; Parent — Mary Alice Napier (mother, journalist, Cincinnati Enquirer); Birth — Dec. 27, 1974, Cincinnati, Ohio; High School — Winton Woods '94; HS Coach — Lou Cynear (Cincinnati); HS Letters — football 3, wrestling 4, track 2; Majors — Government and Sociology; Ambition — family, successful career; Hobbies — playing the drums, exotic cars, weight lifting, acting, volunteer work, music.

NAPIER ON DEFENSE							
Year	UT	AT	ToT	TFL	Sacks	Fum	
1996	3	0	3	0-0	0-0	0	
Year	Int	BPU	BK	CF	GP		
1996	0-0	0	0	0	10		
KICKOFF RETURNS							
Year	Rets	Yds	Yds/Ret	Lg	TD	GP	
1996	1	14	14.0	14	0	10	
RUSHING							
Year	Att	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg/Att		
1996	6	19	0	19	3.2		
Year	Lg	TD	GP	Avg/Gm			
1996	9	0	10	1.9			



68 MATT PERRY
6-3 • 270 • So. • OL
Elizabethtown, Ky.

WKU Notes: After sitting out the '96 campaign, he came out of spring practice slated to help backup the offensive line ... came to WKU from Central Hardin High where he played for WKU alumnus Mike Lewis ... earned All-Area for his 7-4-0 team as a senior ... his older brother Todd played football at Kentucky and is an offensive lineman with

the Chicago Bears of the NFL; and, his twin brother Mark is a lineman at Northwestern.

The Perry File: Full Name — Matthew Aaron Perry; Parents — Joseph and Brenda Perry (father, teacher; mother, teacher); Birth — May 3, 1978, Elizabethtown, Ky.; High School — Central Hardin '96; HS HS Coach — Mike Lewis (WKU); Letters — football 2; Major — Agriculture; Ambition — animal science; Hobbies — hunting, fishing.



22 CARLIS PHILLIPS
5-9 • 175 • Sr. • CB
South Bend, Ind.

WKU Notes: Moves back to the defensive backfield this season after backing up All-American Joey Stockton at wide receiver last fall ... and, he shared kickoff return duties with Stockton, taking 10 kicks back 219 yards, an average of 21.9 yards per try ... after redshirting as a freshman in 1994, he played in all 10 games (with 9 starts) in 1995, coming up with 64 tackles (43 unassisted), 2 fumble recoveries, 2 pass interceptions, 4 passes broken up and a team-high 5 forced fumbles ... he posted 10-tackle outings against both Eastern Kentucky (9 unassisted) and Eastern Illinois (7 unassisted) ... one of the fleetest Toppers afoot, he covers the 40 in a sharp 4.58 seconds; and, for his size, he benches a solid 300 pounds ... came to Western from Clay High in South Bend, Ind., where he was an All-State pick as a senior; he also was twice named All-Area and All-Conference ... named his football team's captain and MVP as a senior ... a CHS record holder in both football (he holds 5 school marks) and track (one record); he scored 25 career TDs and ran for 2,242 yards (on 369 carries — a 6.1 average) ... he also had 30 catches for 402 yards (a 13.4 avg), 36 kickoff returns for 703 yards (19.5 avg), 4 punt returns for 72 yards (18.0 avg) and scored 152 points ... he once ran for 267 yards in a single game and he's scored 5 TDs in one game as well — both school records ... and, he also lettered in basketball ... a solid student who was active off the playing field, he was a member of the National Honor Society, the Student Council, the Optimist Group, Junior Kiwanians, the Latin Club and the Multi-Cultural Club; and, he was a Hoosier Boys State delegate and won his school's Sportsmanship Award.

The Phillips File: Full Name — Carlis Ronnal Phillips, Jr.; Parents — Carlis Phillips, Sr.; Priscilla Phillips (father, education counselor; mother, executive secretary); Birth — Aug. 27, 1976, South Bend, Ind.; High School — Clay '94; HS Letters — football 3, track 3, basketball 2; Major — Computer Information Systems; Ambition — a career in computer technology; Hobbies — singing, TV.



47 LATRAVIS POWELL
5-10 • 217 • Sr. • FB
Columbus, Ga.

WKU Notes: After redshirting as a rookie in '93, he's been the Hilltoppers' starting full-back each of the past 3 seasons ... the unsung hero in the WKU option, he plays a critical role in the Topper offense, blocking, running and making things happen ... an All-America candidate, his contributions far outweigh the numbers on his statsheet ... he ran for 379 yards and 5 scores last season after accounting for 289 yards and a team-high 7 TDs in 1994 and 496 yards and 4 scores in '95 ... he exploded for a career-best 152 yards (on just 12 carries — 12.7 yards per carry), including the team's long run of the season (68 yards) at Southern Illinois in '95 ... he led the Topper starters in yards per carry in 1995 (5.7 ypc) ... came to WKU from Shaw High School where he was an All-State and All-Conference performer as well as the 3-time winner of his team MVP award ... Shaw's all-time leading rusher, he totaled 4,250 yards on the ground; and, for good measure, he was credited with 306 tackles on the defensive side ... a solid student as well, he was an honor student and he was named to his school's Who's Who list.

The Powell File: Full Name — Latravis Powell; Parents — Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Powell (father, firefighter); Birth — Jan. 13, 1975, Cairo, Ga.; High School — Shaw '93; HS Letters — football 4, track 4; Major — Health Care Administration; Ambition — private business; Hobby — weight lifting.

POWELL ON DEFENSE							
Year	UT	AT	ToT	TFL	Sacks	Fum	
1996	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	1	
Year	Int	BPU	BK	CF	GP		
1996	0-0	0	0	0	11		
RUSHING							
Year	Att	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg/Att		
1994	74	290	1	289	3.9		
1995	87	498	2	496	5.7		
1996	116	384	5	379	3.3		
Career	277	1,172	8	1,164	4.2		
Year	Lg	TD	GP	Avg/Gm			
1994	32	7	11	26.3			
1995	68	4	10	49.6			
1996	11	5	11	34.5			
Career	68	16	32	36.4			

PHILLIPS' RECEIVING STATISTICS							
Year	Rets	Yds	Yds/Ret	Lg	TD	GP	Rec/Gm
1996	1	2	2.0	2	0	11	0.1
DEFENSE							
Year	UT	AT	ToT	TFL	Sacks	Fum	
1995	43	21	64	2-2	0-0	2	
1996	3	0	3	0-0	0-0	0	
Career	46	21	67	2-2	0-0	2	
Year	Int	BPU	BK	CF	GP		
1995	2-24	4	0	5	10		
1996	0-0	0	0	0	11		
Career	2-24	4	0	5	21		
KICKOFF RETURNS							
Year	Rets	Yds	Yds/Ret	Lg	TD	GP	
1995	1	8	8.0	8	0	10	
1996	10	219	21.9	40	0	11	
Career	11	227	20.6	40	0	21	
ALL-PURPOSE RUNNING							
Year	Rush	Rec	Int	PR			
1995	0	0	24	0			
1996	0	2	0	0			
Career	0	2	24	0			
Year	KOR	Total	GP	Avg			
1995	8	32	10	3.2			
1996	219	221	11	20.1			
Career	227	253	21	12.0			



40 MICHAEL PIERCE
6-2 • 240 • So. • LB
Floyds Knobs, Ind.

WKU Notes: After sitting out the 1996 campaign as a redshirt, he is expected to get in on the action as a backup in the Topper linebacking corps ... he came to the Hill from Providence High in Clarksville, Ind., where he was a 3-year starter ... also named the Pioneers' Defensive MVP and All-Area ... his team was the '93 state runner-up team.

The Pierce File: Full Name — Joseph Michael Pierce; Parent — Joseph J. Pierce (father, president of Sav-a-Stop Food Mart); Birth — 3/1/77, Louisville, Ky.; High School — Providence (Clarksville, Ind.) '96; HS Coach — Gene Sartini (Louisville); HS Letters — football 3, track 2; Major — Education; Hobbies — fishing, basketball, lifting weights.



14 JEFF POISEL
6-1 • 170 • So. • PK
Indianapolis, Ind.

WKU Notes: Just 74 seconds into his college football career on the Hill, Poisel was on the scoreboard after nailing a PAT; then, he made good on his first collegiate field goal try, splitting the uprights with a 31-yarder less than eight minutes into the Topper opener last fall, setting the stage for one of

the finest seasons ever by a Hilltopper kicker ... in that opening win over Kentucky Wesleyan, he accounted for 12 points (that FG and 9-9 on PATs) — that PAT total set a new Western Kentucky record and the 12 points was the 2nd highest total ever for a WKU kicker in a single game ... his 58 points by kicking as a freshman ranks as the 4th highest total ever for a Hilltopper; and, his 37 PATs (37-40) set a new Western Kentucky standard ... appeared in all 11 Hilltopper games, averaging 5.3 points per game ... but, there were some rough spots for him; after making that first field goal attempt in the opener, he struggled on threes, making just 2 of his first 8 attempts on the year ... then, he settled into his role on the Hilltopper squad and demonstrated the kind of college placekicker he can become, nailing 5 of his last 6 FGs on the year, including a college career best 41-yarder (in very blustery weather conditions) at Morehead State in the 1996 season finale ... has the range and the talent to challenge former Topper kicking great Dan Maher (1985-88) and become the all-time kicking leader in the Western Kentucky record books ... came to the Hill from Ben Davis High School in Indianapolis where he earned an incredible 12 varsity letters in four sports — 4 letters in soccer, 3 each in football and basketball and 2 in baseball ... on the gridiron, he was a 2nd-team Blue Chips Preseason All-America selection as a senior ... and, he earned honorable mention All-State honors for his efforts on the field and in the classroom ... a two-time first-team All-County and first-team All-City selection for the Giants, he set Ben Davis school records for kickoff distance (55-yard average), field goals in a season (9) and long field goal (57 yards) ... on the hardwood, he captained the Giants to their 2nd straight Indiana state championship as a senior in 1996, earning high honorable mention All-State laurels ... he also earned berths on the All-Sectional, All-Regional, All-Semi-State and All-State Tourney teams ... he was honored as the Most Valuable Player at the 1996 state tournament after nailing a 3-pointer at the buzzer in overtime to win the state championship game ... he captained his Ben Davis High soccer team 2 years, earning Academic All-State honors and leading the Giants in scoring (20 goals) as a junior ... and, he also captained his prep baseball team, earning a spot on the CIBA All-Star team.

The Poisel File: Full Name — Jeffrey Brian Poisel; Parent — Ellen Poisel (mother, teacher); Birth — Oct. 17, 1977, Indianapolis, Ind.; High School — Ben Davis '96; HS Coach — Dick Dullaghan (Butler); HS Letters — football 3, basketball 3, soccer 4, baseball 2; Majors — Business; Hobbies — playing sports, spending time with friends.

POISEL'S PLACEKICKING STATISTICS						
Year	FGs	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+
1996	7-14	0-0	1-3	5-9	1-2	0-0
Year	PAT-K	Pts	GP	PPG		
1996	37-40	50	11	5.3		



20
MITCHELL RANDLE
6-1 • 187 • Jr. • TB
Louisville, Ky.

WKU Notes: The heir apparent to WKU's all-time leading rushing (Antwan Floyd), he played in all 11 games last fall, running for 230 yards and a pair of touchdowns on 49 carries ... got his WKU career off to a roaring start as one of 10 true freshmen who lettered for the Toppers in '95, getting into all 10 games and carrying the ball 42 times for 352 yards (6.9 yards per try) and 2 TDs ... he totaled just 39 yards on 7 rushes (5.6 ypc) in the first four games of the year and then accounted for 313 yards (on 35 ties — 8.9 ypc) in the final 6 games of the year (52.2 ypg) ... he enjoyed his best outings at Troy State in '95 (68 yards on 7 carries) and at home versus EIU (64 yards, on 7 rushes); his high game in '96 was 44 yards on 7 tries at APSU ... he covers 40 yards in a swift 4.49 seconds ... came to WKU from Eastern High where he was named 1996 Back-of-the-Year ... won the Johnny Unitas Hall of Fame Award ... won 4 letters in both football and track, he won the Kentucky 4A state championship in the 110 high hurdles ... played prep football for WKU All-American (1973) Mike McCoy.

The Randle File: Full Name — Mitchell Kyle Randle; Parents — William Randle; Julie Randle (father, UPS employee; mother, teacher); Birth — Sept. 2, 1977, Louisville, Ky.; HS — Eastern '95; HS Coach — Mike McCoy (WKU); HS Letters — football 4, track 4; Major — Sociology; Ambition — law enforcement; Hobbies — motorcycles.

RANDLE'S RUSHING

Year	Att	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg/Att
1995	42	291	1	290	6.9
1996	49	234	4	230	4.7
Career	91	525	5	520	5.7
Year	Lg	TD	GP	Avg/Gm	
1995	25	2	10	29.0	
1996	23	2	11	20.9	
Career	25	4	21	24.8	

RECEIVING

Year	Rets	Yds	Yds/Ret	Lg	TD	GP	Rec/Gm
1996	1	5	5.0	5	0	11	0.1

DEFENSE

Year	UT	AT	ToT	TFL	Sacks	Fum
1996	4	1	5	0-0	0-0	0
Year	Int	BPU	BK	CF	GP	
1996	0-0	0	0	0	11	

KICKOFF RETURNS

Year	Rets	Yds	Yds/Ret	Lg	TD	GP
1995	1	6	6.0	6	0	10

ALL-PURPOSE RUNNING

Year	Rush	Rec	Int	PR
1995	290	0	0	0
1996	230	5	0	0
Career	520	5	0	0
Year	KOR	Total	GP	Avg
1995	6	296	10	29.6
1996	0	235	11	21.4
Career	6	531	21	25.3



65
BILL ROARK
6-5 • 280 • So. • OL
Hamilton, Ohio

WKU Notes: Redshirted as a rookie on the Hill last fall and then earned a spot on the 1996 preseason depth chart as a key backup at tackle ... came to WKU from Hamilton High where he was an honorable mention All-State pick for Coach Ed Mignery's Big Blue ... named team captain and earned first-team honors on the Greater Miami, Butler County and Southwest District teams ... a 3-year starter, he led the Big Blue to the conference championship his junior year.

The Roark File: Full Name — William Perry Roark; Parents — Tom and Judy Phillips (father, retired; mother, case worker); Birth — March 10, 1978, Hamilton, Ohio; High School — Hamilton '96; HS Coach — Ed Mignery (Morehead State); HS Letters — football 3; Hobbies — fishing, hunting, basketball.



43
FRED ROBINSON
5-8 • 205 • So. • TB
Maywood, Ill.

WKU Notes: Sat out last season, but is expected to help add depth to the running back corps in 1997 ... he was named the Walther Lutheran High MVP of his conference after ranking 7th in the state in rushing (1,985 yards) as a senior All-Stater ... in his 4 years at WLHS, he totaled 3,646 yards rushing.

The Robinson File: Full Name — Fredrick Robinson; Parents — Cecil and Viola Robinson (father, minister; mother, housewife); Birth — Dec. 30, 1977, Melrose Park, Ill.; High School — Walther Lutheran '96; HS Coach — Eric Michaelson; HS Letters — football 4, basketball, track, wrestling; Major — Electrical Engineering Technology.



62
BRAD SIX
6-1 • 254 • Sr. • OL
Englewood, Ohio

WKU Notes: Appeared in 9 games last fall, both as a backup on the defensive unit and as a mainstay on the special teams ... was moved to the offensive line in spring drills to help

shore up a depleted line corps and emerged as the likely starter at one guard spot ... saw action in all 10 games in '95, again backing up on defense unit and helping out with the special teams, after watching from the sidelines the previous 2 seasons ... he's worked hard in the weight room where he benches 380 pounds, one of the highest figures on the team ... came to the Hill as freshman when his older brother, Mark, a junior college transfer who completed his eligibility in the offensive line in '94, joined the Toppers in 1993 ... Brad earned 3 letters on the gridiron at Northmont High in Clayton, Ohio ... as a prepster, he earned All-Conference, All-Area and All-Southwest honors while helping his NHS team win its league title his senior year.

The Six File: Full Name — Brad Evan Six; Parents — Gerald and Andrea Six; Birth — Aug. 5, 1975, Dayton, Ohio; HS — Northmont '93; HS Coach — Ed Domsite (Ohio State); HS Letters — football 3, baseball 2; Major — General Studies-Technology.

SIX ON DEFENSE

Year	UT	AT	ToT	TFL	Sacks	Fum
1995	2	5	7	0-0	0-0	2
1996	4	3	7	1-3	1-6	1
Career	6	8	14	1-3	1-6	1
Year	Int	BPU	BK	CF	GP	
1995	0-0	0	0	0	10	
1996	0-0	1	0	0	9	
Career	0-0	1	0	0	19	



92
CHUCK SKILLMAN
6-1 • 222 • Jr. • LB
Humble, Texas

WKU Notes: After redshirting on the Hill in '95, Skillman played in 10 games last fall, coming up with 4 tackles and a half sack as well as working on special teams ... he's penciled in to back up Trae Hackett at linebacker in 1997 ... came from Humble High where he was twice named honorable mention All-State, All-District and Defensive MVP ... set an HHS school record for career sacks (47) and he helped lead his 7th ranked team to a district championship his senior season ... a standout on the diamond as well, he earned All-District baseball honors and set school records for season home runs (14) and triples (16); hit 4 home runs the district tournament ... he was named prom King and FHA Beau ... his father played football at Ole Miss (1964-88) and put in one year playing in the NFL.

The Skillman File: Full Name — Charles Vincent Skillman; Parents — Chuck Skillman and Bonnie Skillman (father, salesman); Birth — April 18, 1977, Atlanta, Ga.; High School — Humble '95; HS Coach — Neal Quillan (Stephen F. Austin); HS Letters — football 3, baseball 3; Major — Business; Ambition — to be successful; Hobbies — all sports.

SKILLMAN ON DEFENSE

Year	UT	AT	ToT	TFL	Sacks	Fum
1996	2	2	4	0-0	0.5-1	0
Year	Int	BPU	BK	CF	GP	
1996	0-0	0	0	0	10	



28
ROD SMART
5-11 • 190 • Jr. • TB
Lakeland, Fla.

WKU Notes: Saw action in just one game (the opener versus Kentucky Wesleyan) last year before being sidelined with an injury that forced him to sit out the remainder of the '96 campaign ... sat out his first year on the Hill ('95), but came out of spring drills this time around slated to back up veterans Mitch Randle and Jammie Kyle at tailback ... a talented runner who certainly could make a case for playing time ... very quick, he covers the 40 in a swift 4.45 seconds ... came to Western from Lakeland High where he won the Dreadnaughts' Best Offensive Back Award his senior season ... lettered 3 years at LHS, starting all 3 years; and, he lettered twice in track as well.

The Smart File: Full Name — Tarrold D. Smart; Parent — Varerie Smart; Birth — Jan. 9, 1977, Lakeland, Fla.; High School — Lakeland '95; HS Coach — Bill Castle; HS Letters — football 3, track 2; Major — Recreation; Ambition — pro football; Hobbies — cutting hair, drawing.

SMART'S RUSHING STATISTICS

Year	Att	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg/Att
1996	7	69	0	69	9.9
Year	Lg	TD	GP	Avg/Gm	
1996	24	0	1	69.0	



83
DONALD SMITH
6-3 • 202 • So. • DE
Indianapolis, Ind.

WKU Notes: Sat out his first year on the Hill and is expected to play a backup role at defensive end this fall ... came to WKU from Warren Central High in Indianapolis where he was a 2nd team All-County selection as a senior ... a 2-year football starter for WCHS, he also lettered twice for his basketball team.

The Smith File: Full Name — Donald Van Smith; Parents — James Smith and Fredia Adams (mother, vice president, NBD); Birth — March 12, 1978, Louisville, Ky.; High School — Warren Central (Indianapolis) '96; HS Coach — Dave Shelbourne (Northwest-ern); HS Letters — football 3, basketball 2; Major — Industrial Technology.



64
TODD SORRELL
6-4 • 225 • Jr. • C
Louisville, Ky.

WKU Notes: Saw action in 3 contests last fall after redshirting on the Hill in 1995 ... he is again slated to be the number one backup at center in '97 ... came from Manual High in Louisville where he was the Most Valuable Lineman (offensive and defensive) in 1994.

The Sorrell File: Full Name — Joseph Todd Sorrell; Parents — Larry and Sharon Sorrell (father and mother, post office employees); Birth — March 8, 1977, Louisville, Ky.; HS — Manual '95; HS Coach — Mick Motley; HS Letters — football 3; Major — Education; Hobbies — friends, movies.



44
DON SOWELL
5-11 • 225 • Jr. • LB
Houston, Texas

WKU Notes: Played in all 11 games last fall (with 4 starts), providing valuable depth in the linebacking corps ... posted 22 tackles (17 unassisted) along with a pair of tackles for loss (4 yards) and a half sack (2 yards) ... teams with Ron Kelly to make WKU very solid at one linebacker slot ... one of 10 true freshmen who earned letters as in '95, he appeared in 9 contests, coming up with 23 tackles, 16 of those unassisted ... benches 325 pounds ... came from MacArthur High where he was a first-team All-Greater Houston pick as a senior ... named the *Northeast News* Defensive Player-of-the-Year and was a finalist for the Houston Touchdown Club's Defensive Player-of-the-Year Award ... also a 2-time All-District selection, he led his team in tackles ... assists the WKU athletic trainers.

The Sowell File: Full Name — Don L. Sowell, Jr.; Parents — Don and Jennifer Sowell (father, laborer; mother, retired); Birth — March 14, 1977; Wife — Tanisha, Daughter — Donisha, 1; High School — MacArthur '95; HS Coach — Bob Alpert; HS Letters — football 3, track 2, basketball 1; Hobbies — kids, basketball, street football.

SOWELL ON DEFENSE

Year	UT	AT	ToT	TFL	Sacks	Fum
1995	16	7	23	1-1	0-0	1
1996	17	5	22	2-4	0.5-2	0
Career	33	12	45	3-5	0.5-2	1
Year	Int	BPU	BK	CF	GP	
1995	0-0	0	0	0	9	
1996	0-0	0	0	0	11	
Career	0-0	0	0	0	20	

Academically Speaking

The bottom line in any quality college football program is education, both on the field and off. A number of Hilltopper grid-ers have distinguished themselves in both of these areas of the academic community. Judith Grimm and Ruth Franklin are Western football's academic counselors who keep track of the "stats" on the Toppers in the classroom. Listed below are the eight members of WKU's 1997 football team who boast cumulative grade point averages of 3.0-or-better:

Overall	Major(s)
Bubba Dixon 3.0	Marketing
Brandon Egan 3.0	Accounting
Patrick Goodman 3.6	Civil Eng. Tech.
Jade Gummer 3.0	Psych. & Sociology
Ja Shard Justice 3.1	Sociology
Ron Kelly 3.0	Physical Educ.
Jeff Poisel 3.0	Business
Todd Sorrell 3.1	Education

In addition, another eight Topper footballers posted grade-point averages of 3.0-or-better for the 1997 spring semester. They are:

Spring '97	Major(s)
Zohn Centimole 3.0	Nursing
Andy Hape 3.5	Physical Educ.
Sean Longstreth 3.0	Rec. & Sociology
Matt Perry 3.2	Agriculture
Mitchell Randle 3.0	Sociology
Don Sowell 3.0	Nursing
Delvechio Walls 3.0	Health Care Adm.
Kevin Wood 3.0	Mech. Eng. Tech.



3
DELVECHIO WALLS
5-9 • 156 • Jr. • CB
Sarasota, Fla.

WKU Notes: Has appeared in all 21 WKU games the past 2 seasons, starting 15 ... he was credited with 24 stops (18 unassisted) along with sharing the team lead for interceptions (4 for 36 yards) and pacing the squad in passes broken up (11) in '96 after coming up with 34 tackles (23 unassisted) and a team-high 4 interceptions in '95 ... one of the fleetest Toppers, he covers the 40 in a swift 4.51 seconds ... tops the depth chart at one cornerback slot ... came from Booker High where he was a preseason *Bluechip* All-America pick as a senior ... he was twice named All-State, first-team All-Area and his team's Offensive Player-of-the-Year ... he totaled 75 catches for 35 touchdowns ... as a senior, he accounted for 50 solo tackles and 12 interceptions ... a 4-sport letterman (football, basketball, track, baseball) ... a part of the BHS record setting 4x100 relay team ... he's a cousin of baseball star Dwight Gooden.

The Walls File: Full Name — Delvechio Emanuel Walls; Parent — Beverly Walls; Birth — Dec. 27, 1976, Macon, Ga.; HS — Sarasota Booker '95; HS Coach — Leroy Ryals; HS Letters — football 4, basketball 3, track 2, baseball 1; Major — Health Care.

WALLS ON DEFENSE						
Year	UT	AT	ToT	TFL	Sacks	Fum
1995	23	11	34	1-1	0-0	1
1996	18	6	24	1-7	0-0	1
Career	41	17	58	2-8	0-0	2
Year	Int	BPU	BK	CF	GP	
1995	4-28	1	0	0	10	
1996	4-36	11	0	1	11	
Career	8-64	12	0	1	21	
INTERCEPTIONS						
Year	No	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD	GP
1996	4	36	9.0	26	0	11
KICKOFF RETURNS						
Year	Rets	Yds	Yds/Ret	Lg	TD	GP
1995	1	4	4.0	4	0	10



9 1
BEN WITTMAN
6-2 • 226 • Jr. • DE
Sarasota, Fla.

WKU Notes: After redshirting as a rookie on the Hill in '95, he came out and appeared in all 11 games last fall, serving as a backup at end while also helping out on special teams ... had an excellent spring and came out on top in the battle for a starting position at one end position ... was credited with 15 tackles

and a pair of sacks (10 yards) last season ... possesses one of the best combinations of quickness (he's been clocked at 4.60 in the 40) and strength (he bench presses a team-high 400 pounds) on the squad ... came to Western with former Booker High teammate Delvechio Walls last fall after a stellar prep career there ... he was named his team's Outstanding Defensive Lineman both his junior and senior years ... as a senior, he was a first-team 4AA All-State selection on the gridiron, earning a berth on the state All-Star Football Team after helping his team post a perfect 10-0 record ... he set a school record for quarterback sacks ... also won a number of honors in weight lifting, qualifying for the state weight lifting championships in both '94 and '95 ... he holds BHS records for the clean and jerk (280 pounds) and the combined clean & jerk and bench press (600 pounds) ... a solid performer in the classroom as well, he graduated in the top 25% of his high school class ... hails from an athletic family — his brother Matt (6-5, 285) was an offensive tackle at Central Florida; a cousin, Drew Wittman, was the tennis coach at James Madison before going to work for the U.S. Tennis Association; another cousin, Jeff Wittman, played football at Ithaca; and, his uncle, Gene Wittman, was a high school wrestling coach.

The Wittman File: Full Name — Benjamin D. Wittman; Parents — Theodore and Marjorie Wittman (father, plumbing contractor; mother, office manager); Birth — 8-10-76, Sarasota, Fla.; High School — Booker '95; HS Coach — Leroy Ryals; HS Letters — football; Major — Marketing; Hobbies — fishing, snorkeling, camping, hunting.

DEFENSE						
Year	UT	AT	ToT	TFL	Sacks	Fum
1996	7	8	15	0-0	2-12	1
Year	Int	BPU	BK	CF	GP	
1996	0-0	4	0	1	11	



5 7
MELVIN WISHMAN
6-2 • 205 • So. • LB
St. Louis, Mo.

WKU Notes: Redshirted his first year on the Hill and came out of spring practice listed as the number one backup at one linebacker position ... came to WKU from Hazelwood East High in St. Louis where he was named the Spartans' MVP at linebacker as a senior while also earning All-State and All-Suburban North Conference laurels ... he was an honorable mention All-Conference pick as a junior ... a 2-year starter, he helped his HEHS squad go 11-1 and win a district title as a junior; then, his senior year, the Spartans won the Missouri 5A state championship ... he led that team with 70 tackles and also had

3 interceptions ... credited with 55 tackles and fourth thefts as a junior.

The Wisham File: Full Name — Melvin James Wisham, Jr.; Parents — Melvin and Pamela Wisham (father, railroad employee; mother, registered nurse); Birth — Nov. 23, 1977, St. Louis, Mo.; High School — Hazelwood East '96; HS Coach — Rick Gorzynski; HS Letters — football 4; Major — Economics; Ambition — graduate school; Hobbies — football, basketball, video games.



7 6
KEVIN WOOD
6-4 • 275 • Jr. • OL
Kingwood, Texas

WKU Notes: Came to the Hill in January from Kilgore Junior College in Texas where he was a 2-year starter for the Rangers ... he was impressive in the Hilltoppers' spring practice and emerged with the inside track at a starting position at one guard slot ... he played his high school football at Kingwood High School where he was an honorable mention All-Conference selection for the Mustangs.

The Wood File: Full Name — Kevin Charles Wood; Parents — Mark and Kathy Wood (father, sales director; mother, clerk); Birth — Nov. 17, 1976, Tupelo, Miss.; High School — Kingwood '95; HS Coach — Mike Unger (Abilene Christian); HS Letters — football 1; Junior College — Kilgore (Texas); JuCo Coach — Marion Turner; JuCo Letters — football 2; Major — Mechanical Engineering Technology; Ambition — family, good job; Hobbies — comics, cartoons, drawing.

7 9
MARCUS YOUNG
5-11 • 243 • Jr. • DT
Nashville, Tenn.

WKU Notes: Came out of spring drills penciled in as the number one backup at one defensive tackle slot in just his first season in a Hilltopper uniform ... as a high school athlete, he was a 2-year starter for Coach Rocky Cobb's Ft. Campbell Falcons.

The Young File: Full Name — Marcus D'Angelo Young; Parents — Hardin Young, Jr., and Alberta Louise Young (father, military veteran); Birth — Jan. 8, 1977, Nashville, Tenn.; High School — Ft. Campbell (Ky.) '95; HS Coach — Rocky Cobb; HS Letters — football 2, wrestling; Major — Government.

8 5

MARCUS CALDWELL
6-2 • 220 • TE • Campbellsville, Ky.

Earned 10 prep letters — 4 in football and basketball and 2 in tennis — and was 3-time All-Conference as well as the league MVP and QB-of-the-Year as a senior ... also twice an honorable mention All-State ... his 1995 basketball team won a berth in "Sweet Sixteen" state championships ... brother of former WKU lineman Chris Caldwell.

The Caldwell File: Full Name — Marcus Gregory Caldwell; Parents — Gregory and Mary Ann Caldwell (father, IMO machinist; mother, Fruit of the Loom inspector); Birth — April 4, 1979, Glasgow, Ky.; High School — Campbellsville '97; HS Coach — John Peck (Western Kentucky); HS Letters — football 4, basketball 4, tennis 2; Ambition — a good job; Hobbies — sports, friends.

1 8

JASON CUNNINGHAM
5-8 • 170 • QB • Porta Gorda, Fla.

In 3 seasons at Charlotte HS, he hit 56.5% of his passes for 1,470 yards and 19 TDs; and, he ran for 1,585 yards (7.4 ypc) and 22 TDs; 2-time area Offensive Player-of-the-Year ... led CHS to a 10-1-0 mark in '96, throwing for 582 yards (53%) and 8 TDs (ran for 860 yards — 10.4 ypc and 10 TDs) ... related to NFL QB Randall Cunningham.

The Cunningham File: Full Name — Christopher Jason Cunningham; Parents — Robert and Renetta Williams (father, correctional coordinator; mother, training specialist); Birth — March 19, 1979, Dade City, Fla.; High School — Charlotte '97; HS Coach — Eric Moore (Indiana); HS Letters — football 3, track 4; Major — Architecture; Ambition — designing homes; Hobbies — drawing, video games.

5 3

BRAD DAVIS
6-1 • 210 • LS • Eaton, Ohio

As a senior at Eaton HS, he was special mention All-State, as well as All-Area, All-Southern Buckeye League, All-County and his team's Most Valuable Offensive Lineman ... an experienced long snapper, he could move right into that role at WKU ... his brother Bart is a professional baseball athlete in the Anaheim Angels organization.

The Davis File: Full Name — Aaron Bradford Davis; Parents — Robert and Linda Davis (father, probation officer; mother, teacher); Birth — Aug. 6, 1978, Orlando, Fla.; High

School — Eaton '97; HS Coach — Ron Neanen (Defiance); HS Letters — football 3, baseball 3; Major — Education; Ambition — teaching, coaching; Hobbies — weight lifting, sports, friends.

2 4

HERSCHEL DIXON
5-10 • 205 • RB • Aurora, Ill.

As a senior at Waubonsie Valley High School, he averaged 6.4 ypc (1,028 yards on 161 tries; for 11 TDs), setting school records for yards (271) and TDs (4) in a game ... runs the 40 in 4.55 ... All-Area and All-Upstate Eight Conference ... he also starred in track and basketball for Waubonsie Valley.

The Dixon File: Full Name — Herschel Royshod Dixon; Parents — Bennie and Cassandra Dixon (father, store manager; mother, underwriter); Birth — Feb. 15, 1979, Eutaw, Ala.; High School — Waubonsie Valley '97; HS Coach — B.J. Luke (Georgia); HS Letters — football 4, track 4, basketball 3; Hobbies — reading, music.

3 5

VERRON HAYNES
5-11 • 230 • RB-LB • Woodstock, Ga.

He was the Spartan's Offensive Back-of-the-Year as a senior after running for 1,179 yards ... he was selected to All-Area, All-Metro and All-City teams ... as a junior, he totaled 142 tackles.

The Haynes File: Full Name — Verron Haynes; Parents — Steve and Harriet Nesbitt (father, auto mechanic; mother, senior buyer); Birth — Feb. 17, 1979, Bronx, N.Y.; High School — North Springs '97; HS Coach — Michael Richards (Georgia Southern); HS Letters — football 3, track 2, soccer 2; Major — Business Management; Ambition — college degree; Hobbies — reading, movies, basketball.

3 7

JOHN HOLTZAPFEL
6-2 • 195 • DB • Florence, Ky.

The Northern Kentucky Athletic Conference Co-Player-of-the-Year as a senior, Holtzapfel earned All-League honors on both the offensive and defensive ends of the field ... he was also selected as a 2nd-team *Associated Press* All-Stater ... in 3 seasons at Ryle High School, he completed 105 of 232 passes for nearly 2,000 yards ... he also ran for more than 1,000 yards, was credited with 240 tackles and came up with 18 interceptions ... his father, Michael Holtzapfel, was a member of the

University of Notre Dame 1969 national championship team.

The Holtzapfel File: Full Name — John Edward Holtzapfel; Parents — Michael and Sandra Holtzapfel (father, CSX trainmaster; mother, teacher); Birth — Aug. 19, 1978, Ashland, Ky.; High School — Ryle '97; HS Coach — Dave Eckstein (Northern Kentucky); HS Letters — football 3, basketball 2, track 1; Ambition — own a business; Hobbies — reading, drawing, sleeping, Nintendo.

9 8

JOHN KENADY
6-3 • 285 • OL-DL • Gilbertsville, Ky.

At Marshall County High School, he helped his team advance to the state semifinals as a junior (1995) ... he was an All-Western Kentucky Conference selection ... he was named honorable mention All-State and Academic All-State as well as team Player-of-the-Year and Most Valuable Defensive Player as a senior.

The Kenady File: Full Name — John Atwood Kenady; Parents — Don and Anna Kenady (father, self-employed; mother, teacher); Birth — Sept. 19, 1979, Hopkinsville, Ky.; High School — Marshall County '97; HS Coach — Jim Shelton (Southeast Missouri State); HS Letters — football 3; Hobby — fishing.

Western Kentucky 40-Yard Speedsters

1. Bryan Daniel 4.35
2. Joey Stockton 4.43
3. Rod Smart 4.45
4. Jammie Kyle 4.46
- Dee Muldrow 4.46
6. Willie Taggart 4.47
7. Ja Shard Justice 4.48
8. Mitchell Randle 4.49
9. Delvechio Walls 4.51
10. Carlis Phillips 4.52
11. Reggie Bethel 4.55
- Mike Abts 4.55
13. Quon Danzy 4.57
14. Bubba Dixon 4.59
- Leroy Littles 4.59

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EARL MILLER

6-4 • 210 • DL • Lakeland, Fla.

Miller was an outstanding athlete at Kathleen High School in Lakeland where he was also a key member of his highly ranked Red Devil basketball team ... comes to the Western Kentucky with prep teammate Andre Shaw.

The Miller File: Full Name — Earl Miller; Parent — Anna Miller; Birth — Sept. 22, 1978; High School — Kathleen '97; HS Letters — football.

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TRAYE MOORE

6-9, 190, RB-DB, Lexington, Ky.

A 2-time All-City selection, he earned 4 letters in football and also lettered in basketball, track and baseball ... his brother, LaRon, played college basketball at Northern Kentucky University.

The Moore File: Full Name — Traye MauRice Moore; Parents — James Ollie and Nancy Moore (father, mail carrier; mother, registered nurse); Birth — Feb. 16, 1979, Lexington, Ky.; High School — Bryan Station '97; HS Coach — John Nocht (Kentucky); HS Letters — football 4, basketball 3, track 2, baseball 1; Ambition — teaching; Hobbies — reading, music, TV.

7

DONTE PIMPLETON

6-2 • 175 • QB • Louisville, Ky.

Pimpleton was an All-State honorable mention selection as a senior (ranked among state's Top 20 seniors) at Fern Creek HS ... set a FCHS record as a senior, throwing for 1,551 yards and 18 TDs (and ran for 700 yards) ... also won National Football Foundation and College Football Hall of Fame scholar-athlete awards.

The Pimpleton File: Full Name — DeWayne Donte Pimpleton; Parents — Everett and Mary Pimpleton (father, health and safety supervisor; mother, realtor); Birth — Aug. 12, 1979, Louisville, Ky.; High School — Fern Creek '97; HS Coach — Russ Gibson (Georgetown); HS Letters — football 4, track 4, basketball 1.

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Stefon Robinson

6-2 • 255 • OL-DL • Louisville, Ky.

A 2-year All-District pick and an honorable mention All-Stater as a senior, he lettered in both football and track at Doss HS.

The Robinson File: Full Name — Stefon Gordon Robinson; Parents — Manfred Reid, Jr., and Janice Robinson; Birth — Feb. 2, 1979, Louisville, Ky.; High School — Doss '97; HS Coach — John Bunting (Kentucky); HS Letters — football 3, track 3; Hobby — basketball.

17

ANDRAE SHAW

6-1, 180, WR-DB, Lakeland, Fla.

He was the Kathleen High School Red Devils' Best Receiver as a sophomore, Most Versatile Player as a junior and Most Valuable Player as a senior ... also a star on the KHS basketball squad (nominated for McDonald's All-America).

The Shaw File: Full Name — Andrae Terrell Shaw; Parents — Darnell and Dean Kirkland (father, truck driver; mother, operations supervisor); Birth — Oct. 4, 1978, Miami, Fla.; High School — Kathleen '97; HS Letters — football 4, basketball 3; Ambition — pro football, working with kids; Hobby — basketball.

The 1997 Hilltoppers

By State

Kentucky	25
Florida	12
Indiana	9
Ohio	7
Texas	5
Illinois	4
Georgia	3
Alabama	2
Tennessee	2
Hawaii	1
Missouri	1
New York	1
Ontario	1
Pennsylvania	1
West Virginia	1
Wisconsin	1

By Height

Tallest — Bill Roark, 6-5
Shortest — Bryan Daniel, 5-6
Jammie Kyle, 5-6
Average Height — 6-0

By Weight

Heaviest — Aaron Hamilton, 290
Lightest — Dee Mulchow, 150
Average Weight — 214.8 pounds
(16,321 lbs. — 8.2 tons)

By Class

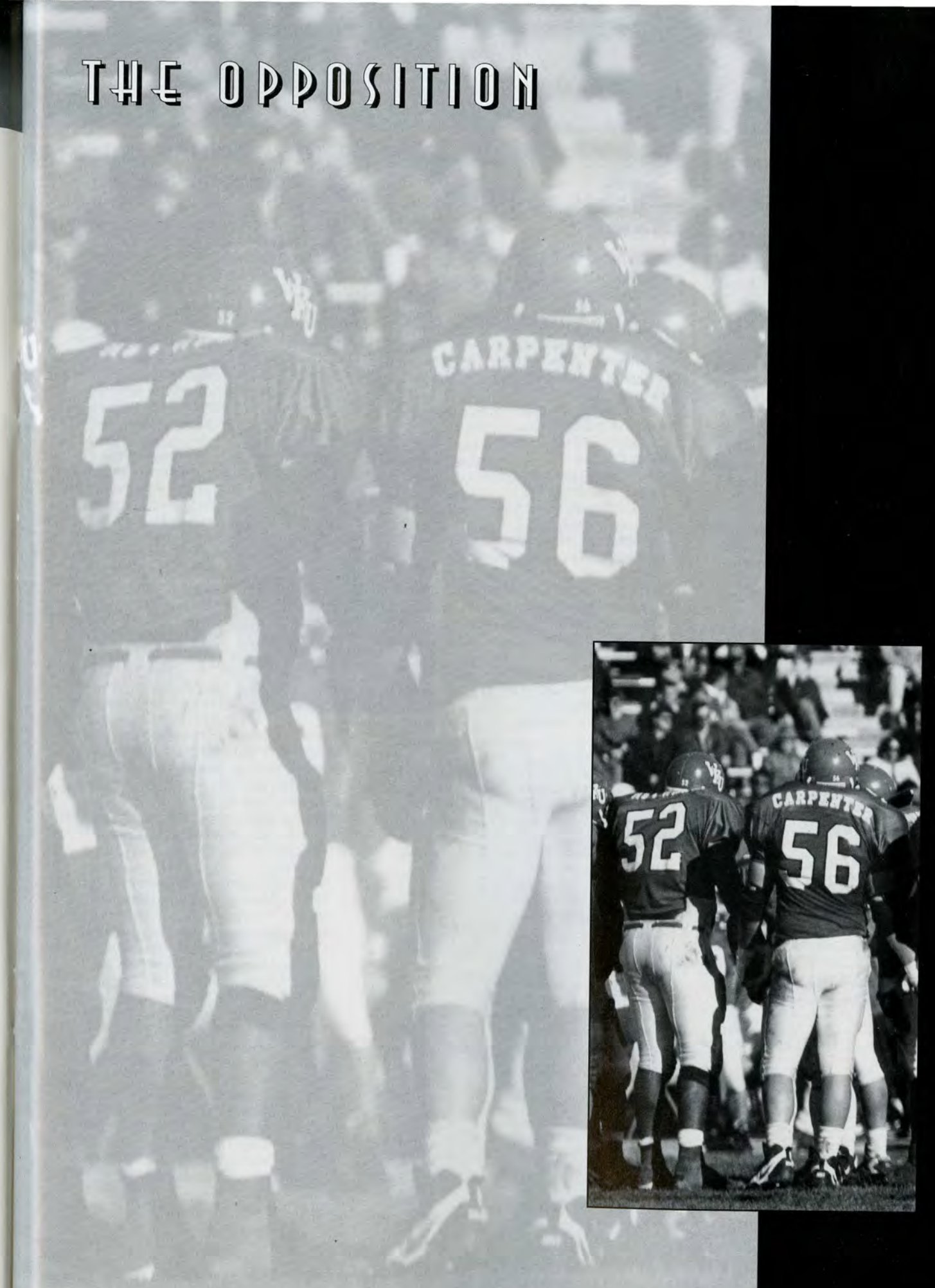
Seniors	22
Juniors	21
Sophomores	20
Freshmen	13

Note: Just 11 of the Hilltoppers' 22 seniors will be in their final year of eligibility.

Note: The 1997 Toppers hail from 15 states and 1 Canadian province.

The Largest Crowds Ever to See the Hilltoppers

	Crowd	Opponent (Date; Site)	Results
1.	40,165	Akron (9/18/65; Akron, Ohio)	T 6-6
2.	36,914	Louisville (9/21/85; Louisville, Ky)	L 23-14
3.	36,126	Louisville (11/4/89; Louisville, Ky)	L 55-7
4.	35,122	Louisville (10/27/90; Louisville, Ky)	L 41-7
5.	34,700	Louisville (9/13/75; Louisville, Ky)	W 21-17
6.	34,144	Louisville (9/20/86; Louisville, Ky)	L 45-6
7.	31,792	Akron (9/17/77; Akron, Ohio)	L 24-3
8.	31,636	Louisville (11/12/88; Louisville, Ky)	L 35-17
9.	31,279	Louisville (9/10/83; Louisville, Ky)	L 41-22
10.	29,356	Kansas St (9/11/93; Manhattan, Kan)	L 38-13
11.	27,856	Tenn. St (10/18/86; Nashville, Tenn)	L 25-3
12.	25,300	Eastern Ky (10/20/79; Richmond, Ky)	L 8-6
13.	25,000	Eastern Ky (10/22/77; Richmond, Ky)	L 35-10
14.	24,500	Eastern Ky (10/23/71; Richmond, Ky)	W 16-7
15.	24,475	Louisville (9/4/82; Louisville, Ky)	L 20-10
16.	24,468	Louisville (10/6/84; Louisville, Ky)	L 45-17
17.	24,326	Central Florida (9/24/94; Orlando, Fla)	L 59-45
18.	24,200	Eastern Ky (10/25/75; Richmond, Ky)	L 13-7
19.	23,984	Akron (9/15/84; Akron, Ohio)	L 42-7
20.	23,506	Akron (9/20/80; Akron, Ohio)	W 8-2
21.	20,800	Eastern Ky (10/24/81; Richmond, Ky)	L 19-11
22.	20,500	Eastern Ky (10/25/69; Richmond, Ky)	W 27-26
23.	20,428	Eastern Ky (10/26/68; Bowling Green)	L 16-7



The UT-Martin Game



August 28 (Thursday), 7 pm (CDT)
Martin, Tenn.

Location: Martin, Tenn. 38238
Founded: 1900
Enrollment: 5,746
Chancellor: Dr. Margaret N. Perry
Athletic Director: Benny Hollis
Head Coach: Jim Marshall (UTM '69)
Head Coaching Record: 19-46-0 (6 years)
Record at UTM: 0-0-0 (1st year)
Record vs. WKU: 0-0-0
Office: (901) 587-7770
Assistant Coaches:
Jim Abbate (Panhandle State '94)
Mike Beagle (Richmond '81)
Jeff Brookshire (Lenoir-Rhyne '93)
Matt Griffin (New Hampshire '92)
Kacy Rodgers (Tennessee '93)
Dave Walkosky (Toledo '92)
SID: Lee Wilmot
Office: (901) 587-7630
FAX: (901) 587-7624
Home: (901) 587-9811
Stadium: Skyhawk Stadium (7,500)
Press Box: (901) 587-7676 / 7678
Playing Surface: natural grass
Nickname: Skyhawks
Colors: Royal Blue, Orange and White
Conference: Ohio Valley Conference
'96 Record: 1-7 (8th, tie)
'96 Overall Record: 1-10-0
Offense: Multiple Pro / Defense: 4-3
Lettermen Lost / Returning: 19 / 31
Starters Lost / Returning: 13 / 11
The Series: first meeting

1996 Results (1-10-0)

at Southern Illinois	L	14-27
Southwest Missouri	L	7-39
Eastern Illinois	L	0-38
at Tennessee Tech (2ot)	L	14-21
Murray State	L	14-28
at Tennessee State	L	14-37
Eastern Kentucky	L	7-45
at Southeast Missouri	W	7- 6
Middle Tennessee	L	12-30
at Samford	L	12-31
at Austin Peay	L	24-55

See inside front cover for 1997 schedules of Western Kentucky and all Opponents

The Murray State Game



September 6, 7 p.m. (CDT)
Bowling Green, Ky.

Location: Murray, Ky. 42071
Founded: 1922 / Enrollment: 8,600
President: Dr. Kern Alexander
Athletic Director: E.W. Dennison
Head Coach: Denver Johnson (Tulsa '81)
Head Coaching Record: 0-0-0 (1st year)
Record at MSU: 0-0-0 (1st year)
Record vs. WKU: 0-0-0
Office: (502) 762-6181
Assistant Coaches:
Jody Allen (Valdosta State '83)
Justin Crouse (MSU '95)
Linwood Ferguson (East Carolina '74)
Cary Fowler (MSU '95)
Larry McClain (Western Carolina '82)
Randall McCray (Appalachian St. '91)
Billy McDaniel (Tennessee '79)
Eric Wilson (Grand Valley State '92)
SID Contact: Steve Parker
Office: (502) 762-4271
FAX: (502) 762-6814
Home: (502) 753-5195
Assistant SID: Susan Lax
Stadium: Stewart Stadium (16,800)
Press Box: (502) 762-6811
Playing Surface: artificial
Nickname: Racers
Colors: Blue and Gold
Conference: Ohio Valley / '96 Record: 8-0-0 (1st)
'96 Overall Record: 11-2-0 (NCAA Playoffs)
Offense: I-formation / Defense: 4-3
Lettermen Lost / Returning: 18 / 37
Starters Lost / Returning: 10 / 15
The Series: WKU 31, MSU 23, 7 ties
In Bowling Green: WKU 15, MSU 9, 6 ties
In Smith Stadium: WKU 8-5-0
In Murray: WKU 16, MSU 14, 1 tie
First Game: at WKU, 7-0, Oct. 24, 1931
Last WKU Win: 44-41, Sept. 7, 1996 (2ot)
Last MSU Win: at WKU, 35-14, Aug. 31, 1995*
Last Tie: 10-10, Sept. 27, 1986
Current Series Streak: 1, WKU (1996)
Coach Harbaugh vs. MSU: 5-2-0
Last Meeting: WKU 44-41, Sept. 7, 1996 (2ot)
In Bowling Green: MSU 35-14, Aug. 31, 1995

1996 Results (11-2-0; NCAA Playoffs)

WESTERN KENTUCKY (2ot)	L	41-44
Southern Illinois	W	48-38
at Southeast Missouri	W	16- 0
Middle Tennessee	W	34- 7
Austin Peay	W	51- 7
at UT Martin	W	28-14
at Eastern Illinois	W	35-28
Tennessee Tech	W	41- 3
at Eastern Kentucky	W	17-14
Tennessee State	W	50-14
West Virginia Tech	W	65- 0
Western Illinois #	W	34- 6
at Troy State #	L	3-31

I-AA National Championship Playoffs

WKU vs. Murray State
• The Story of the Red Belt •

In the spirit of some of college football's greatest rivalries, Western Kentucky and Murray State have a traditional gridiron trophy battle of their own.

"The Red Belt" originated in 1978 when Hilltopper athletic trainer Bill Edwards attended a district trainers' meeting with Murray State trainer Tom Simmons. As Edwards tells the story, Simmons forgot to bring a belt and borrowed a red one from Edwards. After the meeting, when Edwards asked about his belt, Simmons responded that Western would have to beat Murray State in football to get it back!



Simmons then had the belt mounted on a large plaque, complete with brass plates to keep Western-Murray scores etched in history for years to come.

When the '78 football season rolled around that fall, Western went into Racer territory and came away with a 14-6 victory -- and "The Red Belt!" MSU reclaimed it in 1979 and it has bounced back and forth ever since.

The trophy now resides in the WKU Training Room after last year's WKU victory.

Overall, Western Kentucky has won 10 of the 17 battles for "The Red Belt," and there was one tie (10-10 in 1986).

Here's a rundown of the results of the Western-Murray series since "The Red Belt" came on the scene in 1978:

1978 — Western 14, Murray State 6
1979 — Murray St. 30, Western 20*
1980 — Murray St. 49, Western 0
1981 — Murray St. 38, Western 6*
1982 — Western 27, Murray State 20
1983 — Murray St. 7, Western 3*
1984 — Murray St. 17, Western 16
1985 — Western 27, Murray State 25*
1986 — Western 10, Murray State 10
1987 — Western 21, Murray State 17*
1988 — no game
1989 — Murray St. 17, Western 14
1990 — no game
1991 — Western 14, Murray State 0*
1992 — Western 47, Murray State 15
1993 — Western 44, Murray State 14*
1994 — Western 39, Murray State 13
1995 — Murray St. 35, Western 14*
1996 — Western 44, Murray State 41 (2ot)

*WKU Home Game

The EKU Game



September 13, 6 pm (CDT)
Richmond, Ky.

Location: Richmond, Ky. 40475
Founded: 1906 / Enrollment: 15,161
President: Dr. Hanly Funderburk
Athletic Director: Dr. Robert J. Baugh
Head Coach: Roy Kidd (EKU '55)
Head Coaching Record: 272-99-8 (33 years)
Record at EKU: 272-99-8 (33 years)
Record vs. WKU: 15-17-2
Office: (606) 622-2146
Assistant Coaches:

- Jim Tanara (UT-Chattanooga '65)
- Teddy Taylor (EKU '75)
- Doug Carter (William Jewell '80)
- Dean Hood (Ohio Wesleyan '86)
- Leon Hart (Maryville '73)

SID: Karl Park

Office: (606) 622-1253
FAX: (606) 622-1230
Home: (606) 624-1291
Stadium: Kidd Stadium (20,000)
Press Box: (606) 622-2226
Playing Surface: Natural
Nickname: Colonels
Colors: Maroon and White
Conference: Ohio Valley Conference
'96 Record: 6-2-0 (2nd, tie)
'96 Overall Record: 6-5-0
Offense: I-Pro-Set / Defense: 4-3
Lettermen Lost / Returning: 16 / 31
Starters Lost / Returning: 11 / 13
The Series: WKU 40, EKU 29, 3 ties
In Bowling Green: WKU 23, EKU 10, 1 tie
In Smith Stadium: WKU 11-4-0
In Richmond: EKU 18, WKU 12, 2 ties
First Game: EKU 36-6, Oct. 23, 1914#
Last WKU Win: 14-7, Sept. 14, 1996*
Last EKU Win: 38-14, Sept. 14, 1995
Last Tie: 10-10, Oct. 22, 1983
Current Series Streak: 1, WKU (1996)
Coach Harbaugh vs. EKU: 3-5-0
Last Meeting: WKU 14-7, Sept. 14, 1996*
in Richmond: EKU 38-14, Sept. 9, 1995

*in Bowling Green / #site unknown

1996 Results (6-5-0)

Troy State	L	38-40
at WESTERN KENTUCKY	L	7-14
Appalachian State	L	14-21
at Tennessee Tech	W	28- 7
Southeast Missouri (Hc)	W	45- 0
at Middle Tennessee	W	20-13
UT-Martin	W	45- 7
Tennessee State	W	30-10
Murray State	L	14-17
at Austin Peay	W	24-10
at Eastern Illinois	L	21-45

The Austin Peay Game



September 20, 7 pm (CDT)
Bowling Green, Ky.

Location: Clarksville, Tenn. 37044
Founded: 1927 / Enrollment: 8,187
President: Dr. Sal D. Rinella
Athletic Director: Dave Loos
Head Coach: Bill Schmitz (Coast Guard Acad. '76)
Head Coaching Record: 20-19-0 (4 years)
Record at APSU: 0-0-0 (1st year)
Record vs. WKU: 0-0-0
Office: (615) 648-7905
Assistant Coaches:

- Pete Rekstis (Youngstown State '91)
- Mark Rhea (Toledo '91)
- Nick Calcutta (Millersville, Pa. '81)
- Terry Sims (Knoxville College '94)

SID: Brad Kirtley

Office: (615) 648-7561
FAX: (615) 648-7562
Home: (615) 553-2845
Stadium: Governors Stadium (10,000)
Press Box: (615) 648-7191 / 7194
Playing Surface: Stadium Turf
Nickname: Governors
Colors: Red and White
Conference: I-AA Independent
'96 OVC Record: 1-7-0 (8th, tie)
'96 Overall Record: 1-10-0
Offense: Pro-Style / Defense: 4-3
Lettermen Lost / Returning: 44 / 13
Starters Lost / Returning: 20 / 2
The Series: WKU 31, APSU 6, 1 tie
In Bowling Green: WKU 16, APSU 0, 1 tie
In Smith Stadium: WKU 11-0-0
In Clarksville: WKU 15, APSU 6
First Game: WKU 20-0, Nov. 16, 1940*
Last WKU Win: 34-2, Sept. 21, 1996
Last APSU Win: 38-34, Sept. 16, 1995
Last Tie: 6-6, Oct. 10, 1964*
Current Series Streak: 1, WKU (1996)
Coach Harbaugh vs. APSU: 4-2-0
Last Meeting: WKU 34-2, Sept. 21, 1996
In Bowling Green: WKU 21-3, Sept. 17, 1994

*in Bowling Green

1996 Results (1-10-0)

at Arkansas State	L	0-24
at Samford	L	10-12
WESTERN KENTUCKY	L	2-34
at Southeast Missouri	L	13-17
at Murray State	L	7-51
at Middle Tennessee	L	14-50
Tennessee Tech (Hc)	L	17-23
at Tennessee State	L	14-38
Eastern Illinois	L	7-42
Eastern Kentucky	L	10-24
UT-Martin	W	55-24

The South Florida Game



September 27, 7 pm (CDT)
Bowling Green, Ky.

Location: Tampa, Fla. 33620
Founded: 1856 / Enrollment: 37,000
President: Betty Castor
Athletic Director: Paul S. Griffin
Head Coach: Jim Leavitt (Missouri '78)
Head Coaching Record: 0-0-0 (1st year)
Record at USF: 0-0-0 (1 year)
Record vs. WKU: 0-0-0
Office: (813) 974-7170
Assistant Coaches:

- Michael Canales (Utah State '84)
- Frank Hernandez (Kansas State '92)
- Mike Hobbie (Murray State '76)
- Rick Kravitz (Troy State '77)
- Earl Lane (Troy State '81)
- Calvin Magee (South Florida '92)
- Kevin Patrick (Miami '93)
- Andre Waters (Cheyney State '84)
- Eric Wofford (Kansas State '94)

SID: John Gerdes

Office: (813) 974-4086
FAX: (813) 974-5328
Home: (813) 971-4967
Assistant SID: Tracey Judd
Office: (813) 974-4092
Home: (813) 926-0876
Assistant SID: Fred Huff
Office: (813) 974-4087
Home: (813) 914-0784
Stadium: Tampa Stadium (74,000)
Press Box: tba
Playing Surface: natural grass
Nickname: Bulls
Colors: Green and Gold
Conference: I-AA Independent
'96 Overall Record: 0-0-0 (1st season of football)
Offense: Pro-Style Defense: 4-3
Lettermen Lost / Returning: not applicable
Starters Lost / Returning: not applicable
The Series: first meeting

1996 Results

1997 will be USF's first season of football

1997 OPPONENTS

WKU Attendance Records vs. 1997 Opponents

Opponent	Home (Date)	Results	Road (Date)	Results
Murray State	19,250 (11-17-73)	WKU 20-14	15,800 (11-22-80)	MSU 49-0
	19,250 (9-19-87)**	WKU 21-17		
Eastern Kentucky	20,428 (10/26/68)	EKU 16-7	25,300 (10-20-79)	EKU 8-6
Austin Peay	15,500 (9-27-80)	WKU 20-14	9,000 (9-22-79)	WKU 24-20
Alabama at Birmingham	8,000 (9-23-95)	WKU 32-18	20,237 (10-1-94)	WKU 31-22
Southern Illinois	11,900 (10-22-94)	SIU 10-7	7,200 (10-16-93)	WKU 51-24
Morehead State	20,100 (11-1-75)	WKU 14-10	10,000 (11-7-68)	WKU 9-0
Indiana State	10,800 (9-20-69)	7-7 tie	13,000 (9-19-70)	WKU 30-6

**First night game in L.T. Smith Stadium

Note: The Hilltoppers will be playing Tennessee-Martin, South Florida and New Haven for the first time this season

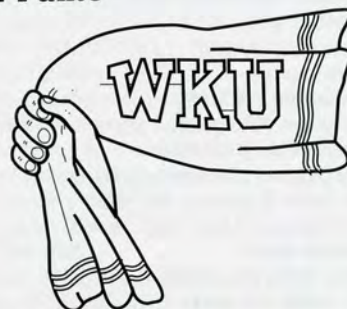
WKU Athlete-of-the-Year Award Winners

- 1972-73 — Jack Glasser (Baseball)
- 1973-74 — Mike McCoy (Football)
Rick Yeloushan (Swimming)
- 1974-75 — Virgil Livers (Football)
- 1975-76 — Nick Rose
(Track-Cross Country)
- 1976-77 — David Carter (Football)
- 1977-78 — Chip Carpenter (Football)
- 1978-79 — Donald Douglas (Track)
- 1979-80 — Chuck DeLacey (Football)
Barbara Ann Shields (Gymnastics)
- 1980-81 — Alicia Polson (Basketball)
Pete Walters (Football)
- 1981-82 — Barry Bumm (Football)
Jane Lockin (Basketball)
Craig McCormick (Basketball)
- 1982-83 — Bobby Peck (Swimming)
- 1983-84 — Dianne Depp (Basketball)
Ashley Johnson
(Track-Cross Country)
- 1984-85 — Steve Crocker (Swimming)
Camille Forrester
(Track-Cross Country)
- 1985-86 — Mark Fatkin (Football)
Kami Thomas (Basketball)
- 1986-87 — Clemette Haskins (Basketball)
Mecit Koydemir (Soccer)
- 1987-88 — Traci Patton (Basketball)
Dan Powell (Swimming)
- 1988-89 — Brett McNeal (Basketball)
Dedre Nelson (Volleyball)
- 1989-90 — Tandreia Green (Basketball)
Roland Shelton (Basketball)
- 1990-91 — Joe Lightfoot (Basketball)
Mary Taylor (Basketball)
- 1991-92 — Chris Hutchinson (Soccer)
Kim Pehlke (Basketball)
- 1992-93 — Mark Bell (Basketball)
Michelle Murphy
(Track-Cross Country)
- 1993-94 — Debbie Houk (Basketball)
Eddie O'Carroll
(Track-Cross Country)
- 1994-95 — Gwen Doyle (Basketball)
Darrin Horn (Basketball)
- 1995-96 — Brian Bixler (Football)
Christina Brown
(Track-Cross Country)
- 1996-97 — Christina Brown
(Track-Cross Country)
Antwan Floyd (Football)

The Western Kentucky University Athletic Hall of Fame

1991 (Inaugural Class)

- E.A. Diddle (Coach), '22-64
- Jimmy Feix (Football), '49-52
- Dee Gibson (Basketball-Tennis), '42-43 & '47-48
- Clem Haskins (Basketball), '65-67
- Adele Gleaves (Haswell) (Gymnastics), '65-67
- Jim McDaniels (Basketball), '69-71
- John Oldham (Basketball), '43 & '47-49
- Bobby Rascoe (Basketball), '60-62
- Max Reed (Basketball/Football), '34-37
- Nick Rose (Track-Cross Country), '72-76



1992

- Lawrence Brame (Football), '67-70
- Jim Burt (Football-Baseball), '61-64
- Clarence Caple (Football), '35-37
- Brenda Chapman (Strickler)
(Basketball-Tennis), '74-78
- Nick Denes (Football-Baseball Coach), 1957-67
- Harry "Pap" Glenn
(Baseball-Basketball-Football), '23-26
- Ted Hornback
(Assistant Basketball-Tennis Coach), '38-76
- Virgil Livers (Football-Track), '71-74
- Tom Marshall (Basketball), '50-54
- Tony Staynings (Track-Cross Country), '73-77

1993

- Darel Carrier (Basketball), '62-64
- Jack Clayton (Football Coach), '48-56
- Frank Griffin
(Assistant Football/Head Golf Coach), '47-78
- Henry Jackson (Track), '67-70
- Dale Lindsey (Football), '63-64
- Don "Duck" Ray
(Basketball-Tennis-Track-Golf), '42-43 & '47-48
- Odie Spears
(Basketball-Baseball), '42-43 & '47-48
- Jesse Stuart (Track), '73-75
- Carlyle Towery (Basketball), '39-41

1994

- Eagle "Buddy" Keys
(Football/Baseball), '42, '46-48
- William "Red" McCrocklin (Basketball), '36-38
- Dickie Moore (Football), '65-68
- Dr. Burch Oglesby
(Track-Cross Country Coach), '67-71
- Kenny Perry (Golf), '79-82
- Hugh Poland
(Football-Basketball-Baseball), '31-34
- Ed Stansbury
(Football-Basketball-Baseball), '27-30

1995

- Ralph Antone (Football-Baseball), '79-83
- Ralph Crosthwaite (Basketball), '55 & '57-59
- Lawrence "Butch" Gilbert
(Football), '48-51
(Assistant Football Coach), '69-84 & '89-90
- Oran McKinney (Basketball), '43 & '46-48
- Jim Pickens (Baseball-Football), '47-49
- Dwight Smith (Basketball), '65-67
- Katy Tinius (Tennis), '75-78

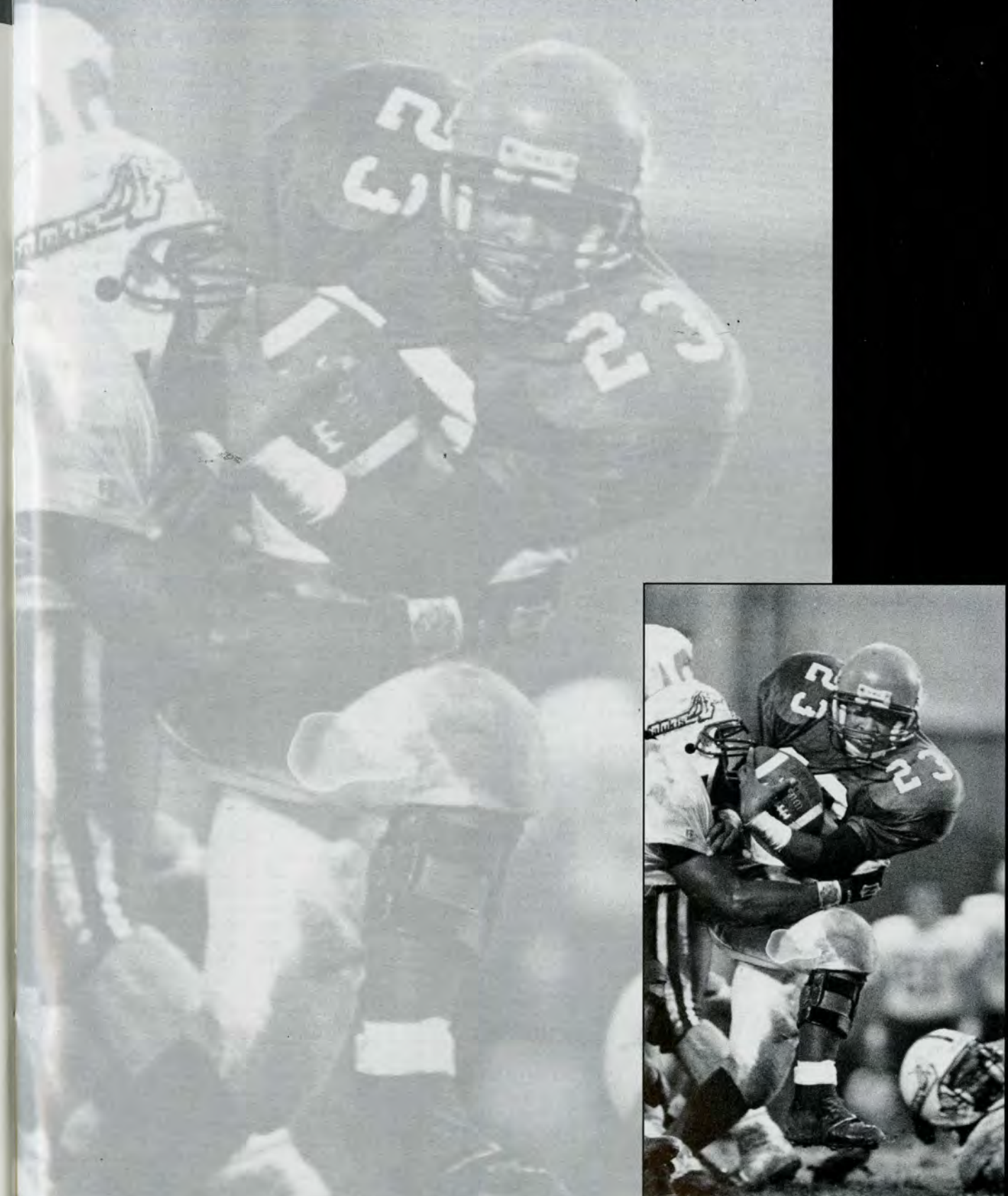
1996

- Carroll Broderick (Football/Basketball), '30-33
- David Carter (Football), '73-76
- Steve Crocker (Swimming), '82-85
- Turner Elrod
(Football-Basketball-Baseball), '28-31
(Asst. FB Coach), '46-67, (Track Coach), '49-62
- Jim "Yogi" Hardin (Football), '55-58
- Bob Lavoy (Basketball), '49-50
- Lillie Mason (Basketball), '82-83, '85-86
- Harry Sadler (Basketball-Track), '35-39
- Wallace "Buck" Sydnor
(Basketball), '41-43
(Assistant Basketball Coach), '64-71
(Assistant Baseball Coach), '72-76

1997

- Howard "Tip" Downing
(Basketball-Football), '39-42
- Tom Ecker (Track-Cross Country Coach), '62-66
- Clemette Haskins (Basketball), '84-87
- Bernard "Peck" Hickman (Basketball), '33-35
- Clarence Jackson (Football), '70-73
- Roger Otten (Tennis), '49-53
- W.L. "Gander" Terry
(Football/Basketball), '25-28
(Head Football Coach), '38-41
- Johnny Vance (Football-Baseball), '66-70
- J.D. "Big Ich" Weaver
(Baseball-Football), '26-28

1996 SEASON REVIEW



1996 SUPERLATIVES

Individual

Category	WKU Hilltoppers
Long Rush	58 — Willie Taggart vs Kentucky Wesleyan, 8/29 TD
Long Pass	65 — Willie Taggart to Joey Stockton vs Ky Wesleyan, 8/29 TD
Long Punt	63 — K.C. Armstrong vs Austin Peay, 9/21
Long Punt Return	52 — Joey Stockton vs Indiana State, 10/26
Long KO Return	100 — Joey Stockton vs Southern Illinois, 11/2 *
Long Pass Int. Ret	31 — Cedric Allen vs Kentucky Wesleyan, 8/29 TD
Long Fumble Ret	39 — Odell Ford vs Eastern Kentucky, 9/14
Long FG	41 — Jeff Poisel vs Morehead State, 11/9
Long FG Att	49 — Jeff Poisel vs Kentucky Wesleyan, 8/29 (no good)
Rush Yards	195 — Antwan Floyd vs Murray State, 9/7 (30 atts)
Rush Attempts	30 — Antwan Floyd vs Murray State, 9/7 (195 yds)
	30 — Antwan Floyd vs Indiana State, 10/26 (154 yds)
Pass Yards	139 — Willie Taggart vs Southern Illinois, 11/2 (13-7-0)
Pass Attempts	13 — Willie Taggart vs Jacksonville State, 10/12 (13-6-1 / 53 yds)
	13 — Willie Taggart vs Liberty, 10/19 (13-4-1 / 80 yds)
	13 — Willie Taggart vs Southern Illinois, 11/2 (13-7-0 / 139 yds)
Pass Comps	7 — Willie Taggart vs Southern Illinois, 11/2 (13-7-0 / 139 yds)
Receiving Yards	139 — Joey Stockton vs Southern Illinois, 11/2 (7 catches)
Receptions	7 — Joey Stockton vs Southern Illinois, 11/2 (139 yds)
Punts	7 — K.C. Armstrong vs Austin Peay, 9/21 (41.0 avg)
	7 — K.C. Armstrong vs Alabama at Birmingham, 10/5 (36.3 avg)
	7 — K.C. Armstrong vs Liberty, 10/19 (37.1 avg)
Punt Average	48.6 — K.C. Armstrong vs Murray State, 9/7 (5 punts, 243 yds)
Punt Returns	6 — Joey Stockton vs Indiana State, 10/26 (92 yds)

Punt Return Yards	93 — Joey Stockton vs Kentucky Wesleyan, 8/29 (3 rets)
Kickoff Returns	5 — Joey Stockton vs Marshall, 9/28 (145 yds)
Kickoff Ret. Yards	182 — Joey Stockton vs Southern Illinois, 11/2 (4 rets)
Total Offense Atts.	34 — Willie Taggart vs Murray State, 9/7 (206 yds)
	34 — Willie Taggart vs Liberty, 10/19 (165 yds)
Total Offense Yds	225 — Willie Taggart vs Kentucky Wesleyan, 8/29 (15 atts)
All-Purpose Yds	329 — Joey Stockton vs Southern Ill, 11/2 (139 rec, 8 PR, 182 KOR)
Points Scored	24 — Joey Stockton vs Southern Illinois, 11/2 (2 rec, 2 KOR) *

The Hilltoppers' Longest Plays

- 100 (KO ret) — Joey Stockton vs Southern Illinois, 11/2 TD (ties school record) *
- 65 (pass) — Willie Taggart to Joey Stockton vs Kentucky Wesleyan, 8/29 TD
- 58 (rush) — Willie Taggart vs Kentucky Wesleyan, 8/29 TD
- 57 (rush) — Antwan Floyd vs Kentucky Wesleyan, 8/29 TD
- 52 (punt ret) — Joey Stockton vs Indiana State, 10/26
- 46 (KO ret) — Joey Stockton vs Marshall, 9/28
- 45 (rush) — Willie Taggart vs Kentucky Wesleyan, 8/29 TD
- 44 (pass) — Willie Taggart to Joey Stockton vs Liberty, 10/19 TD
- 43 (punt ret) — Joey Stockton vs Kentucky Wesleyan, 8/29
- 42 (KO ret) — Joey Stockton vs Southern Illinois, 11/2 TD

Long Scoring Drives

Western Kentucky

- 84 yards vs Southern Illinois, 11/2 (84 yds, 10 plays, 5:01; TD — Antwan Floyd, 29, run; 7:18, 1st quarter) *
- 80 yards vs Jacksonville State, 10/12 (80 yds, 11 plays, 4:31; TD — Antwan Floyd, 5, run; 1:32, 2nd quarter)
- 74 yards vs Southern Illinois, 11/2 (74 yds, 10 plays, 4:11; TD — Joey Stockton, 26, pass from Willie Taggart; 4:24, 2nd quarter) *
- 70 yards vs Southern Illinois, 11/2 (70 yds, 8 plays, 3:32; TD — Antwan Floyd, 4, run; 1:47, 4th quarter) *
- 69 yards vs Austin Peay, 9/21 (69 yds, 17 plays, 8:19; TD — Willie Taggart, 5, run; 6:41, 1st quarter)
- 69 yards vs Liberty, 10/19 (69 yds, 7 plays, 3:38; TD — Joey Stockton, 44, pass from Willie Taggart; 4:33, 2nd quarter) *

Opponent

- 99 yards by Marshall, 9/28 (99 yds, 9 plays, 5:04; TD — Mark Wicks, 35, pass from Eric Kresser; 9:11, 4th quarter)
- 83 yards by Indiana State, 10/26 (83 yds, 8 plays, 1:46; TD — Jason Potter, 1 run; 2:27, 4th quarter) *
- 82 yards by Jacksonville St., 10/12 (82 yds, 11 plays, 5:01; TD — Chad Caldwell, 11, pass from Montressa Kirby; 1:14, 1st quarter)
- 80 yards by Murray State, 9/7 (80 yds, 1 play, 0:16; TD — Jesse Jones, 40, pick up fumble by Tim Scarborough after 40-yd gain; 0:18, 1st quarter)
- 80 yards by Liberty, 10/19 (80 yds, 4 plays, 1:05; TD — Courtney Freeman, 67, pass from Ben Anderson; 14:23, 4th quarter) *
- 79 yards by Jacksonville State, 10/12 (79 yds, 5 plays, 1:17; TD — Gabe Walton, 26, run; 11:30, 2nd quarter)

* WKU Home Game

Opponents
73 — Anthony Downs, Murray State, 9/7
67 — Ben Anderson to Courtney Freeman, Liberty, 10/19 TD
53 — Chris Wiggins, Austin Peay, 9/21
43 — Eurosus Parker, Jacksonville State, 10/12
99 — William Hampton, Murray State, 9/7 TD
24 — Dainon Sidney, Alabama at Birmingham, 10/5
7 — Paul Totten, Marshall, 9/28
42 — Tim Openlander, Marshall, 9/28
49 — Jake Arians, Alabama at Birmingham, 10/5 (no good)
197 — Coe Bonner, Southern Illinois, 11/2 (30 atts)
30 — Coe Bonner, Southern Illinois, 11/2 (197 yds)

285 — Ben Anderson, Liberty, 10/19 (33-22-1)
34 — Eric Kresser, Marshall, 9/28 (34-18-1 / 190 yds)
34 — Kevin Cox, Indiana State, 10/26 (34-16-1 / 162 yds)

22 — Ben Anderson, Liberty, 10/19 (33-22-1 / 285 yds)
186 — Courtney Freeman, Liberty, 10/19 (12 catches)
12 — Courtney Freeman, Liberty, 10/19 (186 yds)
8 — Chris Wiggins, Austin Peay, 9/21 (38.8 avg)
8 — Jay Gerth, Indiana State, 10/26 (36.1 avg)

51.0 — Kevin Tatarek, UAB, 8/29 (1 punt, 51 yds)
43.7 — Ryan Brehem, Ky Wesleyan, 8/29 (3 punts, 131 yds)
5 — Travis Sanders, Austin Peay, 9/21 (45 yds)
5 — Kenny Causey, Alabama at Birmingham, 10/5 (15 yds)
5 — Larry Scally, Indiana State, 10/26 (23 yds)
45 — Travis Sanders, Austin Peay, 9/21 (5 rets)
5 — Sedrick Robinson, Kentucky Wesleyan, 8/29 (65 yds)
183 — Donald Hitson, Murray State, 9/7 (4 rets)
41 — Rodney Hudson, Ala. at Birmingham, 10/5 (301 yds)

301 — Rodney Hudson, Ala. at Birmingham, 10/5 (41 atts)
208 — Coe Bonner, Southern Illinois, 11/2 (197 rush, 11 rec)
13 — Tim Openlander, Marshall, 9/28 (9 FG, 4 PAT-K))

Team Highs

	WKU Hilltoppers
Points	66 vs Kentucky Wesleyan, 8/29
TDs Scored	9 vs Kentucky Wesleyan, 8/29
First Downs	27 vs Murray State, 9/7
Rush	26 vs Murray State, 9/7
Pass	7 vs Southern Illinois, 11/2
Penalty	3 vs Liberty, 10/19
Rush Attempts	83 vs Murray State, 9/7 (480 yds)
Rush Yards	480 vs Murray State, 9/7 (83 atts)
Pass Attempts	13 vs Marshall, 9/28 (13-4-0 / 46 yds)
	13 vs Jacksonville State, 10/12 (13-6-1 / 53 yds)
	13 vs Liberty, 10/19 (13-6-1 / 80 yds)
	13 vs Southern Illinois, 11/2 (13-7-0 / 139 yds)
Pass Comps	7 vs Southern Illinois, 11/2 (13-7-0 / 139 yds)
Pass Yards	139 vs Southern Illinois, 11/2 (13-7-0)
Offensive Plays	91 vs Murray State, 9/7 (505 yds)
Offensive Yards	505 vs Murray State, 9/7 (91 plays)
Avg. Gain/Play	7.7 vs Southern Illinois, 11/2 (455 yds / 59 plays)
Penalties	17 vs Kentucky Wesleyan, 8/29 (150 yds) *
Penalty Yards	150 vs Kentucky Wesleyan, 8/29 (17 pens)
Fumbles Lost	2 vs Marshall, 9/28; Jacksonville St, 10/12; Indiana St, 10/26
3rd Down Conv	55.6% (5-9) vs Southern Illinois, 11/22
Possession Time	40:32 vs Austin Peay, 9/21

Team Lows

	WKU Hilltoppers	Opponents
Points	0 vs Alabama at Birmingham, 10/5	0 by Kentucky Wesleyan, 8/29
TDs Scored	0 vs Marshall, 9/28; Alabama at Birmingham, 10/5	0 by Kentucky Wesleyan, 8/29; Austin Peay, 9/21
First Downs	8 vs Alabama at Birmingham, 10/5	5 by Austin Peay, 9/21
Rush	6 vs Alabama at Birmingham, 10/5	1 by Kentucky Wesleyan, 8/29
Pass	0 vs Morehead State	0 by Austin Peay, 9/21
Penalty	0 vs Ky Wesleyan, 8/29; Murray St, 9/7; ECU, 9/14; Marshall, 9/28; Jacksonville St, 10/12; Indiana St, 10/26	0 by Murray St, 9/7; ECU, 9/14; UAB, 10/5; Morehead St, 11/9
Rush Attempts	42 vs Alabama at Birmingham, 10/5 (126 yds)	25 by Kentucky Wesleyan, 8/29 (-21 yds); Austin Peay, 9/21 (95 yds)
Rush Yards	126 vs Alabama at Birmingham, 10/5 (42 atts)	- 21 by Kentucky Wesleyan, 8/29 (25 atts)
Pass Attempts	6 vs Eastern Kentucky, 9/14 (6-3-1 / 57 yds)	18 by Morehead State, 11/9 (18-10-0 / 116 yds)
	6 vs Austin Peay, 9/21 (6-4-0 / 19 yds)	
Pass Comps	0 vs Morehead State, 11/9 (3-0-0 / 0 yds)	10 by Murray State, 9/7 (24-10-2 / 107 yds)
		10 by Alabama at Birmingham, 10/5 (23-10-2 / 144 yds)
		10 by Morehead State, 11/9 (18-10-0 / 116 yds)
		42 by Austin Peay, 9/21 (28-11-2)
		53 by Austin Peay, 9/21 (137 yds)
		95 by Kentucky Wesleyan, 8/29 (66 plays)
		1.4 by Kentucky Wesleyan, 8/29 (95 yds / 65 plays)
Penalties	1 vs Eastern Kentucky, 9/14 (19 yds)	1 by Murray State, 9/7 (15 yds)
Penalty Yards	13 vs Alabama at Birmingham, 10/5 (3 pens)	15 by Murray State, 9/7 (1 pen)
Fumbles Lost	0 vs Murray St, 9/21; UAB, 10/5; Southern Ill., 11/2	0 by APSU, 9/21; Marshall, 9/28; SIU, 11/2; Morehead St, 11/9
3rd Down Conv	22.2% (2-9) vs Jacksonville State, 10/12	12% (2-17) by Kentucky Wesleyan, 8/29
Possession Time	24:09 vs Alabama at Birmingham, 10/5	19:29 by Austin Peay, 9/21

Topper Tidbits

In the past 32 seasons (1965-96), the Hilltoppers have played 304 football games in front of 3,737,377 fans — 1,874,894 (50.2%) of those in 147 (48.4%) games at home. The Toppers have played before crowds of 10,000-or-more fans 165 times (54.3%) in that period, 15,000-or-more 81 times and 20,000-or-more 31 times! A total of 97 of those 147 home games (66.0%) drew crowds of 10,000-or-more, 44 were played in front of 15,000-or-more fans and six home games attracted at least 20,000 spectators! Thus, 97 of the 165 games (58.8%) that drew at least 10,000 fans were played on the Hilltoppers' home turf!

WKU INDIVIDUAL RECORDS



MOORE



SMITH



SNARDON



THOMPSON



VORHEES



WOODS

YARDS PER PLAY

- Game** (min 10 atts)
 14.75 — Joe Arnold vs. North Carolina A&T
 177 yds, 12 atts (11-19-88)
 13.25 — Troy Snardon vs. Youngstown State
 159 yds, 12 atts (10-11-80)*
 12.81 — Eddie Thompson vs. Central Florida
 205 yds, 16 atts (9-24-92)*
 Eddie Thompson vs. Murray State
 205 yds, 16 atts (11-20-93)
 12.67 — Latravis Powell vs. Southern Illinois
 152 yds, 12 atts (11-4-95)
 12.46 — Dion Bryant vs. Southern Illinois
 162 yds, 13 atts (10-29-92)
 11.36 — Dickie Moore vs. St. Joseph's (Ind.)
 159 yds, 14 atts (9-16-67)
 11.33 — Eddie Thompson vs. Austin Peay
 204 yds, 18 atts (9-18-93)
 11.10 — Joe Arnold vs. Gardner-Webb
 111 yds, 10 atts (9-6-86)*
 11.04 — Eddie Thompson vs. Southern Illinois
 309 yds, 28 atts (10-29-92)*
Game (min 4 atts)
 31.50 — Dickie Moore vs. Austin Peay
 126 yds, 4 atts (9-23-67)
 28.75 — Ike Brown vs. Butler
 115 yds, 4 atts (9-21-68)*

- 22.00 — Sharon Miller vs. Evansville,
 110 yds, 5 atts (10-26-63)*
 20.50 — Joe Arnold vs. Central Florida
 82 yds, 4 atts (10-12-85)
 19.71 — Pedro Bacon vs. Southwest Missouri
 138 yds, 7 atts (10-15-88)
 18.57 — Jim Burt vs. Murray State
 130 yds, 7 atts (11-11-61)*
Long Play
 99 — Pedro Bacon vs. Livingston (9-13-86 TD)*
 96 — Gene McFadden vs. ETSU (9-26-53 TD)*
 90 — Pedro Bacon vs. SW Mo. (10-15-88 TD)
 81 — Joe Arnold vs. N.C. A&T (11-19-88 TD)*
 80 — Dickie Moore
 vs. Austin Peay (9-23-67 TD)
 Keith Paskett
 vs. Morehead State (10-29-83 TD)*
 79 — John Embree
 vs. Eastern Michigan (10-9-71 TD)
 Eddie Thompson
 vs. Murray State (11-21-92)
 77 — George Bibich
 vs. Murray State (11-19-38 TD)
 Nat Northington vs. EKU, (10-24-70 TD)*
 75 — Troy Snardon
 vs. Youngstown State (10-11-80 TD)*
 Joe Arnold vs. EKU (12-3-88 TD)

Passing

ATTEMPTS

- Game**
 59 — Johnny Vance vs. Akron (11-15-69)
 (37 comps, 413 yds)
 Jeff Cesarone vs. Akron (10-5-85)
 (36 comps, 494 yds)*
 58 — Jeff Cesarone vs. E. Illinois (11-15-86)
 (33 comps, 396 yds)
 55 — Scott Travis vs. Appalachian State (9-8-84)
 (29 comps, 266 yds)*
 51 — Jeff Cesarone vs. Murray State (11-23-85)
 (31 comps, 338 yds)*
 50 — Jeff Cesarone vs. EKU (10-26-85)
 (32 comps, 302 yds)
 Jeff Cesarone vs. MTSU (11-9-85)
 (31 comps, 259 yds)
 47 — Jeff Cesarone vs. Morehead State (11-2-85)
 (25 comps, 232 yds)*
 Jeff Cesarone vs. E. Illinois (11-16-85)
 (20 comps, 183 yds)*
 45 — Jeff Cesarone vs. MTSU (11-3-84)
 (31 comps, 322 yds)*
 Jeff Cesarone vs. UT-Chatta. (11-22-86)
 (16 comps, 244 yds)*
Season
 447 — Jeff Cesarone, 1985
 (253 comps, 2,737 yds)
 397 — Jeff Cesarone, 1986
 (207 comps, 2,396 yds)
 307 — Johnny Vance, 1969
 (155 comps, 1,943 yds)
 297 — Jeff Cesarone, 1987
 (152 comps, 1,887 yds)
 268 — Ralph Antone, 1982
 (135 comps, 1,657 yds)
 238 — Jeff Cesarone, 1984
 (123 comps, 1,546 yds)
 220 — Dennis Tomek, 1973
 (109 comps, 1,485 yds)
 215 — John Hall, 1979
 (108 comps, 1,418 yds)
 209 — John Hall, 1978
 (106 comps, 1,439 yds)
 201 — Jimmy Feix, 1952 (127 comps, 1,752 yds)
Career
 1,379 — Jeff Cesarone, 1984-87
 (735 comps, 8,566 yds)
 619 — Leo Peckenpaugh, 1970-73
 (283 comps, 3,532 yds)
 592 — Johnny Vance, 1966-69
 (289 comps, 4,046 yds)
 571 — John Hall, 1977-80
 (286 comps, 3,876 yds)
 554 — Jimmy Feix, 1949-52
 (272 comps, 3,780 yds)



DICKIE MOORE (45), JIM VORHEES (33) AND MIKE EGAN (10) IN THIS LATE 1960s ACTION.

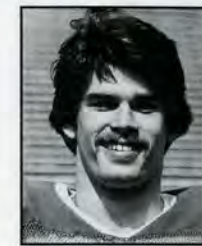
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ANTONE



EGAN



JAGGERS



TRAVIS

COMPLETIONS

- Game**
 37 — Johnny Vance vs. Akron (11-15-69)
 (59 atts, 413 yds)
 36 — Jeff Cesarone vs. Akron (10-5-85)
 (59 atts, 494 yds)*
 33 — Jeff Cesarone vs. E. Illinois (11-15-86)
 (58 atts, 396 yds)
 32 — Jeff Cesarone vs. EKU (10-26-85)
 (50 atts, 302 yds)
 31 — Jeff Cesarone vs. MTSU (11-3-84)
 (45 atts, 322 yds)*
 Jeff Cesarone vs. MTSU (11-9-85)
 (50 atts, 259 yds)
 Jeff Cesarone vs. Murray State (11-23-85)
 (51 atts, 338 yds)*
 29 — Scott Travis vs. Appalachian St. (9-8-84)
 (55 atts, 266 yds)*
 26 — Jeff Cesarone vs. Morehead St. (10-27-84)
 (44 atts, 373 yds)
 Jeff Cesarone vs. EKU (10-4-86)
 (38 atts, 396 yds)*
 Jeff Cesarone vs. Ga. Southern (11-1-86)
 (42 atts, 339 yds)*
Season
 253 — Jeff Cesarone, 1985 (447 atts, 2,737 yds)
 207 — Jeff Cesarone, 1986 (397 atts, 2,396 yds)
 155 — Johnny Vance, 1969 (307 atts, 1,943 yds)
 152 — Jeff Cesarone, 1987 (297 atts, 1,887 yds)
 135 — Ralph Antone, 1982 (268 atts, 1,657 yds)
 127 — Jimmy Feix, 1952 (201 atts, 1,752 yds)
 123 — Jeff Cesarone, 1984 (238 atts, 1,546 yds)
Career
 735 — Jeff Cesarone, 1984-87 (1,379 atts, 8,566 yds)
 289 — Johnny Vance, 1966-69 (592 atts, 4,046 yds)
 286 — John Hall, 1977-80 (571 atts, 3,876 yds)
 283 — Leo Peckenpaugh, 1970-73
 (619 atts, 3,532 yds)
 278 — Ralph Antone, 1979-82 (519 atts, 3,555 yds)
 272 — Jimmy Feix, 1949-52 (554 atts, 3,780 yds)

PERCENT COMPLETED

- Game** (min 10 atts)
 .833 — Marty Jagers vs. APSU, 10-12 (9-26-81)
 .818 — Ralph Antone vs. Ky. St., 9-11 (9-19-81)
 .800 — Jimmy Feix vs. Delta St., 16-20 (11-1-52)
Season (min 150 atts)
 .632 — Jimmy Feix, 1952 (127-201; 1,752 yds)
Career (min 300 atts):
 .536 — Ralph Antone, 1979-82
 (278-519; 3,555 yds)
 .533 — Jeff Cesarone, 1984-87
 (735-1,379; 8,566 yds)
 .501 — John Hall, 1977-80 (286-571; 3,876 yds)
 .496 — Mike Egan, 1965-68 (195-393; 2,251 yds)
 .491 — Jimmy Feix, 1949-52 (272-554; 3,780 yds)
 .488 — Johnny Vance, 1966-69
 (289-592; 4,046 yds)

NET YARDS

- Game**
 494 — Jeff Cesarone vs. Akron, 36-59 (10-5-85)*
 413 — Johnny Vance vs. Akron, 37-59 (11-15-69)
 396 — Jeff Cesarone vs. EKU, 26-38 (10-4-86)*
 Jeff Cesarone vs. E. Ill., 33-58 (11-15-86)
 373 — Jeff Cesarone vs. Morehead State,
 26-44 (10-27-84)
 357 — J.J. Jewell vs. C. Fla., 15-23 (9-24-94)
 339 — Jeff Cesarone vs. Georgia Southern,
 * 26-42 (11-1-86)*
 338 — Jeff Cesarone vs. Murray State,
 31-51 (11-23-85)*
 322 — Jeff Cesarone vs. Middle Tennessee,
 31-45 (11-3-84)*
 321 — Scott Travis vs. C. Fla., 23-41 (9-22-84)*
 308 — Willie Taggart vs. APSU, 11-26 (9-16-95)
 302 — Jeff Cesarone vs. EKU, 32-50 (10-26-85)
Season
 2,737 — Jeff Cesarone, 1985 (253-447)
 2,396 — Jeff Cesarone, 1986 (207-397)
 1,943 — Johnny Vance, 1969 (155-307)
 1,887 — Jeff Cesarone, 1987 (152-297)
 1,752 — Jimmy Feix, 1952 (127-201)
 1,657 — Ralph Antone, 1982 (135-268)
Career
 8,566 — Jeff Cesarone, 1984-87 (735-1,379)
 4,046 — Johnny Vance, 1966-69 (289-592)
 3,876 — John Hall, 1977-80 (286-571)
 3,780 — Jimmy Feix, 1949-52 (272-554)

TOUCHDOWN PASSES

- Game**
 5 — John Hall vs. Morehead State (10-28-78)
 Jeff Cesarone vs. Akron (10-5-85)*
 4 — Johnny Vance vs. Western Ill. (10-12-68)
 Leo Peckenpaugh vs. Murray St. (11-17-73)
Season
 18 — Jeff Cesarone, 1985
 16 — Johnny Vance, 1969
 15 — Jimmy Feix, 1952
 Jeff Cesarone, 1986
Career
 46 — Jeff Cesarone, 1984-87
 35 — Leo Peckenpaugh, 1970-73
 30 — Jimmy Feix, 1949-52
 John Hall, 1977-80
 29 — Ralph Antone, 1979-82

HAD INTERCEPTED

- Game**
 6 — Dennis Tomek vs. Grambling St. (12-8-73)
 5 — Jimmy Feix vs. Marshall (10-6-51)
 Doug Bartholomew vs. Akron (9-17-77)
 4 — Leo Peckenpaugh vs. Eastern Mich. (10-9-71)
 Doug Bartholomew vs. Akron (11-13-76)*
 Justin Diel vs. Murray State (11-17-84)
 Brian Browning vs. Troy State (10-19-91)*

Hilltopper Year-by-Year Passing Leaders

Year	Player	Att-Com-In	Yards	TD
1951	Jimmy Feix	181-86-12	1,189	8
1952	Jimmy Feix	201-127-10	1,752	15
1953	Whitey Sanders	76-43-5	540	4
1954	Jerry Nassano	126-60-8	805	5
1955	Jerry Nassano	62-27-4	415	2
1956	Carroll VanHooser	101-41-8	528	1
1957	Carroll VanHooser	72-24-9	230	2
1958	Denny Wedge	76-25-9	420	4
1959	Denny Wedge	45-22-7	278	1
1960	Jim Daily	125-59-7	693	3
1961	Jim Daily	77-26-7	445	4
1962	Jim Daily	107-56-6	746	5
1963	Sharon Miller	67-30-6	507	4
1964	Sharon Miller	135-61-20	935	8
1965	Mike Egan	134-60-15	797	6
1966	Johnny Vance	125-63-10	855	2
1967	Mike Egan	123-63-4	696	6
1968	Johnny Vance	153-67-15	1,147	10
1969	Johnny Vance	307-155-18	1,943	16
1970	Leo Peckenpaugh	157-64-11	769	5
1971	Leo Peckenpaugh	157-67-12	864	11
1972	Leo Peckenpaugh	172-79-10	856	5
1973	Dennis Tomek	220-109-15	1,485	13
1974	Dennis Tomek	156-70-12	1,017	9
1975	Bill Smith	139-62-8	661	5
1976	Doug Bartholomew	76-42-9	585	3
1977	Doug Bartholomew	135-65-13	798	8
1978	John Hall	209-106-10	1,439	12
1979	John Hall	215-108-13	1,418	10
1980	John Hall	93-45-6	744	6
1981	Ralph Antone	191-101-11	1,356	8
1982	Ralph Antone	268-135-7	1,657	13
1983	Scott Travis	193-85-14	1,172	4
1984	Jeff Cesarone	238-123-8	1,546	6
1985	Jeff Cesarone	447-253-7	2,737	18
1986	Jeff Cesarone	397-207-14	2,396	15
1987	Jeff Cesarone	297-152-13	1,887	7
1988	David Armstrong	258-117-11	1,219	7
1989	Mark Marsh	116-55-6	931	8
1990	Scott Campbell	163-81-8	1,088	2
1991	Brian Browning	125-57-8	671	5
1992	Eddie Thompson	75-32-4	526	2
1993	Eddie Thompson	94-47-3	822	5
1994	J.J. Jewell	143-70-7	1,332	8
1995	Willie Taggart	105-44-5	939	5
1996	Willie Taggart	80-37-5	542	6

Season
 20 — Sharon Miller, 1964
 18 — Johnny Vance, 1969
 15 — Mike Egan, 1965; Johnny Vance, 1968;
 Dennis Tomek, 1973

Career
 43 — Johnny Vance, 1966-69
 42 — Jeff Cesarone, 1984-87
 38 — Leo Peckenpaugh, 1970-73
 33 — John Hall, 1977-80
 32 — Jimmy Feix, 1949-52

LONG PLAY
 96 — Leo Peckenpaugh to Porter Williams
 vs. Murray State, TD (11-21-70)
 Jeff Cesarone to Keith Paskett
 vs. Akron, TD (10-5-85)*
 93 — John Hall to Eddie Preston
 vs. Austin Peay, TD (9-22-79)
 92 — Bill Smith to Eddie Preston
 vs. Austin Peay, TD (9-25-76)*

WKU INDIVIDUAL RECORDS



CAMPBELL



DAVIS



JONES



MCKENZIE



MULLINS



WILLIAMS

Hilltopper Year-by-Year Receiving Leaders

Year	Player	Catches	Yards	TD
1951	Gene McFadden	16	150	1
1952	Bill Ploumis	36	452	4
1953	Bill Ploumis	17	189	3
1954	Jim Gunnell	14	203	0
1955	Mike Moriarty	12	153	0
1956	Mike Moriarty	15	192	1
1957	Jerry Brantley	14	150	2
1958	Wayne Kelley	8	145	1
1959	Jim Hughes	11	85	0
1960	Lewis Johnson	13	192	0
1961	Jim Hughes	14	225	3
1962	Jim Burt	16	290	3
1963	Elmer Murray	12	220	1
1964	Jim Burt	16	278	4
1965	Ken Waller	21	246	1
1966	Jim Old	29	442	2
1967	Jim Old	21	232	1
1968	Jay Davis	33	612	6
1969	Jay Davis	46	809	7
1970	Jay Davis	25	443	1
1971	Jay Davis	27	372	5
1972	Tom Turner	29	317	0
1973	Porter Williams	66	1,107	11
1974	Dave Maley	39	618	2
1975	Bob Hobby	26	396	3
1976	Billy Lindsey	32	365	1
1977	Eddie Preston	28	476	7
1978	Eddie Preston	37	646	7
1979	Eddie Preston	39	739	6
1980	Ricky Gwinn	19	256	3
1981	John Newby	48	736	3
1982	John Newby	38	578	6
1983	Alan Mullins	26	529	4
1984	Ty Campbell	50	503	1
1985	Alan Mullins	65	849	7
1986	Keith Paskett	41	738	5
1987	Robert Coates	40	470	1
1988	Robert Coates	24	307	3
1989	Anthony Green	28	435	3
1990	Dwayne Haun	31	459	3
1991	Dwayne Haun	26	307	2
1992	Dwayne Haun	21	326	3
1993	Lito Mason	17	428	3
1994	Brian Sowerby	23	573	4
	Lito Mason	26	441	1
1995	Joey Stockton	33	863	6
1996	Joey Stockton	24	472	6

Receiving

CATCHES

Game
 15 — Jay Davis vs. Akron, 191 yds (11-15-69)
 12 — Pat McKenzie vs. E. Ill., 92 yds (11-10-84)
 11 — Cedric Jones vs. Livingston, 121 yds (9-13-86)*
 Keith Paskett vs. E. Ill., 187 yds (11-15-86)
 10 — Alan Mullins vs. MTSU, 84 yds (11-9-85)
 Cedric Jones vs. Murray St., 128 yds (11-23-85)*
 Alan Mullins vs. Murray St., 116 yds (11-23-85)*

Season
 66 — Porter Williams, 1973 (1,107 yds)
 65 — Alan Mullins, 1985 (849 yds)
 50 — Ty Campbell, 1984 (503 yds)
 49 — Glendell Miller, 1985 (356 yds)
 48 — John Newby, 1981 (736 yds)
 47 — Keith Paskett, 1985 (829 yds)
 46 — Jay Davis, 1969 (809 yds)
 42 — Pat McKenzie, 1984 (278 yds)
 41 — Bill Rose, 1969 (333 yds)
 Keith Paskett, 1986 (738 yds)

Career
 131 — Jay Davis, 1968-71 (2,236 yds)
 124 — Alan Mullins, 1982-85 (1,866 yds)
 123 — Keith Paskett, 1983-86 (2,117 yds)
 119 — Robert Coates, 1986-89 (1,445 yds)
 117 — Cedric Jones, 1984-86, '88 (1,632 yds)
 114 — Eddie Preston, 1976-79 (2,083 yds)
 105 — Pat McKenzie, 1983-86 (701 yds)
 Porter Williams, 1973 (1,826 yds)
 92 — Ty Campbell, 1981-84 (878 yds)
 88 — Bill Rose, 1966-69 (872 yds)

NET YARDS

Game
 276 — Joey Stockton vs. Austin Peay, 7 catches (9-16-95)
 191 — Jay Davis vs. Akron, 15 catches (11-15-69)
 188 — Malcolm Darden vs. UT-Chatta., 5 catches (10-10-87)
 187 — Keith Paskett vs. E. Ill., 11 catches (11-15-86)
 175 — Brian Sowerby vs. C. Florida, 4 catches (9-24-94)
 167 — Alan Mullins vs. Akron, 9 catches (10-5-85)*
 164 — Cedric Jones vs. C. Florida, 9 catches (9-22-84)*
 162 — Eddie Preston vs. Morehead St., 7 catches (10-28-78)
 160 — Porter Williams vs. ETSU, 5 catches (10-2-71)*
 Keith Paskett vs. Tenn. State, 9 catches, (9-7-85)*
 Keith Paskett vs. Akron, 6 catches (10-5-85)*

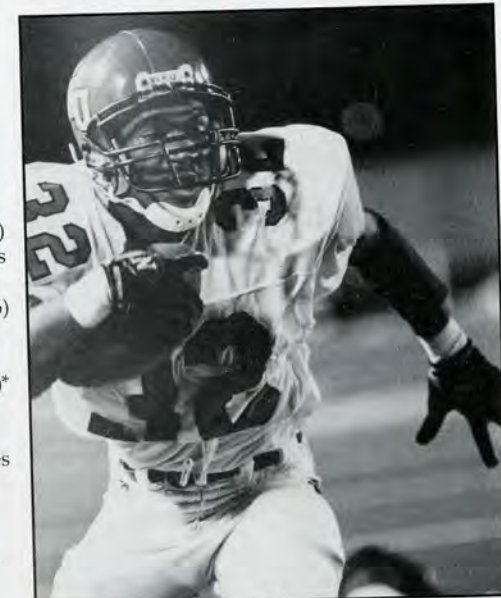
Season
 2,236 — Jay Davis, 1968-71 (131 catches)
 2,117 — Keith Paskett, 1983-86 (123 catches)
 2,083 — Eddie Preston, 1976-79 (114 catches)
 1,866 — Alan Mullins, 1982-85 (124 catches)
 1,826 — Porter Williams, 1970-73 (105 catches)
 1,632 — Cedric Jones, 1984-86, '88 (117 catches)
 1,445 — Robert Coates, 1986-89 (119 catches)
 1,357 — John Newby, 1979-82 (87 catches)
 1,335 — Joey Stockton, 1994-to date (57 catches)
 1,160 — Dwayne Haun, 1989-92 (82 catches)
 1,153 — Dave Maley, 1971-74 (80 catches)
 1,057 — Brian Sowerby, 1990-92, '94 (48 catches)
 1,007 — Ricky Gwinn, 1977-80 (85 catches)

TOUCHDOWNS

Game
 4 — Porter Williams vs. Murray State (11-17-73)*
 3 — Porter Williams vs. ETSU (10-2-71)*
 Eddie Preston vs. Morehead State (10-28-78)

Season
 11 — Porter Williams, 1973
 7 — Jay Davis, 1969
 Eddie Preston, 1979
 Alan Mullins, 1985
 Keith Paskett, 1985
 6 — John Newby, 1982
 Joey Stockton, 1995 & 1996

Career
 22 — Eddie Preston, 1976-79
 21 — Porter Williams, 1970-73
 19 — Jay Davis, 1968-71



WR JOEY STOCKTON

WKU INDIVIDUAL RECORDS



COATES



HAUN



MALEY



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PASKETT



PRESTON

Punting

PUNTS

Game
 13 — Charlie Johnson vs. Tennessee Tech (10-19-74)
 Adam Lindsey vs. Tenn. State (10-18-86)
 12 — Walt Herod vs. Morehead State (10-30-76)
 Adam Lindsey vs. ECU (10-22-83)

Season
 80 — Walt Herod, 1975
 78 — Walt Herod, 1976
 77 — Adam Lindsey, 1983
 Adam Lindsey, 1986
 75 — Adam Lindsey, 1985

Career
 299 — Adam Lindsey, 1983-86
 222 — Ray Farmer, 1977-80
 186 — Todd Davis, 1986-89
 179 — Walt Herod, 1973-76

NET YARDS

Game
 578 — Charlie Johnson vs. Tenn. Tech (10-19-74)
 555 — Adam Lindsey vs. Tenn. St. (10-18-86)
 498 — Adam Lindsey vs. ECU (10-22-83)
 490 — Walt Herod vs. Morehead St. (10-30-76)
 444 — Walt Herod vs. ECU (10-23-76)*
 Ray Farmer vs. Tenn. Tech (10-18-80)
 409 — Dave Betz vs. UT-Chattanooga (9-10-77)*
 406 — Gary Mears vs. Indiana State (9-19-70)



PUNTER ADAM LINDSEY

Season

3,230 — Walt Herod, 1975
 3,202 — Walt Herod, 1976
 3,093 — Adam Lindsey, 1986
 2,959 — Adam Lindsey, 1983
 2,790 — Adam Lindsey, 1985
 2,719 — Gary Mears, 1970

Career
 11,450 — Adam Lindsey, 1983-86
 8,920 — Ray Farmer, 1977-80
 7,376 — Walt Herod, 1973-76
 7,024 — Todd Davis, 1986-89

AVERAGE PUNT

Game (min 4)
 51.3 — Charlie Johnson vs. Middle Tennessee, 205 yds, 4 punts (11-9-74)*
 49.6 — Walt Herod vs. Morehead State, 347 yds, 7 punts (11-1-75)*
 49.4 — Charlie Johnson vs. Appalachian State, 346 yds, 7 punts (9-8-73)

Season (min 40)
 42.4 — Ray Farmer, 1980 (2,584 yds, 61 punts)
 42.3 — Charlie Johnson, 1974 (2,155 yds, 51 punts)
Career (min 100)
 41.2 — Walt Herod, 1973-76 (7,376 yds, 179 punts)
 40.5 — Charlie Johnson, 1972-75 (6,150 yds, 152 punts)
 40.2 — Ray Farmer, 1977-80 (8,920 yds, 222 punts)

LONG PUNT

77 — Charlie Johnson vs. Morehead St. (10-27-73)*
 76 — Charlie Johnson vs. Appalachian St. (9-8-73)
 75 — Ray Farmer vs. Tenn. Tech (10-13-79)*

Punt Returns

RETURNS

Game
 9 — Allen Coker vs. Butler (11-13-71)
 Allen Coker vs. MTSU (11-4-72)*
 8 — Cedric Jones vs. Austin Peay (10-1-88)*
 7 — Bill "Jelly" Green vs. MTSU (11-7-70)*
 Jimmy Thomas vs. Tenn. Tech (10-16-76)
 Jimmy Thomas vs. Morehead St. (10-30-76)
 Davlin Mullen vs. Morehead St. (10-30-82)
 Matt MacIntyre vs. Austin Peay (9-30-89)*

Season
 50 — Virgil Livers, 1974
 48 — Rick Caswell, 1975
 39 — Davlin Mullen, 1980
 38 — Cedric Jones, 1988

Career
 96 — Bill "Jelly" Green, 1967-70
 66 — Davlin Mullen, 1979-82
 61 — Virgil Livers, 1971-74
 56 — Keith Paskett, 1983-86
 53 — Rick Caswell, 1973-75

Hilltopper Year-by-Year Punting Leaders

Year	Player	Punts	Yards	Avg
1951	John Gill	35	1,132	32.3
1952	Don Chapman	34	1,221	35.9
1953	Max Stevens	23	717	31.2
1954	not available			
1955	not available			
1956	not available			
1957	not available			
1958	Denny Wedge	48	1,699	35.4
1959	Denny Wedge	23	879	38.2
1960	Bill Pegausch	49	1,790	36.5
1961	Bobby Mitchell	44	1,518	34.5
1962	Bobby Mitchell	35	1,252	35.8
1963	Ernie Hall	44	1,603	36.4
1964	Ernie Hall	37	1,333	36.0
1965	Jerry Matthews	49	1,817	37.1
1966	Jerry Humble	35	1,318	37.7
1967	Jerry Humble	33	1,228	37.2
1968	Johnny Vance	61	2,163	35.5
1969	Johnny Vance	61	2,375	38.9
1970	Gary Mears	74	2,719	36.7
1971	Gary Mears	44	1,669	37.9
1972	Gary Mears	48	1,832	38.2
1973	Charlie Johnson	62	2,403	38.8
1974	Charlie Johnson	51	2,155	42.3
1975	Walt Herod	80	3,230	40.4
1976	Walt Herod	78	3,202	41.1
1977	Ray Farmer	55	2,129	38.7
1978	Ray Farmer	59	2,327	39.4
1979	Ray Farmer	49	1,946	39.7
1980	Ray Farmer	62	2,626	42.4
1981	Mike Miller	70	2,672	38.2
1982	Mike Miller	70	2,630	37.6
1983	Adam Lindsey	77	2,959	38.4
1984	Adam Lindsey	70	2,608	37.3
1985	Adam Lindsey	75	2,790	37.2
1986	Adam Lindsey	77	3,093	40.2
1987	Todd Davis	48	1,871	39.0
1988	Todd Davis	68	2,484	36.5
1989	Todd Davis	67	2,563	38.3
1990	Todd Davis	55	2,216	40.3
1991	Chris Gable	50	1,774	35.5
1992	Rick Boeckmann	62	2,416	39.0
1993	Rick Boeckmann	45	1,701	37.8
1994	Rick Boeckmann	60	2,242	37.4
1995	Andy Smith	35	1,308	37.4
1996	K.C. Armstrong	52	2,022	38.9



**1997
Hilltopper Football Schedule**

AUGUST

28 (Thursday) at UT Martin / 7 p.m.

SEPTEMBER

6 MURRAY STATE / 7 p.m.
(Hall of Fame Game)

13 at Eastern Kentucky / 6 p.m.

20 AUSTIN PEAY / 7 p.m.

27 SOUTH FLORIDA / 7 p.m.

OCTOBER

4 at Ala. at Birmingham / 6 p.m.
11 open date

18 NEW HAVEN / 7 p.m.

25 at Southern Illinois / 1:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER

1 MOREHEAD STATE / 5 p.m.
(Homecoming)

8 at Indiana State / 12:30 p.m.

15 open date



WKU Football Scenes

- Jack Harbaugh (right) begins his ninth season at Western Kentucky University as head coach of Hilltopper football.
- The Topper defense (top) swarms a ball carrier. Pictured are (left-right): Jammie Kyle, Bryson Warner, Bryan Heyward and Bill Hape. Heyward will be back on the defensive unit this fall, while Hape and Kyle are scheduled to make the move to the offensive side of scrimmage. Warner has graduated.
- Willie Taggart (above), who ran for 997 yards (a school record for a quarterback) last fall, returns this season to direct the Western offense.



About the Cover: The 1997 "New Look Toppers" media guide cover features WKU Seniors Sean Longstreth (26) and Willie Taggart (1) in the new uniforms designed especially for Hilltopper Football by FILA Sports, Inc. Western Kentucky is the first school to make arrangements with FILA for the major national sports apparel company to outfit its football team. FILA will be providing the '97 Toppers with shoes, uniforms and a variety of other apparel needs. WKU Volunteer Assistant Coach Jim Harbaugh, the quarterback of the Indianapolis Colts of the NFL, is among FILA's representatives in professional sports.